

Arena Management Software - FARM TEK TIMERS

To get times into Arena Management program, from the Farm Tek Timer Console.

You will need to purchase from Farm Tek the Computer Interface Cable , and a USB to Serial adapter if your computer does not have a serial port, most computers made in the last 5 years or so , just have USB ports

Here is the link to the Farm Tek page to order. http://farmtek.net/western_events.htm

Computer Interface Cable includes USB / Serial adapter - \$25.00 at this writing

The computer interface cable provides a connection between the Polaris timer console and a serial or USB port on a computer for record keeping.

You do not need to purchase or install the Farm Tek software, Arena manager already has the capability built in.

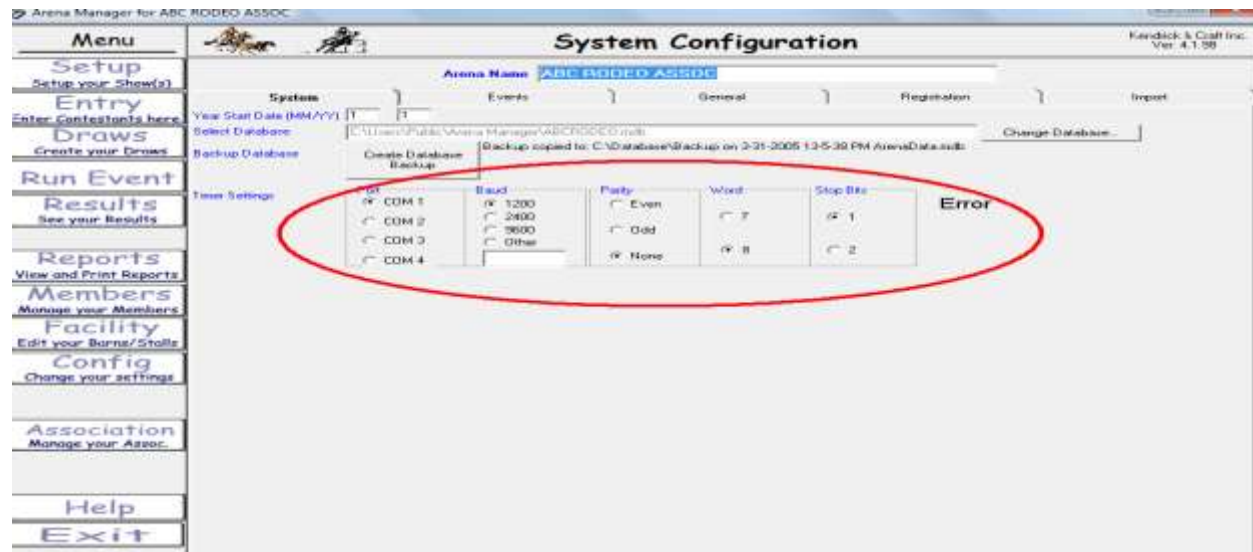
On newer windows operating systems, we suggest you down load our drivers for the Prolific USB Serial Adapter, as there have been many users have issues using the FarmTek drivers. Those drivers are available for FREE on our website at [USBWIN8 WIN7 VISTA - drivers for Prolific adapter](#) save to your computer and run if having trouble with Farmtek timer drivers.

[WIN7 INSTRUCTIONS](#)

[WIN8 INSTRUCTIONS](#)

After installation of the USB / Serial adapter, go to your Device manager, confirm that the adapter has been assigned to port 1, 2, 3, or 4 , if it is not one of those ports, right click on the adapter, (it will be listed under Ports in the device manager) select Properties, when that window opens, go to the advances tab , you will see Com Ports in lower left, reset the Com Port to any open port between 1 and 4, SAVE and close all windows.

Open Arena Management, go to the Config screen, set the Com Port number to the same as you set it to in the device manager in Windows. Tab out, or click out to another cell after resetting the Com Port



