



Setting up a
Wires-X node
station and why
you would want to





Wide-Coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System

- Quick review of Yaesu System Fusion K2AS presentation
- What equipment/software/setup needed to operate Wires-X – (hint: any Fusion radio)
- What equipment/software/setups needed to operate your own Wires-X node – (hint: HRI 200 since you already have at least one Fusion radio and probably have a Windows PC. Node radio must have 10 pin-Din connector)

Fusion Radios...





Yaesu FT-70DR ZYS-FT-70DR

\$199.95 from 4 stores

**** 3 product reviews

The FT-70DR is a compact **System Fusion** transceiver providing both conventional analog FM operation and the advanced C4FM ... Yaesu · Ham · VHF · UHF · 1.1 mile range



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FTM-7250DR



Review of System Fusion



 "System Fusion is Yaesu's implementation of Digital Amateur Radio, utilizing C4FM / FDMA 4-level FSK Technology to transmit digital voice and data over the Amateur Radio bands. In 2013, Yaesu introduced "System Fusion", which quickly became the dominating digital format in Amateur radio because of quality, reliability and enhanced performance in a wide range of environments." - Yaesu

Some Features of System Fusion



Why choose Fusion?

- Integrates with both Analog and Digital Seamlessly
 - Automatic Mode Select (AMS)
- No complex registration required
- User friendly with nearly no learning curve
- Digital transmissions meet FCC ID Requirements
- Integrated telemetry and tracking

More "features"

YAESU Sustem Fusion

-versa.

- What sets this technology apart from D- STAR and DMR (MotoTRBO)? It is <u>automatically</u> backwards compatible with analog FM.
 - ✓ Every Fusion radio and repeater is aware of the current QSO transmission and it's mode.
 - ✓ If a part of a QSO input starts as FM, the repeater "repeats" FM.
 - ✓ If the part of a QSO input starts as C4FM, it "repeats" C4FM.
 - ✓ Each endpoint (HT, mobile, etc.) <u>auto-switches</u> between FM and C4FM. You don't need to have a QSO with two FM or two C4FM radios. A FM radio can talk to a C4FM digital radio and vice

What is WIRES-X?

- WIRES is an Internet communication system which expands the range of amateur radio communication
- For WIRES-X, an amateur node station connecting to the Internet is used as the access point and connects the wireless communication to the Internet
- Users' stations can communicate with other amateur stations all over the world using a node within the radio wave range
- In Japan WIRES-X used extensively as there are no 2 meter repeaters.

Advantages of Wires-X

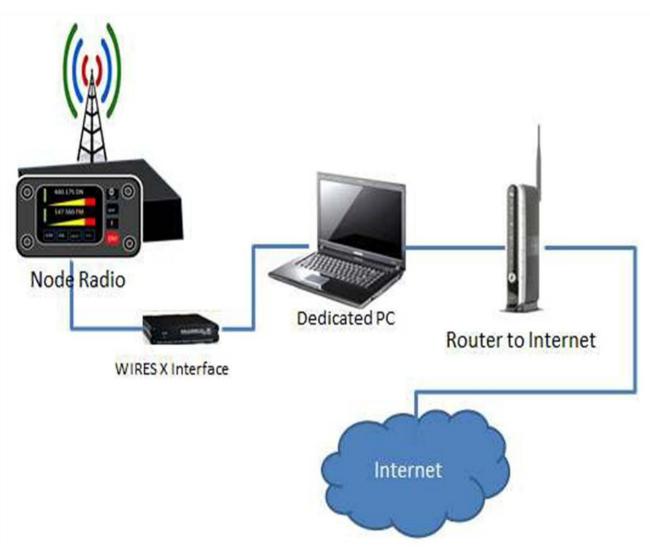
- Supports C4FM digital. Repeating digital data via the Internet users can enjoy clear voice communications
- Automatically connects to nodes and rooms. Call sign, name, distance between stations included in transmission
- Search active nodes and rooms
- Similar to Echolink, IRLP, Allstar but with more features
- Does not require repeater controllers
- No repeater needed can be simplex
- Can also link repeaters
- Range increased when linked to other repeaters and/or nodes
- News bulletins (messages, images, voice memos) can be freely uploaded to nodes and rooms
- Also supports traditional FM users and C4FM users can communicate with analog FM stations

What is the Wires-X node

- No Fusion repeater or node near you? Then set up your own node!
- Setup is quick and easy!
- Wires-X node consists of a PC, Wires-X connection kit (VOIP), and a transceiver
- Functions as a repeater station in simplex mode to connect to the Internet and another radio or repeater
- Can also be connected to a repeater for linking
- Wires-X node can open and run a community space or "room" where multiple nodes can connect at the same time.
- Uses Yaesu server based in Japan

Elements of Wires-X

A Typical Local Node



Wires-X connection kit



A node radio...such as...



