JT65/JT9/WSJT

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Goals

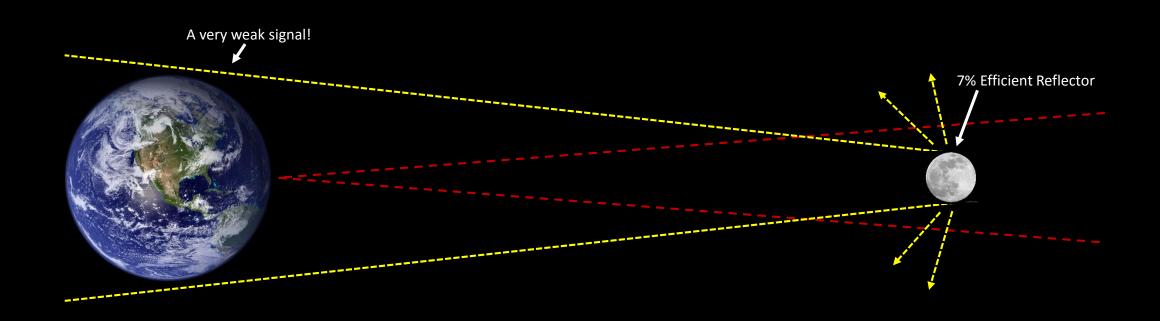
- JT65/JT9/WSJT History
- JT65/JT9/WSJT Protocols
- JT65 Station Equipment
- JT65 Operating Practices

History

- Joe Taylor (K1JT)
 - Nobel Laurette, Astrophysicist, Amateur Radio operator
 - Moon-bounce (EME)
 - Earth -> 240,000 -> Moon -> 240,000 -> Earth
 - Free space path loss
 - Increase output power
 - Use a directional antenna
 - Narrow signal bandwidth to concentrate energy



Simplified EME



WSJT Protocols

- FSK411: Meteor Scatter on 2m/70cm
- JT6M: Meteor Scatter on 4m/6m
- JT65: EME at VHF/UHF and QRP operation at MF/HF
- JT9: LF, MF, & low HF bands

Let's focus on JT65 for QRP HF.

JT65

- "Slow" mode originally developed for Tropospheric and EME
- More efficient coding & modulation schemes
 - Redundant Multiple-Frequency Shift Keying (MFSK)
 - 64 tones + 1 Synchronization tone
 - Data Compression
 - Forward Error Correction (Reed-Solomon coding)
- Uses DSP to decode signals below the noise floor
- Time-synchronized
 - 1 minute transmissions
- Short Structured Messages



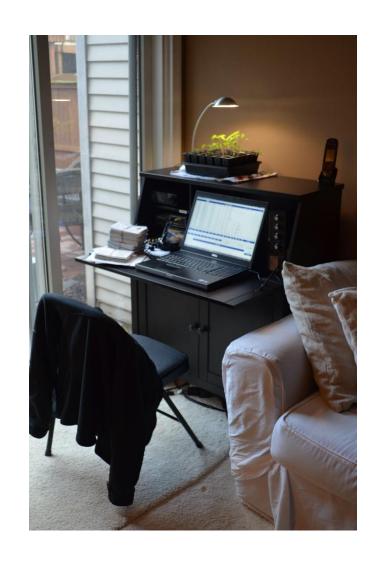
Message Types

Category	Туре	Examples
Standard	CQ, QRZ, or DE	CQ W9YB EN60 —or— W9YB KC9BBW FM18
Standard	Signal Report	KC9BBW W9YB -19 —or— W9YB KC9BBW R-17
Standard	RRR	KC9BBW W9YB RRR
Standard	73	W9YB KC9BBW 73
Shorthand	RO	RO
Shorthand	RRR	RRR
Shorthand	73	73
Free Text	Freehand Text	TNX ROBERT 73

Why use JT65?

- DX with < 10 watts
- "Small stations" can win HF DX awards (WAS, DXCC)
- **Mostly** stress-free operating mode

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JT65 Station Setup

Equipment Needed

- Radio
 - USB or computer interface port preferred
 - Must handle Full Duty Cycle
- Computer
 - 1.5GHz+ CPU
- Interface between radio & computer (PTT & Audio)
- Software
 - JT65
 - Rig Control (HRD, PowerSDR, etc)
 - Time Synchronization (Dimension 4, Meinberg)
 - Optional: JTAlert

