

# GA-B75N

## User's Manual

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Product Type: **Motherboard**

Product Name: **GA-B75N**

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  - Conduction & Radiated Emissions: EN55022:2006+A1:2007
  - Immunity: EN55024:1998+A1:2001+A2:2003
  - Power-line Harmonics: EN61000-3-2:2006
  - Power-line Flicker: EN61000-3-3:2008

- 2006/95/EC LVD Directive**
  - Safety: EN60950-1:2006+A11:2009

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**Product Name: Motherboard**

**Model Number: GA-B75N**

Conforms to the following specifications:

FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Section 15.107(a) and Section 15.109

(a), Class B Digital Device

### Supplementary Information:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including that may cause undesired operation.

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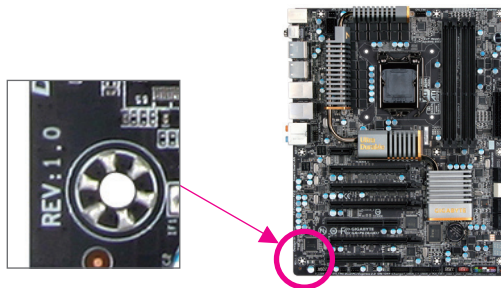
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## **Identifying Your Motherboard Revision**

The revision number on your motherboard looks like this: "REV: X.X." For example, "REV: 1.0" means the revision of the motherboard is 1.0. Check your motherboard revision before updating motherboard BIOS, drivers, or when looking for technical information.

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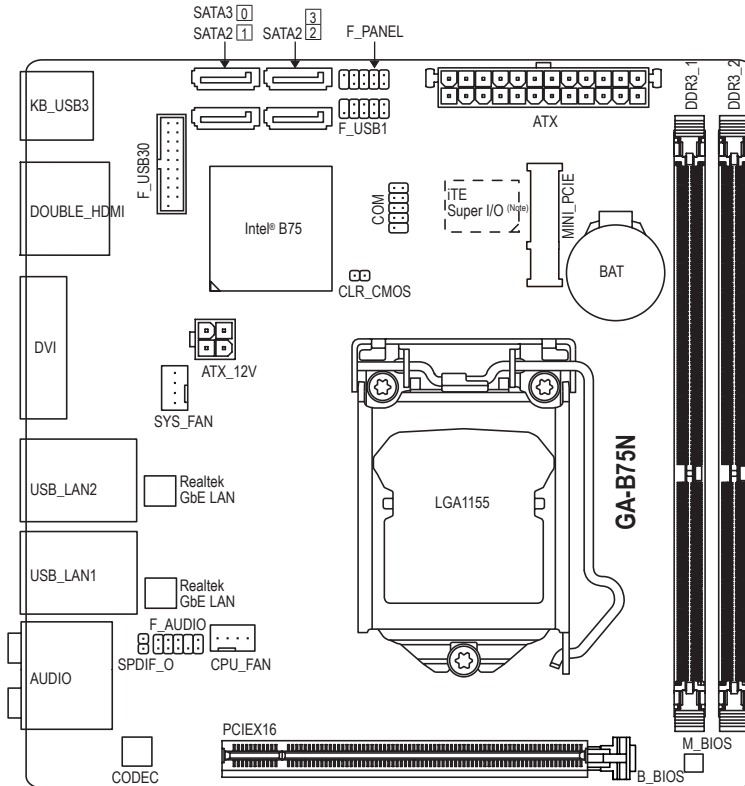


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# GA-B75N Motherboard Layout



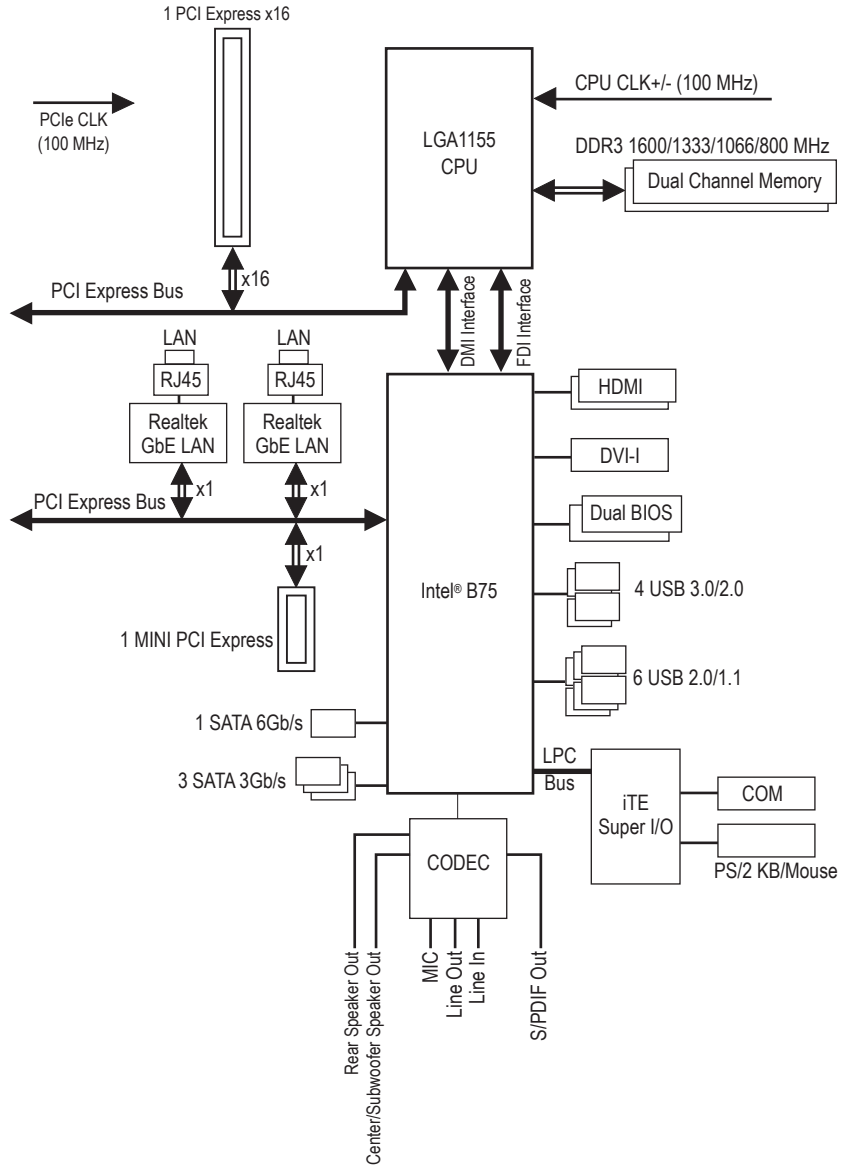
## Box Contents

- GA-B75N motherboard
- Motherboard driver disk
- User's Manual
- Two SATA 6Gb/s cables
- I/O Shield

\* The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on the product package you obtain.