Windows 7 or 10 PC



COOFUN

Z83-W Mini PC, Intel Atom x5-Z8350 Processor (2M Cache, up to 1.92 GHz)4K/2GB/32GB 1000Mbps LAN 2.4/5.8G Dual Band WiFi BT 4.0 with HDMI and VGA Ports, Fanless Computer Support Windows 10

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 your favorite movies and TV shows in advance without worrying about the storage.
- [Strong Wireless Supports]: 2.4G+5.8G Dual Band WiFi, 1000MB/s Lan, Bluetooth 4.0 make everything smoother whenever transmission and download.
- [Package Contents]: 1x Z83-W Mini PC; 1x Power Adaptor; 1x HDMI Cable; 1x User Manual. It support Auto Power On after Power Failure.
- > See more product details

Compare with similar items

Terminology

(info from Wires-X - The Bible)

Node

Radio (repeater or simplex) connected to the Internet via a PC, which repeats communications of a conventional amateur radio as an access point.

Local Node

This is a Node within the radio communication range of a conventional amateur radio station.

Analog Node

A Node that is a transceiver or repeater using a conventional FM format and can only repeat DTMF (Dual Tone Multi Frequencies) codes and analog audio transmission/receptions.

Digital Node

This is a Node which is a transceiver of repeater compatible with digital communications in C4FM (Continuous 4 Level FM) format. With this type of Node you can not only relay voice communications, but also text and image data transmissions. One can also repeat DMTF codes and audio transmissions/Receptions.

Terminology (con't)

Conventional Amateur Station

This is a normal Amateur Radio station either an individual on a hand held radio, a mobile radio and a base station.

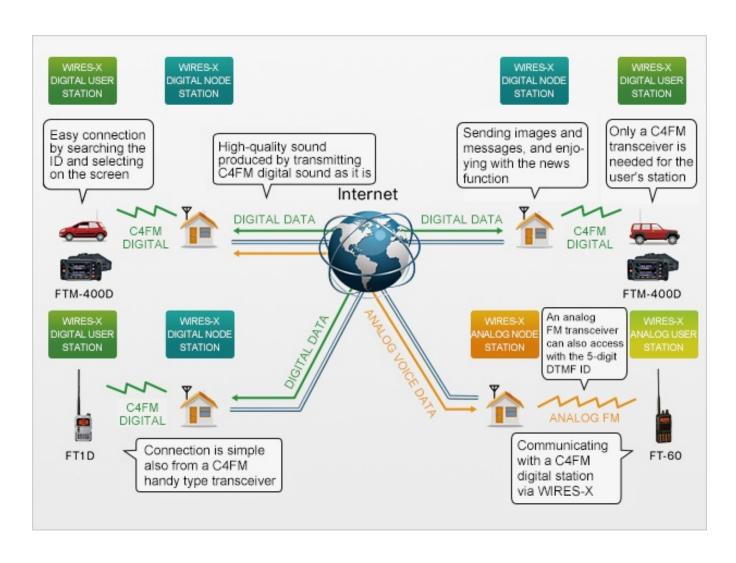
Room

This is a WIRES-X Network community space to which multiple Nodes can connect simultaneously, like the old telco party Line. This is a place where all amateur station can link to each other via local Node and communicate with each other. In addition to voice communication, one can chat with text messages on the PC used for the local Node.

