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ACT-IR100UD

USB to IrDA[®] SIR Adapter

User Manual



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REVISION HISTORY

Revision History		
Revision	Date	Comment
1.0.0	03/10/2008	Initial release
1.0.2	07/27/2010	Updated to all-in-1 Driver installation
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PRECAUTIONS

To ensure trouble-free operation, please observe the following precautions:

Optical communications are easily affected by external light sources, weak batteries, transfer distance, transfer angle, etc.

Any of these conditions may cause a data transfer failure, incomplete or missing data. Make sure that the wireless interface is away from direct sunlight and other strong light source.

- Do not terminate arbitrarily during file transfer process between ACT-IR100UD and computers until finished. Otherwise ACT-IR100UD internal data integrity may be damaged, which is due to the violation of ACT-IR100UD.
- Do not expose the unit to moisture, as this will damage the internal circuitry.
- Do not expose the unit to extreme temperatures. It should not be placed in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle, neither should it be placed near heaters nor other heat sources.
- Do not store the unit in a humid or dusty place.
- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the unit. Do not use a wet cloth or any solvent.
- Do not drop the unit or handle the unit carelessly.

CAUTION:

- Never touch the pins of computer connection terminal. The internal circuits can be damaged by an Electro Static Discharge. If this device requires any servicing, use only an ACTiSYS service dealer, an ACTiSYS approved service facility, or an ACTiSYS repair service.
- When exchanging data with host computer, be sure the appropriate serial communication port is available and is not in conflict with other peripheral device or software.

1. OVERVIEW

ACT-IR100UD is a highly integrated IrDA[®] Intelligent dongle with USB interface which is for Infrared communication. It handles all the details regarding IrDA protocols. It exchanges user data with the host device via USB interface. USB to RS232 Serial conversion device and its driver creates Virtual COM port for use.

2. FEATURES

- Supports mandatory IrDA layer: IrPHY[™], IrLAP[™], IrLMP[™] and IAS[™].
- Supports upper layers TinyTP[™], IrCOMM[™], IrLPT[™], and OBEX[™] transport.
- Supports host baud rate from 1.2 kbps to 115.2 kbps, which is changeable by COMSET Configuration utility; IrDA baud rate from 9.6 kbps to 115.2 kbps, which is flexible setting by IrDA devices.
- Supports both IrDA Primary and Secondary mode, changeable via COMSET Configuration utility.
- USB to RS232 Serial conversion device and its driver creates Virtual COM port, which has Less Latency time compared with any other virtual COM port, average 1.5 ms. While the latency of a real COM port is about 0.5ms.
- Fully compliant with USB 2.0 (Full speed, 12 Mbps).
- USB chip has 256 bytes outbound buffer and 256 bytes inbound buffer.
- IrDA chip has 2048 bytes IR frame buffer and 2048 bytes Host buffer.
- Nothing or minimum changes in user software, which are already working with ACT-IR100SD RS232 serial adapter.
- It is USB bus powered device. No need any external power supply.
- Supports Windows 98/ME/2000, [Win XP SP2/Vista/Win 7/8 \(32 & 64 bit\)](#), [Win Server 2003/Win Server 2008 \(32 & 64 bits\)](#), Mac OS (both Intel & Power PC), Linux, Windows-CE (ARM & x86)

3. PACKAGE CONTENT

ACT-IR100UD package contains the following items:

- ACT-IR100UD USB to IrDA SIR Adapter
- Installation CD, which includes:
 - Quick Start Guide
 - Setup file for installing configuration utility, manual and driver
 - Device driver for Windows
 - User Manual

4. SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

- Windows 98/ME/2000 SP4; Win XP SP2/Vista/Win7/Win8 (32 & 64 bit); Windows Server 2003/2008 (32 & 64 bit).
- At least 256MB RAM (512MB is recommended).
- CPU Speed 1.8 GHz or above.
- USB 1.1 port (or USB 2.0).

5. SETUP – UTILITY & DRIVER INSTALLATION

- **Note1:** [Be Sure] ACT-IR100UD USB dongle is **NOT** plugged into PC **until** you have installed the driver.
- **Note2:** From “Add or Remove Program” in Control Panel of Win 98/ME/2K/XP, or from “Programs and Features” in Control Panel of Windows Vista /Win 7/8, check if “**PL-2303 USB-to-Serial**” or “**PL-2303 Vista Driver Installer**” exists. If exists, please **remove it first**.
- Insert ACT-IR100UD Installation CD in your PC.
This will start the installation automatically.
Otherwise browse the CD and double click “**Auto.bat**” to start the installation for Windows.

5.1 Configuration Utility Installation

- A welcome screen for ACT-IR100UD configuration utility installer will show up. Click “**Next**” to continue.



