

# ASRock® Q1900-ITX

User Manual



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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock Q1900-ITX motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

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



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## 1.1 Package Contents

- ASRock Q1900-ITX Motherboard (Mini-ITX Form Factor)
- ASRock Q1900-ITX Quick Installation Guide
- ASRock Q1900-ITX Support CD
- 2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
- 1 x I/O Panel Shield
- 1 x WiFi Module Screw

## 1.2 Specifications

- Platform**
- Mini-ITX Form Factor
  - All Solid Capacitor design
  - High Density Glass Fabric PCB

- CPU**
- Intel® Quad-Core Processor J1900 (2 GHz)

- Memory**
- Dual Channel DDR3/DDR3L Memory Technology
  - 2 x DDR3/DDR3L SO-DIMM Slots
  - Supports DDR3/DDR3L 1333/1066 non-ECC, un-buffered memory
  - Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see CAUTION)

- Expansion Slot**
- 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x1 Slot
  - 1 x mini-PCI Express Slot

- Graphics**
- Intel® 7<sup>th</sup> generation (Gen 7) graphics
  - DirectX 11.0, Pixel Shader 5.0
  - Three graphics output options: D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI
  - Supports HDMI Technology with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz
  - Supports DVI-D with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz
  - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz
  - Supports Auto Lip Sync, Deep Color (12bpc), xvYCC and HBR (High Bit Rate Audio) with HDMI Port (Compliant HDMI monitor is required)
  - Supports HDCP with DVI-D and HDMI Ports
  - Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) playback with DVI-D and HDMI Ports

- Audio**
- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec)
  - Premium Blu-ray Audio support
  - Supports Surge Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection)

**LAN**

- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s
- Realtek RTL8111GR
- Supports Wake-On-WAN
- Supports Wake-On-LAN
- Supports Lightning/ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection)
- Supports LAN Cable Detection
- Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az
- Supports PXE

**Rear Panel I/O**

- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port
- 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port
- 1 x D-Sub Port
- 1 x DVI-D Port
- 1 x HDMI Port
- 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port
- 2 x USB 2.0 Ports (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 2 x USB 3.0 Ports (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED)
- HD Audio Jacks: Rear Speaker / Central / Bass / Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone

**Storage**

- 2 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s Connectors, support NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug
- 2 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s Connectors by ASMedia ASM1061, support NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug

**Connector**

- 1 x Print Port Header
- 1 x COM Port Header
- 1 x TPM Header
- 1 x Chassis Intrusion Header
- 1 x CPU Fan Connector (3-pin)
- 1 x Chassis Fan Connector (3-pin)
- 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector

- 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector
- 1 x USB 2.0 Header (Supports 2 USB 2.0 ports) (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))
- 1 x USB 3.0 Header by ASMedia ASM1074 (Supports 2 USB 3.0 ports) (Supports ESD Protection (ASRock Full Spike Protection))

**BIOS  
Feature**

- 64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support
- Supports Plug and Play
- ACPI 1.1 compliant wake up events
- Supports jumperfree
- SMBIOS 2.3.1 support

**Hardware  
Monitor**

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

**OS**

- Microsoft® Windows® 8.1 32-bit / 8.1 64-bit / 8 32-bit / 8 64-bit / 7 32-bit / 7 64-bit

**Certifica-  
tions**

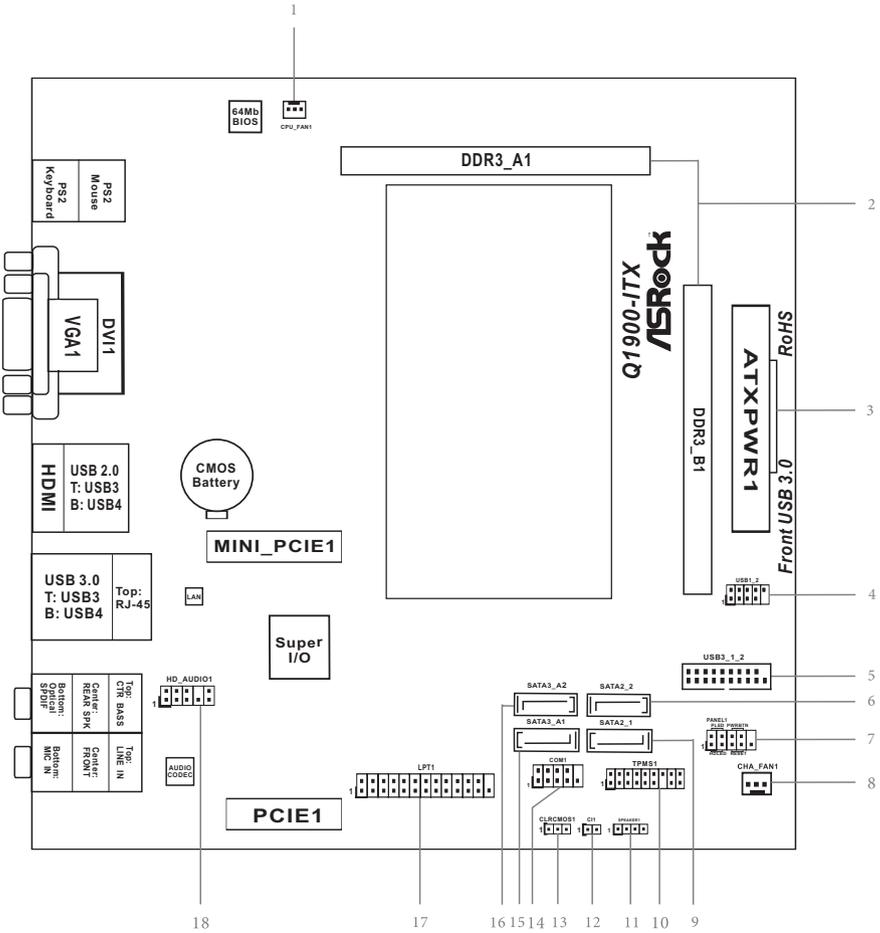
- FCC, CE, WHQL
- ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

