

System Utilities

BIOS Setup Utility

The BIOS Setup Utility is a hardware configuration program built into your computer's BIOS (Basic Input/Output System).

Your computer is already properly configured and optimized, and you do not need to run this utility. However, if you encounter configuration problems, you may need to run Setup. Please also refer to Chapter 4 Troubleshooting when problem arises.

To activate the BIOS Utility, press F2 during POST (when "Press <F2> to enter Setup" message is prompted on the bottom of screen).

Press m to enter setup. The default parameter of F12 Boot Menu is set to "disabled". If you want to change boot device without entering BIOS Setup Utility, please set the parameter to "enabled".

Press <F12> during POST to enter multi-boot menu. In this menu, user can change boot device without entering BIOS SETUP Utility.

PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility					
Info.	Main	Advanced	Security	Boot	Exit
CPU Type : Mobile AMD Sempron (TM) Processor 2800+ CPU Speed : 1.6 GHz HDD Model Name : HTS4244040N9AT00-(PM) HDD Serial Number : MPA201Q2G0W2YA ATAPI Model Name : MATSHITADVD-RAM UJ-825S ATAPI Serial Number : None System BIOS Ver : V1.0 VGA BIOS Ver : 90.F8.00.37 KBC Ver : 02.13.29 Serial Number : xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 22 Byte Asset Tag Number : N/A 32 Byte Produce Name : Aspire 1360 16 Byte Manufacturer Name: Acer 16 Byte UUID: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 32 Byte					
F1 Help	↑↓ Select Item	F5/F6 Change Values	F9 Setup Defaults		
Esc Exit	←→ Select Menu	Enter Select	▶ Sub-Menu	F10 Save and Exit	

Navigating the BIOS Utility

There are six menu options: Info., Main, System Devices, Security, Boot, and Exit.

Follow these instructions:

- q To choose a menu, use the cursor left/right keys (zx).
- q To choose a parameter, use the cursor up/down keys (wy).
- q To change the value of a parameter, press por q.
- q A plus sign (+) indicates the item has sub-items. Press e to expand this item.
- q Press ^ while you are in any of the menu options to go to the Exit menu.
- q In any menu, you can load default settings by pressing t. You can also press u to save any changes made and exit the BIOS Setup Utility.

NOTE: You can change the value of a parameter if it is enclosed in square brackets. Navigation keys for a particular menu are shown on the bottom of the screen. Help for parameters are found in the Item Specific Help part of the screen. Read this carefully when making changes to parameter values.

This menu provides you the information of the system.

Information

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NOTE: The system information is subject to different models.

Parameter	Description
CPU Type	Displays the CPU type information.
CPU Speed	Displays the CPU speed.
HDD Model Name	HDD device model name information will be retrieved automatically during system boot.
HDD Serial Number	HDD device serial number information will be retrieved automatically during system boot.
ATAPI Model Name	Display the ATAPI device model name.
ATAPI Serial Number	Display the ATAPI device serial number
System BIOS Ver	Displays the system BIOS version.
VGA BIOS Ver	Displays the VGA BIOS version.
KBC Ver	Displays the keyboard controller firmware version.
Serial Number	Displays the system serial number.
Asset Tag Number	N/A
Product Name	Displays the product name.
Manufacturer Name	Displays the Acer company.
UUID Number	Displays the UUID (Universal Unique Identifier) string = 32 bytes.

Main

The Main screen displays a summary of your computer hardware information, and also includes basic setup parameters. It allows the user to specify standard IBM PC AT system parameters.

PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility					
Info.	Main	Advanced	Security	Boot	Exit
					Item Specific Help
System Time:	[15:56:48]				<Tab>, <Shift-Tab>, or <Enter> selects field.
System Date:	[08/23/2004]				
System Memory:	640 KB	Shows system base memory size			
Extended Memory:	446MB	Shows extended memory size			
Video Memory	[64 MB]	VGA memory size			
Quiet Boot:	[Enabled]				
Power on Display:	[Auto]				
LCD Auto Dim	[Enabled]				
Network Boot	[Enabled]				
F12 Boot Menu:	[Disabled]				
D2D Recovery	[Enabled]				
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item F5/F6 Change Values F9 Setup Defaults Esc Exit ←→ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Save and Exit					

NOTE: The screen above is for reference only. Actual values may differ.

The table below describes the parameters in this screen. Settings in **boldface** are the default and suggested parameter settings.

