

## What's New in QRZ Version 21

Greetings and welcome to the 21st edition of the **QRZ Ham Radio CDROM**.

### ***Our Email Address Database just keeps growing:***

The QRZ e-mail database continues to grow. We now have over **232,000** email addresses on file, the largest collection in amateur radio. If you're on the World Wide Web and would like to visit our online system, check out <http://www.qrz.com>

The QRZ WWW server has the most up-to-date callsign information available and is updated daily from the official FCC files. There is also a daily updated listing of all the unused 1x2 and 2x1 calls, which can be used to select a vanity callsign.

### ***We now have Country Names!***

Beginning with Version 18, the QRZ CDROM now includes country names for all callsigns. Why did we wait so long? Well, the original QRZ CDROM format was a USA-only database. There was no place in the data file where the name of the country could be added without adversely affecting the compatibility of the CDROM with other software products. After some review, we found that we could indicate a special code for the country in the field that was no longer being used. We hope you enjoy this new feature

### ***Over 12,500 Digital QSL Card Images***

The digital image collection continues to grow as well. Today, the online QRZ.COM collection contains more than 44,000 images. Unfortunately, there isn't enough space on this CDROM to hold them all and so we are forced to choose 12,500 to appear in this edition. How do we choose? We pick the 12,500 newest images in our collection. This gives everybody a chance, provided that they've updated their online image within the past year or so (it all depends).

As before, all images are instantly available as you browse through the main callsign database. You'll find a new menu item (View->Images), which you can use to view the digital QSL cards (or other images) while running QRZ.

It's easy to add your favorite photo, QSL card or other image to the next QRZ CDROM and have it associated with your callsign. To get your image on the QRZ CDROM, logon to our online website at <http://www.qrz.com>

### ***Callsign Database Updates***

This edition also includes more than 60,000 callsigns from the former Soviet block countries, now known as the CIS. This includes countries such as Russia, Estonia, Belarus, and more. In addition to our regular USA listings, we also carry Australia, Austria, Canada, Mexico, UK, Italy, Turkey, Monaco, Brazil, Portugal, Cuba, and miscellaneous listings from everywhere. Since the introduction of our online DX callsign registration form, we've begun to take on hundreds of new, exotic callsigns each month. We're still looking for more DX callsign databases, and you could qualify for a free subscription to QRZ for helping us obtain more countries. For more info contact the QRZ editor at: [editor@qrz.com](mailto:editor@qrz.com).

**Note:** *If the information shown for your callsign is incorrect, it can now be updated online at <http://www.qrz.com>*

### **QRZ on the Internet**

*<http://www.qrz.com>* always comes as one of the first hits when you search InfoSeek for 'callsign'. Over 6,000,000 pages are viewed each month at the QRZ website, now in its eighth year of operation.

*<http://www.qrz.com>* also provides a point and click interface for our anonymous FTP server, our online catalog as well as the master copy of the QRZ Callsign Database (with online digital image display), an online email registration form, and an online DX callsign entry form.

Thanks for buying QRZ and hope to hear you on the air!

73, -fred AA7BQ