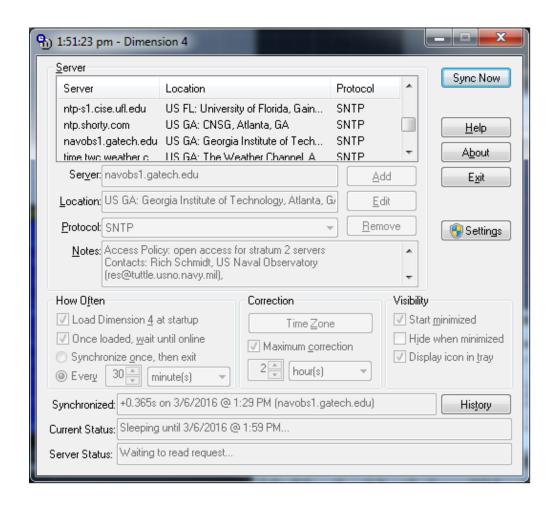
JT65 w/ IC-7000



JT65 w/ FlexRadio 1500



Step 1: Synchronize Your Time



Step 2: Tune to JT65 HF VFO Frequency

• 80m: 3.576 MHz USB

• 40m: 7.076 MHz USB

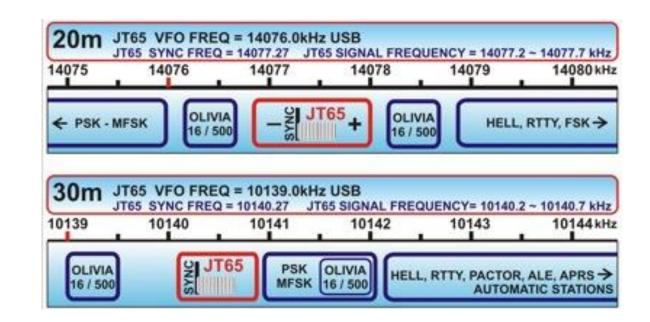
• 30m: 10.139 MHz USB

• 20m: **14.076 MHz USB**

• 17m: 18.102 MHz USB

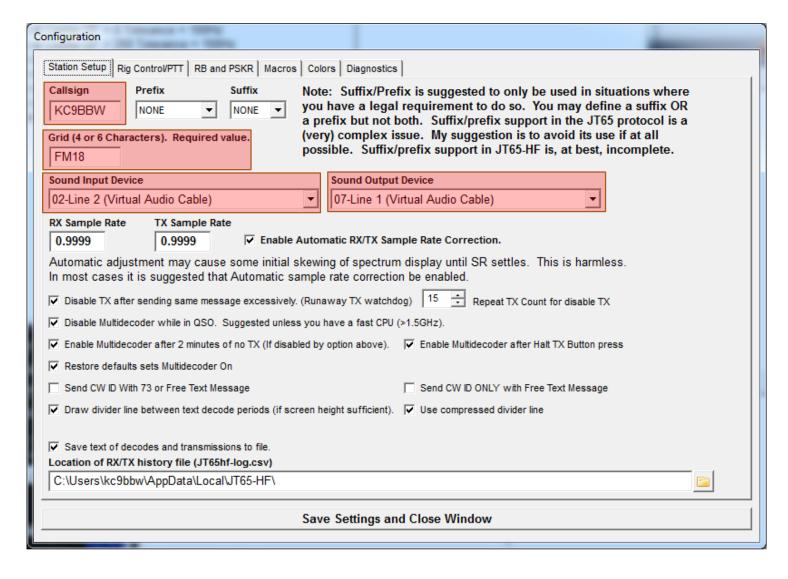
• 15m: 21.076 MHz USB

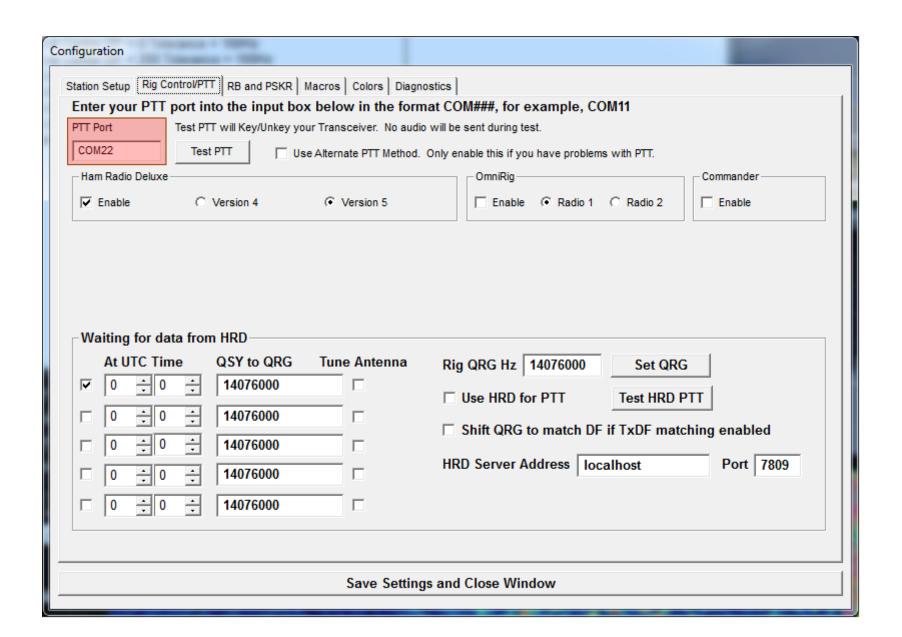
• 10m: 28.076 MHz USB

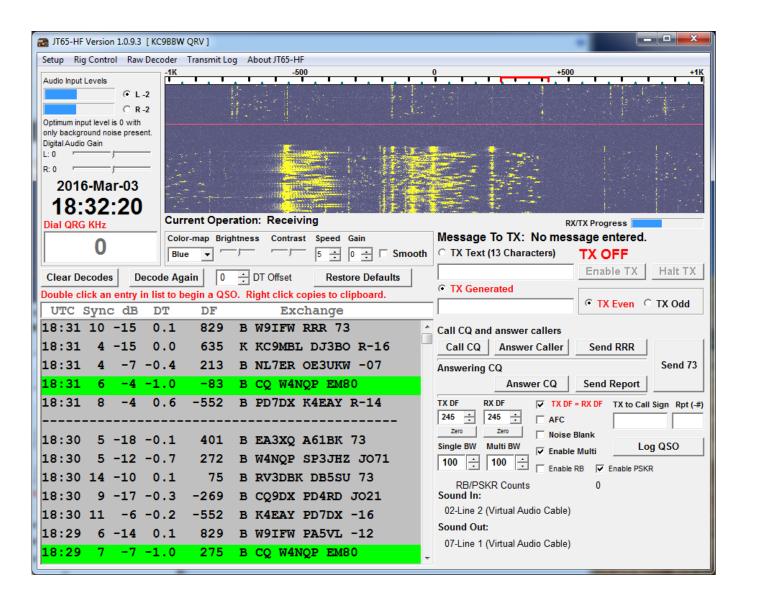




Step 3: Configure JT65-HF

