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ThinkPad BIOS Setup using WMI Deployment Guide

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Preface

The purpose of this guide is to explain how to modify BIOS passwords, settings, and boot order using Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) through the Lenovo client-management interface. This guide is intended for skilled IT administrators who are familiar with configuring BIOS settings on computers in their organizations.

If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, please talk to us on our forum! A team of deployment engineers (including the author of this document) is standing by, ready to help with any deployment challenges you are facing: https://forums.lenovo.com/t5/Enterprise-Client-Management/bd-p/sa01_eg

The latest version of this guide, along with sample scripts, is always located at: https://support.lenovo.com/us/en/documents/ht100612

Chapter 1. Overview

IT administrators are always looking for easier ways to manage client computer BIOS settings, which include passwords, settings, and the boot order. The Lenovo BIOS WMI interface provides a simplified way to change these settings. Lenovo has developed a BIOS interface that can be manipulated through Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI). The Lenovo BIOS WMI interface enables IT administrators to make queries on current BIOS settings, restore settings to their factory defaults, change single settings, reset or change passwords, and modify the boot order either at client computers or remotely.

Using Windows Management Instrumentation

WMI is provided as a standard feature in most Windows® operating systems. It provides a powerful set of functions, such as query-based information retrieval and event notification, which enables users to manage both local and remote computers. The Lenovo BIOS WMI interface extends the capabilities of WMI to allow management of BIOS settings.

The following illustration shows how WMI can be used to access Lenovo BIOS settings
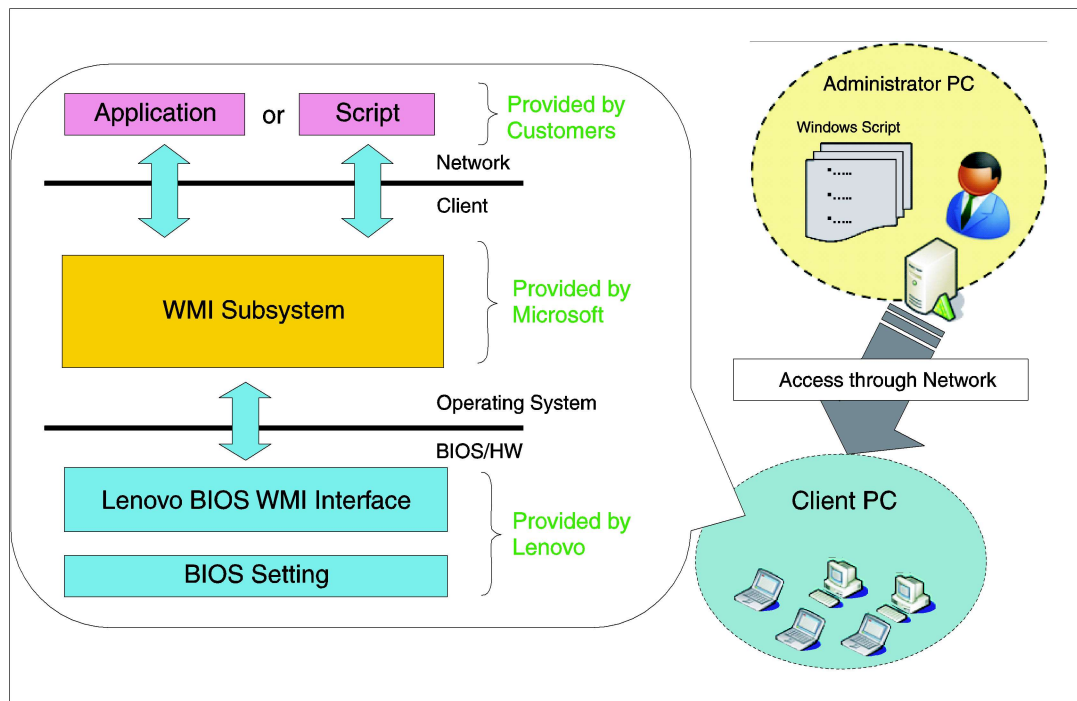
Key benefits

The Lenovo BIOS WMI interface provides the following benefits:

Functions

- Flexible BIOS configuration, including the ability to change a single BIOS setting or all BIOS settings
- BIOS password management, including updating supervisor passwords, power-on passwords, and hard disk drive (HDD) passwords
- No dependency on a specific BIOS level

