GA-H61M-DS2H

User's Manual

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Declaration of Conformity We, Manufacturer/Importer

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declare that the product (description of the apparatus, system, installation to which it refers) Motherboard

is in conformity with (reference to the specification under which conformity is declared) in accordance with the EMC Directive 2004/108/E GA-H61M-DS2H

□ DIN VDE 0855 □ part 10 □ part 12	⊠ EN 55022	□ EN 55020	□ EN 55015		□ EN 55014-1	□ EN 55013		□ EN 55011
Cabled distribution systems; Equipment for receiving and/or distribution from sound and television signals	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of information technology equipment	Immunity from radio interference of broadcast receivers and associated equipment	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of fluorescent lamps and luminaries	industribute troots and similar electrical apparatus	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of household electrical appliances.	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of broadcast receivers and associated equipment	industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) high frequency equipment	Limits and methods of measurement
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		EMC requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS)	Immunity requirements for household appliances tools and similar apparatus	Generic immunity standard Part 2: Industrial environment	Generic immunity standard Part 1: Residual, commercial and light industry	Information Technology equipment-Immunity characteristics-Limits and methods of measurement	Disturbances in supply systems caused by household appliances and similar electrical equipment "Voltage fluctuation	Disturbances in supply systems caused

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Product Name: Motherboard

Model Number: GA-H61M-DS2H

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:

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

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□ EN 60335 ☐ EN 60065

Safety requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus for household and similar general use Safety of household and similar

The manufacturer also declares the conformity of above mentioned product with the actual required safety standards in accordance with the LVD Directive 2006/95/EC

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☐ EN 50091-1 ⊠ EN 60950

General and Safety requirements for uninterruptible power systems (UPS) Safety for information technology equipment including electrical business equipment ⊠ CE marking

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- In order to assist in the use of this product, carefully read the User's Manual.
- For product-related information, check on our website at: http://www.gigabyte.com

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.

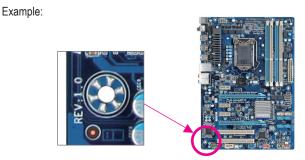
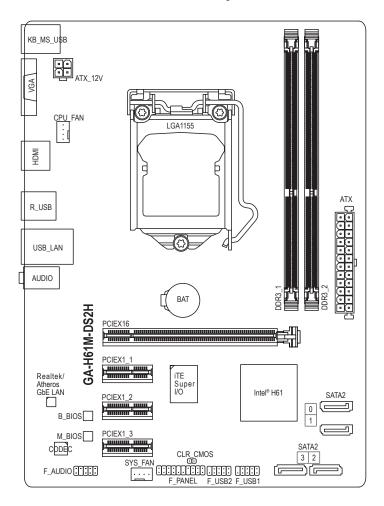


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GA-H61M-DS2H Motherboard Layout



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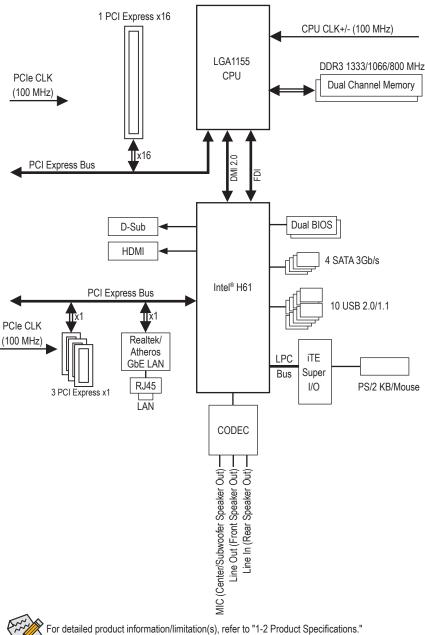
- ☑ GA-H61M-DS2H motherboard
- ✓ Motherboard driver disk
- ✓ Two SATA cables

