



ESC4000A-E11

2U Rackmount Server User Guide



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Safety information

Electrical Safety

- Before installing or removing signal cables, ensure that the power cables for the system unit and all attached devices are unplugged.
- To prevent electrical shock hazard, disconnect the power cable from the electrical outlet before relocating the system.
- When adding or removing any additional 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.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your dealer.

Operation Safety

- Any mechanical operation on this server must be conducted by certified or experienced engineers.
- Before operating the server, carefully read all the manuals included with the server package.
- Before using the server, ensure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If any damage is detected, contact your dealer as soon as possible.
- To avoid short circuits, keep paper clips, screws, and staples away from connectors, slots, sockets and circuitry.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Place the server on a stable surface.



This product is equipped with a three-wire power cable and plug for the user's safety. Use the power cable with a properly grounded electrical outlet to avoid electrical shock.

Restricted Access Location

This product is intended for installation only in a Computer Room where:

- Access can only be gained by **SERVICE PERSONS** or by **USERS** who have been instructed about the reasons for the restrictions applied to the location and about any precautions that shall be taken.
- Access is through the use of a **TOOL**, or other means of security, and is controlled by the authority responsible for the location.

Heavy System

CAUTION! This server system is heavy. Ask for assistance when moving or carrying the system.

Lithium-Ion Battery Warning

CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Avertissement sur les batteries Lithium-Ion

ATTENTION : Danger d'explosion si la batterie n'est pas correctement remplacée. Remplacer uniquement avec une batterie de type semblable ou équivalent, recommandée par le fabricant. Jeter les batteries usagées conformément aux instructions du fabricant.

About this guide

Audience

This user guide is intended for system integrators, and experienced users with at least basic knowledge of configuring a server.

Contents

This guide contains the following parts:

1. Chapter 1: Product Introduction

This chapter describes the general features of the server, including sections on front panel and rear panel specifications.

2. Chapter 2: Hardware Setup

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

3. Chapter 3: Motherboard Information

This chapter gives information about the motherboard that comes with the server. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations.

4. Chapter 4: BIOS Setup

This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus and describes the BIOS parameters.

5. Chapter 5: Driver Installation

This chapter provides instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components.

Conventions

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 (+).

Example: <Ctrl>+<Alt>+

Command

Means that you must type the command exactly as shown, then supply the required item or value enclosed in brackets.

Example: At the DOS prompt, type the command line: **format A: /S**

References

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

1. **ASUS Control Center (ACC) user guide**

This manual tells how to set up and use the proprietary ASUS server management utility.

2. **ASUS websites**

The ASUS websites provide updated information for all ASUS hardware and software products. Visit <https://www.asus.com> for more information.

Product Introduction

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This chapter describes the general features of the chassis kit. It includes sections on front panel and rear panel specifications.

1.1 System package contents

Check your system package for the following items.

ESC4000A-E11	
Chassis	ASUS 2U Rackmount Chassis
Motherboard	ASUS KMPG-U8 Server Board
Accessory box	1 x MB Support DVD 1 x ACC instruction card 1 x Bag of Screws 2 x AC Power Cables 8 x 6+2-pin VGA Power cables 4 x GPU Power cables (Tesla) 8 x GPU Power cables (Quadro) 4 x GPU air ducts (for Nvidia/AMD cards) 1 x CPU heatsink 1 x Rail Kit (optional)



- If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.
- Optional items come bundled if you selected them when purchasing the system and cannot be bought separately.

1.2 Serial number label

Before requesting support from the ASUS Technical Support team, you must take note of the product's serial number containing 12 characters such as xxS0xxxxxxxx. See the figure below.

With the correct serial number of the product, ASUS Technical Support team members can then offer a quicker and satisfying solution to your problems.



The serial number is printed on the Asset tag.

1.3 System specifications

The ASUS ESC4000A-E11 Series servers features the ASUS KMPG-U8 server board that supports AMD EPYC™ 7003/7002 Series Processor Family.

Model Name		ESC4000A-E11
Processor		AMD EPYC™ 7003/7002 Series Processor Family (up to TDP 280W)
Memory	Total Slots	8 (8-channel per CPU, 8 DIMM per CPU)
	Capacity	Up to 2048GB
	Memory Type	DDR4 3200 RDIMM * Please refer to www.asus.com for latest memory AVL update
	Memory Size	128GB, 64GB, 32GB, 16GB (RDIMM) * Please refer to ASUS server AVL for the latest update
Expansion Slots	Total PCI/PCI-X/PCI-E Slots	11
	Slot Type	Full-length/Full-height: 4 x PCIe 4.0 x16 link for double-deck GPU cards or 8 x PCIe 4.0 x16 link with PLX SKU Board for single-deck GPU cards Rear (x32 link): 2 x PCIe 4.0 x16 slot for butterfly riser card (LP, HL) Front (x8 link): 1 x PCIe 4.0 x8 slot for internal HBA/RAID card or 1 x OCP3.0 slot for Mezzanine slot or 2 x Hyper M.2 Card (max. 22110) * Front riser, OCP3.0, and M.2 card use the same x8 link
Storage	SATA Controller	8 x SATA 6Gb/s ports Optional Kits:
	SAS Controller	ASUS PIKE II 3008 8-port SAS HBA card ASUS PIKE II 3108 8-port SAS HW RAID card Supports SAS 12Gbps
Storage Bays	Storage Bay	8 x 2.5" or 3.5" Hot-swap Storage Device Bays (2 x NVMe as default; up to 4 x NVMe/SATA/SAS + 4 x SATA/SAS supported) * SAS from optional ASUS PIKE II 3108/30008 cards
	Backplane connectors	2 x Mini SAS HD + 8 x Slimline SAS at 4x link
	MB on-board connectors	1 x M.2 connector 2 x Mini SAS HD 2 x Slimline SAS at x8 link
	Default Cable	Backplane default cable: 2 x Mini SAS HD Cable 2 x Slimline SAS Cable
	NVMe upgrade option	2-port NVMe upgrade kit (1 x riser card + 2 x cables)
Networking		2 x 1Gb/s LAN ports (Intel® I350-AM2) 1 x Dedicated management port
VGA		AST2600 64MB

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Model Name		ESC4000A-E11
Graphic		Up to 4 double-deck or 8 single-deck GPU cards
Front I/O ports		4 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports
Rear I/O ports		2 x USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports 2 x Gigabit LAN ports (RJ45) 1 x Management port (RJ45) 1 x VGA port
Switch/LED		Front Switch/LED: 1 x Power Switch/LED 1 x Location Switch/LED 1 x HDD Access LED 1 x Message LED 1 x Q-Code/Port 80 LED 2 x LAN LED Rear Switch/LED: 1 x Power switch/LED 1 x Location LED 1 x Message LED 1 x HDD Access LED
Security		TPM-SPI module (optional) PFR module (optional)
OS Support		Windows® Server 2019, RedHat®, SuSE®, Ubuntu, Vmware * Please find the latest OS support from www.asus.com
Management Solution	Out of Band Remote Hardware	On-Board ASMB10-iKVM for KVM-over-IP
	Software	ASUS Control Center
Dimension		800mm x 440mm x 88mm (2U) 31.50" x 17.22" x 3.46"
Net Weight Kg (CPU, DRAM & HDD not included)		34 kg
Gross Weight Kg (CPU, DRAM & HDD not included, Packing included)		44 kg
Power Supply		1+1 Redundant 1600W 80 PLUS Platinum Power Supply 1+1 Redundant 2200W 80 PLUS Platinum Power Supply
Environment		Operation temperature: 10° ~ 35° Non operation temperature: -40° ~ 70° Non operation humidity: 20% ~ 90% (Non condensing)



Always use PSUs with the same watt and power rating. Combining PSUs with different wattage (e.g. 1 x 1600 W + 1 x 2200 W) may yield unstable results and potential damage to your system.



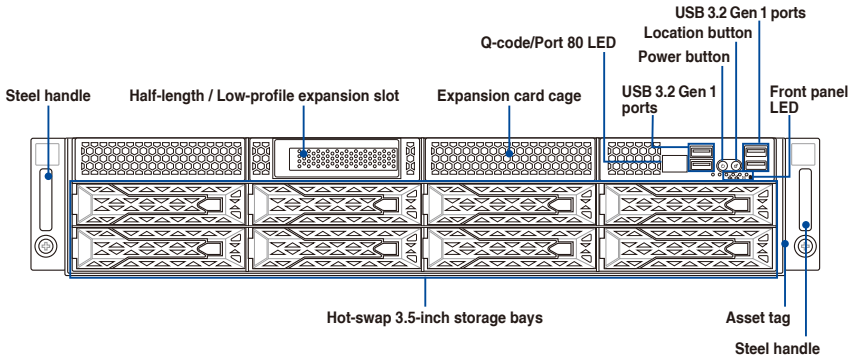
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1.4 Front panel features

The barebone server features a simple yet stylish front panel. The power and location buttons, LED indicators, and USB ports are located and easily accessible on the front panel.

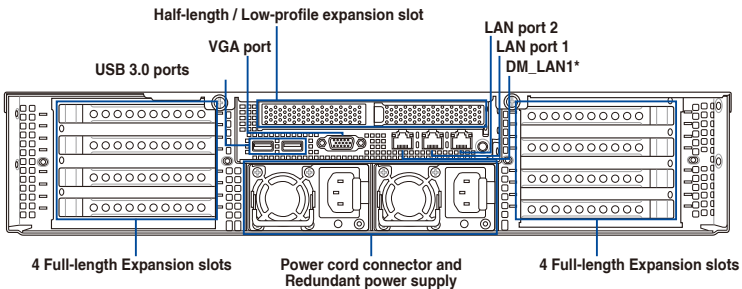


Refer to the **Front panel LEDs** section for the LED descriptions.



1.5 Rear panel features

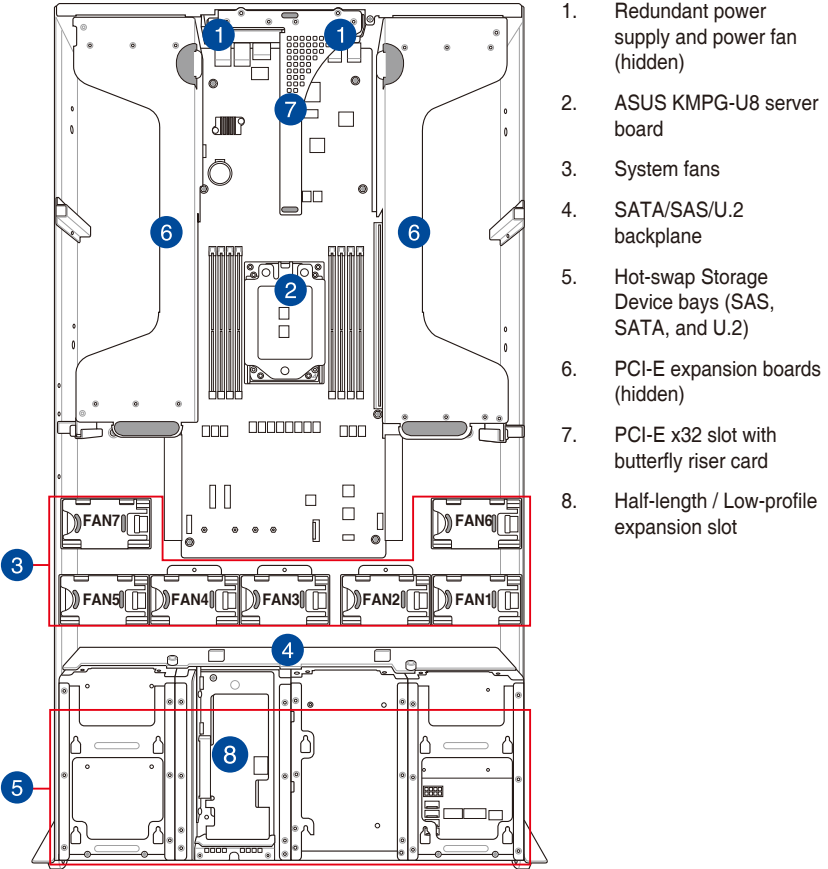
The expansion slots and system power socket is located on the rear panel of the server. The middle part includes the I/O shield with openings for the rear panel connectors on the motherboard.



- The rear I/O ports do not appear on the rear panel if motherboard is not present.
- DM_LAN1 port is for ASUS ASMB10-iKVM controller only.

1.6 Internal features

The barebone server includes the basic components as shown.



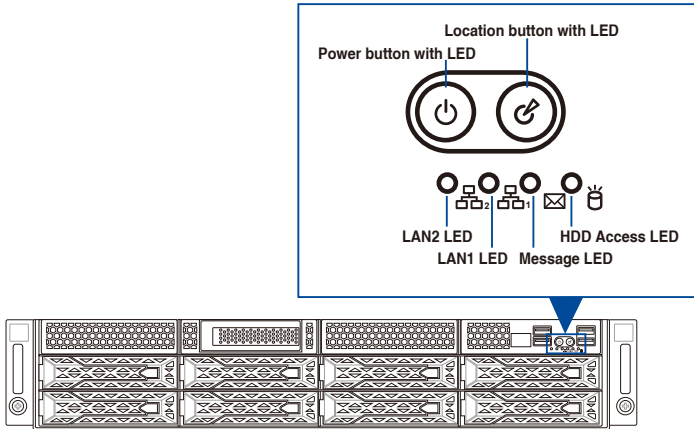
A protection film is pre-attached to the front cover before shipping. Please remove the protection film before turning on the system for proper heat dissipation.

WARNING

HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS
KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER BODY PARTS AWAY

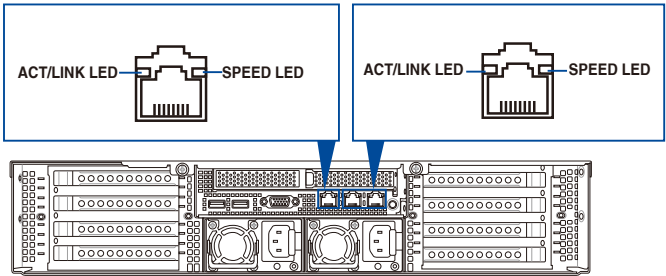
1.7 LED information

1.7.1 Front panel LEDs



LED	Icon	Display status	Description
Power button with LED		ON	System power on
HDD access LED		OFF	No activity
		Blinking	Data activity
Message LED		OFF	System is normal; no incoming event
		ON	A hardware monitor event is indicated
Location button with LED		OFF	Function off
		ON	Location switch is pressed (Press the location switch again to turn off)
LAN LEDs		OFF	No LAN connection
		Blinking	LAN is transmitting or receiving data
		ON	LAN connection is present

1.7.2 LAN (RJ-45) LEDs



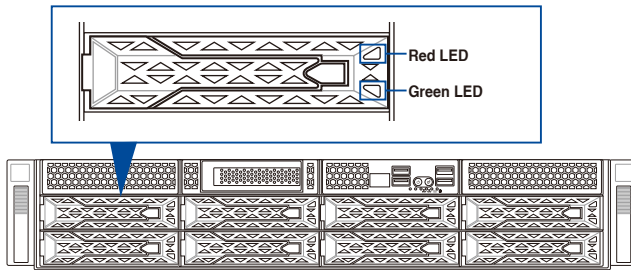
LAN1/LAN2 LEDs

ACT/LINK LED		SPEED LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
GREEN	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection

Dedicated Management LAN (for ASMB10 and DM_LAN1)

ACT/LINK LED		SPEED LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
OFF	No link	OFF	10 Mbps connection
ORANGE	Linked	ORANGE	100 Mbps connection
BLINKING	Data activity	GREEN	1 Gbps connection

1.7.3 HDD status LEDs



SATA/SAS HDD LED Description		
GREEN	ON	SATA/SAS HDD power ON
RED	ON	HDD has failed and should be swapped immediately
GREEN/ RED	Blinking	RAID rebuilding
GREEN/ RED	Blinking	Locate
GREEN/ RED	OFF	HDD not found
GREEN	Blinking	Read/write data from/into the SATA/SAS HDD

1.7.4 Q-Code/Port 80 status LEDs

The Q-Code LED provides a 2-digit display that shows the status of your system. Refer to the **Q-Code** table of this user guide for more information about the 2-digit codes.

Q-Code table

Action	PHASE	POST CODE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
SEC Start up	Security Phase	0x1	Progress	First post code	
		0x2	Progress	Load BSP microcode	
		0x3	Progress	Perform early platform Initialization	
		0x4	Progress	Set cache as ram for PEI phase	
		0x5	Progress	Establish Stack	
		0x6	Progress	CPU Early Initialization	
	PEI(Pre-EFI Initialization) phase	0x10	Progress	PEI Core Entry	
		0x11	Progress	PEI cache as ram CPU initial	
		0x15	Progress	NB Initialization before installed memory	
		0x19	Progress	SB Initialization before installed memory	
		0xB0	MRC Progress	DIMM detect	
	MRC Progress phase	0xB1	MRC Progress	DIMM clock Initialization	
		0xB2	MRC Progress	DIMM SPD data Initialization	
		0xB3	MRC Progress	DIMM global early	
		0xB4	MRC Progress	DIMM rank detect	
		0xB5	MRC Progress	DIMM channel early	
		0xB6	MRC Progress	DIMM DDRI0 Initialization	
		0xB7	MRC Progress	DIMM channel training	
		0xB8	MRC Progress	DIMM Initialization throttling	
		0xB9	MRC Progress	memory BIST	
		0xBA	MRC Progress	MEM memory Initialization	
		0xBB	MRC Progress	DIMM DDR memory map	
		0xBC	MRC Progress	RAS configuration	
		0xBD	MRC Progress	Get Margins	
		0xBE	MRC Progress	Memory SSA api Initialization	
0xBF	MRC Progress	MRC done			
Quick VGA		0x32	Progress	CPU POST-Memory Initialization	
		0x33	Progress	CPU Cache Initialization	
		0x34	Progress	Application Processor(s) (AP) Initialization	
		0x35	Progress	BSP Selection	
		0x36	Progress	CPU Initialization	
		0x37	Progress	Pre-memory NB Initialization	
		0x3B	Progress	Pre-memory SB Initialization	
		0x4F	Progress	DXE Initial Program Load(IPL)	
		0x60	Progress	DXE Core Started	
		0x61	Progress	DXE NVRAM Initialization	
		0x62	Progress	SB run-time Initialization	
		0x63	Progress	CPU DXE Initialization	
		0x68	Progress	PCI HB Initialization	
		0x69	Progress	NB DXE Initialization	
		0x6A	Progress	NB DXE SMM Initialization	
		0x70	Progress	SB DXE Initialization	
		0x71	Progress	SB DXE SMM Initialization	
	0x72	Progress	SB DEVICES Initialization		
	0x78	Progress	ACPI Module Initialization		
	0x79	Progress	CSM Initialization		
	0xD0	Progress	CPU PM Structure Initialization		
	0xD1	Progress	CPU PM CSR programming		
	0xD2	Progress	CPU PM MSR programming		
	0xD3	Progress	CPU PM PSTATE transition		
	0xD4	Progress	CPU PM driver exit		
	0xD5	Progress	CPU PM On ready to boot event		
		DXE(Driver Execution Environment) phase	0x64	Progress	DXE Core Started
			0x65	Progress	DXE NVRAM Initialization
			0x66	Progress	SB run-time Initialization
			0x67	Progress	CPU DXE Initialization
			0x68	Progress	PCI HB Initialization
			0x69	Progress	NB DXE Initialization
0x6A			Progress	NB DXE SMM Initialization	
0x70			Progress	SB DXE Initialization	
0x71			Progress	SB DXE SMM Initialization	
0x72			Progress	SB DEVICES Initialization	

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Q-Code table

Action	PHASE	POST CODE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Normal boot	BDS(Boot Device Selection) phase	0x90	Progress	BDS started
		0x91	Progress	Connect device event
		0x92	Progress	PCI Bus Enumeration
		0x93	Progress	PCI Bus Enumeration
		0x94	Progress	PCI Bus Enumeration
		0x95	Progress	PCI Bus Enumeration
		0x96	Progress	PCI Bus Enumeration
		0x97	Progress	Console output connect event
		0x98	Progress	Console input connect event
		0x99	Progress	AMI Super IO start
		0x9A	Progress	AMI USB Driver Initialization
		0x9B	Progress	AMI USB Driver Initialization
		0x9C	Progress	AMI USB Driver Initialization
		0x9D	Progress	AMI USB Driver Initialization
		0xb2	Progress	Legacy Option ROM Initialization
		0xb3	Progress	Reset system
		0xb4	Progress	USB hotplug
		0xb6	Progress	NVRAM clean up
		0xb7	Progress	NVRAM configuration reset
		0xA0	Progress	IDE, AHCI Initialization
		0xA1	Progress	IDE, AHCI Initialization
		0xA2	Progress	IDE, AHCI Initialization
		0xA3	Progress	IDE, AHCI Initialization
		0x00-0xFF	Progress	Wait BMC ready
		0xA8	Progress	BIOS Setup Utility password verify
		0xA9	Progress	BIOS Setup Utility start
		0xAB	Progress	BIOS Setup Utility input wait
		0xAD	Progress	Ready to boot event
		0xAE	Progress	Legacy boot event
		Operating system phase	0xAA	Progress
	0xAC		Progress	PIC mode

Hardware Setup

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

2.1 Chassis cover

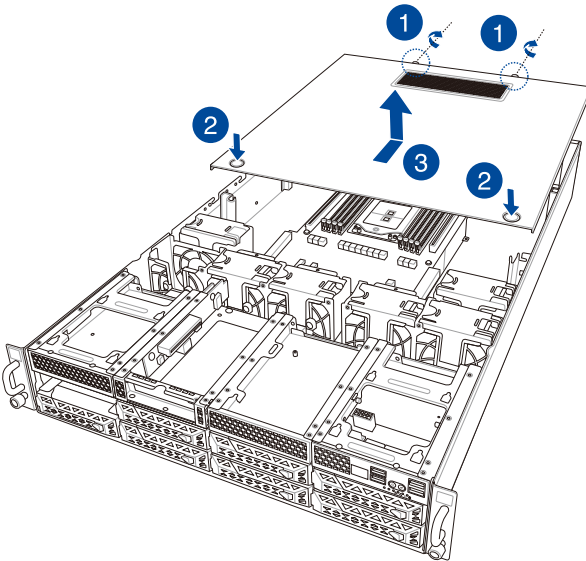
There are three parts of the chassis cover you may remove.



