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"A software-defined radio (SDR) system is a radio communication system which uses software for the modulation and demodulation of radio signals."

# **CIAOradio** (Computer Interface Audio Output radio)

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# **Preliminary information**

### **Requirements and definitions :**

- PC Pentium III a 750Mhz or better,
- OS Microsoft Windows 98SE, ME, NT, 2000, XP.
- For the use with the Dream software to receive DRM : PentiumIV 2Ghz or better.
- Minimum RAM 256MB (suggested 512MB).
- Stereo Soundcard 16bit/48kHz for audio output, with speakers.
- 1GB free on HD (Space on HD limit the number of possible recording ).
- CIAOradio ha san USB Hardware interface called H101

#### How to Install :

Installation of the software is manual :

- Make a folder where you like (e.g. C:\Programmi\Cradio\)
- Copy in this folder all the content of the supplied CD
- Make a link on the desktop from : CIAOradio.exe

#### How to Uninstall :

-Cancel the folder where you have copied the content of the CIAOradio CD .

- CIAOradio do not install any information inside the registers of the system .

## Configuration

-Install the software on the CD

-Connect H101 to the USB plug on the PC . When you install the first time , the Operative System automatically recognize H101 (as USB speakers) and install the needed driver . (Using Win98 the CD of the OS could be needed ).

-Launch CIAOradio.exe ( eventually making a link on the desktop)

-CIAOradio presents a configuration dialog . If you don't see this , go on the toolbar : **Setup-**>**Configuration**.

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*Sound in device*: choose the input device . If H101 is installed and connected , choose the USB device, typically called "USB speakers" or "USB Audio CODEC". It is a combobox : press the right arrow to see the sound card choice .



Sound device OUT 1: device 1 for audio output, typically the Sound card that you have on your PC.

Sound device OUT 2: device 2 for audio output . Auxiliary audio output in case , there is the need to use Dream for receiving DRM, or any other .There is the need to install the software Virtual Cable and select it here .Virtual Cable is a virtual audio device that routes the audio to other software (Dream or other). On other software , select Virtual cable as input audio device and the sound card of your PC as output audio device.

*Sound out control* (USB H101) : Channel used for control H101 . Set the same as "Sound in device ".

ANT1/2 selection - you can select the way of cyclical switch between Antenna 1 and 2.

- -NONE : no switch
- $-{\bf COM}n$  : the switch timing is sent to a COM port . In this case you can drive an external antenna relay .
- -CRH101 : H101 will cyclically switch between Antenna 1 and 2.

*Central freq.* Hz: Tuning central frequency. With H101, not connected set the central frequency of the display.

TX mute : Check box that set an audio Squelch with very high RF signals . For the use of CIAOradio in conjunction with a TX or RTX .

*Aux Display* : selecting I&Q xy or I&Q time , you can see ,instead of the knob , the vector or time representation of the I&Q signals .Could be helpful for checking purposes .



*I&Q sampling correction*: you can compensate the hardware amplitude and phase errors of H101 and the sound card for improving the image attenuation. Using H101 default is delay 1, GAIN =1.0. For generic sound cards set delay 0 or 1 e gain 1.0.

*Sampling type :* For H101 has to be always set to 48000 Hz .Lower values (44100,22050,11025) could be used with different sound cards . Samples always 16bit and stereo.

*CIAOradio H101 controller info* (atinfo) : displays the identification information received from the controller of H101.

To accept changes, press <OK> otherwise <Cancel>

#### When you close the dialog box CIAOradio configuration you return to the main window .

If you have changed sound card devices , and also durinog the first installation of H101, could be necessary to close the software and restart it before changes take effect .

# **Main Window**



#### General

On the upper part of the screen you have the spectrum of the frequencies around the set frequency . The spectrum width could be 48 kHz ( the IF of our receiver ).

The spectrum easily allow to select the signal you like and see the side signals that could interfere On the lower left part there is another screen that represent the real time spectrum of the demodulated signal ( the darker part of the main screen , near the yellow line that represent the set frequency.

