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Notice 1

The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2

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Safety Instructions

- 1. Always read the safety instructions carefully.
- 2. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
- 3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
- 4. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
- 5. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating. **Do not cover the openings.**
- 6. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
- 7. Place the power cord such a way that people can not step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
- 8. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
- 9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
- 10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.
- 11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
 - The power cord or plug is damaged.
 - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
 - The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
 - The equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual.
 - The equipment has dropped and damaged.
 - The equipment has obvious sign of breakage.
- 12. Do not leave this equipment in an environment unconditioned, storage temperature above 60° C (140°F), it may damage the equipment.



CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

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Getting Started

Thank you for choosing the 865P Neo (MS-6742) v1.X ATX mainboard. The 865P Neo is based on **Intel® 865P** and **ICH4** chipsets for optimal system efficiency. Designed to fit the advanced **Intel® Pentium® 4** processors in 478 pin package, the 865P Neo delivers a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

Mainboard Specifications

CPU

- ➤ Supports Intel[®] P4 Northwood (Socket 478) processors.
- FSB 533MHz/800MHz (over chipset spec) depending on the North Bridge integrated.
- Supports up to 3.06GHz or higher speed P4 processor.

Chipset

- ► Intel[®] 865P chipset
 - Supports 400/533/800MHz Intel NetBurst micro-architecture bus. (FSB 800 MHz please refer to p.B-1 for details).
 - Supports AGP 8X/4X at 0.8V (AGP 3.0) or 4X at 1.5V (not support 3.3V) interface.
 - Supports PC2100/PC2700 memory.
- ➤ Intel[®] ICH4 chipset
 - 6 Hi-Speed USB ports (USB2.0/1.1) controller, 480Mb/sec.
 - 2 channel Ultra ATA 100 bus Master IDE controller.
 - SMBus 2.0 support.
 - Integrated LAN controller.
 - AC'97 2.2 interface.

Main Memory

- Supports two 64-bit wide DDR data channels.
- Available bandwidth up to 2.7GB/s (DDR 333) for single-channel mode and 5.4 GB/s (DDR 333) for dual-channel mode (DDR 400 please refer to P.B-1 for details).
- Supports two unbuffered DIMM of 2.5 Volt DDR SDRAM.
- Supports up to 2GB memory size without EEC.
- Supports only x8, x16 DDR devices with 4-bank.

Slots

- One AGP slot supports 8x/4x at 0.8V (AGP 3.0) or 4x at 1.5V (3.3V not supported).
- Six 32-bit v2.3 Master PCI bus slots (support 3.3v/5v PCI bus interface).

On-Board IDE

> Dual Ultra DMA 66/100 IDE controllers integrated in ICH4.

- Supports PIO, Bus Master operation modes.
- Can connect up to four Ultra ATA drives.

On-Board Peripherals

> On-Board Peripherals include:

- 1 floppy port supports 2 FDDs with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes
- 2 serial ports COM1 & COM2
- 1 VGA port (Optional)
- 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode
- 6 USB 2.0 ports (Rear * 4/ Front * 2)
- 1 Line-In/Line-Out/Mic-In port
- 1 RJ45 LAN jack (Optional)

Audio

- > AC'97 link controller integrated in ICH4
- ▶ 6 channels software audio codec C-Media 9739A.
 - Compliance with AC97 v2.2 Spec.
 - Meet PC2001 audio performance requirement.
 - Can support SPDIF Out via S-Bracket only.

LAN(Optional)

► Realtek[®] 8101L.

- Integrated 10/100 Ethernet MAC and PHY in one chip.
- Supports 10Mb/s and 100Mb/s auto-negotiation operation.
- Compliant with PCI v2.2, mini PCi 1.0 and LAN on Motherboard (LOM) standard.

BIOS

- ➤ The mainboard BIOS provides "Plug & Play" BIOS which detects the peripheral devices and expansion cards of the board automatically.
- The mainboard provides a Desktop Management Interface (DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications.

Dimension

► ATX Form Factor: 30.5 cm (L) x 20.0 cm (W).

Mounting

▶ 6 mounting holes.

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Mainboard Layout



865P Neo (MS-6742 v1.X) ATX Mainboard

MSI Special Features

Fuzzy LogicTM4

The *Fuzzy Logic*TM 4 utility is a user friendly tool that allows users to view and adjust the current system status. To overclock the CPU FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency under the Windows operating system, click *FSB* and use the right and left arrow keys to select the desired FSB, and then click *Apply* to apply the new setup value. To enable the system running at the specified FSB every time when you click *Turbo*, click *Save* to save the desired FSB first. If you want to know the maximal CPU overclocking value, click *Auto* to start testing. The CPU FSB will automatically increase the testing value until the PC reboots. After rebooting, click *Turbo* to apply the test result. Click *Default* to restore the default values.



Features:

- ✤ MSI Logo links to the MSI Web site
- + CPU Speed allows users to adjust the CPU speed through CPU Multiplier and FSB
- ✤ Voltage allows user to adjust the voltage of CPU/Memory/AGP
- ✤ MSI Info provides information about the mainboard, BIOS and OS
- + CPU Info provides detailed information about the CPU
- ✦ CPU Fan Speed shows the current running speed of CPU Fan
- ✦ CPU Temp. shows the current CPU temperature



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To adjust the options under **CPU Speed** and **Voltage**, use the right and left arrow keys to select the desired value and then click **Apply** to run the setup value.

Live BIOSTM/Live DriverTM

The Live BIOSTM/Live DriverTM is a tool used to detect and update your BIOS/drivers online so that you don't need to search for the correct BIOS/driver version throughout the Web site. To use the function, you need to install the "MSI Live Update 2" application. After installation, the "MSI Live Update 2" icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen.



Double click the "MSI Live Update 2" icon, and the following screen will appear:



Five buttons are placed on the leftmost pane of the screen. Click the desired button to start the update process.

- Live BIOS Updates the BIOS online.
- Live Driver Updates the drivers online.
- Live VGA BIOS Updates the VGA BIOS online.
- Live VGA Driver Updates the VGA driver online.
- Live Utility Updates the utilities online.

If the product you purchased does not support any of the functions listed above, a "sorry" message is displayed. For more information on the update instructions, insert the companion CD and refer to the "Live Update Guide" under the "Manual" Tab.

Live MonitorTM

The Live MonitorTM is a tool used to schedule the search for the latest BIOS/drivers version on the MSI Web site. To use the function, you need to install the "MSI Live Update 2" application. After installation, the "MSI Live Monitor" icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen. Double click this icon to run the application.



Double click the "MSI Live Monitor" icon at the lower-right corner of the taskbar, and the following dialog box will appear. You can specify how often the system will automatically search for the BIOS/drivers version, or change the LAN settings right from the dialog box.

🖉 MSI Live Monitor [Preference]			
💠 Link to	the Future	Live Update 🕝	
- Auto Search Setting	Auto Search Settin	g	
- Live Driver - Live VGA BIOS	Auto Search Frequency Set	tting	
Live VGA Driver Live Utility Configuration	Apply Frequency Settin	ng To All Sub-items.	
About and Support	Frequency:	Every Day	
	Day of Week:	Sunday	
	Day of Month:	01	
	Time:	12 Hour: 00 Min.	
		Default Apply	
LAN Setting		OK Cancel	

You can right-click the MSI Live Monitor icon with the functions listed below:

- Auto Search Searches for the BIOS/drivers version you need immediately.
- View Last Result Allows you to view the last search result if there is any.
- **Preference** Configures the Search function, including the Search schedule.
- **Exit** Exits the Live MonitorTM application.
- FAQ Provides a link to a database which contents various possible questions about MSI's products for users to inquire.

PC AlertTM 4

The PC Alert[™] 4 is a utility you can find in the CD-ROM disk. The utility is just like your PC doctor that can detect the following PC hardware status during real time operation:

- monitor CPU & system temperatures
- ✦ monitor fan speeds
- monitor system voltages



If one of the items above is abnormal, the program main screen will be immediately shown on the screen, with the abnormal item highlighted in red. This will continue to be shown until the condition returns to the normal status.



Users can use the Adjusting Keys to change the minimum and maximum threshold of each item for the system to send out a warning message. Click *Temperature* to select the temperature modes of either Fahrenheit (°F) or Celsius (°C). The PC AlertTM 4 icon on the Status Area will show the current CPU temperature.

To better protect the CPU from overheating, a new feature, **COOLER XP**, has been added to decrease the temperature of AMD AthlonTM XP CPU. To do so, simply click **COOLER XP** and the screen will show the **Cute** skin (as shown below) with information about the CPU and chipset. Right-click the mouse to select the skin you want to switch to.



Cute



3. Whenever the minimum or maximum threshold of each item has been changed, please close the PC Alert 4 program for the new settings to take effect.

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D-BracketTM 2 (Optional)

D-BracketTM 2 is a USB bracket integrating four Diagnostic LEDs, which use graphic signal display to help users understand their system. The LEDs provide up to 16 combinations of signals to debug the system. The 4 LEDs can detect all problems that fail the system, such as VGA, RAM or other failures. This special feature is very useful for overclocking users. These users can use the feature to detect if there are any problems or failures. D-BracketTM 2 supports both USB 1.1 & 2.0 spec.



D-Bracket™ 2	Description
$1 \bigoplus_{3 \bigoplus_{i \in I}} 2 \atop{4}$	System Power ON - The D-LED will hang here if the processor is damaged or not installed properly.
$\bigcirc \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ $	Early Chipset Initialization
	Memory Detection Test - Testing onboard memory size. The D-LED will hang if the memory module is damaged or not installed properly.
	Decompressing BIOS image to RAM for fast booting.
$\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$	Initializing Keyboard Controller.
$\bigcirc \bullet \\ \bigcirc \bullet \\ \bullet \\$	Testing VGA BIOS - This will start writing VGA sign-on message to the screen.

D-Bracket [™] 2	Description		
	Processor Initialization		
	- This will show information regarding the processor (like		
	brand name, system bus, etc)		
Testing RTC (Real Time Clock)			
	Initializing Video Interface		
	- This will start detecting CPU clock, checking type of video		
	onboard. Then, detect and initialize the video adapter.		
	BIOS Sign On		
	- This will start showing information about logo, processor		
	brand name, etc		
	Testing Base and Extended Memory		
	- Testing base memory from 240K to 640K and extended		
	memory above 1MB using various patterns.		
00	Assign Resources to all ISA.		
	Initializing Hard Drive Controller		
00	- This will initialize IDE drive and controller.		
$\bigcirc \bullet$	Initializing Floppy Drive Controller		
00	- This will initializing Floppy Drive and controller.		
	Boot Attempt		
00	- This will set low stack and boot via INT 19h.		
00	Operating System Booting		
00			

S-Bracket (Optional)

S-Bracket is a bracket which provides 2 SPDIF jacks for digital audio transmission and 2 analog Line-Out connectors for additional 4-channel analog audio output. With the S-Bracket, your system will be able to perform 6-channel audio operation for wonderful surround sound effect, or connect to Sony & Philips Digital Interface (SPDIF) speakers for audio transmission with better quality.

