

# **User Manual**

USB Laptop KVM Switch

GCS661U Part No. M1069



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# **A Note About Terminology**

Throughout this manual, and in the File Transfer application Graphical User Interface (GUI), Local computer or Local Machine refers to the laptop (also may be referred to as Console) that is being used to control the second PC. Remote computer or Remote Machine refers to the secondary PC or laptop that you connect to in order to manage files.

#### Overview

The USB Laptop KVM Switch is the latest in KVM innovation from IOGEAR, combining easy switching and convenient file transferring between two computers. It allows the user to seamlessly control a second computer with a laptop as the console. It features a toolbar with multiple functions such as file transfer, desktop image scaling, and others. With its desktop image scaling, user can adjust the resolution of the remote screen for best possible viewing, simply with the click of a button. The built-in file transfer utility software lets the user drag & drop any files or create backup copies between both computers. The extra USB port provides a mean to connect a USB peripheral device such as an external hard drive or others, for sharing or file transfer.

The GCS661U offers a complete easy to install out-of-box solution and with no additional cables required. It is ideal for people who own a laptop and an older desktop PC and wish to keep using both for various functions or applications.

### **Features**

- USB-to-USB Laptop KVM with File Transfer functionality
- Control your second computer with your laptop
- File system management utility allows you to transfer files between two computers/laptops simply drag and drop
- Desktop scaling user can adjust the resolution of the Remote screen to the Local one
- 1-port USB 2.0 built-in for USB 2.0 peripherals sharing
- Compact design, built-in all-in-one USB 2.0 cables
- Plug and play minimal software installation required
- No power adapter needed

# **Package Contents**

- 1 x GCS661U
- 1 x Carrying pouch
- 1 x User Manual
- 1 x Warranty / Registration Card

Check to make sure that all the components are present and that nothing was damaged in shipping. If you encounter a problem, contact your dealer.

Read this manual thoroughly and follow the installation and operation procedures carefully to prevent any damage to the unit, and/or any of the devices connected to it.

#### Note:

Features may have been added to the GCS661U since this manual was printed. Please visit our website at www.iogear.com to download the most up to date version of the manual, if necessary.

# Requirements

#### Local computer (Console)

A laptop computer with a USB 2.0 Type A port (Alternative option: A desktop with a keyboard, mouse and monitor)

#### Remote Computer (secondary PC)

A computer (desktop or laptop) with a USB 2.0 Type A port

# **Operating System Support**

Windows® 2000 or higher, XP, and Vista

# GCS661U Diagram



No	Component	Description
1	USB Plug	This end connects to the USB port on the Remote computer (note the longer length of the cord).
2	LED	Flashes blue at a slow, steady pace when connection between both computers is working or when the device is idle. Flashes blue at a rapid pace when data is being transferred between both computers.
3	USB Plug	This end connects to the USB port on the Local computer (note the shorter length of the cord).
4	USB 2.0 Peripheral Port	USB 2.0 peripherals port.

### **Hardware Setup**



Make sure that all devices are properly grounded.

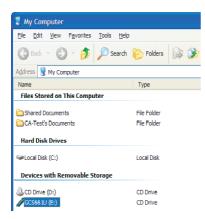
Setting up the GCS661U is quick and easy, offering simple plug and play functionality in just a few short steps. Follow the steps below and refer to the installation diagram on the following page:

 Make sure that the Remote computer has the monitor, keyboard and mouse connected. This is required for a successful initial software installation on that computer. 2. Turn on the Remote (desktop) computer.

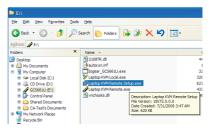
Note: You may be prompted to type in a password depending on how the computer was originally set up. If so, type in the password and proceed with the steps below. Remember that you will always be asked for the password every time you turn on the desktop. If you wish to remove it, see the Troubleshooting section for additional details on how to. It is recommended that you do remove the password request especially if you plan to discontinue the use of the monitor, keyboard and mouse

3. Plug the longer USB cable into a USB port on the Remote computer.

 Go to "My Computer" and highlight "GCS661U" drive. Right click on it and choose "Explore".



