ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING

Motherboard

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Electrical safety

- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for the devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.
- Before connecting or removing signal cables from the motherboard, ensure that all power cables are unplugged.
- Seek professional assistance before using an adapter or extension cord. These devices could interrupt the grounding circuit.
- Ensure that your power supply is set to the correct voltage in your area. If you are not sure about the voltage of the electrical outlet you are using, contact your local power company.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

Operation safety

- Before installing the motherboard and adding devices on it, carefully read all the manuals that came with the package.
- Before using the product, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the product in any area where it may become wet.
- Place the product on a stable surface.
- If you encounter technical problems with the product, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.

About this guide

This user guide contains the information you need when installing and configuring the motherboard.

How this guide is organized

This guide contains the following parts:

1. **Chapter 1: Product Introduction**

   This chapter describes the features of the motherboard and the new technology it supports. It includes description of the switches, jumpers, and connectors on the motherboard.

2. **Chapter 2: Basic Installation**

   This chapter lists the hardware setup procedures that you have to perform when installing system components.

3. **Chapter 3: BIOS Setup**

   This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus. Detailed descriptions of the BIOS parameters are also provided.

Where to find more information

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

1. **ASUS website**

   The ASUS website (www.asus.com) provides updated information on ASUS hardware and software products.

2. **Optional documentation**

   Your product package may include optional documentation, such as warranty flyers, that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

Conventions used in this guide

To ensure that you perform certain tasks properly, take note of the following symbols used throughout this manual.

DANGER/WARNING: Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.

CAUTION: Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.

IMPORTANT: Instructions that you MUST follow to complete a task.

NOTE: Tips and additional information to help you complete a task.

Typography

Bold text	Indicates a menu or an item to select.
Italics	Used to emphasize a word or a phrase.
<Key>	Keys enclosed in the less-than and greater-than sign means that you must press the enclosed key. Example: <Enter> means that you must press the Enter or Return key.
<Key1> + <Key2> + <Key3>	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+).

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CPU	Intel® Socket 1151 9th / 8th Gen Intel® Core™, Pentium® Gold and Celeron® Processors Supports Intel® 14 nm CPU Supports Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0* * **Intel® Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 support depends on the CPU types** * **Refer to www.asus.com for the Intel® CPU support list**
Chipset	Intel® B365 Chipset
Memory	4 x DIMM, max. 64GB DDR4 2666 / 2400 / 2133 MHz Non-ECC, Un-buffered Memory* Dual channel memory architecture Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) * **Hyper DIMM support is subject to the physical characteristics of individual CPUs.** * **DDR4 2666MHz will run at max. 2666MHz on Intel® 9th / 8th Gen. 6-core or higher processors.** * **Refer to www.asus.com for the Memory QVL (Qualified Vendors Lists).**
Graphics	Integrated Graphics Processor- Intel® HD Graphics support Multi-VGA output support : HDMI/DVI ports - Supports DVI with max. resolution 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz - Supports HDMI 1.4b with max. resolution 4096 x 2160 @ 30Hz
Multi-GPU Support	Supports AMD 2-Way CrossFireX™ Technology
Expansion slots	1 x PCIe 3.0 x16 Safeslot 1 x PCIe 3.0 x16 slot (max. at x4 mode) 1 x PCIe 3.0 x1 slots * **When the M.2 Socket with E key is occupied, PCIe x16_2 will runs at x2 mode.**
Storage	**Intel® B365 Chipset** 1 x M.2 Socket 3, with M key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support (SATA & PCIe 3.0 x4 modes)* 1 x M.2 Socket 3, with M key, type 2242/2260/2280 storage devices support (PCIe 3.0 x4 mode) 6 x SATA 6Gb/s ports - Support RAID 0, 1, 5, 10 - Intel® Optane Memory Ready - Supports Intel® Rapid Storage Technology * **The M.2_1 socket shares bandwidth with SATA6G_1 ports when using M.2 SATA mode device.**
LAN	1 x Intel® I219V Gigabit LAN Anti-surge LANGuard ROG GameFirst Technology

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Audio	**ROG SupremeFX S1220A 8-Channel Codec High Definition Audio CODEC** - Dual OP Amplifiers - Impedance sense for front and rear headphone outputs - Supports : Jack-detection, Multi-streaming, Front Panel Jack-retasking - High quality 120 dB SNR stereo playback output and 113 dB SNR recording input - Supports up to 32-Bit/192kHz playback - SupremeFX Shielding Technology **Audio Feature:** - LED-lit Audio Shielding: Ensures precision analog/digital separation and greatly reduced multi-lateral interference, with a gorgeous illuminated trace path - Premium Japan-made audio capacitors provides warm, natural, and immersive sound with exceptional clarity and fidelity - Optical S/PDIF out port(s) at back panel - Sonic Radar III - Sonic Studio III + Sonic Studio Link
USB	**Intel® B365 Chipset** - 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports (2 ports at back panel [red]) - 6 x USB 3.1 Gen1 ports (4 ports at back panel; 2 ports at mid-board) - 6 x USB 2.0 ports(2 ports at back panel; 4 ports at mid-board)
ASUS Special Features	**Gamer's Guardian:** - ESD Guards on LAN, Audio, KBMS and USB3.1 Gen 1 / 2.0 ports - DRAM Overcurrent Protection - Stainless Steel Back I/O - Highly Durable Components - DIGI+ VRM - SafeSlot **GPU Boost** **ASUS Exclusive Features:** - AI Suite 3 - ASUS EPU - ASUS UEFI BIOS EZ Mode featuring friendly graphics user interface - ARMOURY CRATE **ASUS EZ DIY:** - ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 - ASUS EZ Flash 3 - ASUS MyLogo **ASUS Q-Design:** - ASUS Q-Slot - ASUS Q-DIMM **Pre-mounted I/O Shield** **ASUS Fan Xpert 4**

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ROG Exclusive Features	Aura Sync ROG RAMCache III ROG GameFirst V ROG Overwolf ROG CPU-Z
Back I/O Ports	1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port(s) 2 x USB 2.0 ports 1 x DVI port 1 x HDMI 1.4b port 2 x USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports (2 x Type-A [Red]) 1 x LAN (RJ45) port 4 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports 1 x Optical S/PDIF out port 5 x Audio jacks
Internal I/O Ports	1 x AAFP connector 1 x 4-pin RGB connector 1 x USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector supports additional 2 USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports 2 x USB 2.0 connectors supports additional 4 USB 2.0 ports 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M key, supports type 2242/2260/2280 devices (SATA & PCIe 3.0 x4 modes) 1 x M.2 Socket 3 with M key, supports type 2242/2260/2280 storage (PCIe 3.0 x4 mode) 1 x M.2 with E key for Wi-Fi module* 1 x TPM connector 1 x COM port connector 6 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors 1 x AIO_Pump connector (4-pin) 1 x CPU Fan connector (4 -pin) 2 x Chassis Fan connectors (4 -pin) 1 x 8-pin EATX 12 V Power connector 1 x 24-pin EATX Power connector 1 x Clear CMOS jumper 1 x System panel connector * **The M.2 Wi-Fi module is purchased separately.**

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BIOS	1 x 128 Mb Flash ROM, UEFI AMI BIOS, PnP, SM BIOS 3.1, ACPI 6.1
Manageability	WOL, PXE
Software	Drivers EZ Update Anti-virus software (OEM version) ASUS Utilities
Operating system support	Windows® 10 64-bit
Form factor	Micro ATX Form Factor 9.6 inch x 9.6 inch (24.4 cm x 24.4 cm)

Specifications are subject to change without notice. Please refer to the ASUS website for the latest specifications.

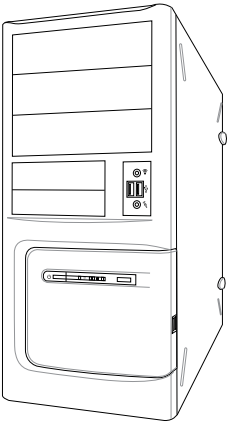
Package contents

Check your motherboard package for the following items.

Motherboard	1 x ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING motherboard
Cables	1 x 2-in-1 SATA 6Gb/s cables
Accessories	1 x Cable Tie black 1 x ROG Strix Series sticker 1 x ROG Strix Series Door Hanger 1 x M.2 Screws Package
Application drive	1 x ROG motherboard support DVD
Documentation	1 x User guide

If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

Installation tools and components



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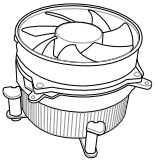

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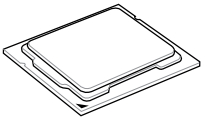

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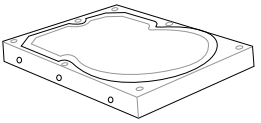
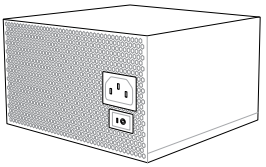


SATA hard disk drive

Phillips (cross) screwdriver



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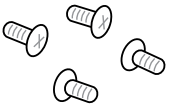
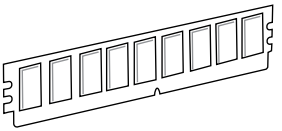


1 bag of screws



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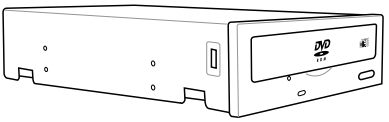
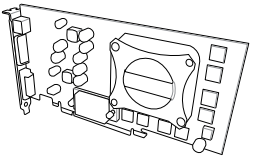


SATA optical disc drive (optional)



Graphics card (optional)

The tools and components listed above are not included in the motherboard package.

Product Introduction

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1.1 Motherboard overview

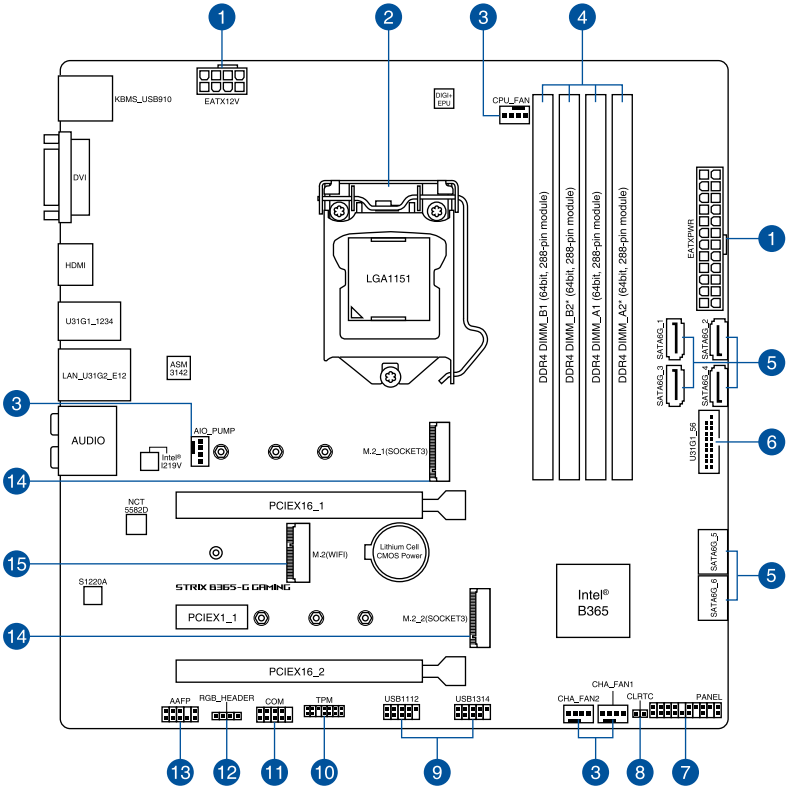
1.1.1 Before you proceed

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

Components shown in this section may require additional purchase. Refer to **Package contents** section for more information about the contents of your motherboard package.

- Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
- Before handling components, use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safely grounded object or a metal object, such as the power supply case, to avoid damaging them due to static electricity.
- Hold components by the edges to avoid touching the ICs on them.
- Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that came with the component.
- Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the ATX power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

1.1.2 Motherboard layout



Refer to **Internal connectors** and **Rear I/O connection** section for more information.

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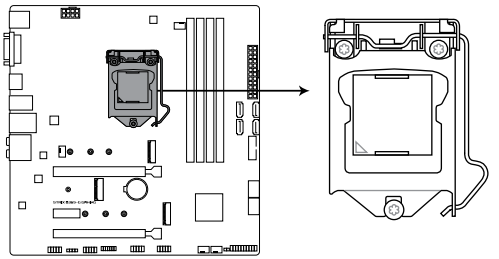
1.1.3 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

This motherboard comes with a surface mount Intel® Socket 1151 designed for the 9th / 8th Gen Intel® Core™, Pentium® Gold and Celeron® Processors.



