

Chapter 3

AWARD® BIOS SETUP

Award® BIOS ROM has a built-in Setup program that allows users to modify the basic system configuration. This type of information is stored in battery-backed RAM (CMOS RAM), so that it retains the Setup information when the power is turned off.

3.1 Entering Setup

Power on the computer and press immediately to allow you to enter Setup. The other way to enter Setup is to power on the computer. When the below message appears briefly at the bottom of the screen during the POST (Power On Self Test), press key or simultaneously press <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Esc> keys.

TO ENTER SETUP BEFORE BOOT, PRESS <CTRL-ALT-ESC>
OR KEY

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system to try again by turning it OFF then ON or pressing the “RESET” button on the system case. You may also restart by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys. If you do not press the keys at the correct time and the system does not boot, an error message will be displayed and you will again be asked to,

PRESS <F1> TO CONTINUE, <CTRL-ALT-ESC>
OR TO ENTER SETUP

3.2 Getting Help

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Status Page Setup Menu/Option Page Setup Menu

Press F1 to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window, press <Esc>.

Advanced Chipset Features

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

Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

Power Management Setup

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

PnP/PCI Configuration

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

PC Health Status

This entry shows your PC health status.

Frequency/Voltage Control

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

Load Fail-Safe Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default values for the minimal/stable performance for your system to operate.

Load Optimized Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

Supervisor/User Password

Use this menu to set User and Supervisor Passwords.

Save & Exit Setup

Save CMOS value changes to CMOS and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving

Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

3.4 Standard CMOS Setup

The items in Standard CMOS Setup Menu are divided into 10 categories. Each category includes no, one or more than one setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to select the value you want in each item.

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Standard CMOS Setup

| | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| Date(mm:dd:yy): | Fri, Feb 28,1999 | Item Help |
| Time(hh:mm:ss): | 00:00:00 | |
| IDE Primary Master | Press Enter 2557MB | Menu Level > |
| IDE Primary Slave | Press Enter None | |
| IDE Secondary Master | Press Enter None | |
| IDE Secondary Slave | Press Enter None | |
| Drive A | 1.44M, 3.5in. | |
| Drive B | None | |
| Video | EGA/VGA | |
| Halt On | All, But Keyboard | |
| Based Memory | 640K | |
| Extended Memory | 63488K | |
| Total Memory | 64512K | |
| ↑↓ →← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

Date

The date format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

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

Time

The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

PrimaryMaster/PrimarySlave**SecondaryMaster/Secondary Slave**

Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select Manual, None, Auto type.

Note that the specifications of your drive must match with the drive table. The hard disk will not work properly if you enter improper information for this category. If your hard disk drive type is not matched or listed, you can use Manual to define your own drive type manually.

If you select Manual, related information is asked to be entered to the following items. Enter the information directly from the keyboard. This information should be provided in the documentation from your hard disk vendor or the system manufacturer.

If the controller of HDD interface is SCSI, the selection shall be
“None”.

If the controller of HDD interface is CD-ROM, the selection shall be
“None”.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Access Mode | The settings are Auto, Normal, Large,LBA. |
| Cylinder | number of cylinders |
| Head | number of heads |
| Precomp | write precom |
| Landing Zone | landing zone |
| Sector | number of sectors |

3.5 Advanced BIOS Features

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Advanced BIOS Features

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------|
| Anti-Virus Protection | Disabled | Item Help |
| CPU Internal Cache | Enabled | |
| External Cache | Enabled | Menu Level > |
| CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking | Enabled | |
| Processor Number Feature | Enabled | |
| Quick Power On Self Test | Disabled | |
| First Boot device | Floppy | |
| Second Boot device | HDD-0 | |
| Third Boot device | LS/Zip | |
| Boot other device | Enabled | |
| Swap Floppy Drive | Disabled | |
| Boot Up Floppy Seek | Disabled | |
| Boot Up Numlock Status | Off | |
| Gate A20 Option | Fast | |
| Typeomatic Rate Setting | Disabled | |
| Typeomatic Rate (Chars/Sec) | 6 | |
| Typeomatic Delay (Msec) | 250 | |
| Security Option | Setup | |
| OS Select for DRAM > 64MB | Non-OS2 | |
| Report No FDD for Win 95 | No | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

Anti-Virus Protection

Allows you to choose the VIRUS Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If this function is enabled and someone attempt to write data into this area, BIOS will show a warning message on screen and alarm beep.

