

Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio



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WHAT IS D-STAR?

D-STAR

 D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) is a digital voice and data protocol specification developed as the result of research by the Japan Amateur Radio League to investigate digital technologies for amateur radio. While there are other digital on-air technologies being used by amateurs that have come from other services, D-STAR is one of the first on-air and packet-based standards to be widely deployed and sold by a major radio manufacturer that is designed specifically for amateur service use. - Wikipedia

D-STAR

- D-STAR is an open worldwide standard for digital communications over Amateur Radio
- The D-STAR standard was developed by the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL)
- D-STAR uses the AMBE vocoder chip under license from DVSI
- Icom is initial manufacturer of mobiles, HTs, repeaters and controllers
- Non-Icom hardware and software developed for repeaters, hotspots, access points and accessories

HOW D-STAR IS DIFFERENT

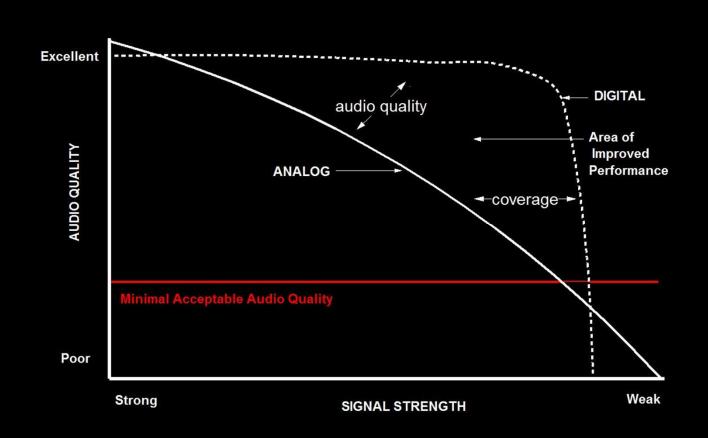
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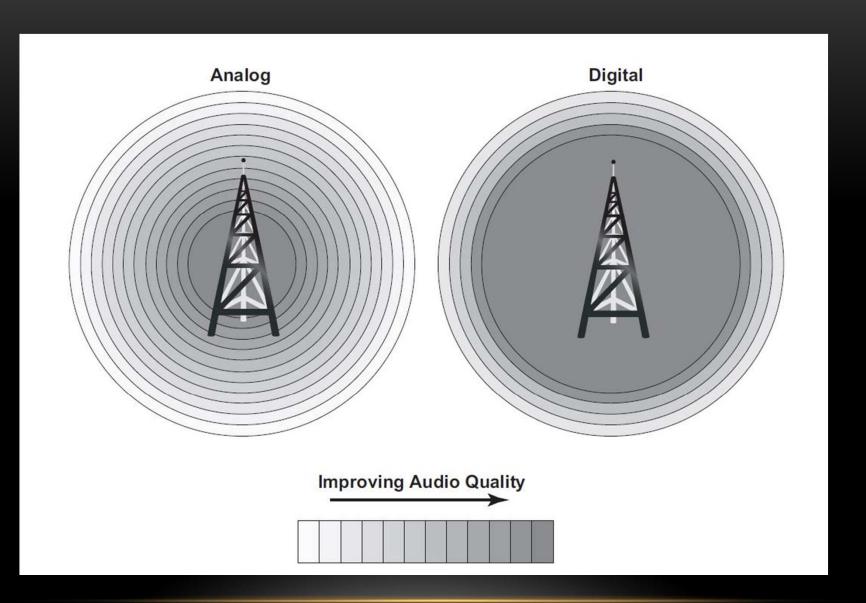
- D-STAR is digital modulation
- D-Star radios convert your voice to digital before transmission.
- Additional information is included in the "digital stream" that is transmitted (and displayed on the receiving radio):
- Your call sign ("MyCall") is included you never have to verbally "identify" again!
- You can set a short (4 character) tag, & a short (20 character) text message that is included.
- You can also include low-speed digital data or GPS positioning information.

HOW D-STAR IS DIFFERENT

- D-Star transmissions are clear and free of noise
- Low strength signals sound just a good as full strength signals
- D-Star is not perfect, of course, neither is any system.
- R2-D2 Multipath, QRM, packet loss
- Remember, digital is different, and that must be considered when comparing digital to analog.
- Overall, just forget the silly little arguments...D-Star works just fine.

