

MAKE DB FAST AGAIN - TAKING TRAINS ON TIME TO A PG CONFERENCE

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So you want to go to a conference?



Plane?



Car?



Train!



I like trains



What are trains?

Trains carry hundreds of people at speed between train

Stations trains are sometimes broken

Train staff is in short supply



What are train stations?

Train stations are infrastructure that allows you to interact with

Trains train stations are always under construction or being

Renovated get your overpriced food and drinks here



How to get from your home to a conference?

- Get to a train station A near home
- Board a train

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- Arrive at train station Z near conference



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Connections

Most likely there is no direct connection from A to Z

You'll need to switch to different trains at intermediary train stations...



Switching trains

Train 1 arrives at time t

Train 2 leaves at time $t+x$



Missing your train

If x is too small, you will miss train 2

If train 1 arrives late ($t+l$), you will miss train 2

Sometimes train 2 might wait for train 1 — ask conductor on train 1 about this



Not missing your train

Have as few step-overs as possible

Make sure x is large enough

(at least 10 minutes)

Your connecting train might be late as well (:



Choosing train stations

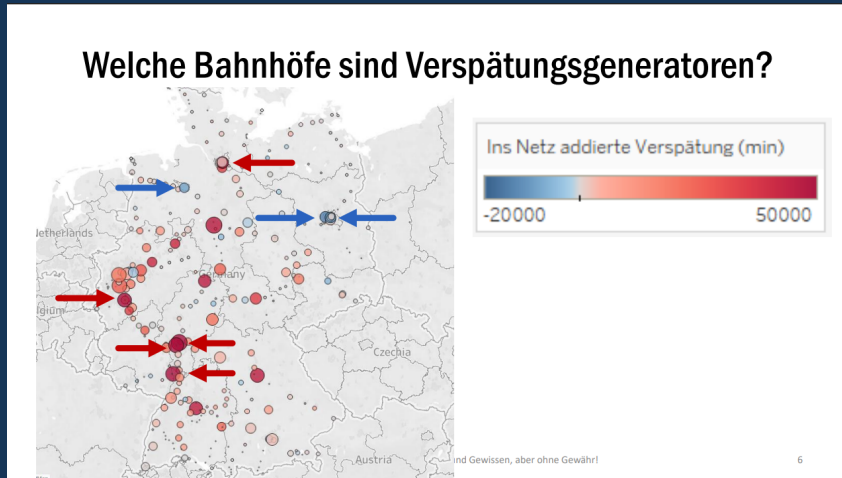


Figure 1: image source:

https://www.dkriesel.com/_media/blog/2019/bahnmining-36c3.pdf



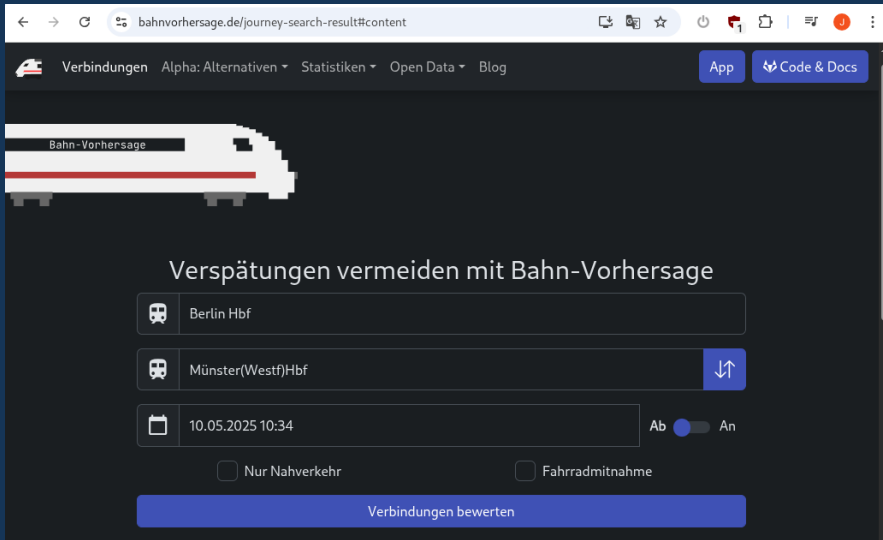
Helpful websites

bahn.expert

bahnvorhersage.de



Choosing better routes



The screenshot shows the 'Bahn-Vorhersage' website in a web browser. The URL is bahnvorhersage.de/journey-search-result#content. The page has a dark theme with a white train icon in the top left. The navigation bar includes links for 'Verbindungen', 'Alpha: Alternativen', 'Statistiken', 'Open Data', and 'Blog'. There are buttons for 'App' and 'Code & Docs'. A large white train graphic is on the left. The main heading is 'Verspätungen vermeiden mit Bahn-Vorhersage'. Below it are three input fields: 'Berlin Hbf', 'Münster(Westf)Hbf', and '10.05.2025 10:34'. There is a blue button with a double arrow icon next to the destination field. To the right of the date field is a toggle switch labeled 'Ab' and 'An'. Below these are two checkboxes: 'Nur Nahverkehr' and 'Fahrradmitnahme'. At the bottom is a large blue button labeled 'Verbindungen bewerten'.