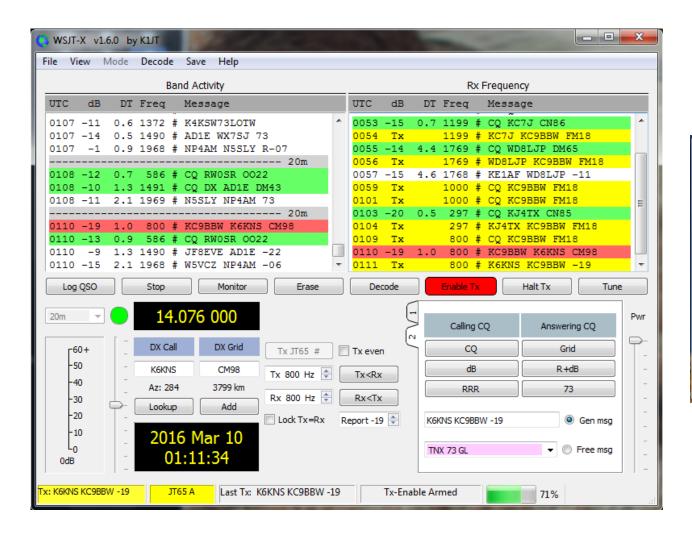


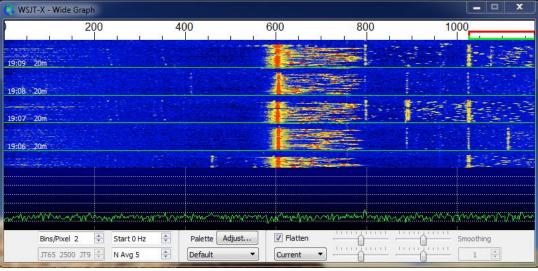






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JT65 Exchanges

JT65 Color Codes

UTC Sync dB DT DF					Exchange			
22:38	10	-11	-0.1	-307	B KC9BBW KD5PQG R-19			
22:36	5	-7	-0.3	754	B CQ PY7RL HI21			
22:36	6	-18	-0.2	447	B W9ZED K2WH -01			
22:36	4	-12	-0.4	202	B GMONBM LW2EIY -14			
22:36	6	-10	-0.2	-94	B W4DRK EI6KD RRR			
22:36	3	-13	-0.1	-304	B KC9BBW KD5PQG EL29			
22:36	2	-22	0.1	-528	K VE3DQ K4EAY R-06			

