USB to Serial: Linux: I can not compile the supplied driver, make produces lots of errors.

You do not need to compile the supplied driver. As stated in the Readme file, this driver is compliant to the 2.4.32 kernel. Since you use a modern Linux Distribution, your kernel is of the 2.6 strain.

In fact you do not need an additional driver. Most modern Distributions already suppy the driver for FTDI USB serial ports. Just connect the USB-COM, and the driver is loaded. You can verify this by using

lsmod | grep "ftdi"

Some more special Distributions do not load the driver automatically, so you can not find it by doing lsmod. In such a case you have to manually load the driver. The command

modprobe ftdi-sio

usually does the required job. If the driver still is not available, you have to contact the people who created your special Distribution of Linux. They can tell you how to load and use a driver.

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For using the latest models with 4 or more serial ports it may be necessary to upgrade to kernel 2.6.31 or later

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