- A “**License Agreement**” window will show up as below. Click “Yes” to continue.



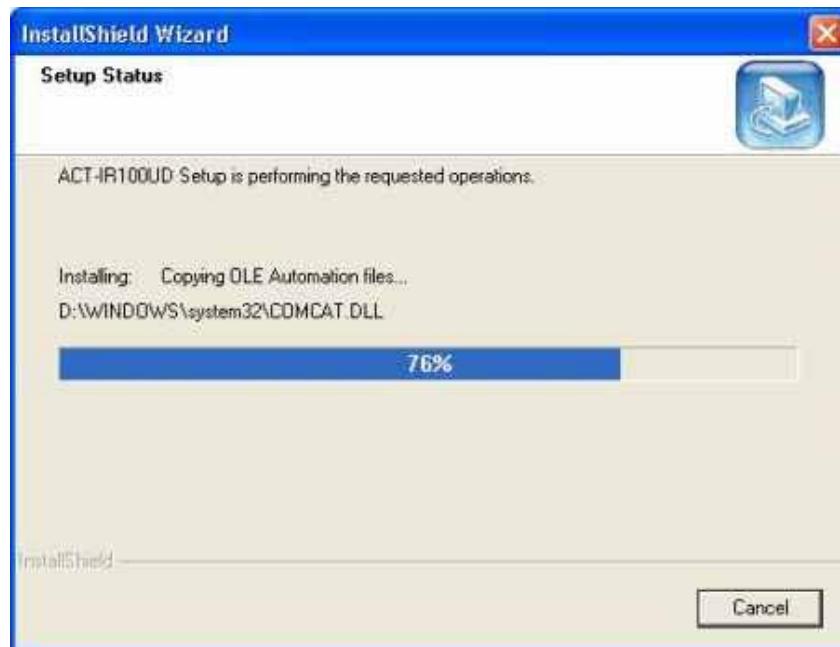
- Then a “**Choose Destination Location**” window will pop up as below. Click “**Next**” to continue.



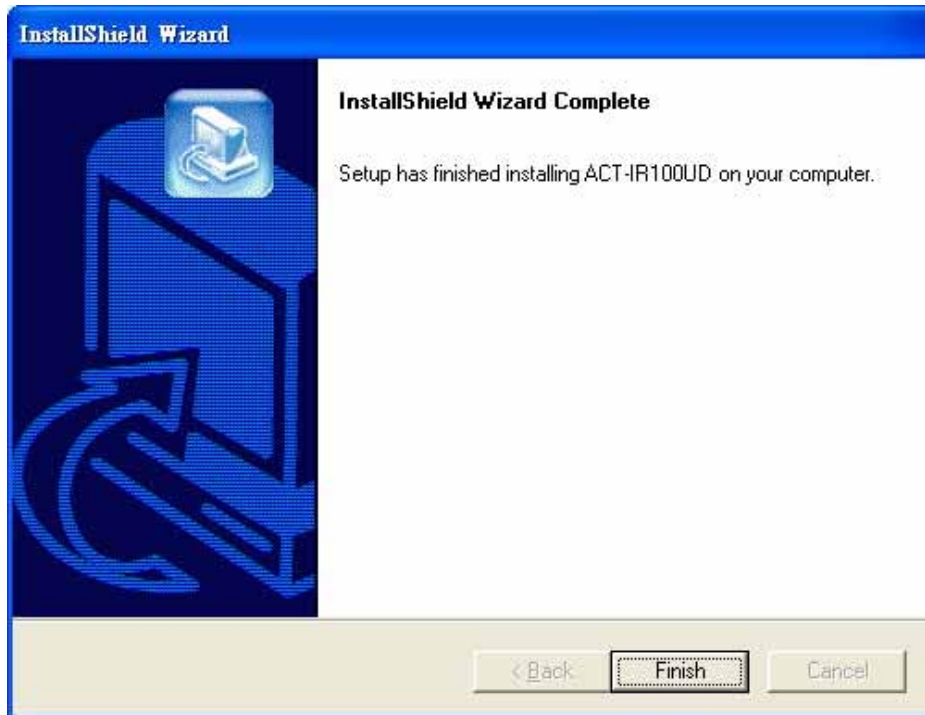
- You will be asked to “**Select Program Folder**”. Click “**Next**” to continue.



- You will see a “**Setup Status**” window as shown below.



- Click “**Finish**” to end the Utility installation.



