

# THE DIGITAL SIDE

radio interfacing & aprs

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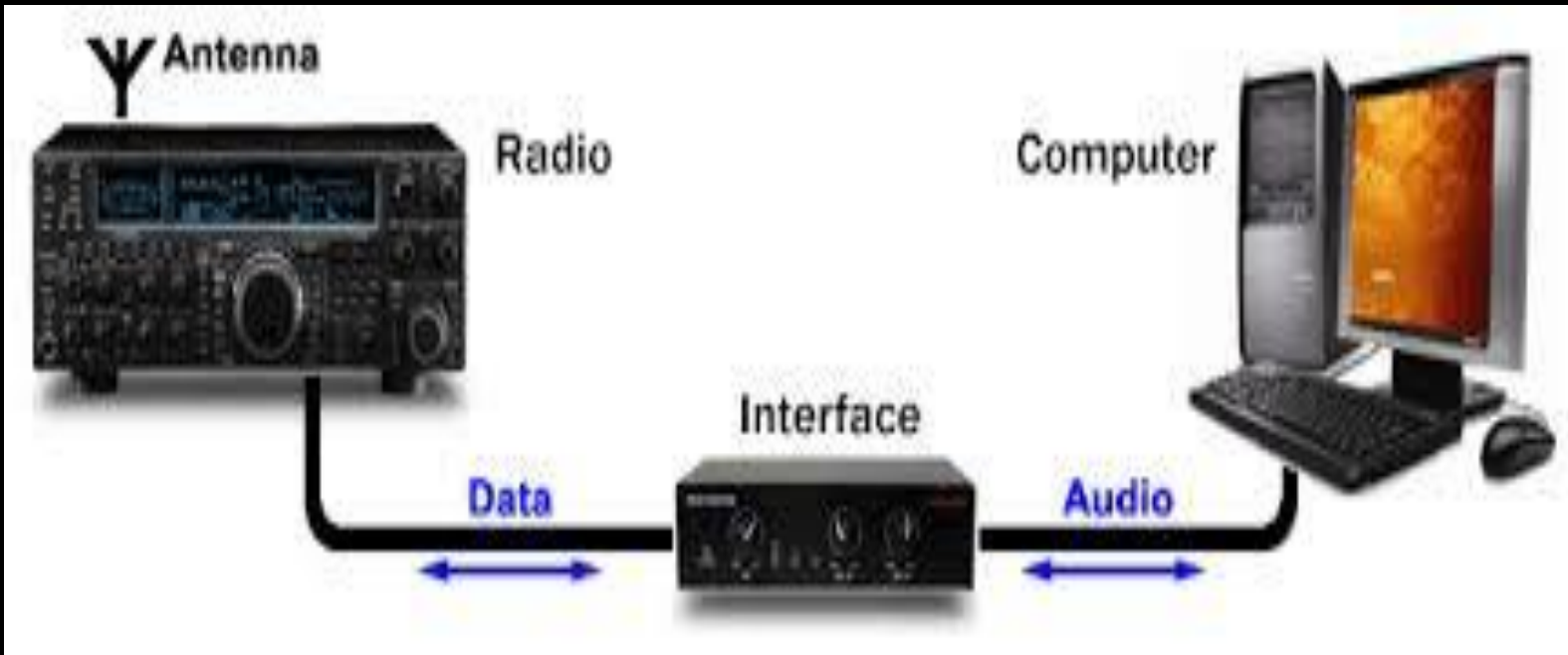