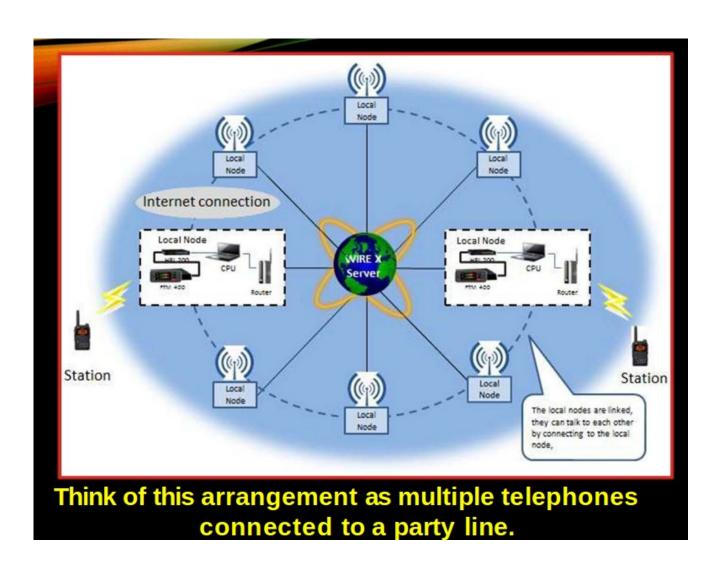
WIRES-X user ID (node)

YAESU provide identification name with the WIRES-X node. Each node is assigned a DTMP ID (5-digit number, e.g. 11916) and user ID (alphanumeric e.g. WB7OEV) up to 10 digits in length provided. Knowing the ID of the node to connect to, you can transmit the DTMF ID code from the transceiver, specifying the node to connect to by searching by characters.

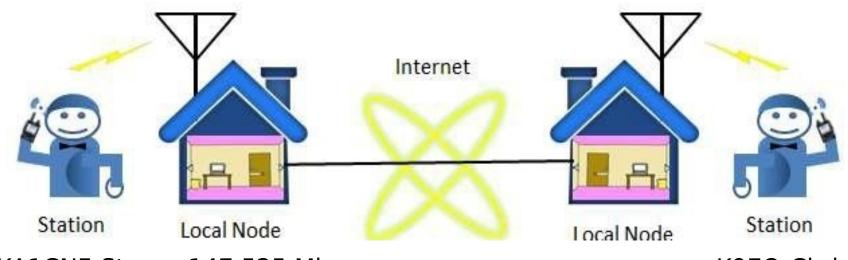
Wires-X Communication from Yaesu site -complicated!



Wires-X and node connections



Simplified!



KA1CNF-Steve 147.525 Mhz

K9EQ-Chris

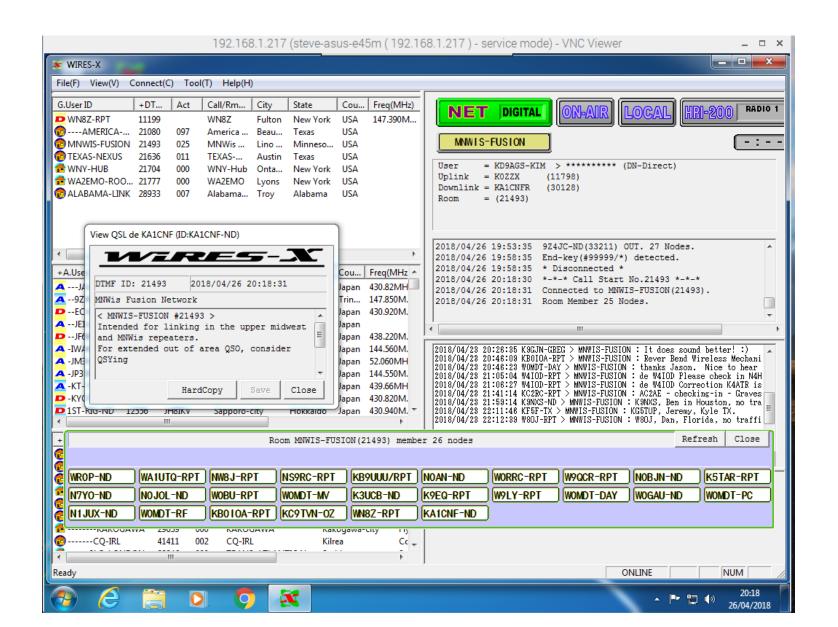
My Node

- FTM-100DR for node radio
- 20 watts output on 147.525 Mhz w/ fan cooling
- In operation since Dec 2016, 24/7/365
- Good coverage for my mobile travels
- Usually connected to MNWis room #21493
- Fusion I capable for now until software updated for Fusion II

