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Amateur Radio Notes, from Australia

PL2303HXA PHASED OUT SINCE 2012

USB Device Error PL2303HXA



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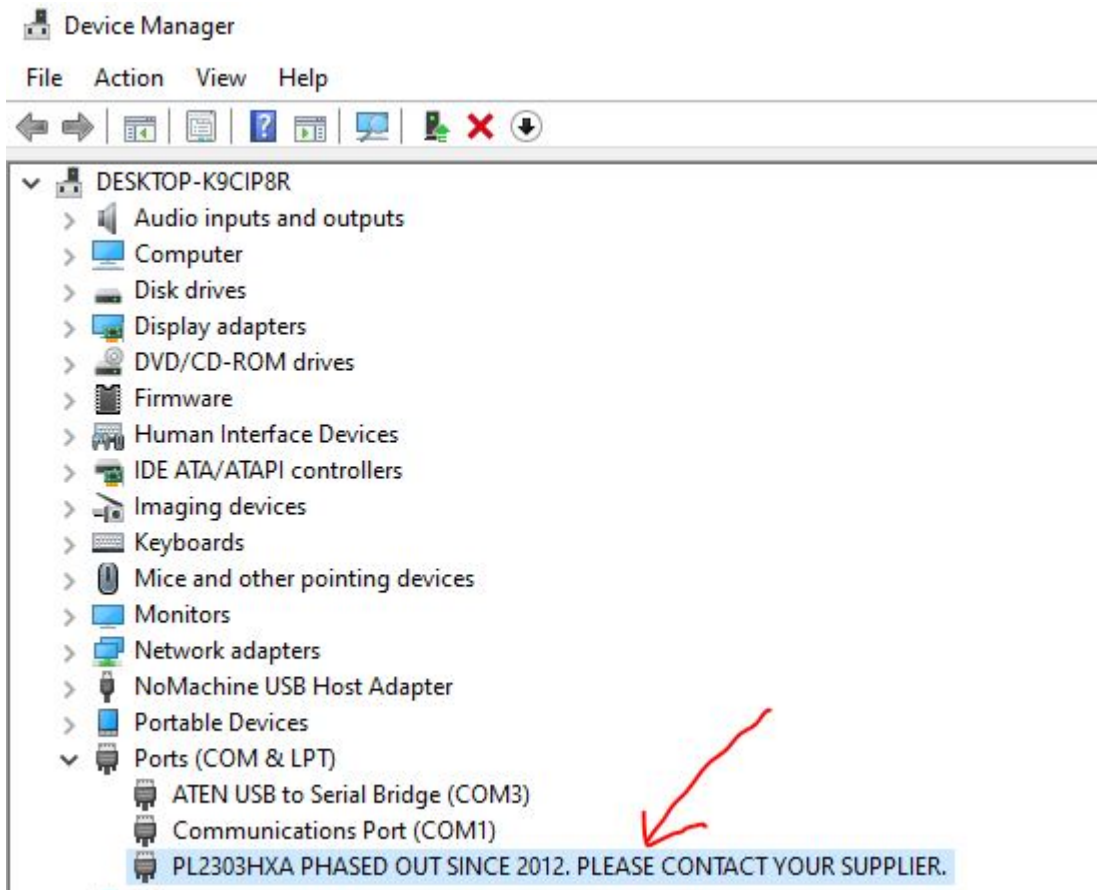
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I like to program my radio or scanner via the computer. You can see more, import more and adjust things quickly. One thing you can do on the PC is adjust which channels are in the scan or not, something unfortunatley you can not do on the radio (bit funny).

This all worked fine, however after a windows update, I could no longer connect. Something happened.

