



**USB-C™ to RJ45 FTDI Console Cable**

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Quick Start Guide



Model 201065



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**OS Support:** Windows 7/8/10 and macOS 10.9 and up

Download the latest FTDI drivers at [cablematters.com/downloads](https://cablematters.com/downloads)

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## Product Description

The Cable Matters® USB-A/USB-C to RJ45 Console Cable connects from a computer USB port to the RJ45 console port of a networking switch or router. This rollover cable connects a computer with Windows or macOS to a Cisco standard serial console port for configuration and management. The integrated FTDI chipset handles the USB signaling and protocol functions including an RS-232 level shifter. FTDI drivers are included in the CD and available for download.

## Installation Checklist

- Computer with an available USB-A or USB-C port (USB 2.0 or 3.0) supporting data transfer
- Administrator permission on the computer to install the FTDI drivers
- An optical CD drive reader or internet access to download the drivers
- Windows users may need to identify the 32-bit or 64-bit system type to install the correct drivers (Search Control Panel > System)
- Verify that the equipment console port is wired according to the Cisco standard. Below is the pin-out of this rollover cable that reverses the pins of the console port:

RJ45 Pin#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Signal	CTS	DSR	RXD	GND	GND	TXD	DTR	RTS

## Quick Connect Notes

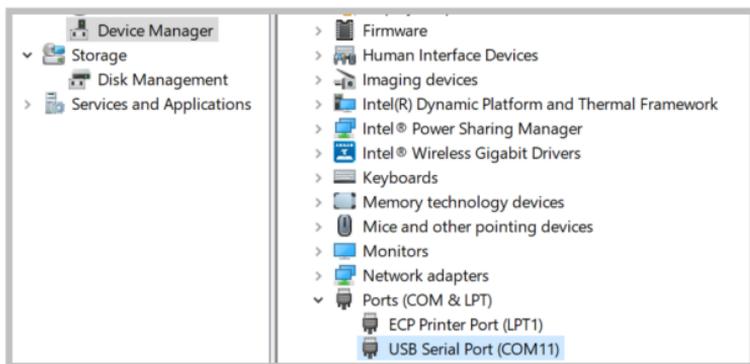
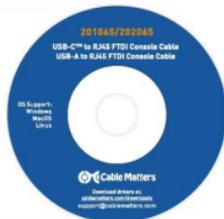
FTDI drivers should automatically install when connected to a computer with Windows 10.

- 1) Plug the USB end of the cable into an available USB port on the computer.
- 2) Identify the connected COM port assigned by the computer.
- 3) Open a terminal window with a Command Line Interface (CLI) terminal utility or terminal emulation software such as *PuTTY*.
- 4) Plug the RJ45 end of the cable into the console port and turn on the equipment.
- 5) Set the *bps*, *data bits*, *parity*, *stop bits* and *flow control* settings required by the equipment.

## Windows OS FTDI Driver Installation

**Note:** Plug the cable into a USB port to download the drivers automatically. Follow the instructions below if the drivers do not download.

- 1) Install the drivers from the CD or from [cablematters.com/downloads](http://cablematters.com/downloads)
  - FTDI drivers may be installed with the *Windows 10 Update*
  - View 32-bit or 64-bit Windows system type in the *Control Panel > System*
- 2) Reference the FTDI driver installation guides on the CD for more detailed and advanced information when installing the WHQL certified Windows drivers
- 3) Reboot your computer after the drivers are installed
- 4) Connect the cable to an available USB port on the computer  
(Limit the total cable length to 15 feet when connecting with a USB extension cable)
- 5) Check to see if your computer recognizes the cable:
  - Search *Control Panel > Device Manager > Ports (Com & LPT) > USB Serial Port (COM XX)*
  - Your computer will assign the next available COM port number
  - Right-click on the port, select *Properties* and check for FTDI under the *General* tab
  - A yellow warning triangle indicates a driver problem. Right click on the port and select *Update driver*.



**Connecting to the Equipment with a Windows computer**

(Network switch, router or other)

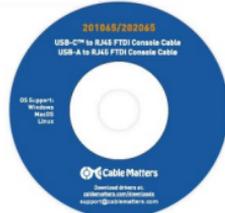
- 1) Identify the COM port assigned by the computer (see above).
- 2) Plug the USB end of the cable into an available USB port on the computer.
- 3) Open a terminal window with a Command Line Interface (CLI) terminal utility (*HyperTerminal* in Windows 7 or 8) or downloadable terminal emulation software such as *PutTY*.
- 4) Select *Serial* as the connection type in the terminal emulation software.
- 5) Plug the RJ45 end of the cable into the console port and turn on the equipment.
- 6) Set the *bps*, *data bits*, *parity*, *stop bits* and *flow control* settings required by the equipment.

