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Fatal1ty Story

Who knew that at age 19, I would be a World Champion PC gamer. When I was 13, I actually played competitive billiards in professional tournaments and won four or five games off guys who played at the highest level. I actually thought of making a career of it, but at that young age situations change rapidly. Because I've been blessed with great hand-eye coordination and a grasp of mathematics (an important element in video gaming) I gravitated to that activity.

GOING PRO

I started professional gaming in 1999 when I entered the CPL (Cyberathlete Professional League) tournament in Dallas and won \$4,000 for coming in third place. Emerging as one of the top players in the United States, a company interested in sponsoring me flew me to Sweden to compete against the top 12 players in the world. I won 18 straight games, lost none, and took first place, becoming the number one ranked Quake III player in the world in the process. Two months later I followed that success by traveling to Dallas and defending my title as the world's best Quake III player, winning the \$40,000 grand prize. From there I entered competitions all over the world, including Singapore, Korea, Germany, Australia, Holland and Brazil in addition to Los Angeles, New York and St. Louis.

WINNING STREAK

I was excited to showcase my true gaming skills when defending my title as CPL Champion of the year at the CPL Winter 2001 because I would be competing in a totally different first person shooter (fps) game, Alien vs. Predator II. I won that competition and walked away with a new car. The next year I won the same title playing Unreal Tournament 2003, becoming the only three-time CPL champion of the year. And I did it playing a different game each year, something no one else has ever done and a feat of which I am extremely proud.

At QuakeCon 2002, I faced off against my rival ZeRo4 in one of the most highly anticipated matches of the year, winning in a 14 to (-1) killer victory. Competing at Quakecon 2004, I became the World's 1st Doom3 Champion by defeating Daler in a series of very challenging matches and earning \$25,000 for the victory.

Since then Fatal1ty has traveled the globe to compete against the best in the world, winning prizes and acclaim, including the 2005 CPL World Tour Championship in New York City for a \$150,000 first place triumph. In August 2007, Johnathan was awarded the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award in the four year history of the eSports-Award for "showing exceptional sportsmanship, taking part in shaping eSports into what it is today and for being the prime representative of this young sport. He has become the figurehead for eSports worldwide".

LIVIN' LARGE

Since my first big tournament wins, I have been a "Professional Cyberathlete", traveling the world and livin' large with lots of International media coverage on outlets such as MTV, ESPN and a 60 Minutes segment on CBS to name only a few. It's unreal - it's crazy. I'm living a dream by playing video games for a living. I've always been athletic and took sports like hockey and football very seriously, working out and training hard. This discipline helps me become a better gamer and my drive to be the best has opened the doors necessary to become a professional.

A DREAM

Now, another dream is being realized – building the ultimate gaming computer, made up of the best parts under my own brand. Quality hardware makes a huge difference in competitions...a couple more frames per second and everything gets really nice. It's all about getting the computer processing faster and allowing more fluid movement around the maps.

My vision for Fatal1ty hardware is to allow gamers to focus on the game without worrying about their equipment, something I've preached since I began competing. I don't want to worry about my equipment. I want to be there – over and done with - so I can focus on the game. I want it to be the fastest and most stable computer equipment on the face of the planet, so quality is what Fatal1ty Brand products represent.



Johnathan "Fatal1ty" Wendel



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Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock Fatal1ty H270M Performance Series motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this documentation, Chapter 1 and 2 contains the introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step installation guides. Chapter 3 contains the operation guide of the software and utilities. Chapter 4 contains the configuration guide of the BIOS setup.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this documentation will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this documentation occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock's website without further notice. If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support list on ASRock's website as well. ASRock website <http://www.asrock.com>.

1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock Fatal1ty H270M Performance Series Motherboard (Micro ATX Form Factor)
- ASRock Fatal1ty H270M Performance Series Quick Installation Guide
- ASRock Fatal1ty H270M Performance Series Support CD
- 2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 2 x Screws for M.2 Sockets (Optional)
- 1 x I/O Panel Shield

1.2 Specifications

- Platform**
- Micro ATX Form Factor

- CPU**
- Supports 7th and 6th Generation Intel® Core™ i7/i5/i3/ Pentium®/Celeron® Processors (Socket 1151)
 - Digi Power design
 - 6 Power Phase design
 - Supports Intel® Turbo Boost 2.0 Technology

- Chipset**
- Intel® H270

- Memory**
- Dual Channel DDR4 Memory Technology
 - 4 x DDR4 DIMM Slots
 - Supports DDR4 2400/2133 non-ECC, un-buffered memory*
* 7th Gen Intel® CPU supports DDR4 up to 2400; 6th Gen Intel® CPU supports DDR4 up to 2133.
 - Supports ECC UDIMM memory modules (operate in non-ECC mode)
 - Max. capacity of system memory: 64GB
 - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 2.0
 - 15μ Gold Contact in DIMM Slots

- Expansion Slot**
- 2 x PCI Express 3.0 x16 Slots (PCIe1: x16 mode; PCIe4: x4 mode)*
- * Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks
- 2 x PCI Express 3.0 x1 Slots (Flexible PCIe)
 - Supports AMD Quad CrossFireX™ and CrossFireX™
 - 15μ Gold Contact in VGA PCIe Slot (PCIe1)

- Graphics**
- Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals and the VGA outputs can be supported only with processors which are GPU integrated.
 - Supports Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals : Intel® Quick Sync Video with AVC, MVC (S3D) and MPEG-2 Full HW Encode1, Intel® InTru™ 3D, Intel® Clear Video HD Technology, Intel® Insider™, Intel® HD Graphics
 - Gen9 LP, DX11.3, DX12

- HWAEncode/Decode: VP8, HEVC 8b, VP9, HEVC 10b (For 7th Gen Intel® CPU)
- HWA Encode/Decode: VP8 , HEVC 8b; GPU/SWEncode/Decode: VP9, HEVC 10b (For 6th Gen Intel® CPU)
- Max. shared memory 1024MB

* The size of maximum shared memory may vary from different operating systems.

- Three graphics output options: D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI
- Supports Triple Monitor
- Supports HDMI with max. resolution up to 4K x 2K (4096x2160) @ 24Hz / (3840x2160) @ 30Hz
- Supports DVI-D with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz
- Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz
- Supports Auto Lip Sync, Deep Color (12bpc), xvYCC and HBR (High Bit Rate Audio) with HDMI Port (Compliant HDMI monitor is required)
- Supports HDCP with DVI-D and HDMI Ports
- Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) playback with DVI-D and HDMI Ports

Audio

- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec)

* To configure 7.1 CH HD Audio, it is required to use an HD front panel audio module and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver.

- Premium Blu-ray Audio support
- Supports Surge Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection)
- Nichicon Fine Gold Series Audio Caps
- Supports Creative SoundBlaster Cinema3

LAN

- Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s
- Giga PHY Intel® I219V
- Supports Wake-On-LAN
- Supports Lightning/ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection)
- Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az
- Supports PXE

Rear Panel I/O

- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port
- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port
- 1 x D-Sub Port
- 1 x DVI-D Port
- 1 x HDMI Port
- 1 x USB 2.0 Port (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 1 x FatalIty Mouse Port (USB 2.0) (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 3 x USB 3.0 Type-A Ports (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 1 x USB 3.0 Type-C Port (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)
- HD Audio Jacks: Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone

Storage

- 6 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, Intel Rapid Storage Technology 15 and Intel Smart Response Technology), NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug*

* If M2_1 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_0 will be disabled.

- 1 x Ultra M.2 Socket (M2_1), supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280 M.2 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s module and M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s)**
- 1 x Ultra M.2 Socket (M2_2), supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280 M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s)**

** Supports Intel® Optane™ Technology

** Supports NVMe SSD as boot disks

** Supports ASRock U.2 Kit

Connector

- 1 x Print Port Header
 - 1 x COM Port Header
 - 1 x TPM Header
 - 1 x Chassis Intrusion and Speaker Header
 - 1 x AURA RGB LED Header
 - 2 x CPU Fan Connectors (1 x 4-pin, 1 x 3-pin)
- * The CPU Fan Connector supports the CPU fan of maximum 1A (12W) fan power.

- 2 x Chassis Fan Connectors (4-pin) (Smart Fan Speed Control)
- * CHA_FAN1 and CHA_FAN2 can auto detect if 3-pin or 4-pin fan is in use.
- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector
 - 1 x 8 pin 12V Power Connector
 - 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector
 - 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 2.0 ports) (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
 - 2 x USB 3.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 3.0 ports) (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))

BIOS Feature

- AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with multilingual GUI support
- ACPI 6.0 Compliant wake up events
- SMBIOS 2.7 Support
- CPU, GT_CPU, DRAM, PCH 1.0V, VCCIO, VCCSA, VCCST Voltage Multi-adjustment

Hardware Monitor

- CPU/Chassis temperature sensing
- CPU/Chassis Fan Tachometer
- CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan (Auto adjust chassis fan speed by CPU temperature)
- CPU/Chassis Fan multi-speed control
- CASE OPEN detection
- Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore, DRAM, PCH 1.0V

OS

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit (For 7th Gen Intel® CPU)
 - Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit / 8.1 64-bit / 7 32-bit / 7 64-bit (For 6th Gen Intel® CPU)
- * To install Windows® 7 OS, a modified installation disk with xHCI drivers packed into the ISO file is required. Please refer to page 41 for more detailed instructions.
- * For the updated Windows® 10 driver, please visit ASRock's website for details: <http://www.asrock.com>