5.2 Driver Installation

- After installing the Configuration Utility, setup will continue to install driver if you have not installed it beforehand (User can also manually select “**ACT-IR224UN-DriverInstaller_v1.7.0-20120801.exe**” in CD under “driver” folder for Windows 7 and under; or “**ACT-IR224UN-DriverInstaller_v1.5.0-20111021.exe**” for Windows 8 or 8.1.).
- **Note:** If you have already installed the driver previously for any other application, the setup program will auto detect the driver “**PL-2303 USB-to-Serial**” exists in your PC and will stop the installation automatically. Then you may skip this chapter.
- A welcome screen for ACT-IR100UD Driver installer will show up. Click “**Next**” to continue.



- Click **“Finish”** to close the Wizard window.



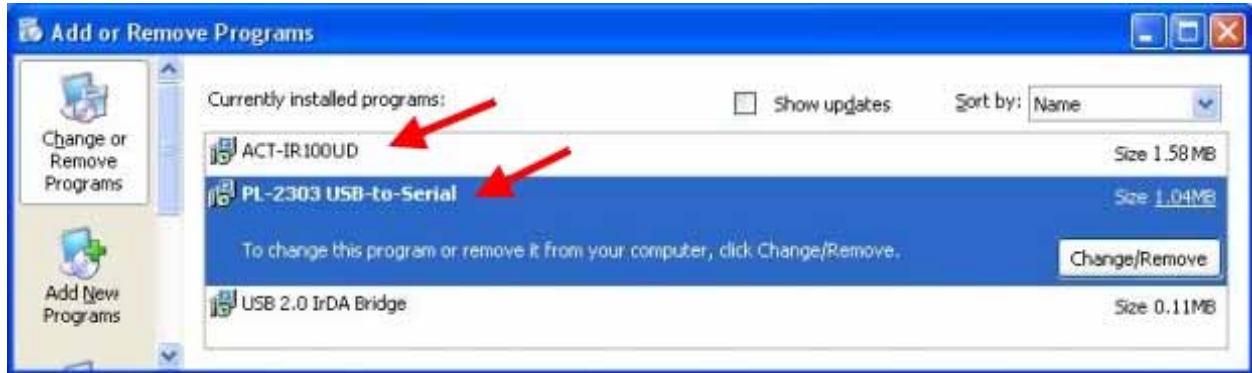
- Now plug ACT-IR100UD into USB port. System will pop up a **“Found New Hardware”** bubble window at the right corner of Tool Bar and display the message: **“Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port”** the first time you plug in.



6. INSTALLATION CHECK

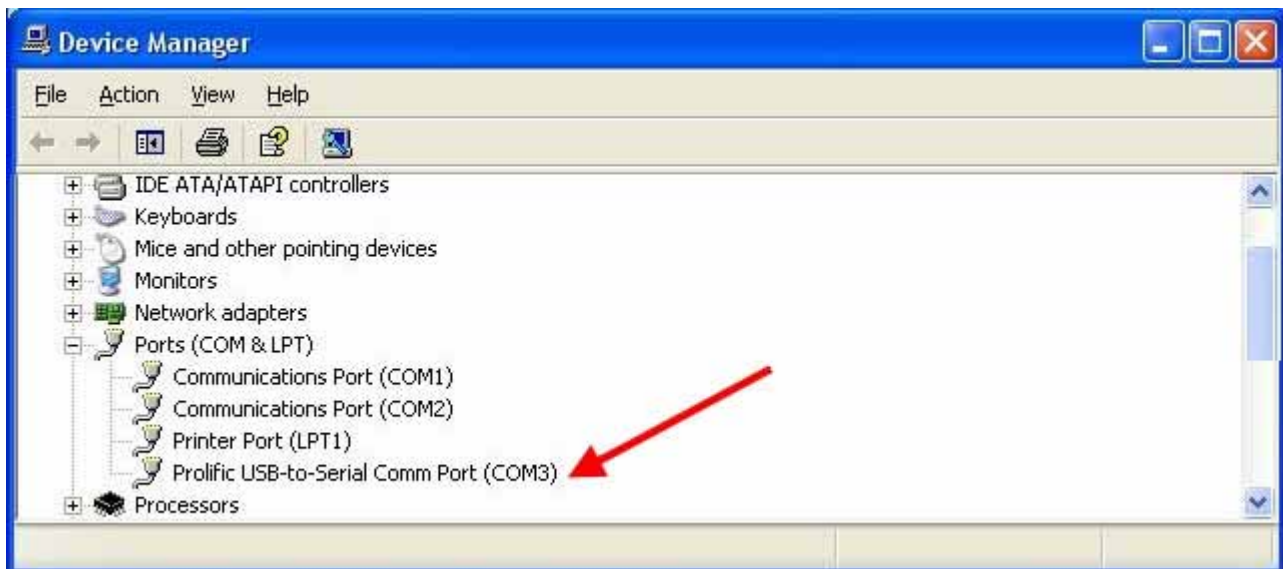
6.1 Add or Remove Programs Check

- Open the “Add or Remove Programs” window from **Control Panel**. Check if two programs exist: “ACT-IR100UD” and “PL-2303 USB-to-Serial”. See below:



6.2 Device Manager Check – COM Port Check

- To confirm if the installation is successful, look at the window from **Device Manager**.
- You will see the device described as “**Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COMx)**” installed under “**Ports (COM & LPT)**”, where COMx (e.g.,COM3) is the COM port number. This is the place you can check which virtual COM port this device is connected. See below.