5. Double click on the "Setup.exe" file.



6. The Setup screen will show on your screen.

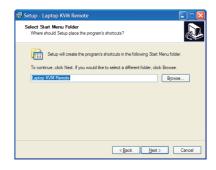
Click on "next"



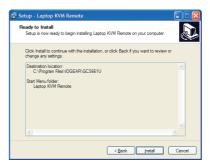
Choose where you want to install the application then click "next".



8. Click "next" one more time.



9. Click "install" to install the application on the computer.



 Set up will install the software on your Remote computer. Click "Finish".



**Note:** You may be prompted to reboot the Local computer after the software has been installed. It is not necessary to do so.

- 11. Turn on the Local (laptop) computer.
- 12. Plug the shorter USB cable into a USB port on the Local (console) computer.
- On the Local screen, an AutoPlay window appears. Click on "Run Launch\_GCS661U. exe". This will install the software on the Local PC.

**Note:** After initial software is complete, you will not need to go through the steps above again. However, every time you use the KVM, you will need to go to "My Computer" and click on "Run Launch\_GCS661U.exe" icon in the Local (laptop) computer, if the Autoplay window does not appear on your local screen.

14. When the software is installed on both PC's, the icon "Laptop KVM running" shows in the lower left hand corner of the toolbar. 15. Connection is established and the Remote screen (desktop) is displayed on your Local screen (laptop). You're now ready to control the Remote PC from your Local PC's key board and mouse.

# **Installation Diagram**



# Operation

The GCS661U User Interface provides a convenient toolbar in the top left of the Remote computer window. The Toolbar buttons are as follows (see table below for details):

#### **Toolbar Buttons**



No.	Name	Description
1	Open File Transfer	Opens the File Transfer utility. (See Transferring Files)
2	Toggle Full Screen Mode	Toggles the Remote computer screen between full and window
3	Minimize Remote Screen	Minimizes the Remote screen so user can work on Local screen.
4	Send to "Start" button on the Remote	Shortcut to open the "Start" menu on the Remote desktop.
5	Match Server Screen	Adjusts the resolution of the Remote computer image to match that of the Local computer monitor. (See Desktop Scaling)

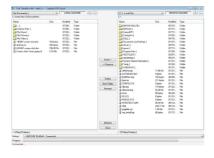
#### File Transfer

The GCS661U features a file management function that includes an intuitive File Transfer utility. Transferring files between the Local and Remote computers is simple and easy.

- In the Remote desktop window on the Local computer's monitor, click the Open File Transfer icon.
- The File Transfer utility window appears:
   The Local computer's file system is displayed on the left (under LOCAL MACHINE), and the Remote computer's file system is displayed on the right (under REMOTE MACHINE).

- 3. There are two methods of transferring files:a) Drag and drop Choose the destination
  - a) Drag and drop Choose the destination folder in either Local or Remote computer's file system, and then simply click on the file(s) to be transferred and drag-n-drop to the destination.
  - b) Use the Send or Receive buttons Highlight file(s) to be transferred and the destination folder, then click Send to transfer a file from the Local computer to the Remote computer, or Receive to transfer a file from the Remote computer to the Local computer.

 File transfer progress can be tracked in the Progress bar. A message in the History bar will tell you when the file transfer has completed.



#### **Other File Management Features**

In addition to File Transfer, the GCS661U's User Interface also offers a full range of file system management features, such as creating, renaming, and deleting files and folders on both the Local and the Remote computers.

#### Toggle Full Screen

This button allows the user to maximize or minimize the Remote screen.

#### Minimize Remote Screen

This button allows the user to minimize the Remote screen and gives instant access to the Local screen.

#### Send Start to Remote

This button allows the user to launch the "Start" button on the Remote PC. It is just another shortcut to access the start menu and subsequently the applications on the Remote PC.

#### Match Server Screen (Desktop Scaling)

When the GCS661U is operational, the desktop environment of the Remote computer appears in its own window on the desktop of the Local computer. The GCS661U's innovative desktop scaling feature offers the options of a full-screen or sizable (by ratio) remote desktop window.

By default, the Remote desktop window maintains the original resolution of the Remote computer screen and appears on the Local computer's desktop in a 1:1 aspect ratio. To match the resolution of the Remote desktop window to that of the Local computer monitor, use the Match Server Screen function in the Toolbar.

