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Biographical Info

- Tech: 1/07, General 1/08, Extra 1/09
- President: PART of Westford, MA (9/09 8/19)
- ARRL EMA: Assistant Section Manager (2016), ACC (2017)
- Founder: Worcester Linux Users' Group (1997)
- Founder and Acting President: Chelmsford Linux Meetup Group (2006-2020)
- Linux Instructor:
 - Chelmsford Community Education (2004 2011)
- Linux user since 1997
- Computer Engineer digital logic verification

Most Recent Interests

- Antique radios
 - Electrical restoration, especially 1920s/1930s radios
- Homebrewing
 - Many kits
 - Built a 1920s style regenerative receiver with plugable coils for different frequency ranges
- FT-8, GridTracker
- Fox hunting, M17 Project
- Of course: Andy's Ham Radio Linux



- Promote Linux
- Give back to ham radio and Linux communities
- Build on top of an existing Linux distribution
- Create a software collection containing as much ham radio software as possible – nothing proprietary
- Goal: Everything just works!
- Focus on the radio hobby!
- The idea of "Andy's Ham Radio Linux" began this way

Andy's Ham Radio Linux

- V25a is Xubuntu 22.04.* remastered
- Download the ISO file from SourceForge
 - Search for: Andy's Ham Radio Linux
 - Software is GPL or similarly free license
- Ways to get started:
 - Download the ISO first, then.....
 - Boot it in Virtualbox, or.....
 - Create a bootable USB thumb drive
- Install to the hard drive once you decide you like it
- ---> Be sure to read the GETTING_STARTED guide(!!!) <---

Target Computer

- Any x86_64 computer 10 years old or less
- Minimum: 4 GB of memory
- Disk Space: 20 GB after installation
- Processor speed is not an issue for most ham radio programs, Exception: SDR
- Networking: wired or wireless
- USB required for installation

Initial Boot before Installation

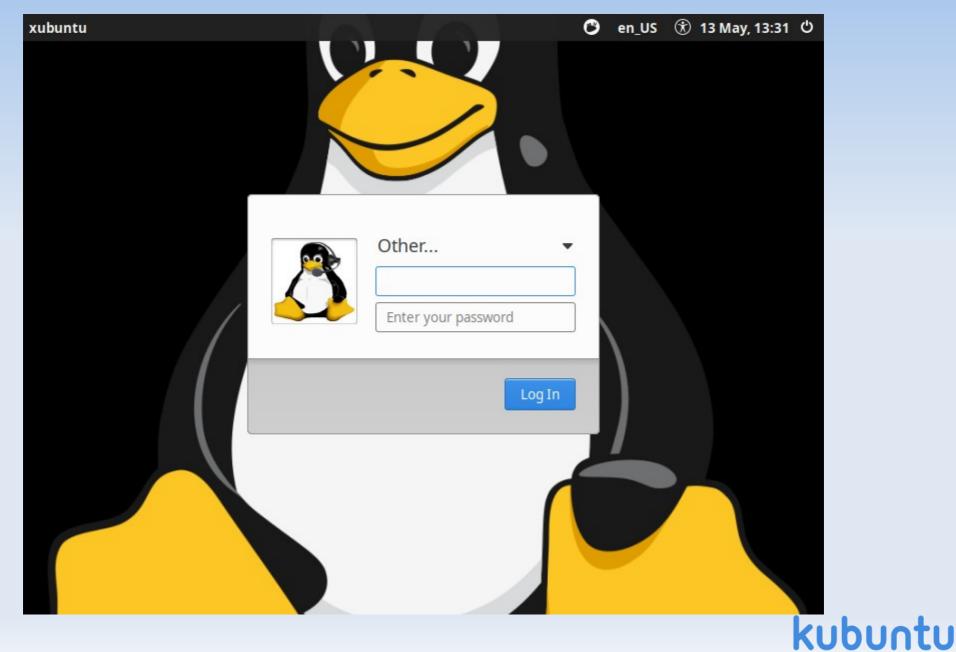


GETTING_STARTED

PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE:

- Be sure to download and read the GETTING_STARTED document BEFORE you begin the installation.
- Follow the helpful hints!
- If you have problems logging in, you likely didn't read or properly follow the instructions in the document.

