# Remote Amateur Radio

A Beginner's Guide to Remote Amateur Radio
From a Beginner

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# Why Use Remote Amateur Radio?

- If you travel it is nice to bring radio with you, without having to bring the radio.

- You can make QSOs almost anywhere there is a good internet connection.

- You can run your rig from any room in the house or outside if you have a good home network.

- Hotels won't put you <u>and</u> your Yagi up for the night.

# Remote VS Local

- For our discussion it will be understood that LOCAL is the computer you are using while at the mall or the hotel.

- REMOTE will be the computer located at your home connected to the radio.

- Feel free to remind me of this when I mix it up.

# What Will You Need?

- Two computers
- A fairly high speed internet connection
- A transceiver that can be controlled by a computer
- An audio interface like a Rigblaster
- Skype
- Logmein Hamachi Software
- Ham Radio Deluxe

# Step one: Getting the Software Yes, it is all FREE

- You will need to install Skype on both computers.

- Go to Logmein.com, download and install Hamachi to both computers

- Download and install Ham Radio Deluxe on both Computers

# Step Two: Skype

- Skype will be your source of audio for remote operation

- You will need an account for each computer.  Make one your call sign, and if you don't have an account already, name the other whatever you like.

- Add each other as contacts on both accounts.

- On the REMOTE computer (connected to the rig) you will allow only people in your contact list to call you.

- Also allow the Auto Answer function on the REMOTE computer.

- That is basically it for the audio.  Very simple and free!

# Step Three: Logmein Hamachi

- You will need Hamachi Mainly on the REMOTE computer to create a Virtual Network Connection.

- This means your computer will have its own IP address that you can access from anywhere there is internet access outside of your home network.

- I have it on both systems so I can tell if the REMOTE computer is online from the LOCAL computer.

# Hamachi Screen
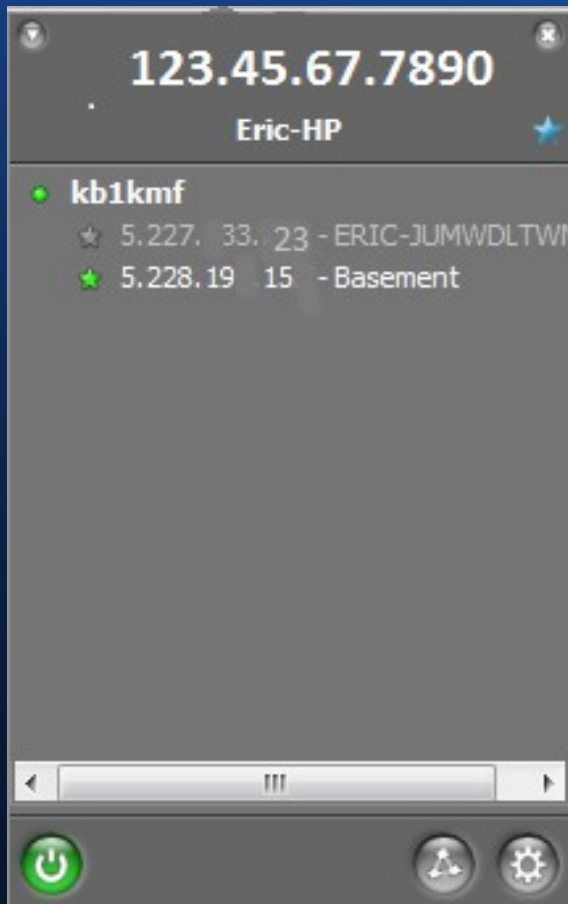


- This is an older version of Hamachi but has worked well for me.

- It shows my IP address at the top, and a list of computers on my network.

- Once installed on both computers, and you have both computers networked, you are done this step.

# Step 4:  Ham Radio Deluxe

- Now get Ham Radio Deluxe working with your Radio.

- Install the program and follow the steps to control your radio.

- Use your Rigblaster or equivalent interface to allow TX and RX audio and PTT on REMOTE computer.

- It is most important to have the Rig and computer working in harmony on the REMOTE computer BEFORE you try running it from miles away from home.