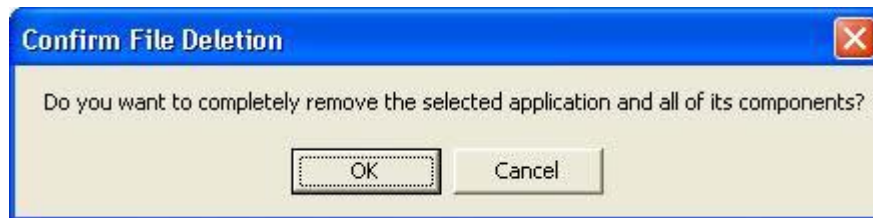
7. UNINSTALLATION PROCEDURE

7.1 Utility Uninstallation

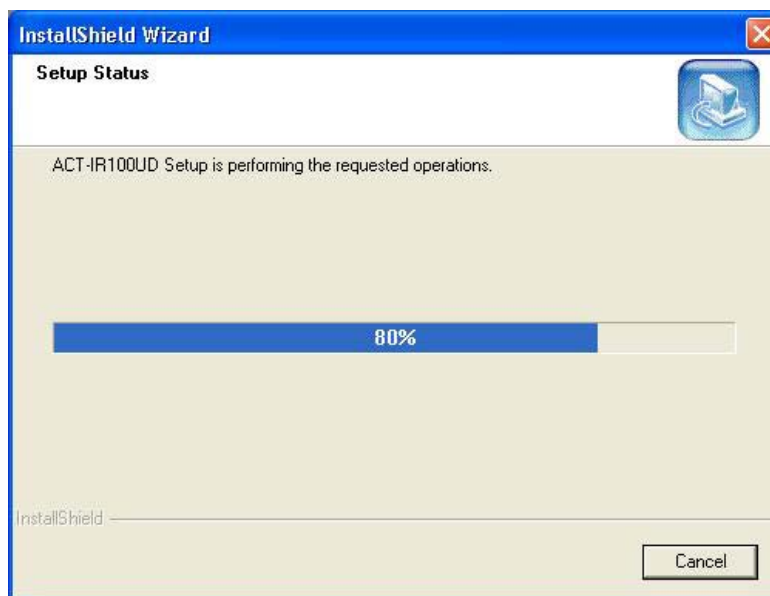
- Double click “Add or Remove Program” under “Control Panel”.



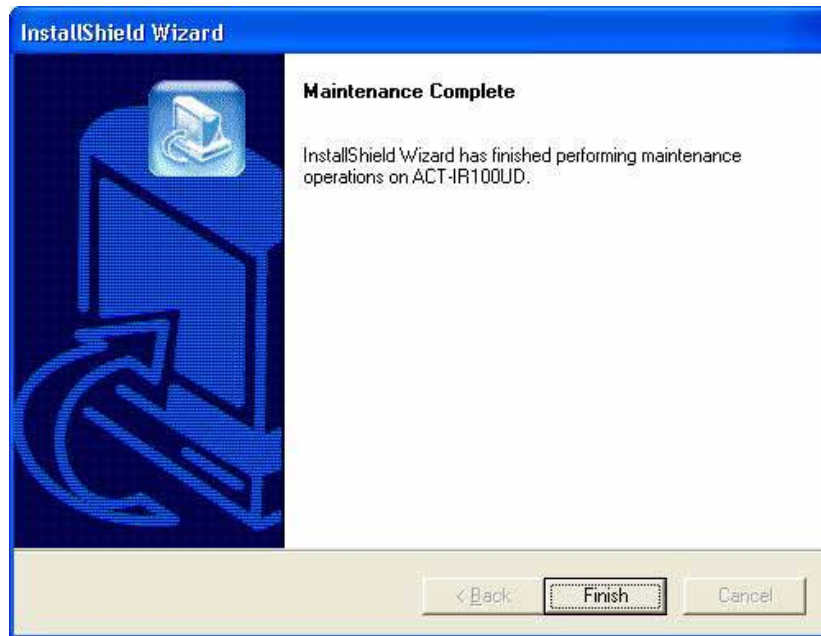
- Select “ACT-IR100UD” and click “Change/Remove” to remove the Utility.
- A “Confirm File Deletion” window will pop up. Click “OK” to continue.