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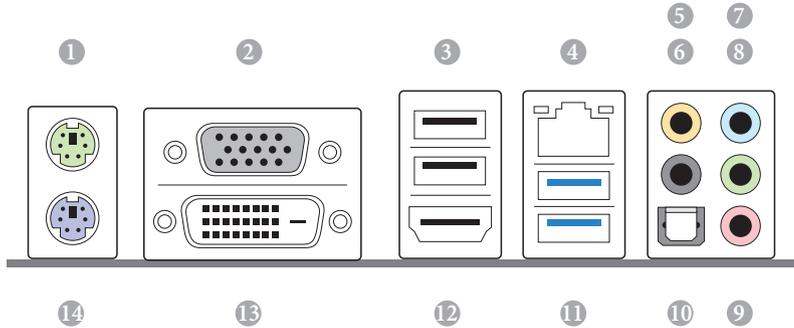
*Due to limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 32-bit operating systems. Windows® 64-bit operating systems do not have such limitations. You can use ASRock XFast RAM to utilize the memory that Windows® cannot use.*

### 1.3 Motherboard Layout



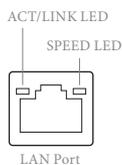
No.	Description
1	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
2	2 x 204-pin DDR3 SO-DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1)
3	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
4	USB 2.0 Header (USB1_2)
5	USB 3.0 Header (USB3_1_2)
6	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_2)
7	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
8	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
9	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_1)
10	TPM Header (TPMS1)
11	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)
12	Chassis Intrusion Header (CI1)
13	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
14	COM Port Header (COM1)
15	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_A1)
16	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_A2)
17	Print Port Header (LPT1)
18	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)

## 1.4 I/O Panel



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	PS/2 Mouse Port	8	Front Speaker (Lime)**
2	D-Sub Port	9	Microphone (Pink)
3	USB 2.0 Ports (USB_34)	10	Optical SPDIF Out Port
4	LAN RJ-45 Port*	11	USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_34)
5	Central / Bass (Orange)	12	HDMI Port
6	Rear Speaker (Black)	13	DVI-D Port
7	Line In (Light Blue)	14	PS/2 Keyboard Port

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



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

\*\* If you use a 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack". See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 8)	Rear Speaker (No. 6)	Central / Bass (No. 5)	Line In (No. 7)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V



To enable Multi-Streaming, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find the "Mixer" tool on your system. Please select "Mixer ToolBox" , click "Enable playback multi-streaming", and click "ok". Choose "2CH", "4CH", "6CH", or "8CH" and then you are allowed to select "Realtek HDA Primary output" to use the Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select "Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output" to use the front panel audio.

## Chapter 2 Installation

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

### Pre-installation Precautions

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

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

## 2.1 Installing Memory Modules (SO-DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 204-pin DDR3/DDR3L (Double Data Rate 3) SO-DIMM slots. If only one SO-DIMM module is installed, please install it into DDR3\_A1.

