

# Winlink for EmComm



Denver ARES  
(Amateur Radio Emergency Services)



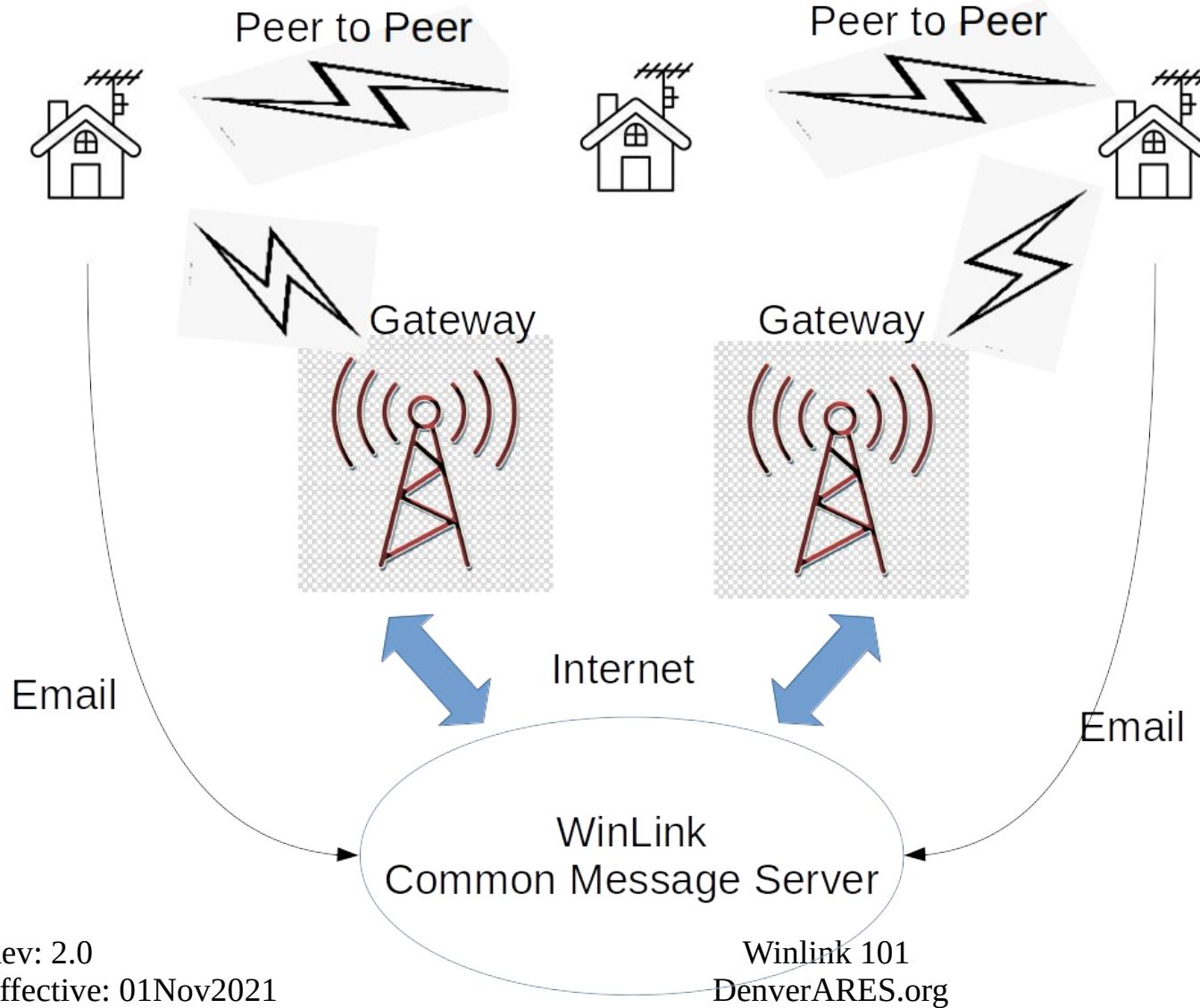
# What is Winlink

- An email system designed to work with amateur radio
- Supports all basic email functions
- Has special features for standard forms (ICS)
- Works in multiple modes
  - Internet, special radio gateways, peer to peer radio