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

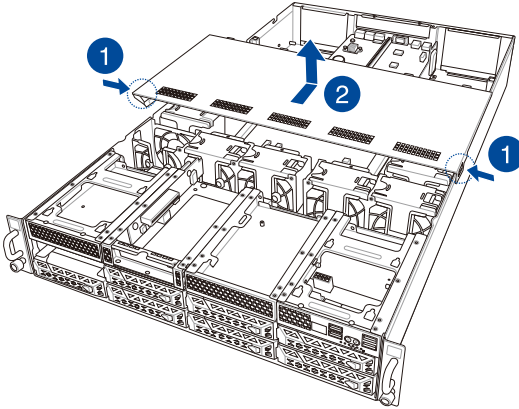
To remove the rear chassis cover:

1. Release the two (2) thumbscrews on the rear of the chassis.
2. Push and hold the cover buttons down, then slide the chassis cover towards the rear to disengage it from the chassis.
3. Lift the chassis cover to completely remove it from the chassis.



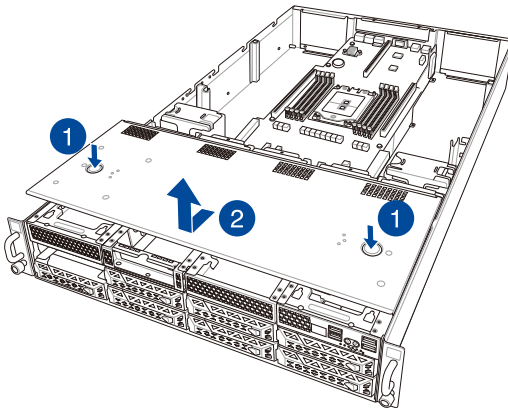
To remove the middle chassis cover:

1. Press the cover latches down on both sides of the middle chassis cover.
2. Lift the chassis cover to completely remove it from the chassis.



To remove the front chassis cover:

1. Push and hold the cover buttons down, then slide the chassis cover towards the front to disengage it from the chassis.
2. Lift the chassis cover to completely remove it from the chassis.



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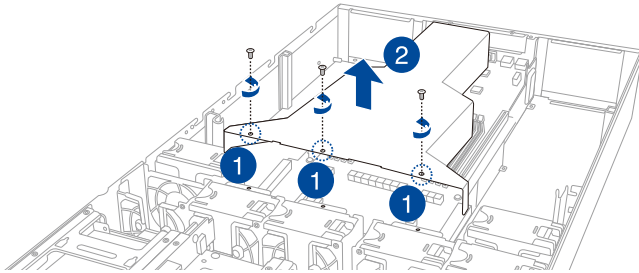
2.1.1 Air duct



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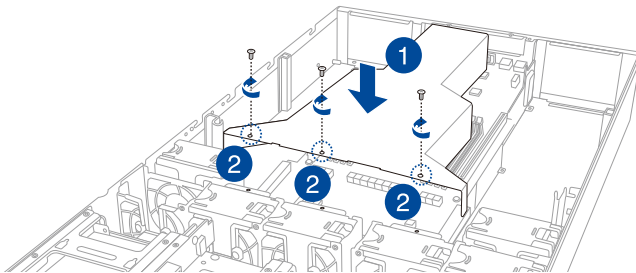
To remove the air duct:

1. Remove the three screws as shown.
2. Lift the air duct to remove it from the chassis.



To reinstall the air duct:

1. Align and replace the air duct to the chassis ensuring that the screw holes on the air duct match the screw holes on chassis.
2. Secure the air duct to the chassis with three screws.



2.2 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

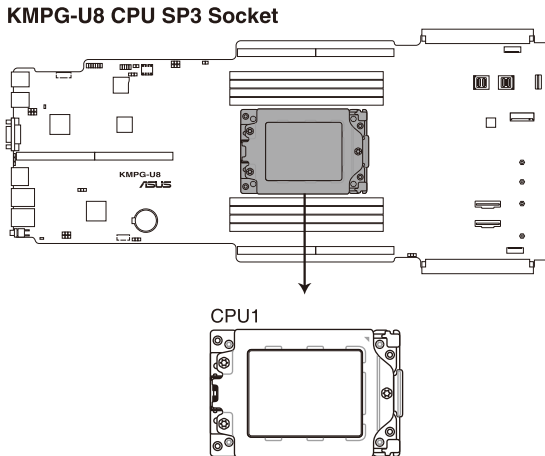
The motherboard comes with a surface mount Socket SP3 socket designed for the AMD EPYC™ 7003/7002 Series Family processors.



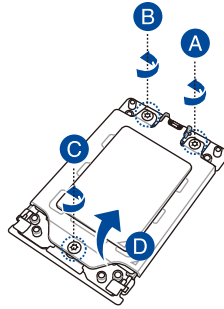
- Upon purchase of the motherboard, ensure that the PnP cap is on the socket and the socket contacts are not bent. Contact your retailer immediately if the PnP cap is missing, or if you see any damage to the PnP cap/socket contacts/motherboard components. ASUS will shoulder the cost of repair only if 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 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.

2.2.1 Installing the CPU and heatsink

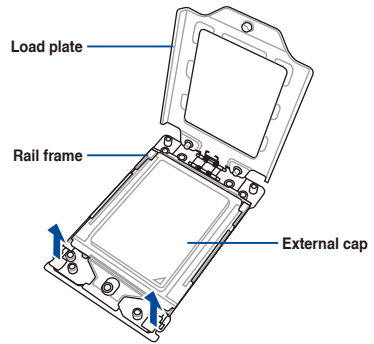
1. Remove the rear chassis cover. For more information, see the **Chassis cover** section.
2. Remove the air duct. For more information, see the **Air Duct** section.
3. Locate the CPU socket on the motherboard.



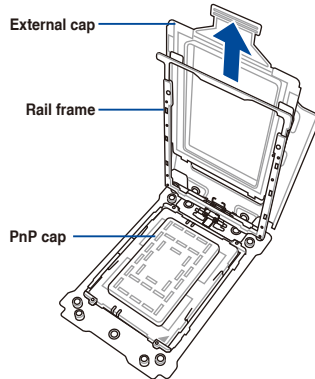
4. Loosen each screw one by one in the sequence shown on the socket to open the load plate.



5. Slightly lift open the rail frame.



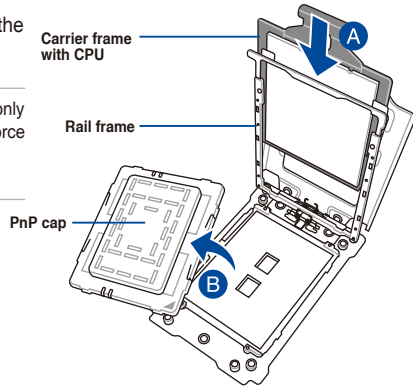
6. Slide the external cap out of the rail frame.



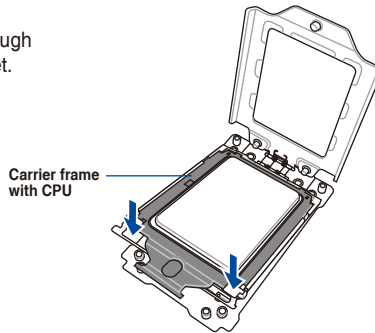
7. Slide the carrier frame with CPU into the rail frame, then remove the PnP cap.



The carrier frame with CPU fits in only one correct orientation. DO NOT force the carrier frame with CPU into the rail frame.



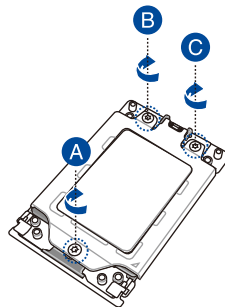
8. Gently push the rail frame just enough to let it sit on top of the CPU socket.



9. Close the load plate just enough to let it sit on top of the CPU, then secure each screw one by one in the sequence shown on the socket to completely secure the load plate.



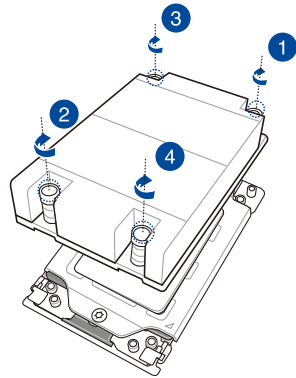
The load plate screws are T20 models. A torque value of 16.1 ± 1.2 kgf-cm (14.0 ± 1.0 lbf-in) is recommended.



- Twist each of the four screws with a screwdriver in the order shown in the illustration just enough to attach the heatsink to the motherboard. When the four screws are attached, tighten them one by one in a the same diagonal sequence to completely secure the heatsink.



The heatsink screws are T20 models. A torque value of 16.1 ± 1.2 kgf-cm (14.0 ± 1.0 lbf-in) is recommended.



- Reinstall the air duct. For more information, see the **Air Duct** section.

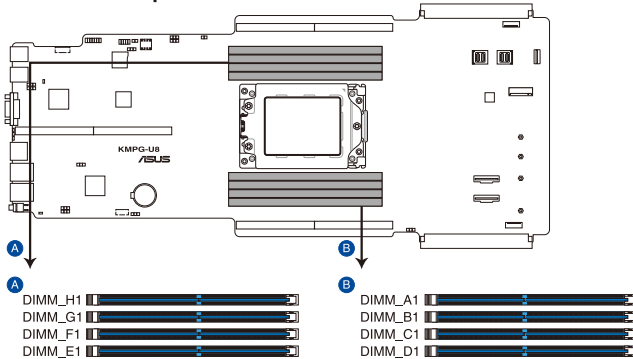
2.3 System memory

2.3.1 Overview

The motherboard comes with eight (8) Double Data Rate 4 (DDR4) Dual Inline Memory Modules (DIMM) sockets.

The figure illustrates the location of the DDR4 DIMM sockets:

KMPG-U8 288-pin DDR4 DIMM sockets



2.3.2 Memory Configurations

You may install 16 GB, 32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB DDR4 RDIMMs into the DIMM sockets using the memory configurations in this section.

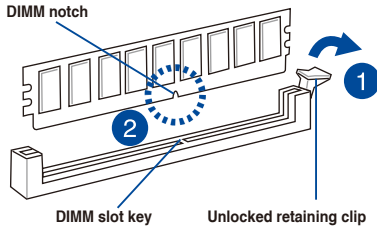


- 6 DIMM configuration is not recommended for AMD EPYC™ 7002 Series processors.
- When mixing 2DPC and 1DPC, ensure that each channel's total DIMM size should be equal. The DIMM size of 2DPC should equal to that of 1DPC, for example, if 2DPC is using a 32GB memory module (32GB * 2), then a 64GB memory module should be installed for 1DPC.
- All memory modules for 2DPC should be the same.
- Always install DIMMs with the same CAS latency. For optimum compatibility, it is recommended that you obtain memory modules from the same vendor.

1 CPU Configuration	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
1 DIMM			•					
2 DIMMs			•	•				
4 DIMMs			•	•			•	•
8 DIMMs	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

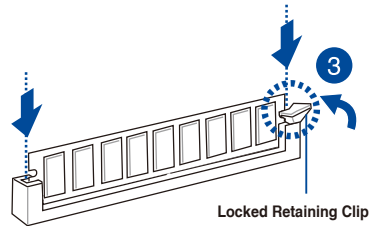
2.3.3 Installing a DIMM on a single clip DIMM socket

1. Press the retaining clip outward to unlock a DIMM socket.
2. Align a DIMM on the socket such that the notch on the DIMM matches the DIMM slot key on the socket.



A DIMM is keyed with a notch so that it fits in only one direction. DO NOT force a DIMM into a socket in the wrong direction to avoid damaging the DIMM.

3. Hold the DIMM on both ends, then insert the DIMM vertically into the socket. Apply force to both ends of the DIMM simultaneously until the retaining clip snaps back into place, and the DIMM cannot be pushed in any further to ensure proper sitting of the DIMM.



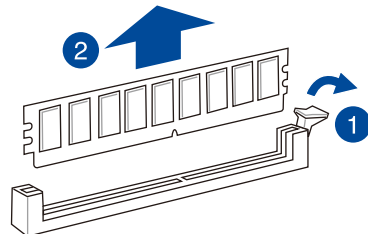
Always insert the DIMM into the socket VERTICALLY to prevent damage to the DIMM notch.



- To install two or more DIMMs, refer to the user guide bundled in the motherboard package.
- Refer to www.asus.com for vendor lists of the memory modules.

Removing a DIMM from a single clip DIMM socket

1. Press the retaining clip outward to unlock the DIMM.
2. Remove the DIMM from the socket.



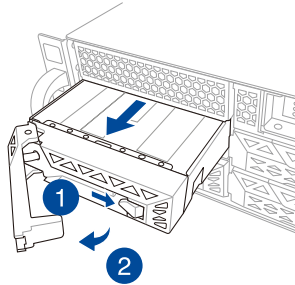
Support the DIMM lightly with your fingers when pressing the retaining clips. The DIMM might get damaged when it flips out with extra force.

2.4 Hard disk drives

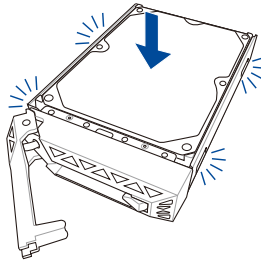
The ESC4000-E11 system supports 3.5-inch and 2.5-inch SATA/SAS hard disk drives, or U.2 drives.

2.4.1 Installing the 3.5-inch SATA HDD/SAS HDD

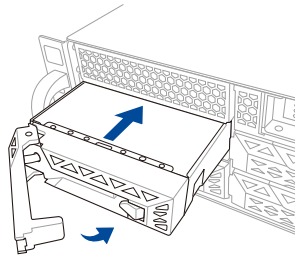
1. Press the spring lock.
2. Pull the tray lever outwards to remove the drive tray.



3. Prepare the SATA/SAS HDD then place the 3.5" storage device into the tray until it clicks into place.



4. Push the drive tray and HDD assembly all the way into the depth of the bay until the tray lever and spring lock clicks and secures the drive tray in place.



- When installed, the SATA/SAS connector on the drive connects to the SATA/SAS interface on the backplane.
- The drive tray is correctly placed when its front edge aligns with the bay edge.

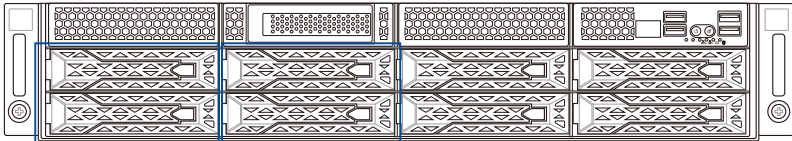
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to install the other SATA/SAS HDDs.

2.4.2 Installing the 2.5-inch SSD/SATA HDD/SAS HDD/NVMe

The NVMe drives may be installed in storage device bays 1, 2, 3, and 4 as shown in the illustration below:



- The default storage device bays to install NVMe drives are storage device bays 1 and 2.
- Support for NVMe drives for storage device bays 3 and 4 is optional, please refer to the **U.2 drives (optional)** section before installing a NVMe drive to storage device bays 3 and 4.



Storage device bay 1 and 2 (default NVMe) Storage device bay 3 and 4

1. Remove the drive tray.

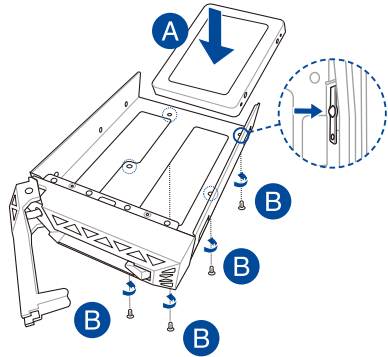


Refer to the **Installing the 3.5-inch SATA HDD/SAS HDD** section for the steps on removing the drive tray.

2. Prepare the SSD/SATA HDD/SAS HDD/NVMe and the bundled set of screws.
3. Place the SSD/SATA HDD/SAS HDD/NVMe into the tray (A) then secure it with four screws (B).



Ensure to take note of the tool-less notch as it may interfere when trying to align the screw holes. Press the SSD/SATA HDD/SAS HDD/NVMe down on the notch if you are experiencing issues trying to align the screw holes.



4. Replace the drive tray.



Refer to the **Installing the 3.5-inch SATA HDD/SAS HDD** section for the steps on replacing the drive tray.

5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to install additional SSD/SATA HDD/SAS HDD/NVMe.

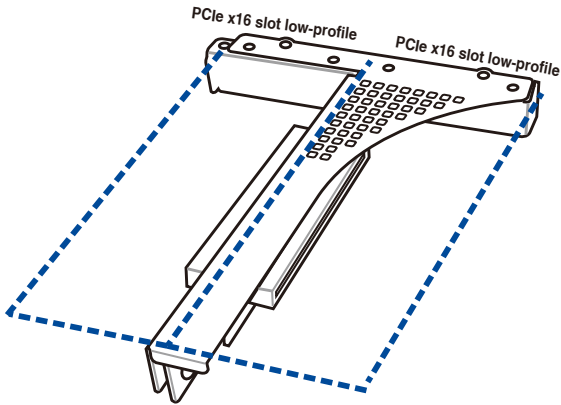
2.5 Expansion slots



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

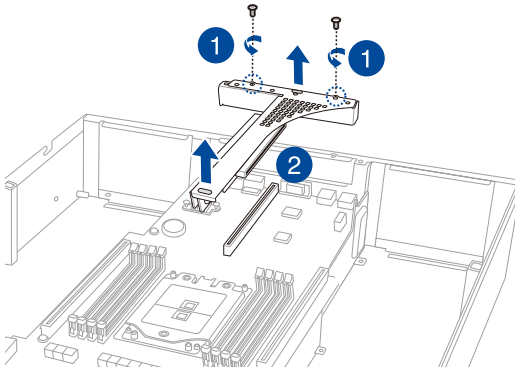
2.5.1 The PCI Express riser card

The onboard PCI Express slot on the motherboard comes pre-installed with a riser card that supports two x16 slot (x16 Gen4 link) for installing PCIe x16 low profile cards.

