Ham Radio and Digital Modes

What are digital modes?

Using other than voice to communicate

The original digital mode

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Yes CW

Still very much in use today and getting more popular again.

Tonight we will be talking about newer digital modes

PSK 31

Olivia 8-500

MT-63 2KL

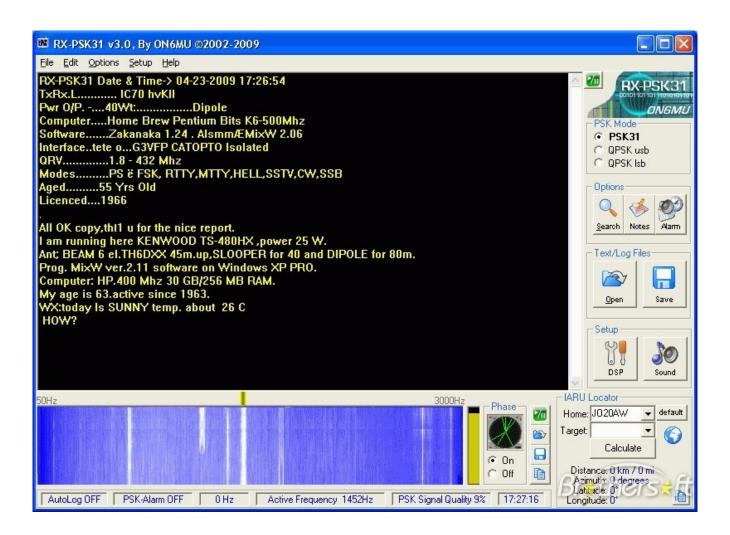
Just to name a few that are available

PSK 31 a HF mode using an interface between computer and radio

Very narrow bandwidth, low power requirement

using keyboard and macro's a good rag chew mode

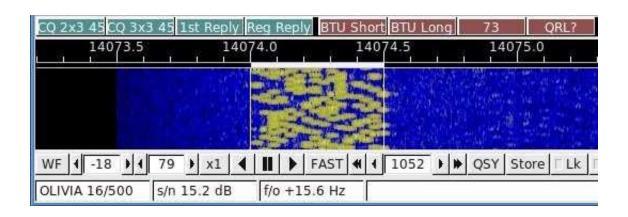
My best is Uruguay southern tip of South America 35W 20M off the end of a wire antenna



Olivia 8-500 normally an HF mode again with an interface computer to radio

8 tones 500 Hz wide

a very robust mode that will work below the noise floor, can be keyboard but more suited to using forms to pass information, uses forward error correction to insure integrity of message.

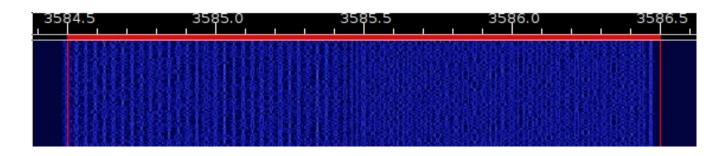


It will not set the world on fire with speed.

MT-63 2KL Mainly on 2 M due to band width.

Used with forms for E-com work, not encrypted so sensitive information should not be sent over air.

No interface required, acousta coupling works very good but noisy in an enclosed area.



Hot spots for PSK31 on HF for digital 10M 28.070-28.120 12M 24.920-24.925 20M 14.070-14.095 40M 7.070-7.125 80M 3.570-3.600

PSK would be at the low end of these frequency's Olivia about 25 Khz above that and so on

Good information on MT-63 at

http://w1hkj.com/NBEMS/PublicService.pdf

or just google pa nbems and select W1HKJ

Program I use is Fldigi with Flmsg

these are free and safe at

http://sourceforge.net/projects/fldigi/files

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