Verbindungen Alpha: Alternativen Statistiken Open Data Blog App Code & Docs

Bahn-Vorhersage

Verspätungen vermeiden mit Bahn-Vorhersage

Berlin Hbf

Münster(Westf)Hbf

10.05.2025 10:34

Ab An

☐ Nur Nahverkehr ☐ Fahrradmitnahme

Verbindungen bewerten

Figure 2: image source: <https://bahnvorhersage.de>



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The screenshot shows the 'Verbindungen' (Connections) page on the bahnvorhersage.de website. The page lists four train routes with their respective times, transfers, and prices. Each route is represented by a card with a green percentage indicator, a blue price button, and a blue 'Merken' (Bookmark) button.

Route	Time	Transfers	Percentage	Price	Buttons
ICE - RB	10:46 - 14:50	4h 4min 1 Umst.	81%	136.20€	Merken
ICE - WFB - RE	11:06 - 15:22	4h 16min 2 Umst.	79%	91.99€	Merken
ICE - RE	11:46 - 15:27	3h 41min 1 Umst.	93%	81.99€	Merken
IC - ICE	12:06 - 16:00	3h 54min 1 Umst.	100%	99.99€	Merken

Figure 3: image source: <https://bahnvorhersage.de>



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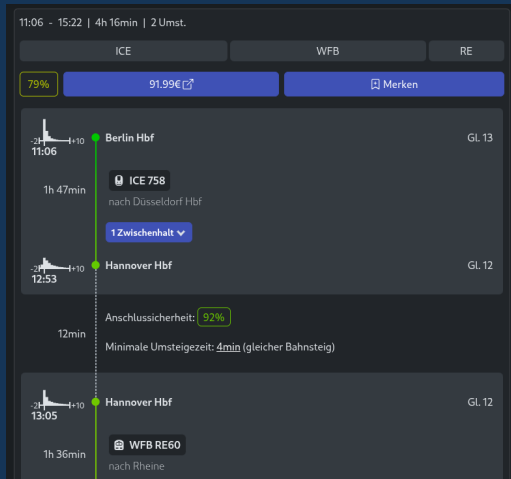


Figure 4: image source: <https://bahnvorhersage.de>



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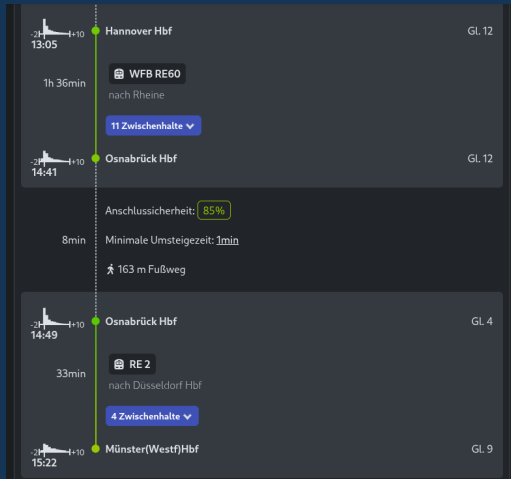


Figure 5: image source: <https://bahnvorhersage.de>



Humorous talks

There is by now a history of statistically analyzing historical data for delays and such at the yearly C3...

https://media.ccc.de/v/36c3-10652-bahnmining_-_punktlichkeit_ist_eine_zier

<https://media.ccc.de/v/38c3-wann-klappt-der-anschluss-wann-nicht-und-wie-sagt-man-chaos-vorher>



Make sure you have the right ticket



I am not a lawyer

I don't work for DB

Do your own research

Terms and Conditions apply



Event ticket

Travel

Travel to Berlin

by train

Plan your
journey!



Take advantage of our special [Deutsche Bahn Event Ticket](#)! Travel from any DB station in Germany to our event at a fixed price, making your journey convenient and cost-effective.

Most long-distance trains to Berlin either stop at [Berlin Ostkreuz](#) or at [Berlin Main Train Station \(Hauptbahnhof\)](#). From there follow the instructions below.

Figure 6: image source: <https://2025.pgconf.de/venue/>



(super-) sparpreis

These tickets are bound to specific trains

If you are not on time for your train, it's your fault (buy a ticket for the whole trip, not individual legs)

If one leg of your ticket is not on time and you miss your connecting train, you can take any other train (equivalent to your booked journey): "Zugbindung aufgehoben"



Take any train on the day of travel between start and destination



Getting your money back

If you bought (super-) sparpreis and you reach your destination more than 60 minutes late, you can get 50% of your fare back

100% back after 120 minutes



What conferences to go to next?

PGDay Austria in Vienna 2025-09-04

PGDay Lowlands 2025-09-12

PGDay Napoli 2025-09-25



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