(Note) The chip is located on the back of the motherboard.

# GA-B75N Motherboard Block Diagram



For detailed product information/limitation(s), refer to "1-2 Product Specifications."











# Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

## 1-1 Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:


- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

## 1-2 Product Specifications

	CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Support for Intel® Core™ i7 processors/Intel® Core™ i5 processors/Intel® Core™ i3 processors/Intel® Pentium® processors/Intel® Celeron® processors in the LGA1155 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)</li> <li>◆ L3 cache varies with CPU</li> </ul>
	Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Intel® B75 Express Chipset</li> </ul>
	Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 2 x 1.5V DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 16 GB of system memory               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Due to a Windows 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than the size of the physical memory installed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Dual channel memory architecture</li> <li>◆ Support for DDR3 1600/1333/1066/800 MHz memory modules               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* To support DDR3 1600 MHz, you must install an Intel 22nm (Ivy Bridge) CPU.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Support for non-ECC memory modules</li> <li>◆ Support for Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)</li> </ul>
	Onboard Graphics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Integrated Graphics Processor:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x DVI-I port, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200</li> <li>- 2 x HDMI ports, supporting a maximum resolution of 1920x1200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Realtek ALC892 codec</li> <li>◆ High Definition Audio</li> <li>◆ 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel</li> <li>◆ Support for S/PDIF Out</li> </ul>
	LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 2 x Realtek GbE LAN chips (10/100/1000 Mbit)</li> </ul>
	Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (The PCIEX16 slot conforms to PCI Express 3.0 standard.)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Whether PCI Express 3.0 is supported depends on CPU and graphics card compatibility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ 1 x Mini PCI Express x1 slot</li> </ul>
	Storage Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Chipset:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x SATA 6Gb/s connector (SATA3 0) supporting up to 1 SATA 6Gb/s device</li> <li>- 3 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors (SATA2 1/2/3) supporting up to 3 SATA 3Gb/s devices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Chipset:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 4 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header)</li> <li>- Up to 6 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector</li> <li>◆ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector</li> <li>◆ 1 x serial port header</li> <li>◆ 1 x SATA 6Gb/s connector</li> <li>◆ 3 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors</li> </ul>

	Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 1 x USB 3.0/2.0 header</li> <li>◆ 1 x USB 2.0/1.1 header</li> <li>◆ 1 x CPU fan header</li> <li>◆ 1 x system fan header</li> <li>◆ 1 x front panel header</li> <li>◆ 1 x front panel audio header</li> <li>◆ 1 x S/PDIF Out header</li> <li>◆ 1 x Clear CMOS jumper</li> </ul>
	Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse port</li> <li>◆ 2 x HDMI ports</li> <li>◆ 1 x DVI-I port</li> <li>◆ 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports</li> <li>◆ 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports</li> <li>◆ 2 x RJ-45 ports</li> <li>◆ 1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector</li> <li>◆ 5 x audio jacks (Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, Rear Speaker Out, Line In, Line Out, Mic In)</li> </ul>
	I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ iTE I/O Controller Chip</li> </ul>
	Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ System voltage detection</li> <li>◆ CPU/System temperature detection</li> <li>◆ CPU/System fan speed detection</li> <li>◆ CPU fan speed control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Whether the CPU fan speed control function is supported will depend on the CPU cooler you install.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 2 x 64 Mbit flash</li> <li>◆ Use of licensed AMI EFI BIOS</li> <li>◆ Support for DualBIOS™</li> <li>◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.6, ACPI 2.0a</li> </ul>
	Unique Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Support for @BIOS</li> <li>◆ Support for Q-Flash</li> <li>◆ Support for Xpress Install</li> <li>◆ Support for EasyTune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Support for Auto Green</li> <li>◆ Support for ON/OFF Charge</li> <li>◆ Support for Q-Share</li> <li>◆ Support for EZ Setup</li> </ul>
	Bundled Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Norton Internet Security (OEM version)</li> <li>◆ Intel® Rapid Start Technology</li> <li>◆ Intel® Smart Connect Technology</li> </ul>

 Operating System ♦ Support for Microsoft® Windows 8/7/XP

 Form Factor ♦ Mini-ITX Form Factor; 17.0cm x 17.0cm

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\* Please visit the [Support & Downloads\Utility](#) page on GIGABYTE's website to check the supported operating system(s) for the software listed in the "Unique Features" and "Bundled Software" columns.

## 1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

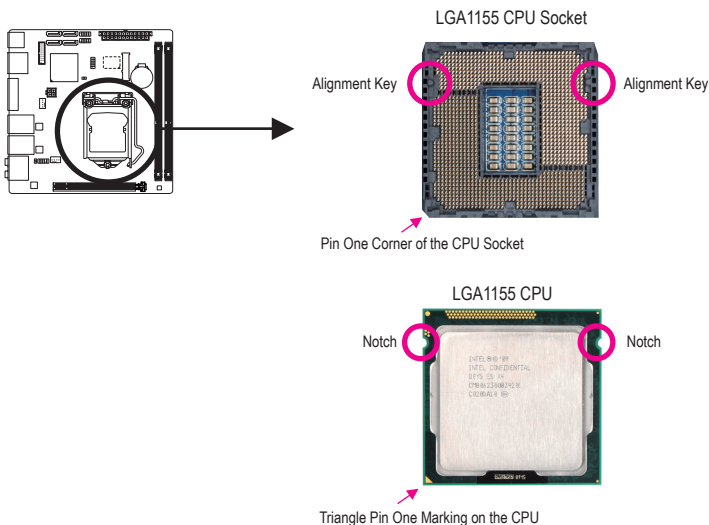


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.  
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

### Installing the CPU

Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.