Disable(default) No warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector or hard disk partition table.

Enable Activates automatically when the system boots up causing a warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector of hard disk partition table.

CPU Internal Cache

The default value is Enabled.

Enabled (default) Enable cache

Disabled Disable cache

Note: The internal cache is built in the processor.

External Cache

Choose Enabled or Disabled. This option enables the level 2 cache memory.

CPU L2 Cache ECC Checking

Choose Enabled or Disabled. This option enables the level 2 cache memory ECC(error check correction).

Processor Number Feature

This option is for Pentium III processor. During Enabled, this will check the CPU Serial number. Disable this option if you don't want the system to know the Serial number.

Quick Power On Self Test

This category speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the computer. If this is set to Enabled, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.

Enabled Enable quick POST

Disabled (default) Normal POST

First/Second/Third/Other Boot Device

The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items. The settings are Floppy, LS/ZIP, HDD-0/HDD-1/HDD-2/HDD-3, SCSI, CDROM, LAN, and Disabled.

Swap Floppy Drive

Switches the floppy disk drives between being designated as A and B. Default is Disabled.

Boot Up Floppy Seek

During POST, BIOS will determine if the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks while 760K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks.

Boot Up NumLock Status

The default value is On.

On (default) Keypad is numeric keys.

Off Keypad is arrow keys.

Gate A20 Option

Normal The A20 signal is controlled by keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

Fast(default) The A20 signal is controlled by port 92 or chipset specific method.

Typematic Rate Setting

Key strokes repeat at a rate determined by the keyboard controller. When enabled, the typematic rate and typematic delay can be selected. The settings are: Enabled/Disabled.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

Sets the number of times a second to repeat a key stroke when you hold the key down. The settings are: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30.

Typematic Delay (Msec)

Sets the delay time after the key is held down before it begins to repeat the keystroke. The settings are: 250, 500, 750, 1000.

Security Option

This category allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.

System The system will not boot and access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

Setup(default) The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct password is not entered at the prompt.

OS Selection for DRAM > 64MB

Allows OS2® to be used with > 64 MB of DRAM. Settings are Non-OS/2 (default) and OS2. Set to OS/2 if using more than 64MB and running OS/2®.

Report No FDD For Win 95

Whether report no FDD for Win 95 or not. The settings are: Yes, No.

3.6 Advanced Chipset Features

The Advanced Chipset Features Setup option is used to change the values of the chipset registers. These registers control most of the system options in the computer.

Choose the “ADVANCED CHIPSET FEATURES” from the Main Menu and the following screen will appear.

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Advanced Chipset Features

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| SDRAM CAS Latency Time | Auto | Item Help |
| SDRAM Cycle Time Tras/Trc | 6/8 | |
| SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay | 3 | |
| SDRAM RAS Precharge Time | 3 | |
| System BIOS Cacheable | Disabled | Menu Level > |
| Video BIOS Cacheable | Disabled | |
| Memory Hole at 15M-16M | Disabled | |
| Delayed Transaction | Disabled | |
| On-Chip Video | Enabled | |
| * Onboard Display Cache Setting * | | |
| Initial Display Cache | Enabled | |
| Cas# Latency | 3 | |
| Paging Mode Control | Open | |
| RAS-to-CAS Override | by CAS# LT | |
| RAS# Timing | Fast | |
| RAS# Precharge Timing | Fast | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

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

SDRAM CAS latency Time

When synchronous DRAM is installed, the number of clock cycles of CAS latency depends on the DRAM timing.

SDRAM Cycle Time *Tras*/*Trc*

Select the number of SCLKs for an access cycle. The settings are: 5/7 and 6/8.

SDRAM RAS-to-CAS Delay

This field lets you insert a timing delay between the CAS and RAS strobe signals, used when DRAM is written to, read from, or refreshed. *Fast* gives faster performance; and *Slow* gives more stable performance. This field applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system. The settings are: 2 and 3.

