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Introduction

Welcome to MOXA NPort 1220/1240 USB-to-Serial Hub. NPort 1220 provides 2 RS-422/485 serial ports and NPort 1240 provides 4 RS-232 serial ports.

The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- **Overview**
- **Package Checklist**
- **Product Features**
- **Product Specifications**

Overview

NPort 1200 Series USB to serial servers provide an extremely convenient means of connecting serial devices to a PC. In fact, you don't even need to power-down the PC. Just install the software that comes with the product, and then connect your serial devices directly to the NPort.

NPort 1200 Series products are compliant with both USB 1.0 and 1.1 specifications, are compatible with USB 2.0, and meet the 12 Mbps full speed requirement.

More and more peripherals are connected by the Ethernet or USB interface. The problem is how to integrate these different interfaces. Today's solution is to connect all devices using the open standard Ethernet and USB. The total cost of ownership is reduced, not only in short term hardware investment, but also in long term management and integrating cost.

The NPort 1200 Series supports both bus power and external power via an adapter. Bus power is adapted for laptop or workstation connections that support 500 mA output for USB devices. External power is adapted for those USB hubs that can only output 100 mA of current.

Package Checklist

MOXA NPort 1220/1240 products are shipped with the following items:

Standard Accessories

- 1 NPort 1240 4-port USB to RS-232 HUB, or NPort 1220 2-port USB to RS-422/485 Hub
- NPort 1200 Series Document & Software CD
- NPort 1220/1240 Quick Installation Guide
- Product Warranty Booklet

Optional Accessories

- DK-35A DIN-Rail Mounting Kit (35 mm)
- CB-USBAMB-1M USB A type to B type Cable, 1m

NOTE: *Notify your sales representative if any of the above items is missing or damaged.*

Product Features

NPort 1240 Series products enjoy the following features:

- Expand to 4 RS-232 ports (NPort 1240) or 2 RS-422/485 ports (NPort 1220) through USB
- Hot plug and play
- No additional I/O or IRQ required
- RS-232 (NPort 1240) and RS-422/485 (NPort 1220) speed up to 115.2 Kbps
- Supports USB 1.1, full rate speed up to 12 Mbps
- Built-in 16 KV ESD Surge Protection
- Supports Windows 98/ME/2000/XP drivers
- Supports both bus power and external power
- NPort 1220/1220I: Supports 4-wire RS-422/485 and 2-wire RS-485 applications
- NPort 1220I: Supports 2 KV Isolation Protection

Product Specifications

NPort 1240

USB

Compliant with USB 1.1, 1.0
USB 2.0 backwards compatible

Connector	USB type B
Speed	Full speed 12 Mbps

Serial

No. of Ports	4
Interface	RS-232: TxD, RxD, RTS, CTS, DTR, DSR, GND
Connector	DB9 Male
FIFO	64 bytes
Serial line protection	16 KV ESD for all signals

Serial Communication Parameters

Parity	None, Even, Odd
Data bits	7, 8
Stop bit	1, 2
Flow Control	ADDC (Auto Data Direction Control)
Speed	600 to 115.2 Kbps

Power Requirements

Power Input	12 to 48 VDC (External) or 5 VDC (Bus power)
Power Consumption	BUS: 172 mA @ 5 VDC
	Ext. PWR: 117 mA @ 12 VDC

Mechanical Specifications

Material	ABS
Gross Weight	220±5 g (0.48 lb)

Environmental

Operating Temperature	0 to 55°C (32 to 131°F)
Storage Temperature	-20 to 85°C (-4 to 185°F)
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% RH

Agency Approvals

EMC	FCC (class B), CE (Class B)
Safety	UL, CUL, TÜV

Warranty 5 years

NPort 1220

USB

Compliant with USB 1.1, 1.0
USB 2.0 backwards compatible

Connector	USB type B
Speed	Full speed 12 Mbps

Serial

No. of Ports	2
Interface	4-wire RS-422: TxD+/-, RxD+/-, GND 4-wire RS-485: TxD+/-, RxD+/-, GND 2-wire RS-485: Data+/-, Data+/-, GND
Connector	Terminal Block
FIFO	64 bytes
Serial line protection	16 KV ESD for all signals

Serial Communication Parameters

Parity	None, Even, Odd
Data bits	7, 8
Stop bit	1, 2
Flow Control	ADDC (Auto Data Direction Control)
Speed	600 to 115.2 Kbps

Power Requirements

Power Input	12 to 48 VDC (external) or 5 VDC (Bus power)
Power Consumption	BUS: 140 mA @ 5 VDC Ext. PWR: 306 mA @ 12 VDC

