

# Instructions for using JMRI DecoderPro for programming Team Digital Decoders

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## 1. Programming with JMRI – DecoderPro reference

JMRI website: <http://jmri.sourceforge.net/>

DecoderPro manual: <http://jmri.sourceforge.net/help/en/manual/index.shtml>

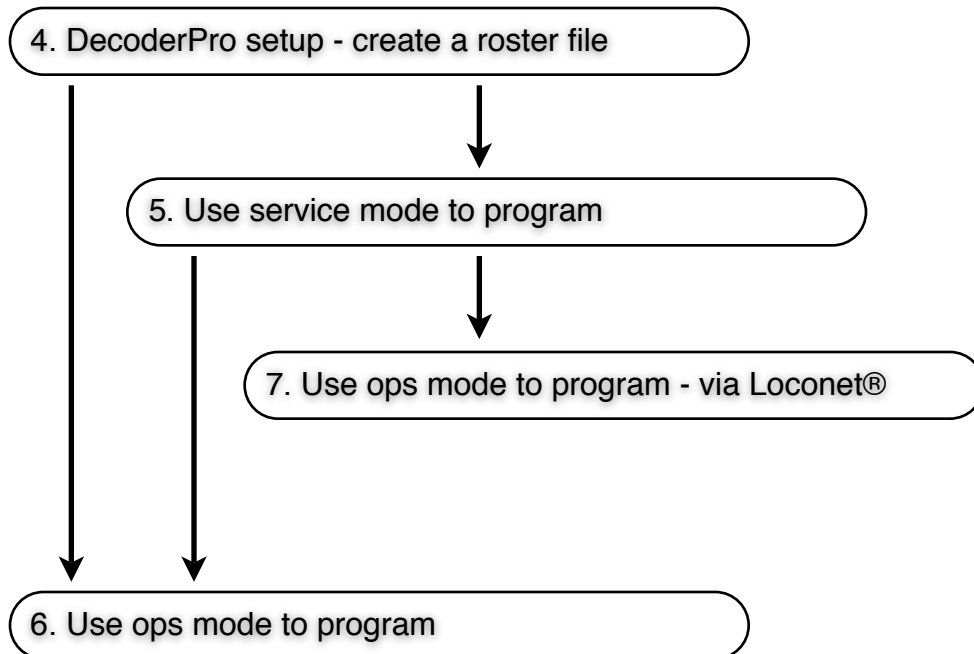
## 2. Requirements:

Computer with USB or serial port, JMRI (Decoder Pro) and a command station compatible with JMRI or a Locobuffer.

For more details see: <http://jmri.sourceforge.net/help/en/html/apps/DecoderPro/index.shtml>

## 3. Programming overview:

This following diagram shows the document section numbers and the flow of using DecoderPro for programming Team Digital decoders and the SIC24AD.



#### 4. DecoderPro setup (create a roster file):

The goal is to create a roster file which provides for a way of storing the decoder CV values. It can be used to program in Service Mode or Operations Mode. A roster file must be created while in Service Mode. Once the roster file is saved it can then be opened from Operations (Ops) Mode.

1. Open DecoderPro
2. Click on the Service Mode (Program Track) Programmer button in the center screen  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select Tools
  - Select Programmers
  - Select Service-Mode programmer

This opens the Service Mode (Program Track) Programmer Setup window

3. Click on the Set... button and select paged mode if not already selected
4. Select Programmer format as Custom from the pop up menu (at the bottom of the window)
5. Select Team Digital folder from the list
6. Select a decoder or open the Stationary Decoder folder then select a decoder
7. Click on the Open Programmer button
8. Select the Roster Entry tab
9. Type in a name for this decoder like 'SRC16-1 main yard' in the ID field (ID is the file name)
10. Click on the Save to Roster button  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select File
  - Select Save

This will create a Roster File in DecoderPro that can be opened for Operations Mode programming with the default ops address as one (1)

11. At this point the decoder power terminals could be connected to the programming track and programmed (It may be useful to change the decoder Ops mode address and/or basic configuration here.) See section 5
12. Exit Service Mode i.e. close the Service Mode (Program Track) Programmer Setup window

## **5. Using Service Mode to program the Decoder from the program track:**

Connect the decoder to the program track. Team Digital decoders are accessory decoders and do not have any built in CV read back capabilities. Note: Some decoders may provide read back by adding an external resistor. See the decoder manual.

