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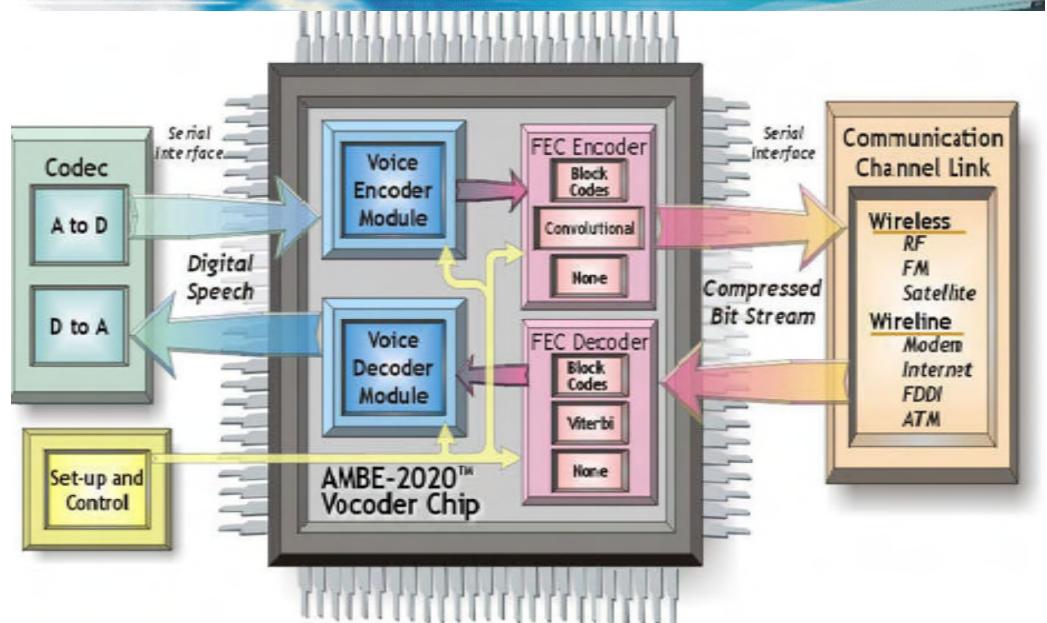
- Introduction to D-STAR Equipment
- Getting Started
- Radio Programming
- DSTAR Resources
- Question/Answer

Digital Voice Digital Data

- What is D-STAR?
 - Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio
 - JARL
 - OPEN STANDARD
 - Japanese Amateur Radio League
 - NOT Manufacturers
 - No ICOM does NOT own the standard!
 - No ICOM does NOT own the CODEC
 - Same CODEC is used for P25, DMR, Fusion and DSTAR
 - Goal
 - Advanced Local Communication
 - Digital is the future
 - Spectrum Efficiency
 - Experiment with Simultaneous Voice and Data
 - D-STAR Gateway Originally owned by Icom
 - Not Public Domain or Open Source
 - May not be copied, shared or redistributed
 - D-STAR NON-ICOM Projects Available
 - Repeaters/Gateways
 - ircDDB
 - Dongles/DVAPS
 - Actual User Radios



D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data Digital Voice Digital Data



D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data Terminology

AMBE

 Advanced Multi-Band Excitation (AMBE) is a very powerful proprietary speech coding standard developed by Digital Voice Systems, Inc.

(From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Multi-Band_Excitation)

 Converts audio to and from the digital format used in D-Star Digital Voice at 2400 bps with 1200 bps of FEC.

FEC

Forward Error Correction



Radio Header									Data								
Bit Syn	Frame Syn.	Flag 1	Flag 2	3	Destina	Domant	ID	0	0		Voice Frame	Data Frame	Voice Frame	Data Frame		Voice Frame	Data Frame
					tion Repeater	ure Repeater Callsign	nion	Callsign 1	Callsign 2	P_FCS							

եԿbitlsbit l l dbyte dbyte dbyte dbyte 4byte2byte 72byt24byte72byte24byte

72byte 24byt

Both Voice and Data Share The Packet

D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data **Header Care Abouts Radio Header Data** Frame Flag Flag Flag Bit P_FCS **Synchronization** Radio ID Sync 2 15 bits 8 bits 8 bits 8 bits 64 bits

Destination	Local	Destination	This	This Station
Repeater Call	Repeater Call	Station Call	Station Call	Comment
64 bits/8 char	64 bits/8 char	64 bits/8 char	64 bits/8 char	32 bits/4 char