Green: Someone Calling CQ

Gray: QSO In Progress

Red: Someone Replying to You

Header	Meaning
UTC	Time of the Exchange (In JT65-HF, most recent is at the top)
Sync	The # of synchronizing tones received (Higher is better)
dB	Received strength after decoding (Strong signals are closer to 0.)
DT	Time differential (Ideally between 0.3 to 0.1)
DF	Decoding frequency (corresponds to where in the pass-band the signal was heard)
Exchange	The actual data payload (i.e. the conversation)

The "Perfect" Exchange

CQ KC9BBW FM18	I call CQ with my grid.
KC9BBW KD5PQG EL29	KD5PQG answers with his call sign and grid.
KD5PQG KC9BBW -13	I answer KD5PQG with a report (-13).
KC9BBW KD5PQG R-19	KD5PQG acknowledges my report (R) and sends his (-19).
KD5PQG KC9BBW RRR	I acknowledge KD5PQG's report (RRR).
KC9BBW KD5PQG 73	KD5PQG ends the QSO with a 73.
KD5PQG KC9BBW 73	I end the QSO with a 73.

Non-Standard Exchanges

- Running station may combine the RRR & 73 (i.e. KD5PQG RR73)
- Stations may skip the 73 message
- Stations may send free-hand text (up to 13 characters):
 - 10W IN V 73
 - 5W LOOP 73
 - 2W DIP TUGL
 - QSL LOTW 73
 - UR ANTENNA?

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10W DIP 73	KD5PQG sends his antenna info and ends the QSO.
5W LOOP 73	I send my antenna info and end the QSO.

Free-Hand Text Messages

30W DIP 73GL	Sender is running 30 watts through a dipole; ending the QSO and wishing us Good luck!
15W LOOP TU73	Sender is running 15 watts through a loop; Thank you and 73.
UR ANTENNA?	Sender wants to know your antenna configuration.
KC9BBW UR QRM	Is KC9BBW is being interfered with or is KC9BBW causing the interference?
QSL LOTW 73	Please QSL through Logbook of the World.
LOTWQRZBURO73	Please QSL through LOTW, QRZ.com, or the QSL Bureau.
UR IN LOG 73	Sender already worked you?
QSL BURO 73	Please QSL through the Bureau.
READ UR DISPL	?
CHK CLOCK	Sender is telling someone to check their time sync.
SRI NO DECODE	JT65 Software could not decode the exchange.

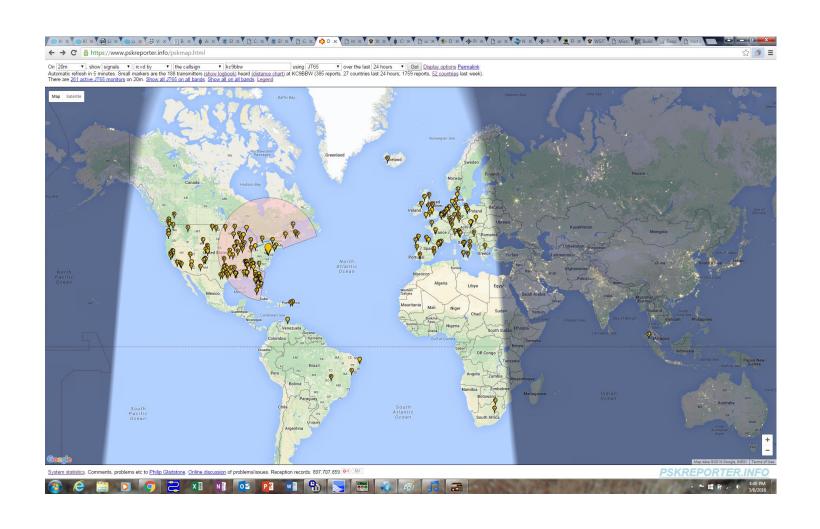
These are actual free-hand text messages I have seen. Call signs changed to protect the innocent.

