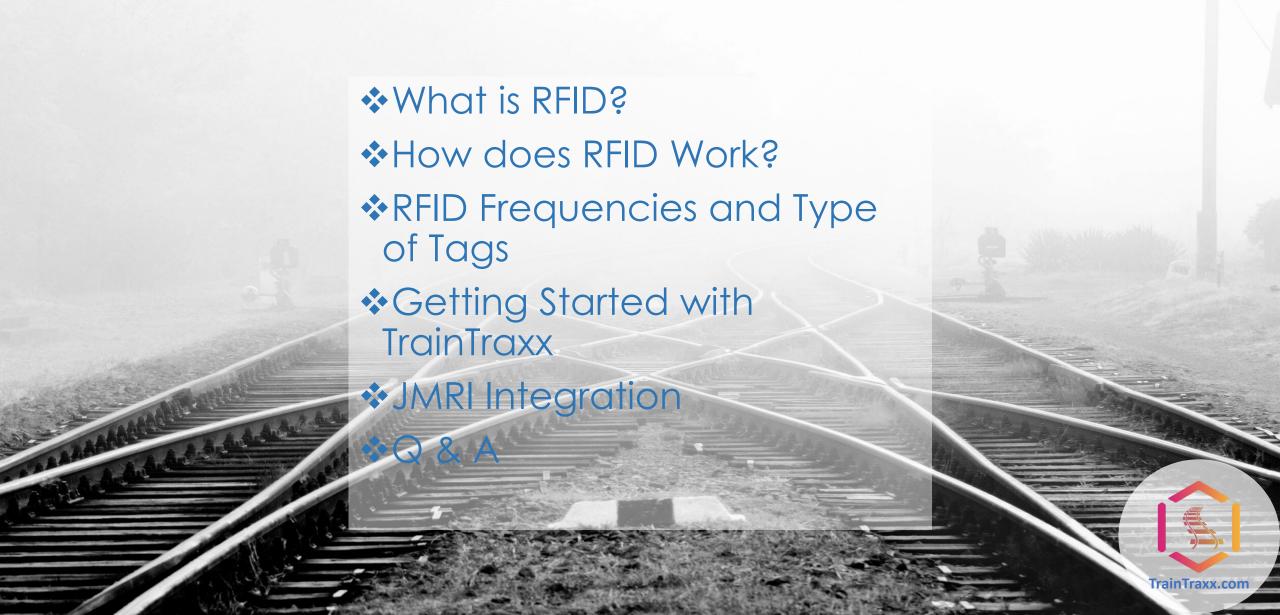


## Using RFID for Model Railroad Operations



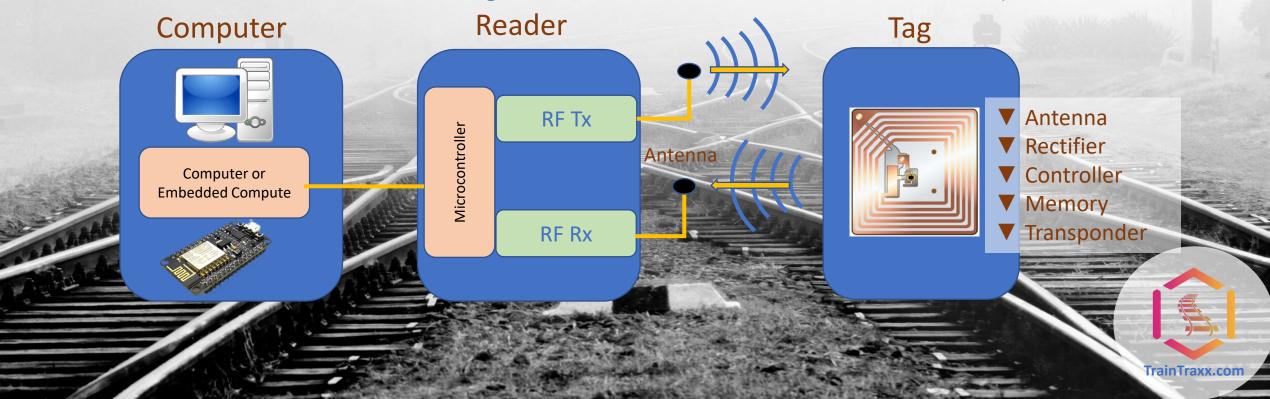
#### What is RFID?

- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is a technology that uses radio waves to transmit for detection and identification
- There are many applications of RFID technology:
  - Physical Security and Access Management
  - Inventory Management
  - Location Identification
  - Tracking vehicles, pets, and people
  - Retail Merchandizing and Payment
  - o Scale 1:1 railcars Railroad Industry
- RFID uses 3 primary components:
  - 1. RFID Tag
  - 2. RFID Reader
  - 3. Computer



#### How Does RFID Work?

- RFID technology depends on radio waves propagating from the reader to a tag and back.
- RFID is created as the radio waves of the reader stimulates and energizes the tag which is attached to a device that is in range of the incoming waves.
- When the RF field passes through an antenna coil of the tag, there is an AC voltage generated across the coil. This voltage is rectified to supply power to the tag.
- The information stored in the tag is transmitted back to the reader and computer



# RFID Frequencies and Type of Tags

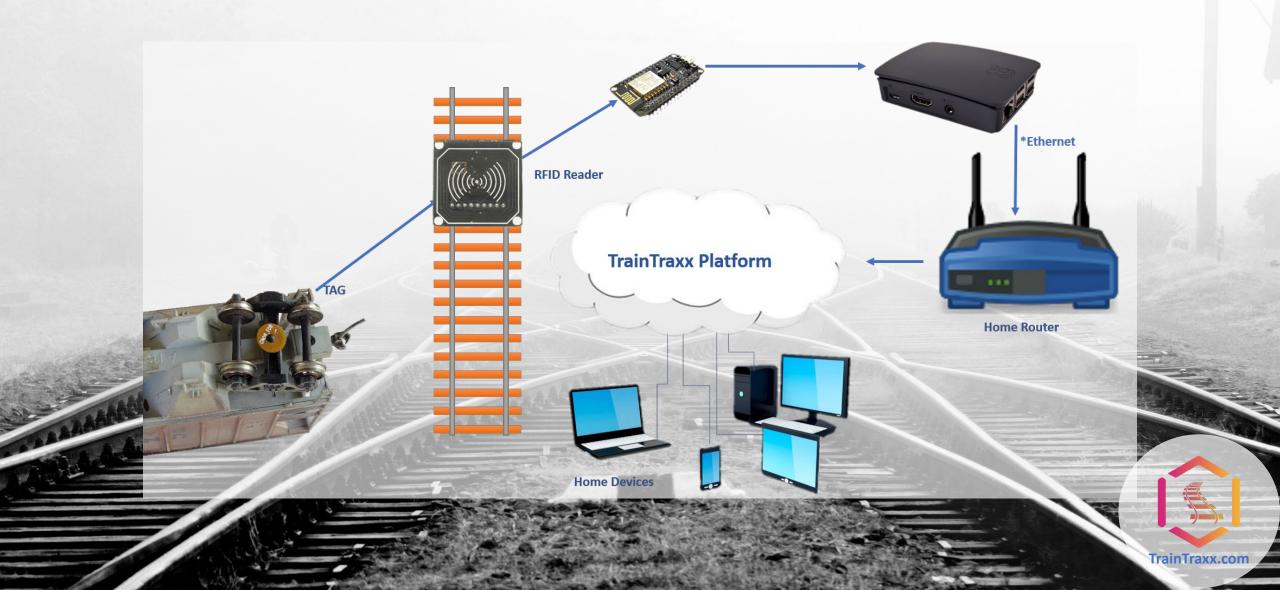
	LF	HF	UHF	VUHF
Frequency Range	125 – 134 KHz	13.56 MHz	850 - 930 MHz	2.45 – 5.8 GHz
Distance	< 1 ft.	1-3 ft.	2-25 ft.	5-90 ft.
Standards	ISO 11784 ISO 11785 ISO 14224	ISO 14443 ISO 15693 ISO 18000-3	ISO 18000-6 EPC Gen2	ISO 18000-4 IEEE 802.11 IEEE 802.15.4

**NOTE:** Distance is based on the size of the reader and tags.





#### TrainTraxx Platform Overview



#### Things to Know

TrainTraxx tags come in an 8mm and 25 mm sizes.