RPT2 Field

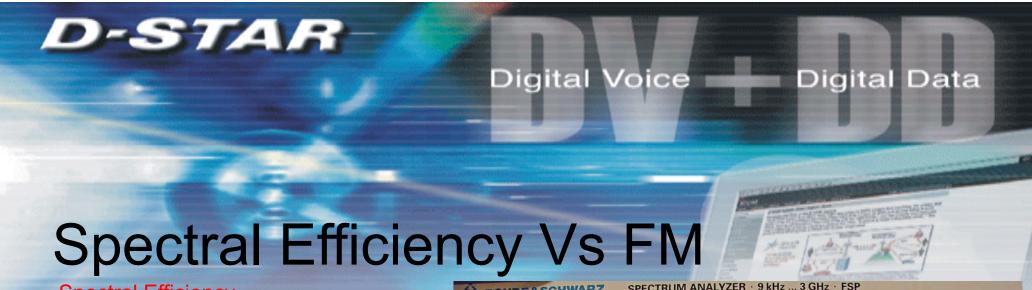
RPT1 Field

UR Field

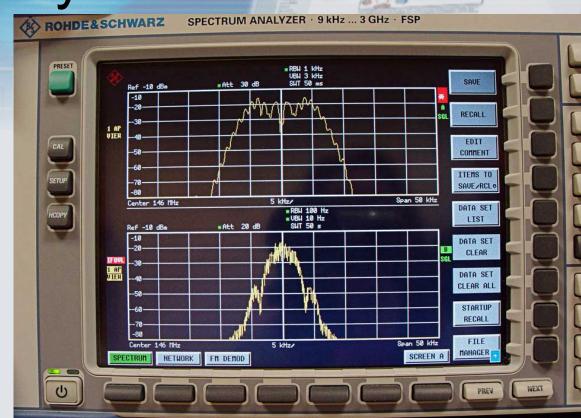
MY Field Short Data Field

D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data The DV Packet Care Abouts **Radio Header Data** Final Data Frame **Audio Frame Data Frame** 48 bits 72 bits 24 bits

Alternating Audio/Data



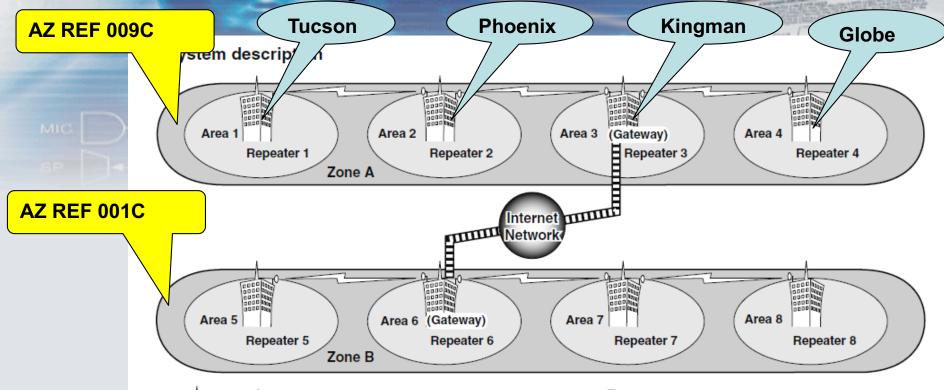
- Spectral Efficiency
 - Gausian Minimum Shift Keying (GMSK)
 - Continuous Phase Modulation
 - 6.25 kHz emission
 - 10 kHz channel spacing (reasonable)
 - 12.5 Narrowband FM
 - 25 kHz Wideband FM (Ham Channels)
 - More efficient use of available bandwidth
 - Allows more channels in crowded spectrum
 - Better performance compared to analog FM
 - Same power in less bandwidth (SSB vs. AM)
 - 30 dB processing gain of digital signal





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D-STAR System Overview





Area:

The Area is the communication range that is covered by a single repeater.

The repeater is called an area repeater in the D-STAR system.



Link repeater:

The microwave (10 GHz) link repeater provides to linking with another repeater site (Area) for zone construction.



Zone:

The Zone is composed of several areas, that are linked by a 10 GHz microwave link.

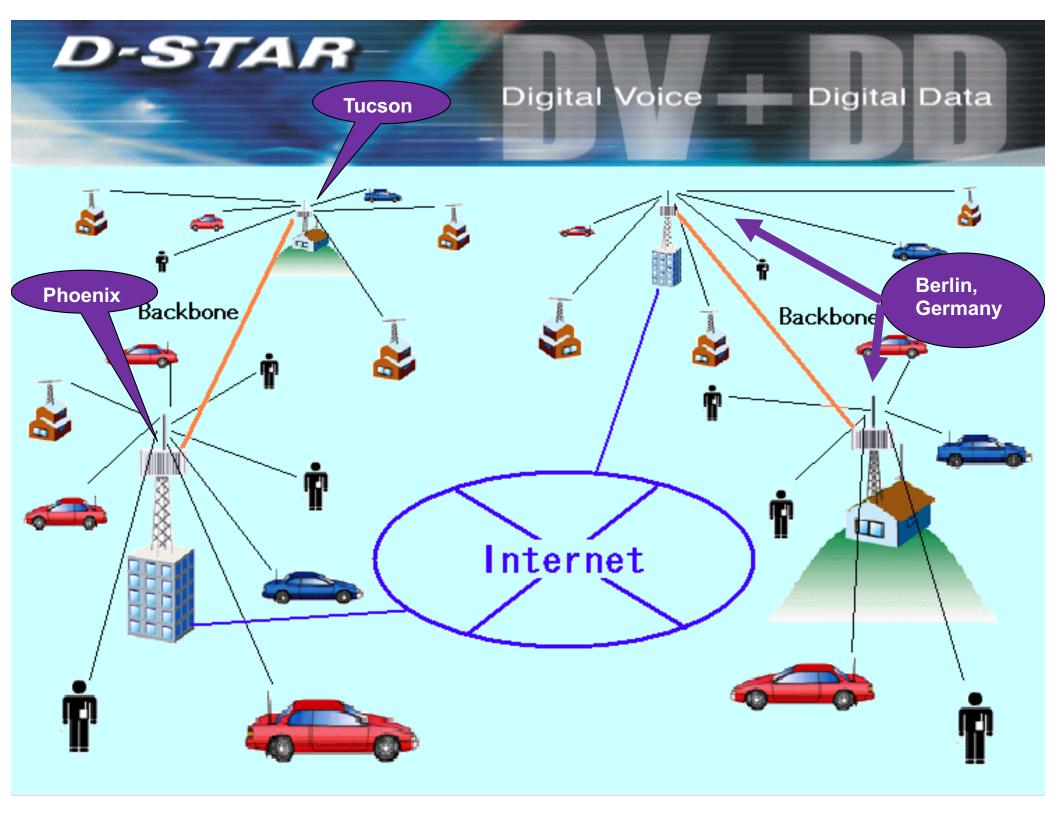
The areas 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 make up a zone at the example above.



