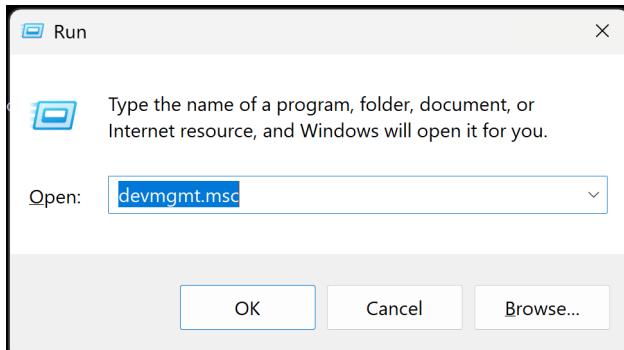


Endpoint security (EPS) USB security exercise

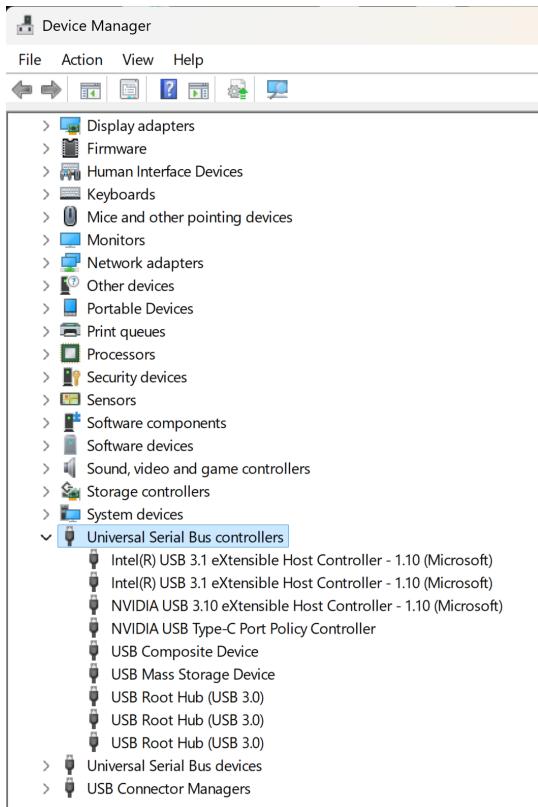
Windows: Disabling USB Storage

Step 1: Open Device Manager

1. Press **Windows + R**, type devmgmt.msc, and press **Enter**.

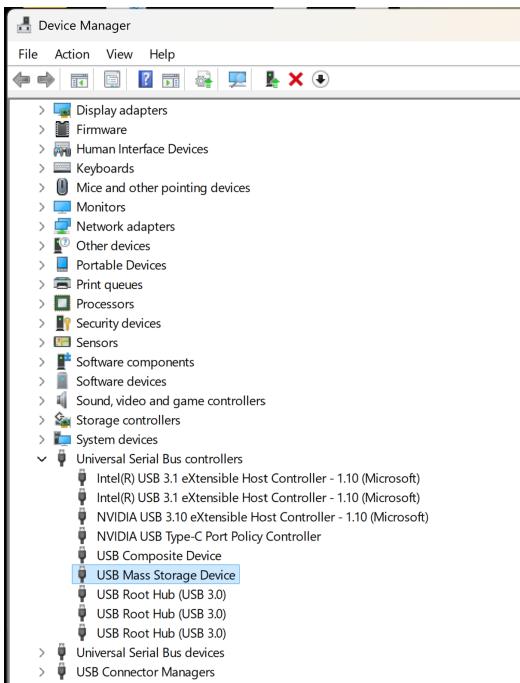


2. This opens **Device Manager**, where all hardware devices are listed



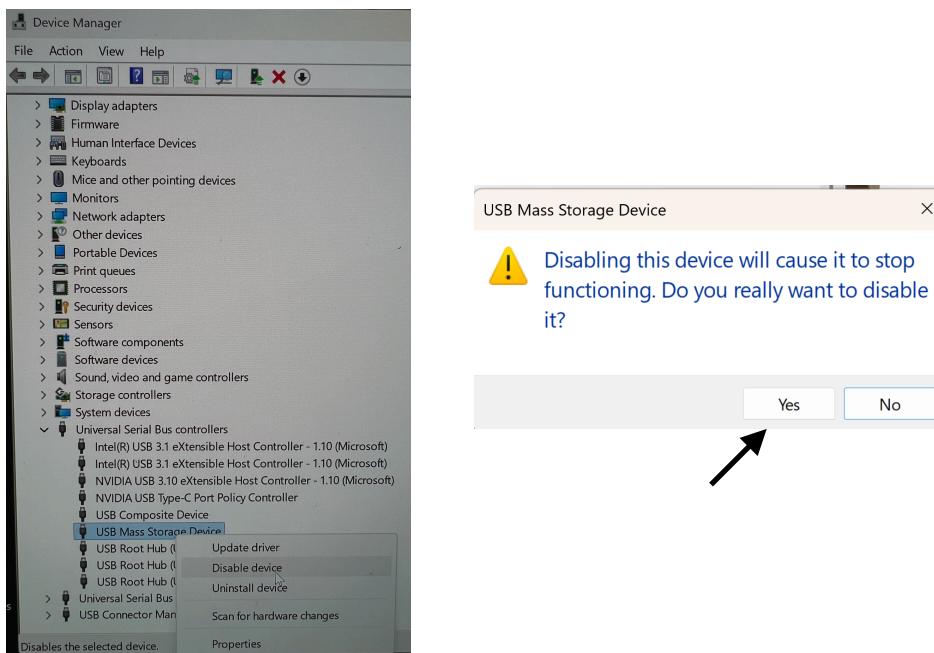
Step 2: Locate USB Mass Storage Devices

1. Expand **Universal Serial Bus controllers**.
2. Look for entries like **USB Mass Storage Device**.

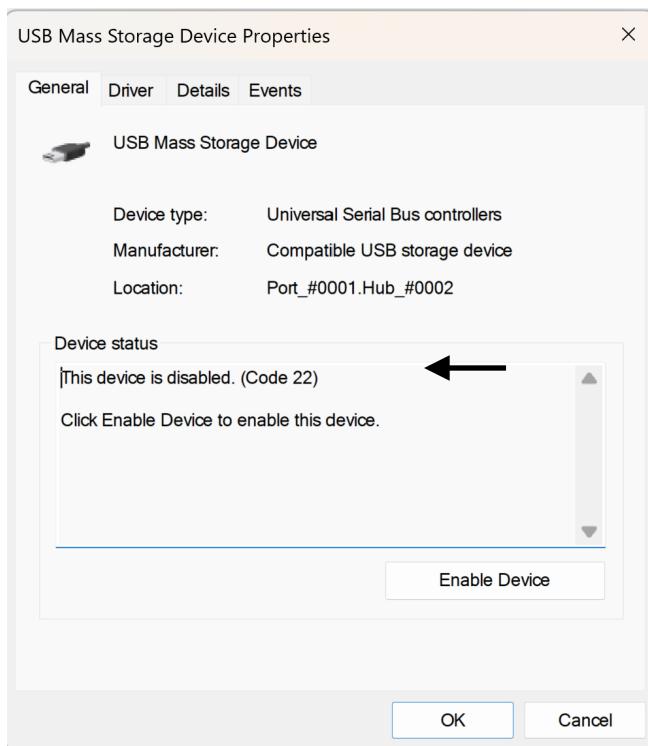