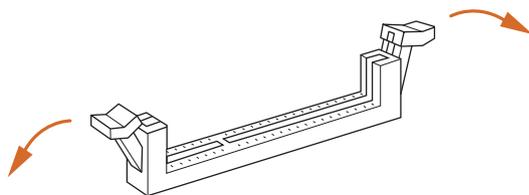


*It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into a DDR3/DDR3L slot; otherwise, this motherboard and SO-DIMM may be damaged.*

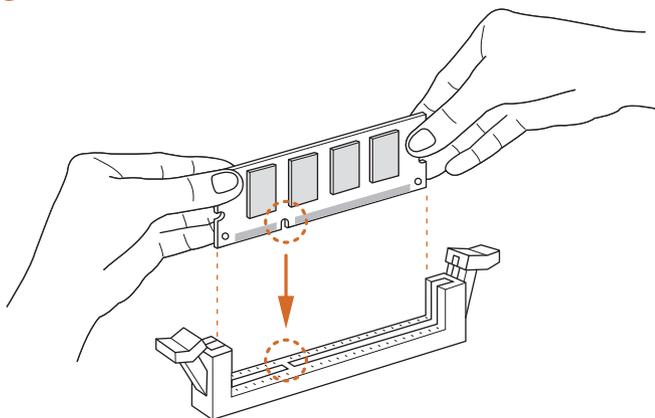


*The SO-DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the SO-DIMM if you force the SO-DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.*

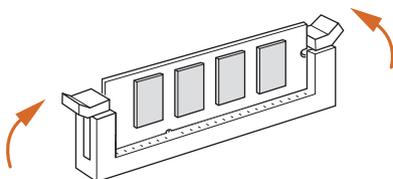
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## 2.2 Expansion Slots (PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI Express slots on the motherboard.



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

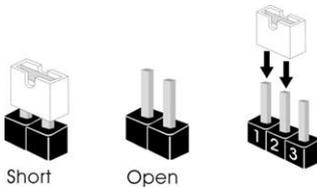
### **PCIe slots:**

PCIE1 (PCIe 2.0 x1 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards.

MINI\_PCIE1 (Half-size mini-PCIe slot) is used for half-size mini-PCIe cards, such as WiFi module.

## 2.3 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when a jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Clear CMOS Jumper  
(CLRCMOS1)  
(see p.5, No. 13)



CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, and user default profile will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.



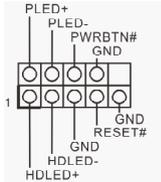
*If you clear the CMOS, the case open may be detected. Please adjust the BIOS option "Clear Status" to clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.*

## 2.4 Onboard Headers and Connectors



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

System Panel Header  
(9-pin PANEL1)  
(see p.5, No. 7)



Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



**PWRBTN (Power Switch):**

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

**RESET (Reset Switch):**

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

**PLED (System Power LED):**

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

**HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

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

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

Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATA2\_1:  
see p.5, No. 9)  
(SATA2\_2:  
see p.5, No. 6)



These two SATA2 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA3 Connectors

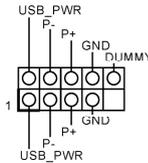
(SATA3\_A1:  
see p.5, No. 15)  
(SATA3\_A2:  
see p.5, No. 16)



These two SATA3 connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices with up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

USB 2.0 Header

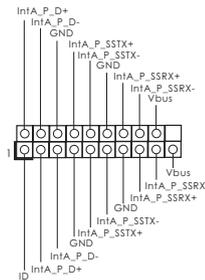
(9-pin USB1\_2)  
(see p.5, No. 4)



Besides two USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there is one header on this motherboard. This USB 2.0 header can support two ports.

USB 3.0 Header

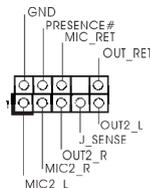
(19-pin USB3\_1\_2)  
(see p.5, No. 5)



Besides two USB 3.0 ports on the I/O panel, there is one header on this motherboard. This USB 3.0 header can support two ports.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1)  
(see p.5, No. 18)

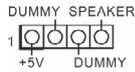


This header is for connecting audio devices to the front audio panel.



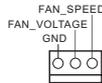
1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use an AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header by the steps below:
  - A. Connect Mic\_IN (MIC) to MIC2\_L.
  - B. Connect Audio\_R (RIN) to OUT2\_R and Audio\_L (LIN) to OUT2\_L.
  - C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
  - D. MIC\_RET and OUT\_RET are for the HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for the AC'97 audio panel.
  - E. To activate the front mic, go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel and adjust "Recording Volume".

Chassis Speaker Header  
(4-pin SPEAKER1)  
(see p.5, No. 11)



Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connector  
(3-pin CHA\_FAN1)  
(see p.5, No. 8)



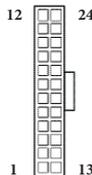
Please connect fan cable to the fan connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connectors  
(3-pin CPU\_FAN1)  
(see p.5, No. 1)



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

ATX Power Connector  
(24-pin ATXPWR1)  
(see p.5, No. 3)



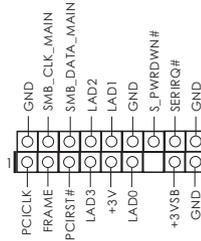
This motherboard provides a 24-pin ATX power connector. To use a 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug it along Pin 1 and Pin 13.

