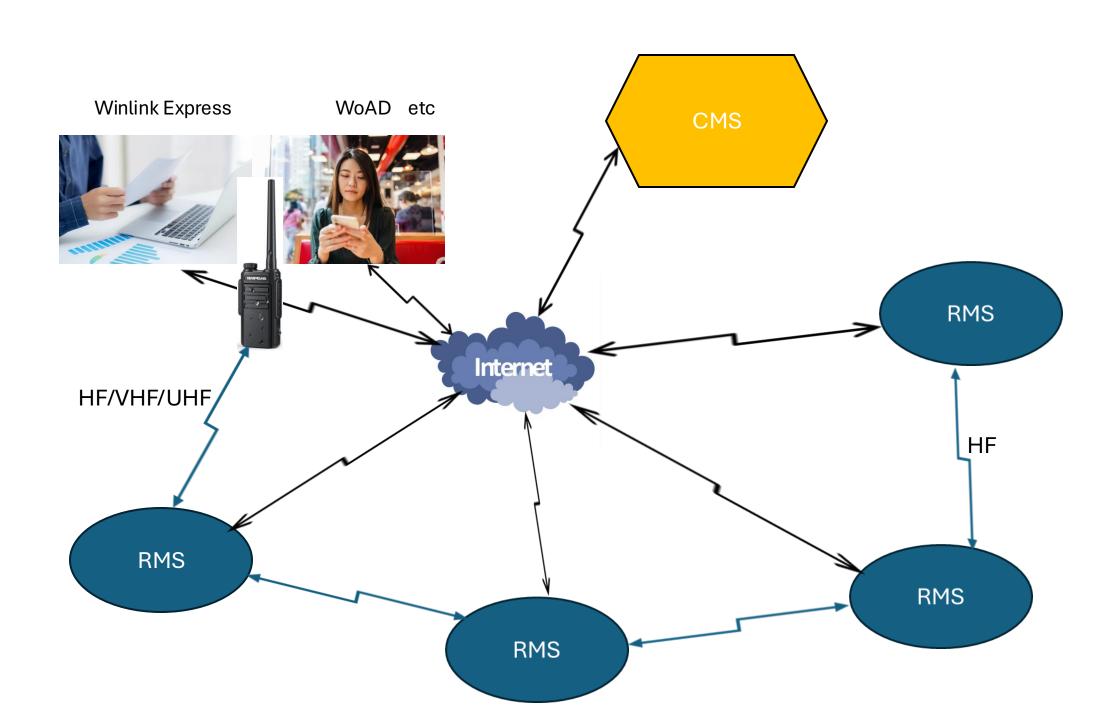
Winlink

Winlink Development History

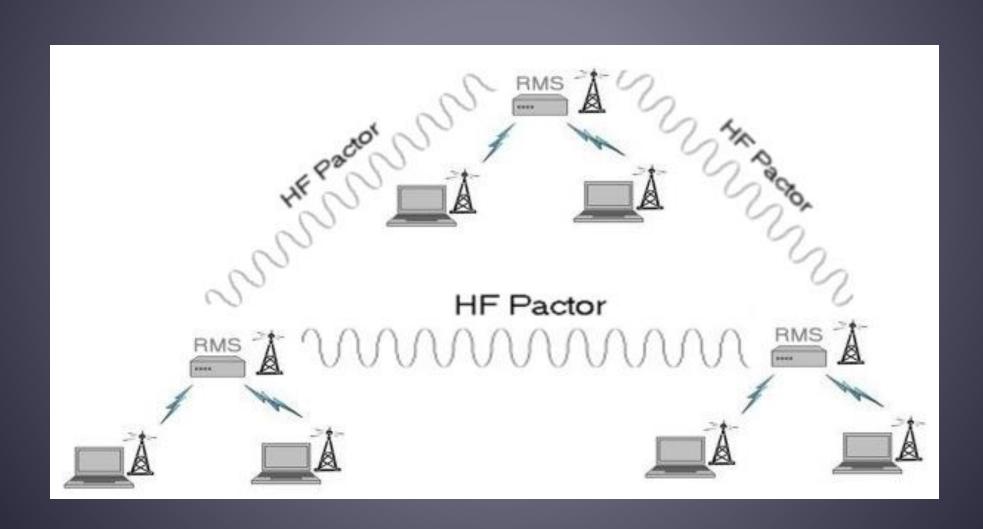
• Winlink is a worldwide radio messaging system that uses amateur-band radio frequencies and government frequencies to provide radio interconnection services that include email with attachments, position reporting, weather bulletins, emergency and relief communications, and message relay. The system is built and administered by volunteers and is financially supported by the Amateur Radio Safety Foundation.

