

FLRIG Users Manual

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Chapter 1

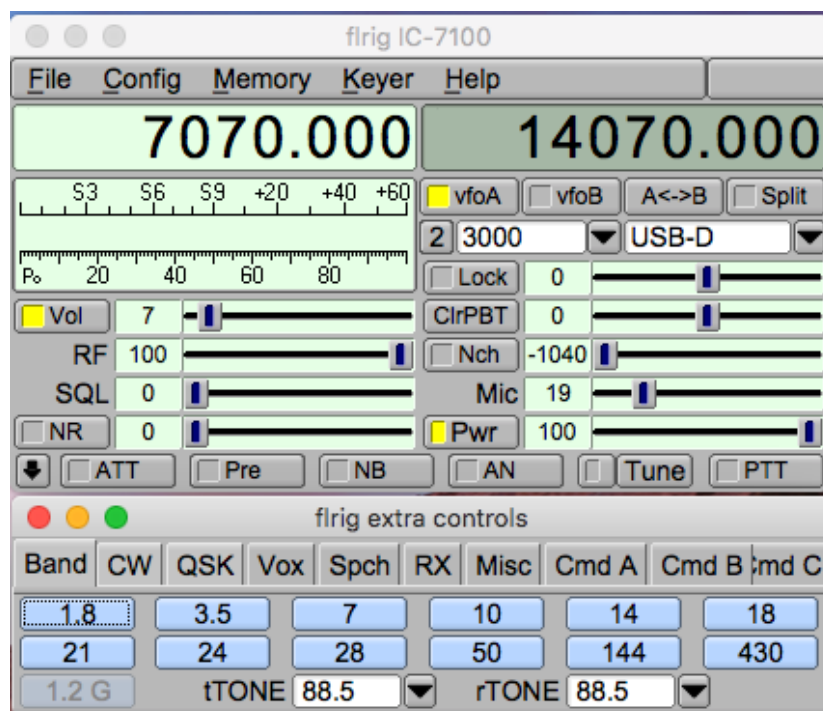
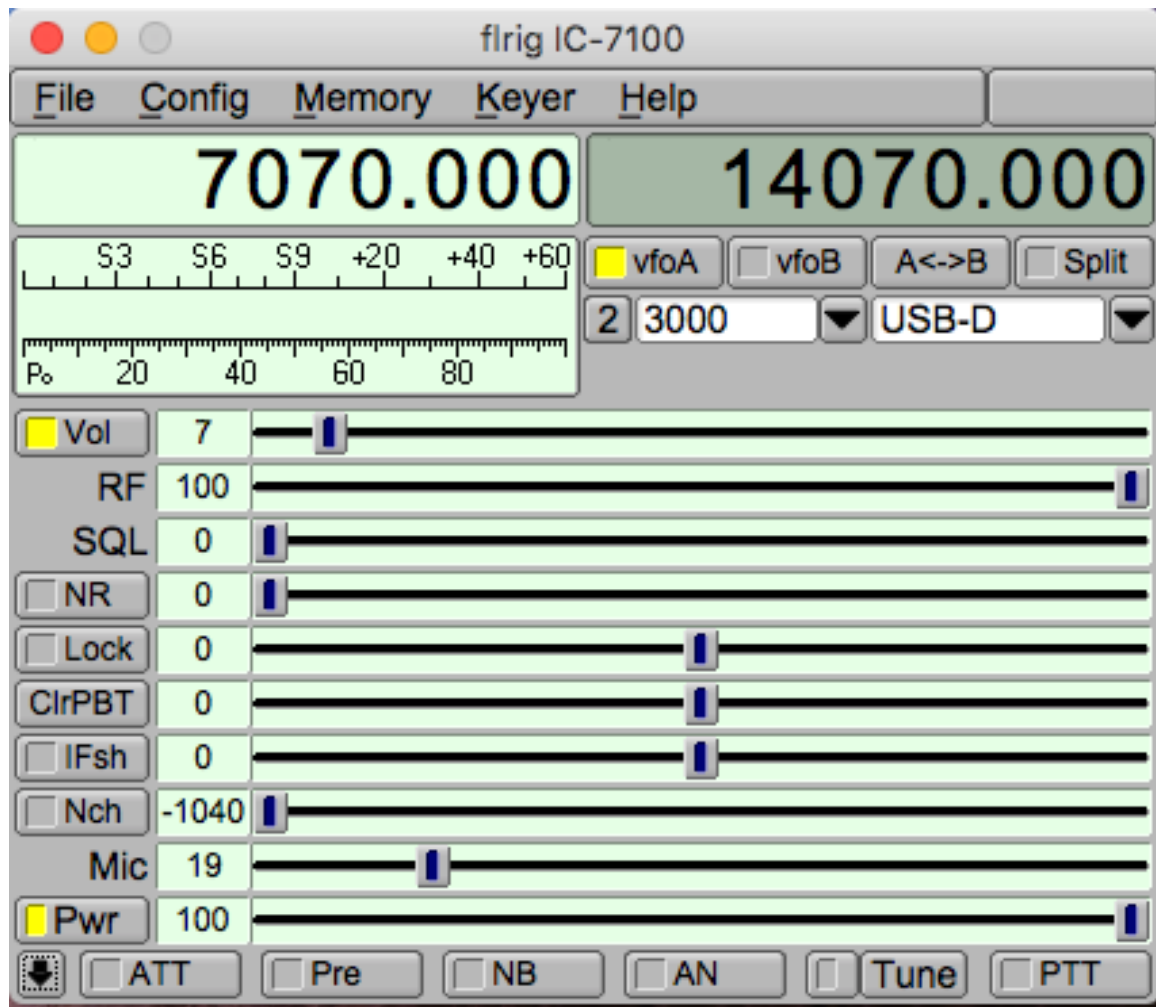
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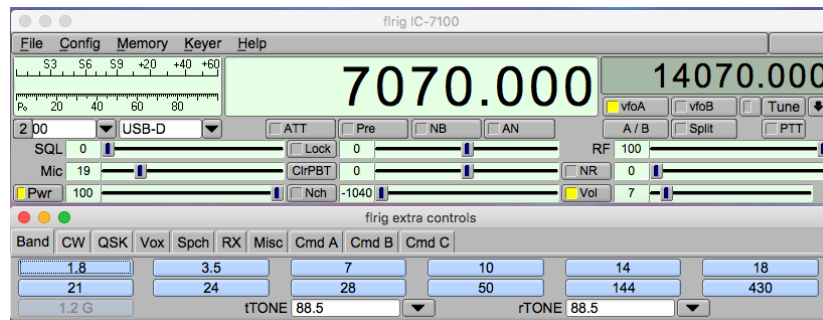


1.1 Transceiver Control

FLRIG is a transceiver control program designed to be used either stand alone or as an adjunct to FLDIGI. The supported transceivers all have some degree of CAT. The FLRIG user interface changes to accommodate the degree of CAT support available for the transceiver in use.

Three different main dialog aspect ratios can be selected to suit the computer screen dimensions and operator preferences. The wide aspect ratio can be resized horizontally. The narrow aspect ratios are fixed in width and height.





A fourth interface is available for all transceivers. It is suitable for use on a touch screen

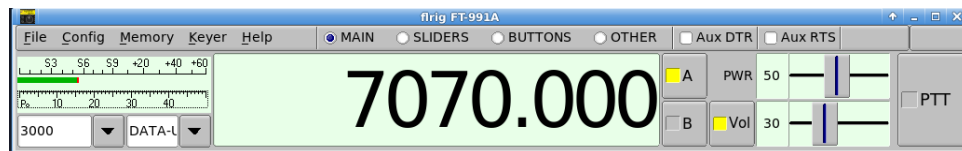


Figure 1.1 Shown at 75% of full size

The back end control code for each transceiver is unique to FLRIG. No additional libraries or definition files are required.

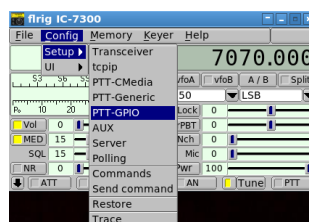
1.2 Supported Transceivers

Elecraft	Icom	Kenwood	Ten-Tec	Yaesu	Other
K2	IC-703	TS 140	TT 516	FT 100D	PCR 1000
K3	IC 706 MK IIG	TS 450	TT 535	FT-450	RAY 152
KX3	IC-718	TS 480HX	TT 538	FT-450D	
	IC 728	TS 480SAT	TT 550	FT 747GX	PowerSDR
	IC 735	TS 570	TT 563	FT 767	Flex 1500
	IC 746	TS 590S	TT 566	FT 817	
	IC 746 Pro	TS 590SG	TT 588	FT 847	Xiegu 5105
	IC 756 Pro II	TS 990	TT 599	FT 857D	Xiegu G90

Elecraft	Icom	Kenwood	Ten-Tec	Yaesu	Other
	IC 756 Pro III	TS 2000		FT 897D	
	IC 910H			FT-950	o_FDMDUO "FDM-DUO"
	IC 7000			FT-991	
	IC 7100			FT-991A	o_TX500 "TX500"
	IC 7200			FT-1000MP	
	IC 7300			FT 2000	
	IC 7410			FTdx1200	
	IC 7600			FTdx3000	
	IC 7610			FTdx3000	
	IC 7700			FTdx9000	
	IC 7610				
	IC 7700				
	IC 7851				
	IC 9100				
	IC 9700				
	IC F8101				

1.3 Setup

Select the transceiver with the "Config / Setup / Transceiver" menu item.



Each of the menu items will open the configuration dialog to the respective tab:

- **Transceiver** - select transceiver and configure serial i/o parameters
- **tcpip** - configure interface to a remote tcpip/serial controlled transceiver
- **PTT** - configure PTT
- **AUX** - configure separate auxiliary serial ports (if used)
- **Polling** - select and configure transceiver parameters to poll
- **Trace** - select and display program execution paths
- **Restore** - select and configure transceiver parameters to read and restore

1.3.1 Xcvr Select

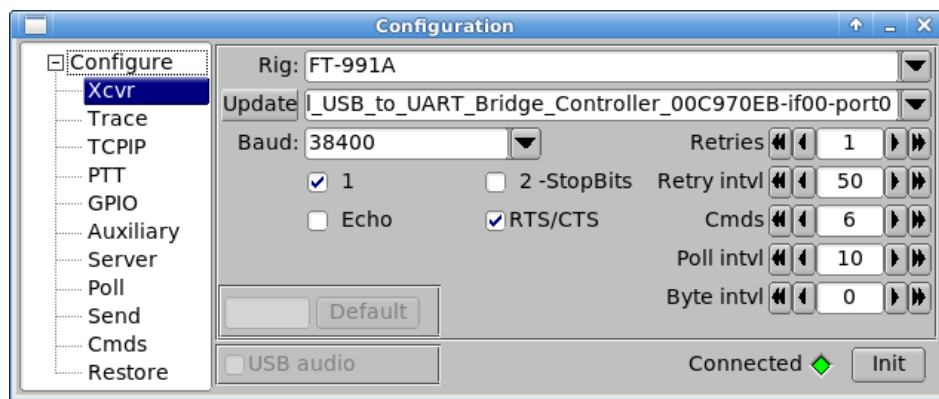


Figure 1.2 I/O Ports - Xcvr

Select the rig in use from the "Rig" combo box.

The default values associated with that transceiver will be preset for you. These have been verified by the test team but might require some tweaking for your particular h/w.

1.3.2 Configure PTT

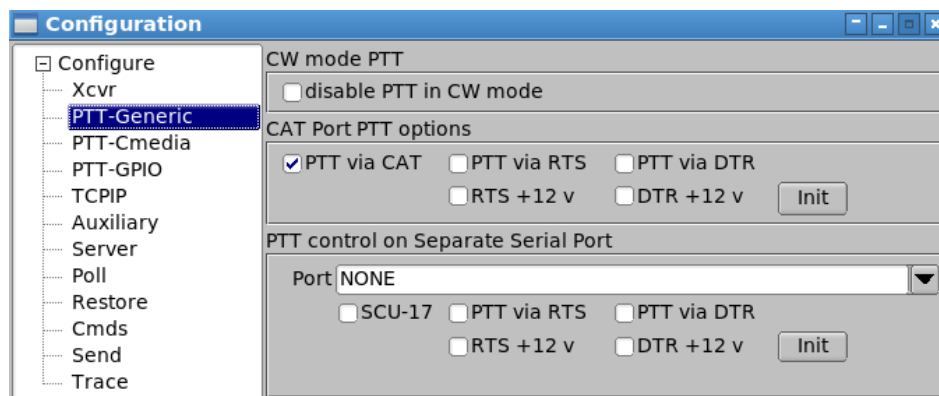


Figure 1.3 I/O Ports - PTT

Select CAT PTT if your transceiver supports a CAT command for PTT on/off. This control will default to checked if CAT PTT is supported.

You may prefer to use h/w PTT signaling instead of CAT PTT. The h/w PTT may be shared with the CAT serial port. Note that both RTS/CTS handshake and RTS PTT cannot both be used on a single serial port.

If your serial connection is a CI-V device you might need to check "Echo" and also set either RTS or DTR to +12 if CI-V power is derived from the serial port.

Your PTT h/w control may also make use of a second serial port. If that port is the secondary serial port of the SCU-17 then you must also enable the "Serial Port is SCU-17 auxiliary" control.

1.3.3 Configure CMEDIA PTT

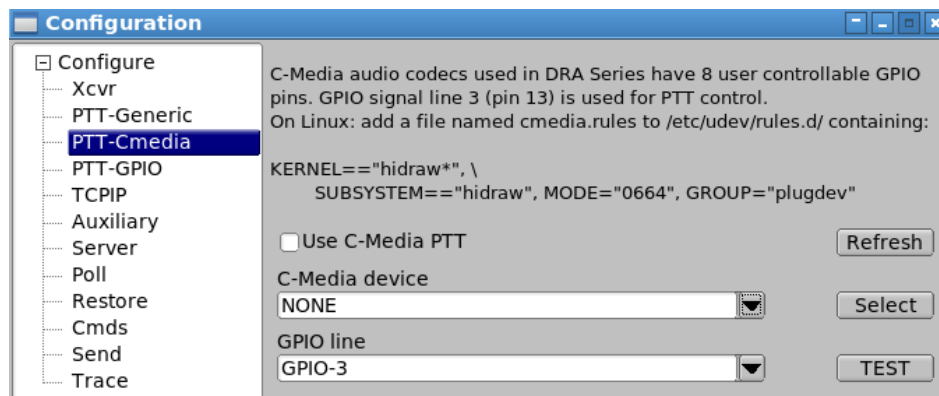


Figure 1.4 Cmedia PTT control

Cmedia audio codec chips are used in a number of inexpensive USB audio thumbnail devices.

It is also used in the DRA@ series of sound card adapters. The DRA is a radio optimized sound card used to connect a two-way radio to a computer for digital communications. The DRA-Series digital radio adapter is used for Packet Radio or other digital programs and applications like VARA-FM, VARA-HF, SoundModem or fldigi.

All RA Series radio adapters include GPIO support. The Cmedia device supports 4 unbuffered input/output lines, GPIO-1 ... GPIO4. GPIO-3 is used to drive a fully buffered and deadman protected PTT circuit. All DRA Series radio adapters include a Heartbeat Monitor. When the Cmedia device is reading or writing audio data, the HeartBeat status LED (HB) flashing. If everything is okay, (HB LED is flashing) a Blue LED called "COMM OK" illuminates. If the HB LED stops flashing because the radio adapter or the computer/appliance has failed, or the software has stopped reading or writing audio data, the Blue COMM OK LED goes out. The Blue LED indicates the health status of the system, and illuminates when everything is okay.

The PTT line on any DRA Series radio adapter is interrupted with the failure of this health status. This function will kill the PTT line the audio stream is interrupted. This will occur if fldigi and similar modem program is not reading/writing audio data.

The circuitry was designed to operate correctly no matter if the Heartbeat has stuck in the on or off state.

The PTT type, the device and the GPIO line must be selected. If multiple C-Media devices are discovered they will enumerate as C-Media-A, C-Media-B, etc.

You must test the selected interface as it is not possible to know which is the correct one for the DRA interface. Pressing the TEST button will cause the PTT line to rapidly toggle for a period of 2 seconds. This will cause the RED PTT led to flash and the transceiver PTT to toggle on and off.

1.3.4 Use Pi GPIO PTT

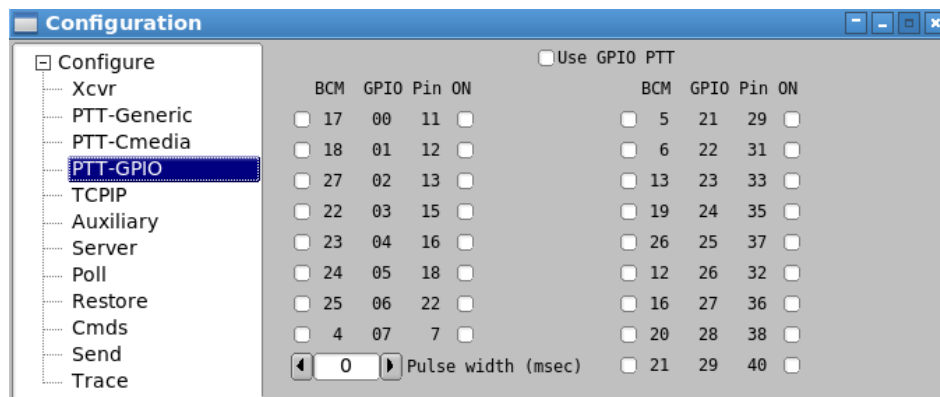


Figure 1.5 GPIO PTT control

The Pi series of miniature computers offer a large array of possibilities for controlling devices. It has a array of General Purpose Input Output, gpio, lines of a 40 pin in-line header. 17 of these gpio lines can be used for things like push-to-talk. There are several add on boards for the Pi3 and Pi4, such as the NW Digital Radio UDRC-II, that has a full interface for digital operations, including PTT and audio codecs.

Access to hardware ports is always limited to the user who either is root or has root privileges. `setuid` and `setgid` (short for set user ID upon execution, and set group ID upon execution, respectively) are Linux access rights flags that allow users to run an executable with the permissions of the executable's owner or group respectively and to change behaviour in directories. They are often used to allow users on a computer system to run programs with temporarily elevated privileges in order to perform a specific task. While the assumed user id or group id privileges provided are not always elevated, at a minimum they are specific.

It is possible to give full gpio access and control privileges by elevating flrig with `setuid root`. But this is not advisable as flrig is also granted access to both serial and network services. There is a way to provide the access via a second program that does have the elevated privilege

This is a copy of material at

<https://projects.drogon.net/raspberry-pi/wiringpi/download-and-install/>

for installing WiringPi which includes a really nice utility called `gpio`.

To obtain WiringPi using GIT:

```
$ git clone git://git.drogon.net/wiringPi
```

If you have already used the clone operation for the first time, then

```
$ cd wiringPi
$ git pull origin
```

Will fetch an updated version then you can re-run the build script below.

To build/install there is a simplified script:

```
$ cd wiringPi
$ ./build
```

The build script will compile and install it all for you. It does use the sudo command at one point, so you may wish to inspect the script before running it.

Test wiringPi's installation

run the gpio command to check the installation:

```
$ gpio -v
$ gpio readall
```

That should give you some confidence that it's working OK.

WiringPi is released under the GNU Lesser Public License version 3.

flrig uses the gpio program for initializing the gpio port, which also happens to change the privilege of the temporary sys file for setting the port state.

Read the man document for gpio

GPIO is a swiss army knife of a command line tool to allow the user easy access to the GPIO pins on the Raspberry Pi and the SPI A/D and D/A converters on the Gertboard. It's designed for simple testing and diagnostic purposes, but can be used in shell scripts for general if somewhat slow control of the GPIO pins.

It can also control the IO's on the PiFace IO board and load the SPI and I2C kernel modules if required.

Additionally, it can be used to set the exports in the /sys/class/gpio system directory to allow subsequent programs to use the /sys/class/gpio interface without needing to be run as root."

After installing gpio on your Pi you can set the gpio port on flrig's GPIO configuration tab. The UDRC-II for example uses pin 16, BCM # 23, for push to talk. It has an LED indicator on the board to show when PTT has been enabled. For this board you select "BCM 23" and select the corresponding "= 1 (on)" check box.

During start up flrig uses the gpio program to set up the gpio pins with the command

```
$ gpio export NN out
```

This is the command to export a GPIO pin in the /sys/class/gpio directory. Note that the pin number is the BCM_↔ GPIO number. 'out' sets the pin to be an output control, and 'in' an input control.

Once a GPIO pin has been exported, the gpio program changes the ownership of the

```
/sys/class/gpioX/value
```

and if present in later kernels, the

```
/sys/class/gpio/gpioX/edge
```

pseudo files to that of the user running the gpio program. This means that you can have a small script of gpio exports to setup the gpio pins as your program requires without the need to run anything as root, or with the sudo command.

During shutdown flog uses the gpio program to disable access to the gpio pins used with PTT by invoking the command

```
gpio unexport NN.
```

You can check that this is working correctly from a terminal window using the command

```
$ gpio readall
```

1.3.5 Configure auxiliary ports

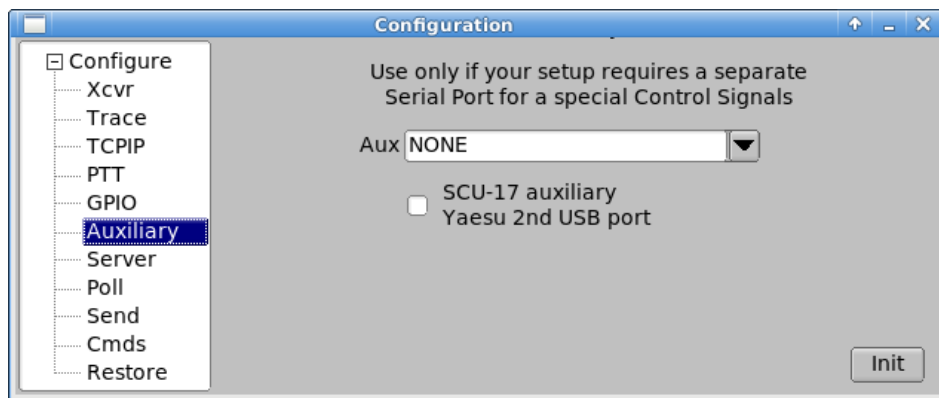


Figure 1.6 I/O Ports - Aux

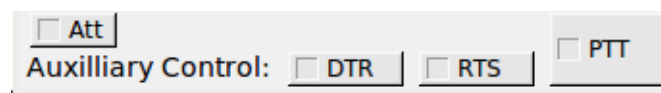


Figure 1.7 Aux Controls

You might also need access to special h/w functions. FLRIG provides this via the DTR and RTS signal lines of an independent serial port. Additional main dialog controls are enabled and shown if you select anything other than NONE (the default). Enable the "Serial Port is SCU-17 auxiliary" if you are using the SCU-17 secondary serial port.

1.3.6 Configure Polling

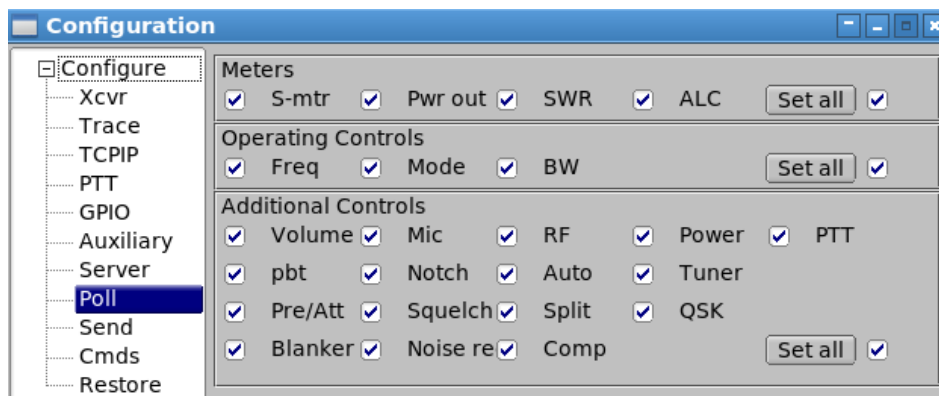


Figure 1.8 I/O Ports - Polling

Providing your transceiver supports the various meters and controls, you can elect to poll these every time the poll cycle occurs. Polling a value causes FLRIG to follow and well as control a particular transceiver function or control. The polling cycle will slow down as you elect to poll more and more values.