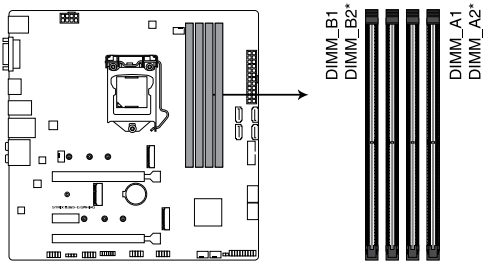
ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING CPU LGA1151

- Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for other sockets on the LGA1151 socket.
- The CPU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to prevent bending the connectors on the socket and damaging the CPU.
- Ensure that all power cables are unplugged before installing the CPU.
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if the damage is shipment/transit-related.
- Keep the cap after installing the motherboard. ASUS will process Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) requests only if the motherboard comes with the cap on the LGA1151 socket.
- The product warranty does not cover damage to the socket contacts resulting from incorrect CPU installation/removal, or misplacement/loss/incorrect removal of the PnP cap.

1.1.4 System memory

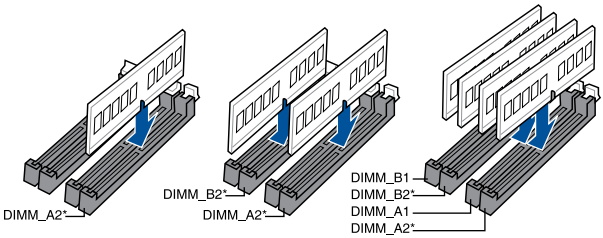
The motherboard comes with Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) slots designed for DDR4 (Double Data Rate 4) memory modules.

A DDR4 memory module is notched differently from a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 module. DO NOT install a DDR, DDR2, or DDR3 memory module to the DDR4 slot.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING 288-pin DDR4 DIMM socket

Recommended memory configurations



The recommended memory DIMM slots are marked with an asterix (*).

Memory configurations

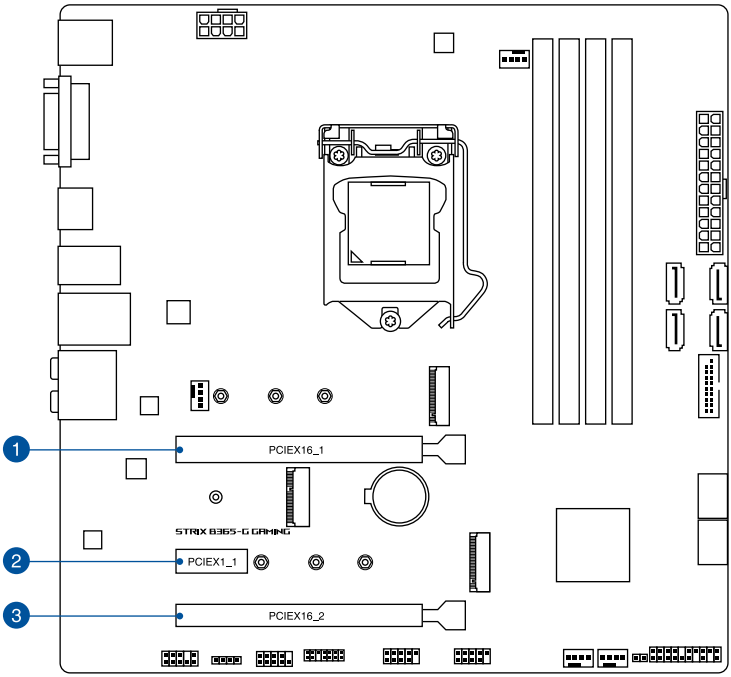
You may install 2 GB, 4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB unbuffered and non-ECC DDR4 DIMMs into the DIMM sockets.

You may install varying memory sizes in Channel A, and Channel B. The system maps the total size of the lower-sized channel for the quad-channel configuration. Any excess memory from the higher-sized channel is then mapped for single-channel operation.

- The default memory operation frequency is dependent on its Serial Presence Detect (SPD), which is the standard way of accessing information from a memory module. Under the default state, some memory modules for overclocking may operate at a lower frequency than the vendor-marked value.
- For system stability, use a more efficient memory cooling system to support a full memory load or overclocking condition.
- Always install the DIMMS with the same CAS Latency. For an optimum compatibility, we recommend that you install memory modules of the same version or data code (D/C) from the same vendor. Check with the vendor to get the correct memory modules.
- Visit the ASUS website for the latest QVL.

1.1.5 Expansion slots

Unplug the power cord before adding or removing expansion cards. Failure to do so may cause you physical injury and damage motherboard components.



Recommended VGA configuration

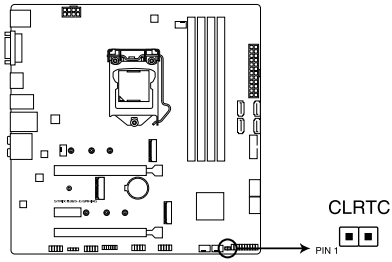
Slot	Description	Single VGA
1.	PCIe 3.0 x16_1	x16
2.	PCIe 3.0 x1_1	-
3.	PCIe 3.0 x16_2	x4

- We recommend that you provide sufficient power when running CrossFireX™ mode.
- Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug when running CrossFireX™ mode.
- Connect a chassis fan to the chassis fan connectors when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

1.1.6 Onboard jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM jumper

The Clear RTC RAM jumper allows you to clear the Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM in the CMOS, which contains the date, time, system passwords, and system setup parameters.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING Clear RTC RAM jumper

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Short-circuit pin 1-2 with a metal object or jumper cap for about 5-10 seconds.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the <Del> key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

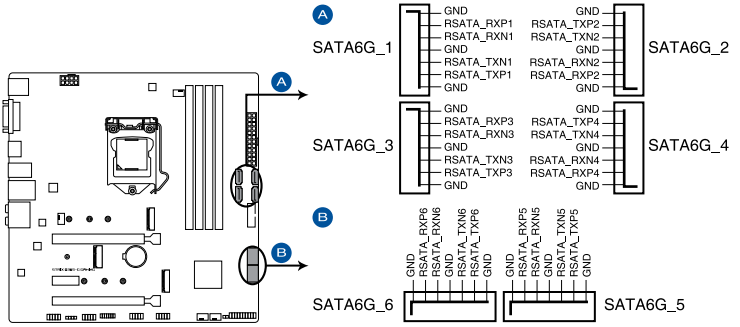
DO NOT short-circuit the pins except when clearing the RTC RAM. Short-circuiting or placing a jumper cap will cause system boot failure!

If the steps above do not help, remove the onboard button cell battery and move the jumper again to clear the CMOS RTC RAM data. After clearing the CMOS, reinstall the button cell battery.

1.1.7 Internal connectors

1. SATA 6Gb/s connector

The SATA 6Gb/s connector allows you to connect SATA devices such as optical disc drives and hard disk drives via a SATA cable.



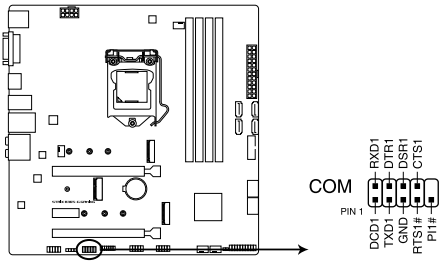
ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING SATA 6 Gb/s connector

If you installed SATA storage devices, you can create a RAID 0, 1, 5, and 10 configuration with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology through the onboard Intel® B365 chipset.

- The connectors are set to **[AHCI Mode]** by default. If you intend to create a SATA RAID set using these connectors, set the SATA Mode item in the BIOS to **[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration(RAID)]**.
- The SATA6G_1 port shares bandwidth with M.2_1 slot when using M.2 SATA mode device.
- Before creating a RAID set, refer to the **RAID Configuration Guide**. You can download the **RAID Configuration Guide** from the ASUS website.

2. Serial Port connector

The Serial (COM) Port connector allows you to connect a serial port module. Connect the serial port module cable to this connector, then install the module to a slot opening on the system chassis.

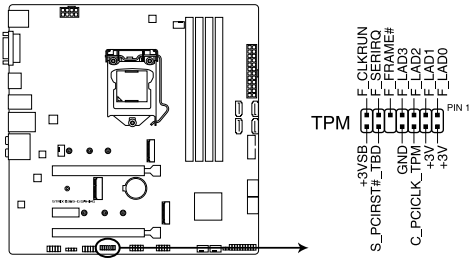


ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING Serial port connector

The serial port module is purchased separately.

3. TPM connector

The TPM connector allows you to connect a Trusted Platform Module (TPM). A TPM securely stores keys, digital certificates, passwords, data, and also helps enhance network security, protect digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

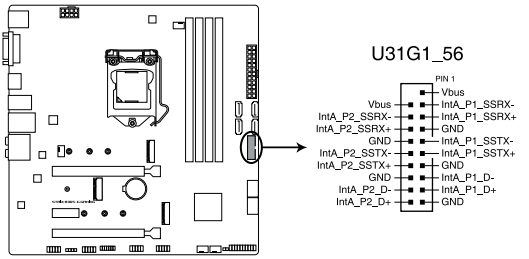


ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING TPM connector

The TPM is purchased separately.

4. USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector

The USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector allows you to connect a USB 3.1 Gen 1 module for additional USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports. The USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector provides data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gb/s.

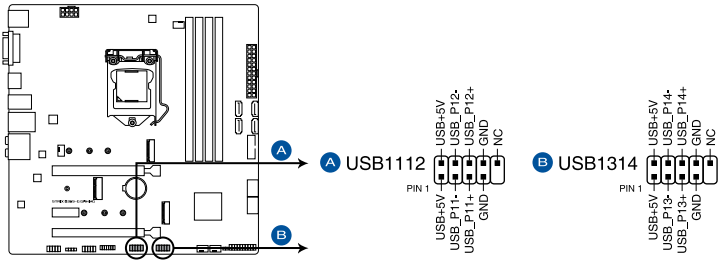


ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector

The USB 3.1 Gen 1 module is purchased separately.

5. USB 2.0 connector

The USB 2.0 connector allows you to connect a USB module for additional USB 2.0 ports. The USB 2.0 connector provides data transfer speeds of up to 480 MB/s connection speed.



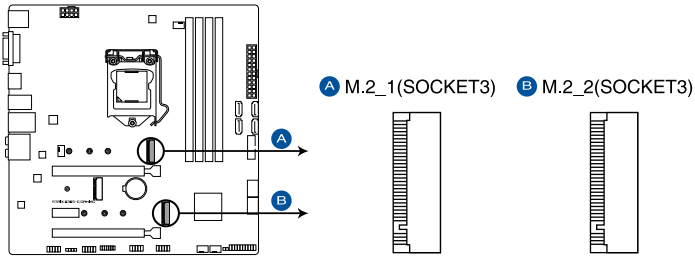
ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING USB 2.0 connector

DO NOT connect a 1394 cable to the USB connectors. Doing so will damage the motherboard!

The USB 2.0 module is purchased separately.

6. M.2 slot

The M.2 slot allows you to install M.2 devices such as M.2 SSD modules.



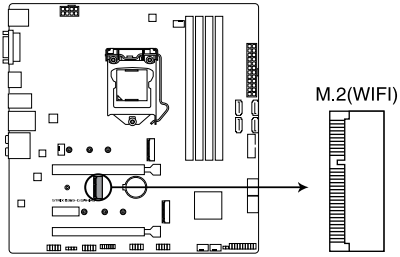
ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING M.2 slot

- M.2_1 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 and SATA mode M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 PCIe and SATA storage devices.
- M.2_2 socket supports PCIe 3.0 x4 M Key design and type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 PCIe storage devices.
- The M.2_1 socket shares bandwidth with SATA6G_1 port when using M.2 SATA mode device.

The M.2 SSD module is purchased separately.

7. M.2 Wi-Fi slot

The M.2 Wi-Fi slot allows you to install an M.2 Wi-Fi module (E-key, type 2230).

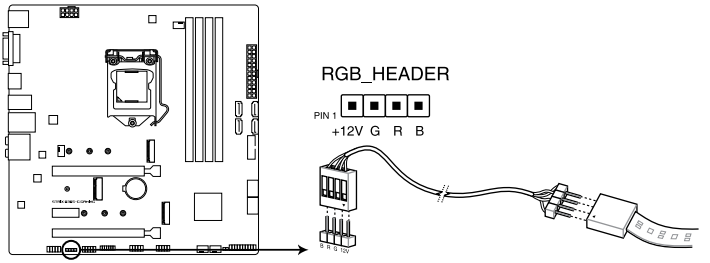


ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING M.2(WIFI) slot

The M.2 Wi-Fi module is purchased separately.