In the demodulation spectrum screen you can see the shape of the IF filter ( green line ) , that can be modified in real time using the mouse .

On the right of the demodulation spectrum screen you can find the buttons that select the demodulation mode .A virtual red LED light shows the selection .

In the central of the main window an S-meter allows to read the level of the signal received. Under the S-meter you can find the other buttons that controls the other parameters of the receiver.

On the right there is the display of the RX frequency in Hz. MHz and KHz are divided with a dot.

Each digit has two buttons that acts as a thumbwell switch .

You can rotate the tuning knob exactly like a mechanical on .Just steadily click on the knob with the left mouse button and rotate .

On the top of the main window there is a toolbar that allows several other controls .

#### Quick start

After installing the software and having connected H101 to the USB port let's launch CIAOradio.exe. After having set the configuration set , like previously described , let's go to the main window .

Connecting an antenna to the ANT1 Input of H101 we can start to set a frequency that we want to receive, for example 7.050.000.

There are several ways to perform this task :

- Using the mouse , clicking on the +/- buttons of the thumbwell switches .

- Pressing the button  $\langle F \rangle$  on the right of the frequency display .A keyboard will pop up .You can write the frequency with the PC keyboard or clicking on the keyboard of the pop up window .  $\langle Enter \rangle$  close the pop up window and set the frequency .If you just set the frequency , push the button  $\langle Tune \rangle$ .



- Using the knob like previously described : steadily click on the knob with the left mouse button and rotate .Tuning steps are selectable from the toolbar in the menu TS .

- Rotating the wheel of the mouse ( if present ) .Steps as with the knob .

- Using the mouse directly on the windows that displays the spectrum of the band . If you click on this screen with the left mouse button , you will tune to the point where you clicked ( marked from the yellow line ) , or you can click and drag the same yellow line to the point where you like .

If , after setting the frequency , you don't see signal on the spectrum window , please check if you have selected the right antenna input (ANT1 / ANT2 ) .You can change the setting , just clicking on the arrows of the button ANT .

In the same way you can change the value of the IF gain (+40;+20;0;-10) or of the Input attenuator

(0;+10;+20).

Demodulation mode is set pressing the buttons in the two columns near the spectrum of the demodulated signal ( CW ,LBS, USB , etc. ) .

On the left of the tuning knob, there is a Volume slider.

If you see signals but you are not able to listen , please check that the volume slider is not set at zero , the same for your external loudspeakers and that the Output button is set to OUT1 , where on the configuration menu , you have set the internal sound card that you have on your PC ( like previously described ) .

### Buttons on the main screen

CW: selects CW demodulation . The default filter bandwidth is set to around 300 Hz . The shift is 850 Hz .

The default bandwidth of the spectrum screen of the demodulated signal is set to 2 kHz .CW is received in LSB mode : the carrier used for demodulation is set 850 Hz higher than the signal



The bandwidth of the filter can be changed in real time clicking and dragging the left or right side of the green line with the left button of the mouse .

LSB: selects LSB demodulation .The default bandwidth of the filter is set to 2.5kHz (between 250 and 2750 Hz). The bandwidth of the filter can be changed in real time clicking and dragging the left or right side of the green line with the left button of the mouse .

The default bandwidth of the spectrum screen of the demodulated signal is set to 3 kHz.



USB: selects USB demodulation .The default bandwidth of the filter is set to 2.5kHz (between 250 and 2750 Hz). The bandwidth of the filter can be changed in real time clicking and dragging the left or right side of the green line with the left button of the mouse .The default bandwidth of the spectrum screen of the demodulated signal is set to 3 kHz.On the picture you have a real example of an USB signal received on air .



- AM: selects amplitude demodulation. In this case the IF filter extends between -4kHz e +4kHz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). The demodulated signal is represented on a bandwidth of 8 KHz. Note: The spectrum of the demodulated signal extends outside the mask of the IF filter. The reason is because AM demodulation (not synchronous) is not a linear operator.
- FM: selects frequency demodulation. In this case the IF filter extends between -6kHz e +6kHz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). The demodulated signal is represented on a bandwidth of 12 KHz. Note: The spectrum of the demodulated signal extends outside the mask of the IF filter. The reason is because AM demodulation is not a linear operator
- *AMs* : selects amplitude synchronous demodulation . In this case the IF filter extends between -4kHz e +4kHz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). The demodulated signal is represented on a bandwidth of 8 KHz.Tuning is supported from a central tuning bar on the lower part of the S-meter .