SDRAM RAS Precharge Time

If an insufficient number of cycles is allowed for the RAS to accumulate its charge before DRAM refresh, the refresh may be incomplete and the DRAM may fail to retain data. *Fast* gives faster performance; and *Slow* gives more stable performance. This field applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system. The settings are: 2 and 3.

System BIOS Cacheable

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

Video BIOS Cacheable

Select Enabled allows caching of the video BIOS , resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

Memory Hole At 15M-16M

You can reserve this area of system memory for ISA adapter ROM. When this area is reserved, it cannot be cached. The user information of peripherals that need to use this area of system memory usually discusses their memory requirements. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

Delayed Transaction

The chipset has an embedded 32-bit posted write buffer to support delay transactions cycles. Select *Enabled* to support compliance with PCI specification version 2.1. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

On-Chip Video

Select the on-chip video window size for VGA driver use. The settings are: Enabled or Disabled.

3.7 Integrated Peripherals

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Integrated Peripherals

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------|
| OnChip Primary PCI IDE | Enabled | Item Help |
| OnChip Secondary PCI IDE | Enabled | |
| IDE Primary Master PIO | Auto | Menu Level > |
| IDE Primary Slave PIO | Auto | |
| IDE Secondary Master PIO | Auto | |
| IDE Secondary Slave PIO | Auto | |
| IDE Primary Master UDMA | Auto | |
| IDE Primary Slave UDMA | Auto | |
| IDE Secondary Master UDMA | Auto | |
| IDE Secondary Slave UDMA | Auto | |
| USB Controller | Enabled | |
| USB Keyboard Support | Disabled | |
| Init Display First | PCI Slot | |
| AC97 Audio | Disabled | |
| AC97 Modem | Enabled | |
| Init Display First | PCI Slot | |
| Onboard Audio Device | Enabled | |
| IDE HDD Block Mode | Enabled | |
| Power On Function | Any Key | |
| KB Power On Password | Enter | |
| Hot Key Power On | Ctrl-F1 | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| Onboard FDC Controller | Enabled | |
| Onboard Serial Port 1 | 3F8/IRQ4 | |
| Onboard Serial Port 2 | 2F8/IRQ3 | |
| UART Mode Select | Normal | |
| RxD, TxD Active | Hi, Lo | |
| IR Transmission Delay | Enabled | |
| Onboard Parallel Port | 378/IRQ7 | |
| Parallel Port Mode | SPP | |
| EPP Mode Select | EPP 1.7 | |
| ECP Mode use UDMA | 3 | |
| PWRON After PWR-Fail | Off | |
| Game Port Address | Disabled | |
| Midi Port Address | Disabled | |
| Midi Port IRQ | 5 | |
| Power Status LED | Blinking | |

OnChip Primary/Secondary PCI IDE

The integrated peripheral controller contains an IDE interface with support for two IDE channels. Select Enabled to activate each channel separately. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO

The four IDE PIO (Programmed Input/Output) fields let you set a PIO mode (0-4) for each of the four IDE devices that the onboard IDE interface supports. Modes 0 through 4 provide successively increased performance. In Auto mode, the system automatically determines the best mode for each device. The settings are: Auto, Mode 0, Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3, Mode 4.

IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA

Ultra DMA/33 implementation is possible only if your IDE hard drive supports it and the operating environment includes a DMA driver (Windows 95 OSR2 or a third-party IDE bus master driver). If your hard drive and your system software both support Ultra DMA/33 and Ultra DMA/66, select Auto to enable BIOS support. The settings are: Auto, Disabled.

USB Controller

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have USB peripherals. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

USB Keyboard Support

Select *Enabled* if your system contains a Universal Serial Bus (USB) controller and you have a USB keyboard. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

Init Display First

This item allows you to decide to activate whether PCI Slot or on-chip VGA first. The settings are: PCI Slot, Onboard.

AC97 Audio/Modem

This item allows you to decide to enable/disable the 810 chipset family to support AC97 Audio/Modem. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

Init Display First**PCI Slot**

If both PCI VGA card and AGP card are installed, the system will display the PCI VGA card first.

AGP

If both PCI VGA card and AGP card are installed, the system will show the AGP card first.

