

# Winlink Presentation @ HamCon: Zion 2024

## Four Steps to setup winlink

1. Install winlink
  1. go to winlink download page; <https://downloads.winlink.org/>
  2. read the page. There is much to explain
  3. obtain winlink account email address -- youtube.com is your friend
  4. fill out Setup Screen: call sign, password, locator number, name, address, etal.
2. Install drivers for digirig or signalink . See Figure 1 & 2.
  1. The device shows up with a yellow triangle. Meaning is does not have a driver.
  2. After installing the driver, notice COM4 is identified as well as the PnP Sound Device.
3. Set pointers to sound card & COM port
  1. The sound card will pass audio between radio and computer
  2. The PTT trigger also needs to be identified
  3. They need to be set in the VARA FM settings window
  4. See Figures 3 & 4
4. Create and send email
  1. Create email, Post to Outbox
  2. Open session window (telnet, or VARA FM)
  3. Select a gateway near you.
  4. Press Start

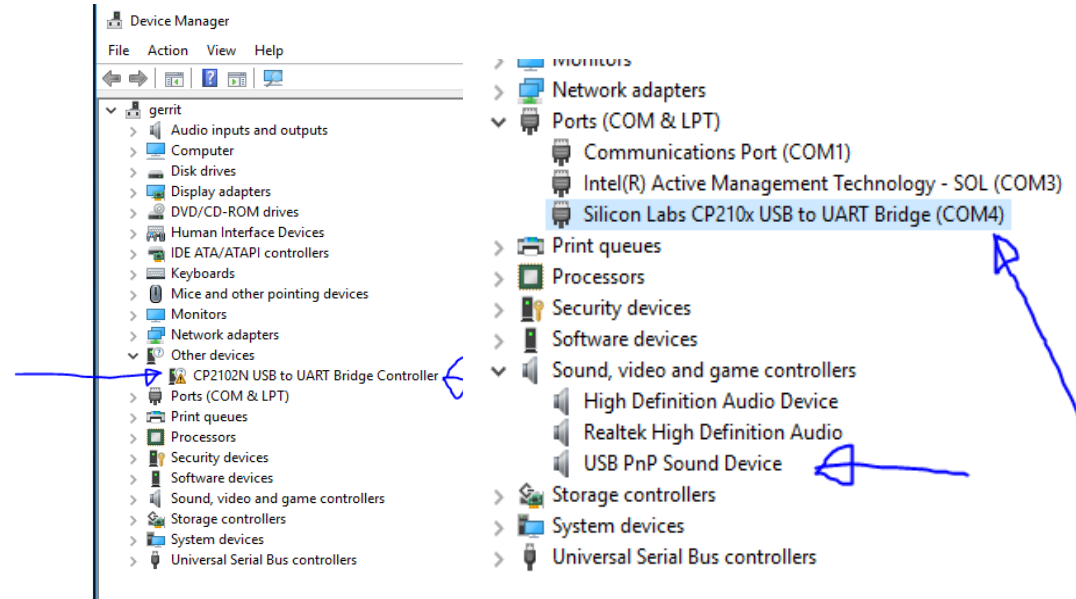


Figure 1: Device Manager - shows device without driver  
Figure 2: Device Manager - after driver install, with 'USB PnP Sound Device'

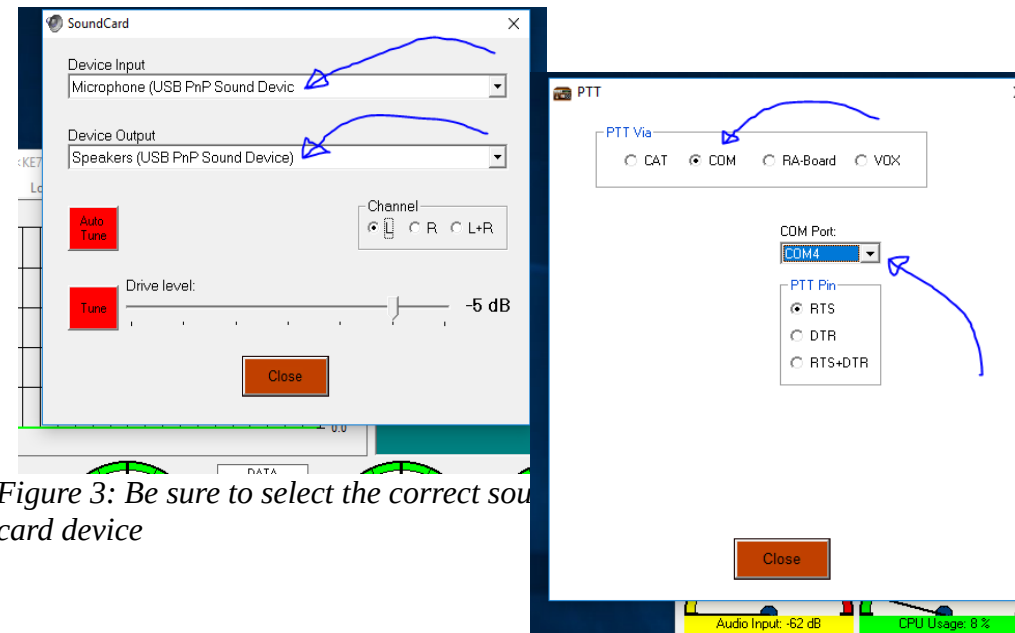


Figure 3: Be sure to select the correct sound card device

Figure 4: Select the method for triggering the PTT