

# **User's Manual**

## **EPIA-EX**

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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**

Shielded interface cables and A.C. power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.



Tested To Comply  
With FCC Standards  
FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE

## 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 in such a way that people cannot 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. Liquid can cause damage or 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 works well or you cannot get it work according to User's Manual.
  - The equipment has dropped and damaged
  - If the equipment has obvious sign of breakage
12. **DO NOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT UNCONDITIONED, STORAGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE 60 C (140F), IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.**



### Caution:

Only use the appropriate battery specified for this product.

Do not reuse, recharge, or reheat an old battery.

Do not attempt to force open the battery.

Do not discard used batteries with regular trash.

Discard used batteries according to local regulations.





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## **Box Contents**

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- ☒ One VIA Mini-ITX mainboard
- ☒ One Quick Installation Guide
- ☒ One ATA-133/100 IDE ribbon cable
- ☒ One driver and utilities CD
- ☒ One IO bracket

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# CHAPTER 1

## Specifications

The ultra-compact and highly integrated VIA EPIA-EX uses the Mini-ITX mainboard form-factor developed by VIA Technologies, Inc. as part of the company's open industry-wide total connectivity initiative. The mainboard enables the creation of an exciting new generation of small, ergonomic, innovative and affordable embedded systems. Through a high level of integration, the Mini-ITX occupy 66% of the size of FlexATX mainboard form factor.

## **MAINBOARD SPECIFICATIONS**

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### **CPU**

- Support VIA C7 1.5GHz / 1.0GHz NanoBGA2 Processor

### **Chipset**

- VIA CX700M Advanced All-in-one System Processor

### **Graphics**

- Integrated C-Pro II 3D/2D AGP with MPEG-2 and WMV9 Video Decoding Acceleration

### **Audio**

- VIA VT1708A High Definition Audio Codec

### **Memory**

- 1 x DDR2 533 DIMM slot (up to 1 GB)

### **Expansion Slot**

- 1 x PCI slot

### **IDE**

- 1 x UltraDMA 133/100/66/33 connector

### **LAN**

- VIA VT6107 10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet Controller or VT6122 Gigabit Ethernet Controller (Optional)

### **Back Panel I/O Ports**

- 1 x DVI connector
- 1 x RJ-45 with USB stack 2.0 connector
- 1 x MiniDIN for S-Video output
- 1 x Triple RCA jack for composite video and stereo audio outputs
- 1 x Triple RCA jack for component video output
- 1 x S/PDIF coaxial connector
- 1 x S/PDIF optical connector

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## Onboard I/O Connectors

- 1 x USB pin connector for 4 additional USB 2.0 ports
- 1 x 1394 pin connector for 1 1394 port
- 1 x Front-panel audio header for HP-out and MIC-in
- 1 x Audio Line-in header
- 1 x LPC header
- 1 x LVDS connector to support 1-CH LVDS panel
- 1 x LVDS inverter connector
- 1 x TV out header for SCART and D-terminal
- 1 x Video pin connector for CCIR656/601 video input and SMBus
- 1 x PS2 mouse/keyboard header
- 2 x SATA connectors
- 2 x Fan pin connectors for CPU and System fans
- 1 x ATX power connector

## BIOS

- Award BIOS with LPC 4/8Mbit flash memory capacity

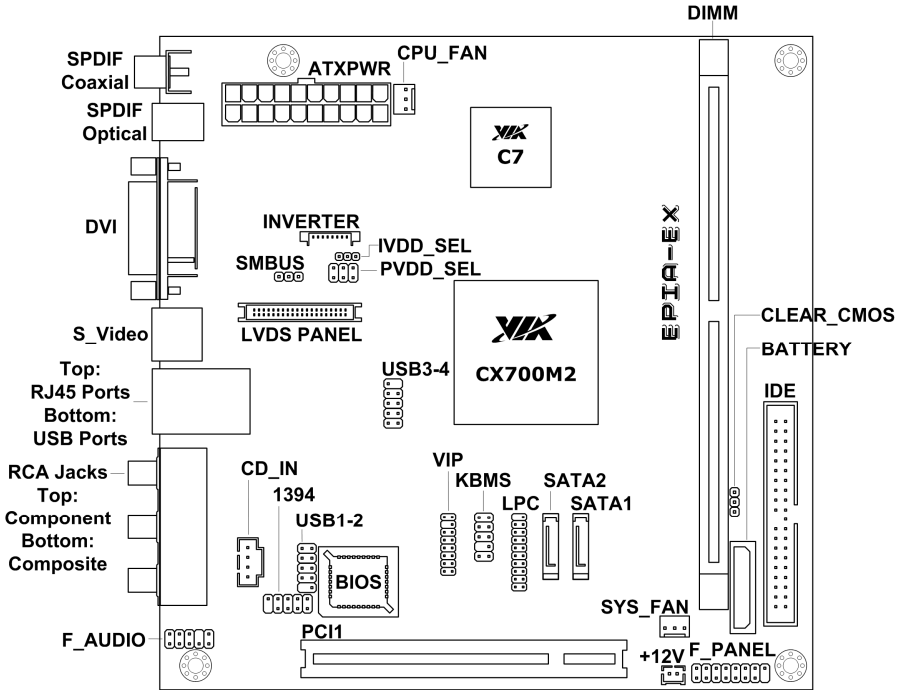
## Form Factor

- Mini-ITX (6 layers)
- 17 cm X 17 cm

**Note:**

Due to the hardware limitation, DDR2 SDRAM chips organized as 128Mb x 8 bank cannot be supported by EPIA products with CN700 and CX700M chipsets.

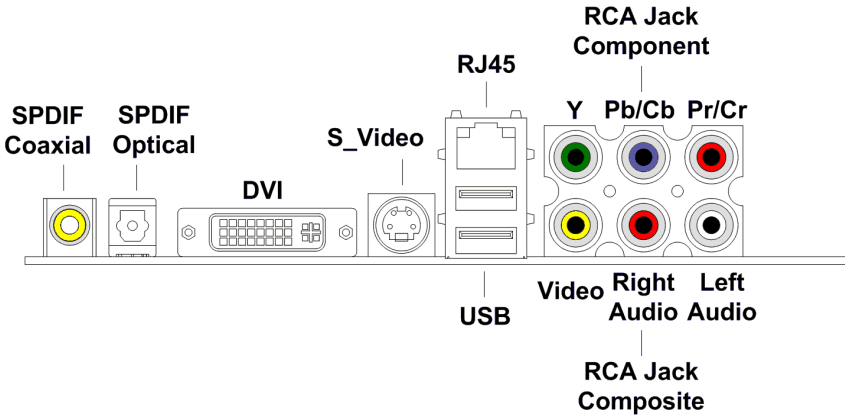
# MAINBOARD LAYOUT



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## BACK PANEL LAYOUT

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## BACK PANEL PORTS

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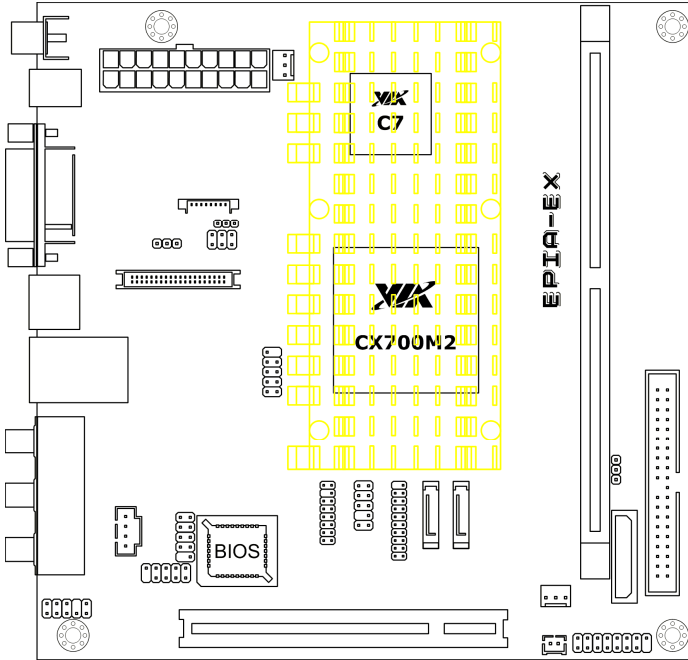
# CHAPTER 2

## Installation

This chapter provides you with information about hardware installation procedures. It is recommended to use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage some components.

## CPU

The VIA EPIA-EX Mini-ITX mainboard can support VIA C7 NanoBGA2 Processors. The processor requires a heatsink with fan for 1.5GHz SKU and a fanless heatsink for 1.0GHz SKU.

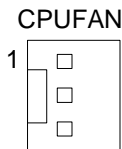


## CPU Fan and System Fan: CPUFAN and SYSFAN

The CPUFAN (CPU fan) and SYSFAN (system fan) run on +12V and maintain system cooling. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always be aware that the red wire is the Positive and should be connected to the +12V. The black wire is Ground and should always be connected to GND.