1.3.7 Send Command String

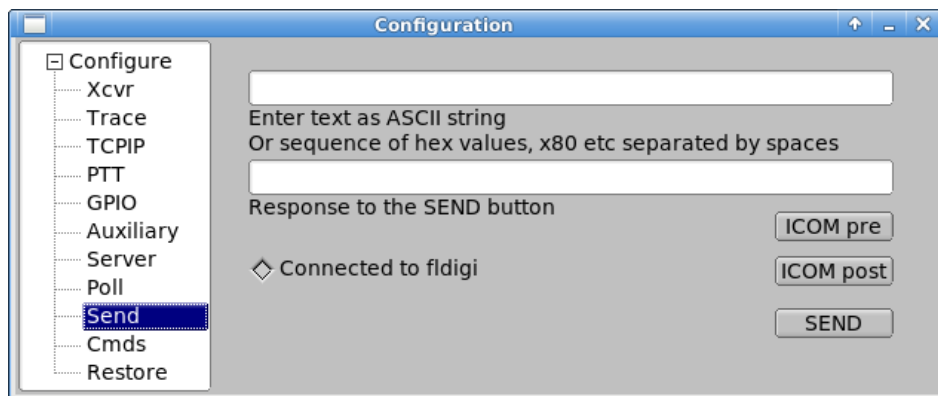


Figure 1.9 I/O Ports - Sending

Testing your transceiver commands. FLRIG might not support a particular CAT command for your transceiver. You can test the support for a particular command using the "Send Cmd" tab. The command string must comply with the transceiver requirements. If ASCII text is used, as with transceivers based on the Kenwood command set you enter the string without spaces, i.e.

FA;

to read the A vfo .

For binary strings, used in older Yaesu transceivers, and all Icom CI-V type transceivers you need to enter the string as space delineated hex values, i.e.

Yaesu: x00 x00 x00 x01 x05

Icom: xFE xFE x70 xE0 x1A x05 x00 x92 x00 xFD

The buttons "ICOM pre" and "ICOM post" will insert the preamble and postamble hex code sequences for the selected Icom transceiver.

Press the SEND button to transfer the command to the transceiver. The response will appear in the lower text control.

The diamond indicators will be lit for transceiver and fldigi connections respectively.

1.3.8 Configure Command Tracing

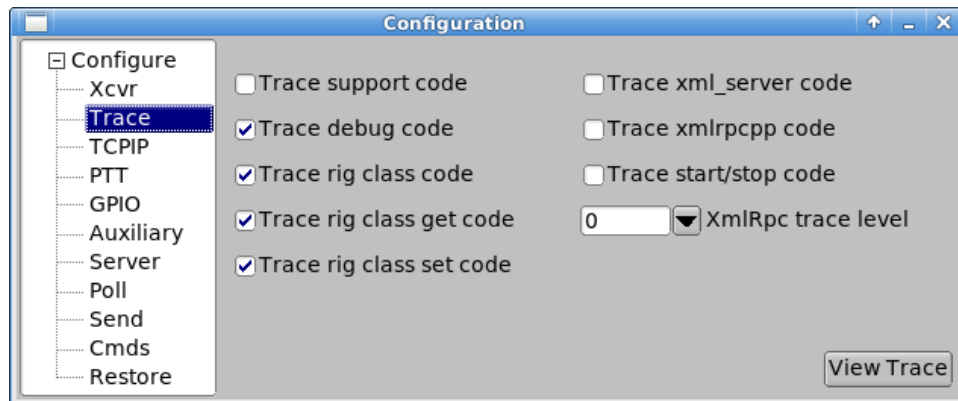


Figure 1.10 Configure code execution trace

Several debugging tools are available in flrig, including the ability to observe code execution in various parts of the program. The trace tool sends time annotated data to both a viewing dialog and a file named "trace.txt" which is written to the flrig files folder.

- Trace support code - main processing loop execution points
- Trace debug code - replicate the event log debugging output
- Trace rig class code - execution points within a specific transceiver class (not for all)
- Trace xml_server code - execution points within the xmlrpc interface code for i/o to/from fldigi
- Trace xmlrpcpp code - sent and received xmlrpc data packets
six levels of detail 0 ... 5 can be specified

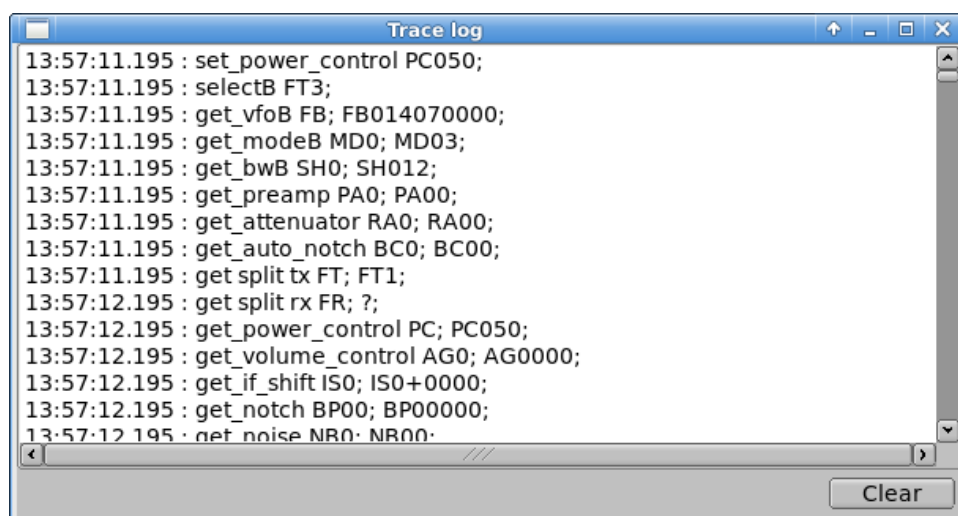


Figure 1.11 Example showing support code trace

1.3.9 Configure Read/Restore Xcvr Settings

flrig will read various transceiver parameters and restore them upon closing. The next image shows the available read/restore parameters for the Icom 7200. If a parameter is not available (or coded) it will be disabled and grayed out. Check each parameter that you want to read and restore. Reading and restoring transceiver parameters takes time, especially on older transceivers with low baud rate serial i/o. Check "Use xcvr data" if you want flrig to NOT change the transceiver operating state when it begins execution.

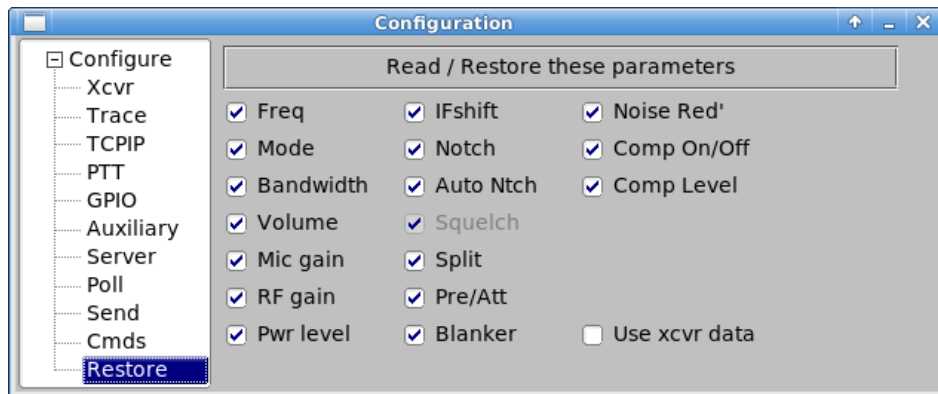


Figure 1.12 Restoring transceiver Status

1.3.10 Configure XmlRpc Server

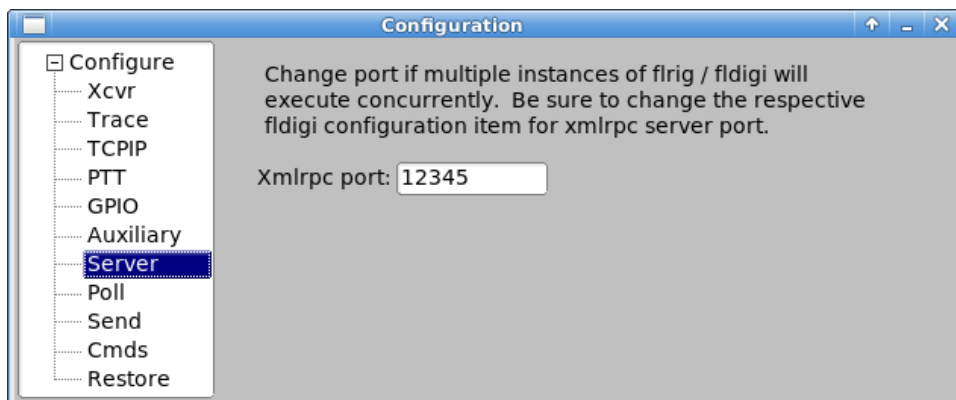
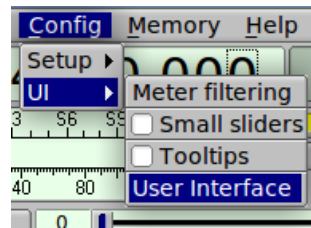


Figure 1.13 Configure server

flrig accepts remote control via an XmlRpc socket interface. fldigi uses this access method for reading and writing transceiver parameters via flrig. WSJT-X and several other third party programs also use this method. See [flrig XmlRpc Command Structures](#).

1.3.11 User Interface



1.3.12 Meter Display and Filters

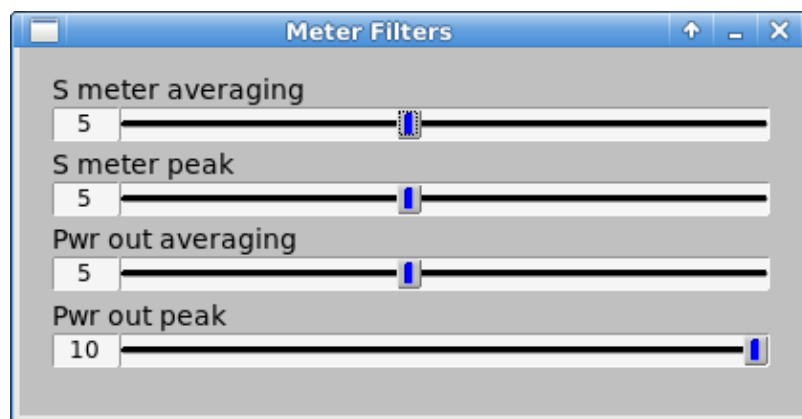


Figure 1.14 Meter Filter Controls

You can control the behavior of both the average and peak values of the S-meter and Power out meters. Setting the controls to 1 for both average and peak will simply display the latest value available from the transceiver. The average setting results in the display showing the average of the last N readings. The peak value will display the average peak value over the last M readings.

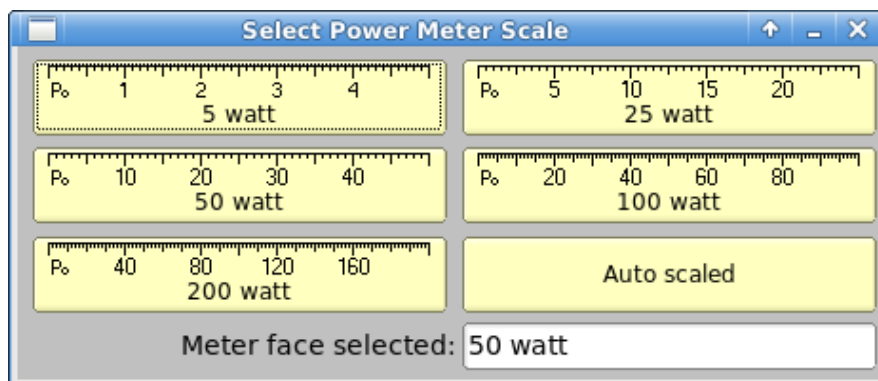


Figure 1.15 Meter Scale

Right click on the main dialog power meter scale to open up this selection dialog. Each of the 4 scales and the "Auto scaled" box are buttons. Press the one you want to use. Auto-scaling adjusts the meter scale to the smallest scale consistent with the current measured peak power. If that power is fluctuating near the transition point between two scales you might want to fix the scale to either the larger or smaller.

1.3.13 Slider sizing

When the user interface is configured to be "small" then the UI submenu will contain the item "Small sliders". Toggling this menu item will immediately change the size and positions of the various slider controls. Select the toggle button "Small sliders" on the Config menu for 1/2 size sliders and a dialog layout that uses less vertical space.

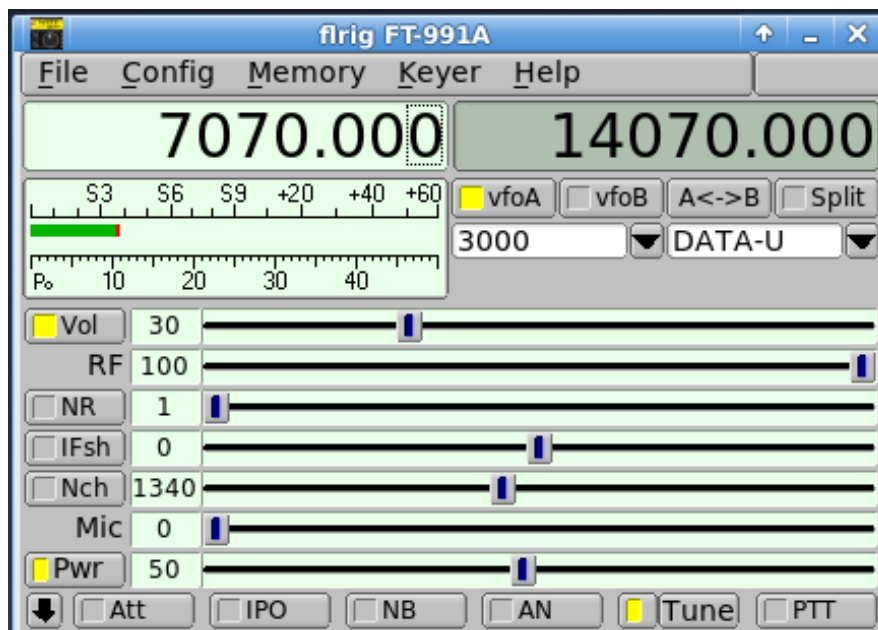


Figure 1.16 Small UI - Large Sliders

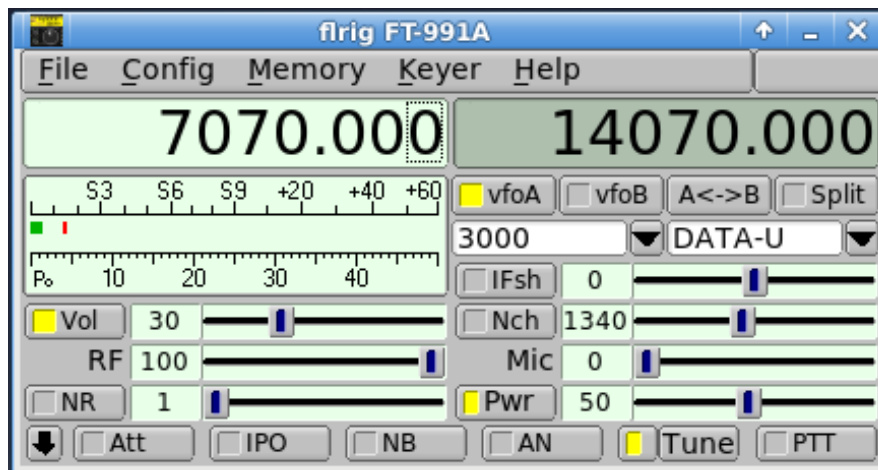
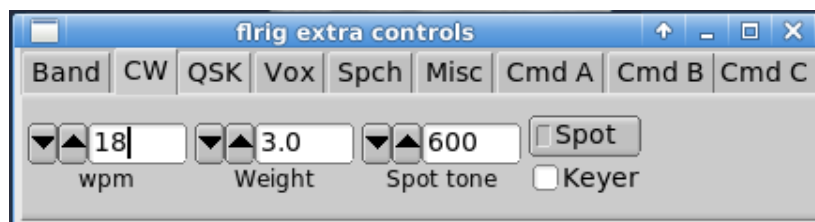
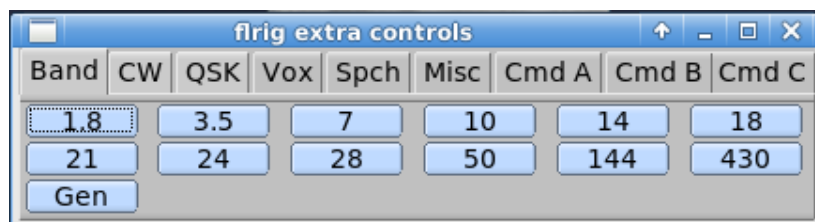
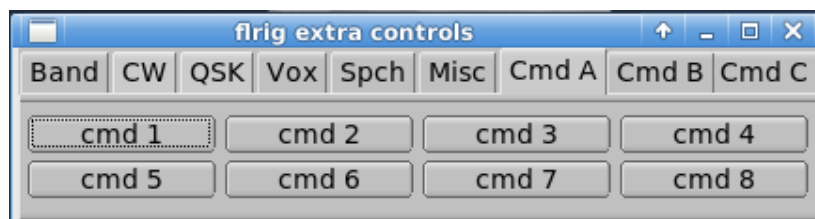
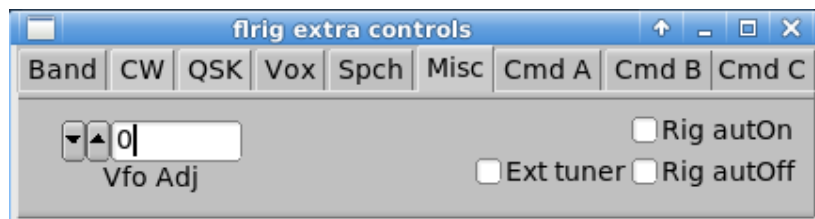
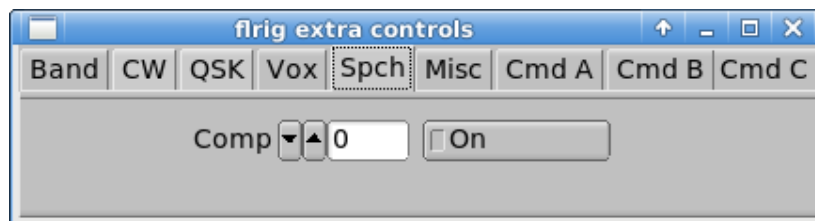
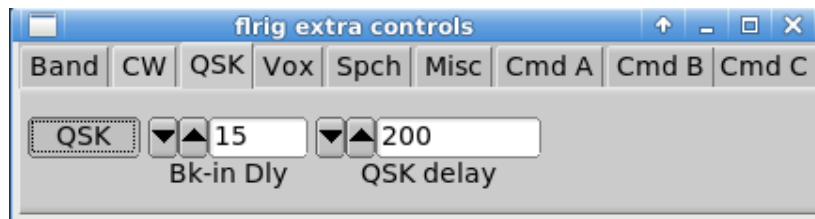


Figure 1.17 Small UI - Small Sliders

1.3.14 Additional Controls

Additional control settings may be available depending on the transceiver being controlled. These are in a drop-down area toggled by the arrow button to the left of the attenuator button on the small aspect ratio dialog view. These are the controls for the Yeasu FT991A.





Select the User Interface menu item to configure various user preferences including [Configuring Fonts and Colors](#).

1.4 Operating Controls



Figure 1.18 Frequency Control

The frequency display is also a control. Each numeric is sensitive to the mouse left/right buttons for up/down and to the mouse scroll wheel for rapidly changing value. Click on upper half of the digit to increase frequency, and the lower half of the digit to decrease the frequency. Put the mouse over any of the numeric segments and you can enter a new frequency using the keyboard numeric keypad. If you make an error simply enter a non-numeric key. Set the newly entered frequency by pressing the Enter key.

To paste a frequency from the clipboard (kHz only), press control-V followed by the Enter key

Vfo-A and Vfo-B are separate controls, A on the left, B on the right.

Left click on the A->B button to swap vfos. Right click on the A->B button to transfer vfoA to vfoB.

When the mouse pointer is over the frequency display you can also change frequency values using the arrow and page key buttons:

- left / right arrow - increase / decrease 1 Hz
- up / down arrow - increase / decrease 10 Hz
- Page Up / Page Down - increase / decrease 100 Hz

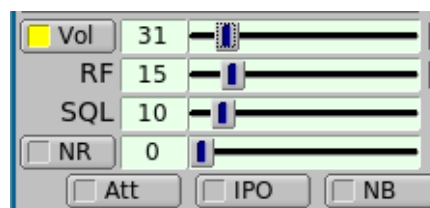


Figure 1.19 Control Sliders

The buttons that have a light box are toggles - activated when the lighted box is colored. Some of these are linked to a slider. If the button state is inactive then that associated slider will be greyed out. In the example the volume control is active and the NR control is inactive.

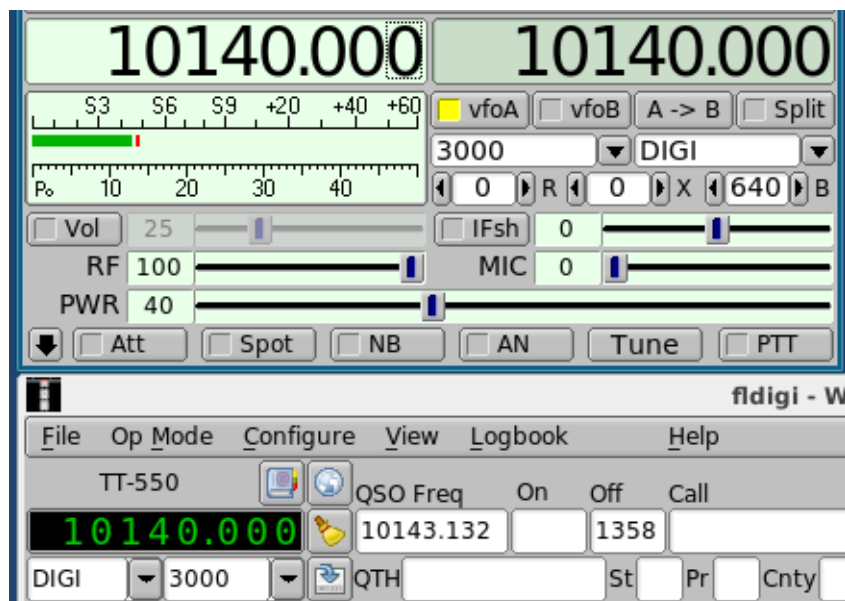


Figure 1.20 FLRIG/FLDIGI

Operating FLRIG with FLDIGI requires a simple setup in FLDIGI. Deselect all but the "xmlrpc" rig control. Xmlrpc is used via a local socket device for the two programs to communicate. FLDIGI acts as the server and FLRIG the client. There is no requirement for start / stop ordering of the programs.

FLRIG sends rig configuration data to FLDIGI when the two programs initially recognize each other. This data is used to populate the rig name, the available modes and the available bandwidths.

After this initial communications the operator can set the paired controls from either FLDIGI or FLRIG. The two programs will remain synchronized. The data from the computer to the transceiver is always from FLRIG.

PTT can be activated at FLRIG or using the T/R button on FLDIGI. FLDIGI also engages the PTT via the macro <TX> <RX> tags. When operating digital modes with FLDIGI you should use the PTT from FLDIGI.

1.5 Configuration/Data files

Configuration and data files used by flrig consist of the following:

OS	Folder	File	Usage
Windows XP	c:\Documents and Settings\user-name\flrig.files	flrig.prefs	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port
Windows XP	c:\Documents and Settings\user-name\flrig.files	IC-7100.prefs (1)(2)	IC-7100 specific configuration items
Windows XP	c:\Documents and Settings\user-name\flrig.files	IC-7100.mat (1)(2)	IC-7100 specific memory file
Windows 7/8/10	c:\Users\user-name\flrig.files	flrig.prefs	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port

OS	Folder	File	Usage
Windows 7/8/10	c:\Users\user-name\flrig.files	IC-7100.prefs (1)(2)	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port
Windows 7/8/10	c:\Users\user-name\flrig.files	IC-7100.mat (1)(2)	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port
Linux/Unix/OS-X	\$HOME/.flrig	flrig.prefs	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port
Linux/Unix/OS-X	\$HOME/.flrig	IC-7100.prefs (1)(2)	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port
Linux/Unix/OS-X	\$HOME/.flrig	IC-7100.mat (1)(2)	names transceiver file & xmlrpc port

(1) Several TRANSCEIVER.prefs and mat files may be in the folder. Each specific to the configured transceiver

(2) Files such as IC-7100.prefs.1, IC-7100.mat.1, up to a prefix of 5 may appear in the folder. These are aged files, with the oldest file having the largest prefix value. The mat files are only created if the user actually saved items to memory.