# home brew, Linux and inexpensive

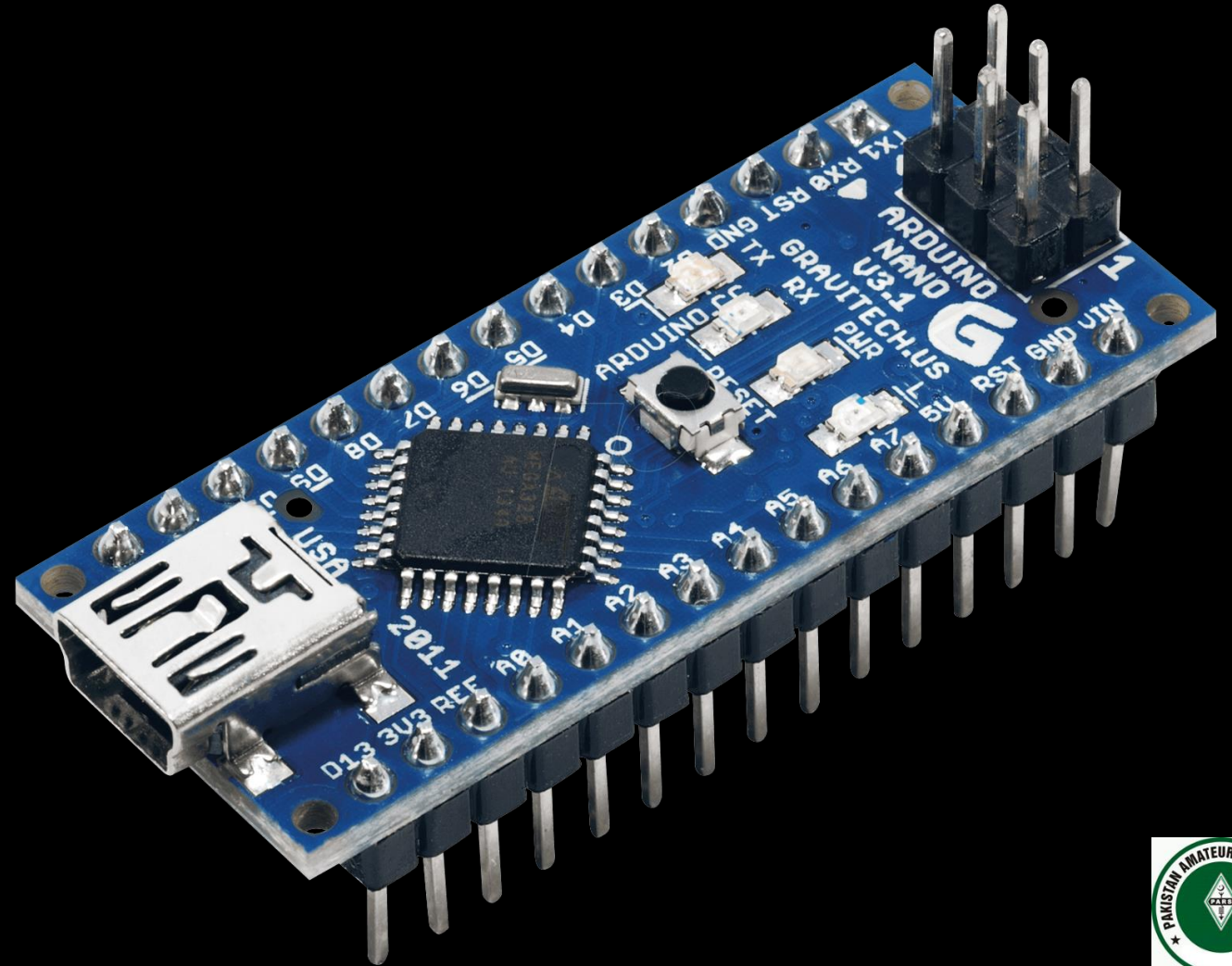
- DuinoVox Box
- Control Cables
- APRS iGate



- Interfacing with computer



- [Arduino](#) is an open-source platform used for building electronics projects. Arduino consists of both a physical programmable circuit board (often referred to as a [microcontroller](#)) and a piece of [software](#), or IDE (Integrated Development Environment) that runs on your computer, used to write and upload computer code to the physical board.

