

[5.10] Run GraphLink under Windows XP

Various visitors to TI's discussion groups have shared their tips on getting the Graph Link and TI Connect software running under Windows XP.

John Gilbertson notes that Microsoft has acknowledged a problem with .vxd files running in Windows XP. During setup of the link software, do not indicate that you are using a black Graph Link cable, as this will install a .vxd file and screw things up. Run the software once using the grey Graph Link cable setting, then you can change it to the black cable and it should work.

Joseph Thornton reports that TI Connect and the Graph Link software work in Windows XP if they are set to run in Windows 98 compatibility mode. To do this, go to the location where the program is installed (usually C:\Program Files\TI Education\TI Connect\), right-click the program executable file (i.e. TIConnect.exe) and click properties, then click the Compatibility tab, then click "Run this program in compatibility mode for Windows 98 / Windows ME", then check the "Disable Visual Themes" box, and finally click OK. Repeat for all the .exe files in the TIConnect folder.

Mr. Thornton also reports that as of this writing (Feb '02), the USB Graph Link cable doesn't work under Windows XP. He suggests using TiLP instead if you have too many problems with TI Connect. Bill Gorder reports success by running the program executable file from a command prompt (DOS) box.

Andrew Farris reports that Windows XP has a problem running 16 bit programs that are too many directories deep. He installed the link software to C:\Program Files\TI\ instead of C:\Program Files\TI Education\TI-Graph Link 89\ and it worked for him.

(Credit to Ray Kremer)