

## **An AA2MF application ICOM IC-7300 SETUP WITH ONE USB CABLE**

Operation is designed around the N1MM+ contesting software package. All logging will be created and kept within N1MM+.

All programs will be run within the N1MM+ program.

ICOM IC-7300 USB driver is used to connect the computer to the IC-7300 via a new Virtual Com Port.

The Eterlogic Virtual Serial Port Emulator (VSPE) Software will split the com port provided (Virtual) from the radio to interface and control the radio using a single USB cable.

RTTY FSK will be generated with MMTTY

FT-8 FT-4 will be generated WSJT-X

CW will be generated with N1MM+  
CW Decoding will be done with FIDigi

An Internet time sync program will be needed.

PSK-31 working with Fldigi (still being looked into). PSK-31 operation has been successful using the N1MM+ Digital Interface Sound Card (MMVARI)1 function. Interesting but still in the development stage.

Before making any changes All IC-7300 MENU SETTINGS should be set to their Default values.

## **RADIO MENU CHANGE LIST**

Menu > Set > > CONNECTORS Screen

DATA MODE > USB

### **CI-V MENU**

CI-V Baud Rate > 19200

CI-V Transceive > OFF

CI-V USB - Remote Transceive address > 94h

CI-V USB Port > Unlink from [Remote]

CI-V USB Baud Rate > 115200

CI-V USB Echo Back > ON

USB Serial Function Submenu > CI-V

USB Send > DTR

USB Keying (CW) > RTS

USB Keying (RTTY) > RTS

Menu > Setting > > FUNCTION Screen

RF/SQL Control > Auto

Time-Out Timer > 3 min

REF Adjust > 27%

Install ICOM IC-7300 USB Driver.

It will be listed as Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge (com NR)

This is the com port to use with the Eterlogic Virtual Serial Port Emulator Software.

### **VSPE SETUP**

Start VSPE

Click on CREATE NEW DEVICE

Select device type Splitter

Data Source Serial Port: Com Port from Radio.

Virtual Serial Port: Name the Com Number. Make sure the logging and RTTY FSK keying program has this Com Port number listed to use.

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Click Settings: Speed: 115200 DTS/RTS: NO  
Parity: NO Bits: 8 Stop Bits:1

Click OK

Redirect Modem Registers: CHECKED

Initial Modem Registers State:  
RTS: NOT CHECKED DTR: NOT CHECKED

When your all setup click the Finish Button. VSPE should say that the initialization is OK.  
Click File, Save As Use a name you will recognize when you run it again.

YOU MUST ALWAYS HAVE VSPE RUNNING IN THE BACKGROUND

N1MM+

Click on CONFIGURE in the entry box window.  
The Configure window will appear.  
You should now be in the HARDWARE window.

ENTER:  
PORT Virtual COM PORT NUMBER  
RADIO IC-7300  
DIGI Box NOT CHECKED  
CW/OTHER CHECKED

DETAILS - click on the SET box.  
A new window will appear.  
At the top of the box the VIRTUAL COM PORT NUMBER

ENTER: SPEED 115200  
PARITY N  
DATABITS 8  
STOPBITS 2  
DTR(pin 4) PTT  
RTS(pin 7) CW  
ICOM CODE (HEX) 94  
Radio Nr 1  
No other Boxes checked.

NOTE These settings are different from the “suggested ICOM settings”

Click OK

Click on the DIGITAL MODES TAB

Digital Interface 1-TU TYPE - Soundcard  
DI-1 MMTTY Setup - MMTTY MODE - FSK  
MMTTY PATH - set path to MMTTY  
C:/HAM/MMTTY/MMTTY.exe ?

