PLUG N PLAY

Windows added a most helpful program to the Win9x and above. It is called Plug and Play. If you plug a peripheral device such as a printer into your computer, turn it on and then startup your computer, the device will usually be recognized by windows and will be installed from the information within the windows program itself. One of the best things about XP is that it is able to install so many more device drivers than any Win Operating System up to that time.

This is most helpful when you no longer have the install disk that came with the hardware you wish to install. If windows doesn't install it automatically, you can go to CONTROL PANEL…ADD HARDWARE, select to locate the device from the list. A list of devices will be presented. Select the device you want to install. A list of manufacturers will be presented.
Scroll down the left side of list (manufacturer's list) and click the manufacturer of the device.

Then scroll down the right side to select the particular device you wish to install. If the device is listed, windows will begin the installation. You may be asked for your Win9x cd. If you do not have the required cd, click OK and on the box that comes up, click the down arrow and select the CAB file folder. The CAB files are usually found in either C:\Win98 or C:\windows\options\cabs. Click OK for windows to get the needed information from the CAB files already installed in the Windows subfolder of your computer. (CAB files contain the files that are on the cd install disk).

If you have the install CD or floppy disks, of course you may elect to click HAVE DISK and install the device from the CD or floppy disks themselves.

You may also go to the manufacturer's website and download the latest version of drivers needed for your device.   Usually the driver download will also include updated software install.

SCSI (pronounced scuzzi) hardware such as some scanners and some tape backup devices require you to reboot your system before using them. Sometimes you can force Win9x to recognize such devices right after you plug them in.
1. **Right-click on My Computer and choose Properties.**
2. **Click on the Device Manager**
3.   **Click to select the particular Computer entry and click on the Refresh button.**
4.   **The device should appear under its appropriate heading in Device Manager.**

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