COMKeeping

COMKeeping is a Microsoft Windows software application. It provides a tool to view current COM port number usage, to remove virtual COM ports and release COM port numbers, and to change COM port number assignments. COMKeeping runs on 32-bit (x86) and 64-bit (x64) Microsoft Windows systems.

Using the software:

There are two groups of information available from COMKeeping. The first section is **Current Usage of COM Port Numbers**. It shows the total number of COM port numbers arbitrated by the system and total number of COM port numbers assigned to devices. The second section is **COM Ports Usage Details**. It shows devices' COM port names and their assigned COM port numbers. In case a COM port number is taken and it does not have a name, COMKeeping will display this COM port as *Unknown Port*.

COMKeeping	
Current Usage of COM Port Numbers Number of COM Port Numbers Arbitrated 256	Number of COM Port Numbers in Use 7
COM Ports Usage Details	
Select All Release Change	Help
Communications Port (COM1) Communications Port (COM3) HCF 56K PCI Modem (COM3) Bluetooth Communications Port (COM4) Bluetooth Modem (COM6) USB Communications Port (COM7)	

Releasing COM port(s):

- Select the COM port from COM Ports Usage Details section, and click the Release button.
- To release two or more COM ports, hold the CTRL key and select the COM ports from COM Ports Usage Details section, release the CTRL key, and click the Release button.
- To release all COM ports, click the Select All button, and click the Release button.

DEVICE FUNCTIONS

Changing COM port Number(s):

- Select the COM port from COM Ports Usage Details section, and click the Change button. A new window will pop up with a COM port number list. Select a COM port number from the list. A COM port number marked as "In Use" is already assigned to a device, and the device is not in the system. A COM port number marked as "Active" is already assigned to a device, and the device is in the system now. All other COM port numbers are not assigned. After selecting a COM port number, click Ok to assign the COM port this new number. Click Cancel to exit without changing. If a device's COM port number is changed, unplug the device and reconnect it to the computer.
- To change two or more numbers, hold the CTRL key and select the COM ports from COM Ports Usage Details section, release the CTRL key, and click the Change button. The selected COM ports will be processed one by one.

Software Installation:

- 1. The software is available at devicefunctions.com/cat/software.htm. Download the compressed folder file comkeeping.zip. Extract all files to a file folder on your local disk or USB drive, double click *setup.exe* to start software installation.
- 2. Follow the on-screen instructions until the setup wizard finishes.
- 3. The software will be activated automatically if COMKeeping USB key is present.

Support:

Check updated information at <u>www.devicefunctions.com</u> For questions regarding the software, email us at info@devicefunctions.com

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