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The latest release of SMART Board driver (version 6.0.1) provides enhanced serial and USB support for Macintosh operating systems. We recommend that you upgrade to SMART Board driver 6.0.1 in order to benefit from these improvements. To upgrade the SMART Board driver, go to www.smarttech.com/products/registration/software.asp.

The previous version (SMART Board driver 6.0) provided full USB and serial support for OS 9.x and limited serial support for OS 8.5 and 8.6. With SMART Board driver 6.0, serial support for OS 8.5 and 8.6 was severely compromised if the Board driver started automatically with computer power-up. However, if the driver was activated manually after computer power-up, serial support functioned well.

With SMART Board driver 6.0.1, we've corrected this inconsistent serial support for OS 8.5 and 8.6. However, the USB HID (Human Interface Driver) provided with OS 8.5 and 8.6 does not support the SMART USB adapter cable. Therefore, if you're running OS 8.5 or 8.6 and want to connect your SMART Board to a USB port on your computer, you'll need to use a third-party USB adapter. For detailed information about how to do this, refer to *Bulletin 2001 – 17, Using Third-Party USB Adapters with SMART Board Driver 6.0*.

Macintosh Operating Systems and Board Driver 6.0.1

Macintosh operating systems and connection devices supported by SMART Board driver 6.0.1 are as follows:

Macintosh Operating System	SMART USB Adapter Cable	Third-Party USB Adapter	Serial Cable
OS 8.5	not supported	supported	supported
OS 8.6	not supported	supported	supported
OS 9.x	supported	supported	supported
OS X	not supported	not supported	not supported

Older Operating Systems

If you have an older operating system, we recommend you use an older Board driver. For operating systems previous to OS 8.5 and for 68K hardware, use SMART Board driver 5.4. Note that version 5.4 of the SMART Board driver does not provide USB support.

You can get a copy of SMART Board driver 5.4 by going to www.smarttech.com/products/registration/software.asp.

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