#### Note:

The Remote desktop window can also be toggled to full screen using the Toolbar. In full screen mode, the remote desktop display scales to the Local user's monitor display size.

In addition, the Remote desktop window can be treated like any other window on the Local desktop (minimize, maximize, etc.).

#### USB 2.0 Port

The GCS661U Laptop KVM features an additional USB 2.0 port, offering the Local computer the ability to access an additional USB 2.0 device, such as a thumb drive, external storage, and others.

# **Specifications**

FUNCTION		GCS661U	
Computer Connections		1	
Connectors	Console Port	1 x USB Type A Male (Black)	
	Computer Port	1 x USB Type A Male (Black)	
LED's	On Line	1 (Blue)	
	Data Transfer	1 (Blue)	
USB hub		1 x USB 2.0 Hub Port	
Environment	Operating Temp.	0-50oC	
	Storage Temp.	-20-60oC	
	Humidity	0-80% RH, Non-Condensing	
Physical Properties	Housing	Plastic	
	Weight	3.4 oz	
	Dimensions (WxHxD)	3.56" x .5" x 1.25"	

# **Troubleshooting**

Issue	Potential Solution
Once installation is complete, can I use the GCS661U to control the Local (laptop) computer from the Remote (desktop) one?	Not if you have initially installed the software on the Remote (desktop). You can only control from the Local computer.
What if I want to use the desktop computer to control my laptop?	First, you need to uninstall the software if you have already installed it on the desktop. Then reverse the installation steps highlighted above (i.e. plug the longer cable and install the software on the laptop, etc.). You can now control your laptop from your desktop computer.  Note: The laptop now becomes the Remote computer, and vice versa.
Does the GCS661U support different languages OS for the Local and Remote systems?	All KVM and file management functions are supported between different languages OS (i.e. 1 computer with English OS and 1 with a foreign language OS). However, text typed by the Local PC only supports the Local OS language and English ASCII. Only the language OS of the local computer can be keyed by the Local console into the Remote desktop window and GUI.

Issue	Potential Solution
Does the KVM work with Apple OS or Linux?	No, the current version of the GCS661U only supports Windows 2000 or higher, XP, and Vista.
When connecting a USB 2.0 device to the USB port on the KVM, it does not work.	This may be that the device requires an external power adapter. If such adapter is supplied, then it is recommended that it be used. If the adapter is not supplied, then plug the USB device directly into one of the USB ports on either computer.
When I plug a USB device into the USB port on the KVM, I don't see it on my screen.	If the Remote screen is displayed on your Local computer, you will not see the USB device. You need to minimize it and go to the Local screen. You will be able to see it and manage it, including file copying from the Local computer only.
Can I print a file located in the Remote hard drive to the printer that is directly connected to it?	Yes, with the Laptop KVM connected to both the Local and Remote, you can send a print job from your Local computer of a file located on the Remote to the printer directly connected to your Remote

Issue	Potential Solution
Can I browse the internet from the Local (laptop) if the Remote (desktop) is connected to it?	Yes, if the Remote has an Internet connection, you can launch Windows Explorer, on the Remote, from your Local computer and browse.
What happens if I reboot either computer?	Wait for few seconds and you will then see an icon on the computer stating that "Laptop KVM software running". The utility software auto start. Go to "My Computer" in the Local computer and click on the GCS661U icon that is showing. The connection between computers will be established.
After doing step right above, the GCS661U is still not functioning.	Unplug and then re-plug the USB cables on both computers. You will then see an icon on the computer stating that "Laptop KVM software running". The utility software auto start. Go to "My Computer" in the Local computer and click on the GCS661U icon that is showing. The connection between computers will be established.

How can I eliminate the Remote computer's request to put in a password every time I turn it on?

#### **Potential Solution**

You can change the password settings in Windows through the Control Panel (2000, XP, or Vista). In XP, go to Control Panel, then User Accounts, choose the Account you want to change and follow instructions. In Vista, go to Control Panel, then User Accounts and follow instructions related to changing password.

### **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement**

#### 15.21

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#### 15.105(b)

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- -Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
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- -Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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