IDE HDD Block Mode

Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sector read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block read/writes per sector the drive can support. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

Power On Function

This function allows you to select the item to power on the system. The settings are : Any Key, Button Only, Mouse Left, Mouse Right, Password, Hotkey, keyboard 98.

Onboard FDC Controller

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDD) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install add-on FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled.

Onboard Serial Port 1/Port 2

Select an address and corresponding interrupt for the first and second serial ports. The settings are: 3F8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, Disabled, Auto.

UART Mode Select

This item allows you to determine which InfraRed(IR) function of the onboard I/O chip, this functions uses.

Onboard Parallel Port

Disabled
(3BCH/IRQ7)/
(278H/IRQ5)/
(378H/IRQ7)

There is a built-in parallel port on the on-board Super I/O chipset that provides Standard, ECP, and EPP features. It has the following options:

Disable
3BCH/IRQ7 Line Printer port 0
278H/IRQ5 Line Printer port 2
378H/IRQ7 Line Printer port 1

Onboard Parallel Mode

SPP : Standard Parallel Port
EPP : Enhanced Parallel Port
ECP : Extended Capability Port

**SPP/EPP/ECP/
ECP+EPP**

To operate the onboard parallel port as Standard Parallel Port only, choose “SPP.” To operate the onboard parallel port in the EPP modes simultaneously, choose “EPP.” By choosing “ECP”, the onboard parallel port will operate in ECP mode only. Choosing “ECP + EPP” will allow the onboard parallel port to support both the ECP and EPP modes simultaneously. The ECP mode has to use the DMA channel, so choose the onboard parallel port with the ECP feature. After selecting it, the following message will appear: “ECP Mode Use DMA” At this time, the user can choose between DMA

channels 3 or 1. The onboard parallel port is EPP Spec. compliant, so after the user chooses the onboard parallel port with the EPP function, the following message will be displayed on the screen: "EPP Mode Select." At this time either EPP 1.7 spec. or EPP 1.9 spec. can be chosen.

PWRON After PWR-FAIL

This option will determine how the system will power on after a power failure.

Game Port Address/Midi Port Address

This will determine which Address the Game Port/Midi Port will use.

Power Status LED

This item determines which state the Power LED will use. The settings are Blinking, Dual, and Single. During blinking, the power LED will blink when the system enters the suspend mode. When the mode is in Dual, the power LED will change its color. Choose the single and the power LED will always remain lit.

3.8 Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure you system to most effectively save energy while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

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Power Management Setup

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| ACPI Suspend Type | SI(POS) | Item Help |
| Power Management | User Define | |
| Video Off Method | DPMS | Menu Level > |
| Video Off In Suspend | Yes | |
| Suspend Type | Stop Grant | |
| Modem Use IRQ | 3 | |
| Suspend Mode | Disabled | |
| HDD Power Down | Disabled | |
| Soft-Off by PWRBTN | Instant-Off | |
| Wake-Up by PCI Card | Disabled | |
| Wake-Up on Ring | Enabled | |
| Wake-Up on LAN | Disabled | |
| CPU Thermal-Throttling | 62.57% | |
| Resume By Alarm | | |
| **Reload Global Timer Events** | | |
| Primary IDE 0 | Disabled | |
| Primary IDE 1 | Disabled | |
| Secondary IDE 0 | Disabled | |
| Secondary IDE 1 | Disabled | |
| FDD, COM, LPT Port | Disabled | |
| PCI PIRQ[A-D]# | Disabled | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD=Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

ACPI Suspend Type

This item will set which ACPI suspend type will be used. The settings are S1 or S3. The S1 sleeping state is a low wake-up latency sleeping state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware maintains all system context. The S3 sleeping state is a low wake-up latency sleeping state where CPU, cache, and chip context are lost in this state. Hardware maintains memory context and restores some CPU and L2 configuration context.