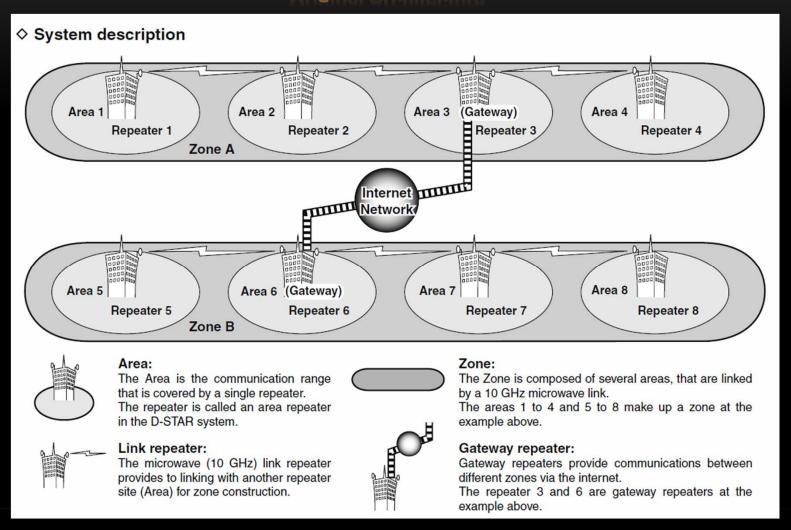
DIGITAL VS. ANALOG





D-Star History and Evolution

Original Architecture

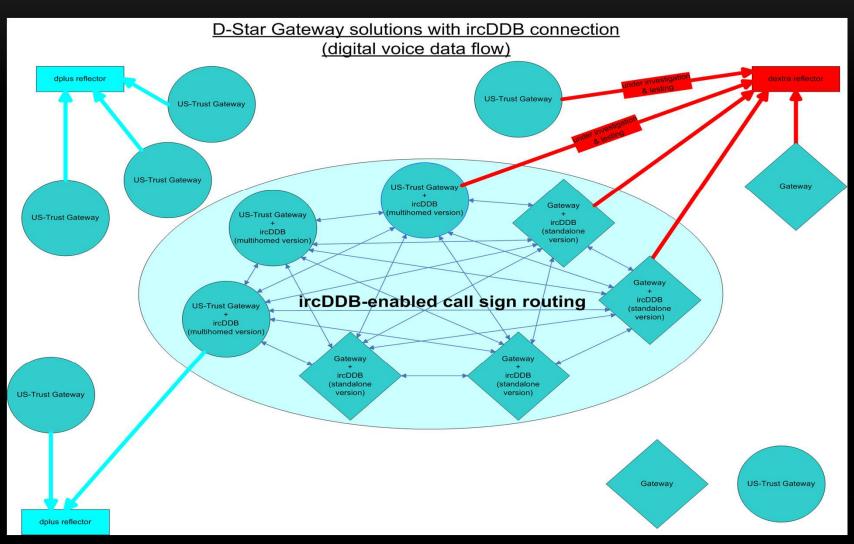


D-Star History and Evolution

D-Plus reflectors added

Reflector				
	Usage Illinois D-STAR repeaters	Location London, England	Links Status	Speed 100 Mbps
	D-STAR's MegaRepeater	London, England	Status	100 Mbps
	Southeastern US D-STAR Weather Net	NE, United States	Status	100 Mbps
	Southern Arizona Linked Repeater Network	NE, United States	Status	100 Mbps
	Some Nets	NE, United States	Status	100 Mbps
	Ad-hock & Emergency Use - Australia	Australia	Status	
	Permalink for Repeaters, including all WIA Port B Repeaters - Australia	Australia	Status	
-	Australian Nets	Australia	Status	
REF004A	Alternate for Southeastern US D-STAR Weather Net	United States	Status	1 Gbps
REF004B	Texas Permalink Repeaters	United States	Status	1 Gbps
REF004C	General Rag Chew (English only please)	United States	Status	1 Gbps
REF005A	UK Nets, Permalink Repeaters	London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF005B	Kent Net (UK Repeaters around Kent)	London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF005C		London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF005D	UKFMGW Net (North West UK Repeaters)	London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF006A	Scottish Net	London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF006B		London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
REF006C	German Net	London, England	Status Usage Guide Information	100 Mbps
		Orlando, FL, United States	Status	100 Mbps
	Florida	Orlando, FL, United States	Status	100 Mbps
	Florida	Orlando, FL, United States	Status	100 Mbps
		Japan	Status	
		Japan	Status	
		Japan	Status	
REF009A		AZ, United States	Status	
REF009B		AZ, United States	Status	
		AZ, United States	Status	
		New England, United States	Status	100 Mbps
		New England, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF010C		New England, United States Italy	Status Status	100 Mbps
REF011B		Italy	Status	
REF011C		Italy	Status	