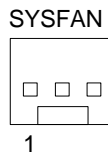
### CPUFAN

Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	+12V
3	GND



### SYSFAN

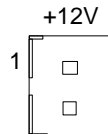
Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	+12V
3	GND



### +12V Connector

This 12V power connector is used to provide additional +12V power to the rest of the system.

Pin	Signal
1	+12V
2	GND

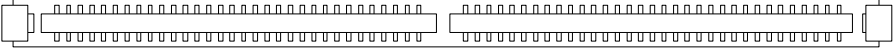


## MEMORY MODULE INSTALLATION

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The VIA EPIA-EX Mini-ITX mainboard provides one 240-pin DIMM slot for DDR2 533 SDRAM memory modules and supports the memory size up to 1GB.

DIMM



### DDR2 SDRAM Module Installation Procedures

- Locate the DIMM slot in the motherboard.
- Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.
- Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.
- Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

### Available DDR2 SDRAM Configurations

Refer to the table below for available DDR2 SDRAM configurations on the mainboard.

Slot	Module Size	Total
DIMM	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB-1GB
Maximum supported system memory		64MB-1GB

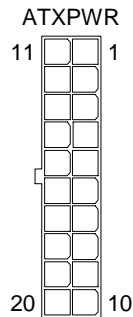
## CONNECTING THE POWER SUPPLY

The VIA EPIA-EX Mini-ITX mainboard supports a conventional ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed correctly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

### ATX 20-Pin Power Connector

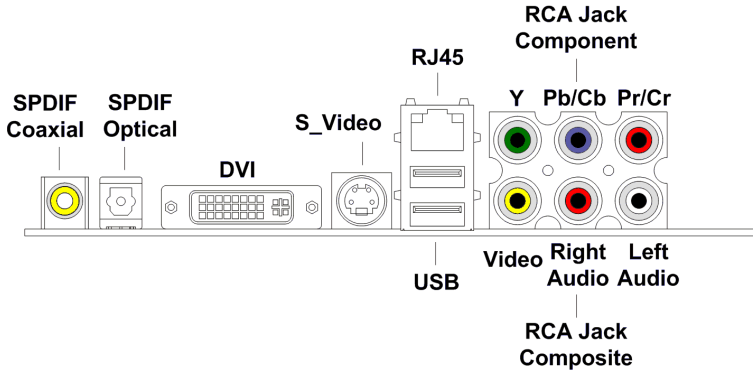
To connect the ATX power supply, make sure the power plug is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the plug firmly into the connector.

Pin	Signal
1	+3.3V
2	+3.3V
3	GND
4	+5V
5	GND
6	+5V
7	GND
8	Power Good
9	+5V Standby
10	+12V
11	+3.3V
12	-12V
13	GND
14	Power Supply On
15	GND
16	GND
17	GND
18	-5V
19	+5V
20	+5V



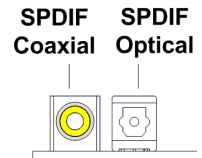
## BACK PANEL PORTS

The back panel has the following ports:



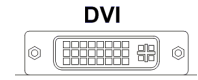
### S/PDIF Ports

This mainboard enables digital audio output through either the coaxial or optical SPDIF port.



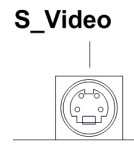
### DVI Port

The DVI-I connector allows you to connect to DVI display.



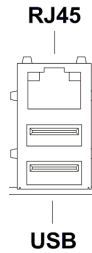
### S\_Video Port

The black port allows you to connect TV monitor or S-video device to the mainboard.



### RJ45 10/100 LAN and USB Ports

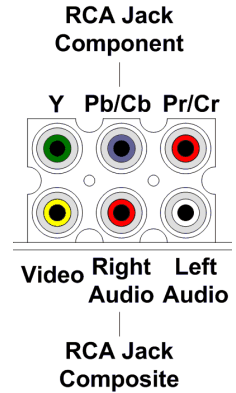
The mainboard provides a standard RJ-45 and two USB 2.0 ports. These ports allow connection to a Local Area Network (LAN) through a network hub and USB 2.0 devices.



### RCA Jack

The top three RCA jacks enable you to connect to displays using component video signals.

The bottom three RCA jacks enable you to connect to displays using the yellow composite video jack. The red and white RCA jacks are for audio output.

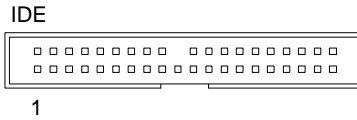


## CONNECTORS

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### Hard Disk Connectors: IDE

The mainboard has an Ultra DMA 133/100/66/33 controller. You can connect up to two hard disk drives, CD-ROM and other devices.



If two drives are connected to a single cable, the jumper on the second drive must be set to slave mode. Refer to the drive documentation supplied by the vendor for the jumper settings.

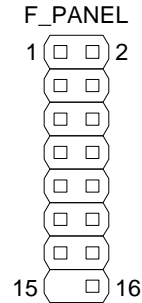


## Case Connector: F\_PANEL

The F\_PANEL pin header allows you to connect the power switch, reset switch, power LED, sleep LED, HDD LED and the case speaker.

Pin	Signal
1	+5V
3	+5V
5	-PLED_2
7	+5V
9	NC
11	NC
13	SPEAK
15	Key

Pin	Signal
2	+5V
4	HD_LED
6	PW_BN
8	GND
10	RST_SW
12	GND
14	+5V
16	-SLEEP_LED



### Power Switch (PW\_BN)

Connect to a 2-pin power button switch. Pressing this button will turn the system power on or off.

### Reset Switch (RST\_SW)

The reset switch is used to reboot the system rather than turning the power ON/OFF. Avoid rebooting the system, if the HDD is still working. Connect the reset switch from the system case to this pin.

### Power LED (-PLED\_2)

The LED will light when the system is on. If the system is in S1 (POS - Power On Suspend) or S3 (STR - Suspend To RAM) state, the LED will blink.

### HDD LED (HD\_LED)

HDD LED shows the activity of a hard disk drive. Avoid turning the power off when the HDD LED still has a lit. Connect the HDD LED from the system case to this pin.

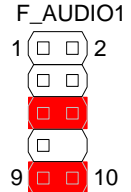
### Speaker (SPEAK)

The speaker from the system case is connected to this pin.

### Front Panel Audio Connector: F\_AUDIO

This is an interface for the VIA front panel audio cable that allow convenient connection and control of audio devices. By default, the pins labeled AUD\_FPOUT\_R / AUD\_RET\_R and the pins AUD\_FPOUT\_L / AUD\_RET\_L are shorted with jumper caps. Remove the caps only when you are connecting the front panel audio cable.

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	AUD_MIC	2	AUD_GND
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	4	AUD_FNT_DET
5	AUD_FPOUT_R	6	AUD_RET_R
7	HP_ON	8	Key
9	AUD_FPOUT_L	10	AUD_RET_L



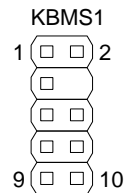
**Note:**

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.

### KBMS Connector: KBMS1

The mainboard provides a PS2 pin header to attach a PS2 keyboard and mouse.

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	+5VDUAL	2	+5VDUAL
3	Key	4	Key
5	GND	6	GND
7	KB_DT	8	MS_DT
9	KB_CK	10	MS_CK



**Note:**

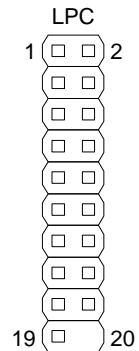
When the pin header is not in use, please short pin 3&5, pin 4&6, pin 7&9 and pin 8&10.

## LPC Connector: LPC

This pin connector is for LPC devices.

Pin	Signal
1	LAD1
3	-PCIRSTX
5	LAD0
7	LAD2
9	SERIRQ
11	-LDRQ1
13	+5V
15	+5V
17	GND
19	GND

Pin	Signal
2	LPCCLK1
4	GND
6	SIO_OSC
8	-LFRAME
10	LAD3
12	-EXTSMI
14	+3.3V
16	+3.3V
18	GND
20	Key

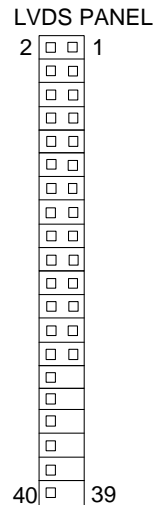


## LVDS Connector

The LVDS connector allows you to connect the panel's LVDS cable directly to support LVDS panel without any need of a daughter card.