# Why use Winlink

- Provides a single common interface, regardless of how the messages are being delivered
  - Learn once, use anywhere
- Provides specific support for EmComm documents
- Provides a common protocol across jurisdictions
- Integrates radio with standard emails



# Simplest Station Setup

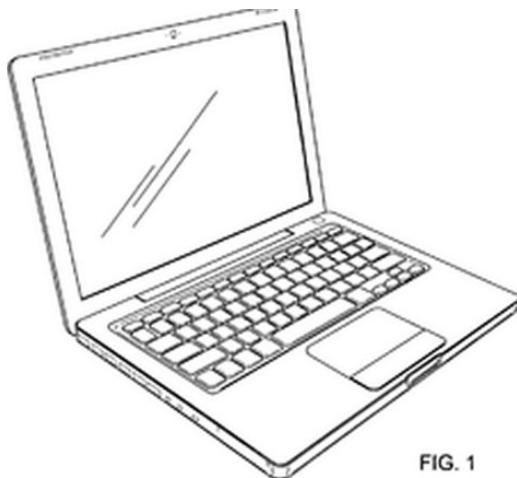
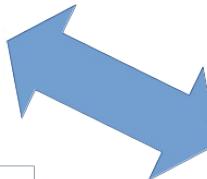
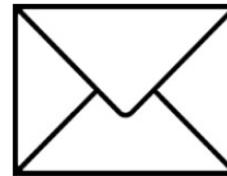
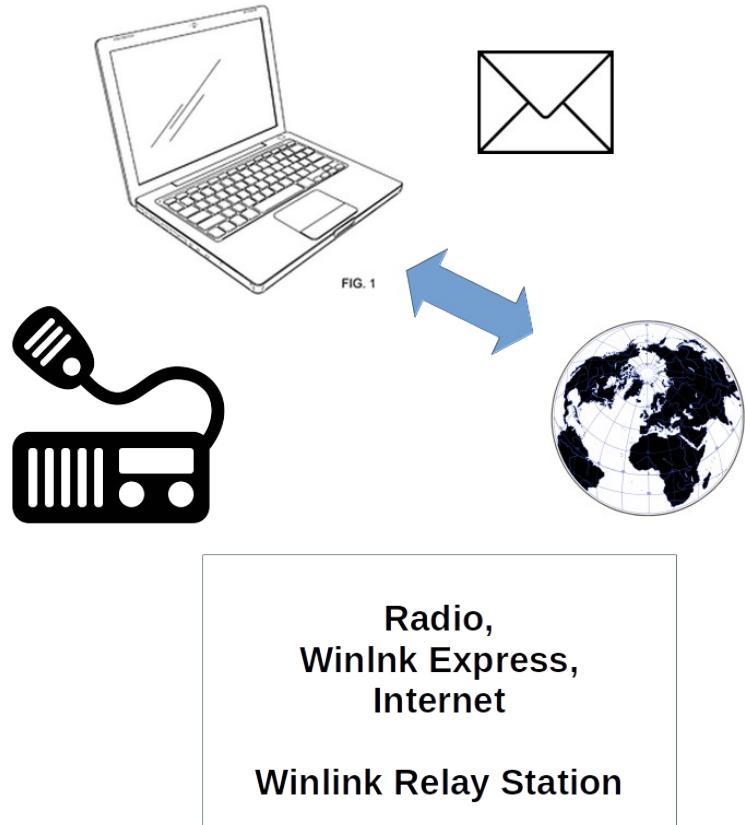