8. AURA RGB LED connector

The AURA RGB LED connector allows you to connect RGB LED strips.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING AURA RGB LED connector

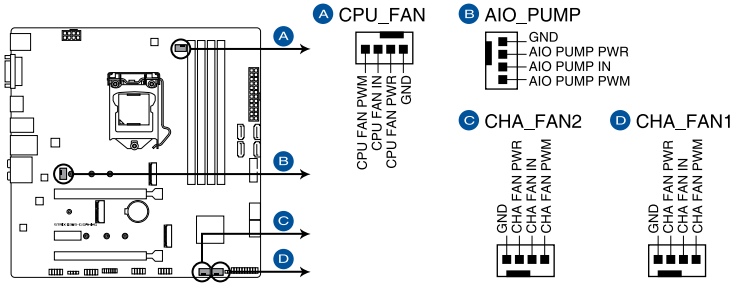
The AURA RGB LED connector supports 5050 RGB multi-color LED strips (12V/G/R/B), with a maximum power rating of 3A (12V), and no longer than 3m.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, or components.

- Actual lighting and color will vary with LED strip.
- If your LED strip does not light up, check if the RGB LED extension cable and the RGB LED strip is connected in the correct orientation, and the 12V connector is aligned with the 12V header on the motherboard.
- The LED strip will only light up when the system is powered on.
- The LED strip is purchased separately.

9. Fan and Pump connectors

The Fan and Pump connectors allow you to connect fans or pumps to cool the system.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING Fan and Pump connectors

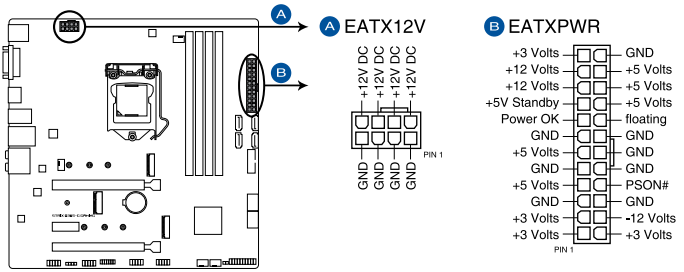
- DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components. These are not jumpers! Do not place jumper caps on the fan connectors!
- Ensure the cable is fully inserted into the connector.

Connect the fan of your water cooling kit to the AIO_PUMP connector.

Header	Max. Current	Max. Power	Default Speed	Shared Control
CPU_FAN	1A	12W	Q-Fan Controlled	A
CHA_FAN1	1A	12W	Q-Fan Controlled	-
CHA_FAN2	1A	12W	Q-Fan Controlled	-
AIO_PUMP	1A	12W	Full-Speed	-

10. Power connectors

These Power connectors allow you to connect your motherboard to a power supply. The power supply plugs are designed to fit in only one orientation, find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the power supply plugs are fully inserted.



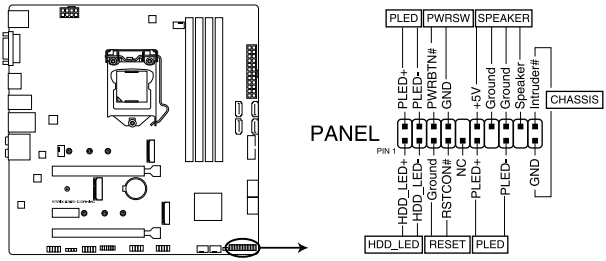
ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING Power connectors

Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

- For a fully configured system, we recommend that you use a power supply unit (PSU) that complies with ATX 12V Specification 2.0 (or later version) and provides a minimum power of 350 W.
- We recommend that you use a PSU with a higher power output when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- If you want to use two or more high-end PCI Express x16 cards, use a PSU with 1000W power or above to ensure the system stability.

11. System Panel connector

The System Panel connector supports several chassis-mounted functions.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING System panel connector

- **System Power LED connector (PLED)**

  The 2-pin and/or 3-1 pin connectors allow you to connect the System Power LED. The System Power LED lights up when the system is connected to a power source, or when you turn on the system power, and blinks when the system is in sleep mode.

- **Storage Device Activity LED connector (HDD_LED)**

  The 2-pin connector allows you to connect the Storage Device Activity LED. The Storage Device Activity LED lights up or blinks when data is read from or written to the storage device or storage device add-on card.

- **System Warning Speaker connector (SPEAKER)**

  The 4-pin connector allows you to connect the chassis-mounted system warning speaker. The speaker allows you to hear system beeps and warnings.

- **Power Button/Soft-off Button connector (PWRSW)**

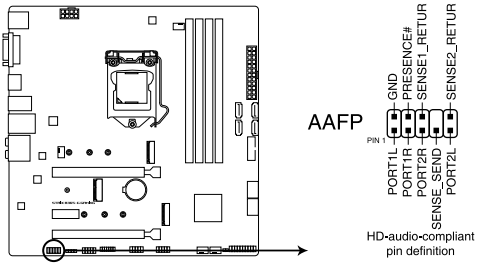
  The 3-1 pin connector allows you to connect the system power button. Press the power button to power up the system, or put the system into sleep or soft-off mode (depending on the operating system settings).

- **Reset button connector (RESET)**

  The 2-pin connector allows you to connect the chassis-mounted reset button. Press the reset button to reboot the system.

12. Front Panel Audio connector

The front panel audio connector is for a chassis-mounted front panel audio I/O module that supports HD Audio. Connect one end of the front panel audio I/O module cable to this connector.



ROG STRIX B365-G GAMING Front Panel Audio connector

We recommend that you connect a high-definition front panel audio module to this connector to avail of the motherboard's high-definition audio capability.

Basic Installation

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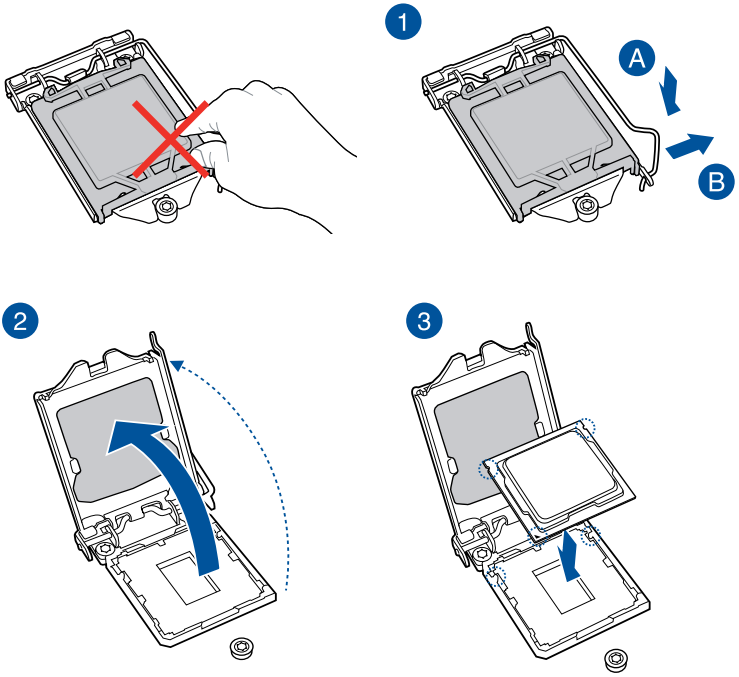
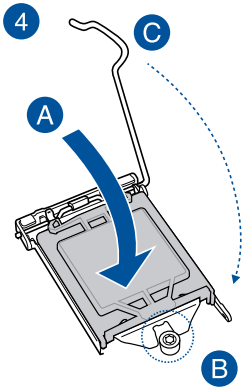
2.1 Building your PC system

The diagrams in this section are for reference only. The motherboard layout may vary with models, but the installation steps are the same for all models.

2.1.1 CPU installation

Ensure that you install the correct CPU designed for LGA1151 socket only. DO NOT install a CPU designed for LGA1155 and LGA1156 sockets on the LGA1151 socket.

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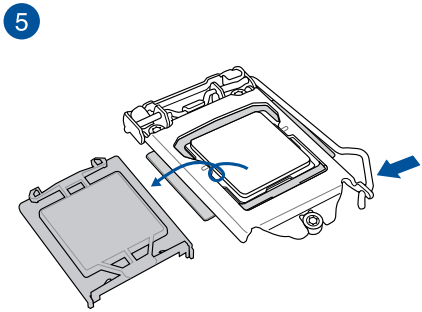
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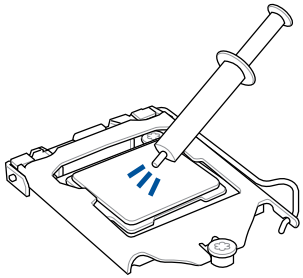
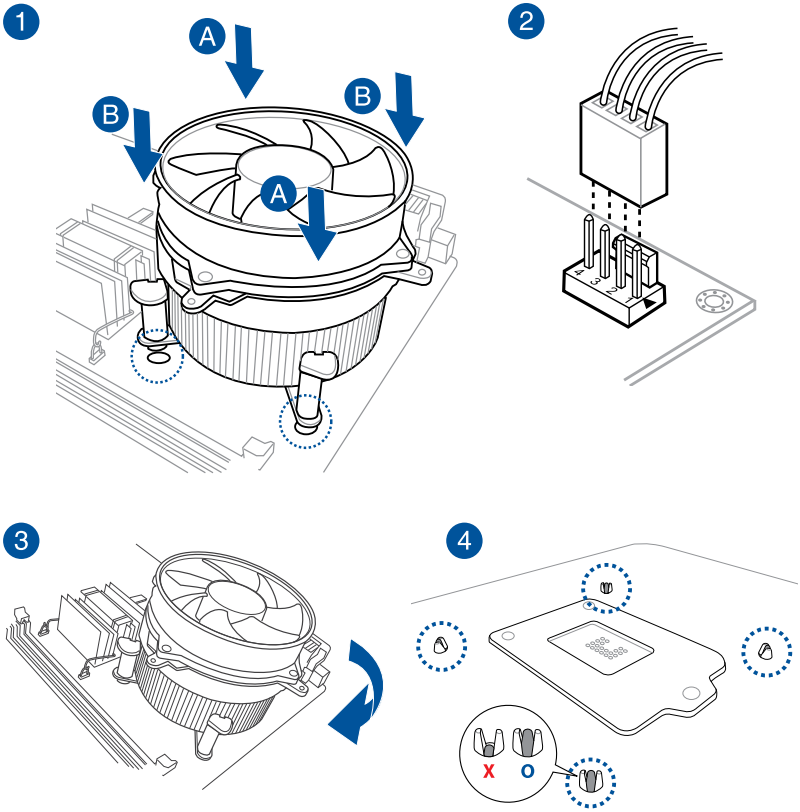
2.1.2 Cooling system installation



Apply the Thermal Interface Material to the CPU cooling system and CPU before you install the cooling system, if necessary.

To install the CPU heatsink and fan assembly



To install an AIO cooler

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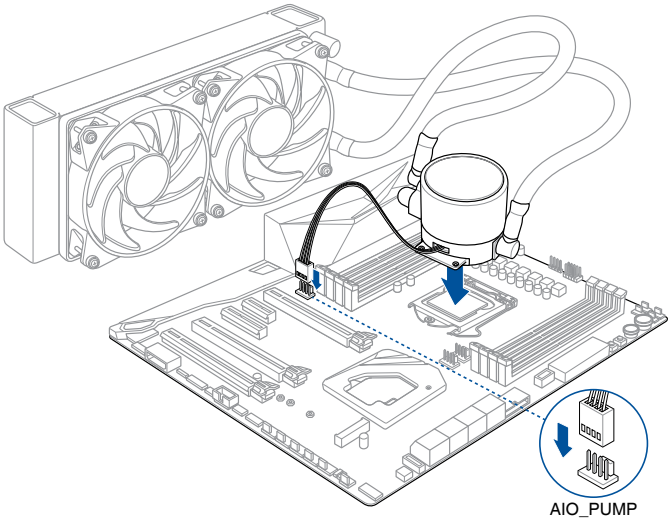

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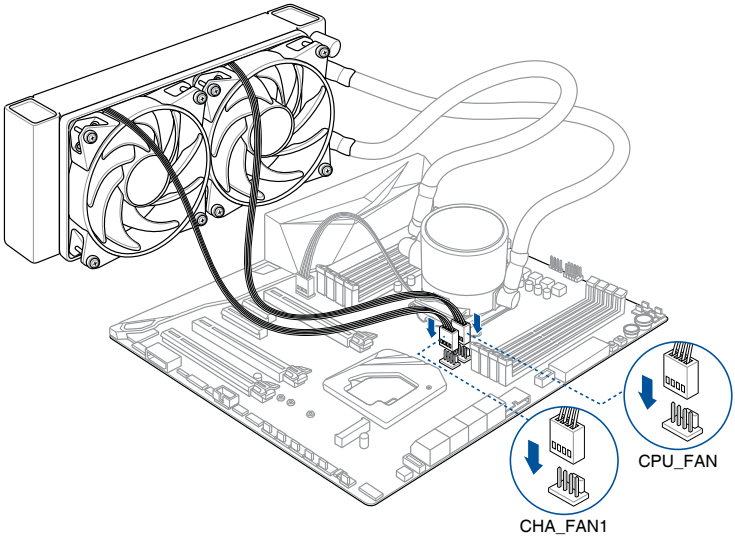
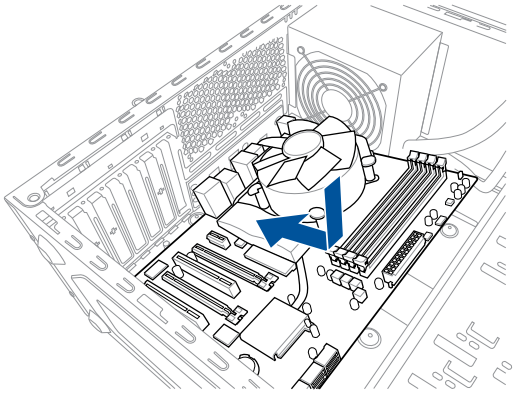
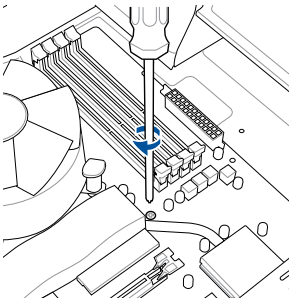