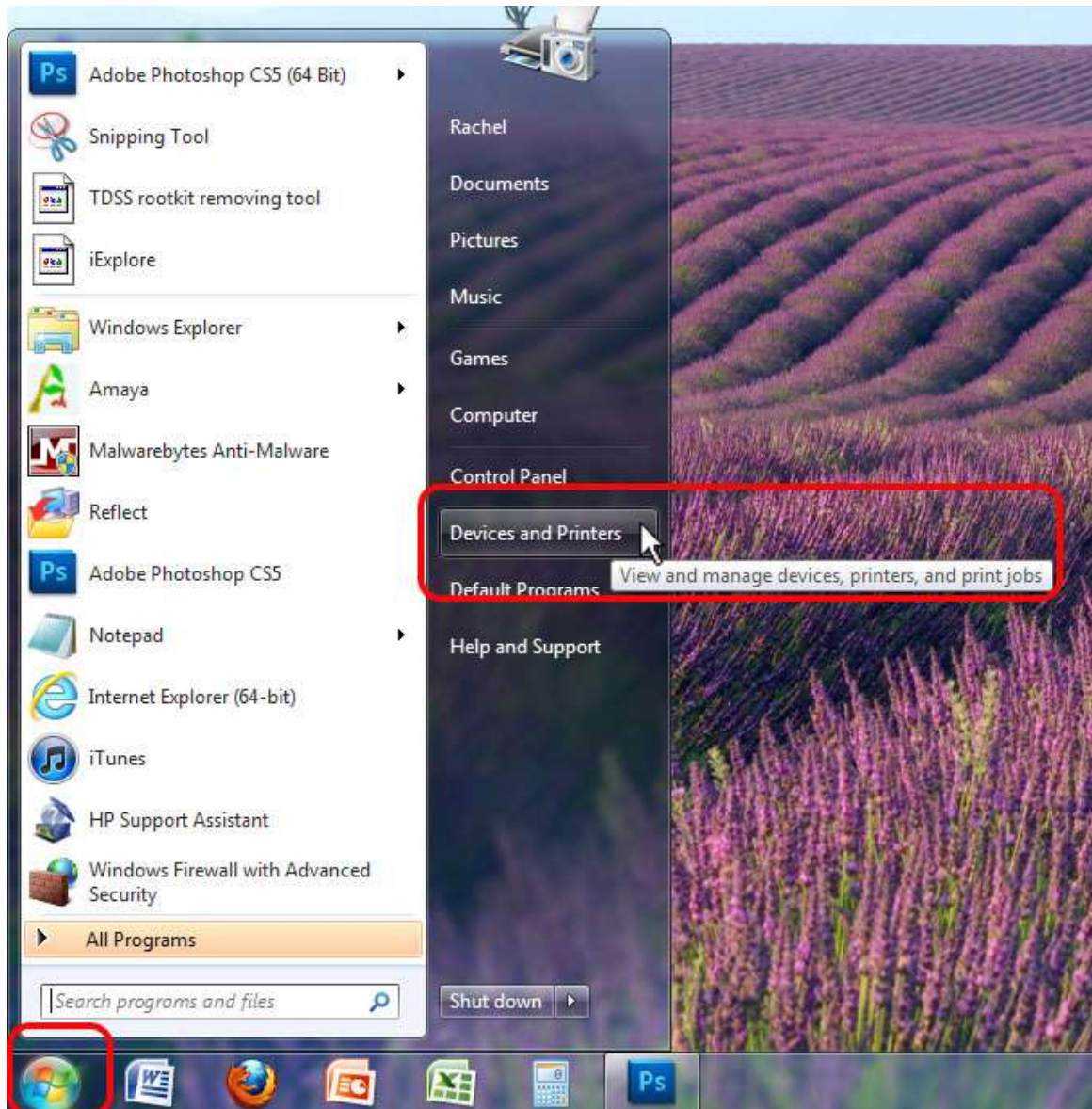
REBOOT the computer – bring up Arena Management – go to the Run Event screen, select an event, select a contestant, click in the TIME box, all the 0's will turn blue, start the FarmTek console – let run for more than 2 seconds, STP the FarmTek console timer, and the time should go in the time box. If running manually, there will be (M) at the end of the time. That is OK.