	Permalink Repeaters	Southern California, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF012B	Terrorian Repeaters	Southern California, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF012C		Southern California, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF013A		London, England	Status	100 Mbps
REF013B		London, England	Status	100 Mbps
REF013C		London, England	Status	100 Mbps
REF014A	US west coast repeater linking	NE, United States	Status	
REF014B	US west coast repeater linking	NE, United States	Status	
REF014C	US west coast repeater linking	NE, United States	Status	
REF015A	Multimedia (non-DSTAR)	London, England	Status	
REF015B	Multimedia (non-DSTAR)	London, England	Status	
	Data Only - Worldwide use	London, England	Status	
REF016A		British Columbia, Canada	Status	100 Mbps
REF016B		British Columbia, Canada	Status	100 Mbps
REF016C		British Columbia, Canada	Status	100 Mbps
	Netherlands (Dutch Speaking repeaters,hotspots and dongles)	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Status	100 Mbps
REF017B		Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Status	100 Mbps
REF017C		Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Status	100 Mbps
	Brazil	United States	Status	
	Brazil	United States	Status	
	Brazil	United States	Status	
REF019A		WI, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF019B		WI, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF019C		WI, United States	Status	100 Mbps
REF020A		NJ, United States	Status	
REF020B		NJ, United States	Status	

D-Star History and Evolution IRCDDB added (G4KLX)



D-Star History and Evolution

US-Trust vs. IRCDDB/DCS use statistics

ircDDB

ircDDB

User Statistics:

1h: 71 / 24h: 919 / 7days: 2217 / 30days: 3433 / total: 11255

Gateway Statistics:

	Last Update (UTC):	Registered:	Activated:	Online:	Onl/Reg: 9	%total:
ircDDB:	2015/04/10 22:34	1212	1202	928	76.6%	80.1%
US-Trust:	2015/04/10 22:02	640	598	524	81.9%	45.3%
Common:	2015/04/10 22:02	357	336	294	82.4%	25.4%
ircDDB only:	2015/04/10 22:34	855	866	634	74.2%	54.7%
no ircDDB:	2015/04/10 22:02	283	262	230	81.3%	19.9%
Total:	2015/04/10 22:02	1495	1464	1158	77.5%	

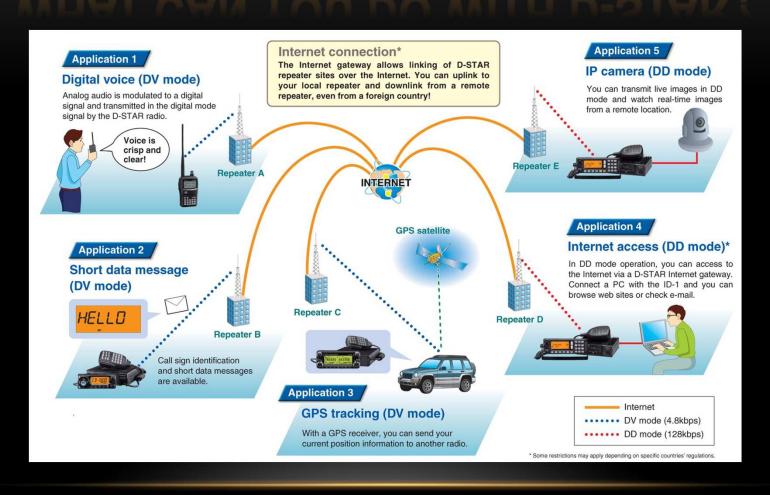
Currently 230 US-trust systems can not communicate to 54.7% of all online gateways!