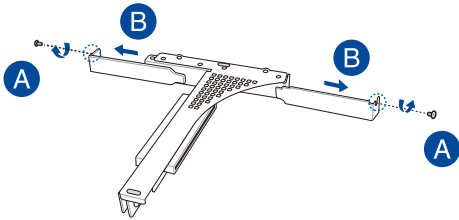


To install PCIe expansion cards to the riser card:

1. Remove the two (2) screws that secure the riser card to the chassis.
2. Firmly hold the riser card then pull it up to detach it from the PCI Express x32 slot on the motherboard.



3. Remove the two (2) screws from the metal brackets on the riser card (A), then remove the metal brackets from the riser card (B).

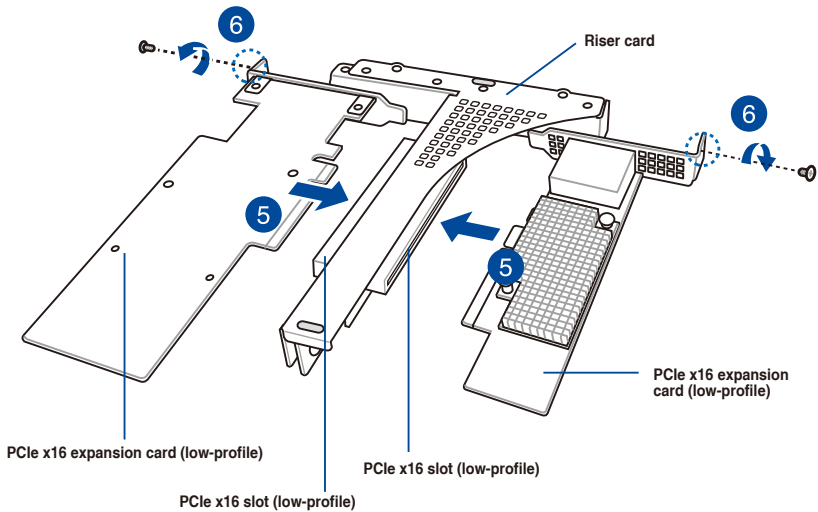


4. Prepare the expansion cards.



Before installing an expansion card, read the documentation that came with it and ensure to make the necessary hardware settings.

5. Align and insert the golden finger connectors of the expansion cards to the PCIe slot connectors on the riser card as shown.
6. Secure the expansion cards with the screws removed earlier.

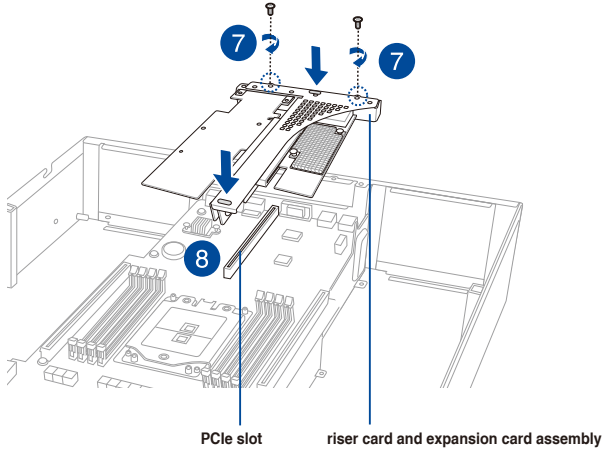


7. Align and insert the riser card and expansion card assembly into the PCIe slot on the motherboard.



The expansion card fits in one orientation only. If it does not fit, try reversing it.

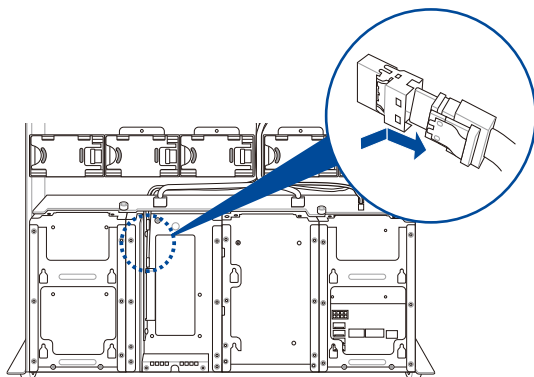
8. Secure the riser card with the two (2) screws that you removed earlier in step 1.



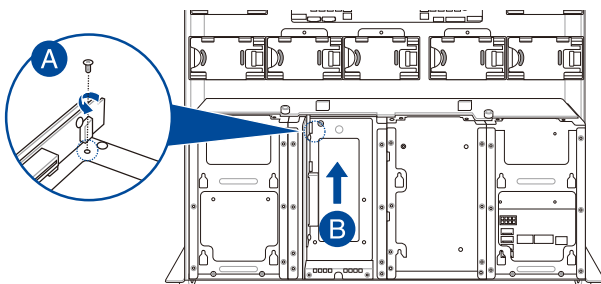
2.5.2 Installing an ASUS PIKE II card

You may install an ASUS PIKE II card to the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket located in the front of the system.

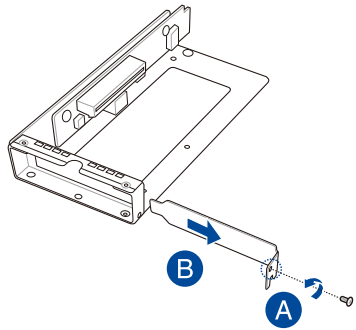
1. Remove the two (2) default slimline SAS cables from the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket.



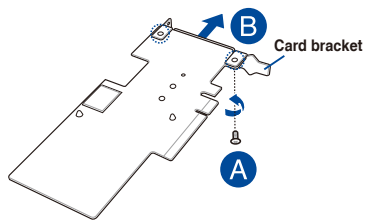
2. Remove the screw from the bracket (A), then push the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket towards the rear to remove the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket (B).



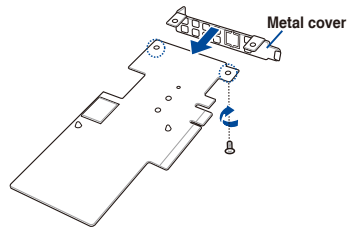
3. Remove the screw from the metal bracket (A), then remove the metal bracket.
4. Prepare the ASUS PIKE II card.



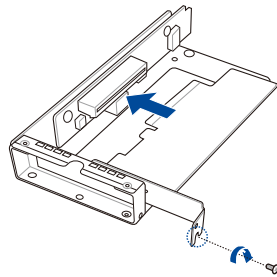
5. Remove the two screws on the ASUS PIKE II card (A), then remove the card bracket (B).



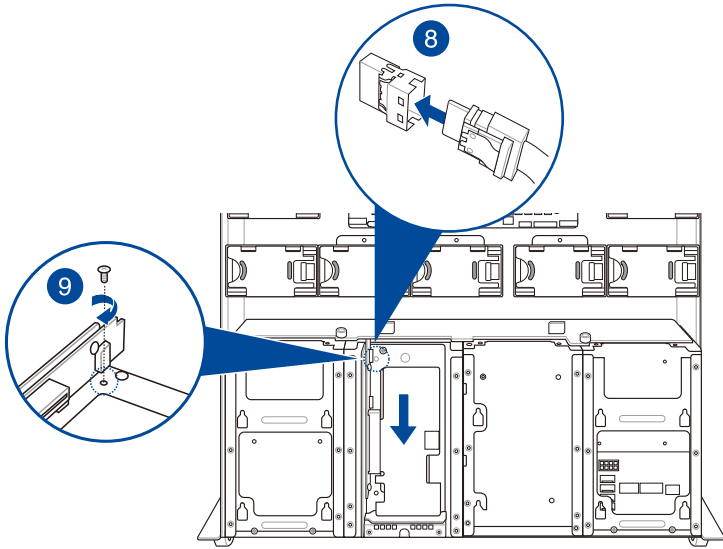
6. Secure the ASUS PIKE II card and the metal cover (internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket) with the two screws.



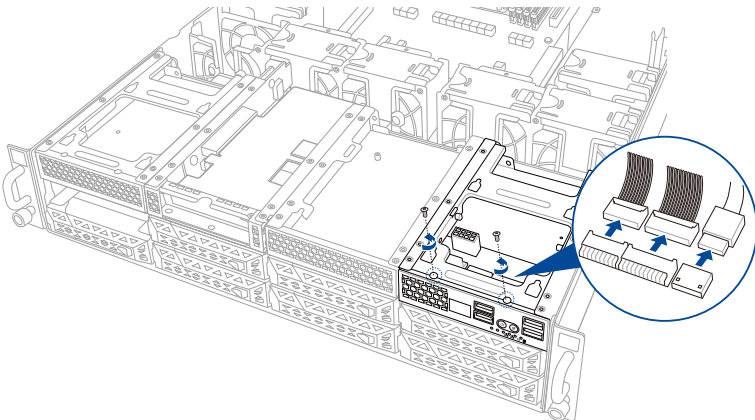
7. Insert the ASUS PIKE II card into the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket, then secure it with a screw.



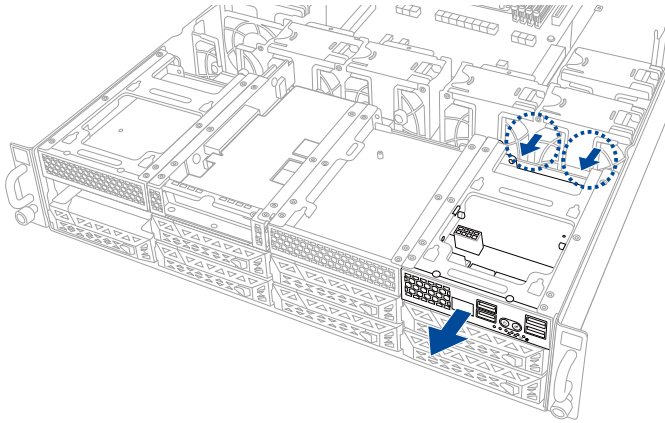
8. Connect the two (2) slimline SAS cables from the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket previously earlier.
9. Install the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket and secure it with the screw removed earlier.



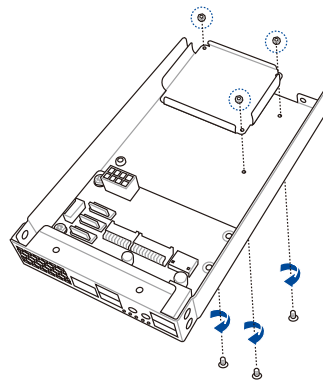
10. Remove the three (3) cables on the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder (A), then release the two (2) screws on the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder (B).



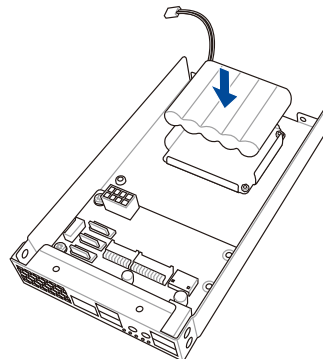
11. From the back of the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder, push the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder out of the server system.



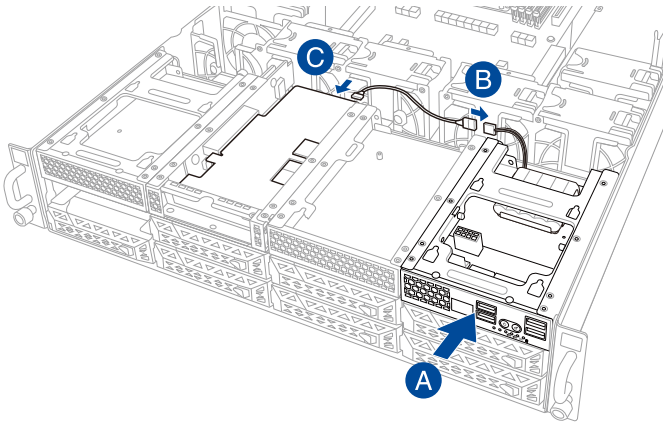
12. Align the three screw holes on the Cache Vault Power Module clip to the three screw holes on the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder, then secure the clip with the bundled three (3) screws and three (3) bundled nuts.



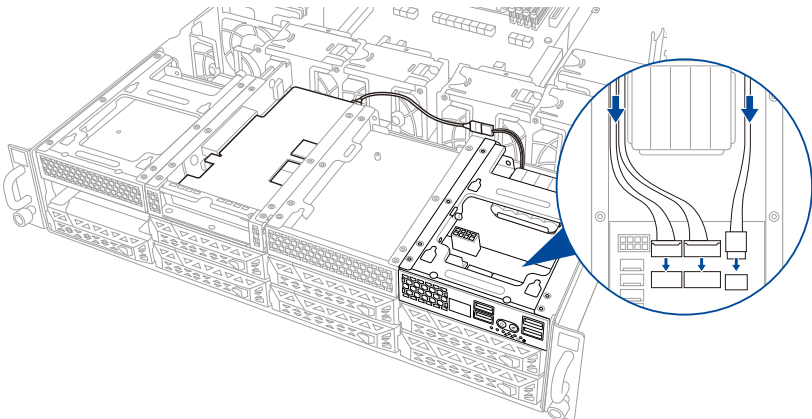
13. Align and install the Cache Vault Power Module into the Cache Vault Power Module clip.



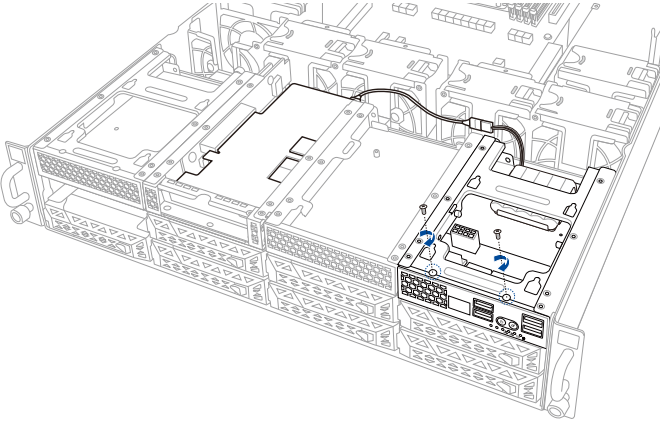
14. Insert the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder into the server system (A), then connect the bundled extension cable to the cable from the Cache Vault Power Module (B) and cable from the Cache Vault Flash Module (C).



15. Reconnect the three (3) cables to the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder, ensure that the cables are not placed on top of the Cache Vault Power Module.



16. Secure the Cache Vault Power Module clip holder with the two (2) screws that you removed earlier in step 10.



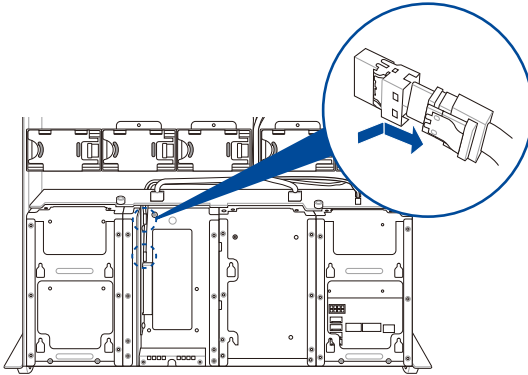
2.5.3 Reconnecting the cable to the M.2 expansion board

You may reconnect the cables to enable the M.2 expansion board located in the front of the system.

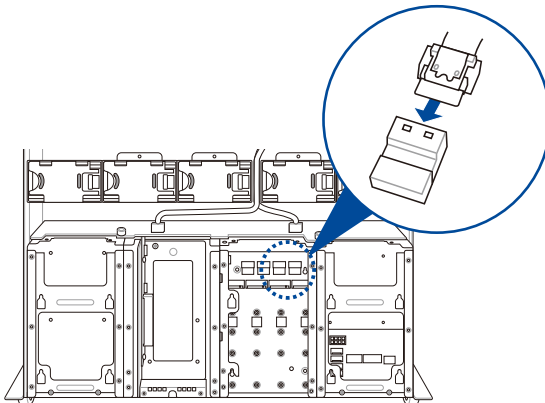


The cables are connected by default if your system package comes with the M.2 expansion board pre-installed.

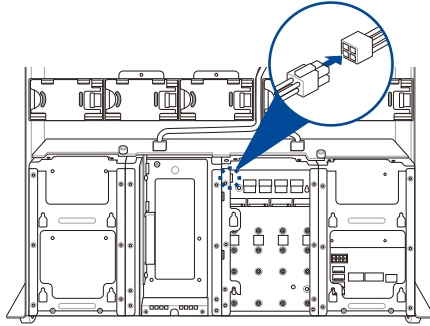
1. (optional) Remove the two (2) slimline SAS cables from the internal riser board for PCIe slot, if your system comes with the slimline SAS cables connected.



2. Connect the two (2) slimline SAS cables removed from the internal riser board for PCIe slot to your M.2 expansion board.



3. Connect the black 4-pin power connector to the 4-pin power connector on the M.2 expansion board.

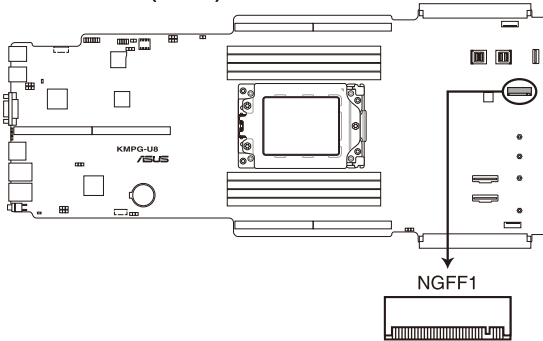


2.5.4 Installing an M.2 (NGFF) card

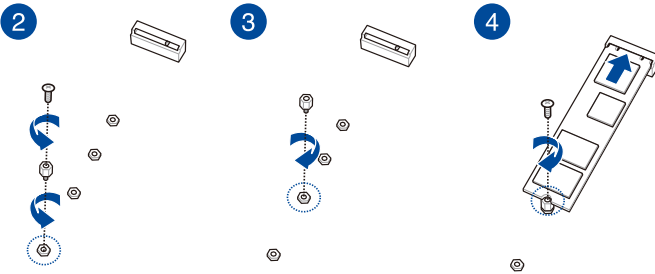
You may install an M.2 card (supports up to 22110) to the onboard M.2 (NGFF) slot on the motherboard.

1. Locate the M.2 connector (NGFF1) on the motherboard.

KMPG-U8 M.2 (NGFF) connector



2. Remove the screw on the stand screw.
3. Prepare the M.2 card, then align and insert the M.2 card into the M.2 connector (NGFF1).
4. Secure the M.2 card with the screw you removed in step 2.



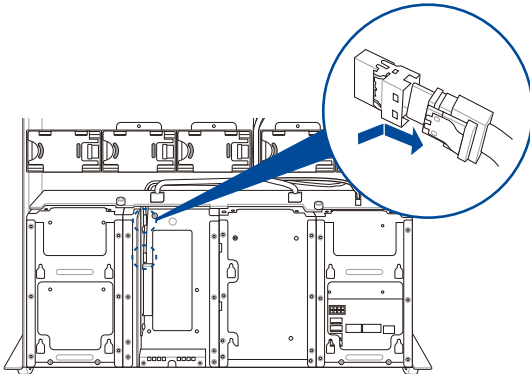
2.5.5 Reconnecting the cable to the OCP3.0 slot baseboard

You may reconnect the cables to enable the OCP3.0 slot baseboard located in the front of the system.

