

Identify Drivers In WinXP

It's fairly straightforward to identify a driver in Win2000/XP. Click the Start menu, Settings, and Control Panel. WinXP offers two views of the Control Panel. The default is Category View, and Classic View is also available. If you use Win2000 or WinXP in Classic View, double-click System. If you use WinXP in Category View, click Printers And Other Hardware and then click System under the See Also section on the left side of the screen. In the System Properties dialog box, click the Hardware tab and the Device Manager button. You'll notice that there is one extra step compared to opening the Device Manager in Win9x/Me. In Win2000/XP, the Device Manager doesn't have its own tab but is instead accessible through a button on the Hardware tab. In the resulting Device Manager window, click the View menu and make sure that Devices By Type is selected. If not, click Devices By Type to switch to the proper view. Click the plus sign next to one of the listed device types to view an expanded list of devices. Then double-click the device for which you'd like to check the driver. In the resulting Properties dialog box for the device, click the Driver tab. You'll see the Driver Date and Driver Version listed.