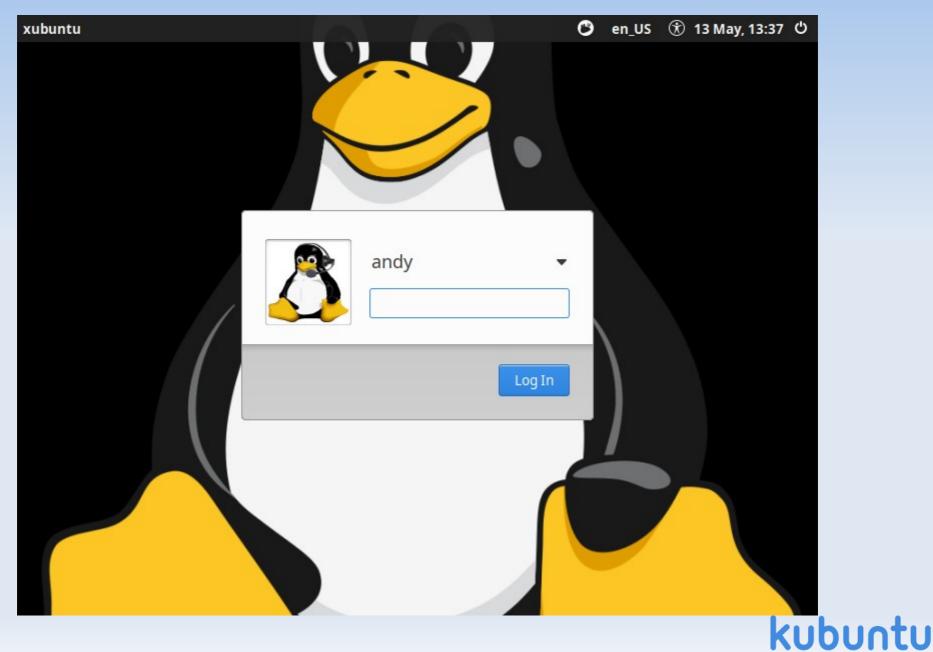
Initial Login Screen After Installation



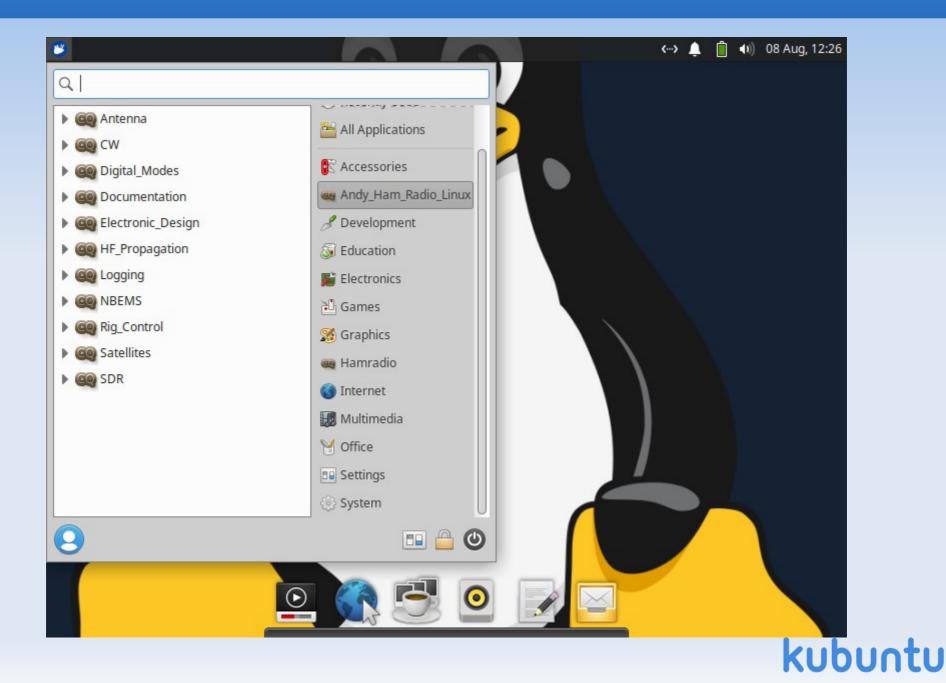
fix_account

- Login as user: xubuntu
- Hit enter
- Hit enter again or click "Log In" (no password)
- Open a terminal window
- sudo /root/bin/fix_account
- Log out, log in using updated account
- Done! That was easy!

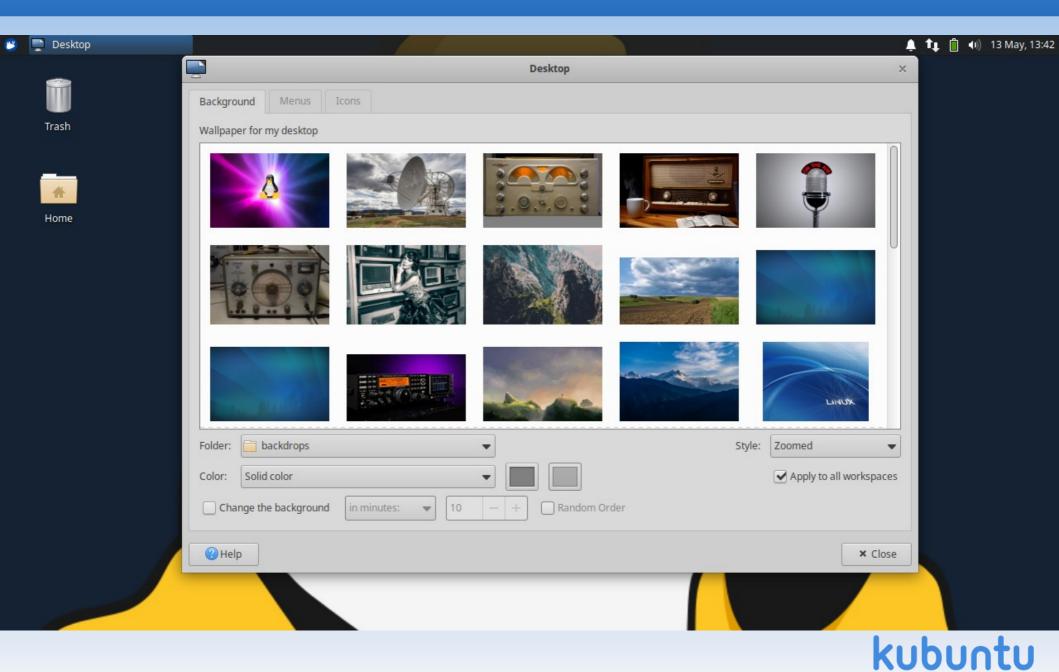
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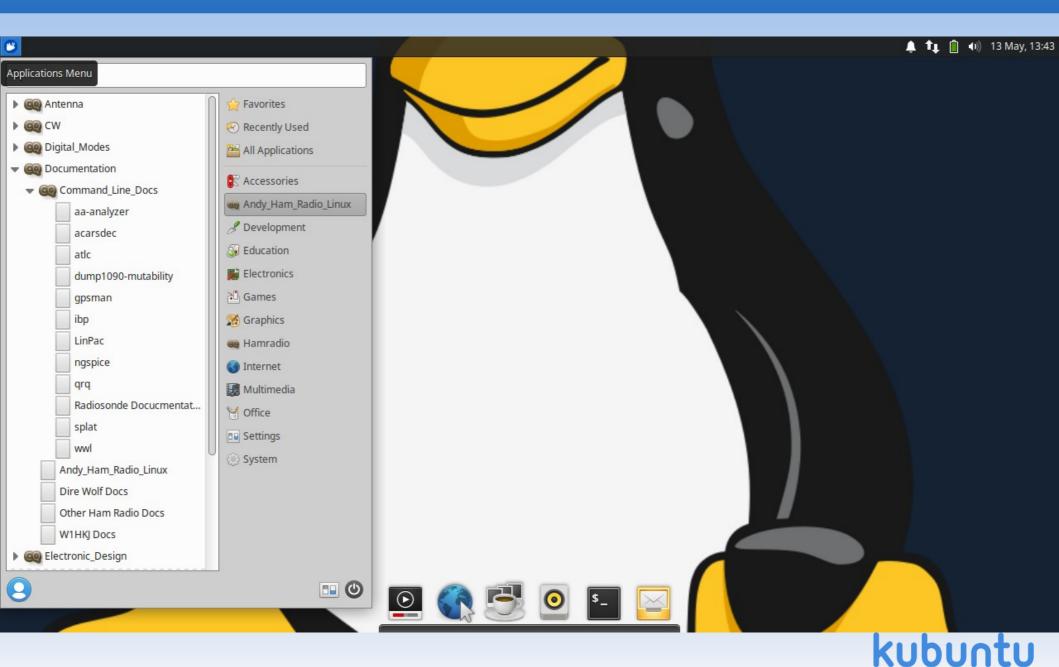
Initial Desktop



