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**< Device Information ~ Beceem BCSM250 Mobile WiMAX modem 198f:bccd -> 198f:0220****Xander** ▢ Posted: Fri Feb 19, 2010 11:49 pm 

Joined: Hi!

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I have successfully switched to the modem mode using this addition to udev rules:

Code:

```
# Beceem BCSM250
ATTRS{idVendor}=="198f", ATTRS{idProduct}=="bccd", RUN+="/usr/share/usb_modeswitch
/usb_modeswitch.sh '%b/%k'"
```

and this config file:

Code:

```
#####
# Beceem BCSM250

DefaultVendor= 0x198f
DefaultProduct=0xbccd


TargetVendor= 0x198f
TargetProduct= 0x0220

CheckSuccess=20

MessageEndpoint=2
MessageContent="55534243f0298d8124000000800006bc626563240000000000000000000000"
```

MessageContent value was gathered using UsbSnoop.

Thank you!

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top**Josh**▢ Posted: Sat Feb 20, 2010 1:07 am 

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Cool, thanks!

Admin

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I'll add the device to the configuration. If you give me a name (PM) I'll write it in as the contributor.

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top**Xander**▢ Posted: Sat Feb 20, 2010 8:49 am 

Joined: Sent it.

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BTW, I noticed that after the switch an 'option' driver is binded to the device. And it seems that usb\_modeswitch did it. However I'm quite sure that it should not be handled by an 'option' driver. Can I stop this somehow?

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**Josh**

Posted: Sat Feb 20, 2010 4:22 pm



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Admin

If it provides serial interfaces, then the "option" is the way to go. It's an optimized driver for high-speed serial devices.

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The generic serial USB driver is not recommended.

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If there was a special driver for your device class, it would have been bound automatically. If the interfaces have a class of "255", this means vendor-specific and they are most likely serial ports.

You can check with a "lsusb -v -d 198f:0220". Look for "InterfaceClass".

To disable the driver loading, comment out line 319 in /lib/udev/usb\_modeswitch (the "echo" command). I will add a proper switch in the next version.

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**Xander**

▣Posted: Sat Feb 20, 2010 7:19 pm



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Its class is indeed 0xff, but I'm quite sure that it isn't a usb-serial device. There is no working driver for it yet, but I know the protocol partially.

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**spoom**

Posted: Wed Mar 17, 2010 8:29 am



Joined:  
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Thank you!

Hi !

I am new here so, please, can you write it down step by step the procedure? I just can't make it work under 9.10!  
Thank you!

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**Josh** ▢Posted: Wed Mar 17, 2010 10:01 am



Site It's already included in the test version 1.1.1beta (see USB\_ModeSwitch main page).

Admin

Joined: But - as Xander said - there is probably no driver yet, so switching is not really useful right now.

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**GChriss** ▢Posted: Tue Jul 06, 2010 5:07 am



Joined: I have a Beceem Communications Inc. (198f0220) / Sierra Wireless, Inc. (1199:0301) 250U card from Sprint.

05 Jul Windows 7 reports the following newly-installed drivers:

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Generic USB Hub

Sierra Wireless Device

Sierra Wireless Modem

Sierra Wireless DM Port (COM10)

Sierra Wireless CnS Port (COM9)

Sierra Wireless NMEA Port (COM7)

WiMAX Bus Driver

Sierra Wireless Network Adapter

WiMAX Network Adapter

Additional info is listed here: <http://www.evdoforums.com/thread13930.html>

I obtained a basic USB dump, but the supplied Sprint client appears to route traffic in some sort of non-USB manner (serial?) after initial device setup. If the 250U doesn't act as a USB key, is USB\_ModeSwitch necessary?

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**Josh** ▢Posted: Tue Jul 06, 2010 8:50 am



Site I don't understand - are you asking about the Beceem or the Sierra ? These are two different devices, aren't they ?

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**GChriss** ▢Posted: Wed Jul 07, 2010 1:58 am



Joined: This is a single, dual-mode USB modem with GPS capabilities. Documented here:

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[http://www.sierrawireless.com/productsandservices/AirCard/USBModems/aircard\\_250U.aspx](http://www.sierrawireless.com/productsandservices/AirCard/USBModems/aircard_250U.aspx)

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**Josh** ▢Posted: Wed Jul 07, 2010 7:13 am



Site Ah, I see. There seem to be two chipsets included.

