

Connecting to a workstation through a cable

To allow your workstation and the Panther to communicate through a cable, you'll need the correct cable and Microsoft ActiveSync® software.

You'll need the following hardware

- Panther communication cable or a HomeBase

The USB cable allows the Follett Panther to communicate with a workstation—or to a network through a USB hub. The Panther supports full-speed USB communication (USB 1.1). Maximum data transfer rate is 12 Mbps.

As shipped, the Panther defaults to USB communication.

- Panther power cable from the manufacturer.
- A workstation running one of the following operating systems: Windows® XP; Windows 2000; Windows Me; Windows NT® (4.0 SP6 or higher); or Windows 98 Second Edition.

You'll need the following software

- ActiveSync 4.1 (or higher) installed and configured on the workstation. If ActiveSync is not installed on your host workstation, you can download and install the most current version from www.microsoft.com.
- ActiveSync 4.1 (or higher) installed and configured on the Panther. (We ship Follett Panthers with ActiveSync already installed.)

You must set up ActiveSync on your workstation *before* you connect your Panther for the first time.

Setting up the workstation

Once you've installed ActiveSync on your workstation, you'll need to configure it:

1. Double-click the ActiveSync icon  in the system tray.
2. In the Microsoft ActiveSync application, select **File > Connection Settings**.
3. Select the **Allow USB connections** check box:



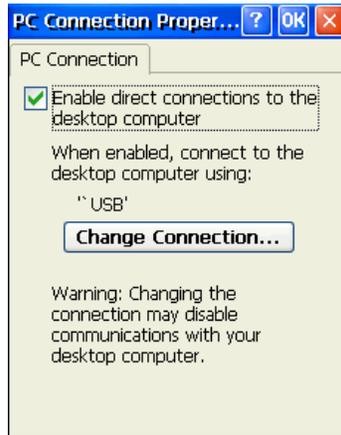
4. Click **OK** to close Connections settings, and then select **File > Close** to close the ActiveSync application.

Setting up the Panther

As shipped, the Panther defaults to USB communication with your workstation.

To verify or change the default setting

1. Tap  (Start) > Settings > Control Panel > PC Connection.



2. Tap **Change Connection** to change the current settings.



Connection Options	Select an option to ...
115200@Desktop	Establish an RS-232 connection.
Infrared Port	Establish an ActiveSync connection via the IrDA Port.
USB	Establish a USB connection

3. Double-tap **OK** to close PC Connection, and tap **OK** again to close PC Connection Properties.

Connecting the workstation and the Panther

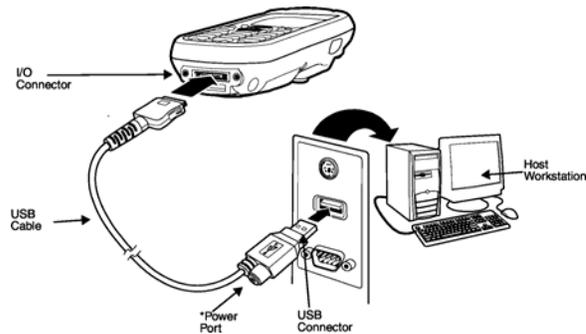
Connecting the USB cable

Connect the USB cable to the I/O connector on the Panther and to a USB port on the workstation.

This is a communication-only cable unless you plug the power cable into the power port.

Connecting the power cable

The Power Port on the back end of the USB connector fits the power cable that comes with each Follett Panther. To charge the device while communicating, connect the power cable to the Power Port.



Communicating with the Panther

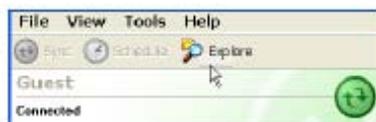
After setting up both the workstation and the Panther, an ActiveSync connection should be automatic.

When you connect the Panther to a communication peripheral, such as the Communication cable, the Panther automatically opens ActiveSync to establish a connection.

