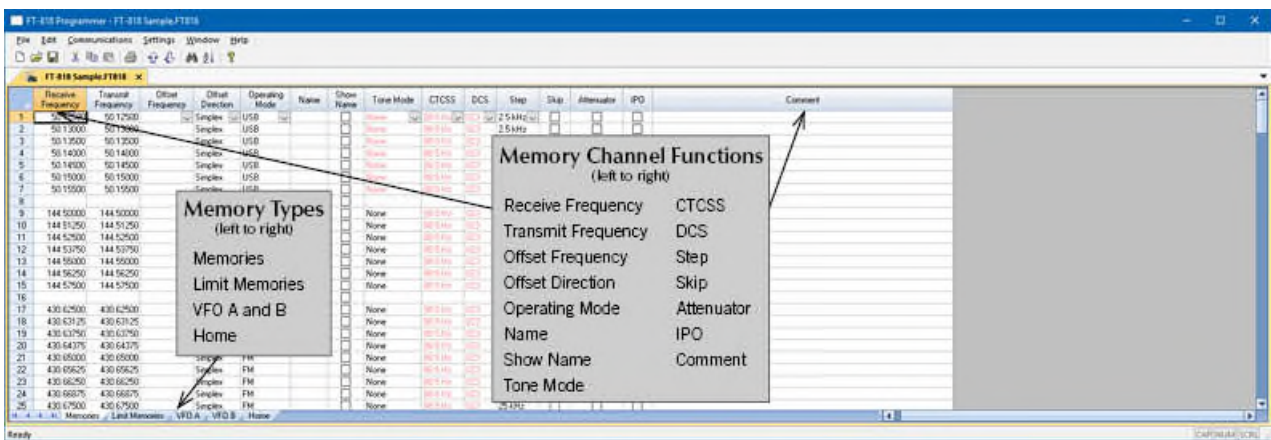




FT-818 RADIO PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE

- FT-818 Mac Info (ft-818-mac-info.html)



The YPS-818 Radio Programming Software is designed to give you the ease and convenience of programming the memories and set menu options of your radio from your PC. Any memory channel with all its details can be sent to the radio with a simple keystroke.

Memory Channels Include:

- 605 Memory Channels
- 2 Limit Memories (1 pair)
- 16 VFO A Channels
- 16 VFO B Channels
- 4 Home Channels

Other Menu Item Categories Include:

- Common

The Radio Programmer Is for so Much More than Just Memory Management.

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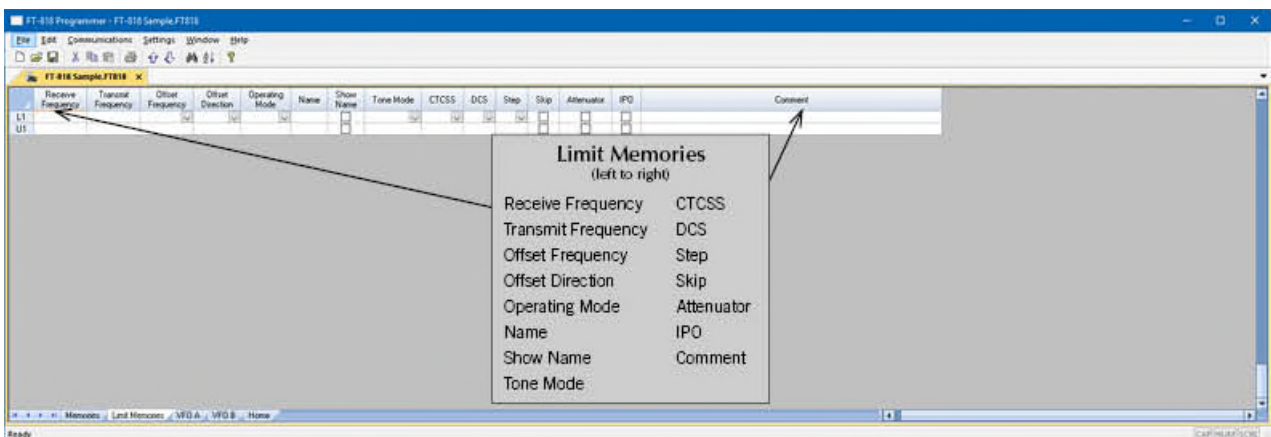
programming process begins by first installing the program then installing (and allowing) the drivers for the cable. Be sure to complete both of these steps.