Mechanical Specifications

Material	ABS
Gross Weight	215±5 g (0.48 lb)

Environmental

Operating Temperature	0 to 55°C (32 to 131°F)
Storage Temperature	-20 to 85°C (-4 to 185°F)
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% RH

Agency Approvals

EMC	FCC (class B), CE (Class B)
Safety	UL, CUL, TÜV

Warranty 5 years

Panel Layout

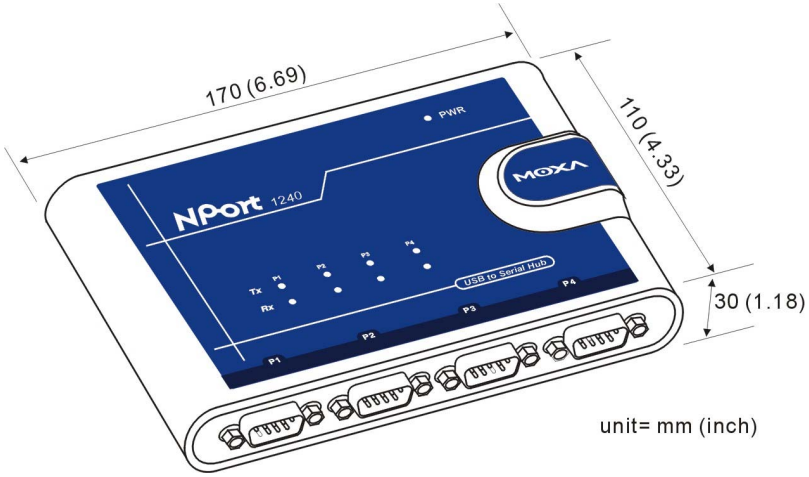
← NPort 1240 Top Panel

← NPort 1220 Top Panel

← NPort 1240 serial interfaces

← NPort 1220 serial interfaces

Dimensions



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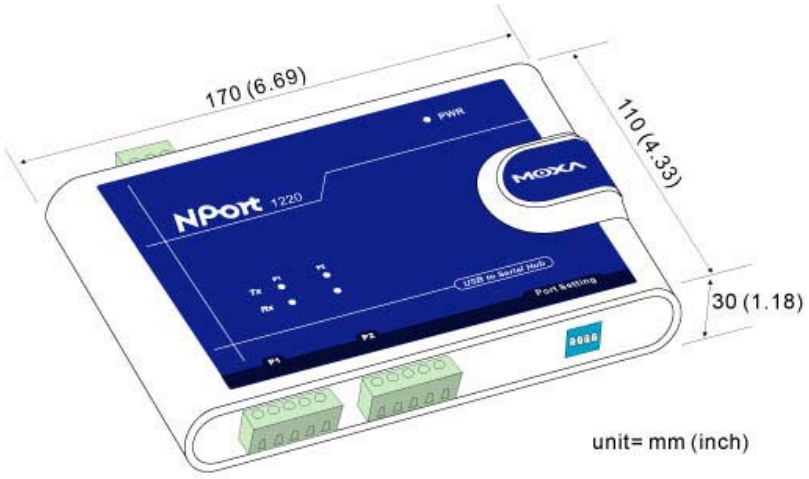

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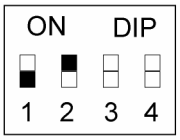
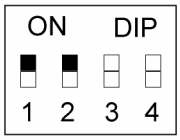
DIP Switch Settings

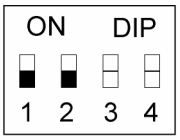
Switches 1 and 2 are for Port 1
Switches 3 and 4 are for Port 2



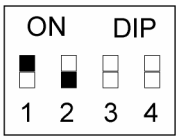
2-wire RS-485 with Termination Resistor



4-wire RS-422/485 with Termination Resistor



2-wire RS-485 without Termination Resistor



4-wire RS-422/485 without Termination Resistor

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Driver Installation

This chapter includes information about installing the driver for NPort 1220/1240. We present the installation procedure for both Windows 98 and Windows 2000 (the procedure for Windows XP is essentially the same as for Windows 2000):

- **Installing the Driver**
- **Checking the Installation**
- **Comfiguring the Ports**
  - Windows 98
  - Windows 2000/XP
- **Panel Layout**
- **Uninstalling the Driver**

NOTE For best results, we recommend that you install the USB driver for NPort 1220/1240 before connecting the product to your computer's USB port.

To do this, insert the software CD (included in the NPort 1220/1240 package) into your computer's CD drive, and click on **Install Software**.

