

Here is a quick guide to get you started towards setting up a winlink station <https://www.winlink.org/>

Equipment Needed: Radio, Computer and Packet TNC. There are software TNC's available like UZ7HO

<http://uz7.ho.ua/packetradio.htm> for packet. Now, there is another, better option for connecting

using a software called VARA or VARA FM <https://rosmodem.wordpress.com/>

If you choose either of these options you will need a signal link to

interface between your radio and computer <http://www.tigertronics.com/> . Some radios have built in sound cards which is a bonus for sure.

User Setup: First download Winlink Express and ensure you have the latest release.

https://downloads.winlink.org/User%20Programs/Winlink_Express_install_1-7-0-0.zip

System Requirements: Microsoft-supported 32 or 64 bit Windows OS (Windows Vista, Windows 7, 8, 10 or Windows 2003 Server, or later, or under Windows on Apple Mac and Linux machines using a VM engine or dual boot arrangement. Windows XP or earlier OS are not supported. The program makes minimal CPU demands with the exception of WINMOR operation. The heavy DSP demands of WINMOR require a computer of at least 700 MHz Pentium/Celeron class and at least 512 Meg of memory. It runs well on all modern computers and Windows tablets. If multiple applications are running concurrently, we recommend a fast computer with extra RAM.

You will need to register. How to get an account instruction can be found from the My Account tab at the Winlink webpage.

Remember this is a use it or lose it account. Accounts off-air for 400 days are automatically purged.

With some quick googling and using winlinks extensive Help library you will be up in no time. There is not much reason for me to go into deep detail here as I would just be duplicating information that is already available. Here's a link to the Book of Knowledge

https://www.winlink.org/content/winlink_book_knowledge

Good luck and have fun Tim – W5WK