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A simple guide needs to be written to walk a fairly new person thru setting up a Raspberry Pi and a RTL(2832) dongle to listen to the DMR repeater using DSD/DSDCC. I am not sure the Pi2 will have enough snot, but its worth a try. Everything will be done command line, non-gui as that is the most resource efficient way.

DSD is the digital speech decoder. It can decode D-Star, DMR and P25.

This guide will assume you have touched Linux before, but will attempt to be step by step. And later I will explain things in a updated version.

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo raspi-config
# Choose option 1 to "Expand Filesystem" - Ensures that all of the SD card storage is available
to the OS
# Choose Finish & reboot
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get update
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get upgrade
```

Blacklist the normal rtl driver:

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cat <<EOF>no-rtl.conf
blacklist dvb_usb_rtl28xxu
blacklist rtl2832
blacklist rtl2830
EOF
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo mv no-rtl.conf /etc/modprobe.d/
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get install git git-core cmake
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get install libusb-1.0-0-dev
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get install build-essential sox
```

Install the modified RTL drivers and SDR tools:

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ git clone git://git.osmocom.org/rtl-sdr.git
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd rtl-sdr/
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr $ mkdir build && cd build
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr/build $ cmake ../ -DINSTALL_UDEV_RULES=ON
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr/build $ make
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr/build $ sudo make install
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr/build $ sudo ldconfig
pi@raspberrypi ~/rtl-sdr/build $ cd ~
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo cp ./rtl-sdr/rtl-sdr.rules /etc/udev/rules.d/
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo reboot
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ rtl_test
```

Found 1 device(s):

0: Generic, RTL2832U, SN: 77771111153705700

Using device 0: Generic RTL2832U

Found Rafael Micro R820T tuner

Supported gain values (29): 0.0 0.9 1.4 2.7 3.7 7.7 8.7 12.5 14.4 15.7 16.6 19.7 20.7 22.9 25.4
28.0 29.7 32.8 33.8 36.4 37.2 38.6 40.2 42.1 43.4 43.9 44.5 48.0 49.6

Sampling at 2048000 S/s.

Info: This tool will continuously read from the device, and report if samples get lost. If you observe no further output, everything is fine.

Reading samples in async mode...

Apparently you need the mbe library even if you use a AMBE dongle:

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $ cd ~
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ git clone https://github.com/szechyjs/mbelib.git
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd mbelib/
pi@raspberrypi:~/mbelib $ mkdir build && cd build
pi@raspberrypi:~/mbelib/build $ cmake ..
pi@raspberrypi:~/mbelib/build $ make
pi@raspberrypi:~/mbelib/build $ sudo make install
pi@raspberrypi:~/mbelib/build $ cd ~
```

Apparently you also need to build serialDV even if you don't use it:

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ git clone https://github.com/f4exb/serialDV.git
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd serialDV/
pi@raspberrypi:~/serialDV $ mkdir build && cd build
pi@raspberrypi:~/serialDV/build $ cmake ..
pi@raspberrypi:~/serialDV/build $ make
pi@raspberrypi:~/serialDV/build $ sudo make install
pi@raspberrypi:~/serialDV/build $ cd ~
```

Now install the new DSD (use the cmake “-DUSE_MBELIB=ON” option only if you need mbelib support, no AMBE dongle):

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ git clone https://github.com/f4exb/dsdcc.git
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd dsdcc/
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc $ mkdir build && cd build
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $ cmake -DUSE_MBELIB=ON ..
edit CMakeCache.txt in the build directory to reflect (per a reddit post):
LIBSERIALDV_INCLUDE_DIR:PATH=/usr/local/include/serialdv
LIBSERIALDV_LIBRARY:FILEPATH=/usr/local/lib/libserialdv.so
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $ make
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsdcc/build $ sudo make install
```

Or install the old version of DSD:

First Dependencies

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo apt-get install libsndfile1-dev fftw3-dev liblapack-dev portaudio19-dev
```

#Building itpp IT++ is a C++ library of mathematical, signal processing and communication classes and functions. Its main use is in simulation of communication systems and for performing research in the area of communications. It does a lot of the heavy lifting for dsd.

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ wget -O itpp-latest.tar.bz2_
```

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/itpp/files/latest/download?source=files>

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ tar xjf itpp-latest.tar.bz2
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd itpp-4.3.1/
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/itpp-4.3.1 $ mkdir build && cd build
```

#make -j tells it to use all the cores it can

#takes a while and may seem not so promising

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/itpp-4.3.1/build $ make -j
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/itpp-4.3.1/build $ sudo make install
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/itpp-4.3.1/build $ cd ~
```

The program

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ git clone https://github.com/szechyjs/dsd.git
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd dsd/
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsd $ mkdir build && cd build
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsd/build $ cmake ..
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsd/build $ make
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsd/build $ sudo make install
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/dsd/build $ sudo ldconfig /usr/local/lib
```

Now everything should be installed, and it's a matter of usage. -help will always tell you about command line options.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ dsd -help
```

Digital Speech Decoder 1.7.0-dev (build:v1.6.0-86-g7ee04e5)

mbe lib version 1.3.0

Usage:

dsd [options] Live scanner mode

dsd [options] -r <files> Read/Play saved mbe data from file(s)

dsd -h Show help

Display Options:

-e Show Frame Info and errorbars (default)

-pe Show P25 encryption sync bits

-pl Show P25 link control bits

- ps Show P25 status bits and low speed data
- pt Show P25 talkgroup info
- q Don't show Frame Info/errorbars
- s Datascope (disables other display options)
- t Show symbol timing during sync
- v <num> Frame information Verbosity
- z <num> Frame rate for datascope