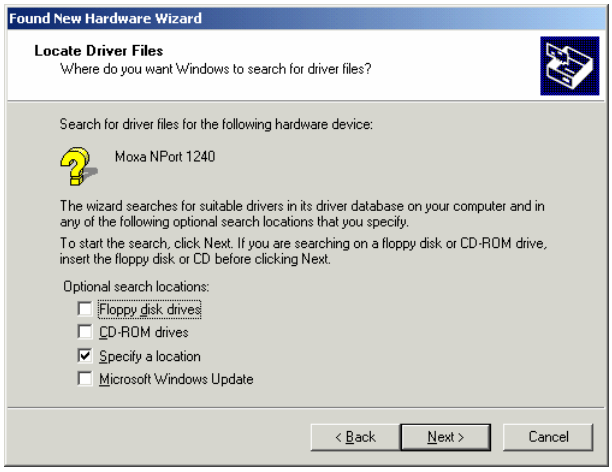
Installing the Driver

1. Connect NPort 1220/1240's USB Port to your computer's USB port. Make sure NPort 1220/1240 and your computer is properly connected.
2. After you connect NPort 1220/1240 to your computer, a **Found New Hardware** window will automatically open.

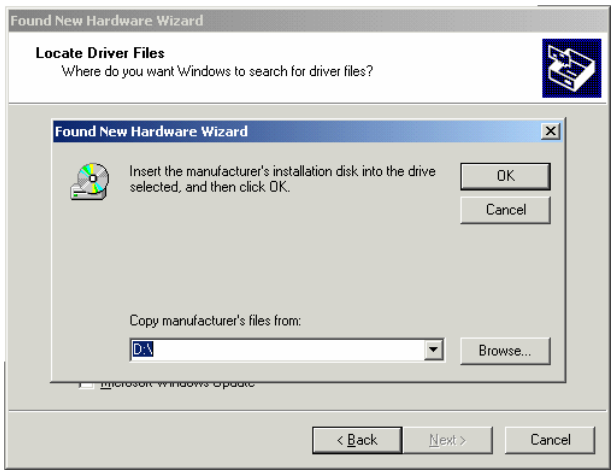
3. When the **Found New Hardware Wizard** starts up, click **Next** to continue installing the USB driver.

4. The setup program will prompt you with an **Install Hardaware Device Drivers** window. Select **Search for a suitable driver for my device (recommended)**, and then click **Next**.

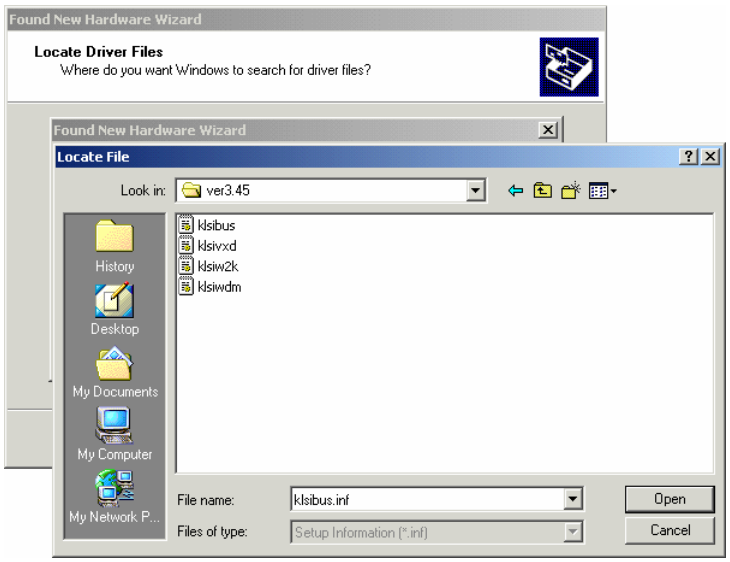
5. A window will open asking you where you want to locate the driver files. Check **Specify a location** box, .and then click **Next**.



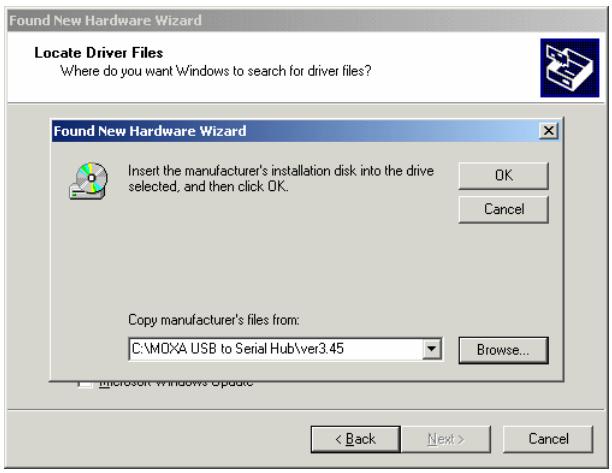
6. A window will open asking you to insert the installation disk. Insert the installation disk into your CD drive,and then click **Browse** to locate the installation file.



