

Open-Xchange Server 6 Minor Release v6.20.7

Feature Overview

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1. About this Release

This release covers a number of user interface and backend improvements.

The main improvements are:

- CalDAV access via Thunderbird/Lightning
- Displaying Appointment Creator information
- Displaying Group Tasks
- Whitelist Check of Recipient Domains by Mail filter Forward

In addition we have included new and improved versions of the different Oxtender's.

2. OX 6 – User Interface Features, Plug-In's, etc.

2.1. CalDAV access via Thunderbird/Lightning

With release 6.20.7, Open-Xchange now provides official support for CalDAV access via Thunderbird/Lightning. With this new functionality, it is possible to synchronize of all private, public and shared calendars to the personal Thunderbird/Lightning client.

In contrast to some other clients, Thunderbird/Lightning is not able to discover all the available calendar collections automatically. Instead, each calendar folder needs to be added separately in the client. To do so, one needs to know the CalDAV URLs of the calendar folder that should be synchronized with the client. This URL is displayed in the properties-page in the Groupware web-interface for each folder.

This article describes how the Open-Xchange server can be accessed via its CalDAV interface using the Mozilla Thunderbird client with the Lightning Add-on: <http://oxpedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=SetUpThunderbirdLightningCalDAVClient>

2.1.1. Prerequisites

Please ensure that the following preconditions are met before continuing:

- The server has to be configured to support CalDAV / CardDAV as described in `Caldav_carddav_Bundles` in order for this work
- The latest versions of the Mozilla Thunderbird E-Mail client and the Lightning Add-on are installed.
(check <https://addons.mozilla.org/thunderbird/addon/lightning/> and <http://www.mozilla.org/thunderbird/> for details)
- An E-Mail account for the user's Open-Xchange mailbox needs to be setup in the Mozilla Thunderbird client before configuring CalDAV access.

2.1.2. Limitations

Please consider the following limitations when synchronizing your calendar folders via Thunderbird/Lightning:

- While the iCalendar standard allows appointment reminders to be set after an appointment's start-date, the OX server is not able to save such alarm times and discards them.
- Multiple reminders of an event are not supported by the OX server and are discarded.
- Only reminders of type "DISPLAY" are supported by the OX server, reminders of other iCal types are discarded.

- When dismissing reminders of recurring appointments in the Mozilla Lightning client, the reminder is removed from the whole recurring appointment object, since it's not possible to determine to which occurrence the dismiss action belongs to.
- Unsupported Properties:
 - The "URL" property for iCal resources is not supported by the OX server and is discarded.
 - Importing or exporting file attachments (property "ATTACH") is not supported via the CalDAV interface
 - Appointments classified as "private" are exported by the server with the "CLASS" property set to "PRIVATE"
 - ICal events with the "CLASS" property set to either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PRIVATE" are treated in the same way by the server and are imported as "private" appointments
 - Since the server does not support "private" appointments with participants, saving such an appointment results in the participants being removed implicitly during import.

2.2. Displaying Appointment Creator information

Additional improvements to invitation management at Open-Xchange provide for additional enhancements with 6.20.7. Users can now see which participant is the creator of the appointment at different places in the user interface dialog. For example:

- When viewing the participant list for an appointment the "Organizer" will be displayed instead of the current confirmation status. The color of the "Organizer" provides the confirmation status.
- At the appointment information hover in the calendar module, the status of the "Organizer" is also displayed in the participation list
- At the appointment information hover on the start page calendar widget, the status of the "Organizer" is also displayed in the participation list

2.3. Displaying Group Tasks

A further improvement to 6.20.7 is the new group task icon in the task list. If a task has more than one participant this will be displayed in the task list with the use of the group icon from the calendar module. This enables users to see quickly and easily if other users are involved in completing a task.

3. OX6 - Administration, Technical Extensions, Plug-In's, etc.

3.1. Whitelist Check of Recipient Domains by Mail filter Forward

With 6.20.7 Open-Xchange provides a new mail filter improvement for additional security. With the functionality it is not possible to forward mails to external recipient domains which are not added to a whitelist.