Next, make all the connections between the radio and the computer and complete Communications | Get data from radio. This “syncs” the radio and computer. Even if the radio is not yet set up with memory channels, there are details that the programmer needs to get from the radio.

Start setting up details for your radio in a “factory fresh” file (File|New) or in the file that was created when you did Communications | Get data from the radio. Begin by entering a receive frequency (that will be the frequency published for the repeater). When you press Enter or Tab to leave the Receive frequency field, the program will complete details for the channel. Then customize Name and Tone to match the details you have for that local repeaters.

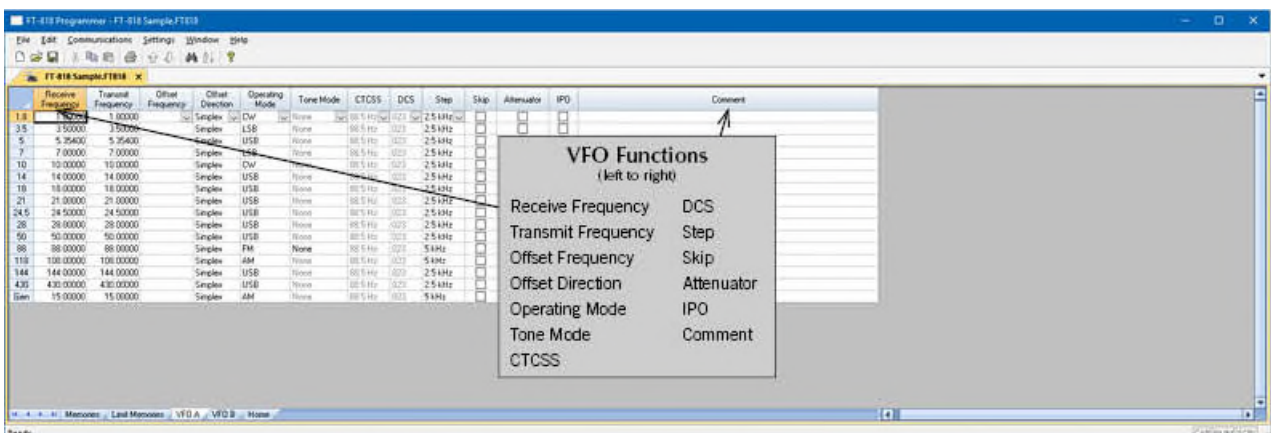
Use the links to external data sources (File | External data) built right into the programmer to access repeater details for your area or for a location you plan to visit. Then with just a few button clicks, you have a file with hundreds of entries and all you typed was your location (i.e., zip code or city).

Save your file as you work. This is a computer, after all, and you would hate to lose your work should the system fail. Actually, create and save as many files as you want or need. You could have one file for home, a different one for the vacation house, another for the trip to your son's house, another for the yearly 3K run and picnic where you help direct traffic and want the radio to be programmed with only the frequencies for that event. Remember, radio programming is an overwrite process. Everything in the radio is replaced by everything in the file.