For Windows Vista & 7

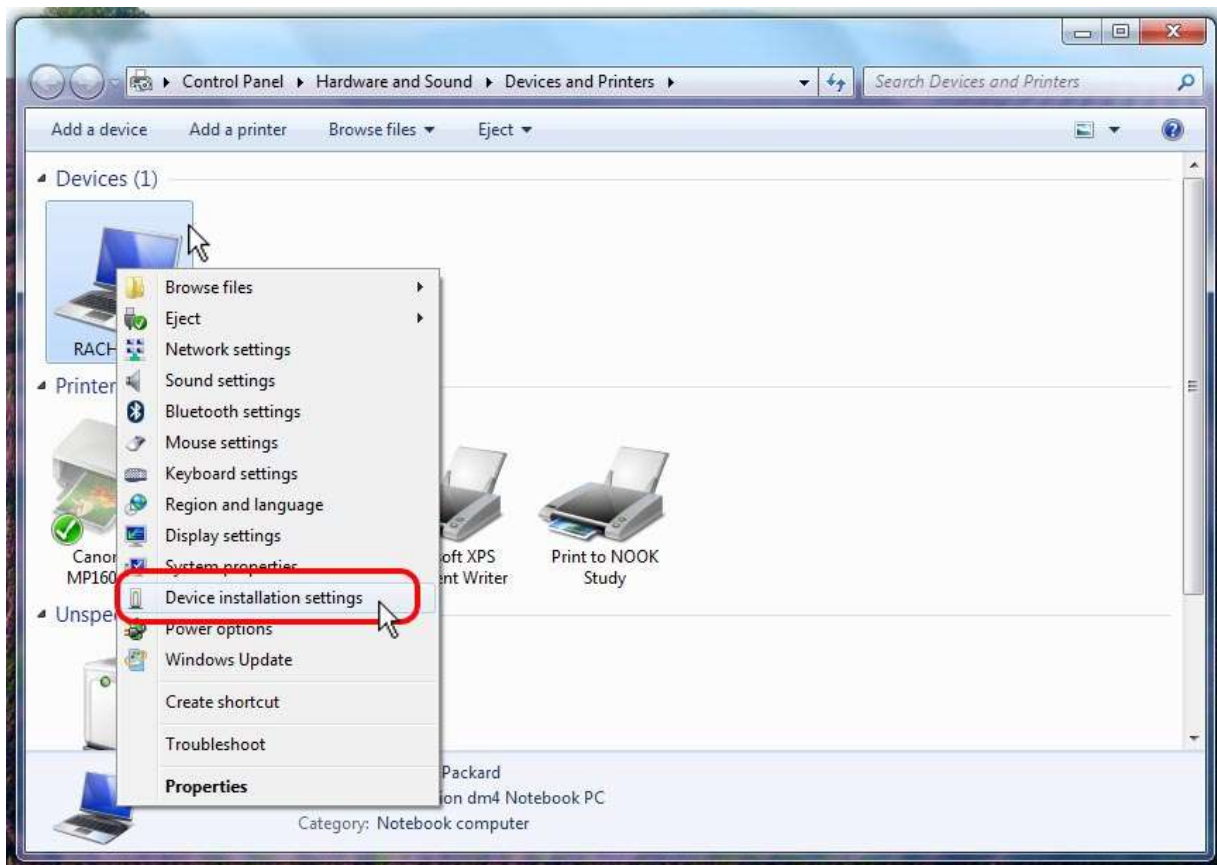
BEFORE installing any of the drivers from us or FarmTek –

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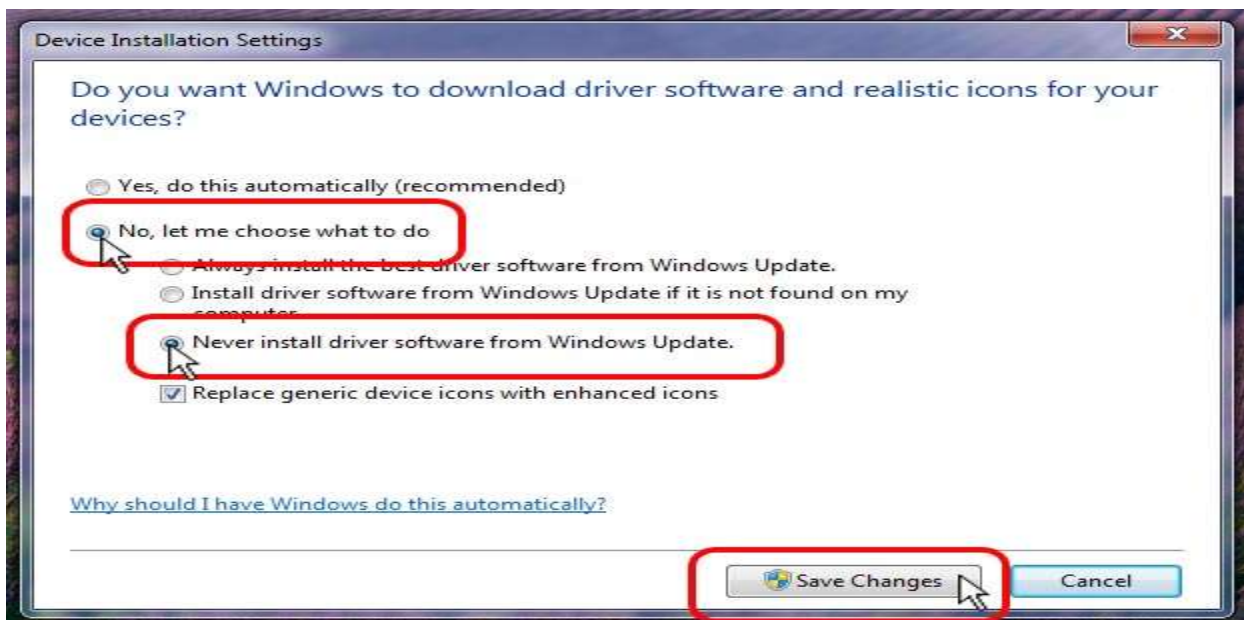
a. Choose "Devices and Printers" from the start menu.