Desktop Backgrounds



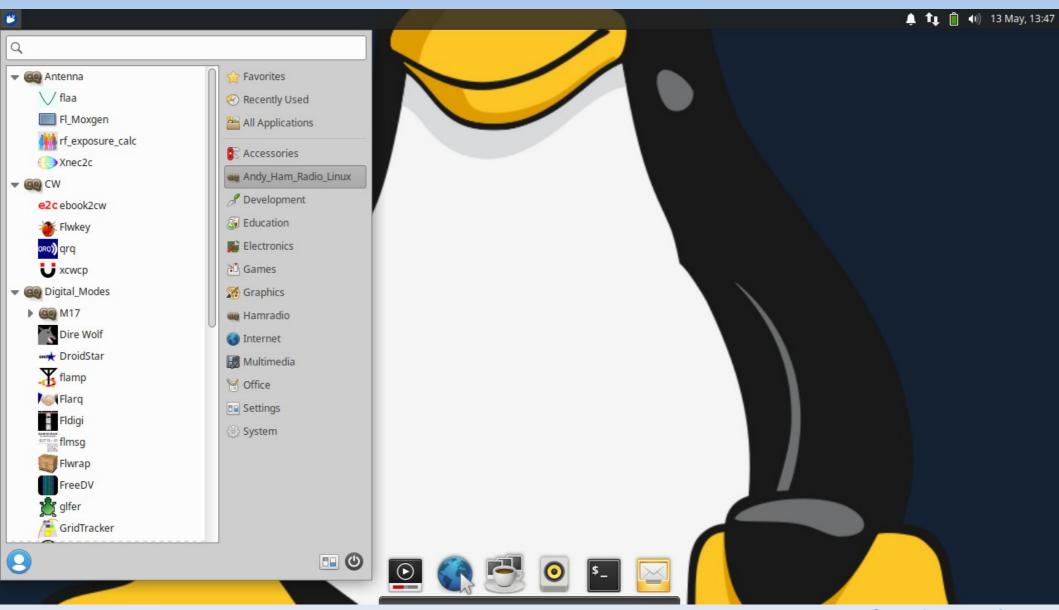
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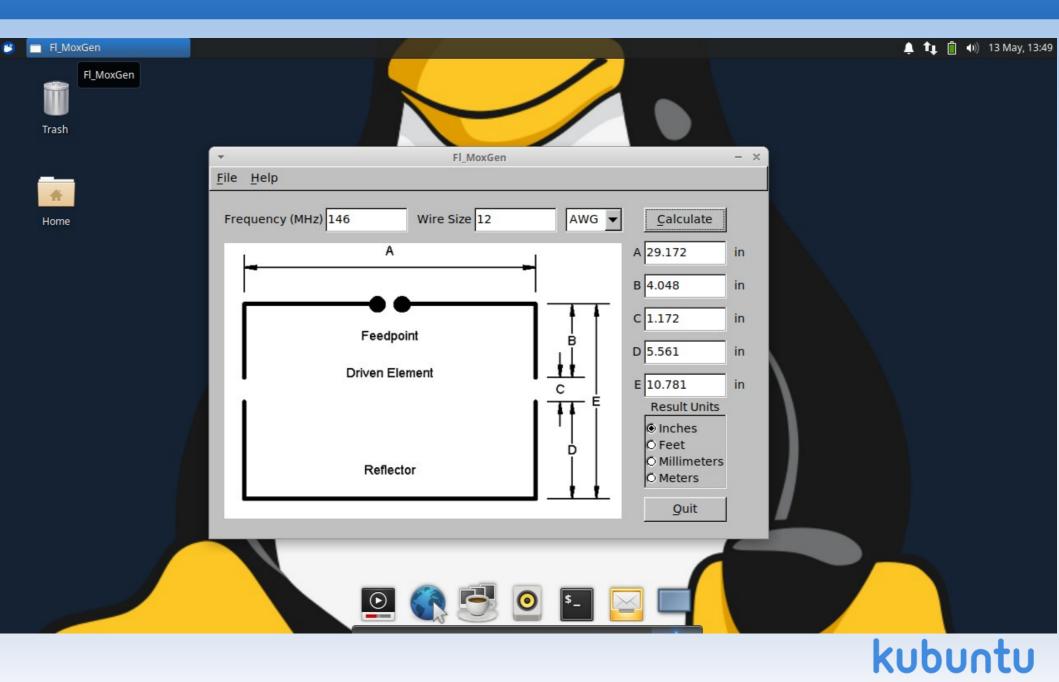
AHRL Documentation

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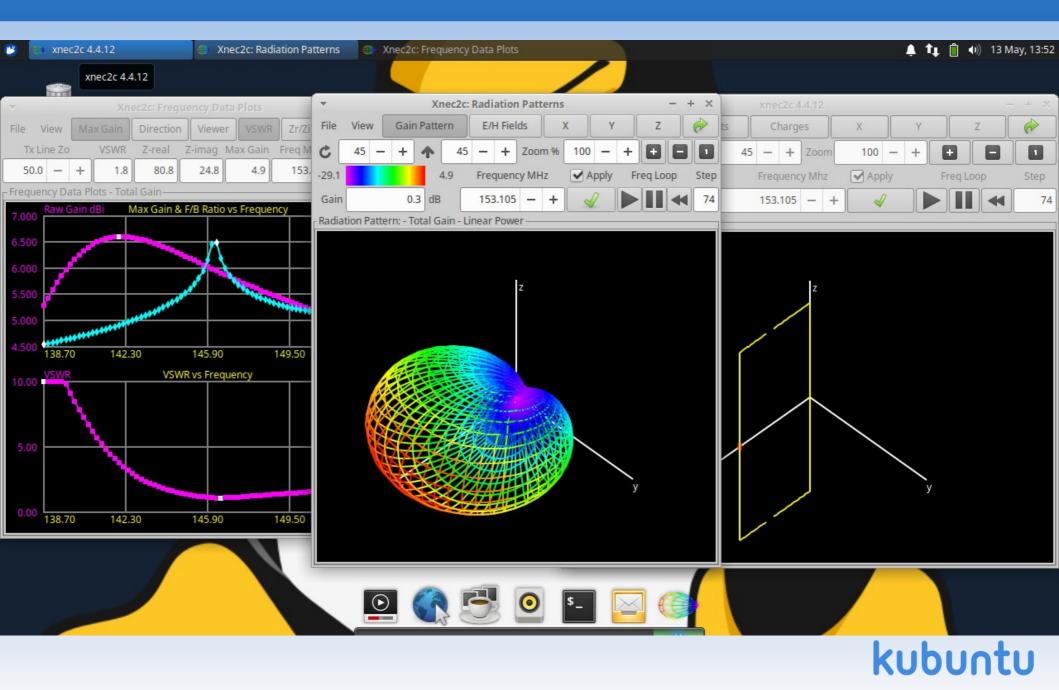
Menu #1