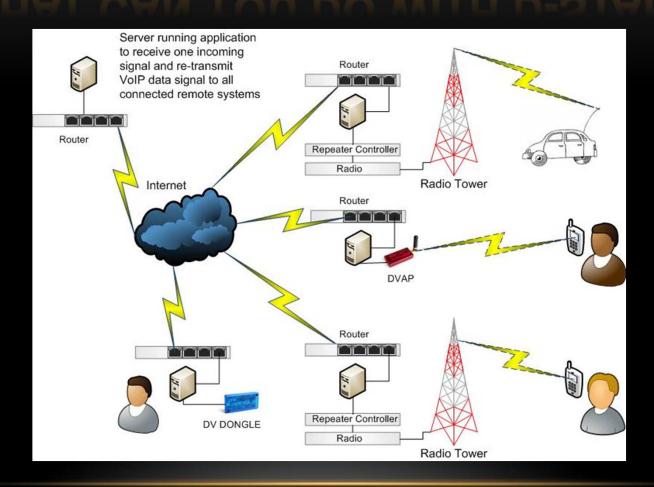
Click here - The Installation of the ircDDB Addon is easy!

D-Star History and Evolution The DCS reflector system

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1	ET DOCAGA	WILLIAM.							
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					DCSO	24 Reflector System			
Nr.	MyCall	Source	S+Modul	User DTMF	Your	Message	Last Heard	GROUP	Group DTM
(2)	IT9ZHS	IT9ZHS	IT9ZHS B	7900	cacaca	ROBERTO*PALERMO	54 m 22 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
2	K1WIZ # 6PS	K1WIZ	K1WIZ C	3935	cacaca	WWW.WIZWORKS.NET	4 h 48 m 13 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
3	ND1L % 6PS	ND1L	ND1L B	1291	cacaca	JESS - MOBILE	1 d 7 m 52 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
4	KD4JMV % GPS A	AC4FL	AC4FL B	6185	cqcqcq	HARRYPI551	1 d 3 h 32 m 54 s	Florida DC5024 C	D24C
5	N1DL	AB4FL	AB4FL B	1941	cacaca	KARL IN NAPLES, FL	1 d 4 h 37 m 30 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
6	K1DSP	K1DSP	K1DSP C	no dtmf	cacaca	No Info	1 d 7 h 1 m 6 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
7	ZL2TWS -ZL2TWS L- is no Call	ZL2VH	ZL2VH B	7028	cacaca	RPi2+DVRPTR-V1	1 d 20 h 14 m 21 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
8	AG0X	AG0X	AG0X C	3371	cacaca	Uli Naples, FL	1 d 23 h 2 m 27 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
9	N1PA	N1PA	N1PA B	1000	cacaca	Paul / D-HAP Mobile	2 d 10 h 46 m 40 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
10	EA5IKG	EA5IKG	EA5IKG C	3471	cacaca	Juan Jose QTH SAX	3 d 3 h 39 m 39 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
11	VA3AM	VA3FS	VA3FS B	no dtmf	cacaca	Hamilton Ont Canada	3 d 4 h 21 m 30 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
12	K3AVR	K5MI	K5MI C	8307	CQCQCQ	No Info	3 d 8 h 49 m 35 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
13	G1BJY	N1PA	N1PA B	1322	cqcqcq	Alan dv-mega Kempsey	4 d 1 h 31 m 13 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
14	OE7MKT % GPS	OE7FMI	OE7FMI B	8657	cacaca	OE7MKT ++portabel++	4 d 10 h 17 m 45 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
15	AB1EI	KS1R	KS1R B	4841	cacaca	AB1EI	4 d 22 h 6 m 19 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
16	K1CGZ # 6PS	KS1R	KS1R B	5740	cqcqcq	Paul, Marco Is., FL	4 d 22 h 16 m 13 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
17	W9KB	AA4PP	AA4PP B	2468	cacaca	NAPLES, FL	5 d 3 h 19 m 10 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
18	DK1EHK & GPS A	DK1EHK	DK1EHK D	6237	cacaca	HELMUT IN WERTH	5 d 7 h 27 m 55 s	Florida DC5024 C	D24C
19	DO4IX	DO4IX	DO4IX B	8636	cacaca	Jean Ratingen R12	5 d 8 h 45 m 7 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
20	DG9EIS	DBOPBS	DB0PBS B	7136	cacaca	FRANK NEAR EDLP	6 d 1 h 47 m 40 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
21	AC0YV	AC0YV	AC0YV B	5828	CQCQCQ	880H COLORADO MIKE	6 d 2 h 33 m 51 s	California DCS024 D	D24D
22	KOBAN	AC0YV	AC0YV B	no dtmf	cacaca	K0BAN ID-51A Plus 0D	6 d 7 h 33 m 25 s	California DCS024 D	D24D
23	MOZMX	GB70K	GB70K C	5750	cacaca	Mark /Isle Of Grain	6 d 10 h 30 m 30 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
24	DL2ZEA	DL2ZEA	DL2ZEA B	1104	CQCQCQ	Andreas - Zerbst	7 d 6 h 59 m 1 s	Florida DCS024 C	D24C
25	K2RHK # aps	K2RHK	K2RHK B	no dtmf	cacaca	ALAN NEW YORK NY	9 d 4 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
26	G4DBR	G4DBR	G4DBR B	8806	cacaca	CHRIS- HILL RIDWARE-	9 d 13 h 40 m 8 s	USA DCS024 B	D24B
27	CT2IHP	MultiLink	HB9IAC B	8052	cqcqcq	Rui Bernardo - 73	11 d 3 h 6 m 16 s	World Wide DCS024 A	D24A