Certifications

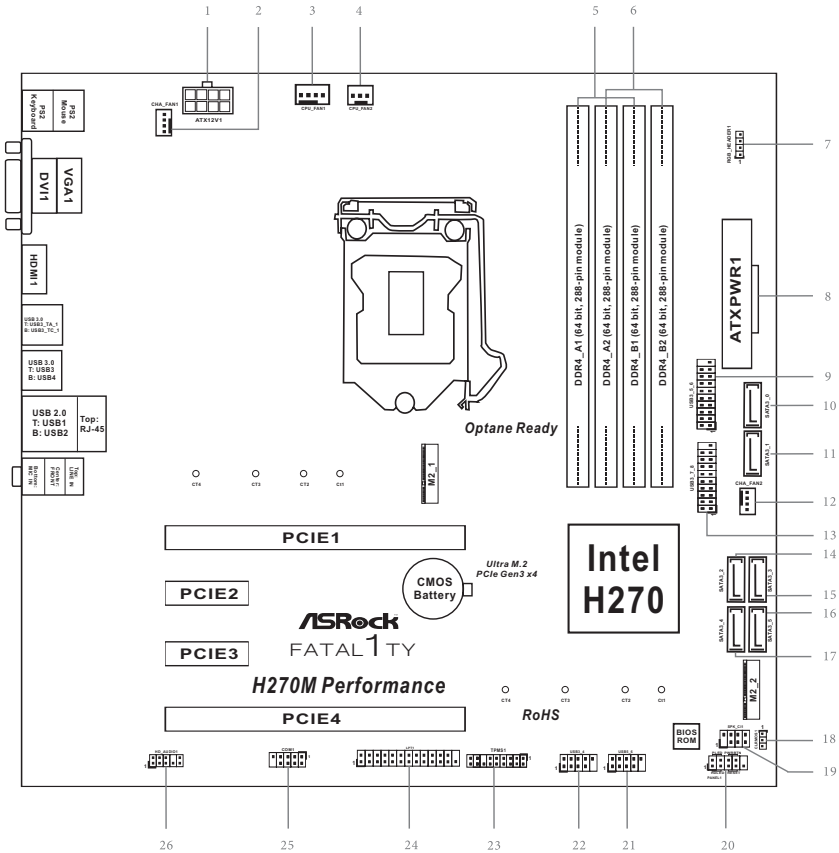
- FCC, CE, WHQL, RCM, BSMI
- ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: <http://www.asrock.com>



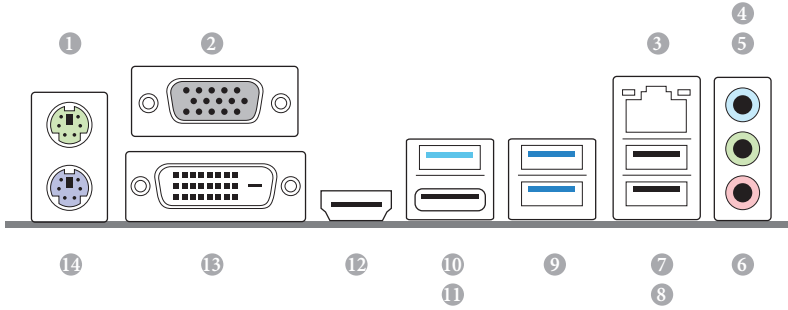
Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

1.3 Motherboard Layout



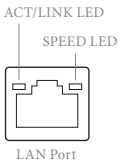
No.	Description
1	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)
2	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
3	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
4	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN2)
5	2 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_A1, DDR4_B1)
6	2 x 288-pin DDR4 DIMM Slots (DDR4_A2, DDR4_B2)
7	AURA RGB LED Header (RGB_HEADER1)
8	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
9	USB 3.0 Header (USB3_5_6)
10	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_0)
11	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_1)
12	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2)
13	USB 3.0 Header (USB3_7_8)
14	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_2)
15	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_3)
16	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_5)
17	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_4)
18	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRMOS1)
19	Chassis Intrusion and Speaker Header (SPK_C11)
20	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
21	USB 2.0 Header (USB5_6)
22	USB 2.0 Header (USB3_4)
23	TPM Header (TPMS1)
24	Print Port Header (LPT1)
25	COM Port Header (COM1)
26	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)

1.4 I/O Panel



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	PS/2 Mouse Port	8	USB 2.0 Port (USB2)
2	D-Sub Port	9	USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_3_4)
3	LAN RJ-45 Port*	10	USB 3.0 Type-A Port (USB3_TA_1)
4	Line In (Light Blue)**	11	USB 3.0 Type-C Port (USB3_TC_1)
5	Front Speaker (Lime)**	12	HDMI Port
6	Microphone (Pink)**	13	DVI-D Port
7	Fatal1ty Mouse Port (USB1)	14	PS/2 Keyboard Port

* There are two LEDs on the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.



Activity / Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No Link	Off	10Mbps connection
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection
On	Link	Green	1Gbps connection

** To configure 7.1 CH HD Audio, it is required to use an HD front panel audio module and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver.

Please set Speaker Configuration to “7.1 Speaker” in the Realtek HD Audio Manager.



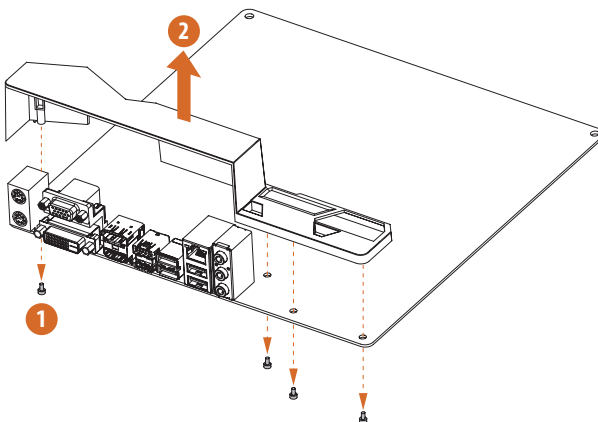
Function of the Audio Ports in 7.1-channel Configuration:

Port	Function
Light Blue (Rear panel)	Rear Speaker Out
Lime (Rear panel)	Front Speaker Out
Pink (Rear panel)	Central /Subwoofer Speaker Out
Lime (Front panel)	Side Speaker Out

How to Remove the I/O Cover?

Certain graphics cards with extra thickness of the back plate may collide with the pre-installed I/O cover.

Before installing such a wider graphics card, please loosen the screws to remove the I/O cover, as the picture shown below.



Chapter 2 Installation

This is a Micro ATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

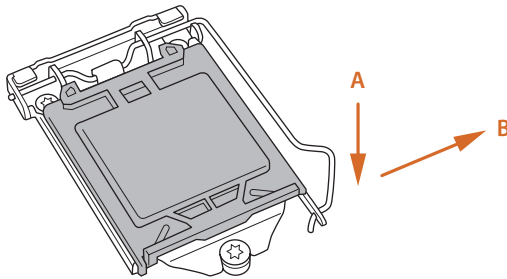
- Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries and damages to motherboard components.
- In order to avoid damage from static electricity to the motherboard's components, NEVER place your motherboard directly on a carpet. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
- Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
- Whenever you uninstall any components, place them on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the components.
- When placing screws to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 Installing the CPU

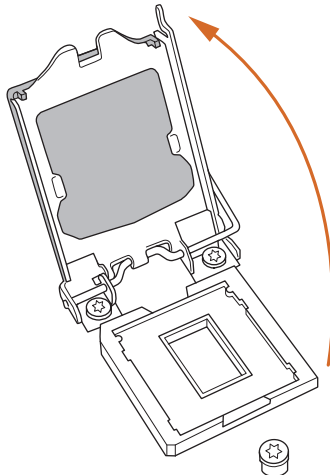


1. Before you insert the 1151-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the **PnP cap** is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any **bent pins** in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

