How do you determine the Com Port of a connected USB to Serial Adapter and change it?

These instructions work only for Windows XP.

1) First click on the Start Tab at the bottom left of the screen.
2) Then in the menu that pops up, Right click "My Computer"
3) Scroll down and select "Properties." You should now have window up that says "System Properties".
4) There is a "Hardware Tab," click that. You now have several selection buttons, click the one that says "Device Manager" This will bring up a window that has a list of all the hardware in your computer.
5) Scroll down to the one that says Ports(Com & LPT).
6) Click on the + sign to the left. (this will open the list of ports. If you have a USB to Serial Adapter plugged in and powered up, you should see it in the list. Double Click on it.
7) This will open a box that has Several Tabs across the top. Select the one called "Port Setting" This is where you can set the Communications baud rate data bits etc.
8) Click on the button that says "Advanced..." A new window will open labeled Advanced Setting for Com(number of what the port is presently).
9) At the bottom you will also see a selection box label "Com Port Number" If you click on this you will see a list of all your com ports and if they are empty or not.
   You can assign the USB to serial Adapter to any of the empty ports safely. Assigning it to a used port will give a warning message that this port is already in use. Only assign to a used port if you are completely sure that it is no longer being used. Close all windows.