Pin	Signal
1	-LD2C4
3	+LD2C4
5	GND
7	-LD2C5
9	+LD2C5
11	GND
13	-LD2C6
15	+LD2C6
17	GND
19	-LCLK2
21	+LCLK2
23	GND
25	-LD2C7
27	+LD2C7
29	Key
31	Key
33	Key
35	Key
37	Key
39	Key

Pin	Signal
2	PVDD
4	PVDD
6	GND
8	GND
10	-LD1C0
12	+LD1C0
14	GND
16	-LD1C1
18	+LD1C1
20	GND
22	-LD1C2
24	+LD1C2
26	GND
28	-LCLK1
30	+LCLK1
32	GND
34	-LD1C3
36	+LD1C3
38	GPIOA_CLK
40	GPIOB_DATA



### LVDS Inverter Connector: INVERTER

The mainboard provides an inverter for supplying power to the backlight of the LCD panel.

Pin	Signal
1	IVDD
2	IVDD
3	BLON
4	NC
5	BLON
6	BR_CNTR
7	GND
8	GND



### Serial ATA Connectors: SATA1 and SATA2

These next generation connectors support the thin Serial ATA cables for primary internal storage devices. The current Serial ATA interface allows up to 150MB/s data transfer rate, faster than the standard parallel ATA with 133 MB/s (Ultra DMA).

SATA1-2

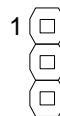


### System Management Bus Connector: SMBUS

This pin header allows you to connect SMBUS (System Management Bus) devices. Devices communicate with a SMBus host and/or other SMBus devices using the SMBus interface.

Pin	Signal
1	SMBCK
2	SMBDT
3	GND

SMBUS

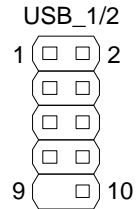


## USB Pin Connector: USB\_1/2

The mainboard provides 2 front USB pin headers, allowing up to 4 additional USB2.0 ports up to maximum throughput of 480 Mbps. Connect each 2-port USB cable into this pin header. This port can be used to connect high-speed USB interface peripherals such as USB HDD, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modem and the like.

Pin	Signal
1	5VDUAL
3	USBD_T2-
5	USBD_T2+
7	GND
9	Key

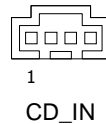
Pin	Signal
2	5VDUAL
4	USBD_T3-
6	USBD_T3+
8	GND
10	GND



## CD Audio Connector: CD\_In

This pin header allows you to receive stereo audio input from sound source such as a CD-ROM.

Pin	Signal
1	LINEIN_L
2	GND
3	GND
4	LINEIN_R

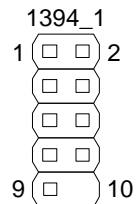


## FireWire Connector: 1394\_1

FireWire is a serial I/O interface that provides you fast data transfer rates. The mainboard has one FireWire pin header to provide PC connectivity for a wide range of devices, including consumer electronics audio/video (A/V) appliances, storage peripherals, other PCs and portable devices.

Pin	Signal
1	TPA0+
3	GND
5	TPB0+
7	1394_VDD
9	GND

Pin	Signal
2	TPA0-
4	GND
6	TPB0-
8	1394_VDD
10	Key

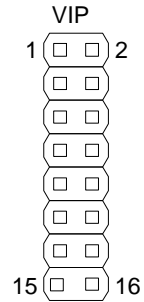


### VIP Connector

Video In Port (VIP) connector is used to support the CCIR656/601 video-in/capture function.

Pin	Signal
1	GND
3	CAP0D7
5	CAP0D6
7	CAP0HS
9	CAP0D1
11	CAP0VS
13	SMBDT
15	SMBCK

Pin	Signal
2	CAP0D0
4	CAP0D4
6	CAP0D5
8	CAP0D2
10	CAP0D3
12	CAPCLK
14	Key
16	GND

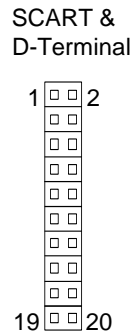


### SCART & D-Terminal (Optional)

Mainboards fitted with the optional SCART / D-Terminal connector enables users to connect a SCART / D-Terminal port for connecting to audio/visual equipment.

Pin	Signal
1	AUDIO_R
3	AUDIO_L
5	+2.5V
7	PB_B
9	GND
11	PR_R
13	CVBS
15	LINE1
17	LINE2
19	GND

Pin	Signal
2	AUD_GND
4	AUD_GND
6	Key
8	Y_G
10	GND
12	CHROMA
14	LUMA
16	GND
18	LINE3
20	GND



## JUMPERS


The mainboard provides jumpers for setting some mainboard functions. This section will explain how to change the settings of the mainboard functions using the jumpers.

### Clear CMOS: CLEAR\_CMOS

The onboard CMOS RAM stores system configuration data and has an onboard battery power supply. To reset the CMOS settings, set the jumper on pins 2 and 3 while the system is off. Return the jumper to pins 1 and 2 afterwards. Setting the jumper while the system is on will damage the mainboard.

Setting	1	2	3
Clear CMOS setting	ON	ON	OFF
Normal Operation	OFF	ON	ON

Normal:   
1 2 3

Clear:   
1 2 3







#### Caution:

Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLEAR\_CMOS1 jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.

### Inverter Selector: IVDD\_SEL

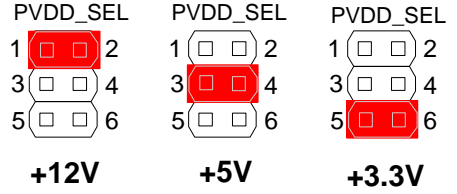
IVDD is the VCC selector jumper to determine the input voltage of the panel inverter for panel's back-light.

Setting	1	2	3
+5V	ON	ON	OFF
+12V	OFF	ON	ON

IVDD\_SEL  
 3  
**+5V:**  2  
 1  
**+12V:**  3  
 2  
 1

**Panel Power Selector: PVDD\_SEL**

PVDD is the VCC selector jumper to determine the panel's signal voltage.



<b>Setting</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
+12V	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
+5V	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
+3.3V	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON



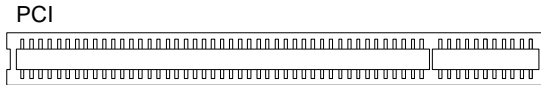
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## SLOTS

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### Peripheral Component Interconnect: PCI1

The PCI slot allows you to insert PCI expansion card. When adding or removing expansion card, unplug first the power supply. Read the documentation for the expansion card if any changes to the system are necessary.



### PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ (interrupt request line) are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The "PCI & LAN" IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus INT A# ~ INT D# pins as follows:

	<b>Order 1</b>	<b>Order 2</b>	<b>Order 3</b>	<b>Order 4</b>
PCI Slot 1	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 2	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#



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# CHAPTER 3

## BIOS Setup

This chapter gives a detailed explanation of the BIOS setup functions.

## **ENTERING SETUP**

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Power on the computer and press <Delete> during the beginning of the boot sequence to enter the BIOS setup menu. If you missed the BIOS setup entry point, you may restart the system and try again.

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**CONTROL KEYS**

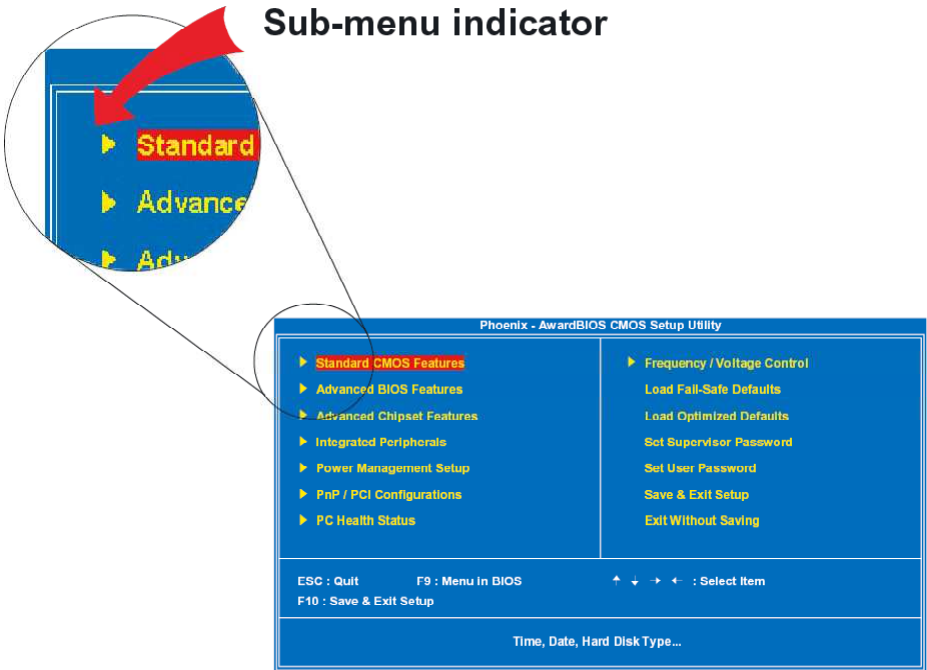
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<b>Keys</b>	<b>Description</b>
Up Arrow	Move to the previous item
Down Arrow	Move to the next item
Left Arrow	Move to the item in the left side
Right Arrow	Move to the item in the right side
Enter	Select the item
Escape	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
Page Up / +	Increase the numeric value or make changes
Page Down / -	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
F1	General help, only for Status Page Setup Menu and Option Page Setup Menu
F5	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
F6	Load the default CMOS value from Fail-Safe default table, only for Option Page Setup Menu
F7	Load Optimized defaults
F9	Jumps to the Main Menu
F10	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

## NAVIGATING THE BIOS MENUS

The main menu displays all the BIOS setup categories. Use the Up/Down/Left/Right arrow keys to select any item or sub-menu. Description of the selected/highlighted category is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

An arrow symbol next to a field indicates that a sub-menu is available (see figure below). Press <Enter> to display the sub-menu. To exit the sub-menu, press <Esc>.