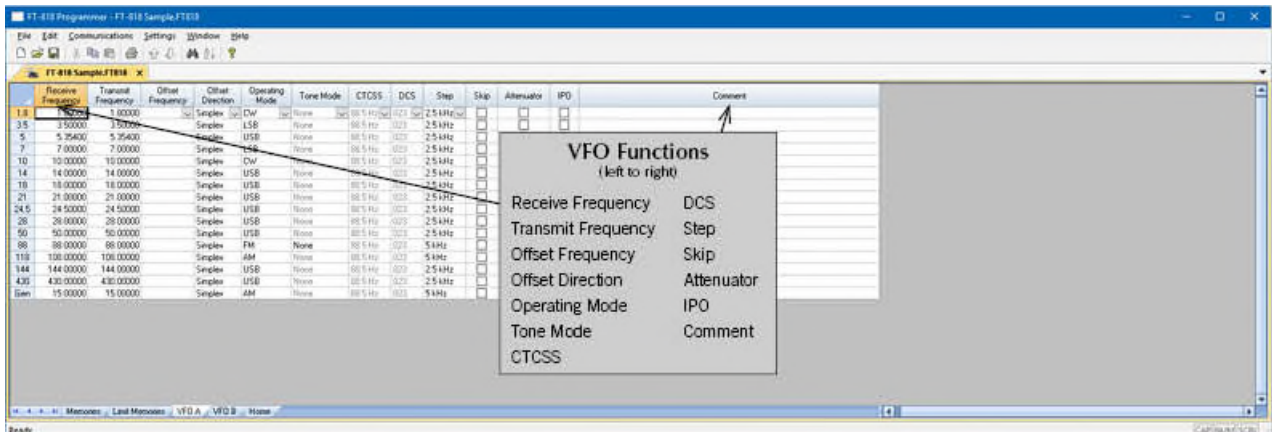
Limit Memories

Limit Memories are used by the radio for Program Scan. Program the same details for Limit Memories as for regular memory channels. Many of the Limit Memories are preprogrammed in the radio and while the frequency can be changed to another within the band, they cannot be left blank.



VFO A and B

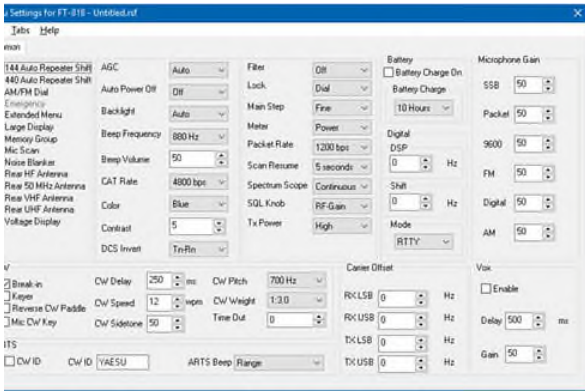
The program makes available the same VFO's as in the radio (usually one per band). Remember these are not real memory channels since the details are lost as soon as you tune the radio manually. There is no one button recall for these. You do not need to program into VFO before programming details into a memory channel. These channels are preprogrammed in the radio and while the frequency can be changed to another within the band, they cannot be left blank.



Home

Home/Call channels are special memories accessed through one button recall on the radio. These channels are preprogrammed in the radio and while the frequency can be changed to another within the band, they cannot be left blank.

Radio Menu Settings

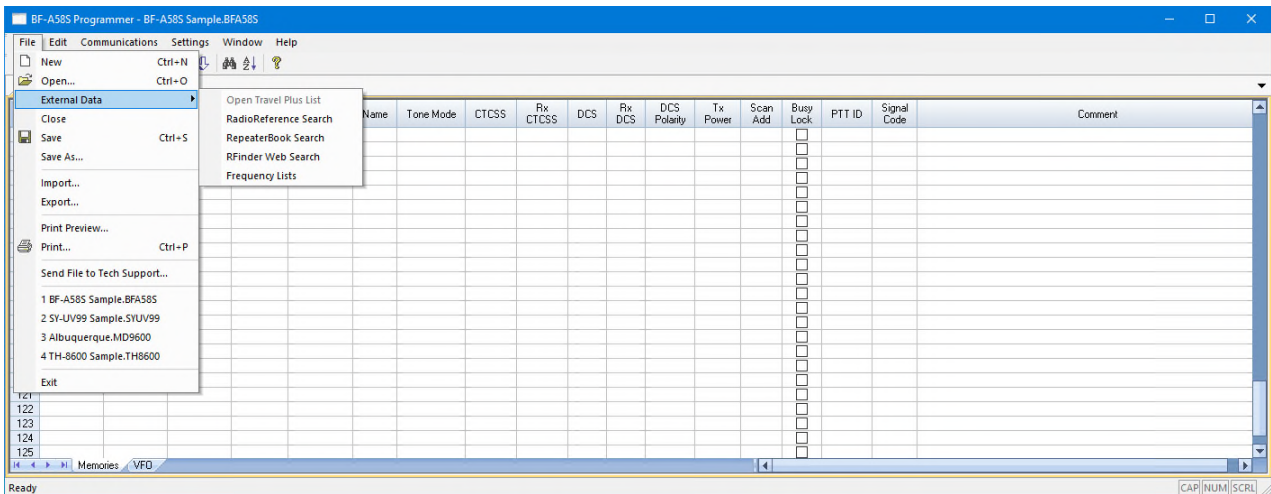


Common

Use this screen to customize many set menu features of the radio. Check boxes toggle features on or off, use drop down menus list all selections and blank boxes for personalized entry add to the ease of setting up your radio exactly like you want it.