Scales:	N	НО	S	0	G
8mm	✓	✓	✓	×	×
25mm	×	✓	✓	✓	✓

- All RFID tags are put in the TrainTraxx database, allowing for easy association with railcars and locomotives.
- The Readers can come in various form factors depending upon the scale.
- The WiFi Modules and Raspberry Pi's have SW pre-configured; no end user configuration is required.
- TrainTraxx application is part of a hosted environment that can be accessed from any location from any internet enabled device; automatic updates with no user intervention. JMRI is a one button update.
- Once customer purchases TrainTraxx hardware, a Username and Password is sent to gain access to the operational SW. The user will sign in from the TrainTraxx website.



## Installing the Gateway

- Connect Raspberry Pi to your existing home router as shown in the picture.
- It is important that the Raspberry
  Pi is operational before powering
  up the readers

**NOTE:** Raspberry Pi has been pre-configured with the WiFi/Reader modules.

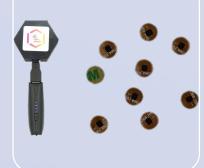


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## Ways to Scan Tags with TrainTraxx









#### Computer

The RF reader and WiFi module are shipped connected by a 7 wire interface cable.

Adding a USB to Micro-USB cable, to the WiFi module and connecting it to the computer, allows TrainTraxx member to view & assign real-time the tag to the railcar or locomotive.

#### **Battery**

This example shows the WiFi module and reader using battery for power.

The battery is an option if you do not want to connect to a computer.

#### Wand

The wand is used to scan individual tags using an integrated WiFi module and RF reader.

Using an attachable battery as the power source, tag scanning can be very quick and easy.

#### Layout

When the WiFi module along with the reader are installed on the layout and as the tag is placed on the railcar or locomotive, it can be used for tag-railcar association.