✓ User's Manual

☑ I/O Shield

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

GA-H61M-DS2H Motherboard Block Diagram



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

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.) L3 cache varies with CPU Chipset Intel® H61 Express Chipset L3 cache varies with CPU L4 1.5V DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 16 GB of system memory		
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Internal	1 x front panel audio header
Connectors	◆ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers
	◆ 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
Back Panel	1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse port
Connectors	• 1 x D-Sub port
	• 1 x HDMI port
	• 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports
	◆ 1 x RJ-45 port
	3 x audio jacks (Line In/Line Out/Microphone)
I/O Controller	iTE I/O Controller Chip
Hardware	System voltage detection
Monitor	CPU/System temperature detection
	CPU/System fan speed detection
	CPU overheating warning
	CPU/System fan fail warning
	CPU/System fan speed control
	* Whether the CPU/System fan speed control function is supported will depend on
PIOO.	the CPU/System cooler you install.
BIOS	2 x 32 Mbit flash List of list and AMLEEL BLOS
	Use of licensed AMI EFI BIOS
	◆ Support for DualBIOS™
	• PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.6, ACPI 2.0a
Unique Features	•
_	Support for Q-Flash
	Support for Xpress Recovery2
	Support for EasyTune
	* Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model.
	Support for ON/OFF Charge
Bundled	Norton Internet Security (OEM version)
Software	Intel® Rapid Start Technology
	Intel® Smart Connect Technology
Operating System	◆ Support for Microsoft® Windows 7/Vista/XP
Form Factor	◆ Micro ATX Form Factor; 24.4cm x 17.4cm

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1-3 Installing the CPU

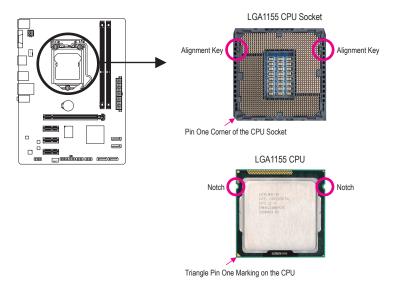


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- 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

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



1-4 Installing the Memory



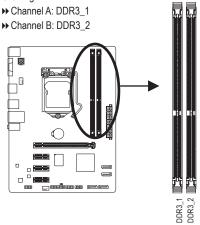
Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- 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:



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.

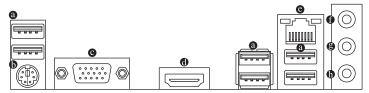
1-5 Installing an Expansion Card



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



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 key-board/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port

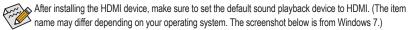
Use this port to connect a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.

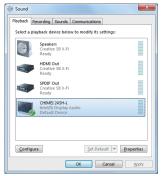
O D-Sub Port

The D-Sub port supports a 15-pin D-Sub connector. Connect a monitor that supports D-Sub connection to this port.

HDMI Port

The HDMI port is HDCP compliant and supports Dolby True HD 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 monitor. The maximum supported resolution is 1920x1200, but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.





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

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.



Connection/Speed LED:				
Description				
1 Gbps data rate				
100 Mbps data rate				
10 Mbps data rate				

Activity LED:				
State	Description			
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring			
Off	No data transmission or receiving is occurring			
	State Blinking			

• 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.

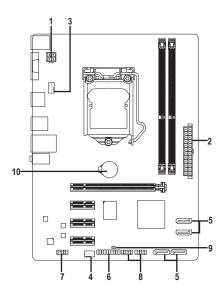


To configure 7.1-channel audio, you have to use an HD front panel audio module and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver.



- 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	6)	F_PANEL
2)	ATX	7)	F_AUDIO
3)	CPU_FAN	8)	F_USB1/F_USB2
4)	SYS_FAN	9)	CLR_CMOS
5)	SATA2 0/1/2/3	10)	BAT



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

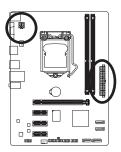
- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the
 power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on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

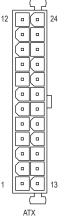


To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.





ATX_12V:				
Pin No.	Definition			
1	GND			
2	GND			
3	+12V			
4	+12V			

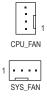


ATX:			
Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for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

3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN (Fan Headers)

The motherboard has a 4-pin CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) and a 4-pin system fan header (SYS_FAN). 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 speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.





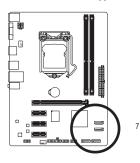
CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN:				
Pin No.	Definition			
1	GND			
2	+12V			
3	Sense			
4	Speed Control			

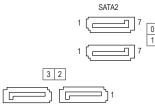


- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

5) SATA2 0/1/2/3 (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.

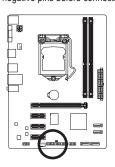


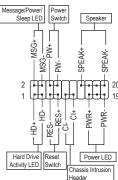


Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	TXP
3	TXN
4	GND
5	RXN
6	RXP
7	GND

6) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker, chassis intrusion switch/sensor 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/PWR (Message/Power/Sleep LED):

System Status	LED	Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED
S0	On	is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in
S3/S4/S5	Off	S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

• PW (Power Switch):

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).

· SPEAK (Speaker):

Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup. If a problem is detected, the BIOS may issue beeps in different patterns to indicate the problem.

. HD (Hard Drive Activity LED):

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):

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.

