

If you ever have problems getting a device to install on a Windows machine or you would like to cleanup your device manager from the un-used drivers of every single hardware device you've ever connected to your computer, follow these instructions. The 'show hidden devices' option does not reveal the 'ghosted' devices by default.

Go to the System Properties dialog box, select the Advanced tab and click the Environment Variables button. In the Environment Variables dialog box, go to System Variables panel and click New. In the New System Variable dialog box, type `DEVMGR_SHOW_NONPRESENT_DEVICES` in the Variable Name box and type 1 in the Variable Value text box. Click OK twice. To view the non-present devices, go to device manager->View menu, and select Show Hidden Devices, then delete any device that shows up as greyed out