Transceiver Prefs details are shown in this file: [flrig prefs file contents](#).

The file is human readable. Editing the file is not recommended.

1.5.1 Memory File

Operating frequency, mode, and bandwidth can be saved to a memory file. Save the current values to the memory file using the "Memory / Save" menu item. Open the memory manager using the "Memory / Manage" menu item

Add ▶	Frequency	BW	Mode	Comments
Pick ◀	7020.000	300	CW-U	40 CW
Del ✕	7070.000	3000	DATA-U	PSK sub band
Clr ■	7089.000	3000	DATA-U	Feld Hell net
Font				
Close				
Tag: Feld Hell net				

The "Add", "Pick", "Del" and "Clr" buttons operate as labeled.

Left click on a line to enable modifying the Tag line for that entry. Terminate the tag entry with the "Enter" key.

The contents of a typical transceiver .mat file contains:

```
020000 2 5 "40 CW"
7070000 11 16 "PSK sub band"
7089000 11 16 "Feld Hell net"
```

Each line contains a frequency (Hz), Mode Nr., Bandwidth Nr., and "text tag"

The file is human readable. Editing the file is not recommended.

1.5.2 Event Log

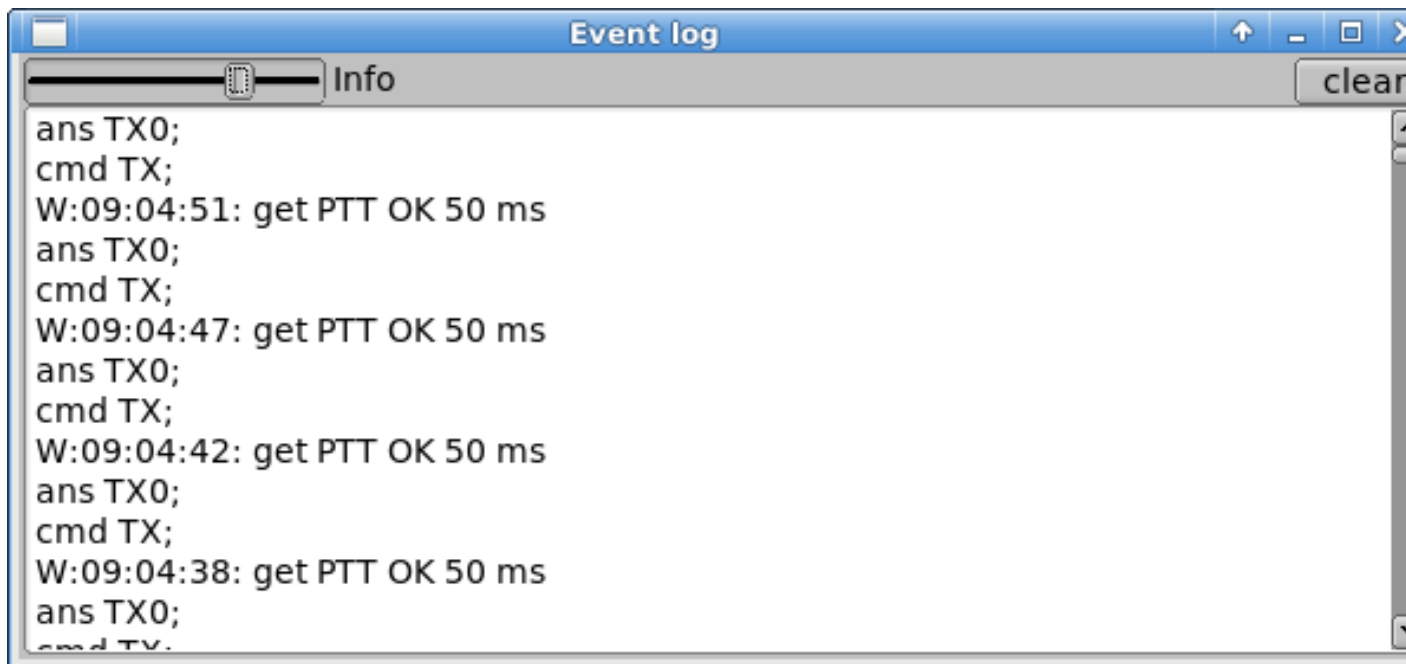


Figure 1.21 Event Log

The event log is opened from the "Debug" menu. It allows you to view the serial and xmlrpc data exchanges between FLRIG, FLDIGI, xmlrpc transactions, and the transceiver.

1.6 Controlling Multiple Transceivers

You can have multiple instances of flrig running, each controlling a separate and unique transceiver. Doing this requires a separate configuration folder for each target transceiver. Either start flrig from a command line or copy the desktop launch icon and then modify it's "target" executable. In either case you will be adding a command line parameter

```
--config-dir <target-dir>
```

Note the double dash. The <target-dir> will be unique to each supported transceiver, for example: "C:\Users\<user-name>\flrig.ic7200" on Win-10, "/home/<user>/flrig.ic7200" on Linux or OS X. You will have to configure each instance with the correct interface parameters.



1.7 Transceiver How-To

1.7.1 FT 991A

[FT-991A How-to](#)

1.7.2 IC 7100

[IC-7100 How-to](#)

1.7.3 IC 7300

[IC-7300 How-to](#)

1.7.4 IC 7600

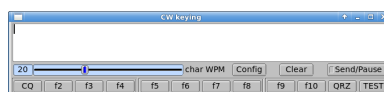
[IC-7600 How-to](#)

1.7.5 TT 550

The TenTec Pegasus, TT-550 is a computer only transceiver. FLRIG controls all aspects of this transceiver.
[TT550 - Pegasus Operating instructions](#)

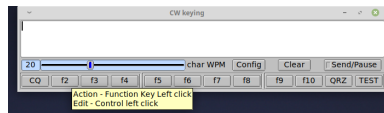
1.8 CW Keyer

Open the keyer dialog with the main dialog menu item "Keyer"

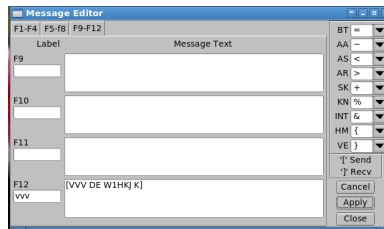


- WPM slider selects the keyer speed
- Clear - clears the text in the transmit buffer
- transmit text will marquee to the left as each character is transmitted
- Send/Pause button toggles sending text.
- macro buttons / function keys load transmit buffer with canned message
- the transmit text buffer must have keyboard focus for character entry. left click on the entry area to gain keyboard focus.

Tip for the function / macro buttons:



Control-left-click opens:

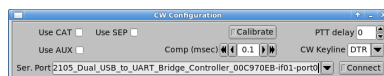


A CQ macro with start/stop (ptt enable/disable):

```
[CQ CQ DE W1HKJ K]
```

Prosign characters can be configured by the user. The macros and prosign assignments are save in the transceiver prefs file.

Config opens:



The DTR/RTS port can be either

- shared with the CAT port
- shared with the SEP port
- shared with the AUX port
- a unique serial port configured on this dialog
- select either DTR or RTS for the keyline as required by h/w
- Calibrate button sends standard "PARIS " word, WPM times. Program measures actual time to transmit and sets compensation value. Comp(msec) can be adjusted by user.

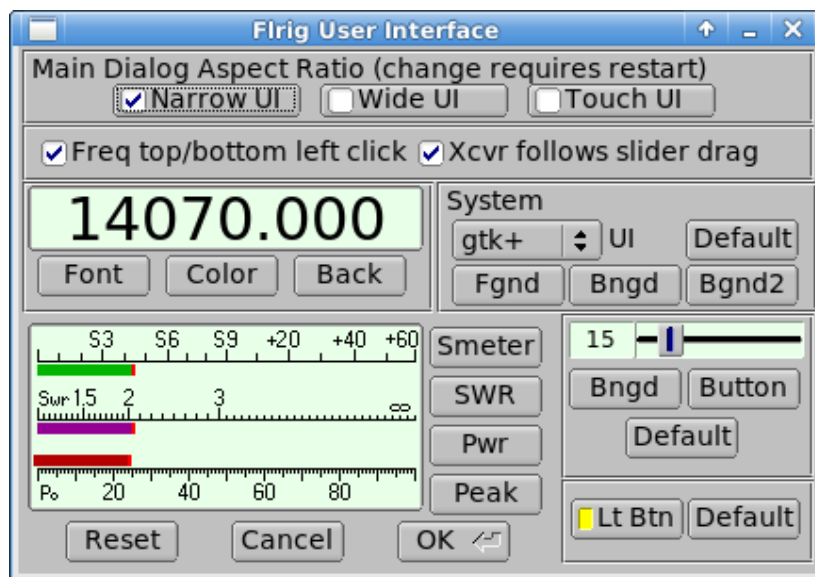
PTT delay is in milliseconds. Enter a non-zero value to enable a delay between the PTT-on and the first CW keyline closure. The same delay will be applied to the last CW keyline closure and PTT-off.

[CW Keyer Interface](#)

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Chapter 2

Configuring Fonts and Colors



You can change many of the colors and fonts used in FLDIGI to suit your operating style. Those shown at the left are the defaults.

You can use the color dialog to set the colors, or if you understand the RGB color system you may directly edit the prefs file associated with the transceiver you are using. The prefs file is located in the FLRIG folder.

On linux and OS X this folder is

```
$HOME/.FLDIGI
```

On Vista / Win7,

```
C:\Users\<usr>\FLRIG.files
```

The prefs file for the TT-550 Pegasus would be TT-550.prefs.

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Chapter 3

Supported Elecraft Transceivers

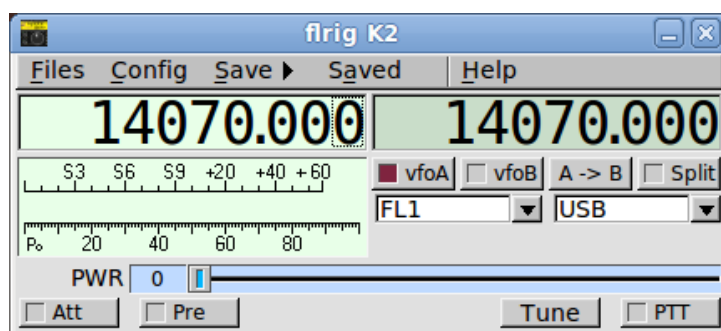


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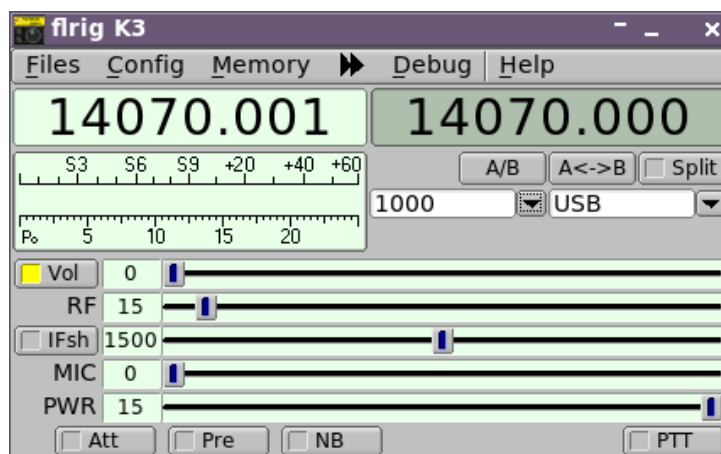


Figure 3.2 K3/KX3

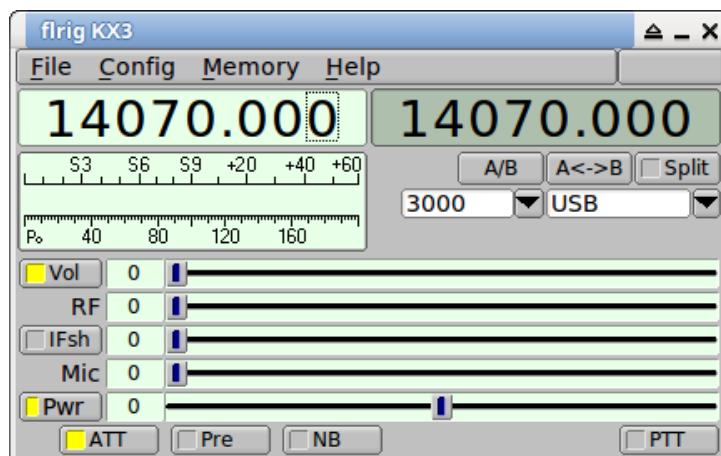


Figure 3.3 K3/KX3

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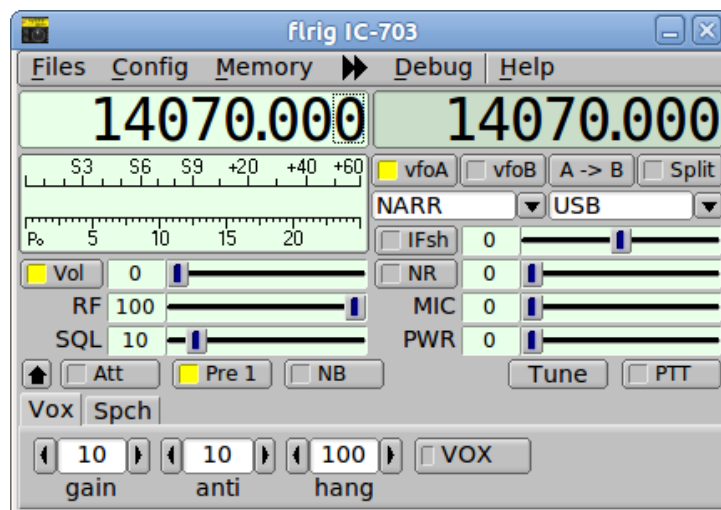


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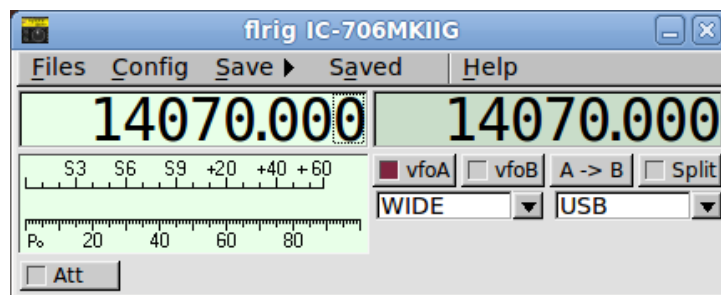


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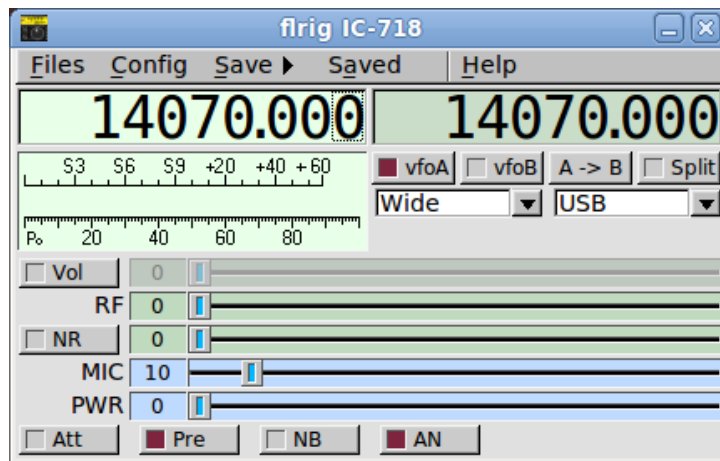


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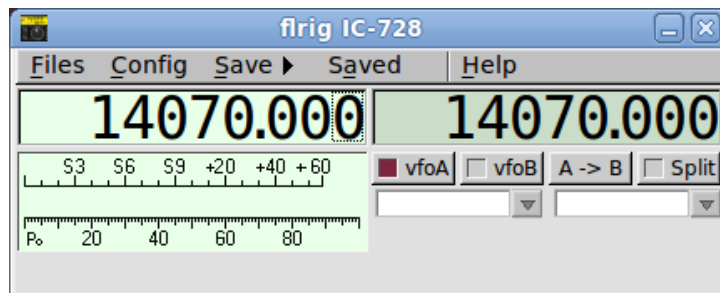


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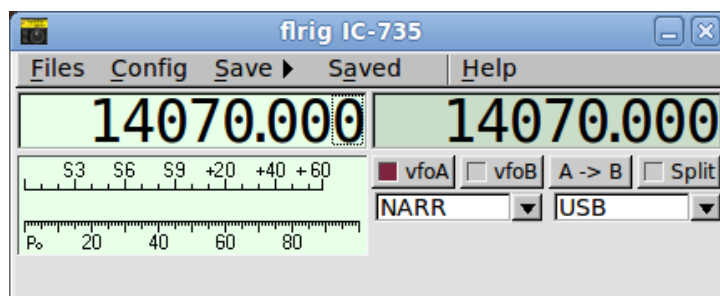


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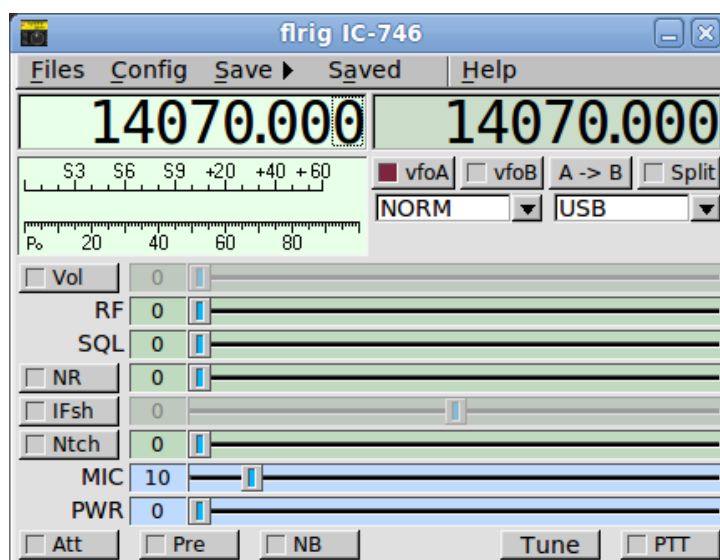


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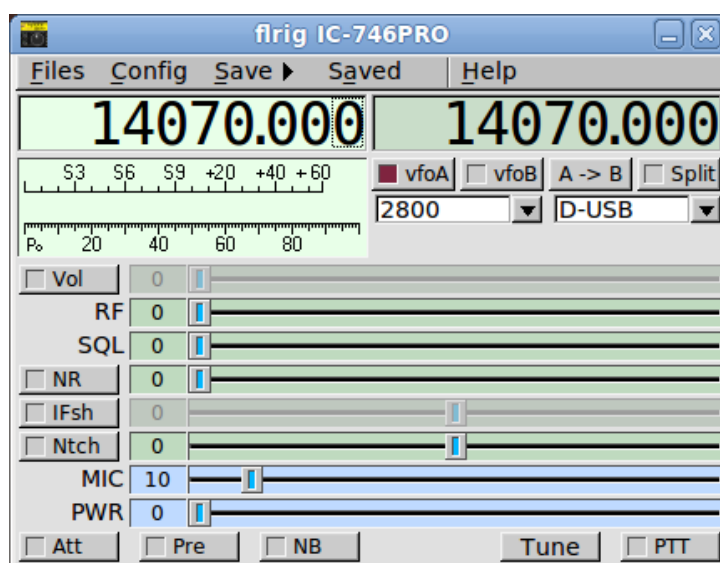


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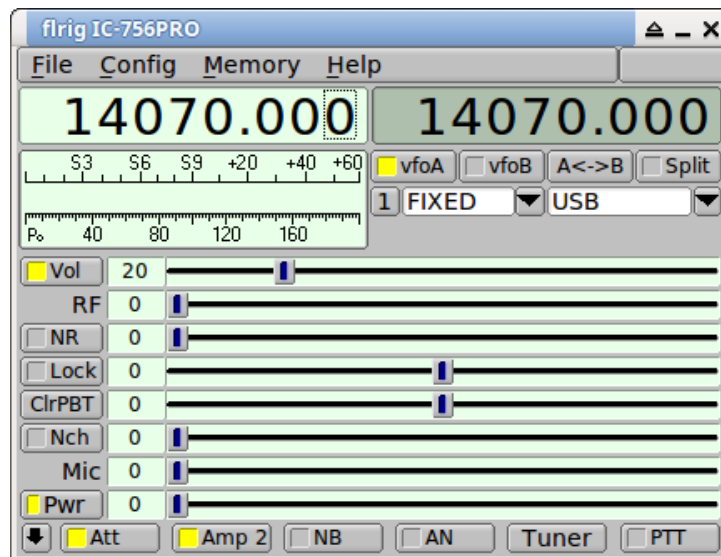


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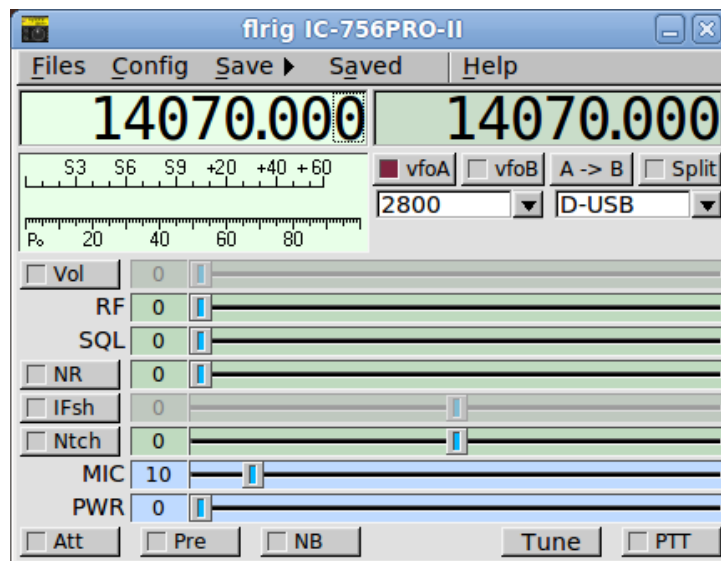


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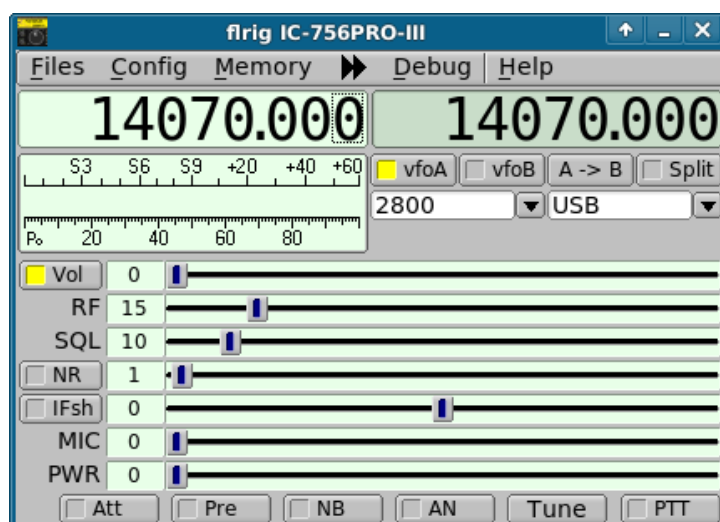


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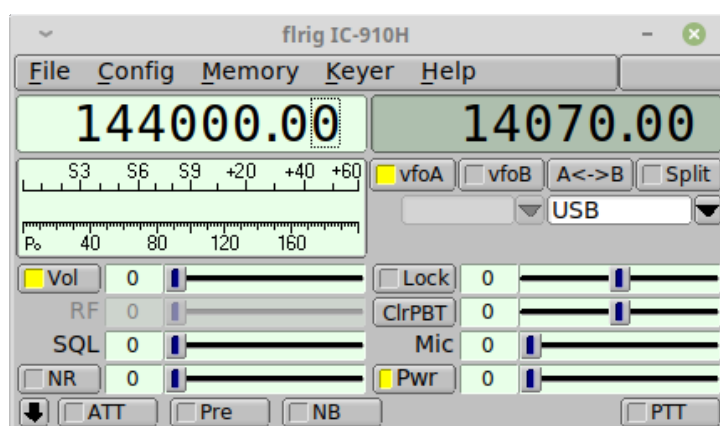