Gateway repeater:

Gateway repeaters provide communications between different zones via the internet.

The repeater 3 and 6 are gateway repeaters at the example above.



Digital Voice ____ Digital Data

Application 1

Digital voice (DV mode)

Analog audio is modulated to a digital signal and transmitted in the digital mode signal by the D-STAR radio.





Application 2

Short data message (DV mode)





Repeater B



Call sign identification and short data messages are available.

Internet connection*

The Internet gateway allows linking of D-STAR repeater sites over the Internet. You can uplink to your local repeater and downlink from a remote repeater, even from a foreign country!

Application 5

IP camera (DD mode)

You can transmit live images in DD mode and watch real-time images from a remote location.



INTERNET

GPS satellite



Repeater C





GPS tracking (DV mode)

With a GPS receiver, you can send your current position information to another radio.

Application 4

Internet access (DD mode)*

In DD mode operation, you can access to the Internet via a D-STAR Internet gateway. Connect a PC with the ID-1 and you can browse web sites or check e-mail.







Internet

DV mode (4.8kbps)

DD mode (128kbps)

^{*} Some restrictions may apply depending on specific countries' regulations.

Digital Voice ____ Digital Data

How will it be used?

- Regular use, like FM (Enhanced)
 - Data/Voice Simultaneously
- Internet Linking
- Emergency Communications
- Linking Emergency Operations Centers
- New Applications
 - Applications are the <u>BIG DEAL</u>
 - DPRS/APRS
 - D-RATS (Files, APRS, ICS-Forms)
 - RS-MS1

D-STAR

Digital Voice Digital Data

EmComm Applications

- Ends needless chatter
 - Data rather than voice
 - Improved Efficiency
 - Immediate identification
 - Callsign
 - Short Text Messages Tactical ID's
 - GPS Coordinates
 - Tracking rescue teams
 - Tracking supply vehicles
 - Etc.
 - Voice is still available when needed
 - Dispatch assets accurately



- Area Repeater Group
 - Covers a larger area than one repeater
- Region
 - Capable of covering a metropolitan region
 - Similar to how a cell network would







- Network Connects the Local User to the World
- Expands Coverage
- Internet Reflectors most common
- Callsign Routing Capable



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Cactus

Monument

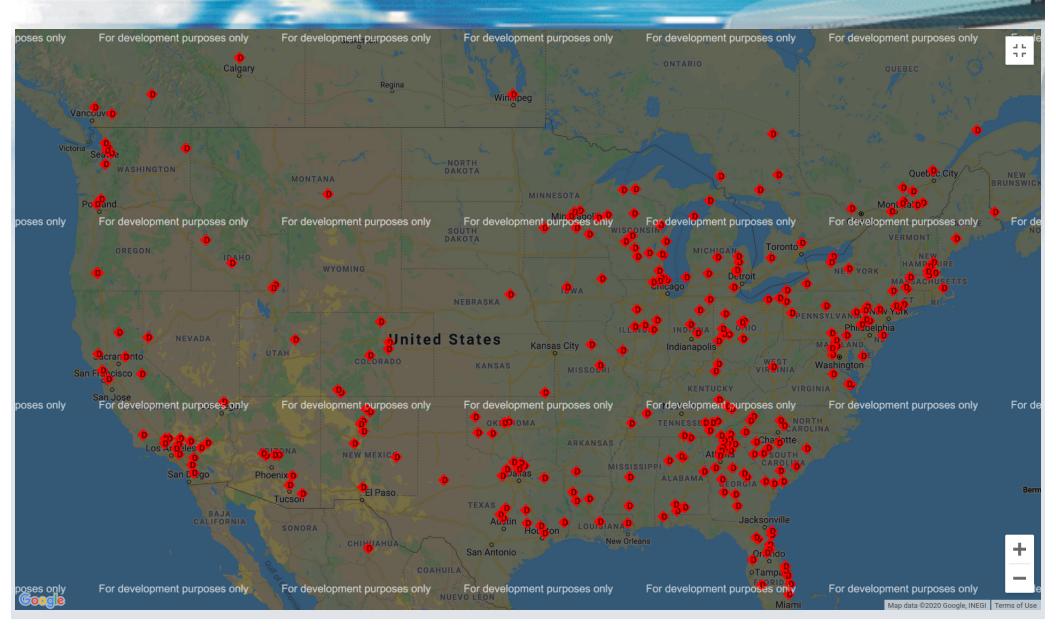
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Digital Voice Digital Data DStar Repeaters – US/Canada – March 2020



