

Using Netlogger for Logging Ham Radio Traffic Nets

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This was prepared for the Net Mexico D-Star Net, but this can be used with any amateur radio traffic nets. The file was last updated on Jan. 17, 2021. It is a basic guide for setting up, and using Netlogger with nets. While there are YouTube videos out there, many program authors, unfortunately, are far more technically savvy, than most folks. So, that's why I prepared this file.

I know there are numerous other logging programs available, and every Net Control is free to choose whichever program(s) they desire. Thanks to Jeff, VE6DV...Larry, NN4H...Paul, K9PTF...El, K4DJL, and Steve, KC9SIO, for their advice and help with setup and use of Netlogger. Each of the hams noted uses the program with their nets.

I don't use Netlogger for anything besides nets; but, it can be used for other things, such as contesting and/or contacts. The logs can be imported and/or exported via CSV or ADIF files to eQSL and LoTW; or with delimited files that can be viewed in a utility such as Windows Notepad. Note that you can't make adjustments to some of the settings in "standalone" mode.

Netlogger is a freeware program, used by several amateur radio operators for logging traffic nets, contesting, etc...and versions are available for Windows, Linux, and Mac.

This PDF file is a quick start guide to setting it up and using it. I've utilized screenshots from some of the nets I've been on as a checkin, or as the Net Control Station; plus a sample net checkin log that I created. The full log screenshot from one net that I was going to use in this file was "too grainy".

As a side note, the box in the middle of the top line on some of the screens is with a utility called Display Viewer. It allows moving items between multiple monitors, so you don't have to cram everything onto one screen. There's a free version, but the registered version to allow use on multiple computers, is worth the cost. It's a lifetime registration, so when there are upgrades, there are no new fees. Info is available at <https://www.binaryfortress.com/support>

The latest version of Netlogger can be found at <http://www.netlogger.org> –

the graphic that you will see is in the screenshot noted below. You can choose to Download The Program, Contact Support, or Join The User Groups. A display of current nets in progress with Netlogger is also shown on the main page.



Click on the “down arrow” to get the program. Choose the version, and your operating system...then enter your callsign, and an email address. Save the link to your download area, then double click on it (or right click on it, and click Install) to run the installation program.

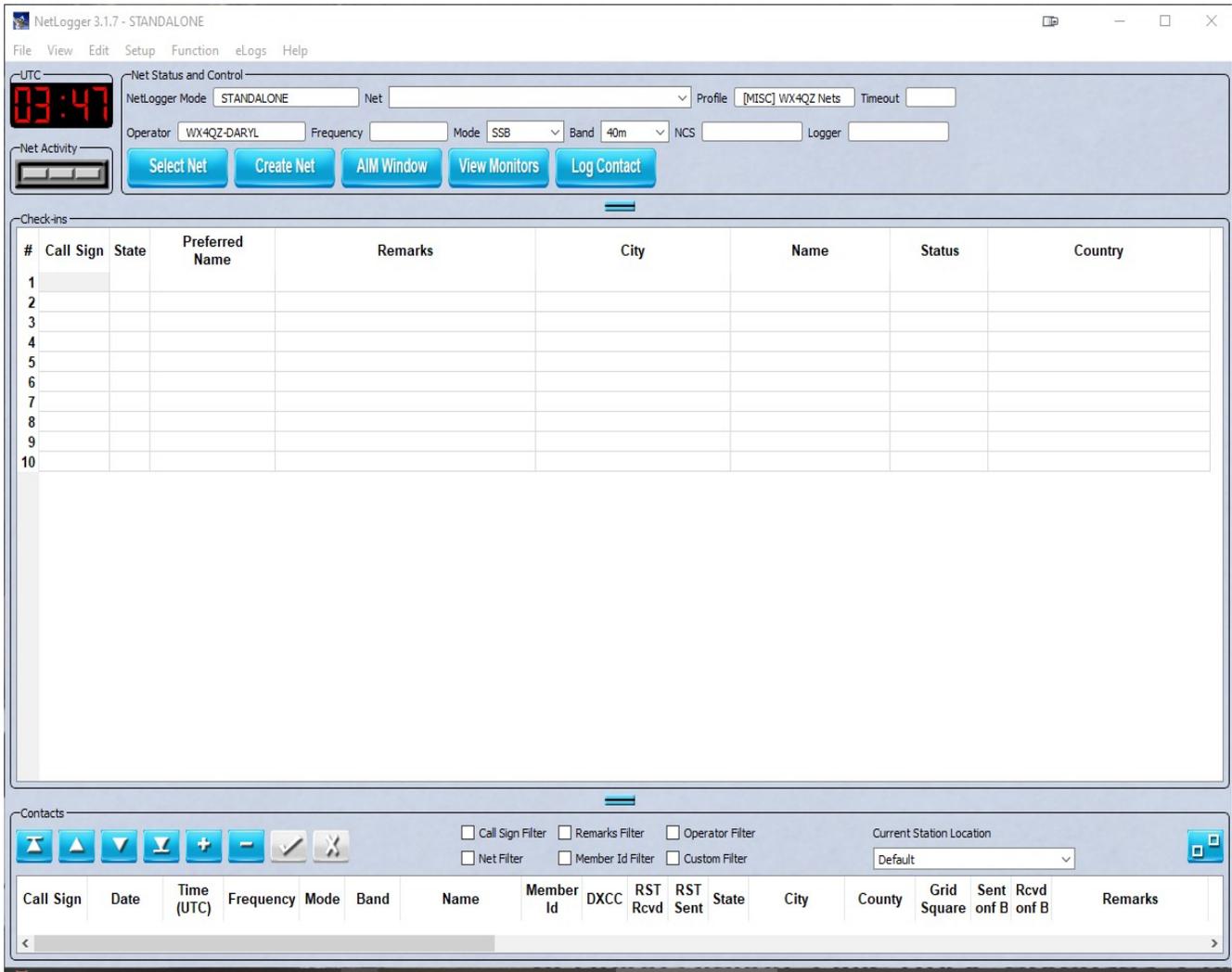
You will need to accept the license agreement to proceed with the installation. In short, if you don't want to accept the agreement, you might as well stop reading this file now.