Chassis Intrusion Header  
(2-pin CII)  
(see p.5, No. 12)



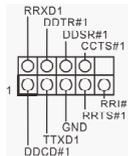
This motherboard supports CASE OPEN detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This feature requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.

TPM Header  
(17-pin TPMs1)  
(see p.5, No. 10)



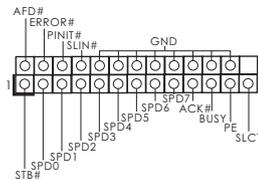
This connector supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

Serial Port Header  
(9-pin COM1)  
(see p.5, No. 14)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

Print Port Header  
(25-pin LPT1)  
(see p.5, No. 17)



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

# Chapter 3 Software and Utilities Operation

## 3.1 Installing Drivers

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

### Running The Support CD

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

### Drivers Menu

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

### Utilities Menu

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



*To improve Windows 7 compatibility, please download and install the following hot fix provided by Microsoft.  
"KB2720599": <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2720599/en-us>*

## 3.2 A-Tuning

A-Tuning is ASRock's multi purpose software suite with a new interface, more new features and improved utilities, including XFast RAM and a whole lot more.

### 3.2.1 Installing A-Tuning

When you install the all-in-one driver to your system from ASRock's support CD, A-Tuning will be auto-installed as well. After the installation, you will find the icon "A-Tuning" on your desktop. Double-click the "A-Tuning" icon, A-Tuning main menu will pop up.

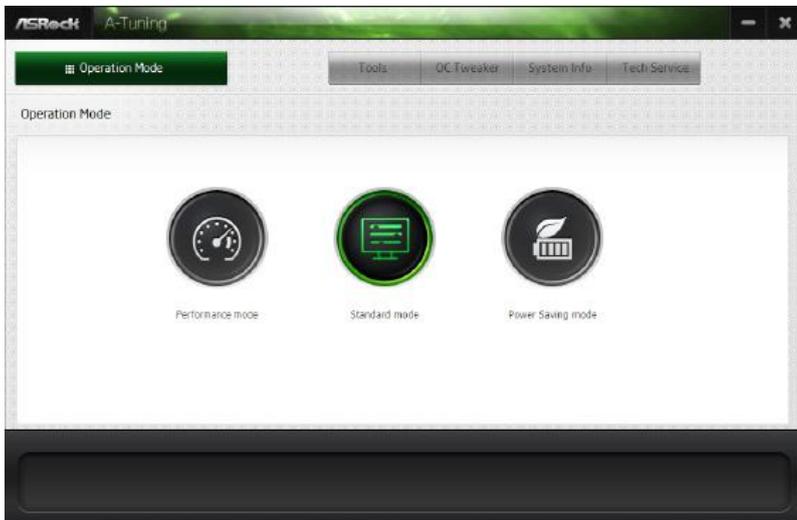


### 3.2.2 Using A-Tuning

There are five sections in A-Tuning main menu: Operation Mode and Tools.

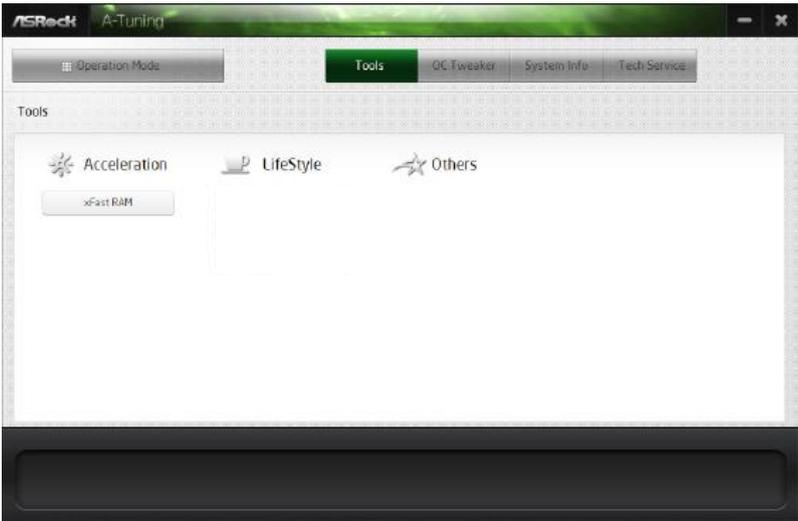
#### Operation Mode

Choose an operation mode for your computer.



## Tools

Various tools and utilities.



### XFast RAM

Boost the system's performance and extend the HDD's or SSD's lifespan! Create a hidden partition, then assign which files should be stored in the RAM drive.