## 1-4 Installing the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used. (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

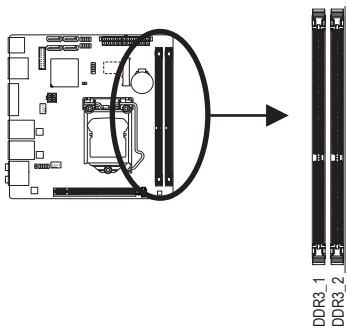
### Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides two DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The two DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has one memory socket as following:

▶▶ Channel A: DDR3\_1

▶▶ Channel B: DDR3\_2



Due to CPU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR3 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used for optimum performance.

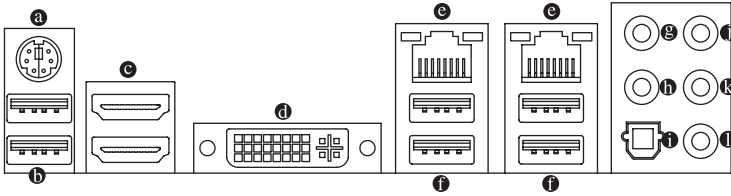
## 1-5 Installing an Expansion Card



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.

## 1-6 Back Panel Connectors



### (a) PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port

Use this port to connect a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.

### (b) USB 3.0/2.0 Port

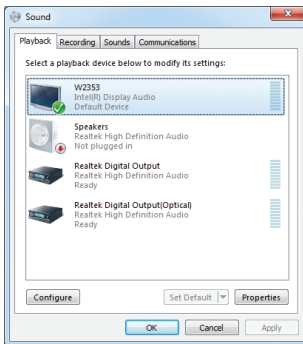
The USB 3.0 port supports the USB 3.0 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

### (c) HDMI Port

**HDMI™** HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) is an all-digital audio/video interface capable of transmitting uncompressed audio/video signals. The HDMI port is HDCP compliant and supports Dolby TrueHD and DTS HD Master Audio formats. It also supports up to 192KHz/24bit 8-channel LPCM audio output. You can use this port to connect your HDMI-supported audio/video device. The maximum supported resolution is 1920x1200, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.



After installing the HDMI device, make sure to set the default sound playback device to HDMI. (The item name may differ depending on your operating system. The screenshot below is from Windows 7.)



In Windows 7, select Start>Control Panel>Hardware and Sound>Sound>Playback, set Intel(R) Display Audio to the default playback device.

### Dual Display Configurations for the Onboard Graphics:

This motherboard provides two video output ports: DVI-I and HDMI. Dual monitor configurations are supported in operating system environment only, but not during the BIOS Setup or POST process.

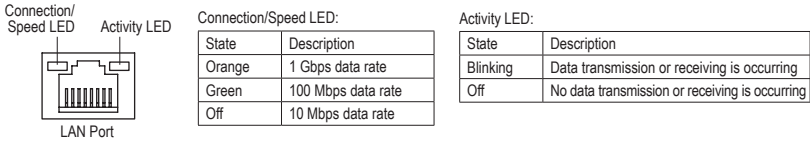
### (d) DVI-I Port

The DVI-I port conforms to the DVI-I specification and supports a maximum resolution of 1920x1200 (the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used).



## Ⓢ RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.



## ⓘ USB 2.0/1.1 Port

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

## Ⓢ Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out Jack (Orange)

Use this audio jack to connect center/subwoofer speakers in a 5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

## Ⓢ Rear Speaker Out Jack (Black)

Use this audio jack to connect rear speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

## ⓘ Optical S/PDIF Out Connector

This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital optical audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides an optical digital audio in connector.

## ⓘ Line In Jack (Blue)

The default line in jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

## ⓘ Line Out Jack (Green)

The default line out jack. Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

## ⓘ Mic In Jack (Pink)

The default Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

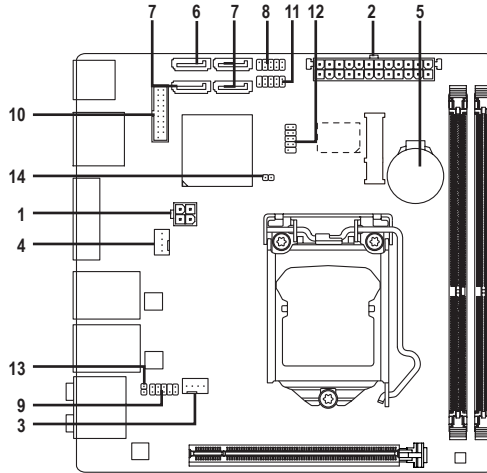


The audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software. If you install a Side Speaker, you need to retask other audio jack to be Side Speaker out. Only microphones still MUST be connected to the default Mic in jack.



- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

## 1-7 Internal Connectors



1)	ATX_12V	8)	F_PANEL
2)	ATX	9)	F_AUDIO
3)	CPU_FAN	10)	F_USB30
4)	SYS_FAN	11)	F_USB1
5)	BAT	12)	COM
6)	SATA3 0	13)	SPDIF_O
7)	SATA2 1/2/3	14)	CLR_CMOS



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

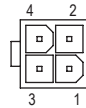
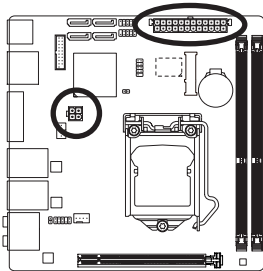
## 1/2) ATX\_12V/ATX (2x2 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation.

The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.



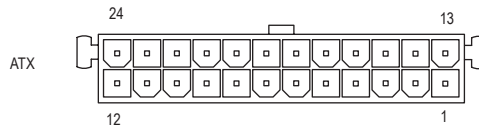
To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (300W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.



