

>> DMR: THE FUTURE OF TWO-WAY DIGITAL RADIO



INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO



Codeplug Design for the Tytera MD-380 Handheld

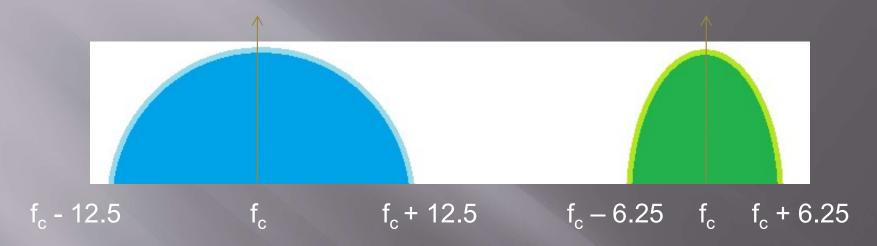
DigitalMobile Radio

- An ESTI published worldwide standard
- Over a HALF DOZEN manufacturers of DMR radios
- Superior voice quality over older digital modes
- Longer battery life
- Supports multiple talk groups on one channel
- Supports data applications
- Commercial ETSI/TIA specs mean rugged performance over temperature and congested urban RF environments

TWO Repeaters in One!

One call per TDMA saves licensing and repeater and channel Two-channel Analog or Digital FDMA System equipment costs by enabling the equivalent of two 6.25 kHz channels within a single licensed 12.5 kHz channel Repeater 1 Frequency 1 Combining Equipment Repeater 2 Frequency 2 Radio Groups Two calls per repeater and channel Two-channel Digital TDMA System Repeater Frequency 1 Radio Groups

Half the Channel Bandwidth



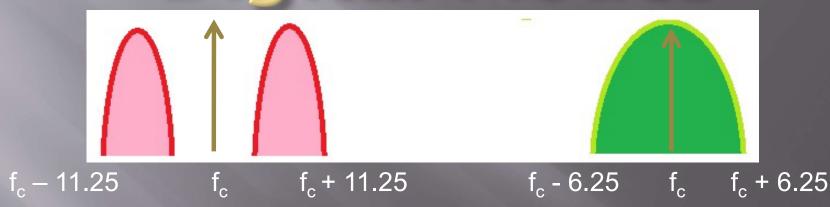
Traditional Analog
25 kHz
Channel Bandwidth

DMR
12.5 kHz
Channel Bandwidth

1 Channel1 Repeater

2 Channels1 Repeater

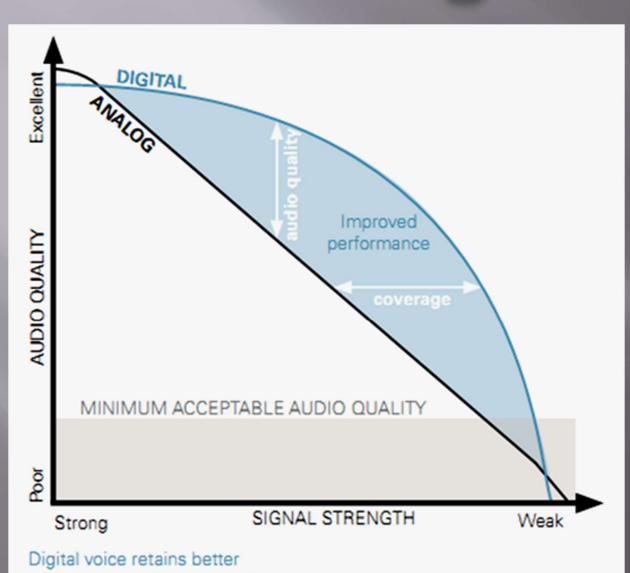
Greater Spectrum Efficiency than Older Digital Modes



Guard Band as large as 10 kHz between channels Total BW= 22.5 kHz No Guard Band between 2 channels

Total BW= 12.5 kHz

Better Signal Quality



quality than analog as signal

strength decreases.

- No hiss, popping, or static
- Better RF range than older digital technologies
- Forward Error
 Correction and
 Cyclic
 Redundancy
 Check coders

Longer Battery Life





"For each hour of usage the TDMA radios show between 19% and 34% less battery capacity is required than for the older FDMA models."

