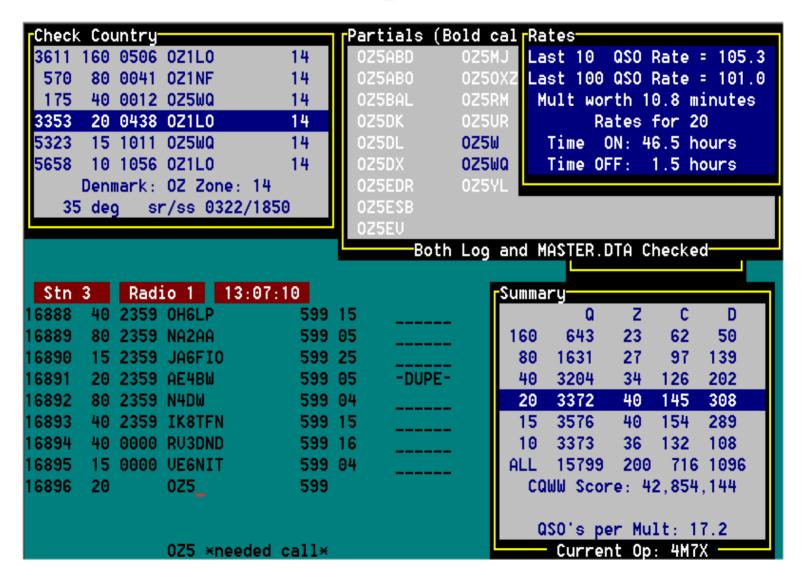
CT (Contest) by K1EA

- Started out as DOS program
 - In mid-1980s called "the program" by YCCC
 - CT was a "secret YCCC weapon" for a few years
 - *CT* works well on CW and SSB (especially with K1EA DVP board)
 - *CT* is very familiar to old timers (lowest common denominator in multi-multi operation!)

Typical screen layout for DOS *CT* in the Multi-Multi 4M7X operation (1999)



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•DOS version: **Pros**

- Stable and responsive lightning fast duping
- Sends CW well without external hardware
- Requires little computer horsepower (even 486 is okay!)
- Simple, bulletproof COM-port networking for Multi-Multi operations
- Supports K1EA DVP for phone
- Keyboard may be remapped for convenience of touch typist
- CT is freeware!

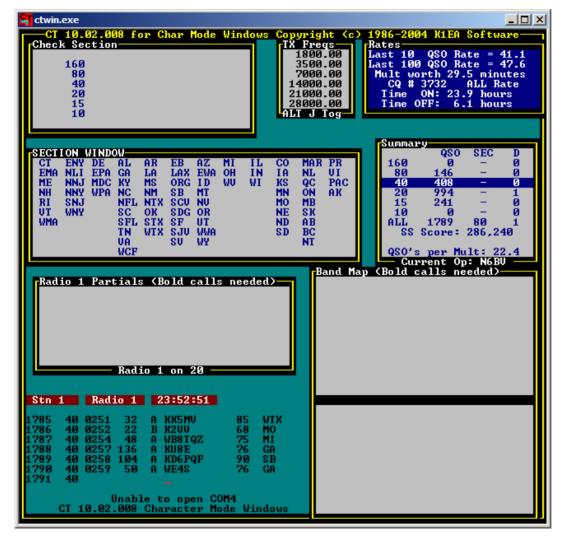
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- DOS version: Cons
 - Hasn't been supported for several years
 - Doesn't support some late-model radios
 - Lots of <ALT> and <CTRL> keyboard commands
 - Requires lots of COM serial ports
 - For radios, network, TNCs, possibly sending CW, rotator control
 - Serial ports are scarce in latest computers
 - LPT port is also rare in latest computers (used for SO2R box control and auto band selection

CTWin by K1EA

- Ported (sorta) to Windows, as the CTWin program
 - Became a "Console" application in Windows
 - Fixed window sizes but these can be relocated (like DOS version) with mouse
 - Can be easily networked through Windows for Multi-Multi operations
 - Still communicates mainly through serial COM ports to radios, TNCs and rotators
 - No longer sends CW through COM ports; only LPT
 - No longer supports K1EA DVP
 - Telnet to Internet clusters easier in CTWin
 - Otherwise, does what DOS CT does

Sample *CTWin* screen, in "-VGA" mode, shows more onscreen than DOS *CT*, plus other Windows programs can show, like *DX Atlas*.



Is this state-ofthe-art software? No, but a lot of people still use it!

What Would I Like in *CT*?

- For SO2R, I'd like two bandmaps
- For SO2R, I miss instant duping on second band I'm tuning while calling CQ on first band.
- I miss using the FB K1EA DVP on phone
- I'm intrigued by the concept of ESM (Enter Sends Message, and equivalent in *TR-Log*)
- I'm intrigued by not having to tab through all the fields in SS when I make a correction

What type of user is this logger best suited for?

Someone already familiar with CT

What three things distinguish the CT-DOS logger from others?

1. It is stable

2. It is familiar – particularly in multi-multis

3. It only needs low-end computer hardware

What are the three most significant shortfalls of this logger?

1. It doesn't support all radios

2. CT-WIN doesn't support K1EA DVP

3. It only has a single band map for SO2R

Why did you choose, or migrate to, this logger? Why should someone, in general, choose this logger?

- Some who is already very familiar with CT
- Neither CT-WIN nor CT (DOS) are the best software for a newcomer because of support issues
- I probably will go to N1MM Logger or WIN-TEST
- I don't know what path the N6RO multi-multi will ultimately take