



Supported RDS Encoders

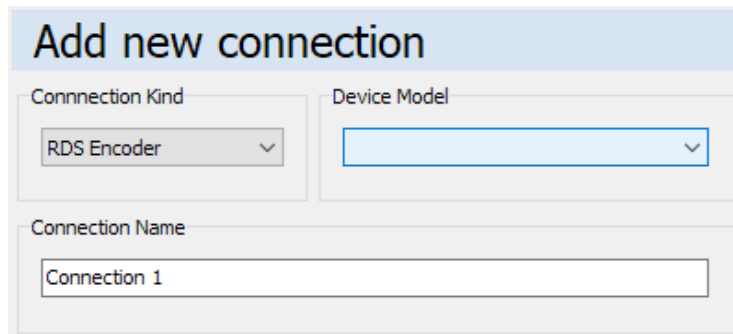
and other devices

To Add New Device (e.g. RDS Encoder)

1. Double-click on **Add new connection** icon.



2. In the **Connection Kind** field, select **RDS Encoder**.



Add new connection

Connection Kind: RDS Encoder


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Connection Name: Connection 1

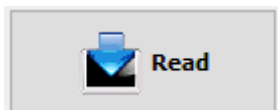
3. Select the **Device Model**.
4. Configure the connection parameters.
5. Confirm by **Add** button.

To Activate the Application

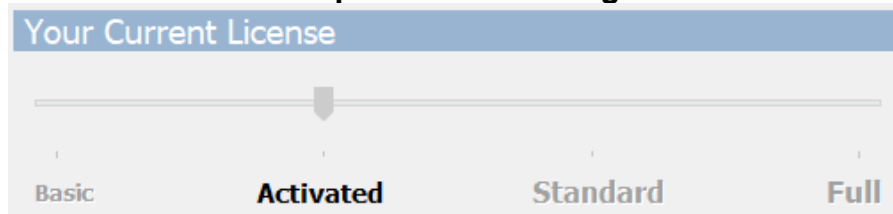
The Activation is a simple and automated process of getting access to all functions and features associated with the RDS encoder.

The Activation is completely free of charge and it's supported by all RDS encoders and communication protocols with the exception of Demo encoder and those marked with the  icon.

1. Make sure the connection is set up as **bidirectional**.
2. Perform any bidirectional operation with the RDS encoder, for example **RDS Content – Program – Read**:



3. Check the status in **Help – License Manager**:



4. The Activation is permanent in the context of the installation and it's valid for all connections.

Note:

Users who purchased the Standard or Full license also got all benefits of the Activated license.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: P164

Communication interface	Ethernet, USB
Minimum firmware version required	2.2d
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP, XCMD
Default communication protocol	ASCII, XCMD
RDS Spy support	Yes ✓
Data Sets	6
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

RDS Encoder / Device Model: P132

Communication interface	Ethernet, USB
Minimum firmware version required	2.2d
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP, XCMD
Default communication protocol	ASCII, XCMD
RDS Spy support	Yes ✓
Data Sets	6
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **P232**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Minimum firmware version required	2.2d
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP, XCMD
Default communication protocol	ASCII, XCMD
RDS Spy support	Yes ✓
Data Sets	6
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

The P232 encoder is widely used in various FM equipments. It can be identified by 44-pin '46K80' integrated circuit and 16.000 MHz crystal on the device's board.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **P232U**

Communication interface	Serial / USB
Minimum firmware version required	2.2d
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP, XCMD
Default communication protocol	ASCII, XCMD
RDS Spy support	Yes ✓
Data Sets	6
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

RDS Encoder / Device Model: P332

Communication interface	Ethernet, Serial
Minimum firmware version required	2.2d
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP, XCMD
Default communication protocol	ASCII, XCMD
RDS Spy support	Yes ✓
Data Sets	6
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **PIRA32**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Minimum firmware version required	1.6a
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP
Default communication protocol	ASCII
RDS Spy support	No
Data Sets	2
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

The PIRA32 encoder is widely used in various FM equipments. It can be identified by 28-pin '18F25...' integrated circuit and 4.332 MHz crystal on the device's board.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **Readbest**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	Yes ✓ (ASCII protocol)
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP ⇄
Default communication protocol	ASCII
RDS Spy support	Yes (from firmware version 1.5)
Data Sets	Device dependent
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

The Readbest encoder is a C-based software library which is implemented in several FM broadcasting devices. Choose this option if it is explicitly mentioned in the device's manual.