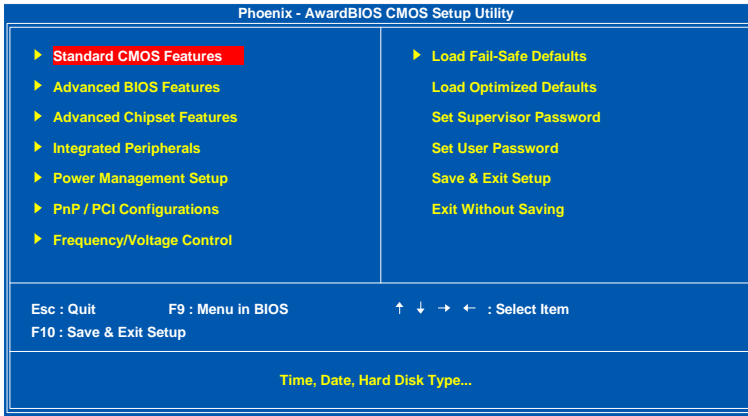
## **GETTING HELP**

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The BIOS setup program provides a "General Help" screen. You can display this screen from any menu/sub-menu by pressing <F1>. The help screen displays the keys for using and navigating the BIOS setup. Press <Esc> to exit the help screen.

## MAIN MENU

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### **Standard CMOS Features**

Use this menu to set basic system configurations.

### **Advanced BIOS Features**

Use this menu to set the advanced features available on your system.

### **Advanced Chipset Features**

Use this menu to set chipset specific features and optimize system performance.

### **Integrated Peripherals**

Use this menu to set onboard peripherals features.

### **Power Management Setup**

Use this menu to set onboard power management functions.

### **PnP/PCI Configurations**

Use this menu to set the PnP and PCI configurations.

### **Frequency/Voltage Control**

Use this menu to set the system frequency and voltage control.



**Load Fail-Safe Defaults**

Use this menu option to load the BIOS default settings for minimal and stable system operations.

**Load Optimized Defaults**

Use this menu option to load BIOS default settings for optimal and high performance system operations.

**Set Supervisor Password**

Use this menu option to set the BIOS supervisor password.

**Set User Password**

Use this menu option to set the BIOS user password.

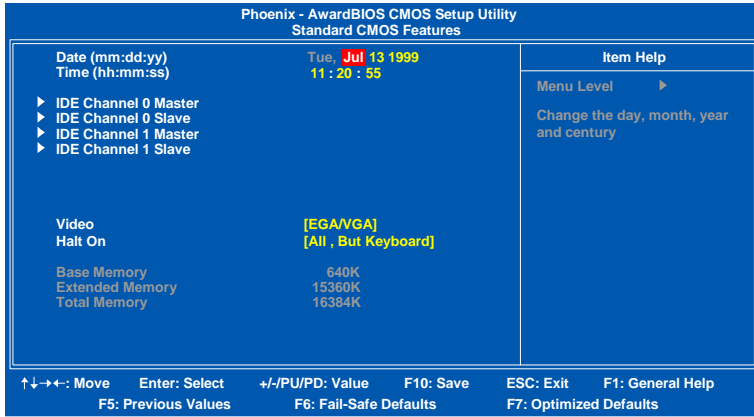
**Save & Exit Setup**

Save BIOS setting changes and exit setup.

**Exit Without Saving**

Discard all BIOS setting changes and exit setup.

# STANDARD CMOS FEATURES



## Date

The date format is [Day, Month Date Year]

## Time

The time format is [Hour : Minute : Second]

## Halt On

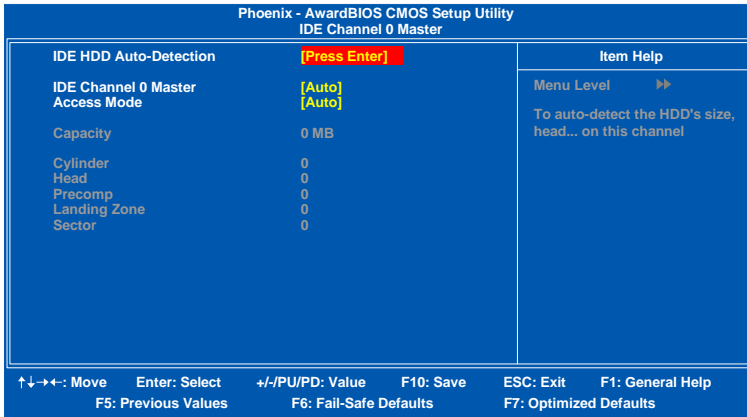
Sets the system's response to specific boot errors. Below is a table that details the possible settings.

Setting	Description
All Errors	System halts when any error is detected
No Errors	System does not halt for any error
All, But Keyboard	System halts for all non-key errors

## Video

Settings: [EGA/VGA, CGA 40, CGA 80, MONO]

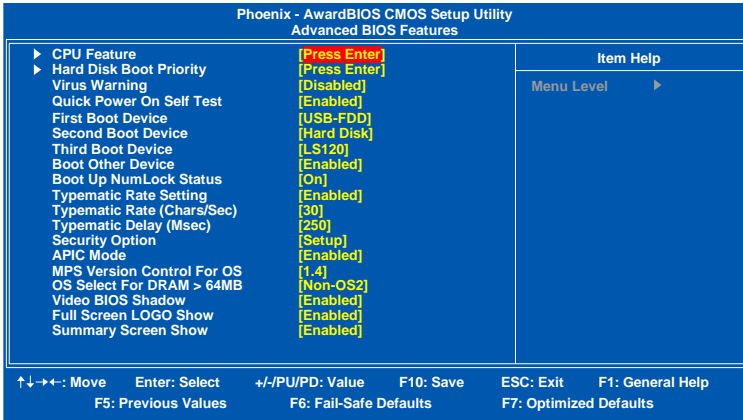
## IDE DRIVES



The specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter incorrect information in this category. Select "Auto" whenever possible. If you select "Manual", make sure the information is from your hard disk vendor or system manufacturer. Below is a table that details required hard drive information when using the "Manual" mode.

Setting	Description
IDE Channel	The name of this match the name of the menu. Settings: [None, Auto, Manual]
Access Mode	Settings: [CHS, LBA, Large, Auto]
Capacity	Formatted size of the storage device
Cylinder	Number of cylinders
Head	Number of heads
Precomp	Write precompensation
Landing Zone	Cylinder location of the landing zone
Sector	Number of sectors

## ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES



### Virus Warning

Setting	Description
Enabled	Turns on hard disk boot sector virus protection
Disabled	Turns off hard disk boot sector virus protection

### Quick Power On Self-Test

Shortens Power On Self-Test (POST) cycle to enable shorter boot up time.

Setting	Description
Enabled	Shorten Power On Self Test (POST) cycle and bootup time
Disabled	Standard Power On Self Test (POST)

## First/Second/Third Boot Device

Set the boot device sequence as BIOS attempts to load the disk operating system.

Setting	Description
LS120	Boot from LS-120 drive
Hard Disk	Boot from the HDD
CD-ROM	Boot from CD-ROM
ZIP100	Boot from ATAPI ZIP drive
USB-FDD	Boot from USB floppy drive
USB-ZIP	Boot from USB ZIP drive
USB-CDROM	Boot from USB CDROM
Legacy LAN	Boot from network drive
Disabled	Disable the boot device sequence

## Boot Other Device

Enables the system to boot from alternate devices if the system fails to boot from the "First/Second/Third Boot Device" list.

Setting	Description
Enabled	Enable alternate boot device
Disabled	No alternate boot device allowed

## Boot Up NumLock Status

Set the NumLock status when the system is powered on.

Setting	Description
On	Forces keypad to behave as 10-key
Off	Forces keypad to behave as arrow keys

## Typematic Rate Setting

Enables "Typematic Rate" and "Typematic Delay" functions.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)**

This item sets the rate (characters/second) at which the system retrieves a signal from a depressed key.