Power Management

This category allows you to select the type (or degree) of power saving and is directly related to the following modes:

1. Suspend Mode
2. HDD Power Down

There are three selections for Power Management, two of which have fixed mode settings.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Min. Power Saving | Minimum power management. Suspend Mode = 1 hr., and HDD Power Down = 15 min. |
| Max. Power Saving | Maximum power management — Suspend Mode = 1 min., and HDD Power Down = 1 min. |
| User Defined (default) | Allows you to set each mode individually. When not disabled, each of the ranges are from 1 min. to 1 hr. except for HDD Power Down which ranges from 1 min. to 15 min. and disable. |

Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

| | |
|----------------|--|
| V/HSYNC+Blank | This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer. |
| Blank Screen | This option only writes blanks to the video buffer. |
| DPMS (default) | Initial display power management signaling. |

Video Off In Suspend

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.
The settings are: Yes and No.

Suspend Type

Select the Suspend Type. The settings are: PWRON Suspend, Stop Grant.

Modem Use IRQ

This determines the IRQ in which the MODEM can use.
The settings are: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, NA.

Suspend Mode

When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, all devices except the CPU will be shut off. The settings are: 1/2/4/8/12/20/30/40 Min, 1 Hour, and Disabled.

HDD Power Down

When enabled and after the set time of system inactivity, the hard disk drive will be powered down while all other devices remain active.
The settings are: 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15Min and Disabled.

Soft-Off by PWRBTN

Pressing the power button for more than 4 seconds forces the system to enter the Soft-Off state. The settings are: Delay 4 Sec, Instant-Off.

Wake-Up by PCI Card

This will enable the system to wake up through PCI Card peripheral.
The settings are : Enabled and Disabled.

Wake-Up on Ring

During Disabled, the system will ignore any incoming call from the modem. During Enabled, the system will boot up if there's an incoming call from the modem.

NOTE: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system, before this function will work.

Wake-Up on LAN

To use this function, you need a LAN add-on card which support power on functions. It should also support the wake-up on LAN jumper (JWOL1).

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Enabled | Wake up on LAN supported. |
| Disabled | Wake up on LAN not supported. |

CPU Thermal-Throttling

Select the CPU THRM-Throttling rate. The settings are: 25.0%, 37.5%, 50.0%, 62.5%, 75.0%, 87.5%.

Resume by Alarm

This function is for setting date and time for your computer to boot up. During Disabled, you cannot use this function. During Enabled, choose the Date and Time Alarm:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Date(of month) Alarm | You can choose which month the system will boot up. Set to 0, to boot every day. |
| Time(hh:mm:ss) Alarm | You can choose what hour, minute and second the system will boot up. |

Note: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system, before this function will work.

Reload Global Timer Events

Reload Global Timer events are I/O events whose occurrence can prevent the system from entering a power saving mode or can awaken the system from such a mode. In effect, the system remains alert for anything which occurs to a device which is configured as *Enabled* , even when the system is in a power down mode.

Primary IDE 0

Primary IDE 1

Secondary IDE 0

Secondary IDE 1

FDD, COM, LPT Port

PCIPIRQ[A-D] #

3.9 PnP/PCI Configuration Setup

This section describes configuring the PCI bus system. PCI, or **P**ersonal **C**omputer **I**nterconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its own special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.

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PnP/PCI Configuration Setup

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Reset Configuration Data | Disabled | Item Help |
| Resources Controlled By | Auto | |
| IRQ Resources | Press Enter | |
| Memory Resources | Press Enter | Menu Level > |
| PCI/VGA Palette Snoop | Disabled | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

Reset Configuration Data

Normally, you leave this field to Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the operating system can not boot. The settings are: Enabled and Disabled .

Resource Controlled By

The Award Plug and Play BIOS has the capacity to automatically configure all of the boot and Plug and Play compatible devices. However, this capability means absolutely nothing unless you are using a Plug and Play operating system such as Windows®95/98. If you set this field to “manual”, choose specific resources by going into each of the sub menu that follows this field (a sub menu is preceded by a “>”). The settings are: Auto(ESCD), Manual.

IRQ Resources

When resources are controlled manually, assign each system interrupt a type, depending on the type of device using the interrupt.

Memory Resources

This sub menu can let you control the memory resource.

PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

Leave this field at *Disabled*. The settings are Enabled, Disabled.

3.10 PC Health Status

This section shows the Status of you CPU, Fan, Warning for overall system status.