Input/Output options:

- i <device> Audio input device (default is /dev/audio, - for piped stdin)
- o <device> Audio output device (default is /dev/audio)
- d <dir> Create mbe data files, use this directory
- r <files> Read/Play saved mbe data from file(s)
- g <num> Audio output gain (default = 0 = auto, disable = -1)
- n Do not send synthesized speech to audio output device
- w <file> Output synthesized speech to a .wav file
- a Display port audio devices

Scanner control options:

- B <num> Serial port baud rate (default=115200)
- C <device> Serial port for scanner control (default=/dev/ttyUSB0)
- R <num> Resume scan after <num> TDULC frames or any PDU or TSDU

Decoder options:

- fa Auto-detect frame type (default)
- f1 Decode only P25 Phase 1
- fd Decode only D-STAR
- fi Decode only NXDN48* (6.25 kHz) / IDAS*
- fn Decode only NXDN96 (12.5 kHz)
- fp Decode only ProVoice*
- fr Decode only DMR/MOTOTRBO
- fx Decode only X2-TDMA
- l Disable DMR/MOTOTRBO and NXDN input filtering
- ma Auto-select modulation optimizations (default)
- mc Use only C4FM modulation optimizations
- mg Use only GFSK modulation optimizations
- mq Use only QPSK modulation optimizations
- pu Unmute Encrypted P25
- u <num> Unvoiced speech quality (default=3)
- xx Expect non-inverted X2-TDMA signal
- xr Expect inverted DMR/MOTOTRBO signal

* denotes frame types that cannot be auto-detected.

Advanced decoder options:

- A <num> QPSK modulation auto detection threshold (default=26)
 - S <num> Symbol buffer size for QPSK decision point tracking (default=36)
 - M <num> Min/Max buffer size for QPSK decision point tracking (default=15)
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```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ dsdccx -help
DSDDstar::reset_header_strings
DSDDDecoder::resetFrameSync: symbol 0 (0)
Digital Speech Decoder DSDcc
```

Usage:

- dsd [options] Live scanner mode
- dsd -h Show help

Display Options:

- e Show Frame Info and errorbars (default)
- pe Show P25 encryption sync bits - not supported
- pl Show P25 link control bits - not supported
- ps Show P25 status bits and low speed data - not supported
- pt Show P25 talkgroup info - not supported
- q Don't show Frame Info/errorbars
- t Show symbol timing during sync
- v <num> Frame information Verbosity

Input/Output options:

- i <device> Audio input device (default is /dev/audio, - for piped stdin)
- o <device> Audio output device (default is /dev/audio, - for stdout)
- g <num> Audio output gain (default = 0 = auto, disable = -1)
- U <num> Audio output upsampling
 - 0: no upsampling (8k) default
 - 6: normal upsampling to 48k
 - 7: 7x upsampling to trade audio drops against bad audio quality
- n Do not send synthesized speech to audio output device
- L <filename> Log messages to file with file name <filename>. Default is stderr
 - If file name is invalid messages will go to stderr
- D <device> Use DVSI AMBE3000 based device for AMBE decoding (e.g. ThumbDV)
 - You must have compiled with serialDV support (see Readme.md)
 - Device name is the corresponding TTY USB device e.g /dev/ttyUSB0

Scanner control options:

- R <num> Resume scan after <num> TDULC frames or any PDU or TSDU

Decoder options:

-d <num> Set data rate:
0 2400 bauds
1 4800 bauds (default)
2 9800 bauds
-fa Auto-detect frame type (default)
-fr Decode only DMR/MOTOTRBO
-fd Decode only D-STAR
-fm Decode only DPMR Tier 1 or 2 (6.25 kHz)
-fy Decode only YSF
-fi Decode only NXDN48 (6.25 kHz) / IDAS* - detection only
-fn Decode only NXDN96 (12.5 kHz) - detection only
-f1 Decode only P25 Phase 1 - not supported
-fp Decode only ProVoice - not supported
-fx Decode only X2-TDMA - not supported
-T <num> TDMA slots processed:
0 none
1 slot #1 (default) use this one for FDMA
2 slot #2
3 slots #1+2 mixed
-l Disable matched filter
-pu Unmute Encrypted P25 - not supported
-u <num> Unvoiced speech quality (default=3)

pi@raspberrypi:~ \$

Usage

Using rtl_fm to listen to the Green Bay DMR repeater (442.83125) and piping that into the old or new DSD....

Old DSD:

```
rtl_fm -f 442.83125M -g 45 -s 16k | sox -t raw -r 16k -b 16 -c 1 -e signed-integer - -r 48k -t raw - |  
dspd -i - -o - | play -q -t s16 -r 8k -c 1 -
```

New DSD:

```
rtl_fm -f 442.83125M -M fm -g 100 -s 70K -r 48K -E dc - | dsdccc -fr -i - -o - -U 0 -g 50 | play -q -t  
s16 -r 8k -c 1 -
```

Observations:

There's lots of skipped/missing audio bits.

You need serialDV if you planned on just mbelib.

I get the "Error writing to output" repeatedly if not using the ambe3000 dongle.

The -D /dev/ttyUSB0 bit tells dsdcxx to use the AMBE3000 dongle:

```
rtl_fm -f 442.8312M -M fm -g 50 -s 70K -r 48K -E dc - | dsdcxx -fr -i - -o - -D /dev/ttyUSB0 -g 50 |  
aplay -f S16_LE -
```