It may take several minutes to download and install the program, depending on the speed of your internet connection, and your computer's CPU. In short, you'll need to be patient. However, DSL or broadband is far better than dial-up internet, especially “if the meter is running”.

Once downloaded and installed, the first time you run it, it'll ask for your callsign and name. You can leave it blank, if you have multiple hams using the setup on your computer. But, the creation of a profile is optional...and it will show NONE if no profile is created.

Now, on to the basic operations...monitoring, creating, and running a net.

First, when you double click on Netlogger, the screenshot (noted below) will display:

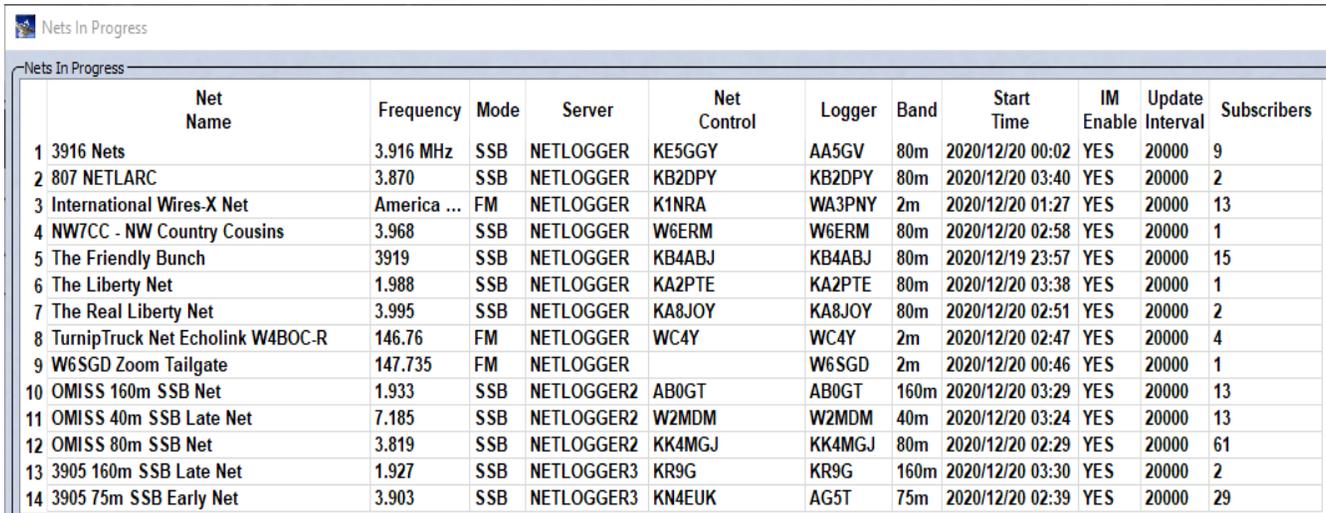


This screenshot was done at 0347 UTC on Dec. 20, 2020 (what the net time is displayed in). I have included all windows on the screen. Since I am the “op” (operator), and set up a profile for such, that’s why this is shown above.

Note that the “Contacts” window at the bottom I normally do NOT use, as it automatically sets the checkin color to “Worked Station Manually”. As a result, I am not covering this section of Netlogger in this file, and you won’t see it in my screenshots. However, if you wish to use that option, you are free to do so.

To Monitor A Net In Progress, choose “Select Net”, then click on the desired net, and choose Monitor Net.

Below are the screenshots that you will see with the “Select Net” option. This was taken around 0350 UTC Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020. The nets change during the day of the week, and for the time of day.



