



Nomad Digital



Something to Twitter about – Virgin Trains has passenger WiFi





Introducing Nomad

- Established in 2002
- ☐ A pioneer of <u>real-time</u>

<u>wireless</u>

broadband

data connectivity

platforms and solutions

to fast-moving vehicles

More reference broadband communications projects and trials than any other train communications solution provider globally





Nomad Rail Projects (just the announced ones!)

























Dubai Metro launched!











www.nomadrail.com





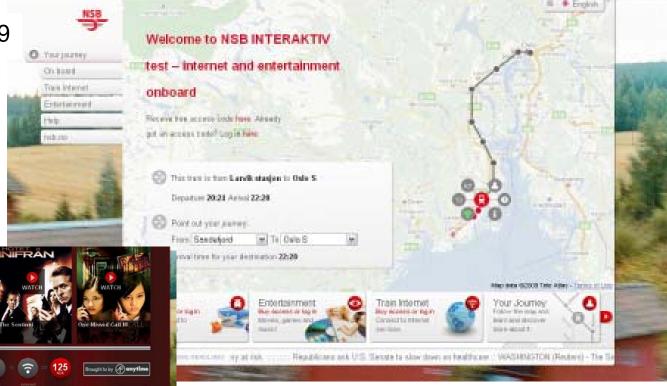
NSB – World's 1st Interactive Entertainment Service on a Train

☐ Launched Sept 09

250 movies

→ 20,000 songs

30 games



Train Internet

Watch

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Acela - The President's Train







A new type of bandwidth "aggregation"





Nomad Digital delivers additional bandwidth capacity to enable enhanced application performance

Network aggregation capabilities added to Nomad's communications routers

Once again, NOMAD Digital has set the benchmark for train to shore data transmission. The world's premier provider of data communications solutions to moving vehicles can now aggregate bandwidth from multiple radios to provide even faster connections.

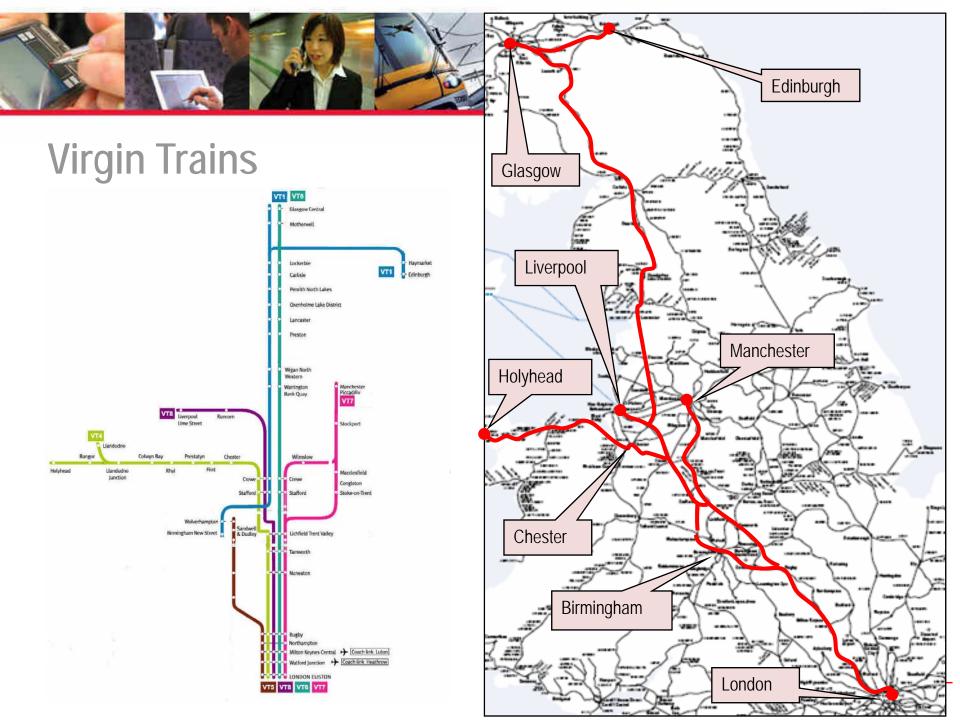
UK-based Nomad already leads the world with its innovative switching solution which allows vehicles to move seamlessly between wireless networks such as different 3G providers and mobile WiMAX. Now Nomad has successful