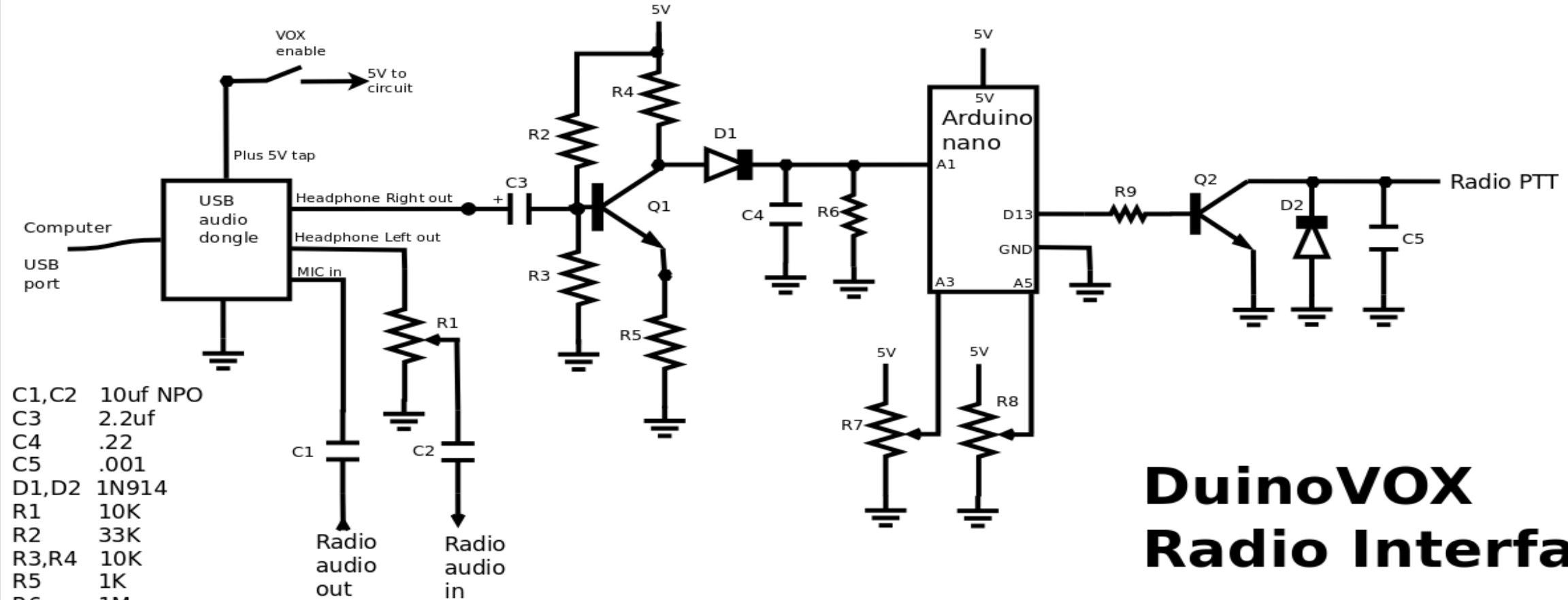


- USB Audio Dongle (USB Sound Card)



- Originally Designed & Coded by KB9RLW

# DUINOVOX BOX



- C1,C2 10uf NPO
- C3 2.2uf
- C4 .22
- C5 .001
- D1,D2 1N914
- R1 10K
- R2 33K
- R3,R4 10K
- R5 1K
- R6 1M
- R7,R8 10K
- R9 2.2K
- Q1,Q2 2N2222 or equiv.

