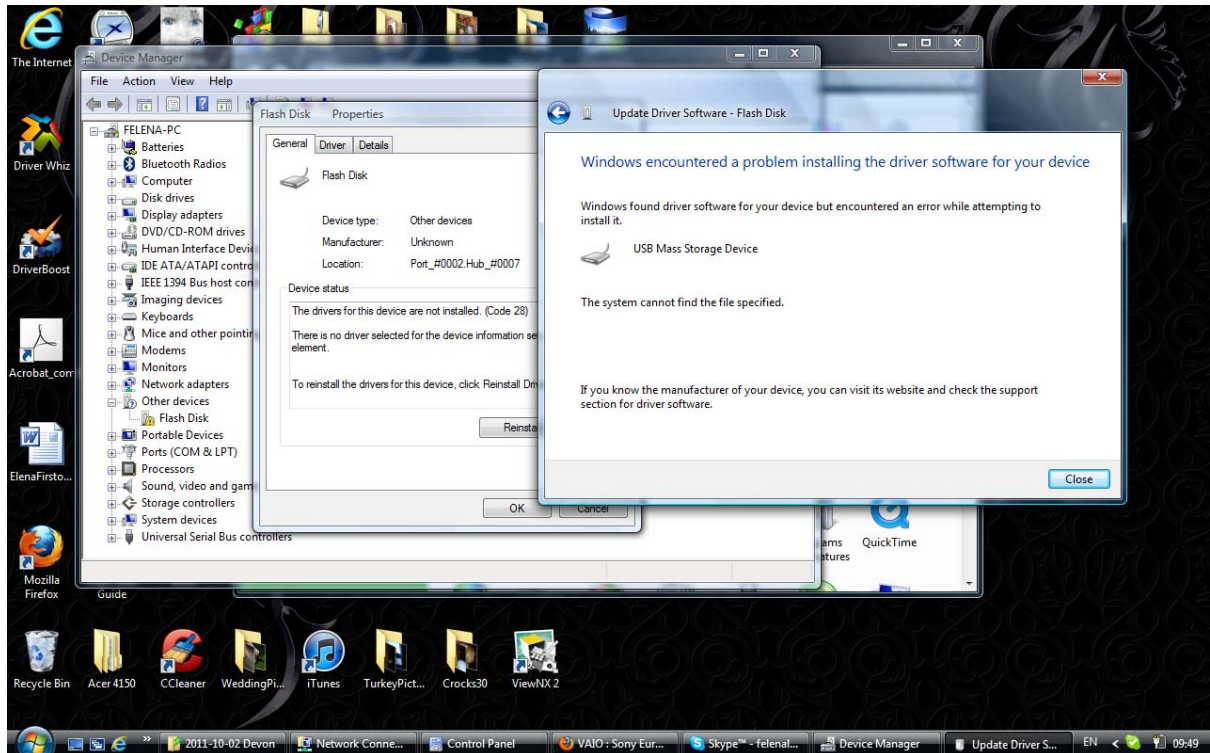
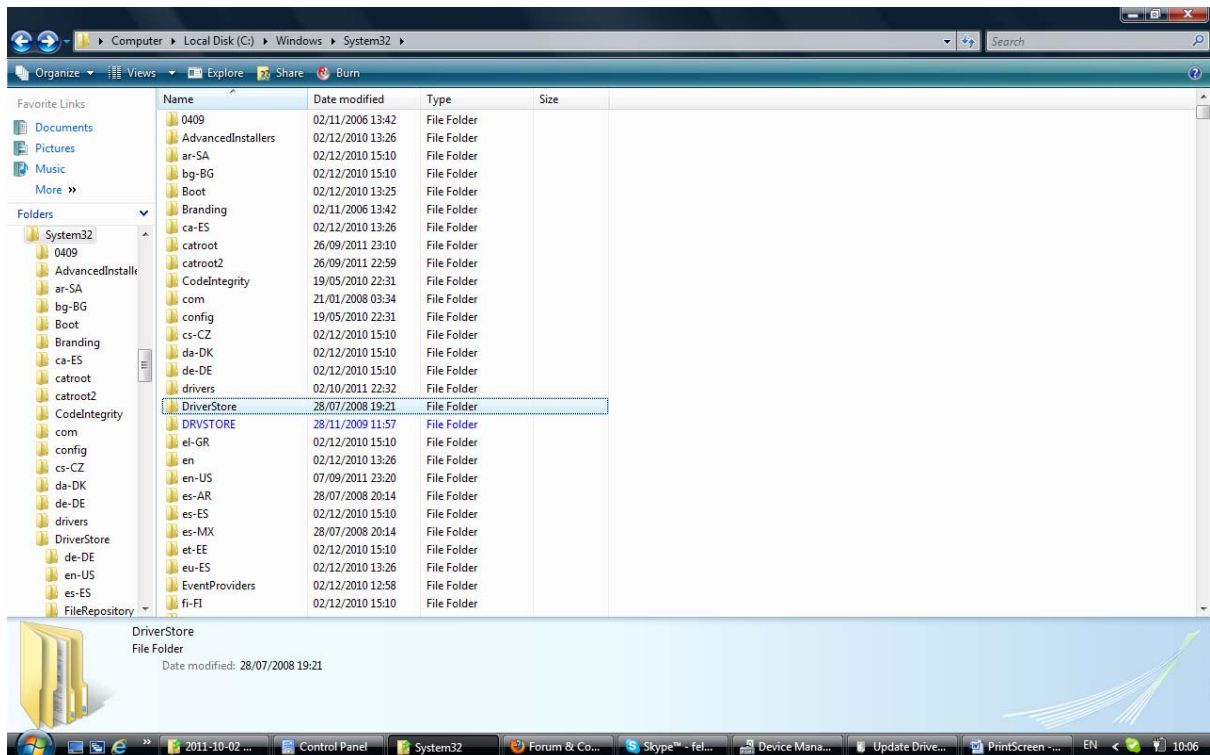