	Net Name	Frequency	Mode	Server	Net Control	Logger	Band	Start Time	IM Enable	Update Interval	Subscribers
1	3916 Nets	3.916 MHz	SSB	NETLOGGER	KE5GGY	AA5GV	80m	2020/12/20 00:02	YES	20000	9
2	807 NETLARC	3.870	SSB	NETLOGGER	KB2DPY	KB2DPY	80m	2020/12/20 03:40	YES	20000	2
3	International Wires-X Net	America ...	FM	NETLOGGER	K1NRA	WA3PNY	2m	2020/12/20 01:27	YES	20000	13
4	NW7CC - NW Country Cousins	3.968	SSB	NETLOGGER	W6ERM	W6ERM	80m	2020/12/20 02:58	YES	20000	1
5	The Friendly Bunch	3919	SSB	NETLOGGER	KB4ABJ	KB4ABJ	80m	2020/12/19 23:57	YES	20000	15
6	The Liberty Net	1.988	SSB	NETLOGGER	KA2PTE	KA2PTE	80m	2020/12/20 03:38	YES	20000	1
7	The Real Liberty Net	3.995	SSB	NETLOGGER	KA8JOY	KA8JOY	80m	2020/12/20 02:51	YES	20000	2
8	TurnipTruck Net Echolink W4BOC-R	146.76	FM	NETLOGGER	WC4Y	WC4Y	2m	2020/12/20 02:47	YES	20000	4
9	W6SGD Zoom Tailgate	147.735	FM	NETLOGGER		W6SGD	2m	2020/12/20 00:46	YES	20000	1
10	OMISS 160m SSB Net	1.933	SSB	NETLOGGER2	AB0GT	AB0GT	160m	2020/12/20 03:29	YES	20000	13
11	OMISS 40m SSB Late Net	7.185	SSB	NETLOGGER2	W2MDM	W2MDM	40m	2020/12/20 03:24	YES	20000	13
12	OMISS 80m SSB Net	3.819	SSB	NETLOGGER2	KK4MGJ	KK4MGJ	80m	2020/12/20 02:29	YES	20000	61
13	3905 160m SSB Late Net	1.927	SSB	NETLOGGER3	KR9G	KR9G	160m	2020/12/20 03:30	YES	20000	2
14	3905 75m SSB Early Net	3.903	SSB	NETLOGGER3	KN4EUK	AG5T	75m	2020/12/20 02:39	YES	20000	29

You will see the Net Name, Frequency, Mode, Server, Net Control, Logger, Band, Start Time, IM (Almost Instant Messenger, noted below) Enabled, Update Interval, and Subscribers (those logged on).

At the bottom of the screen, you’ll see the status of the servers...the colors indicate whether or not they’re available/online. You can adjust the time for net polling as desired.



To monitor a net, click on the desired net, and click Monitor Net.

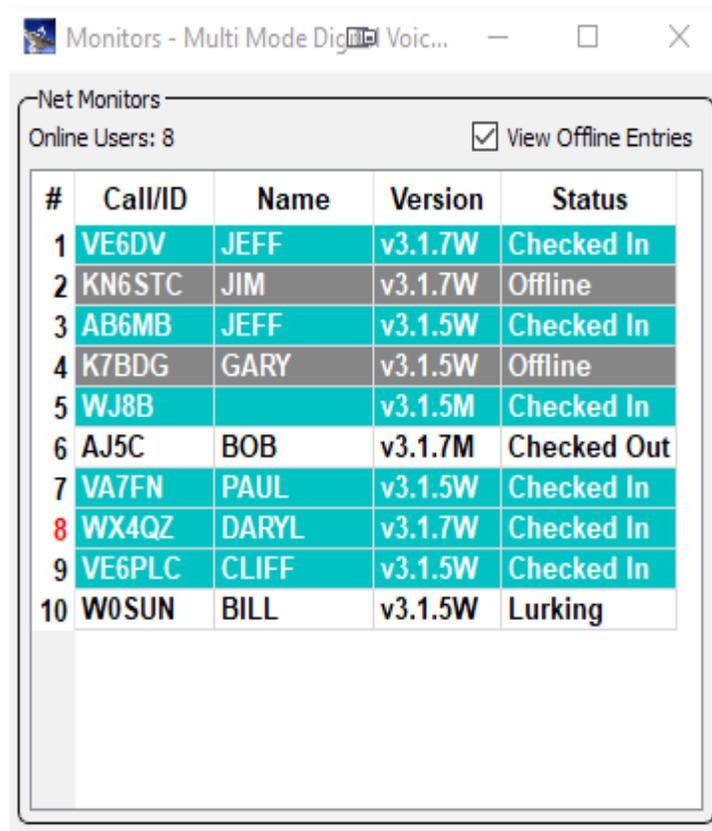
The program has an “Almost Instant Messenger” (AIM) window where you can chat with those logged on...whether you are monitoring a net, or running one. This can be Net Control, or others who are also monitoring the net.