**R1 TX drive level - gnd to left**  
**R7 Delay - gnd to left**  
**R8 Sensitivity - gnd to right**

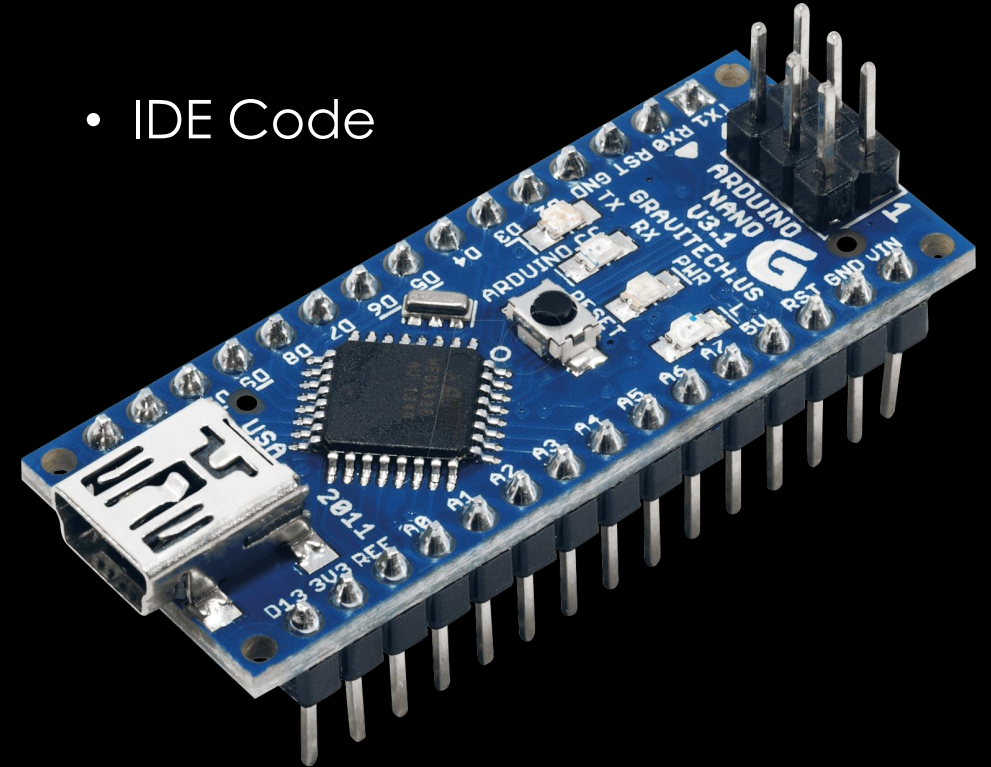
## DuinoVOX Radio Interface



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vox_digi_interface |
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
vox_digi_interface
7
8 // Naming the pins I'm using for clarity.
9 const int audioInPin = A1; // Audio sense
10 const int tailsetInPin = A3; // delay time adjustment POT
11 const int sensitivity = A5; // threshold set POT
12 const int PTToutPin = 13; // output to keying transistor
13
14 // declaring variables that we'll use
15 int delayvalue = 0; // amount of time in hundreths of a second before dropping PTT
16 int threshold = 0; // audio trigger level initial value
17 int ptt = 0; // variable for holding current PTT delay countdown
18 int audio = 0; // variable that will hold audio sense
19 int PTT_ON; // Flag to indicate current PTT status
20
21 void setup() {
22   // Turn off PTT right away so we're not keying on startup
23
24   pinMode (PTToutPin, OUTPUT);
25   digitalWrite(PTToutPin, LOW);
26   PTT_ON = 0;
27 }
28
29 void loop()
30 {
31   // Here we go. First read the pots and set variables
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33   delayvalue = analogRead(tailsetInPin) / 5; // yields 0 to 204
34   delayvalue = delayvalue + 2; // adjusted to no less than 2 - 1 after first pass through loop
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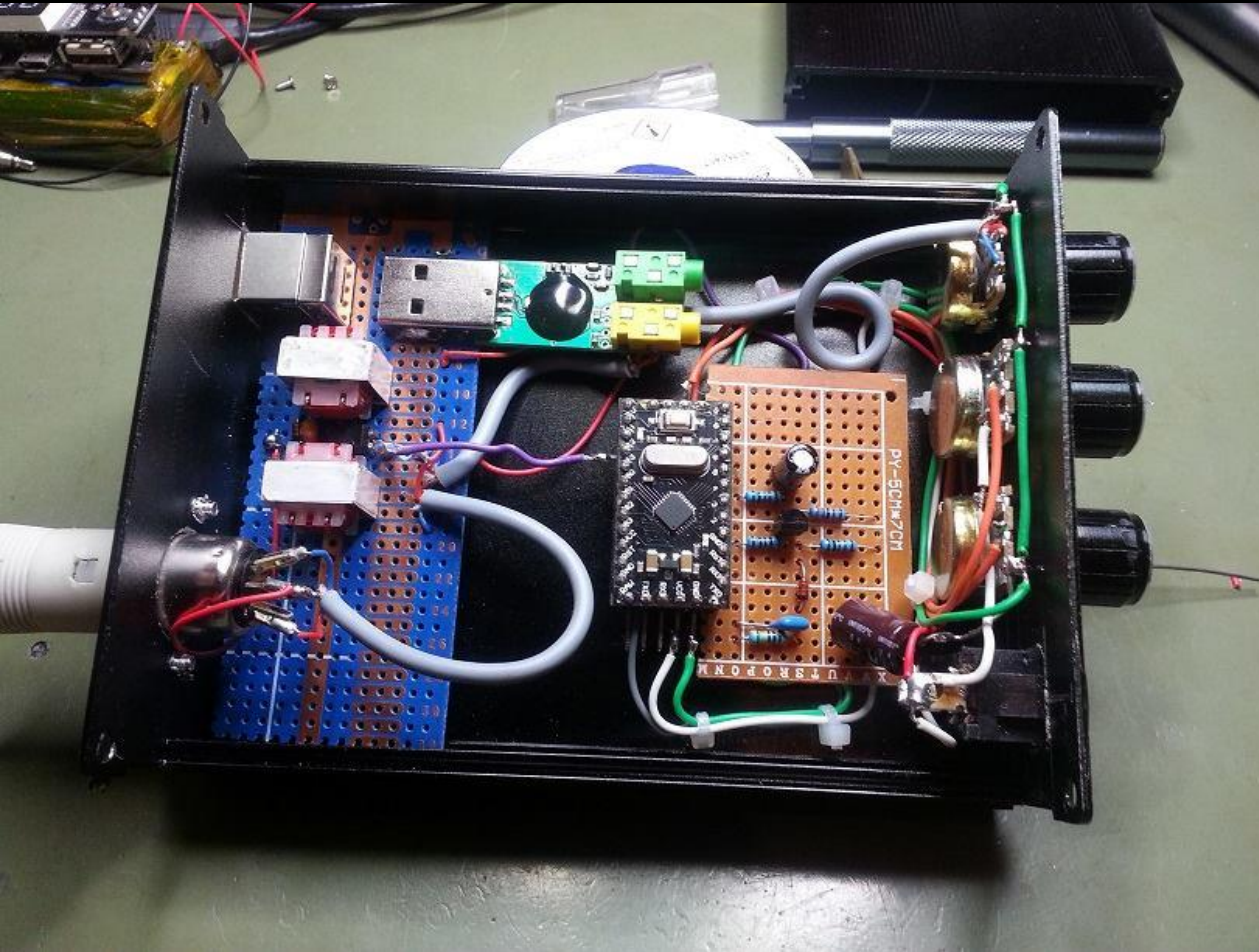
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- IDE Code