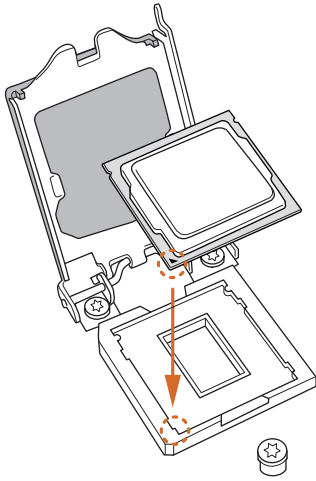
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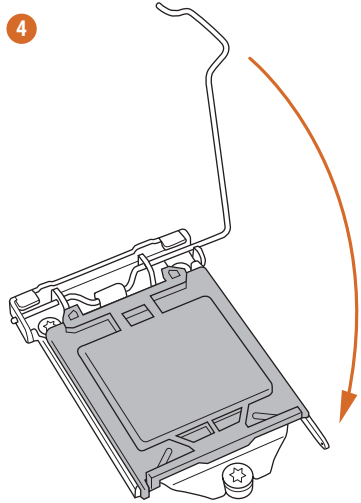
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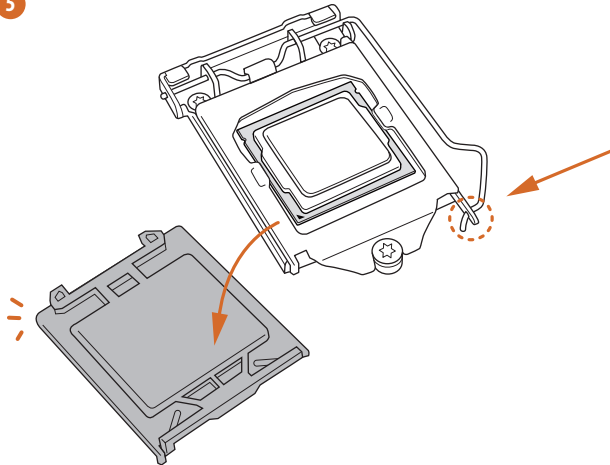
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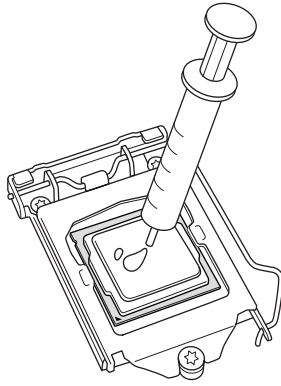
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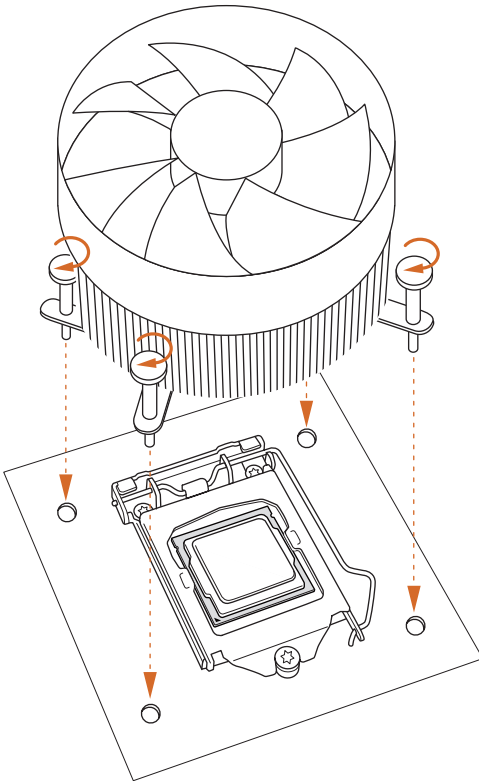


Please save and replace the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.

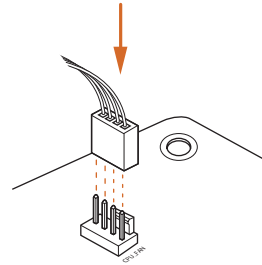
2.2 Installing the CPU Fan and Heatsink



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2.3 Installing Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 288-pin DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.



1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR4 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR, DDR2 or DDR3 memory module into a DDR4 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.

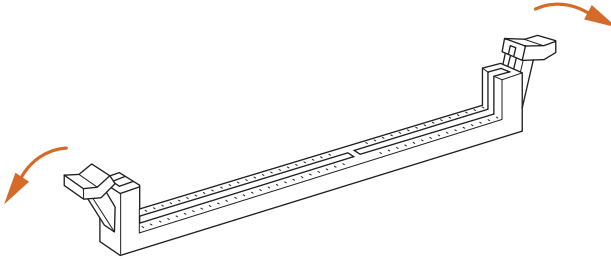
Dual Channel Memory Configuration

Priority	DDR4_A1	DDR4_A2	DDR4_B1	DDR4_B2
1		Populated		Populated
2	Populated		Populated	
3	Populated	Populated	Populated	Populated

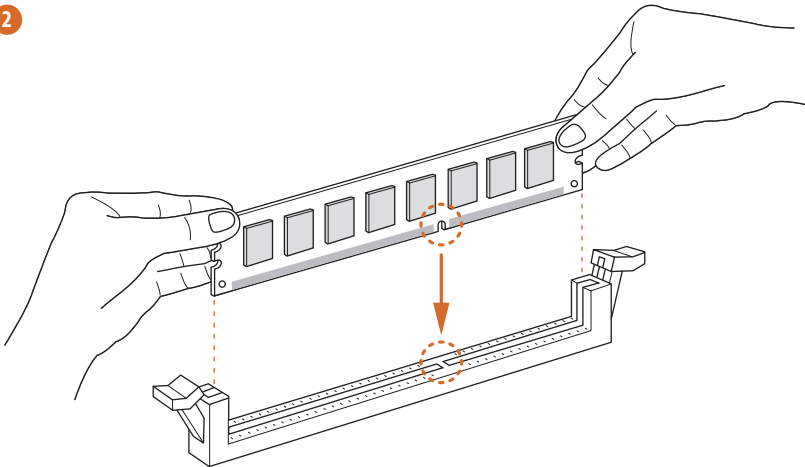


The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

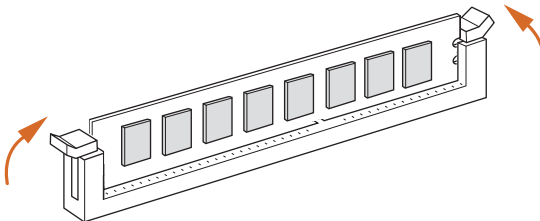
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2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI Express Slots)

There are 4 PCI Express slots on the motherboard.



Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

PCIe slots:

PCIe1 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe2 (PCIe 3.0 x1 slot) is used for PCI Express x1 lane width cards.

PCIe3 (PCIe 3.0 x1 slot) is used for PCI Express x1 lane width cards.

PCIe4 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards.

PCIe Slot Configurations

	PCIe1	PCIe4
Single Graphics Card	x16	N/A
Two Graphics Cards in CrossFireX™ Mode	x16	x4



For a better thermal environment, please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's chassis fan connector (CHA_FAN1 or CHA_FAN2) when using multiple graphics cards.

2.5 Onboard Headers and Connectors

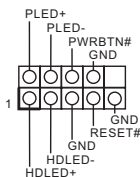


Onboard headers and connectors are **NOT** jumpers. Do **NOT** place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.7, No. 20)



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.



PWRBTN (Power Switch):

Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

RESET (Reset Switch):

Connect 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.

PLED (System Power LED):

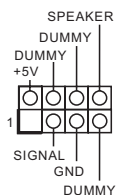
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

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

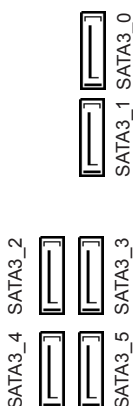
The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

Chassis Intrusion and
Speaker Header
(7-pin SPK_CII)
(see p.7, No. 19)



Please connect the
chassis intrusion and the
chassis speaker to this
header.

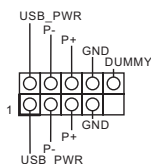
Serial ATA3 Connectors
(SATA3_0:
see p.7, No. 10)
(SATA3_1:
see p.7, No. 11)
(SATA3_2:
see p.7, No. 14)
(SATA3_3:
see p.7, No. 15)
(SATA3_4:
see p.7, No. 17)
(SATA3_5:
see p.7, No. 16)



These six SATA3
connectors support SATA
data cables for internal
storage devices with up to
6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.
If M2_1 is occupied by a
SATA-type M.2 device,
SATA3_0 will be disabled.

USB 2.0 Headers
(9-pin USB3_4)
(see p.7, No. 22)

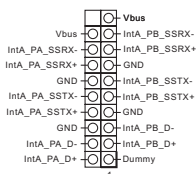
(9-pin USB5_6)
(see p.7, No. 21)



There are two headers
on this motherboard.
Each USB 2.0 header can
support two ports.

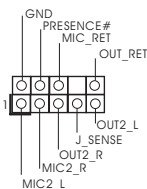
USB 3.0 Headers
(19-pin USB3_5_6)
(see p.7, No. 9)

(19-pin USB3_7_8)
(see p.7, No. 13)



There are two headers
on this motherboard.
Each USB 3.0 header can
support two ports.

Front Panel Audio Header
 (9-pin HD_AUDIO1)
 (see p.7, No. 26)



This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.



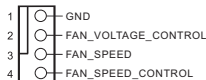
1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use an AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header by the steps below:
 - A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
 - B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
 - C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
 - D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for the HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for the AC'97 audio panel.
 - E. To activate the front mic, go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel and adjust "Recording Volume".

Chassis Fan Connectors
 (4-pin CHA_FAN1)
 (see p.7, No. 2)

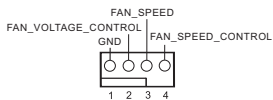


Please connect fan cables to the fan connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

(4-pin CHA_FAN2)
 (see p.7, No. 12)

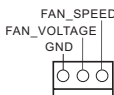


CPU Fan Connectors
 (4-pin CPU_FAN1)
 (see p.7, No. 3)

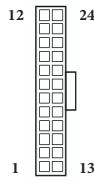


This motherboard provides a 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) connector. If you plan to connect a 3-Pin CPU fan, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

(3-pin CPU_FAN2)
 (see p.7, No. 4)

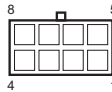


ATX Power Connector
(24-pin ATXPWR1)
(see p.7, No. 8)



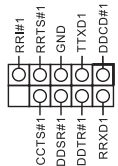
This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.

ATX 12V Power Connector
(8-pin ATX12V1)
(see p.7, No. 1)



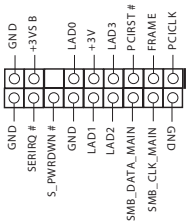
This motherboard provides an 8-pin ATX 12V power connector. To use a 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 5.

Serial Port Header
(9-pin COM1)
(see p.7, No. 25)



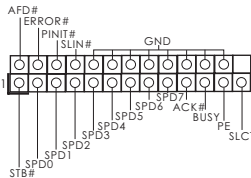
This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

TPM Header
(17-pin TPMS1)
(see p.7, No. 23)



This connector supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

Print Port Header
(25-pin LPT1)
(see p.7, No. 24)



This is an interface for print port cable that allows convenient connection of printer devices.

