

# ICUSB232SM3

## Instruction Manual

# USB Serial Adapter

**1-Port 3ft USB to RS232 DB9  
Serial Adapter Cable**

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## Introduction

The ICUSB232SM3 3ft USB to RS232 DB9 Serial Adapter Cable - M/M lets you connect DB9 RS232 serial devices to your Mac or PC laptop or desktop computer through an available USB port, as though the computer offered an onboard DB9M connector.

Unlike typical USB to serial converter cables where the conversion takes place at the DB9 end of the cable, the StarTech.com ICUSB232SM3 features a converter chip on the USB end. Converting at the USB source overcomes the 15ft. technical limit of USB cables, allowing for a much greater serial DB9 extension cable (50ft.+ is possible depending on the application), should it be necessary for a given setup.

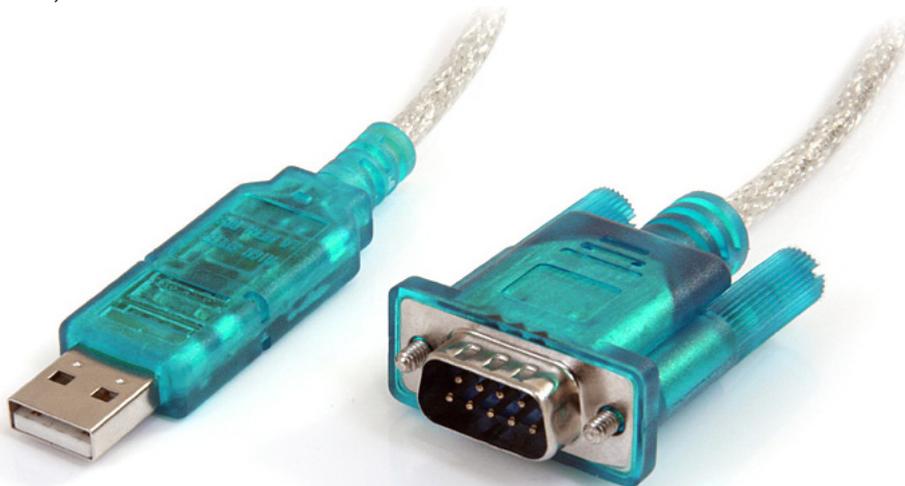
Simple to install and use, this USB to Serial adapter provides a cost-effective solution that bridges the compatibility gap between modern computers and legacy serial peripherals.

## Packaging Contents

- 1 x USB to Serial Adapter Cable
- 1 x Driver Mini-CD
- 2 x Cable Nut
- 1 x Instruction Manual

## System Requirements

- USB enabled computer system with available USB port
- Microsoft® Windows® 98SE/ME/2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista/Server 2008 R2/7 (32/64-bit), or Apple® Mac OS® X, or Linux®



\*actual product may vary from photos

## Installation

### Windows 2000/XP/Server 2003

1. Upon starting Windows, if the “Found New Hardware” wizard appears on the screen, cancel/close the window and insert the included Driver CD into the computer’s CD/DVD drive.

2. AutoPlay should automatically launch and display all of the folders on the CD. If not, open “My Computer” and double-click on the CD/DVD drive.
3. Enter the folder “USB Serial Adapter”, then “Windows Drivers” and double-click the Driver Installer file.
4. This should launch the driver Installation wizard. Continue through the wizard and once complete, all the necessary drivers will be installed.
5. Connect the USB to Serial adapter to a USB port and Windows should automatically install the drivers. Once complete, the serial port should be ready for use.

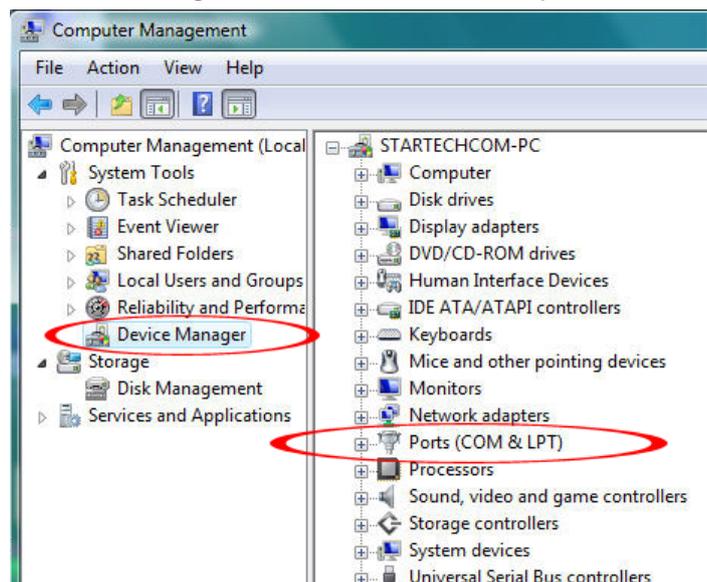
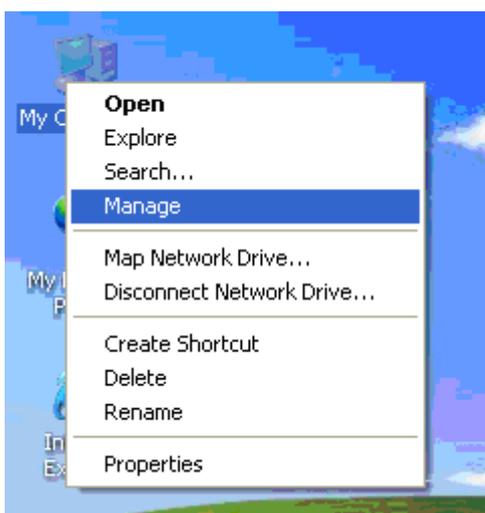
### Windows Vista/7/Server 2008 R2

1. Upon starting Windows, if the “Found New Hardware” wizard appears on the screen, cancel/close the window or choose not to install the drivers and insert the included Driver CD into the computer’s CD/DVD drive.
2. AutoPlay should automatically launch and display the option to browse the contents of the CD. If not, open “Computer” and double-click on the CD/DVD.
3. Enter the folder “USB Serial Adapter”, then “PL-2303HX-X\_Vista” and double-click the Driver Installer file.
4. This should launch the driver Installation wizard. Continue through the wizard and once complete, all the necessary drivers will be installed.
5. Connect the USB to Serial adapter to a USB port and Windows should automatically install the drivers. Once complete, the serial port should be ready for use.

## Verifying Installation

### Windows 2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista/Server 2008 R2/7

From the main desktop, right-click on “My Computer” (“Computer” in Vista/7), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel.



Double-click on the “Ports (COM & LPT)” option. An additional COM port should be listed.

# Specifications

<b>Host Interface</b>	USB 1.1
<b>Chipset ID</b>	Prolific PL2303
<b>External Connectors</b>	1 x DB9 male 1 x USB type A male
<b>LEDs</b>	None
<b>Supported Protocols</b>	RS232
<b>Maximum Data Transfer Rate</b>	1 Mbps
<b>Buffer Size</b>	96 Byte Tx/Rx
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	-20°C ~ 80°C (-4°F ~ 176°F)
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-20°C ~ 80°C (-4°F ~ 176°F)
<b>Humidity</b>	0% ~ 65% RH
<b>Cable Length</b>	915mm / 36in
<b>Weight</b>	42g
<b>Compatible Operating Systems</b>	Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista/ Server 2008 R2/7 (32/64-bit), Mac OS X, Linux

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