



Minos Contest Logging Software

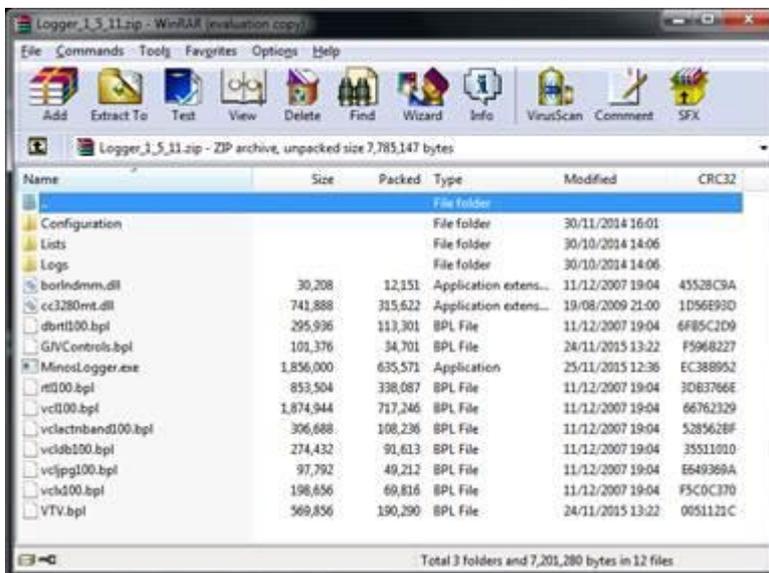
Minos was written by Mike Goodey G0GJV specifically for VHF/UHF contests. It is free to download and use and fully supports RSGB UKAC on most versions of Windows.

Minos home page: <http://minos.sourceforge.net/>

There is no full install; just download the package from the download link on the homepage. This gives you the zipped package “**Logger_1_5_11.zip**”.

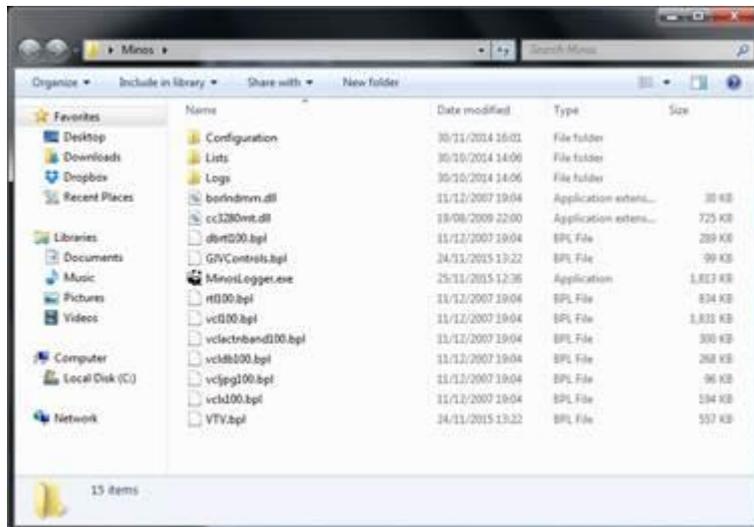


Unzip this package (usually a double click on the downloaded zipped folder)



Then extract all the contents into a conveniently placed new folder anywhere on the PC.

I called my folder “Minos”. It can go anywhere EXCEPT in Program Files (Windows takes exception for some reason). You can have it on the desktop if you like. I haven’t tried it but most likely it could stand alone on a memory stick too.



Minos is launched with the file **MinosLogger.exe**

You might find it convenient to create a shortcut to this file.

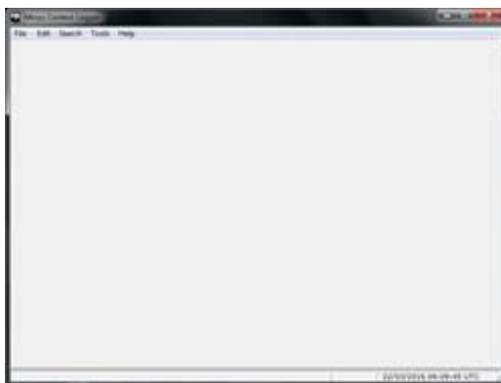


That’s it, you now have Minos ready to configure.

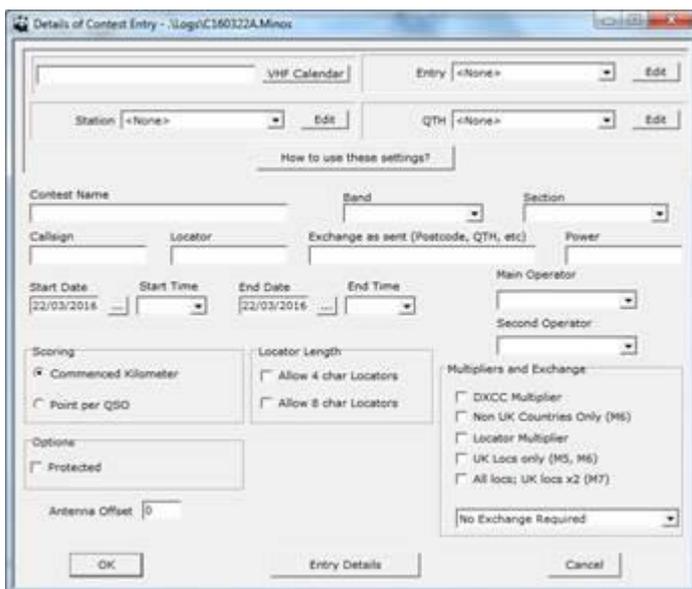
Launch Minos by double clicking the file **MinosLogger.exe** or its short cut. The first time you do this it will look something like this:



Hit OK and move onto this:



On the File menu choose “Create New Contest” to produce an “empty” contest screen:



Now set up for a specific contest.