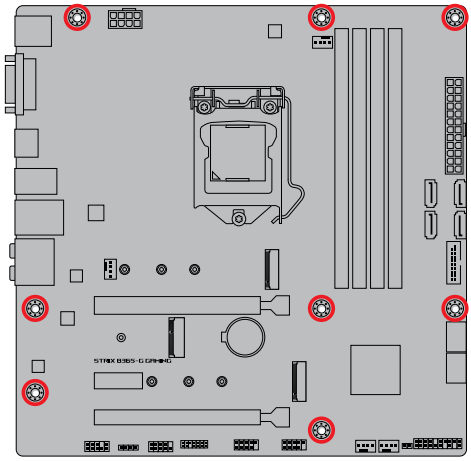
2.1.3 Motherboard installation

1. Place the motherboard into the chassis, ensuring that its rear I/O ports are aligned to the chassis' rear I/O panel.



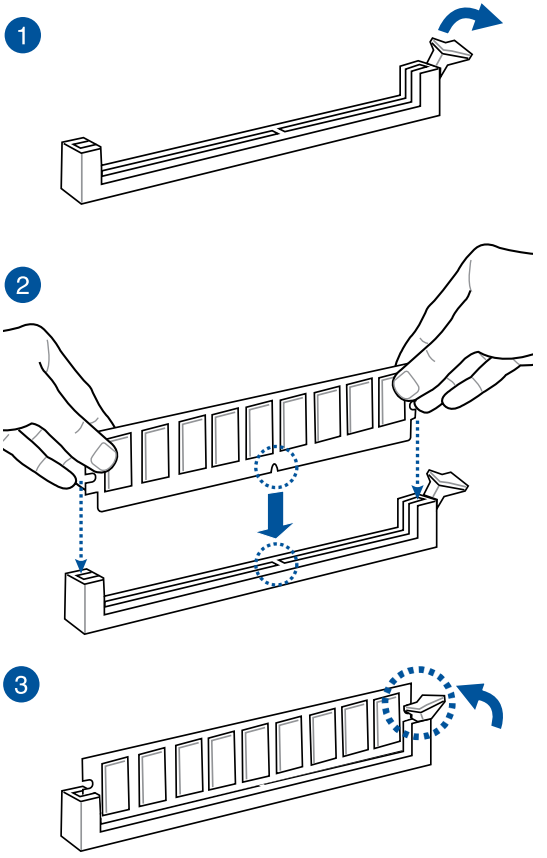
2. Place eight (8) screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



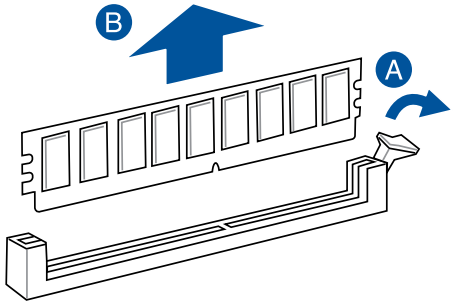


DO NOT overtighten the screws! Doing so can damage the motherboard.

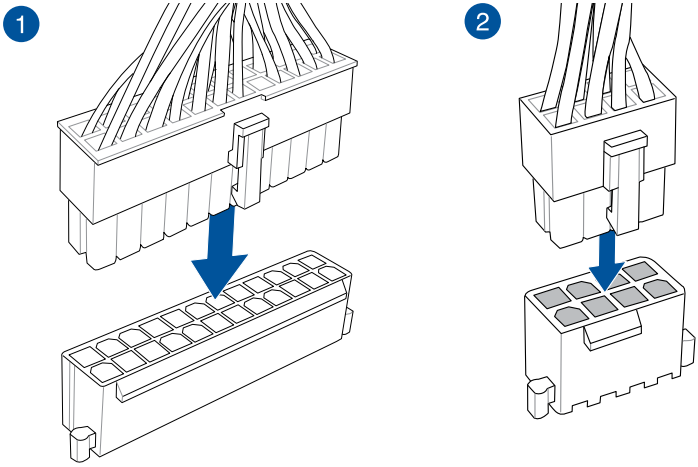
2.1.4 DIMM installation



To remove a DIMM

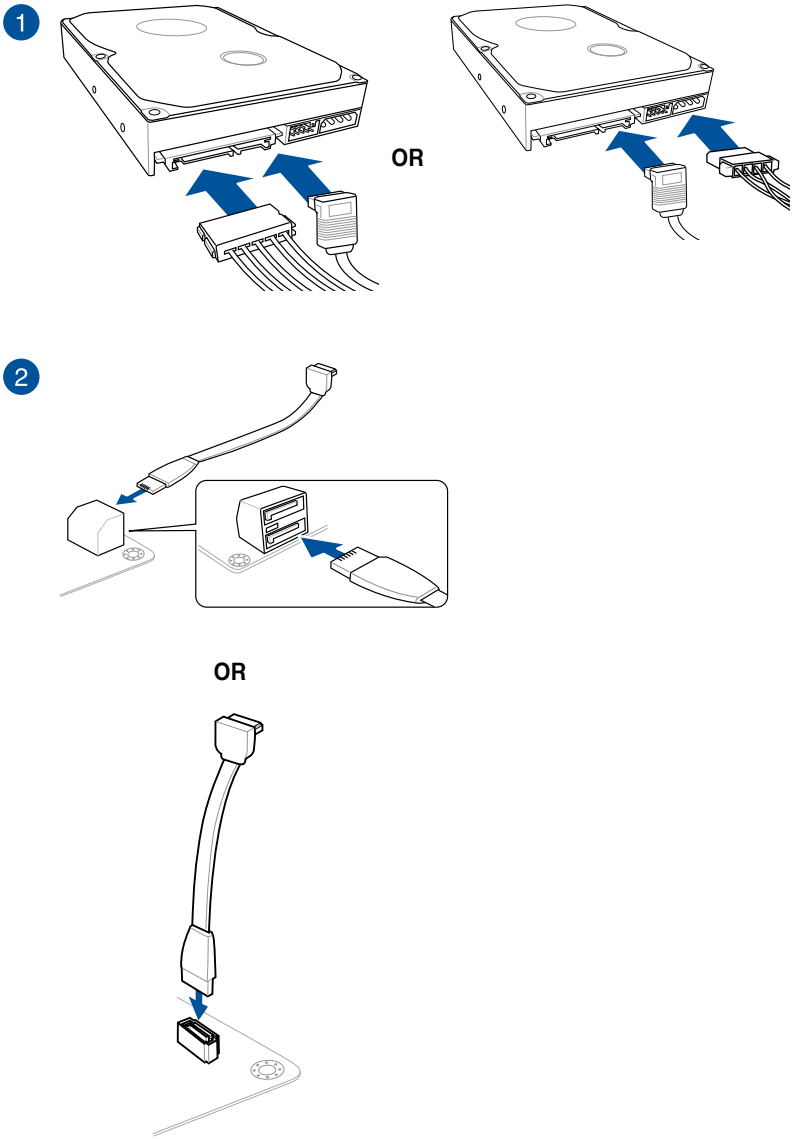


2.1.5 ATX power connection



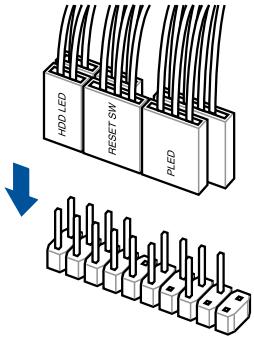
Ensure to connect the 8-pin power plug.

2.1.6 SATA device connection

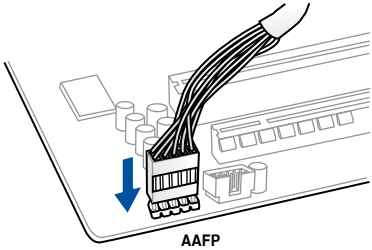


2.1.7 Front I/O connector

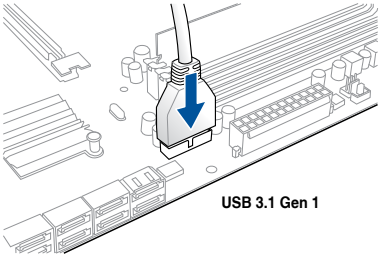
To install front panel connector



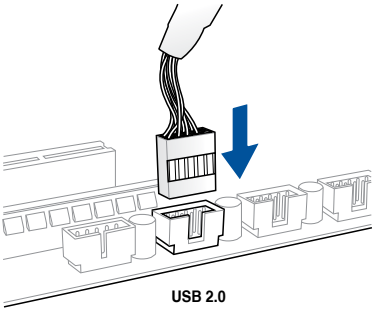
To install front panel audio connector



To install USB 3.1 Gen 1 connector

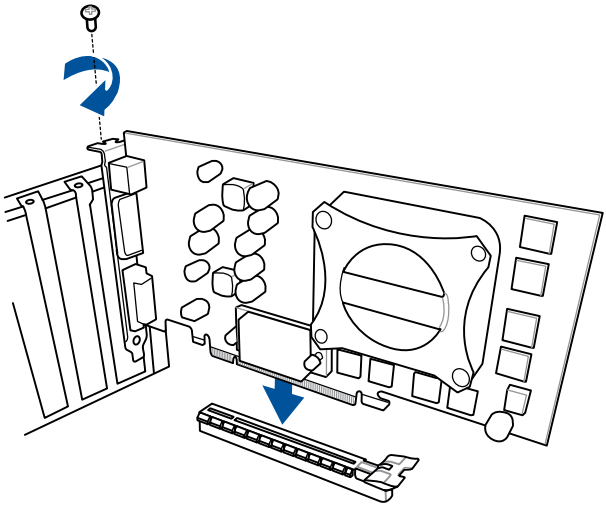


To install USB 2.0 connector

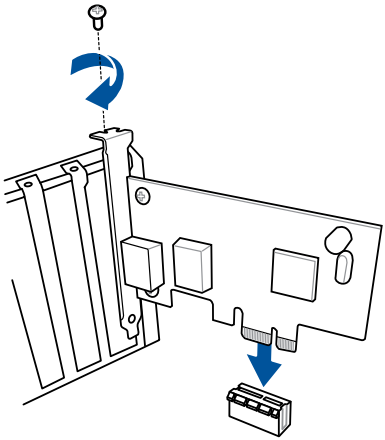


2.1.8 Expansion card installation

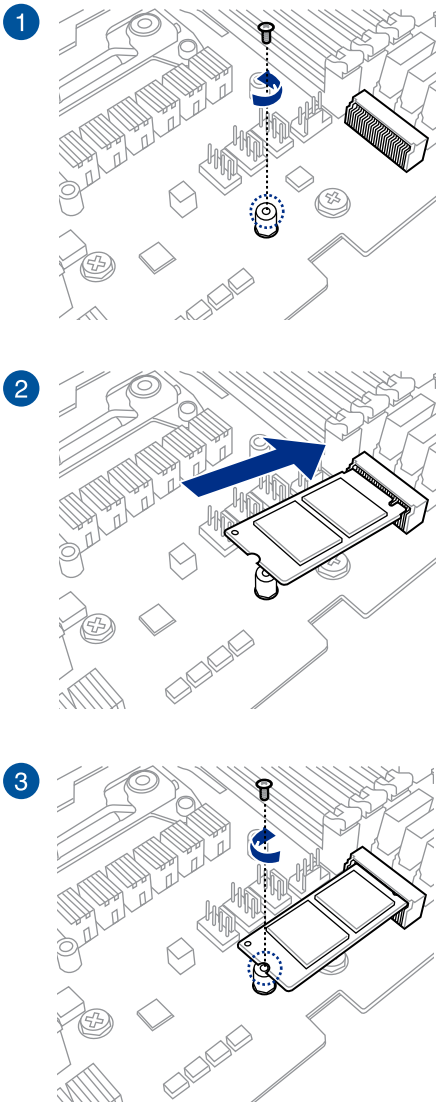
To install PCIe x16 cards



To install PCIe x1 cards

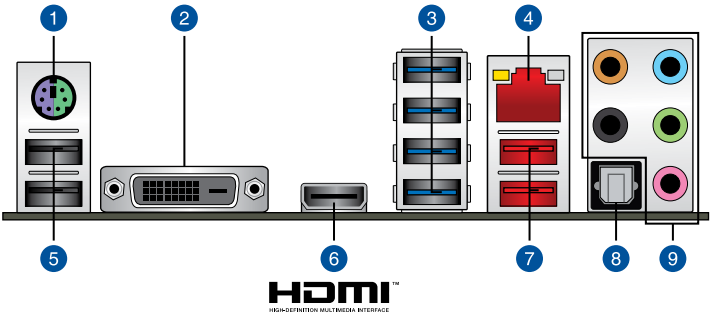


2.1.9 M.2 installation



2.2 Motherboard rear and audio connections

2.2.1 Rear I/O connection



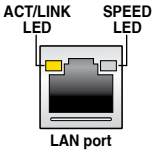
Rear panel connectors			
1.	PS/2 keyboard/mouse combo port	6.	HDMI port
2.	DVI-D port	7.	USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-A ports E12
3.	USB 3.1 Gen 1 ports 1234	8.	Optical S/PDIF Out port
4.	LAN (RJ-45) port*	9.	Audio I/O ports**
5.	USB 2.0 ports 910		

*** and ** : Refer to the tables on the next page for LAN port LEDs and audio port definitions.**

We strongly recommend that you connect your devices to ports with matching data transfer rate. Please connect your USB 3.1 Gen 2 devices to USB 3.1 Gen 2 ports for faster and better performance for your devices.

