

Scanner Wedge for Windows 2.0

Software User Guide

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Installing the Scanner Wedge Software

Scanner Wedge is a software program that runs on your Windows PC, communicates with your scanner, and forwards scanned bar codes into other programs on your PC. Scanner Wedge makes other programs accept scanned bar codes as if the numbers had been entered from the keyboard.

Once you have downloaded the Scanner Wedge installation software onto your PC, you are ready to install.

NOTE: You must have administrator privileges to install the Scanner Wedge software on your computer.

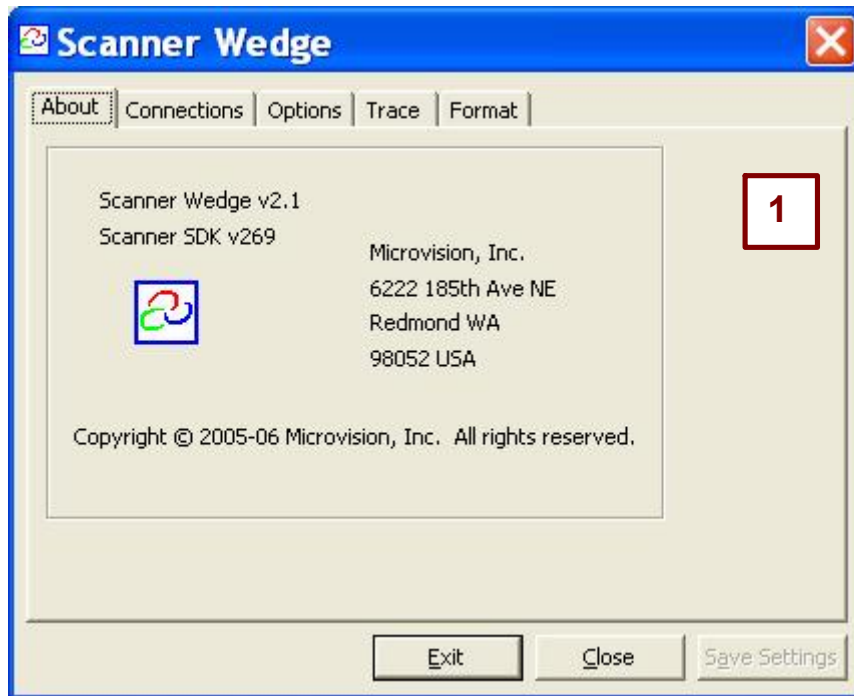
1. Launch **setup.exe**.
2. Follow the on-screen installation instructions.

You can change the location where the Scanner Wedge software is installed. By default it is installed in C:\Program Files\Scanner wedge.

Activating the Scanner Connection

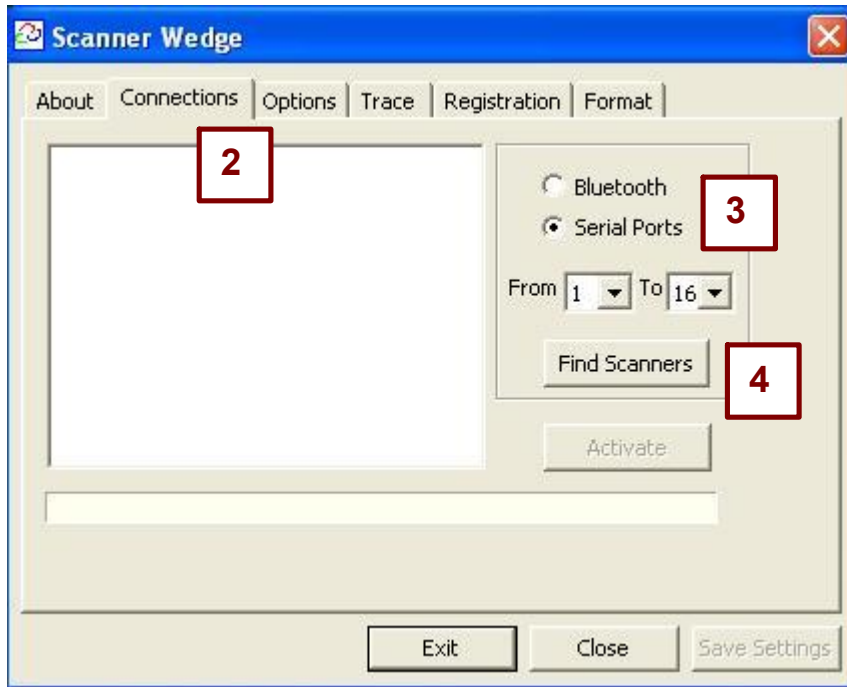
This section describes how to use the Scanner Wedge software on your PC to establish a connection with your scanner.