Parameter	Description	Format/Option
System Time	Sets the system time. The hours are displayed with 24-hour format.	Format: HH:MM:SS (hour:minute:second) System Time
System Date	Sets the system date.	Format MM/DD/YYYY (month/day/year) System Date
System Memory	This field reports the memory size of the system. Memory size is fixed to 640MB	
Extended Memory	This field reports the memory size of the extended memory in the system. Extended Memory size=Total memory size-1MB	
VGA Memory	Shows the VGA memory size. VGA Memory size=64/128MB	
Fast Boot	Determines if Customer Logo will be displayed or not; shows Summary Screen is disabled or enabled. Enabled: Customer Logo is displayed, and Summary Screen is disabled. Disabled: Customer Logo is not displayed, and Summary Screen is enabled.	Option: Enabled or Disabled
Power on display	Auto: During power process, the system will detect if any display device is connected on external video port. If any external display device is connected, the power on display will be in CRT (or projector) only mode. Otherwise it will be in LCD only mode. Both: Simultaneously enable both the integrated LCD screen and the system's external video port (for an external CRT or projector).	Option: Auto or Both
LCD Auto Dim	Determines if the system will automatically dim the LCD brightness in order to save power when AC is not present. The system will support an automatic dimming of the LCD backlight when the AC power is NOT available (running on battery power).	Option: Enabled or Disabled
Network Boot	Enables, disables the system boot from LAN (remote server).	Option: Enabled or Disabled
F12 Boot Menu	Enables, disables Boot Menu during POST.	Option: Disabled or Enabled
D2D Recovery	Enables or disables Hard Disk to Hard Disk system Recovery by pressing Fn+F10 key during POST.	Option: Enabled or Disabled

NOTE: The sub-items under each device will not be shown if the device control is set to disable or auto. This is because the user is not allowed to control the settings in these cases.

Advanced

The Advanced menu screen contains parameters involving your hardware devices. It also provides advanced settings of the system.

PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility		
Info.	Main	Advanced
Infrared Port (FIR) [Enabled] Base I/O address: [2F8] Interrupt: [IRQ 3] DMA channel: [DMA 1]		Item Specific Help Configure Infrared Port using options: [Disable] No configuration [Enabled] User configuration [Auto] BIOS or OS chooses configuration (OS Controlled) Displayed when controlled by OS
Parallel port: [Auto] Mode: [ECP] Base I/O address: [378] Interrupt: [IRQ 7] DMA channel: [DMA 3]		
Infrared Port (FIR): [Enabled]		
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item F5/F6 Change Values F9 Setup Defaults Esc Exit ←→ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Save and Exit		

The table below describes the parameters in the screen. Settings in **boldface** are the default and suggested parameter settings.

Parameter	Description	Options
Infrared Port	Enables, disables or auto detects the infrared port.	Enabled /Disabled/Auto
Base I/O address	Sets the I/O address of the infrared port.	2F8 /3F8/3E8/2E8
Interrupt	Sets the interrupt request of the parallel port.	IRQ3 /IRQ4
DMA channel	Sets a DMA channel for the infrared port.	DMA /DMA3
Parallel Port	Enables, disables or auto detects the parallel port.	Enabled /Disabled/Auto
Mode	Sets the operation mode of the parallel port.	ECP , EPP, Output only or Bi-directional
Base I/O address	Sets the I/O address of the parallel port.	378 /278
Interrupt	Sets the interrupt request of the parallel port.	IRQ7 /IRQ5

Parameter	Description	Options
DMA channel	Sets a DMA channel for the printer to operate in ECP mode. This parameter is enabled only if Mode is set to ECP.	DMA3/DMA1
Legacy USB Support	Enables, disables USB interface devices support. (Enable for use with a non-USB aware Operating System such as DOS or UNIX).	Option: Disabled or Enabled

Security

The Security screen contains parameters that help safeguard and protect your computer from unauthorized use.

PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility					
Info.	Main	Advanced	Security	Boot	Exit
					Item Specific Help
User Password is :		Clear		Supervisor Password controls accesses of the whole setup utility. It can be used to boot up when Password on boot is enabled.	
Supervisor Password is :		Clear			
Set User Password		[Enter]			
Set Supervisor Password		[Enter]			
Primary HardDisk Security		[Disabled]			
Password on Boot		[Disabled]			
F1 Help	↑↓ Select Item	F5/F6 Change Values		F9 Setup Defaults	
Esc Exit	←→ Select Menu	Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu		F10 Save and Exit	

The table below describes the parameters in this screen. Settings in **boldface** are the default and suggested parameter settings.

Parameter	Description	Option
User Password is	Shows the setting of the user password.	Clear or Set
Supervisor Password is	Shows the setting of the Supervisor password	Clear or Set
Set User Password	Press Enter to set the user password. When set, this password protects the BIOS Setup Utility from unauthorized access.	
Set Supervisor Password	Press Enter to set the supervisor password. When set, this password protects the BIOS Setup Utility from unauthorized access.	
Primary Harddisk Security	This feature is available to user when Supervisor password is set. Password can be written on HDD only when Supervisor password or user password is set and password on HDD is set to enabled. Supervisor Password is written to HDD only when Supervisor password is being set. User password is written to HDD when both passwords are set. When both Supervisor and user password are present, both passwords can unlock the HDD.	Disabled or Enabled
Password on Boot	Defines whether a password is required or not while the events defined in this group happened. The following sub-options are all requires the Supervisor password for changes and should be grayed out if the user password was used to enter setup.	Disabled or Enabled

NOTE: When you are prompted to enter a password, you have three tries before the system halts. Don't forget your password. If you forget your password, you may have to return your notebook computer to your dealer to reset it.