Virgin Trains

- 22 million passengers pa
 - ☐ 10% in 1st Class
- ☐ 36% business passengers
- >850km end-to-end









UK's truly brand driven TOC

- Virgin brand principles
- Marketing led
- Service innovation
- Virgin Trains "people"
- End-to-end customer experience
- 1st Class is fully inclusive
 - Lounges and
 - On-board







But rail is still very much at its heart

- But very much a rail operator
- Similar constraints to many other TOCs
- Franchise limitations
- Financial constraints
- Timescales







WiFi Journey

- Broadreach WiFi trials
 - Satellite proved challenging
- OJEU ITT
 - □ started in March 2006
 - driven by customer research
 - concluded in June 2007
- Nomad selected
 - Efficient terrestrial network solution (3G, WiMax & WiFi)
 - Concession/Nomad investment
 - T-Mobile HotSpot as Nomad's chosen service provider





Engineering challenges

- 2 fleets
 - ☐ 52 Pendolinos (Alstom built & maintained)
 - 21 Super Voyagers (Bombardier built & maintained)
- 2 designs
- 2 install programmes
- 2 maintainers
- Limited train availability at all stages
- Different deployment approaches
- Tortuous trackside access for new build sites

Fun! Fun! Fun!





Launch #1 – Pendolinos – 27th April 2009





Internet acces

Virgin Trains get T-Mobile Wi-Fi high-speed

Internet access runs from London Euston to Scotland Carrie-Ann Skinner PC Advisor

Wed, 29 Apr 2009

T-Mobile HotSpots on Virgin trains

T-Mobile to roll out its Wi-Fi HotSpot service to allow high-speed wireless internet on 52 Pendolino Virgin trains

T-Mobile and Virgin Trains have announced the launch of high-speed wireless internet for passengers on all Pendolino Virgin trains on the West Coast Main Line.

The Wi-Fi HotSpot service, which has been rolled out by T-Mobile's solution partner Nomad Digital, will provide passengers with fast access to the internet, email and other applications.

Birmingham Post

Innovation & Technology

Virgin offers wireless internet on trains

Apr 28 2009 by Jon Griffin, Birmingham Post

computing.co.uk T-Mobile and Virgin Trains have announced the laun internet for passengers on all Pendolino Virgin trains

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Virgin Trains rolls out on-board wireless internet access Train operator completes first stage of implementation following

years of delays

Written by Angelica Mari Computing 29 Apr 2009

Virgin Trains had been planning to offer Wi-Fi singe 2006. Pic Credit: Gene

52 P. After years of delays, Virgin Trains has finally completed the rollout of wireless internet access on all Pendolino trains serving West Coast main line destinations.

The implementation of T-Mobile-supplied wireless broadband technology was completed in March by

offer wireless internet in ioint deal

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poses.

First Class passengers will get complimentary access to the service, while broadband users. The results ranked rer passengers can purchase HotSpot sees online from their wi-fi enabled sicc.

T-Mobile first innine out of 13 categories including download speeds, customer service, easy start up and use.





Customer Proposition

- Called WiFi
- = passenger internet access
- Available to all passengers
- On all trains
- 1st Class "complementary"
 - WiFi in lounges too
- Standard Class "for pay"
 - multiple options
- Branded service provider is T-Mobile HotSpot
- At seat power

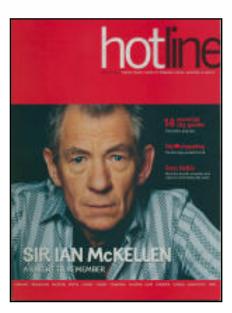
Allowance	Expiry	Price (inc VAT)
Pay As You Go (10 minutes minimum)	n/a	75p per 10 minute block
60 minutes	24 hours after first login	£5
24 hours	24 hours after first login	£10
30 days	30 days after first login	£40
Unlimited	1 year after first login	£20 per month
Unlimited for First Class Passengers	n/a	Free