Continuity: Lessons Learned

- Sustaining essential functions is dependent on the availability of resilient communications systems.
- *Alternative communications* methods are essential.
- Immediate availability to resilient communication at primary and alternate locations must be ensured.
- Infrastructure-related outages usually endure for significant periods.
- Volunteers ("Hams") can provide important information about the extent of outages via radio by providing situational awareness "ground truth" within specific jurisdictions and beyond.
- *Volunteers resources* may be trained to install, operate and maintain alternate resilient systems, alleviating agency personnel to perform other functions.



Radio-Only Winlink Network (No Internet - MESH)



Using Winlink

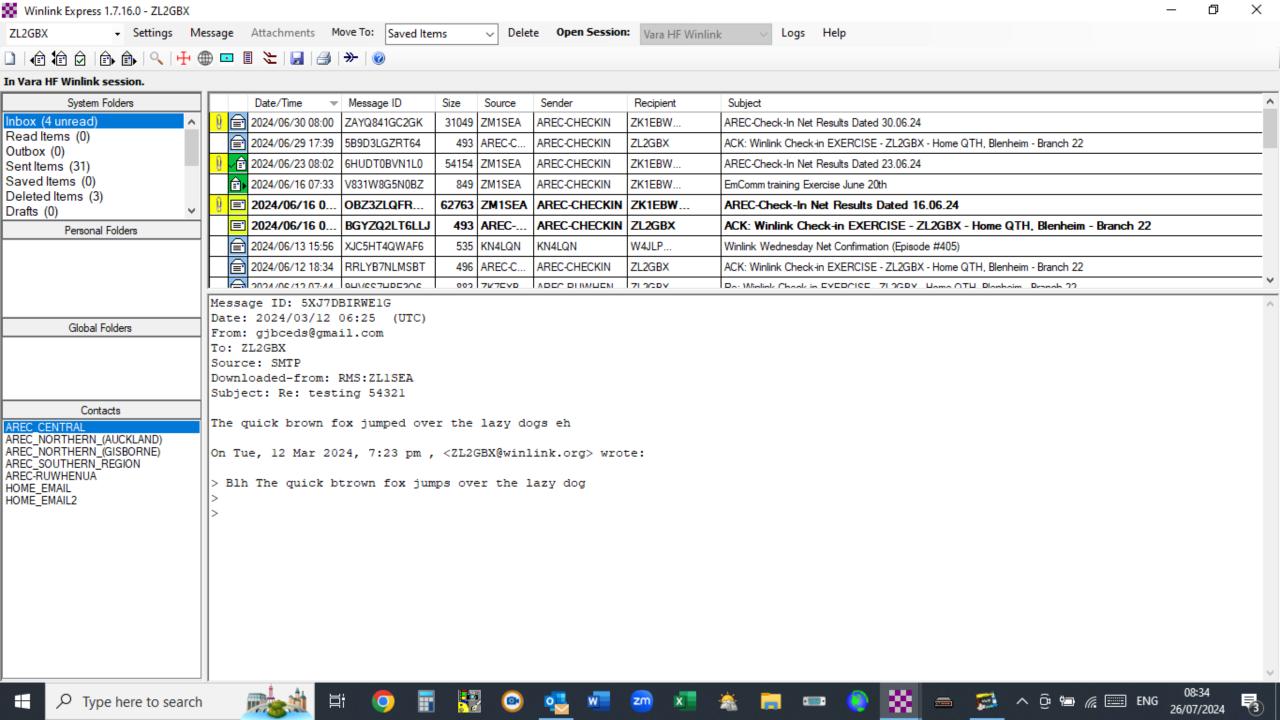
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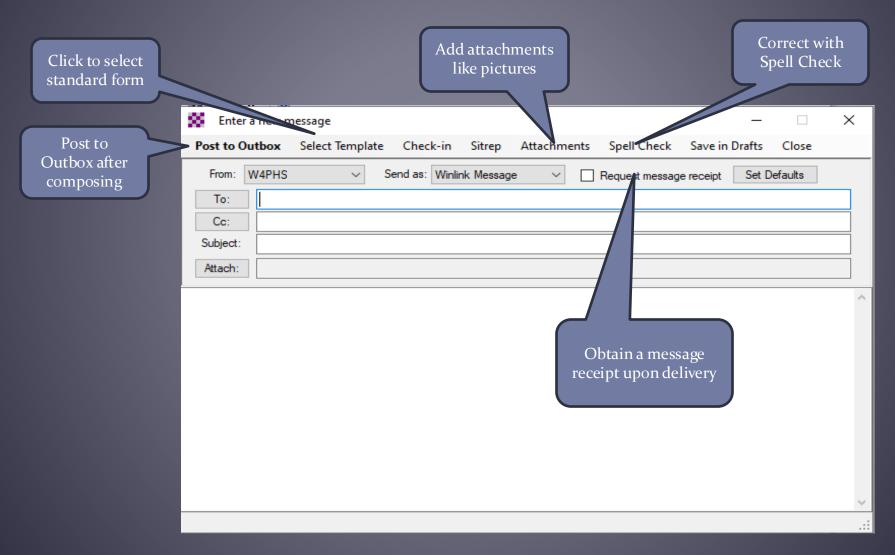
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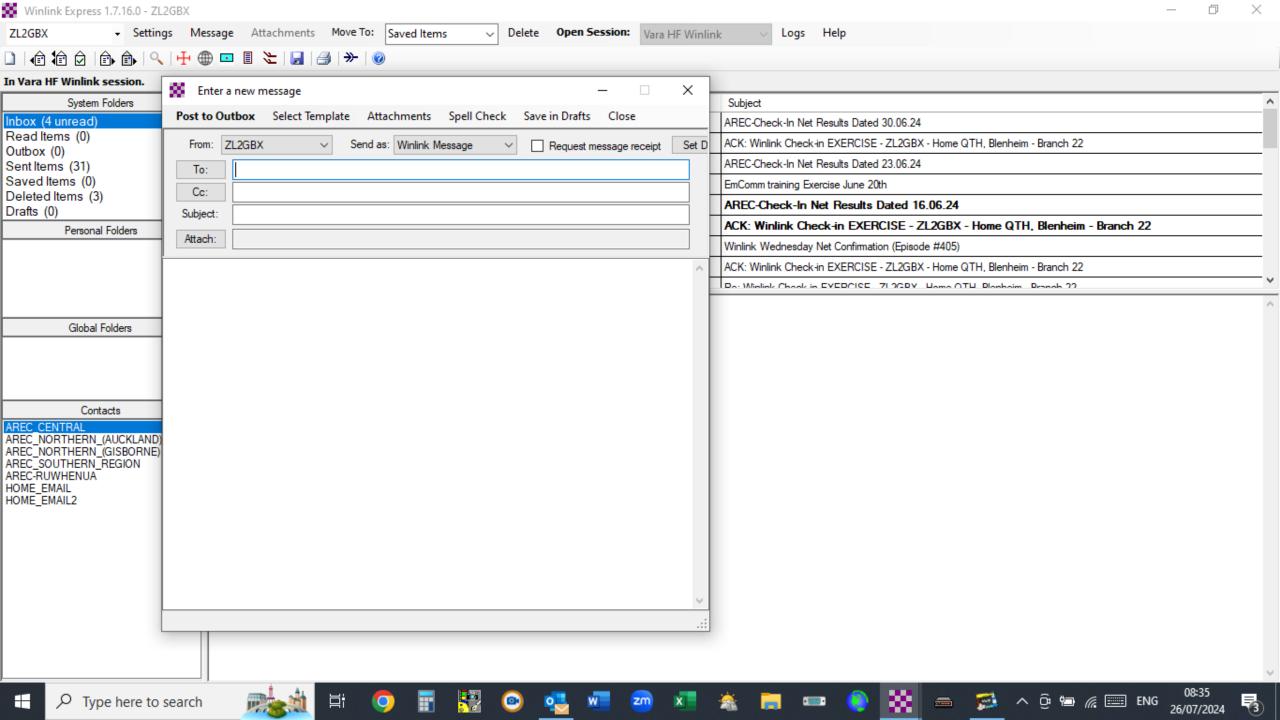