This is what I see when trying to reinstall the driver



Then, following your instructions I am finding the latest driver folder

It is a bit confusing that the System32 contains 3 folders with similar names Drivers, DriverStore and DRVSTORE, but following your instructions I am looking into DriverStore folder



Latest folder found:

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
usbapl.inf_b68e426f	21/03/2011 11:32	File Folder	
usbccid.inf_65d7b597	02/11/2006 12:18	File Folder	
usbccid.inf_54511730	02/12/2010 13:24	File Folder	
usbccid.inf_f0976502	21/01/2008 03:31	File Folder	
usbcir.inf_8be273a0	02/11/2006 12:18	File Folder	
usbcir.inf_616d4626	21/01/2008 03:29	File Folder	
usbport.inf_2c537348	02/12/2010 13:23	File Folder	
usbport.inf_4d1079d9	02/11/2006 13:52	File Folder	
usbport.inf_5421a18b	28/07/2008 20:44	File Folder	
usbport.inf_22790eac	28/07/2008 20:45	File Folder	
usbport.inf_dab84ba6	21/01/2008 03:28	File Folder	
usbprint.inf_29f90369	21/01/2008 03:30	File Folder	
usbprint.inf_35521f61	02/11/2006 12:18	File Folder	
usbstor.inf_72a6a3e5	02/12/2010 13:24	File Folder	
usbstor.inf_b918584	16/09/2008 15:11	File Folder	
usbstor.inf_b2778a0	02/11/2006 12:18	File Folder	
usbvideo.inf_2e0116ef	02/11/2006 12:18	File Folder	
usbvideo.inf_5a2573b5	28/07/2008 18:56	File Folder	