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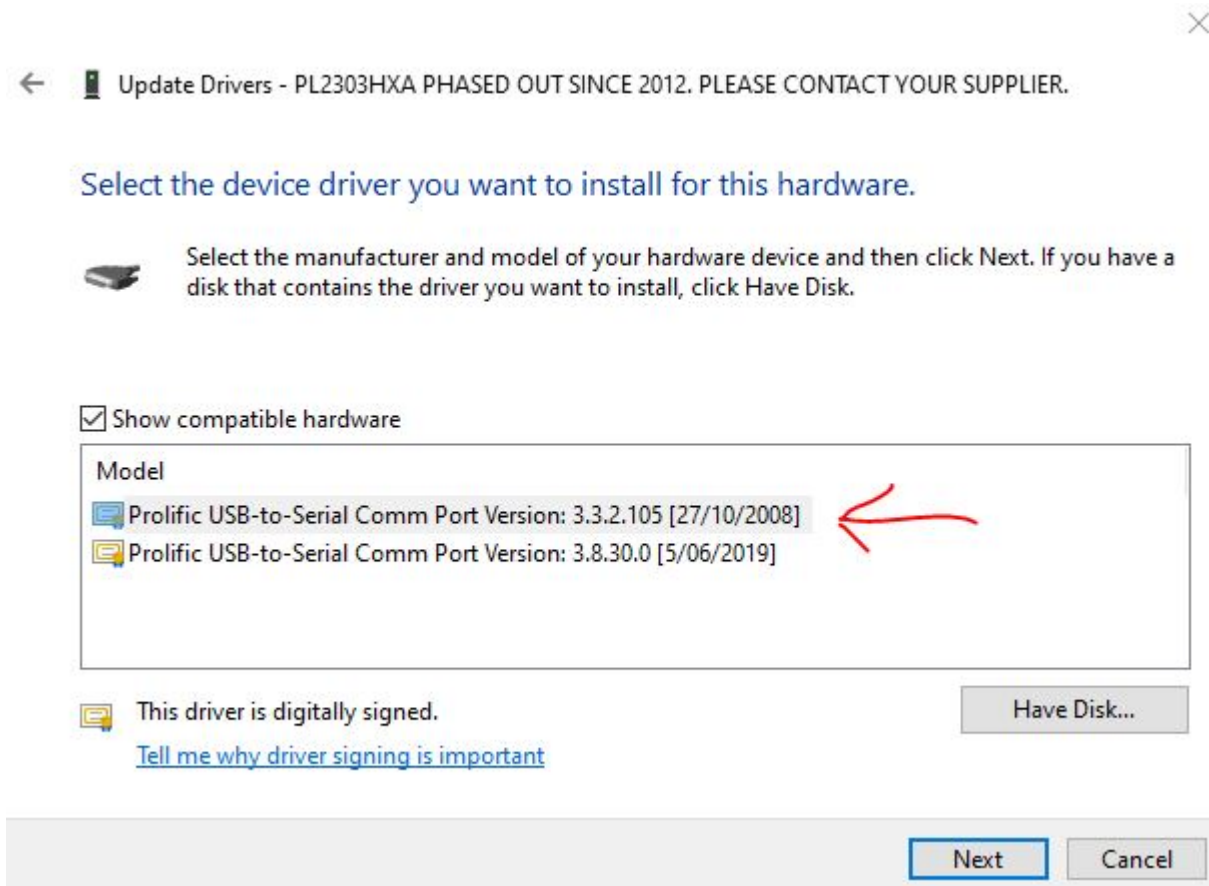


While this is all very informative, it really didn't help me. However I found a solution.

What windows have done, is for the older chips, Window's has dropped driver support for them. However you go to <http://wp.brodzinski.net/hardware/fake-pl2303-how-to-install/> (<http://wp.brodzinski.net/hardware/fake-pl2303-how-to-install/>) you can download an old driver version, then install the old driver version.

Once downloaded, open the zip file and run the exe file and install. Unplug the USB cable, and plug it in again.

Then, go back to the Device Manager, right click on the above line, select properties, go to Driver tab, select Update Driver, select Browse my computer for driver software, then navigate to the downloaded file, then select Let Me Pick, then you get a selection as per the picture below. Select the older 2008 version as shown below.



Press Next and let it install. Once complete, click on Close, and Close again, and the Device Manager should now be changed to:

Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COM?)

You should be able to communicate with the radio fine now. You may have to re-do the above steps if you re-boot the PC or do a windows update.

Option 2

first option doesn't work, you may want to try option two below.

Prolific USB Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 driver issue resolved - Ro...



Hope this helps you. There are more hints on this web site also.



- [Amateur Radio Nets \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/12/amateur-radio-nets/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/12/amateur-radio-nets/)
A list of Radio nets we have gathered from web pages around the world, as well as friends etc.
- [Australian DMR Repeaters \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2020/02/03/australian-dmr-repeaters/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2020/02/03/australian-dmr-repeaters/)
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- [Chirp \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/12/chirp/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/12/chirp/)
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- [Mini Keyboard Options \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/mini-keyboard-options/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/mini-keyboard-options/)
I bought this wireless keyboard/mouse which was very cheap. It does not come with batteries, but come with a USB dongle. It has a fantastic ... [Read more \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/mini-keyboard-options/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/mini-keyboard-options/)
- [My Radio Diddity GD-77 \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/07/24/my-gd-77/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/07/24/my-gd-77/)
Starting in digital can be a little overwhelming to start with, no matter how many years you have had your licence.
- [Orion Push to Talk \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/orion-push-to-talk/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/orion-push-to-talk/)
Orion is an app that isn't really known in my world, perhaps because it isn't available on all platforms, or because it does transmit your ... [Read more \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/orion-push-to-talk/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/04/orion-push-to-talk/)
- [Power without Power \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/23/power-without-power/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/23/power-without-power/)
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- [Updating Firmware \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/12/updating-firmware/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/12/updating-firmware/)
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- [Upgrade to OpenGD77 \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/12/11/upgrade-to-opengd77/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/12/11/upgrade-to-opengd77/)
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If you want to get onto Digital Radio for less (way less) than \$100, then you may be interested in this. I have Apple equipment, ... [Read more \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/30/using-an-android-tv-box-for-ham-radio/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/08/30/using-an-android-tv-box-for-ham-radio/)

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- [WizNet DMR \(https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/06/wiznet-dmr/\)](https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2019/09/06/wiznet-dmr/)

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