"40 percent improvement in talk time in comparison with analogue radios "

Data and Voice at the Same Time



Slot 1 Voice





Slot 2 GPS Location

(or second channel voice when not sending GPS data)

Give your location WHILE talking!

IP Site Connect 1 or 2 slots (channels)





Peer



Link Statewide/ Regionwide Systems



Peer





Master



Master



Peer





Dynamic Mixed Mode: First in – First Out

Analog

OR

Slot 1 TDMA

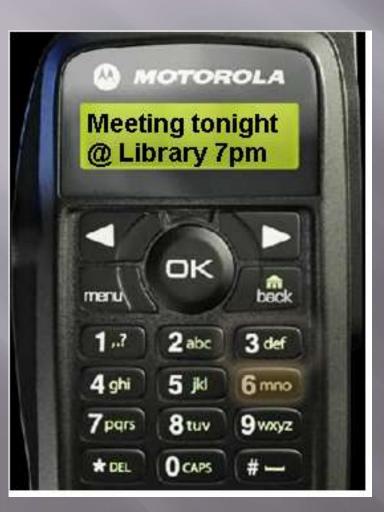
Slot 2 TDMA

Analog

Slot 1 TDMA

Slot 2 TDMA

Free Text Messaging



Send to one person, or a group of people.

- Weather Alerts
- Club Meetings
- Announcements





- Motorola Amateur Radio Clubs and other private XPR8300/8400 and MTR3000 repeater owners
- 3700 Site network in USA, Germany, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Mexico, and the UK.
- 100% Pure Digital. Voice and text messaging supported.
- Weekly nets to discuss technical issues
- More than 70,000 registered users Worldwide
- To register or learn more http://dmr-marc.net

Costs to Get Started

- Tytera MD-380 less than \$90.00
- Use current 440 MHz accessories
 - Outdoor antenna with SMA adapter
 - Baofeng speaker mic or other compatible
 - 144/440Mhz whip antennas
 - Mobile antennas with SMA adapter
- Other radios both mobile and hand held <\$300</p>
 - Connect Systems
 - Hytera
 - Radioddity
 - Used Motorola gear (Software can be expensive)
- Not tied to a specific manufacturer

Talk Groups Increase Capacity!

- Time Slot 1, Talk Group 3 Native English speakers (USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and U.K.)
- Time Slot 1, Talk Group 1 Primary English language countries to secondary English speaking Europeans
- □ Time Slot 2, Talk Group 2 Local Repeater QSOs.
- Time Slot 2, first 4 digits of state ID (KS = 3120) for statewide linked TS2 systems. Also, country talk groups are 3 digits (Canada = 302)
- Be courteous and use the local time slot for local repeater QSOs and don't monopolize the linked network time slot 1 if you don't have to.

Regional and Local Talk Groups



Talk Group Mappings



TG1, TS1(World)

- Saturday Nets
- Calls to second language English speakers
- Don't use for UK-> USA or Australia-> Canada, etc.

TG3, TS1 (NAm/English)

- Calls to native English speakers
- Share with other users!
- Use local/regional TG/TS when possible



ID Scheme

- DMR supports 16777215 IDs. We ask max 2 IDs per person. You can reuse same ID on multiple radios that <u>you</u> use-> Recommended!
- 8-digits: Admin tools and resources
- 7-digits: Subscribers (mobiles and portables)
- 6-digits: Repeaters
- 4-digits: Regional Talk Groups
- 3 digits: Country Talk groups

