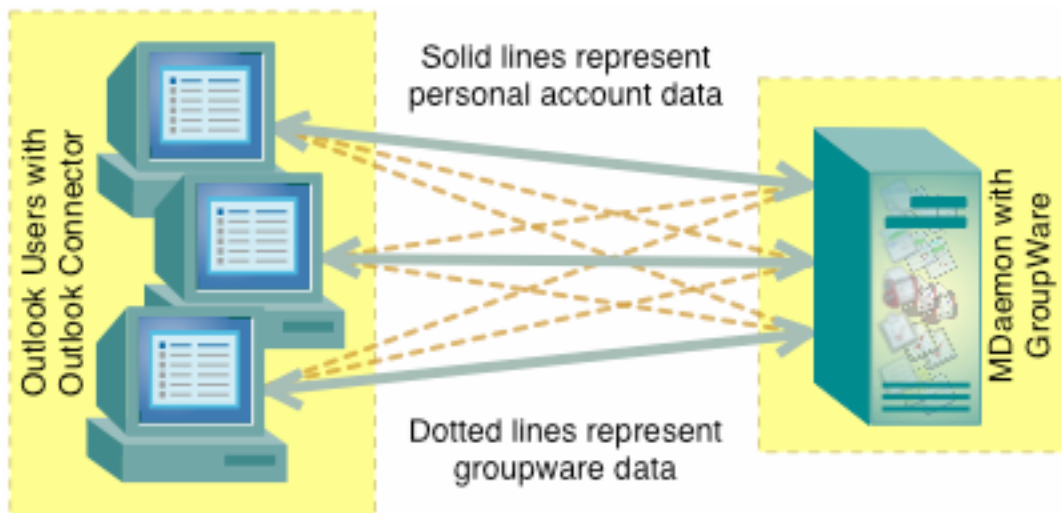


Outlook Connector 2 for MDAemon

When it comes to group sharing, a common complaint against Microsoft Outlook is its proprietary relationship to Microsoft Exchange Server. While Outlook is widely used for its groupware capabilities, some users say Outlook reaches its full potential only when coupled with Exchange Server. Yet, Exchange is costly to own and complex to operate.

Outlook Connector from Alt-N Technologies connects users in real-time to the collaborative functions of Microsoft Outlook, using MDAemon for its groupware functions. Alt-N developed Outlook Connector to provide affordable and secure group sharing for mid-size to small applications.

Enterprises deploying Outlook Connector also benefit from the economy, completeness, simplicity and security of the MDAemon email server.



Sharing Outlook content through MDAemon's groupware functions

The Benefits of Groupware

Both common experience and common sense prove the value of shared content through group software. Groupware helps people cooperate and work together through:

- Real-time collaboration on projects.
- Shared contents, contacts and email messages.
- Joint scheduling of meetings.
- Centralized historical records and documents.

Cost and Quality of Legacy Groupware

In the past, group sharing software could be expensive to purchase, install, maintain and operate. Enterprise groupware software often required premium-performance hardware and usually demanded specialized professionals for installation and support.

While several companies have offered workgroup products, Microsoft Outlook with Exchange Server has been

the most widely-marketed as well as among the most expensive to license and operate.

Outlook, Exchange and MDAemon

A major issue with Outlook and Exchange is their proprietary method of information interchange. As a mostly-closed system, Outlook-to-Exchange can hamper group sharing with those people and organizations who use industry-standard tools. Also, Exchange comes with extreme overhead requirements for licensing, hardware, operating system support and personnel training.

To facilitate economical and open communications, many enterprises are opting for standardized and easier-to-use groupware solutions, such as MDAemon. MDAemon is a standards-compliant IMAP server with built-in groupware functions. MDAemon is becoming an attractive platform for groupware applications.

MDaemon is also an industry leader in ease-of-use and security. MDAemon's default settings create an easy entry point for beginners, while its many configuration options provide fine-tuning controls for professionals.

Outlook Connector Concepts

Outlook Connector for MDAemon connects the group sharing capabilities of Outlook to the groupware functions of MDAemon. This plug-in for Outlook enables the sharing of calendars, messages, contacts, tasks, notes and other items, using MDAemon for its groupware functions.

The connector installs and configures easily on both MDAemon and Outlook. It is both stable and speedy. It also supports multiple Outlook Connector accounts within one Outlook profile.

Outlook Connector for MDAemon is the new name for GroupWare for MDAemon, the previous plug-in product for connecting Outlook to MDAemon. While the two products—GroupWare for MDAemon and Outlook Connector—serve the same basic purposes, the new name more accurately describes the plug-in's role.

Outlook Connector and MDAemon GroupWare

Along with the Outlook Connector name change, the term *groupware* now refers to the groupware functions of MDAemon. Groupware capability is built-in to the email server. This groupware functionality is currently accessible through both MDAemon's WorldClient web-mail server and Outlook Connector.

Outlook Connector enables Outlook to use MDAemon as a groupware alternative to Microsoft Exchange.

At the same time, both Outlook Connector and the MDAemon groupware functions are easy to set up and use. Like the rest of MDAemon, it relieves computer support personnel from the complex maintenance requirements of older groupware systems, such as Exchange.

Improvements in Outlook Connector 2

Outlook Connector 2 offers improvements over its predecessor in convenience, speed and stability. For convenience, you can more easily control permissions for email folders. Also, all incoming messages can now be placed in the Outlook Inbox. For stability, Outlook Connector replaces the troublesome PST files with fast and reliable local data storage. For speed and stability, Outlook Connector uses MAPI Service Provider technology for more direct integration with Outlook.

How Outlook Connector Works

Outlook Connector shares data through IMAP public folders and the Outlook Connector Exchange Client Extension. The extension translates between the IMAP protocol on the MDAemon server and the MAPI protocol in Outlook.

On the server there is one IMAP folder for each type of Outlook content such as email and calendar. Through Outlook, each account holder assigns folder-sharing permissions to other users.

Outlook Connector for MDAemon Features Digest

Outlook Connector Server-side Options

- Enable Outlook sharing for all or selected users
- Share email addresses among Outlook Connector users for one or all domains
- Automatically keep contact folders up to date when adding, changing and deleting users
- Allow or restrict cross-domain sharing among domains on the server

- Automatically create basic Outlook Connector shared folders for all authorized users

Outlook Connector Plug-in Features

- Create multiple accounts for any Outlook profile
- Share inbox, calendar, contacts, task lists, notes and user-specified Outlook folders
- Set sharing permissions by user

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