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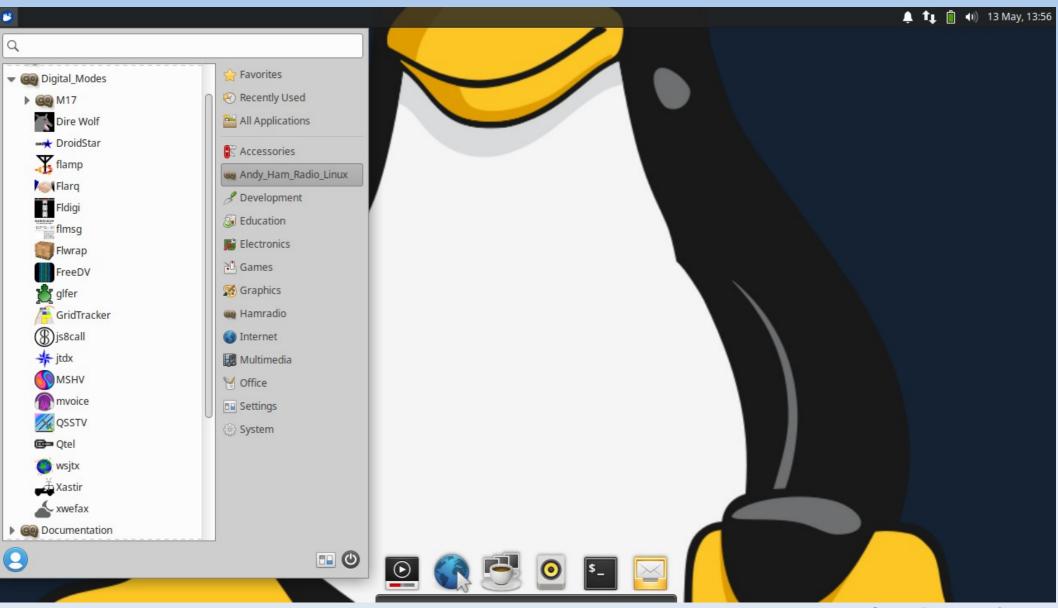
Antenna modeling - xnec2c



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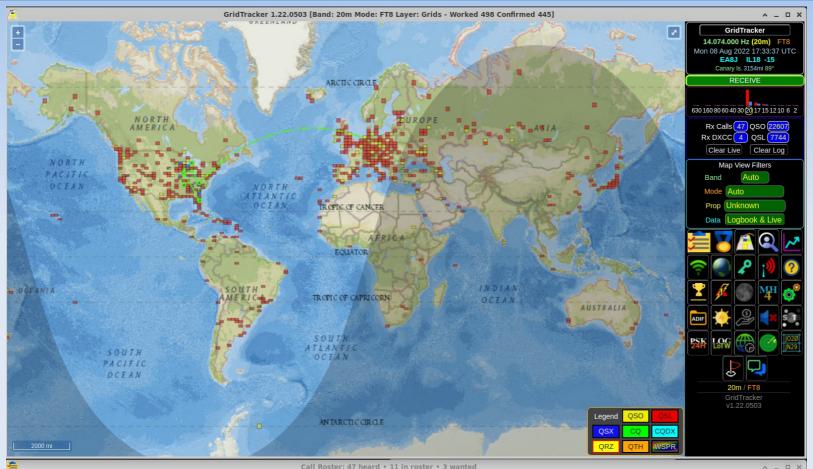
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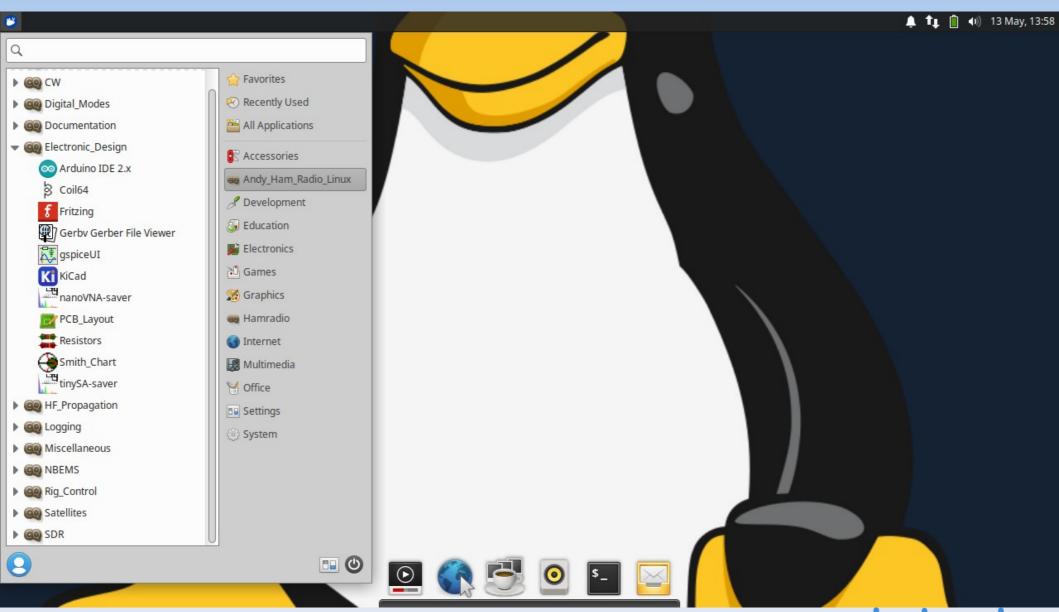
- As of v25a: GridTracker is installed by default
- This is a MOST EXCELLENT program!
- Graphically manage grids:
 - Needed, Contacted but not confirmed, Confirmed
- Talks to wsjtx (and wsjtx talks to xlog)
- Logs sent to LoTW and others