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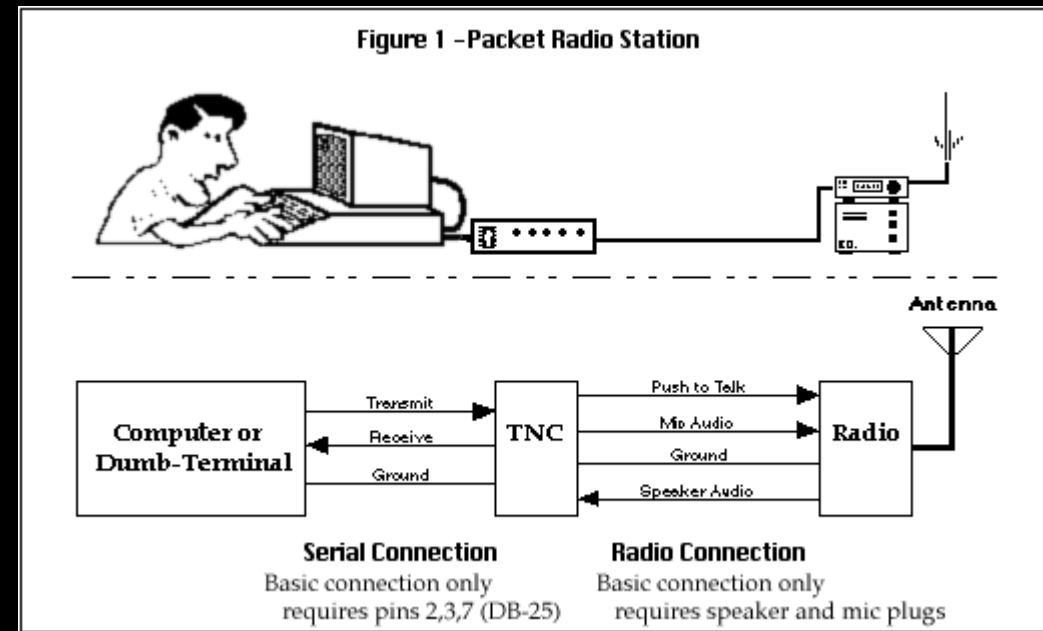
- Some builds





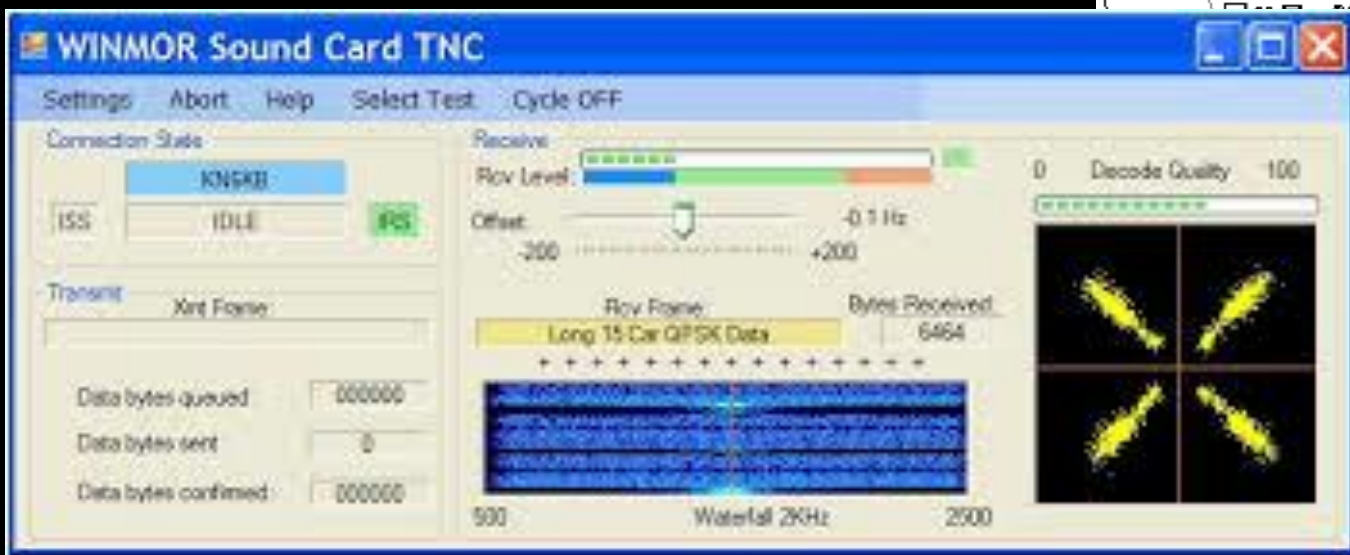
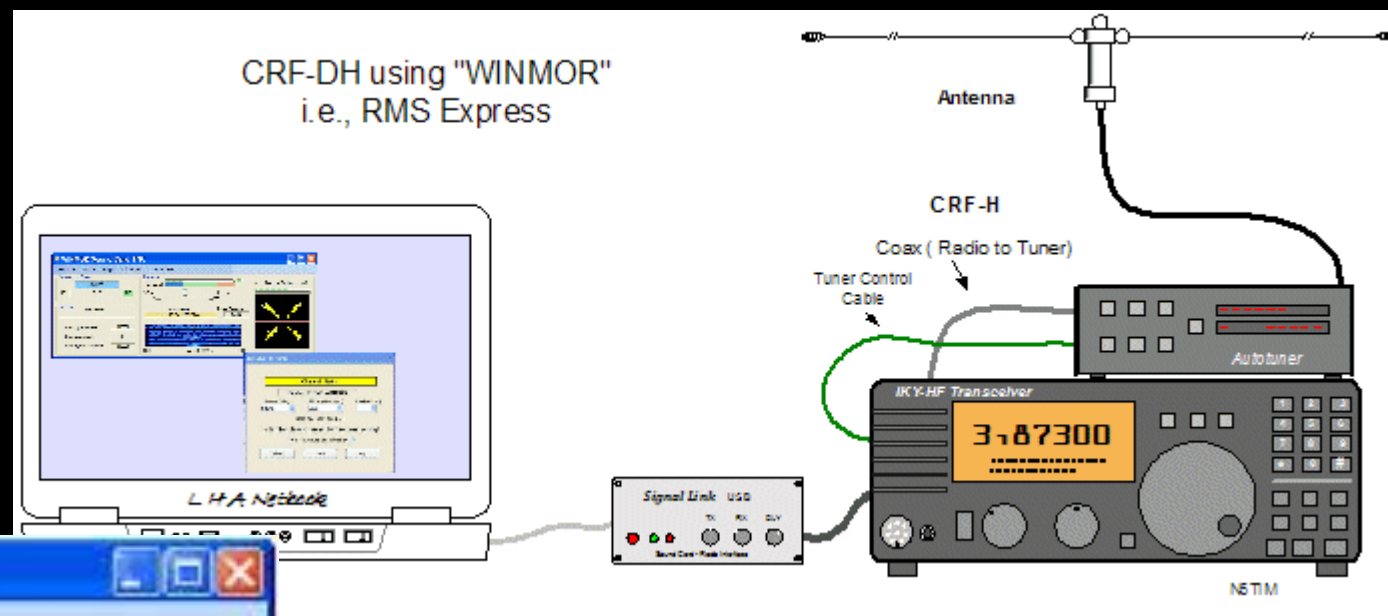
# WINLINK