To view these stations, click on View Monitors. You can uncheck the box if you don’t want to see the “Offline” stations.

What this does is to allow chatting and other comments during the net, such as providing links on net related topics, advising Net Control that they can’t

hear a certain station, or telling Net Control they need to be short time, or they need to check out from the net.

Below is the screenshot from the Nov. 21, 2020 Multi-Mode Digital Voice Net, on the QuadNet Array.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Monitors - Multi Mode Digital Voice Net". Inside, there is a "Net Monitors" section with "Online Users: 8" and a checked "View Offline Entries" option. A table lists 10 stations with the following data:

#	Call/ID	Name	Version	Status
1	VE6DV	JEFF	v3.1.7W	Checked In
2	KN6STC	JIM	v3.1.7W	Offline
3	AB6MB	JEFF	v3.1.5W	Checked In
4	K7BDG	GARY	v3.1.5W	Offline
5	WJ8B		v3.1.5M	Checked In
6	AJ5C	BOB	v3.1.7M	Checked Out
7	VA7FN	PAUL	v3.1.5W	Checked In
8	WX4QZ	DARYL	v3.1.7W	Checked In
9	VE6PLC	CLIFF	v3.1.5W	Checked In
10	W0SUN	BILL	v3.1.5W	Lurking

From the graphic above, stations are shown with their callsign or ID, name (if provided), what version of Netlogger they're running, their operating system (W for Windows, M for Mac, and L for Linux), and their status, as follows:

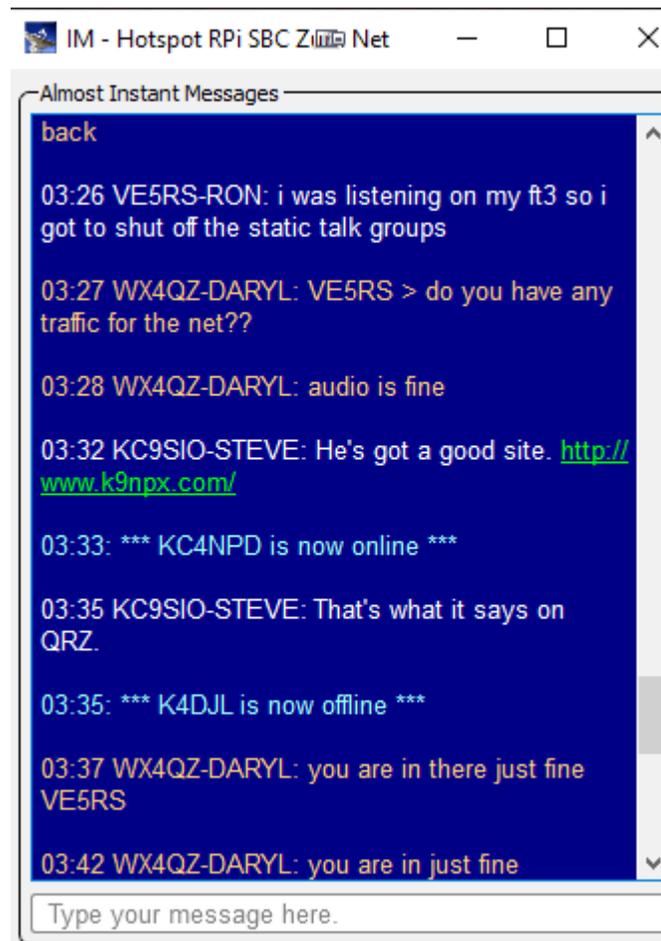
! Lurking – They have connected to monitor the net, but are not yet “checked in” (typed into Netlogger) by Net Control.

! Checked In – Net Control has logged them, or they have checked into the net. They are online with Netlogger at the time.

! Checked Out – They were a courtesy checkin to the net, or have checked out after one round (F5, noted below).

! Offline – They originally connected, but they’ve dropped the connection to Netlogger; yet, they were still logged by Net Control.

Below is a screenshot during the Jan. 11, 2021 Hotspot, Raspberry Pi, SBC, and Zum Spot Net on the QuadNet Array.



The text colors from the above window are as follows:

Gold: Comments from the current “operator” at your end.

Cyan: Status updates when a station logs on to, or off from Netlogger, plus when logging is started or stopped.