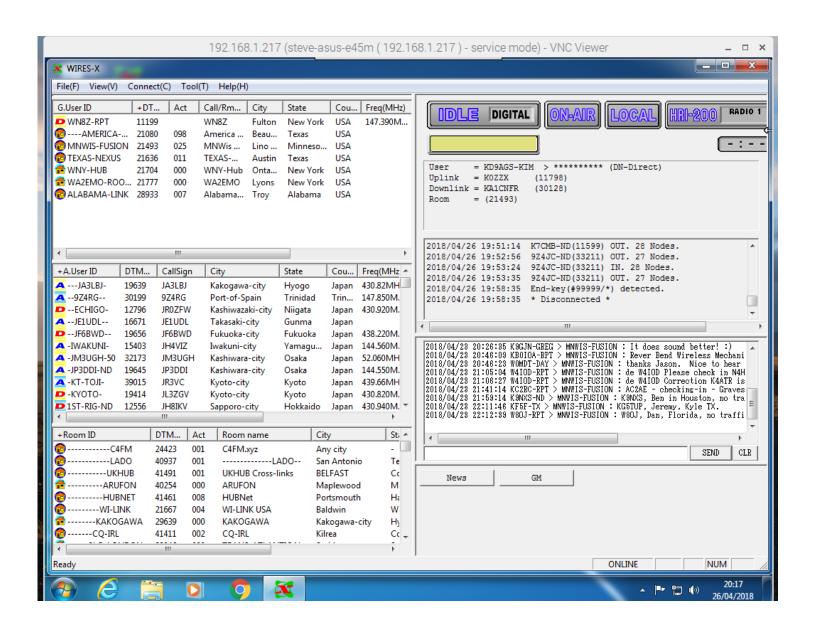


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Wires-X Software - connected to MNWis Room



Wires-X Software not connected



Partial Log file for one of the W2XRX Fusion Nets

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2017/02/28 19:30:25 Connected to WNY-HUB(21704).
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2017/02/28 19:30:26 Member not in Room.

2017/02/28 19:32:36 K2AS-ND(11704) IN. 2 Nodes.

2017/02/28 19:56:25 WN8Z-RPT(11199) IN. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:02:48 W2XRX-ND(30445) IN. 4 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:12:50 W2XRX-ND(30445) OUT. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:12:55 W2XRX-ND(30445) IN. 4 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:19:57 Station info TX to V-CH.

2017/02/28 20:27:15 W2XRX-ND(30445) OUT. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:27:23 W2XRX-ND(30445) IN. 4 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:39:01 TX Timeout(over 3min).

2017/02/28 20:39:20 W2XRX-ND(30445) OUT. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:39:27 W2XRX-ND(30445) IN. 4 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:52:06 W2XRX-ND(30445) OUT. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 20:52:12 W2XRX-ND(30445) IN. 4 Nodes.

2017/02/28 21:04:04 W2XRX-ND(30445) OUT. 3 Nodes.

2017/02/28 21:05:17 WN8Z-RPT(11199) OUT. 2 Nodes.

2017/02/28 21:05:29 End-key(#99999/*) detected.

2017/02/28 21:05:29 * Disconnected *

Summary to put up your own digital node

- Node Radio Any C4FM digital transceiver with a 10 pin mini -DIN jack such as an FTM-100 \$309 at HRO
- VOIP Wires-X connection kit: HRI 200 \$125 at HRO. Use ferrites on BOTH ends of the USB cable!
- Dedicated Windows PC 7/8.1/10 varies from approx \$199 and up Consult the Wires-X Bible for optimization
- Wires-X software: free from Yaesu only runs on Windows machines
- Internet connection: ADSL 8 Mbps or more, global IP address. Must also set up port forwarding on router
- Then register your node with Yaesu website at end of presentation

Considerations

- Cost: Entry level radios approx \$149
- Communication over the internet can have delays, packet loss, interruptions
- Setup and maintaining Windows PC can be frustrating.
 Follow advice in Wires-X Bible, hamoperator.com website and consider dedicated PC
- Multiple hotspots in same location on same frequencies will cause issues
- Most radios have a separate Wires-X manual you can download from Yaesu in files section
- Duty cycle of your node station maybe high. Watch out for heating issues!

