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JCI brings Gmail® to DoCoMo mobile phones

— Following .Mac mail, ConnectMail mark 2 —

On February 6, Japan Communications Inc. (JCI) launched *ConnectMail for Gmail®*, the latest installment in its Connectmail service. Connectmail allows e-mail services usually used only on PCs to be accessed on DoCoMo mobile phones, in place of i-mode mail (in this case, Google Inc.’s Gmail® <username@gmail.com>).

ConnectMail for Gmail® is a service that allows e-mail from Gmail® to be sent and received on mobile phones as an alternative to i-mode mail. New e-mails are pushed out to the mobile phone, so users will receive them immediately. ConnectMail users can also send email from their mobile phones using their Gmail® mail address. ConnectMail is used in the exact same manner as users currently use i-mode mail. E-mail received on the mobile phone remains on the Gmail® mail server, meaning that users can continue to manage all their e-mails over the web. Also, instead of i-menu, the portal will be linked to mobile goo (operated by NTT Resonant Inc.), providing easy access to search sites, news and other Internet sites apart from i-mode official contents sites. One year of service of *ConnectMail for Gmail®* can be ordered for 4,800 yen (incl. tax) through JCI’s ConnectMail web site: <http://www.keitai-pc.com>.

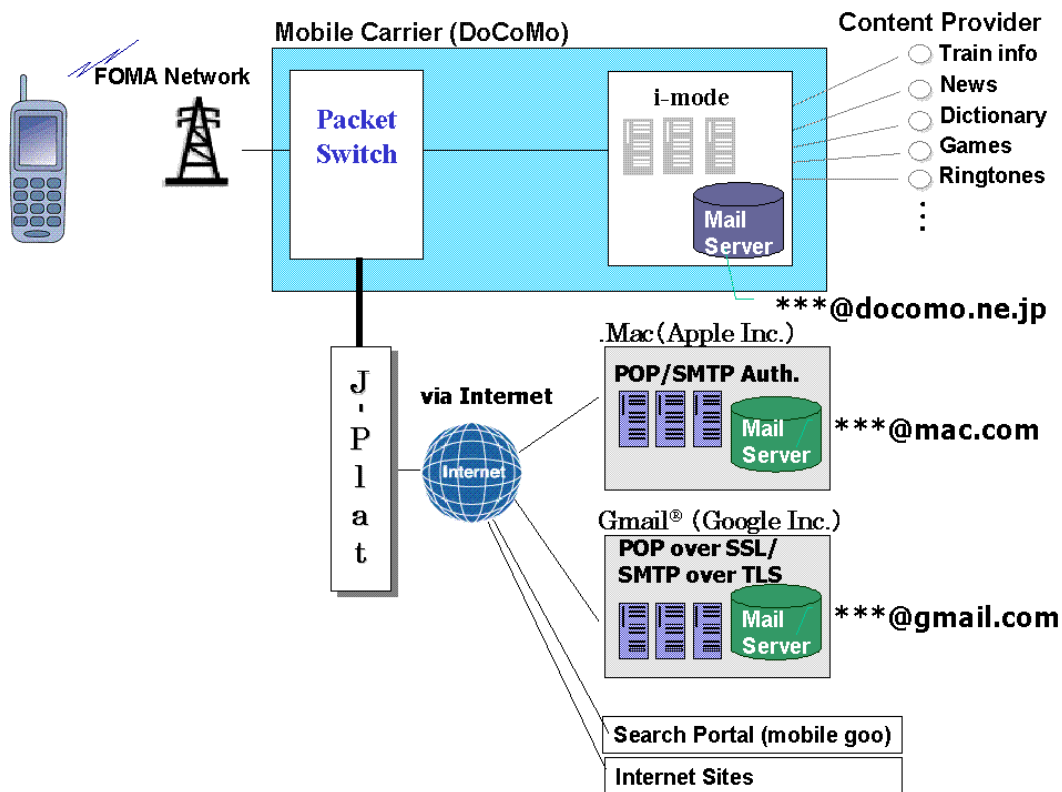
While JCI launched the first installment of ConnectMail, *ConnectMail for .Mac Mail*, on February 1, given large number of users of Google’s Gmail®, *ConnectMail for Gmail®*, will greatly increase the potential market size for ConnectMail.

To assist in the focused expansion of ConnectMail, JCI is seeking direct feedback from consumers by conducting a survey on what mail domains users would like to be able to use with ConnectMail.

JCI will continue to increase customer convenience and to develop new products and services that respond to consumer needs, as only an MVNO can. The opening up of mobile phones, which JCI is actively promoting, is the first step towards this.

Connection Diagram

Until now, DoCoMo's mobile phones have been directly connected to the i-mode data center and allowed the default use of i-mode mail (<username>@docomo.ne.jp). ConnectMail, which augments the interconnection between JCI and DoCoMo with a further connection to users' desired mail servers (in this case, the Gmail® mail server), allows PC email services to be used on mobile phones. Further, simply by switching their phone's connection settings, users can avail of both ConnectMail and i-mode mail.



Notes

- Charges and billing for connectivity and packet fees are based on contracts between DoCoMo and its customers.
- This product does not qualify for all-you-can-use packet rates “Pake-hodai” or “Pake-hodai furu”.
- 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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