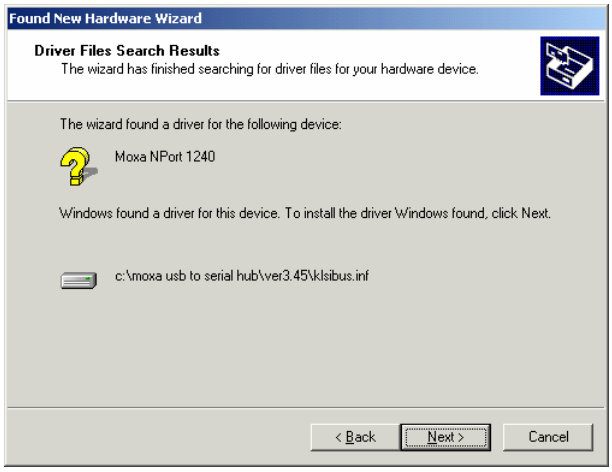
7. Select **klsibus.inf**, and then click **OPEN**.



8. Click **OK** to continue.



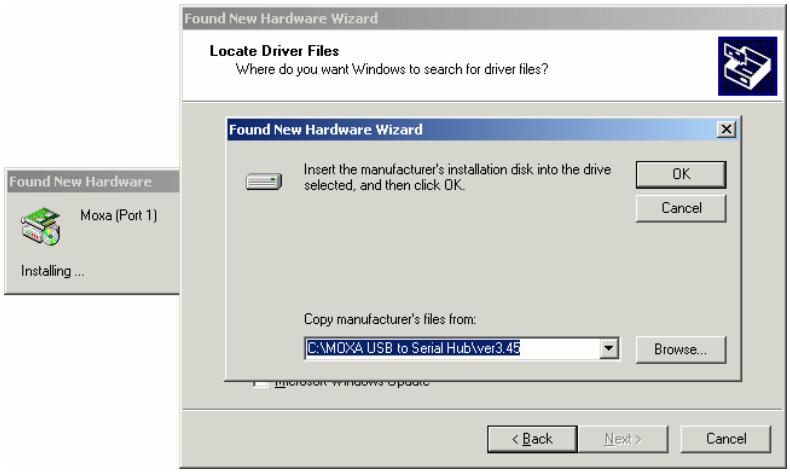
9. A window will open showing the **Driver Files Search Results**. Click **Next** to install the driver.



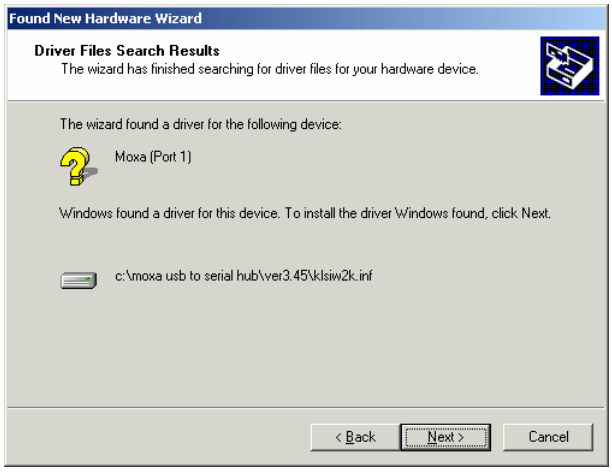
10. When the **Completing the Found New Hardware Wizard** window opens, click **Finish** to close the wizard.

11. A welcome message will appear. Click Next to continue installing Moxa [Port 1].

12. A window will open asking you to insert the installation disk. Insert the installation disk into your CD drive, and then click **Browse** to locate the installation file. Select **klsiw2k.inf** and then click **OPEN**. Click OK to continue.



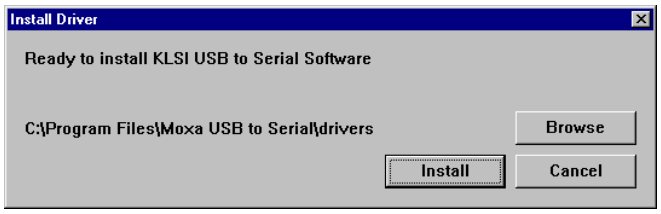
13. A window will open showing the **Driver Files Search Results**. Click **Next** to install the driver.