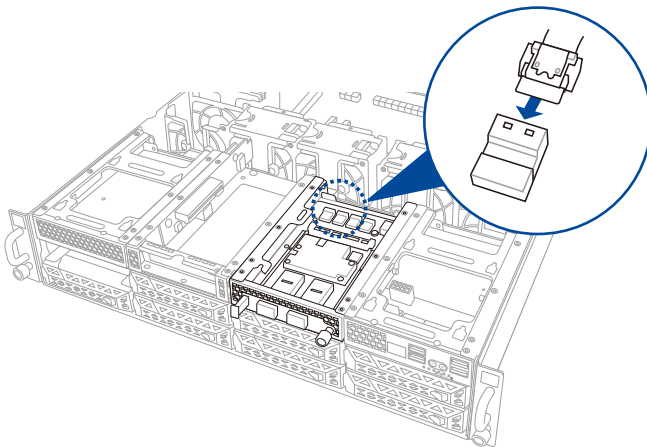


The cables are connected by default if your system package comes with the OCP3.0 slot baseboard pre-installed.

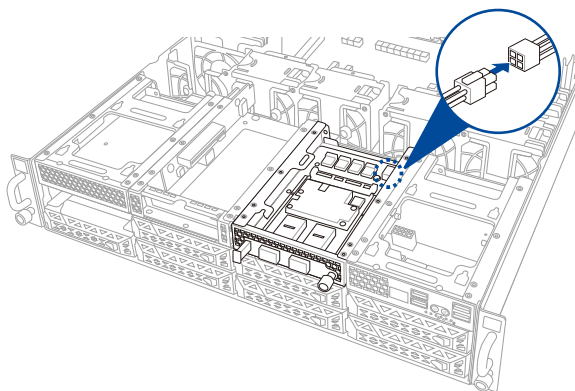
1. (optional) Remove the two (2) slimline SAS cables from the internal riser board for PCIe slot, if your system comes with the slimline SAS cables connected.



2. Connect two (2) slimline SAS cables to the two connectors to the left on your OCP3.0 slot baseboard.



3. Connect the white 4-pin power connector to the 4-pin power connector on the OCP3.0 slot baseboard.



2.5.6 Configuring an expansion card

After installing the expansion card, configure it by adjusting the software settings.

1. Turn on the system and change the necessary BIOS settings, if any. See the **BIOS Setup** chapter for information on BIOS setup.
2. Assign an IRQ to the card. Refer to the **Standard Interrupt assignments** table for more information.
3. Install the software drivers for the expansion card.

Standard Interrupt assignments

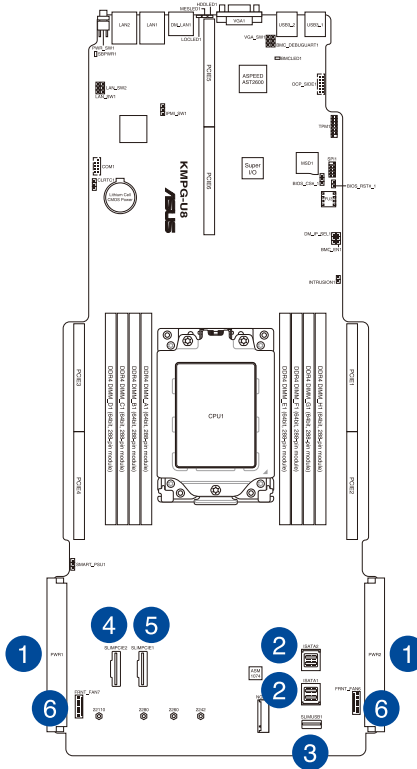
IRQ	Priority	Standard function
0	1	System Timer
1	2	Keyboard Controller
2	-	Programmable Interrupt
3*	11	Communications Port (COM2)
4*	12	Communications Port (COM1)
5*	13	--
6	14	Floppy Disk Controller
7*	15	--
8	3	System CMOS/Real Time Clock
9*	4	ACPI Mode when used
10*	5	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
11*	6	IRQ Holder for PCI Steering
12*	7	PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port
13	8	Numeric Data Processor
14*	9	Primary IDE Channel
15*	10	Secondary IDE Channel

* These IRQs are usually available for ISA or PCI devices.

2.6 Cable connections



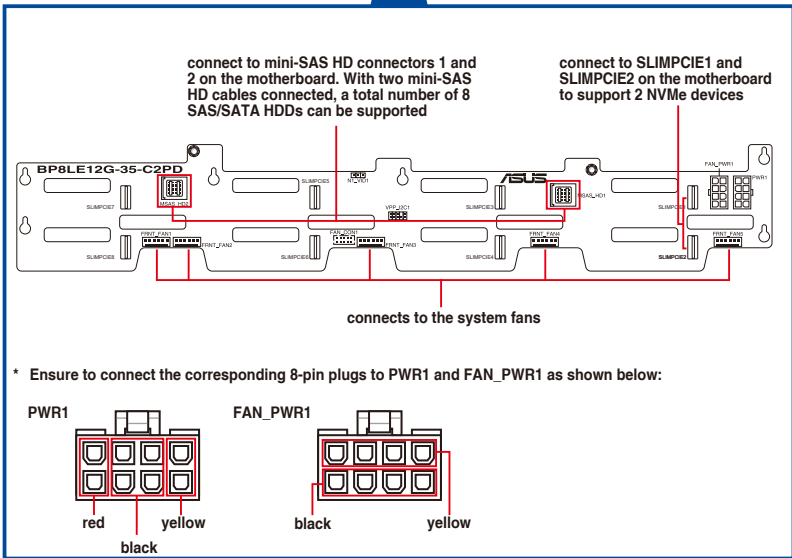
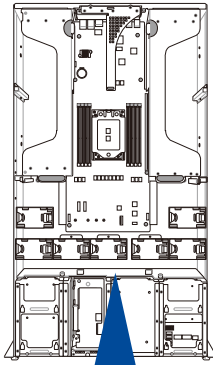
- The bundled system cables are pre-connected before shipment. You do not need to disconnect these cables unless you remove the pre-installed components to install additional devices.
- If you need to remove pre-connected system cables please ensure to remove the cable organizer metal cover beforehand.
- Refer to the **Motherboard Information** chapter for information on the connectors.



Pre-connected system cables

1. SSI power connector (from the power distribution board to the motherboard)
2. ISATA connectors (from motherboard to SATA/SAS/U.2 backplane board)
3. Slim USB connector (from the motherboard to front I/O board)
4. SLIMPCIE2 connector (from motherboard to internal riser board for PCIe slot)
5. SLIMPCIE1 connector (from motherboard to SATA/SAS/U.2 backplane board)
6. System fan connectors (from motherboard FRNT_FAN6, and FRNT_FAN7 to system fans)

2.7 SATA/SAS backplane cabling



2.8 Removable/optional components

The following sections describe installation or removal instructions for the following removable/optional components:

1. Cable organizer metal cover
2. System fans
3. Redundant power supply units
4. U.2 drives
5. GPU cards

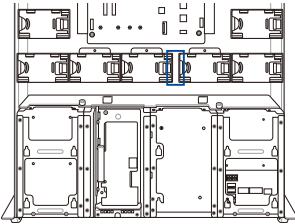


Ensure that the system is turned off before removing any components.

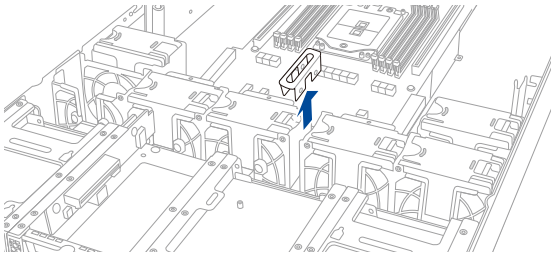
2.8.1 Cable organizer metal cover

When you need to organize the cables connecting from the rear to the front of the system, you may need to remove the cable organizer metal cover beforehand.

1. Locate the cable organizer metal cover in between the system fans.



2. Pull the cable organizer metal cover upwards to remove it from the system.

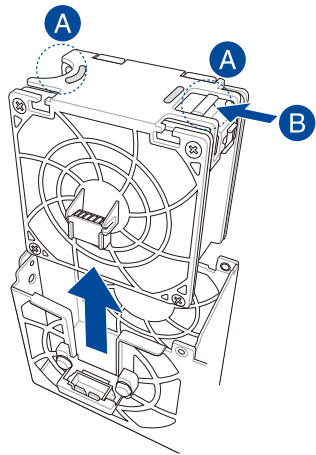


3. Once you have finished organizing the cables, ensure to replace the cable organizer metal cover.

2.8.2 System fans

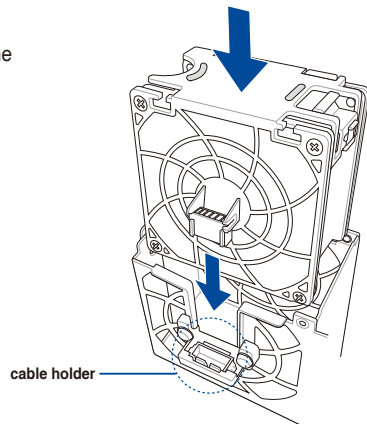
To uninstall the system fans:

1. Hold the system fan by the notches (A), then press the latch inwards (B) to release the system fan from the fan cage.
2. Lift the fan then set it aside.
3. Repeat steps 1 to 2 to uninstall the other system fans.



To reinstall the system fans:

1. Insert the fan into the fan cage. Ensure the fan connector is seated firmly within the cable holder.



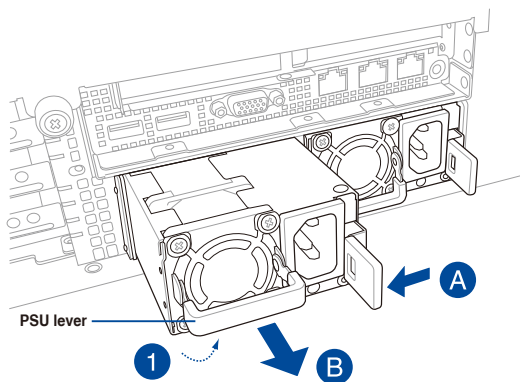
2.8.3 Redundant power supply units



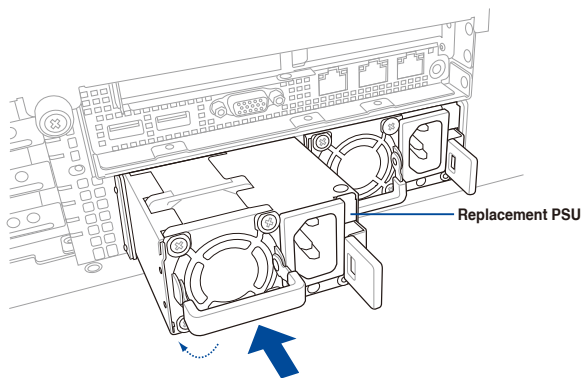
We recommend that you use both of your hands in performing the following steps.

To replace a power supply unit (PSU):

1. Lift up the PSU lever.
2. Hold the PSU lever, press the PSU latch (A) then carefully pull the PSU out of the system chassis (B).



3. Prepare the replacement PSU.
4. Align and insert the replacement PSU into the empty PSU bay until it clicks in place.





- The system automatically combines the two power supply modules as a single one. The combined output power varies with input voltages. Refer to the table below for details.

1600W

Input Voltage	Max. Output Power (Watt) per PSU
100V-127Vac, 13A, 50-60Hz	1000W
100V-127Vac, 12.9A, 47-63Hz	
200V-240Vac, 9.5A, 50-60Hz	1600W
200V-240Vac, 9.5A, 47-63Hz	

2200W

Input Voltage	Max. Output Power (Watt) per PSU
100V-127Vac, 14A, 47-63Hz	1200W
200V-240Vac, 12.6A, 47-63Hz	2200W

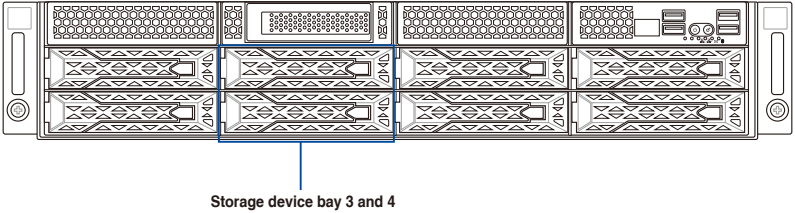
- To enable the hot-swap feature (redundant mode), keep the total power consumption of the system under the maximum output power of an individual power supply module.



- Always use PSUs with the same watt and power rating. Combining PSUs with different wattage (e.g. 1 x 1620 W + 1 x 2000 W) may yield unstable results and potential damage to your system.
- For a steady power input, use only the power cables that come with the server system package.

2.8.4 U.2 drives

Additional U.2 drives may be installed in storage device bays 3 and 4 as shown in the illustration below:



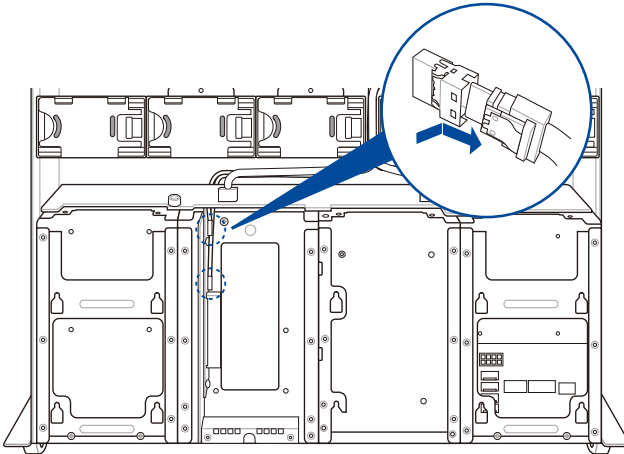
To install a U.2 drive:

1. Install the U.2 drive to storage device bay 3 or 4.

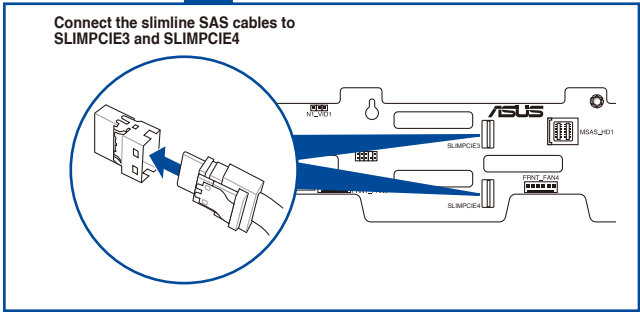
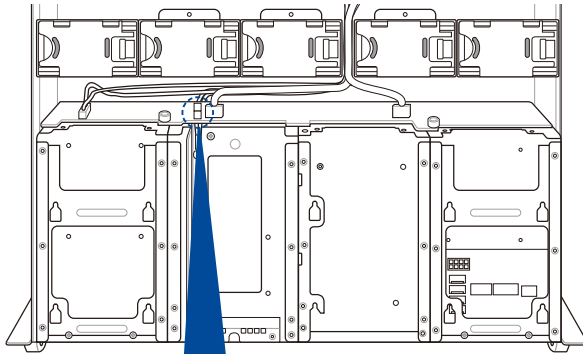


Refer to the **Installing the 2.5-inch SSD** section for the steps on installing a 2.5-inch drive to the HDD bay.

2. Remove the slimline SAS cables from the internal SAS/HBA/Storage bracket.



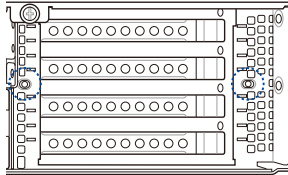
3. Connect the slimline SAS cables removed in step 2 to the SLIMPCIE3 and SLIMPCIE4 slots located on the backplane.



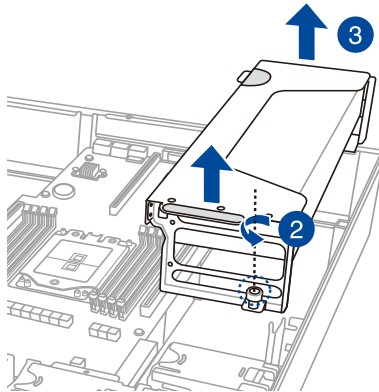
2.8.5 GPU cards

Follow the steps below to install a GPU card to the system.

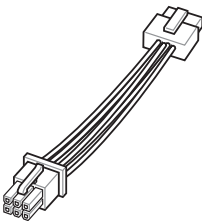
1. Locate and remove the two screws at the rear of the chassis.



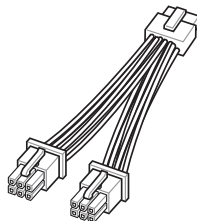
2. Locate and loosen the thumbscrew at the front of the GPU bracket.
3. Firmly hold and pull the GPU bracket upwards to detach it from the motherboard.



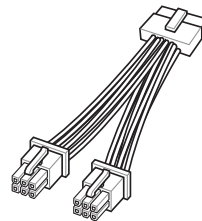
4. Prepare the appropriate GPU power cable depending on the type of GPU card.



Tesla/AMD
8pin to 6pin power cable



Quadro
8pin to 2x6pin power cable



12VHPWR
12+4pin to 2x6pin power cable

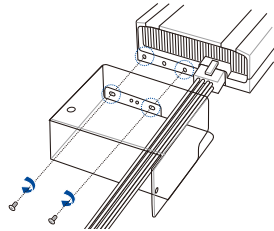
5. Install the air duct, if supported by the GPU card, and connect the GPU power cable.



The GPU air duct is designed and recommended for dual-slot GPU cards with a length of 10.5 inches.

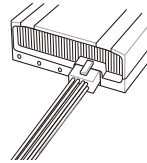
For GPU card installation with an air duct

Pass the power cable through the air duct and connect it to the GPU card, then secure the air duct to the GPU card with two screws.

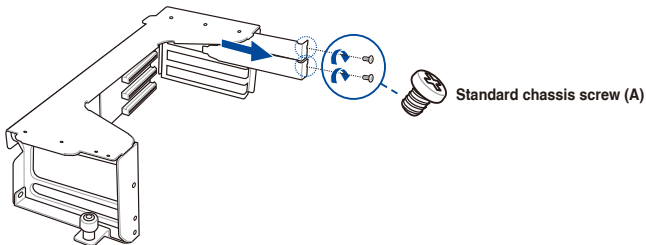


For GPU card installation without an air duct

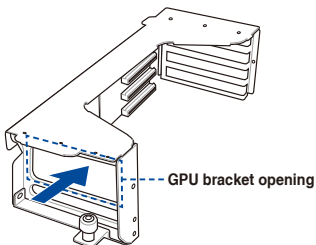
Connect the power cable to the GPU.





6. Place the GPU bracket on a flat and stable surface.
7. Remove the screws on the metal covers, then remove the metal covers.



8. Insert the GPU cables into the opening on the GPU bracket.



9. Align and insert the golden fingers of the GPU card into the card slot on the bracket and ensure that it is securely seated in the slot.
10. Secure the GPU card and air duct assembly to the GPU bracket.

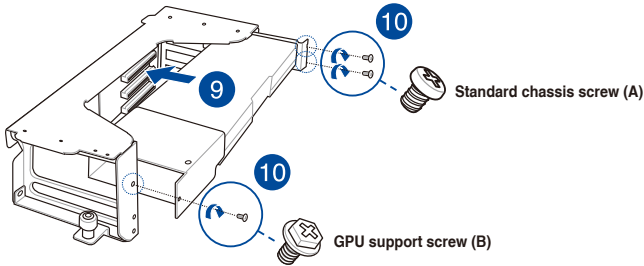
	Standard chassis screw (A)	#6-32 X L 4.2 OD 6mm	6.0±0.5 kgf-cm
	GPU support screw (B)	#6-32 X L 4.76 OD 8mm	6.0±0.5 kgf-cm



The GPU support screws are bundled in the accessory bag. Contact your retailer if any screws are missing.

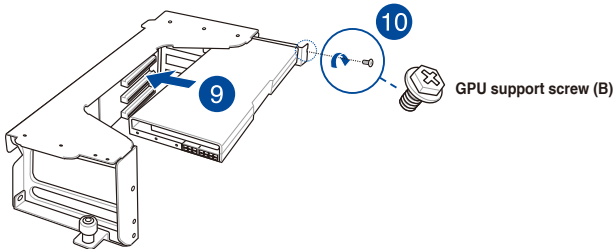
For GPU card installation with an air duct

Secure the GPU card to the GPU bracket with two standard chassis screws, then secure the air duct using one GPU support screw.