Copying the contents of the folder

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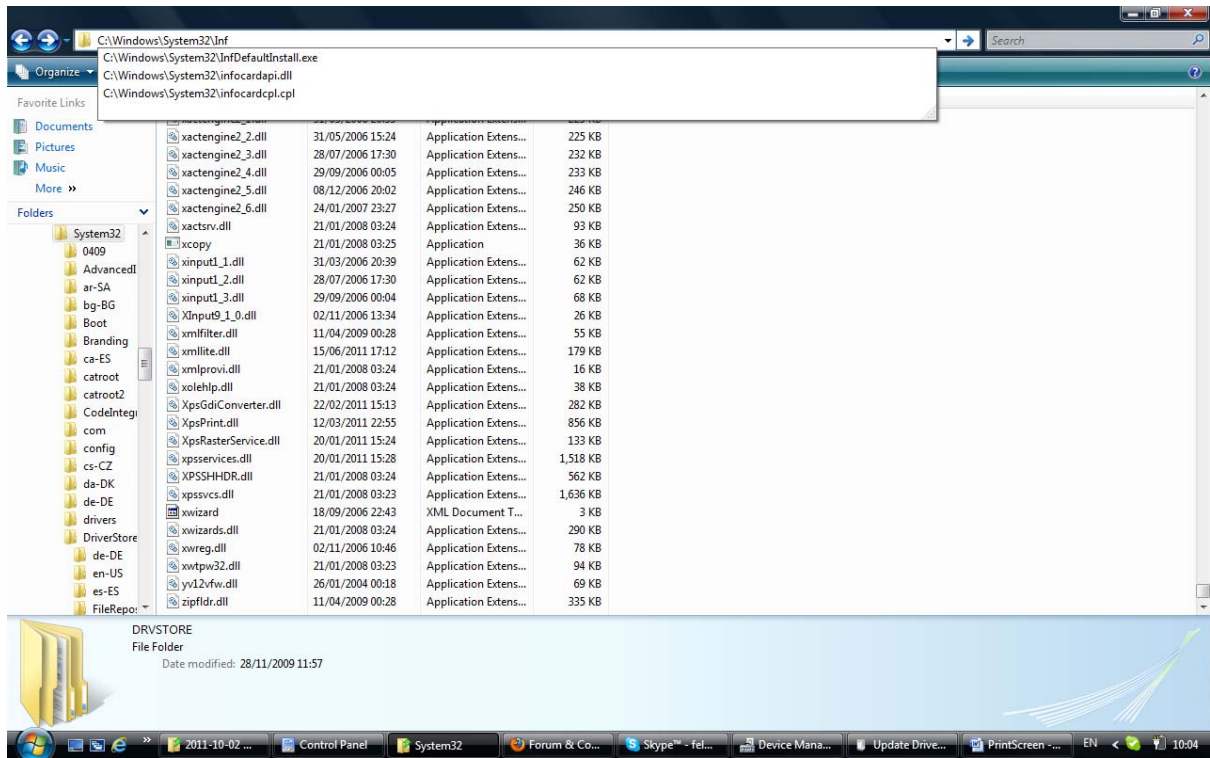
Rich

The screenshot shows a Windows Explorer window titled 'usbstor.inf_72a6a3e5' displaying the contents of the folder. The files are listed in a table with columns for Name, Date modified, Type, and Size. Four items are selected: component.man, usbstor, usbstor.PNF, and USBSTOR.SYS. A tooltip is visible over the 'usbstor' file, showing its file description, company, version, date created, and size.