The S-Bracket offers two types of SPDIF connectors: one for optical fiber and the other for coaxial connection. Select the appropriate one to meet your need. For more information on S-Bracket, refer to *Appendix*. Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function.



Hardware Setup

This chapter tells you how to install the CPU, memory modules, and expansion cards, as well as how to setup the jumpers on the mainboard. Also, it provides the instructions on connecting the peripheral devices, such as the mouse, keyboard, etc.

While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures.

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Quick Components Guide



Central Processing Unit: CPU

The mainboard supports Intel[®] Pentium[®] 4 Northwood processor in the 478 pin package. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called PGA478 for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not find the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

If	CPU Clock	=	100MHz
	Core/Bus ratio	=	16
then	CPU core speed	=	Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio
		=	100MHz x 16
		=	1.6 GHz



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Overheating

Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system, always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.

Overclocking

This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.

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CPU Installation Procedures for Socket 478

- *1.* Please turn off the power and unplug the power cord before installing the CPU.
- 2. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Make sure to raise the lever up to a 90degree angle.
- 3. Look for the gold arrow. The gold arrow should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU can only fit in the correct orientation.
- 4. If the CPU is correctly installed, the pins should be completely embedded into the socket and can not be seen. Please note that any violation of the correct installation procedures may cause permanent damages to your mainboard.
- 5. Press the CPU down firmly into the socket and close the lever. As the CPU is likely to move while the lever is being closed, always close the lever with your fingers pressing tightly on top of the CPU to make sure the CPU is properly and completely embedded into the socket.



Installing the CPU Fan

As processor technology pushes to faster speeds and higher performance, thermal management becomes increasingly important. To dissipate heat, you need to attach the CPU cooling fan and heatsink on top of the CPU. Follow the instructions below to install the Heatsink/Fan:

1. Locate the CPU and its retention mechanism on the motherboard.



3. Mount the fan on top of the heatsink. Press down the fan until its four clips get wedged in the holes of the retention mechanism.



2. Position the heatsink onto the retention mechanism.



4. Press the two levers down to fasten the fan. Each lever can be pressed down in only ONE direction.



retention mechanism

5. Connect the fan power cable from the mounted fan to the 3-pin fan power connector on the board.





Memory

The mainboard provides 2 slots for 184-pin, 2.5V DDR DIMM modules and supports the memory size up to 2 GB without ECC,. You can install DDR266/ DDR333 DDR SDRAM modules on the DDR DIMM slots. To operate properly, at least one DIMM module must be installed.



Introduction to DDR SDRAM

DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM is similar to conventional SDRAM, but doubles the rate by transferring data twice per cycle. It uses 2.5 volts as opposed to 3.3 volts used in SDR SDRAM, and requires 184-pin DIMM modules rather than 168-pin DIMM modules used by SDR SDRAM. Two types of DDR are available at the time of writing: PC1600 & PC2100. PC1600 DDR SDRAM running at 100MHz will produce about 1.6GB/s memory bandwidth. PC2100 running at 133MHz will produce 2.1GB/s memory bandwidth. High memory bandwidth makes DDR an ideal solution for high performance PC, workstations and servers.

DDR DIMM Module Combination

Install at least one DIMM module on the slots. Memory modules can be installed on the slots in any order. You can install either single- or double-side modules to meet your own needs.

Memory modules can be installed in any combination as follows:

Slot	Memory Module	TotalMemory
DIMM 1		
(Bank 0 & 1)	S/D	64MB~1GB
DIMM 2		
(Bank 2 & 3)	S/D	64MB~1GB
Maximum System Memory Supported		64MB~2GB

S: Single Side D: Double Side

Installing DDR Modules

- 1. The DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The module will only fit in the right orientation.
- 2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in until the golden finger on the memory module is deeply inserted in the socket.



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You can barely see the golden finger if the module is properly inserted in the socket.

3. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.



Power Supply

The mainboard supports ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: ATX1

This connector allows you to connect to an ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plug of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector.

ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1

This 12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.



JPW1 Pin Definition		
PIN	SIGNAL	
1	GND	
2	GND	
3	12V	
4	12V	

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	GND	13	GND
4	5V	14	PS_ON
5	GND	15	GND
6	5V	16	GND
7	GND	17	GND
8	PW_OK	18	-5V
9	5V_SB	19	5V
10	12V	20	5V



Back Panel

The back panel provides the following connectors:



Mouse Connector

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2[®] mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2[®] mouse. You can plug a PS/2[®] mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:



PS/2 Mouse (6-pin Female)

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PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Mouse DATA	Mouse DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Mouse Clock	Mouse clock
6	NC	No connection

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Keyboard Connector

The mainboard provides a standard $PS/2^{\otimes}$ keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a $PS/2^{\otimes}$ keyboard. You can plug a $PS/2^{\otimes}$ keyboard directly into this connector.



PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	
1	Keyboard DATA	Keyboard DATA	
2	NC	No connection	
3	GND	Ground	
4	VCC	+5V	
5	Keyboard Clock	Keyboard clock	
6	NC	No connection	

Din Definition

USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a UHCI (Universal Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse or other USB-compatible devices. You can plug the USB device directly into the connector.

1 2 3 4	
المصما	
5 6 7 8	

USB Ports

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	+5V
2	-Data 0	Negative Data Channel 0
3	+Data0	Positive Data Channel 0
4	GND	Ground
5	VCC	+5V
6	-Data 1	Negative Data Channel 1
7	+Data 1	Positive Data Channel 1
8	GND	Ground

USB Port Description

Serial Port Connectors: COM A and COM B

The mainboard offers two 9-pin male DIN connectors as serial port COM A. The ports are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/receive16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to the connectors.



Pin Definition			
PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect	
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data	
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data	
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready)	
5	GND	Ground	
6	DSR	Data Set Ready	
7	RTS	Request To Send	
8	CTS	Clear To Send	
9	RI	Ring Indicate	

LAN (RJ-45) Jacks: 10/100 LAN

The mainboard provides a standard RJ-45 jacks for connection to Local Area Network (LAN). It enables data to be transferred at 100 or 10Mbps. You can connect a network cable to either LAN jack.



RJ-45 LAN Jack

10/100 LAN Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	D0P	Differential Pair 0+
2	D0N	Differential Pair 0-
3	D1P	Differential Pair 1+
4	NC	Not used
5	NC	Not used
6	D1N	Differential Pair 1-
7	NC	Not used
8	NC	Not used

Audio Port Connectors

Line Out is a connector for Speakers or Headphones. **Line In** is used for external CD player, Tape player, or other audio devices. **Mic** is a connector for microphones.





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1/8" Stereo Audio Connectors

For advanced audio application, CMedia 9739A is provided to offer support for **6-channel audio operation** and can turn rear audio connectors from 2-channel to 4-/6-channel audio. For more information on **6-channel audio operation**, please refer to Appendix. Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function.

Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female centronic connector as LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.



PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	
1	STROBE	Strobe	
2	DATA0	Data0	
3	DATA1	Data1	
4	DATA2	Data2	
5	DATA3	Data3	
6	DATA4	Data4	
7	DATA5	Data5	
8	DATA6	Data6	
9	DATA7	Data7	
10	ACK#	Acknowledge	
11	BUSY	Busy	
12	PE	Paper End	
13	SELECT	Select	
14	AUTO FEED#	Automatic Feed	
15	ERR#	Error	
16	INIT#	Initialize Printer	
17	SLIN#	Select In	
18	GND	Ground	
19	GND	Ground	
20	GND	Ground	
21	GND	Ground	
22	GND	Ground	
23	GND	Ground	
24	GND	Ground	
25	GND	Ground	

Pin Definition

Connectors

The mainboard provides connectors to connect to FDD, IDE HDD, LAN, USB Ports, and CPU/System/Power Supply FAN.

Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

The mainboard provides a standard floppy disk drive connector that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.



Fan Power Connectors: CPUFAN1/SYSFAN1/CHFAN1

The CPUFAN1 (processor fan), SYSFAN1 (system fan) and CHFAN1 (NorthBridge Chipset fan) support system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three-pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.





MSI Reminds You...

 Always consult the vendors for proper CPU cooling fan.
 CPUFAN1 supports the fan control. You can install the PC Alert utility that will automatically control the CPU fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.

ATA100 Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 66/100 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA 66/100 function. You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy and other devices.

The Ultra ATA100 interface boosts data transfer rates between the computer and the hard drive up to 100 megabytes (MB) per second. The new interface is one-third faster than earlier record-breaking Ultra ATA/100 technology and is backwards compatible with the existing Ultra ATA interface.



IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

IDE2 (Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.



MSI Reminds You...

If you install two hard disks on cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.
CD-In Connector: CD1

The connector is for CD-ROM audio connector.

S-Bracket (SPDIF) Connector: JSP1 (Optional)

The connector allows you to connect a S-Bracket for Sony & Philips Digital Interface (SPDIF). The S-Bracket offers 2 SPDIF jacks for digital audio transmission (one for optical fiber connection and the other for coaxial), and 2 analog Line-Out jacks for 4-channel audio output.

To attach the fiber-optic cable to optical SPDIF jack, you need to remove the plug from the jack first. The two SPDIF jacks support *SPDIF output* only. For more information on the S-Bracket, refer to *Appendix: Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function*.



PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC5	VCC 5V	2	VDD3	VDD 3.3V
3	SPDFO	S/PDIF output	4	(No Pin)	Кеу
5	GND	Ground	6	SPDFI	S/PDIF input
7	LFE-OUT	Audio bass output	8	SOUT-R	Audio right surrounding output
9	CET-OUT	Audio center output	10	SOUT-L	Audio left surrounding output
11	GND	Ground	12	GND	Ground

JSP1 Pin Definition



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Before connecting to the S-Bracket, be sure to remove the JSP4 jumpers (see p.2-25 for details) and power off the system first, then you can attach your S-Bracket to the JSP1 connector. Your mainboard may be damaged seriously if not following the instruction above.