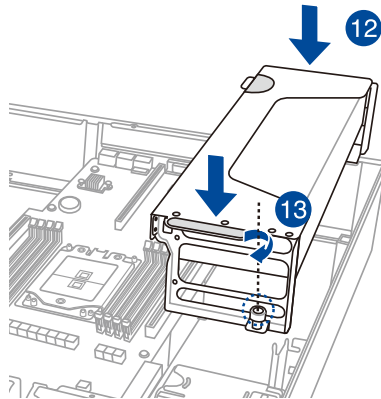
For GPU card installation without an air duct

Secure the GPU card to the GPU bracket with one or two GPU support screws depending on the type of GPU card.

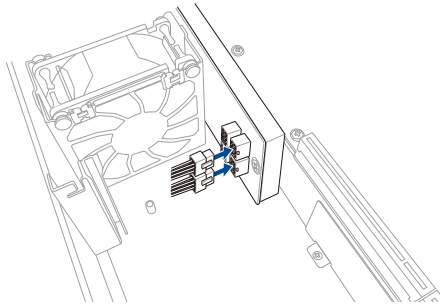


11. Repeat steps 4 to 10 if you need to install an additional GPU card to the bracket.

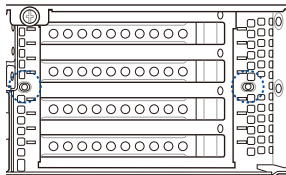
- Align and insert the golden fingers of the GPU bracket into the card slot on the motherboard and ensure that it is securely seated in the slot.
- Secure the thumbscrew at the front of the GPU bracket.



- Connect the other end of the GPU power cable to an available 6-pin power connector in front of the GPU bracket.



- Secure the GPU bracket to the server chassis with two screws.



2.9 Rail Kit Options

This server system supports the rail kit options listed below. For more information on rail kit installation, refer to corresponding documentation on the ASUS support site or on the official product site for this server system.



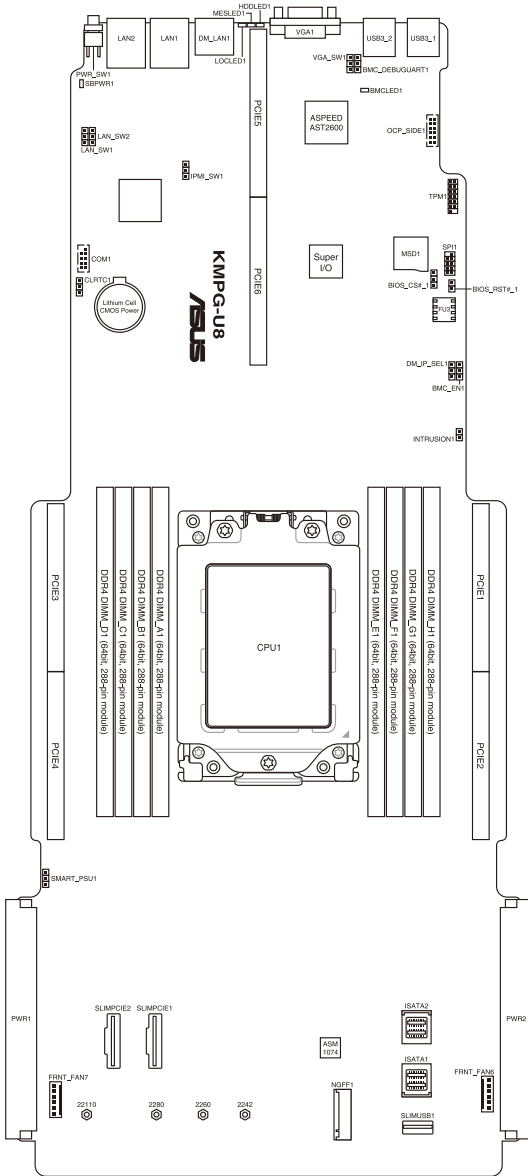
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- We strongly recommend that at least two able-bodied persons perform the installation of the rail kit.
 - We recommend the use of an appropriate lifting tool or device, if necessary.
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- 1m half extension ball bearing rail kit
 - 1.2m half extension ball bearing rail kit

Motherboard Information

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This chapter gives information about the motherboard that comes with the server. This chapter includes the motherboard layout, jumper settings, and connector locations.

3.1 KMPG-U8 Motherboard layout



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3.2 Jumpers

1. Clear RTC RAM (CLRRTC1)

This jumper allows you to clear the CMOS memory system setup parameters by erasing the CMOS Real Time Clock (RTC) RAM data. The onboard button cell battery powers the RAM data in CMOS, which include system setup information such as system passwords.

To erase the RTC RAM:

1. Turn OFF the computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Move the jumper cap from pins 1–2 (default) to pins 2–3. Keep the cap on pins 2–3 for about 5–10 seconds, then move the cap back to pins 1–2.
3. Plug the power cord and turn ON the computer.
4. Hold down the key during the boot process and enter BIOS setup to re-enter data.

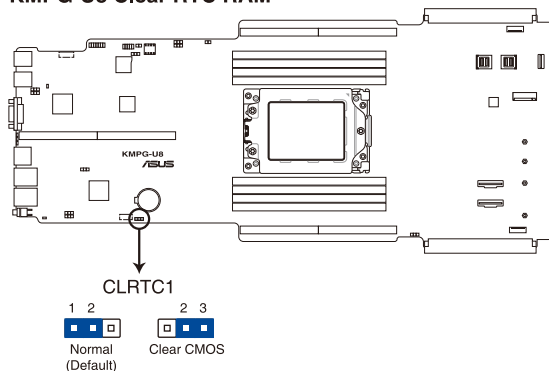


Except when clearing the RTC RAM, never remove the cap on CLRRTC jumper default position. Removing the cap will cause system boot failure!



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

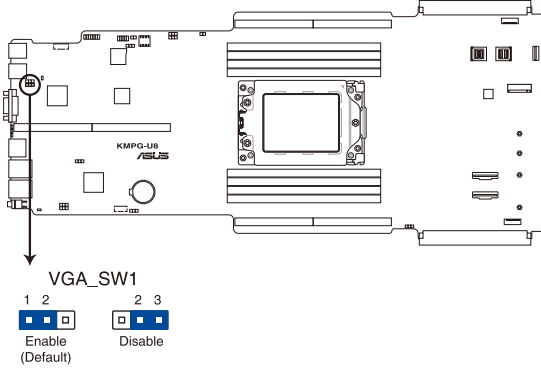
KMPG-U8 Clear RTC RAM



2. VGA controller setting (3-pin VGA_SW1)

This jumper allows you to enable or disable the onboard VGA controller. Set to pins 1–2 to activate the VGA feature.

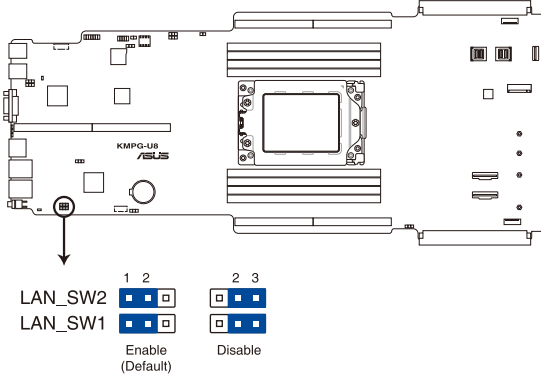
KMPG-U8 VGA controller setting



3. LAN controller setting (3-pin LAN_SW1, LAN_SW2)

These jumpers allow you to enable or disable the onboard Intel® I350-AM2 Gigabit LAN 1/2 controllers. Set to pins 1-2 to activate the Gigabit LAN feature.

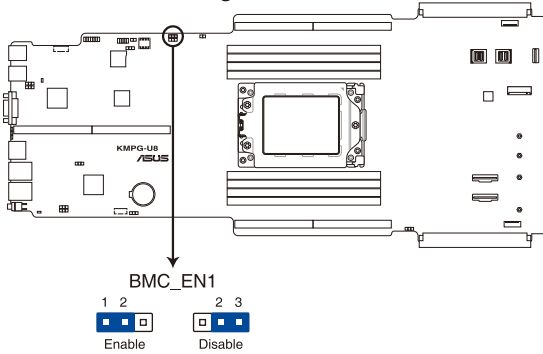
KMPG-U8 LAN setting



4. Baseboard Management Controller setting (3-pin BMC_EN1)

This jumper allows you to enable (default) or disable on-board BMC. Ensure to set this BMC jumper to enabled to avoid system fan control and hardware monitor error.

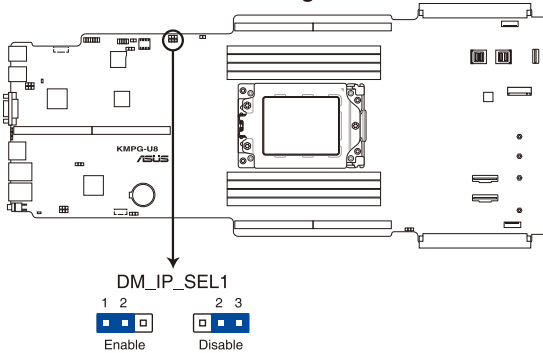
KMPG-U8 BMC setting



5. DMLAN setting (3-pin DM_IP_SEL1)

This jumper allows you to select the DMLAN setting. Set to pins 2-3 to force the DMLAN IP to static mode (IP=10.10.10.10, submask=255.255.255.0).

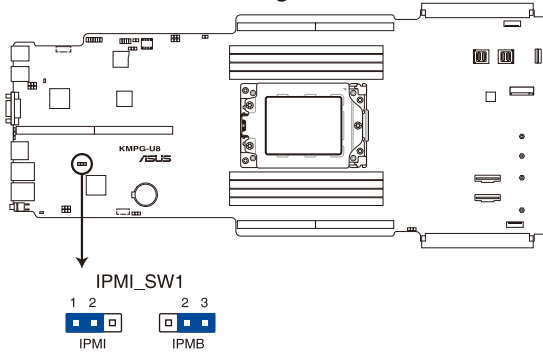
KMPG-U8 DM_IP_SEL1 setting



6. IPMI SW setting (3-pin IPMI_SW1)

This jumper allows you to select which protocol in the GPU sensor to function.

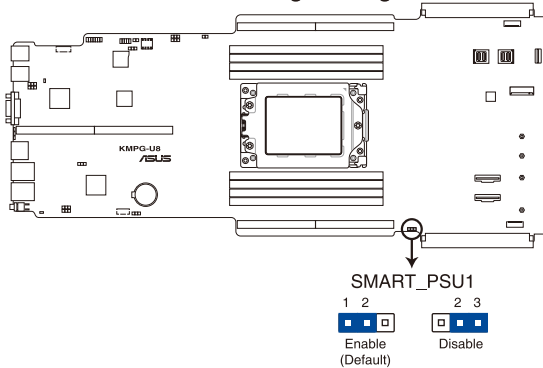
KMPG-U8 IPMI_SW1 setting



7. Smart Ride Through jumper (3-pin SMART_PSU1)

Set to pins 1-2 to enable the Smart Ride Through (SmaRT) feature to allow uninterrupted operation of the system during an AC loss event.

KMPG-U8 Smart Ride Through setting

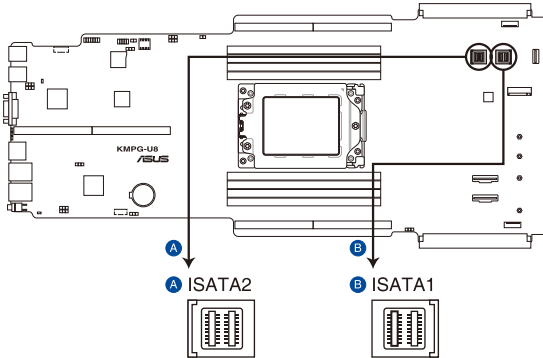


3.3 Internal connectors

1. Mini-SAS HD connector (ISATA1-2)

This motherboard comes with mini Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) HD connectors, the storage technology that supports Serial ATA. Each connector supports up to four devices.

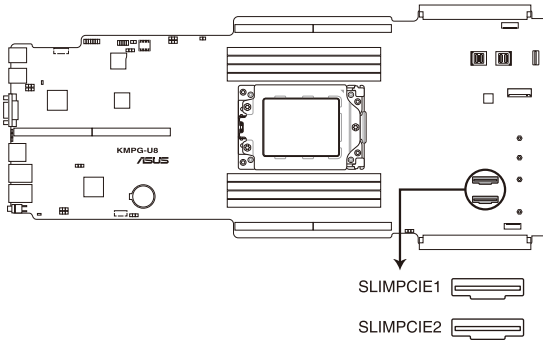
KMPG-U8 Mini-SAS HD connectors



2. Slim PCIe connectors (SLIMPCIE1-2)

Connects the PCIe signal to the front riser card or NVMe port on the backplane.

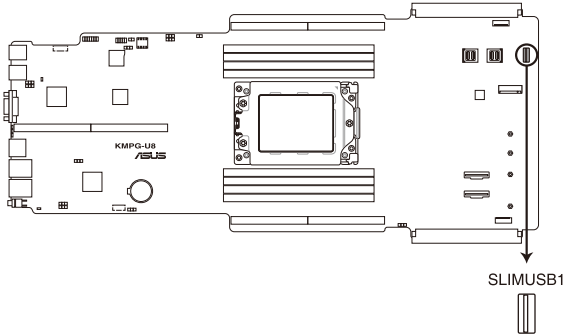
KMPG-U8 SLIMPCIE connectors



3. USB 3.2 Gen 1 connectors (SLIMUSB1)

Connect a compatible USB module cable to the SLIMUSB1 connector, and then install the module to a slot opening at the back or front of the system chassis. You can enjoy all the benefits of USB 3.2 Gen 1 including faster data transfer speeds of up to 5 Gbps, faster charging time for USB-chargeable devices, optimized power efficiency, and backward compatibility with USB 2.0. (SLIMUSB1 connector is used for the front USB panel by default).

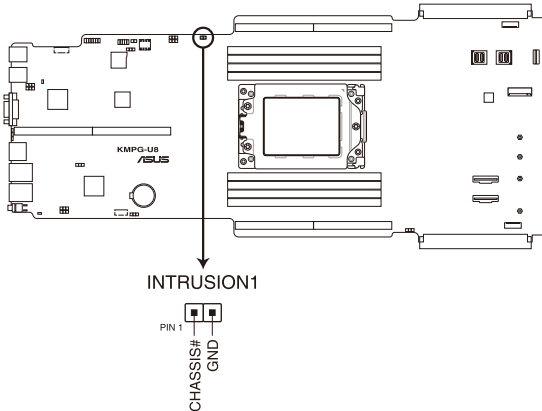
KMPG-U8 SLIMUSB connector



4. Chassis Intrusion (2-pin INTRUSION1)

These leads are for the intrusion detection feature for chassis with intrusion sensor or microswitch. When you remove any chassis component, the sensor triggers and sends a high level signal to these leads to record a chassis intrusion event. The default setting is to short the CHASSIS# and the GND pin by a jumper cap to disable the function.

KMPG-U8 Chassis Intrusion connector



5. Front fan connectors (6-pin FRNT_FAN6-7)

The fan connectors support cooling fans of 3.30 A – 3.95 A (47.4 W max.) Connect the fan cables to the fan connectors on the motherboard, ensuring that the black wire of each cable matches the ground pin of the connector.

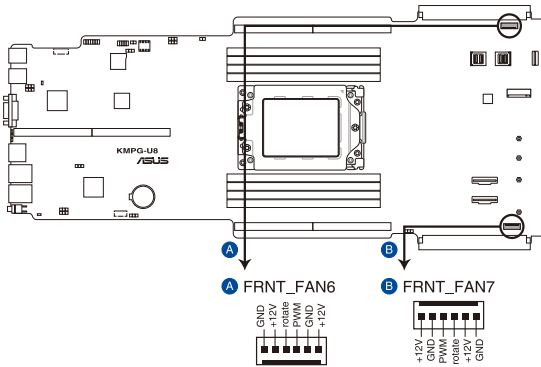


- DO NOT forget to connect the fan cables to the fan connectors. Insufficient air flow inside the system may damage the motherboard components.
- These are not jumpers! DO NOT place jumper caps on the fan connectors!



All fans feature the ASUS Smart Fan technology.

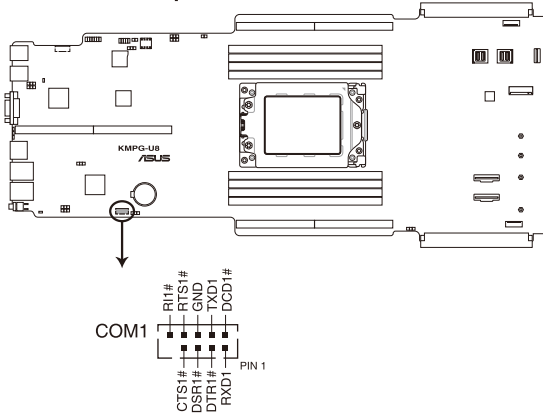
KMPG-U8 FAN connectors



6. Serial port connector (10-1 pin COM1)

This connector is for the serial COM port. Connect the serial port module cable to one of these connectors, then install the module to a slot opening at the back of the system chassis.

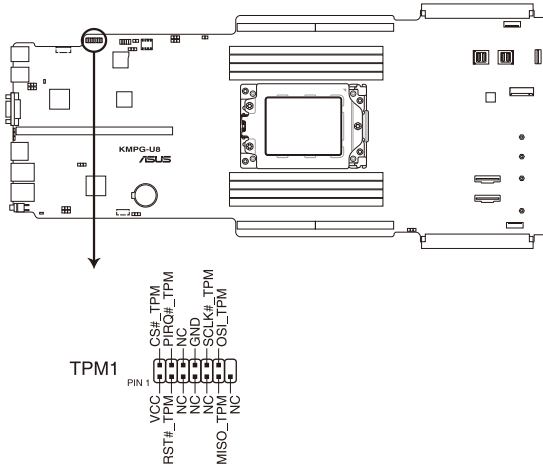
KMPG-U8 Serial port connector



7. TPM connector (14-1 pin TPM1)

This connector supports a 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.

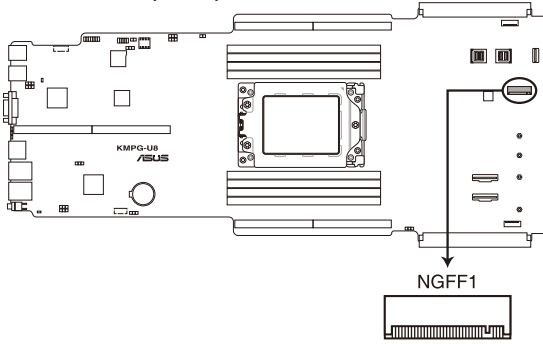
KMPG-U8 Trusted Platform Module connector



8. M.2 (NGFF) card slot (NGFF1)

This slot allows you to install M.2 devices.

KMPG-U8 M.2 (NGFF) connector



This connector supports type 2242 / 2260 / 2280 / 22110 devices on PCIe interface.



The M.2 (NGFF) device is purchased separately.

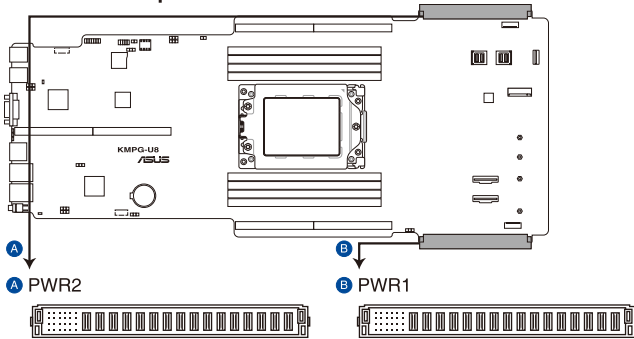
9. CRPS power connectors (PWR1-2)

These connectors are for CRPS power supply plugs. The power supply plugs are designed to fit these connectors in only one orientation. Find the proper orientation and push down firmly until the connectors completely fit.