Digital Voice Digital Data

International Systems

- Algeria
 - Germany
- Argentina
 Greece
- Australia Hungary
- Austria Italy
- Japan Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria New Zealand
- Canada Norway
- Denmark Poland
- Finland Portugal
- Romania France

- Russia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Netherlands Antilles
 Sweden
 - Switzerland
 - The Netherlands
 - Trinidad + Tobago
 - UK
 - USA

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Who Uses The System

Who uses DSTAR?

- Individuals
- Clubs
 - USA/Canada
 - Worldwide
 - Anyone interested in New Communication Technology
- Served Agencies
 - Department of Homeland Security/FEMA
 - Many Municipal and County ECs (Especially in the South Eastern US)
 - Red Cross
 - ARES/RACES Units Countrywide
- Events
 - Races/Runs/Rides, Parades, Special Events
 - Emergency Communications

Everyone Who Uses Radio For Local And/Or Worldwide Communication



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DSTAR Does It All In ONE Package

- Voice (Better than FM)
- DPRS (APRS in Conventional radios)
 - · Don't need to give up half of the radio
- Internet linking/Voice Over IP
- File Data transfer/SMS using Slow Speed Data
 - Packet in Conventional FM
- All in one package





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- D-Star vs. FM Operation
 - FM
 - Voice
 - Frequency, Offset, CTCSS/PL
 - Control codes, if available, for linking
 - Echolink/IRLP/WIRES (Yeasu Proprietary)

D-STAR

- Voice
- Frequency, Offset, Call Signs (up to 4!)
 - Controls signal routing
- Gateway Operation
- User controlled routing/linking
 - Callsign Routing
 - Reflector linking
 - Gateway linking
- Data
 - No external modems required

Radios



Digital Voice











- Set up a simplex Echolink/IRLP Node
- DStar
 - Set up a Hot Spot
 - Much easier

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Hot Spots



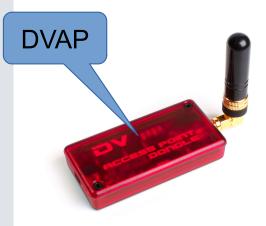


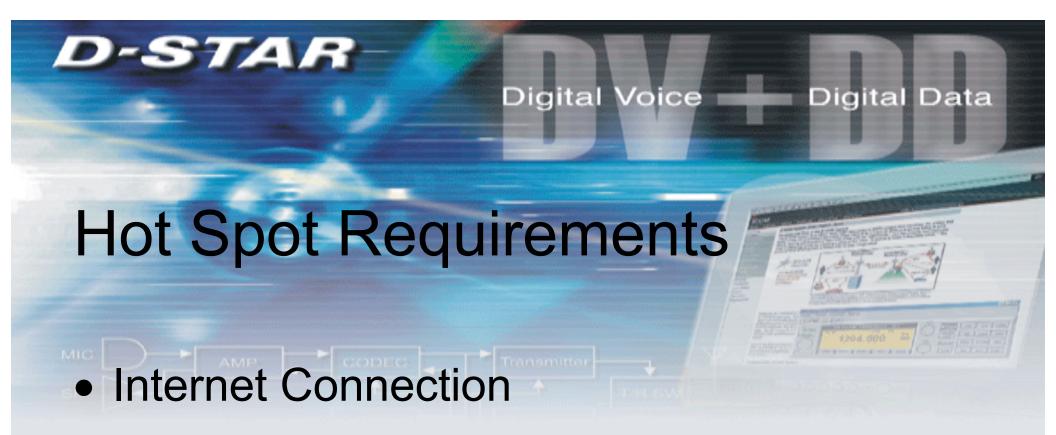


DV MINI

ZUMSPOT







- WiFi
- Cellular
- HT Radio

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Why is D-STAR interesting?

- Combines so many different modes into one
- Simplifies the equipment you have to carry around
- Spectral Efficiency
- Many Applications
- Simultaneous Voice and Data capability
 - 2m/70cm/23cm
- High-Speed Data capability
 - 23cm
- Internet Linking capability
- Microwave Linking capability



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How To Get Started

- Want to advance Ham Radio
- Buy a radio
 - ICOMMP CODEC Transmitte
 - Kenwood
 - Flex
 - Homebrew
- How do you want to operate
 - Portable (HT)
 - Mobile
 - Base

Registration No registration required for SIMPLEX use Registration IS required for pretty much everything else Only needs to be done once Gives you access world-wide to the D-Star Gateway features

No private conversations

both ends hear all

User Routing/Linking

- Callsign Routing
 - Not all users on site can participate
- Reflectors
 - Everyone plays
- HUGE Opportunity for confusion!!!