Settings: [6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30]

### **Typematic Delay (Msec)**

This item sets the delay between when the key was first pressed and when the system begins to repeat the signal from the depressed key.

Settings: [250, 500, 750, 1000]

### **Security Option**

Selects whether the password is required every time the System boots, or only when you enter Setup.

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Description</b>
Setup	Password prompt appears only when end users try to run BIOS Setup
System	Password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on and when end users try to run BIOS Setup

### **APIC Mode**

Enables APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) functionality.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **MPS Variation Control for OS**

Settings: [1.1, 1.4]

### **OS Select For DRAM > 64MB**

Select OS2 only if you are running OS/2 operating system with greater than 64MB of RAM on the system.

Settings: [Non-OS2, OS2]

### **Video BIOS Shadow**

Enabled copies Video BIOS to shadow RAM Improves performance.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **Full Screen Logo Show**

Show full screen logo during BIOS boot up process.

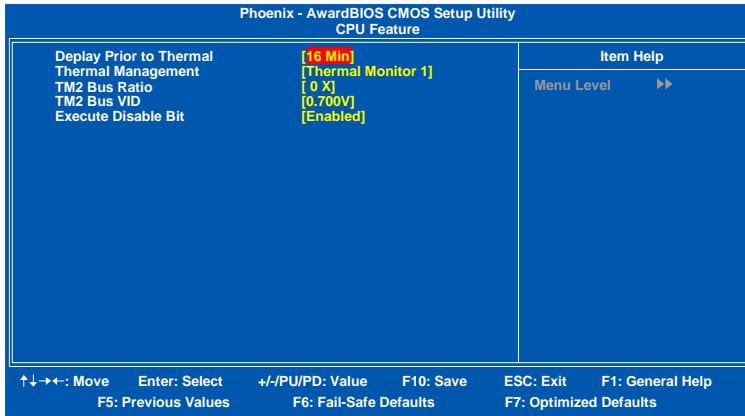
Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **Summary Screen Show**

Show summary screen.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

## CPU FEATURE



### Deploy Prior to Thermal

Settings: [4 Min, 8 Min, 16 Min, 32 Min]

### Thermal Management

This item sets CPU's thermal control rule to protect CPU from overheat.

Setting	Description
Thermal Monitor 1	On-die throttling
Thermal Monitor 2	Ratio & VID transition

### TM2 Bus Ratio

This item sets the frequency (bus ratio) of the throttled performance that will be initiated when the on die sensor goes from not hot to hot.

Key in a DEC number.

Settings: [Min = 0, Max = 255]



**TM2 Bus VID**

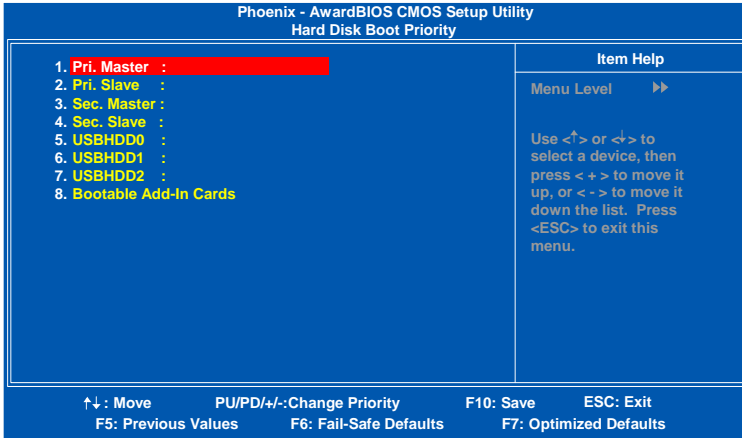
This item sets the voltage of the throttled performance that will be initiated when the on die sensor goes from not hot to hot.

Settings: [0.700V, 0.716V, 0.732V, 0.748V, 0.764V, 0.780V, 0.796V, 0.812V, 0.828V, 0.844V, 0.860V, 0.876V, 0.892V, 0.908V, 0.924V, 0.940V, 0.956V, 0.972V, 0.988V, 1.004V, 1.020V, 1.036V, 1.052V, 1.068V, 1.084V, 1.100V, 1.116V, 1.132V, 1.148V, 1.164V, 1.180V, 1.196V, 1.212V, 1.228V, 1.244V, 1.260V, 1.276V, 1.292V, 1.308V, 1.324V, 1.340V, 1.356V, 1.372V, 1.388V, 1.404V, 1.420V, 1.436V, 1.452V, 1.468V, 1.484V, 1.500V, 1.516V, 1.532V, 1.548V, 1.564V, 1.580V, 1.596V, 1.612V, 1.628V, 1.644V, 1.660V, 1.676V, 1.692V, 1.708]

**Execute Disable Bit**

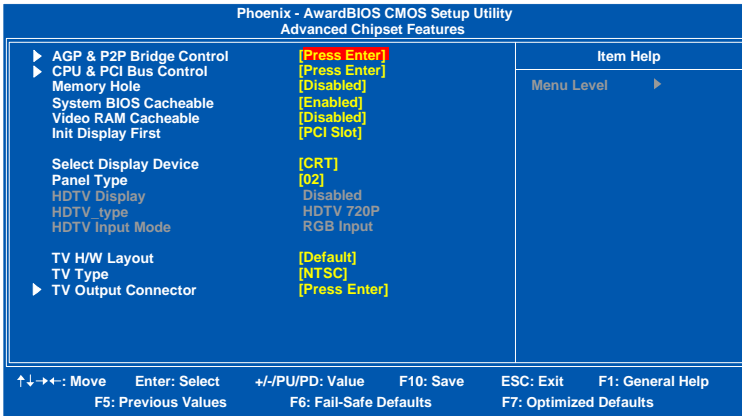
Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

# HARD DISK BOOT PRIORITY



This is for setting the priority of the hard disk boot order when the "Hard Disk" option is selected in the "[First/Second/Third] Boot Device" menu item.

## ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES



### Caution:

The Advanced Chipset Features menu is used for optimizing the chipset functions. Do not change these settings unless you are familiar with the chipset.

### Memory Hole

Settings: [Disabled, 15M – 16M]

### System BIOS Cacheable

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### Video RAM Cacheable

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### Init Display First

Settings: [PCI Slot, AGP]

### **Select Display Device**

This setting refers to the type of display being used with the system.

Settings: [CRT, LCD, CRT+LCD, TV, CRT+TV, LCD+TV, DVI, CRT+DVI, TV+DVI]

### **Panel Type**

This setting refers to the native resolution of the display being used with the system.

Key in a HEX number.

Settings: [Min = 0000, Max = 000F]

### **TV H/W Layout**

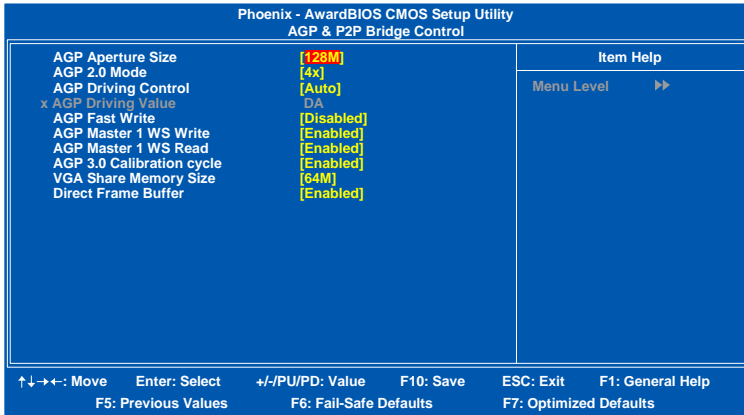
Settings: [Default, COMPOSITE+S-Video, COMP.+R/G/B, COMP.+Y/Cb/Cr, COMP.+SDTV-R,G,B, COMP.+SDTV-Y,Cb,Cr, COMPOSITE, S-Video, R/G/B, Y/Cb/Cr, SDTV - R,G,B, SDTV - Y,Cb,Cr, S-Video+R,G,B, S-Video+Y,Cb,Cr]

### **TV Type**

This setting refers to the native resolution of the display being used with the system.

Settings: [NTSC, PAL]

## AGP & P2P BRIDGE CONTROL



### AGP Aperture Size

This setting controls how much memory space 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.

Settings: [32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1G]

### AGP 2.0 Mode

This mainboard supports the AGP 4x interface. When the AGP 4x video card is used, it can transfer video data at 1066MB/s. AGP 4x is backward compatible, leave the default 4x mode on. AGP 4x mode can be detected automatically once you plug in the AGP 4x card.

Settings: [4x, 2x, 1x]

### **AGP Driving Control**

This item is used to signal driving current on AGP cards to auto or manual.