- Your setup will be similar to this:

# Simple Block Diagram
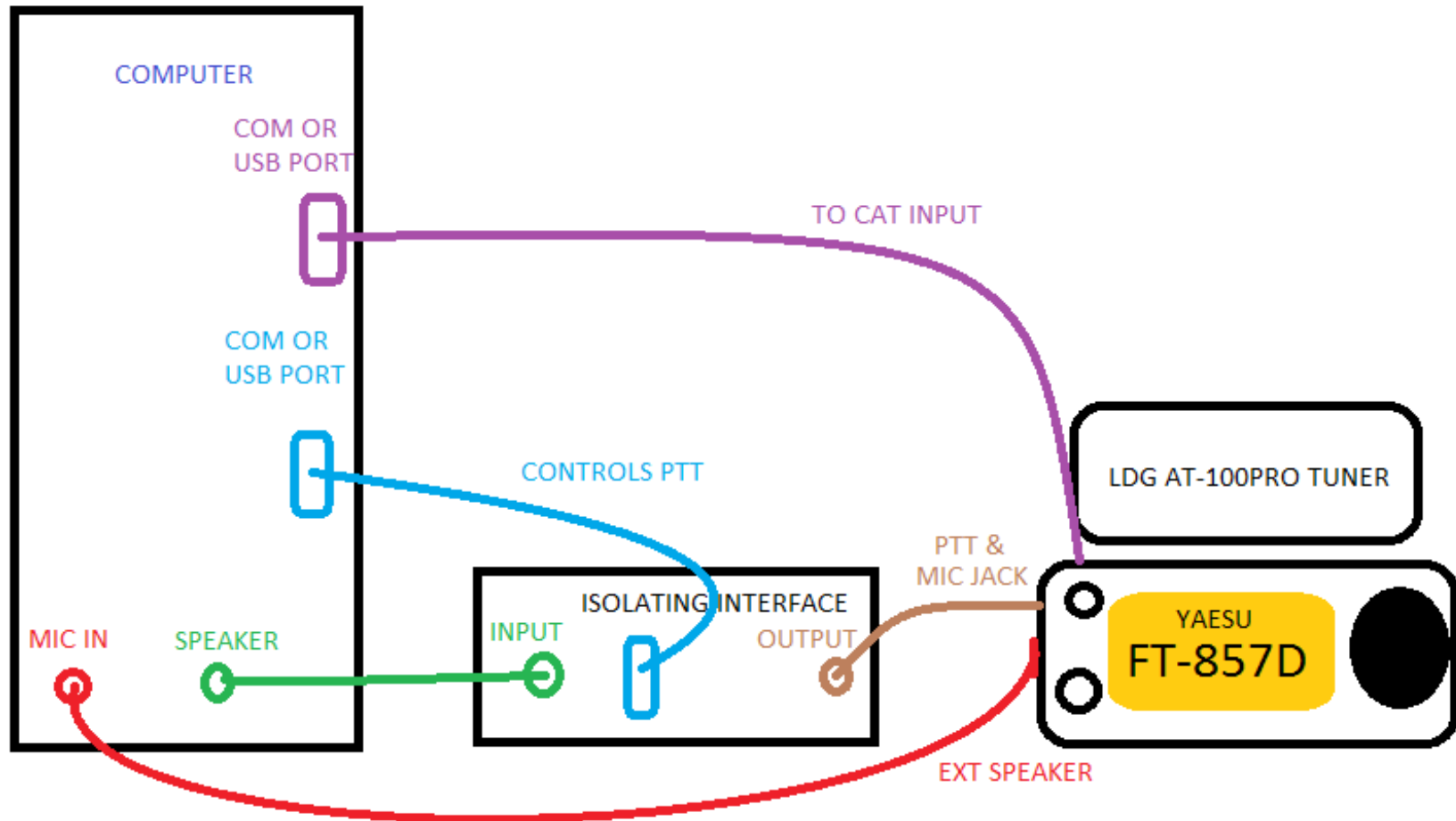
# Ham Radio Deluxe Connected to Transceiver

# Ham Radio Deluxe Remote Setup

- You now need to activate the remote capabilities on the REMOTE computer.

- You will find this in the Tools, Programs, Remote Server menu.

- Read through the intro. It will help you through this step.

