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JCI uses interconnection with DoCoMo to bring Apple’s .Mac Mail to mobile phones

On February 1, 2008, Japan Communications Inc. (JCI) will launch ConnectMail, a service allowing .Mac Mail addresses offered by Apple (<username>@mac.com) to be accessed on DoCoMo’s mobile phones in place of i-mode mail. JCI completed interconnection with NTT DoCoMo’s i-mode packet switch for mobile devices on December 7, 2007, and ConnectMail is one of the services that will utilize this interconnection.

The Internet has become indispensable, and today over 60,000,000 people use both PCs and mobile phones as Internet access devices (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications “2007 White Paper on Information and Communications”). Many feel that it is inconvenient to use their own e-mail addresses on PCs (for example, <username>@mac.com) and a mobile phone e-mail address while on the go (such as <username>@docomo.ne.jp). ConnectMail eliminates this inconvenience by allowing users to send and receive e-mail on their mobile phones using their own e-mail addresses.

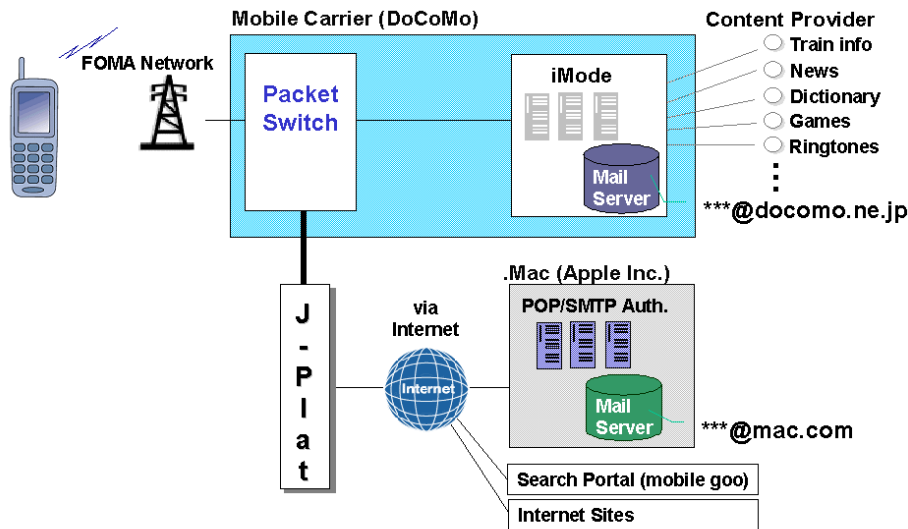
ConnectMail is a service that allows e-mail from .Mac mail to be sent and received on mobile phones in place of i-mode mail. New messages will be pushed out to mobile phones so that they can be read immediately and replied to with the .Mac e-mail address in exactly the same manner as for current phone e-mail. Also, in place of the i-menu, the portal will be linked to mobile goo (operated by NTT Resonant Inc.), providing easy access to search, news and other Internet sites. Starting February 1, one year of service can be ordered for 4,800 yen (incl. tax) through JCI’s ConnectMail web site at <http://www.keitai-pc.com>.

This service is made possible by an interconnection established on December 7, 2007 with DoCoMo’s i-mode packet switch for mobile devices. Until now, DoCoMo’s mobile phones have been directly connected to the iMode data center and allowed the default use of iMode mail (<username>@docomo.ne.jp). ConnectMail implements this JCI–DoCoMo interconnection as well as a connection to users’ desired mail servers (in this case, .Mac’s mail server).

JCI’s Managing Director and CFO Naohisa Fukuda stated, “The opening of mobile phones, from the user’s perspective, means the creation of services that increase convenience for the user. It’s not just about offering new choices to users; stimulating competition among services will improve user convenience by leaps and bounds. JCI will develop new services and products that promote the advancement of mobile openness.”

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Connection Diagram



Notes

- Connectivity and packet fees will be based on contracts between DoCoMo and its customers and billed by DoCoMo.
- This product does not qualify for all-you-can-use packet rates “Pake-hodai” or “Pake-hodai full”.
- Product specifications and prices are subject to change without advance notice. For product details, please refer to <http://www.j-com.co.jp> or <http://www.keitai-pc.com>.

About JCI

Japan Communications Inc. (JCI) was the first to introduce the Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) business model to the world in 1996. JCI, a publicly listed company in Japan (JPN-9424), is the first and the largest data MVNO in the world. It has pioneered wireless data solutions, which address particular needs of specific customers both in consumer and enterprise markets. Operating as an integrator of wireless and fixed network services with information technology, it is the leading provider of end-to-end wireless data solutions.

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