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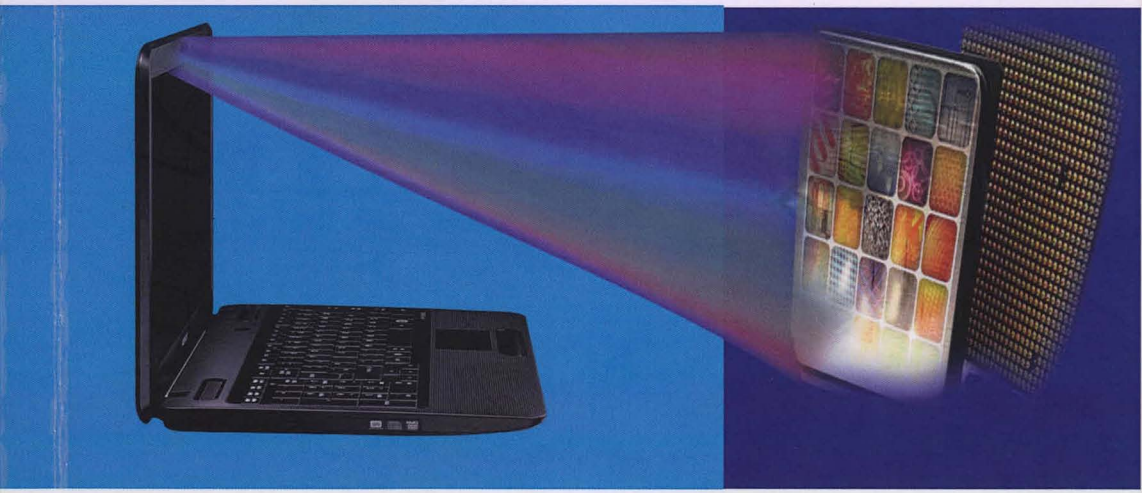

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3. FIRMWARE PROGRAM

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Abstract

The Basic input output systems is the firmware program of a small size and placed permanently in the Read Only Memory commonly known as ROM. The ROM is a small storage that initial routines permanently needed to start a computer system after initial booting process. The Operating system takes over the control and monitors each and every activity in the system. Without ROM a computer operating systems (a systems program) will not be able to start operations and take over the control of all the operations of the systems. In this chapter students will be learning BIOS related functions and operations.

3.1 Introduction

Software in computer system is divided into 2 categories, Application Software and System Software. Systems software is those which are utilize in the computer system and users cannot use them for their own purposes. Read Only Memory (ROM) is a very small storages permanently saving basic input output system (BIOS) software routine in order to initialize a computer system and soon after the control is transfer to the Operating System which is a bigger system software without which user will be able to run any application on that system.