### 3.3 Intel® Smart Connect Technology

Intel® Smart Connect Technology is a feature that periodically wakes your computer from Windows® sleep state to refresh email or social networking applications. It saves your waiting time and keeps the content always up-to-date.

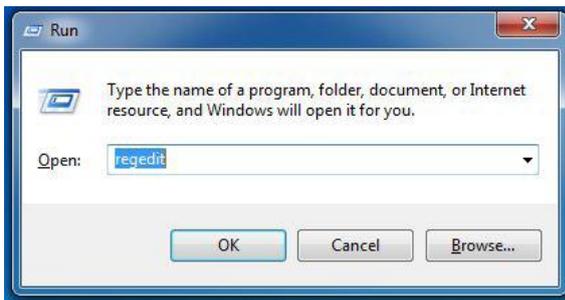
#### 3.3.1 System Requirements

- Confirm whether your motherboard supports this feature.
- Operating system: Microsoft Windows 8/7 (32- or 64-bit edition)
- Set the SATA mode to AHCI. If Windows 8/7 is already installed under IDE mode, directly changing the SATA mode to AHCI may cause Windows 8/7 to crash while booting. If your system is not in AHCI mode, please follow the instructions below.



There are certain risks. Please backup any important data before operating to avoid loss.

1. Press **Win + R** simultaneously in Windows 8/7, type "Regedit" into the word box then click **OK**.



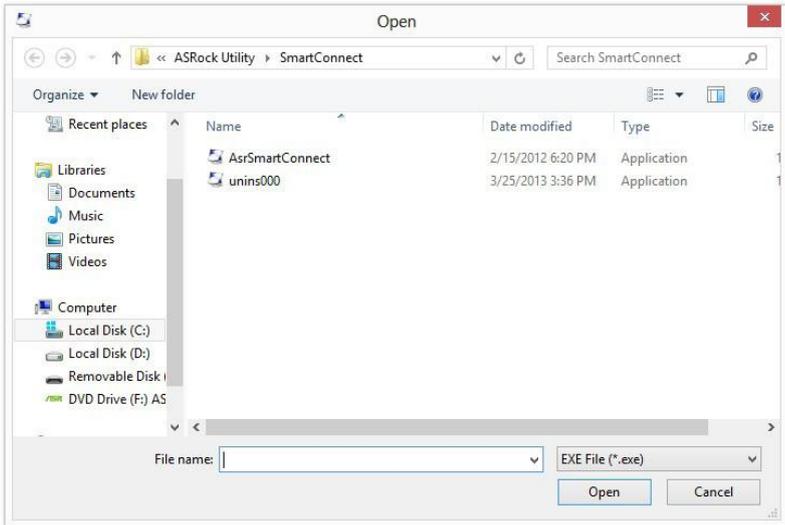
2. Enter into **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\msahci** in Windows Registry Editor. Double click on the value **Start** and change the value from **3** into **0**. Click on **OK**.

## 3.3.2 Setup Guide

### Installing ASRock Smart Connect Utility

#### Step 1

Install **ASRock Smart Connect Utility**, which is located in the folder at the following path of the Support CD: \ **ASRock Utility** > **Smart Connect**.



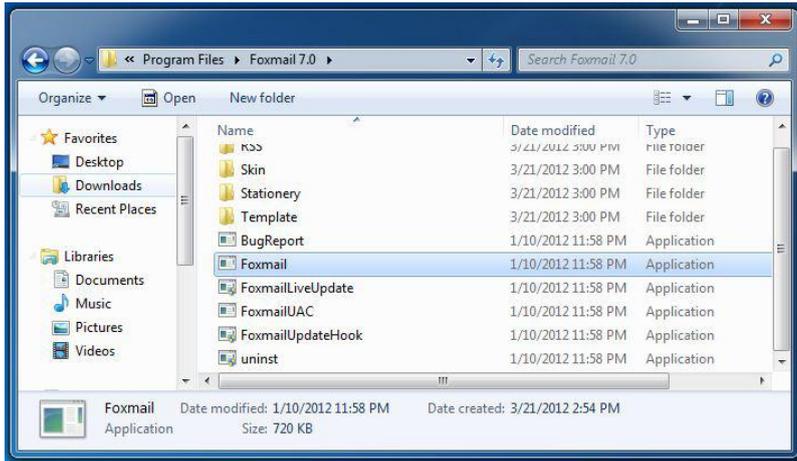
#### Step 2

Once installed, run ASRock Smart Connect from your desktop or go to Windows **Start** -> **All Programs** -> **ASRock Utility**.



**Step 3**

Click the **Add** button. Take Foxmail as an example, add Foxmail to the Application list.