- a worldwide radio email service that uses radio pathways where the internet is not present, and is capable of operating completely without the internet--automatically--using smart-network radio relays. Winlink provides its users email with attachments, position reporting, weather and information bulletins, and is well-known for its role in emergency and disaster relief communications.



- WINMOR** is a radio transmission protocol intended to be used in the **Winlink** 2000 Global Radio E-mail System by amateur radio operators, marine radio stations, and radio stations in isolated areas. **WINMOR** will complement the PACTOR modes in the high frequency portion of the **Winlink** system.

# WINLINK



# CONTROL CABLE

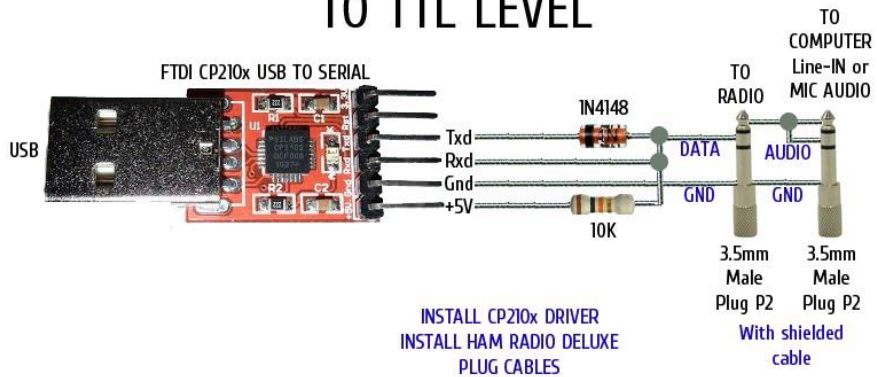
- The **USB TTL** Serial cables are a range of **USB** to serial converter cables which provide connectivity between **USB** and serial UART interfaces. A range of cables are available offering connectivity at 5V, 3.3V or user specified signal levels with various connector interfaces..