Common Courtesy

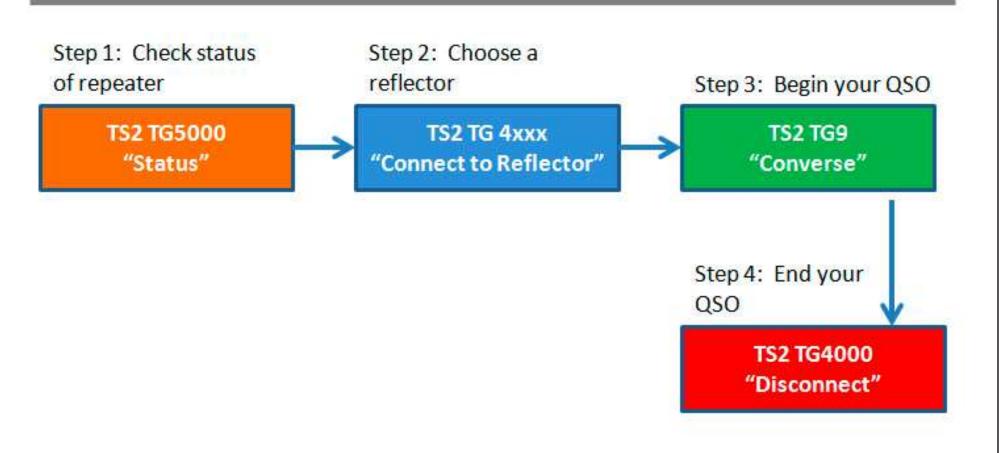
- ALL RADIOS MUST HAVE A VALID 7-DIGIT DMR ID from our website http://dmr-marc.net, Under "Contact Us"
 Radios without an official ID should not be on the system.
 Period. Do not make up your own ID.
- Do not key up on TS1 and blow into mic to test your radio. You key up 100+ repeaters and that is annoying to all of us who listen.
- Do radio tests on TS2 with a voice ID.
- You must identify with your callsign just like you did in the past on an analog repeater per FCC rules.

DMRplus

- Reflectors that connect to other:
 - Talk groups
 - Digital Modes
- Accessed by private call from your contact list
- More prevalent in Europe
- All DMRplus reflectors labeled 4xxx
- Works with open Spot (Shark RF)
- Can be connected to DMR-MARC repeaters

DMRplus

Connecting to Reflectors on DMRPlus



Guide Book for DMR

Amateur Radio Guide to Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)





By John S. Burningham, W2XAB May 2015 http://www.trbo.org/docs/ Amateur_Radio_Guide_to_DMR.pdf



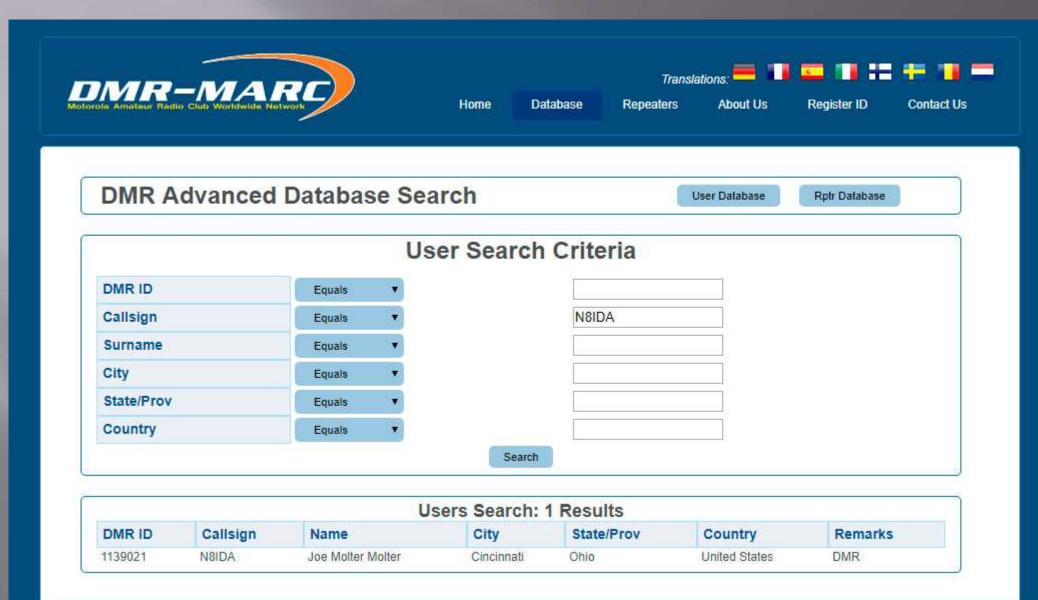
http://www.trbo.org

Good source of DMR Information Not affiliated with Motorola

User and Repeater Database

- https://dmr-marc.net/cgi-bin/trbo-database/
- Look up individuals by name, call sign or registration number or search by locations
- Look up repeaters using Google map references
- Repeater listing will give all necessary information for the codeplug
- Repeater information along with additional info from http://arrl-ohio.org/digital/digital.html