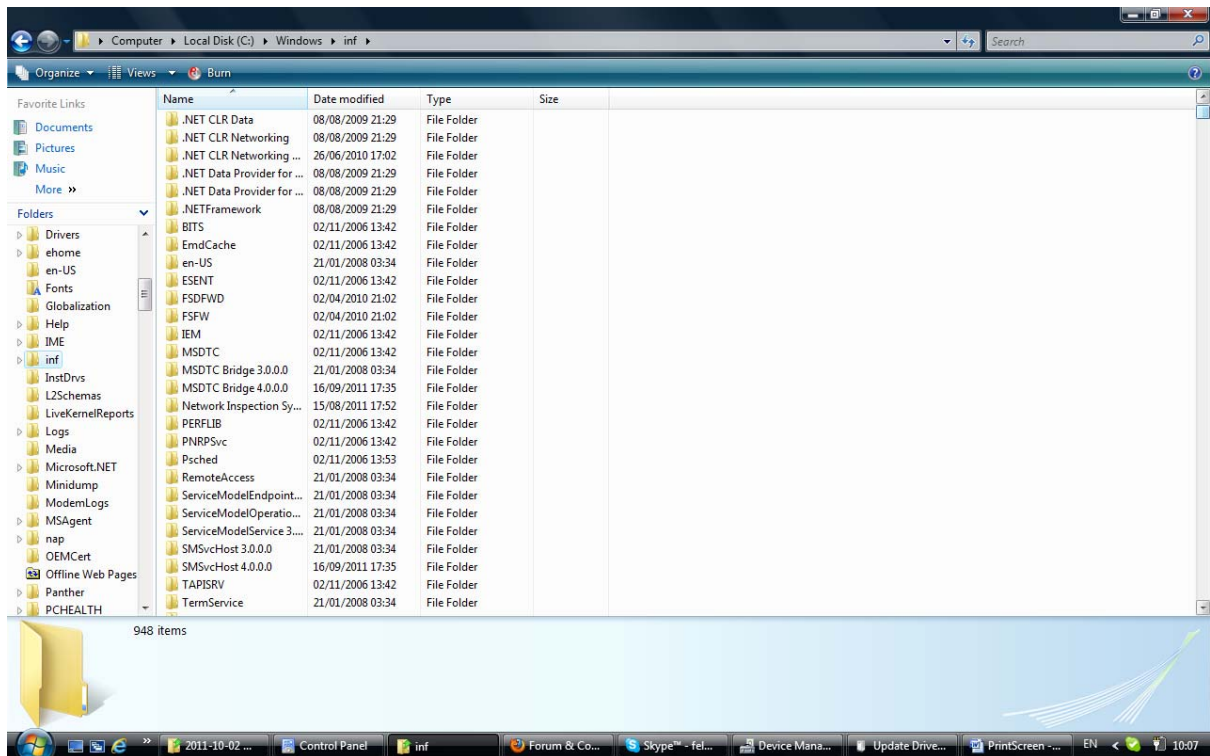
Name	Date modified	Type	Size
component.man	02/12/2010 13:24	MAN File	
usbstor	10/04/2009 20:05	Setup Information	
usbstor.PNF	02/12/2010 13:24	Precompiled Setu...	
USBSTOR.SYS	10/04/2009 22:42	System File	

File description: USB Mass Storage Class Driver
Company: Microsoft Corporation
File version: 6.0.6002.18005
Date created: 02/12/2010 13:06
Size: 64.0 KB

Trying to find the location of the inf folder where you told me to paste the contents of the Driver folder – there is no such location in System32