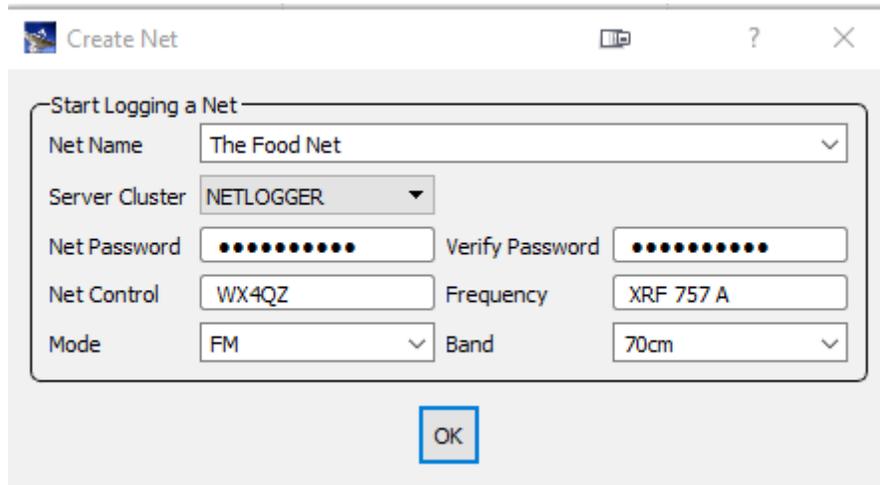
White: Comments from other stations in the chat room.

Green: Usually with comments from other stations, a URL you can click on. Obviously, be careful what URL’s you click on, and be sure your computer virus protection software is current.

Messages are typed in the bottom window. It might take a minute after you hit <ENTER> for the message to go across, depending on your internet speed.

To start a net, select “Create Net”, and you will see the screenshot that is shown on the next page.

The net data includes the net name, server cluster (Netlogger, etc.), net password (the net password and verify password must match), callsign of net control, frequency, mode, and band. It’s helpful to enter the net frequency, reflector, etc., so other stations will know where to find the net. Nets can be run either on RF (HF/VHF/UHF), via “internet radio” (D-Star, DMR, CQ100, etc.), or with various modes. You’ll enter the desired data for your particular net. I used “The Food Net” that I do on the 3rd Saturday of each month.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Create Net" with a standard Windows-style title bar (minimize, maximize, close buttons). The window content is a form titled "Start Logging a Net". The form contains the following fields:

- Net Name: The Food Net
- Server Cluster: NETLOGGER
- Net Password: [masked]
- Verify Password: [masked]
- Net Control: WX4QZ
- Frequency: XRF 757 A
- Mode: FM
- Band: 70cm

An "OK" button is located at the bottom center of the form area.

Once you hit OK, the program changes from Standalone Mode to Logging Mode. If you had entered data in error before you hit OK, you can change it in logging mode (such as the net name, frequency, mode, band, and callsign of the net control and logger), even while the net is in progress.

As for the password, the Net Manager can decide on a common password for the net controls...or the Net Controls can use their own. Note that if the latter option (individual passwords) are used, it’s advised to let the other net control stations of what their chosen password is...so, if they need to take over with logging or net control during the net, they can do so. For security reasons, the password is not displayed. However, as noted above, if the system detects the password doesn’t match, you’ll be shown an error message, and have to re-enter the passwords.

The “net password” feature allows only authorized Net Controls to modify the log. Otherwise, a “renegade ham” could muck up the log big time. If it’s a shared net password, it should be easy for the net controls to remember, but difficult for anyone else to guess.

If you are in “Monitoring” mode, if you click on “Start Logging”, you’ll be asked for the “net password”. The original Net Control Station can upgrade the status of a station to logger via the AIM client, or they can ignore a certain station, such as SWL entries. Normally, on ham radio nets, you don’t want to log “non-hams”.

WARNING!! Do NOT send the net password in the AIM Chat Window in Netlogger, or on D-Rats. Otherwise, stations connecting to these will see it!! Instead, send that via email, or a related messaging utility...but you want to be sure that only the desired individuals know it.

A new set of “10 checkin slots” is added after the 9th, 19th, 29th, etc., checkin. The net status colors in the screenshot later in this document are hard coded (Net Control, Logger, VIP, Worked Station Manually, Worked Station Next, Relay Station, Not Heard, Short Time, Courtesy Check, No Response, etc.). Net controls can use as many, or as few of these desired with their setup. Here’s a “sample net” checkin log.

#	Call Sign	State	Preferred Name	Remarks	City	Name	Status	Country
1	WX4QZ	AR	Daryl	Operator	Little Rock	Daryl J D Stout	(op)	United States
2	KC5IGH	NM	Johnnie	Net Control	VELARDE	Johnnie S Martinez	(nc)	United States
3	KC9SIO	IL	Steven	Logger	CHAMPAIGN	Steven T Reiners	(log)	United States
4	W6KE	CA	Douglas	QCWA Net Manager	CARLSBAD	Douglas M Gordon	(vip)	United States
5	KE0YTP	MO	Jeffrey	18 Wheel Mobile	HARRISONVILLE	Jeffrey W Chailland	(W)	United States
6	W4GLE	AL	Grady	Made Comments	Fayette	Grady L Evans		United States
7	KJ4TBJ	AL	Kimberly	Relayed In By W4GLE	Fayette	Kimberly M Evans	(rel)	United States
8	KG5CEN	LA	Glen	Traffic	SLIDELL	Glen P Strecker	(n)	United States
9	W0CLF	WA	Christopher	Courtesy Check	Spokane	Christopher L Fortensky	(c/o)	United States
10	VE6JX	AB	Ian	Connection Issues	Calgary	Ian Mcmillan	(n/h)	Canada
11	KC6UQT	NM	Craig	Short Time	Rio Rancho	Craig A Alden	(u)	United States
12	KD4IZ	MD	Jack	No Response	Parkton	John K Spitznagel Jr	(n/r)	United States

The ones that I use (with the function keys, if applicable) are as follows – note that with some nets, more than one entry may be in the status column – these colors are “hard coded” within Netlogger, and can NOT be changed.