AURA RGB LED Header
(4-pin RGB_HEADER1)
(see p.7, No. 7)



AURA RGB LED header is used to connect RGB LED extension cable which allows users to choose from various LED lighting effects.

Caution: Never install the RGB LED cable in the wrong orientation; otherwise, the cable may be damaged.

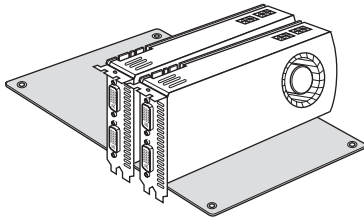
2.6 CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ Operation Guide

This motherboard supports CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ that allows you to install up to three identical PCI Express x16 graphics cards.



1. You should only use identical CrossFireX™-ready graphics cards that are AMD certified.
2. Make sure that your graphics card driver supports AMD CrossFireX™ technology. Download the drivers from the AMD's website: www.amd.com
3. Make sure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power your system requires. It is recommended to use a AMD certified PSU. Please refer to the AMD's website for details.
4. If you pair a 12-pipe CrossFireX™ Edition card with a 16-pipe card, both cards will operate as 12-pipe cards while in CrossFireX™ mode.
5. Different CrossFireX™ cards may require different methods to enable CrossFireX™. Please refer to AMD graphics card manuals for detailed installation guide.

2.6.1 Installing Two CrossFireX™-Ready Graphics Cards



Step 1

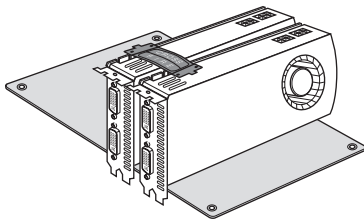
Insert one graphics card into PCIE1 slot and the other graphics card to PCIE4 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

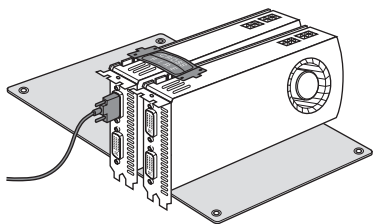


CrossFire Bridge

Step 2

Connect two graphics cards by installing a CrossFire Bridge on the CrossFire Bridge Interconnects on the top of the graphics cards. (The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)





Step 3

Connect a VGA cable or a DVI cable to the monitor connector or the DVI connector of the graphics card that is inserted to PCIE1 slot.

2.6.2 Driver Installation and Setup

Step 1

Power on your computer and boot into OS.

Step 2

Remove the AMD drivers if you have any VGA drivers installed in your system.



The Catalyst Uninstaller is an optional download. We recommend using this utility to uninstall any previously installed Catalyst drivers prior to installation. Please check AMD's website for AMD driver updates.

Step 3

Install the required drivers and CATALYST Control Center then restart your computer. Please check AMD's website for details.



AMD Catalyst Control Center

Step 4

Double-click the **AMD Catalyst Control Center** icon in the Windows' system tray.



Step 5

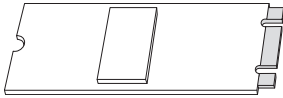
In the left pane, click **Performance** and then **AMD CrossFireX™**. Then select **Enable AMD CrossFireX** and click **Apply**. Select the GPU number according to your graphics card and click **Apply**.

2.7 M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module Installation Guide

The M.2, also known as the Next Generation Form Factor (NGFF), is a small size and versatile card edge connector that aims to replace mPCIe and mSATA. The Ultra M.2 Socket (M2_1) supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280 M.2 SATA3 6.0 Gb/s module and M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s). The Ultra M.2 Socket (M2_2) supports type 2230/2242/2260/2280 M.2 PCI Express module up to Gen3 x4 (32 Gb/s).

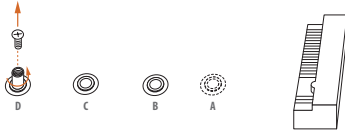
* Please be noted that if M2_1 is occupied by a SATA-type M.2 device, SATA3_0 will be disabled.

Installing the M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module



Step 1

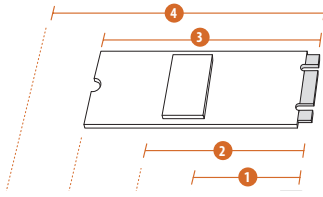
Prepare a M.2_SSD (NGFF) module and the screw.



Step 2

Depending on the PCB type and length of your M.2_SSD (NGFF) module, find the corresponding nut location to be used.

No.	1	2	3	4
Nut Location	A	B	C	D
PCB Length	3cm	4.2cm	6cm	8cm
Module Type	Type2230	Type 2242	Type2260	Type 2280



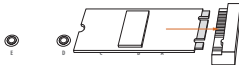
Step 3

Move the standoff based on the module type and length. The standoff is placed at the nut location D by default. Skip Step 3 and 4 and go straight to Step 5 if you are going to use the default nut. Otherwise, release the standoff by hand.



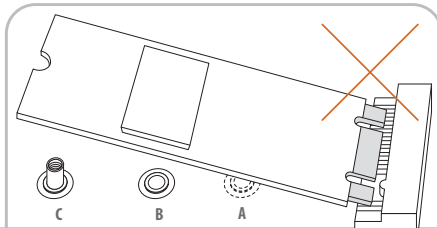
Step 4

Peel off the yellow protective film on the nut to be used. Hand tighten the standoff into the desired nut location on the motherboard.



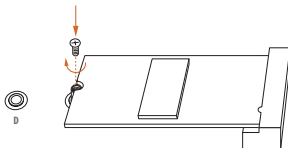
Step 5

Align and gently insert the M.2 (NGFF) SSD module into the M.2 slot. Please be aware that the M.2 (NGFF) SSD module only fits in one orientation.



Step 6

Tighten the screw with a screwdriver to secure the module into place. Please do not overtighten the screw as this might damage the module.



M.2_SSD (NGFF) Module Support List

Vendor	Size	Interface	Length	P/N
ADATA	128GB	SATA3	2280	AXNS381E-128GM-B
ADATA	256GB	SATA3	2280	AXNS381E-256GM-B
ADATA	32GB	SATA3	2230	AXNS330E-32GM-B
Crucial	120GB	SATA3	2280	CT120M500SSD4
Crucial	240GB	SATA3	2280	CT240M500SSD4
Intel	80GB	SATA3	2280	Intel SSDSCKGW080A401/80G
Intel	256GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SSDPEKKF256G7
Intel	512GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SSDPEKKF512G7
Kingston	120GB	SATA3	2280	SM2280S3
Kingston	480GB	PCIe2 x4	2280	SH2280S3/480G
OCZ	512GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	RVD400 -M2280-512G (NVME)
Plextor	128GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	PX-128M8PeG
Plextor	1TB	PCIe3 x4	2280	PX-1TM8PeG
Plextor	256GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	PX-256M8PeG
Plextor	256GB	PCIe	2280	PX-G256M6e
Plextor	512GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	PX-512M8PeG
Plextor	512GB	PCIe	2280	PX-G512M6e
Samsung	256GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SM951 (MZHPV256HDGL)
Samsung	256GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SM951 (NVME)
Samsung	512GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SM951 (MZHPV512HDGL)
Samsung	512GB	PCIe3 x4	2280	SM951 (NVME)
Samsung	512GB	PCIe x4	2280	XP941-512G (MZHPU512HCGL)
SanDisk	128GB	PCIe	2260	SD6PP4M-128G
SanDisk	256GB	PCIe	2260	SD6PP4M-256G
Team	128GB	SATA3	2242	TM4PS4128GMC105
Team	128GB	SATA3	2280	TM8PS4128GMC105
Team	256GB	SATA3	2280	TM8PS4256GMC105
Team	256GB	SATA3	2242	TM4PS4256GMC105
Transcend	256GB	SATA3	2242	TS256GMTS400
Transcend	512GB	SATA3	2260	TS512GMTS600
Transcend	512GB	SATA3	2280	TS512GMTS800
V-Color	120GB	SATA3	2280	VLM100-120G-2280B-RD
V-Color	240GB	SATA3	2280	VLM100-240G-2280B-RD
V-Color	240GB	SATA3	2280	VSM100-240G-2280

For the latest updates of M.2_SSD (NFGG) module support list, please visit our website for details: <http://www.asrock.com>

Chapter 3 Software and Utilities Operation

3.1 Installing Drivers

The Support CD that comes with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard's features.

Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASRSETUP.EXE" in the Support CD to display the menu.

Drivers Menu

The drivers compatible to your system will be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please click **Install All** or follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the application software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.




To improve Windows 7 compatibility, please download and install the following hot fix provided by Microsoft.

"KB2720599": <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2720599/en-us>

3.2 F-Stream

F-Stream is ASRock's multi purpose software suite with a new interface, more new features and improved utilities.