User Database Search



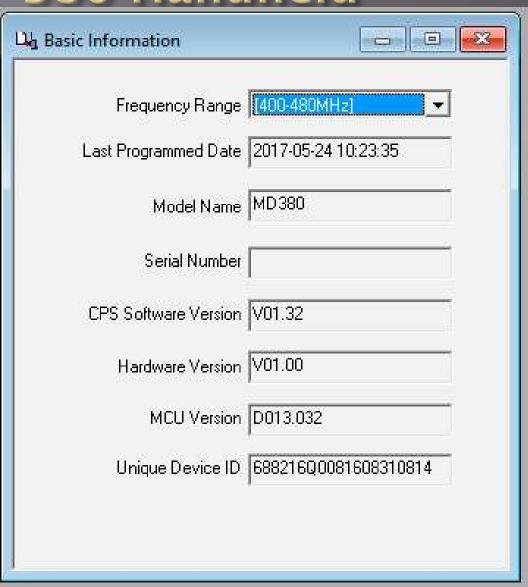
Codeplug

- Configuration file for your radio
- Contains information to access:
 - Local DMR repeater
 - Various talk groups
 - Interconnected repeaters and networks
- Manufacturer specific software
- No programming from the radio

Customer Programming SW Tytera MD_380 Handheld

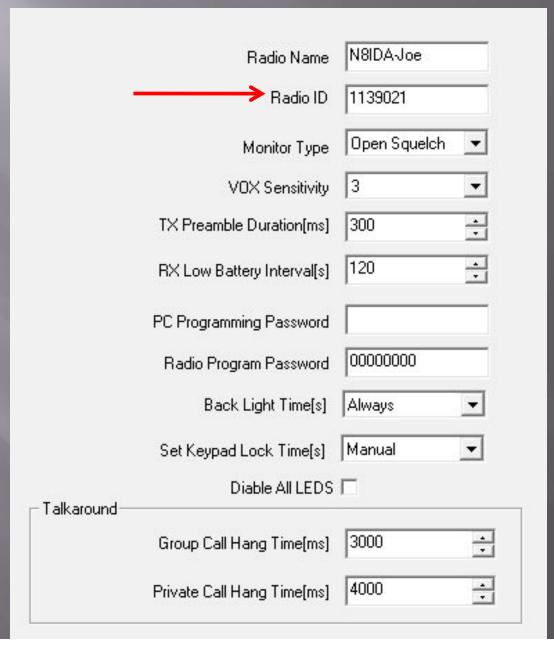


Less than \$100.00



General Screen on CPS

Add registration number



Programming Your Radio

- Radios are all based on commercial products
- Most commercial radios are not programmed by local users
- You cannot program the radio from the keypad
- Download radio information first
- Obtain DMR-MARC registration number before using the radio (Mandatory)
- Registration numbers usually take less than 24 hours to be processed dmr-marc.net

Collect Repeater Information

- Collect the information for the local or regional repeaters that you are going to use
- Information will include
 - Frequency pair and offset
 - Color Code
 - Talk groups available and their ID number
 - Time Slots
- Prepare channel names (limited characters for radio programming determined by your radio)

Typical Repeater Listing

Callsign: K8BIG – Cinci South

Frequency: 443.9000

Offset: +5.000 Color Code: 1

DMR-MARC Cincinnati, Ohio

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Time Slot #1 - Group Call 8 = Local Dayton/Cincinnati
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Time Slot #1 - Group Call 3139 = OH Statewide

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 1 = Worldwide All Languages (PTT activated)

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3 = North America (PTT activated)

Time Slot#2 – Group Call 2 = Local (USD Net)

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 13= Worldwide English

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 9 = DMRPlus Talk

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 4000 = DMRPlus Unlink

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 5000 = DMRPlus Status

Time Slot #2 - Group Call 4xxx = Switch to Reflector 4xxx

The 4xxx reflectors are listed here:

http://dmr-marc.net/FAQ/dmrplus-america.html

Create Contact List

List contains:

- All talk groups on the repeaters in your channel list
- Additional talk groups as needed
- Personal ID's of other Amateur Radio Operators