ATX\_12V

ATX\_12V:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V

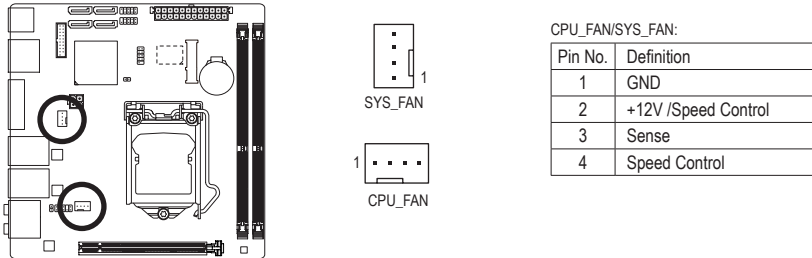


ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

### 3/4) CPU\_FAN/SYS\_FAN (Fan Headers)

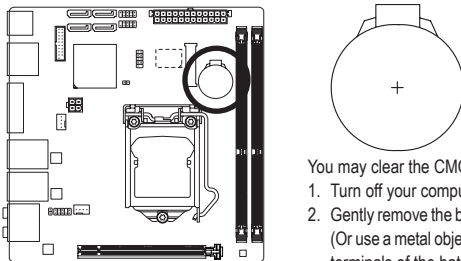
All fan headers on this motherboard are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The motherboard supports CPU fan speed control, which requires the use of a CPU fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

### 5) BAT (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.



You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

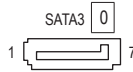
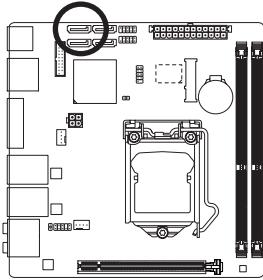
1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

### 6) SATA3 0 (SATA 6Gb/s Connector)

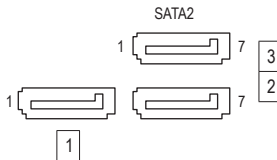
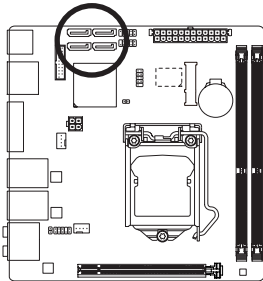
The SATA connector conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device.



Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

### 7) SATA2 1/2/3 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors)

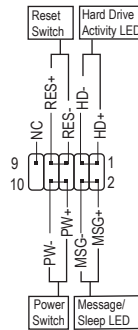
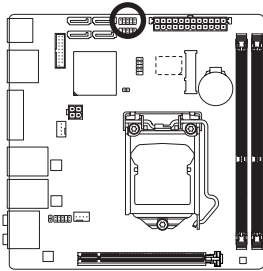
The SATA connectors conform to SATA 3Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device.



Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

## 8) F\_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



- **MSG** (Message/Sleep LED, Yellow):

System Status	LED
S0	On
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW** (Power Switch, Red):

Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management," for more information).

- **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue):

Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

- **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):

Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

- **NC** (Purple):

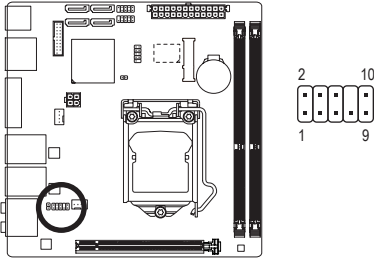
No connection.



The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, hard drive activity LED and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

## 9) F\_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)

The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC'97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.



For HD Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	GND
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	GND

For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

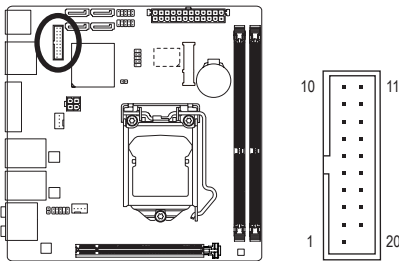
Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC



- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously.
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

## 10) F\_USB30 (USB 3.0/2.0 Header)

The header conforms to USB 3.0/2.0 specification and can provide two USB ports. For purchasing the optional 3.5" front panel that provides two USB 3.0/2.0 ports, please contact the local dealer.



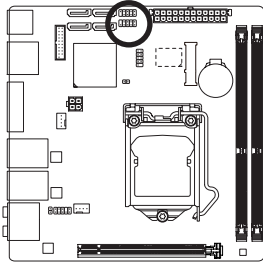
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	VBUS	11	D2+
2	SSRX1-	12	D2-
3	SSRX1+	13	GND
4	GND	14	SSTX2+
5	SSTX1-	15	SSTX2-
6	SSTX1+	16	GND
7	GND	17	SSRX2+
8	D1-	18	SSRX2-
9	D1+	19	VBUS
10	NC	20	No Pin



Prior to installing the USB front panel, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB front panel.

### 11) F\_USB1 (USB Header)

The header conforms to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.



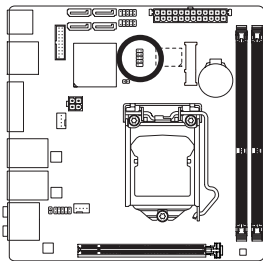
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

### 12) COM (Serial Port Header)

The COM header can provide one serial port via an optional COM port cable. For purchasing the optional COM port cable, please contact the local dealer.



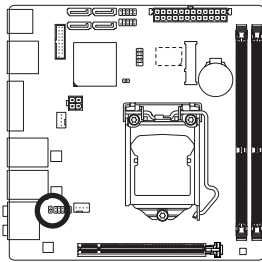
Pin No.	Definition
1	NDCD-
2	NSIN
3	NSOUT
4	NDTR-
5	GND
6	NDSR-
7	NRTS-
8	NCTS-
9	NRI-
10	No Pin



### 13) SPDIF\_O (S/PDIF Out Header)

This header supports digital S/PDIF Out and connects a S/PDIF digital audio cable (provided by expansion cards) for digital audio output from your motherboard to certain expansion cards like graphics cards and sound cards. For example, some graphics cards may require you to use a S/PDIF digital audio cable for digital audio output from your motherboard to your graphics card if you wish to connect an HDMI display to the graphics card and have digital audio output from the HDMI display at the same time.