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Front Panel Connectors: JFP1 & JFP2

The mainboard provides two front panel connectors for electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs. JFP1 is compliant with Intel[®] Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED pull-up
2	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk active LED
4	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch high reference pull-up
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch high reference pull-up
8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.

JFP2 Pin I	Definition
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SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
GND	2	SPK-
SLED	4	BUZ+
PLED	6	BUZ-
NC	8	SPK+
	SIGNAL GND SLED PLED NC	SIGNALPINGND2SLED4PLED6NC8

Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1

The JAUD1 front panel audio connector allows you to connect to the front panel audio and is compliant with Intel[®] Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



JAUD1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	AUD_MIC	Front panel microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by analog audio circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by analog audio circuits
5	AUD_FPOUT_R	Right channel audio signal to front panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right channel audio signal return from front panel
7	HP_ON	Reserved for future use to control headphone amplifier
8	KEY	No pin
9	AUD_FPOUT_L	Left channel audio signal to front panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left channel audio signal return from front panel
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If you don't want to connect to the front audio header, pins 5 & 6, 9 & 10 have to be jumpered in order to have signal output directed to the rear audio ports. Otherwise, the Line-Out connector on the back panel will not function.



Front USB Connectors: JUSB2

The mainboard provides one USB 2.0 pin header *JUSB2* that is compliant with Intel[®] I/O Connectivity Design Guide. USB 2.0 technology increases data transfer rate up to a maximum throughput of 480Mbps, which is 40 times faster than USB 1.1, and is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals such as **USB HDD**, **digital cameras**, **MP3 players**, **printers**, **modems and the like**.



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PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	USB0-	4	USB1-
5	USB0+	6	USB1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	Key (no pin)	10	USBOC

D-BracketTM 2 Connector: JDB1 (Optional)

The mainboard comes with a JDB1 connector for you to connect to D-BracketTM 2. D-BracketTM 2 is a USB Bracket that supports both USB1.1 & 2.0 spec. It integrates four LEDs and allows users to identify system problem through 16 various combinations of LED signals. For definitions of 16 signal combinations, please refer to *D-BracketTM* 2 in *Chapter 1*.





Jumpers

The motherboard provides the following jumpers for you to set the computer's function. This section will explain how to change your motherboard's function through the use of jumpers.

Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM on board that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. If you want to clear the system configuration, use the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper) to clear data. Follow the instructions below to clear the data:





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You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.

Center/Subwoofer Speaker Setting Jumper: JSP4

This jumper helps to configure the center and subwoofer audio signals. If you have the optional S-Bracket with your mainboard, be sure to remove the jumper, otherwise the 6-channel audio will not work probably. If you do not have S-Bracket, keep the jumper on to use the 6-channel audio.

For more information on the S-Bracket, please refer to p.2-18 S-Bracket (SPDIF) Connector: JSP1 (Optional) and the Appendix: Using 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function.





MSI Reminds You...

Be sure to shut down your computer before removing the JSP4 jumper and installing the S-Bracket, or your mainboard may be damaged.



Slots

The motherboard provides one AGP slot and six 32-bit PCI bus slots.



AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) Slot

The AGP slot allows you to insert the AGP graphics card. AGP is an interface specification designed for the throughput demands of 3D graphics. It introduces a 66MHz, 32-bit channel for the graphics controller to directly access main memory. The slot supports 8x/4x AGP card.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Slots

The PCI slots allow you to insert the expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ, acronym of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus INT $A\# \sim INT D\#$ pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#
PCI Slot 2	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 3	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#
PCI Slot 4	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#
PCI Slot 5	INT B#	INTC#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 6	INT A#	INT B#	INTC#	INT D#

BIOS Setup

This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows you to configure the system for optimum use.

You may need to run the Setup program when:

 \diamond An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.

 \diamond You want to change the default settings for customized features.

Entering Setup

Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press key to enter Setup.

DEL:Setup F11:Boot Menu F12:Network boot TAB:Logo

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

Selecting the First Boot Device

You are allowed to select the 1st boot device without entering the BIOS setup utility by pressing $\langle F11 \rangle$. When the same message as listed above appears on the screen, press $\langle F11 \rangle$ to trigger the boot menu.

The POST messages might pass by too quickly for you to respond in time. If so, restart the system and press $\langle F11 \rangle$ after around 2 or 3 seconds to activate the boot menu similar to the following.

Select First Boot Device				
Floppy	: 1st Floppy			
IDE-0	: IBM-DTLA-307038	;		
CDROM	: ATAPI CD-ROM D	DRIVE 40X M		
[Up/Dn] Select	[RETURN] Boot	[ESC] cancel		

The boot menu will list all the bootable devices. Select the one you want to boot from by using arrow keys and then pressing <Enter>. The system will boot from the selected device. The selection will not make changes to the settings in the BIOS setup utility, so next time when you power on the system, it will still use the original first boot device to boot up.

Control Keys

<^>	Move to the previous item	
<↓>	Move to the next item	
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand	
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand	
<enter></enter>	Select the item	
<esc></esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu	
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes	
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes	
<f6></f6>	Load Setup Original values	
<f7></f7>	Load Fail Safe values	
<f8></f8>	BIOS Languages switch	
<f10></f10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit	

Getting Help

After entering the Setup utility, the first screen you see is the Main Menu.

Main Menu

The main menu displays the setup categories the BIOS supplies. You can use the arrow keys ($\uparrow \downarrow$) to select the item. The on-line description for the selected setup category is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Default Settings

The BIOS setup program contains two kinds of default settings: the BIOS Setup and High Performance defaults. BIOS Setup defaults provide stable performance settings for all devices and the system, while High Performance defaults provide the best system performance but may affect the system stability.

The Main Menu

Once you enter AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY, the Main Menu will appear on the screen. The Main Menu displays twelve configurable functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a				
Standard CMOS Features	▶ Frequency/Voltage Control			
Advanced BIOS Features	Set Supervisor Password			
Advanced Chipset Features	Set User Password			
▶ Power Management Features	Load Optimal Defaults			
PNP/PCI Configurations	Load Fail Safe Defaults			
▶ Integrated Peripherals	Save & Exit Setup			
▶ PC Health Status	Exit Without Saving			
F1:Help f1:Select Iten +/-:Change Values F9:Setup Defaults Esc:Exit ↔:Select Menu Enter:Select ⊁Sub-Menu F18:Save & Exit				
Loads Optimal values for all the Setup options				

Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date etc.

Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to setup the items of AMI® special enhanced features.

Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

Power Management Features

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

PNP/PCI Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

PC Health Status This entry shows your PC health status.

Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

Set Supervisor Password

Use this menu to set Supervisor Password.

Set User Password

Use this menu to set User Password.

Load Optimal Defaults

Use this menu to load factory default settings into the BIOS for stable system performance operations.

Load Fail Safe Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS values for the best system performance, but the system stability may be affected.

Save & Exit Setup

Save changes to CMOS and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving

Abandon all changes and exit setup.

Standard CMOS Features

The items inside STANDARD CMOS SETUP menu are divided into 9 categories. Each category includes none, one or more setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item you want to modify and use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to switch to the value you prefer.

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
Standard CMOS Features	;	[Setup Help]
System Time System Date > Primary IDE Master > Primary IDE Slave > Secondary IDE Master > Secondary IDE Slave	12:31:07 Mar 19 2003 Wed	Time is 24 hour format Hour: 00 - 23 Minute: 00 - 59 Second: 00 - 59 (1:30AM = 01:30:00, 1:30AM = 13:30:00)
Floppy Drive A Floppy Drive B	1.44 MB 3½ Not Installed	1901 1910 (b)
F1:Help f4:Select Item Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select ▶Sub-M	F9:Setup Defaults enu F10:Save & Exit

System Time

This allows you to set the system time that you want (usually the current time). The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

System Date

This allows you to set the system to the date that you want (usually the current date). The format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

day	Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by
	BIOS. Read-only.
month	The month from Jan. through Dec.
date	The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric
	function keys.
year	The year can be adjusted by users.

Primary/Secondary IDE Master/Slave

Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select the hard disk drive type. The specification of hard disk drive will show up on the right hand according to your selection.

1	0 0 0
Туре	Select how to define the HDD parameters
Cylinders	Enter cylinder number
Heads	Enter head number
Write Precompensation	Enter write precomp cylinder
Sectors	Enter sector number
Maximum Capacity	Read the maximal HDD capacity
LBA Mode	Select Auto for a hard disk > 512 MB un-
	der Windows and DOS, or Disabled un-
	der Netware and UNIX
Block Mode	Select Auto to enhance the hard disk
	performance
Fast Programmed I/O	Select Auto to enhance hard disk perfor-
Modes	mance by optimizing the hard disk timing
32 Bit Transfer Mode	Enable 32 bit to maximize the IDE hard disk
	data transfer rate

Floppy Drive A:/B:

This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed. Available options: *Not Installed*, *1.2 MB 5*^{1/4}, *720 KB 3*^{1/2}, *1.44 MB 3*^{1/2} and *2.88 MB 3*^{1/2}.

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Advanced	BIOS	Features
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AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
Advanced BIOS Features		[Setup Help]
Quick Boot	Enabled	
Boot Device Select		
Full Screen LOGO Show	Disabled	
S.M.A.R.T. for Hard Disks	Disabled	
BootUp Num-Lock	On	
Floppy Drive Swap	Disabled	
Floppy Drive Seek	Disabled	
Password Check	Setup	
Boot To OS/2	No	
Hyper Threading Function	Enabled	
MPS Revision	1.4	
APIC ACPI SCI IRQ	Disabled	
CPU L1 & L2 Cache	Enabled	
System BIOS Cacheable	Disabled	
C000,32k Shadow	Cached	
Flash Protection	Enabled	
F1:Help ↑↓:Select Item	+/-:Change Values	F9:Setup Defaults
Esc:Previous Menu	Enter:Select >Sub-Menu	F10:Save & Exit

Quick Boot

Setting the item to *Enabled* allows the system to boot within 5 seconds since it will skip some check items. Available options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Boot Device Select

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu screen.



Boot Device Priority: 1st/2nd/3rd

The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where AMIBIOS attempts to load the operating system. The settings are:

- *IDE-0* The system will boot from the first HDD.
- *IDE-1* The system will boot from the second HDD.
- *IDE-2* The system will boot from the third HDD.
- *IDE-3* The system will boot from the fourth HDD.
- *Floppy* The system will boot from floppy drive.

ARMD-FDD The system will boot from any ARMD device, such as LS-120 or ZIP drive, that functions as a floppy drive.

