

How to Install and use Winlink

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Winlink is an accepted program to be used in AUXCOMM and Emcom message handling. It includes the ability to handle a variety of forms, including many of the standard forms used in an incident command structure (ICS)

If you are new to the Winlink system, the first thing to do is to obtain your Winlink email, which will be yourcall@Winlink.org.

- To create your account, download, install and configure [Winlink Express](#). Study the help file about installation and use.
- **Using Winlink Express** with an internet connection, fill out the form presented on first startup after installation. See the help article "Basic Configuration" for guidance. (Help Tab on Winlink Express>Contents>Setup>Basic Configuration). Be sure to include a password and password recovery address. Click 'Update'. Winlink Express makes the process easy. Your account is created!
- **We've been there.** Make sure to save your Winlink password someplace safe!

Now, you are ready to use Winlink.

It is recommended that you learn Winlink using Telnet. The default settings of Winlink Express will let you use Telnet without any further settings. A wonderful way to learn. One of the quirks of the Winlink Express program is that once you have typed the email, you have to click on the "Post to Outbox" tab. Then, on the main Outlook Express program, click on the "Open Session" tab to send the email.

If you have a radio and a TNC hooked up to your computer, click on "Open Session" and select the proper method for connecting to the outside world.

To find a node, look at the list of known state nodes located at: [Michigan-Packet-Nodes-V6.xlsx](#)

Send yourself a message over the Internet using Winlink Express.

- a. Click "Message", then "New Message"
- b. Type your own regular (not Winlink) email address in the "To" field
- c. Type a Subject
- d. Type a Message
- e. Click the "Post to Outbox" button
- f. Back in the Main Window, to the right of Open Session, select "Telnet Winlink", then click "Open Session"
- g. In the Session Window, Click "Start"
- h. The session will run and your message will be sent
- i. When you see "Disconnected", close the session window
- j. Back in the Main Window, any received messages will be listed
(You may have to repeat steps g through i)
- k. You should see a message from Winlink with your system password
- l. Click on "Settings" and then "Winlink Express Setup"
- m. Fill in your password, which will now be required
- n. Click "Update"

You are now ready to send and receive messages.

Other Links and Videos for Help

Michigan Winlink and Packet Information <https://mi-arpsec.org/winlink/>

Videos:

[Winlink Ham Radio Email - Config 1: Telnet](#)

[Winlink Express Client Intro/Setup Demo - W8CMN Mi6WAN/Mi7 Network](#)

[Winlink Express Client Template/ICS Demo - W8CMN Mi6WAN/Mi7 Network](#)

[Beginners Guide to Setting up Winlink](#)

Documentation, How to:

[Winlink Home Page, many articles](#)

[How to Download, Install and Configure Winlink Express](#)

[Winlink Basic 101 PDF](#)

[Winlink Setup and Configuration](#)

[Getting Started with Winlink 2000](#)

[An Introduction To Winlink2000's Program](#)

[Packet Radio Resources](#)