Promotion & Marketing



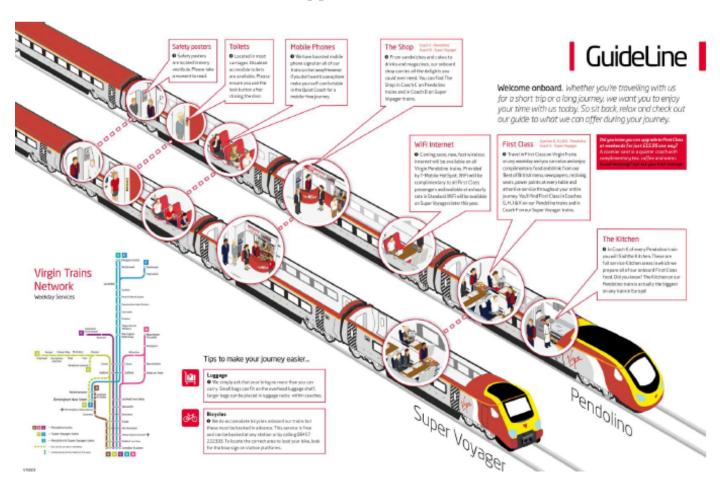








Promotion & Marketing







Signage











Virgin Shop Area







Virgin Trains People







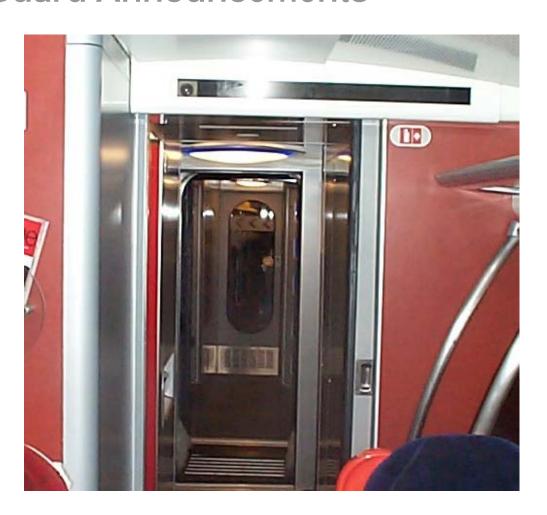
Ambassadors







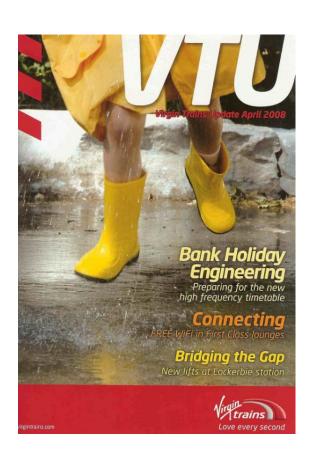
Virgin Carriage End Dot Matrix WiFi Message & Train Guard Announcements