ARMD-HDD The system will boot from ARMD device, such as MO or ZIP drive, that functions as hard disk drive. CD/DVD-0 The system will boot from the first CD-ROM. CD/DVD-1 The system will boot from the secon CD-ROM. CD/DVD-2The system will boot from the third CD-ROM. CD/DVD-3 The system will boot from the 4th CD-ROM. Legacy SCSI The system will boot from the SCSI. Legacy NETWORK The system will boot from the Network drive. BBS-0 The system will boot from the first BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device. BBS-1 The system will boot from the second BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from the third BBS (BIOS Boot BBS-2 Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from the fourth BBS (BIOS Boot BBS-3 Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from the 5th BBS (BIOS Boot BBS-4 Specification) compliant device. BBS-5 The system will boot from the 6th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from the 7th BBS (BIOS Boot BBS-6 Specification) compliant device. BBS-7 The system will boot from the 8th BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from the 9th BBS (BIOS Boot BBS-8 Specification) compliant device. BBS-9 The system will boot from the 10 BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device. The system will boot from USB-interfaced floppy drive. USB FDD USB CDROMThe system will boot from the USB-interfaced CD-ROM. USB HDD The system will boot from the USB-interfaced HDD. USB RMD-FDD The system will boot from any USB-interfaced ARMD device, such as LS-120 or ZIP drive, that functions as a floppy drive. USB RMD-HDD The system will boot from USB-interfaced ARMD device, such as MO or ZIP drive, that functions as hard disk drive. Disabled Disable this sequence



MSI Reminds You...

Available settings for "1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device" vary depending on the bootable devices you have installed. For example, if you did not install a floppy drive, the setting "Floppy" does not show up.

Try Other Boot Device

Setting the option to *Yes* allows the system to try to boot from other devices if the system fails to boot from the 1st/2nd/3rd boot device.

Full Screen LOGO Show

This item enables you to show the company logo on the bootup screen. Settings are:

Enabled	Shows a still image (logo) on the full screen at boot.
Disabled	Shows the POST messages at boot.

S.M.A.R.T. for Hard Disks

This allows you to activate the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis & Reporting Technology) capability for the hard disks. S.M.A.R.T is a utility that monitors your disk status to predict hard disk failure. This gives you an opportunity to move data from a hard disk that is going to fail to a safe place before the hard disk becomes offline. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

BootUpNum-Lock

This item is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to *On* will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to *Off* will allow end users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad. Setting options: *On*, *Off*.

Floppy Drive Swap

Setting to Enabled will swap floppy drives A: and B:.

Floppy Drive Seek

This setting causes the BIOS to search for floppy disk drives at boot time. When enabled, the BIOS will activate the floppy disk drives during the boot process: the drive activity light will come on and the head will move back and forth once. First A: will be done and then B: if it exists. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

Password Check

This specifies the type of AMIBIOS password protection that is implemented. Setting options are described below.

Option	Description
Setup	The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.
Always	A password prompt appears every time when the com- puter is powered on or when end users try to run Setup.

Boot To OS/2

This allows you to run the $OS/2^{\text{®}}$ operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. When you choose *No*, you cannot run the $OS/2^{\text{®}}$ operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. But it is possible if you choose *Yes*.

Hyper Threading Function

This field is used to enable or disable the Hyper Threading function. Setting to Enabled will increase the system performance. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.



MSI Reminds You...

Enabling the functionality of Hyper-Threading Technology for your computer system requires ALL of the following platform Components:

*CPU: An Intel[®] Pentium[®] 4 Processor with HT Technology; *Chipset: An Intel[®] Chipset that supports HT Technology; *BIOS: A BIOS that supports HT Technology and has it enabled; and

*OS: An operating system that supports HT Technology. For more information on Hyper-threading Technology, go to: www.intel.com/info/hyperthreading

MPS Revision

This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. Settings: *1.4* and *1.1*.

APIC ACPI SCI IRQ

This field is used to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller). Due to compliance to PC2001 design guide, the system is able to run in APIC mode. Enabling APIC mode will expand available IRQs resources for the system. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

CPU L1 & L2 Cache

Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for even faster access by the CPU. The setting controls the internal cache (also known as L1 or level 1 cache). Setting to *WriteBack* will speed up the system performance.

System BIOS Cacheable

Selecting *Enabled* allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result. Setting options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

C000, 32k Shadow

This item specifies how the contents of the adapter ROM named in the item are handled. Settings are described below:

Option	Description
Disabled	The specified ROM is not copied to RAM.
Enabled	The contents of specified ROM are copied to RAM for faster system performance.
Cached	The contents of specified ROM are not only copied to RAM, the contents of the ROM area can be writ- ten to and read from cache memory.

Flash Protection

This function protects the BIOS from accidental corruption by unauthorized users or computer viruses. When enabled, the BIOS' data cannot be changed when attempting to update the BIOS with a Flash utility. To successfully update the BIOS, you'll need to disable this Flash BIOS Protection function.

You should enable this function at all times. The only time when you need to disable it is when you want to update the BIOS. After updating the BIOS, you should immediately re-enable it to protect it against viruses. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

Advanced Chipset Features

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UT	ILITY - VERSION 3.31a
Advanced Chipset Features	[Setup Help]
▶ DRAM Timing Setting	
AGP Aperture Size 64MB	
F1:Helpf1:Select Iten+/-:0Esc:Previous MenuEnter:S	Change Values F9:Setup Defaults Select ▶Sub-Menu F10:Save & Exit



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Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

DRAM Timing Setting...

Press <Enter> and to enter the sub-menu screen.



DRAM Frequency

Use this field to configure the clock frequency of the installed DRAM. Settings are: *SPD*, *266MHz*, *333MHz*, *Auto*.

Configure SDRAM Timing by SPD

Selects whether DRAM timing is controlled by the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EEPROM on the DRAM module. Setting to *Enabled* enables the following fields automatically to be determined by BIOS based on the

configurations on the SPD. Selecting Disabled allows users to configure these fields manually.

CAS# Latency

This controls the timing delay (in clock cycles) before SDRAM starts a read command after receiving it. Settings: 2, 2.5 (clocks). 2 (clocks) increases the system performance the most while 2.5 (clocks) provides the most stable performance.

RAS# Precharge

This item controls the number of cycles for Row Address Strobe (RAS) to be allowed to precharge. If insufficient time is allowed for the RAS to accumulate its charge before DRAM refresh, refresh may be incomplete and DRAM may fail to retain data. This item applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system. Available settings: 2 clocks, 3 clocks.

RAS# to CAS# Delay

When DRAM is refreshed, both rows and columns are addressed separately. This setup item allows you to determine the timing of the transition from RAS (row address strobe) to CAS (column address strobe). The less the clock cycles, the faster the DRAM performance. Setting options: *3 clocks*, *2 clocks*.

Precharge Delay

This setting controls the precharge delay, which determines the timing delay for DRAM precharge. Settings: 5 clocks, 6 clocks, 7 clocks.

Burst Length

This setting allows you to set the size of Burst-Length for DRAM. Bursting feature is a technique that DRAM itself predicts the address of the next memory location to be accessed after the first address is accessed. To use the feature, you need to define the burst length, which is the actual length of burst plus the starting address and allows internal address counter to properly generate the next memory location. The bigger the size, the faster the DRAM performance. Available settings: *4*, *8*.

AGP Aperture Size (MB)

This setting controls just how much system RAM can be allocated to AGP for video purposes. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated to graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation. The option allows the selection of an aperture size of *4MB*, *8MB*, *16MB*, *32MB*, *64MB*, *128MB*, *and 256 MB*.

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Power Management Features

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
Power Management Feature	s	[Setup Help]
ACPI Standby State Re-Call UGA BIOS at S3 Resuring Power Management/APM Suspend Time Dut (Minute) Power Button Function Restore on AC/Power Loss > Set Monitor Events > Set Monitor Events	S1/POS Enabled Enabled Disabled On/Off Last State	
F1:Help f4:Select Item Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select >Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit



MSI Reminds You...

S3-related functions described in this section are available only when your BIOS supports S3 sleep mode.

ACPI Standby State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. If your operating system supports ACPI, such as Windows 98SE, Windows ME and Windows 2000, you can choose to enter the Standby mode in S1(POS) or S3(STR) fashion through the setting of this field. Options are:

S1/POS	The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware
	maintains all system context.
S3/STR	The S3 sleep mode is a lower power state where the in
	formation of system configuration and open applications/
	files is saved to main memory that remains powered
	while most other hardware components turn off to save
	energy. The information stored in memory will be used
	to restore the system when a "wake up" event occurs.
Auto	BIOS determines the best mode automatically.

Re-Call VGA BIOS at S3 Resuming

Selecting *Enabled* allows BIOS to call VGA BIOS to initialize the VGA card when system wakes up (resumes) from S3 sleep state. The system resume time is shortened when you disable the function, but system will need an AGP driver to initialize the VGA card. Therefore, if the AGP driver of the card does not support the initialization feature, the display may work abnormally or not function after resuming from S3.

Power Management/APM

Setting to *Enabled* will activate an Advanced Power Management (APM) device to enhance Max Saving mode and stop CPU internal clock. Settings: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

Suspend Time Out (Minute)

After the selected period of system inactivity, all devices except the CPU shut off. Settings: *Disabled*, *1*, *2*, *4*, *8*, *10*, *20*, *30*, *40*, *50*, *60*.

Power Button Function

This feature sets the function of the power button. Settings are:

On/OffThe power button functions as normal power off button.SuspendWhen you press the power button, the computer enters
the suspend/sleep mode, but if the button is pressed for
more than four seconds, the computer is turned off.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This setting specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupt occurs. Available settings are:

Power Off	Leaves the computer in the power off state.
Power On	Reboots the computer.
Last State	Restores the system to the previous status before power
	failure or interrupt occurred.

Set Monitor Events

Press <Enter> and the following sub-menu appears.



FDC/LPT/COM Ports, Primary/Secondary Master/Slave IDE

These items specify if the BIOS wil monitor the activity of the specified hardware peripherals or components. If set to *Monitor*, any activity detected on the specified hareware peripherals or components will wake up the system or prevent the system from entering the power saving modes. Settings: *Monitor*, *Ignore*.

Set WakeUp Events

Press <Enter> and the following sub-menu appears.