b. Right click on your computer's icon under "Devices" and choose "Device Installation Settings"



c. Change driver installation preference to "No, let me choose what to do" and "Never install driver software from Windows Update," then click "Save Changes."



5. Reboot your computer

6. Install the USB to Serial drivers from the FarmTek CD or from the KCI / Arena Management Software site

- If the installation prompts you with the option to remove the driver, then a driver is already installed on your system and should be removed. Follow the prompts to remove the driver. Reboot your computer after removing the driver. Once your computer reboots, start the driver installer again and continue immediately below.
- Follow the driver installation wizard through until the final screen on which the "Finish" button is displayed. Click "Finish" to complete the installation.

INSTALL the drivers – BEFORE plugging the USB/Serial adapter into the computer, after installing the drivers plug the adapter in Windows will find the driver and add the adapter.


7. Plug in the USB cable. You should receive notification that the driver was "successfully installed" and its COM port number.

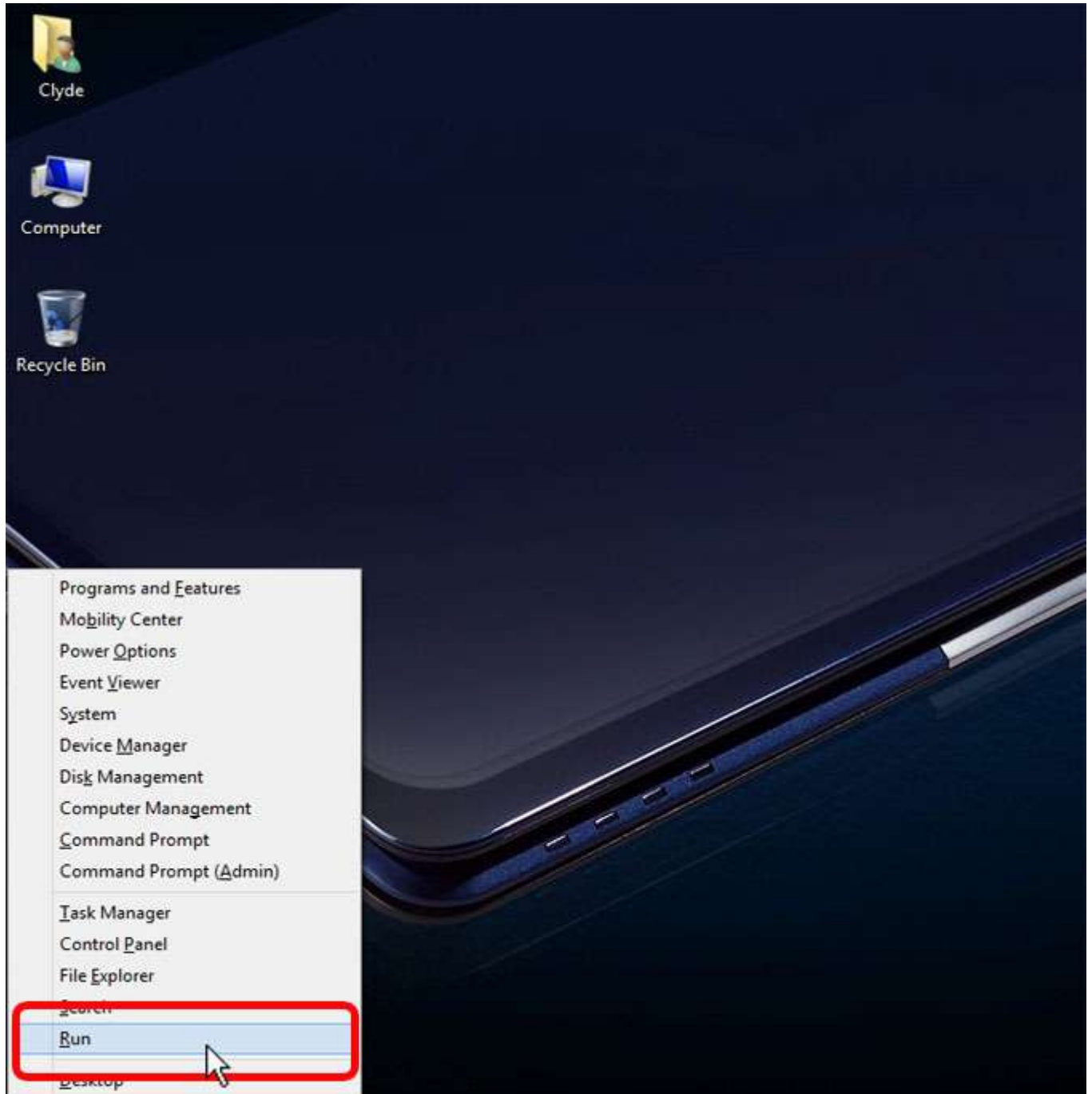
Note: In the future, as long as you plug the USB cable into the same physical USB port, the cable will be assigned the same COM port number. If you plug into a different USB port, a different COM port number will be assigned.