For information about connecting the S/PDIF digital audio cable, carefully read the manual for your expansion card.

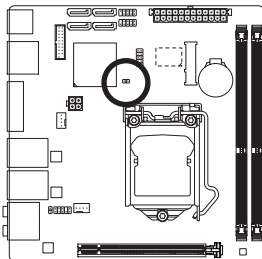


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Pin No.	Definition
1	SPDIFO
2	GND

### 14) CLR\_CMOS (Clear CMOS Jumper)

Use this jumper to clear the CMOS values (e.g. date information and BIOS configurations) and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.



 Open: Normal

 Short: Clear CMOS Values



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).

## Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.

- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.



- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery/clear CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

### 2-1 Startup Screen

The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.

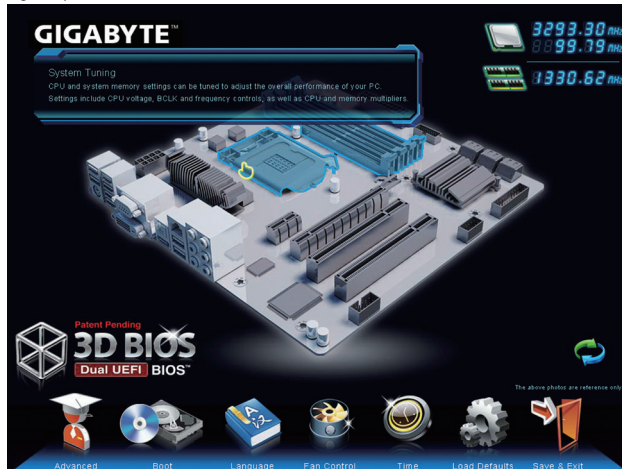


Function Keys

## 2-2 The Main Menu

### A. The 3D BIOS Screen (Default)

On GIGABYTE's uniquely designed 3D BIOS screen, you can use your mouse to move through the motherboard image and click to enter the function menu in each area for quick configuration. For example, pass your mouse arrow over the CPU and memory sockets and enter the **System Tuning** menu to configure CPU/memory frequency, memory timings, and voltage settings. For more detailed configuration items, you can click the function menu icons at the bottom of the screen or press <F1> to switch to the main menu of the BIOS Setup program. (If a mouse is not connected, the 3D BIOS screen will automatically switch to the main menu of the BIOS Setup Program.)



### B. The Main Menu of the BIOS Setup Program

On the main menu of the BIOS Setup program, press arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu. Or you can use your mouse to select the item you want.

(Sample BIOS Version: E5)

Switch to 3D BIOS screen

Setup Menus

Enter Q-Flash  
Select Default Language

Help

Function Keys

Configuration Items

Current Settings

## BIOS Setup Menus

### ■ M.I.T.

Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency, and voltages of your CPU and memory, etc. Or check the system/CPU temperatures, voltages, and fan speeds.

### ■ System

Use this menu to configure the default language used by the BIOS and system time and date. This menu also displays information on the devices connected to the SATA ports.

### ■ BIOS Features

Use this menu to configure the device boot order, advanced features available on the CPU, and the primary display adapter.

### ■ Peripherals

Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

### ■ Power Management

Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

### ■ Save & Exit

Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. You can save the current BIOS settings to a profile or load optimized defaults for optimal-performance system operations.

## 2-3 M.I.T.



Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)



- When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
- The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.



This section provides information on the BIOS version, CPU base clock, CPU frequency, memory frequency, total memory size, CPU temperature, Vcore, and memory voltage.

### ▶ M.I.T. Current Status

This screen provides information on CPU/memory frequencies/parameters.

### ▶ Advanced Frequency Settings



### 🔗 Processor Graphics Clock

Allows you to set the onboard graphics clock. The adjustable range is from 400 MHz to 1600 MHz. (Default: Auto)

## ☞ CPU Clock Ratio

Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed.

## ☞ CPU Frequency

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

## ▶ Advanced CPU Core Features



## ☞ CPU Clock Ratio, CPU Frequency

The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

## ☞ Intel(R) Turbo Boost Technology (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable the Intel CPU Turbo Boost technology. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

## ☞ Turbo Ratio (1-Core Active~4-Core Active) (Note)

Allows you to set the CPU Turbo ratios for different number of active cores. Auto sets the CPU Turbo ratios according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

## ☞ Turbo Power Limit (Watts)

Allows you to set a power limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU power consumption exceeds the specified power limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the power. **Auto** sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

## ☞ Core Current Limit (Amps)

Allows you to set a current limit for CPU Turbo mode. When the CPU current exceeds the specified current limit, the CPU will automatically reduce the core frequency in order to reduce the current. **Auto** sets the power limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

## ☞ CPU Core Enabled (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable all CPU cores. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

- ☞ **Hyper-Threading Technology** (Note 1)

Allows you to determine whether to enable multi-threading technology when using an Intel CPU that supports this function. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** (Note 1)

Enables or disables Intel CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function, a CPU power-saving function in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **C3/C6 State Support** (Note 1)

Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C3/C6 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C3/C6 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C1. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU Thermal Monitor** (Note 1)

Enables or disables Intel CPU Thermal Monitor function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **CPU EIST Function** (Note 1)

Enables or disables Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology (EIST). Depending on CPU loading, Intel EIST technology can dynamically and effectively lower the CPU voltage and core frequency to decrease average power consumption and heat production. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** (Note 2)

Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on XMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance when enabled.

  - ▶▶ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)
  - ▶▶ Profile1 Uses Profile 1 settings.
  - ▶▶ Profile2 (Note 2) Uses Profile 2 settings.
- ☞ **System Memory Multiplier**

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Memory Frequency (MHz)**

The first memory frequency value is the normal operating frequency of the memory being used; the second is the memory frequency that is automatically adjusted according to the **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

(Note 1) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

(Note 2) This item is present only when you install a CPU and a memory module that support this feature.