D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data Getting Started is Really Easy!!! Don't try to learn everything at once Drinking out of a firehose will make you throw up

- Use as local communication first
- Learn as you go

Digital Voice Digital Data

Quick Notes On Reflectors

- Simply Internet/Nework Chat Rooms
 - Several different systems
 - US Trust System
 - ircDDB/Xreflectors
 - XRF/DCS/XLX
 - Quadnet System
 - Papa System

Fixed

- REF009C
- REF030C
- XRF757A
- DCS001C

Dynamic

- Uses callsign routing
- Connection only remains while in use
- Can follow a user as they move around
- Very efficient to use



Four call signs used MYCALL – Call sign of the person pushing the PTT

URCALL – Call sign of the desired target station 'CQCQCQ' or desired remote station for routing

RPT1 – Call sign (& port) of the originating repeater
Where your signal goes
in

RPT2 – Call sign & designator of the gateway Where your signal goes Out

Can also be used for designated local cross-band use

Digital Voice Digital Data

Example 1 - SIMPLEX

MYCALL - AC7DS

URCALL - CQCQCQ, or a user's call

RPT1 – Blank

RPT2 – Blank







Example 1 - Local call on same band Repeaterce Digital Data This is the most common usage. It's pretty simple, and works as you would expect.

MYCALL - AC7DS

URCALL - CQCQCQ, or a user's call

RPT1 – K7RST C (Note that the 'C' is in position #8!)

RPT2 - Blank (No audio leaves the gateway)

Example of Local Call On Same Band



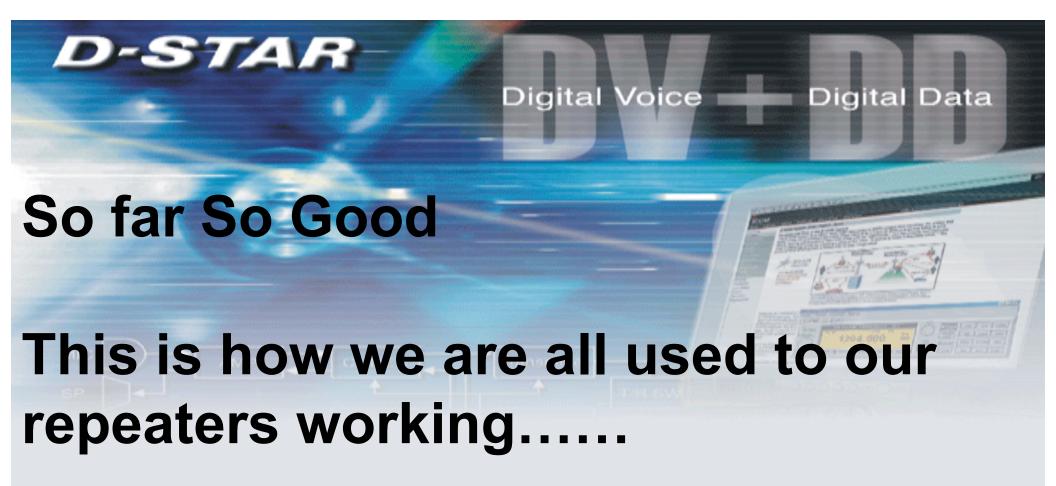
MYCALL: AC7DS URCALL: CQCQCQ RPT1: K7RST C



K7RST C 2m Port



MYCALL: AK8E URCALL: CQCQCQ RPT1: K7RST C



And this is where D-Star gets confusing.

Example 2 - Local call on different bands

This is less common, because BOTH parties have to program their radios appropriately to use this feature. But it's still useful. In this example, GMØOPS is going to put out a general CQ call from the local VHF repeater to the local UHF repeater.

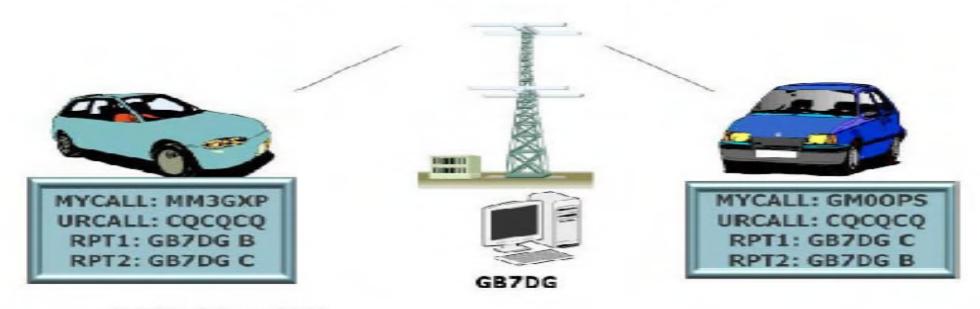
MYCALL - GMØOPS

URCALL - CQCQCQ, or a user's call

RPT1 - GB7DG C (Note that the 'C' is in position #8!)

