



Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

BIOS SET-UP

A BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) is an electronic set of instructions that a computer uses to successfully start operating. The BIOS is located on a chip inside the computer and is designed in a way that protects it from disk failure.

All BIOS setting on computers up to 2003 had the BIOS set, to boot from a floppy first, if it found a boot disk in the drive.

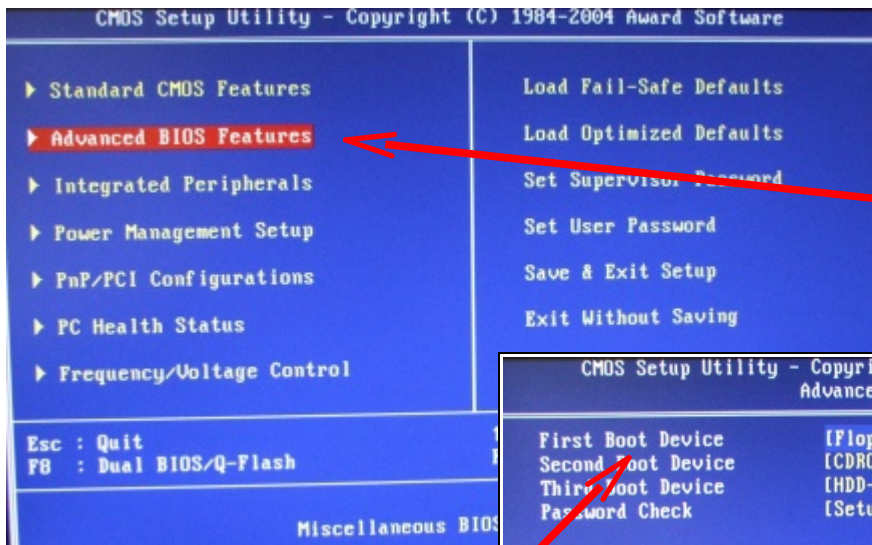
Floppy disk became commercially available in 1971. Over the years they became smaller (3 1/2 inch). By 2003 they fell out of favour for the high capacity storage USB drive. Also known as Flash Drive, Thumb Drive and Memory stick. Dell Computer Corp. stopped including a floppy drive in new computers in spring 2003, and Gateway Inc. has followed suit.

You can use a USB drive to boot your computer with the right software. To boot from a USB drive you need to change the BIOS settings. To get to the BIOS, just as the computer starts press the



key.

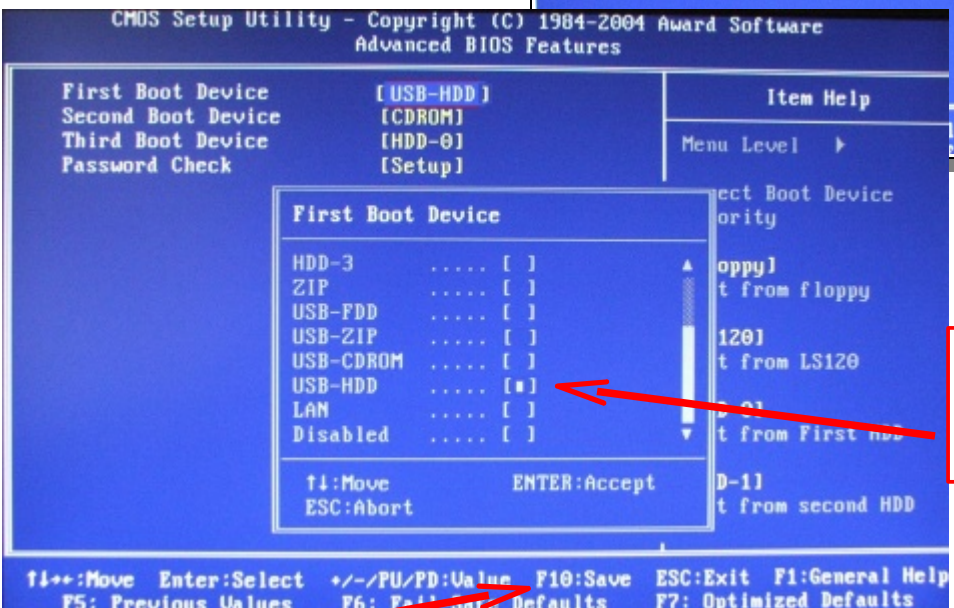
This screen will appear.
Use the arrow key to select..
Advanced BIOS Features.
Then press [Enter].



In the Advanced BIOS Features menu, use the arrow keys to select, [First Boot Device] and press [Enter].



Use the arrow keys to move up and down the boot device.
Select USB-HDD, then press [Enter]



Now press [F10] (function key) to save your new settings. Follow the prompts to close the BIOS. When you next start your computer it will first check the USB drive, if it's empty then, it will check the CDROM and followed by HDD drive (your 'C' drive). **Don't enter a password.**