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## Q: How to open a virtual COM port that larger than “COM9” by calling CreateFile() Win32 API?

A: For example: If you want to open "COM10", the correct way to call the CreateFile() is as follows:

```

CreateFile(
    "\\.\COM10", // address of name of the communications device
    fdwAccess,  // access (read-write) mode
    0,          // share mode
    NULL,       // address of security descriptor
    OPEN_EXISTING, // how to create
    0,          // file attributes
    NULL        // handle of file with attributes to copy
);

```

### NOTES:

1. This syntax also works for ports COM1 through COM9. See more... MS [Q115831](#).
2. Maximum COM port number for VxComm Driver is COM256.
3. Valid COM port number for MSCOMM.OCX is between 1 to 16. Please refer to [MSComm.CommPort](#).