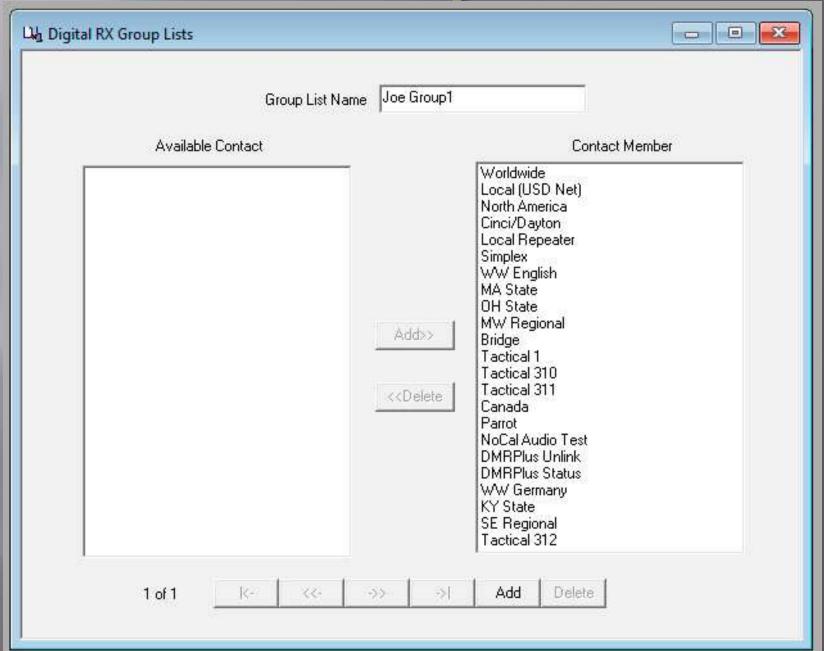
No.	Contact Name	Call Type	Call ID	
1	Worldwide	Group Call	1	
2	Local (USD Net)	Group Call	2	
3	North America	Group Call	3	
4	Cinci/Dayton	Group Call	8	
5	Local Repeater	Group Call	9	П
6	Simplex	Group Call	99	
7	WW English	Group Call	13	П
8	MA State	Group Call	3125	
9	OH State	Group Call	3139	
10	MW Regional	Group Call	3169	
11	Bridge	Group Call	3100	П
12	Tactical 1	Group Call	8951	I
13	Tactical 310	Group Call	310	П
14	Tactical 311	Group Call	311	
15	Canada	Group Call	302	П
16	Parrot	Group Call	9998	I
17	NI-C-LAND: T-4	C C-II	0000	

21	WB8ROL-Gary	Private Call	3139298
22	K8EJM-Bob	Private Call	3139572
23	KY State	Group Call	3121
24	SE Regional	Group Call	3174
25	Tactical 312	Group Call	312
26	WX8P-Art	Private Call	3139201
27	W8NRH - John	Private Call	1139270
28	W8LR - Jerry	Private Call	3139734
29	N8IG - Paul	Private Call	1139332
30	N8EMA - JEFF	Private Call	1139114

Create Digital RX Group Lists

- Create RX group list
- These contain the Talk Groups that are in your contact list
- They can be listed individually or in one list