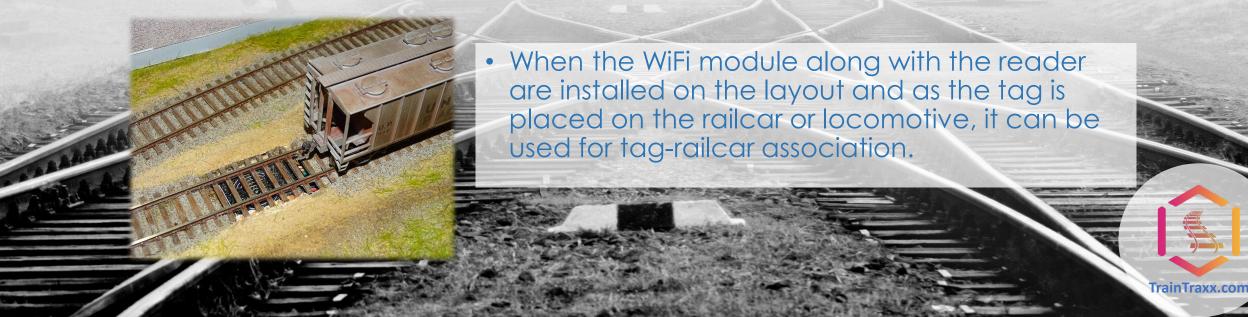


### Using 8 & 25mm Tags

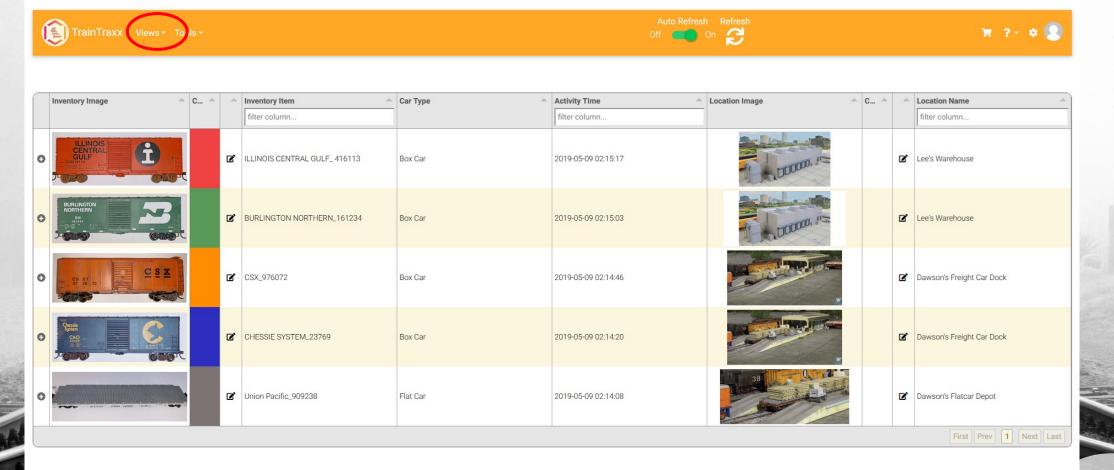


Un-peel the protective paper from the tag and place the tag on the Car/Locomotive over the trucks screw cylinder or the lowest point of the car/engine body.