You will notice the dates default to “today”, ignore this.

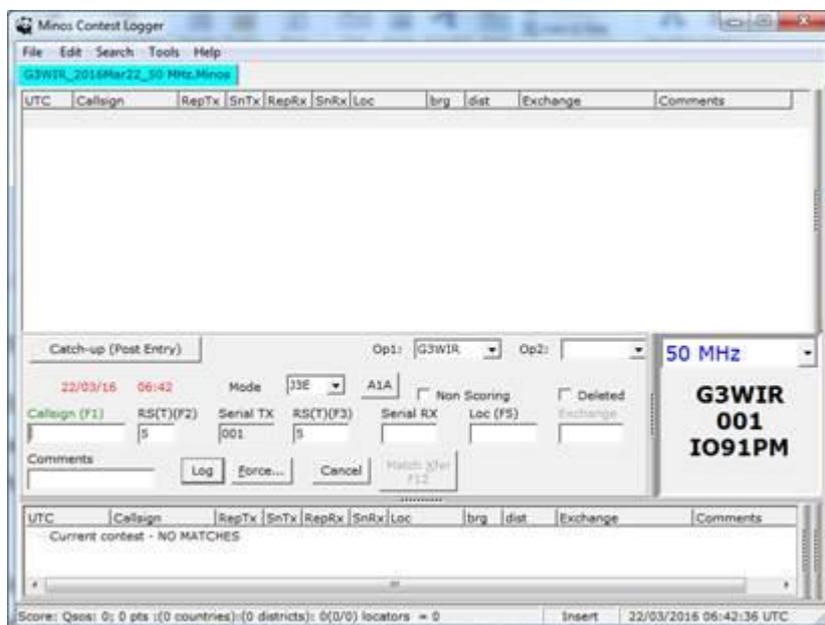
In the first field click on “VHF Calendar” and you will be presented with a list of contests and the next one due will be highlighted. Choose the one for which you would like to configure this log by highlighting it and hitting “Select Contest”. Notice the date and times are now set.

The cursor is now in the callsign field, enter your call. You can ignore the two fields at top right, “Entry” and “QTH”. Move to “Locator” and enter your six digit locator code. Leave “Exchange” empty.

Choose the section of the contest you wish to enter; most likely AR if running from 10-100 watts.

Hit the “OK” button and The “Main Operator” window will contain your call highlighted. Enter your call over the highlighted entry, i.e. confirm the call.

Other fields can be left at this stage as their details will be requested as you submit your log. You now have enough to start logging so hit “OK” again and your log screen will appear and you will be asked where you would like to store this contests log. Just choose a convenient location and you are good to go.



Log screen ready to log the 50MHz UKAC this evening. Times shown red as I’m a bit early for it!

The cursor defaults to the callsign field. You can move through the fields in several ways:
 Manually by mouse – only if you really must.

Tab – moves forwards as fields are navigated during the QSO. Shift-TAB moves back.

Function keys – My favourite as F1 – F5 take you straight to the fields you need for initial entry or editing. I label the keys to make it more fool proof.

If you need to dump an entry before it is logged, all fields are emptied by the Esc key.

Once the fields are complete, hit the enter key and the contact is logged and the next serial number displayed in the prompt area lower right.

At the end of the contest use the File menu tab to produce the entry file and upload to the RSGB. If you subsequently discover an error, correct it and upload again.

Below shows how the log looks during/after the contest and yes, I logged a dupe!

UTC	Callsign	RepTx	SnTx	RepRx	SnRx	Loc	brq	dist	Exchan
20:50	G7RAU	57	080	57	070	IO90IR	193°	105	
20:50	GW4HBK	58	081	59	015	IO81KP	271°	150	
20:51	M0WYB	58	082	57	059	IO81SH	251°	111	
20:54	G3SMT	58	083	58	028	IO82KV	314°	203	
20:56	G3XMM	58	084	55	005	IO81VV	288°	91	
20:58	G8HXE/P	57	085	55	049	IO83RO	334°	243	
20:59	G8XVJ/P	58	086	59	093	IO93AD	338°	181	
21:00	G3MEH	59	087	59	098	IO91QS	059°	27	
21:01	G4VPD	57	088	59	001	IO92BJ	323°	105	
21:04	M0ICK/P	56	089	56	050	IO83RO	334°	243	
21:09	G3TBK/P	58	090	56	083	IO93RA	010°	156	
21:10	G7LRQ/P	57	091	55	098	IO91RU	051°	37	
21:11	G3VYI	58	092	59	025	IO91OF	166°	48	
21:12	G0NEY	56	093	57	048	IO93GK	351°	203	
21:13	G0EAK/P	56	094	57	055	IO93NI	002°	191	
21:15	G4NDM/P	57	095	55	060	IO92MT	000°	DUP	
21:16	GW4ZAR/P	57	096	55	080	IO83JF	320°	233	
21:18	G3ZUD	57	097	57	044	IO92LU	358°	135	
21:24	G3PYE/P	58	098	59	118	JO02CE	053°	101	

Op1: G8AJM/P Op2:
 50 MHz
G8AJM/P
099
IO91MP

Score: Qsos: 97; 9260 pts :(3 countries):(0 districts): 12 locators = 111120 Insert 22/03/2016 06:59:02 UTC