RX Group List

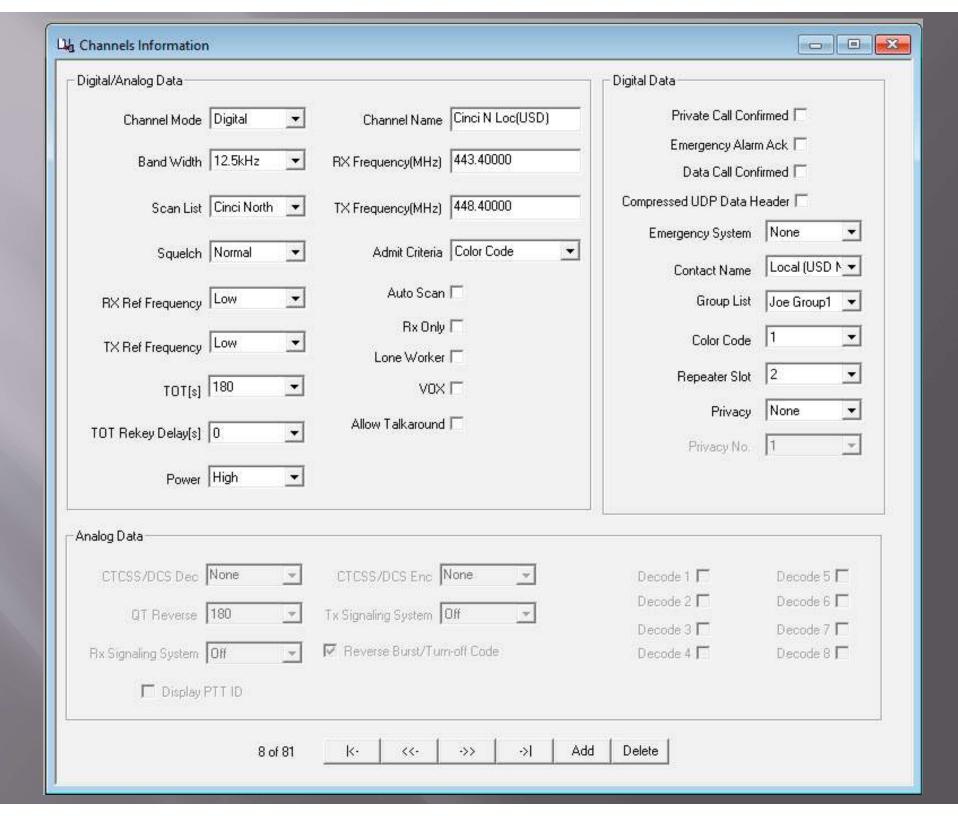


Create Channels

- Channel Name
 - Characters will display on radio
 - Limited number of characters
- Rx and Tx Frequencies (Determined by Offset)
- Admit Criteria
 - Always
 - Channel Free
 - Color Code (Recommended)
- Scanlist Name

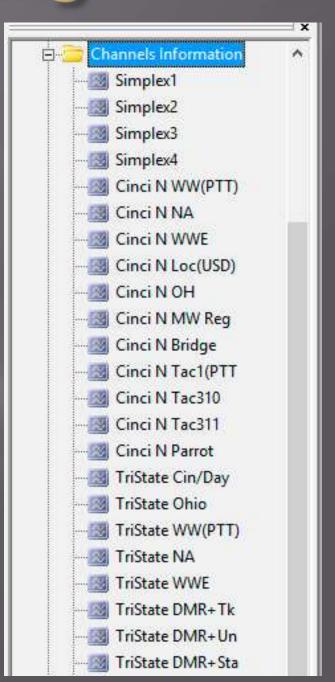
Create Channels (continued)

- Contact Name (from Digital Contacts List)
- Group List (from Digital RX Group List)
- Color Code (0 to 15) Similar to CTCSS
- Repeater Slot (1 or 2)
- TOT (Time Out Timer) 180 Seconds (Default =60)
 (Personal Preference)
- Power (High or Low)



Channel Listing

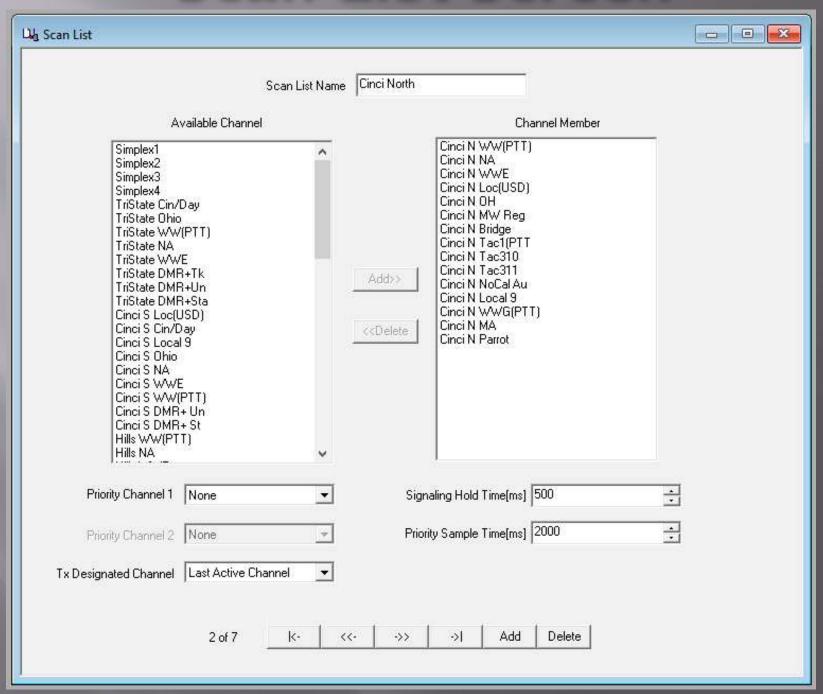
- Will be added to:
 - Zone List (Max 16 Channels)
 Newer radios may have higher maximum in zone list
 - Scan List (Channels to scan in a particular zone)



