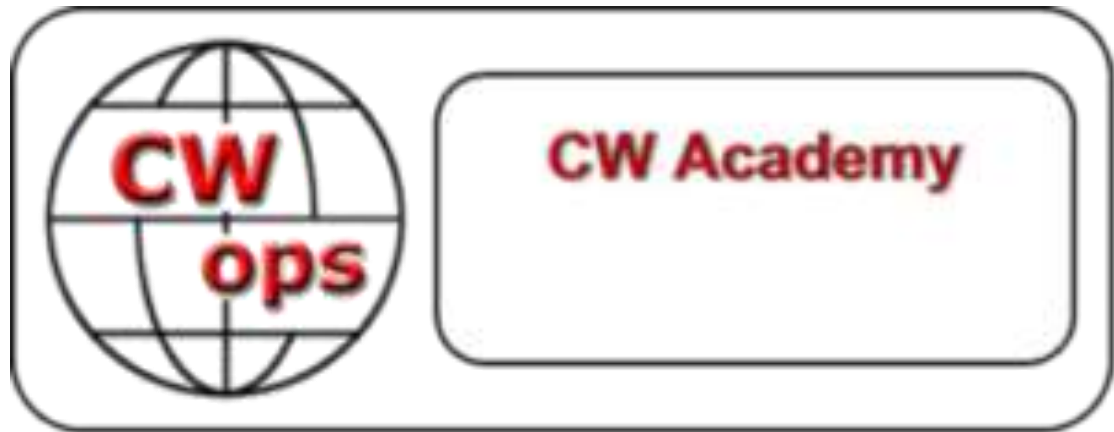


Entering the World of CW

Making sense of the Dits and Dahs



**Celebrating the unique
art form of Morse Code**



We Support Learning

Check out our [CW Academy](#) (or, if you're under the age of 18, our Youth CW Academy) if you want to learn or improve your CW. We teach hundreds of enthusiastic CW students online in a class-like environment that makes learning fun and effective.

What is CW Academy?

For the beginner

1. Want to communicate with fellow hams around the world using even a modest rig and antenna?
2. Want to stay in touch when on vacation to some remote area where you don't have access to a repeater or cell phone service?
3. Want to meet a whole new community of amateurs that share a common bond?
4. Want to expand your operating capabilities with little or no cost? If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions, then becoming skilled in CW is the answer. CWops CW Academy advisors are ready and willing to teach you a new skill that will open a world of fun and opportunity

Not just for
beginners...

For those having experience with CW who want to improve or regain proficiency

1. I am getting bored with voice and digital modes
2. My CW skills are not what they used to be
3. I'm too rusty or embarrassed to get back on CW
4. I want to be able to copy in my head

If you know the code but are rusty, can't copy or send as proficiently as you once could, then CWops CW Academy is right for you

For those that want something new but are not confident to take the plunge

1. I love chasing DX and I want to try something new
2. I like contesting and would like to be better at CW radiosport
3. I've tried CW learning aids but nothing seems to work for me
4. CW intrigues me but I'm worried about the challenge

And most
importantly!

There is no cost or obligation to participate in CWops CW Academy Classes and membership is not required. Enrollment is open to anyone with the desire to learn or improve their proficiency in Morse Code.

How it works

- CW Academy semester description:
 - Eight-weeks long and held three times per year (Jan-Feb, May-Jun and Sep-Oct).
 - Twice weekly sessions are usually held on Mondays and Thursdays each week typically starting at 7 PM or 8 PM.
 - Where possible, advisors and students are grouped together by time zone, although some students in adjacent time zones may be grouped with others.
 - Most of the classes are in English.
 - Students are given daily assignments prior to each meeting, and the twice weekly meetings are held online using Zoom or Skype group calling (audio/video).
 - During the online meetings, students and advisors can all see and hear each other, as well as the Morse being sent by any of them. Using Zoom or Skype creates, in effect, a virtual training room.

The instructors

CW Academy is a program put on by the CW Operators' Club aimed at increasing the number of competent CW operators on the HF CW sub-bands. It addresses all levels of enthusiasts: from those aspiring to become licensed operators who want to learn and use Morse code; to veteran operators who are intent on increasing their CW skills, speed and activity.

Some of the
learning
resources:

Informational Material

['Instant Recognition' by Nancy Kott](#)

[For Nervous New CW Hams - By Cliff Batson \(N4CCB\)](#)

[Q-Codes](#)

[CW Abbreviations](#)

[Daily Morse Code 'Scales' Sending Warm-up ver. 7- by WR7Q](#)

[Anatomy of a CW QSO - by Dave Casler \(KEoOG\) -video](#)

[The FOC Guide to Morse Code Proficiency - by Gary Hinson \(ZL2IFB\)](#)

[The Secrets of Easy Morse Code Sending - by K5LN](#)

[The Art and Skill of Radio-Telegraphy - by NoHFF](#)

[Zen and the Art of Radiotelegraphy - by Carlo Consoli, IKoYGJ](#)

[Controlling Frustration and Nervousness - by Bill Leahy - KoMP](#)

One last
thing...

- Using [Morse Code Trainer](#)

- Where do I start?
 - <https://cwops.org/cw-academy/cw-academy-options/>

Questions?