GridTracker

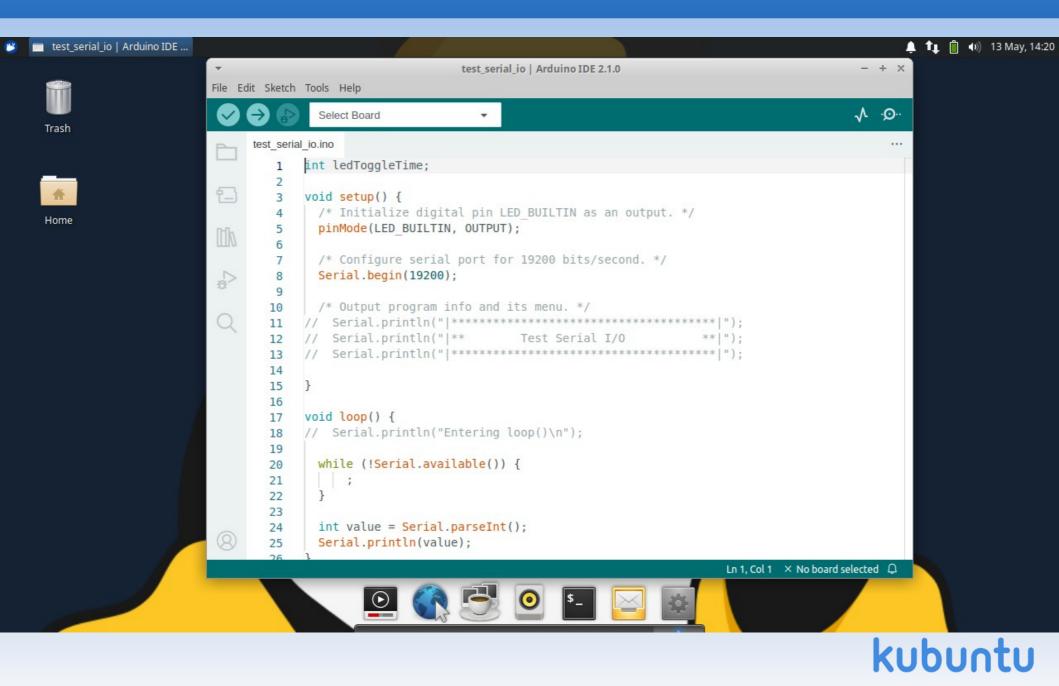


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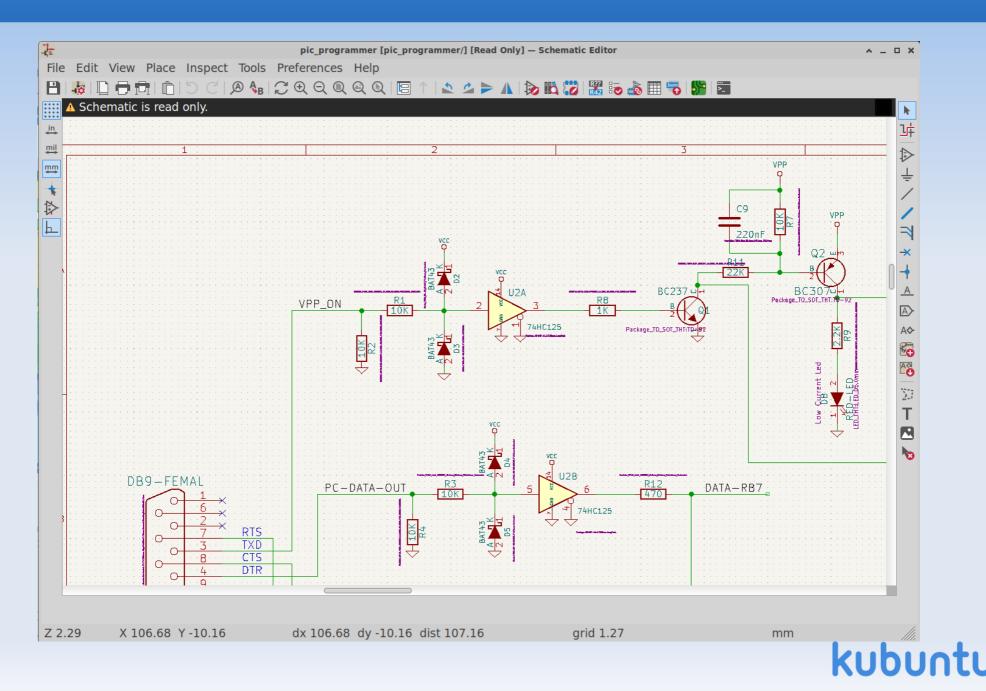
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Electronic Design - coil64

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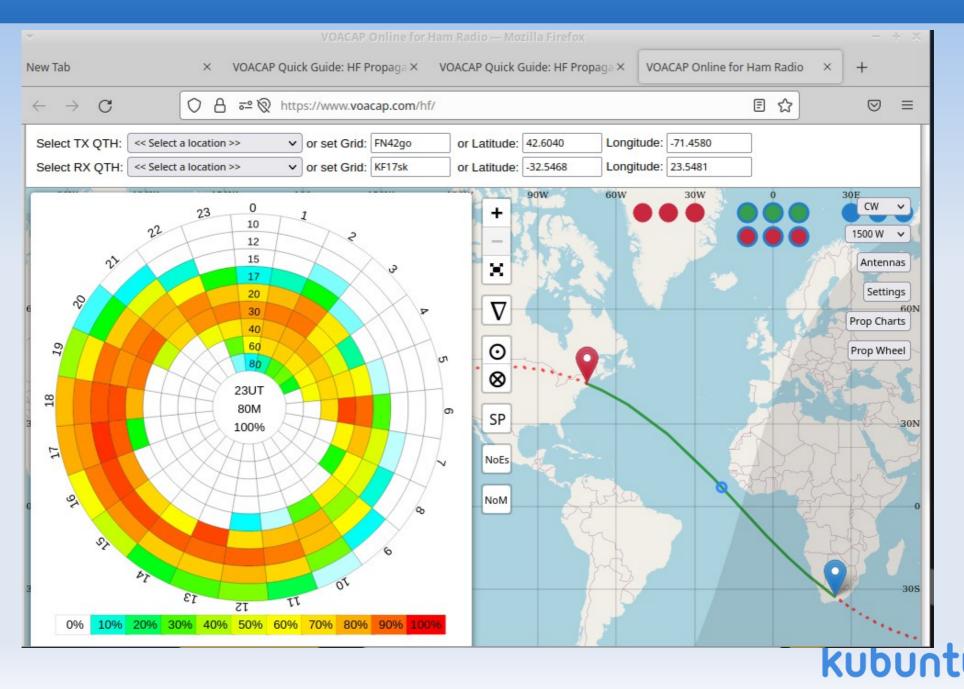
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HF Propagation #1