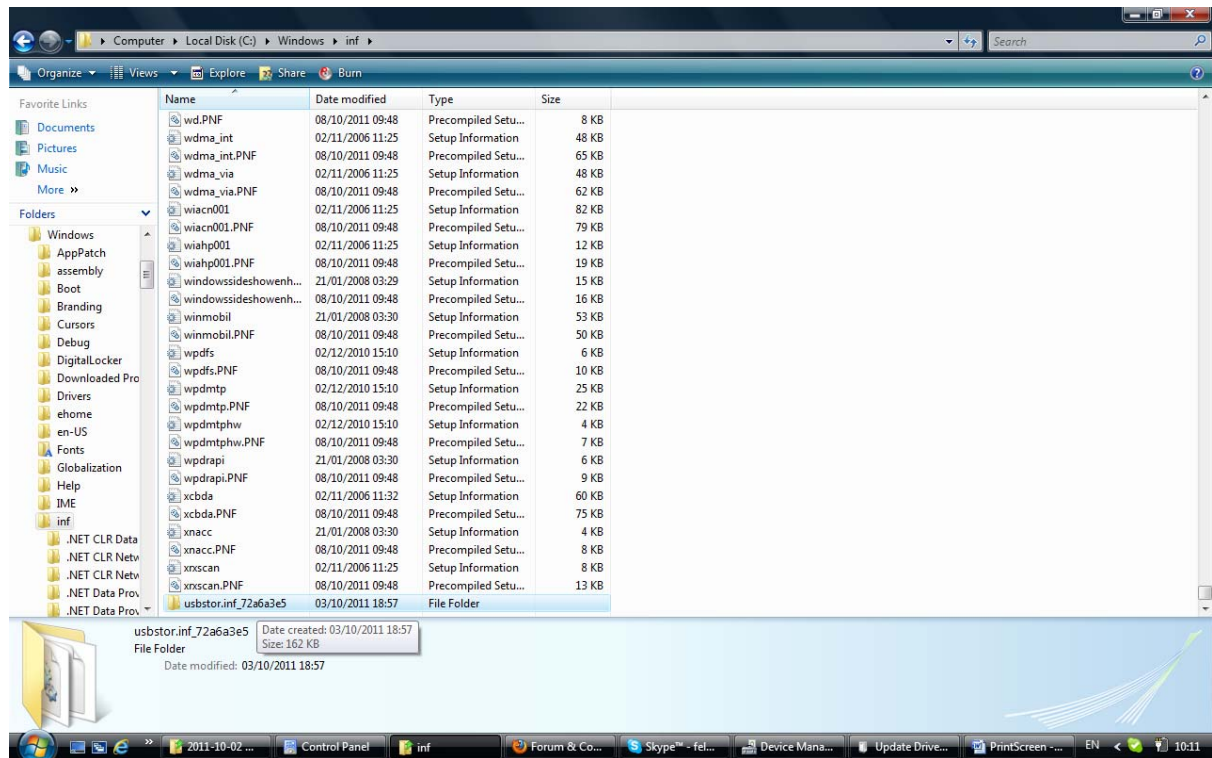


I was able to find inf location in Windows



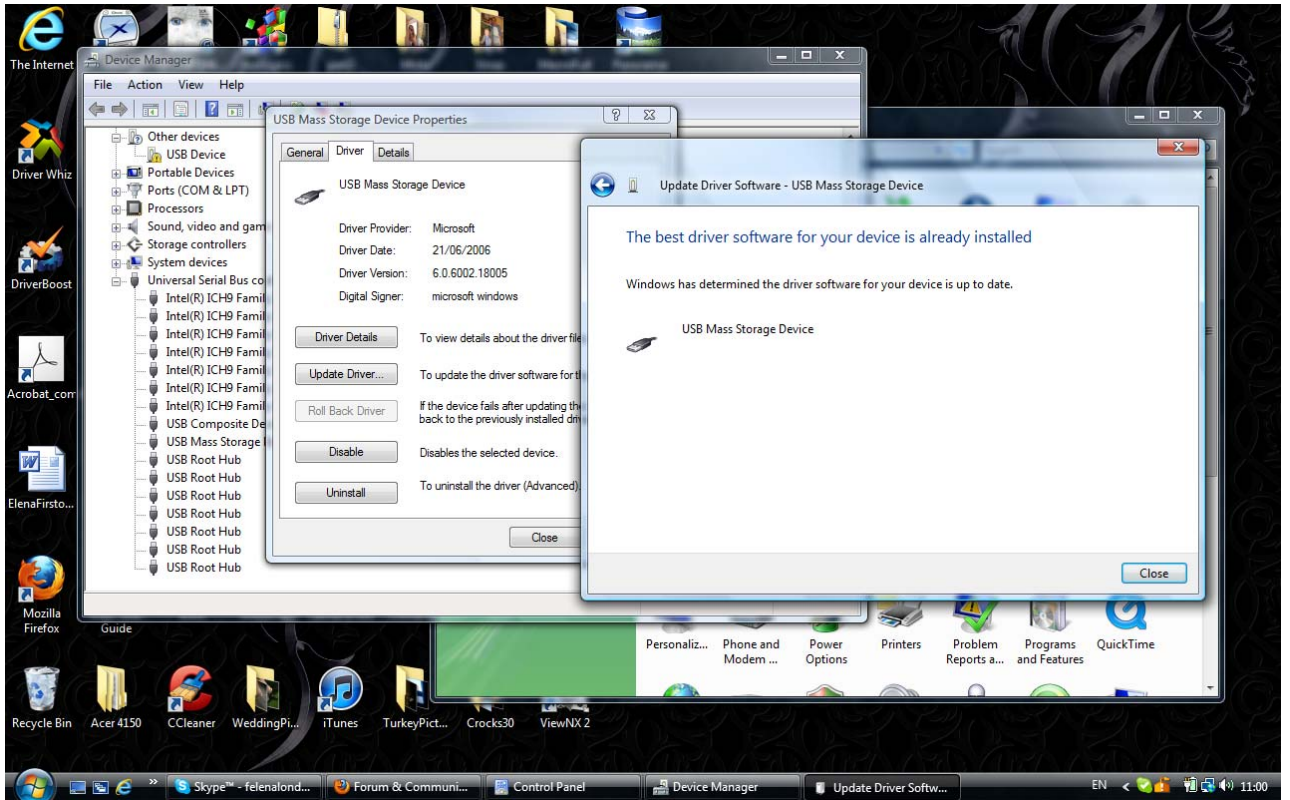
I copied the contents of the folder of a latest driver into this space – no results.