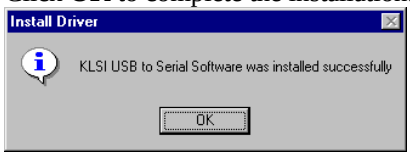
14. When **Completing the Found New Hardware Wizard** window opens, click **Finish** to close this wizard.

NOTE If you wish to install the driver using "Install Driver" program, you will need to follow the instructions below.

1. Insert the software CD (included in the NPort 1220/1240 package) into your computer's CD drive, and then click on **Install Software**.
2. When the **Install Driver** window opens, click on **Install** to install the driver files in the default folder (C:\Program Files\Moxa USB to Serial\drivers), or click on **Browse** to select a different folder.



3. Click **OK** to complete the installation.

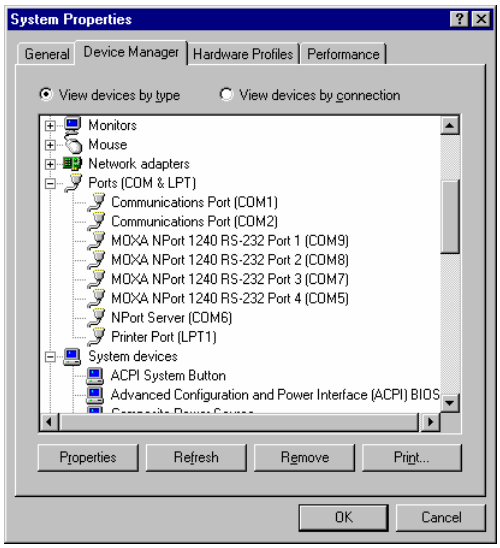


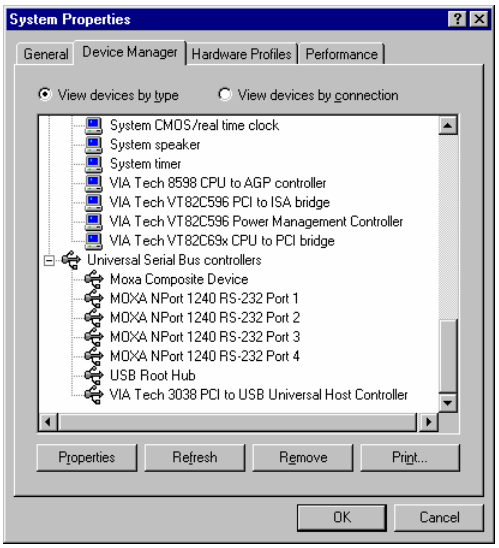
4. Connect NPort 1220/1240's USB port to your computer's USB port. NPort 1220/1240's serial ports will be installed automatically.

Checking the Installation

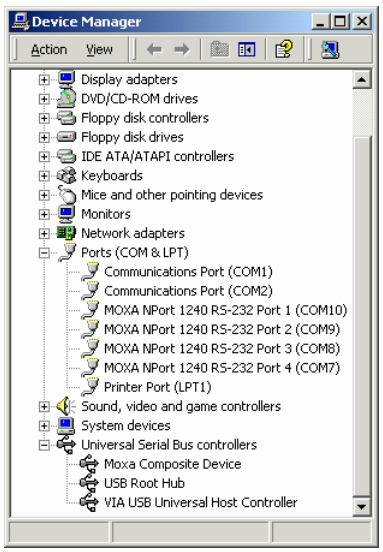
You can check the installation of NPort 1220/1240 under your computer's **Device Manager** window. You should check under both **Ports (COM & LPT)** and **Universal Serial Bus controllers**.

Windows 98





Windows 2000/XP



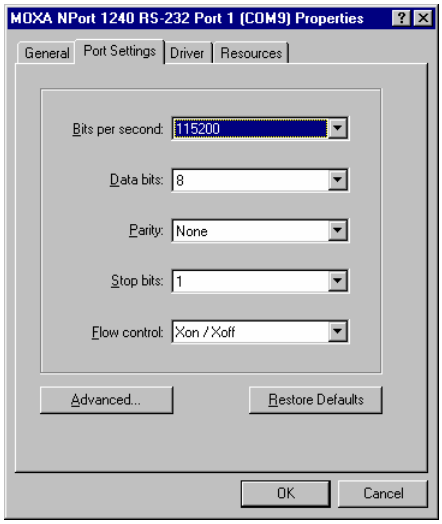
NOTE To double check that the driver and port installation is correct, unplug the NPort 1220/1240 from your computer's USB port—*while the Device Manager window is open*. The MOXA listings under both Ports (COM & LPT) and Universal Serial Bus Controllers should disappear. Then replug NPort 1220/1240 into your computer's USB port, and the MOXA listings should reappear.