RPT2 – GB7DG B (Note that the 'B' is in position #8!)

Example of Local Call On Different Bands



Example 3 - Gateway User-Specific Call Voice Digital Data

These are the settings you would use if you want to talk to someone else but you don't know what system they are on. The system will pick up their callsign and route your connection to them. They will then have to hit their "One touch reply". In this example GMØOPS is calling

GM1FML.

MYCALL - GMØOPS

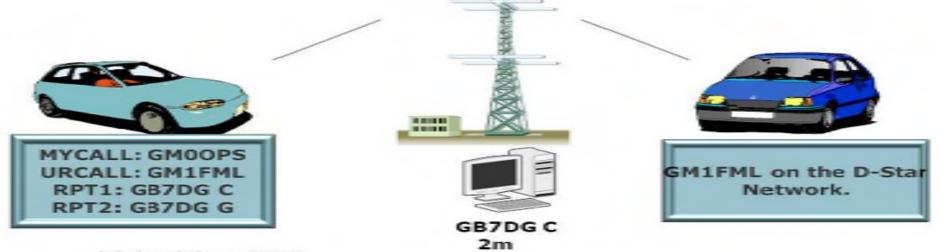
URCALL - GM1FML

RPT1 – GB7DG C (Note that the 'C' is in position #8!)

RPT2 – GB7DG G (Note that the 'G' is in position #8!)



Example of Gateway User Specific Call



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Digital Voice Example 4 - Gateway Location-Specific Call

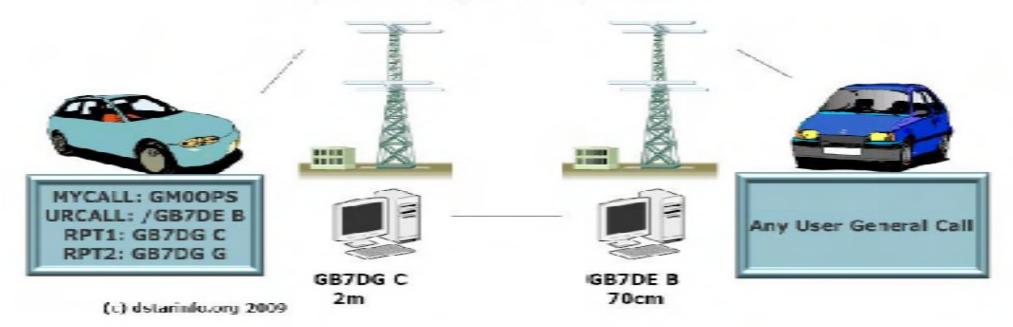
If you want to connect to another system then you would use the settings below. Remember that the people on the other system you connect to will either have to do a "One Touch Reply" or put your systems call into the URCALL field.

This routes the call to the distant system and Port based on the 8th character set).

MYCALL - GMØOPS

URCALL - /GB7DE B

Example of Gateway Location Specific Call



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User radio programming

- Modern Radios have LOTS of memory channels
- DSTAR has potential for almost as many different user configurations
- Many radio features appear only in 'SET' mode or in software
 - Manufacturer programming software
 - RT Systems programming software

Programming software strongly recommended!!

D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data User Concerns User "error codes" UR?: Generally means that your call reached it's intended destination

 RPT?: Can be an indication that you call did not go through either due to an error in call sign programming or a remote repeater being down. This is generally the case when performing User or port linking and where the URCALL contains something other than CQCQCQ.

Kerchunking a D-STAR system

- Callsign is always transmitted
- No squelch tail
- Watch for repeater response visual indication





- A Web-based text messaging application
 - Uses D-STAR Digital technology
- Dean Gibson, AE7Q
- www.dstarlet.com

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D-StarLet - Control Panel

2005-10-09 11:42:06

Servlet is stopped; Start not connected as AE7Q-1 to D-Star @ COM4:9600



Refresh every 15 seconds Update Create Message View Log

Outgoing Messages To Precedence TimeStamp

Draft 2005.0426-1005.06720 AE7Q-2 Routine

Sent Immediate 2005.0426-2209.45931 AE7Q-2 Immediate 2005.0814-1836.03685 AE7Q-2 2005.0425-2244.49656 AE7Q-2 Routine 2005.0426-2249.35640 AE7Q-2 Routine 2005.0426-2320.53522 AE7Q-2 Routine 2005.0427-1827.05121 AE7Q-2 Routine

Outbox

Precedence TimeStamp From

Incoming Messages

Inbox Routine 2005.0427-1102.14449 AE7Q-2 2005.0824-1958.12290 AE7Q-2 Routine

Revd Immediate 2005.0426-0957.16114 AE7Q-2 Priority 2005.0823-1902.44018 AE7Q-2 2005.0824-1858.52902 AE7Q-2 Routine











