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Overview of the Winlink System

Winlink System Overview

This overview is about how the Winlink system works, not about how to set it up yourself.

It covers a lot of material to help convey the range of capabilities Winlink provides, because it's difficult to know in advance which features may interest a particular group or individual.



One Tool in the ARES Toolbox



One Tool in the ARES Toolbox along with NBEMS, verbal radiograms, tactical messaging, NCS skills, etc

Topics

- Objectives
- Winlink Structure and Function
- Hardware and Software
- Key Features of Winlink Express
- Our Winlink Hybrid Gateway
- Potential Training Opportunities





To understand the basics of the Winlink system and how it complements other messaging tools, and To encourage you to continue exploring Winlink if you like.



In other words, does Winink provide interesting possibilities for you or your ARES group?

What I was thinking when first asked to explore learning Winlink --



More Software??? I'm still Learning FLdigi !!!

Happily, with help I found Winlink easier to learn than FLdigi



I'm Learning Winlink !!!

Happily, with help I found Winlink easier to learn than FLdigi



I'm Learning Winlink !!! and I'm still Learning FLdigi !!!



What is Winlink?

World-wide store and retrieve email system, using radio and internet.

Exchange email with any valid email address in the world, not just with hams.



Operated by the all volunteer Amateur Radio Safety Foundation



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Brief History

- Winlink's roots can be traced back to the 1980s
- Aplink text-based messaging adapted for the Navy MARS and the ARRL National Traffic System.
- Winlink Classic was developed for Windows.
- Winlink + Netlink developed for internet email.
- Winlink 2000 planning started in 1998.

Winlink is used extensively in the southeastern states subject to tropical storms, and in western states where wild fires occur annually. For example

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Winlink already is well-known for its role in emergency and disaster relief communication, providing email with attachments, position reporting, weather reports, and information bulletins.

The system was extensively used in the aftermath of the high-impact 2017 hurricane season in the Caribbean.

Carr Wildfire - California August 1, 2018 — Briefing excerpt:

Winlink continues to be the go-to mode to communicate with the Red Cross Disaster Operations Center. There are no voice channels that can reach Sacramento.
There was hope that Carla system would work, but a Carla node burned in the fire. (What is Carla?)

CARLA California Amateur Radio Linking Association

The C.A.R.L.A. System is an open repeater network covering California and Western Nevada comprised of 30+ UHF and VHF repeaters.

Lessons Learned for us:

- Linked repeaters are great until the one you need burns in a fire or is otherwise disrupted.
- Applies to regular repeaters as well.
- Have a Plan B.



Structure Based on Common Message Servers (CMS) on the internet and Radio Message Servers (RMS) that bridge radio to internet









Winlink Webmail

Check mail using a browser on smartphone, tablet, computer

https://webmail.winlink.org:446/

Email resides on all 5 CMS until retrieved, after which email is deleted from all CMS.



Consider reading all Winlink email on same device. Otherwise, different messages will download to different devices.

RMS Gateways



Some are "H" Gateways



H = Hybrid Gateway Network



H = Hybrid Gateway Network

- Self-Healing Mesh Network (Pactor)
- Auto-Forwards Email from VHF to HF
- Auto-Forwards Email from HF to HF
- Until Email Reaches the Internet or the Addressee

Winlink System Radio Connections 24-hour Snapshot



Winlink Regional Radio Connections 24-hour Snapshot



Equipment

Terminal Node Controller (TNC) supports AX.25 packet protocol over radio

Equipment

Terminal Node Controller Can Be

Hardware or Software



Basic Elements of Packet Radio

 Hardware: Radio, TNC/modem, Computer
 TNC can be implemented in software only on computer: interface uses analog/audio soundcard connection between computer and radio.

2. Encoding

- Computer<->TNC: serial port, ASCII (text) characters
 - TNC<->Radio: typically two or three wires Audio Frequency Shift Keying (Bell 202, 1200 baud) 1200 hz: mark, 2200 hz: space 0: change in tone, 1: no change in tone
- Data Link: AX.25



3. Applications

- SCC ARES/RACES: detailed reports (Situation Report, etc. using Outpost and PacForms)
- Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS): a multi node system for reporting and recording packets that typically includes station ID and position/telemetry

Hardware TNCs




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- TNC Parameters

Software TNCs...

Computer converts ASCII to AFSK Use KISS with a sound card SignaLink, Rig Blaster, etc.