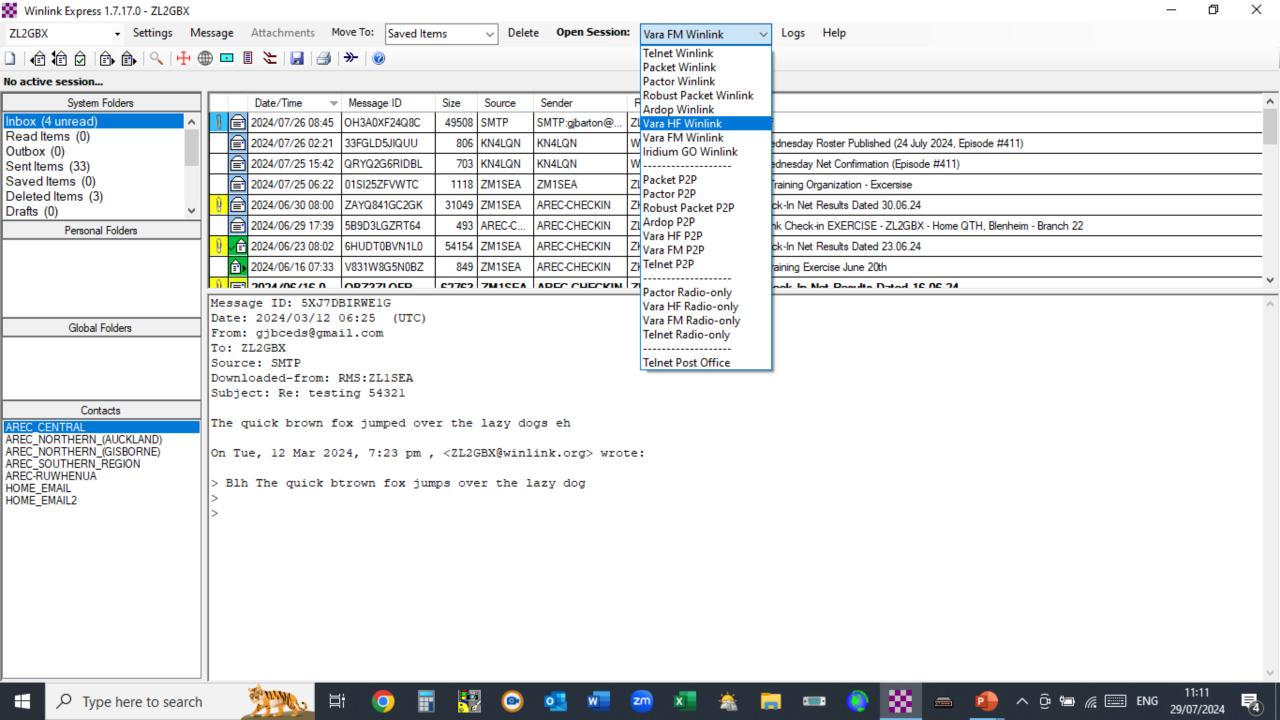
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