Set Wake Up Events	
USB Device Wakeup From S3/S4	Disabled
Keyboard PowerOn Function	Disabled
Specific Key for PowerOn	N∕A
Mouse PowerOn Function	Disabled
Resume On PME# Disabled	
Resume On RTC Alarm	Disabled
RTC Alarm Date	
RTC Alarm Hour	
RTC Alarm Minute	
RTC Alarm Second	

USB Device Wakeup From S3/S4

This item allows the activity of the USB device to wake up the system from S3 (suspend to RAM) and S4 (suspend to disk) sleep state. Setting: *Enabled, Disabled.*

Keyboard PowerOn Function

This controls how the PS/2 keyboard can power on the system. Settings: *Password, Any Key, Specific Key, Disabled.*

Specific Key for PowerOn

Specify the password to enable for the "Keyboard Wakeup From S3" while setting to *Specific Key*.

Mouse PowerOn Function

This controls how the PS/2 mouse can power on the system. Settings: *Left-button, Right-button, Disabled.*

Resume On PME#

This field specifies whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

Resume On RTC Alarm

This is used to enable or disable the feature of booting up the system on a scheduled time/date from the soft off (S5) state. Settings: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

RTC Alarm Date/Hour/Minute/Second

If *Resume On RTC Alarm* is set to *Enabled*, the system will automatically resume (boot up) on a specific date/hour/minute/second specified in these fields. Available settings for each item are:

Alarm Date	01 ~ 31, Every Day
Alarm Hour	00 ~ 23
Alarm Minute	00 ~ 59
Alarm Second	00 ~ 59



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If you have changed this setting, you must let the system boot up until it enters the operating system, before this function will work.

PNP/PCI Configurations

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system and PnP (Plug & Play) feature. PCI, or **P**eripheral Component Interconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
PNP/PCI Configurations		[Setup Help]
Clear NURAM PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks) Init. Graphics Adapter Priority PCI IDE BusMaster PCI Slot1/Slot6 IRQ Priority PCI Slot2/Slot5 IRQ Priority PCI Slot4 IRQ Priority PCI Slot4 IRQ Priority PS Set IRQ sto PCI or ISA > Set DMAs to PmP or ISA	No 32 AGP/PCI Disabled Auto Auto Auto Auto	
F1:Help 14:Select Item Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit

Clear NVRAM

The ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) NVRAM (Non-volatile Random Access Memory) is where the BIOS stores resource information for both PNP and non-PNP devices in a bit string format. When the item is set to *Yes*, the system will reset ESCD NVRAM right after the system is booted up and then set the setting of the item back to *No* automatically.

PCI Latency Timer (PCI Clocks)

This item controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over. When set to higher values, every PCI device can conduct transactions for a longer time and thus improve the effective PCI bandwidth. For better PCI performance, you should set the item to higher values. Settings range from 32 to 248 at a 32 increment.

Init. Graphics Adapter Priority

This setting specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adapter. Setting options are:

AGP/PCI	The system initializes the installed AGP card first.
	If an AGP card is not available, it will initialize the
	PCI VGA card.
PCI/AGP	The system initializes the installed PCI VGA card
	first. If a PCI VGA card is not available, it will
	initialize the AGP card.

PCI IDE BusMaster

Set this option to *Enabled* to specify that the IDE controller on the PCI local bus has bus mastering capability. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

PCI Slot1/Slot6 IRQ Priority, PCI Slot2/Slot5 IRQ Priority, PCI Slot3 IRQ Priority, PCI Slot4 IRQ Priority

These items specify the IRQ line for each PCI slot. Setting options: *3*, *4*, *5*, *7*, *9*, *10*, *11*, *Auto*. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the IRQ line for each PCI slot.

Set IRQs to PCI or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

Set IRQs to PCI or ISA		
IRQ3	PCI/PnP	
IRQ4	PCI∕PnP	
IRQ5	PC I/PnP	
IRQ7	PC I/PnP	
IRQ9	PC I/PnP	
IRQ10	PC I∠PnP	
IRQ11	PC I∠PnP	
IRQ14	PCI∕PnP	
IRQ15	PC I/PnP	

IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/14/15

These items specify the bus where the specified IRQ line is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove an IRQ from the pool of available IRQs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available IRQ pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more IRQs must be removed from the IRQ pool, the end user can use these settings to reserve the IRQ by assigning an *ISA/EISA* setting to it.

Onboard I/O is configured by AMIBIOS. All IRQs used by onboard I/O are configured as *PCI/PnP*. If all IRQs are set to ISA/EISA, and IRQ 14/15 are allocated to the onboard PCI IDE, IRQ 9 will still be available for PCI and PnP devices. Available settings: *ISA/EISA* and *PCI/PnP*.

Set DMAs to PnP or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

Set DMAs to PnP or ISA		
DMA Channel	ρ	PuP
DMA Channel	1	PnP
DMA Channel DMA Channel	3	PnP PnP
DMA Channel	6	PnP
DMA Channel	7	PnP

DMA Channel 0/1/3/5/6/7

These items specify the bus that the system DMA (Direct Memory Access) channel is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove a DMA from the available DMAs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available DMA pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more DMAs must be removed from the pool, the end user can reserve the DMA by assigning an *ISA/EISA* setting to it.

Integrated Peripherals

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
Integrated Peripherals		[Setup Help]
USB Controller USB 1.1 Device Legacy Support OnBoard LAN AC'97 Audio ▶ Set Super 1∕0	Enabled Disabled Enabled Auto	
F1:Help t4:Select Iten Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit

Please note that the options showed on your BIOS might be different depending on the motherboard you buy.

USB Controller

This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard USB controllers.

USB 1.1 Device Legacy Support

Set to *All Device* if your need to use any USB 1.1/2.0 device in the operating system that does not support or have any USB 1.1/2.0 driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix. Set to *No Mice* only if you want to use any USB device other than the USB mouse. Setting options: *Disabled, No Mice, All Device.*

OnboardLAN

This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard LAN. Setting options: *Disabled, Enabled.*

AC'97 Audio

Auto allows the motherboard's BIOS to detect whether you're using any audio device. If so, the onboard audio controller will be enabled. If not, the onboard audio controller will be disabled. If you want to use different controller cards to connect audio connectors, set the field to *Disabled*. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Auto*.

Set Super I/O

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

Set Super I∕O	
OvPoawd FDC	Quito
Or Densel Servicel Dense A	HULU
UnBoard Serial Port A	Auto
OnBoard Serial Port B	Auto
OnBoard Parallel Port	Auto
Parallel Port Mode	Norma l
EPP Version	
Parallel Port IRQ	
Parallel Port DMA Channel	

OnBoard FDC

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDD) installed on the system board and you wish to use it.

Option	Description
Auto	BIOS will automatically determine whether to enable the onboard Floppy controller or not.
Enabled	Enables the onboard Floppy controller.
Disabled	Disables the onboard Floppy controller.

Onboard Serial Port A/B

These items specify the base I/O port addresses of the onboard Serial Port 1 (COM A)/Serial Port 2 (COM B). Selecting *Auto* allows AMIBIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Auto, 3F8/COM1, 2F8/COM2, 3E8/COM3, 2E8/COM4* and *Disabled*.

Onboard Parallel Port

This field specifies the base I/O port address of the onboard parallel port. Selecting *Auto* allows AMIBIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Auto*, *378*, *278*, *3BC* and *Disabled*.

Parallel Port Mode

This item selects the operation mode for the onboard parallel port: *ECP*, *Normal*, *Bi-Dir* or *EPP*.

EPP Version

The item selects the EPP version used by the parallel port if the port is set to *EPP* mode. Settings: *1.7* and *1.9*.

Parallel Port IRQ

When *Onboard Parallel Port* is set to *Auto*, the item shows *Auto* indicating that BIOS determines the IRQ for the parallel port automatically.

Parallel Port DMA Channel

This feature needs to be configured only when *Parallel Port Mode* is set to the *ECP* mode. When Parallel Port is set to *Auto*, the field will show *Auto* indicating that BIOS automatically determines the DMA channel for the parallel port.

PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, overall system status, etc. Monitor function is available only if there is hardware monitoring mechanism onboard.

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a		
PC Health Status		[Setup Help]
CPU Temperature System Temperature CPU Fan Speed System Fan Speed Ucore 3.3U + 5.8U +12.8U -12.8U - 5.8U Battery +5U SB	88°C/176°F 39°C/182°F	
F1:Help ↑↓:Select Item Esc:Previous Menu	+≠-:Change Values Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit

CPU/System Temperature, CPU/System Fan Speed, Vcore, 3.3V, +5.0V, +12. 0V, -12.0V, -5.0V, Battery, +5V SB

These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/ components such as CPU voltages, temperatures and all fans' speeds.
Frequency/Voltage Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for frequency/voltage control.

AMIBIOS NEW SETUP UTILITY - VERSION 3.31a					
Frequency/Voltage Control		[Setup Help]			
CPU Ratio Selection Spread Spectrum Adjust CPU FSB(Mhz) DDB Clock(Mhz) Adjust AGP/PCI Clock(Mhz) CPU Vcore Adjust CPU Vcore DDB Power Voltage AGP Power Voltage	8.8x Enabled 133 333 66.66/33.33 No 1.52580 2.580 1.580				
F1:Help ↑↓:Select Item Esc:Previous Menu	+/-:Change Values Enter:Select ▶Sub-Menu	F9:Setup Defaults F10:Save & Exit			

CPU Ratio Selection

This setting controls the multiplier that is used to determine the internal clock speed of the processor relative to the external or motherboard clock speed.

Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at *No* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up.

Adjust CPU Bus Clock

This item allows you to select the CPU Bus clock frequency (in MHz) and overclock the processor by adjusting the FSB clock to a higher frequency. Also the setting you choose will change color for warning if the value is of overspecification.

DDR Clock (Mhz)

This item allows you to view the current DDR clock.

Adjust AGP/PCI Clock (Mhz)

This item allows you to select the AGP/PCI clock frequency (in MHz) by adjusting the AGP/PCI clock to a higher frequency.

CPU Vcore Adjust

The setting allows you to adjust the CPU Vcore voltage. Available options: *Yes, No.*

CPU Vcore

The setting is adjustable if you set the"CPU Vcore Adjust" to "Yes".



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Changing CPU Ratio/Vcore could result in the instability of the system; therefore, it is NOT recommended to change the default setting for long-term usage.

DDR Power Voltage

Adjusting the DDR voltage can increase the DDR speed. Any changes made to this setting may cause a stability issue, so *changing the DDR voltage for long-term purpose is NOT recommended*.

AGP Power Voltage

AGP voltage is adjustable in the field, allowing you to increase the performance of your AGP display card when overclocking, but the stability may be affected.

