Abstract: In this talk we show how you can transmit and receive over-the-air signals with MATLAB and a variety of hardware, such as RTL-SDR, ADALM-PLUTO (PlutoSDR), and USRP. We will work with applications like broadcast FM, ADS-B (aircraft tracking), and QPSK. We show how you can build up your own wireless communications link, learning practical receiver design in the process. After the talk, we will conduct a workshop to download the RTL-SDR driver on your personal laptops. We will walk you through the install process, and launch several applications to ensure proper installation. You will get to keep the RTL-SDR radios once the workshop is complete. To participate in this workshop, you must have MATLAB R2017b or later loaded on your laptop, and you must also have Communications Toolbox loaded in your MATLAB install.

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