Admin

Joined:

02 Nov

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GChriss wrote:

If the 250U doesn't act as a USB key, is USB\_ModeSwitch necessary?

If you see a memory stick when plugging the device in Linux, you probably need to switch the mode somehow.

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For a definitive answer please post the output of "lsusb -v -d <inital-vendor-id>:<initial-product-id>" (run as superuser).

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**GChriss** ▯ Posted: Wed Jul 07, 2010 3:05 pm



Joined: Both 198f:0220 and 1199:0301 register simultanesouly upon plugin, but neither looks like USB mass storage.  
05 Jul 2010 Any ideas on how to connect to the internet with this device, or have Linux drivers simply not been developed?  
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lsusb -v -d 1199:0301

Code:

```
Bus 003 Device 057: ID 1199:0301 Sierra Wireless, Inc.
Device Descriptor:
  bLength                18
  bDescriptorType        1
  bcdUSB                 1.10
  bDeviceClass            0 (Defined at Interface level)
  bDeviceSubClass         0
  bDeviceProtocol         0
  bMaxPacketSize0        64
  idVendor                0x1199 Sierra Wireless, Inc.
  idProduct               0x0301
  bcdDevice               0.03
  iManufacturer          1 Sierra Wireless, Incorporated
  iProduct                2 Sierra Wireless Device
  iSerial                 4 124Vx00000000
  bNumConfigurations      1
Configuration Descriptor:
  bLength                9
  bDescriptorType        2
  wTotalLength           81
  bNumInterfaces         1
  bConfigurationValue     1
  iConfiguration         0
  bmAttributes            0xa0
    (Bus Powered)
    Remote Wakeup
  MaxPower                500mA
Interface Descriptor:
  bLength                9
  bDescriptorType        4
  bInterfaceNumber       0
  bAlternateSetting       0
  bNumEndpoints          9
  bInterfaceClass        255 Vendor Specific Class
  bInterfaceSubClass     255 Vendor Specific Subclass
  bInterfaceProtocol     255 Vendor Specific Protocol
  iInterface              3 Data Interface
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength                7
  bDescriptorType        5
  bEndpointAddress       0x81  EP 1 IN
  bmAttributes            3
    Transfer Type        Interrupt
    Synch Type           None
    Usage Type           Data
```

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wMaxPacketSize    0x0010    1x 16 bytes
bInterval          128
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x82    EP 2 IN
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x02    EP 2 OUT
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x84    EP 4 IN
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x04    EP 4 OUT
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x85    EP 5 IN
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength           7
  bDescriptorType    5
  bEndpointAddress   0x05    EP 5 OUT
  bmAttributes       2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize    0x0040    1x 64 bytes
  bInterval          0

```

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Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength                7
  bDescriptorType        5
  bEndpointAddress      0x88  EP 8 IN
  bmAttributes           2
    Transfer Type        Bulk
    Synch Type           None
    Usage Type           Data
  wMaxPacketSize         0x0040  1x 64 bytes
  bInterval              0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength                7
  bDescriptorType        5
  bEndpointAddress      0x08  EP 8 OUT
  bmAttributes           2
    Transfer Type        Bulk
    Synch Type           None
    Usage Type           Data
  wMaxPacketSize         0x0040  1x 64 bytes
  bInterval              0
Device Status:          0x0000
  (Bus Powered)

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`lsusb -v -d 198f:0220`