- Simplex communications, of course
- Repeaters
- Reflectors This is where most of the traffic is found
- Data
- Call Sign Routing
- Repeater Linking
- CCS Call Connection Service
- Registration is required to use most US reflectors



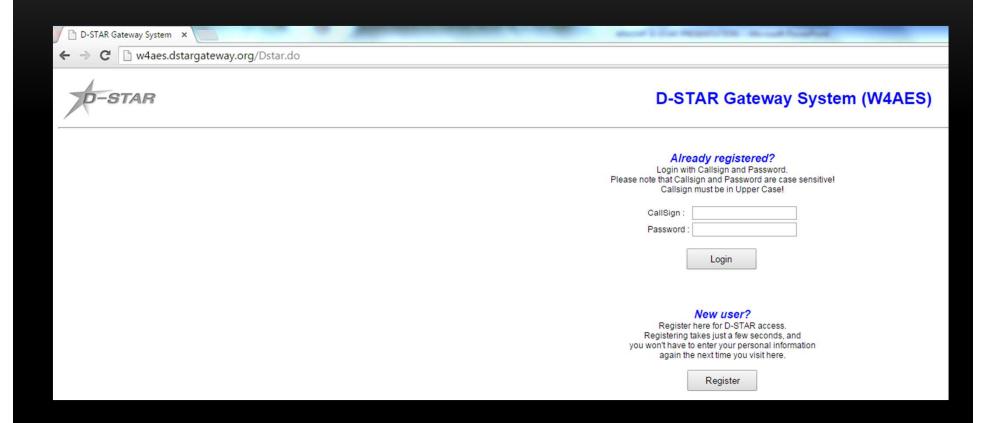


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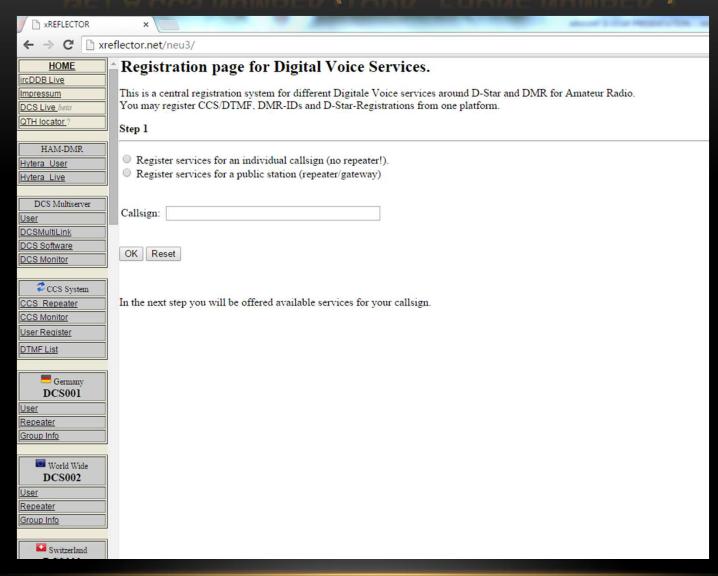
PROGRAM MY RADIO