The entries on the Settings screens are made for you to “Set and Forget”. Once settings are customized, you are prompted to save before exiting. The saved settings will be there every time you create a new frequency file.

External Data



RT Systems Programmers interface with four sources of data to make it easy for you to find repeater information. Some of these sources even include information for repeaters outside the US. Your existing subscription to a service (where required) works in the programmer.

- **Open Travel Plus List** – This is a great source for those of you who still have the TravelPlus CDs (now discontinued) from ARRL since it does not require an Internet connection. Use it with TravelPlus from 2009 to 2015. For more details about using TravelPlus [see our video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92WSt_x1xLg). (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92WSt_x1xLg)
- **RadioReference Search** – This database has commercial and amateur repeaters. A subscription through RadioReference is required to access this data.
- **RepeaterBook Search** – This database contains domestic and international repeater listings. It is free to use from within the programmer.
- **RFinder Web Search** – RFinder is now ARRL's repeater directory service. It has both domestic and international repeater listings. RFinder offers the best search abilities with single location or routing options. A subscription through RFinder is required to access this data.

Radio Reference Search

An internet connection and subscription to the service are required for this search.

Enter the user e-mail and Password that you established when you purchased your subscription from RadioReference Then select the **State**– Select the state from the list and **County**– Select the state from the list to get repeaters for that area.

Click OK.

RepeaterBook Search

Search for repeaters using the RepeaterBook.com web search.

Location: Searcy, AR, USA

Radius: 25 miles

Select Bands

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Bands	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.25 meter
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 meter	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 cm
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 meter	<input type="checkbox"/> 33 cm
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 meter	<input type="checkbox"/> 23 cm

OK Cancel

Repeater Book Search

An Internet connection is required for this search.

Location – Enter City, State, Country (if not in the US).

Radius – Enter how many miles (up to 90 maximum) around this location.

Select Bands – This is not terribly important since it can be done on the next screen; however, you might want to limit the selection to reduce the number of repeaters in the results. Uncheck All Bands to make the individual bands active.

Click OK.

RFinder Search

An internet connection and subscription to the service are required for this search.

Enter the User E-mail and Password that you established when you purchased your subscription from RFinder.

Location - Search around a specific city. Enter City, State and Country (if not US). Enter Radius up to 90 miles.

Route - Search along the route of a trip you're planning. Enter the Start and End cities, a width (remember to limit this since you can't hear repeaters that are too far away), and waypoints (other cities along the way). The search will travel along major interstate highways between the two cities. If the result is not along the route you plan to take, enter other waypoints on your route.

Map Route – Use this option to see the route the search will take. Close the map to return to the search screen.

Click OK.

The information is returned on a screen that is not yet ready for radio programming, this screen lets you examine the data to see if the results are about what you expected. You might find that you spelled the city name wrong which resulted in nothing being returned; or that you want to pull repeaters from further away; or you want to get repeaters for different bands.