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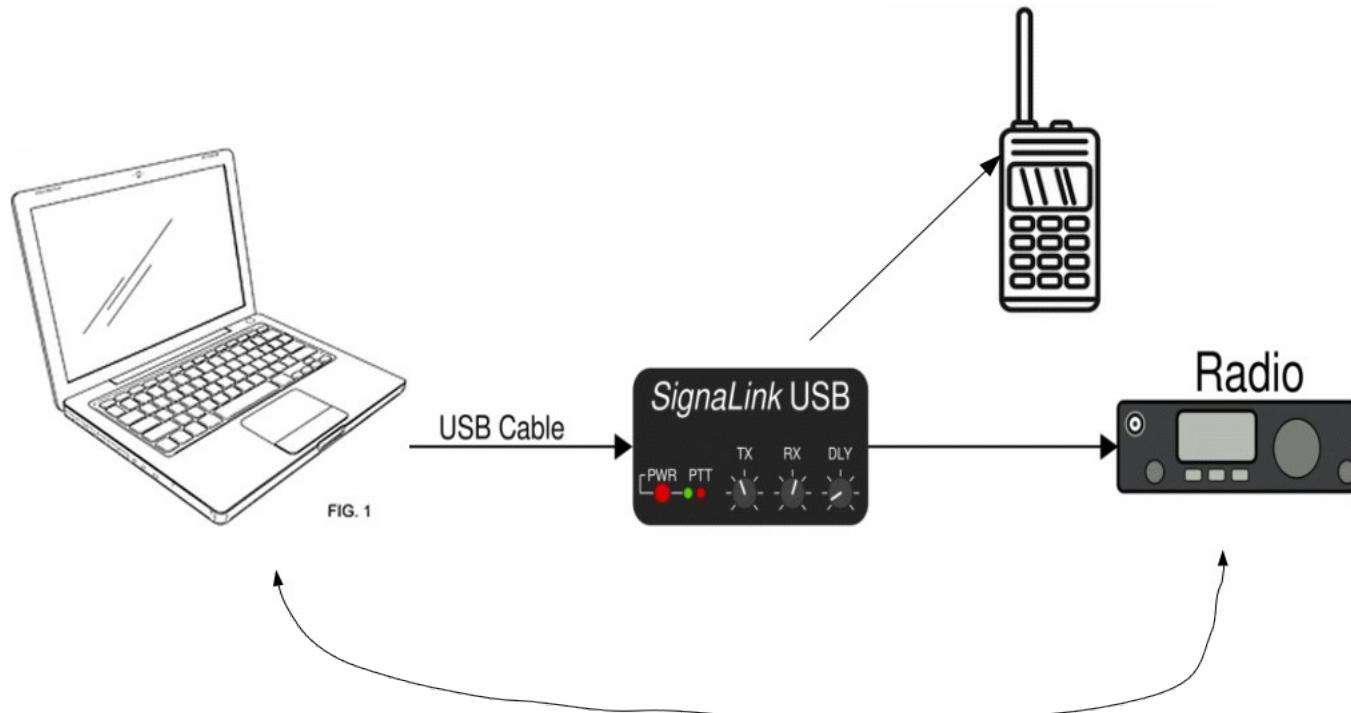