Settings: [Auto, Manual]

### **AGP Fast Write**

This item is used to enable or disable the caching of display data for the video memory of the processor.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **AGP Master 1 WS Write**

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **AGP Master 1 WS Read**

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **AGP 3.0 Calibration Cycle**

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **VGA Share Memory Size**

Settings: [Disabled, 32M, 64M, 128M]

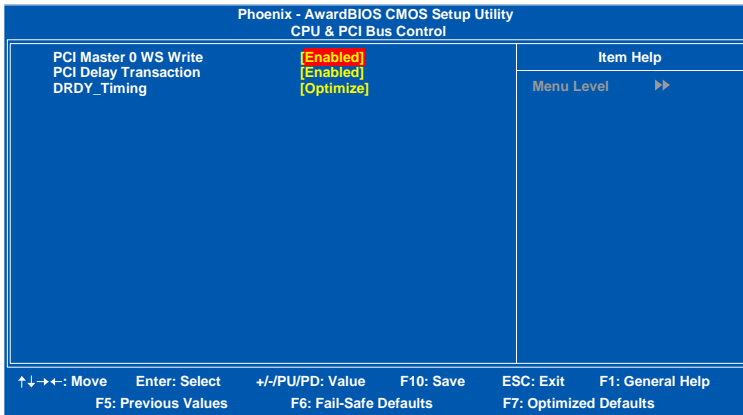
### **Direct Frame Buffer**

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

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## CPU & PCI BUS CONTROL

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### PCI Master 0 WS Write

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### PCI Delay Transaction

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

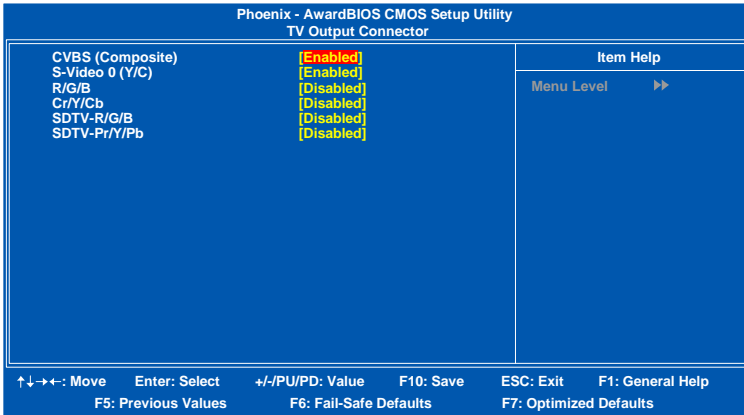
### DRDY\_Timing

Settings: [Slowest, Default, Optimize]

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## TV OUTPUT CONNECTOR

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### CVBS (Composite)

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### S-Video 0 (Y/C)

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### R/G/B

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### Cr/Y/Cb

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### SDTV-R/G/B

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### SDTV-Pr/Y/Pb

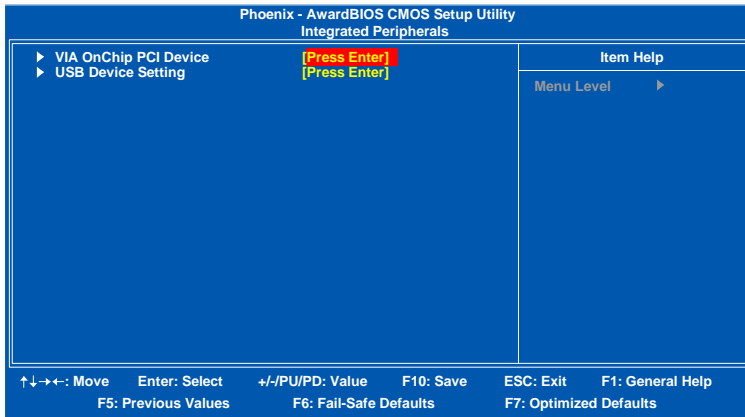
Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]



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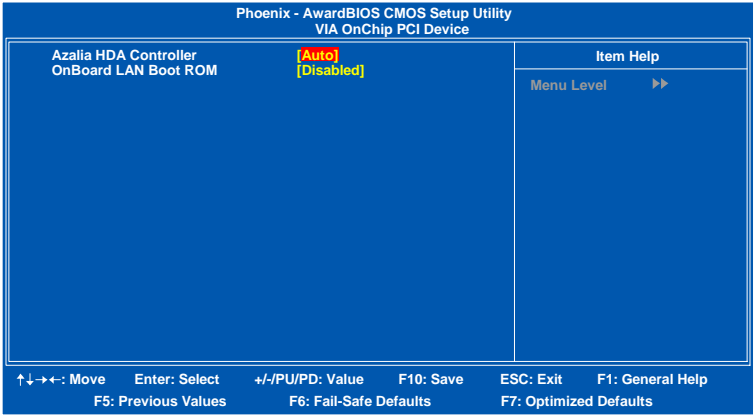
## INTEGRATED PERIPHERALS

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## VIA ONCHIP PCI DEVICE

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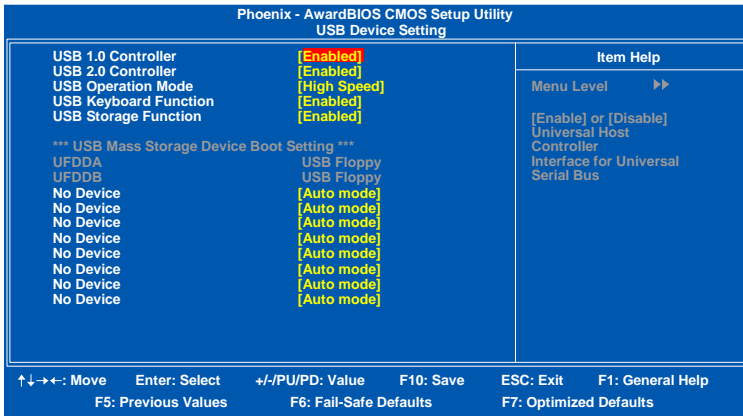
### Azalia HDA Controller

Settings: [Auto, Disabled]

### OnBoard LAN Boot ROM

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

# USB DEVICE SETTING



## USB 1.0 Controller

Enable or disable Universal Host Controller Interface for Universal Serial Bus.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

## USB 2.0 Controller

Enable or disable Enhanced Host Controller Interface for Universal Serial Bus.

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

## USB Operation Mode

Auto decide USB device operation mode.

Setting	Description
High Speed	If USB device was high speed device, then it operated on high speed mode
Full/Low Speed	All of USB Device operated on full/low speed mode

### **USB Keyboard Function**

Enable or disable Legacy support of USB Keyboard

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **USB Storage Function**

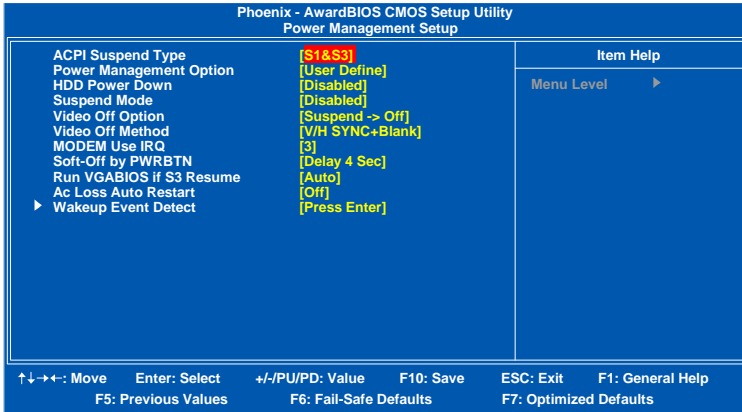
Enable or disable Legacy support of USB Mass Storage

Settings: [Enabled, Disabled]

### **No Device**

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Description</b>
Auto mode	According to contents of USB MSD decide boot up type.
FDD mode	The USB MSD always boot up as floppy disk.
HDD mode	The USB MSD always boot up as hard disc.

## POWER MANAGEMENT SETUP



### ACPI Suspend Type

Setting	Description
S1(POS)	S1/Power On Suspend (POS) is a low power state. In this state, no system context (CPU or chipset) is lost and hardware maintains all system contexts.
S3(STR)	S3/Suspend To RAM (STR) is a power-down state. In this state, power is supplied only to essential components such as main memory and wakeup-capable devices. The system context is saved to main memory, and context is restored from the memory when a "wakeup" event occurs.
S1 & S3	Depends on the OS to select S1 or S3.

### Power Management Option

Settings: [User Define, Min Saving, Max Saving]

### HDD Power Down

Sets the length of time for a period of inactivity before powering down the hard disk.

Settings: [Disabled, 1~15(minutes)]

### Suspend Mode

Settings: [Disabled, 1 Min, 2 Min, 4 Min, 6 Min, 8 Min, 10 Min, 20 Min, 30 Min, 40 Min, 1 Hour]

### Video Off Option

Select whether or not to turn off the screen when system enters power saving mode, ACPI OS such as Windows XP will override this option.