- Now we make it all work together.
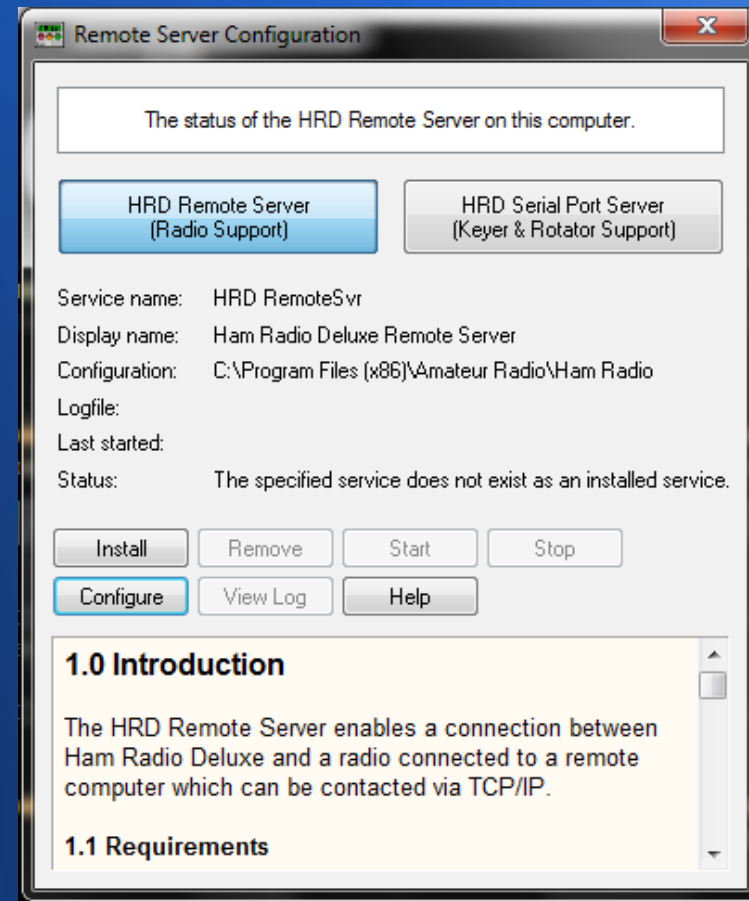
# Starting the Remote Station

- Start both computers

- Once running, make a call to the REMOTE computer on Skype.

- Be sure you can hear your rig's audio on the LOCAL computer.

- Start HRD on the LOCAL computer.(It CAN NOT be running on the REMOTE)

- You will come to this screen.

