

Shows the current status of infrared activity.

Describes the current status of infrared activity. Also may show how often Infrared Monitor looks for devices in range and whether the system automatically installs software for new Plug and Play devices as they come into range.

To modify these settings, click the **Options** tab.

Lists all devices currently in range, and displays an icon that shows the type of device.

Shows how much time remains before Infrared Monitor stops trying to communicate with the current device.

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Specifies whether infrared communication is enabled. Also specifies the virtual ports that are used by infrared.

Lists which ports are assigned for use by infrared devices.

When you use infrared devices, your program may require you to specify a port that the device is connected to. Because infrared does not require a physical port, Windows simulates new ports for you to use.

Specifies whether to search for infrared devices that are in range of your computer.

If searching is turned on, the Infrared Monitor status properties and taskbar icon show infrared devices that are in range. If this option is unavailable, select **Enable infrared communication** to enable it.

Sets the amount of time between searches for infrared devices in range. If this option is unavailable, you can enable it by selecting **Enable infrared communication** and **Search for and provide status for devices within range**.

Specifies whether to install software automatically for new Plug and Play devices when they come into range. Note that devices need to be installed only once, not each time they come into range. If this option is unavailable, select **Enable infrared communication** to enable it.

If you frequently bring your portable computer near another Plug and Play infrared device that you do not want to install, you may want to disable this option.

Resets Infrared Monitor options to the default settings.

Specifies that Infrared Monitor should automatically display a dialog box when infrared communication is interrupted. When this option is enabled, Infrared Monitor informs you that communication is interrupted. When the communication is restored, the dialog box closes. If you use the Infrared Monitor dialog box while the dialog box is open, it remains on the screen until you close it.

Specifies that Infrared Monitor should use sound to notify you when a device comes into range, when a device moves out of range, or when communication is interrupted. If your computer has a sound card, you can click **Sounds** in Control Panel to change which sounds are assigned to these events.

Hides (or shows) the icon for Infrared Monitor on the taskbar.

If you hide the taskbar icon and close the Infrared Monitor dialog box, you must open Infrared Monitor by clicking **Infrared** in Control Panel.

Resets Infrared Monitor preferences to the default settings.

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Shows version and copyright information about Infrared Monitor.

Enables you to set a maximum speed for infrared devices.

By default, infrared devices communicate at the highest speed possible. However, in some cases, lowering the speed of the devices improves communication by eliminating numerous retries.

Specifies the maximum speed (in kilobits per second) for infrared device communication.

The Infrared Developers Association (IrDA) is a group of computer and software manufacturers who have agreed on a format for communication among infrared devices. The IrDA standard helps ensure that infrared devices from various manufacturers will be able to understand each other.

Infrared is light that is beyond red in the spectrum. While it's not visible to the human eye, infrared receivers can detect and respond to infrared signals. Many remote controls use infrared to communicate.

Infrared Monitor can play sounds when a device comes into range, when a device moves out of range, and when communication is interrupted.

Because the light emitted by these infrared devices spreads out in a cone-shaped pattern from the transmitting device, the two devices must be placed roughly facing each other. The actual limit will vary but resides within approximately a 30-degree cone.

Infrared Monitor can look for devices that are in range of your computer. When searching is turned on, the Infrared Monitor status properties and taskbar icon show whether any infrared devices are in range. If this option is unavailable, on the **Options** tab, click **Enable infrared communication** to enable it.

Windows cannot run Infrared Monitor because you do not have an infrared device installed. To install an infrared device, click **Add New Hardware** in Control Panel.

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