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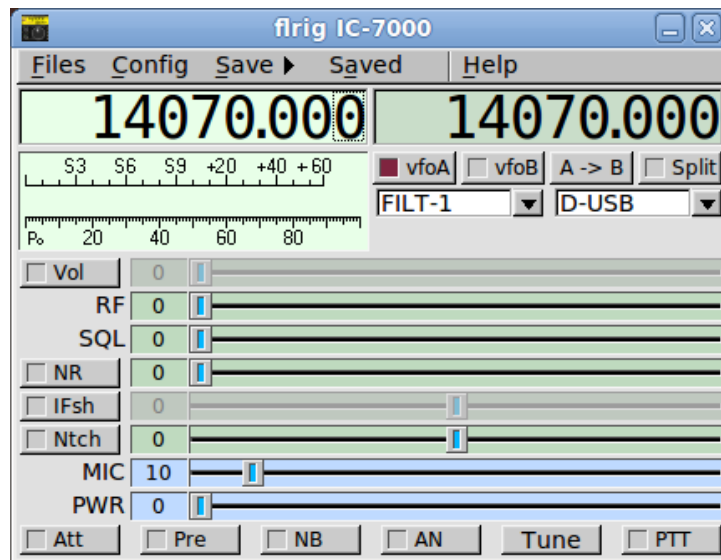


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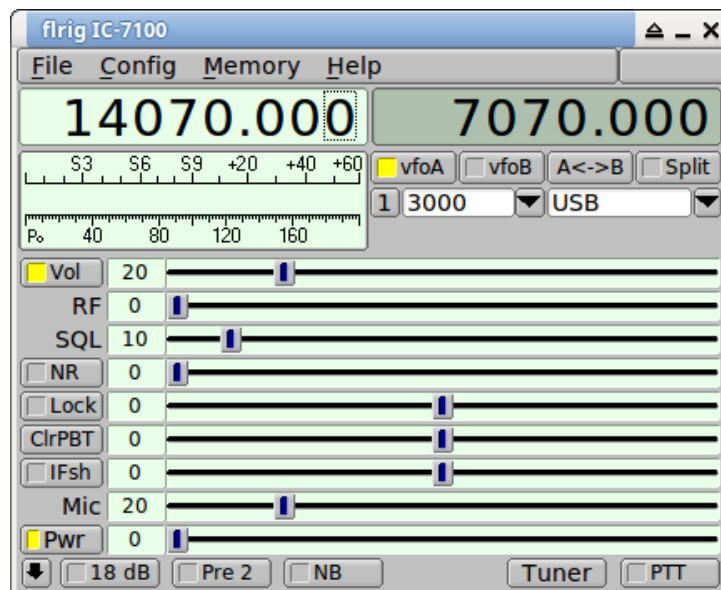


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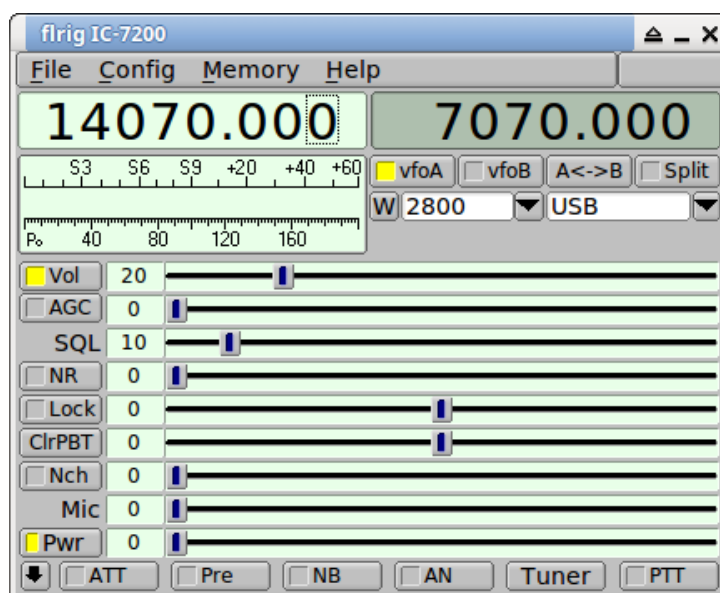


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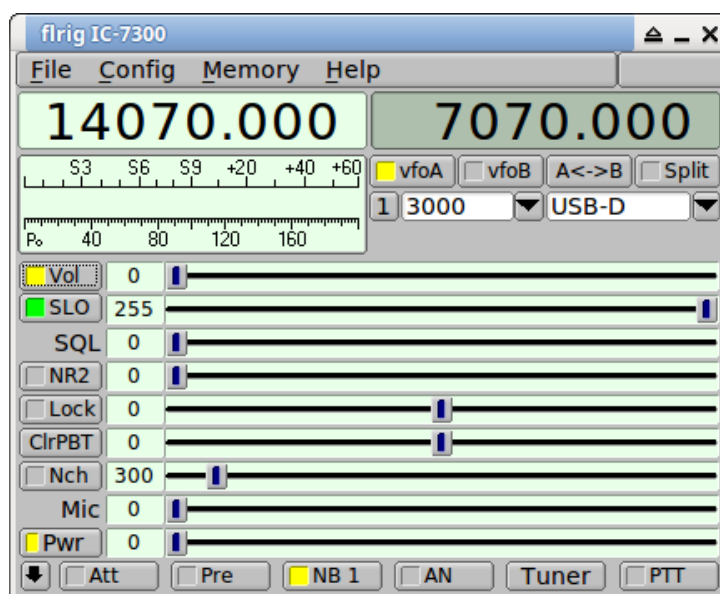


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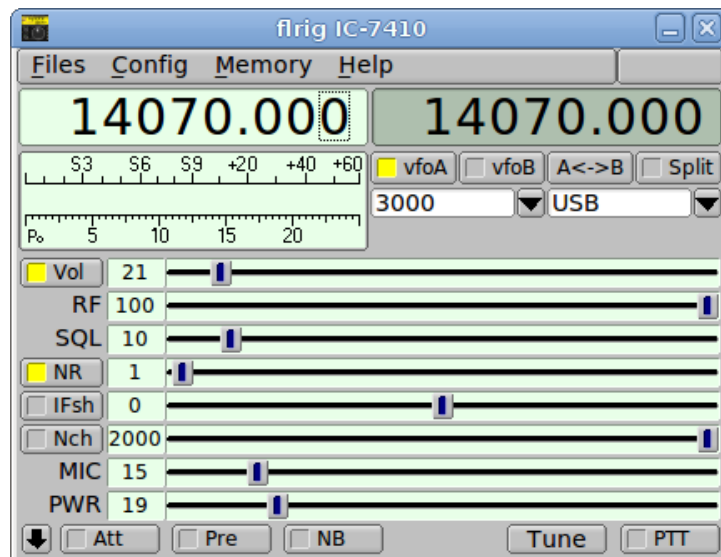


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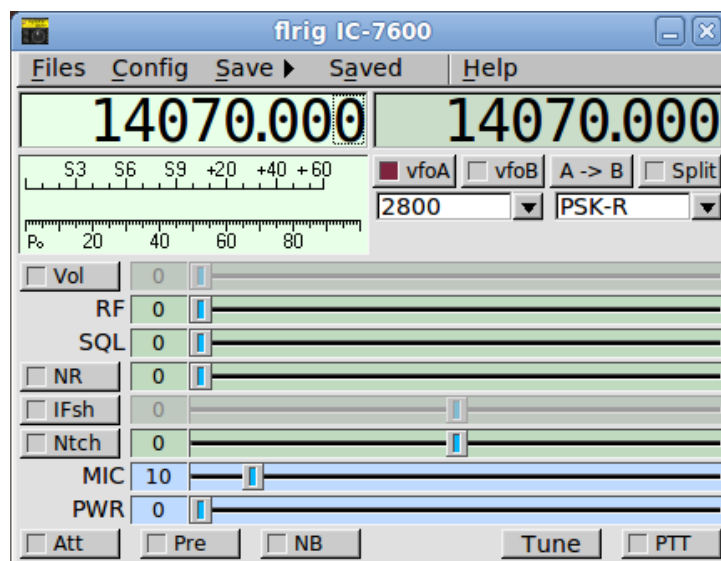


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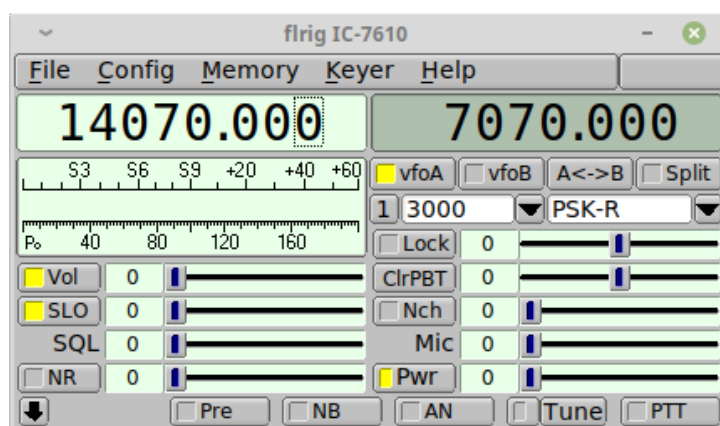


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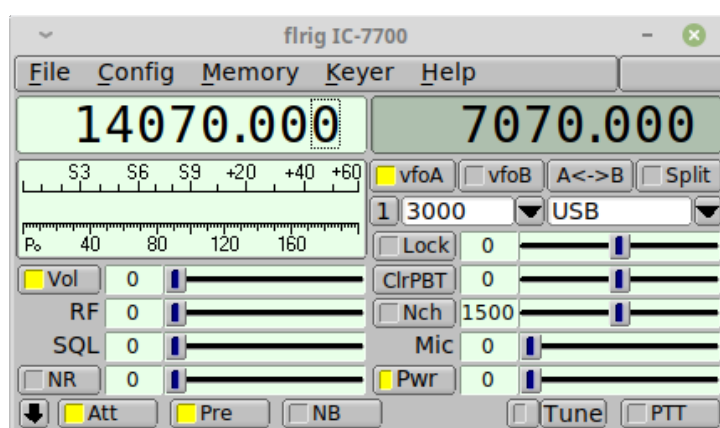


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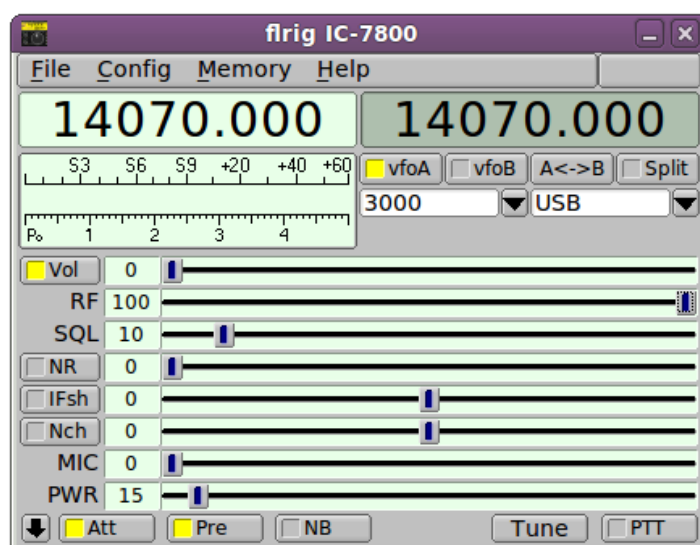


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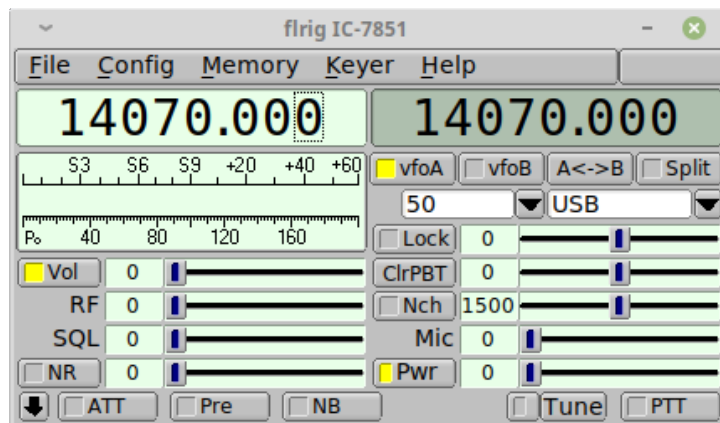


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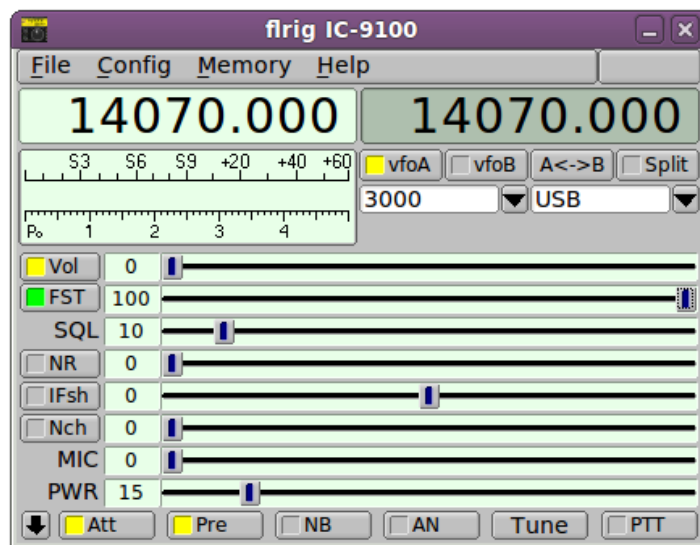


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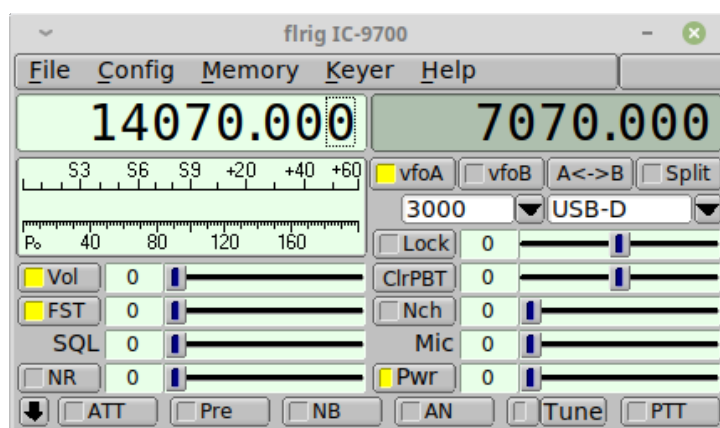


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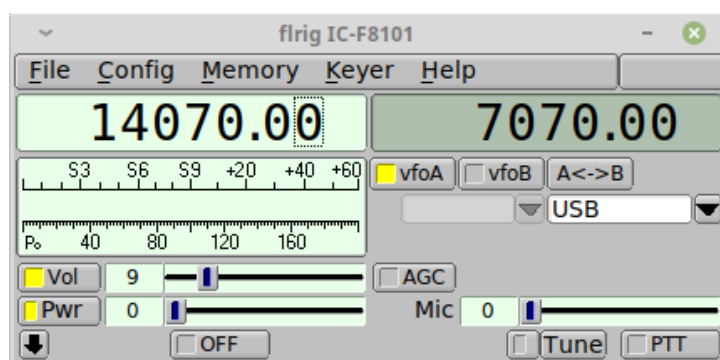


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Supported Kenwood Transceivers

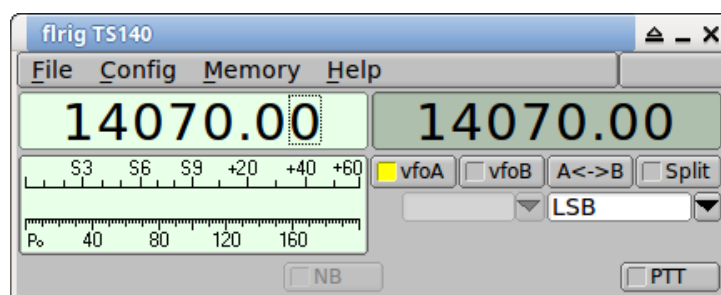


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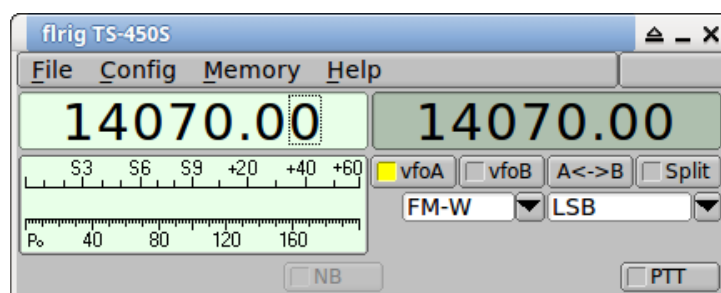


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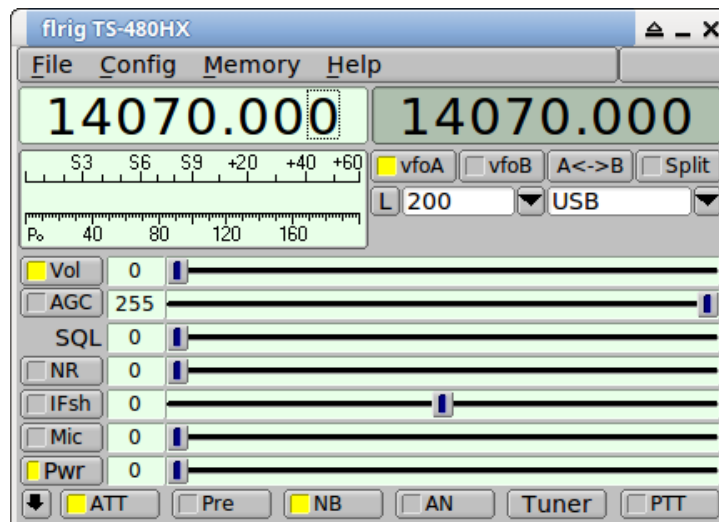


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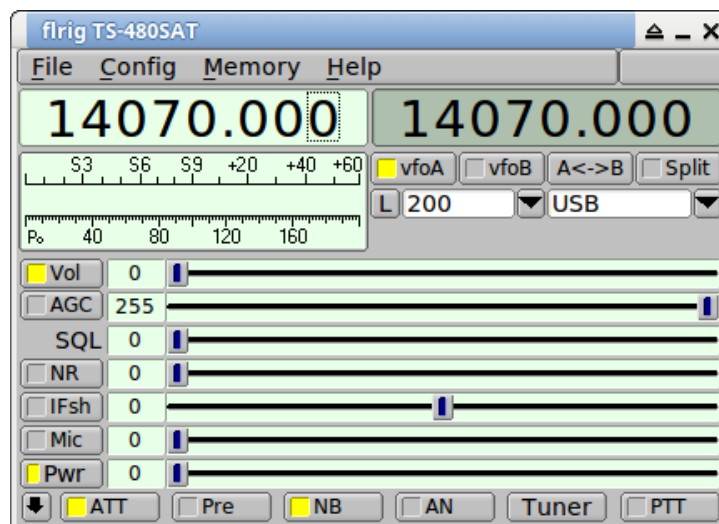


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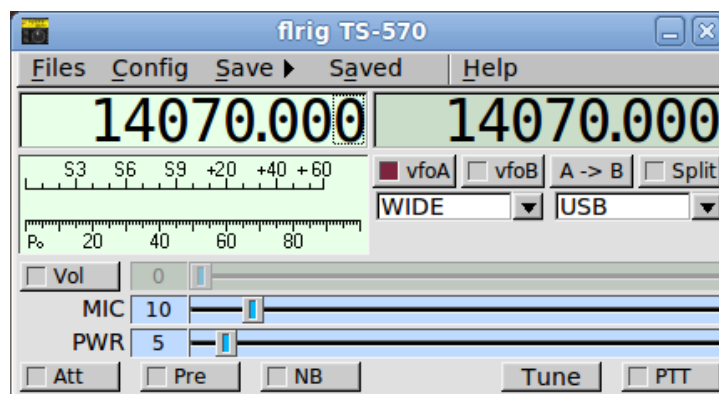


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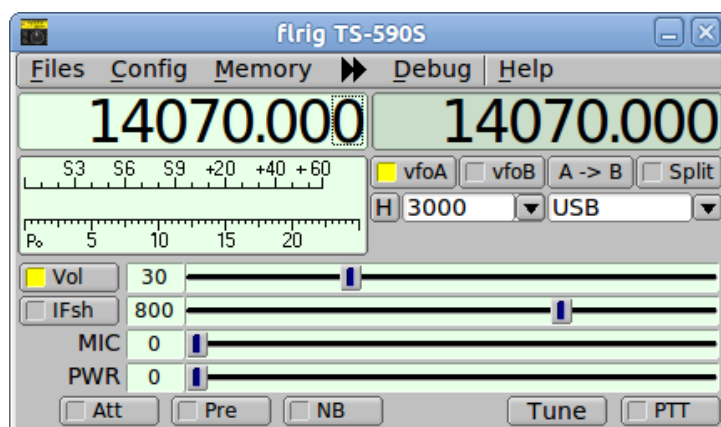


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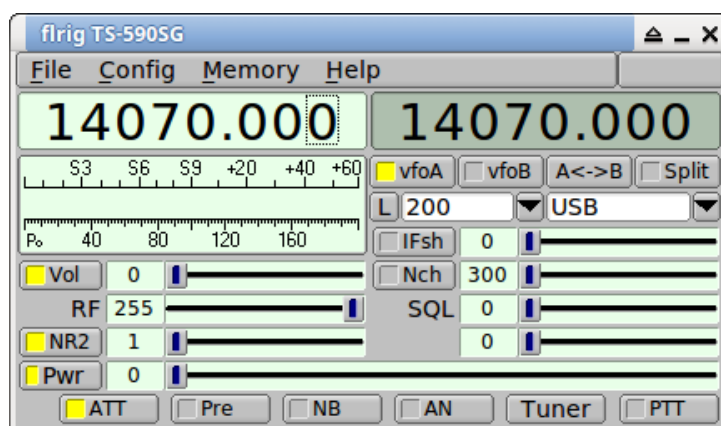


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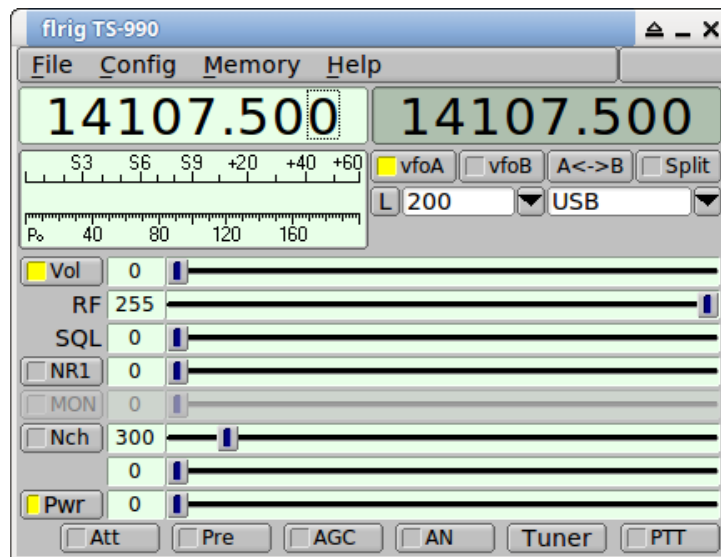


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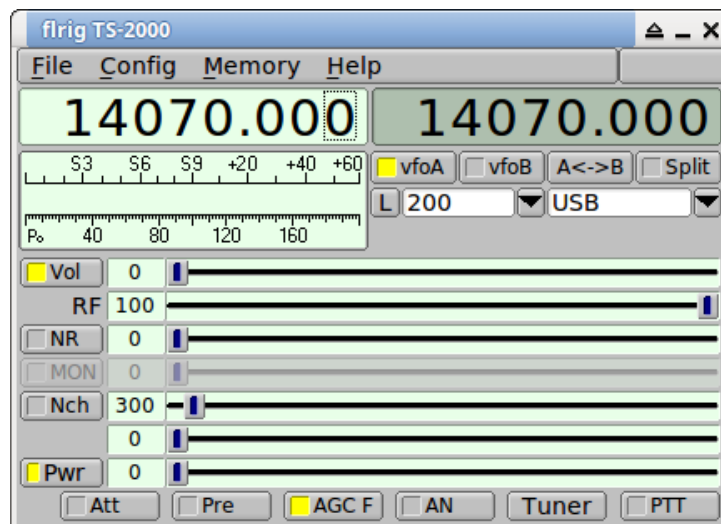


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Supported TenTec Transceivers