3.2.1 Installing F-Stream

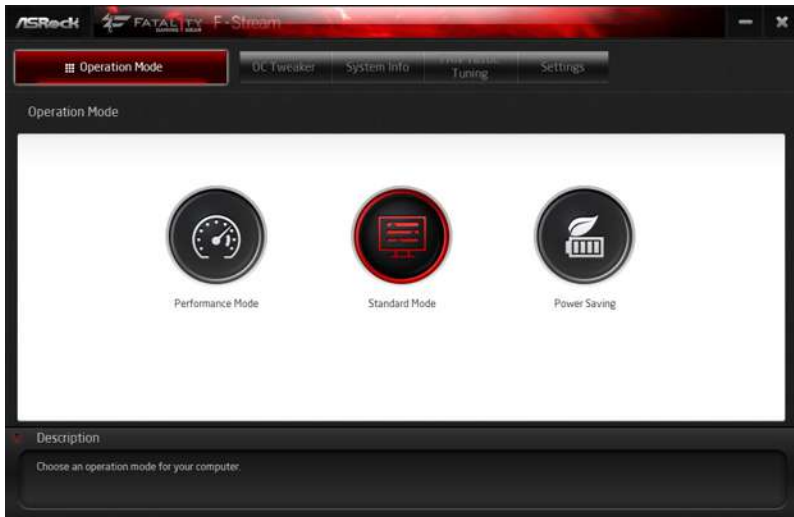
F-Stream can be downloaded from ASRock Live Update & APP Shop. After the installation, you will find the icon "F-Stream" on your desktop. Double-click the "F-Stream"  icon, F-Stream main menu will pop up.

3.2.2 Using F-Stream

There are six sections in F-Stream main menu: Operation Mode, OC Tweaker, System Info, FAN-Tastic Tuning and Settings.

Operation Mode

Choose an operation mode for your computer.



OC Tweaker

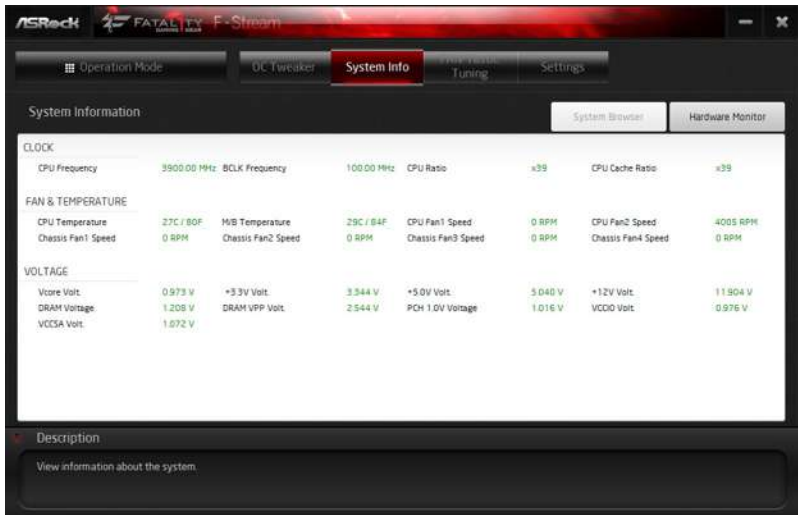
Configurations for overclocking the system.



System Info

View information about the system.

*The System Browser tab may not appear for certain models.



FAN-Tastic Tuning

Configure up to five different fan speeds using the graph. The fans will automatically shift to the next speed level when the assigned temperature is met.

FAN-Tastic Tuning

CPU FAN1

Start FAN Test

Fan Power	Fan Speed
100%	N/A RPM
90%	N/A RPM
80%	N/A RPM
70%	N/A RPM
60%	N/A RPM
50%	N/A RPM
40%	N/A RPM
30%	N/A RPM
20%	N/A RPM
10%	N/A RPM

Auto apply when program starts

Apply Cancel

Description

Configure different fan speeds for respective temperatures using the graph. The fans will automatically shift to the next speed level when the assigned temperature is met.

Settings

Configure ASRock F-Stream. Click to select "Auto run at Windows Startup" if you want F-Stream to be launched when you start up the Windows operating system.

Settings

Auto run at Windows Startup

Version: 3.0.91

Description

Configure ASRock F-Stream

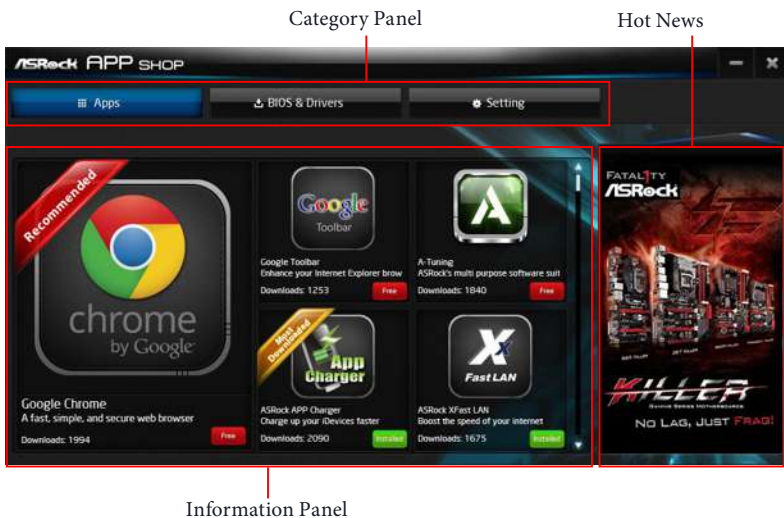
3.3 ASRock Live Update & APP Shop

The ASRock Live Update & APP Shop is an online store for purchasing and downloading software applications for your ASRock computer. You can quickly and easily install various apps and support utilities. With ASRock Live Update & APP Shop, you can optimize your system and keep your motherboard up to date simply with a few clicks.

Double-click  on your desktop to access ASRock Live Update & APP Shop utility.

**You need to be connected to the Internet to download apps from the ASRock Live Update & APP Shop.*

3.3.1 UI Overview



Category Panel: The category panel contains several category tabs or buttons that when selected the information panel below displays the relative information.

Information Panel: The information panel in the center displays data about the currently selected category and allows users to perform job-related tasks.

Hot News: The hot news section displays the various latest news. Click on the image to visit the website of the selected news and know more.

3.3.2 Apps

When the "Apps" tab is selected, you will see all the available apps on screen for you to download.

Installing an App

Step 1

Find the app you want to install.



The most recommended app appears on the left side of the screen. The other various apps are shown on the right. Please scroll up and down to see more apps listed.

You can check the price of the app and whether you have already installed it or not.

Free - The red icon displays the price or "Free" if the app is free of charge.

Installed - The green "Installed" icon means the app is installed on your computer.

Step 2

Click on the app icon to see more details about the selected app.

Step 3


If you want to install the app, click on the red icon **Free** to start downloading.



Step 4


When installation completes, you can find the green "Installed" icon appears on the upper right corner.



To uninstall it, simply click on the trash can icon .

*The trash icon may not appear for certain apps.

Upgrading an App

You can only upgrade the apps you have already installed. When there is an available new version for your app, you will find the mark of "New Version"  appears below the installed app icon.



Step 1

Click on the app icon to see more details.

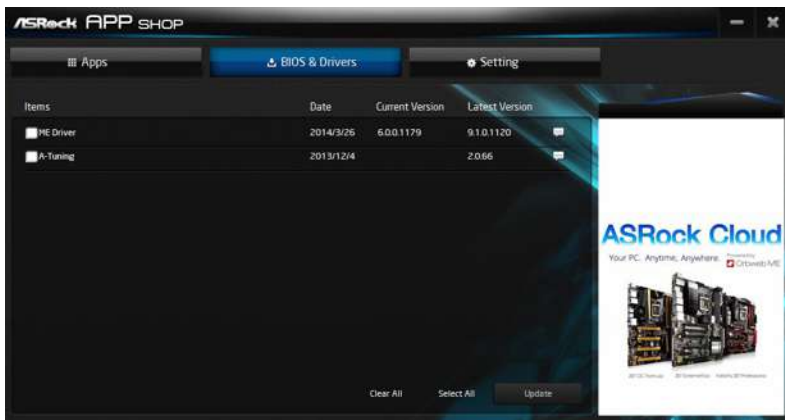
Step 2

Click on the yellow icon  to start upgrading.


3.3.3 BIOS & Drivers

Installing BIOS or Drivers

When the "BIOS & Drivers" tab is selected, you will see a list of recommended or critical updates for the BIOS or drivers. Please update them all soon.



Step 1

Please check the item information before update. Click on  to see more details.

Step 2

Click to select one or more items you want to update.

Step 3

Click Update to start the update process.

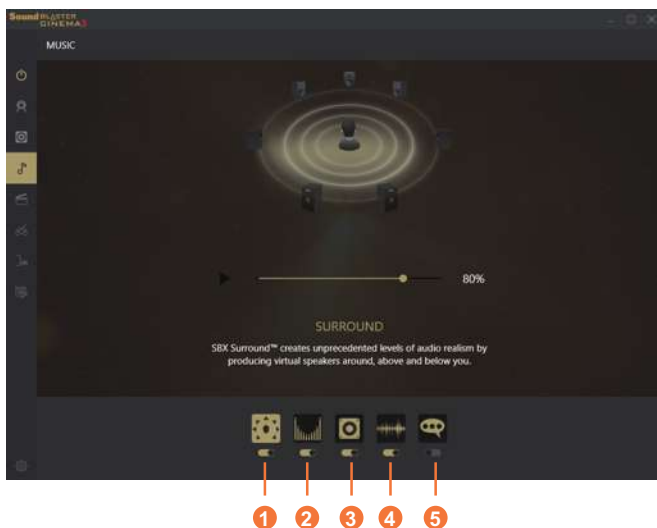
3.3.4 Setting

In the "Setting" page, you can change the language, select the server location, and determine if you want to automatically run the ASRock Live Update & APP Shop on Windows startup.



3.4 Creative SoundBlaster Cinema3

The SoundBlaster™ Cinema3, powered by the SBX Pro Studio technologies, is designed to bring the same great audio experience found in live performances, films, and recording studios to the PC. With this utility, you can easily enhance your audio environment in five modes, including Headphones, Speakers, Music, Movie, Game, Voice and Custom.