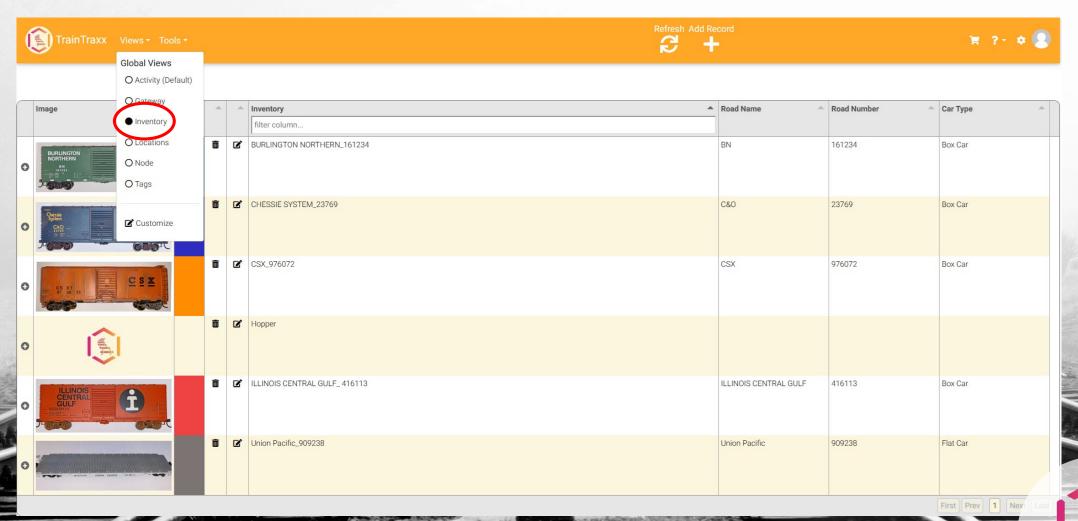




## Web View - Activity



## Web View - Inventory

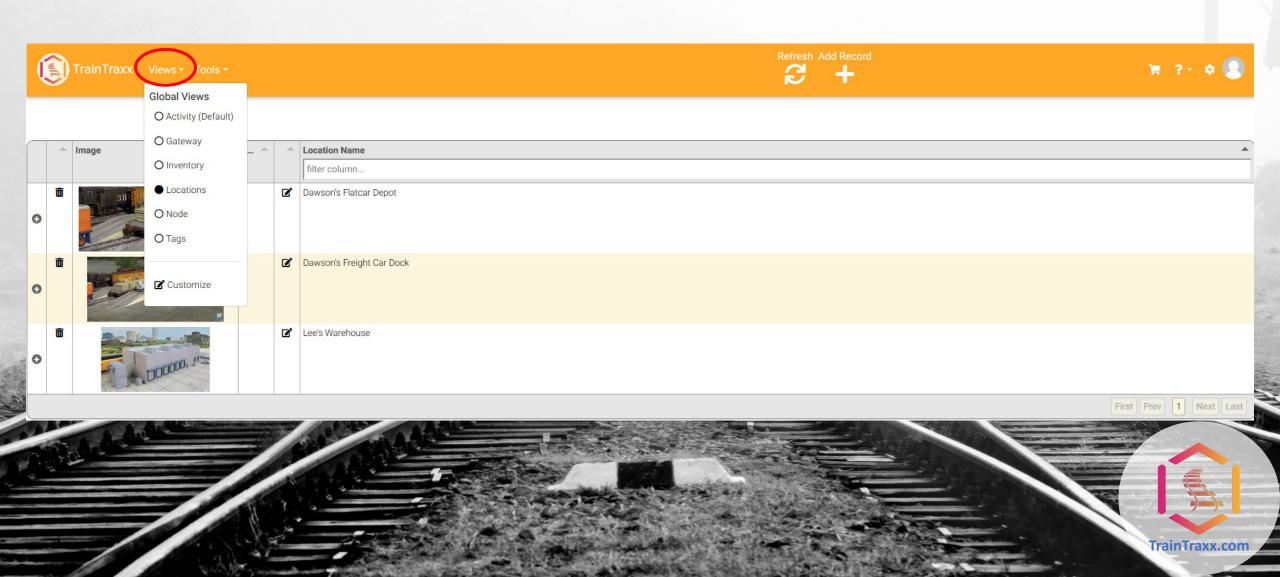


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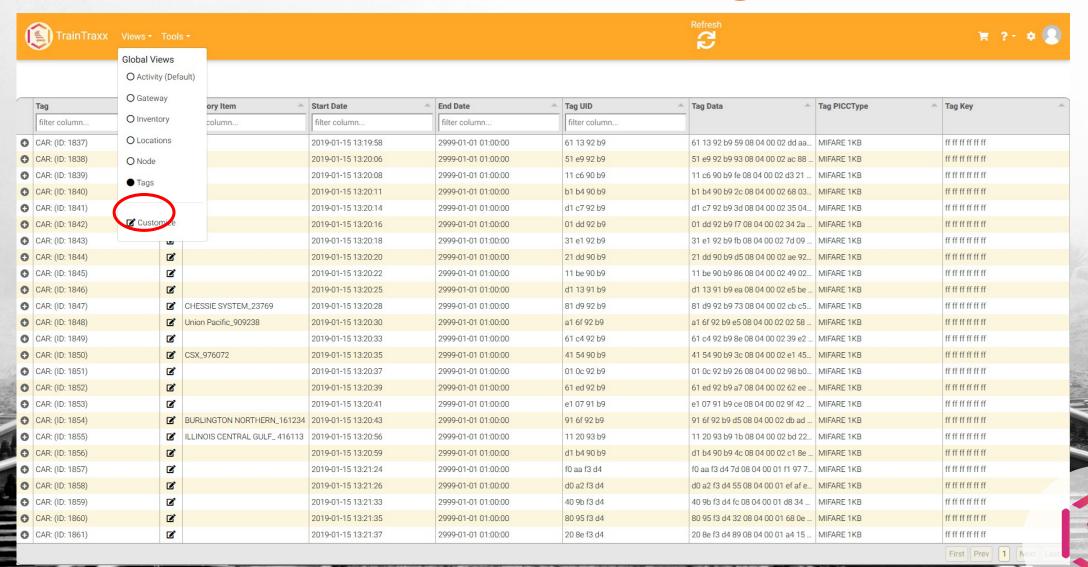