Virgin Lounges

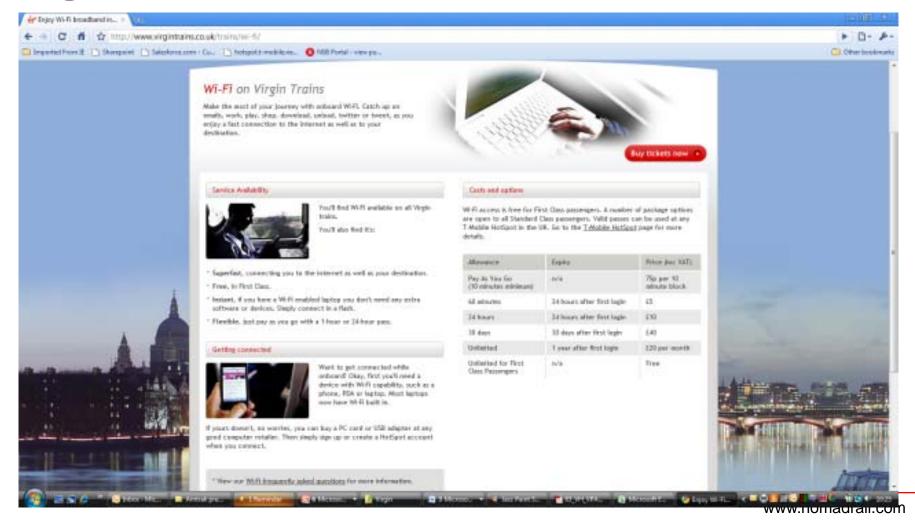








Virgin Website







Virgin Station Posters

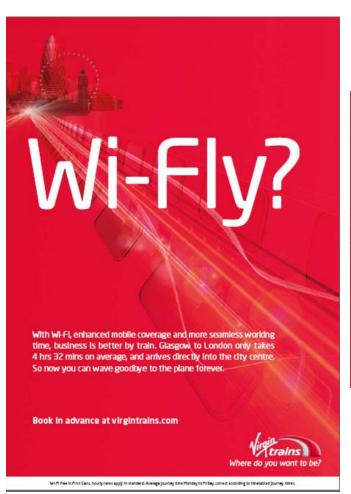








Virgin Marketing Campaign – WiFly?

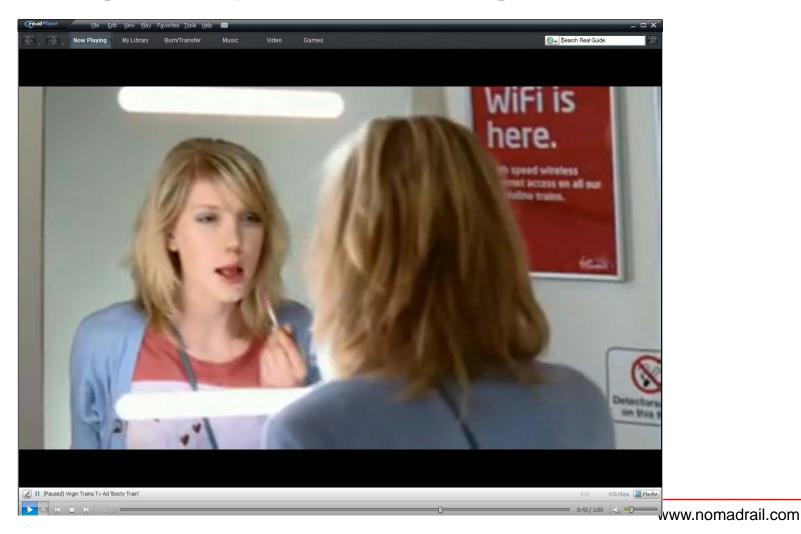








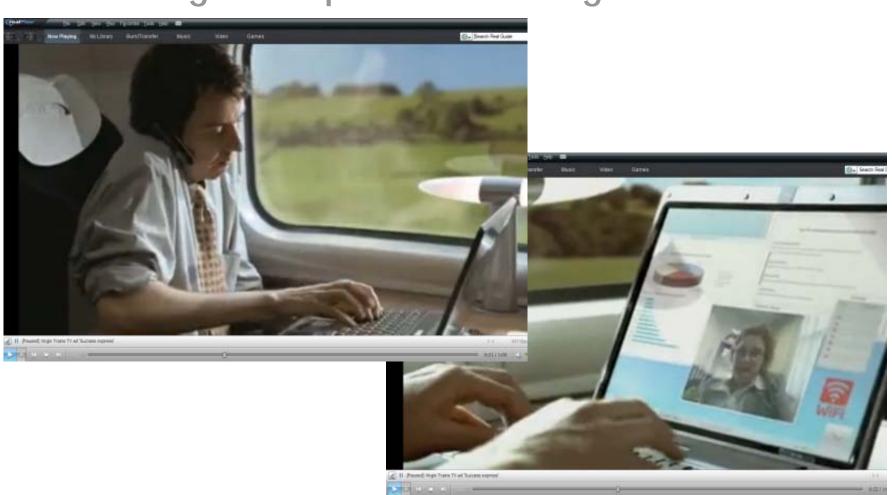
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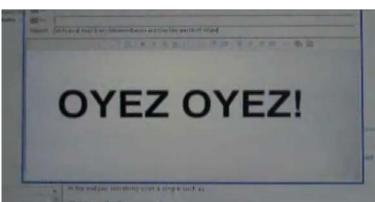