Environment

- Remote or local capabilities
- Support of unattended operations
- No software installation, including managed object format (MOF), required
- Replaces DOS-based BIOS configuration tools

Interface

- Easy to adopt for various management servers
- Common interface for different products

Supported computers

BIOS setup through WMI is supported on the following ThinkPad products:

- All ThinkPad models from 2018 or newer
- Selected ThinkPad models from 2017 or older:
    - ThinkPad L430, L530, L440, L540, L450, L460, L560, L470, L570
    - ThinkPad T430, T430s, T430u, T530, T440, T440p, T440s, T540p, T450, T450s, T550, W550s, T460, T460p, T460s, T560, T470, T470s, T470p, T570
    - ThinkPad X1 Carbon (all generations), X1 Yoga (all generations)
    - ThinkPad X1 Tablet (all generations)
    - ThinkPad X230, X230 Tablet, X240, X240s, X250, X260, X270
    - ThinkPad W530, W540, W541
    - ThinkPad P50, P50s, P70, P40 Yoga, P51, P51s, P71
    - ThinkPad Yoga 11e
    - ThinkPad 11e, 13e, 13
    - ThinkPad Helix (machine types: 20CG, 20CH)
    - ThinkPad 10 (all generations)
    - ThinkPad Yoga 260, Yoga 460, Yoga 370
    - ThinkPad E470, E570
    - ThinkPad S1, S2, S5

Chapter 2. Script classes and parameters

This chapter contains WMI implementation details for configuring BIOS settings.

Configuring BIOS settings

The following interface details can be used to access Lenovo BIOS settings.

- Namespace: "`\root\WMI`"
- Base Class: "Lenovo_BIOSElement"
- Interface details (see Table 1 Interface Details.)

Table 1. Interface Details

Class Name	Type	Parameter / Return	Example
Lenovo_BiosSetting	Query	CurrentSetting: "Item,Value"	"WakeOnLAN,Enable"
Lenovo_GetBiosSelections	Method	"Item"	"WakeOnLAN"
Lenovo_SetBiosSetting	Method	"Item,Value,Password,Encoding,KbdLang;"	"WakeOnLAN,Disable,pswd,ascii,us;"
Lenovo_SaveBios Settings	Method	"Password,Encoding,KbdLang;"	"pswd,ascii,us;"
Lenovo_DiscardBios Settings	Method	"Password,Encoding,KbdLang;"	"pswd,ascii,us;"
Lenovo_LoadDefault Settings	Method	"Password,Encoding,KbdLang;"	"pswd,ascii,us;"
Lenovo_SetBios Password	Method	"PasswordType,CurrentPassword,NewPassword,Encoding,KbdLang;"	"pop,oldpop,newpop,ascii,us;"

Notes:

- See Appendix A Sample Visual Basic scripts for configuring BIOS settings for Visual Basic sample scripts.
- See Appendix B Sample PowerShell commands for remote BIOS management for PowerShell sample scripts.

Return types

You will receive one of the following return types after making changes to BIOS settings:

Table 2. Return Types

Return Type	Description
Success	Operation completed successfully.
Not Supported	The feature is not supported on this system.
Invalid Parameter	The item or value provided is not valid.
Access Denied	The change could not be made due to an authentication problem. If a supervisor password exists, the correct supervisor password must be provided.
System Busy	BIOS changes have already been made that need to be committed. Reboot the system and try again

Password Authentication

If a supervisor password is already set, you must specify that supervisor password before you can change any BIOS settings.

The format for password parameters is "abc,ascii,us" with descriptions in the following table.

Table 3. Password parameters format, password authentication

Parameter	Description	Possible selections
Parameter 1	Current password	• "abc" - raw ascii character • "1e302e" - scancode
Parameter 2	Password encoding	• "ascii" • "scancode"
Parameter 3	Keyboard languages (valid only if encoding is "ascii")	• "us" - English US, English UK, Chinese-Traditional, Danish, Dutch, French-Canadian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish-European, Spanish-Latin American, Swiss, Turkish • "fr" - French-European, Belgian • "gr" - German, Czech, Slovak, Slovenian

Chapter 3. Typical usage

Through WMI, you can configure BIOS settings in the following ways:

• List BIOS settings
• Change BIOS settings
• Change the boot order
• Load default BIOS settings
• Change a BIOS password

Listing current BIOS settings

For a list of all available BIOS settings that can be changed through WMI on a specific computer, use the Lenovo_BiosSetting class (see sample scripts)

Changing BIOS settings

To change a BIOS setting, complete the following steps:

1. Identify the BIOS setting you want to change using the Lenovo_BiosSetting class.
2. Identify the value to which the setting will be changed, using the Lenovo_GetBiosSelections class.
3. Change the BIOS setting to the desired value using the Lenovo_SetBiosSetting class, then use the Lenovo_SaveBiosSetting class to save the settings.
   Note: BIOS settings and values are case sensitive**.**

After making changes to the BIOS settings, you must reboot the computer before the changes will take effect.