Setting	Description
Always On	Screen is always on even when system enters power saving mode
Suspend -> Off	Screen is turned off when system enters power saving mode

### Video Off Method

Settings: [Blank Screen, V/H SYNC+Blank, DPMS Support]

### MODEM Use IRQ

Settings: [NA, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11]

### Soft-Off by PWRBTN

Setting	Description
Delay 4 Sec	System is turned off if power button is pressed for more than four seconds
Instant-Off	Power button functions as a normal power-on/-off button

### Run VGABIOS if S3 Resume

Select whether to run VGA BIOS if resuming from S3 state. This is only necessary for older VGA drivers.

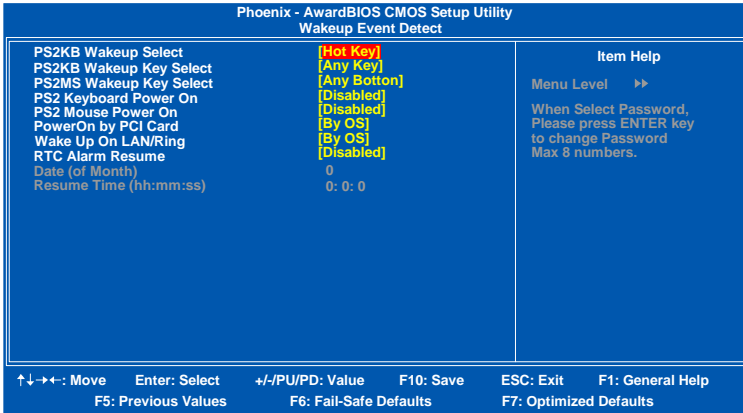
Settings: [Auto, Yes, No]

### AC Loss Auto restart

The field defines how the system will respond after an AC power loss during system operation.

Setting	Description
Off	Keeps the system in an off state until the power button is pressed
On	Restarts the system when the power is back
Former-Sts	Former-Sts

## WAKEUP EVENT DETECT



### PS2KB Wakeup Select

When selecting Password, press Enter to change password. The maximum number of characters is eight.

Settings: [Hot Key, Password]

### PS2KB Wakeup Key Select

Sets a Hot Key to restore the system from the power saving mode to an active state.

Settings: [Ctrl+F1, Ctrl+F2, Ctrl+F3, Ctrl+F4, Ctrl+F5, Ctrl+F6, Ctrl+F7, Ctrl+F8, Ctrl+F9, Ctrl+F10, Ctrl+F11, Ctrl+F12, Power, Wake, Any Key]

### PS2MS Wakeup Key Select

Enables any mouse activity to restore the system from the power saving mode to an active state.

Settings: [Any Button, Left Button, Right Button]

### **PS2 Keyboard Power On**

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### **PS2 Mouse Power On**

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### **PowerOn by PCI Card**

Enables activity detected from any PCI card to power up the system or resume from a suspended state. Such PCI cards include LAN, onboard USB ports, etc.

Settings: [By OS, Enabled]

### **Wake Up On LAN/Ring**

Settings: [By OS, Enabled]

### **RTC Alarm Resume**

Sets a scheduled time and/or date to automatically power on the system.

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### **Date (of Month)**

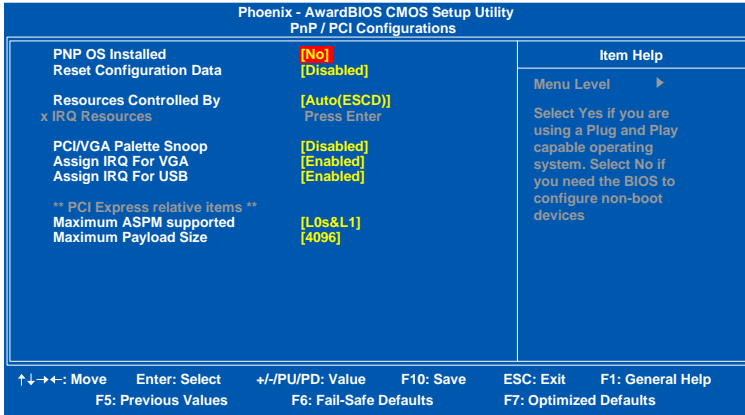
The field specifies the date for "RTC Alarm Resume".

### **Resume Time (hh:mm:ss)**

The field specifies the time for "RTC Alarm Resume".



# PNP/PCI CONFIGURATIONS



**Note:**  
This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended to leave the default settings as is unless you are an experienced user.

## PNP OS Installed

Setting	Description
Yes	BIOS will only initialize the PnP cards used for booting (VGA, IDE, SCSI). The rest of the cards will be initialized by the PnP operating system
No	BIOS will initialize all the PnP cards

## Reset Configuration Data

This field should usually be left "Disabled".

Setting	Description
Enabled	Resets the ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) after exiting BIOS Setup if a newly installed PCI card or the system configuration prevents the operating system from loading
Disabled	Default setting

### Resource Controlled By

Enables the BIOS to automatically configure all the Plug-and-Play compatible devices.

Setting	Description
Auto(ESCD)	BIOS will automatically assign IRQ, DMA and memory base address fields
Manual	Unlocks "IRQ Resources" for manual configuration

### PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### Assign IRQ For VGA/USB

Assign IRQ for VGA and USB devices.

Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### Maximum ASPM supported

Control maximum level of ASPM supported on the given PCI Express links on the system.

Settings: [L0, L0s, L1, L0s&L1]

### Maximum Payload Size

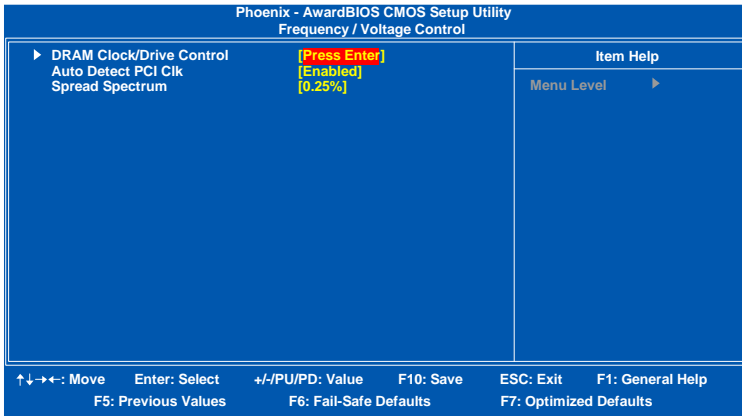
Set maximum TLP payload size for the PCI Express devices. The unit is byte.

Settings: [128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096]

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## FREQUENCY / VOLTAGE CONTROL

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### Auto Detect PCI Clk

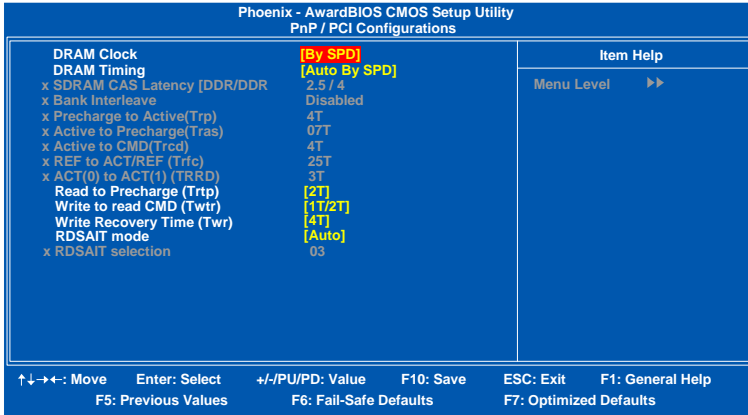
Settings: [Disabled, Enabled]

### Spread Spectrum

When the mainboard's clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses create 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.

Settings: [Disabled, 0.20%, 0.25%, 0.35%]

## DRAM CLOCK/DRIVE CONTROL



### DRAM Clock

The chipset supports synchronous and asynchronous mode between host clock and DRAM clock frequency.

Settings: [By SPD, 100 MHz, 133 MHz, 166 MHz, 200MHz, 266MHz, 333MHz]

### DRAM Timing

The value in this field depends on the memory modules installed in your system. Changing the value from the factory setting is not recommended unless you install new memory that has a different performance rating than the original modules.

