

Installing Unsigned Drivers under Windows 10

Unlike Win7, Windows 10 is extremely nanny state about installing drivers and by default insists that all drivers are signed. This article describes the hoops you have to go through to install unsigned drivers in Windows 10.

In its default state Windows will not let you install an unsigned driver. To overcome this, you will have to reboot Windows into a different mode.

Before you start make sure you have the USB device the driver file to hand.

- Save and close down all open applications
- Click Start  menu and select **Settings**
- Choose **Update and Security**
- Choose **Recovery**
- Under **Advanced start-up** Choose **Restart Now**.
- Choose **Troubleshoot**
- Click **Advanced Options**
- Click **Startup Settings**
- Click **Restart**
- The PC will now reboot into the **Startup Setting Screen**.
- Choose **Disable driver signature enforcement** (Press **F7** on the keyboard)

Windows is now in a state where it will allow you to install an unsigned driver.

- Plug in the USB device requiring the unsigned driver.
- Click Start  menu and select **Settings**
- Choose **Devices**
- At the bottom of the page under Related Settings choose **Device Manager**
- **Right click** on the relevant **USB device** from the list in **Device Manager**
- Choose **Update Driver Software**
- Choose **Browse my Computer for driver software**
- Choose **Let me pick from a list of device drivers on my computer**
- Ignore the list and Click **Next**
- Click **Have Disc**
- **Browse** to your unsigned **driver software** and click **open**.
- Windows show a dialog warning you that the driver is unsigned, choose **install anyway**

Your driver installation should then complete and hopefully your device will be accessible.

Next time you reboot Windows will revert back to its default state and you will not be allowed to install unsigned drivers.