DI-1 MMVARI SETUP - MMVARI RTTY MODE - FSK  
FSK PORT - EXTFSK

FLDIGI If you care to use this is where it will go  
DI-1 Fldigi setup (if used)  
Fldigi Path Select the path to FLDIGI  
C:/Program Files (x86) Fldigi-4.1.14\fldigi.exe ?? (my computer)

DO NOT CLICK OK

Click on MODE CONTROL TAB

Mode recorded in log - use radio mode (default)

MODE SENT TO RADIO

|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| MODE | RADIO1/VFO-A |
| RTTY | RTTY         |
| DIGI | USB          |

DO NOT CLICK OK

Click on AUDIO TAB

1-only use radio 1 output device, output on both channels  
Radio 1 OUTPUT Device - SPEAKERS (USB Audio CODEC )

DO NOT CLICK OK

Click on WSJT/JTDX Setup TAB

WSJT-X and JTDX UDP SETTINGS

Check Enable Box (RADIO #1)

JTDX/Others TCP Settings

Check on Enable Box (RADIO #1)

Path to WSJT/JTDX

WSJT/JTDX Path used for SO1V,SO2V mode and Radio1 in SO2R

C:\WSJT\wsjtx\bin\wsjtx.exe ?? (my computer) Select Location

CHECK - Auto Load the WSJT Decode List Window when  
WSJT-X/JTDX Loads.

CHECK - Radio #1 Enable box

CLICK OK

RTTY WITH MMTTY & N1MM+

Run by clicking digital interface in N1MM+ window list.

Signal levels seen in the RTTY Engine are determined by the computers

AUDIO OUTPUT

RTTY Engine Window - OPTIONS - SETUP(O)...

Click on TX TAB

PTT & FSK - EXTFSK not EXTFSK64

RADIO COMMAND

PORT NONE

BAUD 4800

CHAR WAIT 0

DATA LENGTH 8 Bits

STOP 2 Bits

PARITY None

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Flow Control      NO Boxes Checked  
DTR/RTS          PTT BOX Checked  
Commands          Program Default  
Model              ICOM CI-V  
Polling Interval   1 sec  
FREQUENCY OFFSET Off  
GROUP WINDOW Find Icom xx=addr 01-7f off list.  
DO NOT SAVE      CLICK OK

### MISC TAB

TX PORT            COM-TXD (FSK)

### SOUND CARD TAB

Reception Microphone (USB Audio CODEC)  
Transmission Speakers (USB Audio CODEC)

Running MMTTY a box called EXT FSK 2.0e will appear  
Do NOT CLOSE THIS BOX it must be visible

### EXTFSK 2.0e Box settings

Port                Virtual COM PORT NUMBER  
FSK OUTPUT      RTS  
PTT OUTPUT      DTR

\*STATUS OK should be seen. If turns RED check the  
Virtual COM PORT NUMBER

The EXTFSK 2.0e box may disappear because the settings in the  
PTT&FSK may change to EXTFSK64. This will cause an unmodulated car-  
rier tone. Correcting this to EXTFSK should resolve the problem.

### Setting up WSJT-X

Click on File  
Click on Settings

### GENERAL TAB

Insert your personal setup information

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### DISPLAY

Check on "Blank line between decoding periods"

Check on "Display distance in miles"

Check on "TX Messages to Rx frequency window"

Check on "Show DXCC, grid, and worked before status"

### BEHAVIOR

Check on "Double-click on call sets TX enable"

Check on "Disable Tx after sending 73"

Check on "Allow Tx frequency changes while transmitting"

### RADIO TAB

At first check the IC-7300 Radio setting. This will be changed to "DX Lab Suite Commander" after needed information is entered.

### CAT CONTROL

PORT - PUT USB SERIAL COM PORT NUMBER

### SERIAL PORT PARAMETERS

Baud Rate 9600

Data Bits    Check    EIGHT Box

Stop Bits    Check    TWO Box

Handshake    Check    NONE Box

NOW CHANGE RIG TO "DX Lab Suite Commander"

Screen will change graying out information and removing com port entry box. This is normal.