! Pink – Current station addressing the net. If Net Control is making changes to the log, while a certain station is addressing the net; this color may “move around”. This normally is not shown in my “screenshots”.

! Dark Cyan – Operator (you). You likely entered your callsign when you ran the program for the first time. If this is on a net that you’re running (if you’ve noted yourself as Logger and/or Net Control), you won’t see this color. This is noted as (op) in the status column...especially if you check on other nets to monitor them.

If you “recover the log” after the net has been closed, this status won’t show up. But, the Netlogger servers act as a backup, for you to reconstruct the logs for a particular net, if your computer crashes after the net was closed by Net Control.

The Net Official Status variable, noted below, is set by moving the cursor to the “status” column, and “right clicking” the mouse. From there, look for the “Net Official Status” option. Then, choose either Net Control, Logger, Relay, or VIP Status...all noted below.

! Dark Purple – Net Control. This is set by the Net Official Status variable. This is noted as (nc) in the status column. If Net Control is doing both Net Control and Logging, only this color will show up.

! Light Purple – Logger. This is set by the Net Official Status variable. This is noted as (log) in the status column. If another station is Net Control, and you are logging, you’ll see this color...and the Net Control color, noted above. If Net Control is also doing the logging, this color won’t be shown, but (log) will still show up in the status column.

! Dark Red – VIP Status. This is set by the Net Official Status variable. It can be for those who are Net Control operators for other nets...or for officers for a club or organization. This is noted as (vip) in the status column. To me, Net Controls and officers deserve recognition; as many times, it’s a thankless job.

! F3 – Red Orange – It’s noted as “worked station manually” or if that station has been “logged as a contact”. However, I’ve decided to use this entry for stations who are Mobile or Portable, or even as a Special Event station, who is also checking into the net. This is noted as (W) in the status column.

! White – Regular Checkin/Made Comments. You place whatever comments you wish in the Remarks section, if desired. This can be the topic discussed if they have traffic, which mode they logged on from, their status, etc. Unless you have set up “club station information” for stations, the default display will be “no club info”.

! Orange – Relay Station. This is set by the Net Official Status variable, and is for a station who relayed in a certain station as a checkin...or they were relayed in by another station. This is noted as (rel) in the status column; and is done for “weak signal stations”, “on the fringe area” of the repeater, etc.

! F4 – Light Green – It’s noted as “worked station next”, but I’ve decided to use that for stations with traffic for the net...so I can get to them first before getting to other stations. This is noted as (n) in the status column. Sometimes, stations with traffic, need to secure their station, after passing their traffic. This can also be used if a station has traffic during a net, such as a net done in a roundtable format.

! F5 – Gray – Courtesy Check, or for they checked out after 1 round (if multi-rounds on the net). This is noted as (c/o) in the status column. Some nets that I do make only 1 pass through the log, and others have at least 2 rounds, and sometimes more; but that’s at the discretion of Net Control.

! F6 – Yellow – Not Heard. This is noted as (n/h) in the status column. This can also be used if the station had issues with their rig, Hotspot, Raspberry Pi, ZoomSpot, or their internet connection. We can’t keep “Murphy” out of the shack. In short, two words from the title of a cartoon from “The Ant And The Aardvark”: Technology, Phooey!! (hi hi).

! F7 – Light Cyan – Short Time. This is for in and out stations. This is noted as (u) in the status column (unavailable). I also use this for stations checking in from a particular net’s Facebook group, from D-Rats, or via email. Not everyone may have access to a radio for a net checkin...but, they’d still like to get on the log as “a bean for the count”.

! F8 – Dark Green – No Response. This is after multiple calls for the stations who were originally “Not Heard”. This is noted as (n/r) in the status column. I usually do 2 calls, and if I don’t get a response, I mark them as such, and move on.

! F9 – Clear the Status Entry. This is useful for switching from “Not Heard” to “No Response”, or when they did show up for comments after all.

If you entered the wrong callsign, the command for “Clear Entry” will delete the entire line. Again, you may use as many or as few of the options that are noted above, as you so desire.

Net Control can enter whatever info/data they wish in the Remarks column (club or organization membership, the mode that they used at checkin, their status, net control for another net, club officer, net manager, mobile, portable, short time, not heard, no response, etc.). As noted earlier, if nothing is typed in the Remarks Section, unless you’ve set up the Club Information entries, it will show up as “(no club info)”.