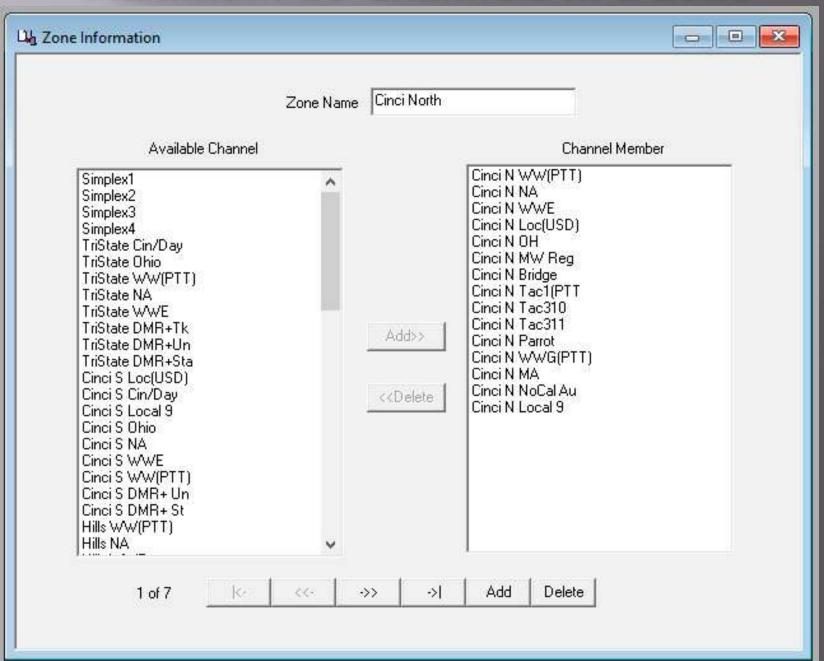
Create Scan List and Zone List

- Create Scan List Name of Repeater or Call Sign
 - These contain the channels in a zone to scan for activity
- Create Zone List Name of Repeater or Call Sign
 - Zone list is limited to 16 channels (Radio Limited)
 - Most repeaters will have less than 16 talk groups listed
- These will be filled after you have your initial channel list created

Scan List Screen



Zone Channel List Maximum 16 Channels in a Zone



Review Codeplug

- Review all entries for accuracy
- Save code plug to computer
- Name code plug by date and area
- You can create alternate code plugs
 - Travel specific areas
 - Overseas areas
- Upload codeplug to radio

Testing Codeplug

- Check audio with Parrot Talk Group
- Test with your FCC call sign
- Make First Contact
 - Mention talk group name when monitoring
 - "Listening on Ohio"
 - "Listening on Cincy/Dayton"
- Identify yourself with FCC Call Sign
- Other operators will show up with DMR-MARC registration number and talk group
- New numbers added to contact list
 - Will show up with name and call sign after being added

Codeplug Issues

- Using always in "Admit Criteria"
- Talk on top of someone on another TG with same Time Slot
- Better to use Color Code in "Admit Criteria"
- Prevent transmissions on top of existing conversations



Using an Outside Antenna

- Attach a SMA (Male) to SO-239 Adapter Cable to radio then the 440 MHz antenna feed
- Do not use a SMA to SO-239 adapter to directly connect radio to antenna feed
- This will put too much stress on the radio SMA port