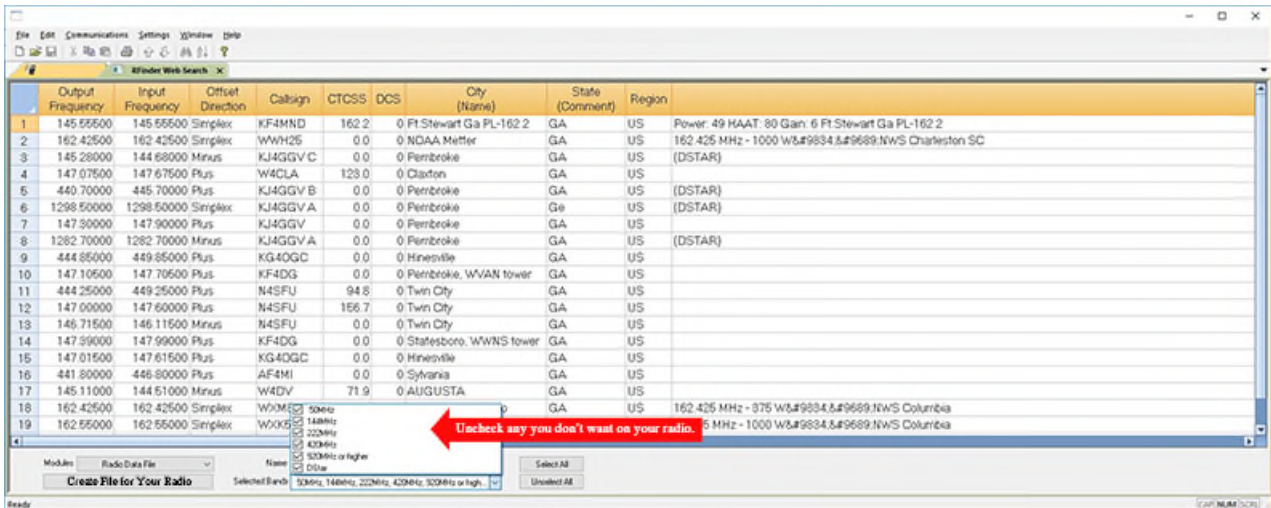
	Output Frequency	Input Frequency	Offset Direction	Callsign (Name)	CTCSS	DCS	City	State	Region	Repeater Notes (Comment)	Sponsor
1	145.11000		Minus	WC3OH	67.0		Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 67.0 (CA)ek	WCDAR
2	145.64000		Minus	K3MCA			Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 67.0e	M3CoAF
3	145.82000		Minus	WA8PLZ	77.0		Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 77.0e	MWA
4	145.94000		Minus	WB8I	123.0		Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 123.0a	DARA
5	145.98500		Minus	WF8M	123.0		Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 123.0l	MVRFG
6	147.13500		Plus	WB8SMC			Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o (CA)z	FaroutAF
7	147.36000		Plus	WA8PLZ	77.0		Dayton	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 77.0e	MWA
8	145.33000		Minus	W8DYY			Miambsburg	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o (CA)e	MoundA
9	146.77500		Minus	W8CDR	77.0		Miambsburg	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 77.0	W8CDR
10	147.01500		Plus	W8NCI	77.0		Miambsburg	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 77.0	W8NCI
11	147.07500		Plus	W8KMC	67.0		Miambsburg	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o 67.0	IMCN
12	147.19500		Plus	W8DYY			Miambsburg	OHIO	MONTGOMERY	o (CA)eWX	MoundA
13	145.91000		Minus	W8GCA			Bolbrook	OHIO	GREENE	oae	GCARE
14	147.04500		Plus	W8DGN			Bolbrook	OHIO	GREENE	oae	BARC
15	145.45000		Minus	W8BART	88.5		Clearcreek Twp	OHIO	WARREN	o 88.5ez	ChrvIARE
16	145.41000		Minus	K8FBN	118.8		Fairborn	OHIO	GREENE	o 118.8e	UplVlyAF
17	145.29000		Minus	W8SZVL	118.8		Franklin	OHIO	WARREN	o 118.8 (CA)z	W8SZVL
18	145.49000		Minus	W8CYE	77.0		Springboro	OHIO	WARREN	o 77.0al	DRAKE J
19	147.24000		Plus	K8SKID			Tippecanoe	OHIO	MIAMI	o	8424FM
20	147.16500		Plus	NSJFA			Xenia	OHIO	GREENE	o (CA)e	XeniaAR
21	146.61000		Minus	W8BLV	77.0		Middletown	OHIO	BUTLER	o 77.0 TTel	Dial ARC
22	147.31500		Plus	W8JEU	77.0		Middletown	OHIO	BUTLER	o 77.0 TTel	Dial ARC
23	146.66500		Minus	WC8EMA	118.8		Lebanon	OHIO	WARREN	o 118.8a (CA)ek	WarrenE