HF Propagation #2



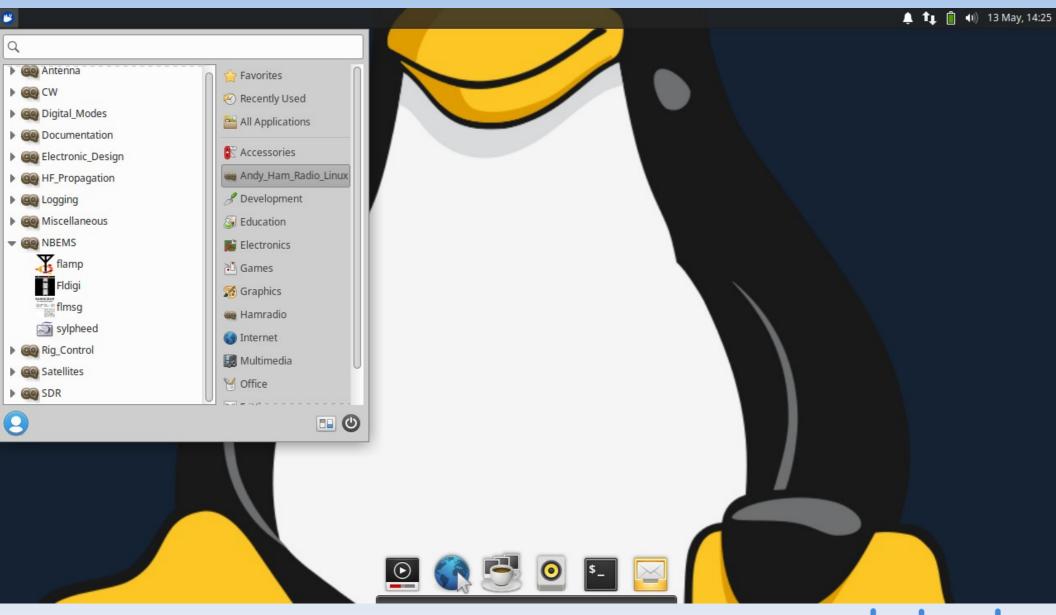
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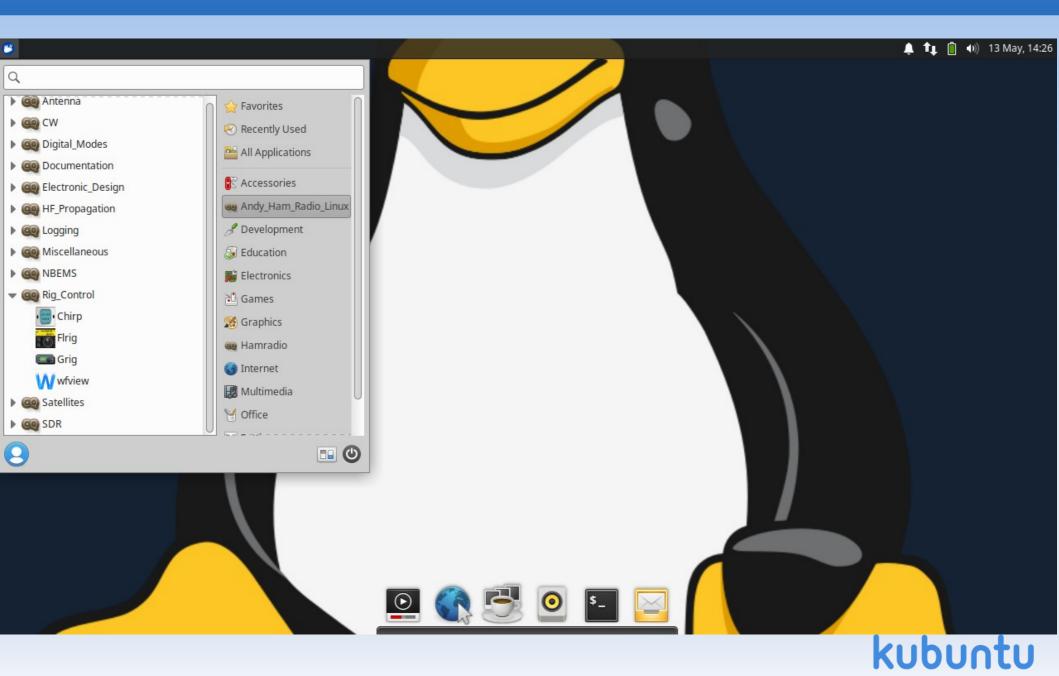
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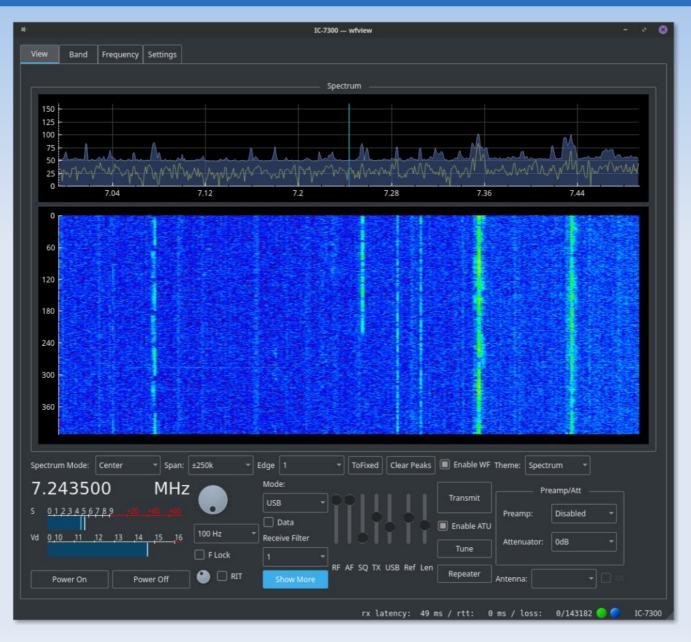
NBEMS

- Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System
- Open Source software suite
- Runs on the 3 major operating systems
- No infrastructure required
- Used by EMCOMM folks
- Ties in with sylpheed email program

Menu #6



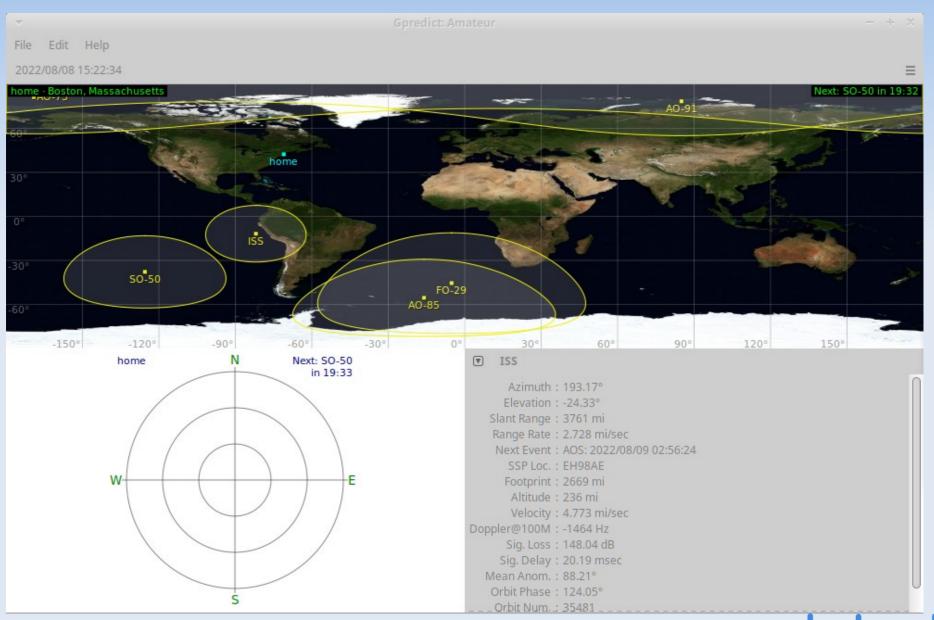
Rig Control - wfview



Satellites - FoxTelem

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Satellites - gpredict

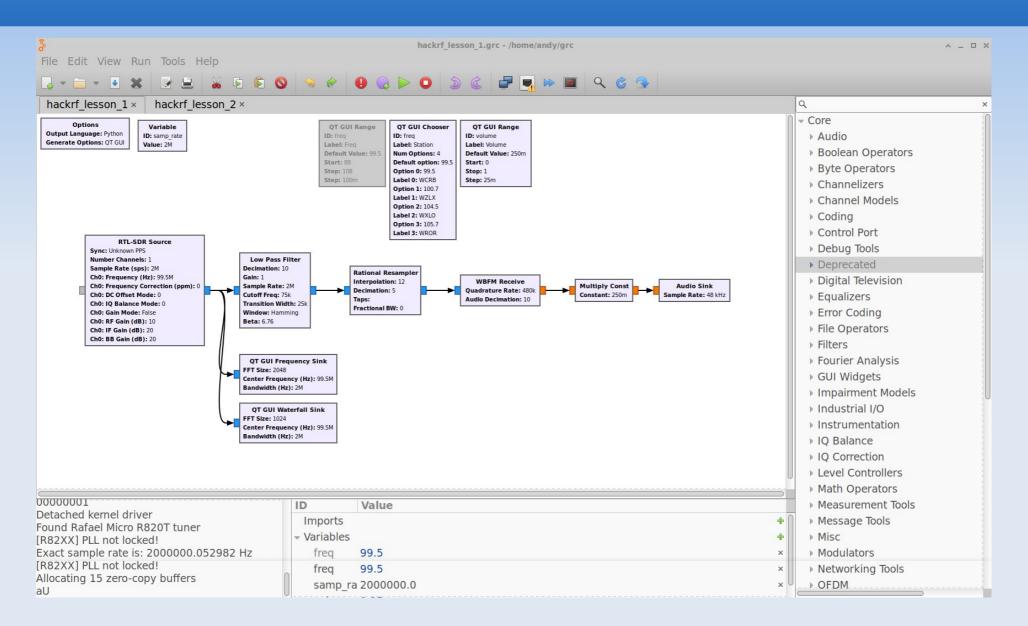


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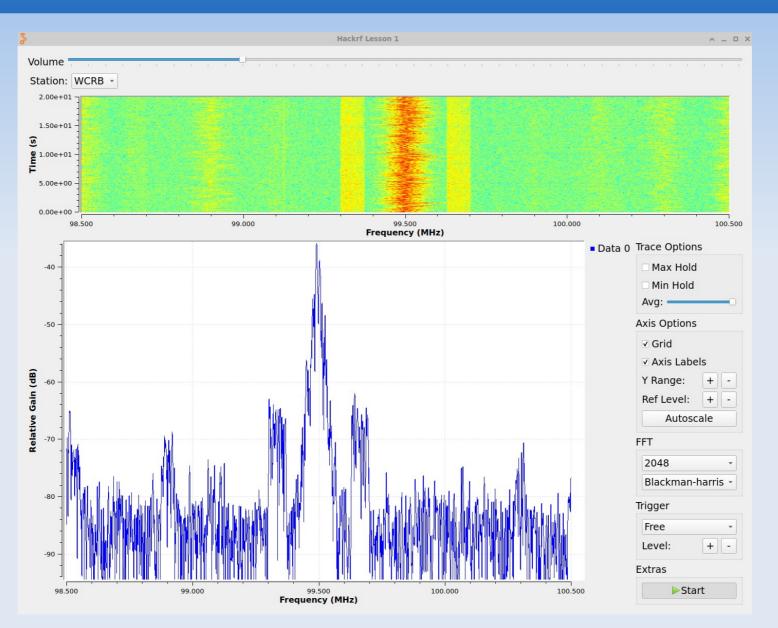
- SDR = Software Defined Radio
- Draw a block diagram of your signal processing
- GRC will write the Python code and execute it
- Supports SDR devices such as:
 - RTL-SDR dongle
 - HackRF
- Many tutorials are available online