# ICOM IC-R20

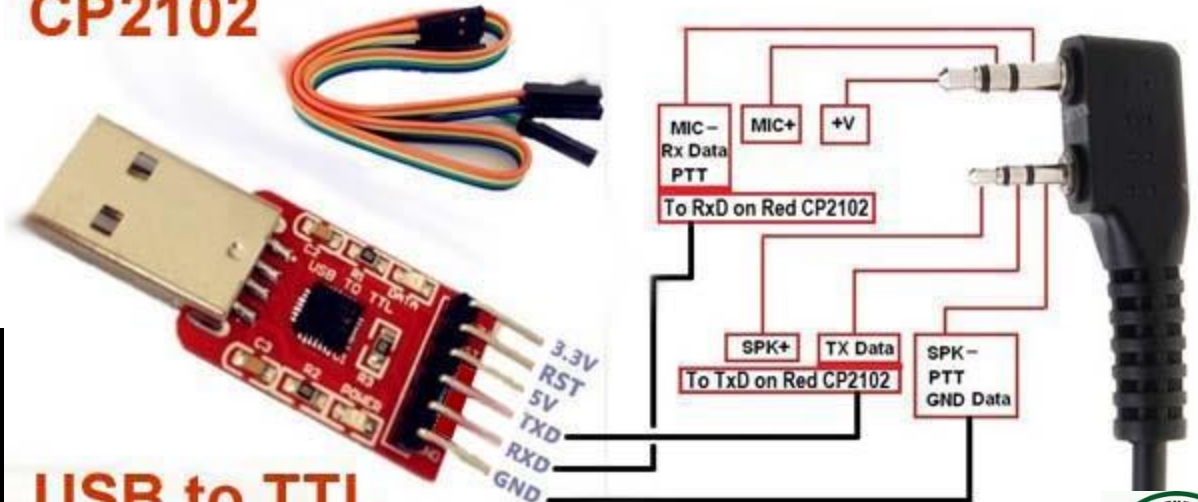
INTERFACE USB TO SERIAL  
TO TTL LEVEL



# CONTROL CABLE

- CI cables

## CP2102



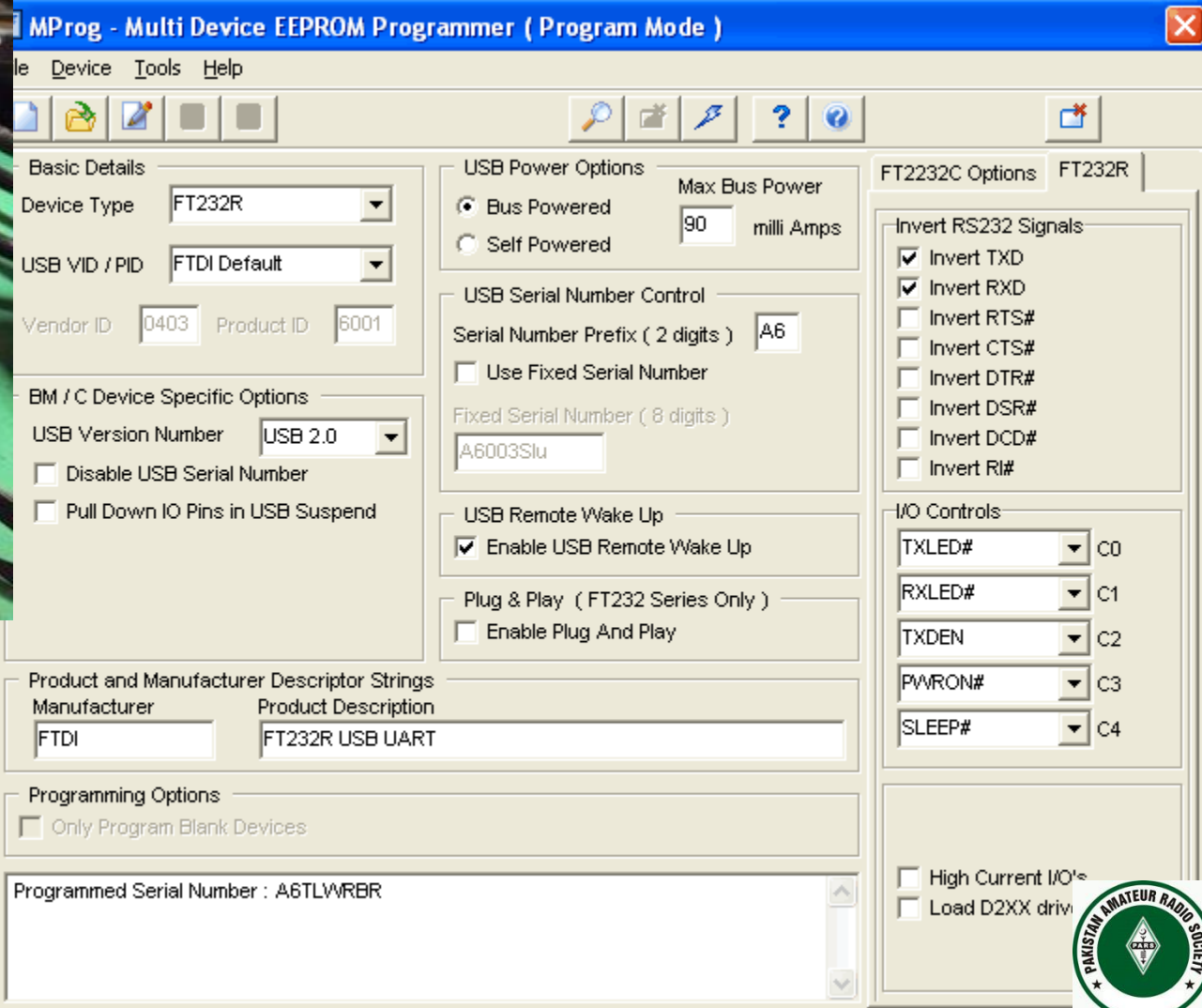
## USB to TTL

USB 2.0 to TTL UART 6PIN Module  
Serial Converter CP2102 STC PRGMR





# CONTROL CABLE



- FTDI Chipset
- Invert Tx and Rx



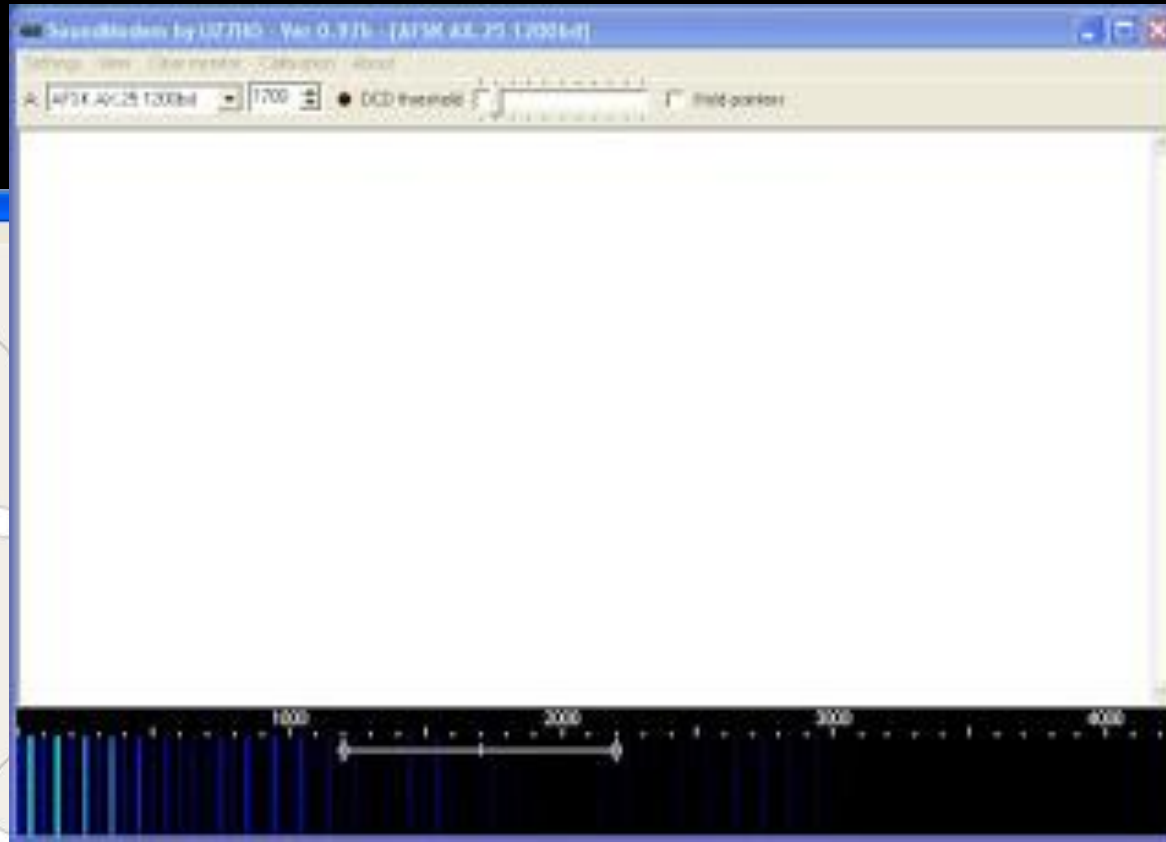
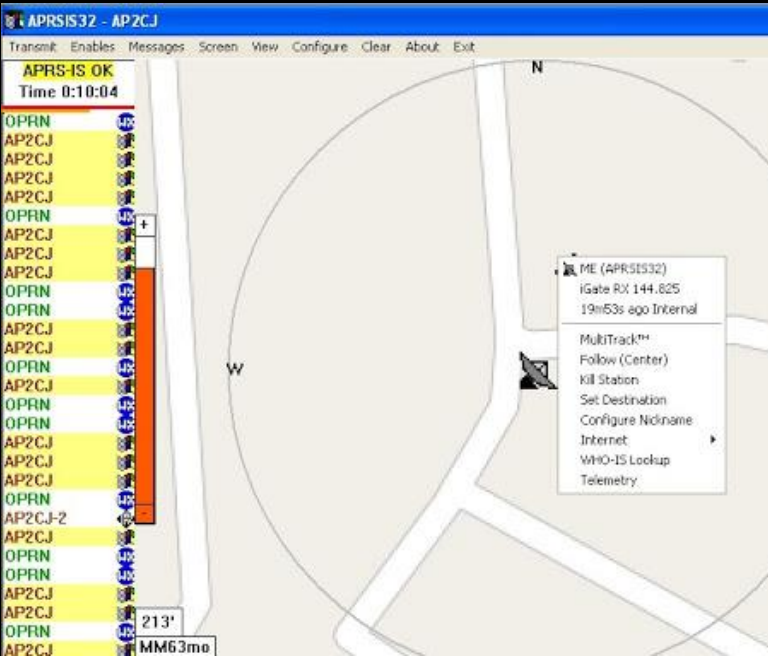
- Automatic Packet Reporting System (**APRS**) is an amateur radio-based system for real time digital communications of information of immediate value in the local area. Data can include object Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates, weather station telemetry, text messages, announcements, queries, and other telemetry.
- Internet Gateway

# APRS IGATE



- Windows computer with mic in
- An HT with external antenna
- Cable connection from HT speaker to computer mic in
- UZ7HO Software packet radio TNC
- APRSIS32 software

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- **Raspberry Pi** is a credit card-sized computer originally designed for education, inspired by the 1981 BBC Micro. Creator Eben Upton's goal was to create a low-cost device that would improve programming skills and hardware understanding at the pre-university level





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