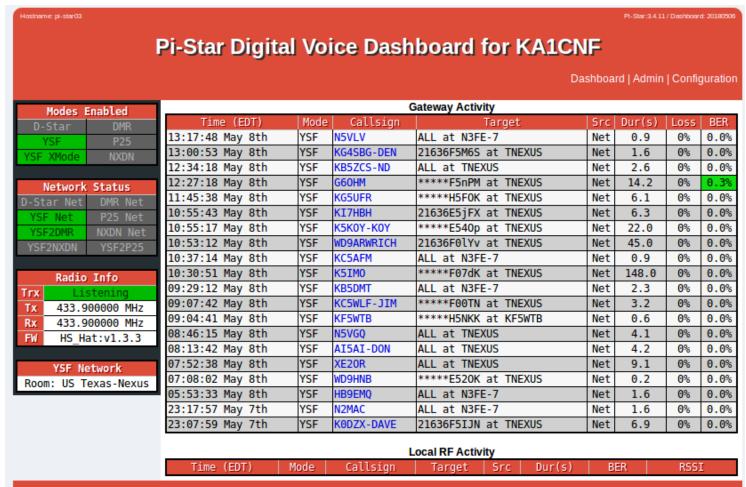
Hotspots vs. Wires-X

- Lots of options: zumspot, jumbospot, dv4mini, openspot, mmdvm, blue dv, DVMega
- · Digital modes other than YSF available: DMR, D-Star, P25, NXDN
- · Low power 440 Mhz tranceivers up to 12 mW limited coverage unless mmdvm used with higher power radio
- Hotspots are good when there is no compatible repeater nearby
- · Frequency set with software. Some hotspots with VHF and VHF/UHF radios starting to appear
- Can use low cost low power Raspberry Pi's or other Linux pc's or Windows PC's
- Costs vary approx \$65 \$255 for hotspot
- Network is based off DMR (Brandmeister) XLX reflectors and YSF refectors -(more added everyday)
- Gateways and bridges are setup and different modes can talk to each other (openspot DMR<=>C4FM)
- Pi-Star software on Raspberry Pi is very popular and will work with most hotspots
- · Hotspot can be controlled with the Wires-X function on Yaesu digital radios
- Wires-X nodes NOT the same as what is available with hotspots

Hotspots vs. Wires-X (continued)

- Wires-X node software allows operator to set many parameters
 - Access (open, closed, DP-ID, DG-ID, GM-group mode)
 - Analog or digital modes
 - Frequency
 - Simplex or connected to a repeater
 - Power output variable
 - ID/Timers individual setup
 - News, messages, pictures, info on other stations connected and history
 - Connect and disconnect options
 - All YSF radios allow for control of Wires-X node but how this is done varies from radio to radio
 - Can add a second radio to HRI 200 for preset search function
 - Simple and easy to use once you have done it a few times
 - With a handheld radio you can talk to hams anywhere in the world

Pi-Star Software Dashboard



WIRES-X Etiquettes

- Leave pauses between transmissions (2-3 seconds)
- Listen before you talk
- ID with your call sign every 10 minutes
- Don't kerchuck the repeater, your call sign will be displayed!
- Just say your call sign
- Roundtable rules
- Nets and Emergency Nets
- Be mindful that you are representing all hams and that you might be heard across the county or the world
- Do not monopolize the repeater
- Switching rooms/nodes: If you are not the repeater or node owner please call on the radio and ask for permission before changing the node or room linking. You might not receive an answer.
- Then return it to the original node or room when you are done

Demonstrations

(hopefully!)

- MNWis room Monday night net
- Digital message display
- Connection to WA2AAC Repeater, 444.750
- Connection to Pi-Star hotspot

Web Links

- Fusion Help: http://www.hamoperator.com/Hamoperator/Fusion_Help.html
- Fusion Live map of Wires-X Nodes: https://fusionlive.net/
- Yaesu Wires-X Info: http://systemfusion.yaesu.com/wires-x/
- Wires-X ID List https:// www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/id_usa.php
- Wires-X Yahoogroups:
 https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/wires- x/info
- Getting started with Wires-X:
 https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/node/index.php
- Wires-X Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/wiresx.fusion/
- Repeaters/Nodes:
 - https://www.repeaterbook.com/repeaters/feature_search.php?type=YSF&state_id=%25&band=%25
- Map of active nodes:
 http://wires-x.xyz/wires-x-map.php

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- Questions?
- Comments?
- Suggestions?