- Input the info you would to control your rig on the REMOTE computer, only selecting remote as the COM port.
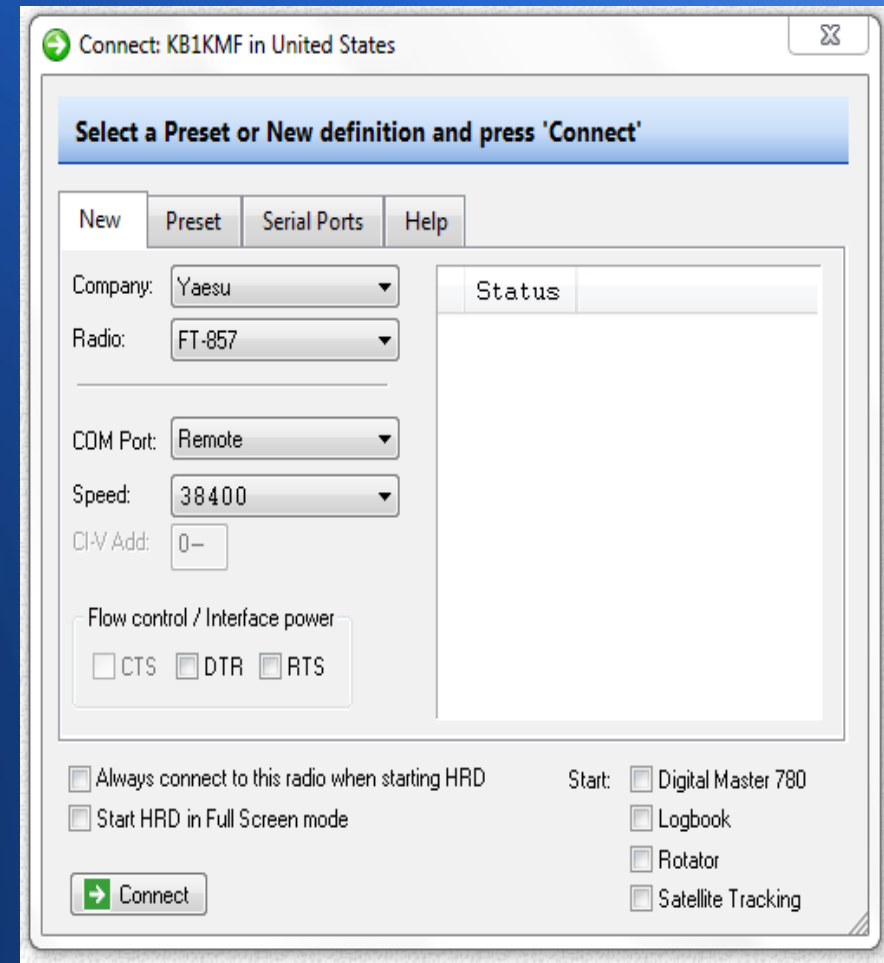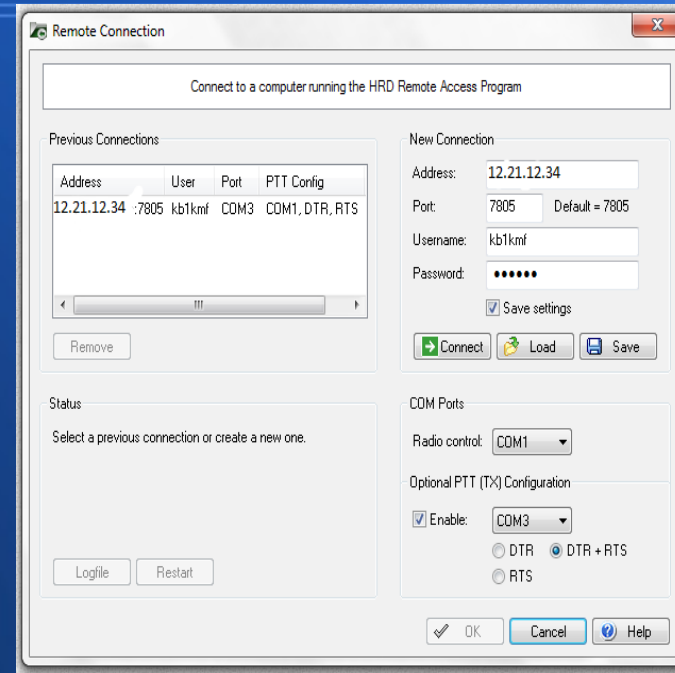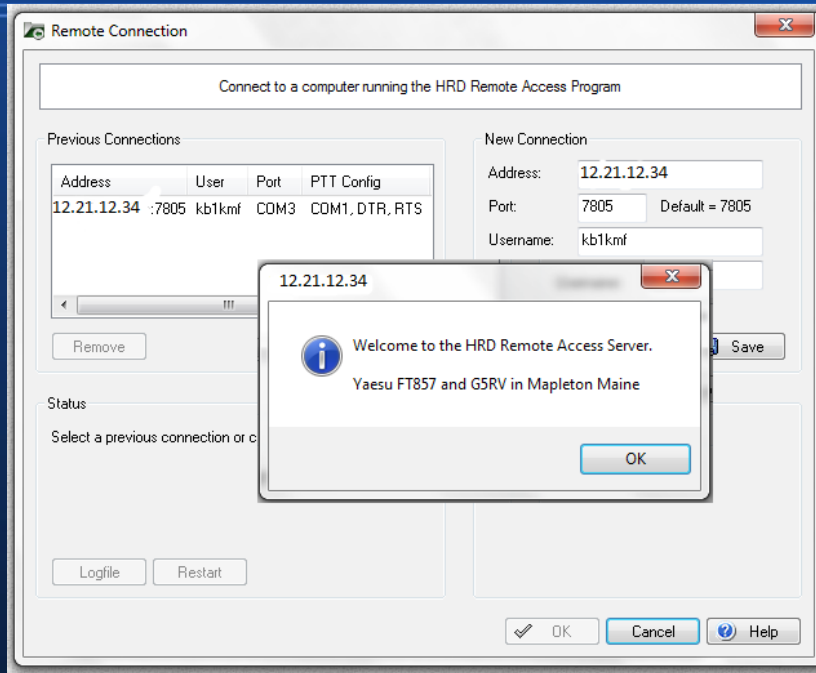
# Connecting to Remote Server