1. Launch the Scanner Wedge program in one of two ways:
 - Click **Start > All Programs > Scanner Wedge > Scanner Wedge**, or
 - Double-click the **Scanner Wedge** shortcut on your Desktop.



Scanner Wedge Launched

2. Click the **Connections** tab.



Connections Tab

3. Select the type of scanner using the radio buttons.

- Click **Bluetooth** to connect a Cordless scanner via Bluetooth.

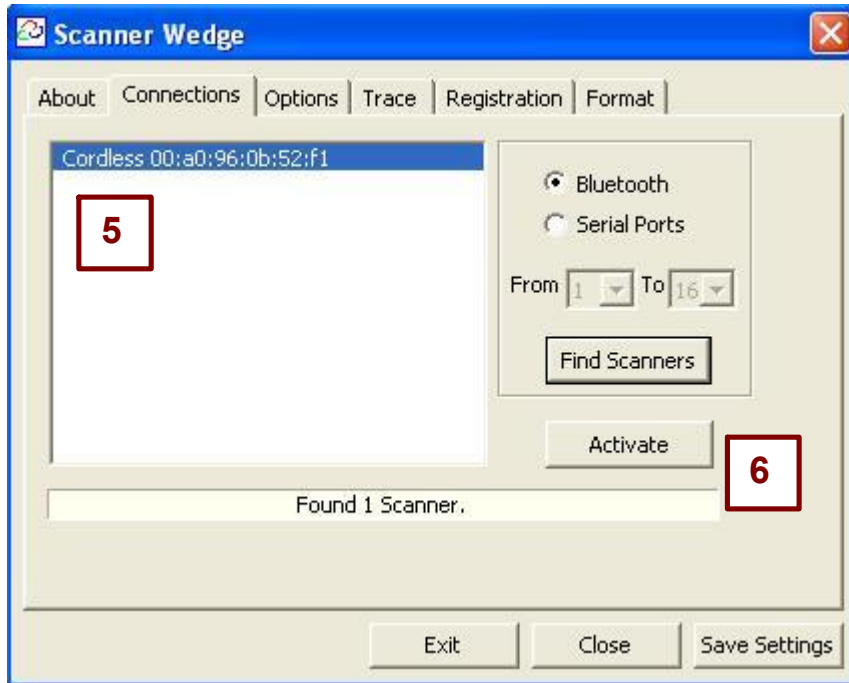
NOTE: By pressing the button on the scanner, it will enter **Discoverable mode**, indicated by the green light blinking twice every two seconds. The scanner **must** be in discoverable mode to connect to Scanner Wedge.

- Click **Serial Ports** for a scanner connected to your PC using a serial or USB cable.

TIP: If you are aware of the specific serial port to which you're connected, narrow down the search range to just that port to speed up the search process.

4. Click **Find Scanners** to search for your scanner.
5. When a scanner is found, its Device ID will appear near the top of the screen. If more than one scanner is found, click the Device ID of the scanner to which you want to connect.

If connecting a Cordless Scanner, you may get a notification near the system tray of a Bluetooth device "Cordless" trying to connect. Click the notification and enter four zeroes (0000) as the pin key. Click **OK**.