*** LAN ports LED indications**

Activity Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No link	Off	10 Mbps connection
Orange	Linked	Orange	100 Mbps connection
Orange (Blinking)	Data activity	Green	1 Gbps connection
Orange (Blinking then steady)	Ready to wake up from S5 mode		

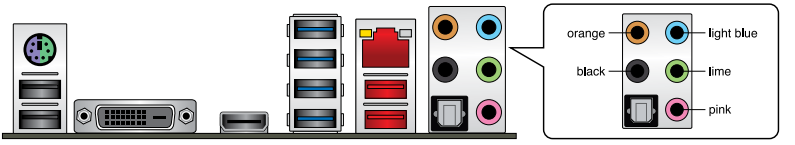


**** Audio 2, 4, 5.1, or 7.1-channel configuration**

Port	Headset 2-channel	4-channel	5.1-channel	7.1-channel
Light Blue	Line In	Line In	Line In	Side speaker
Lime	Line Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out	Front Speaker Out
Pink	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In	Mic In
Orange	–	–	Center/Subwoofer	Center/Subwoofer
Black	–	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out	Rear Speaker Out

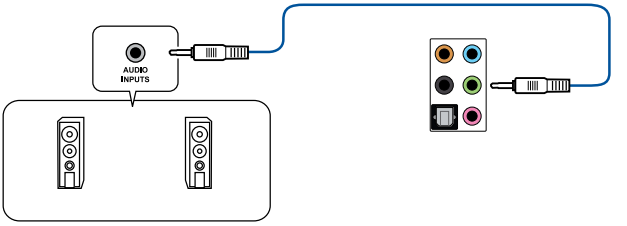
2.2.2 Audio I/O connections

Audio I/O ports

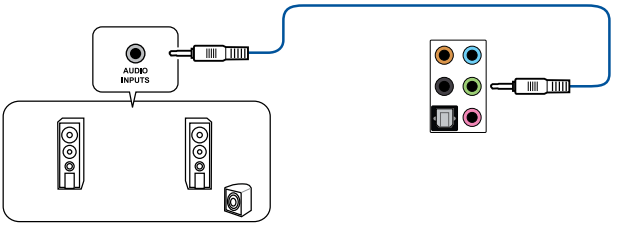


Connect to Headphone and Mic

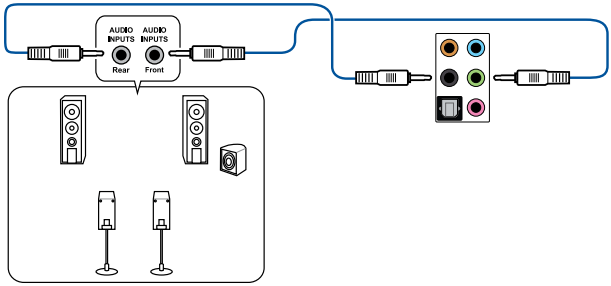
Connect to Stereo Speakers



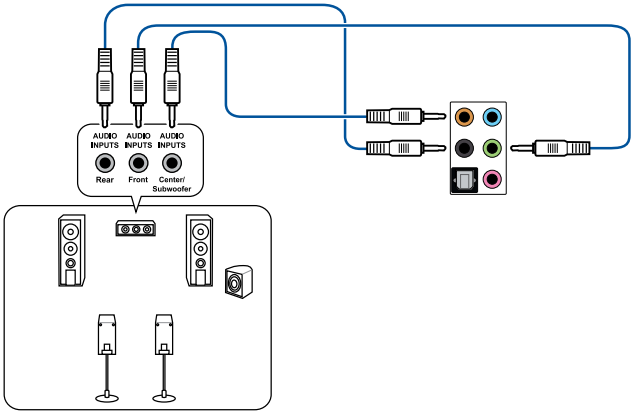
Connect to 2-channel Speakers



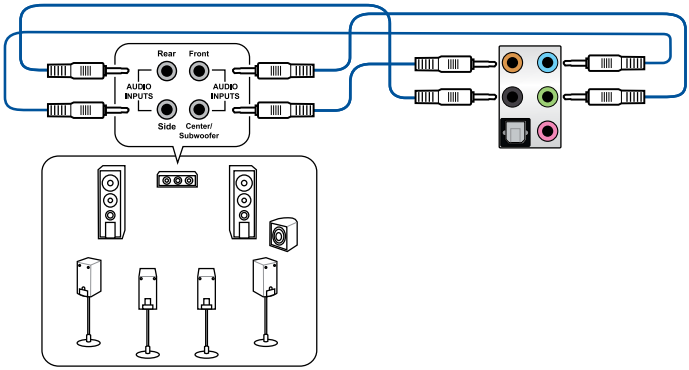
Connect to 4-channel Speakers



Connect to 5.1-channel Speakers



Connect to 7.1-channel Speakers



2.3 Starting up for the first time

1. After making all the connections, replace the system case cover.
2. Ensure that all switches are off.
3. Connect the power cord to the power connector at the back of the system chassis.
4. Connect the power cord to a power outlet that is equipped with a surge protector.
5. Turn on the devices in the following order:
   a. Monitor
   b. External storage devices (starting with the last device on the chain)
   c. System power
6. After applying power, the system power LED on the system front panel case lights up. For systems with ATX power supplies, the system LED lights up when you press the ATX power button. If your monitor complies with the "green" standards or if it has a "power standby" feature, the monitor LED may light up or change from orange to green after the system LED turns on.

   The system then runs the power-on self tests (POST). While the tests are running, the BIOS beeps (refer to the BIOS beep codes table) or additional messages appear on the screen. If you do not see anything within 30 seconds from the time you turned on the power, the system may have failed a power-on test. Check the jumper settings and connections or call your retailer for assistance.

BIOS Beep	Description
One short beep	VGA detected Quick boot set to disabled No keyboard detected
One continuous beep followed by two short beeps then a pause (repeated)	No memory detected
One continuous beep followed by three short beeps	No VGA detected
One continuous beep followed by four short beeps	Hardware component failure

7. At power on, hold down the <Delete> key to enter the BIOS Setup. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3.

2.4 Turning off the computer

While the system is ON, press the power button for less than four seconds to put the system on sleep mode or soft-off mode, depending on the BIOS setting. Press the power switch for more than four seconds to let the system enter the soft-off mode regardless of the BIOS setting.

BIOS Setup

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3.1 Knowing BIOS

The new ASUS UEFI BIOS is a Unified Extensible Interface that complies with UEFI architecture, offering a user-friendly interface that goes beyond the traditional keyboard-only BIOS controls to enable a more flexible and convenient mouse input. You can easily navigate the new UEFI BIOS with the same smoothness as your operating system. The term "BIOS" in this user manual refers to "UEFI BIOS" unless otherwise specified.

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) stores system hardware settings such as storage device configuration, overclocking settings, advanced power management, and boot device configuration that are needed for system startup in the motherboard CMOS. In normal circumstances, the default BIOS settings apply to most conditions to ensure optimal performance. **DO NOT change the default BIOS settings** except in the following circumstances:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system bootup and requests you to run the BIOS Setup.
- You have installed a new system component that requires further BIOS settings or update.

Inappropriate BIOS settings may result to instability or boot failure. **We strongly recommend that you change the BIOS settings only with the help of a trained service personnel**.

When downloading or updating the BIOS file, rename it as **RSB365GG.CAP** for this motherboard.

3.2 BIOS setup program

Use the BIOS Setup to update the BIOS or configure its parameters. The BIOS screen include navigation keys and brief onscreen help to guide you in using the BIOS Setup program.

Entering BIOS at startup

To enter BIOS Setup at startup, press <Delete> or <F2> during the Power-On Self Test (POST). If you do not press <Delete> or <F2>, POST continues with its routines.

Entering BIOS Setup after POST

To enter BIOS Setup after POST:

- Press <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Delete> simultaneously.
- Press the reset button on the system chassis.
- Press the power button to turn the system off then back on. Do this option only if you failed to enter BIOS Setup using the first two options.

After doing either of the three options, press <Delete> key to enter BIOS.

- The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
- Ensure that a USB mouse is connected to your motherboard if you want to use the mouse to control the BIOS setup program.
- If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS setting, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item under the **Exit** menu or press hotkey **<F5>**. See section **Exit Menu** for details.
- If the system fails to boot after changing any BIOS setting, try to clear the CMOS and reset the motherboard to the default value. See section **Onboard jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear CMOS jumper.
- The BIOS setup program does not support the Bluetooth devices.

Please visit ASUS website for the detailed BIOS content manual.

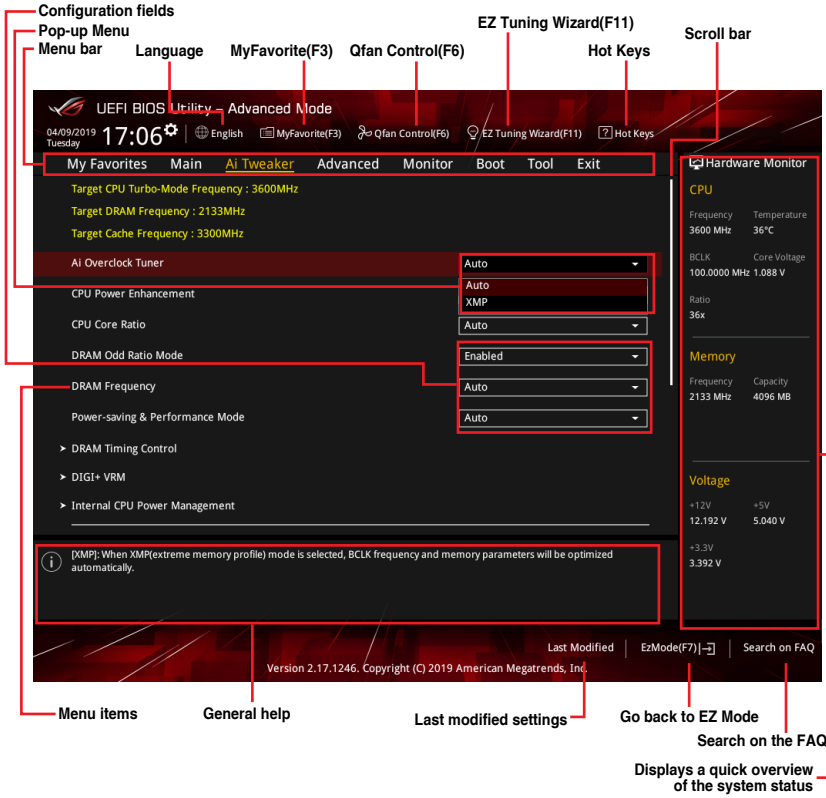
BIOS menu screen

The BIOS Setup program can be used under two modes: **EZ Mode** and **Advanced Mode**. You can change modes from **Setup Mode** in **Boot menu** or by pressing the <F7> hotkey.

3.2.1 Advanced Mode

The Advanced Mode provides advanced options for experienced end-users to configure the BIOS settings. The figure below shows an example of the Advanced Mode. Refer to the following sections for the detailed configurations.

The default screen for entering the BIOS setup program can be changed. Refer to the **Setup Mode** item in section **Boot menu** for details.



Chapter 3

Menu bar

The menu bar on top of the screen has the following main items:

My Favorites	For saving the frequently-used system settings and configuration.
Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Ai Tweaker	For changing the overclocking settings
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Monitor	For displaying the system temperature, power status, and changing the fan settings.
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Tool	For configuring options for special functions
Exit	For selecting the exit options and loading default settings

Menu items

The highlighted item on the menu bar displays the specific items for that menu. For example, selecting **Main** shows the Main menu items.