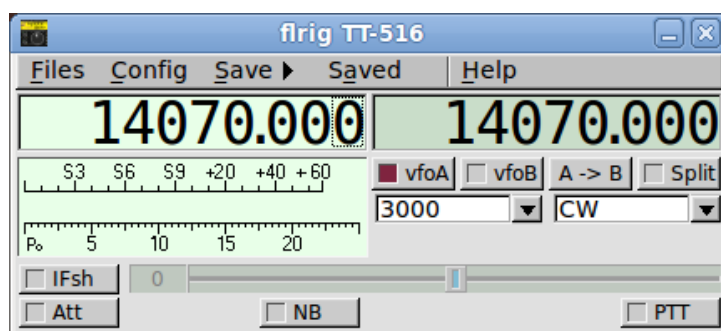


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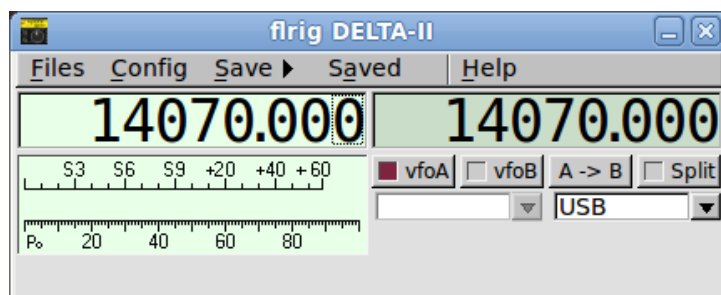


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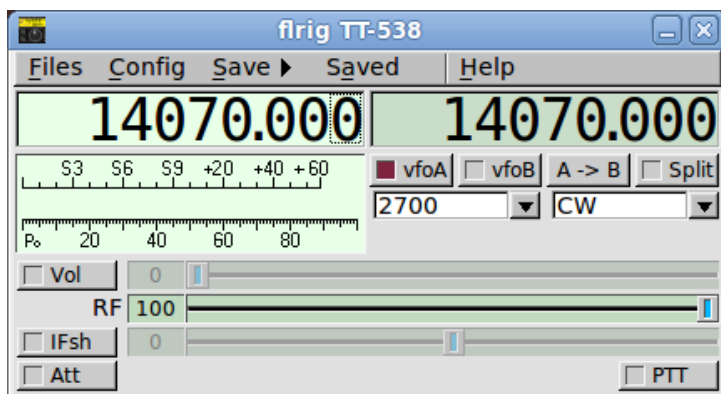


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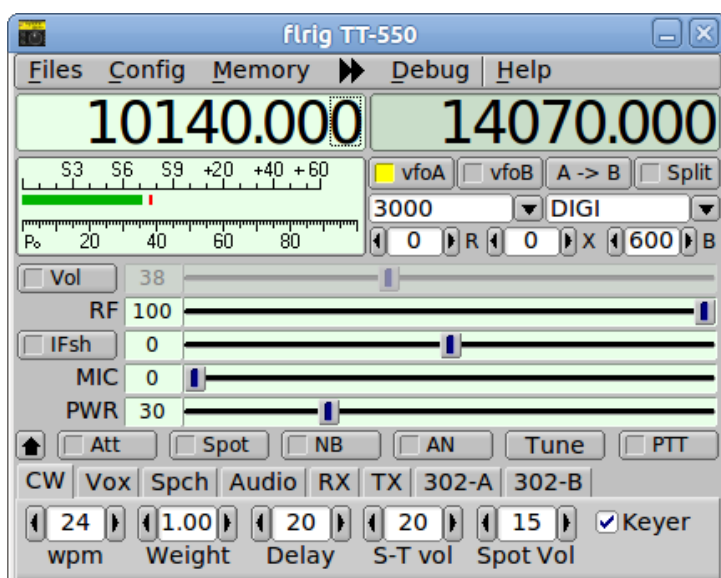


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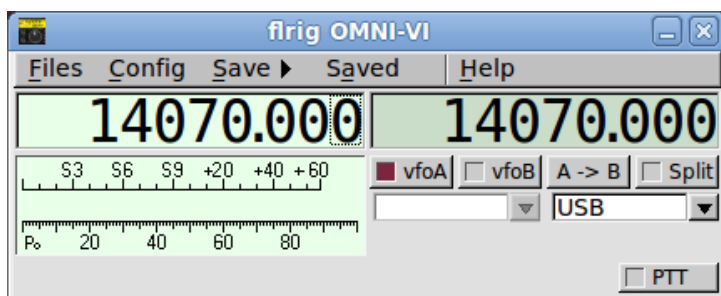


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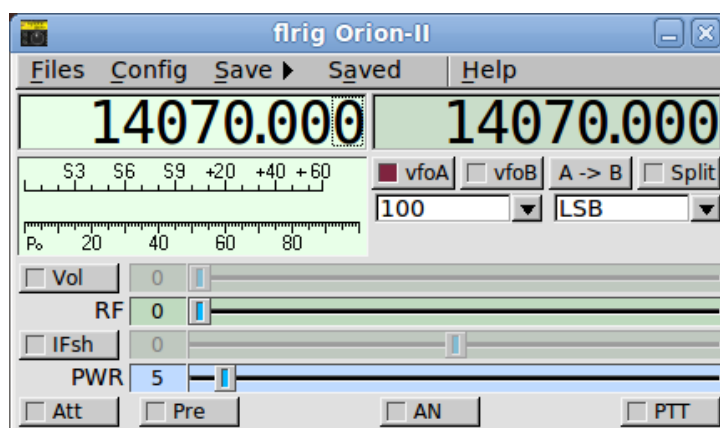


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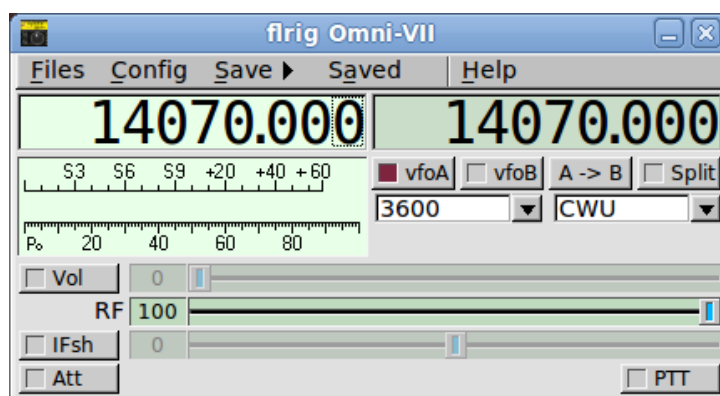


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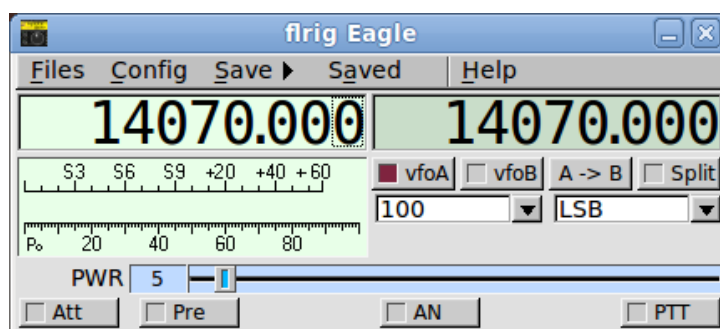


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Supported Yaesu Transceivers

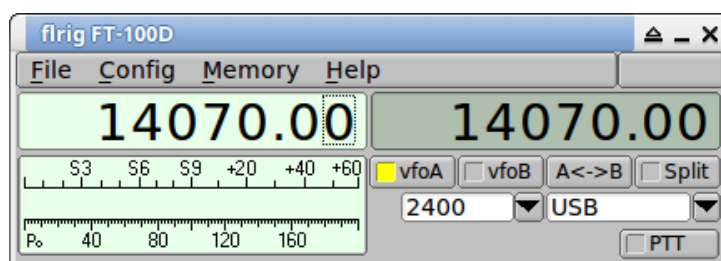


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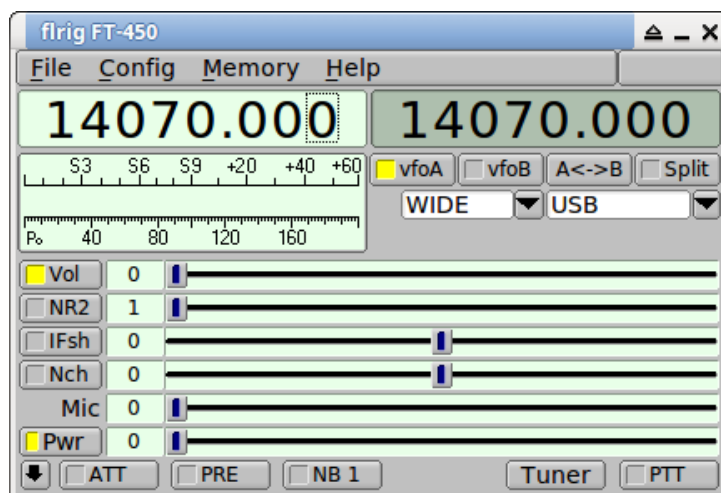


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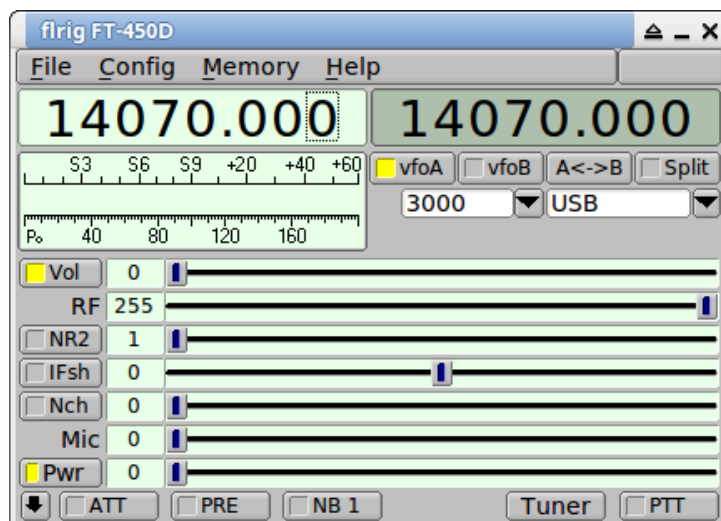


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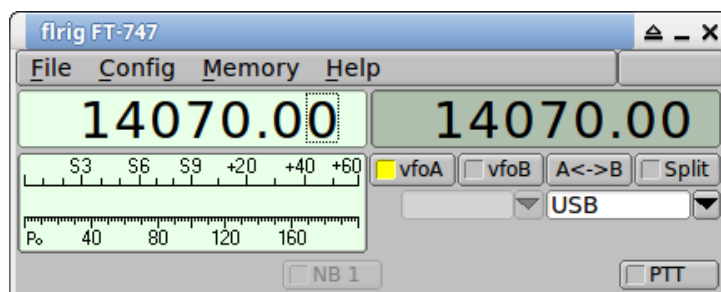


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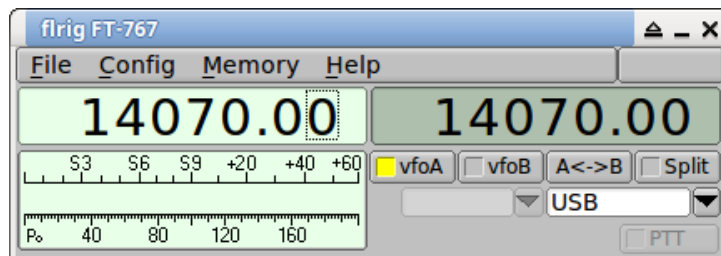


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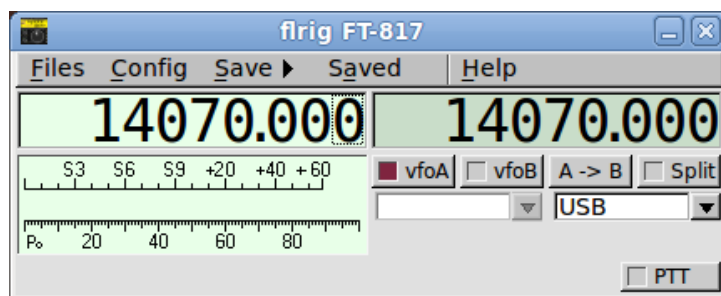


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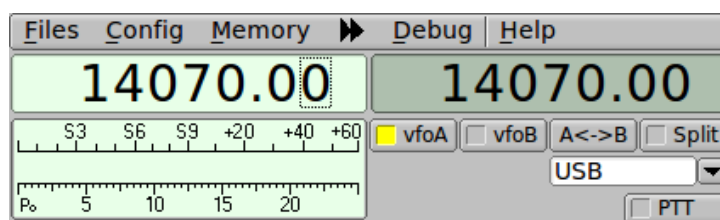


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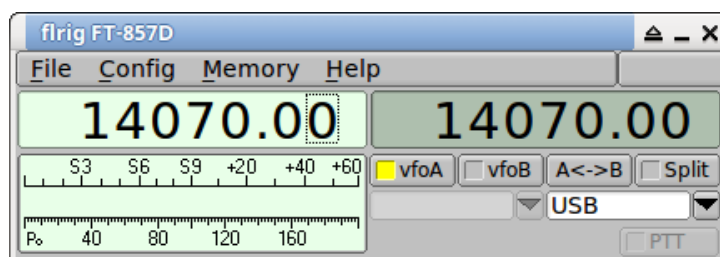


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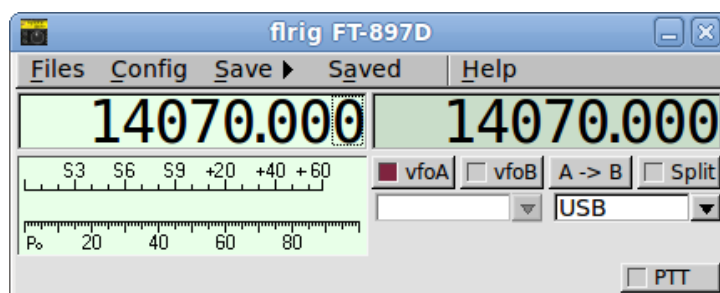


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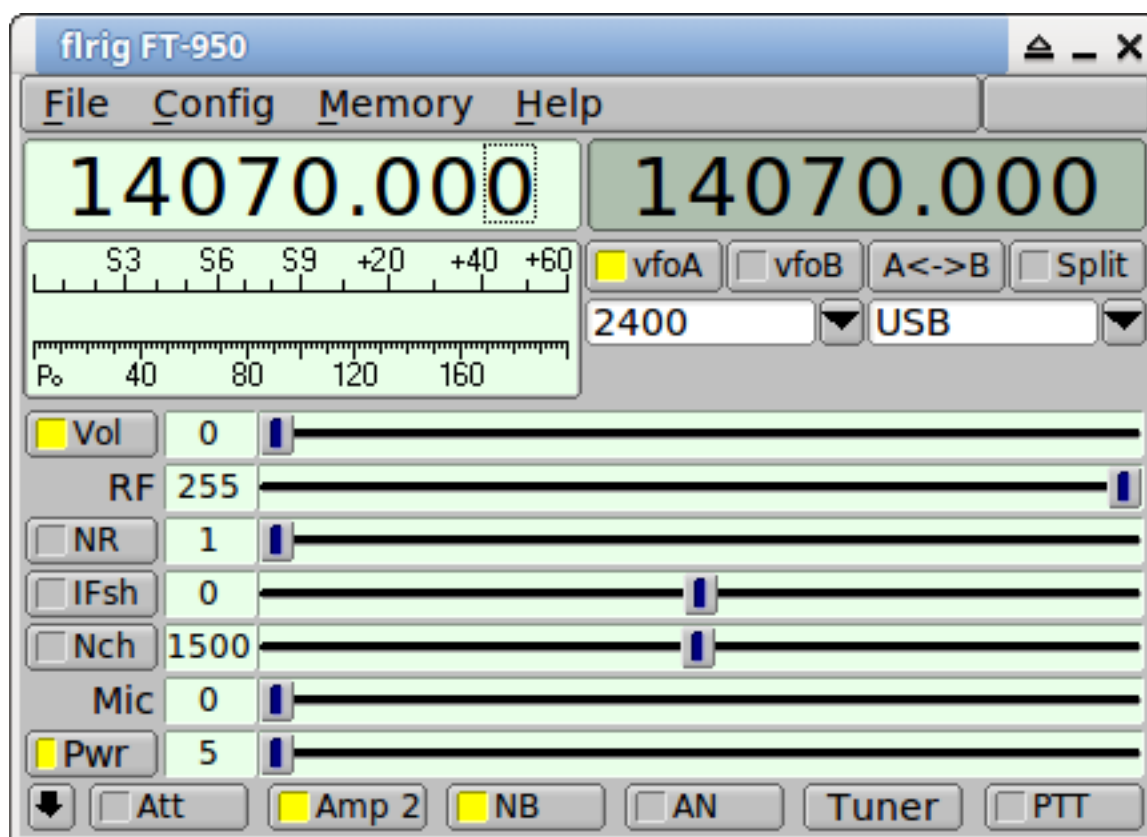


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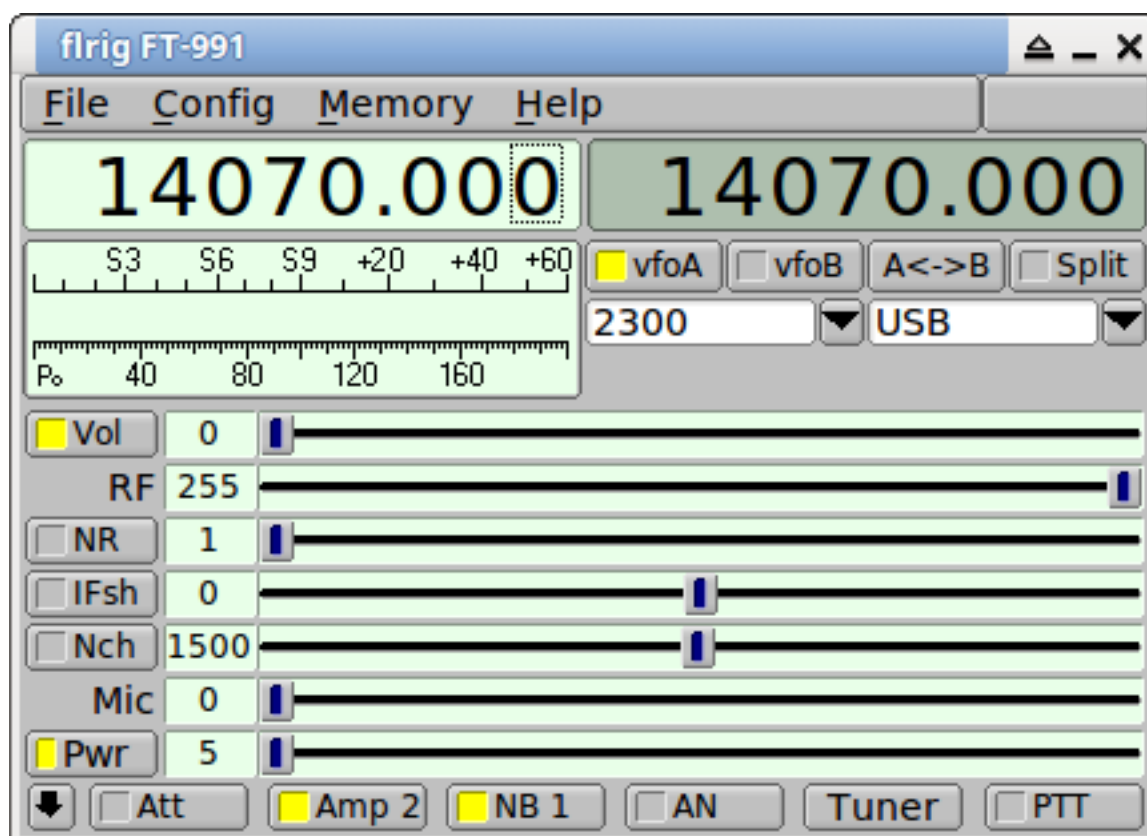


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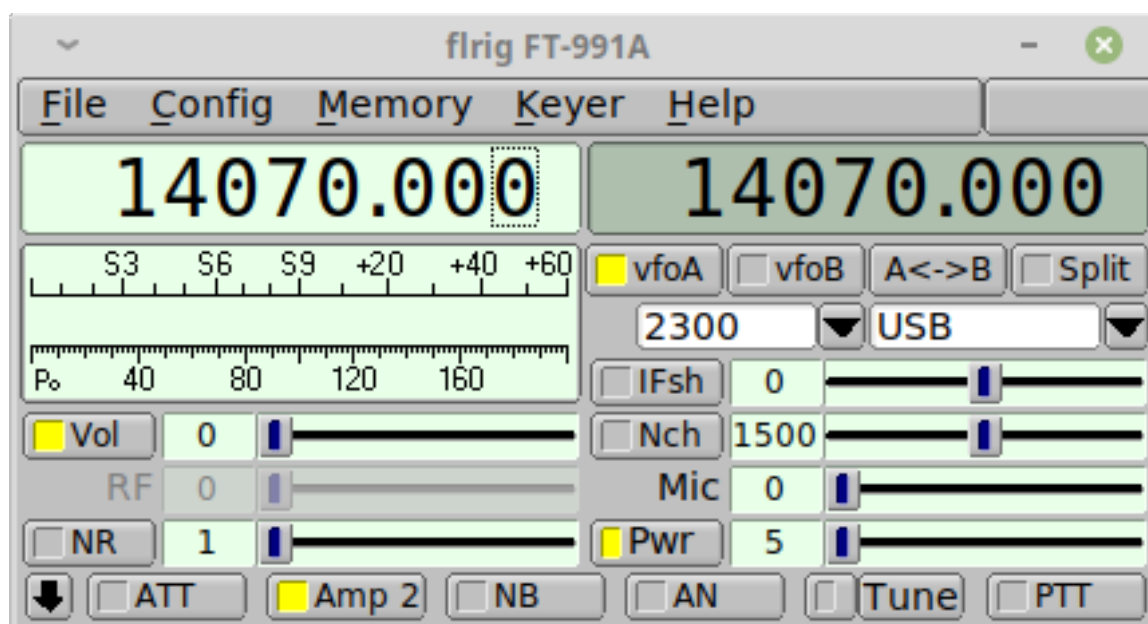


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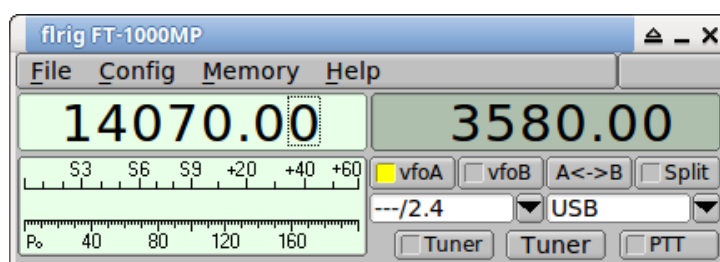


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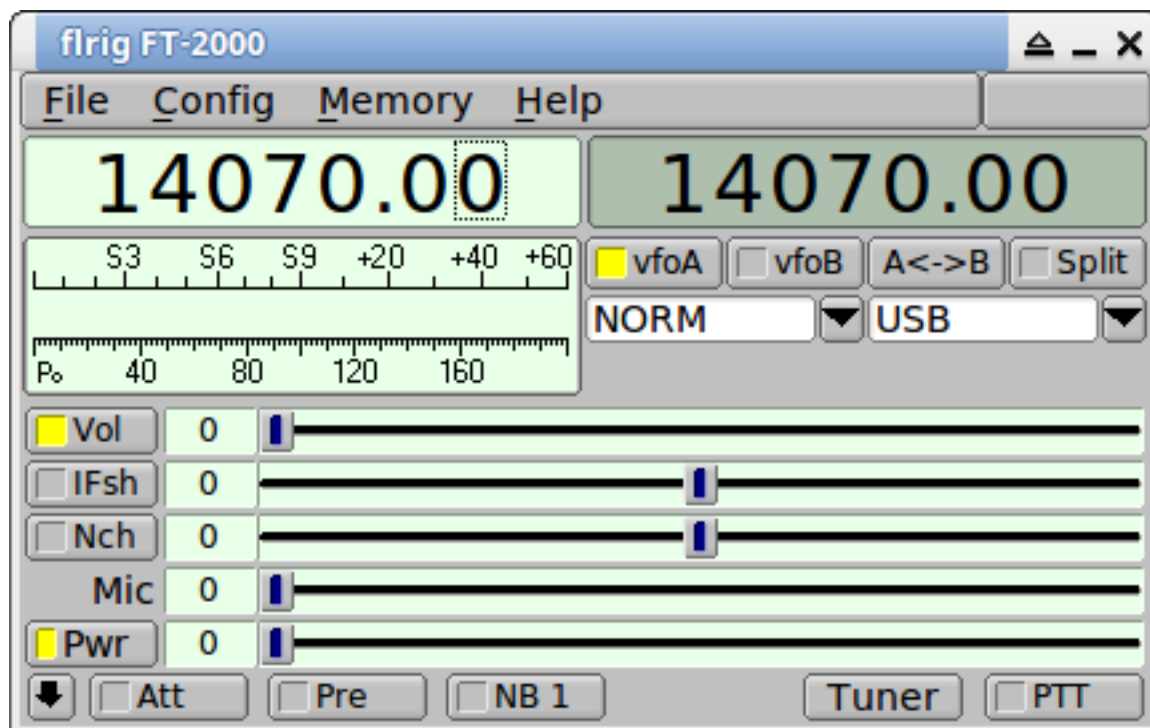