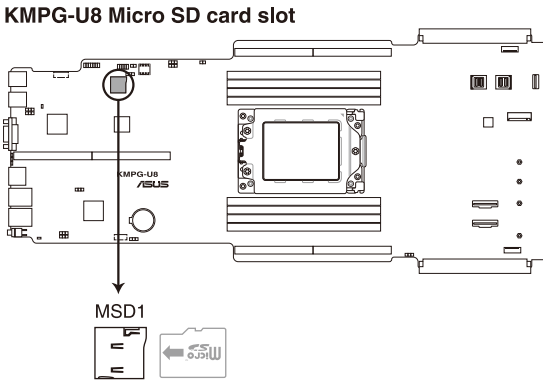
- Use of a PSU with a higher power output is recommended when configuring a system with more power-consuming devices. The system may become unstable or may not boot up if the power is inadequate.
- Ensure that your power supply unit (PSU) can provide at least the minimum power required by your system.

KMPG-U8 ATX power connectors



10. MicroSD card slot (MSD1)

The microSD card slot allows you to install a microSD memory card v2.00 (SDHC) / v3.00 (SDXC) to log BMC events.



Disconnect all power (including redundant PSUs) from the existing system before you add or remove a memory card, then reboot the system to access the memory card.

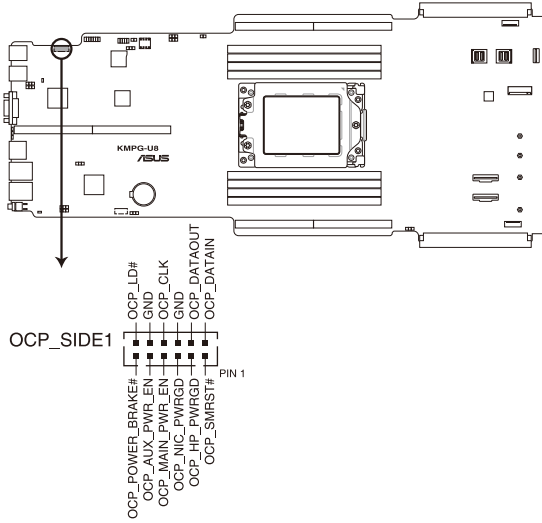


Some memory cards may not be compatible with your motherboard. Ensure that you use only compatible memory cards to prevent loss of data, damage to your device, or memory card, or both.

11. OCP3.0 Sideband Signal connector (12-pin OCP_SIDE1)

This connector is for OCP3.0 sideband signal and allows you to connect an external OCP3.0 card to support additional features such as power brake and scan chain.

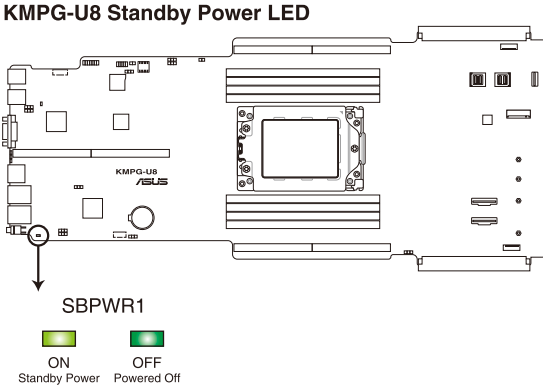
KMPG-U8 OCP_SIDE connector



3.4 Onboard LEDs

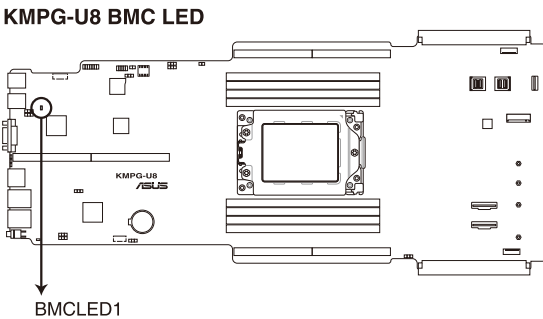
1. Standby Power LED (SBPWR1)

The motherboard comes with a standby power LED. The green LED lights up to indicate that the system is ON, in sleep mode, or in soft-off mode. This is a reminder that you should shut down the system and unplug the power cable before removing or plugging in any motherboard component. The illustration below shows the location of the onboard LED.



2. Baseboard Management Controller LED (BMCLED1)

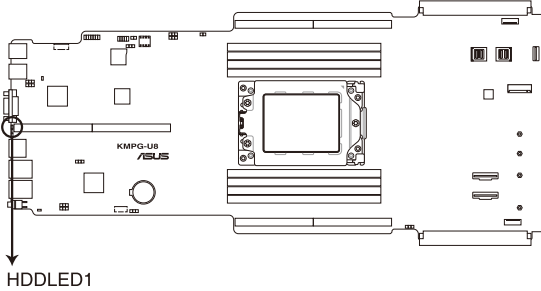
The BMC LED lights up to indicate that the on-board BMC is functional.



3. Hard disk activity LED (HDDLED1)

This LED is for the storage devices connected to the onboard SATA, or SATA/SAS add-on card. The read or write activities of any device connected to the onboard SATA, or SATA/SAS add-on card causes the rear panel LED to light up.

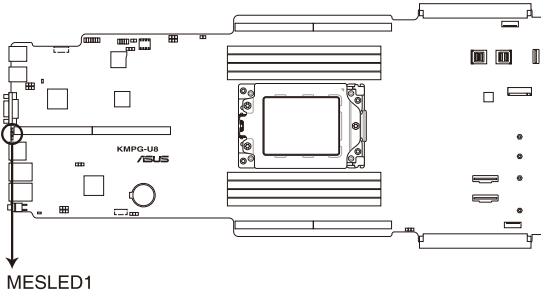
KMPG-U8 Storage device activity LED



4. Message LED (MESLED1)

This onboard LED lights up to red when there is temperature warning or a BMC event log is generated.

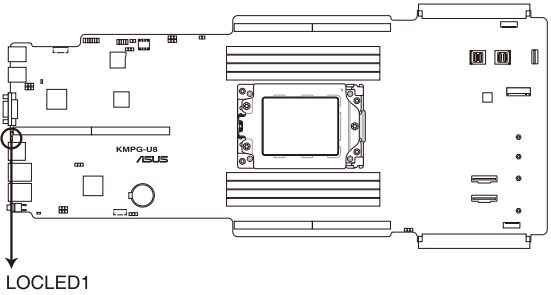
KMPG-U8 MESLED



5. Location LED (LOCLED1)

This onboard LED lights up when the Location button on the server is pressed or when triggered by a system management software. The Location LED helps visually locate and quickly identify the server in error on a server rack.

KMPG-U8 Location LED



BIOS Setup

4

This chapter tells how to change system settings through the BIOS Setup menus and describes the BIOS parameters.

4.1 Managing and updating your BIOS

The following utilities allow you to manage and update the motherboard Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) setup:

1. **ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3**

To recover the BIOS using a bootable USB flash disk drive when the BIOS file fails or gets corrupted.

2. **ASUS EzFlash**

Updates the BIOS using a USB flash disk.

3. **BUPDATER**

Updates the BIOS in DOS mode using a bootable USB flash disk drive.

Refer to the corresponding sections for details on these utilities.



Save a copy of the original motherboard BIOS file to a bootable USB flash disk drive in case you need to restore the BIOS in the future. Copy the original motherboard BIOS using the BUPDATER utility.

4.1.1 ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 utility

The ASUS CrashFree BIOS 3 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 update a corrupted BIOS file using a USB flash drive that contains the updated BIOS file.



Prepare a USB flash drive containing the updated motherboard BIOS before using this utility.

Recovering the BIOS from a USB flash drive

To recover the BIOS from a USB flash drive:

1. Insert the USB flash drive with the original or updated BIOS file to one USB port on the system.
2. The utility will automatically recover the BIOS. It resets the system when the BIOS recovery finished.



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



The recovered BIOS may not be the latest BIOS version for this motherboard. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com to download the latest BIOS file.

4.1.2 ASUS EZ Flash Utility

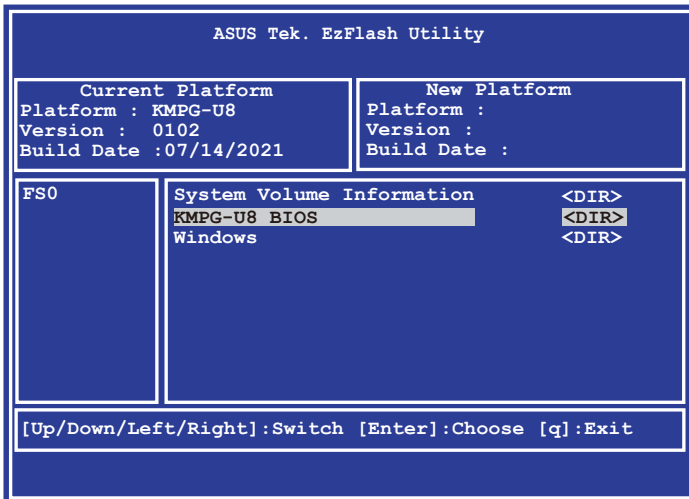
The ASUS EZ Flash Utility feature allows you to update the BIOS without having to use a DOS-based utility.



Before you start using this utility, download the latest BIOS from the ASUS website at www.asus.com.

To update the BIOS using EZ Flash Utility:

1. Insert the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS file into the USB port.
2. Enter the BIOS setup program. Go to the **Tool** menu then select **Start ASUS EZ Flash**. Press <Enter>.



3. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Drive** field.
4. Press the Up/Down arrow keys to find the USB flash disk that contains the latest BIOS, then press <Enter>.
5. Press <Tab> to switch to the **Folder Info** field.
6. 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. Press <F5> and select **Yes** to load the BIOS default settings.

4.1.3 BUPDATER utility



The succeeding BIOS screens are for reference only. The actual BIOS screen displays may not be the same as shown.

The BUPDATER utility allows you to update the BIOS file in the DOS environment using a bootable USB flash disk drive with the updated BIOS file.

Updating the BIOS file

To update the BIOS file using the BUPDATER utility:

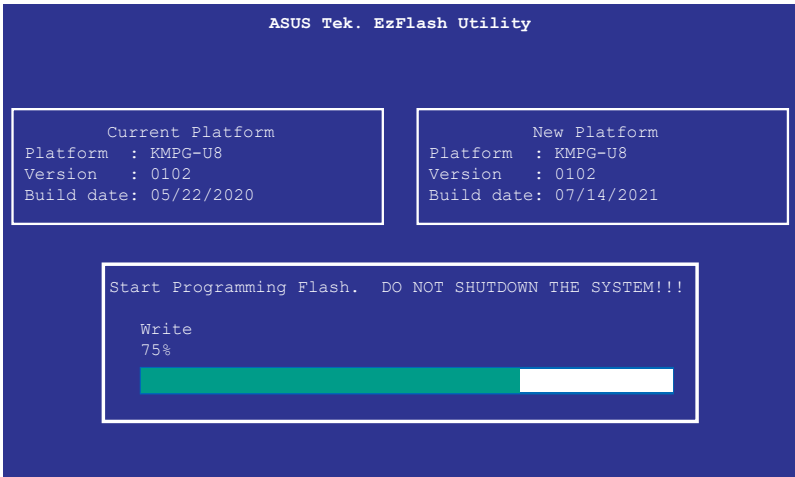
1. Visit the ASUS website at www.asus.com and download the latest BIOS file for the motherboard. Save the BIOS file to a bootable USB flash disk drive.
2. Copy the BUPDATER utility (BUPDATER.exe) from the ASUS support website at www.asus.com/support to the bootable USB flash disk drive you created earlier.
3. Boot the system in DOS mode, then at the prompt, type:

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BUPDATER /i[filename].CAP
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where [filename] is the latest or the original BIOS file on the bootable USB flash disk drive, then press <Enter>.

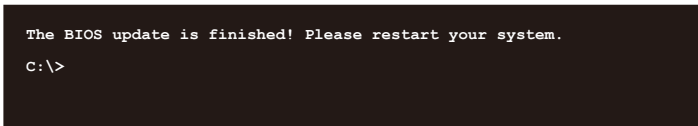
```
A:\>BUPDATER /i[file name].CAP
```

- The utility verifies the file, then starts updating the BIOS file.



DO NOT shut down or reset the system while updating the BIOS to prevent system boot failure!

- The utility returns to the DOS prompt after the BIOS update process is completed. Reboot the system from the hard disk drive.



4.2 BIOS setup program

This motherboard supports a programmable firmware chip that you can update using the provided utility described in the **Managing and updating your BIOS** section.

Use the BIOS Setup program when you are installing a motherboard, reconfiguring your system, or prompted to “Run Setup.” This section explains how to configure your system using this utility.

Even if you are not prompted to use the Setup program, you can change the configuration of your computer in the future. For example, you can enable the security password feature or change the power management settings. This requires you to reconfigure your system using the BIOS Setup program so that the computer can recognize these changes and record them in the CMOS RAM of the firmware chip.

The firmware chip on the motherboard stores the Setup utility. When you start up the computer, the system provides you with the opportunity to run this program. Press during the Power-On Self-Test (POST) to enter the Setup utility; otherwise, POST continues with its test routines.

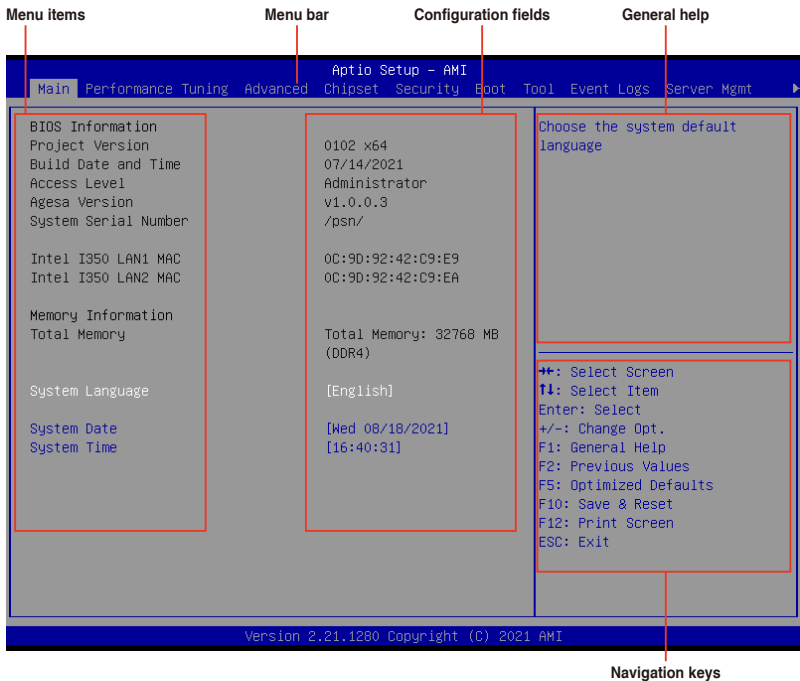
If you wish to enter Setup after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl>+<Alt>+<Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You can also restart by turning the system off and then back on. Do this last option only if the first two failed.

The Setup program is designed to make it as easy to use as possible. Being a menu-driven program, it lets you scroll through the various sub-menus and make your selections from the available options using the navigation keys.



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- The default BIOS settings for this motherboard apply for most conditions to ensure optimum performance. If the system becomes unstable after changing any BIOS settings, load the default settings to ensure system compatibility and stability. Press <F5> and select **Yes** to load the BIOS default settings.
 - The BIOS setup screens shown in this section are for reference purposes only, and may not exactly match what you see on your screen.
 - Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) to download the latest BIOS file for this motherboard.
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4.2.1 BIOS menu screen



4.2.2 Menu bar

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

Main	For changing the basic system configuration
Performance Tuning	For changing performance related settings
Advanced	For changing the advanced system settings
Chipset	For changing the chipset settings
Security	For changing the security settings
Boot	For changing the system boot configuration
Tool	For configuring options for special functions
Event Logs	For changing the event log settings
Server Mgmt	For changing the Server Mgmt settings
Exit	For selecting the exit options

To select an item on the menu bar, press the right or left arrow key on the keyboard until the desired item is highlighted.

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 (such as **Advanced**) on the menu bar have their respective menu items.

Submenu items

A solid triangle before each item on any menu screen means that the item has a submenu. To display the submenu, select the item then press <Enter>.

Navigation keys

At the bottom right corner of a menu screen are the navigation keys for the BIOS setup program. Use the navigation keys to select items in the menu and change the settings.

General help

At the top right corner of the menu screen is a brief description of the selected item.

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

Pop-up window

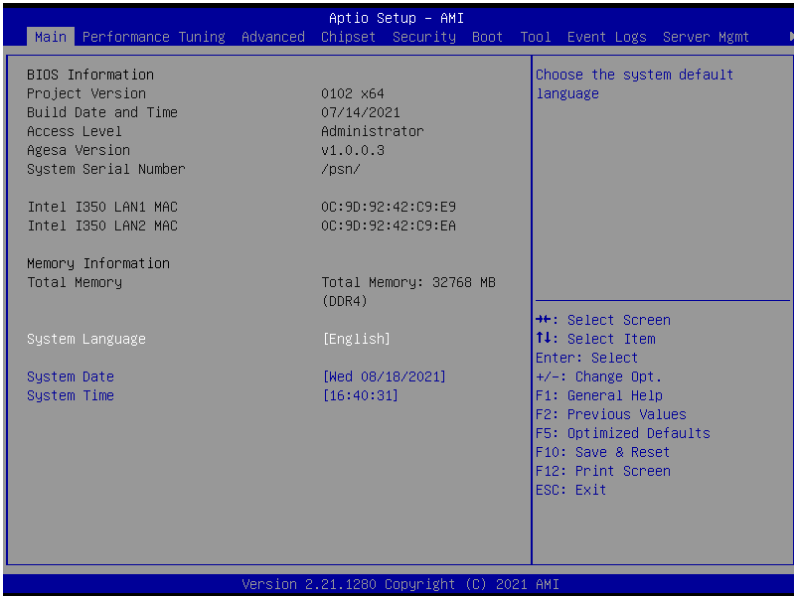
Select a menu item and press <Enter> to display a pop-up window with the configuration options for that item.

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.

4.3 Main menu

When you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main menu screen appears. 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.



System Language

Allows you to set the system language.

System Date [MM/DD/YYYY]

Allows you to set the system date.

System Time [HH:MM:SS]

Allows you to set the system time.

4.4 Performance Tuning menu

The Performance Tuning menu items allow you to change performance related settings for different scenarios.

Item	Setting	Description
Optimized Performance Setting	[Default]	Dynamically adjusts the frequency of all CPU cores based on their current utilization, delivering better performance per watt for improved system energy
Core Optimizer	[Disabled]	
Engine Boost	[Disabled]	
Overclocking	[Disabled]	
Power Balancer	[Disabled]	

Optimized Performance Setting [Default]

Allows you to select performance settings for different scenarios.

[Default] Default settings.

[By Benchmark] Optimize for different kinds of benchmarks. Select this option, then select a benchmark type from the >> list.

[By Workload] Optimize for different kinds of workloads. Select this option, then select a workload type from the >> list.



The following item appears only when **Power Balancer** is set to **[Disabled]**.

Core Optimizer [Disabled]

Allows you to keep the processor operating at the turbo highest frequency for the maximum performance. For Windows Server 2019, please set `Powercfg /setacvalueindex scheme_current sub_processor perfautonomous 1` & `Powercfg /setactive scheme_current` to enable this feature. For Linux, please set `cpupower frequency-set -g performance`.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



Linux support may vary by version of the OS.



The following item appears only when **Optimized Performance Setting** is set to **[Default]**.

Engine Boost [Disabled]

Enable this item to boost the CPU's frequency.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



Operate with an ambient temperature of 25°C or lower for optimized performance.

Overclocking [Disabled]

Enable this item to increase the CPU's clock. Please use an external PCIe storage controller for your hard drives when enabling this feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



Please note that overclocking might cause component damage or system crashes, which may reduce the lifespan of the system and the CPU. Use this tool at your own risk.