If you came here directly from section 4 step 11, than you can skip to step 7 here and begin programming.

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This opens the Service Mode (Program Track) Programmer Setup window

3. Click on the Set... button and select paged mode if not already selected
4. From the Use locomotive settings for pop up menu select the roster file for the decoder
5. From the Programmer format pop up menu select Custom (at the bottom of the window)
6. Click on the Open Programmer button
7. CV programming can start.
8. When finished go to the Roster Entry tab
9. Click on the Save to Roster button  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select File
  - Select Save

Recommendations for minimum programming at this point:

If the the decoder has an accessory bus interface (Loconet®) and is going to be used than it should be enabled. The bus on the SIC24AD is permanently enable from the factory.

If you want to change the ops address or always have ops mode enabled now is a good time. Ops mode can temperately be enable via the “Smart” button.

## 6. Using Ops Mode to program the Decoder from track power :

The decoder is powered by the command station track power. If the decoder has an accessory bus interface it is not used at this point and need not be connected.

(If you enable ops mode in service mode programming you can connect power to the decoder and then skip to step 5.)

1. Be sure power is off by removing one of the power wires to the decoder  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select Tools
  - Select Power Control
  - In the Power Control window click Off
2. Press and hold the Smart Programming button on the decoder
3. Turn on Power to the decoder by connecting the wire that was removed in step 1  
OR if using the power control window
  - Click the ON button
4. Release the Smart Button just after you see the Green LED come on. **(Warning: If the red LED starts to flash during this time the above steps were not completed correctly - start over from step 1.)**
5. The decoder is now ready to be programmed
6. Click on the Operations Mode (Main Track) Programmer button in the center screen  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select Tools
  - Select Programmers
  - Select Ops-Mode programmer

This opens the Operations Mode (Main Track) Programmer Setup window
7. Select Programmer format as Custom from the pop up menu
8. From the existing roster pop up menu select the roster file you created earlier
9. Click on the Open programmer button
10. At this point CVs can be programmed
11. When finished go to the Roster Entry tab
12. Click on the Save to Roster button  
OR alternately
  - From the menu select File
  - Select Save

Note: If a Function Label tab is present ignore it as it is not used by these decoders

## 7. Using Ops Mode to program the Decoder via Loconet®:

In a Digitrax system the decoder should be powered from a filtered DC power supply\*. Otherwise (non-Digitrax system) it can be powered by the track. If the decoder has an accessory bus interface (Loconet®) it should be connected at this point.

(If you enable ops mode in service mode programming you can connect power to the decoder and then skip to step 5.)

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  - In the Power Control window click Off
2. Press and hold the Smart Programming button on the decoder
3. Turn on Power to the decoder by connecting the wire that was removed in step 1  
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9. Click on the Open programmer button
10. At this point CVs can be programmed
11. When finished go to the Roster Entry tab
12. Click on the Save to Roster button  
OR alternately
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Note: If a Function Label tab is present ignore it as it is not used by these decoders.

\* In a Digitrax system the reason the decoder can not be powered from the track WHEN programming is that the decoder will receive program instructions from the track and Loconet® at the same time. This can be problematic. Once programming is complete the decoder can be power from the track. **Note:** An alternate scheme to program using track power is to create a separate Loconet® bus as show in the diagram below.

## 8. Product programming reference:

The following table shows some of our products and the type of programming they support. The product must be powered from track power to program via DCC Ops mode or from the programming track to program via DCC service mode.

The product must have a Loconet® connector to be programmed via Loconet®.

Product	DCC Service Mode	DCC Ops Mode	Loconet® Service Mode	Loconet® Ops Mode
SRC16	write	write		read/write <sup>2</sup>
SMD82	read/write <sup>1</sup>	write		
SMC4	write	write		
SIC24AD	write	write		read/write <sup>2</sup>
SIC24	write		read/write	read/write

1. An external resistor is required to read - see manual
2. In a Digitrax system the decoder should be powered from a filtered DC power supply when programming via Loconet®. The reason that the decoder can not be powered from the track WHEN programming is that the decoder will receive program instructions from the track and Loconet® at the same time. This can be problematic. Once programming is complete the decoder can be power from the track. **Note:** An alternate scheme to program using track power is to create a separate Loconet® bus as show in the diagram below.

## Programming via Loconet with DecoderPro

Create a separate bus for programming

