

SUBJECT: **WACOM Tablet Driver Support**
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Today Wacom Technology Corp. posted a new driver (release candidate) for professional pen tablets for use with PCs running **Windows Vista (32 or 64 bit) or Windows XP (32 or 64 bit)**.

The driver supports the **USB versions of all Intuos3 (PTZ), Intuos2 (XD), Intuos (GD), CintiqPartner & Graphire2 (ET-0405A) pen tablets** and the **Cintiq 12WX, 20WSX, 21UX, 18SX, & 15X pen displays**.

The driver can be downloaded from WTC's website at www.wacom.com/productsupport/select.cfm. Save the file to your computer and then double-click on it to launch the installer.

Wacom implemented the following additional changes and improvements in 6.1.0-6:

- An LED settings problem with some of the supported tablets was resolved.

Wacom implemented the following additional changes and improvements in 6.1.0-5:

- A potential system stability issue when disconnecting the tablet plug was resolved.
- Zooming with the Touch Strip in graphics applications was harmonized to go into the same direction always.

Wacom implemented the following changes and improvements in 6.1.0-3c:

- For Cintiq 21UX, 20WSX and 12WX, the previous Pop-Up Menu was replaced by a Radial Menu (customers who previously used the Pop-Up Menu need to reset the Pop-Up Menu tab to default and relaunch the control panel for the Radial Menu controls to show up).
- Numerous smaller bug fixes and improvements were implemented.

Wacom recommends all users that installed driver version 6.1.0-3c to upgrade to driver version 6.1.0-6.

IMPORTANT:

- **USB tablet required.**
- **Support for serial tablets is being phased out.** Serial tablet support remains in this driver, however, no testing has been done. No further driver revisions will be done to correct serial tablet issues. The recommended driver for serial tablets on Vista 32 bit, XP 32 bit and 2000 is version 6.05-7. ArtZ/ArtZ2/Artpad (UD or KT) tablets are not supported in Vista and require driver version 4.78 for XP32 bit and 2000. Connection via a serial to USB adapters is not supported as connectivity is dependent on the adapter's ability to correctly identify serial ports.
- **Support for Windows 2000 is being phased out.** Windows 2000 support remains in this driver, however, no testing has been done. No further driver revisions will occur for issues specific to

Windows 2000. Support is not provided for Windows 2000 using driver 6.08-4a and greater. Driver version 6.05-7 is recommended for Windows 2000. Questions or concerns regarding serial or Windows 2000 support can be directed to <http://www.wacom.com/productsupport/email.cfm>

Pen input features in Windows Vista

- On Windows Vista, installation of the driver will activate the pen input functions available within Vista and Office 2007 (see www.wacom.com/vista/VistaPenExperience.pdf for details).
- The Vista Flicks and Press-and-hold-to-right-click features are disabled in most graphics applications (all that use the Wintab API). This is a workaround to improve drawing performance in these applications when those features are on.
- There is no pressure sensitivity in Journal and other Vista Ink features when both Flicks and Press-and-hold-to-right-click are disabled in the Vista “Pen and Input Devices” control panel. This is a workaround for spurious double-clicks issued by Vista under that setting.

General notes

- For users with Wacom tablet drivers older than 6.05: For best results, uninstall any drivers older than 6.05-7, restart and temporarily disable antivirus software and Vista’s Windows Defender. Then install this driver. After completing the installation, re-enable your antivirus software and Vista’s Windows Defender.
(To disable or enable Vista’s Windows Defender, go to Start – All Programs – Windows Defender. Then select Tools – Options. Under Administrator options [at the very bottom], select or clear the Use Windows Defender check box, and then click Save. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.)
- This driver supports only the professional tablets listed above. For concurrent use of a consumer Wacom tablet, you need to install a separate Pen Tablet driver v 5.05 or later. It is good practice to check the driver release dates and install the older driver first, followed by the newer one. These two drivers can be added or removed independently of each other.
- To uninstall a driver, go to Start - Control Panels and select “Programs and Features” (Vista) or “Add or Remove Programs” (XP). Find the entry for the Wacom pen tablet driver in the list of applications, and then select the Uninstall button located at the top of the application list. Restart your computer before installing a new driver.
- To remove the preferences file and restore all default settings, open Start – All Programs – Wacom Tablet – Tablet Preference File Utility. Then select to remove the preferences file(s). You must authenticate yourself as an administrator to be able to remove all users’ preferences.

This release candidate (RC) has passed the Wacom-internal QA cycle and is scheduled for release to manufacturing on January 5, 2009. If users of this driver find significant issues, Wacom will seek to fix them and post a revised release candidate of this driver version.

Users may submit bug reports at www.wacom.com/productsupport/reportdefect.cfm. Wacom quality assurance validates these bug reports, but does not provide technical support and usually will not send a reply directly to users who submit a bug on this page. Wacom does appreciate your bug submissions and these submissions do help us to improve our drivers in significant ways. If you require technical support, please point your browser to www.wacom.com/productsupport/ for Technical Support contact information.

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