```

Code:
Bus 003 Device 058: ID 198f:0220 Beceem Communications Inc.
Device Descriptor:
  bLength                18
  bDescriptorType        1
  bcdUSB                 2.00
  bDeviceClass           255 Vendor Specific Class
  bDeviceSubClass        255 Vendor Specific Subclass
  bDeviceProtocol        255 Vendor Specific Protocol
  bMaxPacketSize0        64
  idVendor               0x198f Beceem Communications Inc.
  idProduct              0x0220
  bcdDevice              0.01
  iManufacturer          1 Beceem Communications Inc.
  iProduct               2 Mobile WiMax SS
  iSerial               3 MSB220
  bNumConfigurations     1
Configuration Descriptor:
  bLength                9
  bDescriptorType        2
  wTotalLength           111
  bNumInterfaces         1
  bConfigurationValue    1
  iConfiguration         0
  bmAttributes           0xa0
    (Bus Powered)
    Remote Wakeup
  MaxPower               500mA
Interface Descriptor:
  bLength                9
  bDescriptorType        4

```

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bInterfaceNumber      0
bAlternateSetting      0
bNumEndpoints         6
bInterfaceClass        255 Vendor Specific Class
bInterfaceSubClass     255 Vendor Specific Subclass
bInterfaceProtocol     255 Vendor Specific Protocol
iInterface             0
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x81  EP 1 IN
  bmAttributes         2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize       0x0040  1x 64 bytes
  bInterval            1
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x02  EP 2 OUT
  bmAttributes         2
    Transfer Type      Bulk
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize       0x0040  1x 64 bytes
  bInterval            1
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x83  EP 3 IN
  bmAttributes         1
    Transfer Type      Isochronous
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize       0x0000  1x 0 bytes
  bInterval            1
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x04  EP 4 OUT
  bmAttributes         1
    Transfer Type      Isochronous
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize       0x0000  1x 0 bytes
  bInterval            1
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x85  EP 5 IN
  bmAttributes         3
    Transfer Type      Interrupt
    Synch Type         None
    Usage Type         Data
  wMaxPacketSize       0x0008  1x 8 bytes
  bInterval            4
Endpoint Descriptor:
  bLength              7
  bDescriptorType      5
  bEndpointAddress     0x06  EP 6 OUT
  bmAttributes         3

```



```

        Transfer Type          Interrupt
        Synch Type             None
        Usage Type             Data
        wMaxPacketSize         0x0008  1x 8 bytes
        bInterval              4
Interface Descriptor:
    bLength                    9
    bDescriptorType            4
    bInterfaceNumber           0
    bAlternateSetting           1
    bNumEndpoints              6
    bInterfaceClass             255  Vendor Specific Class
    bInterfaceSubClass          255  Vendor Specific Subclass
    bInterfaceProtocol          255  Vendor Specific Protocol
    iInterface                  0
Endpoint Descriptor:
    bLength                    7
    bDescriptorType            5
    bEndpointAddress           0x81  EP 1 IN
    bmAttributes                2
        Transfer Type          Bulk
        Synch Type             None
        Usage Type             Data
    wMaxPacketSize             0x0040  1x 64 bytes
    bInterval                  1
Endpoint Descriptor:
    bLength                    7
    bDescriptorType            5
    bEndpointAddress           0x02  EP 2 OUT
    bmAttributes                2
        Transfer Type          Bulk
        Synch Type             None
        Usage Type             Data
    wMaxPacketSize             0x0040  1x 64 bytes
    bInterval                  1
Endpoint Descriptor:
    bLength                    7
    bDescriptorType            5
    bEndpointAddress           0x83  EP 3 IN
    bmAttributes                1
        Transfer Type          Isochronous
        Synch Type             None
        Usage Type             Data
    wMaxPacketSize             0x0040  1x 64 bytes
    bInterval                  1
Endpoint Descriptor:
    bLength                    7
    bDescriptorType            5
    bEndpointAddress           0x04  EP 4 OUT
    bmAttributes                1
        Transfer Type          Isochronous
        Synch Type             None
        Usage Type             Data
    wMaxPacketSize             0x0040  1x 64 bytes
    bInterval                  1
Endpoint Descriptor:
    bLength                    7
    bDescriptorType            5
    bEndpointAddress           0x85  EP 5 IN
    bmAttributes                3
        Transfer Type          Interrupt
        Synch Type             None