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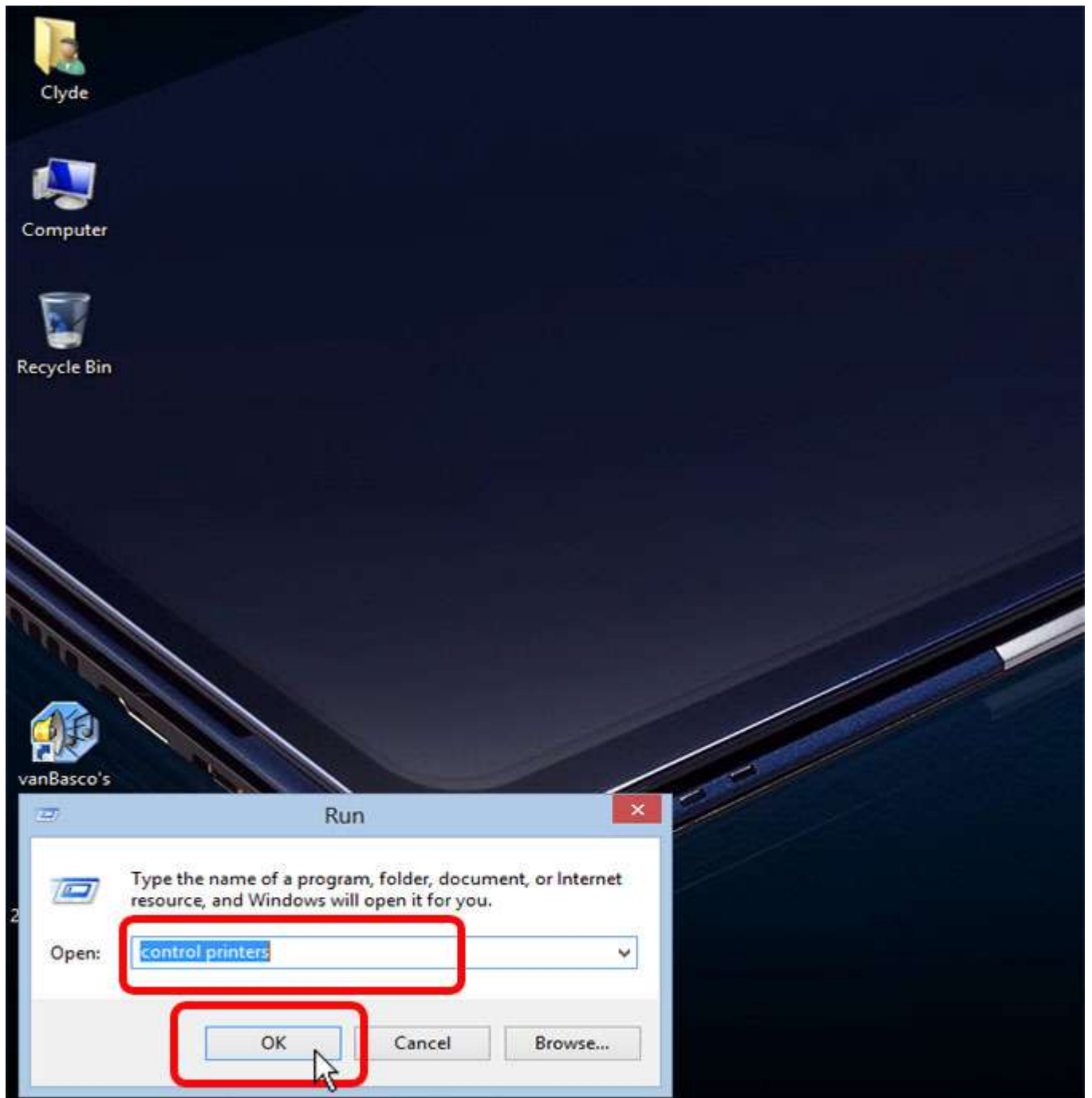
For Windows 8 and 8.1