## ▶ Advanced Memory Settings



☞ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** (Note), **System Memory Multiplier**, **Memory Frequency (MHz)**  
The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

### ☞ **Performance Enhance**

Allows the system to operate at three different performance levels.

- ▶▶ Normal Lets the system operate at its basic performance level.
- ▶▶ Turbo Lets the system operate at its good performance level. (Default)
- ▶▶ Extreme Lets the system operate at its best performance level.

### ☞ **DRAM Timing Selectable**

**Quick** and **Expert** allows the **Channel Interleaving**, **Rank Interleaving**, and memory timing settings below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Quick, Expert.

### ☞ **Profile DDR Voltage**

When using a non-XMP memory module or **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Disabled**, this item will display as **1.50V**. When **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Profile1** or **Profile2**, this item will display the value based on the SPD data on the XMP memory.

### ☞ **Profile VTT Voltage**

The value displayed here is dependent on the CPU being used.

### ☞ **Channel Interleaving**

Enables or disables memory channel interleaving. Enabled allows the system to simultaneously access different channels of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

### ☞ **Rank Interleaving**

Enables or disables memory rank interleaving. Enabled allows the system to simultaneously access different ranks of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU and a memory module that support this feature.

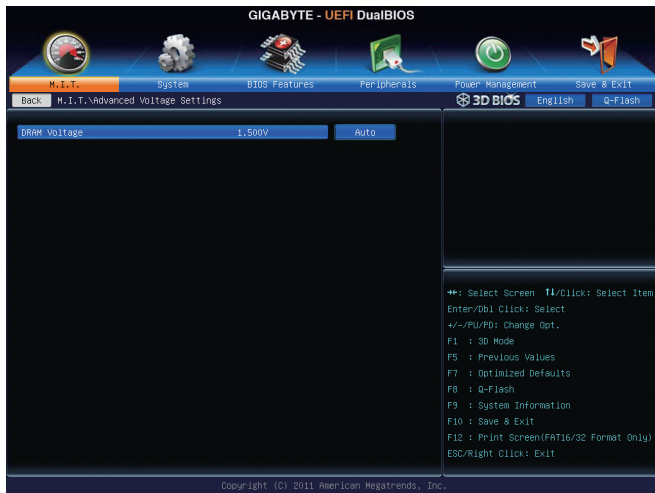


► Channel A/B Timing Settings



This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. The respective timing setting screens are configurable only when **DRAM Timing Selectable** is set to **Quick** or **Expert**. Note: Your system may become unstable or fail to boot after you make changes on the memory timings. If this occurs, please reset the board to default values by loading optimized defaults or clearing the CMOS values.

► Advanced Voltage Settings



This sub-menu allows you to set memory voltage.

## ► PC Health Status



### ☞ CPU Vcore/Dram Voltage/+3.3V/+12V

Displays the current system voltages.

### ☞ CPU/System Temperature

Displays current CPU/system temperature.

### ☞ CPU/System FAN Speed

Displays current CPU/system fan speeds.

### ☞ CPU Fan Speed Control

Allows you to determine whether to enable the CPU fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶▶ Normal Allows the CPU fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶▶ Silent Allows the CPU fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶▶ Manual Allows you to control the CPU fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶▶ Disabled Allows the CPU fan to run at full speeds.

### ☞ Slope PWM

Allows you to control the CPU fan speed. This item is configurable only when **CPU Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

### ☞ System Fan Speed Control

Allows you to determine whether to enable the system fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶▶ Normal Allows the system fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶▶ Silent Allows the system fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶▶ Manual Allows you to control the system fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶▶ Disabled Allows the system fan to run at full speeds.

### ☞ Slope PWM

Allows you to control the system fan speed. This item is configurable only when **System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

## ► Miscellaneous Settings



### 🔗 **PEG - Gen X**

Allows you to set the operation mode of the PCI Express slots to Gen 1, Gen 2, or Gen 3. Actual operation mode is subject to the hardware specification of each slot. For example, the PCI Express x1 slots can support up to Gen 2 mode only. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default: Auto)

### 🔗 **Legacy Benchmark Enhancement**

Allows you to determine whether to enhance some legacy benchmark performance. (Default: Disabled)

## 2-4 System



This section provides information on your motherboard model and BIOS version. You can also select the default language used by the BIOS and manually set the system time.

### ☞ **System Language**

Selects the default language used by the BIOS.

### ☞ **System Date**

Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date, and year. Use <Enter> to switch between the Month, Date, and Year fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

### ☞ **System Time**

Sets the system time. The time format is hour, minute, and second. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Use <Enter> to switch between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

### ☞ **Access Level**

Displays the current access level depending on the type of password protection used. (If no password is set, the default will display as **Administrator**.) The Administrator level allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings; the User level only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

### ▶ **ATA Port Information**

This section provides information on the device connected to each SATA port controlled by Intel Chipset. You can enable/disable each SATA port or enable/disable the hot plug capability.

## 2-5 BIOS Features



### Boot Option Priorities

Specifies the overall boot order from the available devices. For example, you can set hard drive as the first priority (Boot Option #1) and DVD ROM drive as the second priority (Boot Option #2). The list only displays the device with the highest priority for a specific type. For example, only hard drive defined as the first priority on the **Hard Drive BBS Priorities** submenu will be presented here.

Removable storage devices that support GPT format will be prefixed with "UEFI:" string on the boot device list. To boot from an operating system that supports GPT partitioning, select the device prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

Or if you want to install an operating system that supports GPT partitioning such as Windows 7 64-bit, select the optical drive that contains the Windows 7 64-bit installation disk and is prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

- ☞ **Hard Drive/CD/DVD ROM Drive/Floppy Drive/Network Device BBS Priorities**  
 Specifies the boot order for a specific device type, such as hard drives, optical drives, floppy disk drives, and devices that support Boot from LAN function, etc. Press <Enter> on this item to enter the submenu that presents the devices of the same type that are connected. This item is present only if at least one device for this type is installed.
- ☞ **Bootup NumLock State**  
 Enables or disables Numlock feature on the numeric keypad of the keyboard after the POST. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Security Option**  
 Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the **Set Supervisor/User Password** item in the BIOS Main Menu.

