



WSJT-X

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WSJT-X and RPi

- WSJT-X is a program to facilitate weak signal communications for ham radio operators.
- Weak Signal communication by K1JT, after the originator of WSJT-X and various weak signal protocols and programs. The "X" stands for experimental.
- Dr Taylor was the keynote speaker at the ARRL Centennial Banquet in 2014, and his address can be viewed on YouTube at <u>http://bit.ly/drtkeynote</u>









- Detailed instructions for the WSJT-X program are located at Dr Taylor's site: <u>http://bit.ly/wsjtxinfo</u>
- The WSJT-X handbook for version 1.7 is located at: <u>http://bit.ly/wsjt17man</u>
- The installation instructions for installing WSJT-X 1.7 are available here: <u>http://bit.ly/wsjtxinstall</u>
 - This is already installed on your Compass SD Card.
 - Out of the box raspbian apt-get installs an older version of WSJT-X.





- The modes available in the WSJT-X 1.7 suite.
 - JT4, JT9, JT65, WSPR, QRA64, ISCAT, MSK144, and Echo.
- The modes included in WSJT-X are designed for Weak Signal radio communications.
- These modes are great at picking up signals that are well below the noise floor.





WSJT-X

- JT65
 - Initially developed weak signals with slow variation.
 - Encountered in EME or troposcatter communications.
 - Was initially intended for VHF, but has been adapted for HF.
 - 177.6 hz wide
- JT9
 - Similar to JT65.
 - Mainly used on MF and HF.
 - Is more powerful at digging out weak signals.
 - 15.6 hz wide
- JT4
 - Similar to JT65, and JT9.
 - Adds components and structure used in WSPR.





WSJT-X

- QRA64
 - New experimental multiband mode for very weak signal work.
 - Is being used for EME.
 - It appears to be superior to JT65.
- ISCAT
 - "Ionospheric SCATtering mode."
- MSK144
 - Used for meteor scatter.
 - Designed to replace FSK441.
 - It has strong error correction.
 - Similar format to JT9.
- Echo
 - Allows the user to make very sensitive tests on your own echos from the moon.



- The JT modes available in WSJT-X use structured messages that compress text transmissions into 72 bits.
 - Maximum of 13 characters per transmission cycle.
 - 2 28 bit fields for call signs.
 - 1 15 bit field for Grid Locator, Signal Report, Acknowledgment, or 73.
 - 1 additional bit to flag a custom message, that do not fit the normal structure.
- The goal is to fit the minimal amount of information into 72 bits required to complete a valid QSO.





- Two windows
 - Each window is 60 seconds each and stations alternate between two.
 - Transmit for 60 seconds.
 - Receive for 60 seconds.
 - Actual transmission ends at the 50 second mark.
 - This leaves 10 seconds for stations to decode messages and prepare for the next window.
- It takes a minimum of 6 minutes to complete 1 QSO.





WSJT-X: Interface







- What do you need?
 - A SSB Radio and an appropriate antenna.
 - A Raspberry Pi.
 - Monitor with at least 1024 x 768 resolution.
 - Computer-to-radio interface
 - Serial USB CAT
 - Audio Interface
 - UDRC-II
 - Signalink or Other Radio Interface
 - USB SoundCard with a Sample Rate of 48000 Hz.
 - VOX, PTT via CAT, or PTT via Serial





- WSJT-X is very sensitive to time.
 - If your system time is off by more than a second, other stations will not be able to decode your message.
- Ways you can resync the clock on your RPi.
 - If you are connected to the internet
 - \$ sudo ntp -qg
 - \$ sudo /etc/init.d/ntp restart
 - Listening to WWV
 - \$ sudo date -s "Fri Jun 2 17:10:00 UTC 2017"
 - Hit enter when the WWV gives the tone.
 - Use a RTC (Real Time Clock) Daughter Board designed for the RPi.
 - DS3231





WSJT-X: Interface

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- Enter your call, and Grid Square
- Configure the display options.
 - Blank lines between decoding periods will insert a blank line in the band activity window.