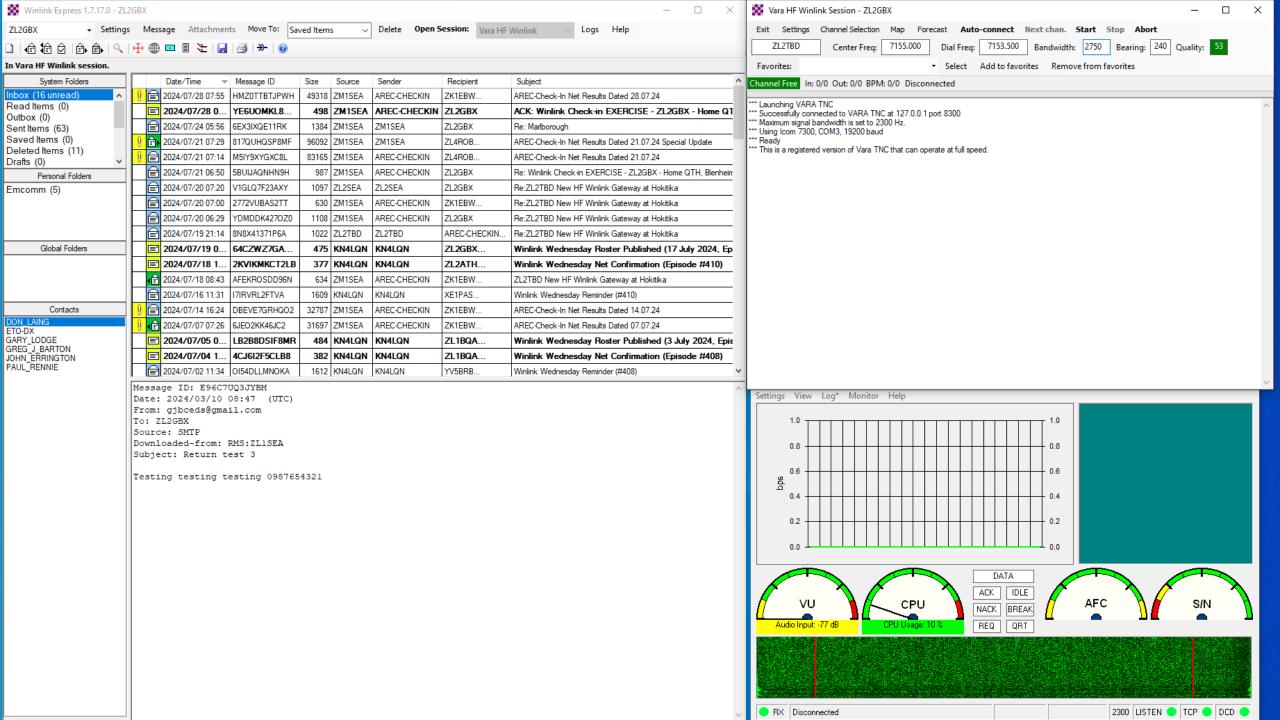