  - ▶▶ Setup            A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program.
  - ▶▶ System           A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)
- ☞ **Full Screen LOGO Show**  
 Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. **Disabled** skips the GIGABYTE Logo when the system starts up. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Limit CPUID Maximum** (Note)  
 Allows you to determine whether to limit CPUID maximum value. Set this item to **Disabled** for Windows XP operating system; set this item to **Enabled** for legacy operating system such as Windows NT4.0. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **Execute Disable Bit** (Note)  
 Enables or disables Intel Execute Disable Bit function. This function may enhance protection for the computer, reducing exposure to viruses and malicious buffer overflow attacks when working with its supporting software and system. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **Intel Virtualization Technology** (Note)  
 Enables or disables Intel Virtualization Technology. Virtualization enhanced by Intel Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **CSM Support**  
 Enables or disables UEFI CSM (Compatibility Support Module) to support a legacy PC boot process.

  - ▶▶ Always            Enables UEFI CSM. (Default)
  - ▶▶ Never             Disables UEFI CSM and supports UEFI BIOS boot process only.
- ☞ **Boot Mode Selection**  
 Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.

  - ▶▶ UEFI and Legacy   Allows booting from operating systems that support legacy option ROM or UEFI option ROM. (Default)
  - ▶▶ Legacy Only        Allows booting from operating systems that only support legacy option ROM.
  - ▶▶ UEFI Only          Allows booting from operating systems that only support UEFI option ROM.

This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.
- ☞ **LAN PXE Boot Option ROM**  
 Allows you to decide whether to enable the legacy option ROM for the LAN controller. (Default: Disabled)  
 This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

### ☞ **Storage Boot Option Control**

Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or legacy option ROM for the storage device controller.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables option ROM.
- ▶▶ UEFI Only Enables UEFI Option ROM only.
- ▶▶ Legacy Only Enables legacy Option ROM only. (Default)
- ▶▶ Legacy First Enables UEFI Option ROM first.
- ▶▶ UEFI First Enables Legacy Option ROM first.

This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

### ☞ **Display Boot Option Control**

Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or legacy option ROM for the graphics controller.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables option ROM.
- ▶▶ UEFI Only Enables UEFI Option ROM only.
- ▶▶ Legacy Only Enables legacy Option ROM only. (Default)
- ▶▶ Legacy First Enables UEFI Option ROM first.
- ▶▶ UEFI First Enables Legacy Option ROM first.

This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

### ☞ **Other PCI Device ROM Priority**

Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or Legacy option ROM for the PCI device controller other than the LAN, storage device, and graphics controllers.

- ▶▶ UEFI OpROM Enables UEFI option ROM only. (Default)
- ▶▶ Legacy OpROM Enables legacy option ROM only.

### ☞ **Network stack**

Disables or enables booting from the network to install a GPT format OS, such as installing the OS from the Windows Deployment Services server. (Default: Disable Link)

### ☞ **Ipv6 PXE Boot Support**

Enables or disables IPv6 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when Network stack is enabled.

### ☞ **Ipv4 PXE Boot Support**

Enables or disables IPv4 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when Network stack is enabled.

### ☞ **Administrator Password**

Allows you to configure an administrator password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. Differing from the user password, the administrator password allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings.

### ☞ **User Password**

Allows you to configure a user password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. However, the user password only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

To cancel the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, enter the correct one first. When prompted for a new password, press <Enter> without entering any password. Press <Enter> again when prompted to confirm.

## 2-6 Peripherals



### ☞ SATA Controller(s)

Enables or disables the integrated SATA controllers. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ SATA Mode Selection

Allows you to decide whether to configure the SATA controller integrated in the Chipset to AHCI mode.

- IDE Configures the SATA controller to IDE mode.
- AHCI Configures the SATA controller to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug. (Default)



### ☞ **xHCI Pre-Boot Driver**

- ▶▶ Enabled      The USB 3.0 ports are routed to the xHCI controller before booting to OS. (Default)
- ▶▶ Disabled     The USB 3.0 ports are routed to the EHCI controller before booting to OS.

If you want to set **xHCI Mode** below to **Smart Auto**, set this item to **Enabled**; when this item is set to **Disabled**, **xHCI Mode** will be automatically set to **Auto**.

### ☞ **xHCI Mode**

Allows you to determine the operating mode for the xHCI controller in OS.

- ▶▶ Smart Auto    This mode is available only when the BIOS supports the xHCI controller in the pre-boot environment. This mode is similar to **Auto**, but it adds the capability to route the ports to xHCI or EHCI according to setting used in previous boots (for non-G3 boot) in the pre-boot environment. This allows the use of USB 3.0 devices prior to OS boot. xHCI controller enabling and rerouting should follow the steps in **Auto**, when previous boot routes ports to EHCI. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS has xHCI pre-boot support.
- ▶▶ Auto          BIOS routes the sharable ports to EHCI controller. Then it uses ACPI protocols to provide an option to enable the xHCI controller and reroute the sharable ports. Note: This is the recommended mode when BIOS does NOT have xHCI pre-boot support. (Default)
- ▶▶ Enabled       All shared ports are eventually routed to the xHCI controller during the BIOS boot process. If BIOS does not have pre-boot support for the xHCI controller, it should initially route the sharable ports to the EHCI controller and then prior to OS boot it should route the ports to xHCI controller. Note: OS has to provide support for the xHCI controller in this mode. If the OS does not provide support, all sharable ports won't work.
- ▶▶ Disabled      The USB 3.0 ports are routed to the EHCI controller and the xHCI controller is turned off. All USB 3.0 devices function as High Speed devices regardless of xHCI software support/availability. If this item is set to **Disabled**, the **HS Port #1/2/3/4 Switchable** and **xHCI Streams** items below will become unconfigurable.

### ☞ **HS Port #1 Switchable~HS Port #4 Switchable**

- ▶▶ Enabled      Corresponding USB 3.0 port is routed to xHCI. The USB 3.0 device attached on this port with Super-Speed capability is visible to xHCI controller. (Default)
- ▶▶ Disabled     Corresponding USB 3.0 port is routed to EHCI. The USB 3.0 device attached on this port with Super-Speed capability will function as High-Speed.