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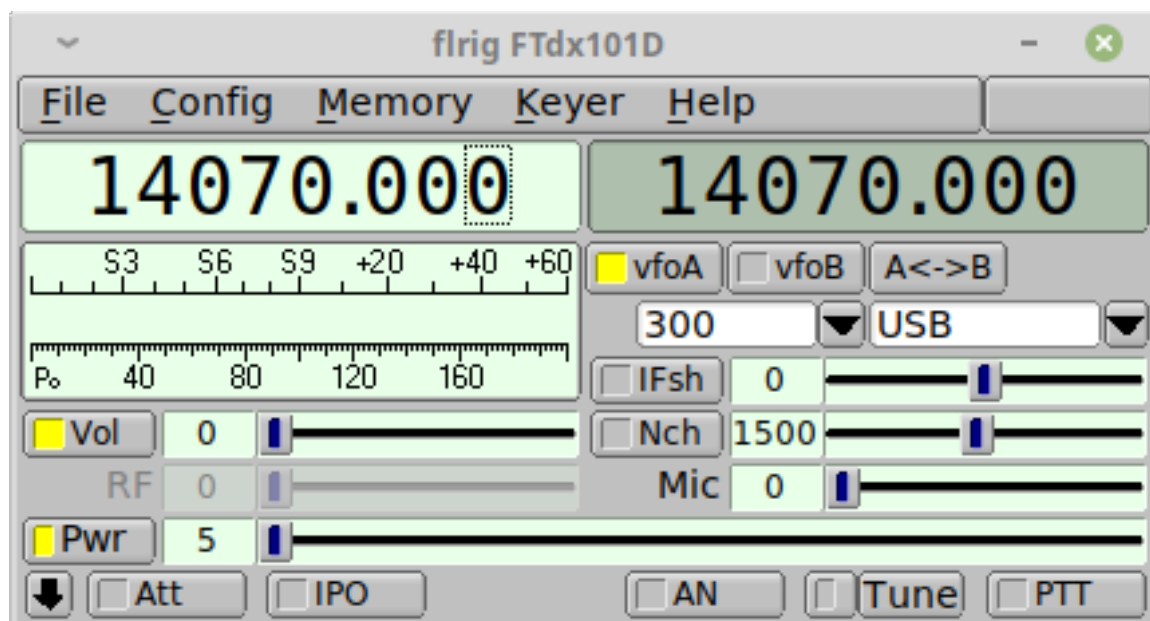


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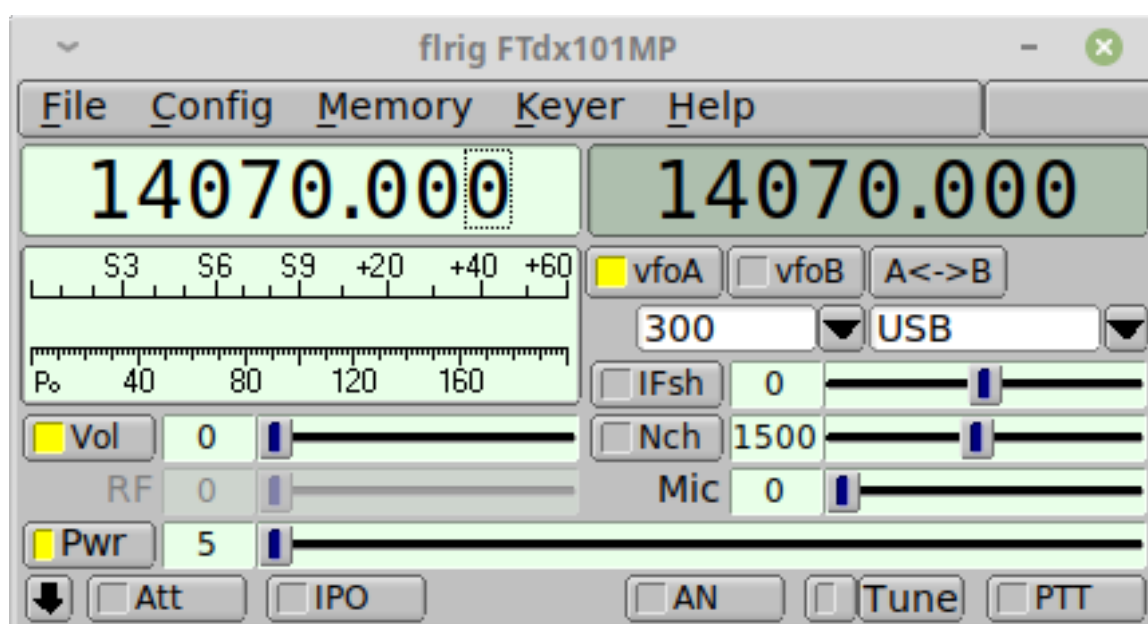


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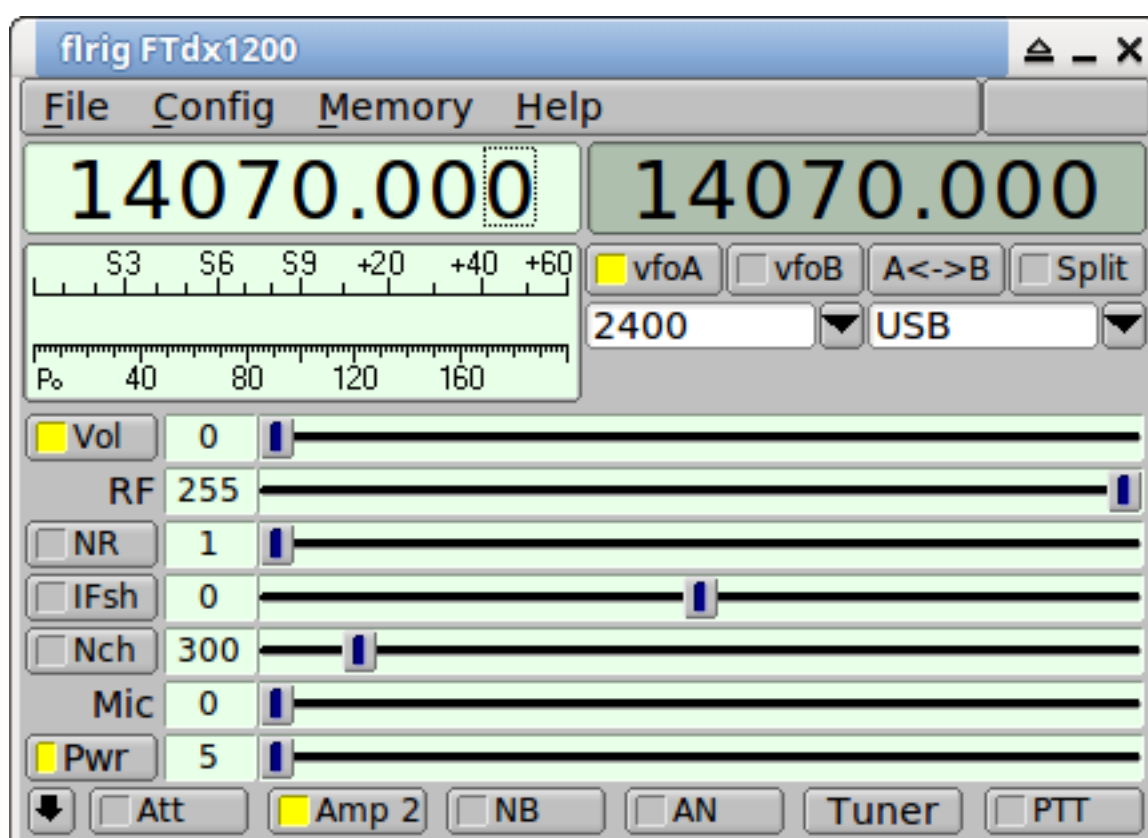


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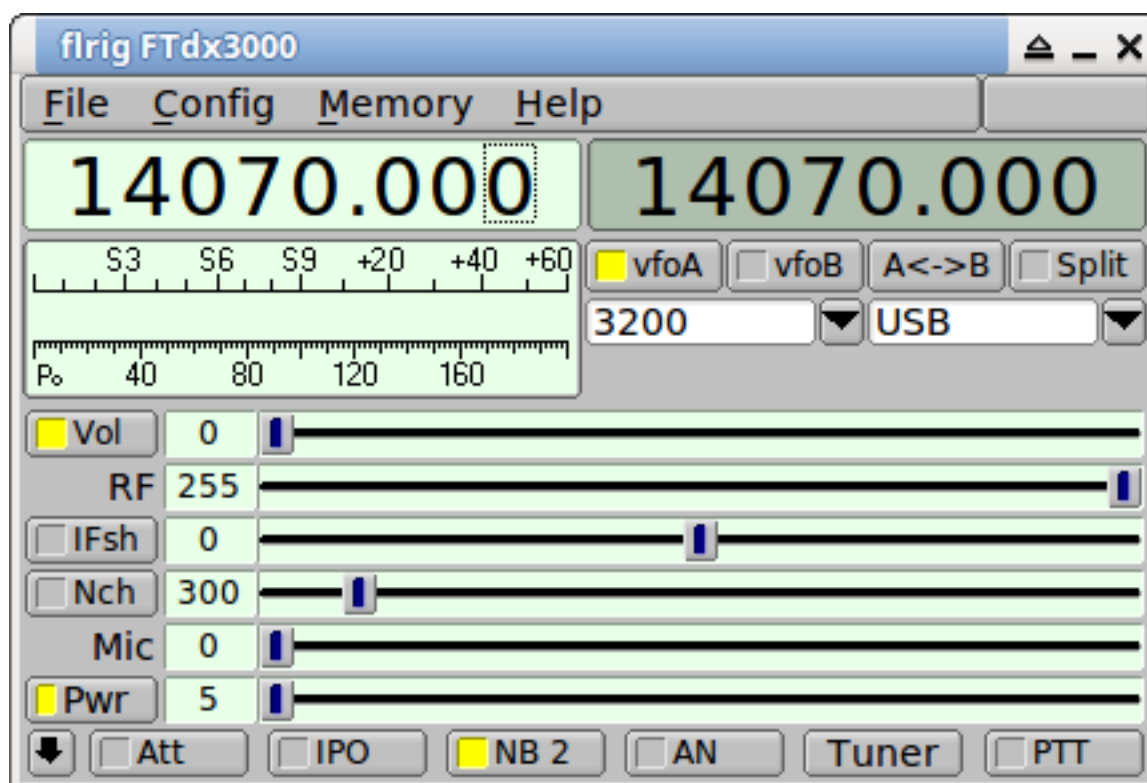


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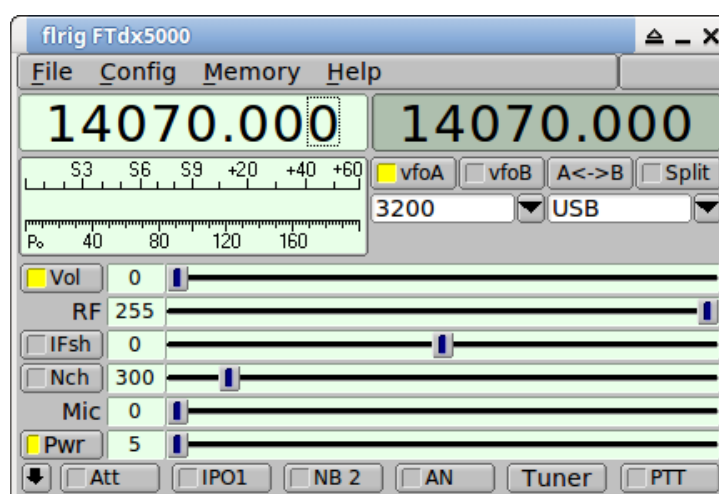


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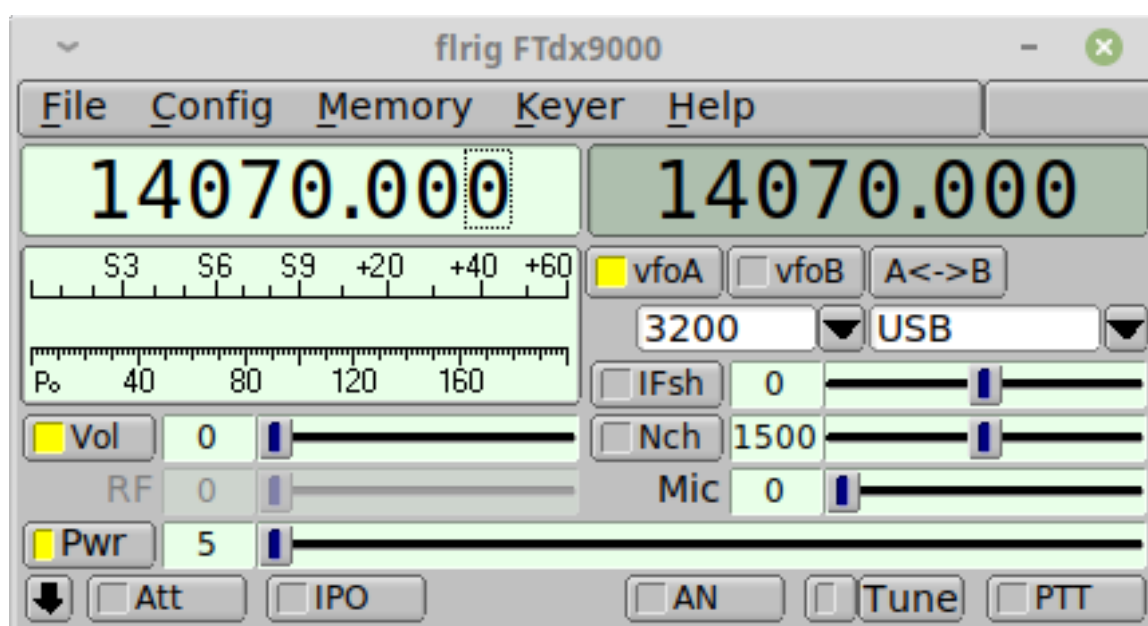


Figure 7.20 FTdx9000

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Chapter 8

Other Supported Transceivers

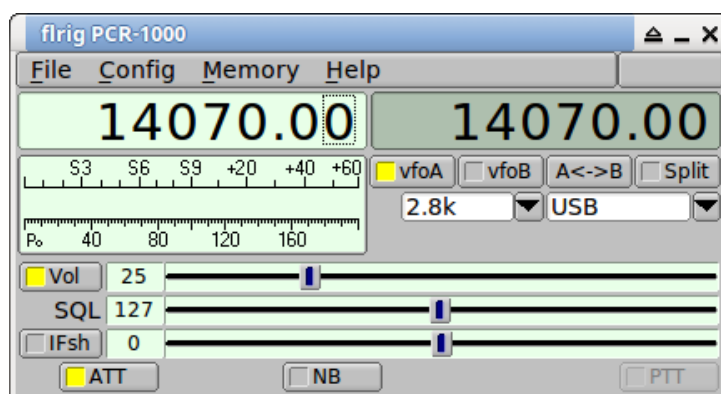


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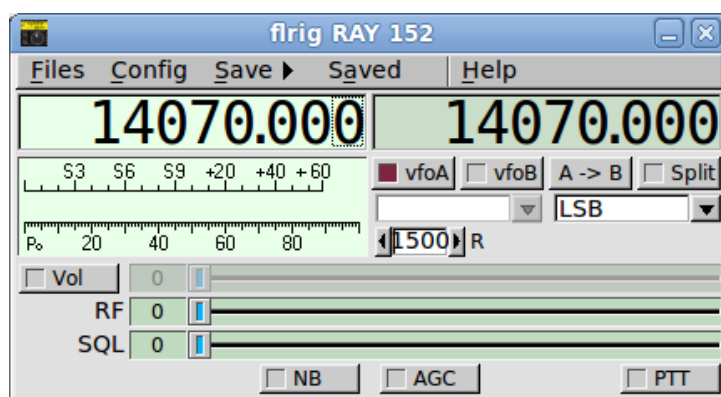


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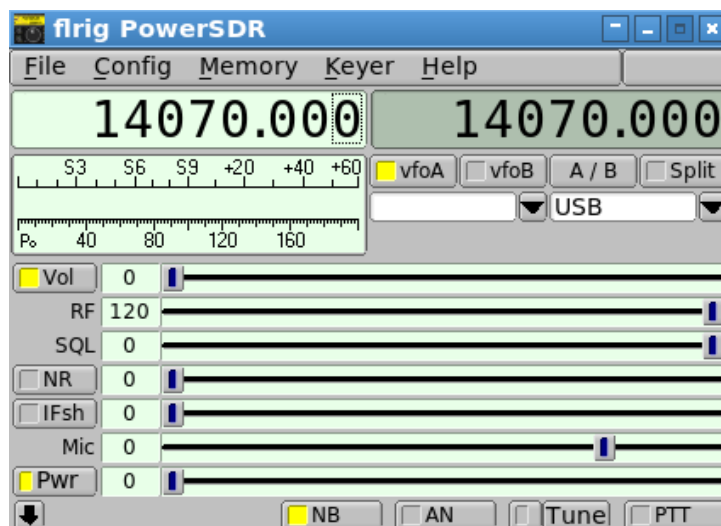


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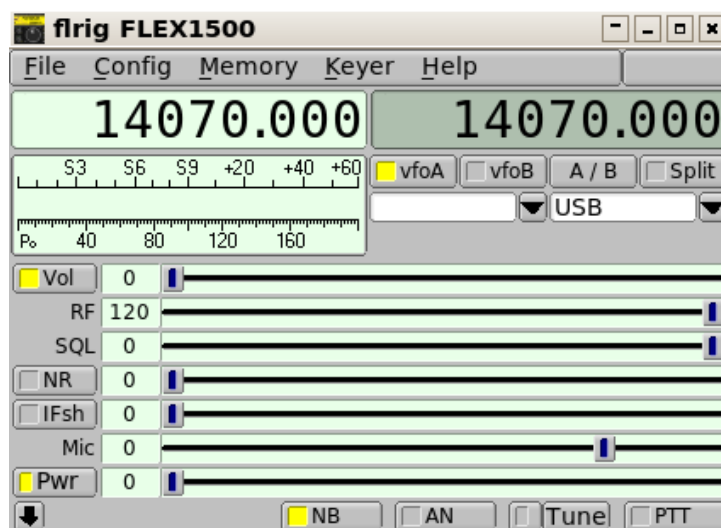


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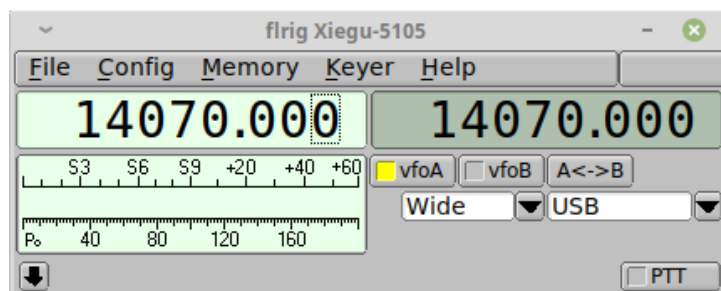


Figure 8.5 Xiegu-5105



Figure 8.6 Xiegu-G90

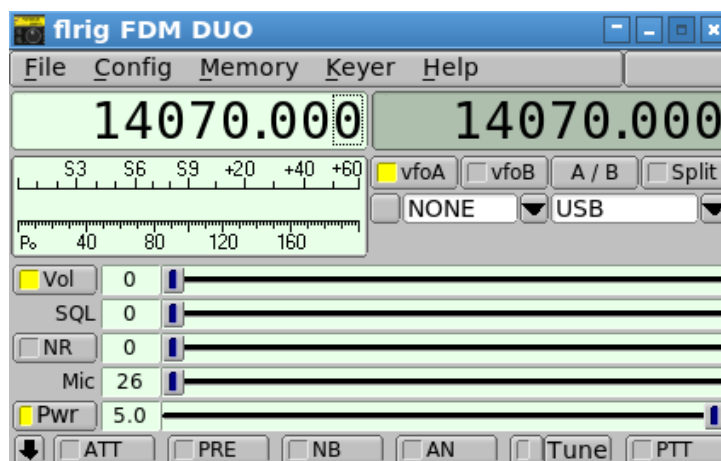


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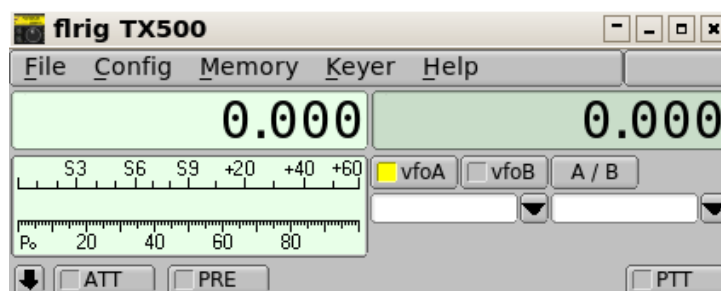


Figure 8.8 Lab599 TX500

Chapter 9

flrig prefs file contents

A typical transceiver prefs file contains:

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; FLTK preferences file format 1.0
; vendor: wlhkj.com
; application: IC-7100

[.]