Settings: [Manual, Auto By SPD]

**Read to Precharge (Trtp)**

Settings: [2T, 3T]

**Write to Read CMD (Twtr)**

Settings: [1T/2T, 2T/3T]

**Write Recovery Time (Twr)**

Settings: [2T, 3T, 4T, 5T]

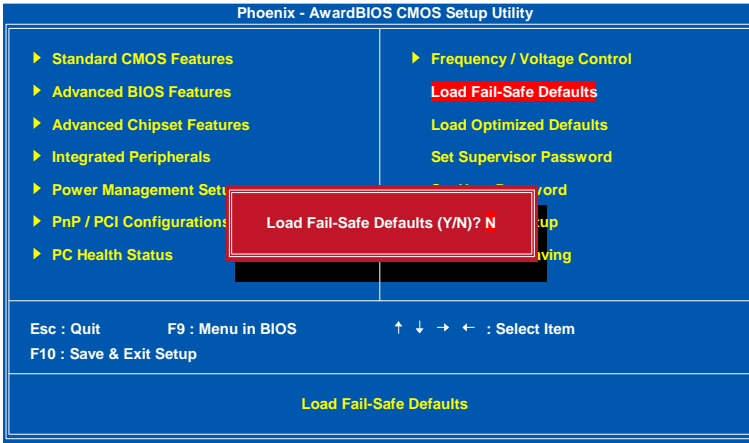
**RDSAIT mode**

Settings: [Manual, Auto]

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## LOAD FAIL-SAFE DEFAULTS

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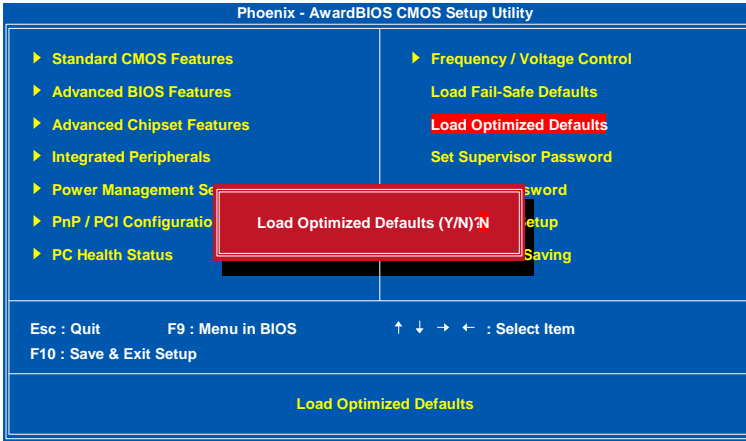
This option is for restoring all the default fail-safe BIOS settings. These values are set by the mainboard manufacturer to provide a stable system with basic performance.

Entering "Y" loads the default fail-safe BIOS values.

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## LOAD OPTIMIZED DEFAULTS

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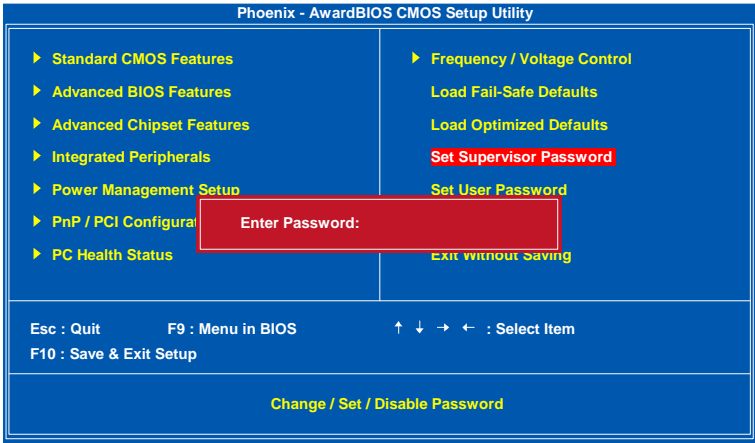
This option is for restoring all the default optimized BIOS settings. The default optimized values are set by the mainboard manufacturer to provide a stable system with optimized performance.

Entering "Y" loads the default optimized BIOS values.

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## SET SUPERVISOR / USER PASSWORD

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This option is for setting a password for entering BIOS Setup. When a password has been set, a password prompt will be displayed whenever BIOS Setup is run. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

There are two types of passwords you can set. A supervisor password and a user password. When a supervisor password is used, the BIOS Setup program can be accessed and the BIOS settings can be changed. When a user password is used, the BIOS Setup program can be accessed but the BIOS settings cannot be changed.

To set the password, type the password (up to eight characters in length) and press <Enter>. The password typed now will clear any previously set password from CMOS memory. The new password will need to be reentered to be confirmed. To cancel the process press <Esc>.

To disable the password, press <Enter> when prompted to enter a new password. A message will show up to confirm disabling the password. To cancel the process press <Esc>.

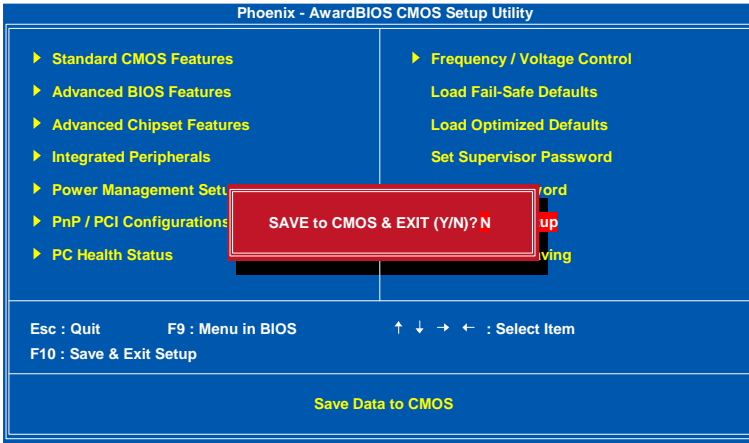


Additionally, when a password is enabled, the BIOS can be set to request the password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of the system. See "Security Option" in the "Advanced BIOS Features" section for more details.

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## SAVE & EXIT SETUP

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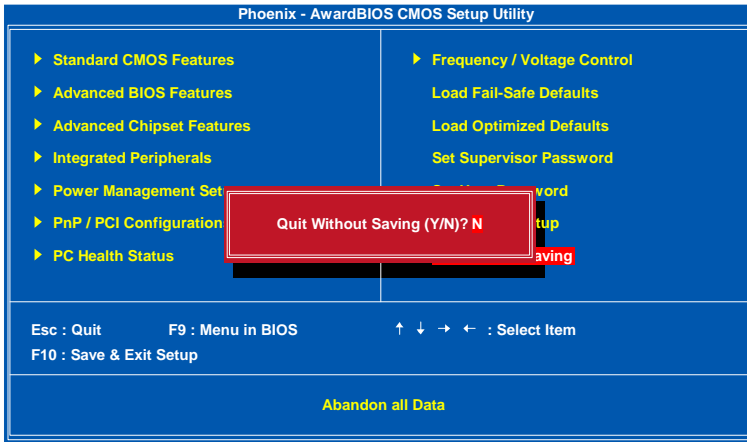
Entering "Y" saves any changes made and exits the program.

Entering "N" will cancel the exit request.

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## EXIT WITHOUT SAVING

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Entering "Y" discards any changes made and exits the program.

Entering "N" will cancel the exit request.



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# CHAPTER 4

## Driver Installation

This chapter gives you brief descriptions of each mainboard driver and application. You must install the VIA chipset drivers first before installing other drivers such as audio or VGA drivers. The applications will only function correctly if the necessary drivers are already installed.

## DRIVER UTILITIES

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### Getting Started

The mainboard includes a Driver Utilities CD that contains the driver utilities and software for enhancing the performance of the mainboard. If the CD is missing from the retail box, please contact the local dealer for the CD.



**Note:**

The driver utilities and software are updated from time to time. The latest updated versions are available at <http://www.viaembedded.com/>

## Running the Driver Utilities CD

To start using the CD, insert the CD into the CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. The CD should run automatically after closing the CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. The driver utilities and software menu screen should then appear on the screen. If the CD does not run automatically, click on the "Start" button and select "Run..." Then type: "D:\Setup.exe".

**Note:**

D: might not be the drive letter of the CD-ROM/DVD-ROM in your system.

## CD CONTENT

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- ☒ **VIA 4in1 Drivers:** Contains VIA ATAPI Vendor Support Driver (enables the performance enhancing bus mastering functions on ATA-capable Hard Disk Drives and ensures IDE device compatibility), AGP VxD Driver (provides service routines to your VGA driver and interface directly to hardware, providing fast graphical access), IRQ Routing Miniport Driver (sets the system's PCI IRQ routing sequence) and VIA INF Driver (enables the VIA Power Management function).
- ☒ **VIA Graphics Driver:** Enhances the onboard VIA graphic chip.
- ☒ **VIA Audio Driver:** Enhances the onboard VIA audio chip.
- ☒ **VIA USB 2.0 Driver:** Enhances VIA USB 2.0 ports.
- ☒ **VIA LAN Driver:** Enhances the onboard VIA 10/100M LAN chip.
- ☒ **VIA GigaLAN Driver:** Enhances the onboard optional VIA VT6122 10/100/1000M LAN chip.
- ☒ **VIA RAID Driver:** Support for SATA RAID devices.