Just in case, I tried to copy the latest Driver folder into that location as well



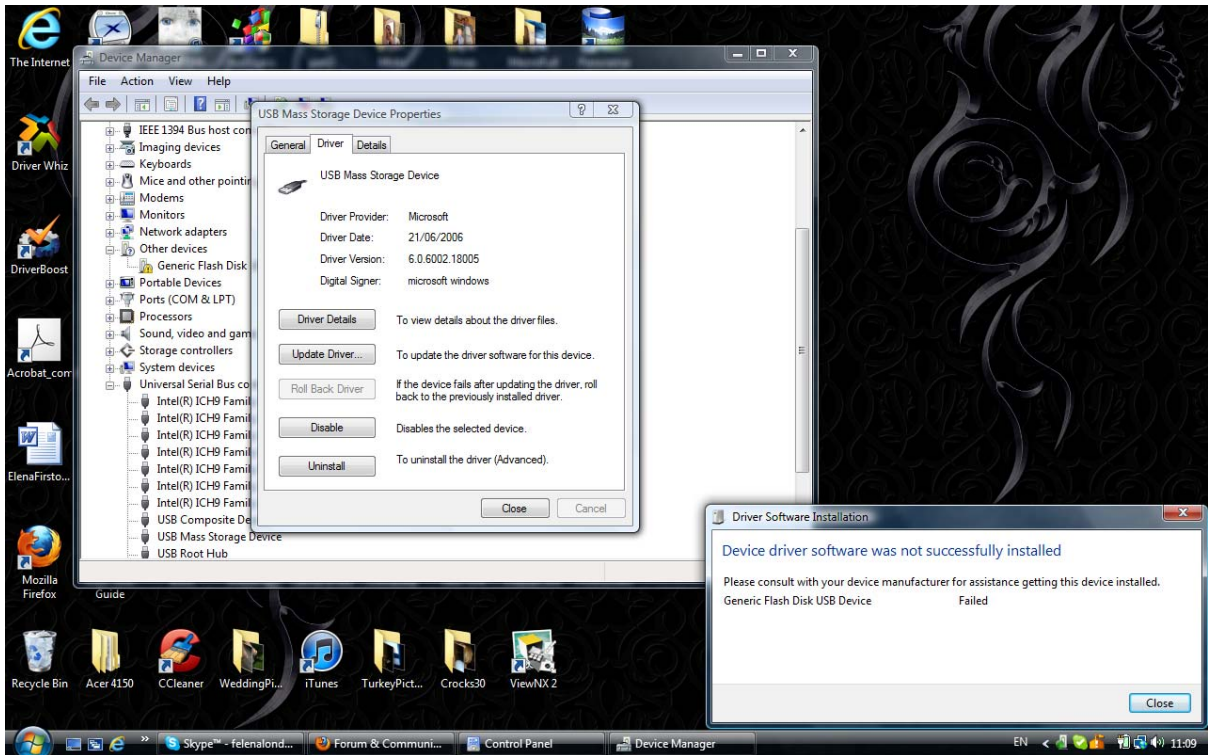
This didn't do anything either.