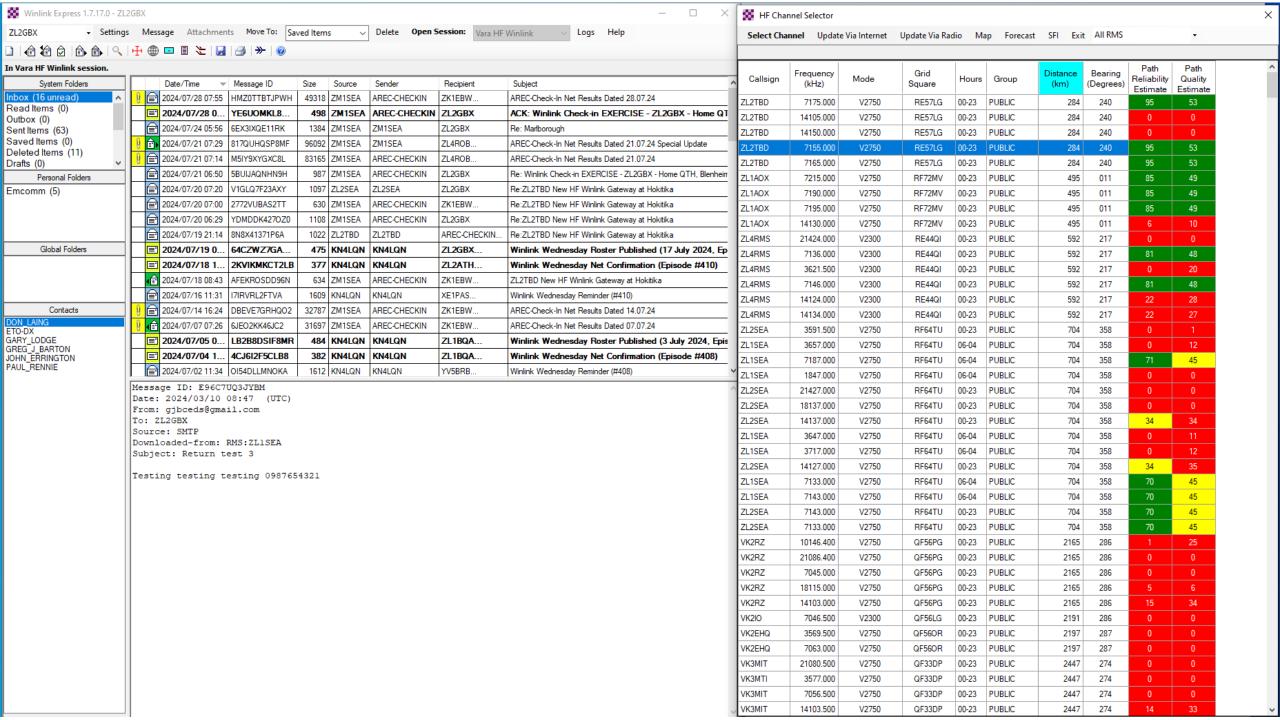
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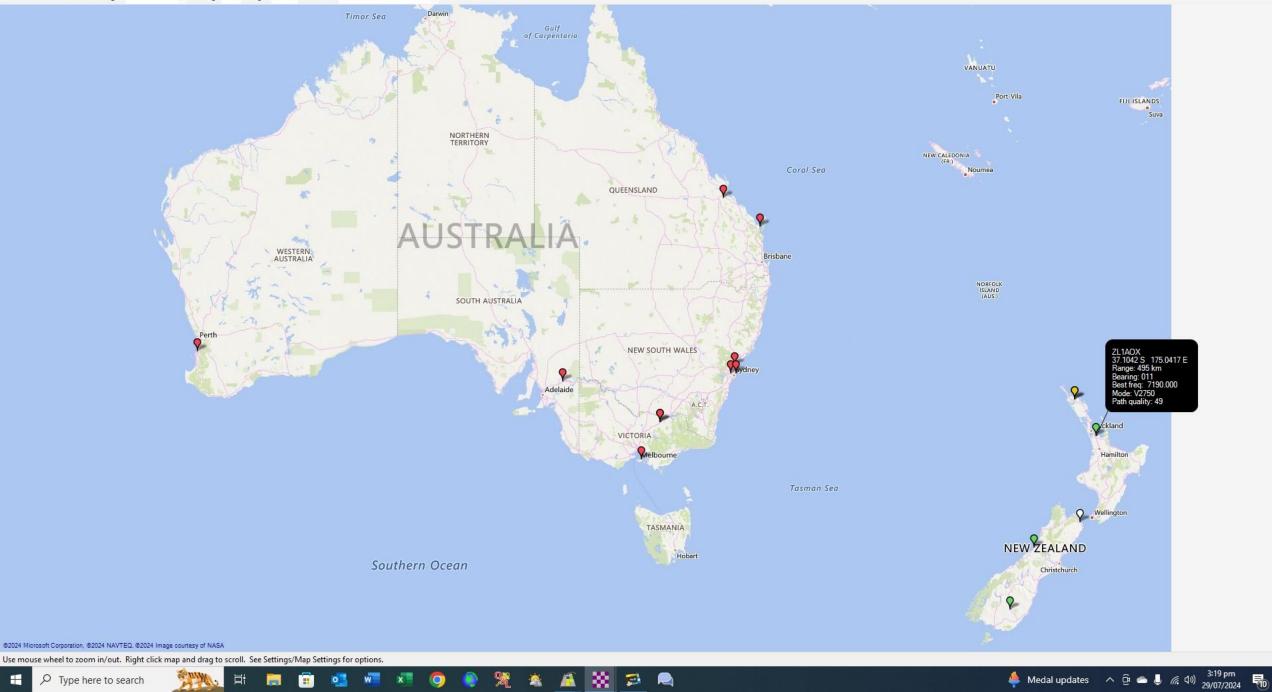


