### ☞ **xHCI Streams**

Enables or disables multi-stream data transfer. Note: For Windows 7 USB 3.0 Streams support, devices may require UASP class driver updates from UASP driver vendors to be fully compatible with Intel USB 3.0 Streams Support. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ **USB2.0 Controller**

Enables or disables the integrated USB 2.0/1.1 controller. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ **Audio Controller**

Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Enabled)

If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to **Disabled**.

### ☞ **Init Display First**

Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI Express graphics card or the onboard graphics.

- ▶▶ Auto          Lets BIOS automatically configure this setting. (Default)
- ▶▶ IGFX         Sets the onboard graphics as the first display.
- ▶▶ PEG          Sets the PCI Express graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot as the first display.

- ☞ **Internal Graphics**  
Enables or disables the onboard graphics function. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **Internal Graphics Memory Size**  
Allows you to set the onboard graphics memory size. Options are: 32M~1024M. (Default: 64M)
- ☞ **DVMT Total Memory Size**  
Allows you to allocate the DVMT memory size of the onboard graphics. Options are: 128M, 256M, MAX. (Default: MAX)
- ☞ **Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology**  
Enables or disables Intel Rapid Start Technology. This item is configurable only when an SSD is installed. (Default: Disabled)
  
- ☞ **Legacy USB Support**  
Allows USB keyboard/mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **XHCI Hand-off**  
Determines whether to enable XHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without XHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Enabled)
- ☞ **EHCI Hand-off**  
Determines whether to enable EHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without EHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **Port 60/64 Emulation**  
Enables or disables emulation of I/O ports 64h and 60h. This should be enabled for full legacy support for USB keyboards/mice in MS-DOS or in operating system that does not natively support USB devices. (Default: Disabled)
- ☞ **USB Storage Devices**  
Displays a list of connected USB mass storage devices. This item appears only when a USB storage device is installed. (Default: Auto)
- ☞ **OnBoard LAN Controller#1/OnBoard LAN Controller#2**  
Enables or disables the onboard LAN function. (Default: Enabled)  
If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to Disabled.
  
- ▶ **Super IO Configuration**  
This section provides information on the super I/O chip and allows you to configure the serial port.
- ☞ **Serial Port A**  
Enables or disables the onboard serial port. (Default: Enabled)
- ▶ **Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology**
- ☞ **ISCT Configuration**  
Enables or disables Intel Smart Connect Technology. (Default: Disabled)

## 2-7 Power Management



### ☞ Resume by Alarm

Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)

If enabled, set the date and time as following:

- ▶▶ Wake up day: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.
- ▶▶ Wake up hour/minute/second: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.

Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

### ☞ ErP

Determines whether to let the system consume least power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)

Note: When this item is set to **Enabled**, the following functions will become unavailable: PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

### ☞ High Precision Event Timer <sup>(Note)</sup>

Enables or disables High Precision Event Timer (HPET) for Windows 7 operating system. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN

Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.

- ▶▶ Instant-Off Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
- ▶▶ Delay 4 Sec Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

### ☞ PME Event Wake Up

Allows the system to be awakened from an ACPI sleep state by a wake-up signal from a PCIe device. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ Internal Graphics Standby Mode

Allows you to determine whether to let the onboard graphics enter standby mode to decrease power consumption. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) Supported on Windows 7 operating system only.

☞ **Internal Graphics Deep Standby Mode**

Allows you to determine whether to let the onboard graphics enter deeper standby mode. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **AC BACK**

Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.

- ▶▶ Memory      The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.
- ▶▶ Always On    The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.
- ▶▶ Always Off   The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

☞ **Power On By Keyboard**

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.

Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- ▶▶ Disabled      Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Password      Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Keyboard 98   Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Any Key        Press any key to turn on the system.

☞ **Power On Password**

Set the password when **Power On By Keyboard** is set to **Password**. Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept. To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.

Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

☞ **Power On By Mouse**

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 mouse wake-up event.

Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- ▶▶ Disabled      Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Move            Move the mouse to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Double Click   Double click on left button on the mouse to turn on the system.

## 2-8 Save & Exit



### Save & Exit Setup

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

### Exit Without Saving

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

### Load Optimized Defaults

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes** to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS default settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

### Boot Override

Allows you to select a device to boot immediately. Press <Enter> on the device you select and select **Yes** to confirm. Your system will restart automatically and boot from that device.

### Save Profiles

This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 8. Press <Enter> to complete. Or you can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to save the profile to your storage device.

### Load Profiles

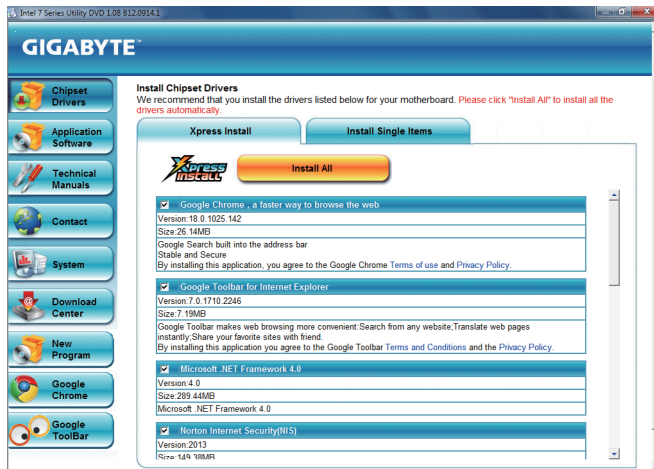
If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete. You can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to input the profile previously created from your storage device or load the profile automatically created by the BIOS, such as reverting the BIOS settings to the last settings that worked properly (last known good record).

## Chapter 3 Drivers Installation



- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system.
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. The driver Autorun screen is automatically displayed which looks like that shown in the screen shot below. (If the driver Autorun screen does not appear automatically, go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the **Run.exe** program.)

After inserting the driver disk, "Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Install All** button and "Xpress Install" will install all the recommended drivers. Or click **Install Single Items** to manually select the drivers you wish to install.



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