version:1.3.49.06
mainx:526
mainy:24
mainw:735
mainh:150
uisize:0
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+_Controller_IC-7100_02010930_A-if00-port0
comm_baudrate:6
comm_stopbits:2
comm_retries:2
comm_wait:50
comm_timeout:50
serloop_timing:200
byte_interval:0
comm_echo:1
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ptt_via_rts:0
ptt_via_dtr:0
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dtr_plus:1
civadr:0
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sep_dtrptt:0
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set_dtrplus:0
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poll_bandwidth:1
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poll_auto_notch:4
poll_notch:4
poll_ifshift:4
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poll_pre_att:4
poll_micgain:4
poll_squelch:4
poll_rfgain:4
poll_pout:1
poll_swr:1
poll_alc:1
poll_split:4
poll_noise:4
poll_nr:4
poll_compression:4
poll_all:1
bw_A:34
mode_A:11
freq_A:7070000
bw_B:34
mode_B:1
freq_B:14100000
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use_rig_data:0
restore_frequency:1
restore_mode:1
restore_bandwidth:1
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int_notch:0
bool_shift:0
int_shift:0
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pbt_outer:0
rfgain:100
squelch:0
no_txqsy:0
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rx_peak:5
pwr_avg:5
pwr_peak:5
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dual_watch:0
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ft950_rg_reverse:1
line_out:0
data_port:0
vox_on_dataport:1
agc_level:1
cw_wpm:24
cw_weight:3
cw_vol:0
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shftcmd8:
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command9:
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rigtrace:0
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settrace:1
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rpctrace:0
startstoptrace:0
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rxT80:0
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rxT40:0
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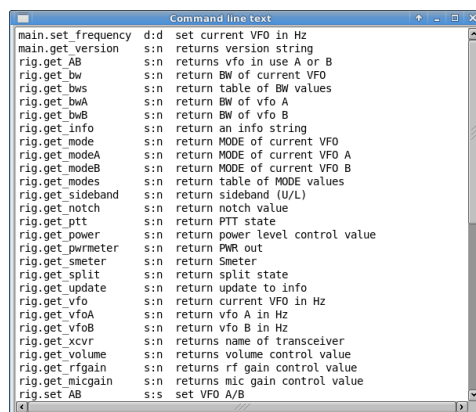
Chapter 10

flrig XmlRpc Command Structures

main.set_frequency	d:d	set current VFO in Hz
main.get_version	s:n	returns version string
rig.get_AB	s:n	returns vfo in use A or B
rig.get_bw	A:n	return BW of current VFO
rig.get_bws	A:n	return table of BW values
rig.get_bwA	A:n	return BW of vfo A
rig.get_bwB	A:n	return BW of vfo B
rig.get_info	s:n	return an info string
rig.get_mode	s:n	return MODE of current VFO
rig.get_modeA	s:n	return MODE of current VFO A
rig.get_modeB	s:n	return MODE of current VFO B
rig.get_modes	A:n	return table of MODE values
rig.get_sideband	s:n	return sideband (U/L)
rig.get_notch	i:n	return notch value
rig.get_ptt	i:n	return PTT state
rig.get_power	i:n	return power level control value
rig.get_pwrmeter	s:n	return PWR out
rig.get_pwrmeter_scale	s:n	return scale for power meter
rig.get_pwrmax	s:n	return maximum power available
rig.get_swrmeter	s:n	return SWR out
rig.get_smeter	s:n	return Smeter
rig.get_DBM	s:n	return Smeter in dBm
rig.get_Sunits	s:n	return Smeter in S units
rig.get_split	i:n	return split state
rig.get_update	s:n	return update to info
rig.get_vfo	s:n	return current VFO in Hz
rig.get_vfoA	s:n	return vfo A in Hz
rig.get_vfoB	s:n	return vfo B in Hz
rig.get_xcvr	s:n	returns name of transceiver
rig.get_volume	i:n	returns volume control value
rig.get_rfgain	i:n	returns rf gain control value
rig.get_micgain	i:n	returns mic gain control value
rig.set_AB	n:s	set VFO A/B
rig.set_bw	i:i	set BW iaw BW table
rig.set_bandwidth	i:i	set bandwidth to nearest requested value
rig.set_BW	i:i	set L/U pair
rig.set_frequency	d:d	set current VFO in Hz
rig.set_mode	i:s	set MODE iaw MODE table
rig.set_modeA	i:s	set MODE A iaw MODE table
rig.set_modeB	i:s	set MODE B iaw MODE table
rig.set_notch	n:i	set NOTCH value in Hz
rig.set_power	n:i	set power control level, watts
rig.set_ptt	n:i	set PTT 1/0 (on/off)
rig.set_vfo	d:d	set current VFO in Hz
rig.set_vfoA	d:d	set vfo A in Hz

rig.set_vfoB	d:d	set vfo B in Hz
rig.set_split	n:i	set split 1/0 (on/off)
rig.set_volume	n:i	set volume control
rig.set_rfgain	n:i	set rf gain control
rig.set_micgain	n:i	set mic gain control
rig.set_ptt_fast	n:i	deprecated; use set_ptt
rig.set_vfoA_fast	d:d	deprecated; use set_vfoA
rig.set_vfoB_fast	d:d	deprecated; use set_vfoB
rig.set_verify_AB	n:s	set & verify VFO A/B
rig.set_verify_bw	i:i	set & verify BW iaw BW table
rig.set_verify_bandwidth	i:i	set & verify bandwidth to nearest requested value
rig.set_verify_BW	i:i	set & verify L/U pair
rig.set_verify_frequency	d:d	set & verify current VFO in Hz
rig.set_verify_mode	i:s	set & verify MODE iaw MODE table
rig.set_verify_modeA	i:s	set & verify MODE A iaw MODE table
rig.set_verify_modeB	i:s	set & verify MODE B iaw MODE table
rig.set_verify_notch	n:i	set & verify NOTCH value in Hz
rig.set_verify_power	n:i	set & verify power control level, watts
rig.set_verify_ptt	n:i	set & verify PTT 1/0 (on/off)
rig.set_verify_vfoA	d:d	set & verify vfo A in Hz
rig.set_verify_vfoB	d:d	set & verify vfo B in Hz
rig.set_verify_split	n:i	set & verify split 1/0 (on/off)
rig.set_verify_volume	n:i	set & verify volume control
rig.set_verify_rfgain	n:i	set & verify rf gain control
rig.set_verify_micgain	n:i	set & verify mic gain control
rig.swap	n:n	execute vfo swap
rig.tune	n:n	enable transceiver tune function
rig.cat_string	s:s	execute CAT string
rig.cat_priority	s:s	priority CAT string
rig.shutdown	i:n	shutdown xcvr & flrig
rig.cwio_wpm	n:i	set cwio WPM
rig.cwio_text	i:s	send text via cwio interface
rig.cwio_char	n:i	send char via cwio interface
rig.cwio_send	n:i	cwio transmit 1/0 (on/off)

The xmlrpc command structure can be accessed using the menu item help/xml-help.



Chapter 11

FT-991A How-to

CAT control involves both software and settings on the radio itself. The default radio settings on the FT-991A are not likely to work “out of the box”.

Some initial things to verify are in place:

- Download and install the USB driver for the radio. NOTE: be sure the USB cable is UNPLUGGED from the computer when you install the driver regardless of the OS your are using.
 - If you’re using Windows get the driver from [Yaesu](#).
 - If using Linux or MacOS then get the drivers direct from [Silicon Labs](#). Some versions of Linux have a driver built in.
 - For MacOS High Sierra and later be sure to go to Security & Privacy in the System Configuration settings and in the General tab allow the driver to be accessed. Without doing that it will be unusable.
- Download the latest version of [Fldigi](#). Flrig is written as a companion to fldigi and adds much greater rig control than is possible with just fldigi. It is especially good with the FT991A. I basically only touch the radio to turn it on or off when running digital modes, and even that can be automated.

11.1 Transceiver setup

11.1.1 FT-991A Menu Settings

On the rig, press the MENU button. Then change these menu items as shown:

Menu #	Name	Value
31	CAT RATE	38400 bps
32	CAT TOT	10 msec
33	CAT RTS	ENABLE
59	CW FREQ DISPLAY	PITCH OFFSET
60	PC KEYING	DTR
62	DATA MODE	OTHERS
63	PSK TONE	1500 hZ
64	OTHER DISP (SSB)	1500 Hz
65	OTHER SHIFT (SSB)	1500 Hz
66	DATA LCUT FREQ	300 Hz

Menu #	Name	Value
67	DATA LCUT SLOPE	18 dB/oct
68	DATA HCUT FREQ	3600 Hz
69	DATA HCUT SLOPE	18 dB/oct
70	DATA IN SELECT	REAR
71	DATA PTT SELECT	DAKY
72	DATA PORT SELECT	USB
73	DATA OUT LEVEL (RX)	100
74	FM MIC SELECT (PHONE)	MIC
75	FM OUT LEVEL (Rx)	50
76	FM PKT PTT SELECT	DTR
77	FM PKT PORT SELECT	DATA
106	SSB MIC SELECT	MIC
107	SSB OUT LEVEL	50
108	SSB PTT SELECT	DAKY
109	SSB PORT SELECT	USB
110	SSB TX BPF	300-2700
114	IF NOTCH WIDTH	NARROW
146	DATA VOX GAIN	50
147	DATA VOX DELAY	100 msec
148	ANTI DVOX GAIN	0

You should have already installed the driver for the built-in sound card in the FT-991A.

Connect the rig to the computer with a USB A-Male to B-Male cable and turn on the radio.

11.1.2 Initial Setup

With the radio on and the USB cable connected and no other communications program running, Start flrig. It will come up with just a basic display.

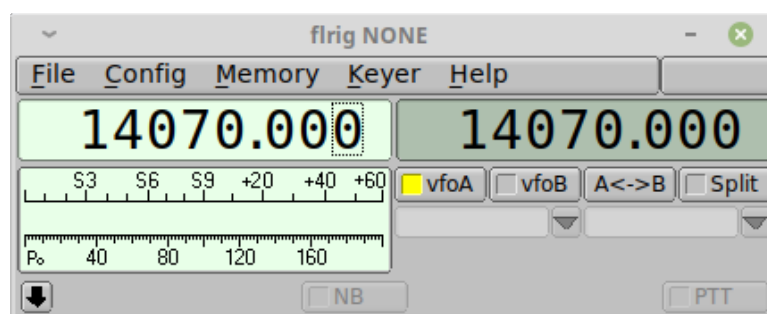


Figure 11.1 Initial Flrig Dialog

Open the menu *Config/Setup/Transceiver*.

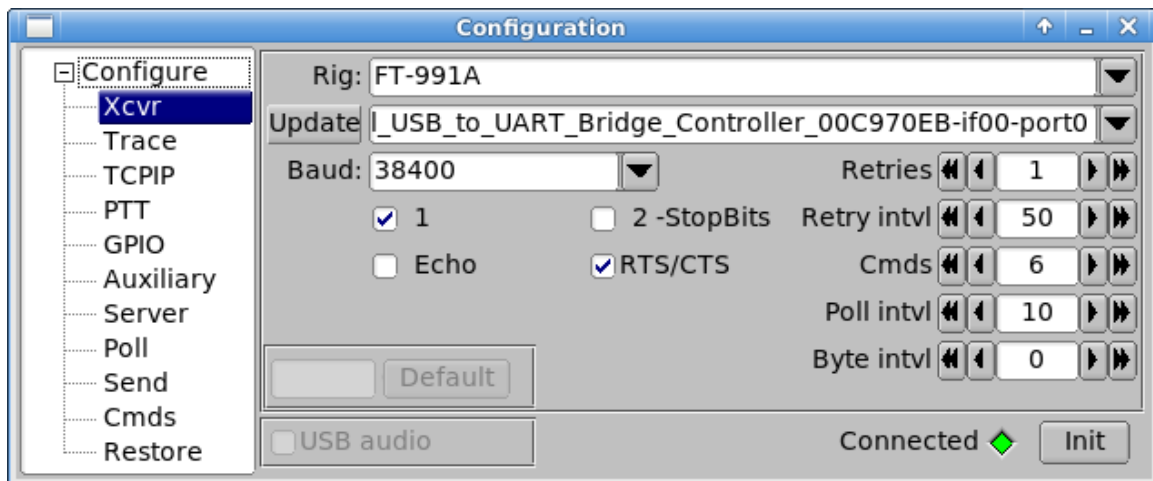


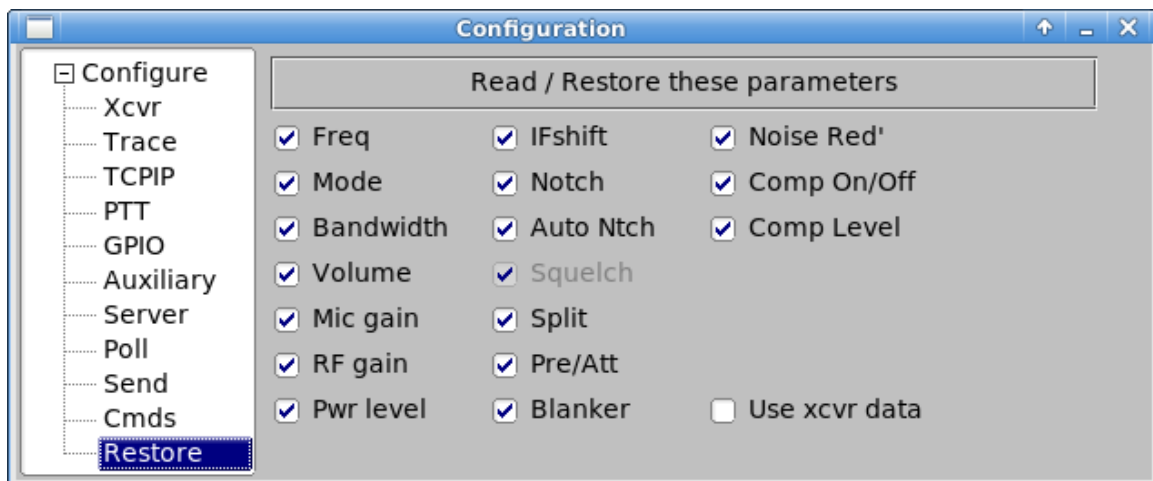
Figure 11.2 Select FT991A

Choose the FT991A from the Rig dropdown list. That will select the default settings which will work on . Note: The RTS +12v and DTR +12v boxes do not normally need to be checked.

11.1.3 Select the Serial Port to use:

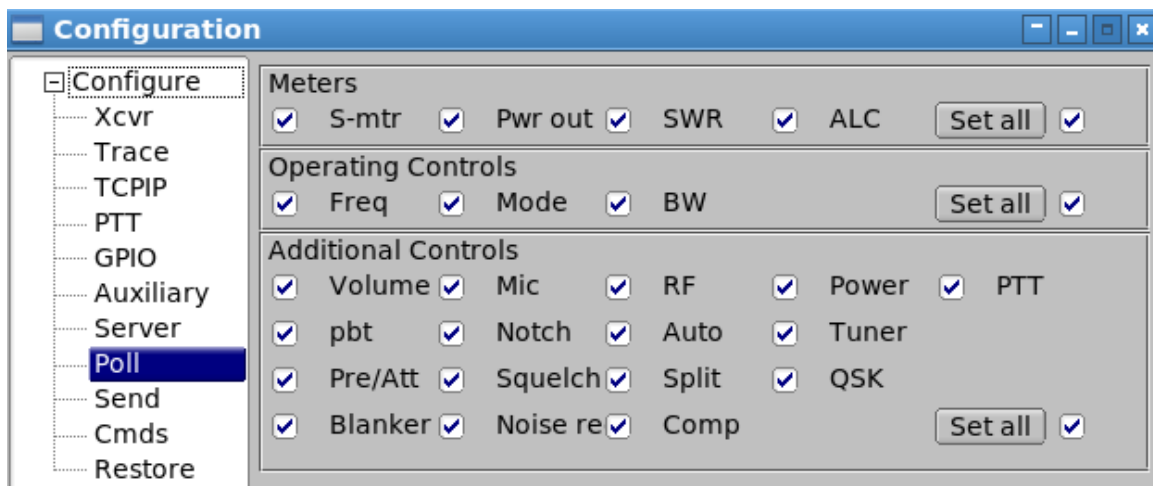
- Mac / Linux - Select the SilconLabs driver from the dropdown list. If it isn't in the list then click the SerPort button to repopulate the list. If it still isn't in the list then the driver is not loading for some reason like the radio is not on or connected or the driver has not been installed properly so that needs to be rectified before going on. If you're using MacOS High Sierra or a later version of MacOS you may need to authorize the driver install in Security & Privacy setup in System Preferences after running the install program. There will be a message on the General page if it has been blocked.
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- Windows - Open the device manager and determine to which com port the serial driver from Silcon Labs is assigned and choose that from the drop down list. Verify that the Baud rate in flrig matches the baud rate selected in the rig. It's better to choose a fixed baud rate than Auto. Now, click the Init button. It should go from red to black lettering. If it does not go to black lettering then verify all of the above again, especially baud rate and echo.
- Flrig now should have control of the rig so changing frequency in flrig will changed the frequency on the rig and visa versa. The buttons and sliders should do as they are labeled.

11.1.4 Restore tab:



and choose whether you want flrig to save and restore all the radio's parameters on startup and exit or whether you want it to open with the same settings as the rig is currently using. If Use xcvr data is checked flrig will start up with the same settings as the rig currently is using.

11.1.5 Poll tab



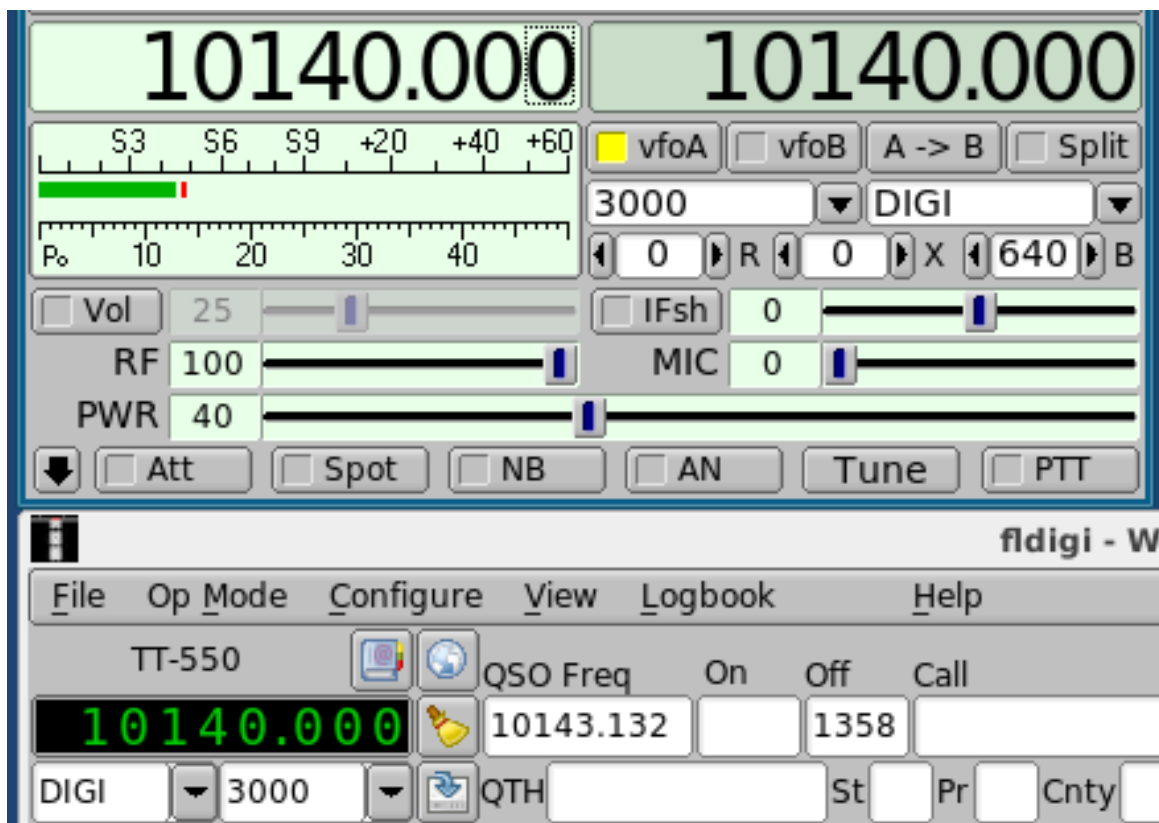
and click the Set All buttons for the initial polling options. You can play with these values later if you wish. The larger the number the slower the response time to button pushes etc, but also the less load on the system so there is a balance. A very fast machine can use all ones, but there is normally no need to add the additional load to your system for that.

I would recommend before you move on that you go to the Config/UI menu and select Tooltips. They are a great help to the new user to figure out what each control does as not all are labeled. You can choose 4 different UI's from the narrow one with small sliders (I use this one – see above screen shot of flrig), to a narrow one with large sliders, to a wide version or a touch version. Now close flrig and restart it to be sure all is well. Everything should be working and you should be able to change frequency on the radio and flrig should follow.

11.2 flrig/FT991A/fldigi

Start fldigi and fill in the initial setup pages presented. You can ignore the last page for now. All these pages can be accessed via the configuration menu later to be changed as you wish. Since you've chosen to use flrig then go to the fldigi menu "Configuration/Rig control/flrig" and check the top box to tell fldigi to use flrig for rig control with fldigi as client.

Leave the other controls at their default setting.



Once that is done fldigi should communicate with flrig and changes such as frequency or bandwidth in flrig or fldigi should be reflected in the other. If the lower box is checked then flrig will send fldigi audio to the radio when the PTT button is clicked otherwise PTT will just key the rig with no power out. Click Save at the bottom of the page.

All that is left is to customize fldigi for how you want to operate. Many things can be changed such as the UI scheme, colors, Macros, and many more. Read the help manual to learn about all the options and features that are available.

11.2.1 Final Setup

With fldigi running verify you have a blue waterfall running. If you don't see that then there is a problem with the audio input to fldigi. Verify the Soundcard setup.

Note:

- For MacOS Mojave and later you must enable the microphone for fldigi in Security & Privacy in the System Preferences settings.
- For Windows 10 be sure to grant permission for fldigi to access the Microphone.

Now we will verify the power out of the radio. Set the radio power control on the rig to max, 100% and leave it there.

Set Power Meter scale: Right click on the lower portion of the S-meter scale and choose the power scale desired. The max digital power out used for a QSO should cause no ALC action on the radio. The FT991A will put out quite a bit of power without ALC action, but you don't want to interfere with other close signals on the band either so ideally the power should be between 25-40 watts.

Chapter 12

IC-7100 How-to

12.1 IC 7100 menu setup

Press the transceiver SET button then the on screen item: then Connectors.

Make sure the settings for these items are as follows:

- USB Audio SQL - OFF
- ACC/USB Output Select - AF
- ACC/USB AF Level - 50%
- ACC/USB IF Level - 50%
- ACC MOD Level - 20%
- DATA MOD Level - 100%
- USB MOD Level - 10%
- DATA OFF MOD - MIC, ACC
- DATA MOD - USB
- CI-V
 - Baud Rate - 19,200
 - Address - 88h
 - Transceive - OFF
 - Output (for ANT) - OFF
 - USB Port - Unlink from REMOTE
- FUNCTION
 - Monitor - ON
 - Monitor Level - 50%
 - Beep Level - 50%
 - CW Normal Side - USB

12.2 flrig setup

You should have already installed the driver for the built-in sound card in the 7100.

Connect the transceiver to the computer with a USB A-Male to B-Male cable and turn on the radio.

12.2.1 Install flrig.

For Windows flrig will install to it's own folders and should be installed in the normal application folder where other applications are installed.

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With the radio on and the USB cable connected and no other communications program running, Start flrig.

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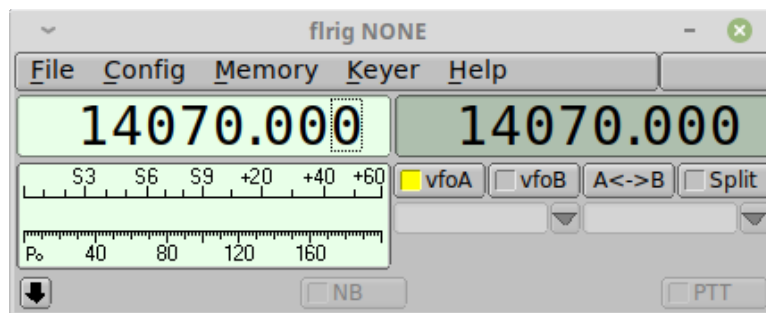


Figure 12.1 Initial Flrig Dialog

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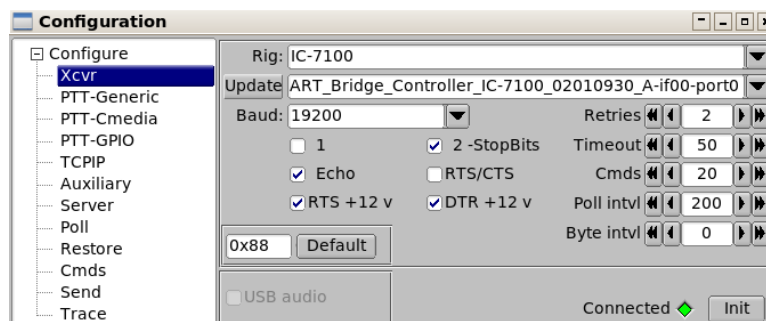


Figure 12.2 Select IC7100

Choose the 7100 from the Rig dropdown list. That will select the default settings which will be good for starters. Note: The RTS +12v and DTR +12v boxes do not need to be selected.

Select the Serial Port to use

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- Mac/Linux - Select the SilconLabs driver from the dropdown list.

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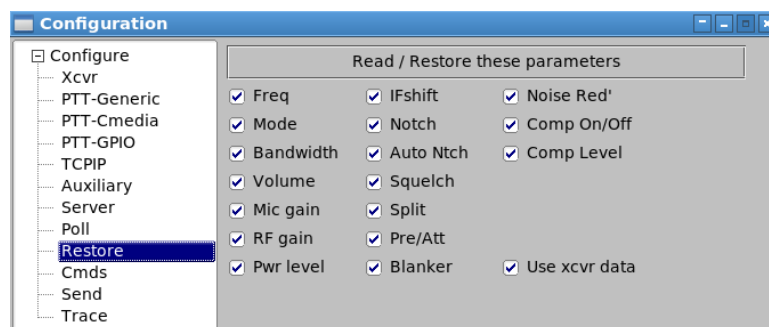


Figure 12.3 Restore IC7100 Settings

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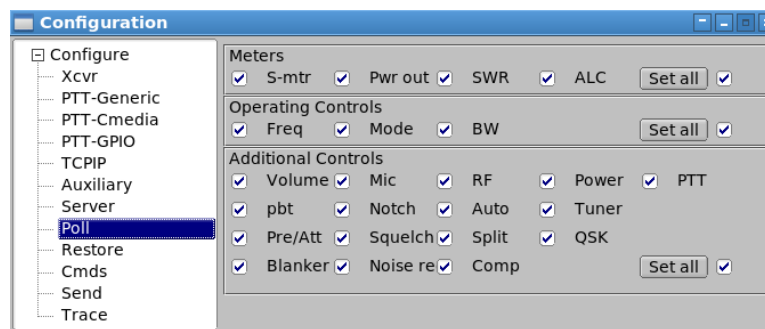


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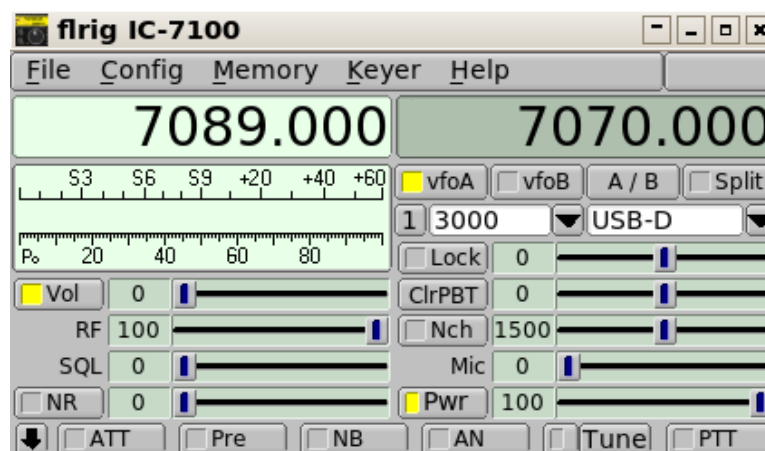


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Chapter 13

IC-7300 How-to

13.1 IC 7300 menu setup

Press the transceiver MENU button then the on screen items: Set , then Connectors.

