

Re: How can I access my COM ports?

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See if you can get an updated Firewire and/or USB driver from Panasonic for the PhotoVue.

Or try IRFanview and nice free program that should handle your needs.

at <http://www.irfanview.com/>

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The people think the Constitution protects their rights; But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome. "Gerry Busch" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:1093b01c44014\$0f496b90\$a001280a@phx.gbl...

| I am running Windows XP Home Edition 5.1 SP1. My laptop
| has two USB ports and an IEEE 1394. There is no SubD RS-
| 232 serial connector. Currently I connect my video
| camera to the IEEE port via a firewire, and can access
| the device through Scanner and Camera Wizard, but I'd
| like to try the original driver software that came with
| the camera, instead (Panasonic PhotoVue Link).

| The problem is that PhotoVue Link can't establish
| communications with the camera, as it is looking for a
| COM port. The COM port selection dialogue in the
| software offers COM1: through COM4:, but they are all
| greyed out. Is there any way I can configure my system
| to make the COM ports accessible through the IEEE, so
| that the software will find them?

| BTW, the only cable that came with the camera was a
| serial cable with a standard 9-pin SubD, so that's no
| good. I suppose I could get a USB cable for the camera,
| but I'm not sure if the software would find the COM ports
| through that, either.

| Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

| Gerry