- Then you will see a “Setup Status” window as below.



- When you see below **“Maintenance Complete”** window, click **“Finish”** to complete the Uninstallation.

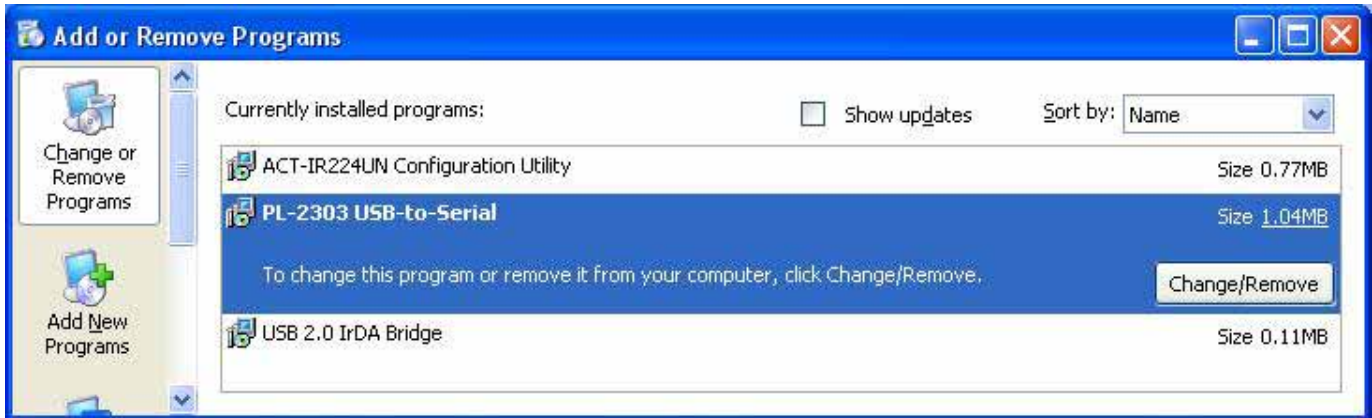


- Then you will see below **“Warning”** message reminding you to continue to **“remove Driver manually”**. Please refer to next section on **“Driver Uninstallation”**.

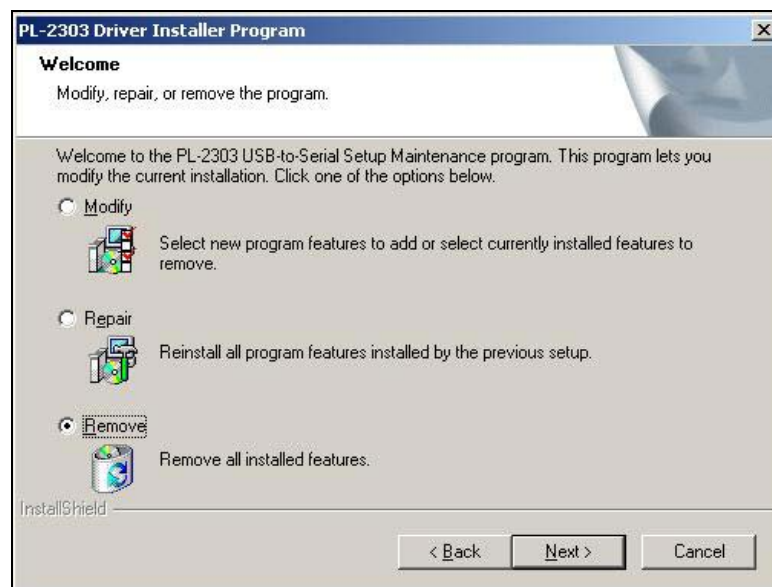


7.2 Driver Uninstallation

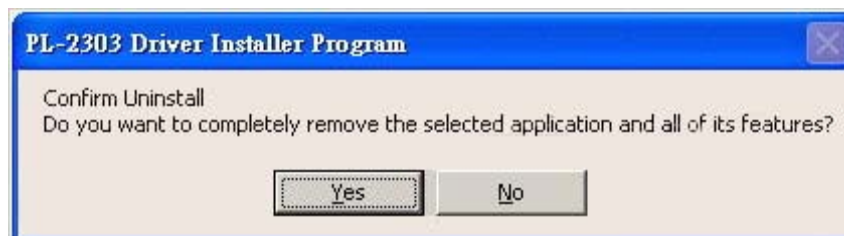
- Double click “Add or Remove Program” under “Control Panel”.



- Select “PL-2303 USB-to-Serial” and click “**Remove**”. It will pop up a **Welcome** window as below. Select “**Remove**”, then click “**Next>**”..



- It will ask you to confirm as below window. Click “**Yes**” to continue.



- After seeing “Uninstall Complete” window, click “**Finish**” to close the wizard.