There are five functions in SoundBlaster™ Cinema3:

No.	Function	Description
1	Surround	Creating unprecedented levels of audio realism by producing virtual speakers around, above and below you.
2	Crystalizer	Making music sound as good as the artist originally intended by ensuring that every audio detail is heard.
3	Bass	Enhancing bass sound experience by expanding the low frequency tones.
4	Smart Volume	Minimizing abrupt volume changes by automatically adjusting the loudness of your audio playback.
5	Dialog Plus	Enhancing voices in music and movies for drastically clearer vocal range.

3.5 Enabling USB Ports for Windows® 7 Installation

Intel® new processors have removed their support for the Enhanced Host Controller Interface (EHCI – USB2.0) and only kept the eXtensible Host Controller Interface (XHCI – USB3.0). Due to that fact that XHCI is not included in the Windows 7 inbox drivers, users may find it difficult to install Windows 7 operating system because the USB ports on their motherboard won't work. In order for the USB ports to function properly, please create a Windows® 7 installation disk with the Intel® USB 3.0 eXtensible Host Controller (xHCI) drivers packed into the ISO file.

Requirements

- A Windows® 7 installation disk or USB drive
- A Windows® PC
- Win7 USB Patcher (included in the ASRock Support CD or downloaded from website)

Scenarios

You have an ODD and PS/2 ports:

If there is an optical disc drive, PS/2 ports and PS/2 Keyboard or mouse on your computer, you can skip the instructions below and go ahead to install Windows® 7 OS.

You've got nothing:

If you do not have an optical disc drive, please find another computer and follow the instructions below to create a new ISO file with the "Win7 USB Patcher". Then use the new patched Windows® 7 installation USB drive to install Windows® 7 OS.

Instructions

Step 1

Insert the Windows® 7 installation disk or USB drive to your system.

Step 2

Extract the tool (Win7 USB Patcher) and launch it.

Step 3

Select how you want to install Windows 7 later.



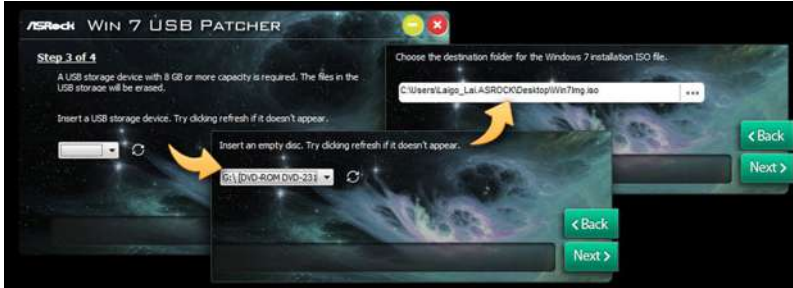
Step 4

Locate your Win7 source folder or your ISO file.



Step 5

Select the USB storage, compact disk or destination folder for the new Windows 7 installation file.

**Step 6**

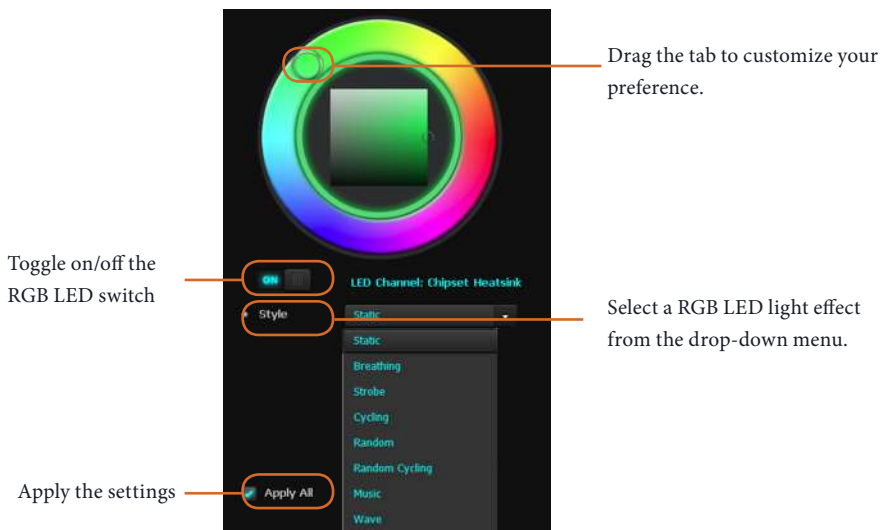
Click "Start" to begin.

**Step 7**

Now you are able to install Windows® 7 on Intel® new processors with the new burned CD. Or please use the patched ISO image to make an OS USB drive to install the OS.

3.6 ASRock AURA RGB LED

ASRock AURA RGB LED allows you to build your own colorful lighting system. By connecting LED strip, you can adjust the RGB LED color through ASRock AURA RGB LED utility.



Chapter 4 UEFI SETUP UTILITY

4.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY by pressing <F2> or right after you power on the computer, otherwise, the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) will continue with its test routines. If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.



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4.2 EZ Mode

The EZ Mode screen appears when you enter the BIOS setup program by default. EZ mode is a dashboard which contains multiple readings of the system's current status. You can check the most crucial information of your system, such as CPU speed, DRAM frequency, SATA information, fan speed, etc.

Press <F6> or click the "Advanced Mode" button at the upper right corner of the screen to switch to "Advanced Mode" for more options.



No.	Function
1	Help
2	Load UEFI Defaults
3	Save Changes and Exit
4	Discard Changes
5	Change Language
6	Switch to Advanced Mode

4.3 Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides more options to configure the BIOS settings. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.

To access the EZ Mode, press <F6> or click the "EZ Mode" button at the upper right corner of the screen.

4.3.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	For setting system time/date information
OC Tweaker	For overclocking configurations
Advanced	For advanced system configurations
Tool	Useful tools
H/W Monitor	Displays current hardware status
Boot	For configuring boot settings and boot priority
Security	For security settings
Exit	Exit the current screen or the UEFI Setup Utility

4.3.2 Navigation Keys

Use <←> key or <→> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and use <↑> key or <↓> key to move the cursor up or down to select items, then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

Please check the following table for the descriptions of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Description
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F5>	Add / Remove Favorite
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

4.4 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.



My Favorite

Display your collection of BIOS items. Press F5 to add/remove your favorite items.

4.5 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.



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CPU Configuration

Boot Performance Mode

Select the performance state that the BIOS will set before OS handoff.

FCLK Frequency

Configure the FCLK Frequency.

Intel SpeedStep Technology

Intel SpeedStep technology allows processors to switch between multiple frequencies and voltage points for better power saving and heat dissipation.

Intel Turbo Boost Technology

Intel Turbo Boost Technology enables the processor to run above its base operating frequency when the operating system requests the highest performance state.

Intel Speed Shift Technology

Enable/Disable Intel Speed Shift Technology support. Enabling will expose the CPPC v2 interface to allow for hardware controlled P-states.

Long Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 1 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered after a period of time. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

Long Duration Maintained

Configure the period of time until the CPU ratio is lowered when the Long Duration Power Limit is exceeded.

Short Duration Power Limit

Configure Package Power Limit 2 in watts. When the limit is exceeded, the CPU ratio will be lowered immediately. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

System Agent Current Limit

Configure the current limit of the system agent. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

CPU Core Current Limit

Configure the current limit of the CPU core. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

GT Slice Current Limit

Configure the current limit of the GT slice. A lower limit can protect the CPU and save power, while a higher limit may improve performance.

GT Frequency

Configure the frequency of the integrated GPU.

DRAM Configuration

DRAM Tweaker

Fine tune the DRAM settings by leaving marks in checkboxes. Click OK to confirm and apply your new settings.

DRAM Timing Configuration

Load XMP Setting

Load XMP settings to overclock the memory and perform beyond standard specifications.

DRAM Reference Clock

Select Auto for optimized settings.

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assign the appropriate frequency automatically.

Primary Timing

CAS# Latency (tCL)

The time between sending a column address to the memory and the beginning of the data in response.

RAS# to CAS# Delay and Row Precharge (tRCDtRP)

RAS# to CAS# Delay : The number of clock cycles required between the opening of a row of memory and accessing columns within it.

Row Precharge: The number of clock cycles required between the issuing of the precharge command and opening the next row.

RAS# Active Time (tRAS)

The number of clock cycles required between a bank active command and issuing the precharge command.

Command Rate (CR)

The delay between when a memory chip is selected and when the first active command can be issued.

Secondary Timing

Write Recovery Time (tWR)

The amount of delay that must elapse after the completion of a valid write operation, before an active bank can be precharged.

Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC)

The number of clocks from a Refresh command until the first Activate command to the same rank.

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD_L)

The number of clocks between two rows activated in different banks of the same rank.

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD_S)

The number of clocks between two rows activated in different banks of the same rank.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR_L)

The number of clocks between the last valid write operation and the next read command to the same internal bank.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR_S)

The number of clocks between the last valid write operation and the next read command to the same internal bank.

Read to Precharge (tRTP)

The number of clocks that are inserted between a read command to a row pre-charge command to the same rank.

Four Activate Window (tFAW)

The time window in which four activates are allowed the same rank.

CAS Write Latency (tCWL)

Configure CAS Write Latency.

Third Timing

tREFI

Configure refresh cycles at an average periodic interval.

tCKE

Configure the period of time the DDR4 initiates a minimum of one refresh command internally once it enters Self-Refresh mode.

tRDRD_sg

Configure between module read to read delay.

tRDRD_dg

Configure between module read to read delay.

tRDRD_dr

Configure between module read to read delay.

tRDRD_dd

Configure between module read to read delay.

tRDWR_sg

Configure between module read to write delay.