Step 3: Disable USB Device

1. Right-click the **USB Mass Storage Device** → **Disable device**.
2. A warning may appear → click **Yes**.



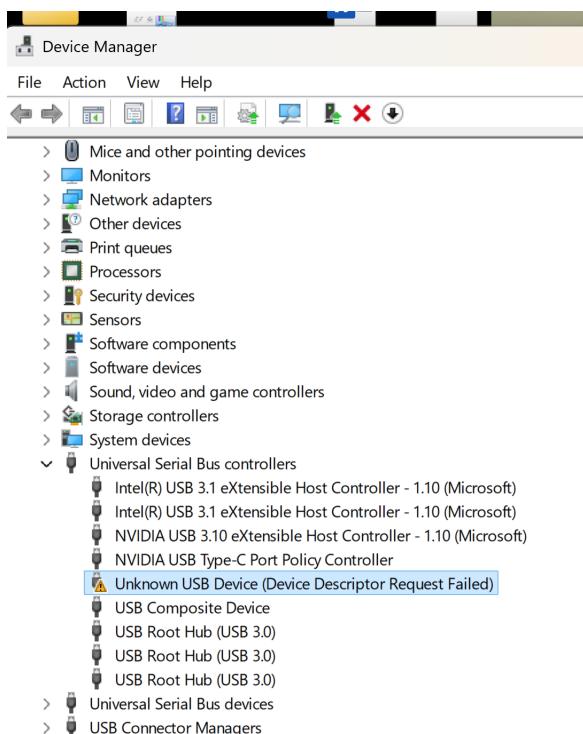
3. The USB ports for storage are now disabled (data cannot be read/written).



⚠ Note: This does not disable keyboards/mice; those are separate devices.

Step 4: Verify

- Plug in a USB drive → it should **not appear** in Explorer / Device Manager with the yellow triangle or “disabled” status.



Step 5: Re-enable USB

- Right-click the device → **Enable device** to restore functionality.