Several choices are under “Club Award Status”...which like the Net Official Status, as noted above...is gotten to by moving the cursor to the “status” column, then “right clicking” the mouse. The categories are military, first responders (police, fire, paramedic), 18 wheel mobile (truck driver), clergy, YL (female ham radio operator...although I guess you could use the same for a married female ham radio operator (XYL)), museum ship, and QRP, among others. For these, or for a Mobile or Portable Station, I note such in the Remarks Column...and as noted above, I note them with the F3 (worked station manually) command; as I wanted a different “color code”, anyway.

If The Checkin Order Suddenly Goes from “Sequential To Skewed”:

In moving the mouse around during the net, Net Control can accidentally click on the top of a column, causing the order of checkins to get skewed. It can be with the order of checkins, the name, location, city, etc. To get it back to sequential, click the mouse above the # sign in the left hand column. You may have to do it more than once, but it’ll restore things to sequential order.

Closing A Net:

Normally, when the net is in Logging Mode, there is a value in the timeout column. Basically, if no data is entered within that time, the system will automatically disconnect you. In short, failing to disconnect when the net is done, is like leaving a party without bidding the host “adieu”, and it’s considered rude.

However, it’s STRONGLY ADVISED that you click “Close Net” when the net is done. Answer YES to confirm such...and this will also stop logging, close the chat window, announce in the AIM window that the net is closed, remove the net entry from the Netlogger website, and save the data to the Netlogger servers, for “recovery mode”, noted below. If you don’t do this, you may get a warning message from the System Administrators, for “improper logoff”, and could be banned from future use of Netlogger, if these happen again.

Now, if you lose power and internet during a net, that’s one thing. If you have a problem with power issues, consider getting a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) unit, or a generator. To keep the internet connection, you may want an alternate device to your hard-lined internet, such as a Verizon Mi-Fi. But, keep both connections “active”, so if one fails, you’ll still be “online”.

Once the net is closed, you can save the file via screenshots, or to a delimited logfile (*.log), where it can be read via a utility such as Windows Notepad.

Recovering Checkins From A Previous Net Log:

If your computer crashes after you closed the net, before you got the chance to save the log or screenshot to your computer, all is not lost. If you used the Netlogger servers, you can choose View → Previous Nets. Then, select the desired net, and tell the system to “Load Checkins”. That way, you don’t have to try to reconstruct the entire net checkin log from memory!! You will need to do this as soon as possible after the net has been closed.

There’s also an option in Netlogger, where you can click on a particular station’s callsign, and it’ll bring up their profile on QRZ. To view the full address information (including email), you will need to be “logged in” to QRZ.

Screenshots:

When doing screenshots, you can minimize the top and bottom window, for 39 entries are on the screen. If you hide the taskbar, you can get 41 entries. The total number of lines may vary, depending on your screen resolution. If there are more than the max page entries, then more screenshots are needed. However, for better readability, it's best if you split the screenshots into multiples of no more than 20 checkins.

If more than one screenshot image is needed, I use LibreOffice (although you can choose to use OpenOffice or Microsoft Office), I “create a document” and import the screenshot images, lining them up. Then, I can create a new screenshot, if more than one image is needed; with the new one, being a combination. That is the one I save and upload to a Facebook page, etc.

Edit → Preferences → check the desired boxes. Under Edit, you can also choose from several options, such as:

! To clear, insert, or delete a row. This is helpful if you entered the wrong callsign (fat finger syndrome).

I normally don't enter non-amateur radio callsigns (such as SWL Listeners). This is because I have no idea who they may be...and you don't want SWL listeners trying to checkin to a ham radio traffic net, where you have to have a license beforehand. Besides, I like knowing who checked into the particular net.

! You can choose fonts and colors, plus column heights.

! For contacts and checkins, you can add or remove the desired columns.

For the checkins, I use the number (#) of the checkin, their callsign, State, Preferred Name, Remarks, City, State, Name, and Country. You can click on the name of the column to sort the data in a different way, and also use the mouse to make the columns as wide, or as narrow, as you desire. You can also copy the data at the top of a column, and move it to where you'd like, with the mouse.

By clicking on Edit → Checkins Table...or Edit → Contacts Table, look for “Enable/Disable Columns”. You can check or uncheck which ones you desire.

At the bottom of the screen, with the contacts, you can modify those windows under Edit → Contacts Table – and do the same as noted above with the Checkins table.

As noted earlier in this file, I personally do NOT use the Contacts Table info during the nets (that’s why in the “sample net screenshot”, you don’t see this “other data”). To me, this data is used in “contesting mode”).

If you use the “contacts table”, and have stations logged from there, it may automatically set their color in Netlogger to what I’ve chosen as “Mobile Or Portable”. If you do enter a station in the contacts, they’ll ALWAYS show up as the red orange for “Worked Station Manually”, with the W option in the status column.