Disable Windows from automatically choosing its own drivers:

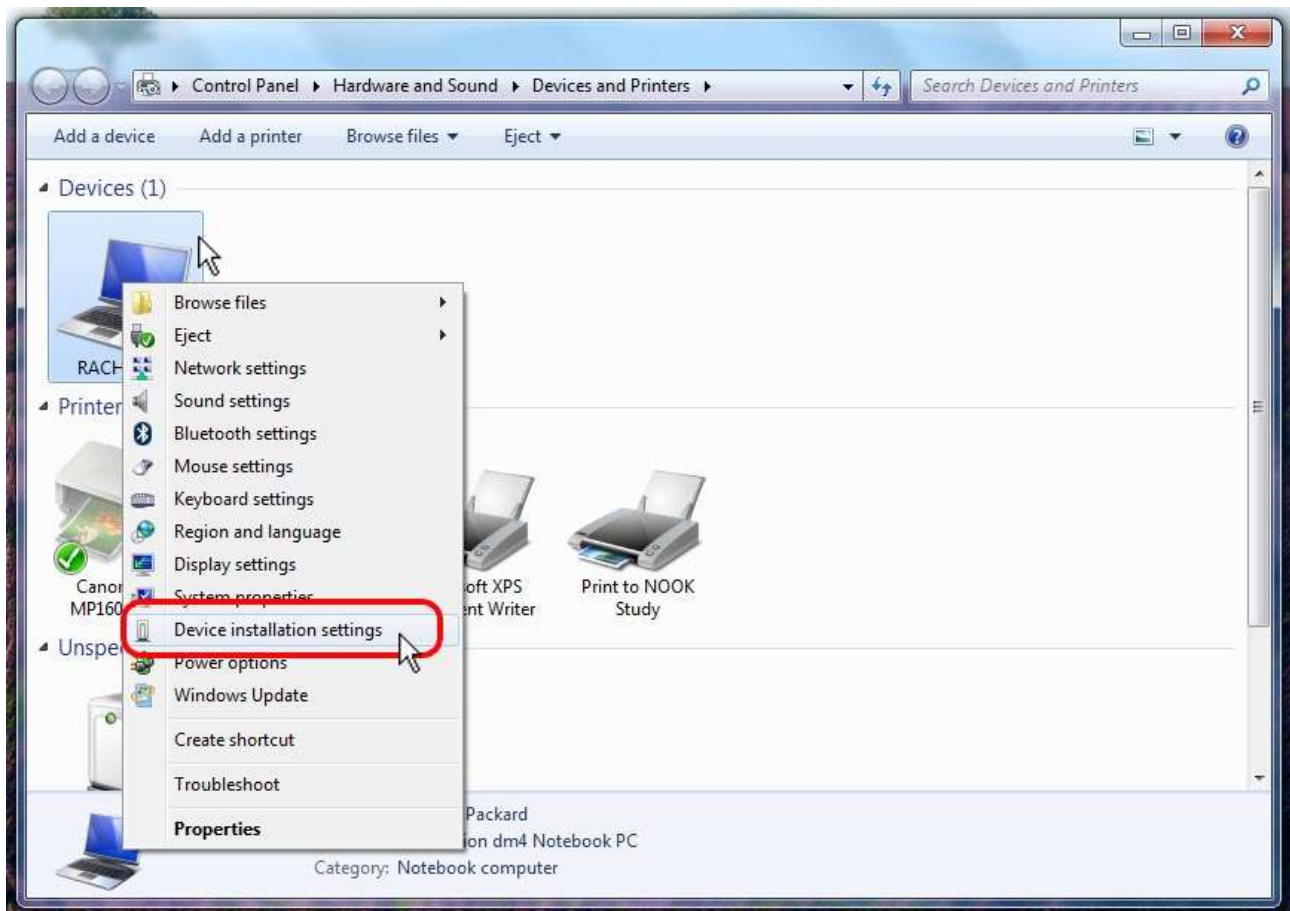
- a. From the Desktop, push and hold the Windows key () and then press "x" on your keyboard. Choose "Run" from the menu that pops up.