### PTT METHOD

CHECK    DTR BOX

PORT            Put the Virtual COM PORT NUMBER

### TRANSMIT AUDIO SOURCE

Should be grayed out with Front/Mic selected

MODE Check Data/Pkt Box

SPLIT OPERATION Check Fake it Box

## AUDIO TAB

INPUT Default input device MONO

OUTPUT Default output device MONO

## REPORTING TAB

Logging Check Box “Prompt me to log QSO”

## ADVANCED TAB

Special operation activity box will be checked for contests listed. For ARRL Field Day your report information will be placed in that window.

Example: 1D WCF

## CHECK ON OK

WSJT-X/JTDX program is listed in the Windows Tab of N1MM+. To run click on “LOAD WSJT/JTDX”.

The radio Mode Must be set to USB-D for DATA.

Your QSO's will be stored in an N1MM+ log you create.

A small box will appear when running WSJT-X: N1MM+/WSJT “Radio Connection-1” DO NOT CLOSE or CHECK THE BOX

Adjust the vertical receive level bar graph to maintain a green color by setting the microphone input level within the computer.

Transmit output audio level is monitored by viewing the radio ALC Meter.

This adjustment is unknown.

## FLDiGi PROGRAM

FLDidi at this time is only being used as a CW READER. The program does not control the radio in any way. I am working on using Fldigi running within N1MM+ to do PSK31.

To Setup RUN the Fldigi program within N1MM+ with N1MM+ and the radio in the CW Mode. Do this by clicking on CW READER in N1MM+ Window Tab.

The N1MM+ CW Reader setup window will appear.



From the “CW ENGINE TO USE” selection  
Check BOX Fldigi to ENABLE  
Align Frequency 600  
For alignment treat CW as Check USB Box  
Path to Fldigi window BROWSE  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Fldigi-4.14\fldigi.exe ??  
CLICK ON SAVE

RUN Fldigi again clicking on CW Reader in N1MM+ WINDOW TAB.

Within the Waterfall window click on OP MODE then CW as the mode.

Click on Configure Tab in Waterfall window.  
Then Config Dialog. A new window will appear FLdigi configuration. From  
the configure list select SOUND CARD then DEVICES  
Check PortAudio Box  
Within the capture entry window list select your audio input device.  
Microphone (USB Audio CODEC)?  
Within the Playback entry window list select your audio output device.  
Speakers (USB Audio CODEC)?

Click on SAVE to save this description  
Click on CLOSE to close this window.

At the base of the waterfall window you will see a small entry window, by  
placing your mouse over it a message “Adjust cursor frequency”.  
Change that number to 600.

#### USING FIDigi as a CW code Reader

As CW signals are heard on the radio the waterfall will display signal vertical lines. By tuning your radios receive frequency to place a selected vertical line in the center of the RED BOX now centered at 600Hz at the monitor frequency, the CW will be decoded and written as text onto the large CW Reader 1 screen. Adjusting your radio so that this vertical line is in the center of the RED BOX also puts your transmit frequency directly on the stations receiving frequency. When you do transmit you will be correctly on frequency. This is important as the station your trying to work may be using a narrow receiving filter and will not hear you if you transmit outside the bandpass. CW Receive filters can be as narrow as 125 Hz which makes it critical for you to be on the correct transmitting frequency.

USING THE WATERFALL AN IC-7300 ADVANTAGE,  
Tuning or clicking on the Waterfall signals displayed should place the radio at the correct frequency. You should notice the placement of the signal in the correct location within the FIDigi Red Box. CW signal Decoded text should now be seen.

Software used in this application:

ICOM IC-7300 USB Driver

[https://www.icomjapan.com/support/firmware\\_driver/2417/](https://www.icomjapan.com/support/firmware_driver/2417/)

N1MM+

<https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/>

MMTTY

<https://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmtty.php>

WSJT-X

<https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/wsjt.html>

Eterlogic VSPE (Virtual Serial Port Emulator

<https://www.eterlogic.com>

FLDIGI

<https://www.w1hkj.com/> Program File fldigi

DIMENSION4

<http://www.thinkman.com/dimension4/>

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Reference:

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