**Step 4**

Select Foxmail from the **Application List**, then click the arrow pointing right to add this application to the **Smart Connect List**.

**Step 5**

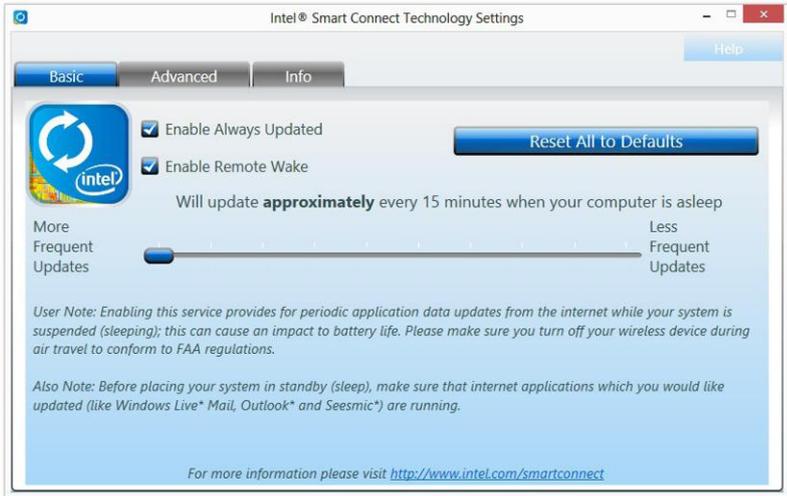
Click **Apply** to enable Smart Connect.

### Step 6

Double-click the Intel® Smart Connect Technology Manager icon  in the Windows system tray.

### Step 7

Drag the slider to configure how often the system will connect to the network to download updates. Shorter durations will provide more frequent updates, but may cause more power consumption.



## Using Smart Connect

1. Keep the applications which you wish to connect to the internet and receive updates while the system is in sleep state running. Foxmail for instance, keep Foxmail running.
2. Click on Windows Start -> the arrow next to Shut down, and click on **Sleep**.



3. Windows system will enter sleep state.

4. The system will wake up from sleep state periodically, and then start to update Foxmail. The screen will not display anything so the computer can maintain minimum power usage. Afterwards, the system will automatically return to sleep state again.
5. Upon waking up the system, you will find the new mail that were sent to you during sleep state are already updated and ready to be read in Foxmail.

## 3.4 Start8

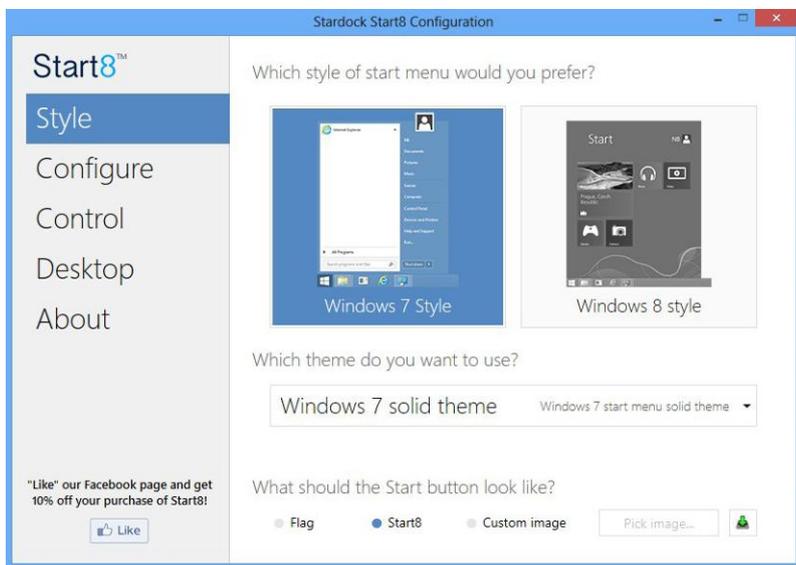
For those Windows 8 users who miss the Start Menu, Start8 is an ideal solution that brings back the familiar Start Menu along with added customizations for greater efficiency.

### 3.4.1 Installing Start8

Install **Start8**, which is located in the folder at the following path of the Support CD:  
\**ASRock Utility** > **Start8**.

