



Could Not Enable/Disable Agilent 488

When you enable or disable the Agilent 488 library, Agilent Connection Expert copies the appropriate files as explained in the help topic [Using Agilent 488 with NI-488.2](#). In certain cases, National Instruments (NI) software locks the *gpib-32.dll* file, preventing it from being moved or replaced. This condition may occur even if there are no NI applications currently running.

If this happens, you will see an error message and will not be able to enable Agilent 488 until the file is unlocked. This may require restarting your PC; you can choose to do so immediately, or try closing programs first.

To try closing programs before restarting your PC:

1. Click **Reboot later** in the Agilent Connection Expert error dialog box.
2. Close all NI applications (such as Measurement & Automation Explorer).
3. Retry the attempted operation: In Agilent Connection Expert, click **Tools > Agilent 488...**, and enable or disable GPIB cards for 488 programs, as desired.
4. If the error message is displayed again:
 - Restart your PC.
 - Upon restart, immediately (before running any third-party software), run Agilent Connection Expert and enable or disable Agilent 488 as described in step 2.

To unlock the file by restarting your PC:

1. Click **Reboot now** in the Agilent Connection Expert error dialog box. Your PC will restart.
2. Upon restart, immediately (before running any third-party software), run Agilent Connection Expert and enable or disable Agilent 488: Click **Tools > Agilent 488...**, and enable or disable GPIB cards for 488 programs, as desired.