Power Balancer [Disabled]

Allows you to dynamically adjust the frequency of all CPU cores based on their current utilization, delivering better performance per watt for improved system energy efficiency.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto] [Manual]



When setting **Power Balancer** to **[Auto]** or **[Manual]**, make sure that you have the latest ASUS Control Center software installed to support Power Balancer. Please see below for recommended software versions:

- **ACC**: 1.4.3.5 version or above.



The following item appears only when set **Power Balancer** is set to **[Manual]**.

CPU Max frequency [XXXX]

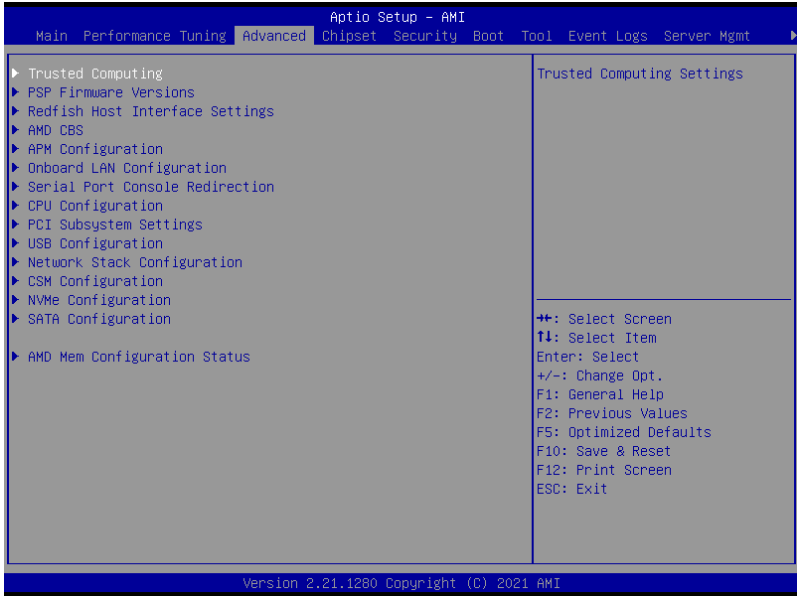
The default value for this option will be the maximum supported frequency of the CPU installed and may vary between different CPUs.

4.5 Advanced menu

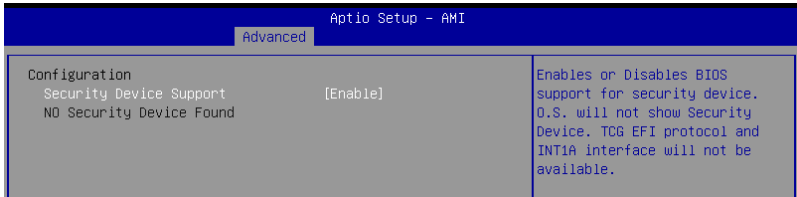
The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system devices.



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



4.5.1 Trusted Computing



Configuration

Security Device Support [Enable]

Allows you to enable or disable the BIOS support for security device.

Configuration options: [Disable] [Enable]

4.5.2 PSP Firmware Versions

This page displays the PSP firmware versions.

Advanced		Aptio Setup - AMI
PSP Firmware Versions		
PSP Directory Level 1 (Fixed)		
PSP Recovery BL Ver	FF.13.0.5A	
SMU FW Version	0.45.70.0	
ABL Version	10035010	
PSP Directory Level 2 (Updateable)		
PSP BootLoader Version	0.13.0.5A	
SMU FW Version	0.45.70.0	
ABL Version	10035010	

4.5.3 APM Configuration

Allows you to configure the Advance Power Management (APM) settings.

Advanced		Aptio Setup - AMI
Restore AC Power Loss	[Last State]	Select AC power state when power is re-applied after a power failure.
Power On By PCI-E	[Disabled]	
Power On By RTC	[Disabled]	

Restore AC Power Loss [Last State]

When set to [Power Off], the system goes into off state after an AC power loss. When set to [Power On], the system will reboot after an AC power loss. When set to [Last State], the system goes into either off or on state, whatever the system state was before the AC power loss.

Configuration options: [Power On] [Power Off] [Last State]

Power On By PCI-E [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

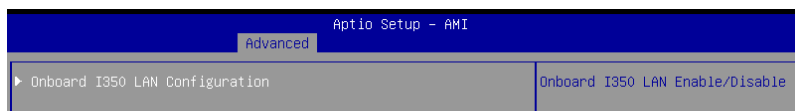
[Enabled] Enables the PCIE devices to generate a wake event.

Power On By RTC [Disabled]

[Disabled] Disables RTC to generate a wake event.

[Enabled] When set to [Enabled], the items **RTC Alarm Date (Days)** and **Hour/Minute/Second** will become user-configurable with set values.

4.5.4 Onboard LAN Configuration



Onboard I350 LAN Configuration

Intel I350 LAN1

LAN Enable [JumperState]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [JumperState]



The following item appears only when **LAN Enable** is set to **[Jumperstate]**.

ROM Type [PXE]

Allows you to select the Intel LAN ROM type.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [PXE]

Intel I350 LAN2

LAN Enable [JumperState]

Allows you to enable or disable the Intel LAN.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [umperState]

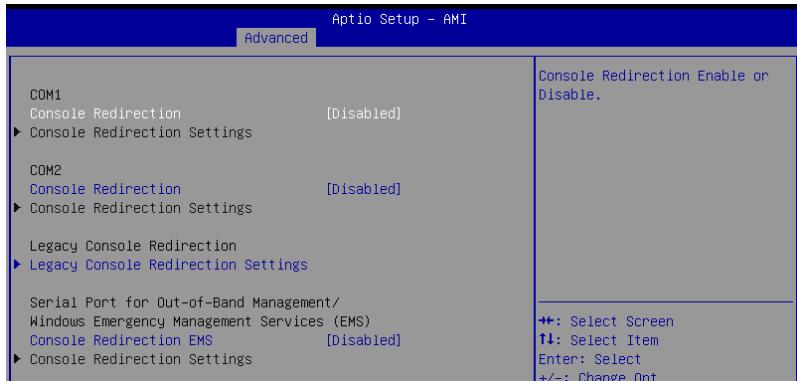


The following item appears only when **LAN Enable** is set to **[JumperState]**.

ROM Type [Disabled]

Allows you to select the Intel LAN ROM type.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [PXE]

4.5.5 Serial Port Console Redirection



COM1/COM2

Console Redirection [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the console redirection feature.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when **Console Redirection** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Console Redirection Settings

These items become configurable only when you enable the **Console Redirection** item. The settings specify how the host computer and the remote computer (which the user is using) will exchange data. Both computers should have the same or compatible settings.

Terminal Type [ANSI]

Allows you to set the terminal type.

- [VT100] ASCII char set.
- [VT100Plus] Extends VT100 to support color, function keys, etc.
- [VT-UTF8] Uses UTF8 encoding to map Unicode chars onto 1 or more bytes.
- [ANSI] Extended ASCII char set.

Bits per second [115200]

Selects serial port transmission speed. The speed must be matched on the other side. Long or noisy lines may require lower speeds.

Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [38400] [57600] [115200]

Data Bits [8]

Configuration options: [7] [8]

Parity [None]

A parity bit can be sent with the data bits to detect some transmission errors. [Mark] and [Space] parity do not allow for error detection.

[None]	None
[Even]	parity bit is 0 if the num of 1's in the data bits is even
[Odd]	parity bit is 0 if num of 1's in the data bits is odd
[Mark]	parity bit is always 1
[Space]	parity bit is always 0

Stop Bits [1]

Stop bits indicate the end of a serial data packet. (A start bit indicates the beginning.) The standard setting is 1 stop bit. Communication with slow devices may require more than 1 stop bit.

Configuration options: [1] [2]

Flow Control [None]

Flow control can prevent data loss from buffer overflow. When sending data, if the receiving buffers are full, a "stop" signal can be sent to stop the data flow. Once the buffers are empty, a "start" signal can be sent to re-start the flow. Hardware flow control uses two wires to send start/stop signals.

Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS]

VT-UTF8 Combo Key Support [Enabled]

This allows you to enable the VT-UTF8 Combination Key Support for ANSI/VT100 terminals.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Recorder Mode [Disabled]

With this mode enabled only text will be sent. This is to capture Terminal data.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Resolution 100x31 [Enabled]

This allows you to set the number of rows and columns supported on the Legacy OS.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Putty Keypad [VT100]

This allows you to select the FunctionKey and Keypad on Putty.

Configuration options: [VT100] [LINUX] [XTERMR6] [SCO] [ESCN] [VT400]

Legacy Console Redirection Settings

Redirection COM Port [COM1]

Allows you to select a COM port to display redirection of Legacy OS and Legacy OPRM Messages.

Configuration options: [COM1] [COM2]

Resolution [80x24]

This allows you to set the number of rows and columns supported on the Legacy OS.

Configuration options: [80x24] [80x25]

Redirection After BIOS POST [Always Enable]

This setting allows you to specify if Bootloader is selected than Legacy console redirection.
Configuration options: [Always Enable] [BootLoader]

Serial Port for Out-of-Band Management/Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS)

Console Redirection EMS [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the console redirection feature.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when **Console Redirection EMS** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Console Redirection Settings

Out-of-Band Mgmt Port [COM1]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port.
Configuration options: [COM1] [COM2]

Terminal Type EMS [VT-UTF8]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port.
Configuration options: [VT100] [VT100Plus] [VT-UTF8] [ANSI]

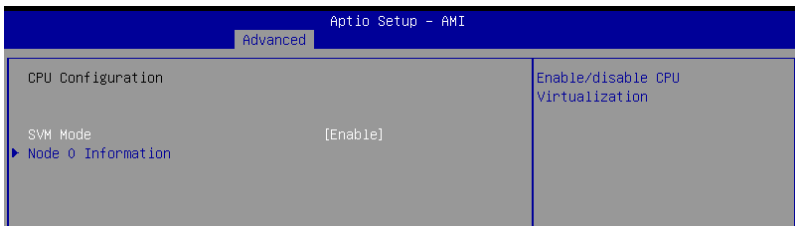
Bits per second EMS [115200]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port.
Configuration options: [9600] [19200] [57600] [115200]

Flow Control EMS [None]

Microsoft Windows Emergency Management Services (EMS) allow for remote management of a Windows Server OS through a serial port.
Configuration options: [None] [Hardware RTS/CTS] [Software Xon/Xoff]

4.5.6 CPU Configuration



SVM Mode [Enable]

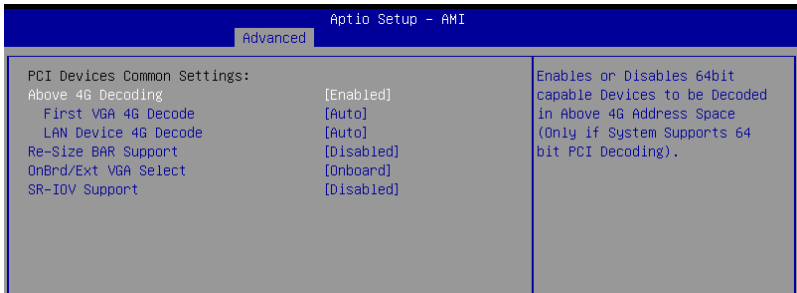
This item allows you enable or disable CPU Virtualization.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enable]

Node 0 Information

This item allows you to view memory information related to Node 0.

4.5.7 PCI Subsystem Settings

Allows you to configure PCI, PCI-X, and PCI Express Settings.



Above 4G Decoding [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable 64-bit capable devices to be decoded in above 4G address space. It only works if the system supports 64-bit PCI decoding.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when **Above 4G Decoding** is set to **[Enabled]**.

First VGA 4G Decode [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [Above 4G]

Lan device 4G Decode [Auto]

Configuration options: [Auto] [Above 4G]

Re-Size BAR Support [Disabled]

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Auto]

OnBrd/Ext VGA Select [Onboard]

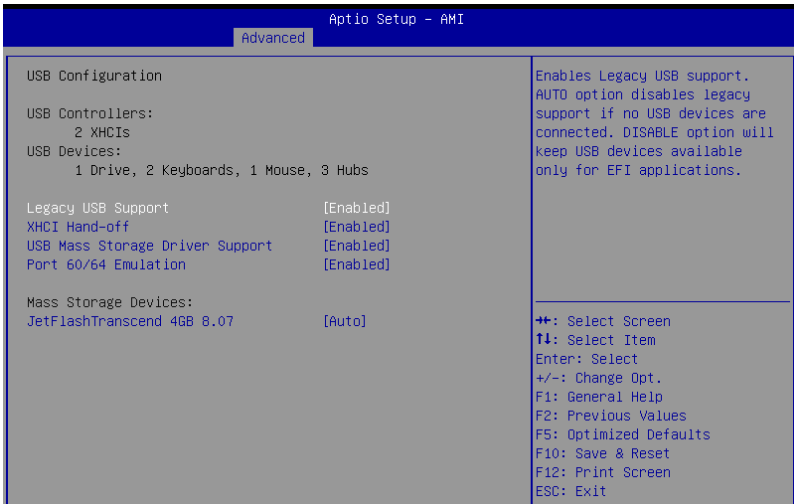
Configuration options: [Auto] [Onboard] [External]

SR-IOV Support [Disabled]

This option enables or disables Single Root IO Virtualization Support if the system has SR-IOV capable PCIe devices.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.5.8 USB Configuration



Legacy USB Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Legacy USB device support.

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

XHCI Hand-off [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable workaround for OSES without XHCI hand-off support. The XHCI ownership change should be claimed by XHCI driver.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]

USB Mass Storage Driver Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable the USB Mass Storage driver support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Port 60/64 Emulation [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable I/O port 60h/64h emulation support. This should be enabled for the complete keyboard legacy support for non-USB aware OSES.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Mass Storage Devices

Allows you to select the mass storage device emulation type for devices connected.

Configuration options: [Auto] [Floppy] [Forced FDD] [Hard Disk] [CD-ROM]

4.5.9 Network Stack Configuration

Aptio Setup - AMI		
Advanced		
Network Stack	[Disabled]	Enable/Disable UEFI Network Stack

Network Stack [Disabled]

Enables or disables the network stack feature.

Configuration options: [Disable] [Enable]



The following items appear only when **Network Stack** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Ipv4 PXE Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Ipv4 PXE Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv4 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Ipv4 HTTP Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Ipv4 HTTP Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv4 HTTP boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Ipv6 PXE Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Ipv6 PXE Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv6 PXE boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Ipv6 HTTP Support [Disabled]

Enables or disables the Ipv6 HTTP Boot Support. If disabled, Ipv6 HTTP boot option will not be created.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

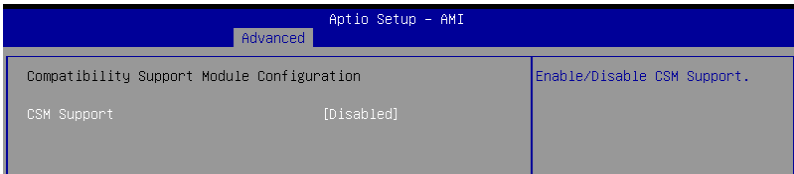
PXE boot wait time [0]

Wait time to press ESC key to abort the PXE boot.

Media detect count [1]

Wait time (in seconds) to detect media.

4.5.10 CSM Configuration



CSM Support [Disabled]

This option allows you to enable or disable CSM Support.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



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

GateA20 Active [Upon Request]

This allows you to set the GA20 option.

Configuration options: [Upon Request] [Always]

Option ROM Messages [Force BIOS]

This allows you to set the display mode for option ROM.

Configuration options: [Force BIOS] [Keep Current]

INT19 Trap Response [Immediate]

This allows you to select the BIOS reaction on INT19 trapping by Option ROM.

[Immediate] Execute the trap right away.

[Postponed] Execute the trap during legacy boot.

HDD Connection Order [Adjust]

This option allows you to select the HDD Connection Order. Some OS require HDD handles to be adjusted.

Configuration options: [Adjust] [Keep]

Boot Option filter [UEFI and Legacy]

This option allows you to control the Legacy/UEFI ROMs priority.

Configuration options: [UEFI and Legacy] [Legacy only] [UEFI only]

Network / Storage / Video [UEFI/Legacy]

This option allows you to control the execution of UEFI and Legacy Network / Storage / Video OpROM.

Configuration options: [UEFI] [Legacy]

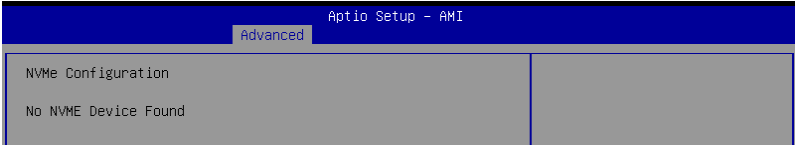
Other PCI devices [UEFI/Legacy]

This item determines the OpROM execution policy for devices other than Network, Storage, or Video.

Configuration options: [UEFI] [Legacy]

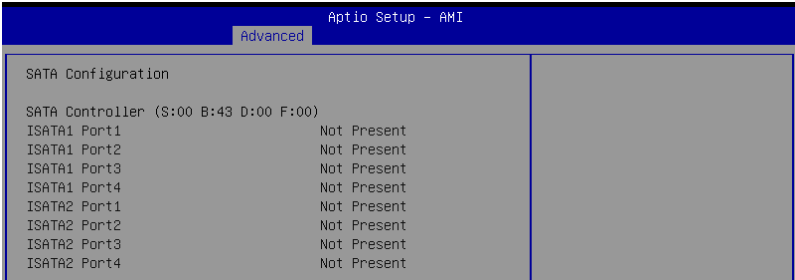
4.5.11 NVMe Configuration

This page will display the NVMe controller and drive information.



4.5.12 SATA Configuration

This page will display the SATA controller and drive information.



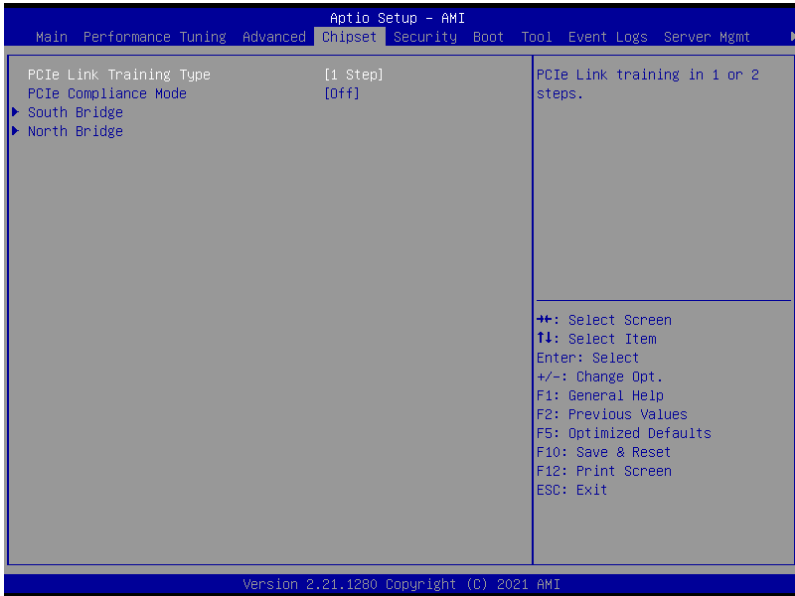
4.5.13 AMD Mem Configuration Status

The items in this menu display the memory configuration (initialized by ABL) status.

Advanced		Aptio Setup - AMI
▶ Socket 0		Socket-specific memory configuration status
Mbist Test Enable	Disabled, 0xC000	
Mbist Aggressor Enable	Disabled, 0xC000	
Mbist Per Bit Slave Die Report	0x0000, 0xC000	
Dram Temp Controlled Refresh Enable	Disabled, 0xC000	
User Timing Mode	Disabled, 0xC018	
User Timing Value	Disabled, 0xC018	
Mem Bus Freq Limit	Disabled, 0xC018	
Enable Power Down	Disabled, 0xC000	
Dram Double Refresh Rate	Disabled, 0xC000	
Pmu Train Mode	0x0003, 0xC000	
Ecc Symbol Size	0x0002, 0xC000	
Uncorrectable Ecc Retry	Enabled, 0xC000	++: Select Screen
Ignore Spd Checksum	Enabled, 0xC000	↑↓: Select Item
Enable Bank Group Swap Alt	Enabled, 0xC000	Enter: Select
Enable Bank Group Swap	Disabled, 0xC01A	+/-: Change Opt.
Ddr Route Balanced Tee	Disabled, 0xC000	F1: General Help
Nvdimm Power Source	0x0001, 0xC000	F2: Previous Values
Odts Cmd Throt Enable	Disabled, 0xC004	F5: Optimized Defaults
Odts Cmd Throt Cycle	Disabled, 0xC004	F10: Save & Reset
		F12: Print Screen

4.6 Chipset menu

The Chipset menu items allow you to change the Chipset settings.