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# Simple Relay Station

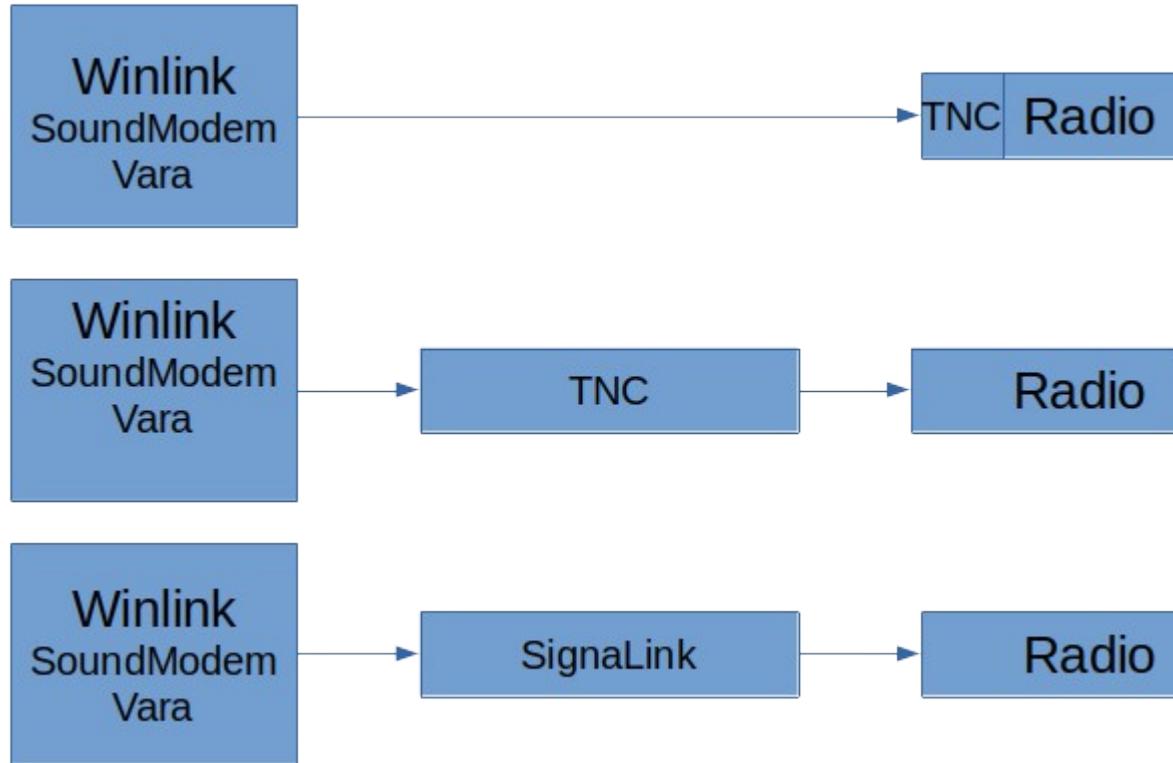


# No Internet Station Setup





# Different station configurations





# Software Setup

- Winlink Express
- Packet Assembler
  - Soundmodem
  - Direwolf
  - Vara
  - ARDOP

Winlink Express 1.5.28.0 - AD0ZM

AD0ZM Settings Message Attachments Move To: Saved Items Delete Open Session: Packet Winlink Logs Help

In Packet Winlink session.

System Folders	Date/Time	Message ID	Size	Source	Sender	Recipient	Subject
Inbox (0 unread)	2020/05/09 14:37	3ZZ2YM93PQ43	1175	KEDTWC	KEDTWC	AD0ZM	213-Winlink Training
Read Items (0)	2020/05/07 17:22	10A4HOSLLU64	959	KF0JB	KF0JB	AD0ZM	Re: Winlink Capabilit
Outbox (0)	2020/05/07 17:18	20PENFNOGBY4B	2767	KF0JB	KF0JB	ABOVZ...	Survey - State HF So
Sent Items (76)	2020/05/06 21:43	E1E1MF1HU1J7	674	N0VE	N0VE	AD0ZM	Re: 213-Winlink test<
Saved Items (4)	2020/05/06 21:41	X9BG3CV1ZRSN	2665	N0VE	N0VE	AD0ZM	Re: 213-Winlink test<
Deleted Items (0)	2020/05/01 23:56	DP59ZBWG1VPY	578	KF0JB	KF0JB	AD0ZM	Re: Winlink Capabilit
Drafts (0)							

Message ID: 3ZZ2YM93PQ43  
Date: 2020/05/09 14:37  
From: KEDTWC  
To: AD0ZM  
Source: KEDTWC  
Downloaded-from: RMS  
Subject: 213-Winlink

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS)  
1. Incident Name: W1  
2. To (Name and Posi  
3. From (Name and Po  
4. Subject: TNC Setu  
5. Date: 2020-05-09  
6. Time: 08:32  
7. Message:  
  
Dear Jim,  
  
I don't see where to  
signal link tutorial  
if it seems like it  
works for you.  
  
Traci

Packet Winlink Session

Exit Settings Switch to Peer-to-Peer Session Channel Selection 1200 Baud Start Stop

Connection type: Direct KONTS-10 Via SoundModem by UZTHO - Ver 1.00b - [AFSK AX.25 1200bps]

Connection script: Edit selected

Received: 134 Sent: 2581 Time to next Autoconnect = Disabled

\*\*\* Sending WRVH4LT48ZD.  
\*\*\* Sending 4V3IE3VEZFRK.  
  
