Installing Xsigo Host Drivers on Windows Core Servers

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The power cord set must have a minimum current capacity of 13A and a nominal voltage rating of 125 or 250 V ac~, as required by each country's power system.

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The flexible power cord set must be UL Listed and CSA Certified, minimum Type SVT or equivalent, minimum No. 18 AWG, with 3-conductors that includes a ground conductor. The wall plug must be a three-pin grounding type, such as a NEMA Type 5-15P (rated 15A, 120V) or Type 6-15P (rated 15A, 250V).

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The flexible power cord set must be Type H03VV-F, 3-conductor, minimum 0.75mm² conductor size. Power cord set fittings, particularly the wall plug, must bear the certification mark of the agency responsible for evaluation in the country where it is being used, with examples listed above.

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Documentation Purpose and Audience

This guide provides the basic information that you need to use install Oracle’s Xsigo Windows host drivers on a Windows Core server. Installing the host drivers onto the Core server is a slightly different procedure than installing the basic host drivers onto a standard server because the Core server has the limitation of no GUI. The host drivers must be put onto the Core server (there are many ways to do so, but this document covers two common ways—either by USB drive, or by network share). Afterwards, the host drivers must be installed on the Core server through the Core command line.

This guide is intended for data center network administrators, and it assumes that its readers have knowledge and familiarity with common configuration and management tasks related to configuring and managing Windows Core server systems. Although this guide does present some conceptual material about topics and technologies, it is not intended as a complete and exhaustive reference on those topics.

Document Overview

This guide is divided into the following sections:

- **Overview** — Documents the overall configuration and explains the considerations for installing the Xsigo host drivers on a Windows Core system.
- **Installing from a USB Drive** — Documents installing the Xsigo host drivers from a USB drive.
- **Installing From a Network Share** — Documents installing the Xsigo host drivers from a remote device over a Windows share.
- **Running Xsigo Monitor on a Core Server** — Documents how to run the Xsigo Monitor utility remotely on a Windows Core system.

Related Documentation

This document is part of a set of documentation for Oracle’s Xsigo Fabric Director. **Table 1** shows the other documents in Oracle Fabric Director documentation set.

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Installing Xsigo Windows Host Drivers on a Windows Core Server

Installing Oracle’s Xsigo Windows host drivers on a Windows Core server is minimally more difficult due to the fact that the Core server has no GUI to allow for getting the host drivers onto the server easily. This task must be done through command line. Also, the command-line is required to identify the device that contains the host drivers (for example, either through a USB drive or over a Windows share), and to start Xsigo’s Windows host driver installer.

Supported Host Drivers

Xsigo Windows host driver versions 3.0.0 and later are supported for installation on a Windows Core server.

Server Requirements

Installation of Xsigo Windows host drivers on a Windows Core server is supported on any x86 or AMD64 system that supports the standard installation of Xsigo’s host drivers. Requirements for installing the host drivers on a Core server are no different than on another server. As a general rule, if the server can sufficiently support the Windows OS and has enough memory to run applications, it will support the Xsigo Windows host drivers as well.

Installation Options

You can install the host drivers from many sources. This guide documents two common methods:

- Installing from a USB Drive on page 3
- Installing From a Network Share on page 11

When you have specified the source that contains the host drivers, you can either run Oracle’s Xsigo Windows host driver installer directly from that source, or you can copy the unzipped host drivers onto the Core server’s local hard drive.

To facilitate installing the host drivers, Xsigo recommends that you use unzipped host drivers, so you should unzip the host driver package on a different server, and install the unzipped host drivers on the Windows Core server.
This chapter documents the procedure for installing supported Oracle Xsigo Windows host drivers from a USB drive. If you are installing the host drivers from a network share, see Chapter 3, “Installing From a Network Share.”

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Prerequisites
- Installation Using USB Drive
Chapter 2: Installing from a USB Drive

Prerequisites

To install the Xsigo Windows host drivers from a USB drive, you will need the following:

- a successfully installed Windows Core server
- the unzipped Xsigo Windows host drivers
- a USB driver with enough free space to contain the unzipped Xsigo Windows host drivers. The procedure in the following section assumes the host drivers are already unzipped and loaded onto the USB drive.

Installation Using USB Drive

You can install the host drivers either directly from a USB drive, or you can copy the unzipped host drivers onto the Core server’s local hard drive. While installing from the local hard drive will be moderately faster, the decision is completely your choice. For illustrative purposes, this procedure assumes installing the host drivers directly from the USB driver.