· CI (Chassis Intrusion Header):

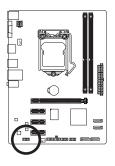
Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.



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

7) 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 F	ront 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
7 8 9	FAUDIO_JD No Pin LINE2_L

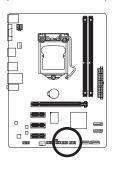
For AC'97	Front Panel Audio:				
Pin No.	Definition				
1	MIC				
2	GND				
3	MIC Power				
4	NC				
5	Line Out (R)				
6	NC				
7	NC				
8	No Pin				
9	Line Out (L)				
10	NC				



- 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.

8) F_USB1/F_USB2 (USB 2.0/1.1 Headers)

The headers conform 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.





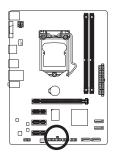
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



- 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.

9) 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

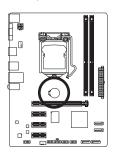
Short: Clear CMOS Values



- 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).

10) 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.
- 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.

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 or
 the 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.



2-2 The Main Menu

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: F4a)



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.



- 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.

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.)



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

M.I.T. Current Status

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

Advanced Frequency Settings



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 under the two items above are synchronous to that 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 current limit according to the CPU specifications. (Default: Auto)

CPU Core Enabled (Note)

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

Hyper-Threading Technology (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable Hyper-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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

(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.

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) 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)

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.

▶ Advanced Memory Settings



Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) (Note), System Memory Multiplier (SPD), Memory Frequency(Mhz)

The settings under the three items 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.

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

→ 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)

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 CPU Vtt and memory voltages.

▶ PC Health Status



Reset Case Open Status

>> Disabled Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. (Default)

➤ Enabled Clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the Case Opened field will show "No" at next boot.

Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.

Displays the current system voltages.

CPU Temperature/System Temperature

Displays current CPU/system temperature.

CPU Fan Speed/System Fan Speed

Displays current CPU/system fan speeds.

CPU Warning Temperature

Sets the warning threshold for CPU temperature. When CPU temperature exceeds the threshold, BIOS will emit warning sound. Options are: Disabled (default), 60°C/140°F, 70°C/158°F, 80°C/176°F, 90°C/194°F.

CPU/System Fan Fail Warning

Allows the system to emit warning sound if the CPU fan or system fan is not connected or fails. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)

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)

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

→ Silent

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 $/^{\circ}$ C ~ 2.50 PWM value $/^{\circ}$ 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)

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 H61 Chipset.

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)

→ 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)

→ PCI ROM Priority

Allows you to determine which Option ROM to launch. Options are Legacy ROM and EFI Compatible ROM. (Default: EFI Compatible ROM)

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)

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)

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. **Enabled** allows you to boot from an operating system that requires traditional option ROM. **Auto** lets the BIOS automatically configure this setting depending on the operating system being installed. (Default: Enabled)

○ 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 Support

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

□ IPv4 PXE Support

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

(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.

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



LAN PXE Boot Option ROM

Allows you to decide whether to activate the boot ROM integrated with the onboard LAN chip. (Default: Disabled)

SATA Controller(s) (Intel H61 Chipset)

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

SATA Mode Selection (Intel H61 Chipset)

Allows you to decide whether to configure the SATA controllers integrated in the Intel H61 Chipset to AHCI mode.

▶ IDE Configures the SATA controllers to IDE mode. (Default)

AHCI Configures the SATA controllers 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.

→ USB2.0 Controller

Enables or disables the USB 2.0 controller integrated with the Intel H61 Chipset. (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)

→ EHCl 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.

▶ Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology

→ ISCT Configuration

Enables or disables Intel Smart Connect Technology. (Default: Disabled)

2-7 Power Management



→ 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: you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

Disabled Disables this function. (Default)Any Key Press any key to turn on the system.

▶ Keyboard 98 Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.

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.

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Determines whether to let the system consume less than 1W 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 (Note)

Enables or disables High Precision Event Timer (HPET) for Windows 7/Vista 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.

Internal Graphics Standby Mode

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

Internal Graphics Deep Standby Mode

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

2-8 Save & Exit



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 4 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 4.

Load Profiles

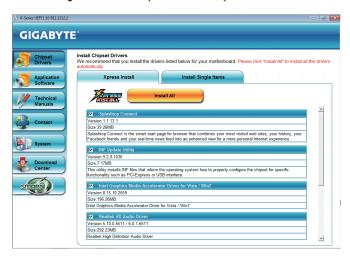
If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete.

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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 waste collection administration for recycling.
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 Customer Care number listed in your product's user's manual and we will be glad to help you with your
 effort.

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