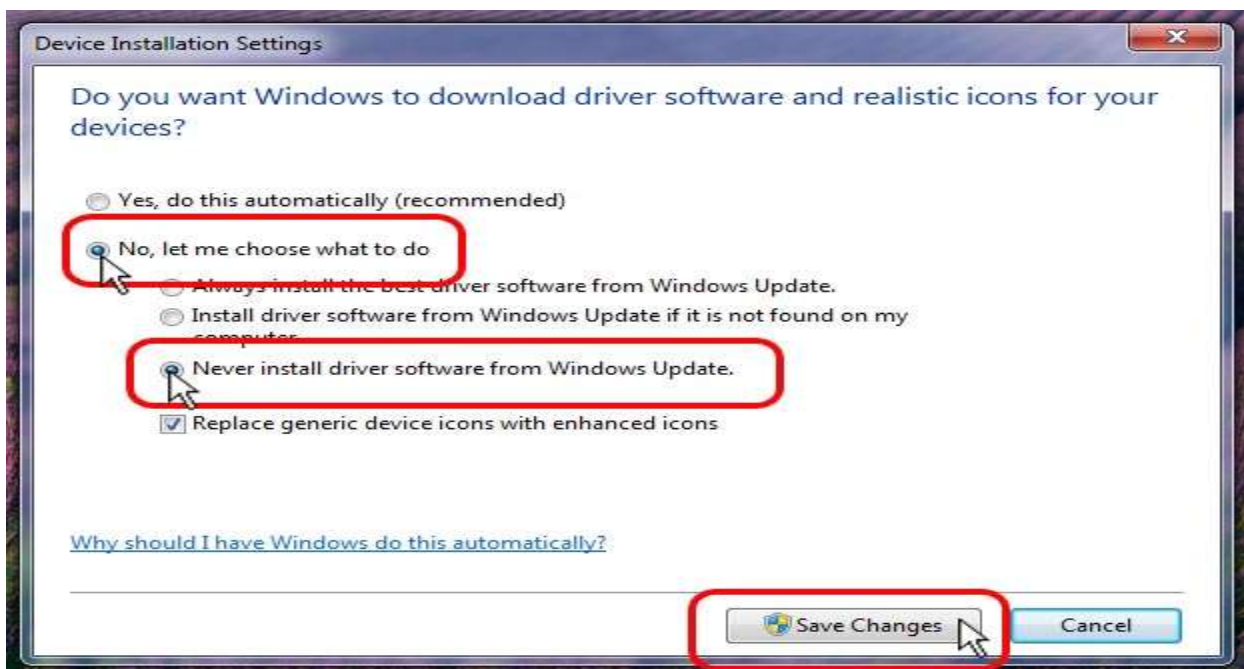
b. In the "Run" dialog box, type in "control printers" and click "OK".



c. Right click on your computer's icon under "Devices" and choose "Device Installation Settings"



d. Change driver installation preference to "No, let me choose what to do" and "Never install driver software from Windows Update," then click "Save Changes."



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7. Plug in the USB cable. Windows will install the cable and driver at this time. Windows 8 does not provide much in the way of feedback during this process, so wait about 15 seconds, then bring up the Device Manager as instructed in step 1. Look down the list of items for the "Ports" category and click the arrow to the left of "Ports" to expand the category. The "Prolific USB-to-Serial..." device should be listed. Verify the error icon (!) is NOT present. The COM port assigned to the cable will be shown on the right.

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