FF Completed send of message WRVH4LT48ZD  
Completed send of message 4V3IE3VEZFRK  
Sent 2 messages. Bytes: 2428, Time: 00:40, bytes/minute: 3641  
\*\*\* End of session at 2020/05/09 20:13:26 --  
Messages sent: 2. Total bytes sent: 2428. Time: 01:02, bytes/minute: 3641  
Messages Received: 0. Total bytes received: 0. Total session time: 01:02  
Disconnecting  
Disconnected at 2020/05/09 20:13:31  
\*\*\* Disconnect reported.

MyCall DestCall Status Sent pkts Sent bytes Rcvd pkts Rcvd bytes

1000 2000



# Soundmodem





# Winlink Main

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Logs Help

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Date: 2020/05/09 14:37  
From: KE0TWC  
To: AD0ZM  
Source: KE0TWC  
Downloaded-from: RMS:KONTNS-10  
Subject: 213-Winlink Training-TNC Setup - 2020-05-09 08:32

GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)

1. Incident Name: Winlink Training
2. To (Name and Position): AD0ZM
3. From (Name and Position): KE0TWC
4. Subject: TNC Setup
5. Date: 2020-05-09
6. Time: 08:32
7. Message:

Dear Jim,

I don't see where to tell Winlink which TNC I have a Kantronics KAM XL so the signal link tutorial don't seem to apply. Please cover this during the class or if it seems like it doesn't apply to the others lets talk some other time that works for you.

Traci



# Winlink Session

Packet Winlink Session

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Connection type: Direct KONTS-10 Via  ,

Connection script:  Edit script Add script Remove script

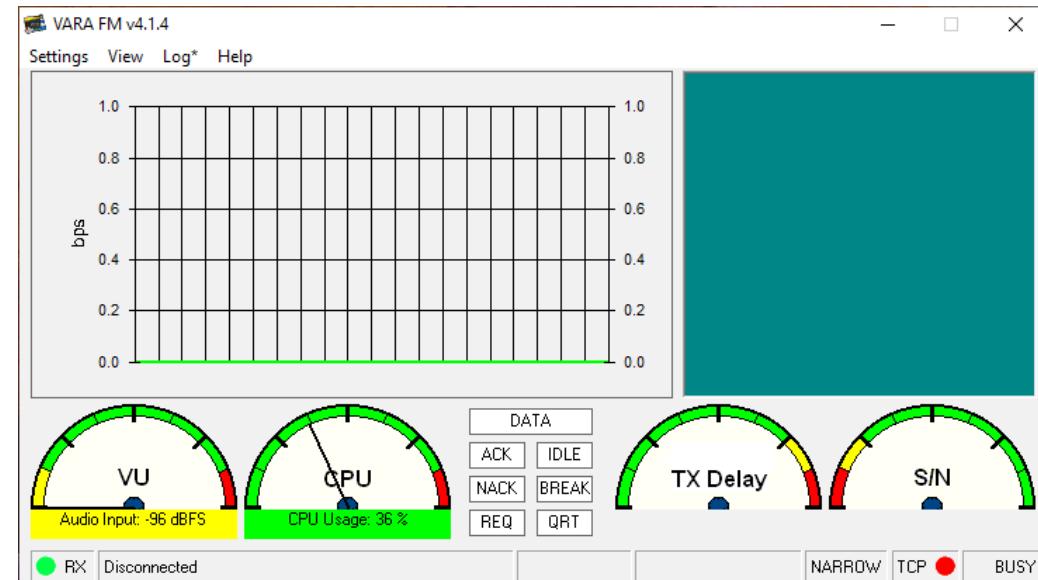
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FQ  
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# Vara is the new standard

- More robust
- Higher throughput
- Better tools
- But, no monitor function (yet)





# Moving Forward

- Denver ARES
  - <http://denverares.org>
- EmComm Winlink Training – weekly
  - <https://emcomm-training.groups.io>
- WinLink
  - <https://winlink.org/>