Configuring the Ports

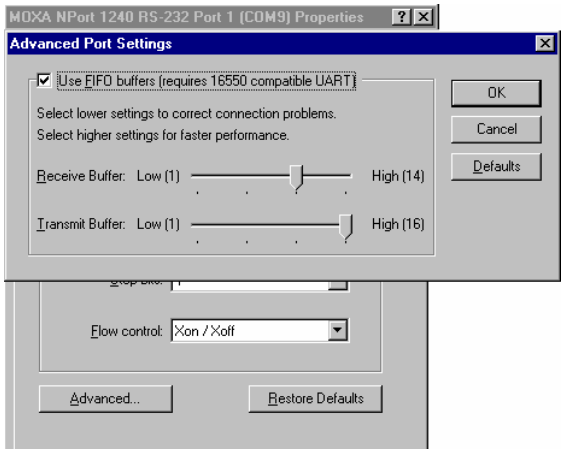
Port configuration for NPort 1220/1240 differs slightly between Windows 98 and Windows 2000/XP. To modify the configuration for a particular port, double click on the listing for that port under **Ports (COM & LPT)** in the Device Manager window.

Windows 98

Click on the **Port Settings** tab to change the **Bits per second** (data transmission speed), **Data bits**, **Parity**, **Stop bits**, and **Flow control**.



Click on **Advanced…** to open the **Advanced Port Settings** to modify FIFO buffer settings.

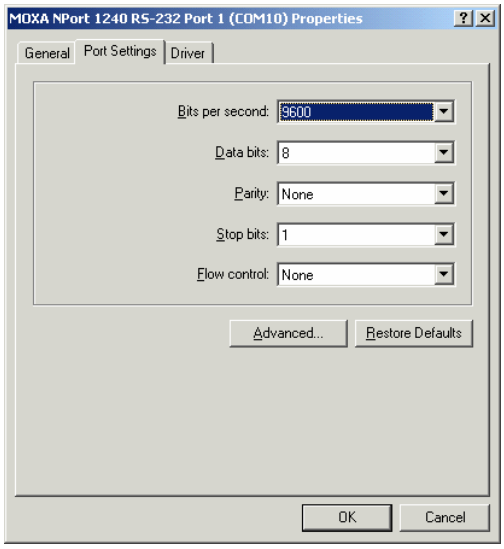


NOTE Under Windows 98, you will not be able to change the COM port number for NPort 1220/1240's serial ports. You will need to use the default COM port number assigned by the OS after the ports are installed.

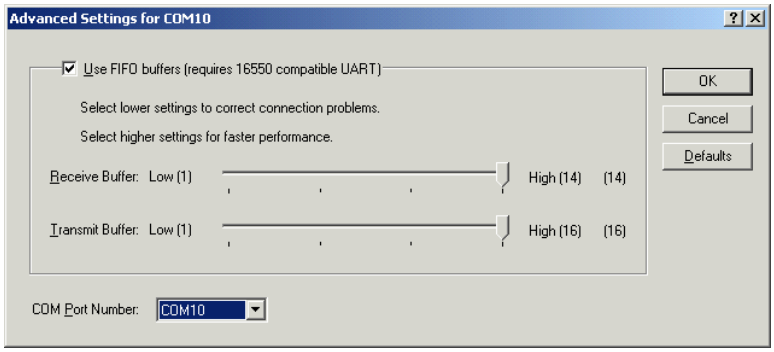
Windows 2000/XP

The figures shown here were created under Windows 2000. The procedure for Windows XP is essentially the same.

Click on the **Port Settings** tab to change the **Bits per second** (data transmission speed), **Data bits**, **Parity**, **Stop bits**, and **Flow control**.



Click on **Advanced…** to open the **Advanced Port Settings** to modify FIFO buffer settings. You may also select a new COM port number using the drop-down list located next to **COM Port Number**.



NOTE Under Windows 2000/XP, you can select a new COM Port Number on the **Advanced Settings for COMx** window.

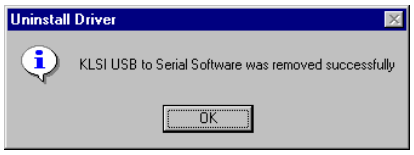
Uninstalling the Driver

To uninstall the driver, open the Device Manger window, and simply delete the NPort 1220/1240 ports under Ports (COM&LPT).