Launch #2 - Voyagers







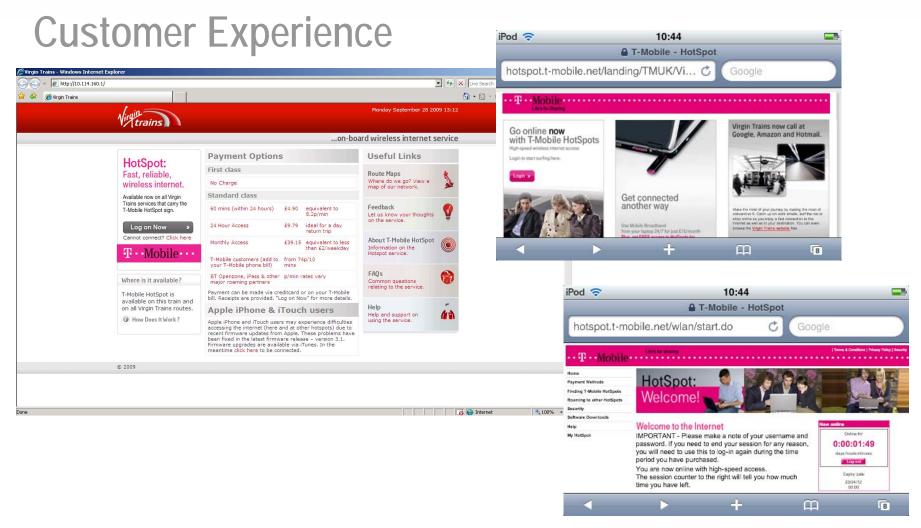


Oyez, oyez! Virgin Trains customers get on-board WiFi from North Wales and Chester

On the day the Prime Minister used Virgin's 125 mph service to travel to engagements in Cheshire, Chester's Town Crier has launched high speed wireless internet for passengers on all Virgin trains between London Euston, Chester and north Wales.











Customer Experience











Genuine Users (posing for the camera)