And when I put one USB stick in the computer, Device Manager still has a warning sign next to it. When choosing the option to search for driver on my computer I tried to direct it to inf folder. Then to search for updates online – it said that I have a driver already and it is up to date. Please see below:

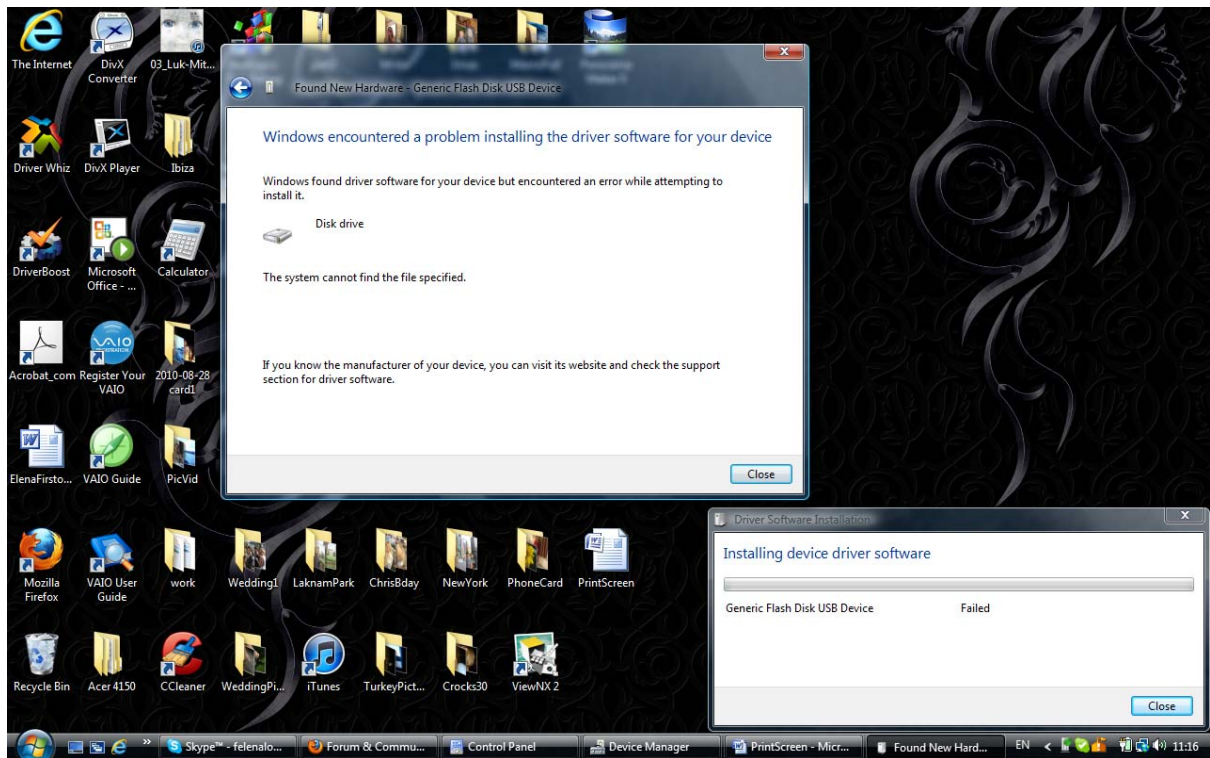


But computer still doesnt see it!

And then I tried the same thing (with inf folder) with another USB stick and it shows this:



Then I tried to search for the driver on the computer and directed it to FileRepository and got this:



I probably need to mention that I didn't have a problem with a computer reading usb sticks before. And it still reads the old usb sticks I was using. But not the new ones (I tried two already)

I hope it helps to visualise the problem, and I will be very grateful if you could suggest a solution to this.