A Brief FSQ Operating Guide (Updated 01/08/2026)

"message" stands for keyboard message you type - will be received by other station.

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`n4aa message`	*message sent to N4AA*
`n4aa?`	*ask for Signal report from N4AA*
`n4aa$`	*what stations are you hearing?*
`n4aa*`	*activates the other station*
`n4aa|message`	*alert box with message*
`allcall message`	*sends to all stations*
`n4aa n4bb message`	*sends to N4AA and N4BB*
`n4aa;n4bb message`	*sends to N4AA to relay to N4BB and to relay reply back*
`n4aa:n4bb message`	*sends to N4AA to relay to N4BB but does not relay reply back*
`n4bb#message`	*sends and tells N4BB to save message*
`n4aa;n4bb#message`	*sends to N4AA to relay to N4BB who saves message*
`n4bb!message`	*repeat the message*
`n4bb~message`	*repeat the message after a delay*

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146.420   *VOICE ALPHA*
146.440   *VOICE BRAVO*
146.460   *VOICE CHARLIE*
146.480   *VOICE DELTA*

144.910   *DIGITAL ALPHA*
144.930   *DIGITAL BRAVO*
144.950   *DIGITAL CHARLIE*
144.970   *DIGITAL DELTA*

w4ap/rc – Red Cross
w4ap/eoc – EOC

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n4uzz types
`w4ap/rc:allcall calling ares dig net any checkins call now`

n4uzz is asking Red Cross station to send: "calling ares dig net any checkins call now"
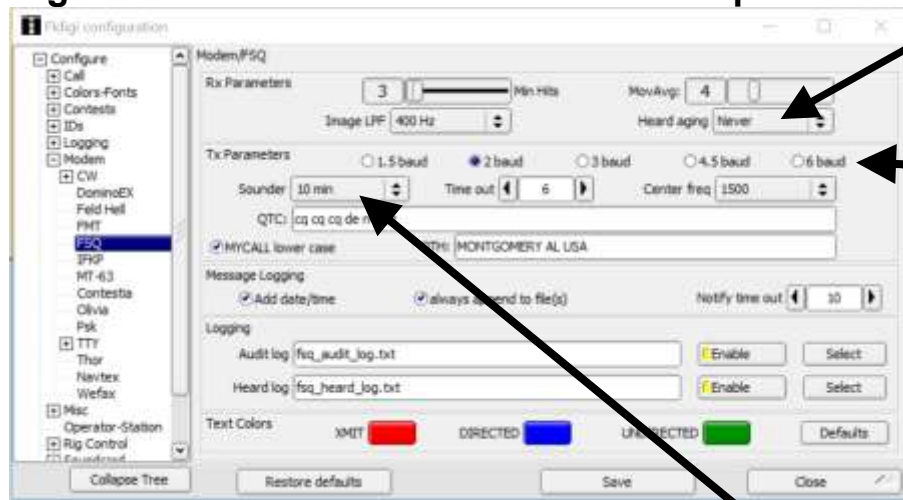*Stations on the net will see: w4ap/rc[n4uzz]:allcall "calling ares dig net any checkins call now"*
They reply: w4ap/rc;n4uzz#w4rrn warren the elder checking in qru
This goes to w4ap/rc for relay to n4uzz, upon receipt w4rrn gets "ack" from n4uzz

FSQ Setup --- FLDIGI > Configure > Modem > FSQ

Set FSQ as op-mode.
Right-click in bottom left corner for set-up screen.

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Set time after which HEARD stations expire and are removed. We recommend 2 hours. Red Cross is set to NEVER.
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Set transmit parameter.
1.5 baud = slowest.
6 baud = fastest
(You and other stations need not be on same baud rate.)
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Set Sounder interval – that is your beacon.
For HF Net, set 10 min. VHF – 30 min.
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At the bottom of the FSQ
Window where the Heard stations are listed
(on the right side of the FLDIGI screen),
be sure to click FSQ-ON, ACTIVE, and MON
so that they are on!
In FLDIGI set RXID to OFF so that stray signals do not throw you out of FSQ mode.