```

```

Usage Type          Data
wMaxPacketSize      0x0008 1x 8 bytes
bInterval           4
Endpoint Descriptor:
bLength              7
bDescriptorType      5
bEndpointAddress     0x06 EP 6 OUT
bmAttributes         3
Transfer Type        Interrupt
Synch Type           None
Usage Type          Data
wMaxPacketSize      0x0008 1x 8 bytes
bInterval           4
Device Qualifier (for other device speed):
bLength              10
bDescriptorType      6
bcdUSB               2.00
bDeviceClass         255 Vendor Specific Class
bDeviceSubClass      255 Vendor Specific Subclass
bDeviceProtocol      255 Vendor Specific Protocol
bMaxPacketSize0      64
bNumConfigurations   1
Device Status:       0x0000
(Bus Powered)

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**Josh**

Posted: Wed Jul 07, 2010 4:24 pm



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Joined:  
02 Nov  
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Wow!! You plug one device in and you get two IDs ?  
That's something new!

Your lsusb output shows that there is no storage with drivers anywhere on the device. This means it's ready to use (sort of) and doesn't need a mode switch.

Does the device come with a driver CD ? If not, is Windows installing any drivers upon plug-in ?

Regarding Linux drivers: there is a good chance that you get the 3/4G part of the device running. Try this:

Code:

```
# modprobe -v option
# echo "1199 0301" > /sys/bus/usb-serial/drivers/option1/new_id
```

If you get some ttyUSB ports in /dev, try to connect using ttyUSB0 (or the lowest that was generated).

About the Beceem see the earlier post in this topic:

[http://www.draisberghof.de/usb\\_modeswitch/bb/viewtopic.php?p=1940#1940](http://www.draisberghof.de/usb_modeswitch/bb/viewtopic.php?p=1940#1940)

Funny "coincidence" on the Beceem web site - they are offering employment for someone able to write Linux USB drivers:

[http://www.beceem.com/careers\\_jobs/host\\_driver\\_engineer\\_sc.html](http://www.beceem.com/careers_jobs/host_driver_engineer_sc.html)

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**GChriss**

Posted: Mon Jul 12, 2010 10:20 pm



Joined:  
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2010

There is nothing special that happens when you plug the modem into a Windows machine, unless you first ran the installation CD.

Posts: 5

`echo "1199 0301"` did indeed register /dev/ttyUSB0 -- and no other ttyUSB\* devices.

Code:

```
wvdialconf /etc/wvdial.conf
Editing `/etc/wvdial.conf'.

Scanning your serial ports for a modem.

ttyS0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 -- failed with 2400 baud, next try: 9600 baud
ttyS0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 -- failed with 9600 baud, next try: 115200 baud
ttyS0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 -- and failed too at 115200, giving up.
Modem Port Scan<*1>: S1 S2 S3
WvModem<*1>: Cannot get information for serial port.
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 Z -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0 -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: Modem Identifier: ATI -- Manufacturer: Sierra Wireless, Inc.
ttyUSB0<*1>: Speed 9600: AT -- OK
ttyUSB0<*1>: Max speed is 9600; that should be safe.
ttyUSB0<*1>: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0 -- OK

Found a modem on /dev/ttyUSB0.
Modem configuration written to /etc/wvdial.conf.
ttyUSB0<Info>: Speed 9600; init "ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0"
```

My /etc/wvdial.conf file:

Code:

```
[Dialer Defaults]
Init1 = ATZ
Init2 = ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0
Modem Type = USB Modem
Baud = 9600
New PPPD = yes
Modem = /dev/ttyUSB0
ISDN = 0
Carrier Check = no
Stupid Mode = yes
Phone = #777
Username = ' '
Password = ' '
```

Which then stalls on:

Code:

```
wvdial
--> WvDial: Internet dialer version 1.60
--> Cannot get information for serial port.
--> Initializing modem.
--> Sending: ATZ
```

```
ATZ
OK
--> Sending: ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0
ATQ0 V1 E1 S0=0 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0
OK
--> Modem initialized.
--> Sending: ATDT#777
--> Waiting for carrier.
--> Timed out while dialing. Trying again.
--> Sending: ATDT#777
--> Waiting for carrier.
ATDT#777
```

...so, any ideas on where to go from here? nm-applet also shows the device, but neither of the green orb indicators lights up.

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**GChriss** ▯ Posted: Tue Jul 13, 2010 12:46 am



Joined: ...err, looks like the modem has already been de-activated as it is being returned.  
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