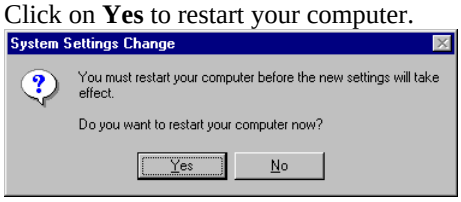
NOTE If you used the **Install Driver** program discussed at the beginning of this chapter, you can make use of the **Uninstall Driver** program to remove the driver files from the directory in which they were installed, and uninstall NPort 1220/1240's ports.

1. Click on **Uninstall** to start the uninstallation procedure.

2. Click **OK**.



3. Click on **Yes** to restart your computer.



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Serial Programming Tools

Moxa supports a class of easy to use, yet powerful serial programming libraries and communication troubleshooting utilities under Windows NT/2000/XP and Windows 95/98. Use these MOXA Serial Programming Tools to decrease your software development time.

In the following sections, we describe the installation of the library, and the utilities supported for various programming platforms.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- **Overview**
- **PComm Installation**
- **PComm Programming Library**
- **Utilities**
- **Terminal Emulator**

Overview

PComm, a professional serial comm tool for PCs, is a software package that runs under Windows NT/2000/XP and Windows 95/98. PComm provides:

- A powerful serial communication library for easy programming in the most popular programming languages. The serial communication library is useful for developing applications for data communications, remote access, data acquisition, and industrial control under Windows NT/2000/XP or Windows 95/98. It is a simpler solution compared to the more complex Windows Win32 COMM API.
- Useful utilities such as diagnostic, monitor, and terminal emulator.
- Illustrative sample programs.

PComm Installation

To install PComm, run \Setup.exe from the diskette enclosed in the package. Please note that the PComm diagnostic and monitor utilities are for MOXA products only; these two utilities will not work with other manufacturers products.

After PComm is successfully installed, click on **Start → Program Files → PComm Lite** to select a list of utilities and documents.

PComm Programming Library

The serial communication library assists you in developing serial communications programs for any COM port that complies with Microsoft Win32 API. It facilitates the implementation of multi-process and multi-thread serial communication programs and hence remarkably reduces development time.

This serial communication library provides a complete function library and sample programs for Visual C++, Visual Basic, and Delphi. To view detailed function descriptions and sample programs, click on **Start → Program → PComm Lite → PComm Lib Help → PComm Porting Notes** or **PComm Programming Guide**, or refer to the sample programs in the PComm directory.

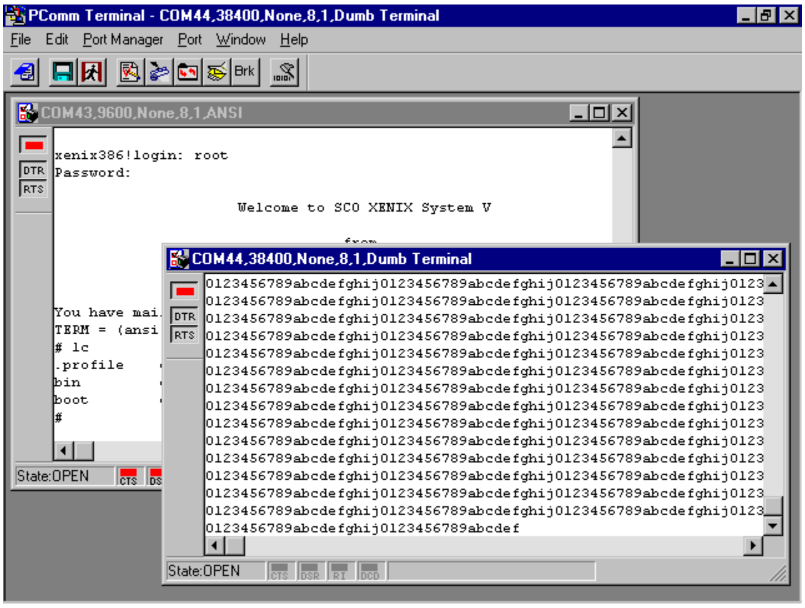
Utilities

In this section, we give brief descriptions of each utility. For more information about these utilities, see the on-line help from the software diskette.

Terminal Emulator

Terminal Emulator can be used to connect to various ports to see if data transmission is functioning correctly. Terminal Emulator features multi-windows, and supports VT100 and ANSI terminal types. You can transfer data interactively, send patterns periodically, and transfer files using ASCII, XMODEM, YMODEM, ZMODEM, and KERMIT protocols.

To run Terminal Emulator, click on **Start → Program → PComm Lite → Terminal Emulator**.



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Technical Reference

In this appendix, we cover the following topics.