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Soundcard + Software TNCs

- Packet on HF with ARDOP, VARA TNCs

- Packet on VHF with SoundModem TNC

Software Downloads (Free - Donation Requested)

• Winlink Express (= RMS Express)

https://downloads.winlink.org/User%20Programs/

SoundModem for VHF Packet

http://uz7.ho.ua/modem_beta/soundmodem105.zip

Winlink Complements NBEMS

- Both operate on HF and on VHF/UHF with a variety of operating modes and frequencies for differing band conditions.
- Winlink is a radio-to-email system offering 3 modes with 5 redundant world-wide servers, and Message Pickup Stations when internet is out.
- The Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS) is our primary local to regional system offering dozens modes for a wide variety of propagation conditions.

Winlink Complements NBEMS

Both programs can be open on the computer simultaneously, share a SignaLink, & share a frequency. If you are equipped with a soundcard for NBEMS, you are equipped for Winlink.

VHF Packet RMS Gateways VHF stations with internet connections



VHF Packet RMS Gateways VHF stations with internet connections



VHF Side of Our Hybrid Gateway



VHF Side of Our Hybrid Gateway



VHF Winlink Coverage - 145.710 MHz



VHF Side of Our Hybrid Gateway with Quimby Digipeater added



VHF Winlink Coverage - 145.710 MHz



How could we expand VHF coverage?

- Add fixed or mobile digipeaters
- Add VHF Gateways
- Place Gateway on a repeater frequency
- For drills and incidents, currently have the OK to use Winlink on the
 - Fort Mt, Epsom 70cm repeater (HARP)
 - Uncanoonuc Mt, Goffstown 2m repeater

Digipeater

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Digipeater + Computer = RMS Local Standalone Post Office

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Digipeater + Computer + Regular Repeater = Local Post Office Covering Wider Area



Epsom Repeater Coverage (70cm) Training Example - HARP Net - Nashua, Manchester, Concord, Lakes Region, North Conway, Sea Coast



Digipeater + Computer + Internet = VHF RMS Gateway to Winlink Global System



HF RMS Gateways HF stations with internet connections



HF RMS Gateways HF stations with internet connections



HF Side of Our Hybrid Gateway





Hillsborough County and Greater Manchester ARES Winlink Hybrid Gateway



HF Pactor Modem P1 to P4 Capability

HF Auto Tuner Auto-Forward on 160–10m

VHF Radio - FT-991

Winlink RMS Server Dell Optiplex 780

VHF TNC - KPC-3+

HF Radio - IC-718



HF Capability Receive 160 – 10m Transmit 160 –10m

Currently listening on 80m with Auto-Forward on 160-10m

Easily expand listening to additional HF bands with software setting

Remote server management with NoMachine software

Solar-Battery, Generator

RMS Gateway Server



3 Programs Interact When internet is available

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Settings Begin-forwarding View Logs Help

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A RMS Relay - 3.1.1.0 - K1EHZ

To Internet

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Auto-Forwarding

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How does Auto-Forwarding work?

- Propagation forecast downloaded daily
- Software uses Reliability and Quality estimates in forecast to determine frequency and station for forwarding
- Software steps radio through calls to stations in decreasing order of Reliability and Quality until message is forwarded
- Pactor 2,3 have been the forwarding modes
- Pactor 4 used when FCC declares emergency
- New high-speed VARA mode may also be used for forwarding

Auto-Forwarding Propagation Forecast Voice of America Coverage Area Prediction Model

Callsign	Frequency (kHz)	Mode	Grid Square	Hours	Group	Distance (mi)	Bearing (Degrees)	Path Reliability Estimate	Path Quality Estimate
W1EO	1845.000	P2, P1	FN42IM	00-23	PUBLIC	36	151	100	100
K1EHZ	3596.500	P3, P2, P1	FN42EX	00-23	PUBLIC	0	000	99	99
W1EO	3597.900	P3	FN42IM	00-23	PUBLIC	36	151	99	99
W1EO	7102.500	P3	FN42IM	00-23	PUBLIC	36	151	96	96
KQ4ET	7102.700	P3, P2, P1	FM16XU	00-23	PUBLIC	483	210	78	54
KQ4ET	7101.500	P3, P2, P1	FM16XU	00-23	PUBLIC	483	210	78	54
WD10	3589.500	P3, P2, P1	FN53IX	00-23	PUBLIC	136	059	78	53
KC8YJJ	7102.500	P3, P2, P1	EN90PL	00-23	PUBLIC	498	253	78	54
VE1YZ	5405.000	P4, P3	FN84BQ	00-23	PUBLIC	403	070	76	52
AJ4FW	7103.700	P3, P2, P1	FM07BC	00-23	PUBLIC	595	230	74	50
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W3JY	3591.000	P3, P2, P1	FN20FA	00-23	PUBLIC	287	226	63	44
N2LEE	7102.000	P3, P2, P1	FM18HX	00-23	PUBLIC	407	229	63	47
VE1YZ	7096.500	P4, P3	FN84BQ	00-23	PUBLIC	403	070	62	46
N3HYM-10	7102.500	P3, P2, P1	FM19FK	00-23	PUBLIC	392	233	61	46