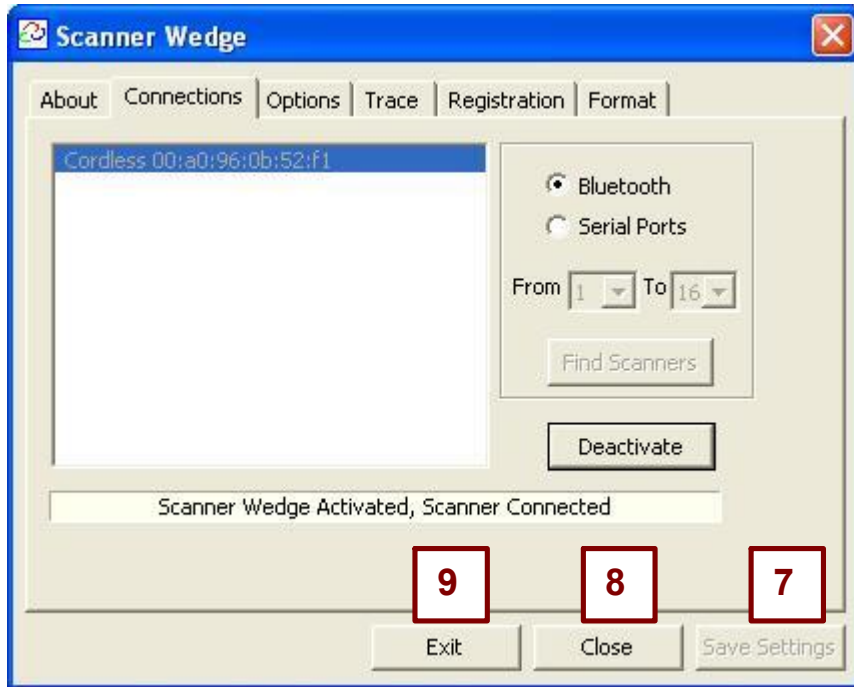


One Scanner Found

6. Click **Activate**. When the scanner successfully connects, the message window below the Activate button displays "Scanner Wedge activated, Scanner Connected".

If connecting a Cordless Scanner, you may get a notification near the system tray of a Bluetooth device "Cordless" trying to connect. Click the notification and enter four zeroes (0000) as the pin key. Click **OK**.

TIP: Click the **Options** tab and select "Activate Scanner Wedge on application start-up". Then you will not need to repeat this section if you restart Scanner Wedge.



Scanner Wedge Activated

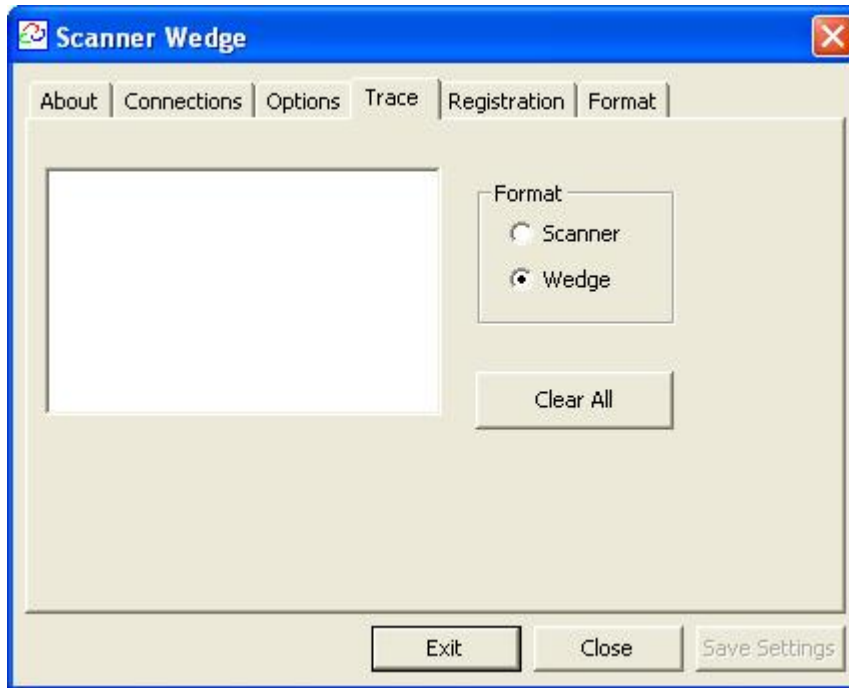
NOTE: When Scanner Wedge is “**Activated**”, it will attempt to maintain a connection with the scanner at all times. If the scanner falls asleep, goes out of range, or disconnects for any reason, Scanner Wedge will attempt to reconnect until successful.

7. To save any option settings, click **Save Settings**.
8. To minimize the window into the system tray, click the **Close** button.
9. If you want to exit the software completely, click the **Exit** button.

Tracing Scanner Output

Use the Trace screen to view bar code data as it is received from the scanner.

1. Click the **Connections** tab and make sure the scanner is connected (see previous section if necessary to activate the connection).
2. Click the **Trace** tab.