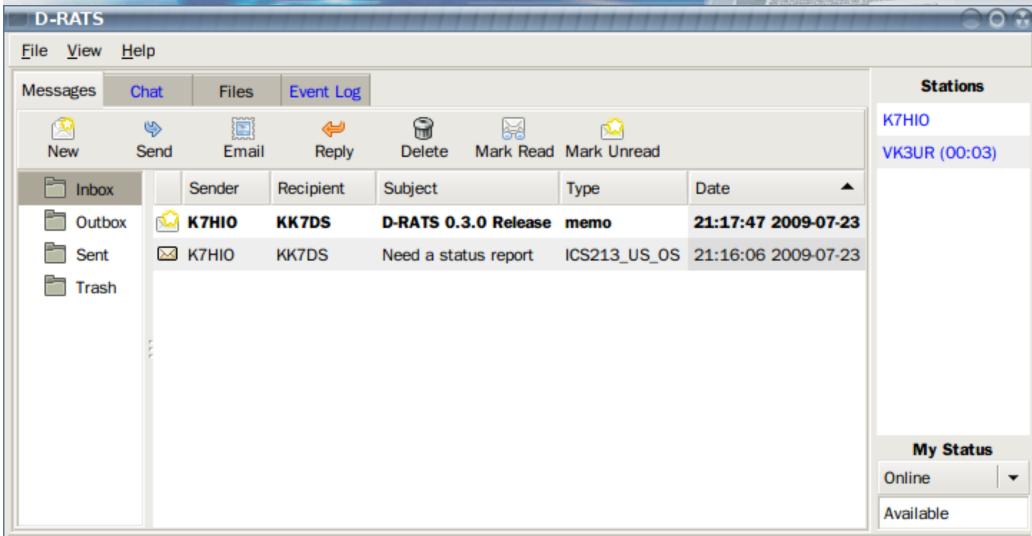




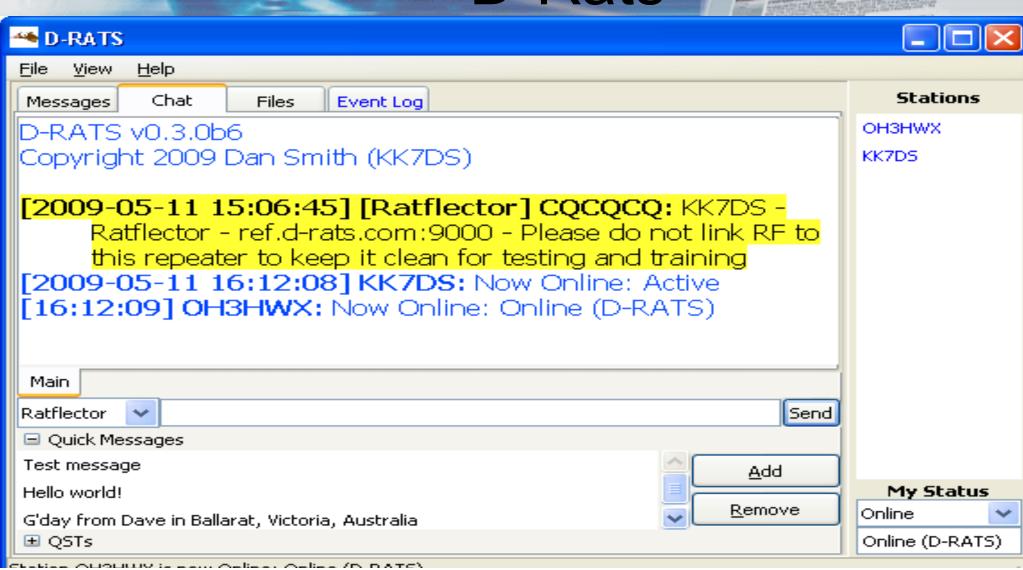


A Communications Tool For D-STAR

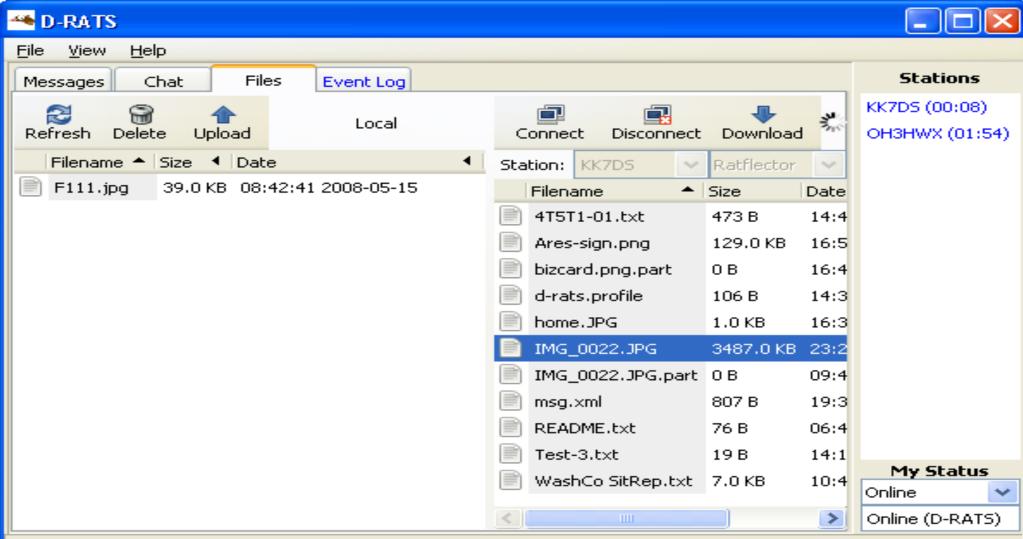












D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data **D-Rats** D-RATS Station Map Map HFD Ronler Portland Hillsb HIO Airport KE7FTE ш US 26 180K WCS0 East OR 2 N70GM EOC BVT - EC 2.13 mi < > 111 Zoom Show Station Latitude Longitude Distance ~ Prov. St. Vinc Hosp 45.5094 -122.7716 7.53 Min < > Max WC Fire Track center Stations WC EOCs Washington County ARES Misc 45.5191, -122.8913 Static position



D-STAR Web Sites

http://www.d-starusers.org/

http://dstarinfo.com/

http://www.d-rats.com/

https://aprs.fi/

http://xrefl.net/

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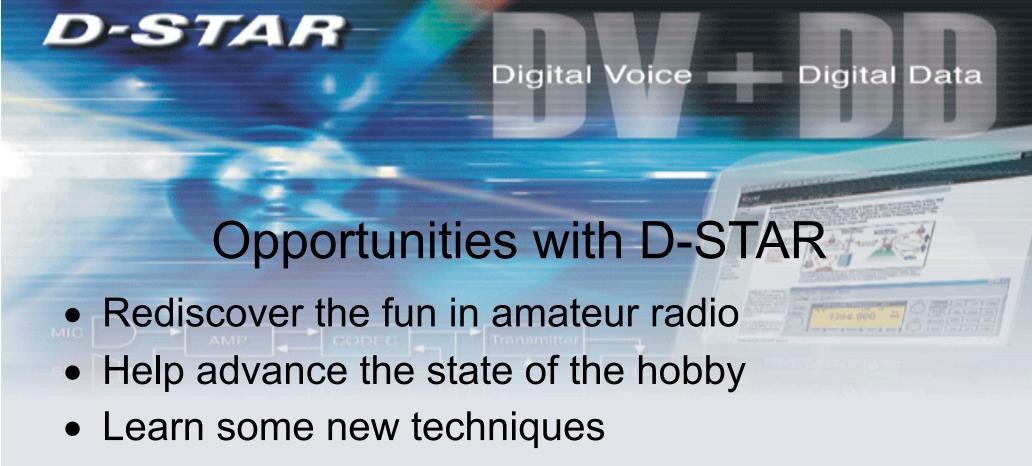


Current Time is 07/19/2006 03:59:28 UTC

Attention DStarMonitor users, a new version for your gateway is availble here 5/29/06

Station	Last Heard	Repeater - Location	Туре
NJ1Q	07/18/06 23:30:28 EDST	W1AW A	Voice
	07/19/06 03:30:28 UTC	Newington, CT 1.2 GHz	
N9JA	07/18/06 17:34:36 PDST	N7IH C	Voice
	07/19/06 00:34:36 UTC	Bellevue, Wa 2 Meters	
N5MIJ	07/18/06 19:00:39 CDST	K5TIT B	Voice
	07/19/06 00:00:39 UTC	Dallas 440Mhz	
