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Critical Issue: Installing SSDs on Touchcomputers & IDS Computer Modules: Systems with Microsoft Windows® 7 (or Windows XP/POSReady 2009)

Scenario

If you have ordered an SSD (Solid-State Drive) kit to either replace or supplement the factory-installed HDD (Hard Disk Drive) for your Elo TouchSystems Touchcomputer or IDS Computer Module, you need to take some **VERY IMPORTANT** steps before using it to ensure that it works properly and to <u>prevent permanent and</u> <u>unrecoverable damage</u> to the SSD.

Critical Action Needed:

By default, Windows 7 schedules weekly defragmentation of the HDD/SSD to occur. However, DEFRAGMENTING an SSD will damage and eventually destroy the device! After installing an SSD in a Windows system, as soon as the system is rebooted, you **MUST IMMEDIATELY** take the following steps to ensure that you do not permanently damage the SSD module:

In Windows 7, go to: Start → All Programs → Accessories → System Tools → Task Scheduler (see below):







 On the left side, navigate to "Task Scheduler Library → Microsoft → Windows → Defrag" and look for the "ScheduledDefrag":



Figure 1. By default, Windows 7 runs a scheduled defrag once a week at 1:00 a.m.

3. You must then delete any automatically scheduled defragmentation for the SSD drive!

By default, Windows XP and Windows POSReady 2009 do NOT automatically schedule Disk Defragmentation. However, it is strongly recommended that you verify that there are no automatically scheduled occurrences of the DEFRAG program scheduled. To ensure there are no scheduled defragmentation tasks running in Windows XP or Windows POSReady 2009, the procedure is similar to Windows 7 (see below):

1. In Windows XP or Windows POSReady 2009, go to: Start → All Programs → Accessories → System Tools → Task Scheduler (see figure below):





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2. Now verify that there are NO scheduled tasks for DEFRAG (see below). If there are, delete/remove them and save your changes.









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