Change log from version 1.4 to version 1.5 (please request the latest firmware from your vendor):

- real-time output monitoring by RDS Spy via any communication port
- UECP MEC 13, 14 now automatically inserts filler if required
- UECP MEC 24 @ buffer config 0x00 is now ignored if the group is not included in the group sequence
- UECP MEC 0A now toggles RT type bit according to the specification
- UECP MEC 0A now clears entire RT prior to filing by new text
- UECP MEC 17 now works also with DSN parameter set to 0
- UECP MEC 18 now returns sequence counter as well
- UECP MEC 34 fixed
- unwanted sequence counter reset fixed
- EON variant code 13 now includes TA

Notes:

* For this device model, the option 'Encapsulate All Outgoing Data to UECP' is not applicable to ASCII commands which have no UECP equivalent.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **Demo Encoder**

Communication interface	TCP/IP (localhost only)
Free use	Yes ✓
Communication protocol support	ASCII, UECP
Default communication protocol	ASCII
RDS Spy support	Yes
Data Sets	4
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓

The Demo Encoder is not a physical device. Rather than this, it establishes a connection to the embedded software emulator of real FM broadcast encoder. The emulation is based on the Readbest encoder. User may visualize output data by clicking on the RDS Spy button.

For further details about how to configure the remote Demo Encoder, please follow the document [readbest.pdf](#) (READBEST RDS Encoder), section **Annexes / Demo Encoder**.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **Remote Bridge**

Communication interface	Ethernet, Serial
Free use	Yes ✓
Transfer protocol	Internal Magic RDS 4 protocol (ASCII compatible)
Output communication protocol	Target device dependent
RDS Spy support	N/A
Data Sets	N/A
Direct virtual port support	Yes ✓


The Remote Bridge is not a physical device. Rather than this, it forwards data using unidirectional communication mode to another (remote) Magic RDS 4 application for the purpose of data distribution to remote RDS encoder(s). The Remote Bridge does not need a specific RDS encoder model, i.e. it can send data to a network of different models.

Typically, the Remote Bridge connects to a Virtual port of a Bridge established in the remote Magic RDS 4 application.

For further details about how to configure the remote Magic RDS 4 application, please follow the document [m4vp.pdf](#) (Bridges and Virtual Ports), section **Remote Bridge**.

To Buy a License for the Application

The Standard or Full licence brings further access to the functions and features of the application:

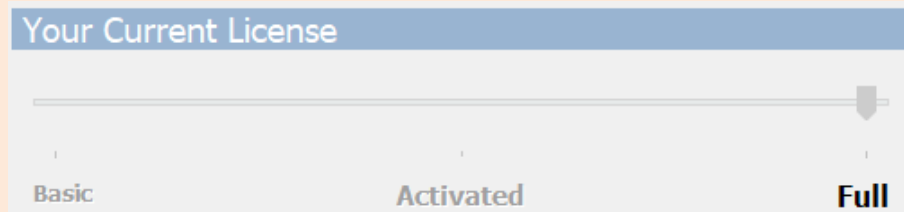
The Standard or Full license is necessary for RDS encoders or communication protocols whose are marked by the  icon. It is also required for functions and features which are not associated with particular RDS encoder model (for example plain text export or web publishing on local server).



Before buying the license, the application is still fully functional in the trial mode except some text services which may contain ads.

