

## Re: USB cable disconnect/reconnect, but via software?

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Hello to all,  
I've bought a CF/etc.. card reader, which sits into a floppy drive slot.  
Really nice to have an internal card reader, I thought. But then I

realized

that the fact that it is internal has put me in big trouble, since when I need to remove the CF card, I do it in the safe way, i.e. clicking on the tray icon "Stop USB Mass Storage Device".  
Well, then the only way to get another card recognized is either a reboot or disconnecting and reconnecting the physical cable. The latter is not possible unless I open and close the PC each time.. the former is not possible either, since I work with a lot of applications opened and the rare times I remove power to the PC I put it in hibernation before. For me rebooting each time I need to change CF would be even more impractical than having to open and close the PC to disconnect/reconnect the cable. Also, I got twice the problem, since (because I reboot very rarely) I also have a USB to IDE interface, handy because it's hot plug, and I also got now an internal deck I'd like to use for HD removability with hot plug.

I'm sincerely astonished that in 2006 one HAS TO unplug and replug a cable in order to get recognized again a device.

Is there any software solution to my problem? Even if complex to use.

Thanks a lot,  
A.Z.

Rather than clicking "Stop USB Mass Storage Device", you can probably use the disable/enable function of devcon.exe.

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I haven't tested this much so you may need to try it for yourself with your compact flash device. You can get devcon.exe from here:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;Q311272>