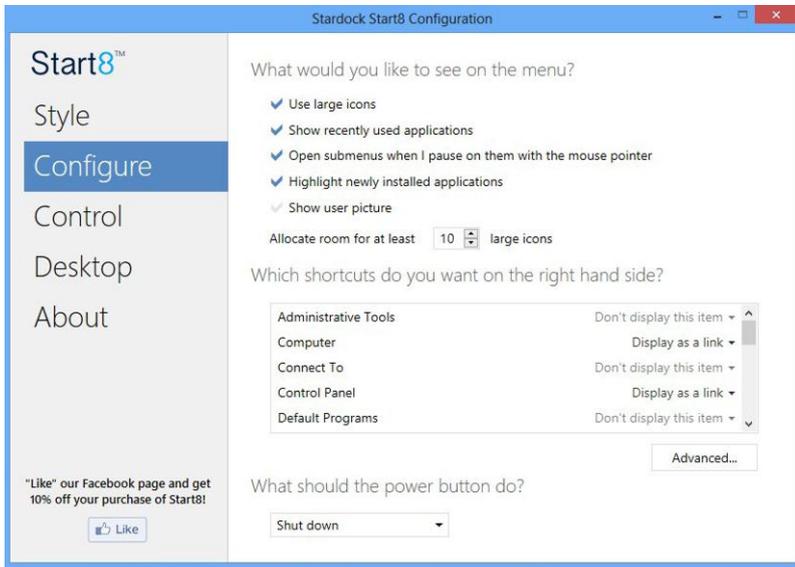
### 3.4.2 Configuring Start8

#### Style



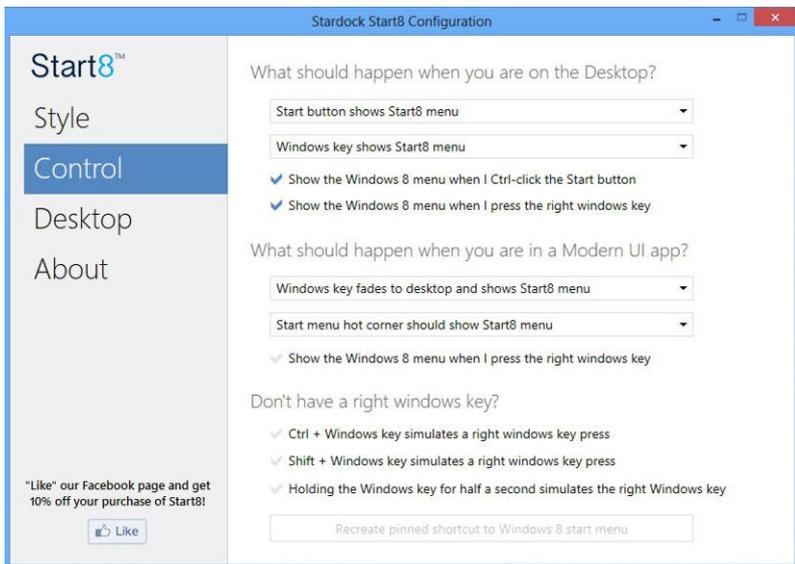
Select between the Windows 7 style and Windows 8 style Start Menu. Then select the theme of the Start Menu and customize the style of the Start icon.

## Configure



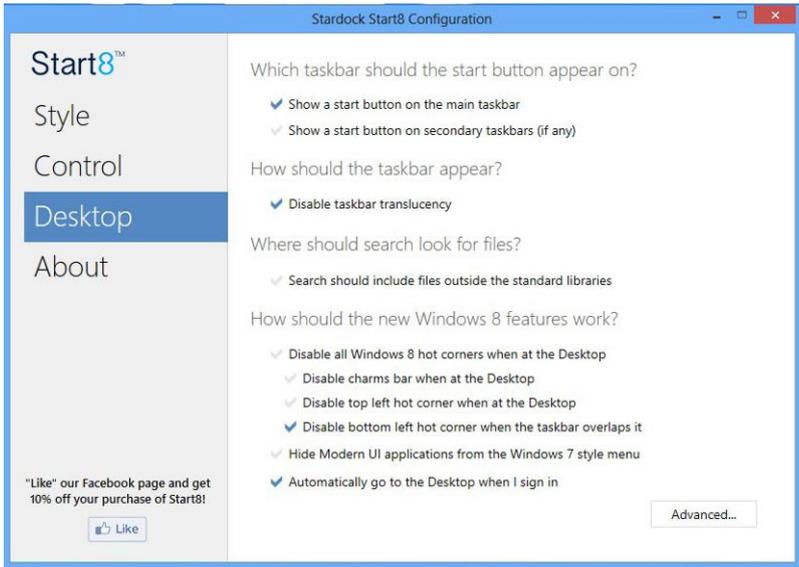
**Configure** provides configuration options, including icon sizes, which shortcuts you want Start Menu to display, quick access to recently used apps, the functionality of the power button, and more.

## Control



Control lets you configure what a click on the start button or a press on the Windows key does.

## Desktop



Desktop allows you to disable the hot corners when you are working on the desktop. It also lets you choose whether or not the system boots directly into desktop mode and bypass the Metro user interface.

## About

Displays information about Start8.