Setup → Accounts → For QRZ, eQSL, and LoTW.

You have to enter your login credentials (usually your callsign and password). As long as you have ONE of these set up, this will work for you. I have QRZ and eQSL, but not LoTW (Logbook Of The World). Note that you have to be an ARRL Member to use LoTW. While I’m a Life Member of ARRL, I don’t use LoTW...even though I got “a key” to use it at one time. Once you have these configured, all you do is enter the callsign (uppercase or lowercase), and data is automatically filled in for you.

If a call doesn’t show up, check the FCC ULS (for a station in the United States or its territories), or a worldwide callsign server. Some countries have it, where the operator has requested that his contact data be kept from view.

If their preferred name is different (and you have that window enabled), you can modify that. As an example, my full name is Daryl J.D. Stout – J.D. was my late father’s name, but I’ve always gone by “Daryl”. As a side note, I was named after the motion picture director Daryl Zanick; while my brother was named after actor Dana Andrews. However, he has no interest in ham radio, or any of my other hobbies.

One of the nice features with Netlogger is that if you try to enter a callsign that has already been entered, an asterisk will appear, with nothing else; noting the entry is a duplicate...if you have set up Netlogger as such. However, you can choose to allow duplicate entries under Function → Enable Duplicate

Entries...although in doing so, you get “a false total”. If you have “enable duplicate entries” disabled, you could re-type the callsign at the bottom, to note they have a recheck for the net. I did NOT note this in the sample net checkin screenshot, noted earlier in this document.

For the screenshots, several utilities are available. I use the utility with the IObit program software (<https://www.iobit.com>). While there are freeware versions, you have to run updates manually. Yearly subscriptions for these are available, and with some of the utilities, you can use that program on three (3) separate computers at once. These utilities are mainly for Windows systems.

Once you have purchased a yearly subscription, you can choose to manually install updates (after being notified of such), or have the program install the updates automatically. At certain times, you can get these programs at special discounted rates; and at the time of purchase, you can set up “auto renewal”, to be charged to your credit or debit card.

Some of the programs are IObit Malware Fighter (with 3 virus protection engines), Driver Booster (keeps all your system drivers up to date), Smart Defrag (defragmenting hard drives or USB drives), Uninstaller (to remove unwanted programs), Advanced System Care (takes care of several options), Start Menu 8 (makes the Windows Start Menu look like Windows 7 or 8 instead of Windows 10), and IObit Software Updater (updates current programs, and allows you to install recommended new ones). These will work with either 32-bit or 64-bit Windows systems.

There are many more options in Netlogger that I’ve not detailed, but this should get you started, in regards to running nets. If you have any questions, please email me at wx4qz@arrl.net – and I will try to assist you. Please be patient on a reply...which will come from wx1der@gmail.com (although you can use that address – the wx4qz@arrl.net is a forwarder, so if Gmail ever shuts down (highly unlikely), I just have to change one variable, and not try to notify everyone in the address book). As a side note, Gmail requires at least 6 characters in an email prefix, and with so much tied up in the email address already, I didn’t see any reason to create a new email.

My ham radio bio is now at <https://www.theweatherwonder.com/elk.htm> – that page also has links to spreadsheets of selected D-Star, D-Rats, and Echolink Nets, in the 4 main US Time Zones (Eastern, Central, Mountain,

and Pacific), plus several other PDF files related to amateur radio. By moving the bio there, it's easier for me to edit and upload. A PDF Reader is required for the PDF files; and Microsoft Excel or Office, LibreOffice, or OpenOffice is required for the spreadsheet files.

For my full bio, please go to <https://www.theweatherwonder.com/bio.htm>

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I'm Net Control for these nets during the week, when using Netlogger:

Sunday: QCWA Net, the QuadNet Array (<https://openquad.net>), 5pm Eastern, 4pm Central, 3pm Mountain, 2pm Pacific. Note that membership in the QCWA is not required to checkin to the net.

Monday: Hotspot, Raspberry Pi, SBC, Zum Net, the QuadNet Array (<https://openquad.net>), 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, 7pm Pacific.

Tuesday: Arklatex D-Star Net, Reflector 48 B (with Reflector 73 B as a backup), 8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central, 6:30pm Mountain, 5:30pm Pacific.

2nd Thursday: New Mexico D-Star Net, Reflector 55A (with Reflector 72 A as a backup), 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, 7pm Pacific.

Friday: Trains Net, the QuadNet Array (<https://openquad.net>), 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific.

3rd Saturday: Food Net, the QuadNet Array (<https://openquad.net>), 9pm Eastern, 8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific.

With these nets, when I'm running them, early checkins are started at least 1 hour prior to the actual net start time. However, while I will give plenty of time for stations to checkin, I'm not going to wait forever for a station to show up. So, once checkins "dry up", and I get no response to a "last call", then I will shut the net down.

Sorry for any inconvenience...your understanding is appreciated.