- *LBs* : selects the lower side of the amplitude synchronous demodulation . In this case the IF filter extends between -4kHz e +25Hz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). The demodulated signal is represented on a bandwidth of 8 KHz. Tuning is supported from a central tuning bar on the lower part of the S-meter .
- UBs: selects the upper side of the amplitude synchronous demodulation. In this case the IF filter extends between -25Hz e +4kHz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). The demodulated signal is represented on a bandwidth of 8 KHz. Tuning is supported from a central tuning bar on the lower part of the S-meter.

**DRM**: Digital Radio Mondiale .In this case the IF filter extends between -6kHz e +6kHz around the tuning frequency (yellow line). This signal is translated around 12 Khz in the spectrum screen of the demodulated signal and sent to the output. Selecting OUT 2, set to Virtual Cable, like previuosly described, the signal can be routed to the DRM demodulation software (e.g. Dream or DRM).

*LPF* : selects an USB demodulation with a low pass of 500Hz .Can be used for selective level measurements or demodulation of narrow band signals .

ANT1/2 : allows to select between ANT1 or 2 BNC inputs of H101.

Note : if you have selected the automatic mode on the configuration setup , ANT1 and 2 are periodically switched

*IF gain* : allows to select the IF gain between -10,0,+20,+40 dB. Typical values are +20 or +40. Other values for measuring purposes or when you have extremely high signals on the band.

ATT : allows to select the input attenuator between (0,10,20 dB) . Default value is 0 dB .

IQ / AIQB: allows to select the automatic equalization of the IQ balance that typically improve the frequency image attenuation.

OUT1/2: allows to switch between the output device set in the configuration setup.

*Vol* : slider that sets the volume of the outputs (OUT1 and 2).

**F** : activates the pop up of the frequency keyboard .

R: rounds the frequency set following the tuning step.

Example : frequency on the display : 7.005.141 , tuning step :100 Hz .Pressing R the frequency on the display become : 7.000.100.

*How to modify the shape of the IF filter :*. The shape of the If filter is represented on the spectrum screen of the demodulated signal with a green line .The line represents the real frequency behaviour of the filter and can be modified clicking and dragging with the left button of the mouse .The line became white and can be dragged .



If we want to put a notch , like in the picture , we have to place the pointer of the mouse in the lower part of the screen , just the above frequency line . Steadily click with the right mouse button , drag down to select the band you like to cut off . If we want to close the notch , just place the pointer on the upper part of the filter and steadily clicking with the right mouse button , drag to fill the band you like .It is possible to insert whatever number of notches you like .

Needs a little of practice . After all become natural .

Shown below an example how to cancel a big interference signal with a notch :



# Toolbar Menu File

🔏 Wav	e Player					
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Clicking <File> you can open a window that allows to select the file.wav that you want to listen . <PLAY> : starts to listen . The slider run .

<PAUSE> : suspend and freeze the slider .

<STOP> suspend, the slider return.

 $\langle \rangle \rangle \rangle$  quickly load the signal .

< << > quickly rewind the signal .

On the left there is the recording date . On the right start , end and current time of the slider . When you listen to a recorded signal , the input signal of the receiver is ignored .

• Start Wave I/Q Recording : start immediately to record all the shown bandwidth on the spectrum screen (24 o 48 kHz). Later ( even month or years ) you can listen again choosing to demodulate whatever signal you can find on the spectrum screen ,like if it was in real time .



<Stop> : Stops the recording process . This way recording needs an appropriate room on the HD .After , the most interesting files could be archived on CD or DVD . A dialog box is opened to recall the name of the recording opened and allows to close it after .

