

# µSmartDigi™ Digipeater Getting Started Guide

The µSmartDigi requires no assembly itself but must be installed in a TNC-X that contains an LM7805 voltage regulator. TNC-X kits from Coastal ChipWorks (<http://www.tnc-x.com>) come with a low-current LM78L05 voltage regulator that must be replaced to use the µSmartDigi. Caution- the µSmartDigi draws 100-200 mA that will damage the low-current regulator! You **must** use the LM7805!

You will need to decide whether you will use a GPS unit, an ASCII Monitor, like HyperTerminal, or none of these. This use dictates how the µSmartDigi Serial Configuration Jumpers at J3 will be configured. J3 provides means to connect the µSmartDigi serial port to the TNC-X Main serial connector (DB-9R) or optional USB, the Aux serial connector (3.5 mm stereo jack), or split between them. Your TNC-X may have an optional USB module that is configured to replace the Main serial connector. The following table shows how to select the jumpers. An abbreviated table can be found near J3 on the µSmartDigi PCB.

**Serial Port Configuration Table**

Function	µSmartDigi Receive	µSmartDigi Transmit
GPS or Monitor on Main/USB connector	Jumper J3 Pin 1 to Pin 2	Jumper J3 Pin 4 to Pin 5
GPS or Monitor on Aux connector	Jumper J3 Pin 2 to Pin 3	Jumper J3 Pin 5 to Pin 6
Monitor on Main/USB connector and GPS on Aux connector (split)	Jumper J3 Pin 2 to Pin 3	Jumper J3 Pin 4 to Pin 5
GPS on Main connector and Monitor on Aux connector (split)	Jumper J3 Pin 1 to Pin 2	Jumper J3 Pin 5 to Pin 6

To select between the Main connector and USB install jumper at JP3 for Main and remove for USB on the TNC-X board. To download Configurations, Rules or Firmware from a PC or laptop you can use any of the 3 connectors. The Main offers a standard DB-9R to connect to a standard RS-232 serial PC cable and the USB directly connects to the computer with a USB cable. The Main DB-9R is DCE and requires a “straight” PC cable. Jumper J3 either Main/USB or Aux for both Transmit and Receive for Downloading.

The PC or laptop Configuration Utility software, as well as µSmartDigi firmware updates and documentation, can be downloaded from <http://usmartdigi.com>. The Configuration Utility is a Windows (95,98,98SE,ME,2000,XP) console program requiring no installer. Simply download this program and execute it. You can use the µSmartDigi without any Configuration or Rules configured by relying on the defaults.

## Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Remove all power to the TNC-X and disconnect any USB cable.
2. If you have already assembled your TNC-X with the original LM78L05 regulator you will need to replace it with the LM7805. Remove the PCB from its enclosure. Desolder and remove LM78L05 (U6). Clean out the holes, insert and solder the LM7805 with the same pin assignment. Reassemble the PCB into the enclosure. See the LM7805 diagram following the instructions.
3. Remove both jumpers from the Expansion Header of the TNC-X. On older TNC-X this is J1, on Version 2 it is JP5. Jumper the TNC-X to 19200 baud (remove JP1 and JP2). **You must install the TNC-X jumper JP4 on pins 1&2 because the USB cannot supply enough current to power the µSmartDigi.**
4. Remove the protective tape from the foam adhesive on the bottom of the µSmartDigi PCB. Install the PCB aligning the TNC-X 8-pin Expansion Header with the 8-pin socket on the bottom of the µSmartDigi. The µSmartDigi only fits one way without extending outside the TNC-X PCB. Press on the µSmartDigi PCB to set the foam adhesive.
5. Install the 2 jumpers removed in Step 3 on the µSmartDigi at J3 according to the Serial Port Configuration Table.
6. Connect an ASCII Terminal, PC or laptop serial cable using HyperTerminal or similar interactive device to test and configure µSmartDigi. Make sure your terminal or terminal emulator is ready and set it to 57600 baud, 8 bits, no parity and 1 stop bit (8N1), Send line ends with LF (nl), Local Echo, No Flow Control. This terminal will be referred to as the µSmartDigi Monitor.

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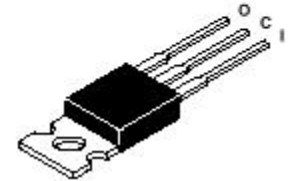
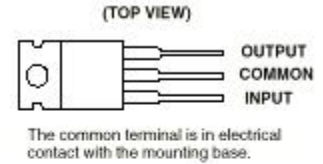
7. Apply power to the µSmartDigi/TNC-X. You should see the following prompt:  

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uSmartDigi          Version 2.2          by Rich Painter, ab0vo
Copyright 2004-2006 Painter Engineering, Inc.  usmartdigi.com
Enter <ctrl>-c for Host mode or Enter nothing for Monitor mode.
Waiting for 20 seconds...
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8. Type a <ctrl>-c (hold the CTRL key down while typing a c). You should see the following prompt:  

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No GPS and TNC Port is disabled!
Connected 57600
uSmart>
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9. Commands are terminated with the Enter key. Type a ? to display the help.
10. Connect the TNC-X to your radio system. On the µSmartDigi Monitor enter the command *tnc* to enable the TNC operation and continue monitoring the µSmartDigi operation. When the TNC-X receives a packet it should be displayed on the µSmartDigi Monitor with its *Pass* or *Drop* repeater disposition. A *Pass* should result in the TNC-X repeating this packet.
11. Typing *dconf* will display the default configuration.
12. Modify your Configuration and Rules as needed.

## Default Configuration (partial list)

Parameter	Setting	Meaning
call & SSID	notset & 0	No call or SSID are set
position Lat	39.028084	Latitude
position Lon	-104.66900	Longitude
havegps	no	No GPS is expected to be connected
log	yes	Logging is enabled to Monitor port
nonaprs	no	Do not repeat without valid position
host baud	57600	Initial baud rate
gps baud	4800	Initial baud rate
tnc baud	19200	Initial baud rate
widemax	3	Maximum WIDEn: $n \leq 3$
widetotal	6	Total WIDEn: Sum of $n \leq 6$
dupewin	28	Dupe check window is 28 seconds
relay	yes	Allow RELAY in path
implicit rule	pass	Pass with no other rules configured



LM7805 Regulator

I is pin 1

C is pin 2

O is pin 3

Please visit <http://usmartdigi.com> for more information and product updates. Send product suggestions and bug reports to [painter@usmartdigi.com](mailto:painter@usmartdigi.com).

Thanks for purchasing a µSmartDigi!

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