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How Device Drivers (.HAMs, .CDMs or .DSKs) must be modified to support Auto Detect requirements

1. If you are modifying an existing .DSK to provide Auto Detect capabilities:
 - a. If the existing .DSK controls a PCI adapter card:
 - i. Modify the DSKs .DDI file to add the PROD: label as defined in the Draft section of Appendix C in the NWPA Specification under the heading “DDI and LDI Specification Changes for Autodetection”.
 - ii. Modify the .DSK to support the SLOT= command line option if necessary.
 - iii. Modify the .DSK to include NPAB_ functions (defined in the NWPA Specification in Chapter 7) to provide the NBI interface. .DSKs must use the ASCII value of .DSK (2E44534B) for the *npaHandle* parameter, since the .DSK will not be registered with the NWPA. This handle will not be valid for any NWPA functions except the NPAB_ set. When INSTALL autoloads the .DSK, INSTALL will pass a slot value to the .DSK, and the .DSK will then need to use the appropriate NPAB_ functions to derive the specific information needed to call **NPAB_Get_Card_Config_Info()** (e.g. *busTag*, *uniqueID*).
 - iv. Modify the .DSK to load all required support modules for this .DSK, including NWPA.NLM.
 - b. If the existing .DSK controls a non-Plug and Play ISA card:
 - i. Auto Detect is not supported for non-Plug and Play ISA cards. The existing .DSK may be used with no modifications, but it will have to be manually loaded.
 - c. If the existing .DSK controls an EISA or MCA adapter card:
 - i. Modify the DSKs .DDI file to add the PROD: label as defined in the Draft section of Appendix C in the NWPA Specification under the heading “DDI and LDI Specification Changes for Autodetection”.
 - d. If the existing .DSK is intended to control a device:
 - i. Modify the DSKs .DDI file to add the PROD: label as defined in “Custom Device Driver Module Support” in the Draft section of Appendix C in the NWPA Specification.
 - e. If the existing .DSK provides both adapter and device control features:
 - i. Modify the .DSKs DDI file to provide both of the above PROD: labels (adapter and device). The .DDI file allows multiple PROD: label definitions.
 - ii. If the adapter card architecture is PCI, follow the requirements under 1.a. ii and iii.
2. If you are developing a new .DSK, regardless of architecture type:
 - a. Follow the requirements for developing a HAM and/or CDM instead. NWPA is NetWare’s driver architecture standard.
3. If you are developing an autoloadable .HAM:
 - a. Modify the .HAMs .DDI file to add the PROD: label as defined in the Draft section of Appendix C in the NWPA Specification under the heading “DDI and LDI Specification Changes for Autodetection”.

- b. Follow the steps defined in the NWPA specification in section 4.2.1 to initialize and register the HAM as NBI aware. This includes importing the NPAB_routines in the HAMs link.def file as shown in Appendix A of the NWPA Specification.
4. If you are developing an autoloadable .CDM:
 - a. Modify the DSKs .DDI file to add the PROD: label as defined in “Custom Device Driver Module Support” in the Draft section of Appendix C in the NWPA Specification.

