



What is Xmail?

Since Clemson's Staff use Outlook to manage email, calendar, contacts & tasks; CCIT uses a sever called Microsoft Exchange.

All of our email, calendar items, contact & tasks actually live on this server. The great thing is that we can access all the same information with only a browser.

If you go to Clemson's Faculty & Staff webpage, you will see a link called Xmail.

This takes you to Microsoft's Outlook Web Application also known as OWA. This is the window to all of your content living on the Exchange Server.



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The default view of our email with the new server is to group our email by conversation.

Notice a little triangle beside of some of my emails.

As we get emails then, reply, then forward, the receive again, then reply. Sometimes it's hard to find all the emails associated with that one conversation.

Xmail will group these emails together to make it easier to catch up on the conversation.

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If you click the little arrow, you can view all the emails associated with THAT conversation.

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If this is something that you aren't comfortable with... I suggest slowing down and leaving it on for awhile to expand your comfort zone. It's truly nice not having to search for all email threads that are all a part of the same conversation.

If you decide you don't like it, you can turn it off my clicking View on the menu bar at the top and clicking Use Conversations to remove the check mark on the right.

This will list the emails in the order they were received or however you choose to sort them if you choose to do so.



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You can view your contacts by clicking the little business card at the bottom left corner of the window. You can view all the contacts at the same time, only the individuals or only the groups or distribution list. But what I like to do is just search for who I want.

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Searching is easy!

Click in the Search Contact box at the top and type who you are looking for then click the little magnifying glass. Check out my search results. It found Donnie, Don, Donna: any variation of the word Don.

It also found something called Sonshine Learning Center

The great thing about using this search box is that it even searches the notes section of the contact.

All I have to remember is SOMETHING about the person I'm looking for ⁽²⁾ Keep in mind this works on all items in Xmail. Not just contacts.

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Lets take a look at the Calendars in Xmail.

If you have calendars that are already shared with you, they will show up on the left.

To view that particular calendar, simply click the box to put a check next to it.

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This isn't new with Exchange 2010 but when worth talking about. I want to walk through the steps of creating a meeting request. First click the New Button on the top left. This creates an appointment. But I want to invite someone so I'm going to click the little envelop on the top.

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Now it looks more like an email. Fill out your info: Who you are inviting, subject, location, date, time, show time as: & notes.

But the tricky part is finding out if she is busy or not....





Click the Scheduling Assistant tab at the top. This where I can see how her time is marked on her calendar. Each appointment can either be marked as busy, which is blue, free, which doesn't show up here, blue line which is something that is tentative or dark purple, which means she is out of the office.

I can tell that her next appointment is at 1:00 so shoe shopping from 12 - 1might be cutting it close for her. However if I look at the suggested times on the right, I can see that we are both free at 11 & 11:30.

This allows me to make better decisions when doing a meeting request and may prevent a dozen emails going back and forth while trying to find a time for everyone.

To return to the normal view – I would simply click the Appointment tab or once I'm finished, click send.

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When navigating in Xmail you may want to customize your experience or change your default settings to help you managing your outlook items better. I want to talk about a few options that I think are super important when managing your email through Xmail. While looking at your email, contacts or calendar you will see an options button on the top right.

This is where you can set Automatic Replies if you are going to be away from the office, Change your password, create a rule to have messages

forwarded to folders if you like, even change the look and feel of your Xmail by selecting a Theme. I'm going to select See All Options...

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If you click on setting on the left, you will see a series of different options you can change at the top. The first is Mail. This is where you can change your email options. I recommend adding an E-Mail Signature to be automatically placed at the bottom of each email you send.

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If you click on setting on the left, you will see a series of different options you can change at the top. By clicking on Spelling at the top, you will see the Always check spelling before sending option – TURN THIS ONE ON! - Don't forget to Save.





If you click on setting on the left, you will see a series of different options you can change at the top. By clicking on Calendar you can change the way your work week shows up and your default working hours, default reminders, or how Outlook automatically adds meeting invitation to your calendar but marks them as tentative until you accept or decline. Options is a great place to hang out to review all the different ways you can change your Xmail experience.

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Echo 360 Lunch N Learn

The Learning Technologies Group in partnership with Echo360 invites you to a "Lunch and Learn" on the benefits of lecture capture with Echo360. Clemson Faculty will show us how they use lecture capture to enhance their on campus and distance education courses. An Echo360 representative will provide an overview of the Echo360, and the benefits for faculty and students. A brief demo will also be provided.

What: Lunch and Learn: The Benefits of Lecture Capture

Lunch will be provided by Echo360. When: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Where: Student Senate Chambers Who Should Attend: Faculty and Staff that would like to learn about Echo360 Capture as well as existing users who are interested in hearing about new features.



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Click below to register: http://www.clemson.edu/OTEI/eventre g/

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Webinar - Featuring Peter Senge on Change and Learning

In this gripping discussion, Peter Senge illuminates the crucial role of learning in any successful organizational change effort and helps us understand ways to get beyond frustrating barriers to learning. He underscores the importance of focusing on the human dimension in the workplace and the remarkable capacity of inspired people to work together in service of a larger goal. Perhaps most important, he dispels the illusion that leaders can spearhead organizational change without being ready to change themselves.

Course Length: 1 hour total **Instructor:** Kathy Snizaski

This course is restricted to members of the following groups: All Employees; All Students