Make selections for Name and Comment

Module: [Select a Module] Name: [Callign] Comment: [Repeater Notes] [Select All] [Unselect All]

Select what the radio uses as the Name display. You can select the Callsign (default), City, State, Region, Repeater Notes or Sponsor. Notice that each of these categories is a column of information in the grid. You will see those names at the top of the screen. You are selecting the information in that column for the Programmer to set up for the Name field. NOTE: The radio will truncate (cut off) the information in the field at the maximum number of characters it can use for the Alpha/numeric display. You might end up with only the first four or six characters of the information in the column. Consider this when selecting the information.

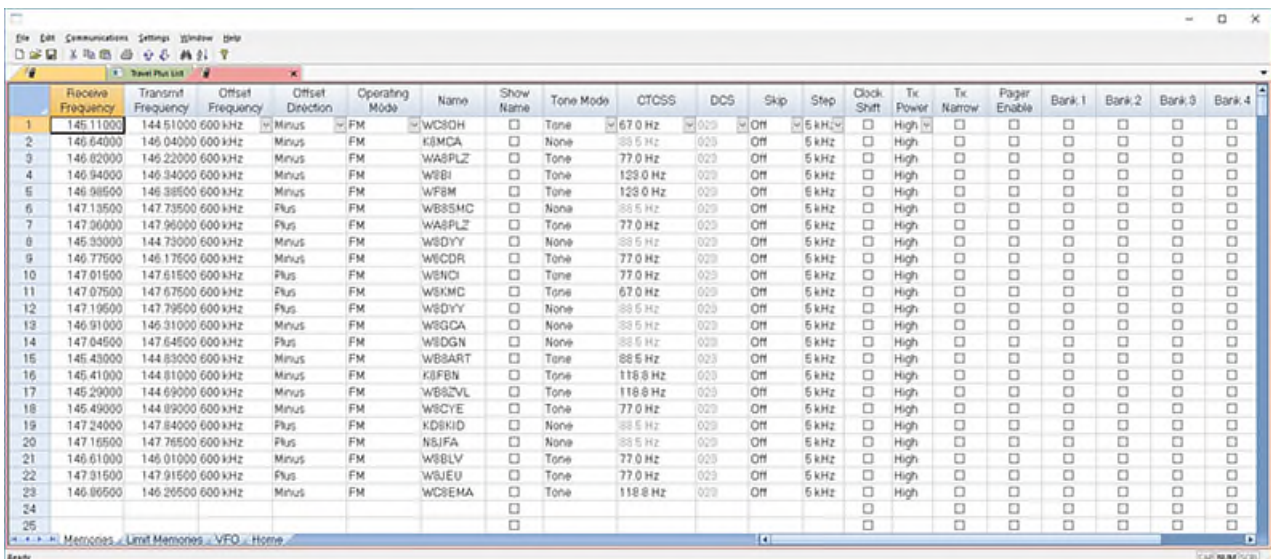
Select what the Programmer will use in the Comment field. This information does not go to the radio but can be very helpful for identifying a channel as you work with it on the spreadsheet. You can print this information along with other details for the channels to have it on hand as you travel. Again, select Callsign, City, State, Region, Repeater Notes or Sponsor.



Sorting Return Data

The screen that opens after you click OK for one of the external data searches gives you the ability to remove repeater information that your radio cannot use. You might have a radio that does not do DMR, DStar or Yaesu Fusion. Simply uncheck these in the list. The channels are removed from the list automatically.

Once you finish eliminating frequencies or modes your radio cannot use, select your radio from **Modules** and then click **Create file for (your radio)**.

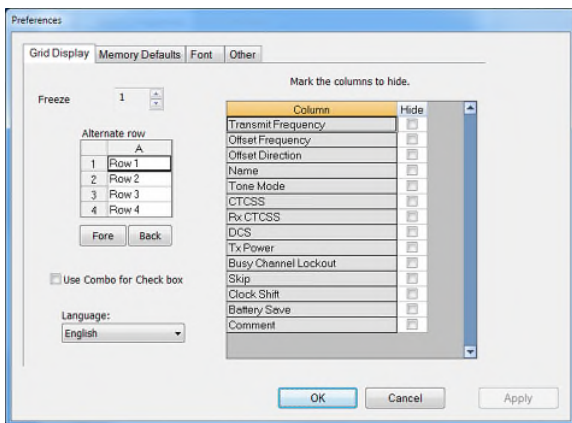


Resulting File

After clicking Create File for (Your radio) the programmer creates the file that you use to program your radio. Notice that all the Tones are set up with the tone frequencies. All done automatically.