Changing the boot order

To change the boot order, complete the following steps:

- Determine the current setting for "BootOrder" by using the Lenovo_BiosSetting class.
- Determine the available boot devices by using the Lenovo_GetBiosSelections class.
- To set a new boot order, use the Lenovo_SetBiosSetting class, then use the Lenovo_SaveBiosSetting class to save the settings. In the following example, the CD drive 0 is the first boot device and hard disk drive 0 is the second startup device.
  ```
  ATAPICD0:HDD0
  ```

Restoring default settings

To restore default BIOS settings, use the Lenovo_LoadDefaultSettings class, then use the Lenovo_SaveBiosSettings class to save the BIOS changes (see sample scripts).

Changing an existing BIOS password

To update a password, specify a password type and format the password. The format for password parameters is "pop,abc,def,ascii,us" with descriptions in Table 4 (see sample scripts)

Table 4. Password parameters format, changing existing BIOS password

Parameter	Description	Possible selections
Parameter 1	Password type string	• "pap": Supervisor • "POP": Power-on • "uhdp1": User HDP 1 • "mhdp1": Master HDP 1 • "uhdp2": User HDP 2 • "mhdp2": Master HDP 2 • "uhdp3": User HDP 3 • "mhdp3": Master HDP 3
Parameter 2	Current password string	• "abc" - raw ascii character • "1e302e" - scancode
Parameter 3	New password string	• Raw ascii "def" • Scan code "201221"
Parameter 4	Password encoding	• "ascii" • "scancode"
Parameter 5	Keyboard languages	• "us" - English US, English UK, Chinese-Traditional, Danish, Dutch, French-Canadian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish-European, Spanish-Latin American, Swiss, Turkish • "fr" - French-European, Belgian • "gr" - German, Czech, Slovak, Slovenian

Limitations and Notes

1. BIOS settings cannot be changed at the same boot as power-on passwords (POP) and hard disk passwords (HDP). If you want to change BIOS settings and POP or HDP, you must reboot the system after changing one of them.
2. A password cannot be set using this method when one does not already exist. Passwords can only be updated or cleared.
3. To remove the power-on password when a supervisor password is set, it must be done in three steps total:
    a. Change the supervisor password. It's OK to specify the same password as both the current and the new, in case you don't really want to change it. But you must do this step.
    b. Change the power-on password by specifying the current password and a NULL string as the new password
    c. Reboot the system (do not reboot between steps A and B).
4. Some security-related settings cannot be disabled by WMI. For example, the following BIOS settings cannot be changed from Enable to Disable:
    a. SecureBoot
    b. SecureRollbackPrevention
    c. PhysicalPresneceForTpmClear
    d. PhysicalPresenceForTpmProvision
5. It is not possible to change the Security Chip Selection (e.g. Discrete TPM or Intel PTT)
6. Note for Discrete TPM: the following values are supported for SecurityChip:
    a. Active
    b. Inactive
    c. Disable
7. Note for Intel PTT: the following values are supported for SecurityChip:
    a. Enable
    b. Disable

Chapter 4. Security

WMI-based administration scripts operating over a remote connection send data over the network in clear text by default. You can enhance security by modifying WMI-based administration scripts to establish an encrypted remote connection as follows:

1. Set an impersonation level of "impersonate"
2. Set an authentication level of "pktPrivacy"

See Appendix A Sample Visual Basic scripts for configuring BIOS settings for sample scripts used to implement WMI-based administration scripts that include these parameters for encryption.

Appendix A. Sample Visual Basic scripts

The Visual Basic command line scripts in the ZIP file are examples that you may find helpful when configuring BIOS settings.

The scripts in the ZIP file can be used as-is on Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10 to modify BIOS settings on your Lenovo ThinkPad computer. The scripts can be executed on a command prompt using the cscript.exe utility. You must run the scripts from an administrator command prompt.

