

The Call ID (and Prop ID) easy with Multipsk (4.16)

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Introduction and main use

This document explains how to use the Call ID, the Prop ID or the Message ID.

This "Call ID" ("Call" for "Call sign") identifier can be, automatically, detected and located. It can be :

- any Call sign (formatted or free),
- Call sign 6 characters + Locator 6 characters ,
- a « Prop ID » : Call sign 6 characters + Locator 4 characters « + » + power level, antenna type and directivity,
- a Message ID : message of 9 characters maximum.

The Call ID is always detected at -13 dB (first decodings at -18 dB), so with a sensitivity better than the PSK31 one. The central frequency of the identifier (which is also the central frequency of the transmission), is determined with a precision of +/- 2.7 Hz. As soon as this identifier (without any error) is received, Multipsk:

- either display the formatted call sign (possibly preceded by "CQ " and followed by "Emergency!" (and a short ring))
or display the free call sign,
or display the call sign (possibly preceded by "CQ ") and the Locator 6 characters on the waterfall,
or display the call sign (possibly preceded by "CQ "), the Locator 4 characters « + », the power level (in Watts), antenna type or gain and directivity of the antenna (see last page of this document),
- display the time of reception, the same pieces of information as above and the Signal to Noise ratio in the Call ID window,
- switch on the received frequency (optional),
- display the position of the Locator on a map (optional).

This identifier is transmitted in 3.3 sec and has a bandwidth of 172 Hz. It is composed of a RS ID (code 153) followed by a sequence of 56 bits of data and 24 bits of CRC.

Notes about the help in Multipsk:

- To bring up the text help (contextual one), click on the right button of the mouse, with the focus over a button, « RX Call ID », for example).
- Also use the button hints (wait a fraction of second over a button).

Further are several snapshots which explain how to use the Call ID (main functions).

Refer to the help for more advanced options (beacon, CALL_ID.TXT storage file...).

Preparation of the Call ID

The screenshot shows the RX/TX screen software interface. The main window title is "RX/TX screen Patrick LINDECKER (F6CTE) 4, avenue du Square BURES-SUR-YVETTE 91440 FRANCE". The interface includes a menu bar (Configuration, Adjustments, Tools, Panoramic, Help) and a toolbar with various modes like TCP/IP, Multidem, Transceiver, Country/Loc, World, QSO, Mail, Tune, Beacon, ID, CPU, and Level: 0%. The main display area shows frequency information (TX: BPSK31, RX: BPSK31) and a waterfall plot.

The "My personal data" dialog box is open, showing fields for:

- <MY CALL>: F6CTE
- <MY NAME>: Patrick
- <MY QTH>: Bures-sur-Yvette
- <MY LOCATOR>: JN18CQ
- <WEB ADDRESS>: f6cte@free.fr
- <WEB SITE>: http://f6cte.free.
- <RIG>: TS440S, 30 watts output
- <ANTENNA>: Broad-Band antenna
- <COMPUTER>: Pentium 2200 MHz
- <SOFTWARE>: Multipsk
- <NOTE 1>, <NOTE 2>, <NOTE 3>, <NOTE 4>

The "Management of the identifiers" dialog box is also open, showing options for RS ID and Call ID. The "Options and commands specific to Call ID" section is highlighted with a black line. It includes:

- Commands (TX):
 - Transmission of your formatted call sign
 - Transmission of your call sign, in a free way: ABCDEFGHIJ
 - Transmission of your call sign (6 characters max) + Locator (6)
 - Prop ID: callsign+Locator(4+) 50 W Dipole NE
 - Beacon 60 s
 - CQ
- Options (RX):
 - Switch of the frequency on Call ID
 - Automatic positioning of the call on map if Locator received
 - Call ID --> CALL ID.TXT
 - QSO fields
 - > Spot

Annotations in the image provide instructions:

- "Click on 'ID' to get the ID configuration window" points to the ID button in the main toolbar.
- "Click on 'Personal' and fill the <MY CALL> and <MY LOCATOR> fields which are considered by the Call ID" points to the Personal button and the call sign/locator fields in the dialog.
- "Options relative to Call ID (area delimited by the black line)" points to the "Options and commands specific to Call ID" section.

The bottom status bar shows "TX STOP RX 18/12/08 21:40:52 UTC SpotC. Off Commander". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "C:\RXTXMULTIPSK...", "Microsoft Word", and "RX/TX screen ...".

Buttons to push to start automatic decoding or to transmit a Call ID

RX/TX screen Patrick LINDECKER (F6CTE) 4, avenue du

Configuration Adjustments Tools Panor

To send a Call ID, click on the "Call ID" button, which text becomes red for the 3.3 sec of transmission.

To maintain this button pushed, select "Continuous" in the options.