PCIe Link Training Type [1 Step]

This item allows you to select PCIe Link Training in 1 or 2 steps.

Configuration options: [1 Step] [2 Step]

PCIe Compliance Mode [Off]

This item allows you to turn the PCIe Compliance Mode on or off.

Configuration options: [Off] [On]

South Bridge

SB Debug Configuration

This item displays options for SB Debug Features.

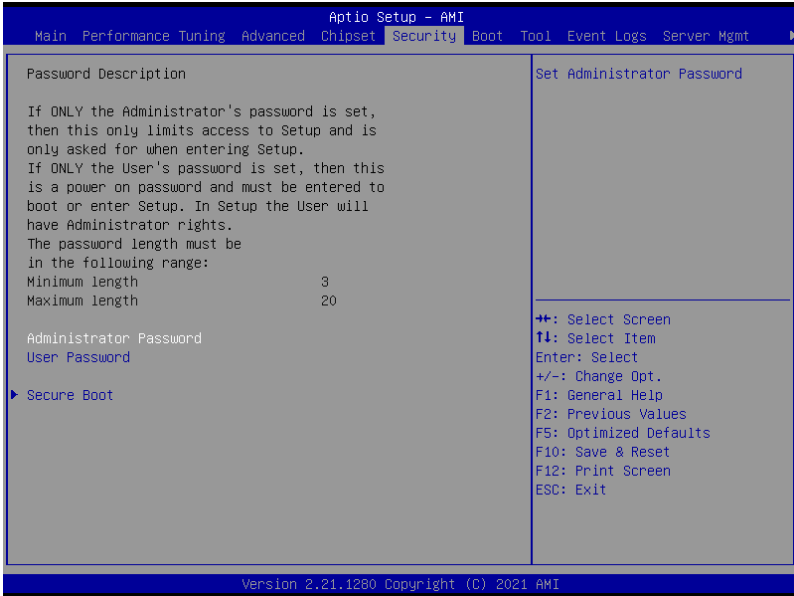
North Bridge

Socket 0 Information

This item displays the memory information on Socket 0.

4.7 Security menu

This menu allows a new password to be created or a current password to be changed. The menu also enables or disables the Secure Boot state and lets the user configure the System Mode state.



Administrator Password

To set an administrator password:

1. Select the Administrator Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the Create New Password box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change an administrator password:

1. Select the Administrator Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the Enter Current Password box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the Create New Password box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.



To clear the administrator password, follow the same steps as in changing an administrator password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password.

User Password

To set a user password:

1. Select the User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the Create New Password box, key in a password, then press <Enter>.
3. Confirm the password when prompted.

To change a user password:

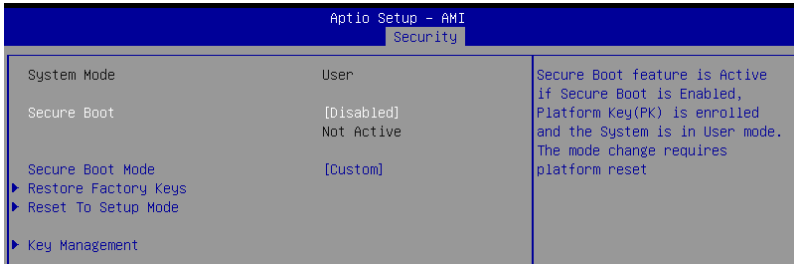
1. Select the User Password item and press <Enter>.
2. From the Enter Current Password box, key in the current password, then press <Enter>.
3. From the Create New Password box, key in a new password, then press <Enter>.
4. Confirm the password when prompted.



To clear the user password, follow the same steps as in changing a user password, but press <Enter> when prompted to create/confirm the password.

Secure Boot

This item allows you to customize the Secure Boot settings.



Secure Boot [Disabled]

Secure Boot can be enabled if the system is running in User mode with enrolled platform Key (EPK) or if the CSM function is disabled.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Secure Boot Mode [Custom]

Allows you to set the Secure Boot selector.

Configuration options: [Standard] [Custom]

Restore Factory Keys

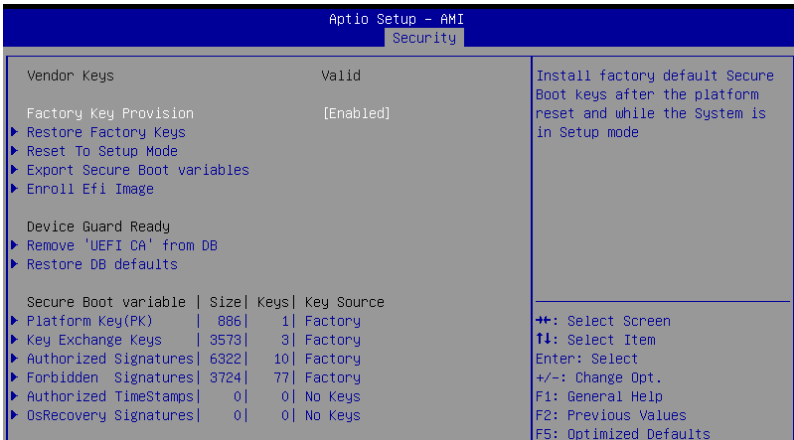
This option will force the system to User Mode, and install factory default Secure Boot key databases.

Reset to Setup Mode

This option will delete all Secure Boot key databases from NVRAM.

Key Management

This item only appears when the item Secure Boot Mode is set to [Custom]. The Key Management item allows you to modify Secure Boot variables and set Key Management page.



Factory Key Provision [Enabled]

Allows you to provision factory default Secure Boot keys when the system is in Setup Mode.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

Restore Factory keys

This item will install all Factory Default keys.

Reset to Setup Mode

This item appears only when you load the default Secure Boot keys. This item allows you to clear all default Secure Boot keys.

Export Secure Boot Variables

This item will ask you if you want to save all secure boot variables. Select Yes if you want to save all secure boot variables, otherwise select No.

Enroll Efi Image

This item will allow the image to run in Secure Boot mode.

Device Guard Ready

Remove 'UEFI CA' from DB

Remove Microsoft UEFI CA from Secure Boot DB.

Restore DB defaults

Restore DB variable to factory defaults.

Platform Key (PK)

Configuration options: [Details] [Export] [Update] [Delete]

Key Exchange Keys (KEK) / Authorized Signatures (DB) / Forbidden Signatures (DBX)

Configuration options: [Details] [Export] [Update] [Append] [Delete]

Authorized TimeStamps (DBT) / OsRecovery Signatures

Configuration options: [Update] [Append]

4.8 Boot menu

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



Setup Prompt Timeout [1]

Allows you to set the number of seconds that the firmware waits before initiating the original default boot selection. 65535(0xFFFF) means indefinite waiting. Use the <+> or <-> to adjust the value.

Bootup NumLock State [On]

Allows you to select the power-on state for the NumLock.
Configuration options: [On] [Off]

Boot Logo Display [Disabled]

Allows you to enable or disable Quiet Boot option.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

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 select the boot device during system startup, press <F8> when ASUS Logo appears.
- To access Windows OS in Safe Mode, please press <F8> after POST.

POST Report [5 sec]

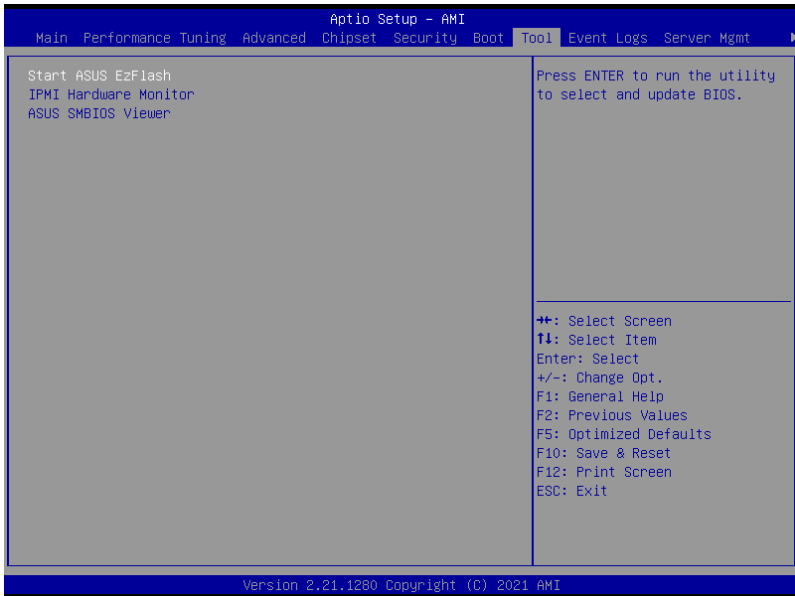
Allows you to set the desired POST Report waiting time from 1 to 10 seconds.
Configuration options: [1 sec] - [10 sec] [Until Press ESC]

Hard Drive BBS Priorities

These items appear only when you connect a network cable or SATA ODD to the SATA port, and allows you to set the booting order of the Network / SATA devices.

4.9 Tool menu

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



Start ASUS EzFlash

Allows you to run ASUS EZ Flash BIOS ROM Utility when you press <Enter>. Refer to the **ASUS EZ Flash Utility** section for details.

IPMI Hardware Monitor

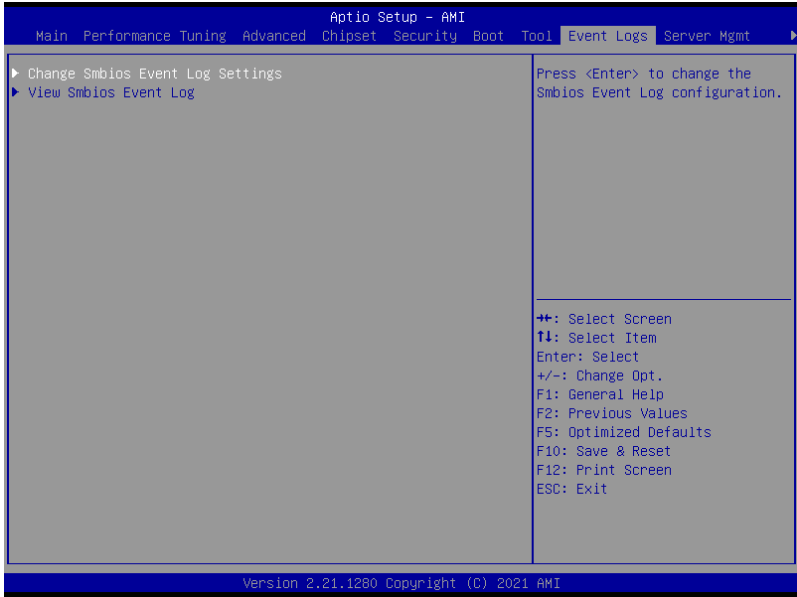
Allows you to run the IPMI hardware monitor.

ASUS SMBIOS Viewer

Allows you to run ASUS SMBIOS Viewer.

4.10 Event Logs menu

The Event Logs menu items allow you to change the event log settings and view the system event logs.



4.10.1 Change Smbios Event Log Settings

Press <Enter> to change the Smbios Event Log configuration.



All values changed here do not take effect until computer is restarted.

Enabling/Disabling Options

Smbios Event Log [Enabled]

Change this to enable or disable all features of Smbios Event Logging during boot.
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when **Smbios Event Log** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Erasing Settings

Erase Event Log [No]

Choose options for erasing Smbios Event Log. Erasing is done prior to any logging activation during reset.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes, Next reset] [Yes, Every reset]

When Log is Full [Do Nothing]

Choose options for reactions to a full Smbios Event Log.

Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Erase Immediately]

Custom Options

Log EFI Status Code [Enabled]

This option allows you to enable or disable logging of the EFI Status Codes.

Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]



The following item appears only when **Log EFI Status Code** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Convert EFI Status Codes to Standard Smbios Type [Disabled]

This option allows you to enable or disable converting of EFI Status Codes to Standard Smbios Type (Not all may be translated).

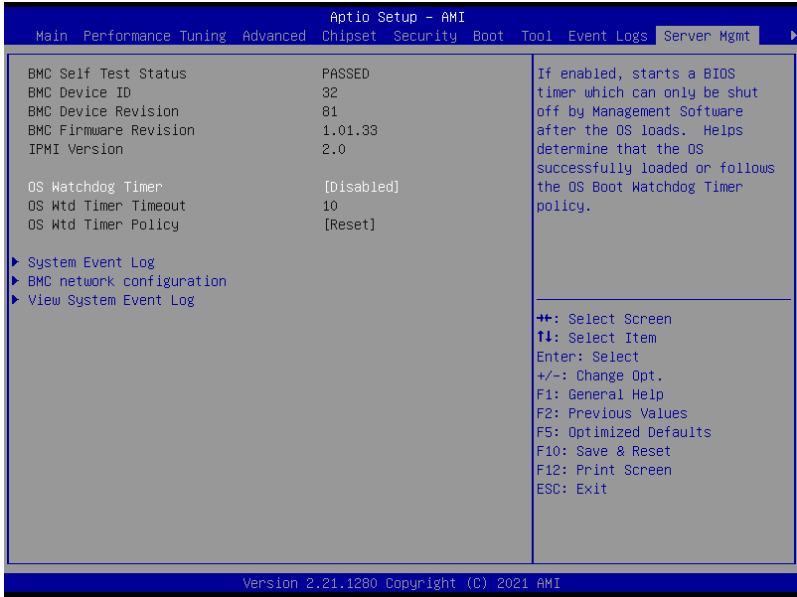
Configuration options: [Disabled] [Enabled]

4.10.2 View Smbios Event Log

Press <Enter> to view all smbios event logs.

4.11 Server Mgmt menu

The Server Management menu displays the server management status and allows you to change the settings.



OS Watchdog Timer [Disabled]

This item allows you to start a BIOS timer which can only be shut off by Intel Management Software after the OS loads.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following items appear only when **OS Watchdog Timer** is set to **[Enabled]**.

OS Wtd Timer Timeout

Enter the value between 1 to 30 minutes to configure the length for the OS Boot Watchdog Timer.

OS Wtd Timer Policy [Reset]

This item allows you to configure the how the system should respond if the OS Boot Watch Timer expires.

Configuration options: [Do Nothing] [Reset] [Power Down] [Power Cycle]

System Event Log

Allows you to change the SEL event log configuration.

Erase SEL [No]

Allows you to choose options for erasing SEL.

Configuration options: [No] [Yes, On next reset] [Yes, On every reset]

BMC network configuration

The sub-items in this configuration allow you to configure the BMC network parameters.

Configure IPv4 support

DM_LAN1

Configuration Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

Shared LAN

Configuration Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

Configure IPv6 support

DM_LAN1

IPv6 Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable LAN1 IPv6 Support.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following item appears only when **IPv6 Support** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Configuration Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

Configuration Router Lan1 Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

Shared LAN

IPv6 Support [Enabled]

Allows you to enable or disable LAN2 IPv6 Support.

Configuration options: [Enabled] [Disabled]



The following item appears only when **IPv6 Support** is set to **[Enabled]**.

Configuration Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

Configuration Router Lan2 Address source [Previous State]

This item allows you to configure LAN channel parameters statistically or dynamically (by BIOS or BMC). Unspecified option will not modify any BMC network parameters during BIOS phase.

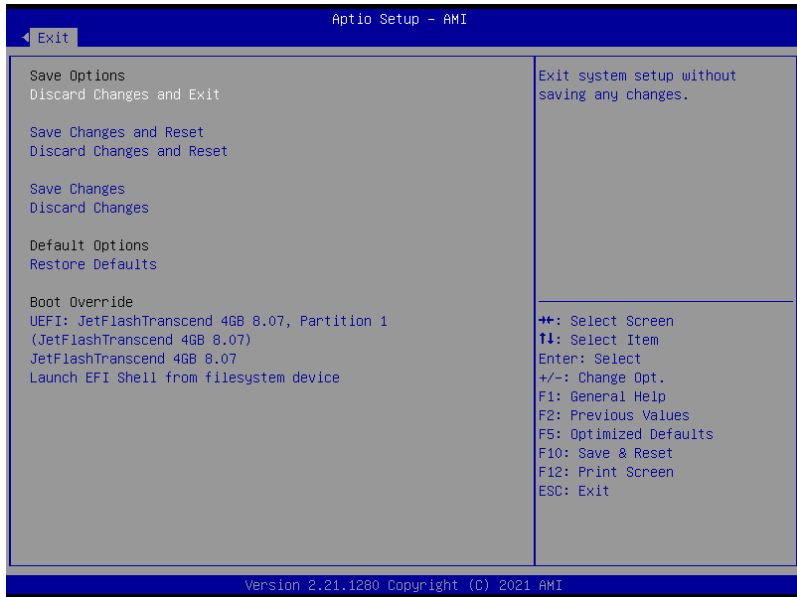
Configuration options: [Previous State] [Static] [DynamicBmcDhcp]

View System Event Log

This item allows you to view the system event log records.

4.12 Exit menu

The Exit menu items allow you to save or discard your changes to the BIOS items.



Discard Changes and Exit

Exit system setup without saving any changes.

Save Changes and Reset

Reset the system after saving the changes.

Discard Changes and Reset

Reset system setup without saving any changes.

Save Changes

Save changes done so far to any of the setup options.

Discard Changes

Discard changes done so far to any of the setup options.

Restore Defaults

Restore/load default values for all the setup options.

Boot Override

These items displays the available devices. The 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.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

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

Driver Installation

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This chapter provides instructions for installing the necessary drivers for different system components.

5.1 Running the Support DVD

The support DVD that is bundled with your motherboard contains drivers, management applications, and utilities that you can install to maximize the features of your motherboard.



The contents of the support DVD are subject to change at any time without notice. Visit the ASUS website (www.asus.com) for the latest updates on software and utilities.

The main screen of the Support DVD contains the following tabs:

1. Drivers - Shows the available device drivers that the system detects.
2. Utilities - Displays the software applications and utilities that the motherboard supports.
3. Manual - Provides the link to the user guide(s).



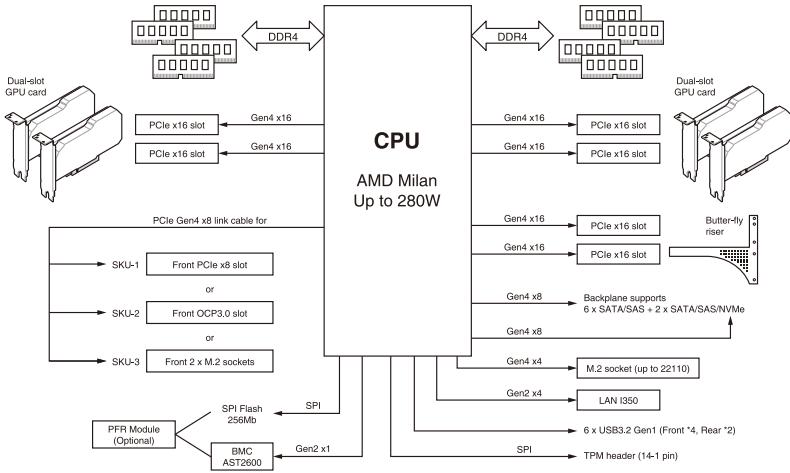
You need an internet browser installed in your OS to view the User Guide.

4. Contact - Displays the ASUS contact information, e-mail addresses, and useful links if you need more information or technical support for your motherboard.

Appendix

This appendix includes additional information that you may refer to when configuring the motherboard.

KMPG-U8 block diagram



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