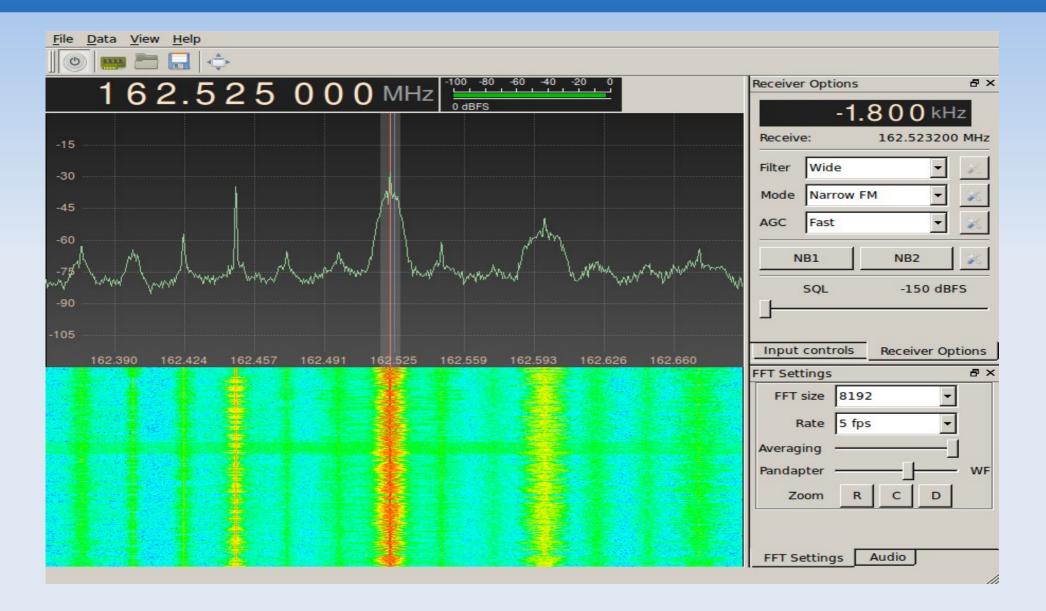
SDR – GNU Radio Companion #1



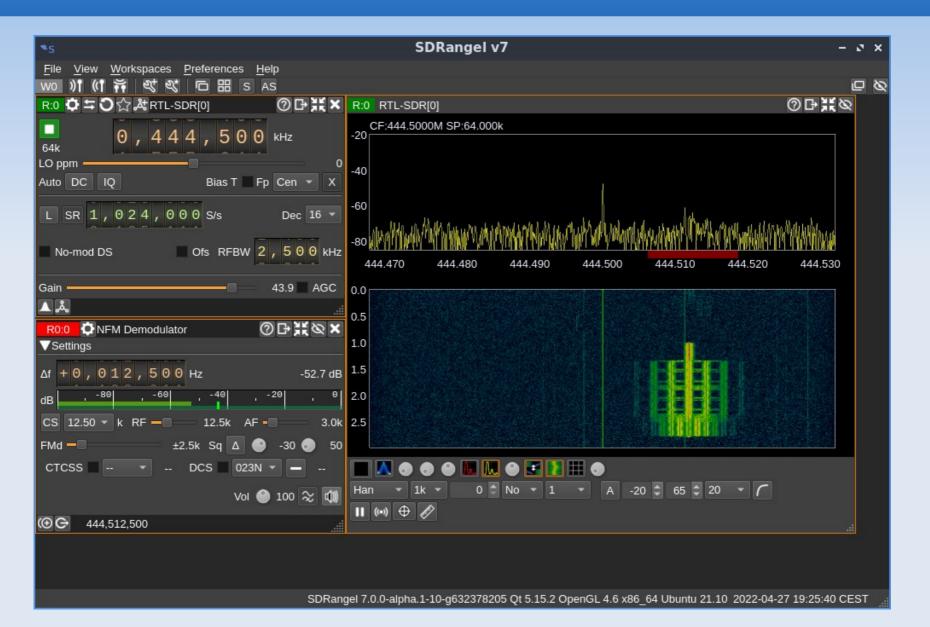
SDR GNU Radio Companion #2



SDR - gqrx



SDR - sdrangel

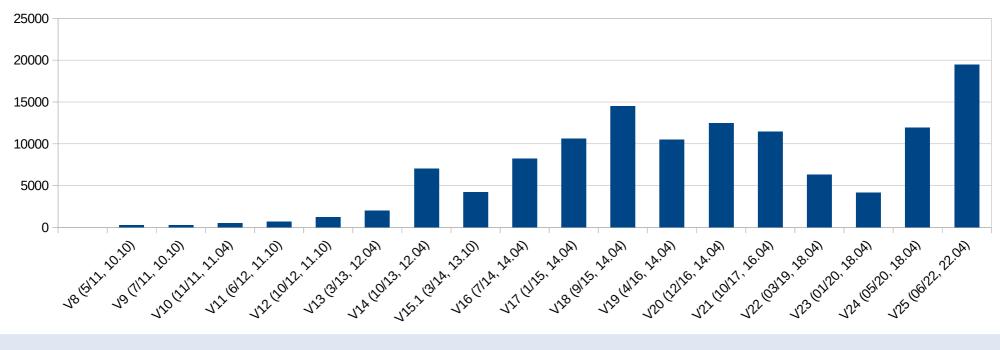


What's new and cool?

- Free Digital Voice (FreeDV)
 - Codec2: David (VK5DGR) Rowe
 - https://freedv.org/
- M17 Project
 - Low level protocols using Codec2
 - https://m17project.org/
 - Jan 2023: liberated two TYT MD-380s which now run M17(!)
 - M17 software available in AHRL v25a
 - I'm eager to learn more about M17

Downloads

Number of Downloads



Andy's Ham Radio Linux

Awarded 03/2022

- 11 years and 100,000 downloads later.....
- https://nediv.arrl.org/2022/03/02





Sourceforge

- Go there: http://www.sourceforge.net
- Search for KB10IQ
- Other ham radio programs are there:
 - uBITX modified for blind amateur radio users
 - Bionics configuration programs

MicroFox, TinyTrack

- Wordsworth collaboration with K1IG
 - a way to learn CW
- aa-analyzer for older Rig Expert analyzers

Related Online Videos

- Online video of a similar talk to RATPAC:
 - Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee
 - https://youtu.be/BOIHi73zY74
- Online Review of AHRL by KB9RLW Kevin, "The Old Tech Guy"
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEd5uMoksa8

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Last Slide!

- Questions?
- Slides available:
 - Email: kb1oiq@arrl.net
- Thanks for coming to this talk!
- Have a lot of fun, and 73 de Andy KB10IQ

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