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FCC Compliance Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Introduction

The ICUSB232FTN 1-Port FTDI USB to Serial Null Modem DCE Adapter Cable converts an available USB 1.1 or 2.0 port into an RS232 Null Modem serial DB9 port for connecting to a DTE serial device. Solving DCE/ DTE conflicts directly, without requiring additional cross-wired serial cables or adapters. This compact adapter features COM retention, allowing the same COM port value to automatically be re-assigned to the port if the cable is disconnected and re-connected to the host computer, or if the system is rebooted.

The integrated FTDI chipset supports additional customization, advanced features, and compatibility not necessarily offered by other solutions. Compatibility with a broad list of Operating Systems including Windows®, Windows CE, Mac OS and Linux, makes this product easy to integrate into mixed environments.

Packaging Contents

- 1 x USB to Null Modem Serial Adapter
- 1 x Driver CD
- 1 x Instruction Manual

System Requirements

- USB enabled computer with available USB port
- Microsoft® Windows® 2000/ XP/ Server 2003/ Vista/ Server 2008 R2/ 7 (32/64-bit), or Windows CE 4.2+, or Apple® Mac OS® 9.x/ 10.x, or Linux®

Installation

Hardware Installation

Windows 2000/ XP/ Server 2003

1. Plug the USB adapter into an available USB port on the computer.
2. When the Found New Hardware wizard appears on the screen, insert the Driver CD into your CD/DVD drive. If you are prompted to connect to Windows Update, please select the “No, not this time” option and click Next.
3. Select the option “Install Drivers Automatically (Recommended)” and then click the Next button.
4. Windows should now start searching for the drivers and install them automatically. Once this has completed, click the Finish button.
5. If Windows is unable to locate drivers, press the “Back” button or restart the wizard and select the advanced option to have it search the “USB_to_IO\ FTDI” location on the CD by clicking the “Browse” button and selecting that location.

Windows Vista/ 7/ Server 2008 R2

1. Plug the USB adapter into an available USB port on the computer.
2. When the Found New Hardware window appears on the screen, click on the “Locate and install drivers software (recommended)” option. If prompted to search online, select the “Don’t search online” option.
3. When prompted to insert the disc, insert the Driver CD that came with the card, into your CD/DVD drive and Windows will automatically proceed to search the CD.
4. If a Windows Security dialog window appears, click the “Install this driver software anyway” option to proceed.
5. Once the driver is installed, click the Close button.
6. If Windows is unable to locate drivers, press the “Back” button or restart the wizard and select the option to “Browse the computer” and have it search the “USB_to_IO\ FTDI” location on the CD by clicking the “Browse” button.

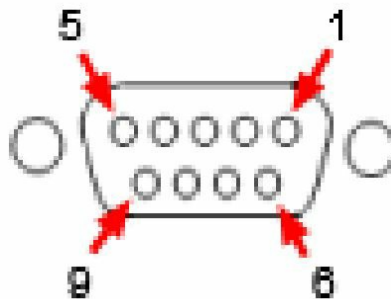
Verifying Installation

Windows 2000/ XP/ Vista/ 7

1. From the main desktop, right-click on “My Computer” (“Computer” in Vista/ 7), then select “Manage”. In the Computer Management window, select “Device Manager” from the left window panel.
2. Double-click on the “Ports (COM & LPT)” option. Additional COM port(s) should be visible. The port is automatically sequentially numbered by Windows, but can be changed through the “Properties” by right-clicking on the port.

Pinout

Pin	Signal
1	DCD
2	TxD
3	RxD
4	DTR
5	GND
6	DSR
7	RTS
8	CTS
9	RI



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Warranty Information

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FAQ's

What is the StarTech ICUSB232FTN FTDI USB to RS232 Null Modem Adapter?

The StarTech ICUSB232FTN is a USB to RS232 Null Modem Adapter that allows you to connect serial devices to a computer or laptop using a USB port, enabling serial communication and data transfer.

What is the purpose of this adapter?

This adapter is designed to bridge the gap between older serial devices that use RS232 communication and modern computers that often lack native RS232 ports. It enables compatibility and connectivity for legacy equipment.

What type of connector does it use?

The StarTech ICUSB232FTN adapter typically features a USB Type-A connector on one end and a DB9 RS232 serial connector on the other end.

Is it compatible with both Windows and macOS?

Yes, this adapter is often compatible with both Windows and macOS operating systems, making it versatile for different computer setups.

Does it require any additional drivers or software installation?

The adapter often requires drivers for proper installation and functionality. These drivers can be downloaded from the StarTech website and installed on your computer.

Is it suitable for connecting to various serial devices?

Yes, this adapter is commonly used to connect a wide range of serial devices, including modems, serial

printers, industrial equipment, and more.

What is the maximum data transfer rate it supports?

The data transfer rate may vary, but the StarTech ICUSB232FTN adapter typically supports data rates up to 921.6 Kbps, making it suitable for most serial communication needs.

Is it a plug-and-play device?

Once the drivers are installed, this adapter is often plug-and-play, meaning it should work automatically when connected to a computer's USB port.

Does it require an external power source?

No, this adapter is typically bus-powered, meaning it draws power from the USB port and does not require an external power source.

Is there a warranty provided with this adapter?

StarTech often offers a limited warranty for their products. The specific warranty terms and coverage may vary, so it's advisable to check the warranty details for your model.

Can it be used for programming or configuring network equipment?

Yes, this adapter is often used for programming and configuring network equipment such as routers, switches, and industrial networking devices that require serial communication.

Is it suitable for use in industrial environments?

Yes, this adapter is often designed to withstand the rigors of industrial environments and is suitable for connecting industrial equipment that uses RS232 communication.

References: [StarTech ICUSB232FTN FTDI USB to RS232 Null Modem Adapter – Device.report](#)