

BIOS

Instructions that will be used by the CPU in order to work with the **basic** hardware of a computer. **BIOS also has instructions to** load the above into RAM during the **early** part of the boot process. BIOS is stored on a ROM chip.

Device drivers

Instructions that will be used by the CPU **and OS** in order to work with the **rest of (enhanced)** hardware of a computer. **The OS with aid of the registry** loads the above into RAM during the **latter** part of the boot process. Device drivers are stored on the hard drive.