The other items (My Favorites, Ai Tweaker, Advanced, Monitor, Boot, Tool, and Exit) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

Submenu items

A greater than sign (>) before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item and press <Enter>.

Language

This button above the menu bar contains the languages that you can select for your BIOS. Click this button to select the language that you want to display in your BIOS screen.

My Favorites(F3)

This button above the menu bar shows all BIOS items in a Tree Map setup. Select frequently-used BIOS settings and save it to MyFavorites menu.

Refer to section **My Favorites** for more information.

Q-Fan Control(F6)

This button above the menu bar displays the current settings of your fans. Use this button to manually tweak the fans to your desired settings.

Refer to section **QFan Control** for more information.

EZ Tuning Wizard(F11)

This button above the menu bar allows you to view and tweak the overclocking settings of your system. It also allows you to change the motherboard's SATA mode from AHCI to RAID mode.

Refer to section **EZ Tuning Wizard** for more information.

Search on FAQ

Move your mouse over this button to show a QR code, scan this QR code on your mobile device to connect to the BIOS FAQ web page of the ASUS support website. You can also scan the following QR code:

Scroll bar

A scroll bar appears on the right side of a menu screen when there are items that do not fit on the screen. Press the Up/Down arrow keys or <Page Up> / <Page Down> keys to display the other items on the screen.

General help

At the bottom of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item. Use <F12> key to capture the BIOS screen and save it to the removable storage device.

Configuration fields

These fields show the values for the menu items. If an item is user-configurable, you can change the value of the field opposite the item. You cannot select an item that is not user-configurable.

A configurable field is highlighted when selected. To change the value of a field, select it and press <Enter> to display a list of options.

Hot keys

This button contains the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

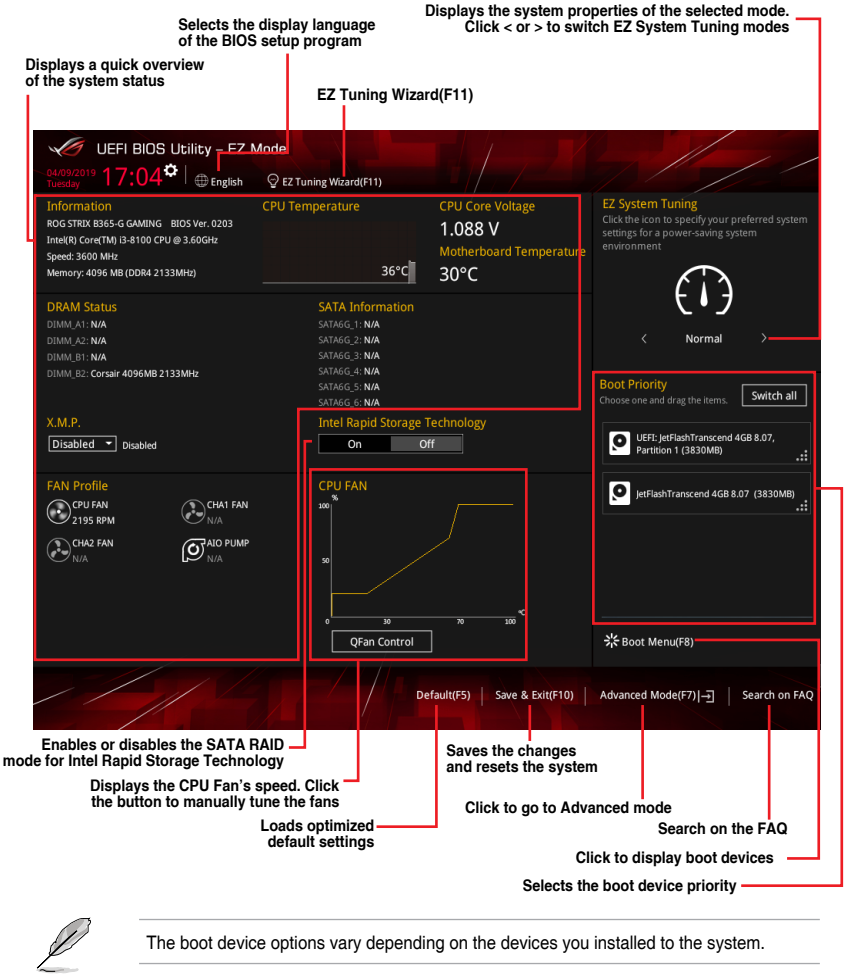
Last Modified button

This button shows the items that you last modified and saved in BIOS Setup.

3.2.2 EZ Mode

The EZ Mode provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to select the display language, system performance, mode and boot device priority. To access the Advanced Mode, select **Advanced Mode** or press the <F7> hotkey for the advanced BIOS settings.

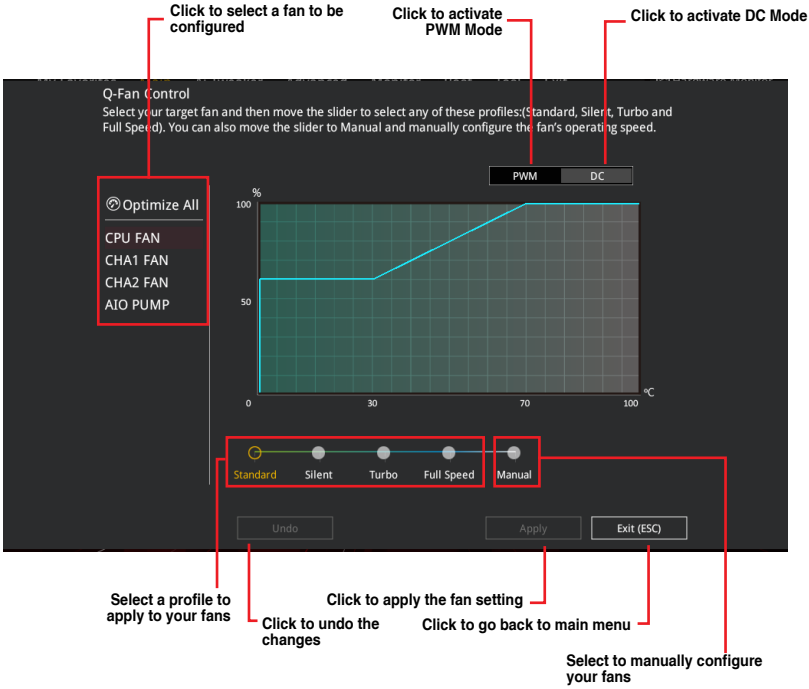
To switch from Advanced Mode to EZ Mode, click **EZ Mode(F7)** or press the <F7> hotkey.



The boot device options vary depending on the devices you installed to the system.

3.2.3 QFan Control

The QFan Control allows you to set a fan profile or manually configure the operating speed of your CPU and chassis fans.



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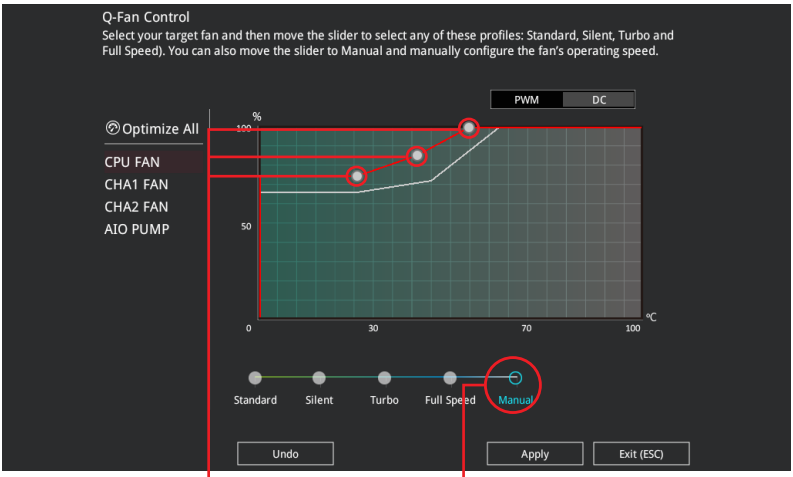
Configuring fans manually

Select **Manual** from the list of profiles to manually configure your fans' operating speed.



To configure your fans:

1. Select the fan that you want to configure and to view its current status.
2. Click and drag the speed points to adjust the fans' operating speed.
3. Click **Apply** to save the changes then click **Exit (ESC)**.

3.2.4 EZ Tuning Wizard

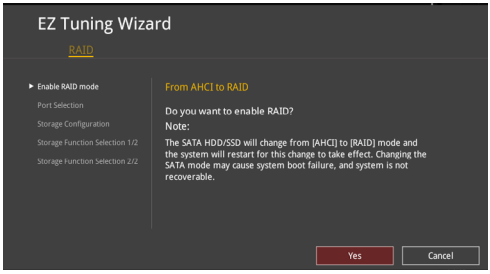
EZ Tuning Wizard allows you to easily set RAID in your system using this feature.

Creating RAID

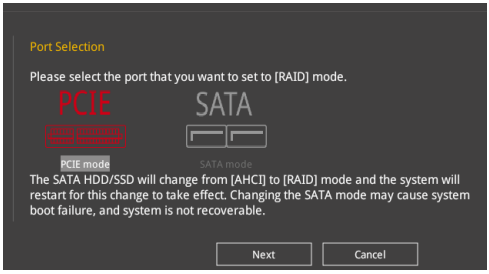
To create RAID:

1. Press <F11> on your keyboard or click **EZ Tuning Wizard(F11)** from the BIOS screen to open EZ Tuning Wizard screen.
2. Click **Yes** to enable RAID.

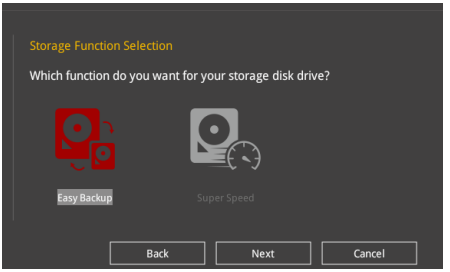
- Ensure that your HDDs have no existing RAID volumes.
- Ensure to connect your HDDs to Intel® SATA connectors.



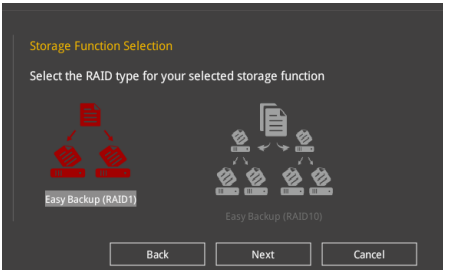
3. Select the port that you want to set to [RAID] mode, **PCIE** or **SATA**, then click **Next**.



4. Select the type of storage for your RAID, **Easy Backup** or **Super Speed**, then click **Next**.

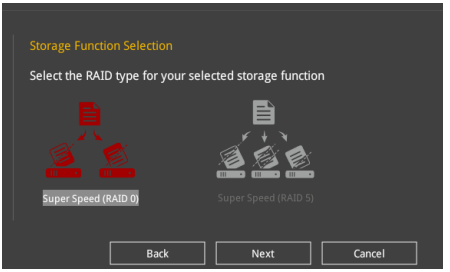


a. For Easy Backup, click **Next** then select from **Easy Backup (RAID 1)** or **Easy Backup (RAID 10)**.



You can only select Easy Backup (RAID 10) if you connect four (4) HDDs.

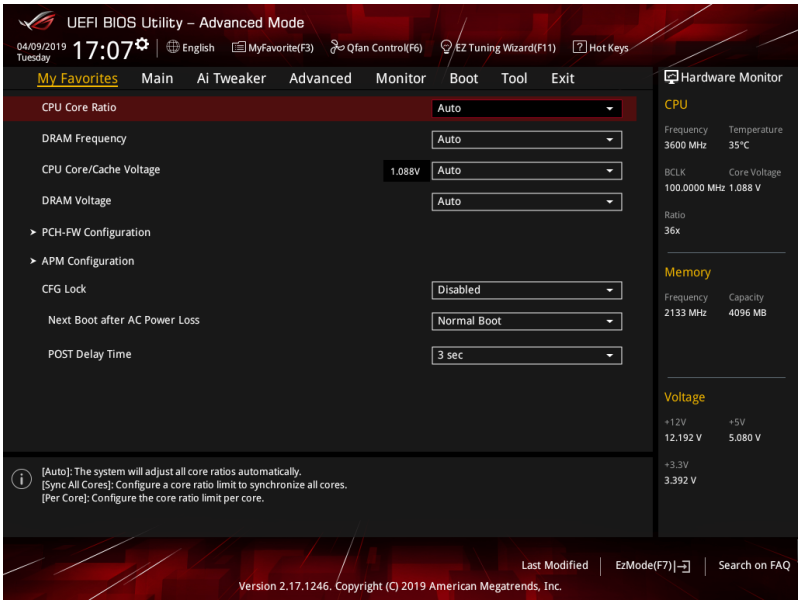
b. For Super Speed, click **Next** then select from **Super Speed (RAID 0)** or **Super Speed (RAID 5)**.



