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Model train locomotives are built today with a computer chip to control the lights, sound and motor functions. Model railroad software enables computers to controlled model locomotives on a model train railroad layout. Software layout programs allow users to have a greater level of operational control in running model trains. The Visual level of control with the sound decoder capability enables an interactive model railroad layout. Model trains with sound chips and speed control makes them simply and more fun to operate automated model train layouts.

There are many different ways to integrate computers with a model train. Over the years, three computer standards have emerged that easily allow computer model railroad layout control. These standards are Lionel's Train Master Control Computer (TMCC), M.T. H. (mikes Train House) Electric Train's Digital Control System (DCS) and National Model Railroad Association's (NMRA) Digital Command and Control systems (DCC). The popular Standard is DCC for HO and N scale Digitrax, Easy DCC (CVP systems), Lenz, and North Coast Engineering] and Lione/MTH (DCS/TMCC) for O27.

The computer chip DCC/TMCC/DCS standards allow Lionel, M.T. H. Electric Trains, Bachman Trains and MRC to add interactive functionality to the model trains. The best marketing tool for model trains is to make the trains more interactive. Computer control is a pull marketing technique design to attract new users. Model trains today can run multiple trains at the same time, computer controlled turn out switches, and have full layout automation with location sensors in all of the trains.

Model trains with computer control enabled the placement of train sets in Wal-Mart with advance sound capabilities and simple switch turnout control. Model trains with advance capabilities can successfully compete with the video games for mind share. Model trains are a very interactive hobby, where users can create elaborate model railroad layouts. Users develop numerous skills associated with modeling Trains. These skills include electrical, computer programming, mechanical, as well as artistic.

<u>Software for the Digital Railroad</u> means simply expanding the capabilities of the these computerized model trains with a hardware computer interface (usually serial or USB), where the computer control the model train directly, and software programs that control the model train layout.

KAM's Train Tools software is simply Software for the Digital Railroad - a collection of software programs to control, operate and dispatch your model railroad train layout. KAM's Train Tools software programs work on a wireless (wifi) network with Windows Mobile or on the users stand alone computer system. Train Tools software has user friendly graphic user Interface (GUI) designed for advance or novice users. User simply have more fun operating model rail road layouts and running model trains.

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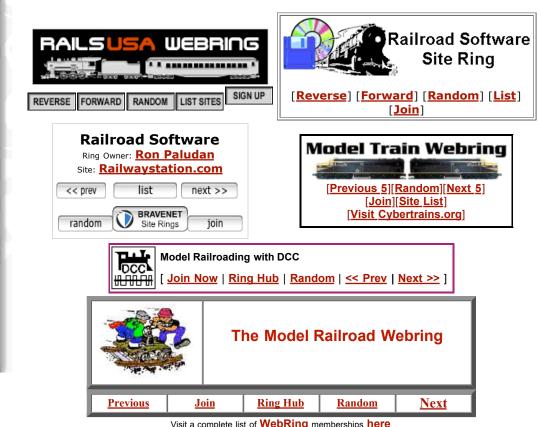
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