Set Supervisor/User Password

When you select this function, a message as below will appear on the screen:



Type the password, up to six characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Retype the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have AMIBIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the PASSWORD CHECK option of the ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES menu. If the PASSWORD CHECK option is set to *Always*, the password is required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when you try to enter Setup.



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Supervisor password:

About Supervisor Password & User Password:

User password:

Can enter and change the settings of the setup menu. Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menu. MS-6742 ATX Mainboard

Load Optimized/Fail-Safe Defaults

The two options on the main menu allow users to restore all of the BIOS settings to the default Fail-Safe or Optimized values. The Optimized Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer specifically for optimal performance of the mainboard. The Fail-Safe Defaults are the default values set by the BIOS vendor for stable system performance.

When you select Load Optimized Defaults, a message as below appears:



Pressing Y loads the default factory settings for optimal system performance.

When you select Load Fail-Safe Defaults, a message as below appears:



Pressing *Y* loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal system performance.

Appendix A: Using 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function

The motherboard comes with C-Media 9739A AC'97 audio chip, which provides exclusive Xear $3D^{TM}$ technology, a value-add PC audio total solution. In addition, C-Media designs a Universal Driver Architecture (UDA driver) which has a flexible interface so that it can be applied to different platforms and all C-Media audio chips. C-Media 9739A allows the board to attach 4 or 6 speakers for better surround sound effect. The section will tell you how to install and use 2-/4-/6-channel audio function on the board.

Installing C-Media Drivers

The mainboard is able to transform the audio connectors on the back panel from 2-channel to 4-/6-channel. To use the function, you need to install the C-Media UDA driver.

The UDA driver supports all Windows, C-Midia AC'97 CODEC, and audio controllers (south bridges) on board, and of course you can also download the updated driver from C-Media website (http://www.cmedia.com.tw). Moreover, there is no operation barrier when switching to other C-Media's products.

Main Features of UDA Driver V.029:

1. Xear 3D - 5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER:

➤ It allows users to enjoy multi-channel surround sound system with any kind of appliances including earphone (we call it **5.1 Xearphone** feature), 2, 2.1 to 5.1 speakers.

➤ It has an user-friendly interface to shifting virtual speakers just like moving the physical speakers literally to break through any spatial placement limitation.

> Users can adjust the best field dynamically adapted to different appliances and sound sources.

➤ A new multi-channel listening mode is provided: Earphone plus. You can use open-aired earphones in place of rear speakers to save the cost and setup trouble of rear speakers.

2. HRTF 3D Positional Audio : Xear 3D integrated world-standard Sensaura's CRL3D[™] engine for providing the best HRTF (Head-Related Transfer Function) 3D positional audio and related features as follows. They are necessary for gaming and interactive applications:

► EAXTM 1.0 & 2.0 (Creative Environment Audio eXtension has been a world-wide standard for high-quality games.)

► A3DTM 1.0

➤ Compatible with Microsoft DirectSound 3DTM H/W & S/W

- 3. Sound Effects Environment: It provides 27 options for simulating the listening environment and get more magic and different sould field.
- 4. Sound Effects Environment Size: It provides Small, Medium and Large space for every type of Environment.
- 5. Sound Effects Equalizer: It offers 10-band Equalizer and 12 pre-set models like "Live", "Jazz" and so on for users to modify the frequency response of

sound singals. There is also "User Defined" list for users to save their own settings.

- **6.** *Demo Program Play3D Demo*: It provides 5 sound sources and moving path for playing for 3D audio playing. You can feel 3D positional sound and also use this program to adjust your virtual speakers before playing 3D audio applications like gaming.
- 7. *Demo Program Multi-channel Music*: Multi-channel Music Demo Program has three 5.1-channel melodies for playing. You can also click on the speakers respectively to test each channel and adjust virtual speakers before playing multi-channel audio applications like DVD.

To install C-Media drivers:

- **1.** Insert the companion CD into the CD-ROM drive. The setup screen will automatically appear.
- 2. Click on C-Media Sound Drivers.
- 3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.
- 4. Restart the system.

Hardware Configuration

After installing the audio driver, you are able to use the 4-/6-channel audio feature now. To enable 4- or 6-channel audio operation, first connect 4 or 6 speakers to the appropriate audio connectors, and then select 4- or 6-channel audio setting in the software utility.

There are two ways to utilize the function and connect the speakers to your computer:

- Use the optional S-Bracket. If your motherboard supports S-Bracket and you have installed S-Bracket in the computer, you can connect two speakers to back panel's Line-Out connector, and the rest of speakers to S-Bracket.
- Use the back panel only (without S-Bracket). If you do not have a S-Bracket, you can connect all speakers to the audio connectors on the back panel.

After installing the C-Media drivers, you can attach the speakers for 4-/6-channel audio output. Always connect the speakers to the LINE OUT connectors. Different connector configurations for 2-/4-/6-channel operations are listed below:



Software Configuration

To have 4-/6-channel audio work, you must set appropriate configuration in the C-Media software application. Click the C-Media Mixer icor from the window tray on the bottom, and choose **Open**.

Then the "C-Media 3D Audio Configuration" will appear . Click on the **Speaker Output** tab to configure the audio.

Speaker Output



1. Without the optional S-Bracket:

► **Bass Enhancement:** You may enable the **Bass Enhancement** option to enhance the bass signal effect, in particular for Earphone Plus Mode. It is available in 4 & 6CH setting.

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> Center/Bass Output Swap: Enabling this option will exchange the center/ bass output channel. PC speaker manufactures define typically that the center signal is delivered by tip of the stereo plug and the bass signal is by ring of it, as the figure showed below. However, some speakers have opposite definition. Please use this option to solve the possible trouble.



In the left side, check the radio button next to the speaker to fit your audio devices. In the **Audio Jacks** tab in the right side, the audio will function as it shows. Please confirm you have connected your hardware to correct jacks before using.

2. With the optional S-Bracket:

Attach the optional S-bracket and the audio output will function as the screen showed.



When you choose **6CH**, the audio output will function as the screen showed below.

🚟 C-Media 3D Audio Configuration			
Speaker Output S/PDIF Volume Control Microph	none Xear 3D	Information	
Speakers Speakers 2 CH 4 CH 6 CH Bass Enhancement Center/Bass Output Swap	Audio Jacks	Speaker Test	
		(ОК

Check the **Speaker Test** tab in the right side. It shows the speaker figure and test environment complying with your speaker type settings as follows. You can click **Auto Test** button or just click each speaker for testing your audio connection. The sound will repeat unless you click **Stop**.



S/PDIF

Click on the S/PDIF tab and the following screen appears.

S/PDIF Output Source / Format : Playing Audio (48 kHz Output) Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out No Output	peaker Output	S/PDIF	Volume Control	Microphone	Xear 3D	Information	
O Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out	S/PDIF	Output So aying Audic	urce / Format :				
	O Ar	alog Input	to S/PDIF-Out				
Serial Copy Protection	Se	erial Copy F	rotection				

- Playing Audio (48 kHz Output): Playing Digital Audio to Digital S/PDIF Output. Choosing this option allows the output digital playing audio from your computer like DVD, VCD, digital CD, MP3, Wave... etc through S/PDIF in 48KHz sample rate.
- Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out: Convert Analog Input to Digital S/PDIF Out. This function is to convert analog input audio like Line-in, CD-in, Microphone-in signal to S/PDIF digital output in real time. This is useful to transfer the analog audio from one device to the S/PDIF interface of another such as the external decoder or the amplifier of Home Theater.
- No Output: C-Media AC'97 CODECs supports S/PDIF output with analog output at the same time. When choosing this option, S/PDIF output signal will be terminated. Otherwise, it would be transmitted all the time.
- Serial Copy Protection Option: When this option is enabled, the copyright of S/PDIF output audio data will be asserted. Therefore it can be only recoreded once but can't be copied again according to SCMS (Serial Copy Management System) mandated by Audio Home Recording Act of U.S. in 1992.

Choose the **Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out** and then click the **Select Source** button. Then the **Select Source** window appears.

eaker Output S/PDIF Volume Control Microphone Xear 3D Information	
S/PDIF Output Source / Format : Playing Audio (48 kHz Output) Analog Input to S/PDIF-Out No Output	
Serial Copy Protection	
	ПК

Select Source: Since the analog input signal needs to be recorded and converted to digital format, you have to click Select Source button and select one analog source in the "Select Source" window. Actually the selected item synchronizes with the recording panel of Microsoft.

Select Source		X
	Stereo Mix	
	Microphone	
	CD Player	
	🔽 Line In	
		OK

Volumn Control

Click on the Volumn Control tab and the following screen appears.



You may regulate each volumn to the speaker for current playing digital sound sources. If you use 2-channel speaker, only Front Left and Front Right bars are available for you to configure. If you use 4-channel speaker, only Front Left, Front Right, Rear Left and Rear Right bars are available. In 6-channel mode, you may adjust all the speakers as showed above.

Loudness (AGC): Loudness w/Auto-Gain-Control: When you want a higher volume level of digital audio, you can enable Loudness (AGC). It provides extra +3dB to +12dB gain to all channels. The driver has also been designed with a sophisticated auto gain control minimizing the signal clipping

distortion. However, it is not recommended to enhance the volume too much here if you want a best sound quality. The best way is to increase the volume of external speakers or just to increase the Master Volume in Microsoft Volume Control.

> Left-click Microsoft "Volume Control" icon once and you'll get the Master Volume control slider.



Microphone

Microphone Selection Microphone Rear-Panel Microphone Front-Panel Microphone Microphone Boost 20 dB Boost	eaker Output S/P	DIF Volume Control	Microphone	Xear 3D	Information	
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Microphone Boost						
20 dB Boost	- N	ficrophone Boost				
		20 dB Boost				

Click on the **Microphone** tab and the following screen appears.

- > Mute Microphone: Check this item to disable microphone inputs.
- Microphone Selection: You may select the microphone input you are going to use. But if your system does not support 2 microphone inputs, then you won't see two items.

The real-panel microphone jack is sometimes shared by center/subwoofer output and will be grayed as below: when you set 6CH speaker output. At this moment, you can still use front-panel microphone.

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C Front-Panel M	licrophone

► **Microphone Boost:** Check this them to enhance microphone volume by +20dB.

Xear 3D

Click on the Xear 3D tab and the following screen appears.



C-Media UDA driver now supports **Xear 3D-5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIRFTER** and sound effects. Just click the left button in Xear 3D tab and the new friendly/fancy graphic user interface will pop up as follows.