Purchasing the Standard or Full license is simple and typically takes no more than a few minutes:

1. In the Magic RDS 4 main menu, select **Help – License Manager**.
2. Click on the **Buy License** button to purchase the license online.
3. If you're a new user, continue using the option **Get new User ID**. Follow the instructions in the web browser to pay and generate your User ID and License key.
4. Finally, go again to the **Help – License Manager**. Fill your License key and click on **Apply** button:



5. The license is life-time and includes all future updates. Keep your User ID for future use.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **MRDS1322**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	No, requires Standard or Full version
Communication protocol	Binary
RDS Spy support	No
Data Sets	1
Direct virtual port support	No

These encoders are embedded in various FM equipments as a basic RDS encoder solution. So far, they have been used with Tiny RDS application. The Magic RDS 4 now gives access to most of advanced RDS features also to users of the MicroRDS / MRDS1322 encoders:

- Common or independent control of up to 128 encoders
- Direct support of connection over Ethernet
- Radiotext Plus (RT+) and real-time (CT) transmission
- External text sources with powerful text processing tools
- Task scheduler, Text conditions, SNMP, ASCII terminal emulator, encoder backup/restore
- Connection bridges with virtual ports and communication protocol translation (for example from UECP)

The MRDS1322 encoder can be identified by 20-pin '13K22' integrated circuit and 4.332 MHz crystal on the device's board.

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **Generic UECP**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	No, requires Standard or Full version
Communication protocol	UECP
RDS Spy support	No
Data Sets	Device dependent
Direct virtual port support	No

This option applies to all RDS encoders which support a substantial part of the UECP (SPB 490) specification. The Magic RDS 4 now gives access to advanced RDS functions, including features which are not contained in the original UECP document:

- Common or independent control of up to 128 encoders
- Radiotext Plus (RT+) software extension
- Dynamic PS software extension
- External text sources with powerful text processing tools
- Task scheduler, Text conditions, SNMP, ASCII terminal emulator
- Connection bridges with virtual ports

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **Lite ASCII**

Communication interface	Device dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	No, requires Standard or Full version
Communication protocol	Basic set of ASCII commands
RDS Spy support	No
Data Sets	1
Direct virtual port support	No

These encoders are available either stand-alone or embedded in various FM equipments as a basic RDS encoder solution. The Magic RDS 4 now gives access to some advanced RDS features also to users of the 'Lite ASCII' encoders:

- Common or independent control of up to 128 encoders
- Radiotext Plus (RT+), if supported by the encoder
- External text sources with powerful text processing tools
- Task scheduler, Text conditions, SNMP, ASCII terminal emulator
- Connection bridges with virtual ports and communication protocol translation

The 'Lite ASCII' encoder can be identified by its communication protocol (see the original device manual):

- The 'Lite ASCII' encoder uses specific command set including TEXT, DPS, DPSS, PARSE
- Any command entry is confirmed by 'OK' or 'NO' sequence

RDS Encoder / Device Model: **User Defined 1**

Communication interface	Device or application dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	No, requires Standard or Full version
Communication protocol	User defined ASCII commands
RDS Spy support	N/A
Data Sets	N/A
Direct virtual port support	No

This model represents a general purpose text data (“now playing”) output to any device or application which accepts ASCII text format or HTTP query (URL) format. The target may be a physical device as well as streaming server application like [Shoutcast](#) etc.

This model selection is intended especially for use with the External text tool (“now playing” etc.). Static content cannot be edited by this way. After selecting of this model, the user can define optional Prefix and Suffix for Radiotext and Dynamic PS.

To define the Prefix and Suffix, go to Device Setup – Special. To find the correct Prefix and Suffix, please follow your device or target application documentation.

Further URL format options are available for HTTP query method. For this method, the Prefix and Suffix fields are usually blank.

Example:

If following prefix is defined for Radiotext: **RT=**

resulting output string will be: **RT=The text from External text source here**↵

RDS Encoder / Device Model: XML Template

Communication interface	Device or application dependent
Free use (supports Activation)	No, requires Standard or Full version
Communication protocol	User defined datagram structure
RDS Spy support	N/A
Data Sets	N/A
Direct virtual port support	No

This model represents a general purpose text data (“now playing”) output to any device or application which requires specific ASCII data format, for example the XML. It is a more general variant of previous User Defined 1 model. The target may be a physical device as well as another application or service.

This model selection is intended especially for use with the External text tool (“now playing” etc.). Static content cannot be edited by this way. After selecting of this model, the user can define the output data structure.

To define the data structure, go to Device Setup – Special. To find the correct format, please follow your device or target application documentation.

Example:

If following XML template is defined: `<root><current>%TEXT%</current></root>`

resulting output string will be:

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<root><current>The text from External text source here</current></root>
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