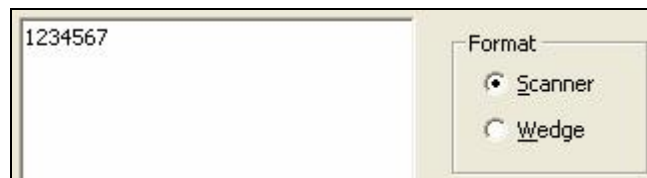
Trace Tab

3. Click the **Scanner** option under Format to see the raw bar code data as it is received from the scanner.



Sample bar code - 1234567

4. Scan the bar code above. The bar code will appear within the Scanner Wedge screen.



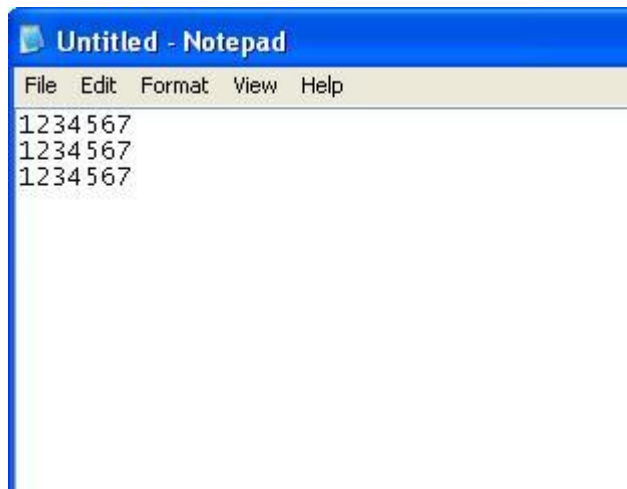
Tracing Raw Scanner Input

5. Click the **Wedge** option to see the bar code data as it will be output by Scanner Wedge into another application. In the example below, Scanner Wedge is appending <Enter> to the end of each bar code.



Tracing Scanner Wedge Output

6. Minimize Scanner Wedge by clicking **Close**. Go to **Start**, then **Programs**, then **Accessories**, then **Notepad**.
7. Scan the bar code three times and watch the bar codes populate the screen.

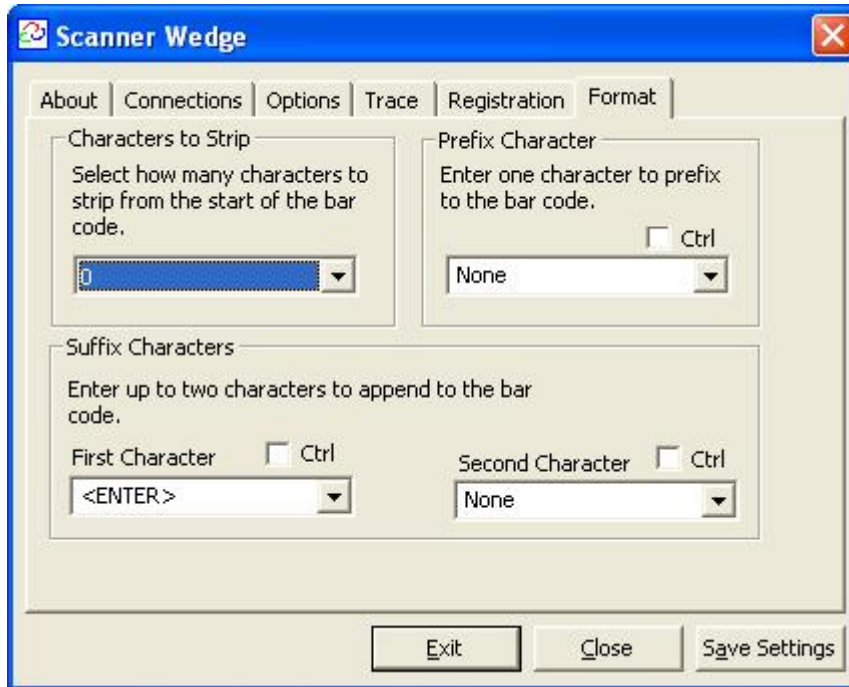


The next section explains how you can modify the format of the data for your application.

Formatting Output

Scanner Wedge receives bar code data from the scanner and forwards it to other applications you might use, such as Microsoft Excel. You can customize the format of the data received by your application using the Format screen.