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Advanced Setting

MRC Fast Boot

Enable Memory Fast Boot to skip DRAM memory training for booting faster.

Voltage Configuration

CPU Vcore Voltage

Configure the voltage for the CPU Vcore.

CPU Load-Line Calibration

CPU Load-Line Calibration helps prevent CPU voltage droop when the system is under heavy loading.

GT Voltage

Configure the voltage for the integrated GPU.

GT Load-Line Calibration

GT Load-Line Calibration helps prevent integrated GPU voltage droop when the system is under heavy load.

DRAM Voltage

Use this to configure DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

PCH +1.0 Voltage

Configure the chipset voltage (1.0V).

VCCIO Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VCCIO.

VCCST Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VCCST.

VCCSA Voltage

Configure the voltage for the VCCSA.

Save User Default

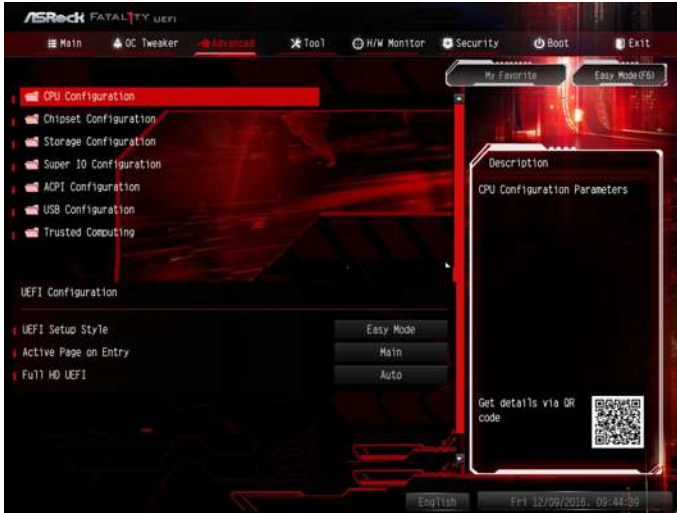
Type a profile name and press enter to save your settings as user default.

Load User Default

Load previously saved user defaults.

4.6 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Trusted Computing.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

UEFI Configuration

UEFI Setup Style

Select the default mode when entering the UEFI setup utility.

Active Page on Entry

Select the default page when entering the UEFI setup utility.

Full HD UEFI

When [Auto] is selected, the resolution will be set to 1920 x 1080 if the monitor supports Full HD resolution. If the monitor does not support Full HD resolution, then the resolution will be set to 1024 x 768. When [Disable] is selected, the resolution will be set to 1024 x 768 directly.

4.6.1 CPU Configuration



Intel Hyper Threading Technology

Intel Hyper Threading Technology allows multiple threads to run on each core, so that the overall performance on threaded software is improved.

Active Processor Cores

Select the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

CPU C States Support

Enable CPU C States Support for power saving. It is recommended to keep C3, C6 and C7 all enabled for better power saving.

Enhanced Halt State (C1E)

Enable Enhanced Halt State (C1E) for lower power consumption.

CPU C3 State Support

Enable C3 sleep state for lower power consumption.

CPU C6 State Support

Enable C6 deep sleep state for lower power consumption.

CPU C7 State Support

Enable C7 deep sleep state for lower power consumption.

Package C State Support

Enable CPU, PCIe, Memory, Graphics C State Support for power saving.

CFG Lock

This item allows you to disable or enable the CFG Lock.

CPU Thermal Throttling

Enable CPU internal thermal control mechanisms to keep the CPU from overheating.

Intel Virtualization Technology

Intel Virtualization Technology allows a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions, so that one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems.

Hardware Prefetcher

Automatically prefetch data and code for the processor. Enable for better performance.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

Automatically prefetch the subsequent cache line while retrieving the currently requested cache line. Enable for better performance.

SW Guard Extensions (SGX)

Intel SGX is a set of new CPU instructions that can be used by applications to set aside private regions of code and data.

4.6.2 Chipset Configuration



Primary Graphics Adapter

Select a primary VGA.

Top Of Lower Usable Dram

Maximum Value of TOLUD. Dynamic assignment would adjust TOLUD automatically based on largest MMIO length of installed graphic controller.

VT-d

Intel® Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O helps your virtual machine monitor better utilize hardware by improving application compatibility and reliability, and providing additional levels of manageability, security, isolation, and I/O performance.

PCIe1 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe1.

PCIe2 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe2.

PCIe3 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe3.

PCIE4 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIE4.

PCI Express Native Control

Select Enable for enhanced PCI Express power saving in OS.

PCIE ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all CPU downstream devices.

PCH PCIE ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all PCH PCIE devices.

DMI ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the control of ASPM on CPU side of the DMI Link.

PCH DMI ASPM Support

This option enables/disables the ASPM support for all PCH DMI devices.

IOAPIC 24-119 Entries

I/O APICs contain a redirection table, which is used to route the interrupts it receives from peripheral buses to one or more local APICs. Enable/disable IOAPIC 24-119 Entries to expand to PIROI-PIROX.

Share Memory

Configure the size of memory that is allocated to the integrated graphics processor when the system boots up.

IGPU Multi-Monitor

Select disable to disable the integrated graphics when an external graphics card is installed. Select enable to keep the integrated graphics enabled at all times.

Onboard LAN

Enable or disable the onboard network interface controller.

Onboard HD Audio

Enable/disable onboard HD audio. Set to Auto to enable onboard HD audio and automatically disable it when a sound card is installed.

Front Panel

Enable/disable front panel HD audio.

Onboard HDMI HD Audio

Enable audio for the onboard digital outputs.

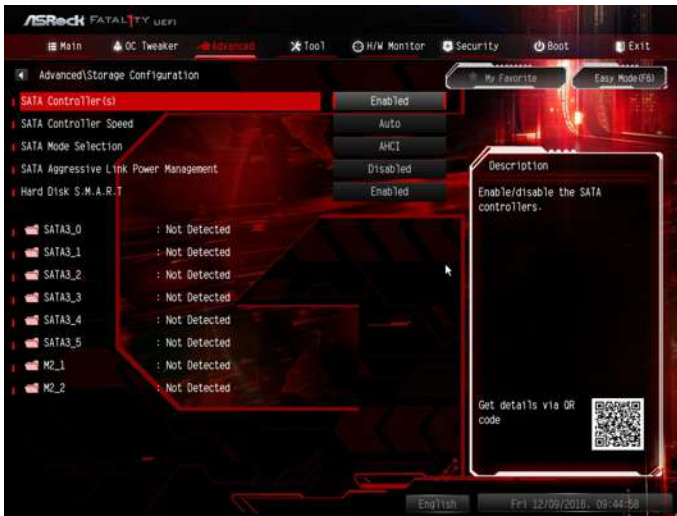
Deep Sleep

Configure deep sleep mode for power saving when the computer is shut down.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

Select the power state after a power failure. If [Power Off] is selected, the power will remain off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the system will start to boot up when the power recovers.

4.6.3 Storage Configuration



SATA Controller(s)

Enable/disable the SATA controllers.

SATA Controller Speed

Indicates the maximum speed the SATA controller can support.

SATA Mode Selection

AHCI: Supports new features that improve performance.

RAID: Combine multiple disk drives into a logical unit.

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management allows SATA devices to enter a low power state during periods of inactivity to save power. It is only supported by AHCI mode.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

S.M.A.R.T stands for Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology. It is a monitoring system for computer hard disk drives to detect and report on various indicators of reliability.

4.6.4 Super IO Configuration



Serial Port

Enable or disable the Serial port.

Serial Port Address

Select the address of the Serial port.

Parallel Port

Enable or disable the Parallel port.

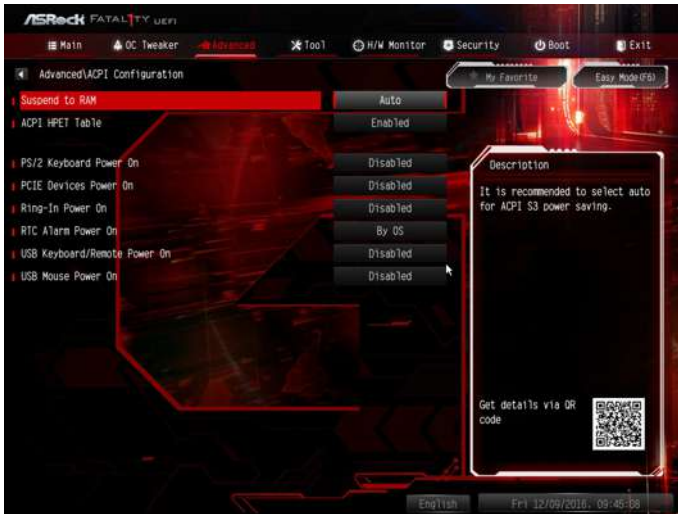
Change Settings

Select the address of the Parallel port.

Device Mode

Select the device mode according to your connected device.

4.6.5 ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Select disable for ACPI suspend type S1. It is recommended to select auto for ACPI S3 power saving.

ACPI HEPT Table

Enable the High Precision Event Timer for better performance.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by a PS/2 Keyboard.

PCIE Devices Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by a PCIE device and enable wake on LAN.

Ring-In Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by onboard COM port modem Ring-In signals.

RTC Alarm Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by the real time clock alarm. Set it to By OS to let it be handled by your operating system.