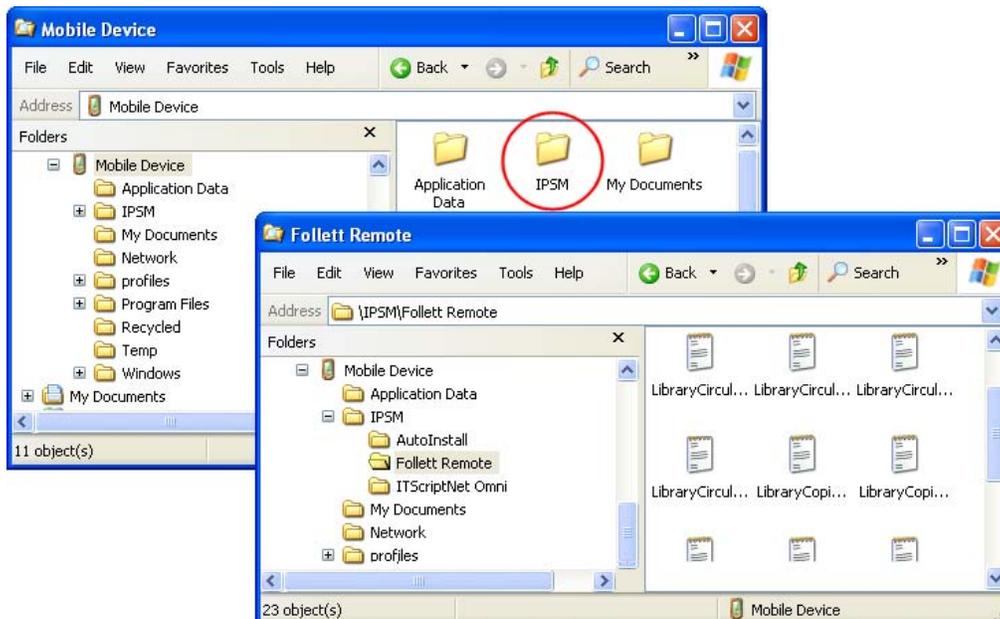
Uploading Follett Remote files from the Panther to your workstation

When you've connected the Panther to the workstation, ActiveSync should open automatically. If not, open ActiveSync on the workstation by double-clicking the ActiveSync icon in the system tray.

1. Click **Explore** on its toolbar. The Mobile Device folder opens in Windows Explorer.



2. Locate and transfer your Follett Remote files by dragging and dropping—or copying and pasting—them to a location on your workstation, just as you would when moving any files between folders. You'll find your Follett Remote files in IPSM\Follett Remote.



Uploading the files from the workstation to your application

Once you've moved your Follett Remote files to your workstation, you can upload them to your application. In Destiny, once you regain your wireless connection, you can upload the files through the browser.

You can upload Follett Remote data files from several pages in Destiny.

If you've transferred the Follett Remote files to your workstation:

1. Open the appropriate page and select your options on that page.
2. To locate and select your barcode file, click **Browse**.
3. To start the processing, click the button at the bottom of the page.
Depending on the page, it could be, for example, **Upload**, **Update**, or **Run Report**.
4. Check the job summary in Job Manager in the Back Office to review any exceptions.

If you're uploading them wirelessly:

1. After logging in, tap **Upload File**.
2. On the **Upload File** page, select the type of file you're uploading.
3. For offline circulation, verify or change the **Transaction Date**.

For inventory, select the one you're working on.
In Textbook Manager, select your **Location**.

For textbook or asset transfers, select the destination site.

4. Tap **Browse** to locate and select your Follett Remote file in the \IPSM\Follett Remote folder.
5. Tap Upload.

Once you see the message, "Your uploaded file has been sent to the Job Manager", you can continue with other tasks.

Finishing up

Once you've uploaded your files to your application and no longer need them, make sure to delete them from both your workstation and your Panther.

When your application has finished processing the file, make sure to review the exception report or job summary.