5. After selecting the type of RAID, click **Next** then click **Yes** to continue the RAID setup.
6. After the RAID setup is done, click **Yes** to exit the setup then click **OK** to reset your system.

3.3 My Favorites

My Favorites is your personal space where you can easily save and access your favorite BIOS items.



My Favorites comes with several performance, power saving, and fast boot related items by default. You can personalize this screen by adding or removing items.

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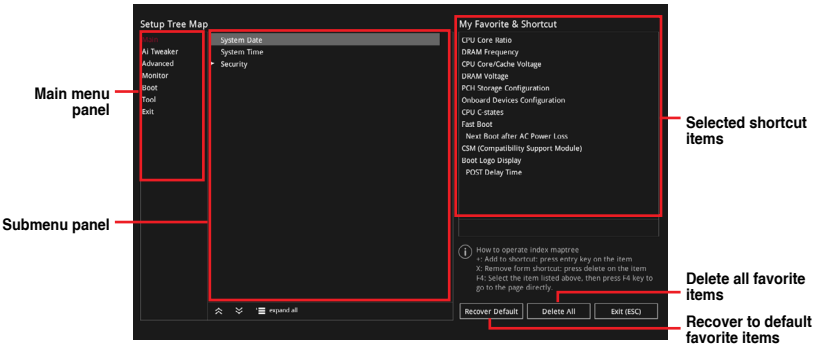
Adding items to My Favorites

To add BIOS items:

1. Press <F3> on your keyboard or click **MyFavorite(F3)** from the BIOS screen to open Setup Tree Map screen.
2. On the Setup Tree Map screen, select the BIOS items that you want to save in My Favorites screen.



3. Select an item from main menu panel, then click the submenu that you want to save as favorite from the submenu panel and click + or press <Enter> on your keyboard.

You cannot add the following items to My Favorite items:

- Items with submenu options
- User-managed items such as language and boot order
- Configuration items such as Memory SPD Information, system time and date.

4. Click **Exit (ESC)** or press <Esc> key to close Setup Tree Map screen.
5. Go to My Favorites menu to view the saved BIOS items.

3.4 Main menu

The Main menu screen appears when you enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS Setup program. The Main menu provides you an overview of the basic system information, and allows you to set the system date, time, language, and security settings.

Security

The Security menu items allow you to change the system security settings.

- If you have forgotten your BIOS password, erase the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM to clear the BIOS password. See section **Onboard jumpers** for information on how to erase the RTC RAM via the Clear RTC RAM jumper.
- The Administrator or User Password items on top of the screen show the default **[Not Installed]**. After you set a password, these items show **[Installed]**.

3.5 Ai Tweaker menu

The Ai Tweaker menu items allow you to configure overclocking-related items.

Be cautious when changing the settings of the Ai Tweaker menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction

The configuration options for this section vary depending on the CPU and DIMM model you installed on the motherboard.

Ai Overclock Tuner

Allows you to select the CPU overclocking options to achieve the desired CPU internal frequency. Configuration options:

[Auto] Loads the optimal settings for the system.

[XMP] If you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.) Technology, choose this item to set the profiles supported by your memory modules for optimizing the system performance.

The [X.M.P.] configuration option appears only when you install memory modules supporting the eXtreme Memory Profile(X.M.P.) Technology.

CPU Core Ratio

This item allows you to set the CPU core ratios.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Sync All Cores] [Per Core]

DRAM Frequency

This item allows you to set the memory operating frequency. The configurable options vary with the BCLK (base clock) frequency setting. Select the auto mode to apply the optimized setting.
Configuration options: [Auto] [DDR4-800MHz] - [DDR4-4266MHz]

Internal CPU Power Management

The subitems in this menu allow you to set the CPU ratio and features.

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

Allows the operating system to dynamically adjust the processor voltage and cores frequency to decrease the average power consumption and decrease average heat production.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Enabled] [Disabled]

3.6 Advanced menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.

Be cautious when changing the settings of the Advanced menu items. Incorrect field values can cause the system to malfunction.

3.6.1 Platform Misc Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the ASPM for PCH and SA PCI Express.

3.6.2 CPU Configuration

The items in this menu show the CPU-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.

The items in this menu may vary based on the CPU installed.

CPU - Power Management Control

This item allows you to manage and configure the CPU's power.

Intel(R) SpeedStep(tm)

This item allows more than two frequency to be supported.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

CPU C states

This item allows you to set the power saving of the CPU states.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.3 System Agent (SA) Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the Link Speed for PEG Port and Multi-Monitor.

3.6.4 PCH Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to adjust the PCH PCI Express speed.

PCI Express Configuration

This item allows you to configure the PCI Express slots.

PCIe Speed

This item allows your system to automatically select the PCI Express port speed.
Configuration options: [Auto] [Gen1] [Gen2] [Gen3]

3.6.5 PCH Storage Configuration

While entering Setup, the BIOS automatically detects the presence of SATA devices. The SATA Port items show **Not Present** if no SATA device is installed to the corresponding SATA port.

SATA Controller(s)

This item allows you to enable or disable the SATA Device.
Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

The following items appear only when **SATA Controller(s)** is set to **[Enabled]**.

SATA Mode Selection

This item allows you to set the SATA configuration.

[AHCI]	Set to [AHCI] when you want the SATA hard disk drives to use the AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface). The AHCI allows the onboard storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features that increases storage performance on random workloads by allowing the drive to internally optimize the order of commands.
[Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration(RAID)]	Set to [Intel RST Premium With Intel Optane System Acceleration(RAID)] when you want to create a RAID configuration from the SATA hard disk drives.

SMART Self Test

SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a monitoring system that shows a warning message during POST (Power-on Self Test) when an error occurs in the hard disks.
Configuration options: [On] [Off]

SATA6G_1(Gray) - SATA6G_6(Gray)

SATA6G_1(Gray) - SATA6G_6(Gray)

This item allows you to enable or disable the selected SATA port.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Hot Plug

These items appears only when the SATA Mode Selection is set to [**AHCI**] and allows you to enable or disable SATA Hot Plug Support.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

3.6.6 PCH-FW Configuration

This item allows you to configure the firmware TPM.

3.6.7 Onboard Devices Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to switch between PCIe Lanes and configure onboard devices.

HD Audio Controller

This item allows you to use the Azalia High Definition Audio Controller.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

M.2(WIFI) & PCIEX16_2 slot bandwidth configuration

[Auto mode] If a device is inserted in the M.2(WIFI) slot, it will auto-detect and PCIEX16_2 will run at x2.

[x4 mode] PCIEX16_2 will run at x4, M.2(WIFI) slot will be disabled.

M.2_1 Configuration

[Auto] Auto-detects the M.2 device mode. If a SATA device is detected, SATA6G_1 will be disabled.

[SATA mode] Only supports M.2 SATA devices. Please note that SATA6G_1 port cannot be used in this mode.

[PCIE mode] Only supports M.2 PCIE devices.

RGB LED lighting

When system is in working state

This item allows you to turn the RGB LED lighting on or off when the system is in the working state.
Configuration options: [On] [Off]

3.6.8 APM Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to set system wake and sleep settings.

ErP Ready

This item allows you to switch off some power at S4+S5 or S5 to get the system ready for ErP requirement. When set to **[Enabled]**, all other PME options are switched off.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable(S4+S5)] [Enable(S5)]

3.6.9 USB Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to change the USB-related features.

The **Mass Storage Devices** item shows the auto-detected values. If no USB device is detected, the item shows **None**.

USB Single Port Control

This item allows you to enable or disable the individual USB ports.

Refer to section **Motherboard layout** for the location of the USB ports.

3.6.10 Network Stack Configuration

The items in this menu allow you to configure Ipv4 / Ipv6 PXE support.

3.6.11 HDD/SSD SMART Information

The items in this menu display the SMART information of the connected devices.

NVM Express devices do not support SMART information.

3.7 Monitor menu

The Monitor menu displays the system temperature/power status, and allows you to change the fan settings.

Qfan Configuration

Qfan Tuning

Click this item to automatically detect the lowest speed and configure the minimum duty cycle for each fan.

AIO PUMP Control

[Disabled]	Disable the Water Pump control feature.
[Auto]	Detects the type of water pump installed and automatically switches the control modes.
[DC mode]	Enable the Water Pump control in DC mode for 3-pin chassis fan.
[PWM mode]	Enable the Water Pump control in PWM mode for 4-pin chassis fan.

3.8 Boot menu

The Boot menu items allow you to change the system boot options.

Fast Boot

[Disabled] Allows your system to go back to its normal boot speed.

[Enabled] Allows your system to accelerate the boot speed.

The following items appear only when you set the Fast Boot to **[Enabled]**.

Next Boot after AC Power Loss

[Normal Boot] Returns to normal boot on the next boot after an AC power loss.

[Fast Boot] Accelerates the boot speed on the next boot after an AC power loss.

Boot Configuration

Setup Mode

[Advanced Mode] This item allows you to go to Advanced Mode of the BIOS after POST.

[EZ Mode] This item allows you to go to EZ Mode of the BIOS after POST.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)

This item allows you to configure the CSM (Compatibility Support Module) items to fully support the various VGA, bootable devices and add-on devices for better compatibility.

Launch CSM

[Auto] The system automatically detects the bootable devices and the add-on devices.

[Enabled] For better compatibility, enable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.

[Disabled] Disable the CSM to fully support the non-UEFI driver add-on devices or the Windows® UEFI mode.

The following items appear only when **Launch CSM** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Boot Devices Control

This item allows you to select the type of devices that you want to boot.
Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy OPROM] [Legacy OPROM only] [UEFI only]

Boot from Network Devices

This item allows you to select the type of network devices that you want to launch.
Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from Storage Devices

This item allows you to select the type of storage devices that you want to launch.
Configuration options: [Ignore] [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Boot from PCI-E/PCI Expansion Devices
This item allows you to select the type of PCI-E/PCI expansion devices that you want to launch.
Configuration options: [Legacy only] [UEFI driver first]

Secure Boot

This item allows you to configure the Windows® Secure Boot settings and manage its keys to protect the system from unauthorized access and malwares during POST.

Boot Option Priorities

These items specify the boot device priority sequence from the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system.

- To access Windows® OS in Safe Mode, press <F8> after POST (Windows® 8 not supported).
- To select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when the ASUS Logo appears.

Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The number of device items that appears on the screen depends on the number of devices installed in the system. Click an item to start booting from the selected device.

3.9 Tool menu

The Tool menu items allow you to configure options for special functions. Select an item then press <Enter> to display the submenu.

3.9.1 ASUS EZ Flash 3 Utility

This item allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash 3. When you press <Enter>, a confirmation message appears. Use the left/right arrow key to select between [Yes] or [No], then press <Enter> to confirm your choice.

For more details, refer to section **ASUS EZ Flash 3**.

3.9.2 Secure Erase

SSD speeds may lower over time as with any storage medium due to data processing. Secure Erase completely and safely cleans your SSD, restoring it to factory performance levels.

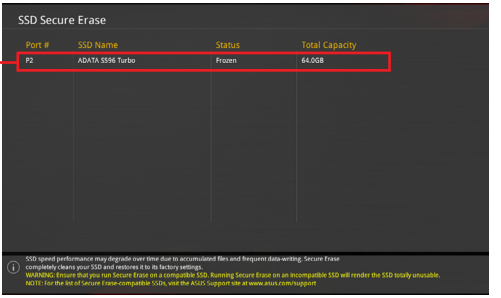
Secure Erase is only available in AHCI mode. Ensure to set the SATA mode to AHCI. Click **Advanced > PCH Storage Configuration > SATA Mode Selection > AHCI.**

To launch Secure Erase, click **Tool > Secure Erase** on the Advanced mode menu.

Check the ASUS support site for a full list of SSDs tested with Secure Erase. The drive may become unstable if you run Secure Erase on an incompatible SSD.

- The time to erase the contents of your SSD may take a while depending on its size. Do not turn off the system during the process.
- Secure Erase is only supported on Intel SATA port. For more information about Intel SATA ports, refer to section **1.1.2 Motherboard layout** of this manual.

Displays the available SSDs



Status definition:

- **Frozen.** The frozen state is the result of a BIOS protective measure. The BIOS guards drives that do not have password protection by freezing them prior to booting. If the drive is frozen, a power off or hard reset of your PC must be performed to proceed with the Secure Erase.
- **Locked.** SSDs might be locked if the Secure Erase process is either incomplete or was stopped. This may be due to a third party software that uses a different password defined by ASUS. You have to unlock the SSD in the software before proceeding with Secure Erase.

3.9.3 ASUS User Profile

This item allows you to store or load multiple BIOS settings.

Load Profile

This item allows you to load the previous BIOS settings saved in the BIOS Flash. Key in the profile number that saved your BIOS settings, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent the system boot failure!
- We recommend that you update the BIOS file only coming from the same memory/ CPU configuration and BIOS version.

Profile Name

This item allows you to key in a profile name.

