

# How to add a PCI modem to an ESXi ...

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Sep 25, 2008 I have VMWare ESXi running on an HP server with on host. I need to make a PCI modem available to the host, having installed the modem in the server does anybody know how I can make it available to the Host?



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Nov 15, 2005 1. **Re: How to add a PCI modem to an ESXi server and make it available to a host** Sep 25, 2008 4:56 PM

ESXi is not able to pass through cards like modems, fax cards, USB devices to VMs. Usually if you need to use a special device in a VM you can use a USB / serial over IP device to attach the device to the VM. You might be able to use the PCI card with VMware Server if the modem is presented as a COM device.



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Jun 27, 2006 2. **Re: How to add a PCI modem to an ESXi server and make it available to a host** Sep 25, 2008 10:42 PM

In addition to what Dave says, here is some background info on the subject:

[Re: Guest able to directly access PCI cards](#)

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