Introduction

When using removable USB to Serial converters, windows can re-allocate serial ports if the converter is not plugged into the same USB port.

To change the allocated port of a USB to Serial converter, first go to Control Panel in the start menu (Figure 1)

After selecting the Control Panel, select “System” (highlighted in Figure 2), if you do not have this view click on “switch to Classic View” in the left pane

After clicking “System” a popup will appear (Figure 3), navigate to the “Hardware” tab and click “Device Manager

Another window will appear, using the scroll bar move down to “Ports (COM & LPT)” (Figure 4)

Press the + next to “Ports (COM & LPT)” and all available COM ports on the computer will appear. Identify the USB to Serial converter that you wish to modify, right click and select Properties.

Another window will appear (Figure 5), in this window navigate to “Port Settings” and then click on “Advanced”
Another window will appear, this time simply select the required COM port (ensure that the COM port is not in use already), and then click ok.

![Figure 6](image.png)

Please note that Windows can have issues communicating with COM ports above 16.