MEIII	ory Channel														
	Frequency					Tone/T	SQL/DTCS			Digital		Call Sign			Bank
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0	146.520000	0.600000,	15k, FM	SIMPLEX	1		141.3	141.3,	023, Both N	1		CQCQCQ		1	A,
1	146.670000, -DUP,	0.600000,	15k, FM	ARASWF	1	TONE	136.5	136.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	E	1	A,
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4	147.105000, -DUP,	0.600000	15k, FM	147.105	1	TONE	136.5	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	6		T.
5	147.505000, -DUP,	1.000000	10k, FM	, KC1AR	1	TONE	67.0	88.5	023, Both N			CQCQCQ			A,
6	443.900000, +DUP,	5.000000	25k, FM	, KC1AR U	1	TONE	67.0	88.5	023, Both N			CQCQCQ	ř.	í.	A,
7	443.100000, +DUP,	5.000000	15k, FM	, KC4RRP	1	TONE	136.5	136.5	023, Both N	0	00	CQCQCQ	1	1	A,
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9	442.750000,+DUP,	5.000000	25k, FM	,KC1AR	ī.	TONE	67.0	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	KC1AR B	KC1AR G	A,
10	145.725000,	0.600000,	12.5k, DV	HOTSPOT	1		88.5	88.5,	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	AG0X C	AG0X G	A,
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13	145.270000, -DUP,	0.600000,	15k, DV	,AB4NPC	1		88.5	88.5	023, Both N			CQCQCQ	AB4NP C	, AB4NP G	A,
14	443.275000, +DUP,	5.000000	15k, DV	AC4FL B	i		88.5	88.5	023, Both N			CQCQCQ	AC4FL B	AC4FL G	A,
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18	146.985000, -DUP,	0.600000	15k, DV	, K5MI C	ī		88.5	88.5	023, Both N			CQCQCQ	K5MI C	K5MI G	Α, :
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27	146.790000 -DUP	0.600000	15k, FM	SANIBEL	1	TONE	136.5	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	ř.	T	A
28	443.425000 +DUP	5.000000	25k, FM	SANIBEL	1	TONE	136.5	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	E	1	A
29	445.400000	5.000000,	25k, DV	UHF HOTS	i		88.5	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	AG0X B	AG0X G	A,
30	147.975000, -DUP	0.600000	15k, DV	W7AES C	1		88.5	88.5	023, Both N		0.0	CQCQCQ	W7AES C	W7AES G	A,
31	449.575000, -DUP	5.000000	12.5k, DV	W7AES B	1		88.5,	88.5	023, Both N		00	CQCQCQ	W7AES B	W7AES G	A
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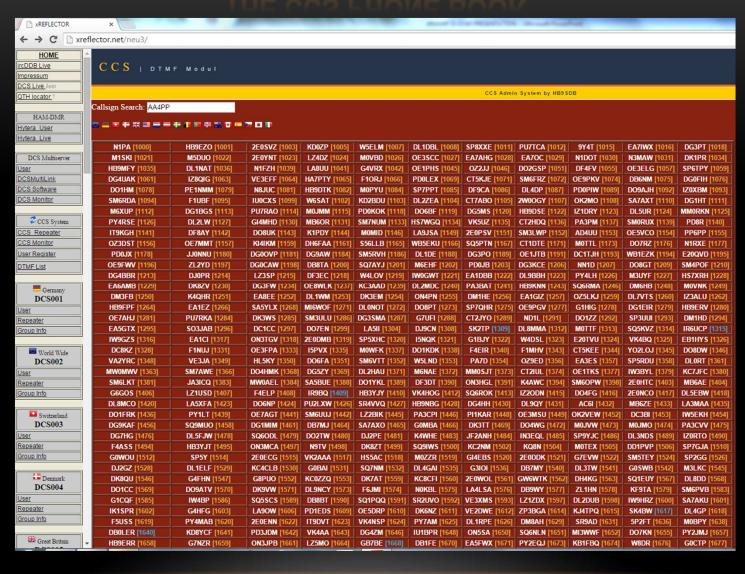
REGISTER WITH US-TRUST