Running vs. Search & Pounce

UTC	Svno	dB	DT	DF		Excl	nange		
	_		-0.2		В	KC9BBW		EN66	
20:03	6	-7	-0.2	509	В	KC9BBW	EA3HUE	73	
20:01	5	-8	-0.5	511	В	KC9BBW	EA3HUE	R-18	
19:59	11	-4	-0.5	511	В	KC9BBW	EA3HUE	JN11	
19:53	8	-10	0.1	544	В	KC9BBW	EA5ZN	IM98	
19:49	5	-9	0.0	568	В	KC9BBW	ON6SAT	RR73	
19:47	6	-11	0.0	565	В	KC9BBW	ON6SAT	R-15	
19:45	3	-12	-0.0	563	В	KC9BBW	ON6SAT	J020	
19:41	4	-14	0.5	563	В	KC9BBW	EA4GST	73	
19:39	7	-16	0.5	565	В	KC9BBW	EA4GS1	R-22	
19:35	3	-13	-0.1	751	В	SV6COH	EA3HUE	R-01	
19:35	4	-12	0.5	563	В	KC9BBW	EA4GST	IN80	

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UTC	Syn	c dB	DT	DF	Exchange
21:38	10	-2	-0.2	503	B F4HMI AI4RJ EM74
21:38	9	-7	-0.3	213	B TU G 73
21:38	10	-1	0.3	-8	B WA9TTY W1TLK 73
21:38	1	-10	0.5	-533	B RR 73 MD AI1W
21:38	3	-17	0.0	-845	B KC9BBW IZ1SBX -18
21:36	17	-1	-0.2	1028	K WA4UT KM4RTG R-06
21:36	14	-10	-0.3	215	B IZ5VUT K4JRU -19
21:36	13	-6	0.3	-8	B WA9TTY W1TLK RRR
21:36	8	-6	-0.8	-242	B KK4MA IT9SUQ R-10
21:36	5	-9	0.6	-530	B ADOBM AI1W -09
21:36	3	-16	0.0	-842	B CQ IZ1SBX JN45
21:35	10	-6	-0.3	756	B KM4RTG WA4UT EM66

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JT65 Logging

JT65-HF can log all received & transmitted exchanges to a CSV file.

• C:\Users\<USERNAME>\AppData\Local\JT65-HF\JT65hf-log.csv

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"Date","Time","QRG","Sync","DB","DT","DF","Decoder","Exchange"

"2014-05-21","23:59","14076","2","-7","-0.5","-657","B","IZ1RHY K0ECN -15","65A"

"2014-05-21","23:59","14076","5","-10","-0.3","-466","B","RC9U HB9BVB JN37","65A"

"2014-05-21","23:59","14076","9","-2","-0.5","81","B","CQ N9BC EN54","65A"

"2014-05-21","23:59","14076","1","-11","-0.9","589","B","CQ G4DZE IO92","65A"

"2014-05-21","23:59","14076","3","-8","-0.5","746","B","LU1EEG WY1C 73","65A"

"2014-05-22","00:00","-","-","-","-","T","CQ KC9BBW FM18
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Resources

- WSJT Home Page: http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/
- JT65 Protocol: http://www.arrl.org/files/file/18JT65.pdf
- VE3BUX JT65 Operator Guide: http://ve3bux.com/files/JT65 Operator Guide.pdf
- Work The World With JT65 and JT9 (ARRL)
- HFLINK JT65: http://hflink.com/jt65a/
- PSK Reporter: https://pskreporter.info/
- Reverse Beacon Network: http://www.reversebeacon.net/
- HAM Spots: http://hamspots.net/
- Maidenhead Grid Square Locator: http://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid square.php

Software Resources

• JT65

- WSJT/WSJT-X: http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/index.html
- JT65-HF: https://sourceforge.net/projects/jt65-hf/
- JT65-HF-Comfort: http://www.funkamateure-dresden-ov-s06.de/index.php?article_id=315&clang=1
- JT65-HF-HB9HQX-Edition: https://sourceforge.net/projects/jt65hfhb9hqxedi/
- JTAlert: http://hamapps.com/

Rig Control

- Ham Radio Deluxe: http://ham-radio-deluxe.com/
- PowerSDR (Flex Radios): http://www.flexradio.com/amateur-products/flex-series/powersdr/

Time Synchronization

- Meinberg: https://www.meinbergglobal.com/english/sw/ntp.htm
- Dimension 4: http://www.thinkman.com/dimension4/

Questions?

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UTC	Sync	dB	DT	DF		Exc	hange		
20:22	16	-6	0.6	164	В	KC9BBW	RPT?		_
20:20	3	-17	-0.5	778	В	SQ6RKY	RRR 7	73	
20:20	11	-7	0.5	164	В	KC9BBW	W1EH(2 -05	