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 PC Health Status

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| CPU Warning Temperature | Disabled | Item Help |
| Current System Temp | 38°C/100°F | |
| Current CPU Temperature | 69°C/156°F | Menu Level > |
| Current TOP TECH.III Temp | 0°C/32°F | |
| Current System Fan | 0 RPM | |
| Current Power Fan | 0 RPM | |
| Current CPU Fan | 5720 RPM | |
| Vcore | 2.00V | |
| VTT | 1.50V | |
| 3.3V | 3.39V | |
| +5V | 5.05V | |
| +12V | 12.28V | |
| -12V | -12.52V | |
| -5V | -5.04V | |
| VBAT(V) | 3.18V | |
| 5VSB(V) | 5.06V | |
| Chassis Intrusion Detect | Disabled | |
| Shutdown Temperature | Disabled | |

↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help
 F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

CPU Warning Temperature

During Enabled, this will warn the user when the CPU temperature reach a certain temperature.

Current System Temp/CPU1 Temperature/Current CPUFAN/ Current TOP TECH.III Temp/Current System Fan/Current Power Fan/Current CPU Fan/Vcore/VTT/3.3V/+5V/+12v/-12V/ -5V/VBAT(V)/5VSB(V)

This will show the CPU/FAN/System voltage chart and FAN Speed.

Chassis Intrusion Detect

Set this option to Enabled, Reset, or Disabled the chassis intrusion detector. During Enabled, any intrusion on the system chassis will be recorded. The next time you turn on the system, it will show a warning message. To be able to clear those warning, choose Reset. After clearing the message, it will go back to Enabled.

Shutdown Temperature

This option is for setting the Shutdown temperature level for the processor. When the processor reach the temperature you set, this will shutdown the system. This function only works with Windows®95 operating system.

3.11 Frequency/Voltage Control

This section is for setting CPU Frequency/Voltage Control.

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 Frequency/Voltage Control

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------|
| Auto Detect DIMM/PCI Clk | Enabled | Item Help |
| CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum | Default | |
| CPU Ratio | Auto | Menu Level > |
| Vcore Adjust | 2.00 V | |
| I/O Voltage Adjust | Normal | |
| Auto Update Safe BIOS | Disabled | |
| Recover BIOS | Disabled | |
| ↑ ↓ → ← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-safe defaults F7:Optimized Defaults | | |

Auto Detect DIMM/PCI CLK

This item allows you to enable/disable auto detect DIMM/PCI Clock. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum

This item allows you to set the CPU Clock/Spread Spectrum.

CPU Ratio

This item allows you to select the CPU ratio.

Vcore Adjust

This item allows you to set the CPU Vcore.

I/O Voltage Adjust

This function is used to adjust the L2 Cache voltage. The settings are Normal or Slight.

Normal 3.3V

Slight 3.4V

Auto Update Safe BIOS

During Enabled, the system will automatically update and refresh the back-up BIOS.

Recover BIOS

When the current BIOS is infected or corrupted by computer viruses. Restart the system and press the HOME key to recover the BIOS.

3.12 Load Fail-Safe/Optimized Defaults

Load Fail-Safe Defaults

When you press <Enter> on this item, you get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

Load Fail-Safe Defaults (Y/N) ? N

Pressing 'Y' loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

Load Optimized Defaults

When you press <Enter> on this item, you get a confirmation dialog box with a message similar to:

Load Optimized Defaults (Y/N) ? N

Pressing 'Y' loads the default values that are factory settings for optimal performance system operations.

3.13 Set Supervisor/User Password

You can set either supervisor or user password, or both of them. The differences are:

Supervisor password : Can enter and change the options of the setup menus.

User password : Can only enter but do not have the right to change the options of the setup menus. When you select this function, the following message will appear at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

ENTER PASSWORD:

Type the password, up to eight characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will clear any previously entered password from CMOS memory. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To disable a password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will confirm the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup freely.

PASSWORD DISABLED.

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

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also require the BIOS to request a password every time your system is rebooted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer.

You determine when the password is required within the BIOS Features Setup Menu and its Security option. If the Security option is set to “System”, the password will be required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to “Setup”, prompting only occurs when trying to enter Setup.