#### Web View - Location

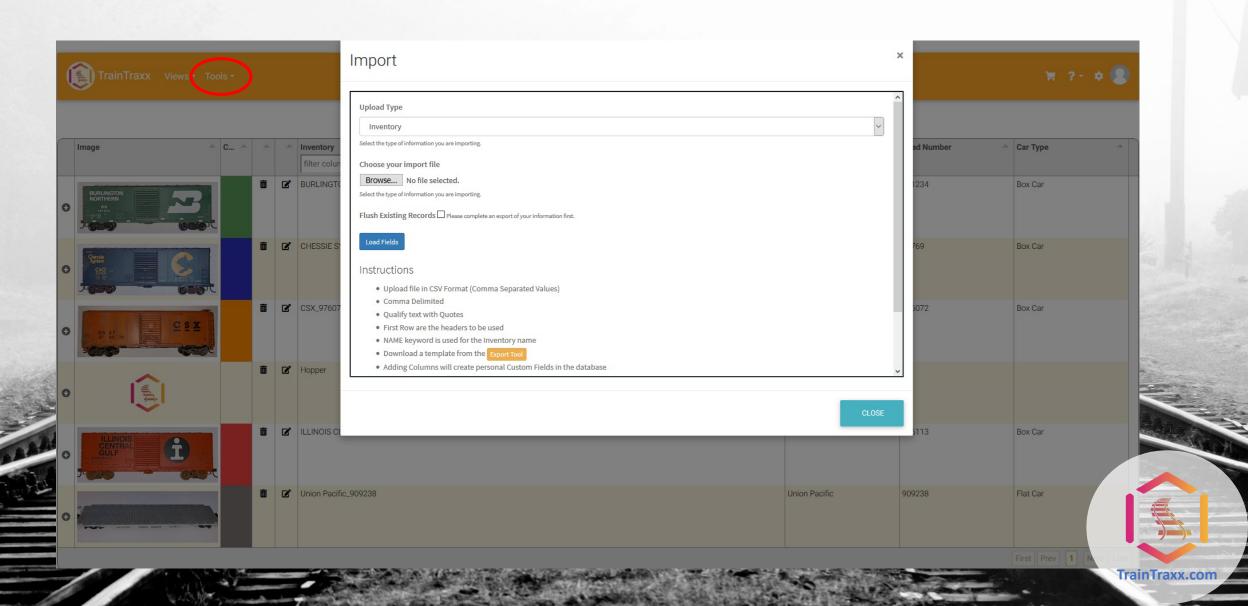




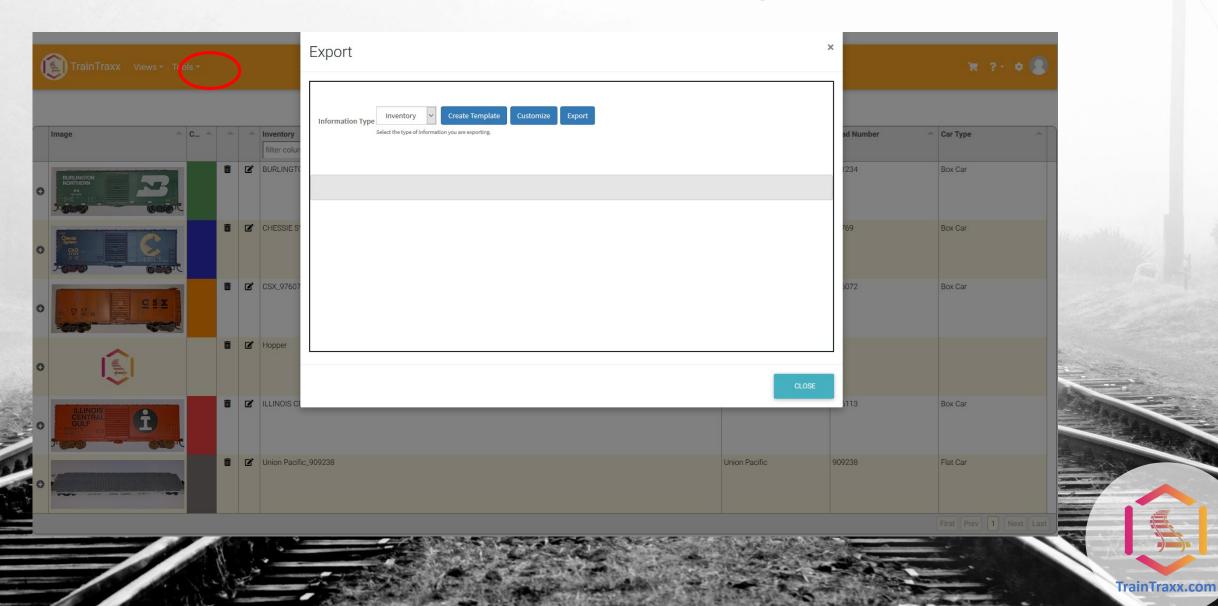
#### Web View - Tags



### Web View - Import



### Web View - Export





## JMRI Integration

#### TrainTraxx

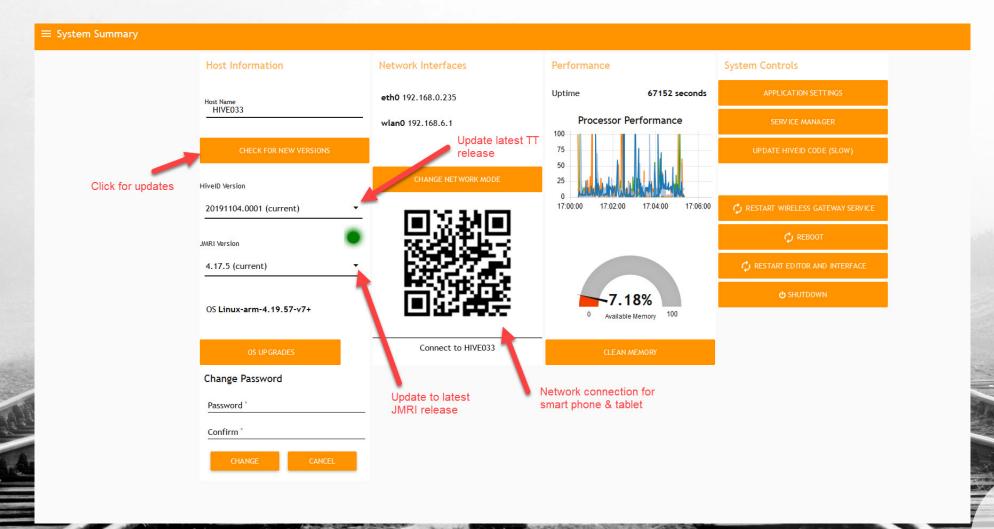
- TrainTraxx utilizes standard programmable modules that communicate over HTTP using REST standards that transmit JSON.
- Modules can be adapted to point to a custom HTTP services.
- TrainTraxx.com and Hive-ID.com services are accessible over HTTPS. However, an API Key for authentication is required.

#### **JMRI**

- TrainTraxx and Hive-ID sponsored a substantial expansion of the current REST interfaces in JMRI. The new TrainTraxx to JMRI capabilities are currently available in their test release 4.17.5 and will be available in the next production release.
- TrainTraxx to JMRI capabilities will include:
  - Real-time updates of Sensors, Reports and Car/Engine Locations
  - Inventory, Location and Tags Importing and Updating from TrainTraxx.com Inventory Management
  - System Summary, Local Activity, Node Manager and JMRI Operation Links