8. OPERATING ACT-IR100UD

ACT-IR100UD uses virtual COM port created by Prolific USB to serial driver to connect with the host. And DSR is an input signal for ACT-IR100UD. All the operating procedures of ACT-IR100UD are triggered by DSR signal of virtual COM port from HOST except the time when DSR is ignored by PC utility. See next Chapter of “**Configuration Parameter Settings**” for details.

When DSR is pulled high level by HOST, ACT-IR100UD will send out *discovery* frames to outside and try to find some other IrDA devices if it is set to “**Primary**” mode.

Or ACT-IR100UD will be ready to receive discovery frame from any other Primary device if it is set to “**Secondary**” mode.

It depends on what mode you set in ACT-IR100UD.

When ACT-IR100UD is connecting to another IrDA device successfully via IR, it will **pull DSR signal to high**, which also means that Host can exchange data frame with another IrDA device. When **DSR** is pulled to low, it means that IR link no longer exists then.

9. COMMUNICATION PARAMETER SETTINGS



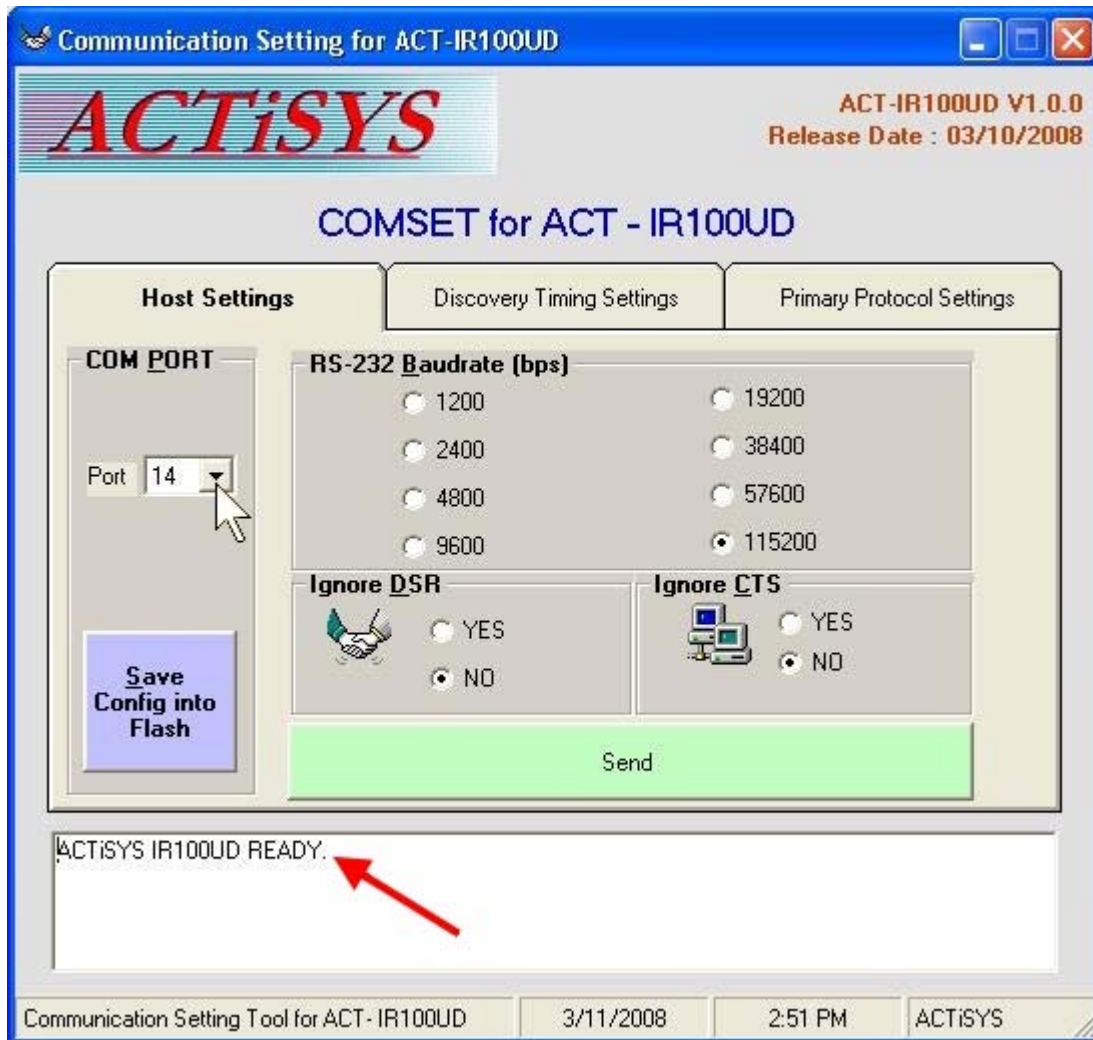
Above is a configuration utility to set parameters as per need. You can open this utility from:

Start => Program => ACTiSYS => ACT-IR100UD => ACT-IR100UD.

