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## Serial Installation Guide

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### **NI-Serial Software Installation**

To install your NI-Serial software, follow these steps.

- 1. Log on as Administrator or as a user with administrator privileges.
- 2. Insert the NI-Serial media.
- 3. Run the NI-Serial for Windows installer.
- 4. For more information about installing your Serial interface, refer to the appropriate following section.

# PCI/PCI Express/PXI/PXI Express Serial Installation

Refer to the installed *Serial Hardware and Software Help* for more information about troubleshooting problems, configuring the hardware and software, programming requirements, and more.

- 1. Power down the computer, install your serial PCI, PCI Express, PXI, or PXI Express hardware, and power on the computer.
- 2. After Windows detects your hardware, open NI-Serial Troubleshooter.
- 3. The NI-Serial Troubleshooter window appears. This application verifies the software and hardware installation and sequentially tests each NI serial port.
- 4. Connect the cables.



#### **USB** Serial Installation



**Caution** The USB Serial device and the computer must share the same ground potential.

Refer to the installed *Serial Hardware and Software Help* for more information about troubleshooting problems, configuring the hardware and software, programming requirements, and more.

- 1. Restart the computer.
- 2. If you are installing a USB-485/4, connect the external power supply.
- 3. Connect the USB cable from the USB hardware to an available USB port on your computer or USB hub.
- 4. Open NI-Serial Troubleshooter.
- 5. The NI-Serial Troubleshooter window appears. This application verifies the software and hardware installation and sequentially tests each NI serial port.
- 6. Connect the cables.

#### **ENET** Serial Installation

Refer to the installed *Serial Hardware and Software Help* for more information about troubleshooting problems, configuring the hardware and software, programming requirements, and more.

- 1. Restart the computer.
- 2. Install your Serial ENET hardware.
  - a. Open NI-Serial ENET Wizard.
  - b. Follow the prompts to add your serial ENET interface(s). If you see the Hardware Installation dialog box, click **Continue Anyway**. You may see two Hardware Installation dialog boxes per port being installed.
  - c. When finished adding your serial ENET interface(s), restart your computer.
- 3. Open NI-Serial Troubleshooter.
- 4. The NI-Serial Troubleshooter window appears. This application verifies the software and hardware installation and sequentially tests each NI serial port.
- 5. Connect the cables.

#### ExpressCard Serial Installation

Refer to the installed *Serial Hardware and Software Help* for more information about troubleshooting problems, configuring the hardware and software, programming requirements, and more.

- 1. Restart the computer.
- 2. Insert your serial ExpressCard hardware.
- 3. Open NI-Serial Troubleshooter.
- 4. The NI-Serial Troubleshooter window appears. This application verifies the software and hardware installation and sequentially tests each NI serial port.
- 5. Connect the cables.

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