1. Click the **Format** tab.

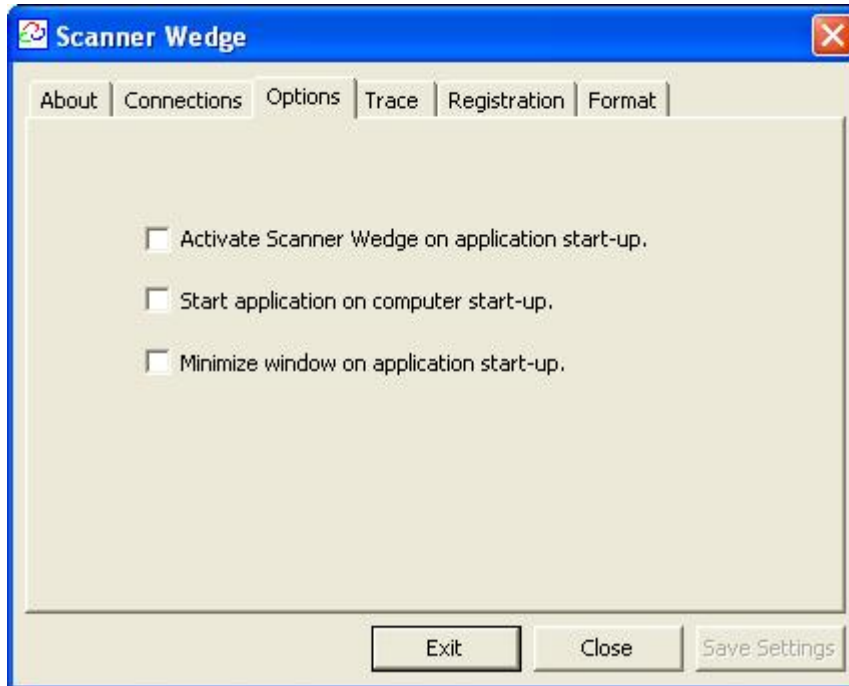


2. **Characters to Strip:** This option allows you to delete zero to five characters from the beginning of the bar code. If you select 3, for example, the program strips the first three characters from the bar code before transmitting it to an application.
3. **Prefix Character:** This option allows you to insert a keyboard character before entering a bar code. Click in the box and type any character.
 - To insert a special character instead, select a special character from the drop-down list. For example, select **<Enter>** to add an Enter key at the beginning of each bar code.
 - To add a **<CTRL>** command to the prefix character, click the **Ctrl** check box. For example, you could use this feature to launch a macro (before your bar code data is entered) in your application by sending the non-printing character **<CTRL>+M**.
4. **Suffix Characters:** Similar to Prefix Characters, suffix characters instead append the bar code with up to two characters. Click in the box and type any character.
 - To append a special character instead, select a special character from the drop-down list. For example, select **<Enter>** to add an Enter key to the end of each bar code.

- To add a <CTRL> command to a suffix character, click the **Ctrl** check box. For example, you could use this feature to launch a macro (after your bar code data is entered) in your application by sending the non-printing character <CTRL>+M.
5. To save these settings, click **Save Settings**.
 6. To test your Format selections, click the **Trace** tab and scan some bar codes with the Wedge option selected.

Selecting Start-up Options

On the Options screen you can specify whether you want Scanner Wedge to automatically start up, activate, and/or run minimized.



Scanner Wedge Start-up Options

1. Click the **options** tab.
2. To automatically activate Scanner Wedge when launched, select the first checkbox, "Activate Scanner Wedge on application start-up". When active, Scanner Wedge will connect (if scanner is in Discoverable Mode), maintain connection, and attempt to reconnect if the scanner has disconnected.
3. To automatically launch the Scanner Wedge software when you start your PC, select the second checkbox, "Start application on computer start-up."
4. To minimize Scanner Wedge to the system tray when it starts, select the third checkbox, "Minimize window on application startup."
5. To save the options you have selected, click **Save Settings**.

Tips and Troubleshooting

This section contains information to help with issues you might encounter while using Scanner Wedge software.

Installation Issues

Issue: The software will not install.

Resolution: You must be an administrator to successfully install Scanner Wedge on your PC.

Configuration Issues

Issue: You selected the option “Activate Scanner Wedge on application startup,” but the software does not automatically connect to the scanner on startup.

Resolution: Click the Connections tab. If the window displays “No Bluetooth transmitter found,” put the scanner in discoverable mode, then find it using the “Find Scanners” button and activate Scanner Wedge.

Connection Issues

Problems related to the connection from the scanner to your computer.

Issue: I receive the error “No Scanners found”.

Resolution (tethered scanner): Make sure the cable is firmly connected to both the scanner and the computer. If you are using the USB adapter, make sure that you have properly installed the USB cable driver. (See the USB Cable Installation instructions)

Resolution (cordless scanner): Make sure the scanner is in Discoverable Mode (green light is double blinking every two seconds) – if it isn’t, press the button on the scanner. Also, make sure the Bluetooth dongle is firmly connected to the computer.

Issue: The software does not receive any data from the scanner.

Resolution (tethered scanner): Make sure the cord is firmly connected to the serial or USB port on the computer and to the scanner.

Resolution (cordless scanner): Make sure the scanner is not disconnected (green LED is double blinking). If it is, check to make sure that “Scanner Wedge is Activated, Scanner Connected” on the **Connections** screen. Also, Make sure the Bluetooth dongle is firmly seated into the USB port and its driver is working correctly before you start the software.

Resetting the Scanner

Reset the scanner by pressing and holding the button for about 10 seconds until it has beeped twice. When you release the button it will beep again if it has reset successfully.

Still Having Trouble?

Please contact your reseller for addition support.

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