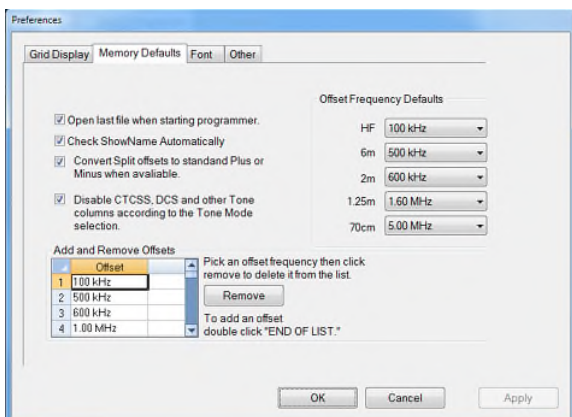
What a list and all you did was enter a location!

Preferences Customize the Programmer



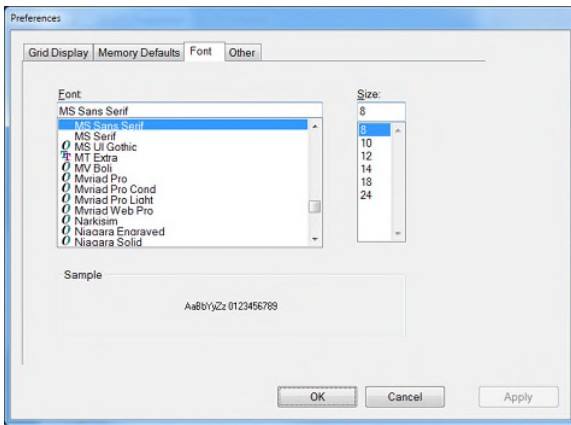
Grid Display

- RT Systems now available in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese.
- Set colors for text (Fore) or background (Back) of alternate rows for easier viewing across the columns.
- Freeze columns to keep information on the screen as you scroll to the right of the page.
- Hide columns you don't use. Customize your printout: hidden columns do not print.
- Use Combo for Check boxes – changes the grid to eliminate check box selections that are disabled on some systems.



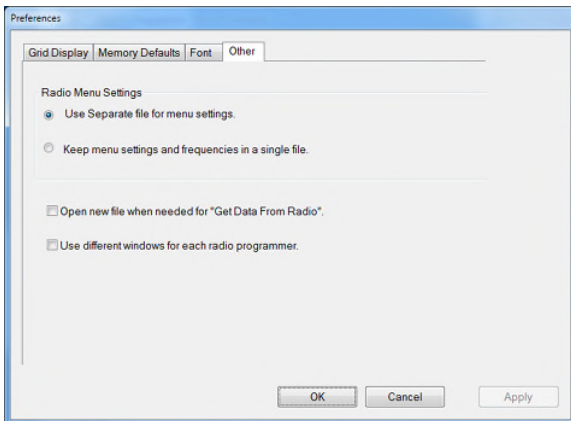
Memory Defaults

- Set options to control auto fill information for memory channel entries.



Font

- Set options to control the font in the column headers of the channel entry screens. Select any font and font size available on your computer.



Other

- Set options to control how the programmer handles the global Radio Menu Settings file.
 - Separate (default) handles the global settings of the radio in a “set and forget” fashion. Once you set these up and save the file you won’t have to reset them for a new frequency file.
 - Together as one gives you the ability to create files that are complete with frequencies and customized global settings. In this mode, each file begins with factory defaults for every option of the radio.
- Check “Get data from Radio” new file option to prevent data loss when you read from your radio into the programmer.
- Check “different window” option to make the programmer for a different radio run in completely separate window rather than in a separate tab of the same window.



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