1. Plug in ACT-IR100UD dongle to USB port.
2. Check the correct COM port number which it is connected (Refer to [section 6.2](#) "COM Port Check").
3. Then select the correct COM port number at "Port" of "COM PORT" field as below figure. E.g., If your COM Port is 14, then you will see "ACTiSYS IR100UD READY" message as shown in below figure.

9.1 The First Tab: Host Settings

This is for baud rate selection and the hardware flow control.



9.2 Flow Control Note

Ignore CTS: If host device has no hardware flow control signals, only Tx, Rx and GND, then you have to select “YES” option. ACT-IR100UD will then pass the incoming data to host and not care the status of CTS (it will Ignore CTS). **Note: ACT-IR100UD is a buffer limited adapter (2K bytes for host and 2K bytes for IrDA). If this option has been selected to “YES”, then it may cause data loss because of no flow control. Whereas data loss can be solved if user can send data segment by segment and every segment not exceeding 2K bytes. But normally we recommend to select “NO” option on this field..**

Ignore DSR: If host system has no DSR signals, then this option should be set to “YES” to ignore DSR signal. This is what we recommend **only** when host device is Secondary. But since DSR signal will trigger ACT-IR100UD into Primary, if you select

“Primary/Secondary” on “Mode” option (on the 2nd tab) and set option to “Ignore DSR”, it will always be in Primary mode and no way to disconnect IrDA link once power on. In other words, once you set option “Ignore DSR” to “YES”, you will not be able to control ACT-IR100UD at all until power off and set it to “NO”. So normally we recommend to select “NO” on this option.

9.3 The Second Tab: Discovery Timing Settings

This is to set the Mode of ACT-IR100UD, the discovery slot number and discovery time interval.



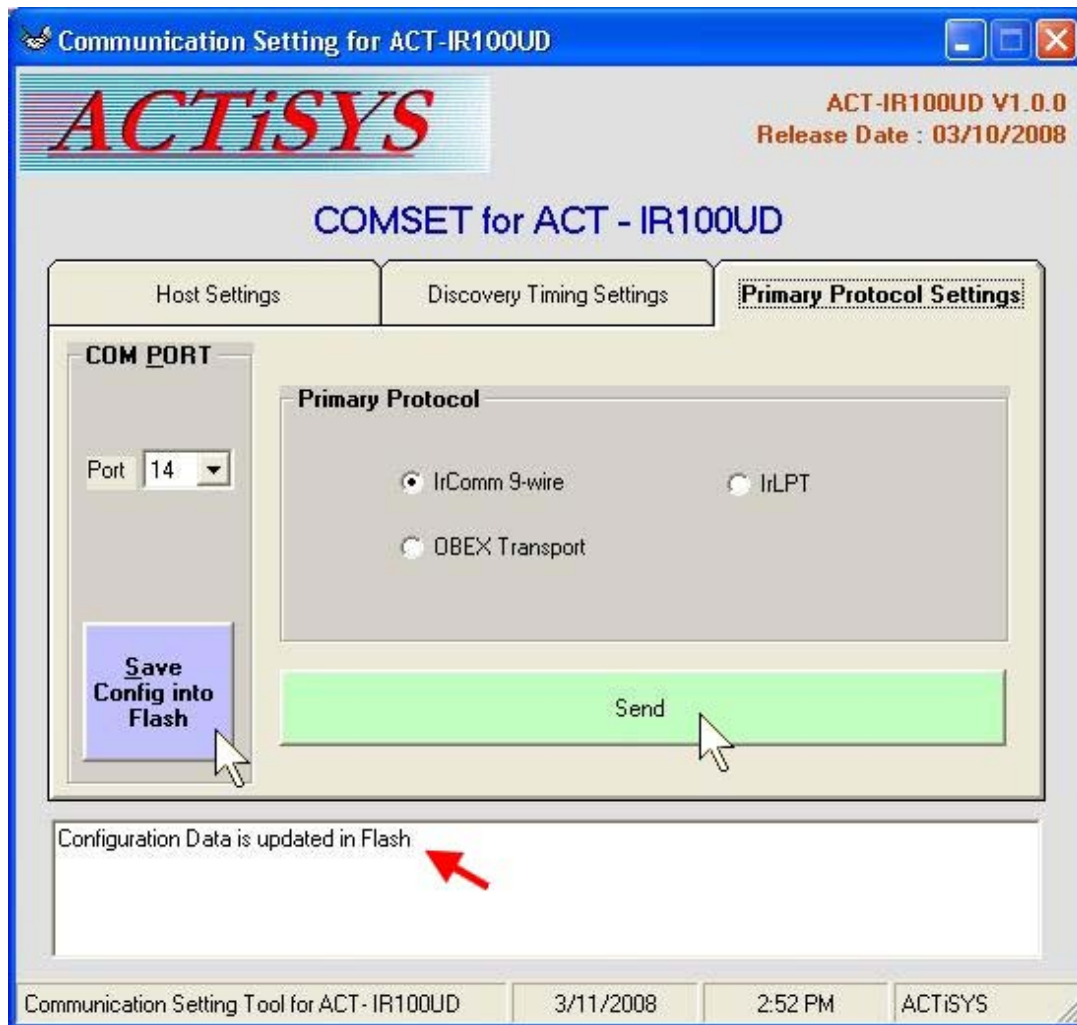
9.3.1 ACT-IR100UD supports both Primary and Secondary mode.