(Typical Cisco settings are bps=9600 / data bits=8 / parity=none / stop bit=1 / flow control=none)

- 7) Consult the equipment documentation for programming the equipment.

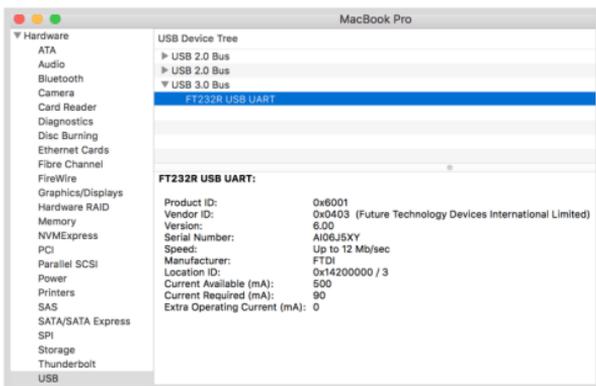
## macOS FTDI Driver Installation & Equipment Connection

- 1) Install the drivers from the CD or from [cablematters.com/downloads](http://cablematters.com/downloads)
- 2) Reference the FTDI driver installation guides on the CD for more detailed and advanced information.
- 3) Reboot your computer after the drivers are installed.
- 4) Connect the cable to an available USB port on the computer. (Limit the cable length to 15 feet when connecting with a USB extension cable.)
- 5) Plug the RJ45 end into the console port and power-on the equipment
- 6) Open a terminal window by selecting *Go > Applications > Utilities > Terminal*
- 7) Enter the following commands to find the assigned USB port number:
  - MacBook: `user$ cd /dev`
  - MacBook: `user$ ls -ltr /dev/*usb*`
  - `crw-rw-rw- 1 root wheel x, xx Month Date 00:00 /dev/tty.usbserial-00000000` (port # is listed here)
- 8) Consult the equipment documentation for programming the equipment.



Note: How to verify that your computer recognizes the cable:

About this Mac > System Report > Hardware > USB Device Tree > USB 3.0 Bus > FT232R USB UART  
 Check for FTDI (Future Technology Devices International Limited) under the Vendor ID



## Troubleshooting Notes

- This is a rollover cable that reverses all 8 pins in the cable to connect from a computer to switch. It is NOT a crossover cable that reverses TX and RX to connect two computers or two switches.
- Check that the RJ45 is connected to the console Port, not an aux or an Ethernet port. Only 1 console port can be connected at a time.
- Disconnect any network or internet access as a test.
- If you are unsure of the assigned COM port:
  - 1) Connect the cable to a USB port
  - 2) Open the Device Manager in Windows or the USB Device Tree in macOS
  - 3) Unplug the cable and note which entry disappears
- Connecting with a long USB extension cable may cause the console functions to operate incorrectly. A maximum length of 15 feet is recommended.
- Older FTDI or Prolific drivers may need to be uninstalled in order to install the latest FTDI drivers. Uninstall the drivers, plug-in the cable, and reinstall the drivers. (Consult the FTDI Driver Installation Guides on the CD for detailed instructions).
- The connected equipment may require a different console speed than 9600 bps. Other common speeds include 1200, 2400, 4800, 19200, 38400 and 115200.
- Disable the scroll lock key on the keyboard, if equipped
- Verify that the USB-A or USB-C port supports data transfer from the host computer.

Contact [support@cablematters.com](mailto:support@cablematters.com) if you believe that the cable is defective.

## Technical Specifications

Host Connector Model 201065	USB-C 2.0 male
Host Connector Model 202065	USB-A 2.0 male
Console Port Connector	RJ45 Male
Adapter Cable Length	6 Feet
USB to serial UART Chipset	FTDI - FT232RQ
Max Data Transfer Rate	250 Kbps
OS Support	Windows 7, 8, 10 macOS 10.9 and up Linux Ubuntu 11.10 and up
Warranty	Limited One-Year

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Model 201060



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