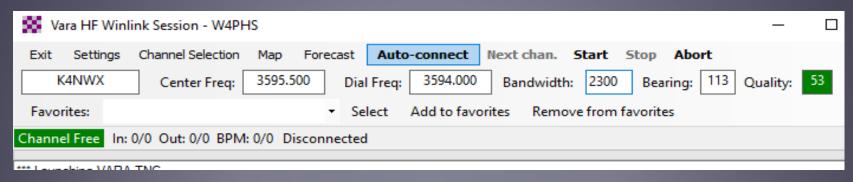




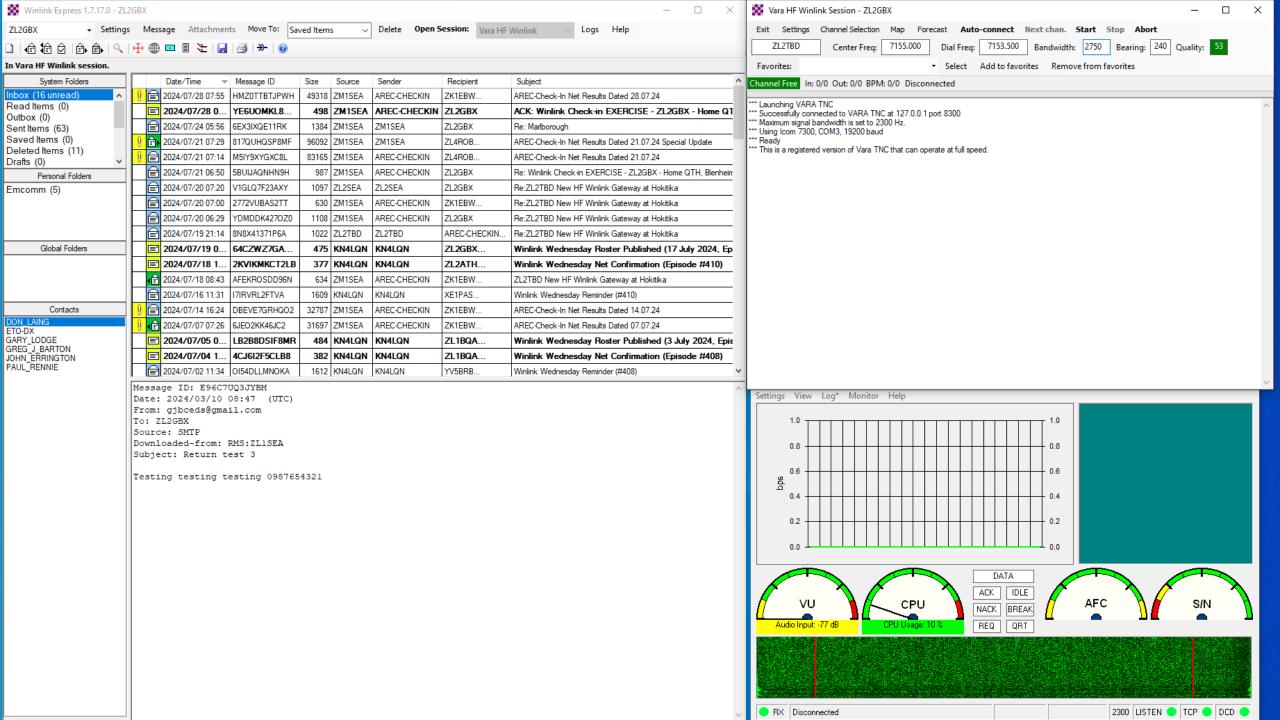


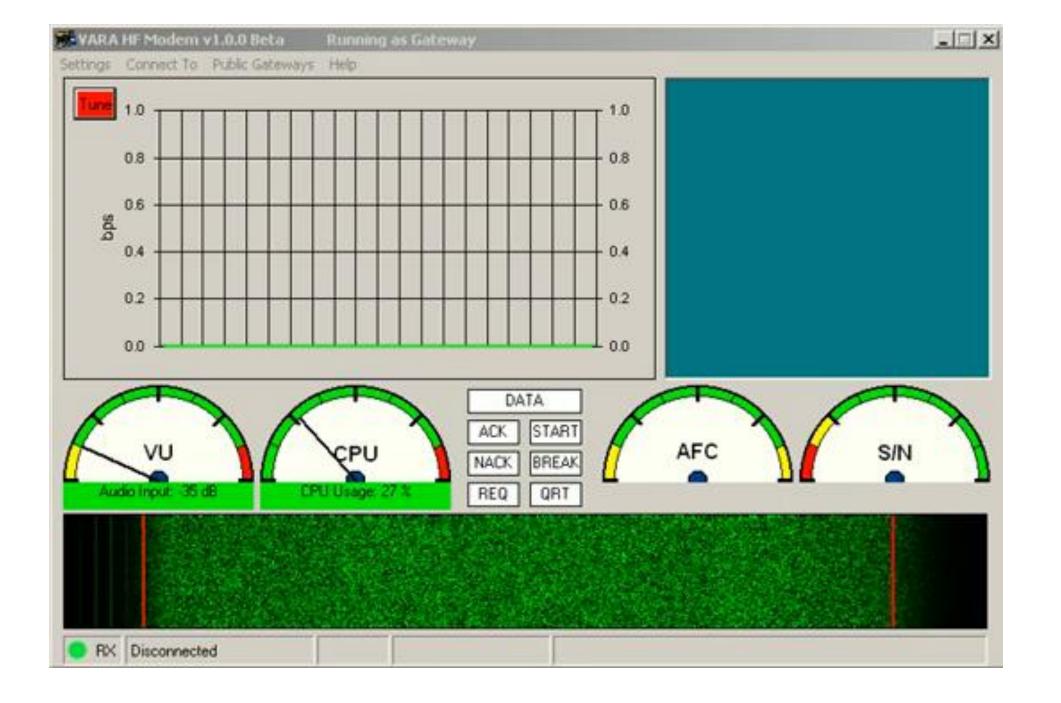


Using "Auto-connect" to Select RMS



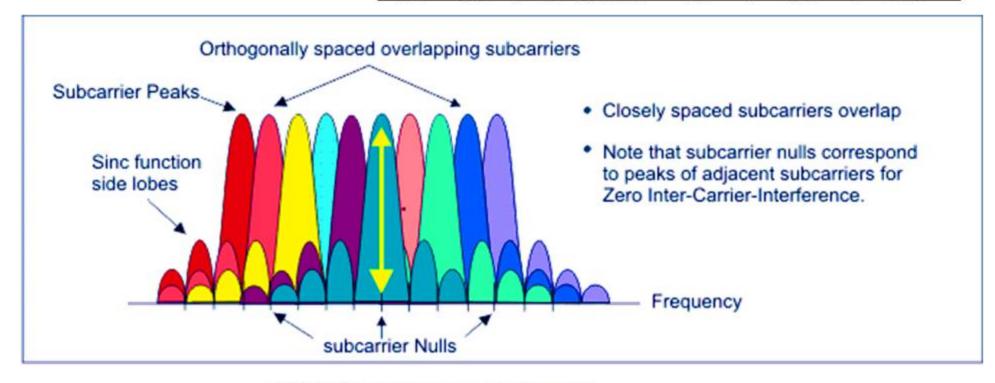
- Click "Auto-connect" to tell Winlink Express to start trying channels in decreasing order of connection quality. Busy channels are skipped automatically.
- Quality estimate is based on several things:
 - Computed propagation quality
 - Success/Failure history for channel
 - Relative Signal/Noise history





VARA

Level	Symbol Rate	Carriers	Mod.	Bytes / Packet	Net Data Rate	User Data Rate
1	37,5	52	BPSK	20	35	29
2	37,5	52	BPSK	32	54	45
3	37,5	52	BPSK	71	113	94
4	37,5	52	BPSK	150	234	194
5	37,5	52	BPSK	308	476	395
6	37,5	52	BPSK	626	963	799
7	37,5	52	4PSK	1257	1929	1601
8	37,5	52	8PSK	1887	2893	2401
9	37,5	52	16QAM	2951	4521	3752
10	37,5	52	32QAM	3690	5653	4692
11	37,5	52	32QAM	4428	6782	5629



OFDM Signal Frequency Spectra

Setting up a Winlink Client

Google is your friend – there are many hardware-specific tutorials

Download Winlink Express if on PC Download WoAD if android-based Download VARA (HF/FM) as required

Setup is reasonably straightforward – sometimes getting audio levels correct is tricky Beware there are settings in both Winlink Express and VARA etc, and in the radio.

Connection between computer and radio ranges from simple to complex (but remember Google will help!)

Once setup and working document/record all settings