

Supplemental Reading Windows

Devices and Drivers

For an Introduction to Plug and Play click [here](#).

As discussed in the previous lecture video, when Windows notices that a new device has been connected, the first thing it will do is ask the device that's been plugged in for its Hardware ID. For more information on hardware identification click [here](#).

Once Windows has the Hardware ID of the new device, the OS uses that ID to search for the right driver for the device, For more information on this click [here](#).

It looks in a few places for the driver, starting with a local list of well-known drivers, then going onto Windows Update or the Driver Store. For more information click [here](#).