🔀 C-Media Xear 3D Advanced Program	
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Sound Effect Demo Program	5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER ON OFF Cuide
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Small Medium Large	🔶 🛔 🔂 🕹
Equalizar	R
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20 00 00 120 230 300 1 K 2 K 4 K 8 K 16 K Default Dance Bass User Defined	And the second s
Treble Live Rock	
RAP Classic Vocal + -	FL +0048 C +0048 FR +0049 Reset
	Exit

1. Sound Effect

From this part, you may choose the sound effect you like from 27 environment effects, 3 environment sizes and 10-band pre-set equalizer.



2. Demo Program

This part contains multi-channel music (including speakers testing) demo program.



You may click each speaker to get one channel sound. If it has sound, it will be lighted up. You may also click each speaker to test your connection/ configuration. Moreover, it can help you to adjust your virtual speakers for multi-channel audio applications, like DVD.

3. Xear 3D-5.1 Virtual SPEAKER SHIFTER

This part provides an advanced, amazing and considerate featuredynamically adjustable multi-channel sound system no matter what listening appliance you are using and what application you are running.

The default setting for SPEAKER SHIFTER is OFF, thus you have to click on it to make it ON, in which all the speakers are available to adjust.



You may move Front-Left, Front-Right, Rear-Left, Rear-Right virtual speakers to anywhere. Center is usually for Voice in DVD and just suitable to move in vertical to keep the sound in the center. Subwoofer signal is directionless lowfrequency sound to human ears. Thus, please move it horizontally to express strength or weakness.

Xear 3D- Play3D Demo

Xear 3D Advanced Program also provides interesting Play3D demo programs for helping you configure your audio environment.

If you click **One Touch Setup** during the setup procedure when you insert the MSI software driver, you may only see the **Sound Effect** tab in the Xear 3D Advanced Program. **Demo Program** will not be installed automatically. Please click **C-Media Sound Drivers** again for the complete installation of C-Media applications. *Please note the Setup screen may be different as showed as following depending on the mainboard you purchase.*



Click here for the complete installation of C-Media applications.

After installing the program, you will find the program from the path: Start-> Programs->C-Media 3D Audio->Play3D Demo Program.



The Xear3D Sound - Play3D Demo program is showed as follows:



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In the **Moving Path** selection, you may adjust your virtual speakers before playing 3D audio applications like gaming. When clicking each of the **Moving Path** icons (Drag Path, Horizontal Circle, Vertical Circle, Z Path and Random Curve), a rea moving ball indicates the 3D source source position. The **Drag Path** is recommended becuase it's the most flexible one.



Using 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Audio Function

Attaching Speakers

To perform multichannel audio operation, connect multiple speakers to the system. You should connect the same number of speakers as the audio channels you will select in the software utility.

Using S-BRACKET connectors:

S-Bracket is an optional accessory. It gives access to analog and digital audio output by integrating both SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interface) and analog LINE OUT connectors. To use the S-Bracket, you should select correct setting in the software utility. For information about the setting, refer to *Selecting 2-, 4- or 6-Channel Setting* later in the section.

Connector configurations for 2-, 4- and 6-channel using S-Bracket are described below:

2-Channel Analog Audio Output

We recommend that you should still attach the speakers to BACK PANEL's Line Out connector during 2-channel audio mode even though S-Bracket's Line Out connectors function properly.



4-Channel Analog Audio Output

- 1 MIC
- 2 Line Out (Front channels)
- 3 Line In
- 4 Optical SPDIF jack
- 5 Coaxial SPDIF jack
- 6 Line Out (*Center and Subwoofer channel, but no functioning in this mode*)

Description:

connector of S-Bracket.

Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out

connector and two speakers to one Line Out

7 Line Out (*Rear channels*)



6-Channel Analog Audio Output

- 1 MIC
- 2 Line Out (Front channels)

- 3 Line In
- 4 Optical SPDIF jack
- 5 Coaxial SPDIF jack
- 6 Line Out (*Center and Subwoofer channel*)
- 7 Line Out (*Rear channels*)

Description:

Connect two speakers to back panel's Line Out connector and four speakers to both Line Out connectors of S-Bracket.



Digital Audio Output (2-Channel only)

For digital audio output, use the SPDIF (Sony & Philips Digital Interface) connectors supplied by *S-Bracket*. First, connect the SPDIF speakers to the appropriate SPDIF jack, and then select the audio channel you desire through the control panel of speakers. The SPDIF connectors support 2-channel audio operation only.

S-Bracket offers two types of SPDIF jacks: one for fiber-optic cable and the other for coaxial cable. Select the connector according to the type of your SPDIF speakers.





Appendix B: The explanation for overspecification and overclocking on Intel[®] 865P chipset

The default specification of Intel[®] 865P chipset is only able to support FSB 400/533MHz CPU and DDR 266/333 DRAM technology. However, we have spent engineering efforts to allow the overspecification and overclocking of 865P Neo under certain conditions. Here is the information which could help you to achieve overclocking more easily.

Should you decide to overspec the mainboard, the following conditions shall be satisfied in order to make overspecification possible.

Memory CPU FSB	DDR 266/PC 2100 DDR 333/PC 2700	DDR 400/PC 3200
400MHz	0	Х
533MHz	0	Х
800MHz*	X	Overclocking

1. Memory Speed/CPU FSB Overclocking Support Matrix

O : Yes.

X : Not avaliable .

*: CPU FSB 800MHz/DDR400 is not the default specification of this mainboard. If you decided to use Intel's FSB 800MHz CPU to overclock on this mainboard, DDR400 DRAM modules should be used, and have them populated in the suggested configuration.

If you decided to use DDR333 DRAM with FSB 800MHz CPU, the BIOS will automatically adjust the CPU ratio to the FSB frequency comparable to DDR333 DRAM, which prevents the CPU from running at FSB800MHz speed.

Overclocking: Overclocking on this mainboard is only available with this combination. With this combination, the 800MHz FSB CPU could be used.

Troubleshooting

Q: Where will I find the model number of the mainboard?

A: There are two places where you can find the model number of the mainboard: 1. Somewhere between the PCI slots you shall find MS-xxxx or the marketing name like "K7T Turbo". You can also find the version number beside it. 2. At the back cover of the user's manual.

Q: What do you mean by PCB version 1?

A: PCB is printed circuit board. Saying PCB version 1 is the same as saying motherboard version 1.

Q: Why does my AMD 133FSB cannot be autodetected by the mainboard?

A: Due to AMD CPU design, CPU FSB 133 will not be autodetected by the motherboard. So user need to set the FSB manually to 133.

Q: Why my motherboard BIOS sticker is "Phoenix BIOS" but when I boot up my system I saw that "Award BIOS" is being used?

A: Phoenix & Award already merged as one company. All MSI motherboard using Award BIOS comes with Phoenix logo sticker.

Q: How do I know what MSI D-LED or D-bracket light mean?

- A: Please follow the special tech issue, http://www.msi.com.tw/support/ techexpress/special_tech/smartled.htm
- Q: I have got MSI Motherboard and when it says detecting drives, it detects them but says an error saying "Primary IDE Channel no 80 Conductor Cable Installed"
- A: This is not a problem. It merely means that you're using an ATA-66 or ATA-100 HDD, but you're using the conductor 40 ATA-33 cable.

- Q: I have high speed CPU cooling fan like Taisol CGK760092, Vantec CCK-6035D & GlobalWin WBK38. Can I install the fan directly to the motherboard?
- A: We strongly recommend that you do NOT connect those described CPU fan directly to your motherboard, as it draws so much power, that it could damage it. Please use a 3-Pin to 4-Pin Cable that comes together with the fan.

Q: Can I use more than 512MB memory on Win9x or WinME?

- A: No, you can't. You can only use more than 512MB memory on Win2000 or WinXP. This is a Microsoft OS issue. Please check http://support/microsoft. com/support/kb/articles/Q108/0/79.ASP
- Q: I have tried to download the MSI Live Update utility from http://www.msi. com.tw/support/liveupdate/livedriver.htm but it keeps on failing?
- A: This can be solved by one of the following suggestions: 1. Dont install zonealarm 2. Disable "WebTrap" of PC-cillion 2000 3. Disable any web based anti-virus Software.

Q: Can Live Update Series support WinXP?

- A: Live Update Series version 215 can support WinXP. Download it from http://www.msi.com.tw/support/liveupdate/livedriver.htm
- Q: After flashing the BIOS, my system for unknown reason dont want to boot, what should I do?
- A: Please refer to the following suggestions: 1. Try the BIOS boot recovery feature as described in http://www.msi.com.tw/support/bios/boot.htm 2. Try to clear the CMOS If problem still persists, ask your reseller for new BIOS chip or contact one of MSI office near your place for new BIOS chip http://www.msi.com.tw/contact/main.htm

Q: Should I update my BIOS, once a new BIOS is released?

A: A new BIOS is usually released due to the following reasons:

- 1. New function is supported
- 2. New BIOS source code
- 3. Bugs are found
- 4. Customer-specific request

When we release a new BIOS, there's usually a release note attached which lists the reason for the release. Refer to this release note and decide for yourself if upgrading to the new BIOS will be worth it. A word of advice, though, do not upgrade to the new BIOS, unless you really have to.

Q: How do I update the BIOS?

A: Please refer to http://www.msi.com.tw/support/bios/note.htm for details.

Q: How do I identify the BIOS version?

A: Upon boot-up, the 1st line appearing after the memory count is the BIOS version. It is usually in the format:

1. For older model number:

AG76091096 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI(R) W = AWARD(R) P = PHOENIX (R).

2nd digit refers to the internal chipset code.

3rd digit refers to the processor class as 5 = 486, 7 = 586, 8 = 686.

4th digit is incremental.

091096 refers to the date this BIOS is released.

2. For newer model number:

W5139MS V1.0091096 where:

1st digit refers to BIOS maker as A = AMI(R) W = AWARD(R) P = PHOENIX

(R).

2nd - 5th digit refers to the model number.

6th - 7th digit refers to the customer as MS = all standard customers.

V1.0 refers to the BIOS version.

091096 refers to the date this BIOS is released.

Q: After flashing the bios and rebooting the system, the screen went blank. A: *For AMI BIOS*

Rename the desired AMI BIOS file to AMIBOOT.ROM and save it on a floppy disk. e.g. Rename A569MS23.ROM to AMIBOOT.ROM

Insert this floppy disk in the floppy drive. Turn On the system and press and hold Ctrl-Home to force update. It will read the AMIBOOT.ROM file and recover the BIOS from the A drive.

When 4 beeps are heard you may remove the floppy disk and restart the computer.