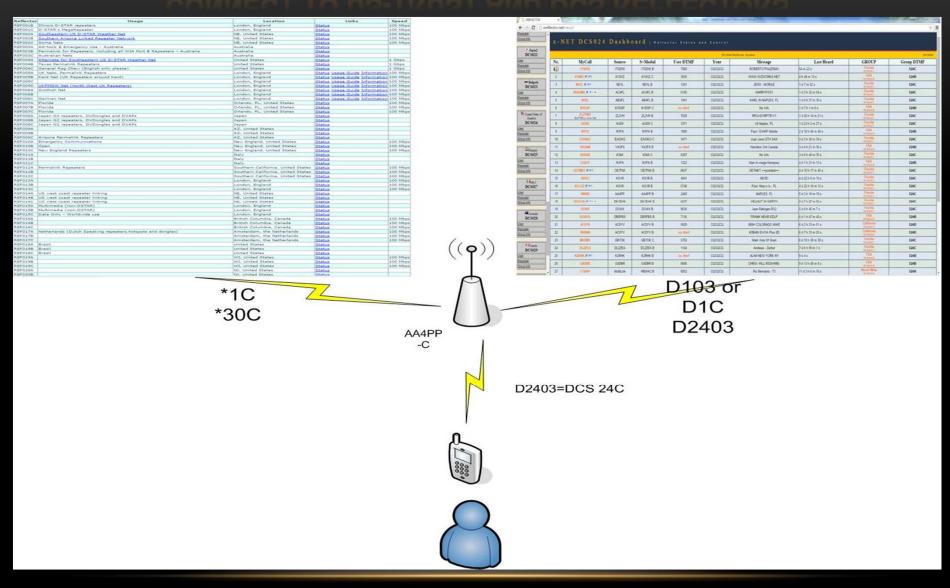
GET A CCS NUMBER (YOUR "PHONE NUMBER")



THE CCS PHONE BOOK



CONNECT TO US-TRUST AND DCS REFLECTORS



D-STAR TRANSMISSION



This was recorded approximately 40 miles from the W4AES Repeater in Orlando. Notice that the signal is not even registering on the S-Meter, yet the signal is as clear as a full scale signal.

D-STAR TERMINOLOGY

- Understand this and you are on your way
- The terminology is from the viewpoint of the transmitting station
- "MyCall" is really YOUR call sign; that is, you, the guy or gal holding the radio or microphone.
- "YourCall" (also called "UrCall") is really the call sign of the OTHER person, that is, the person you want to talk to (for the most part, you will use CQCQCQ).
- "Rpt1Call" and "Rpt2Call" (also called "R1Call" & "R2Call") are also used, and will be discussed next.

D-STAR PROGRAMMING

- Know repeater frequency and callsign
- The four parameters:
- 1. MY -My callsign (Once set, this will likely never have to be changed again)
- 2. UR –Your callsign (CQCQCQ for general call)
- 3. RPT1 –Repeater callsign/module I'm talking to (AA4PP B)
- 4. RPT2 –Where do I want to go? (usually repeater callsign and gateway example AA4PP G)
- The eighth position –Designates module regardless of callsign length (AA4PP • C, W4BUG • C, W4AES • B)
- = blank space

LINKING AND ROUTING

- Users can link directly to other repeaters and reflectors
- Linking is generally accomplished by a link command in the Ur call sign field
- Collier County D-Star Repeaters also use DTMF for linking and routing
- D-Star is capable of call sign routing to individual stations
- CCS is a new platform that enables linking to another user with a simple 4digit DTMF command and other repeaters with a 5-digit DTMF command
- CCS is very new and should make routing to other users and stations easier in many cases

D-STAR EQUIPMENT







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DVAP AND DV DONGLE





The DV Access Point Dongle connects to your PC or Intel based Mac via a USB port and provides a 2 meter Access Point for use with a D-STAR radio. Using an Internet connection, a user may connect to and communicate with D-STAR gateways and reflectors around the world. The DVAPTool application used with the DV Access Point Dongle may be installed and run on Microsoft Windows XP/Vista/7, Mac OS X Leopard/Snow Leopard, or many flavors of Linux.