Call ID RS ID Video ID QRGs RX RS ID RX Call ID Panorami

TX: BPSK31 MODE RX: BPSK31 Auto mod

Reception of a Call ID (call sign + Locator) on the RX/TX screen

Squelch 0 IMD= F Reset n='8

1000

3.3 sec Call ID

CQ F6CTE-JN18CQ

CALL	NORMAN	3	NORMANDI
Repeat	UTC	NORMANDIE	Louise

X=631 Y=0 Lat=69°02.00' N Long=027°02.00' E S. X=2684 km E. Y=4215 km

Automatic positioning of the call sign on the map, according to the Locator

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The group "call sign + the Locator" is automatically detected, tuned and displayed on the waterfall

Log book of the Call Ids

The screenshot shows a software interface with a top menu bar containing 'QSO', 'Mail', 'Tune', 'Beacon', 'ID', and 'CPU'. Below the menu is a toolbar with buttons for 'Options', 'Clear', 'Logbook', and 'Record'. A window titled '2) Call ID 3) Video ID (mode)' is open, showing a list of call ID detections. One entry is highlighted with a black box and an arrow pointing to a caption below the screenshot.

UTC time	Call(+Locator)	dB	Hz
02:13:43	CQ F6CTE-JN18CQ	+ 7	1006 Hz

Logbook of the Call ID detections (UTC time, call sign+Locator, Signal-to-Noise ratio (dB), AF frequency)

The mode menu on the right lists the following modes:

- BPSK31 63 125 250 FEC31
- QPSK31 63 125 250 CHIP
- PSKAM10 31 50 PSK220F
- PACKET+APRS Amtor FEC
- RTTY 45 50 75 Amtor ARQ
- THROBX THROB MFSK16+PIC
- PAX/PAX2 DTMF VOICE JT65
- FM HELL PSK H FELD HELL
- Filters Analysis Binaural
- Professional modes

Preparation of the Prop ID

Commands (TX)

Transmission of your formatted call sign Emergency
 Transmission of your call sign, in a free way (10 char. max)
 Transmission of your call sign (6 characters max) + Locator (6)
 Prop ID: callsign+Locator(4+) 50 W Dipole NE

Beacon 60 s CQ
 F6CTE-JN18 50 W Dipole NE Check Personal

Preparation of the scanning on 4 frequencies

m Transceiver Country/Loc World QSO Mail Tune Beacon ID
 Commander (or HRD) software
 h Commander (or HRD) 22/04/09 23:07:36 UTC

+1	+10	+100	+1 KHz	+10 KHz	+100 KHz	+1 MHz	+10 MHz	+ Band
-1	-10	-100	-1 KHz	-10 KHz	-100 KHz	-1 MHz	-10 MHz	- Band
+5 KHz	+12.5 KHz	+25 KHz	CW	USB	FM	RTTY	AM	
-5 KHz	-12.5 KHz	-25 KHz	CW-R	LSB	WBFM	RTTY-R	PKT	

Management of the four available memories ("M1" to "M4")

M1:	Store	14 075,000	KHz	USB	Forward	TX RX
M2:	Store	10 148,000	KHz	USB	Forward	
M3:	Store	7 037,000	KHz	USB	Forward	
M4:	Store	3 587,000	KHz	USB	Forward	

M1 to M4 RX scanning Monitoring time on a channel: 60 s

Attention to the relays which should click. If so, try: "Split" mode

M1 to M4 memories scanning, monitoring a determined time on each channel

Reception of the Prop ID

1000 1500

F6CTE-JN18GM 50 W Dipole NE

2) Call ID 3) Video ID (mode)

on) and Call ID (Call sign/Locator detection)

