

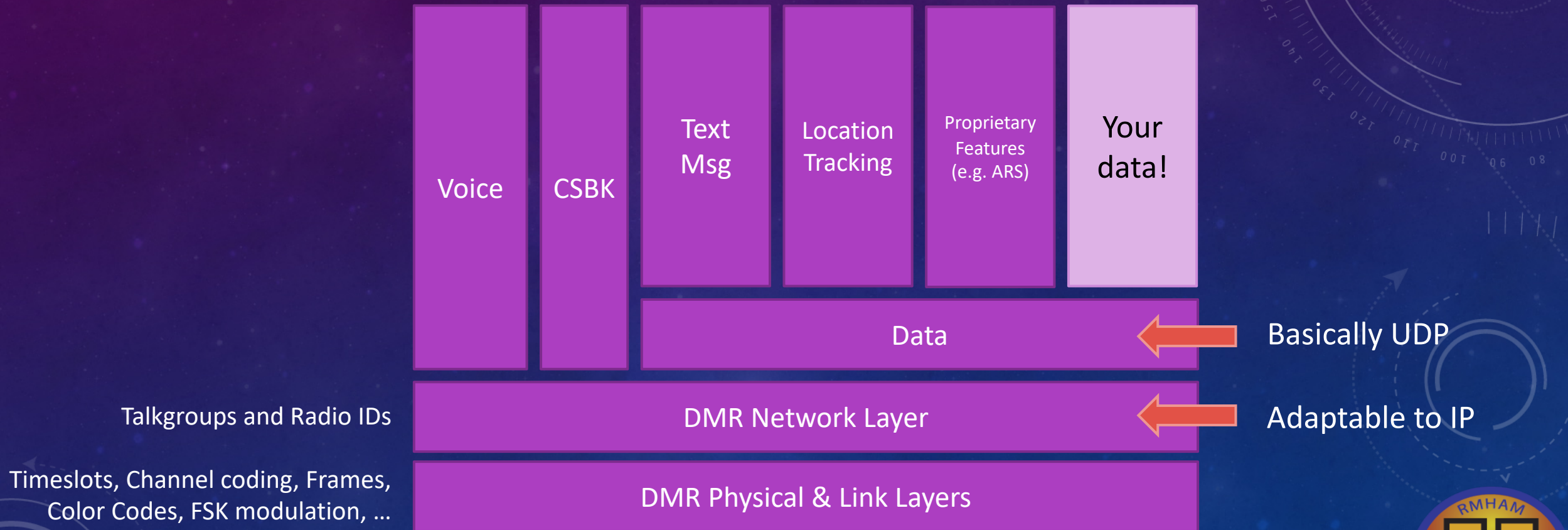


# IP DATA OVER DMR

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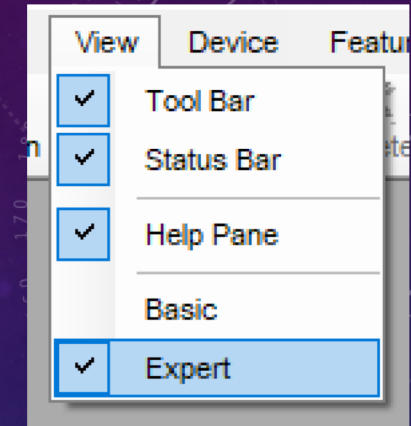
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# DMR BEYOND VOICE





# CLUES IN MOTOTRBO CPS



**Services**

ARS Radio ID

ARS IP 0.0.0.0

ARS UDP Port

TMS Radio ID

TMS IP 0.0.0.0

TMS UDP Port

User Defined UDP Port 1

User Defined UDP Port 2

User Defined UDP Port 3

XCMP Server ID

XCMP Server IP 0.0.0.0

Battery Management Server ID

Battery Management Server IP 0.0.0.0

Compressed UDP Data Header

ARS Monitoring ID

ARS Monitoring IP 0.0.0.0

Location Server UDP Port

XCMP Server UDP Port

Battery Management Server UDP Port



# YOUR RADIO IS A USB NETWORK CARD

- Radio is a USB Ethernet Adapter
- Radio hosts a DHCP server that assigns PC an IP address
  - Usually 192.168.10.2/24
- Effectively a link network

Radio IP	192 . 168 . 10 . 1
Accessory IP	192.168.10.2
Netmask	255.255.255.0
Bluetooth IP	192.168.11.1
Bluetooth Accessory IP	192.168.11.2