- You will now be at this screen which you input the Hamachi IP address from the REMOTE computer, your username and password from the remote setup.

- Click Connect
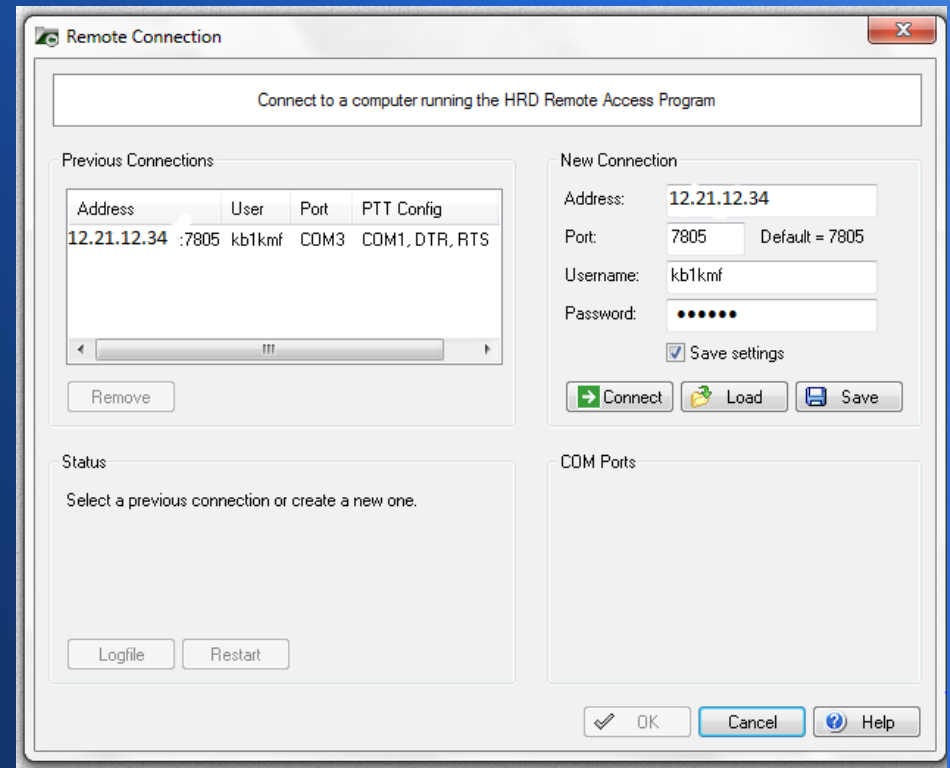
# Almost There!



- If everything is set up OK, you will see something like this.
  Click OK...

- Then you will input the COM port info and click OK

# Connected!

# What Now??

- Hook up a mic to the LOCAL computer

- Adjust volumes get optimum TX/RX levels.(This can take a little while sometimes)

- Test communicating with a friend to assure everything sounds good.

- Teach someone how to hook/unhook antennas for you while you are gone in case of storms!

- Use Logmein.com to turn on REMOTE computer while you are away.

# Now A Different Way

- Go to Logmein.com

- Log in to your account

- Turn on REMOTE computer from the site.

- Use remote desktop function on Logmein.com to control REMOTE computer.

- Open HRD on REMOTE computer via the remote desktop.

- Make Skype call between LOCAL and REMOTE.

- This will let you control the radio on the REMOTE computer as if your were sitting in front of it, thus only needing a browser and Skype on the LOCAL  computer.

# Good Luck!

Thanks for checking this presentation out!  Feel free to drop me an email with questions or comments  camopainter@hotmail.com