Save to Profile

This item allows you to save the current BIOS settings to the BIOS Flash, and create a profile. Key in a profile number from one to eight, press <Enter>, and then select **Yes**.

Load/Save Profile from/to USB Drive

This item allows you to load or save profile from your USB drive, load and save profile to your USB drive.

3.9.4 ASUS SPD Information

This item allows you to view the DRAM SPD information.

3.9.5 Graphics Card Information

This item displays the information about the graphics card installed in your system.

GPU Post

This item displays the information and recommended configuration for the PCIE slots that the graphics card is installed in your system.

This feature is only supported on selected ASUS graphics cards.

Bus Interface

This item allows you to select the bus interface.

Configuration options: [PCIEX16_1] [PCIEX16_2]

3.9.6 Download & Install ARMOURY CRATE app

This item allows you to enable or disable the ASUS Armoury Crate. The ASUS Armoury Crate is a fixed Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) table that provides Windows with a platform binary that the operating system can execute.

3.10 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to load the optimal default values for the BIOS items, and save or discard your changes to the BIOS items. You can access the EZ Mode from the Exit menu.

Load Optimized Defaults

This option allows you to load the default values for each of the parameters on the Setup menus. When you select this option or if you press <F5>, a confirmation window appears. Select **OK** to load the default values.

Save Changes & Reset

Once you are finished making your selections, choose this option from the Exit menu to ensure the values you selected are saved. When you select this option or if you press <F10>, a confirmation window appears. Select **OK** to save changes and exit.

Discard Changes and Exit

This option allows you to exit the Setup program without saving your changes. When you select this option or if you press <Esc>, a confirmation window appears. Select **Yes** to discard changes and exit.

Launch EFI Shell from USB drives

This item allows you to attempt to launch the EFI Shell application (shellx64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

3.11 Updating BIOS

The ASUS website publishes the latest BIOS versions to provide enhancements on system stability, compatibility,and performance. However, BIOS updating is potentially risky. If there is no problem using the current version of BIOS, DO NOT manually update the BIOS. Inappropriate BIOS updating may result to system's failure to boot. Carefully follow the instructions in this chapter to update your BIOS when necessary.

Visit http://www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard BIOS setup program.

1. EZ Update: Updates the BIOS in Windows® environment.
2. ASUS EZ Flash 3: Updates the BIOS using a USB flash drive.
3. ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3: Restores the BIOS using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.

3.11.1 EZ Update

The EZ Update is a utility that allows you to update the motherboard BIOS in Windows® environment.

- EZ Update requires an Internet connection either through a network or an ISP (Internet Service Provider).
- This utility is available in the support DVD that comes with the motherboard package.

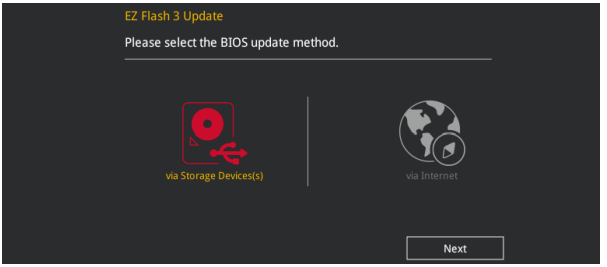
3.11.2 ASUS EZ Flash 3

ASUS EZ Flash 3 allows you to download and update to the latest BIOS through the Internet without having to use a bootable floppy disk or an OS-based utility.

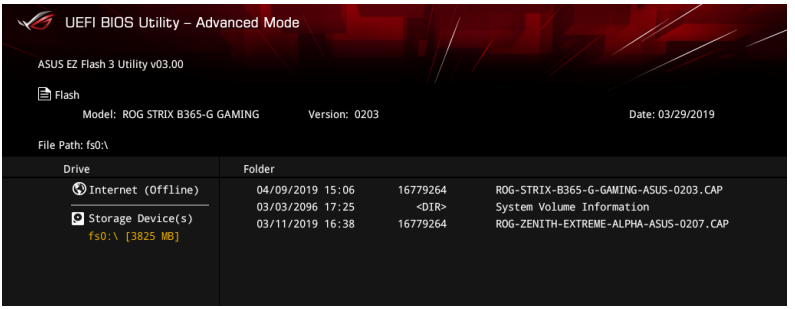
Updating through the Internet varies per region and Internet conditions. Check your local Internet connection before updating through the Internet.

To update the BIOS by USB:

1. Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash Utility** and press <Enter>.
2. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file to the USB port.
3. Select **via Storage Device(s).**



4. Press <Tab> to switch to the Drive field.
5. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, and then press <Enter>.
6. Press <Tab> to switch to the Folder Info field.
7. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the BIOS file, and then press <Enter> to perform the BIOS update process. Reboot the system when the update process is done.

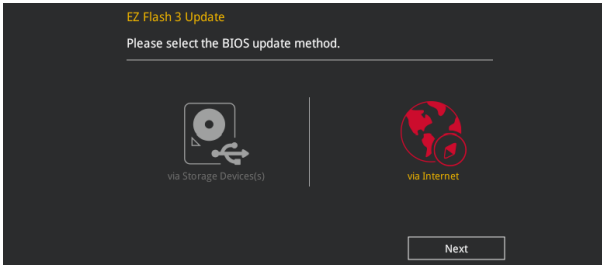


- This function can support devices such as a USB flash disk with FAT 32/16 format and single partition only.
- DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

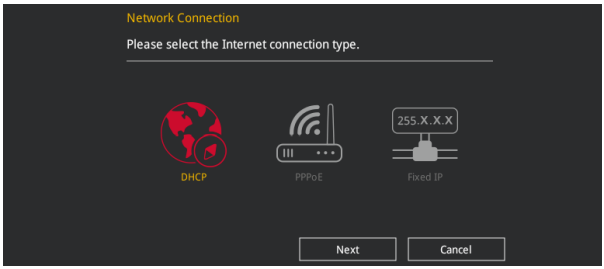
Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section **Exit Menu** for details.

To update the BIOS by Internet:

1. Enter the Advanced Mode of the BIOS setup program. Go to the Tool menu to select **ASUS EZ Flash Utility** and press <Enter>.
2. Select **via Internet.**



3. Press the Left/Right arrow keys to select an Internet connection method, and then press <Enter>.



4. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the update.
5. Reboot the system when the update process is done.

Ensure to load the BIOS default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Select the Load Optimized Defaults item under the Exit menu. See section **3.10 Exit Menu** for details.

3.11.3 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility is an auto recovery tool that allows you to restore the BIOS file when it fails or gets corrupted during the updating process. You can restore a corrupted BIOS file using the motherboard support DVD or a USB flash drive that contains the BIOS file.

The BIOS file in the motherboard support DVD may be older than the BIOS file published on the ASUS official website. If you want to use the newer BIOS file, download the file at https://www.asus.com/support/ and save it to a USB flash drive.

Recovering the BIOS

To recover the BIOS:

1. Turn on the system.
2. Insert the motherboard support DVD to the optical drive, or the USB flash drive containing the BIOS file to the USB port.
3. The utility automatically checks the devices for the BIOS file. When found, the utility reads the BIOS file and enters ASUS EZ Flash 3 automatically.
4. The system requires you to enter BIOS Setup to recover the BIOS setting. To ensure system compatibility and stability, we recommend that you press <F5> to load default BIOS values.

DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS! Doing so can cause system boot failure!

RAID Support

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4.1 RAID configurations

The motherboard comes with the Intel® Rapid Storage Technology that supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5 and RAID 10 configuration.

For more information on configuring your RAID sets, please refer to the **RAID Configuration Guide** which you can find at https://www.asus.com/support.

4.1.1 RAID definitions

RAID 0 (Data striping) optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage. Use of two new identical hard disk drives is required for this setup.

RAID 1 (Data mirroring) copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system. Use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive for this setup. The new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive.

RAID 5 stripes both data and parity information across three or more hard disk drives. Among the advantages of RAID 5 configuration include better HDD performance, fault tolerance, and higher storage capacity. The RAID 5 configuration is best suited for transaction processing, relational database applications, enterprise resource planning, and other business systems. Use a minimum of three identical hard disk drives for this setup.

RAID 10 is data striping and data mirroring combined without parity (redundancy data) having to be calculated and written. With the RAID 10 configuration you get all the benefits of both RAID 0 and RAID 1 configurations. Use four new hard disk drives or use an existing drive and three new drives for this setup.

Appendix

Q-Code table

Code	Description
00	Not used
01	Power on. Reset type detection (soft/hard).
02	AP initialization before microcode loading
03	System Agent initialization before microcode loading
04	PCH initialization before microcode loading
06	Microcode loading
07	AP initialization after microcode loading
08	System Agent initialization after microcode loading
09	PCH initialization after microcode loading
0B	Cache initialization
0C – 0D	Reserved for future AMI SEC error codes
0E	Microcode not found
0F	Microcode not loaded
10	PEI Core is started
11 – 14	Pre-memory CPU initialization is started
15 – 18	Pre-memory System Agent initialization is started
19 – 1C	Pre-memory PCH initialization is started
2B – 2F	Memory initialization
30	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
31	Memory Installed
32 – 36	CPU post-memory initialization
37 – 3A	Post-Memory System Agent initialization is started
3B – 3E	Post-Memory PCH initialization is started
4F	DXE IPL is started
50 – 53	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory type or incompatible memory speed
54	Unspecified memory initialization error
55	Memory not installed
56	Invalid CPU type or Speed
57	CPU mismatch
58	CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error
59	CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed
5A	Internal CPU error
5B	Reset PPI is not available
5C – 5F	Reserved for future AMI error codes

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Q-Code table

Code	Description
E0	S3 Resume is stared (S3 Resume PPI is called by the DXE IPL)
E1	S3 Boot Script execution
E2	Video repost
E3	OS S3 wake vector call
E4 – E7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes
E8	S3 Resume Failed
E9	S3 Resume PPI not Found
EA	S3 Resume Boot Script Error
EB	S3 OS Wake Error
EC – EF	Reserved for future AMI error codes
F0	Recovery condition triggered by firmware (Auto recovery)
F1	Recovery condition triggered by user (Forced recovery)
F2	Recovery process started
F3	Recovery firmware image is found
F4	Recovery firmware image is loaded
F5 – F7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes
F8	Recovery PPI is not available
F9	Recovery capsule is not found
FA	Invalid recovery capsule
FB – FF	Reserved for future AMI error codes
60	DXE Core is started
61	NVRAM initialization
62	Installation of the PCH Runtime Services
63 – 67	CPU DXE initialization is started
68	PCI host bridge initialization
69	System Agent DXE initialization is started
6A	System Agent DXE SMM initialization is started
6B – 6F	System Agent DXE initialization (System Agent module specific)
70	PCH DXE initialization is started
71	PCH DXE SMM initialization is started
72	PCH devices initialization
73 – 77	PCH DXE Initialization (PCH module specific)
78	ACPI module initialization
79	CSM initialization
7A – 7F	Reserved for future AMI DXE codes

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Q-Code table

Code	Description
90	Boot Device Selection (BDS) phase is started
91	Driver connecting is started
92	PCI Bus initialization is started
93	PCI Bus Hot Plug Controller Initialization
94	PCI Bus Enumeration
95	PCI Bus Request Resources
96	PCI Bus Assign Resources
97	Console Output devices connect
98	Console input devices connect
99	Super IO Initialization
9A	USB initialization is started
9B	USB Reset
9C	USB Detect
9D	USB Enable
9E – 9F	Reserved for future AMI codes
A0	IDE initialization is started
A1	IDE Reset
A2	IDE Detect
A3	IDE Enable
A4	SCSI initialization is started
A5	SCSI Reset
A6	SCSI Detect
A7	SCSI Enable
A8	Setup Verifying Password
A9	Start of Setup
AA	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
AB	Setup Input Wait
AC	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
AD	Ready To Boot event
AE	Legacy Boot event
AF	Exit Boot Services event
B0	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP Begin
B1	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP End
B2	Legacy Option ROM Initialization
B3	System Reset

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Q-Code table

Code	Description
B4	USB hot plug
B5	PCI bus hot plug
B6	Clean-up of NVRAM
B7	Configuration Reset (reset of NVRAM settings)
B8– BF	Reserved for future AMI codes
D0	CPU initialization error
D1	System Agent initialization error
D2	PCH initialization error
D3	Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available
D4	PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources
D5	No Space for Legacy Option ROM
D6	No Console Output Devices are found
D7	No Console Input Devices are found
D8	Invalid password
D9	Error loading Boot Option (LoadImage returned error)
DA	Boot Option is failed (StartImage returned error)
DB	Flash update is failed
DC	Reset protocol is not available

ACPI/ASL Checkpoints (under OS)

Code	Description
03	System is entering S3 sleep state
04	System is entering S4 sleep state
05	System is entering S5 sleep state
30	System is waking up from the S3 sleep state
40	System is waking up from the S4 sleep state
AC	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in PIC mode.
AA	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in APIC mode.

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