- **Start Audio Out Recording** : immediately starts to record ONLY the demodulated signal in a wav file. A dialog box is opened to recall the name of the recording opened and allows to close it after .
  - **Exit** : close the software .

### Tools

- **Signal Level Trace :** opens a window that allows to show how the amplitude of the demodulated signal change during the time .



-Waterfall : opens a window that allows to show the spectrogram (waterfall) of the band received .

- Waterfall Output : opens a window that allows to show the spectrogram (waterfall) of the demodulated signal .

-**Reference Input** : generates a virtual signal at the input with a lot of carriers with different amplitude. One of them change during the time in 10dB steps . It was used to develop the system and can use to expertise with the system without connect any antenna .



•Reference Ouput : Generates a virtual signal on the output with two carriers .



-Off: switch off the reference signals.

### Mode

- **I&Qstereo :** this display mode allows to see on the spectrum screen a bandwidth of 48kHz (-24kHz a +24kHz). The peak in the central of the screen is the noise around DC, generated from the direct conversion. It is the same like the zero beat line that you have at DC on all the Spectrum Analyzers.



If you don't like this , you can go in USB RX mode that simply hide it , but the displayed band will be less than a half .

-Real : only the upper part from 0 a +24kHz is displayed .The rising of the noise is on the left of the screen .





-USBrx : similar to the real mode , but the lower and upper part of the spectrum are cut .

# **Bwidth**

-1,...20 kHz : allows to select the bandwidth displayed on the screen of the spectrum of the demodulated signal . It changes while setting different demodulation modes .

### AGC (Automatic Gain Control )

Speed can be set between :

- -Normal
- Fast
- Slow

-Off : switch off the AGC.

Note : the S-meter display do not follow the AGC ,but quickly follows the rms ( root mean square ) calculated inside the value the bandwidth of the spectrum of the demodulated signal . The AGC behaviour is displayed by the red bar on the left of the window of the spectrum of the demodulated signal .

**NB** (Noise Blanker) It is suggested to activate only in presence of pulsed noise . - NB ON

### - NB OFF

### TS (Tuning Step)

**-10Hz,... 1MHz :** allows to change the tuning steps used from the tuning know or from the mouse wheel .

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	50	Hz	
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	5	kHz	
	9	kHz	
1	10	kHz	
	100	kHz	
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# Setup

-Configuration : open the configuration windows as previously described .

-Sound In : open the recording volume control of the operative system .

With H101 is normal to have an error message returned because H101 do not have any mixer control , having only one source . If you get this message , just press OK.

-Sound Out : open the playing volume control of the operative system .

**BE CAREFUL** : under the voice Options of the mixer control panel you can select several different controls for each of the cards installed in the system .For example : H101, Internal Sound Card , Virtual Cable etc.

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Se premiamo proprietà possiamo scegliere la scheda audio e la funzione.

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Here you have for example the output USB mixer and his correct settings :

As previously explained the recording mixer of H101 has no inputs :

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With Virtual Cable , the original settings are as follow :

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- Sys Info : give a report with some info about the PC used useful for remote debugging .

### **ReadMem.**

- **Select memory :** Selecting this , you will find a searching menu to find memory files . For example : RAI\_657\_AMS.

**-1,..20**. Twenty quick buttons helpful for searching the memory that we need at the moment **.** If the position is used , on the right of the number , you can see the frequency and the demodulation mode . Files are read from the directory \radiomems\ instead of the directory where you have put the file CiaoRadioxxx.exe (xxx depends on the version).

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2 -> 0	7.000.081	USB
3 -> 0	9.00D.081	USB
4 -> 0	7.004.481	USB
5 -> 1	9.000.081	USB
6 -> 0	7.004.441	USB
7 -> 1	1.210.000	USB
8 -> 2	0.323.830	LSB
9 -> 2	5.351.022	LSB
10 -> 2	25.351.022	LSB
11 -> 0	07.004.481	USB
12 -> 2	25.500.407	LSB
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### WriteMem.

- Select memory : Selecting this , you will find a searching menu to memorize files .For example : RAI\_657\_AMS. You can make different directories to order the files into categories like : Broadcast, HAM, Marine...