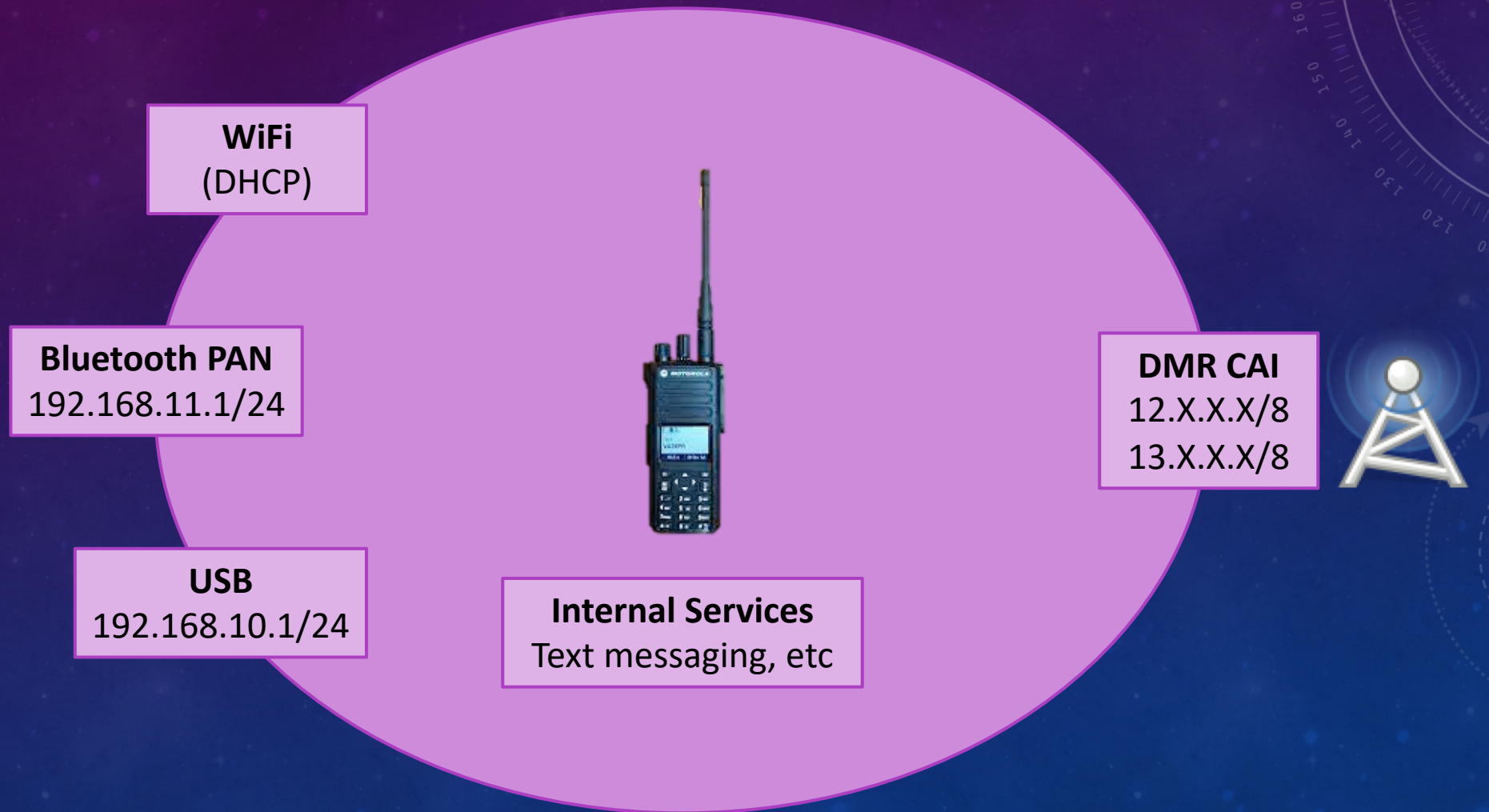
Ethernet adapter usb\_xhci 7:

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :  
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::8366:b5ec  
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.10.2  
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0  
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.10.1
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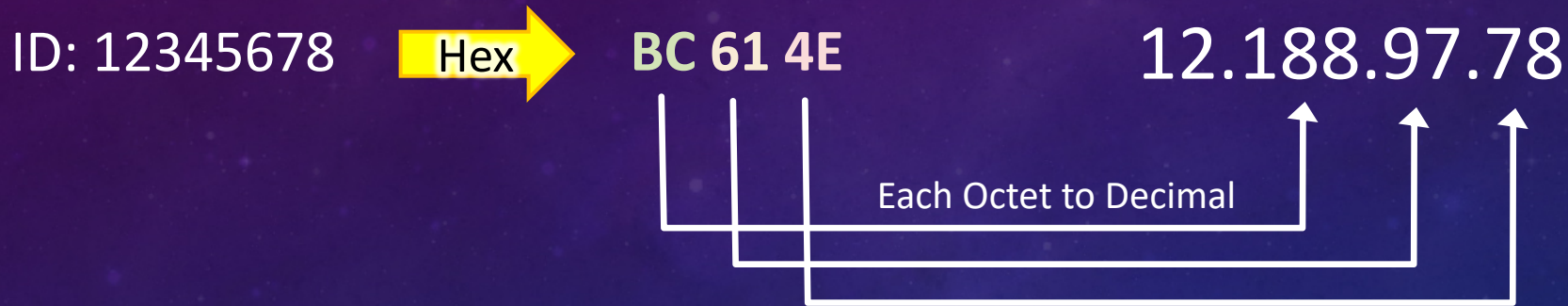


# YOUR RADIO IS A ROUTER



# ID TO IP MAPPING

## Radio (Individual) IDs



Arbitrary Class A network set in CPS

CAI Network 12

Packets set to 13.188.97.78 are forwarded to USB-attached PC.  
(CAI Network + 1)

## Talkgroup IDs (Group Calls)

Same process, but uses IPv4 multicast address space.



# ROUTING SETUP

```
# Add routes so your PC knows how to reach the  
# DMR CAI network
```

```
$ ip route add 12.0.0.0/8 via 192.168.10.1  
$ ip route add 13.0.0.0/8 via 192.168.10.1
```

Smaller subnets appear  
to work if they cover  
your radio ID range





# DEMOS

Mobile Station  
XPR 7550e  
ID 101



Control Station  
XPR 5350  
ID 100





# DEMO #1: PING

- Mobile Station laptop pings the control station radio
- ICMP ping packets go over the air and are answered by the control station radio's internal IP stack

```
$ ping 12.0.0.100 -p 4e4d30544820 -i 5 -s 24
```

Control station radio ID  
encoded as IP address

Embed my callsign in  
the packets for ID (just  
hex ASCII chars)

5 sec between pings

Smaller packets



```
user@user-latitudee6500: ~  
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user@user-latitudee6500: ~  
user@user-latitudee6500:~$ ping 12.0.0.100 -p 4e4d30544820  
-i 5 -s 24  
PATTERN: 0x4e4d30544820  
PING 12.0.0.100 (12.0.0.100) 24(52) bytes of data.  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=3287 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=4466 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=3665 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=3703 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=5 ttl=63 time=4641 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=6 ttl=63 time=3418 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=7 ttl=63 time=3098 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=8 ttl=63 time=4097 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=9 ttl=63 time=4135 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=10 ttl=63 time=3151 ms  
32 bytes from 12.0.0.100: icmp_seq=11 ttl=63 time=4392 ms
```

Long ping times  
(3-4 sec)

Capturing from

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icmp

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	In
22	56.850753949	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.100	ICMP	66	E
23	60.947170138	12.0.0.100	192.168.10.2	ICMP	66	E
24	61.851916086	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.100	ICMP	66	E
25	65.987223654	12.0.0.100	192.168.10.2	ICMP	66	E
26	66.853875121	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.100	ICMP	66	E
27	70.005283332	12.0.0.100	192.168.10.2	ICMP	66	E
28	71.855844773	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.100	ICMP	66	E
29	76.247358825	12.0.0.100	192.168.10.2	ICMP	66	E
30	76.857902216	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.100	ICMP	66	E

Frame 2: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits) 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface  
Ethernet II, Src: 0a:00:3e:08:00:45, Dst: 0a:00:3e:08:00:01  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.10.2, Dst: 12.0.0.100  
Internet Control Message Protocol, Seq=1, Len=24

0000 0a 00 3e 0a 00 3e 08 00 45 00 ..> ..> ..E.  
0010 00 34 ba f1 40 00 40 01 a8 c9 c0 a8 0a 02 0c 00 .4..@.. ..  
0020 00 64 08 00 a3 14 00 12 00 01 6f df e6 63 00 00 .d..... .o..c..  
0030 00 00 e9 b2 06 00 00 00 00 00 48 20 4e 4d 30 54 .....H NMOT  
0040 48 20 H

Call sign

in progress> Packets: 31 · Displayed: 23 (74.2%) Profile: Default



# DEMO #2: TEXT MESSAGE I/O

- Use DMR Standard message format
- Text message forwarding enabled
- Control station PC sends a text to the other radio and listens for a reply
  - Simple custom Python script to encode text and send packet
  - Text message is just a UDP packet on port 5016
  - Body is UTF-16 encoded (big endian)