UTC time	Mode	Hz
23:49:51	F6CTE-JN18GM	+ 8 1000 Hz
	50 W Dipole NE	3.587 MHz

Positioning of the call sign from the 4 characters Locator

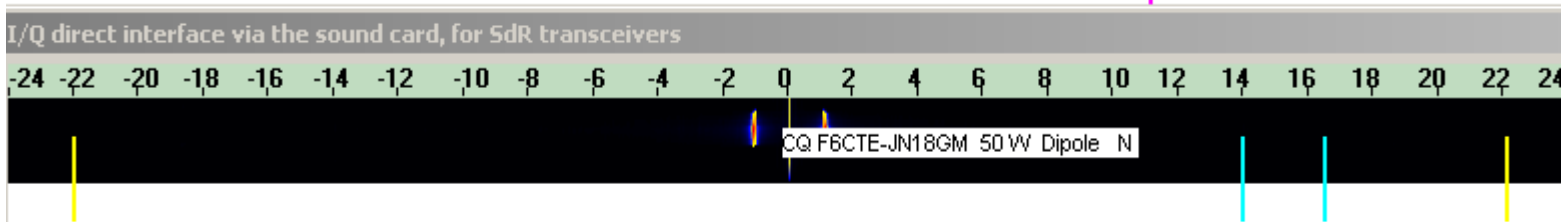
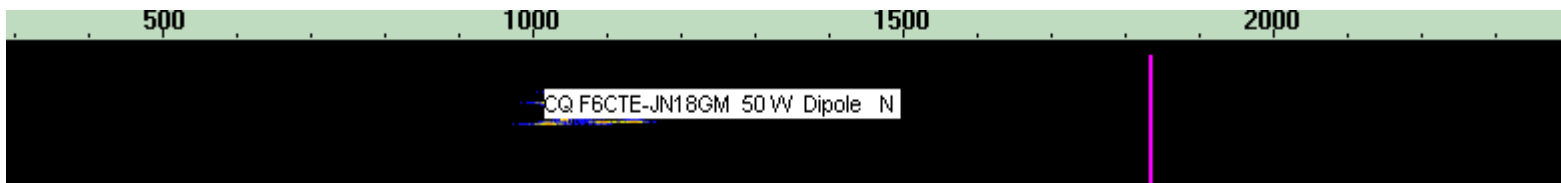


Call ID and SdR reception

From the Multipsk SdR window ("Direct via the sound card" button), it is proposed to detect any RS ID, Call ID (or Prop ID) on a 44 KHz bandwidth (between the yellow vertical dashes) and to display the RS ID or the Call ID in the SdR spectrum.

For example, with a SdR receiver tuned to a central frequency of 14.091 MHz, it will be possible to detect any Call ID on all the 14 MHz digital band, i.e. from 14.070 to 14.112 MHz.

UTC time	Call(+Locator)	dB	Hz
20:55:45	CQ F6CTE-JN18GM 50 W Dipole N	+11	1000 Hz
20:55:45	CQ F6CTE-JN18GM 50 W Dipole N	+ 9	14.0921 M



Waterfall (RX/TX)

AGC Grey Fixed Sweeping 0 Hz

AF frequency 13960 Hz HF frequency (KHz) **14 104.960** VFO-A VFO-B

Sampling frequency: 48K 96K 192K HF frequency at 0 14091000 Hz Forward

Modes USB LSB **Sound card / mixer** Local: 0.0 % / Ratio= 0.0 % **Global level** 0.5 % **Over** RX input TX output

Corrections I/Q corrections for RX I<->Q RX I/Q corrections for TX I<->Q TX

RX RS ID RX Call ID RX DSB Help

Message ID

It is possible to send a message of 9 characters maximum in background. It is not related to any specific mode. Message IDs are not considered as true Call ID and are not stored.

The main use is simply to send a short message in case in difficulty during a QSO ("PSE PSK10", for example, to ask "To switch to PSK10" or "QRM +1K" for "There is QRM, I increase the dial frequency by 1 KHz" or "STIL HERE" to say that "I'm still here, even if communication seems impossible".

It will be efficient to use Q code and Ham abbreviations and to use punctuations to limit the number of characters:

- "?" question (a confirmation is required),
- "!" a strong demand is done by the Ham with who you are in QSO (an action is required),
- ">" or "-" for "to increase the frequency",
- "<" or "-" for "to decrease the frequency",
- "=" at the beginning without following space for "PSE " or "Please "
- "+" at the end of the message for "I wait for an answer"

and why not net general smileys as ":-)" for "Smile"

The screenshot displays the Multipsk software interface. At the top, a status bar shows 'SITORA GMDSS 138' and 'Level: 1%'. The main window is titled 'Management of the identifiers (ID: 1) RS ID (mode) 2) Call ID 3) ...'. The 'RS ID (mode and frequency automatic detection) and Call ID (Call sign/Locator detection)' section includes options for search bandwidth (500 Hz, 1000 Hz, The whole band), detection mode (On demand, Continuous), and ring on detection (No ring, Duration of 0.2 sec, Duration of 2 sec). The 'Options and commands specific to Call ID' section has radio buttons for 'Transmission of your formatted call sign', 'Transmission of your call sign, in a free way: ABCDEFGHIJ', 'Transmission of your call sign (6 characters max) + Locator (6)', and 'Prop ID: callsign+Locator(4+)'. The 'Initial Message ID (9 char. max):' field is set to 'MESSAGEID' and is circled in red. A text box on the left says 'Tab to go to the Message ID editor and Esc to come back'. A black arrow points from this text box to the 'MESSAGEID TX' field in the background interface. Another black arrow points from the 'MESSAGEID' field to the 'MESSAGEID TX' field. The background interface shows various controls like 'Call ID', 'TX: none', 'MODE', and 'Ring on I'.