Make sure the settings for these items are as follows:

- USB SEND - Off
- USB Serial function - CI-V
- Data Mod - USB
- Data Off Mod - Mic, ACC or just Mic if you wish. This applies only when the rig is not in data mode.
- USB MOD Level - I have mine set at 28% so you might try this for starters. This is the input level control for the TX sound from the computer. How to fine tune it will be explained later.
- ACC/USB AF Beep/Speech level - Off
- ACC/USB AF SQL - Off
- ACC/USB AF Output level - I have mine set at 80%. This is the built-in soundcard in the radio output level that goes into fldigi on receive. Too much and you overdrive fldigi and decoding suffers, too little and you may miss weak signals though fldigi does very well with very weak signals. Something to play with to make it work best for you. See the fldigi manual on setting up the sound levels.
- ACC/USB Output Select - AF

Once the above are set then touch the CI-V line on screen to get a list of items to set especially for CAT control. Many of these are ok at default, but verify the ones listed below:

- CI-V address - 94h
- CI-V Transceive - Off
- CI-V USB Port - Unlink from REMOTE
- CI-V USB Baud Rate - 19,200. I use 115,200, but use 19,200 for starters as that is what flrig defaults to. Response will be a bit quicker with higher rates, but it will do well at 19,200 also.
- CI-V USB Echo Back – On

13.2 flrig setup

You should have already installed the driver for the built-in sound card in the 7300.

Connect the transceiver to the computer with a USB A-Male to B-Male cable and turn on the radio.

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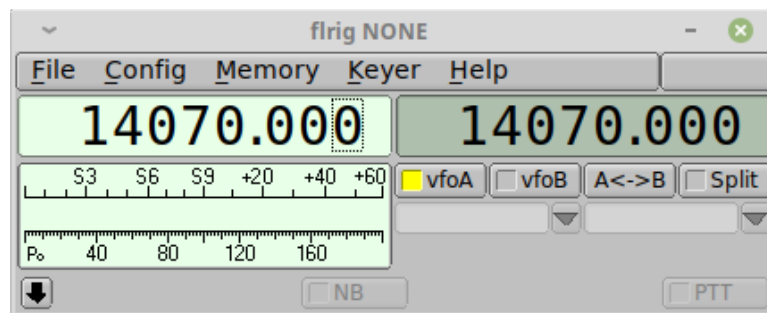


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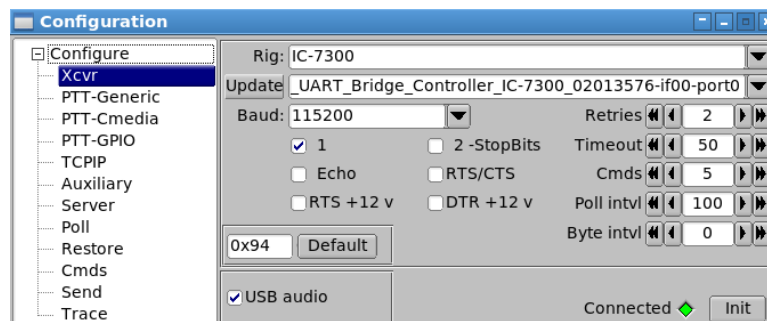


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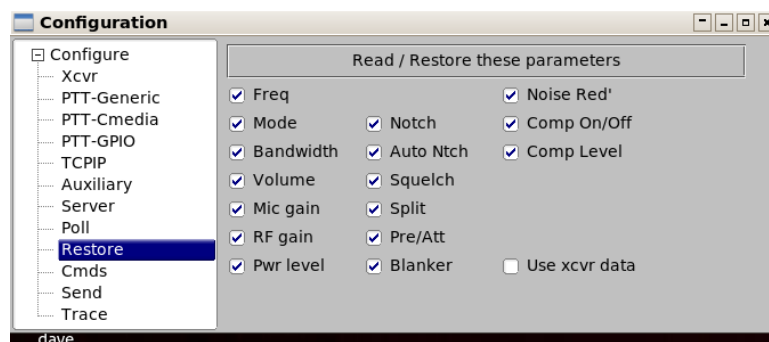


Figure 13.3 Restore IC7300 Settings

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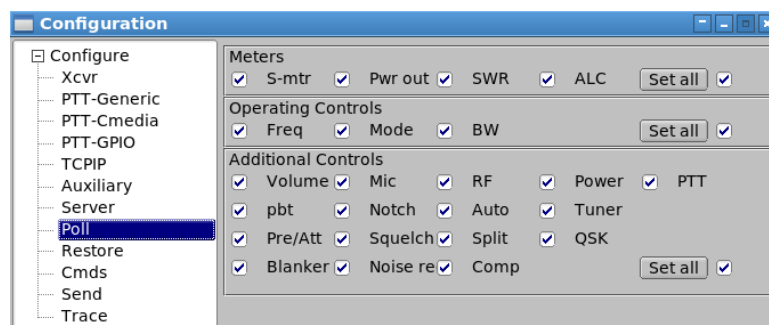


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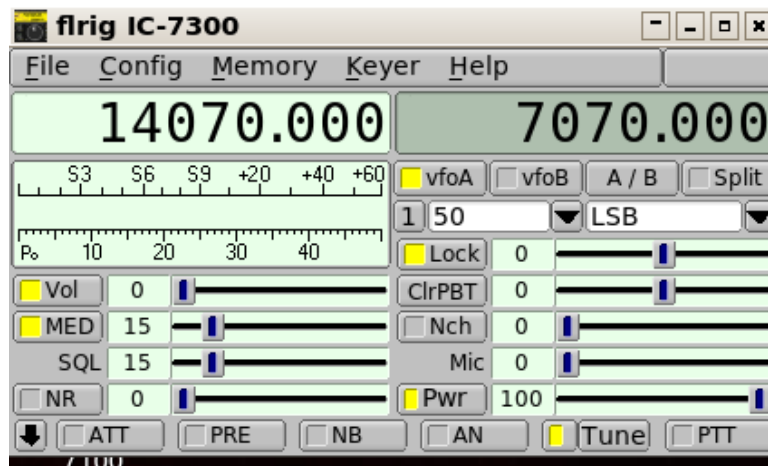


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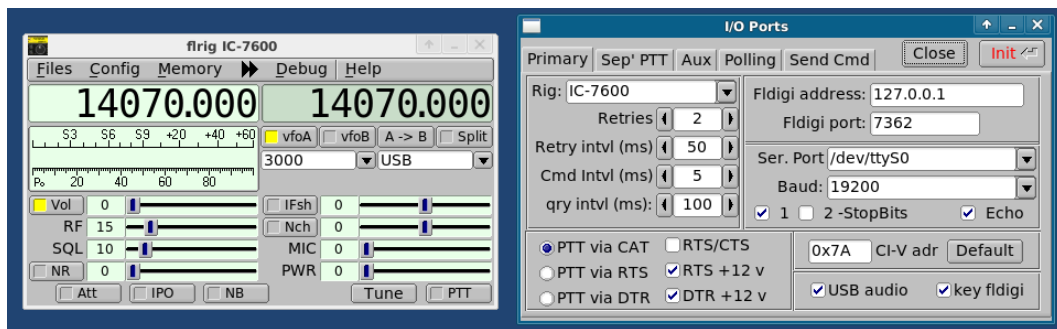
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Chapter 14

IC-7600 How-to

Submitted by Andy - VE3NVK / G8VTV



How to use the USB audio connection of the IC-7600 to a computer with FLDIGI and FLRIG.

14.1 IC-7600 SETTINGS

Setting the IC7600 menu items

1. Go into setup on the 7600 (Exit/set) then goto "set" and finally "Levels"
2. Scroll to the item "Data 1 mod" and change the setting to USB (by turning the tuning dial).
If you do not change this setting then the rig will not get the transmit audio - it still sends the received audio signal out though.
You can use any of Data 1 to Data 3 settings if you have reason to but it is simplest to use the first.
3. Scroll up to the setting for "USB MOD Level" make sure it has some level set (mine is at 40%).
4. Scroll up to "USB Audio SQL" and make sure it is off(open) - We want the software to do any squelching on digital modes.
5. You will probably also want to leave the setting for DATA OFF MOD at the default of "Mic,Acc", if you still intend to use a microphone for SSB!
You can just turn it to Mic alone to avoid any confusing complications.
If you have another audio interface plugged into the auxiliary port, such as a TNC you will probably want to leave it alone.

That should be it for the radio settings.

14.2 SOFTWARE SETTINGS

Now, on the computer, make sure that the sound card on the output side has some initial level set; try from 20 to 60% for starters.

If using FLRIG, (the companion software) to FLDIGI, both of which I strongly recommend, set a level for microphone and power level (start at say 50%). I find that I ended up with the mic level very low at about 5%. If you are not using FLRIG in association with FLDIGI then you do have some other interface options, explained in the main FLDIGI on-line help.

Start both FLDIGI and FLRIG, make sure that FLDIGI is set to use XML-RPC for rig control, and not anything else. If you try to use rig control from both FLDIGI with FLRIG running then there will be conflicts, and who knows which programme will be in charge. FLDIGI sends frequency, mode and bandwidth changes to the transceiver via FLRIG when XML-RPC is selected. FLRIG in turn annunciates changes back to FLDIGI. The radio, FLRIG and FLDIGI should stay in synch no matter where the change occurs.

14.2.1 FLDIGI

1. On FLDIGI's "Configure" tab and rig control tab make sure that you only select XML-RPC.
2. On the "Audio" tab make sure (on Linux) that you have selected the correct audio device. I use PortAudio so I have selected both Capture and Playback show up as "USB Audio CODEC: USB Audio ..." (after that is will show the hardware port as something like (HW:0,0) - this last part will change depending on how your computer is set up to identify the audio ports.
3. In the OS sound mixer application, the 7600 USB audio will probably be identified as "PCM2901 Audio Codec."
4. If you are using Pulse audio the mixer function is performed in the Pulse-audio mixer application. Pulse audio will remember both the record and playback levels required for each application that it serves.

14.2.2 FLRIG

1. Open the Config/Transceiver select tab and perform the following in the dialog window that opens
2. Make sure to select the rig ic-7600 that the serial port is selected - it will be something like (again in Linux) /dev/ttyUSB0, the number at the end may be different, and if you have more than one USB serial device connected, make sure you have the correct one. (Hint: use the command, in a terminal screen, 'lsmod')
3. Make sure the CI-V address is correct, the default for the 7600 is 0x7A
4. Check off the "USB Audio" box.
5. Select the button for PTT via CAT.
6. Ensure that the baud rate is compatible with what you have set on the 7600 I use 19200.
7. Select 1 stop bit
8. Enable the checkbox for Echo.
9. Now for retries, retry interval, cmd interval and query interval, I use 2, 50, 5, 100, but other values will certainly work for you. If you want faster response to the frequency when changed using the tune dial on the rig you may want to try reducing the value of QRY interval.

Make sure to press the INIT button before closing the window so that the settings you have changed TAKE.

When using digital modes make sure that (even for CW) that you have selected "USB-D1" for the audio connection. If you use anything else, you will NOT be able to transmit, just receive. (Unless you decided to set up for USB-D2 or D3). This shows in both FLRIG and FLDIGI.

The rig should then also show that it is set to USB-D1 with a blue background just above the frequency display and between the VFO and filter setting indicators.

If, as has happened to me with some of the iterations of FLRIG, the 7600 stops showing USB-D1, change it back by either pressing the USB button repeatedly on the 7600 until it shows, or in FLRIG if you can.

14.2.3 SETTING LEVELS AND TUNING

Finally using the TUNE button on FLDIGI, set up the power and modulation levels for almost no ALC action. You will have to play with both the MIC setting in FLRIG, and the output level setting for your sound mixer to get this right. You can work digital modes such as PSK31 very well with power levels of less than 25 watts output. Doing so does not stress your output finals too much and still gives you an effective signal out (unless your antenna system is awful.) At 25 watts output my rig shows about 13 amps for Ip.

When making these level selections make sure you press in and hold the rig's meter button for 1+ sec so that all the readings show at the same time.

Please note that the TUNE button on FLRIG does not work the same as the same as the tune button in FLDIGI. The tune button on FLRIG tells the 7600 to use its internal tuner to match to the antenna at the frequency selected. If you are already tuned then it will go on and off again very quickly with no time to adjust modulation level settings. The TUNE button on FLDIGI sends a continuous two tone signal at the maximum level, and is intended for setting the modulation levels - that is the one to use.

As I only use Linux on my rigs computer I have not been able to provide instructions for Windows users but they are essentially the same except as to how the serial port and audio ports are identified.

CAUTION

Last of all, always turn the 7600 on before starting FLRIG and FLDIGI, and always close the two programmes before turning off the 7600. If you do not do it in this fashion you may have to reset settings on starting up the programmes, and they will almost always hang on shutting down - at times necessitating a reboot in Windows.

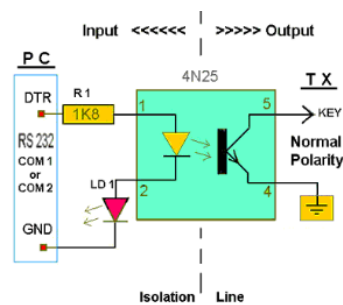
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Chapter 15

CW Keyer Interface

The CW keyer is specifically designed to work with a DTR/RTS keyline to emulate the closure of a CW key. Several transceivers have this capability built in to the hardware. Some expose a separate keying port (FT-991A) and some share the CAT serial port (IC-7300). A simple DTR/RTS keying circuit can also provide the h/w interface. This one provides galvanic isolation:



Chapter 16

TT550 - Pegasus Operating instructions

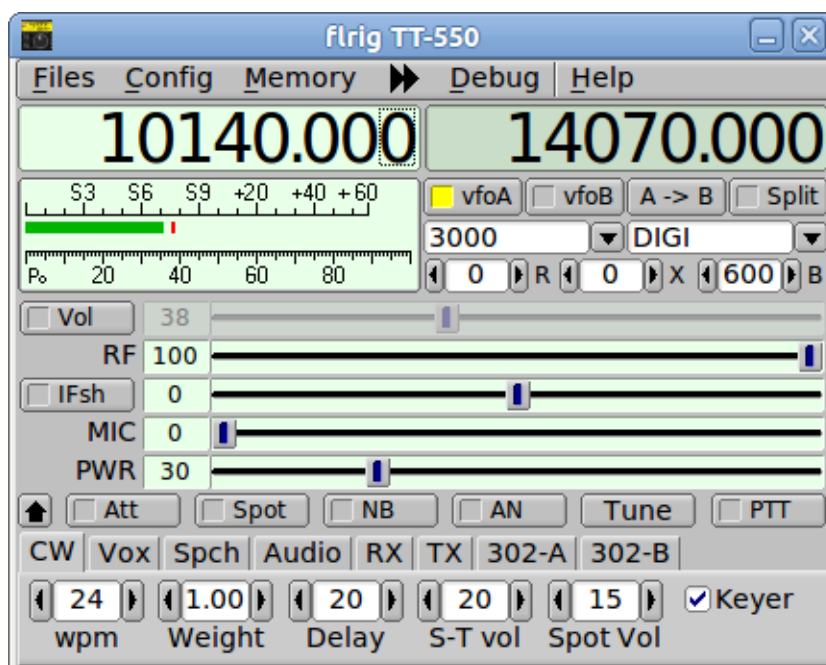


Figure 16.1 FLRIG - TT550

FLRIG provides a full implementation of all TT550 control functions including the operation of the Model 302 remote keypad. The TT550 selection can also be used with the TT538, Jupiter. The Jupiter emulates all of the Pegasus commands.

All of the FLRIG "front panel" controls operate the same as for any other transceiver with a few exceptions. The Pegasus does not have any preamp control. So that button is converted for use as a spot control when the rig is in CW mode.

Select CW mode and then press the spot button. You should hear the sidetone (if not you may need to increase the Spot Vol ... see below). You can then adjust the B (BFO) control for the desired sidetone frequency.

The DIGI mode is unique to FLRIG and the TT550. The control commands available on the Pegasus allow the program to control the center frequency and the bandwidth for all of the DSP filters. The DIGI mode is designed to always place the center frequency of the filter at 1500 Hz. When FLRIG is used with FLDIGI this provides a very convenient and easy way to QSY to a received signal and then narrow down the filter. The Pegasus DSP filters are very well suited to digital mode operations.

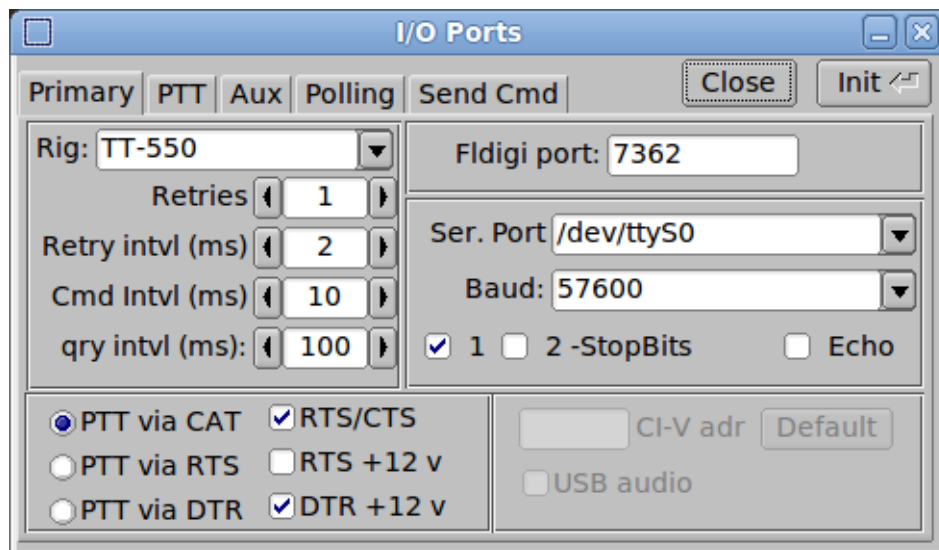


Figure 16.2 I/O Ports - Primary

Selecting the TT550 from the rig selection combo box should preset all of the interface controls. You should only need to select from the serial port combo. FLRIG will find all unused serial ports so be sure that the TT550 is not being accessed by another software when you start FLRIG.

It is necessary to press the Init button when you first set the program for use with a transceiver. Subsequent use should not require any action on the part of the operator.

The TT550 has it's own set up dialog for accessing those controls that are not routinely used. This dialog is opened by the "Config / Xcvr setup" menu.

16.1 Additional Control

Access to the additional controls is obtained by the down arrow button to the left of the Att control.

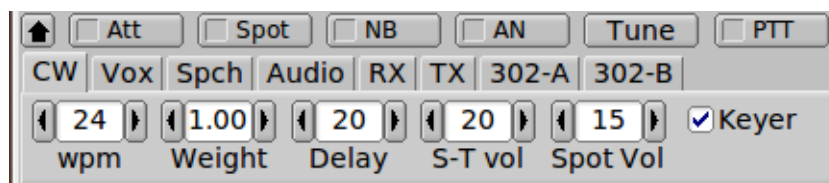


Figure 16.3 TT550 - CW

16.1.1 CW

The internal keyer can be enabled and both the words/min and the weight of the keyer can be adjusted. The Pegasus is a QSK rig and you can adjust the QSK hold in milliseconds. You can adjust the keyer sidetone volume relative to the received audio. Set the control to zero if you do want to hear the sidetone. The Spot Vol control is associated with the Spot button on the front panel. This volume is also relative to the receiver volume control.

16.1.2 VOX



Figure 16.4 TT550 - VOX

You can operate the Pegasus with manual SSB PTT or with Vox. The three Vox controls are controlled IAW the 550 manual.

16.1.3 Speech

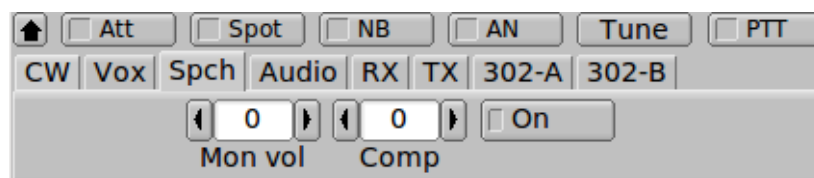


Figure 16.5 TT550 - Speech

You can monitor the SSB speech level (recommended only with headphones). The compression level is also adjustable and speech compression can be enabled or disabled as suited.

The Accessory socket line out level can be set to prevent overdriving of a terminal node controller or computer sound card interface. The front panel NB, noise blanker, control can be set for any level from NONE to

1. AGC can be set for slow, medium or fast. The transmitter can be disabled. Very useful if you do not want idle hands pressing the PTT switch. The Tloop (for amplifier) can be enabled and finally if your Pegasus has the built-in tuner it can be bypassed.

16.1.4 Audio

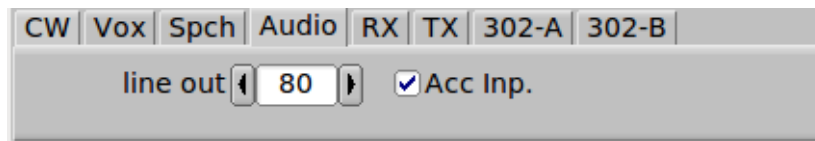


Figure 16.6 TT550 - Audio

Audio can be either from the Mic connector or from the Accessory input (digital mode ops). The level of the line out on the remote connector can be controlled independent of the speaker.

16.1.5 RX

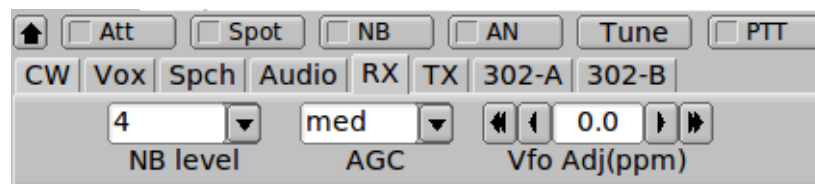


Figure 16.7 TT550 - Receive

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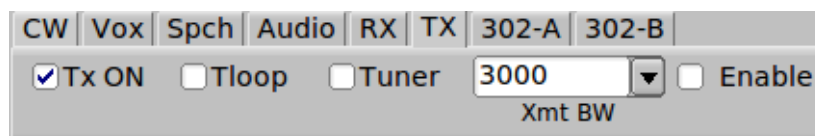


Figure 16.8 TT550 - Transmit

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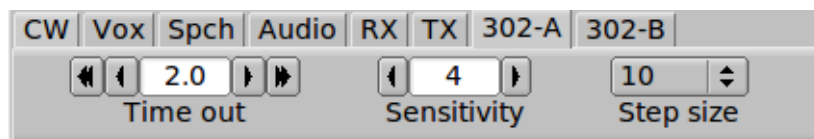
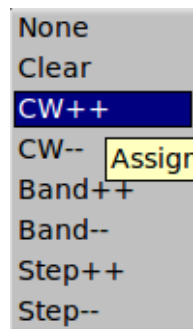


Figure 16.9 TT550 - 302A

302 Keypad Accessory If you have the 302 keypad you can set various parameters to adjust it's performance. The function keys can be assigned on of several response functions:



Both the Pegasus and the Jupiter can be controlled with the Model 302 key pad / encoder.

As you enter keypad values from the keypad they will appear in an entry box at the upper right of the main dialog. These are used for entering a frequency in kHz (i.e. 14.070 MHz is entered as 14070.000). You can abort the input by pressing the decimal value twice in succession.

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