Behavior	
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	Cancel OK

- Monitor at startup will enable the software's receiving functionality at startup.
- TX Watchdog will automatically disable transmitting if you step away, and forgot that it was enabled.





- Select your radio from the list.
 - Chose the corresponding baud rate for your radio.
 - Chose correct data bits.
 - Chose the correct stop bit.
 - Select the PTT Method.

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Select your sound interface from the list.
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You can add custom messages to a list to make preparing for your next transmission quick and easy.

Remember you are limited to 13 characters.





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Network Services	
UDP Server	
UDP Server: 127.0.0.1 Accept	ot UDP requests
UDP Server port number: 2237	on accepted UDP request
□ Accep	ted UDP request restores window

- Prompt to log QSO is useful.
 - Only works if you send a standard 73.
- PSK Reporter Spotting
 - This is a reverse beacon network.
 - http://www.pskreporter
 .info





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- This will adjust the width of the waterfall.
 - Adjust this value to make the waterfall fit your window size or screen size.
- Start
 - This adjusts the left side of the waterfall display.





Receive Audio Level Adjustment

- Adjust the mixer, and receiver controls to around 30dB when no signals are present.
 - If it is not already highlighted in green, click the Monitor button to start normal receive operation.
 - Be sure your transceiver is set to USB (or USB Data) mode.
 - Turn off AGC, or slow it down.
 - Adjust audio mixer volume on Rpi.
 - Adjust slider next to dB meter.
 - Note: Dynamic Range is better with slider at 50% and the displayed level is 30db.
 - Adjust the RF gain on the receiver.







Transmit Audio Level Adjustment

- Click the Tune button on the main screen to switch the radio into transmit mode and generate a steady audio tone.
 - Use the transmitter's 'Monitor' capability to hear the audio output from the RPi. Ensure the tone is clear, and the audio is good.
 - Adjust the output volume in the RPi Mixer software
 - Set it to where your transmitter outputs appropriate set power, and the ALC does not trigger.
 - You can make the Adjustment in WSJT-X using the power slider on the right side of the Screen.
- Toggle the Tune button once more or click Halt Tx to stop your test transmission.







WSHT-X: QSO

- A Standard JT QSO
 - CQ
 - CQ N7TNP CN85
 - Response
 - N7TNP AD7QQ DN16
 - Signal Report #1
 - AD7QQ N7TNP -12
 - Signal Report #2
 - N7TNP AD7QQ R-15

- Acknowledge Report
 - AD7QQ N7TNP RRR
- Salutation #1
 - N7TNP AD7QQ 73
- Salutation #2
 - AD7QQ N7TNP 73





WSJT-X: QSO

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- You can click a line in the band Activity box
 - This will set your software to respond to a CQ.
- Continue your QSO from the RX Frequency Box.
 - Clicking the red line will set you up for the next message in the sequence.



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WSJT-X: Logs

- ALL.TXT
 - Stores all decoded messages.
 - Band Changes.
 - Transmissions.
- wsjtx.log;
 wsjtx_log.adi
 - Stores logged contacts.

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WSJT-X: WSPR

- Weak Signal Propagation Reporter
- Originally written by Joe Taylor.
- It uses an F1D frequency shift keying.
- It transmits:
 - Station's call sign.
 - Maidenhead Grid Location.
 - Power in dBm.
- Each transmission is 2 minutes.
- It is not a QSO.
 - It is more like a reverse beacon.





WSJT-X: WSPR

- Reports are collected on the WSPRnet site: <u>http://bit.ly/wsprmap</u>
- You can query your call sign and see who has heard you.







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- Use the file menu then "exit" to shutdown the application.
- Avoid using the "x" button in the upper right.
 - Sometimes this will fail to properly clear the temporary files and the program will not re-open.
 - If this happens you must manually clear the temp files.
 - Terminal commands
 - \$ cd /tmp
 - \$ ls
 - \$ sudo rm -ri *







Questions?