# Chapter 4 UEFI SETUP UTILITY

## 4.1 Introduction

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



*Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.*

### 4.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

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

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

## 4.1.2 Navigation Keys

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

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

Navigation Key(s)	Description
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F4>	Toggle sound on/off
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

## 4.2 Main Screen

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



## 4.3 Advanced Screen

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



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

## 4.3.1 CPU Configuration



### Active Processor Cores

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

### Intel SpeedStep Technology

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

### CPU C States Support

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

### Enhanced Halt State (C1E)

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

### No-Execute Memory Protection

Processors with No-Execution Memory Protection Technology may prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks.

### Hardware Prefetcher

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

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## Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

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

## Intel Virtualization Technology

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

## 4.3.2 Chipset Configuration



### DRAM Voltage

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

### Primary Graphics Adapter

Select a primary VGA.

### Share Memory

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

### Onboard HD Audio

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

### Front Panel

Enable/disable front panel HD audio.

### Onboard HDMI HD Audio

Enable audio for the onboard digital outputs.

## Onboard LAN

Enable or disable the onboard network interface controller.

## PCIe1 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIe1.

## Deep S5

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

## Restore on AC/Power Loss

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

## Good Night LED

By enabling Good Night LED, the Power/LAN LEDs will be switched off when the system is on. It will also automatically switch off the Power and LAN LEDs when the system enters into Standby/Hibernation mode.

### 4.3.3 Storage Configuration



#### SATA Controller(s)

Enable/disable the SATA controllers.

#### SATA Mode Selection

IDE: For better compatibility.

AHCI: Supports new features that improve performance.



*AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.*

#### SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

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

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

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

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## ASMedia SATA3 Mode

IDE: For better compatibility.

AHCI: Supports new features that improve performance.

## 4.3.4 Intel® Smart Connect Technology



### Intel® Smart Connect Technology

Intel® Smart Connect Technology automatically updates your email and social networks, such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. while the computer is in sleep mode.

## 4.3.5 Super IO Configuration



### Serial Port 1

Enable or disable the Serial port 1.

### Serial Port Address

Select the address of the Serial port.

### Parallel Port

Enable or disable the Parallel port.

### Change Settings

Select the address of the Parallel port.

### Device Mode

Select the device mode according to your connected device.

## 4.3.6 ACPI Configuration



### Suspend to RAM

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

### ACPI HPET Table

Enable the High Precision Event Timer for better performance and to pass WHQL tests.

### PS/2 Keyboard Power On

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

### PCIE Device Power On

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

### Ring-In Power On

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

### RTC Alarm Power On

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

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## USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

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

## USB Mouse Power On

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

## 4.3.7 USB Configuration



### USB Controller

Enable or disable all the USB ports.

### USB 3.0 Controller

Enable or disable all the USB 3.0 ports.

### Legacy USB Support

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

## 4.3.8 Trusted Computing



### Security Device Support

Enable to activate Trusted Platform Module (TPM) security for your hard disk drives.

## 4.4 Tools



### Instant Flash

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

### Internet Flash

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

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

## Network Configuration

Use this to configure internet connection settings for Internet Flash.



### Internet Setting

Enable or disable sound effects in the setup utility.

### UEFI Download Server

Select a server to download the UEFI firmware.

## 4.5 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

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



### CPU Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set CPU fan 1's speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default value is [Full On].

### Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set chassis fan 1's speed. Configuration options: [Full On], [Automatic Mode] and [Manual]. The default value is [Full On].

### Case Open Feature

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

## 4.6 Security Screen

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



### Supervisor Password

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

### User Password

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

### Secure Boot

Enable to support Windows 8 Secure Boot.

## 4.7 Boot Screen

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



### Fast Boot

Fast Boot minimizes your computer's boot time. In fast mode you may not boot from an USB storage device. Ultra Fast mode is only supported by Windows 8 and the VBIOS must support UEFI GOP if you are using an external graphics card. Please notice that Ultra Fast mode will boot so fast that the only way to enter this UEFI Setup Utility is to Clear CMOS or run the Restart to UEFI utility in Windows.

### Boot From Onboard LAN

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

### Setup Prompt Timeout

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

### Bootup Num-Lock

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

### Boot Beep

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

## Full Screen Logo

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

## AddOn ROM Display

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

## CSM (Compatibility Support Module)



## CSM

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. Please do not disable unless you're running a WHCK test. If you are using Windows 8 64-bit and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

## Launch PXE OpROM Policy

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

## Launch Storage OpROM Policy

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

## Launch Video OpROM Policy

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

## 4.8 Exit Screen



### Save Changes and Exit

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

### Discard Changes and Exit

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

### Discard Changes

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

### Load UEFI Defaults

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

### Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

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

## Contact Information

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

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