This procedure has the following basic parts:

- Putting the unzipped host drivers on a USB drive
- Connecting the USB drive to the Windows Core server and identifying the USB drive
- Running the Xsigo Windows driver installer

Follow the below steps to perform Installation of Xsigo Driver from a USB drive:

**Step 1** Using any standard Windows-compatible archive software (for example, WinZip, 7-Zip, or WinRAR), unzip the host driver files onto a USB drive.

**Step 2** Connect the USB drive to the core server.

**Step 3** At the command prompt, run the `diskpart` command as shown in Figure 1 on page 5.

**Step 4** At the diskpart prompt, find the drive letter assigned to your USB drive by issuing the `list volume` command. This example will use `G:` the removable drive.

**Step 5** When you have discovered the drive letter of the USB drive, quit diskpart by issuing the `exit` command.
Figure 1 Using disk part to Verify the USB Drive is Recognized by the Core Server

Step 6  Go to the corresponding USB volume on the core server—for example, G:— and display the contents to verify that you have a supported version of the host drivers unzipped and present on the USB drive.

Step 7  From the command line, run setup.exe to start the Xsigo Windows host driver installer and display the Welcome screen as shown in Figure 2 on page 6.

The host driver installation procedure is included here for completeness, but you can follow the on-screen prompts in the installer.

At the completion of the host driver installation, you will be prompted to either reboot now or later. Be aware that when the host drivers are installed, the server must be rebooted to load them into memory and make them active.
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Step 8  Click *Next* to display the License Agreement as shown in Figure 3.

Step 9  Read the license agreement and click the *I accept* button to install the host drivers. If you do not agree with the terms in the license agreement, click the *I do not accept* button to abort the installation.
**Step 10** When you have accepted the license agreement, click *Next* to display the Destination Location dialog as shown in Figure 4.

![Figure 4 Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Select Install Location for Host Drivers](image1.png)

**Step 11** Click *Next* to begin installing the host drivers. See Figure 5.

![Figure 5 Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Installation Begins](image2.png)
**Step 12**  Read the notices on the dialog, then click *Next* to continue the host driver installation.

Various pop-up dialogs will be displayed for different software modules that are loaded. Do not click on the pop-up dialogs. They will disappear when the corresponding software is completely loaded.

When the Installation Complete dialog is displayed, you are required to reboot the server to load Oracle’s Xsigo Windows host drivers into memory. See Figure 6.

![Figure 6 Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Installation Complete Now Select a Reboot Option](image)

**Step 13**  Select one of the following options:

- Yes, I want to restart my computer now
- No, I will restart my computer later

**Step 14**  When you reboot the server and log back in as administrator, a console window displays the Xsigo devices that are being configured as shown in Figure 7 on page 9. Do not close this window. It will close automatically when the devices are completely configured.
Step 15 As an option, after the host drivers are installed you can get diagnostic information by running the Xsigo Monitor utility. For more information, see Chapter 4, “Running Xsigo Monitor on a Core Server.”
This chapter documents the procedure for installing supported Oracle Xsigo Windows host drivers remotely from a network share. If you are installing the host drivers from a network share, see Chapter 2, “Installing from a USB Drive.”

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Prerequisites
- Installing From a Network Share
Prerequisites

To install the Xsigo Windows host drivers onto a Windows Core server from a remote network share, be aware of the following:

- a successfully installed Windows Core server
- the unzipped Xsigo Windows host drivers
- a network share must exist with enough free space to contain the unzipped Xsigo Windows host drivers
- network connectivity over a physical NIC must be present to access the share where the unzipped host drivers will be installed

Installation Using a Network Share

You can install the host drivers either directly over a network share, or you can copy the unzipped host drivers onto the Core server’s local hard drive. While installing from the local hard drive will be moderately faster, the decision is completely your choice. For illustrative purposes, this procedure assumes installing the host drivers over a network share.