For Award BIOS

Make a bootable floopy disk

Copy the Award flash utility & BIOS file to the said floppy disk

Create an autoexec.bat with "awdfl535 biosfilename" in the content e.g.

awdfl535a619mj21.bin

Boot up system with the said floppy (it will take less than 2 minutes before screen comes out)

Re-flash the BIOS & reboot.

Glossary

ACPI (Advanced Configuration & Power Interface)

This power management specification enables the OS (operating system) to control the amount of power given to each device attached to the computer. Windows 98/98SE, Windows 2000 and Windows ME can fully support ACPI to allow users managing the system power flexibly.

AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port)

A new, high-speed graphics interface that based on PCI construction and designed especially for the throughput demands of 3-D graphics. AGP provides a direct channel (32-bit wide bus) between the display controller and main memory for high graphics quality and performance.

Bluetooth

Bluetooth refers to a worldwide standard for the wireless exchange of data between two devices. Bluetooth requires that a low-cost transceiver chip be included in each device. The tranceiver transmits and receives in a previously unused frequency band of 2.45 GHz that is available globally (with some variation of bandwidth in different countries). In addition to data, up to three voice channels are available. Each device has a unique 48-bit address from the IEEE 802 standard. Connections can be point-to-point or multipoint. The maximum range is 10 meters. Data can be exchanged at a rate of 1 megabit per second (up to 2 Mbps in the second generation of the technology).

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

On PCs, an essential software that contains all the control code of input/output interface (such as keyboard, disk drives, etc.). It executes hardware test on booting the system, starts the OS, and provides an interface between the OS and the components. The BIOS is stored in a ROM chip.

Bus

A set of hardware lines within the computer system, through which the data is transferred among different components. In a PC, the term *bus* usually refers to a local bus that connects the internal components to the CPU and main memory.

Cache

A special memory subsystem that is used to speed up the data transfer. It stores the

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contents of frequently accessed RAM locations and the addresses where these data items are stored.

Chipset

A collection of integrated chips designed to perform one or more related functions. For example, a modem chipset contains all the primary circuits for transmitting and receiving data; a PC chipset provides the electronic interfaces between all subsystems.

Clock Cycle

Clock cycle (or tick) is the smallest unit of time recognized by a device. For personal computers, clock cycles generally refer to the main system clock, which runs at 66 MHz. This means that there are 66 million clock cycles per second. Since modern CPUs run much faster (up to 533 MHz), the CPU can execute several instructions in a single clock tick.

CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor)

CMOS is a widely used type of semiconductor, which features high speed and low power consumption. PCs usually contain a small amount of battery-powered CMOS memory to retain the date, time, and system setup parameters.

DRAM (Dynamic RAM)

A most common type of computer memory. It usually uses one transistor and a capacitor to represent a bit. As the development of technology, the memory type and specification used in computer becomes variety, such as SDRAM, DDR SDRAM, and RDRAM. For further instruction, please see the table below:

Dynamic RAM (DRAM) Memory Technologies						
Туре	First Used	Clock Rate	Bus* Width	Peak Bandwidth	Volts	
FPM (60,70ns)	1990	25MHz	64 bits	200 MBps	5v	
EDO (50,60,70ns)	1994	40MHz	64 bits	320 MBps	5v	
SDRAM (66MHz)	1996	66MHz	64 bits	528 MBps	3.3v	
SDRAM (100MHz)	1998	100MHz	64 bits	800 MBps	3.3v	
SDRAM (133MHz)	1999	133MHz	64 bits	1.1 GBps	3.3v	
RDRAM (Direct Rambus)	1999	400MHz	16 bits	1.6 GBps	2.5v	
DDR SDRAM (100MHz)	2000	100MHz	64 bits	1.6 GBps	3.3v	
DDR SDRAM (133MHz)	2000	133MHz	64 bits	2.1 GBps	3.3v	
* Memory channel width (64 bits started with 75MHz Pentium)						

Source: Computer Desktop Encyclopedia

ECC Memory (Error Correcting Code Memory)

A type of memory that contains special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data and correcting the errors on the fly.

EEPROM

Acronym for Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory. An EEPROM is a special type of PROM that can be erased by exposing it to an electrical charge. Like other types of PROM, EEPROM retains its contents even when the power is turned off. Also like other types of ROM, EEPROM is not as fast as RAM. EEPROM is similar to flash memory (sometimes called flash EEPROM). The principal difference is that EEPROM requires data to be written or erased one byte at a time whereas flash memory allows data to be written or erased in blocks. This makes flash memory faster.

EIDE

Short for Enhanced IDE, a newer version of the IDE mass storage device interface standard developed by Western Digital Corporation. It supports data rates of between 4 and 16.6 MBps, about three to four times faster than the old IDE standard. In addition, it can support mass storage devices of up to 8.4 gigabytes, whereas the old standard was limited to 528 MB. Because of its lower cost, enhanced EIDE has replaced SCSI in many areas. There are four EIDE modes defined. The most common is Mode 4, which supports transfer rates of 16.6 MBps. There is also a new mode, called ATA-3 or Ultra ATA, that supports transfer rates of 33 MBps.

EISA (Extended Industry Standard Architecture)

EISA is a standard bus (computer interconnection) architecture that extends the ISA standard to a 32-bit interface. It was developed in part as an open alternative to the proprietary Micro Channel Architecture (MCA) that IBM introduced in its PS/2 computers. EISA data transfer can reach a peak of 33 megabytes per second.

ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data)

It is a format for storing information about Plug-and-Play (PnP) devices in the BIOS. Windows and the BIOS access the ESCD area each time you re-boot your computer

External Cache

Short for Level 2 cache, cache memory that is external to the microprocessor. In general, L2 cache memory, also called the secondary cache, resides on a separate chip from the microprocessor chip. Although, more and more microprocessors are including L2 caches into their architectures.

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IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics)

A type of disk-drive interface widely used to connect hard disks, CD-ROMs and tape drives to a PC, in which the controller electronics is integrated into the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card. The IDE interface is known as the ATA (AT Attachment) specification.

IEEE 1394

A new, high speed external bus standard, also known as *FireWire* or *iLink*, which supports data transfer rates of up to 400 Mbps for connecting up to 63 external devices.

Internal Cache

Short for Level 1 cache, a memory cache built into the microprocessor. The L1 cache is also called the primary cache.

IrDA (Infrared Data Association)

A group of device vendors, including computer, component and telecommunications, who have developed a standard for transmitting data via infrared light waves. This enables you to transfer data from one device to another without any cables.

IRQ (Interrupt Request Line)

IRQs are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. When you add a new device to a PC, you sometimes need to set its IRQ number by setting a DIP switch. This specifies which interrupt line the device may use. IRQ conflicts used to be a common problem when adding expansion boards, but the Plug-and-Play specification has removed this headache in most cases.

ISA (Industry Standard Architecture)

ISA is a standard bus (computer interconnection) architecture that is associated with the IBM AT motherboard. It allows 16 bits at a time to flow between the motherboard circuitry and an expansion slot card and its associated device(s). Also see EISA and MCA.

LAN (Local Area Network)

A computer network that covers a relatively smaller area, such as in a building or an enterprise. It is made up of servers, workstations, shared resources, a network operating system and a communications link. These individual PCs and devices on a LAN are known as "nodes", and are connected by cables to access data and devices anywhere on the LAN, so that many users can share expensive devices and data.

LBA (Logical Block Addressing)

Logical block addressing is a technique that allows a computer to address a hard disk larger than 528 megabytes. A logical block address is a 28-bit value that maps to a specific cylinder-head-sector address on the disk. 28 bits allows sufficient variation to specify addresses on a hard disk up to 8.4 gigabytes in data storage capacity. Logical block addressing is one of the defining features of Enhanced IDE (EIDE), a hard disk interface to the computer bus or data paths.

LED (Light Emitting Diode)

A semiconductor device that converts electrical energy into light. Since it lights up (usually red) when electricity is passed through it, it is usually used for the activity lights on computer's component, such as disk drivers.

LPT (Line Printer Terminal)

Logical device name for a line printer; a name reserved by the MS-DOS for up to three parallel printer ports: LPT1, LPT2, and LPT3. It is frequently used by the OS to identify a printer.

Overclocking

Overclocking is resetting your computer so that the microprocessor runs faster than the manufacturer-specified speed (for example, setting an Intel 166 MHz (megahertz) microprocessor to run at 200 Mhz).

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect)

A local bus standard developed by Intel that first appeared on PCs in late 1993. PCI provides "plug and play" capability and allows IRQs to be shared. The PCI controller can exchange data with the system's CPU either 32 bits or 64 bits at a time.

PnP (Plug and Play)

A set of specifications that allows a PC to configure itself automatically to work with peripherals. The user can "plug" in a peripheral device and "play" it without configuring the system manually. To implement this useful feature, both the BIOS that supports PnP and a PnP expansion card are required.

POST (Power On Self Test)

During booting up your system, the BIOS executes a series of diagnostic tests, include checking the RAM, the keyboard, the disk drives, etc., to see if they are properly connected and operating.
PS/2 Port

A type of port developed by IBM for connecting a mouse or keyboard to a PC. The PS/2 port supports a mini DIN plug containing just 6 pins. Most modern PCs equipped with PS/2 ports so that the special port can be used by another device, such as a modem.

RAID

RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks; originally Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks) is a way of storing the same data in different places (thus, redundantly) on multiple hard disks. By placing data on multiple disks, I/O operations can overlap in a balanced way, improving performance. Since multiple disks increases the mean time between failure (MTBF), storing data redundantly also increases fault-tolerance.

SCSI

Acronym for Small Computer System Interface. Pronounced "scuzzy," SCSI is a parallel interface standard used by Apple Macintosh computers, PCs, and many UNIX systems for attaching peripheral devices to computers. SCSI interfaces provide for faster data transmission rates (up to 80 megabytes per second) than standard serial and parallel ports. In addition, you can attach many devices to a single SCSI port, so that SCSI is really an I/O bus rather than simply an interface.

USB (Universal Serial Bus)

A hardware interface for low-speed peripherals such as the keyboard, mouse, joystick, etc. USB provides a maximum bandwidth of 12 Mbit/sec (Mbps) for connecting up to 127 peripheral devices to PC. USB features hot swap capability and multiple data streams, allows external devices to be plugged in and unplugged without turning the system off.

Virus

A program or a piece of code that infects computer files by inserting in those files copies of itself. The virus code is buried within an existing program, and is activated when that program is executed. All the viruses are man-made, and often have damaging side effects.

WLAN

Acronym for wireless local-area network. Also referred to as LAWN. A type of localarea network that uses high-frequency radio waves rather than wires to communicate between nodes.