Text Message Type	DMR Standard ▼
Forward to PC	Via USB ▼

*Channel setting*

*Network menu*



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udp.port==5016

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
10	79.404585058	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.101	UDP	90	5016 → 5016 Len=48
12	91.115846275	12.0.0.101	192.168.10.2	UDP	72	5016 → 5016 Len=30
19	197.712243126	192.168.10.2	12.0.0.101	UDP	90	5016 → 5016 Len=48
22	203.674465951	12.0.0.101	192.168.10.2	UDP	72	5016 → 5016 Len=30

▶ Frame 10: 90 bytes on wire (720 bits), 90 bytes captured (720 bits) on interface 0

▶ Ethernet II, Src: 0a:00:3e: (0a:00:3e: ), Dst: 0a:00:3e: (0a:00:3e: )

▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.10.2, Dst: 12.0.0.101

▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 5016, Dst Port: 5016

▶ Data (48 bytes)

0000 0a 00 3e 0a 00 3e 08 00 45 00 ..> > ..E.

0010 00 4c c5 68 40 00 40 11 9e 29 c0 a8 0a 02 0c 00 .L.h@.@. ).

0020 00 65 13 98 13 98 00 38 f8 fa 00 4e 00 4d 00 30 .e....8 ..N.M.O

0030 00 54 00 48 00 20 00 73 00 65 00 6e 00 74 00 20 .T.H. .s .e.n.t.

0040 00 79 00 6f 00 75 00 20 00 61 00 20 00 6d 00 65 .y.o.u. .a .m.e

0050 00 73 00 73 00 61 00 67 00 65 .s.s.a.g .e

Port 5016 for standard DMR texting

UTF-16-BE text



## DEMO #3: PC ↔ PC INTERACTIVE CHAT

- This time, PC to PC traffic. Use 13.0.0.100 and .101
- Control station PC hosts a UDP server on port 9000 (Netcat)
- Mobile station PC has a client

```
# Mobile station  
$ nc -u 13.0.0.100 9000
```

```
# Control station  
$ nc -ul 9000
```



```
user@user-latitude6500: ~  
user@user-latitude6500:~$ nc -u 13.0.0.100 9000  
This is NM0TH testing the UDP PC to PC chat!  
hello nm0th  
hkjhjkk;jphkjl;hijkl;kl;jlk;jl;  
nm0th  
^C
```

udp.port==9000

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
2	54.184217619	192.168.10.2	13.0.0.100	UDP	87	422
5	66.954478650	13.0.0.100	192.168.10.2	UDP	54	900
8	86.259248995	192.168.10.2	13.0.0.100	UDP	73	422
12	96.486739745	192.168.10.2	13.0.0.100	UDP	48	422

13.0.0.100 addresses the attached PC instead of the radio itself

Frame 2: 87 bytes on wire  
Ethernet II, Src: 0a:00:3e:  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.10.2, Dst: 13.0.0.100  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 42283, Dst Port: 9000  
Data (45 bytes)

Offset	Hex	ASCII
0000	0a 00 3e 0a 00 3e 08 00 45 00	..E.
0010	00 49 75 56 40 00 40 11 ed 3f c0 a8 0a 02 0d 00	.IuV@.@.?.
0020	00 64 a5 2b 23 28 00 35 d8 a3 54 68 69 73 20 69	.d.+(.5..This i
0030	73 20 4e 4d 30 54 48 20 74 65 73 74 69 6e 67 20	s NM0TH testing
0040	74 68 65 20 55 44 50 20 50 43 20 74 6f 20 50 43	the UDP PC to PC
0050	20 63 68 61 74 21 0a	chat!.



# DMR DATA TERMINOLOGY

- Confirmed Data – Receiving radio must ACK or sending radio will retry.
  - Only for individual (not group) calls
  - Not good for Part 97 ID rules
- Unconfirmed Data – No retries
  - Can be multicasted to the talkgroup

*Channel setting*

Data Call Confirmed



# IDENTIFICATION

- DMR IDs are not legal identification
- No built-in way to tag packets with your callsign
  - Need to handle this at the application layer
  - For example, encapsulate AX.25 or include your callsign in text messages





# APPLICATIONS

- Why not APRS?
  - Sometimes it makes sense to leverage an existing DMR network or consolidate
  - DMR is more robust
- Custom applications for events and deployments
  - Mobile stations can report status or make requests to a central dispatch server
- Fun experimentation like text gateways



# FURTHER READING

- ETSI DMR specification – details the entire DMR protocol, including IP-attached peripherals
  - <https://www.dmrassociation.org/dmr-standards.html>
- MOTOTRBO CPS Help Pages – lots of info on configuring data-related settings on radios