This procedure has the following basic stages:

- Putting the unzipped host drivers on a network-connected device. This procedure assumes that the drivers are already installed on a remote host, or other device.
- Connecting the Windows Core server to the remote host or device
- Running the Xsigo Windows driver installer over the network share

Follow this procedure to install the Xsigo host drivers onto a Windows Core server from a network share:

**Step 1** Map the shared drive to core server by issuing the `net use` command as shown in Figure 1. The command has the following syntax:

```
net use <Drive-Letter> <Network-Location>
```

For example, to map drive y:

```
net use y: \172.29.29.44\xsigos-3.0.0.26
```

![Figure 1 Mapping the Share with the Unzipped Host Drivers](image)
**Step 2** After mapping the drive, switch to the mapped drive (y:) as shown in the second syntax line of Figure 2.

![Diagram of command prompt](image)

**Figure 2** Mapping the Drive With the Unzipped Host Drivers to the Core Server

**Step 3** Now that you are connected to the mapped drive (y:) where the unzipped Windows host drivers are located, run **setup.exe** from the network share as shown in the last syntax line of Figure 2.

When you run **setup.exe**, the Xsigo Windows host driver installer is started and the Welcome dialog is displayed, as shown in Figure 3 on page 14.

The host driver installation procedure is included here for completeness, but you can follow the on-screen prompts in the installer.

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**Note**

At the completion of the host driver installation, you will be prompted to either reboot now or later. Be aware that when the host drivers are installed, the server must be rebooted to load them into memory and make them active.
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Step 4  Click Next to display the License Agreement as shown in Figure 4.

Step 5  Read the license agreement and click the I accept button to install the host drivers. If you do not agree with the terms in the license agreement, click the I do not accept button to abort the installation.
**Step 6** When you have accepted the license agreement, click *Next* to display the Destination Location dialog as shown in Figure 5.

![Figure 5 Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Select Install Location for Host Drivers](image)

**Step 7** Click *Next* to begin the host driver installation as shown in Figure 6.

![Figure 6 Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Installation Begins](image)
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**Step 8** Click *Next* to continue the host driver installation.

Various pop-up dialogs will be displayed for different software modules that are loaded. Do not click on these pop-up dialogs. They will disappear when the corresponding software is completely loaded.

**Step 9** When the Installation Complete dialog is displayed, you are required to reboot the server to load the Oracle Xsigo Windows host drivers into memory. *Figure 7.*

![Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Installation Complete Now Select a Reboot Option](image)

**Figure 7** Xsigo Host Driver Installer — Installation Complete Now Select a Reboot Option

**Step 10** Select one of the following options:

- Yes, I want to restart my computer now
- No, I will restart my computer later

**Step 11** When you reboot the server, a console window displays the Xsigo devices that are being configured as shown in *Figure 8* on page 17. *Do not close this window.* It will close automatically when the devices are completely configured.
Step 12 As an option, after the host drivers are installed you can get diagnostic information by running the Xsigo Monitor utility. For more information, see Chapter 4, “Running Xsigo Monitor on a Core Server.”
This chapter has the following sections:

- Understanding CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs
- Running CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs on a Core Server
- Running Xsigo Monitor on a Remote Machine
Understanding CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs

For Windows Core servers, you must use a specific type of Oracle’s Xsigo Monitor utility called CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs. This utility is a Visual Basic script (.vbs file) that can be run to show you performance and operational information about the host drivers that are installed on the Core server. You can run CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs by using the cscript command.

The CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs utility is different than the standard xsigomonitor.hta utility. While they perform the same function and display the same information, the CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs is the correct utility for Core servers. In fact, the standard xsigomonitor.hta utility does not run on a Core server, and the CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs utility does not run on a non-Core server. Make sure that you use the right utility on the right server.

You can run the Xsigo Monitor utility in either of the following ways:

- Running the utility directly on a Core server. For this method, you will need to use the CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs utility.
  
  As an option, you can run the utility on a Core server but specify a remote server (either a Core or non-Core server) to get information for that machine. In this case, you are using the Core server as the gathering machine to collect information from the remote server. For more information, see Running CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs on a Core Server.

- Running the utility on a remote server to get information about a Core server. For this method, you will need to use the standard XsigoMonitor.hta utility.
  
  As an option, you can run the Xsigo Monitor utility on a standard (non-Core) server but specify a Core server to get information for that machine. In this case, you are using the non-Core server as the gathering machine to collect information from the Core server. For more information, see Running Xsigo Monitor on a Remote Machine.

Running CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs on a Core Server

To use CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs, you will simply run the utility. It is copied onto the Windows Core server automatically during host driver installation, so you do not need to install it. Instead, it should just be present on the Core server’s local drive after the Xsigo host drivers are installed.

CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs has the following command syntax:

cscript CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs [-pname <systemName or IP address>] [-s] [-vnic]
[-vhba][-bus] [-port] [-xgc]

where:

- **-pname <systemName or IP address>** — Is an optional argument that specifies another (remote) system for which you want Xsigo Monitor to gather information by either host name or IP address.
Running CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs on a Core Server

-\texttt{-s}  — Is an optional argument that puts the Xsigo Monitor output into a snapshot file instead of displaying it on standard output.

-\texttt{-vnic}  — Specifies that Xsigo Monitor collects information for only vNICs.

-\texttt{-vhba}  — Specifies that Xsigo Monitor collects information for only vHBAs.

-\texttt{-bus}  — Specifies that Xsigo Monitor collects information for only the Xsigo bus, InfiniBand sessions and InfiniBand ports.

-\texttt{-port}  — Specifies that Xsigo Monitor collects information for only InfiniBand sessions and InfiniBand ports.

-\texttt{-?} or \texttt{-h}  — Displays syntax help for the utility.

To run \texttt{CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs} on a Windows Core server, follow this procedure:

\textbf{Step 1}  Using \texttt{cscript}, run the \texttt{CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs} command on the Core server.

As an option, you can specify the \texttt{-pcnname} argument and enter the IP address or machine name of another Core server for which you want to gather Xsigo Monitor information. For illustrative purposes, this procedure assumes Core Xsigo Monitor is being run on the same Core server. For example:

\begin{verbatim}
C:\Program Files\Xsigo Systems> \texttt{cscript CoreXsigoMonitor.vbs}
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.8
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
System Name: ROGUE
System Information
  Non-Paged Pool Bytes    186,011,648
  Page Faults Per Second    61
  Percent User Time    0
  Percent Privileged Time    0
  Percent DPC Time    0
  Interrupts Per Second    854
  DPCs Queued Per Second    524
  Time Stamp: 2011/11/02 16:15:13
Xsigo Bus Information
  Instance Name   IBA\XsigoBus\00000000000000000001_0   IBA\XsigoBus\00000000000000000002_0
  Debug Flags   1  1
  Debug Mask    FFFFFFFF    FFFFFFFF
  Testing Flags   0  0
  XsigoBus Driver Version      3.0.0.26        3.0.0.26
  MemoryAllocationFailures/Xsigo_SystemId    0/ 0x3150424FC0B35280-10584300445C4C
  Time Stamp: 2011/11/02 16:15:13
XSMQ Session Information
  Instance Name   2   1
  Virtual Server 00139702010002F1/RogueSanboot 001397020100021D/RogueSanboot
\end{verbatim}

Information is displayed in a command-line table and includes:

- General operational statistics and information about the host and host drivers.
- Software components present, such as Xsigo IB Bus information, Xsigo IB Port Information, and Xsigo IB Session information (not shown in this example).
- Information elements within each component, such as debug information and information about the IB ports.
Running Xsigo Monitor on a Remote Machine

To use the XsigoMonitor.hta utility, you will simply run the utility on a non-Core server. You will need to specify the machine name for a Core server. When you do so, the Xsigo Monitor GUI will display the information for that machine. Remember that in this case, you are not actually running the utility on the Core server. Instead, you are running it on a non-Core server, but pointing the utility at a Core server so that information for that Core server is gathered, then displayed on the non-Core server.

To run XsigoMonitor.hta, follow this procedure:

**Step 1**  Copy the XsigoMonitor.hta and XsigoWmi.vbs files to any system.

*Note* The XsigoWmi.vbs script must be in the same directory as the XsigoMonitor.hta utility as shown in Figure 1.

**Step 2**  At the remote server’s Explorer windows, double-click the XsigoMonitor.hta utility to start it.

**Step 3**  When XsigoMonitor.hta prompts you for a machine name, enter either the IP address or the machine name of the Core server for which you want Xsigo Monitor to gather information.
Step 4  Press Enter to start Xsigo Monitor for that Core server.

When the Core server is specified, the Oracle Xsigo Monitor utility displays detailed operational and performance information about the host drivers installed on the named server, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 CoreXsigoMonitor Running

Displayed information displayed includes:

- General operational statistics and information about the host and host drivers.
- Software components present, such as Xsigo IB Bus information, Xsigo IB Port Information, and Xsigo IB Session information (not shown in this example).
- Information elements within each component, such as debug information and information about the IB ports.