MD-380 Hacks

- MD-380 Tools
- Custom Firmware
- Add additional features
- md380.tools (website)
- Download latest MD-380 Tools
 - http://www.george-smart.co.uk/md380tools/
- Download entire user database >70,000
 - See Name, call sign and location
 - Seven digit registration number also present

MD 380 Tools Menu Options

Menu Item	Description
1. M. RogerBeep	Changes the PTT Beep to a more subtle tone.
2. Boot Options	Enables or Disables the Boot Screen at startup
3. Date Format	Allows you to change the Date Format on the front display. If "Alt. Status" is chosen it replaces the clock with the last heard feature.
4. Show Call (formally userscsv)	Select source of callsign display - CPS, UserDB, or TalkerAlias
5. USB Logging	Used to log radio information for debugging
6. Promiscuous	Allows radio to monitor by Timeslot. (Monitor feature)
7. Edit DMR-ID	Edit DMR ID
8. Mic Bargraph	Graphical display of your microphone audio
9. Experimental	Experimental Mode
10. Side Buttons	Change the Side Button Configurations
11. Config Rest	Reset all configurations related to the MD380 Tools.
12. Backlight	Change backlight settings.
13. CoPL Override	Change during the bootup how information is displayed.
14. <u>DevOnly!!</u>	Dev Only type features. NetMonitor and Radio Vitials information.

DMR - Digital Future

- Growing number of users
- New repeaters
- New networks in addition to current ones
 - DMR-MARC
 - Brandmeister
 - K4USD
 - DMR plus
- International contacts
- Digital voice quality with upgradeable firmware
 - New vocoders
 - Additional features via firmware upgrades
- Newer Radios
 - Easier Programming
 - Pre-programmed code plugs for specific regions
 - Lower cost radios for hand held and mobile operations
- Will the "Big Three" ever jump on the bandwagon?

DMR Definitions

DMR Digital Mobile Radio

European Telecommunications Standards Institute

TIA Telecommunications Industry Association

TDMA Time-Division Multiple Access

FEC Forward Error Correction

FDMA Frequency Division Multiple Access

DSVI AMBE+2 Digital Voice Encoder or Vocoder. It is the only vocoder on the market.

Tier One Single Channel , FDMA 6.25 kHz Bandwidth

Tier Two Two Slot TDMA, 12.5 kHz Bandwidth, Peer to Peer and Repeater Standard

Amateur DMR DMR for Amateur Radio on Tier Two with Commercial or Amateur DMR Equipment

Tier Three Tier Two with Trunking and Multiple Repeaters (Public Safety Users)

IPSC Internet Protocol Site Connect (Connecting Repeaters over the Internet)

C-Bridge Interconnect IPSC Groups (Rayfield), Compatible with Bridgecom Systems MV-IPSC

Time Slot One – First Half of Two slot TDMA

Time Slot Two- Second Half of Two Slot TDMA

Talk Group – Groups of Users Sharing a Time Slot without Disrupting Other Users

Zone Group of Channels on a Repeater (Limited to 16 Channels per Zone on some radios)

Scanlist List of Channels in a Zone to Scan for Traffic

Contacts List of Talk Groups and Individuals and their Respective ID Numbers

Color Code(CC) Used Like CTCSS for Repeater Access, CC is Mandatory, 16 Color Codes

Channel Combination of repeater frequency, talk group, time slot, color code, admit criteria

Code Plug (CP) Radio's Configuration File from Manufacturer's Specific Programming Software

CPS Manufacturers Specific Software for Writing Code Plugs

ID Subscriber's ID Number, All Amateurs Need an ID (mandatory) (From DMR-MARC)

DMR-MARC DMR Motorola Amateur Radio Clubs (www.dmr-marc.net)

DMRplus Reflectors that point to other talk groups or modes. Numbered 4xxx

Radio Firmware Software that controls all the radio functions that is flashed into non-volatile memory

MD-380 Tools Modified Firmware for the Tytera MD-380 Portable Radio (Adds Additional Features)

Amateur Guide http://dmr-marc.net/media/Amateur Radio Guide to DMR Rev I 20150510.pdf

DCI MotoTRBO Group Amateur Radio Group for MotoTRBO and DMR http://www.tro.org