9.3.2 Discovery Slot can make discovery process faster or slower.

9.3.3 Discovery time should be 3 seconds in general. You can change it if you want the discovery process faster or slower.

9.4 The Third Tab: Primary Protocol Settings

This is to set the IrDA protocols when ACT-IR100UD is in Primary Mode as per application.



- **[Save Configuration Note]:** If you change any parameter, be sure to click “Send” button on the tab you have changed first. Then click “Save Config into Flash” so that all the changes can be saved successfully as above figure.

9.5 Factory Default Settings

ACT-IR100UD is configured for the following factory default settings.

Configuration Parameter	Default Setting Value	Customization Option
Host baud rate	115.2 Kbps	Can be changed through config setting
Data format	8N1	
Device role mode	Primary/Secondary	Can be changed through config setting
Primary protocol	IrCOMM 9 wire	Can be changed through config setting
Ignore DSR/CTS	No (Active)	Can be changed through config setting
Discovery time	3 seconds	Can be changed through config setting
Discovery slots	6	Can be changed through config setting

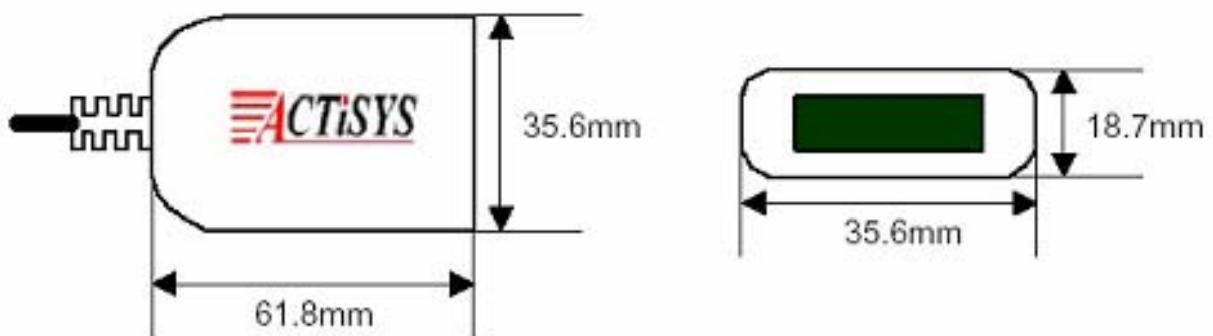
10. LED BEHAVIOR

Activities	LED Behavior	Remark
Power Turned On	LED blinks rapidly one time & then off	
Set Dongle to Primary mode & DSR activated	LED blinks every 3 seconds	Discovering any other IrDA device.
Set Dongle to Secondary mode & DSR activated	LED stays off	It is in stand by status.
Dongle is connected to another IrDA device	LED blinks rapidly.	The blinking speed is based on how fast both devices send and reply frames to each other.

11. CHARACTERISTICS AND SPECIFICATION

Parameter	MIN.	Typical	MAX.	Units
DC supply voltage		5.0	5.2	V
USB signal threshold level	4.8	5V	5.5	V
DC current (Ready mode)	40	42.5	44	mA
DC current (Active Receive mode)	44	44.8	46	mA
DC current (Active Transmit mode)	55	59.5	62	mA
Infrared Transmitting range	1	158	200	cm
Operating temperature range, TA	0		60	°C

12. ACT-IR100UD DONGLE DIMENSIONS



Cable Length: 120 cm.

13. WARRANTY INFORMATION

ACTiSYS Corporation warrants the first end-user purchaser, for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase, that this wireless interface (The Product) will be free from defective workmanship and materials, and agrees that it will, at its option, either repair the defect or replace the defective Product or part thereof at no charge to the purchaser for parts or for labor.

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