

Re: Serial comms

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WTH,

If its a smart card reader, one of the 'common' makes and you are running XP then the Smart Card service will grab the reader for Logon. If this is the case then you are probably not checking that you are opening the port correctly.

If it is a smart card reader, then it would be best to use the smart card API.

- Tim

"WTH" <ih8spam@spamtrap.com> wrote in message
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>I have a card reader attached to COM1 and 'reportedly' set for 9600 baud.

>I

> don't know the stopbits, flow control, et cetera, but it is supposed to

> set

> for usualy system defaults for Windows (8,1,N, et cetera.)

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> Sadly, even though I'm running "Advanced Serial Data Logger" in 'spy' mode

> I

> don't see any data when the device is supposedly transmitting. Now,

> there's

> a MILLION reasons why the thing could be screwed up; however, I have this

> crazy nagging feeling in the back of my head about 'com ports being turned

> off' or 'disabled' or something by default. I know, doesn't make sense as

> people plug in their mouse there all the time.

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> Probably just craziness, but anything like that ring a bell?

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> WTH

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