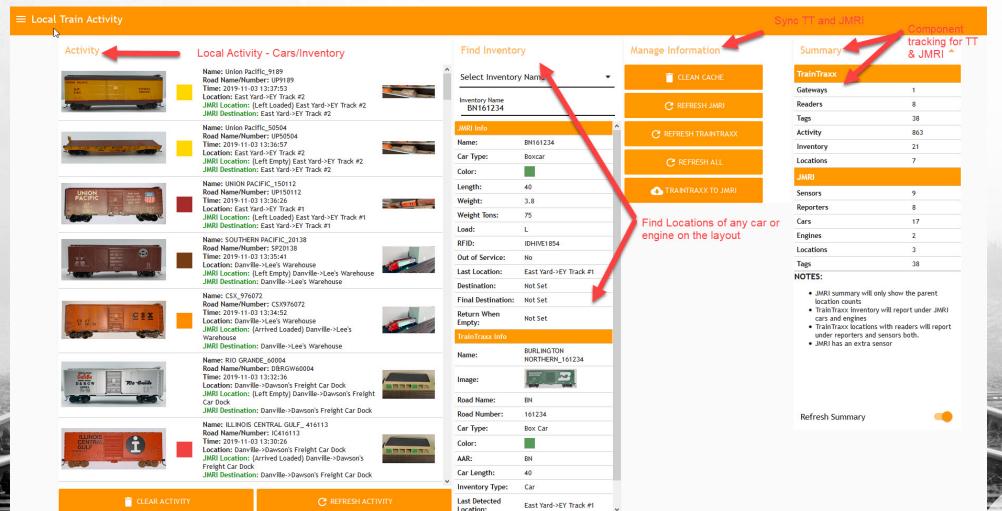


## System Summary of Local Interface

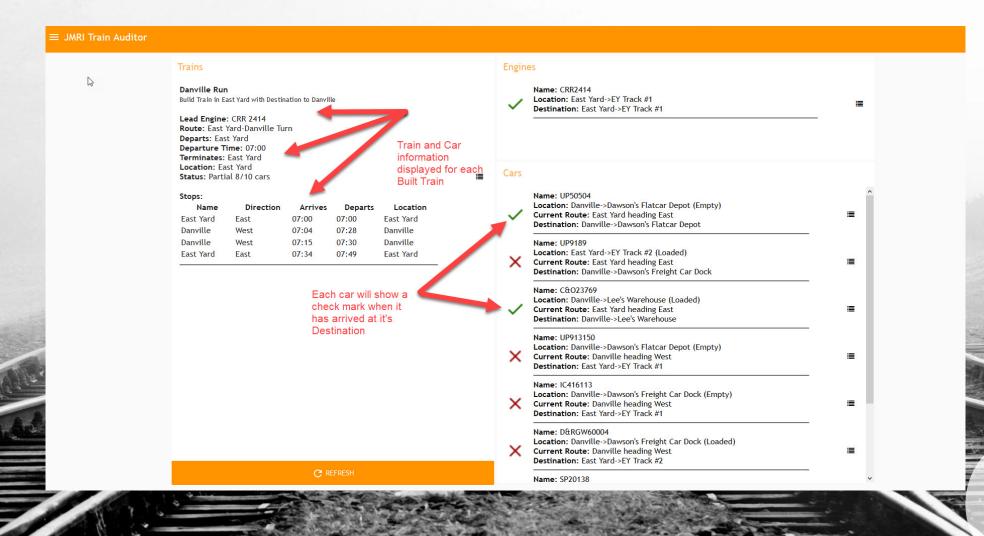


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# Local Train Activity on HivelD Gateway



#### JMRI Train Auditor



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#### Operation Links

JMRI Operations Links

Trains

Name

Details

Status

Manifest

Conductor

Danville Run

Engine CRR 2414 From

Build Train in East Yard with Destination to Danville

East Yard at 07:00

Train reset

Display smart phone or Tablet over QR scan and import manifest





Danville Run (Build To in East Yard with De Manifest lid 11/04/2019 00:04 Scheduled work at East Yard, departure time 07:00 • Pick up CRR 2414 RS27 from EY Track #1 • Pull UP 9189 Boxcar 40 Yellow L from EY Track #2 • Pull C&O 23769 Boxcar 40 #2d2dbf L from EY Track #2 arrived Train departs East Yard Eastbound with 3 cars, 194 feet, 307 tons • ■ Spot C&O 23769 Boxcar 40 #2d2dbf L to Lee's Warehouse arrived Pull IC 416113 Boxcar 40 #ef4242 E from Dawson's Freight Car Dock Pull D&RGW 60004 Boxcar 40 Silver L from Dawson's Freight Car Dock Pull SP 20138 Boxcar 40 #773c13 L from Lee's Warehouse Pull CSX 976072 Boxcar 40 Orange E from Lee's Warehouse

### Node Information (WiFi/Reader)