- **Win32 API Function Compatible List**
  - Windows 98
  - Windows 2000/XP
- **General Technical Reference**

Win32 API Function Compatible List

Windows 98

Test function	Test Flag
1. PurgeComm	PURGE_TXABORT
	PURGE_RXABORT
2. ClearCommBreak()	
3. SetCommBreak()	
4. ClearCommError	cbInQue
	cbOutQue
5. EscapeCommFunction	SETDTR
	SETRTS
	SETXON
	SETXOFF
	SETBREAK,CLRBREAK
6. GetCommMask	EV_BREAK
	EV_CTS
	EV_DSR
	EV_ERR
	EV_RING
	EV_RLSD
	EV_RXCHAR
	EV_RXFLAG
	EV_TXEMPTY
7. GetCommModemStatus()	
8. SetCommMask	EV_CTS
	EV_DSR
	EV_RLSD
	EV_RXCHAR
	EV_RXFLAG
	EV_TXEMPTY
10. SetCommState	BaudRate
	Parity, ByteSize, StopBits,fParity
	ErrorChar,fErrorChar
	fNull
	fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_DISABLE
	fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_ENABLE
	fDtrControl=DTR_CONTROL_DISABLE
	fDtrControl=DTR_CONTROL_ENABLE
	FDsrSensitivity=TRUE
11.SetCommTimeouts	ReadIntervalTimeout
	WriteTotalTimeoutMultiplier
	WriteTotalTimeoutConstant
13. HWFlowContrl()	dcb.fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_HANDSHAK

	E
14. CloseHandle()	
15. ReadFile()	

Windows 2000/XP

Test function	Test Flag
1. PurgeComm	PURGE_TXABORT
	PURGE_RXABORT
	PURGE_TXCLEAR
2. ClearCommBreak()	
3. SetCommBreak()	
4. ClearCommError	CE_BREAK
	CE_RXPARITY
	CE_FRAME
	CE_RXOVER
	fCtsHold
	fDsrHold
	fXoffHold
	cbInQue
	cbOutQue
5. EscapeCommFunction	SETDTR
	SETRTS
	SETXON
	SETXOFF
	SETBREAK,CLRBREAK
6. GetCommMask	
	EV_CTS
	EV_DSR
	EV_RING
	EV_RLSD
	EV_RXCHAR
	EV_RXFLAG
	EV_TXEMPTY
8. GetCommModemStatus()	
9. SetCommMask	EV_CTS
	EV_DSR
	EV_RLSD
	EV_RXCHAR
	EV_RXFLAG
	EV_TXEMPTY
	EV_TXEMPTY
10. SetCommState	BaudRate
	Parity, ByteSize, StopBits,fParity
	ErrorChar,fErrorChar
	fNull

	fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_DISABLE
	fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_ENABLE
	fDtrControl=DTR_CONTROL_DISABLE
	fDtrControl=DTR_CONTROL_ENABLE
	FDsrSensitivity=TRUE
11.SetCommTimeouts	ReadIntervalTimeout
	ReadTotalTimeoutMultiplier
	ReadTotalTimeoutConstant
	WriteTotalTimeoutMultiplier
	WriteTotalTimeoutConstant
12. HWFlowContrl()	dcb.fRtsControl=RTS_CONTROL_HANDSHAKE
13. ReadFile()	

General Technical Reference

Question 1

Why does the port stop responding when I use a program to fast open/close the port? On the other hand, if I just do a normal port open/close, the port will stop responding after about 100 times. In a related problem, if I use the port on a dial-up network, the port will sometimes stop responding, or when I add a new modem under Windows XP, the port will be dead the first time I use the modem.

Answer 1

For all of these problems, simply unplug and then re-plug NPort 1220/1240 from the computer's USb port.

Question 2

NPort 1220/1240 currently supports baud rates from 600 bps to 115200 bps. However, if I set an invalid baud rate, such as 300 bps, the driver does not return an error.

Answer 2

This problem stems from the fact that some Windows operating systems do not alert the user to the baud rate limits of connected devices.

Question 3

Why is it that when I use NPort 1220/1240 under Windows XP, the OS loading is sometimes around 45%?

Answer 3

This problem is a common characteristic that appears when using USB devices under Windows XP.

Question 4

When I install NPort 1220/1240 under Windows 2000/XP, the COM port number is assigned by which USB slot I use to connect to my computer. What happens if I change the USB slot?

Answer 4

The port number will change. Keep in mind that the port number is automatically assigned by the OS.

Question 5

Under Windows 2000, it seems that the more USB ports I install (e.g., close to 25 or 30 ports), the port throughput drops to around 1%. How do I get around this problem?

Answer 5

We recommend limiting to 16 ports the number of USB ports installed under Windows 2000.