**-1,..20** Twenty quick buttons helpful for memorize the stations . If the position is used , on the right of the number , you can see the frequency and the demodulation mode . Files are read from the directory \radiomems\ instead of the directory where you have put the file CiaoRadioxxx.exe (xxx depends on the version).

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		6 -> 07	.004.441	USB
		7 -> 11	.210.000	USB
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		9 -> 25	.351.022	LSB
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### Help

- Help : This file .

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### Antenna

### -Input 1 -Input 2

Same function as the button under the S-meter .It also act as label for the virtual led under , that is blue or red following the selection of the antenna 1 or 2 .

## S-meter

This instruments displays the signal level in S units or in dBr. You can switch between the two measurements just clicking on the S-Meter screen with the left button of the mouse .



When you use the AMs (synchronous) demodulation, on the lower part of the S-meter you will have

a blue bar for central the tuning .

### Overload

If you overload the receiver with signals too high , the software shows the OVERLOAD label . In this case you need to insert some levels of Input attenuation or decrease the IF gain .



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## Antenna relative gain measurements

CIAOradio allows to measure the gain of an antenna comparing with the gain of a known antenna . The software and the CODEC used inside H101 allow to measure the signal with a dynamic range of at least 90 dB with great accuracy .It is possible to compare two antennas switching them with an architecture like in the picture . Using H101 , the antenna switch is integrated .Just connect antenna A and antenna B to the input ANT 1 and ANT2 . Check manually the switch between the two antennas ( button ANT1&2) and then choose the signal to use in the measurements . Broacasting station are suggested but also beacons or every signal into the selected band could be used . While you can manually compare the antennas , it is much more effective and objective to make a wide and long statistical and automatic recording of the results that could change during the time , due to the different behaviour of the propagation .



To activate this function open Setup on the toolbar and activate the command :

*ANT1/2 selection* – this list allows to select how to generate the command for switching between the antenna input .

-NONE : no switch

-**COM**n : select an asynchronous serial port (COM). In this case the switching signal is on a pin of the COM port ( see drawing ) and could be used to switch a relay .



-CRH101 : select the internal antenna switch of H101 .

To record the signal, open: Tools-> SignalTrace.

A window like this will pop up :



This window displays the amplitude of the signal during the time .

The scale could be adjusted moving with the mouse the points at the end of the yellow lines

The green bar on the left of the window displays the instantaneous value of the signal .

The horizontal trace represents the Time . If you switch between two antennas , you will see part of the trace Blue (ANT1) and part of the trace RED (ANT2). If you use a COMn to switch the colours could be different .

On the toolbar on the upper part you can set the other parameters :

### VideoBandWidth

Allows to use a low pass filter on the signal . Bandwidth could be set to : 30, 10, 3, 1 Hz.

### **Time Span**

Set the total time span on the horizontal axis for each screen : 5, 15, 30 or 60 s.

#### **Switch Rate**

Set the speed of the switch : 0.13, 0.38, 1, 3, 10 sec. For antenna measurements, we suggest the values : 1,3,10 s. because there is an overshoot on the filters in the order of 0.1 s.

### Log Recording

With this menu you can start or stop to record in a log file the amplitude of the signals of the two antennas .The log files could be examined after with the use of the program CIAOlog , that is in the same directory of CiaoRadioxxx.exe .

### **CIAOlog**

It is a software that analyze the log files recorded with CIAOradio. After opening the file CiaoLogxxx.exe (depending on the version), this window will be displayed.



To open the file  $\log~$  go in the toolbar menu ; File -> Open , a dialog box that allows to select the file will pop up.

The opened file will display the amplitude of the signal of the two antennas during the time .



This file shows has a great difference between the signals of the two antennas .

To display the two antennas signals select : Mode -> Ant1 +Ant2 Measure



In the same menu we can set also : Single signal , Single signal, Ant1 signal, Ant2 signal . To compare signals , obviously the right menu is : **Ant1 +Ant2 Measure** .