Reliability = % Time Path SNR meets or exceeds Required SNR

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Pactor Connection with N2LEE (VA)

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Radio-only Message for AA3YB on 7102 KHz



Auto-Forwarding to AB4NX (GA) Message Pick-up Station on 10145 KHz

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Winlink Mode Simulations - N5TW





30-day Snapshot of Stations Using Our HF Gateway



30-day Snapshot of 80m Gateway Use

Intentionally NVIS for Regional Coverage



ARES Groups Use Our HF Gateway

- ARES groups in several states use our HF gateway for training, including check-in nets, sending net reminders and rosters to their ARES members, and doing radio-only messaging drills.
- FL, VA, MD, DE, OH, PA and NY ARES groups use the HF side weekly to monthly.
- WI and MI ARES groups use the HF side occasionally.
- AR and LA ARES used it once or twice.
- VA has state-wide Wednesday Winlink Check-in.

Importantly, if these groups can reach our gateway, we should be able to reach gateways in their areas if (when) the internet is out here.

Winlink Express Key Features

Winlink Express

RMS Express

Winlink Express Client

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Radio Message Severs on the Hybrid Network Have Built-in Post Offices

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Potential Training Opportunities

• Assist operators set up Winlink

- Help Individuals by Phone K1EHZ
- Small Group Workshops by Zoom K1EHZ
- Wednesday Winlink Net Check-in
 - Email NF1L@winlink.org by VHF, HF or Telnet
- Quarterly Winlink Email Test N5EI
- Radio Messaging Drills via Local Post Office
- Radio Messaging with other ARES Groups
- SET NBEMS ← → Winlink messages
- You will come up with more training ideas

Winlink System Summary

Local, regional & global coverage *Software is well-supported Complements NBEMS & uses same hardware *Access mail by VHF, HF, Telnet, Browser Expand coverage with digipeaters or repeaters *Radio-only mail boxes when internet is out Automatic forwarding by HF radio Peer-to-Peer = Point-to-Point messaging Built-in message forms, reports, bulletins Modes for various band conditions Easily generates ICS-309 Message Logs

Watch Winlink Tutorials by K4REF on YouTube <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/K4REF/videos</u>

> Contact Jay Taft at <u>k1ehz@arrl.net</u> for training / assistance

This PDF available on the N1GB ARES webpage https://gblakesl.net//N1GB/N1GB_ARES.html

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Extra Info & Screen Shots

PiGate for Winlink



PiGate 2.0 for the Raspberry Pi is Released

12 December 2019 -- **PiGate 2.0** software was released today by Mark Griffith, KD0QYN. Lots of new things in there. Go to the website and download the new docs, and a new image for your Pi. Also there are a number of "training" videos that describe the new interface and some details about it. Take a look!

PiGate Hotspot with TNC



PiGate Winlink Interface

PiGate

EMERGENCY EMAIL GATEWAY

When disaster strikes, communication is the most important missing service. Amateur radio operators have a long history of helping in disaster situations and this new device was created to assist in that effort.

The PiGate is a small piece of hardware that can be brought into a disaster area, connected to an already existing VHF or HF amateur radio and antenna (like in your car or truck), and used to send e-mail to the global Winlink2000 system through a Radio Message Server (RMS) station.



PiGate for Welfare Messages in a Shelter, for example



PiGate - Send Mail with Smart Phone, Tablet, Laptop

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We require

- A valid amateur radio license, or
- a license from a participating government service or agency. Ship station, marine or general radiotelephone licenses DO NOT qualify.

How To Get an Account

- Download, install and configure any client software. We suggest Winlink Express. Study its help about installation and use.
- If using Winlink Express, with an internet connection fill out the form presented on first startup after installation. See the help article "Basic Configuration" for guidance.
 Be sure to include a password and password

WANTED:

Software Developers

The Winlink Development Team is looking for talented software developers who have expertise in Digital Signal Processing, VB, C#, C, C++ with Windows, OSX, iOS, Android, Open-Source Project Management, Git and AWS. We need developers who can move our programs to new platforms and environments, and to help develop new projects for the future. If you have some volunteer time, are willing to help, work well with others and would like to join an accomplished team, please contact Tom, KA6IQA

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