Setting a Password

Follow these steps as you set the user or the supervisor password:

1. Use the **w** and **y** keys to highlight the Set Supervisor Password parameter and press the **e** key. The Set Supervisor Password box appears:

Set Supervisor Password

Enter New Password []

Confirm New Password []

2. Type a password in the "Enter New Password" field. The password length can not exceeds 8 alphanumeric characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9, not case sensitive). Retype the password in the "Confirm New Password" field.

IMPORTANT: Be very careful when typing your password because the characters do not appear on the screen.

3. Press **e**.
After setting the password, the computer sets the User Password parameter to "Set".
4. If desired, you can opt to enable the Password on boot parameter.

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5. When you are done, press `u` to save the changes and exit the BIOS Setup Utility.

Removing a Password

Follow these steps:

1. Use the `w` and `y` keys to highlight the Set Supervisor Password parameter and press the `e` key. The Set Password box appears:

Set Supervisor Password		
Enter current password	[]
Enter New Password	[]
Confirm New Password	[]

2. Type the current password in the Enter Current Password field and press `e`.
3. Press `e` twice **without** typing anything in the Enter New Password and Confirm New Password fields. The computer then sets the Supervisor Password parameter to “Clear”.
4. When you have changed the settings, press `u` to save the changes and exit the BIOS Setup Utility.

Changing a Password

1. Use the `w` and `y` keys to highlight the Set Supervisor Password parameter and press the `e` key. The Set Password box appears:

Set Supervisor Password		
Enter current password	[]
Enter New Password	[]
Confirm New Password	[]

2. Type the current password in the Enter Current Password field and press `e`.
3. Type a password in the Enter New Password field. Retype the password in the Confirm New Password field.
4. Press `e`. After setting the password, the computer sets the User Password parameter to “Set”.
5. If desired, you can enable the Password on boot parameter.
6. When you are done, press `u` to save the changes and exit the BIOS Setup Utility.

If the verification is OK, the screen will display as following.

Setup Notice
Changes have been saved.
[continue]

The password setting is complete after the user presses u.

If the current password entered does not match the actual current password, the screen will show you the Setup Warning.

Setup Warning
Invalid password
Re-enter Password
[continue]

If the new password and confirm new password strings do not match, the screen will display the following message.

Setup Warning
Password do not match
Re-enter Password

Boot

This menu allows the user to decide the order of boot devices to load the operating system. Bootable devices includes the distette drive in module bay, the onboard hard disk drive and the CD-ROM in module bay.

PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility					
Info.	Main	Advanced	Security	Boot	Exit
+Hard Drive Floppy Drive CD-ROM/DVD Drive Network Boot				Item Specific Help	
				Use <↑> or <↓> to select a device, then press <F6> to move it up the list, or <F5> move it down the list. Press <ESC> to escape the menu	
F1 Help	↑↓ Select Item	F5/F6 Change Values	F9 Setup Defaults		
Esc Exit	←→ Select Menu	Enter Select	▶ Sub-Menu	F10 Save and Exit	

Exit

The Exit screen contains parameters that help safeguard and protect your computer from unauthorized use.

The screenshot shows the PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility interface. The title bar is 'PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility'. The menu bar has 'Info.', 'Main', 'Advanced', 'Security', 'Boot', and 'Exit'. The main area is split into two columns. The left column lists options: 'Exit Saving Changes', 'Exit Discarding Changes', 'Load Setup Defaults', 'Discard Changes', and 'Save Changes'. The right column is titled 'Item Specific Help' and contains the text 'Exit System Setup and save your changes to CMOS.' At the bottom, a blue bar contains keyboard shortcuts: F1 Help, Esc Exit, ↑↓ Select Item, ←→ Select Menu, F5/F6 Change Values, Enter Select, F9 Setup Defaults, and F10 Save and Exit.

The table below describes the parameters in this screen.

Parameter	Description
Exit Saving Changes	Exit System Setup and save your changes to CMOS.
Exit Discarding Changes	Exit utility without saving setup data to CMOS.
Load Setup Default	Load default values for all SETUP item.
Discard Changes	Load previous values from CMOS for all SETUP items.
Save Changes	Save Setup Data to CMOS.

BIOS Flash Utility

The BIOS flash memory update is required for the following conditions:

- q New versions of system programs
- q New features or options
- q Restore a BIOS when it becomes corrupted.

Use the Phlash utility to update the system BIOS flash ROM.

NOTE: If you do not have a crisis recovery diskette at hand, then you should create a **Crisis Recovery Diskette** before you use the Phlash utility.

NOTE: Do not install memory-related drivers (XMS, EMS, DPMS) when you use the Phlash.

NOTE: Please use the AC adaptor power supply when you run the Phlash utility. If the battery pack does not contain enough power to finish BIOS flash, you may not boot the system because the BIOS is not completely loaded.

Follow the steps below to run the Phlash.

1. Prepare a bootable diskette.
2. Copy the Phlash utilities to the bootable diskette.
3. Then boot the system from the bootable diskette. The Phlash utility has auto-execution function.