DVRPTR

 The DVRPTR-2 board is a DV Modem based on two powerful 32 Bit microcontroller, an ATMEL AT32UC3B0512 and an ARM based TI controller.
 All DV functions are implemented in software.







DVRPTR

- Personal Hotspot Simplex solution uses a radio with a 9600 baud packet port, uses personal call sign
- Public Hotspot Works the same but with higher power and a club call sign
- Gateway Link Provides internet access for a remote repeater
- Repeater Use a repeater or two FM transceivers and you have a D-Star repeater
- AMBE Board Using an add on board, you can plug in a mic and speaker and use a 9600 baud capable transceiver and transmit D-Star digital

RASPBERRY PI & DVAP

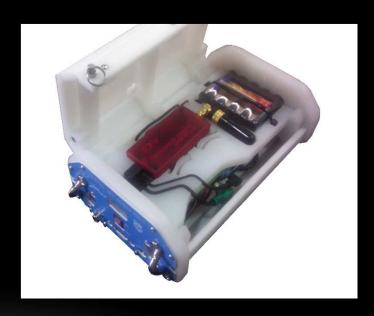


RASPBERRY PI & DVMEGA



DHAP (DIGITAL HAM ACCESS POINT)





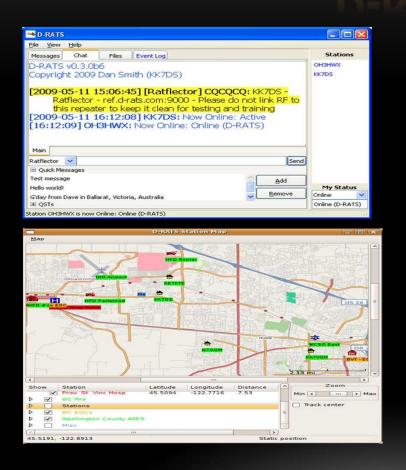
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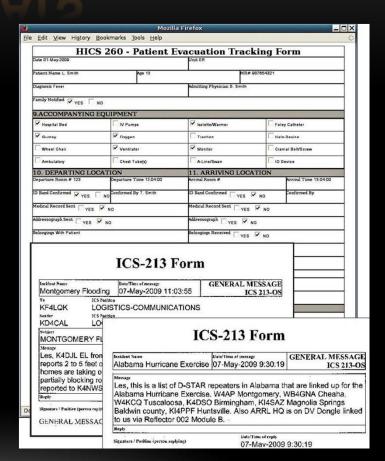


D-RATS

- D-RATS is a full function data communications tool for D-STAR and more...and it's FREE
- Written by Dan Smith, KK7DS
- Utilizes D-STAR low-speed data mode (~1200 baud)
- PC connects directly to D-STAR radio (No TNC required)
- Windows, Linux and Mac versions available
- Can be used without radio over Internet or with DV Dongle
- Provides chat, messaging, email, forms, file transfer (unattended), mapping (maps included)

D-RATS





D-STAR IN COLLIER COUNTY

- 6 functional D-Star repeaters in Collier County
- 2 additional D-Star repeaters are in the planning stages
- 2 are located on County Barn Road (AA4PP C & B)
- 1 is located near Wiggins Pass State Park (AC4FL B)
- AB4NP C is co-located with the WB2QLP repeater in North Pelican Bay
- 1 repeaters (K5MI) is on Marco Island 2 m
- 1 repeater is in Ave Maria (AD4SW) (will be simplex UHF repeater and the VHF becomes AllStar node)
- This allows allow D-Star coverage in most of Collier County
- Coverage extends into Lee County and SW Hendry County

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