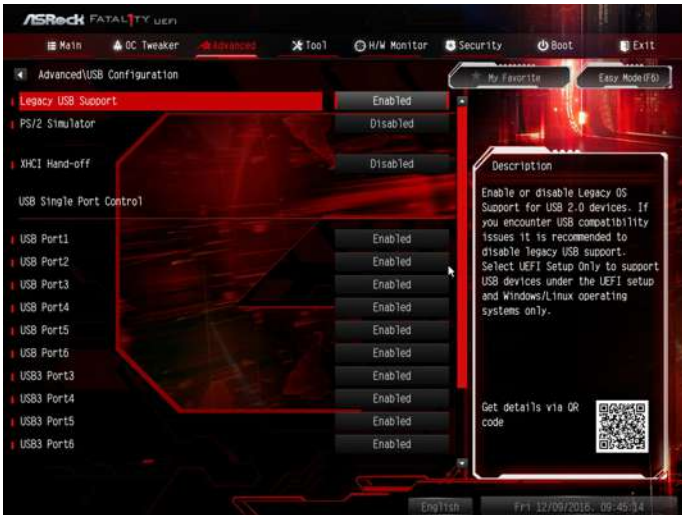
USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB keyboard or remote controller.

USB Mouse Power On

Allow the system to be waked up by an USB mouse.

4.6.6 USB Configuration



Legacy USB Support

Enable or disable Legacy OS Support for USB 2.0 devices. If you encounter USB compatibility issues it is recommended to disable legacy USB support. Select UEFI Setup Only to support USB devices under the UEFI setup and Windows/Linux operating systems only.

PS/2 Simulator

Enable PS/2 Simulator. This should be enabled for the complete USB keyboard legacy support for non-USB aware OSes.

*Enable this option if you install Windows 7.

XHCI Hand-off

This is a workaround for OSes without XHCI hand-off support. The XHCI ownership change should be claimed by XHCI driver.

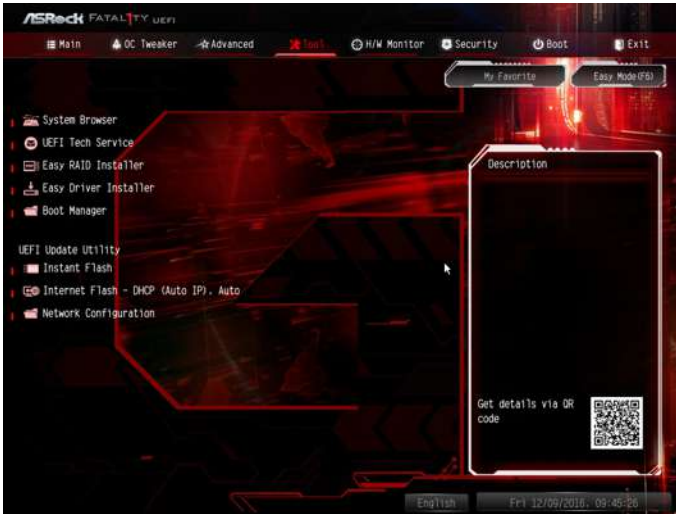
4.6.7 Trusted Computing



Security Device Support

Enable or disable BIOS support for security device.

4.7 Tools



System Browser

ASRock System Browser shows the overview of your current PC and the devices connected.

UEFI Tech Service

Contact ASRock Tech Service if you are having trouble with your PC. Please setup network configuration before using UEFI Tech Service.

Easy RAID Installer

Easy RAID Installer helps you to copy the RAID driver from the support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the drivers please change the SATA mode to RAID, then you can start installing the operating system in RAID mode.

Easy Driver Installer

For users that don't have an optical disk drive to install the drivers from our support CD, Easy Driver Installer is a handy tool in the UEFI that installs the LAN driver to your system via an USB storage device, then downloads and installs the other required drivers automatically.

Boot Manager

Boot Manager is specifically designed for the dual OS platform/multi-OS platform users to easily customize and manage the boot menu.

*Please connect more than one boot devices to use this tool.



Boot Manager

Enable/disable the Boot Manager.

Boot Manager Timeout

Enable/disable the Boot Manager Timeout.

Timeout Seconds

Configure the number of seconds to wait for the Boot Manager.

Instant Flash

Save UEFI files in your USB storage device and run Instant Flash to update your UEFI.

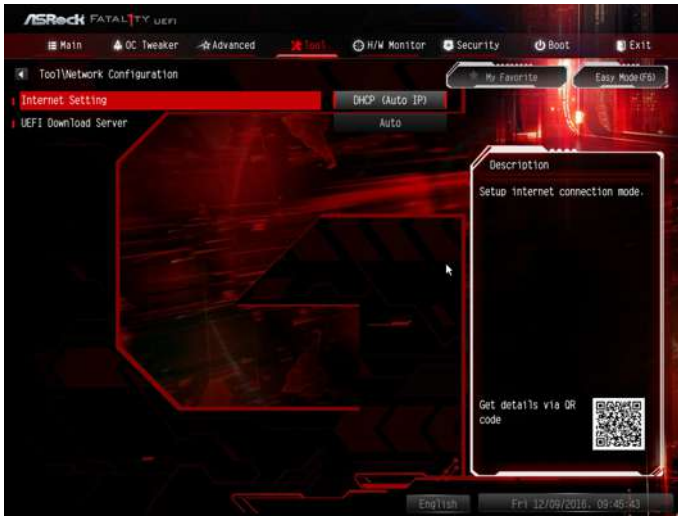
Internet Flash - DHCP (Auto IP), Auto

ASRock Internet Flash downloads and updates the latest UEFI firmware version from our servers for you. Please setup network configuration before using Internet Flash.

*For BIOS backup and recovery purpose, it is recommended to plug in your USB pen drive before using this function.

Network Configuration

Use this to configure internet connection settings for Internet Flash.



Internet Setting

Enable or disable sound effects in the setup utility.

UEFI Download Server

Select a server to download the UEFI firmware.

4.8 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

This section allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, fan speed and voltage.



Fan-Tastic Tuning

Select a fan mode for CPU Fan, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

CPU Fan 1 & 2 Setting

Select a fan mode for CPU Fan 1 & 2, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

Select a fan mode for Chassis Fan 1, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 1 Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for Chassis Fan 1.

Chassis Fan 2 Setting

Select a fan mode for Chassis Fan 2, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

Chassis Fan 2 Temp Source

Select a fan temperature source for Chassis Fan 2.

Over Temperature Protection

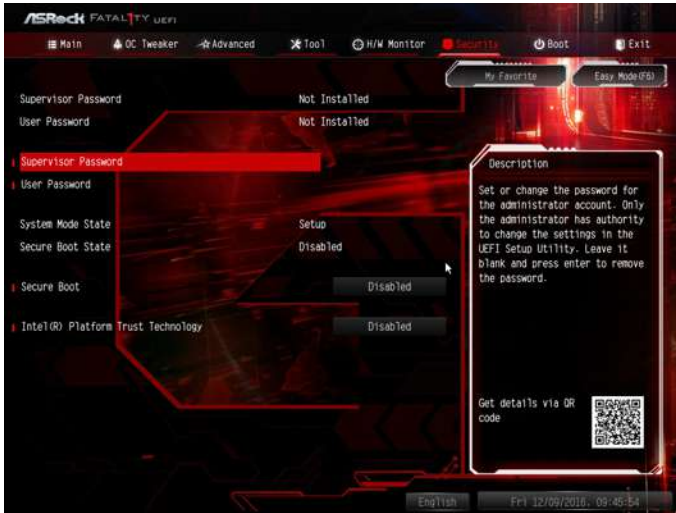
When Over Temperature Protection is enabled, the system automatically shuts down when the motherboard is overheated.

Case Open Feature

Enable or disable Case Open Feature to detect whether the chassis cover has been removed.

4.9 Security Screen

In this section you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. You may also clear the user password.



Supervisor Password

Set or change the password for the administrator account. Only the administrator has authority to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

User Password

Set or change the password for the user account. Users are unable to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

Secure Boot

Use this item to enable or disable support for Windows 8.1 Secure Boot.

Intel(R) Platform Trust Technology

Enable/disable Intel PTT in ME. Disable this option to use discrete TPM Module.

4.10 Boot Screen

This section displays the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



Boot From Onboard LAN

Allow the system to be waked up by the onboard LAN.

Setup Prompt Timeout

Configure the number of seconds to wait for the setup hot key.

Bootup Num-Lock

Select whether Num Lock should be turned on or off when the system boots up.

Boot Beep

Select whether the Boot Beep should be turned on or off when the system boots up. Please note that a buzzer is needed.

Full Screen Logo

Enable to display the boot logo or disable to show normal POST messages.

AddOn ROM Display

Enable AddOn ROM Display to see the AddOn ROM messages or configure the AddOn ROM if you've enabled Full Screen Logo. Disable for faster boot speed.

Boot Failure Guard Message

If the computer fails to boot for a number of times the system automatically restores the default settings.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)



CSM

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. Please do not disable unless you're running a WHCK test. If you are using Windows 8.1 64-bit and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

Launch PXE OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Storage OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

Launch Video OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Select Do not launch to not execute both legacy and UEFI option ROM.

4.11 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option the following message, “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” will pop out. Select [OK] to save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option the following message, “Discard changes and exit setup?” will pop out. Select [OK] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option the following message, “Discard changes?” will pop out. Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all options. The F9 key can be used for this operation.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Copy shellx64.efi to the root directory to launch EFI Shell.

Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, you're welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information. For technical questions, please submit a support request form at <http://www.asrock.com/support/tsd.asp>

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