



Sarasota County ARES (SRQARES)

# Winlink - How To Install and Setup

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For Windows 11

# Introduction

- This presentation will cover how to install winlink on a laptop running the Windows 11 Operating System

# Download Application

- [Winlink.org](http://Winlink.org)
- In a web browser [download](#) the latest winlink application

# Installation

1. Download the complete Winlink Express package.
  - a. The file is called Winlink Express Install xxxx.zip, where 'xxxx' is the current version number.
2. Unzip the contents to a directory you can find again, then go to that directory.
3. Run the .msi file to properly install the program. Follow the onscreen directions.
4. Complete documentation is contained in the help file with the .chm extension. Simply click to open it, or use the program's help menu. Refer to the "Setup" section of the help file for detailed configuration information.
5. [Link to Installation Video](#)

# Account Creation

Winlink Express Properties

Call Signs

My Callsign: K0MDT My Password: ●●●●●●●●  
(Case sensitive)

Callsign suffix (optional): (Used for country code) Change password

Password recovery e-mail: mdthomas.home@gmail.com  
(Non-Winlink e-mail address where lost password will be sent when requested)

Remove Callsign Request password be sent to recovery e-mail

Auxiliary Callsigns and Tactical Addresses

Add Entry Remove Entry Edit Entry

My Grid Square: EL87TI Lat/Lon to Grid Square

Winlink Express registration key:

Service Codes

PUBLIC  
(Use PUBLIC for ham call signs. Separate multiple service codes by spaces.)  
If you change service codes, you must update the list of channels.

Update Cancel Help

Contact Information (Optional)

Name: Street address 1: Street address 2: City: State/Province: Country: Postal code: Web Site URL (optional): Phone number: Non-Winlink e-mail: Additional information (optional):

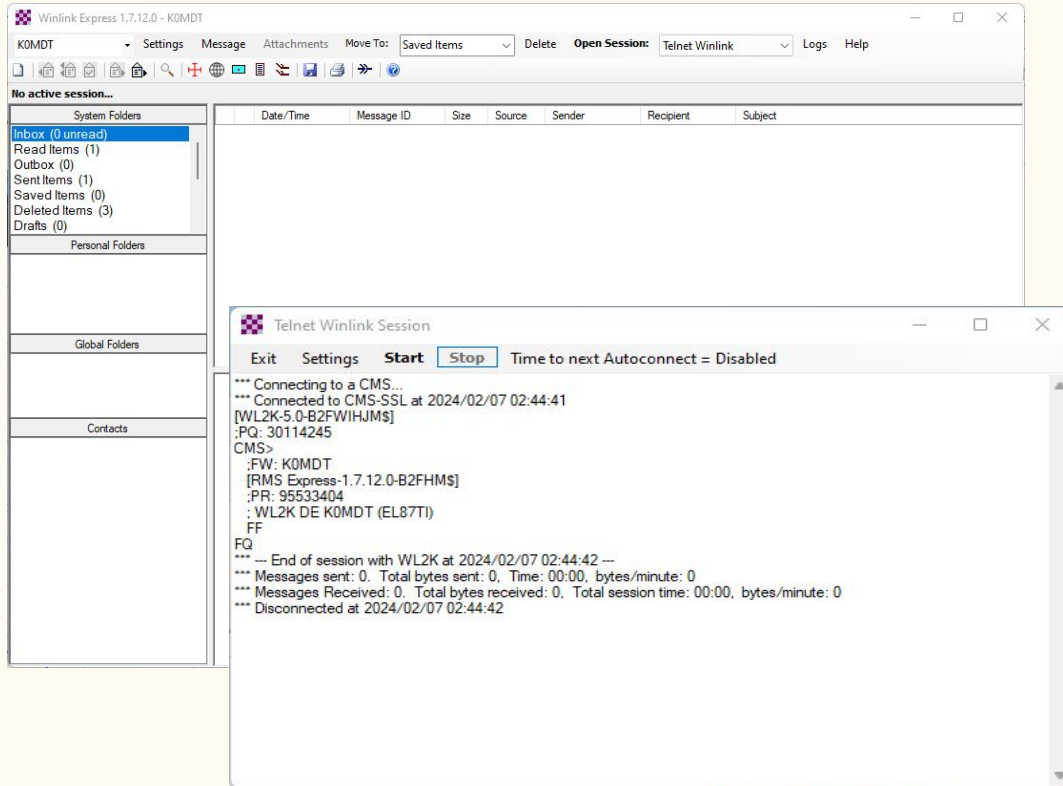
Recalculate HF path quality if SFI changes more than: 10

Keep logs for 2 weeks. Keep deleted messages for 720 days.

Display list of pending incoming messages prior to download  
 Warn about connections to stations holding messages  
 Allow diagnostic information to be sent to the Winlink Development Team  
 Automatically install field-test (beta) versions of Winlink Express  
 Automatically install updates without prompting

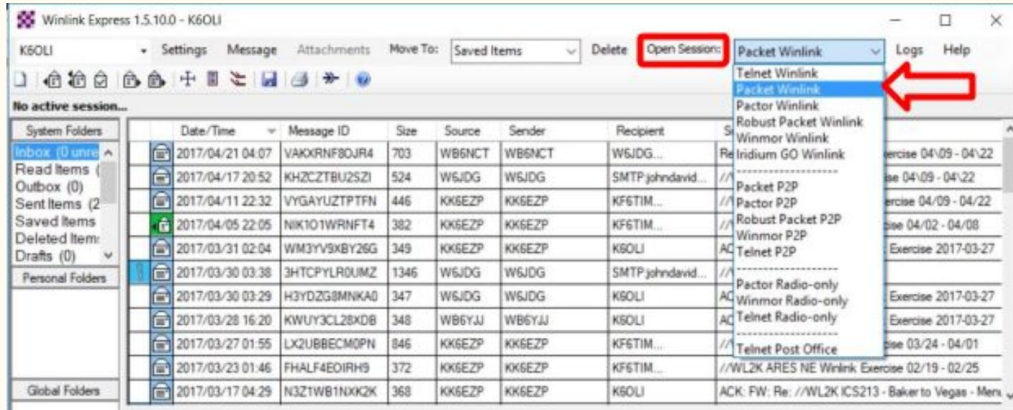
- On the Main Menu
  - Click Settings
    - Winlink Express Setup
- On the Winlink Properties Window
  - Enter your
    - Callsign
    - Grid Square
    - Password
    - Name
    - Street Address
    - City
    - State
    - Country
    - Postal Code
    - Phone Number
    - Non-Winlink Email
  - Service Code = Public
- Click the Update Button

# Start Telnet Session



- On the Main Winlink Express Window
  - Click on Open Session
- On the Telnet Winlink Session Window
  - Click on Start
    - This will connect to the winlink CMS and upload messages in your outbox and download any messages that have not been downloaded

# Packet Session



- Winlink Packet or Vara Sessions require additional configuration for the laptop and the application.
- Refer to the following documents for Packet Winlink.
- [Packet](#)
- [VARA FM](#)

# Conclusion

- This concludes the “How to Install and Setup Winlink for Windows” Tutorial
- Questions?