The difference between the amplitude of the two antennas is not stable during the time , hence is better to proceed to a statistical analysis selecting :

**Tools->Statistics** 



On the upper right corner are summarized the statistical data .

The most important one is the last one that shows the mean gain difference between the two antennas (  $38.70\ dB$  ) .

Using the mouse it is possible , clicking and dragging the points at the end of the green lines ) to select different ranges on both vertical and horizontal scales .

This changes the analysis , while typically is better to compute with the maximum number of samples .



# H101dds

It is a software that allows to use H101 as DDS sinusoidal generator. The output signal is unmodulated continuous (CW) and can be set between 1Hz e 65 MHz at a typical level of -15dBm. H101dds.exe can't be used at the same time with CIAOradio.exe

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### FAQ:

# - . Why at the central of the spectrum , while using the I&Qstereo mode , you see a signal even without any antenna connected ?

This display mode allows to see on the spectrum screen a bandwidth of 48kHz (-24kHz a +24kHz). The peak in the central of the screen is the noise around DC, generated from the direct conversion. It is the same like the zero beat line that you have at DC on all the Spectrum Analyzers. If you don't like this, you can go in USB RX mode that simply hide it, but the displayed band will be less than a half. Generally it is useful that the tuning window will be kept out of this zone.

#### . Why the tuning frequency it is not always in the central of the spectrum screen ?

The "central frequency " is set to a value near the nominal but "modified " to decrease spurious of the DDS (the dynamic range of the receiver is high ).

#### . Why in some frequencies of H101 you can see some spurious ?

The dynamic range of the receiver is high , some arises from the DDS spurs , some come from the USB clock that is at 12 Mhz and armonics . .

### . Why , if you change the AGC time , the S-Meter don't change behaviour ?

The S- meter displays the rms (root mean square ) level inside the IF filter and it is not affected from the AGC . This allows you to always monitor on the S-Meter the real signal coming from the antenna .

# . Why , if I have activate the AIQB button , the attenuation of the image symmetrical respect to the DC is not always better ?

This automatic system of balancing is based on statistical computing and could not be always effective .

### .Why Virtual Cable is needed to use the software DRM or Dream ?

Virtual Cable is needed if you want to demodulate standard that are not inside Ciao Radio or if you want to use any other different software to demodulate the signals .

### **Other Software :**

Virtual Cable

http://spider.nrcde.ru/music/software/eng/vac.html

" Virtual Audio Cable is a Windows WDM multimedia driver allowing you to transfer audio (wave) streams from one application to another. It creates a set of "Virtual Cables" each of them consists of a pair of the waveform input/output devices."

Demo Version 3.06 allows to build only "virtual cable ", enough for the use with CIAOradio .

Dream http://sourceforge.net/projects/drm/

"Dream is a software implementation of a Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) receiver. "

Reference : http://digital-radio-mondiale.wikiverse.org/

Notes on the software : CIAOradio.exe e CIAOlog.exe was wrote using l'IDE Bloodshed DEV-CPP http://www,bloodshed.net

The manual was written using : AbiWord, http://abisource.com

The history :

CIAOradio (Computer Interface Audio Output radio) start from the wish of Oscar Steila, IK1XPV and Claudio Re I1RFQ, of experimenting the new SDR (Software Defined Radio) technologies on 2004. A lot of Hams or SWL, while using the first versions of the software gave a lot of contribution to fix some of the bugs. Some other has to be driven out, time by time. Many features of the software was suggested from many other volunteers that has spent a lot of time with CIAORadio.

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#### License

Note: CIAOradio software is given without any guarantee . The User accepts all the risk that could arise using this software . The use of the software could cause or require the reset of the PC in case of failure and could damage data in the PC .

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### Pay attention :

CIAOradio is a software that process the audio signal in real time .If problems could arise during the use , the PC could stop or reset . Unsaved data present at this time on the computer could be lost .It is suggested to back up the PC before installing and using CIAOradio.

Listen radio waves has different rules and laws in each countries. To know and respect them it is suggested to consult the National Telecommunication Ministry .