Sample scripts referenced below are provided on Lenovo's support website:
https://support.lenovo.com/us/en/documents/ht100612

Load BIOS default settings

Syntax: cscript.exe LoadDefaults.vbs

Example: cscript.exe LoadDefaults.vbs

Output:

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
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 LoadDefaultSettings: Success
 SaveBiosSettings: Success
```

List all BIOS setting items and values on the local computer

Syntax: cscript.exe ListAll.vbs

Example: cscript.exe ListAll.vbs

Output:

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
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WakeOnLAN
  current setting  = ACOnly
  possible settings = Disable,ACOnly,ACandBattery,Enable

EthernetLANOptionROM
  current setting  = Enable
  possible settings = Disable,Enable

IPv4NetworkStack
  current setting  = Enable
  possible settings = Disable,Enable

IPv6NetworkStack
  current setting  = Enable
  possible settings = Disable,Enable

(additional output omitted here)
```

Set a single BIOS setting on the local computer

Use the sample scripts in the ZIP file as templates to set a single BIOS setting on the local computer.

Syntax: cscript.exe SetConfig.vbs [Item] [Value]

Example: cscript.exe SetConfig.vbs WakeOnLAN Disable

Output：

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
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WakeOnLAN,Disable;
 SetBiosSetting: Success
WakeOnLAN,Disable;
 SaveBiosSettings: Success
```

Set a single BIOS setting on the local computer when a supervisor password exists

Use the sample scripts in the ZIP file as templates to set a single BIOS setting on the local computer when a supervisor password exists.

Syntax: cscript.exe SetConfigPassword.vbs [Item] [Value] [Password + Encoding]

Example: cscript.exe SetConfigPassword.vbs WakeOnLAN Disable password,ascii,us

Output:

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
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WakeOnLAN,Disable,password,ascii,us;
 SetBiosSetting: Success
WakeOnLAN,Disable,password,ascii,us;
 SaveBiosSettings: Success
```

Change a supervisor password on the local computer

Use the sample scripts in the ZIP file as templates to change a supervisor password on the local computer. **Note**: You cannot set a supervisor password if one does not already exist.

Syntax: cscript.exe SetSupervisorPassword.vbs [Old Password] [New Password] [encoding]

Example: cscript.exe SetSupervisorPassword.vbs oldpass newpass ascii,us

Output:

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
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 SetBiosPassword: Success
```

Appendix B. Sample PowerShell commands

The following PowerShell commands are examples that can be used as-is or modified for your particular environment or requirements.

Get all current BIOS settings

Use the following command as a template to display all current BIOS settings:

```
gwmi -class Lenovo_BiosSetting -namespace root\wmi | ForEach-Object
{if ($_.CurrentSetting -ne "") {Write-Host $_.CurrentSetting.replace(","," = ")}}
```

Show a particular BIOS setting

Use the following command as a template to display a particular BIOS setting:

```
gwmi -class Lenovo_BiosSetting -namespace root\wmi | Where-Object
{$_.CurrentSetting.split(",",[StringSplitOptions]::RemoveEmptyEntries) -eq
"WakeOnLAN"} | Format-List CurrentSetting
```

Get all possible values for a particular BIOS setting

Use the following command as a template to display all possible values for a particular BIOS setting:

```
(gwmi –class Lenovo_GetBiosSelections -namespace root\wmi).GetBiosSelections("WakeOnLAN") |
Format-List Selections
```

Set a BIOS setting

Use the following command as a template to set the value of a setting. This is a two-step process: set and then save. **Note**: The setting string is case sensitive and should be in the format "<item>,<value>".

```
(gwmi –class Lenovo_SetBiosSetting –namespace root\wmi).SetBiosSetting("WakeOnLAN,Disable")
```

```
(gwmi –class Lenovo_SaveBiosSettings -namespace root\wmi).SaveBiosSettings()
```

Set a BIOS setting when a supervisor password exists

Use the following command as a template to set the value of a setting when a supervisor password exists. This is a two-step process: set and then save. **Note**: The setting string is case sensitive and should be in the format "<item>,<value>,<password + encoding>".

```
(gwmi –class Lenovo_SetBiosSetting –namespace
root\wmi).SetBiosSetting("WakeOnLAN,Disable,password,ascii,us")
```

```
(gwmi –class Lenovo_SaveBiosSettings –namespace
root\wmi).SaveBiosSettings("password,ascii,us")
```

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