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Introduction to DMR and the DMR Association

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Learning Objectives:

- 1. Know what DMR and ETSI stand for.
- 2. Understand who the DMR Association is and what they do.
- 3. Clarify the differences between DMR Tiers I, II and III.
- 4. Learn some of the features and business benefits of DMR.

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DMR and ETSI

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Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) is a digital radio standard specified for professional mobile radio (PMR) users developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and first ratified in 2005.





DMR Association

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DMR Association background

- 2005 DMR-MOU Association (Memorandum of Understanding)
- 2009 MOU members set up the DMR Association
- Membership is divided into categories:
 - Category 1 Equipment Manufacturers (24)*
 - Category 2 Application Developers, System Integrators, Peripheral Equipment Manufacturers, Test Houses (9)*
 - Category 3 Users, Regulators and Operators (8)*
 - Partners Others (2)*

*As of 28Aug12







DMR Association Activities

- Creating an interoperability testing and certification program
- Working with regulators to develop a favorable environment for DMR networks to flourish
- Increasing awareness about the DMR standard through education, promotion and discussion





DMR Association website

www.dmrassociation.org







DMR Interoperability

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DMR IOP process



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Interoperability testing

- IOP testing has been defined for:
 - Standard Tier 2 voice functionality
 - Additional Tier 2 voice functionality
- IOP testing for Tier 3 is underway
 - 20 June 2012 The Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) Association announces the first successful completion of DMR Tier III interoperability testing.





DMR Standard





DMR Standard documentation

TS 102 361-1: the DMR air interface protocol

TS 102 361-2: the DMR voice and generic services and facilities

TS 102 361-3: the DMR data protocol

TS 102 361-4: the DMR Trunking protocol

TR 102 398: DMR General System Design

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What is the DMR standard

- Open standard
- Targets migration to digital of existing conventional and analog trunked systems
- Achieves more efficient use of spectrum
- 3 Tiers of products specified
 - Tier I Unlicensed, low power, low cost
 - Tier II DMR Licensed Conventional
 - Tier III DMR Licensed Trunked





Tier I Definition

- License free operation in 446.100-446.200 MHz
 TX power of 500mW, Integral antenna
- TDMA two slot (DMR) in 12.5Khz
- or FDMA (dPMR) in 6.25Khz
- State of the art Forward Error Correction



Tier II Definition

- Digital conventional operation
- Systems, mobiles and hand portables
- Licensed 66MHz 960MHz
- Advanced Voice features
- Integrated IP data services
- TDMA two slot in 12.5kHz
- 4FSK modulation
- State of the art Forward Error Correction





Tier II Call Features

- Group call
- Individual call
- All call
- Broadcast call
- Radio stun and revive
- Remote monitor
- Radio check
- Call alert
- PTT ID
- Emergency call options





Tier III Definition

- Digital trunked operation
- Systems, mobiles and hand portables
- Licensed frequency bands 66MHz 960MHz
- TDMA two slot in 12.5kHz
- 4FSK modulation
- Enhanced Voice
- 128 character status messaging
- 288 bits data short messaging in a variety of formats
- Packet data services, including IPv4 and IPv6
- State of the art Forward Error Correction





DMR Tier III Services (1 of 3)

- Call features
 - Broadcast call
 - Priority call
 - Emergency call
 - Status call
 - Divert own call
- Gateway calls
 - Telephone call
 - PABX call
 - IP call





DMR Tier III Services (2 of 3)

- Other gateways (Trunking)
 - Registration
 - Authentication
- Trunking Services
 - MS stun
 - MS revive
 - MS kill
 - Poll MS
 - MS check
 - Defined structure for location information transport
 - Mass registration
 - Sleep mode for Control Channel operation (more...)







DMR Tier III Services (3 of 3)

- IP data
- Short data messages
- Confirmed and unconfirmed data
- Raw air interface data rate 9600 kbps
 - Useable rate two slots 6533 kbps no FEC, headers
- What does this mean for the users
 - AVL
 - Text dispatch
 - Workforce management
 - Email





DMR Standards – what's not defined

- The choice of vocoder
 - DMR MOU has agreed to use the DVSI AMBE2+ vocoder
- Non application interface (AI) connections from repeater
 - PSTN, PABX, Repeater to repeater,
 - Encryption



DMR Standard - Summary of Tiers

- Tier I
 - License free operation in 446.100-446.200 MHz TX power of 500mW, Integral antenna
 - TDMA two slot (DMR) in 12.5Khz or FDMA (dPMR) in 6.25Khz
- Tier II
 - Digital conventional operation
 - Licensed higher TX power
 - TDMA two slot in 12.5kHz
 - 4FSK Modulation
- Tier III
 - Digital Trunked operation
 - Licensed higher TX power
 - TDMA two slot in 12.5kHz
 - 4FSK Modulation





Digital Standards Market Positioning

Public Safety & Defence Police, Fire, Wildland Fire, Government/Federal, Defence, Customs, Border Patrol, Pub Safety System Integrators	TIA P25 Conventional and Trunk	ETSI TETRA Trunk
Utilities, Transport & PAMR Bus, Taxi, Airports, Rail, Freight, Electric Utilities, Oil & Gas, Utility & Transport Integrators, PAMR operators	ETSI DMR Tier 3: Trunk	
Business & Industry Councils/Local Government, Private Security, Mining, Construction, Manufacturing, Retail, Sports & Tourism, Schools, B & I Dealers/Integrators	ETSI DMR Tier 2: Conventional	
Non Licenced Family, Sport, Fun	ETSI DPMR Unlicensed	ETSI DMR Tier 1: unlicensed





DMR Features and Benefits





Coverage – DMR Theoretical Coverage

- A 1mS Guard Slot exists between neighboring TDMA slots
- If DSP Clock has accuracy of +/-2ppm, this accounts for 0.5mS
- Remaining 0.5mS available to account for propagation delays
- In 0.5mS, the signal from Tx A travels: 3×10^8 m/s x 0.5mS = 150km
- In practice, this number is halved to account for Uplink and Downlink
- So, the theoretical range limit of the DMR TDMA system is 75km.







Coverage – Same as Analogue FM



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Predictable doubling of capacity in your existing 12.5 kHz licensed channels



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Choice of Operation





Backwards spectrum compatibility with legacy analogue systems



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Efficient use of infrastructure equipment



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Improved audio quality to the edge of coverage







Other Benefits of DMR

- Longer battery life
- Ease of use and creation of data applications
- Advanced Control features







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