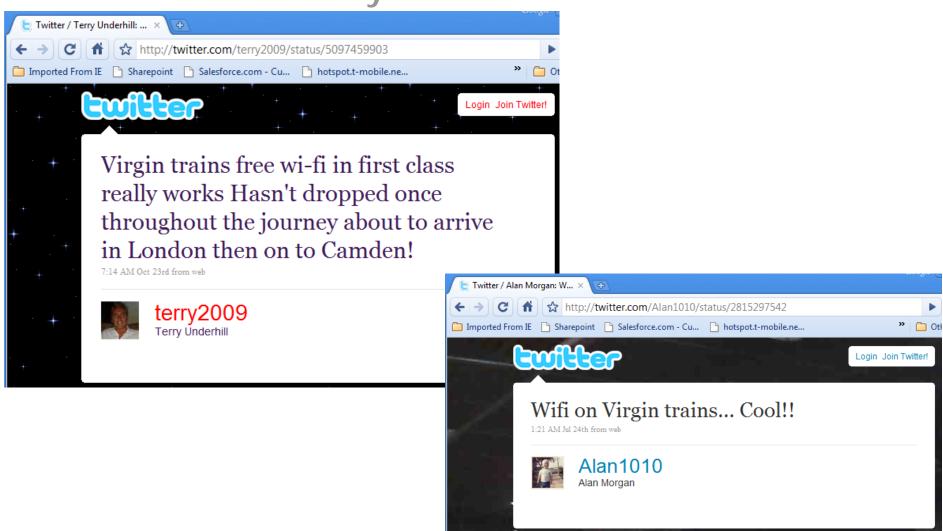








What Customers Say







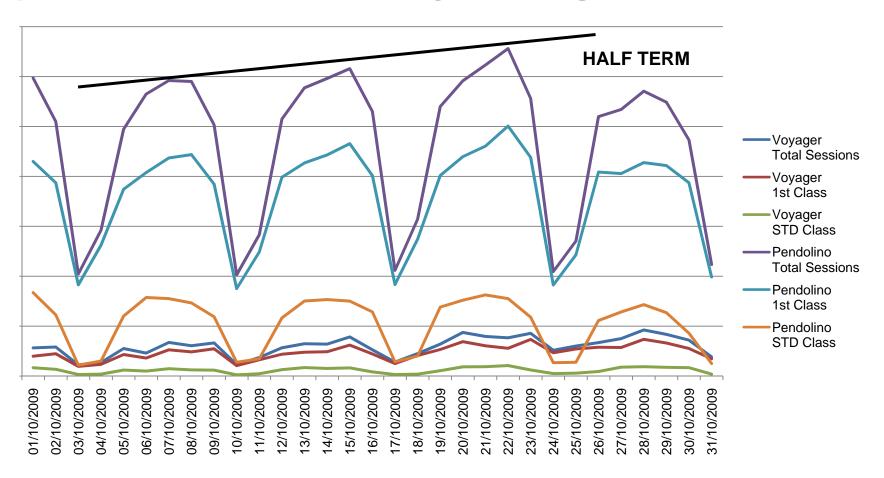
Typical Customer Feedback

- □ 1st Class "once I realised WiFi was free in first class I put away my 3G dongle and used the service"
- Std Class user "great, but could be cheaper"
- Customer complaints less than 0.5%
 - No 1 complaint "it should be free in Standard Class"





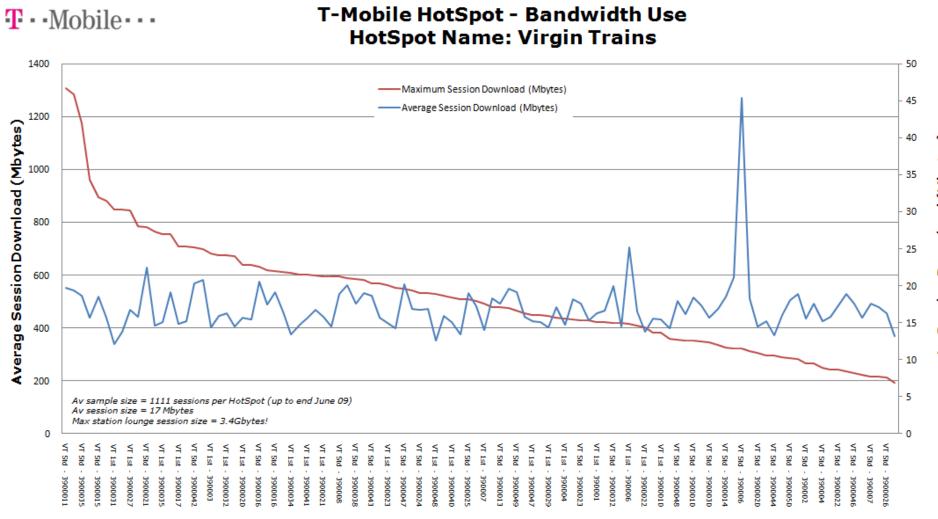
Uptake – 4000 sessions/day & rising







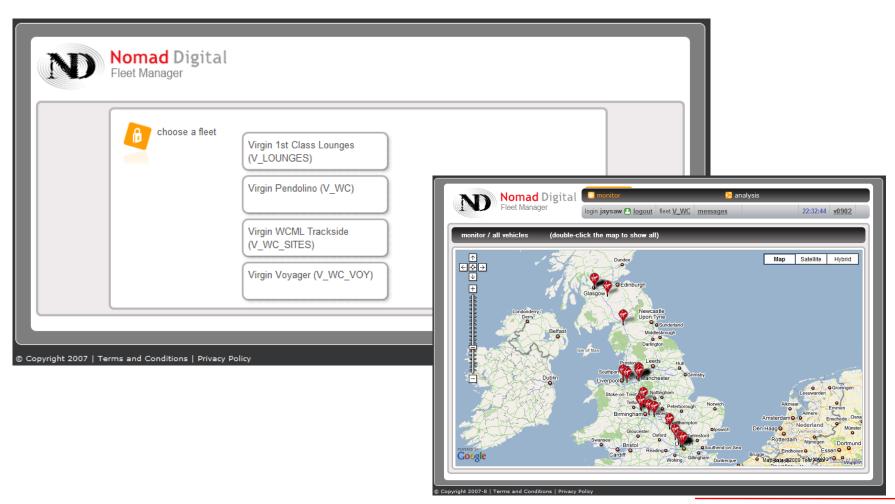
Uptake – Bandwidth Consumption







Operations







What Next

- Bandwidth Aggregation
- Operational applications
- Non-Rail Promotions
- Entertainment/Infotainment?
- More marketing initiatives
- Improved customer experience