KV5E	07/18/06 17:47:55 CDST	K5TIT B	Voice
	07/18/06 22:47:55 UTC	Dallas 440Mhz	
N5ZPR B	07/18/06 16:31:44 CDST	K5TIT B	Voice
	07/18/06 21:31:44 UTC	Dallas 440Mhz	
W7JRL	07/18/06 13:13:21 PDST	N7IH A	Voice
	07/18/06 20:13:21 UTC	Bellevue, Wa 1.2Ghz	
N2QKQ	07/18/06 14:21:57 EDST	K2DIG A	Voice
	07/18/06 18:21:57 UTC	New York, NY 1.2Ghz	
K5BRS	07/18/06 10:51:37 CDST	K5TIT C	
	07/18/06 15:51:37 UTC	Dallas 2 Meters	
N5HEQ	07/17/06 21:09:58 CDST	K5TIT B	
	07/18/06 02:09:58 UTC	Dallas 440Mhz	
AD5NR	07/17/06 19:49:21 CDST	K5TIT C	
	07/18/06 00:49:21 UTC	Dallas 2 Meters	
W2VU	07/17/06 20:47:25 EDST	K2DIG A	Voice
	07/18/06 00:47:25 UTC	New York, NY 1.2Ghz	
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WWW.D-STARUSERS.ORG



- Help someone else learn what's going on
- Enhanced Emergency Communications
- Welcome the new folks!

D-STAR Digital Voice Digital Data Summary

- Lots of potential for use of simultaneous voice & data
- Spectral efficiency offers opportunity for better utilization
- Better performance from narrow spectrum & FEC
- Distinct operational differences from familiar FM
- New applications will drive acceptance
- EmComm demand for tactical voice and data communications by served agencies





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