

Quick Start Guide

Microsoft Outlook 2013 looks different from previous versions, so we created this guide to help you minimize the learning curve.

Make it yours

Customize Outlook. Choose different color schemes and different backgrounds, and synchronize them with your other computers.

Search

You can search a folder, subfolders, even other mailboxes.

Manage message tasks in the Message List

Categorize, Flag, or Delete messages right where they live—in the Message List.

Backstage view

Click the **File** tab to open the Backstage view, where you add account and change settings.

Reply from the reading pane

Reply and Forward right from the reading pane. Write a reply in the reading pane, too.

Peek

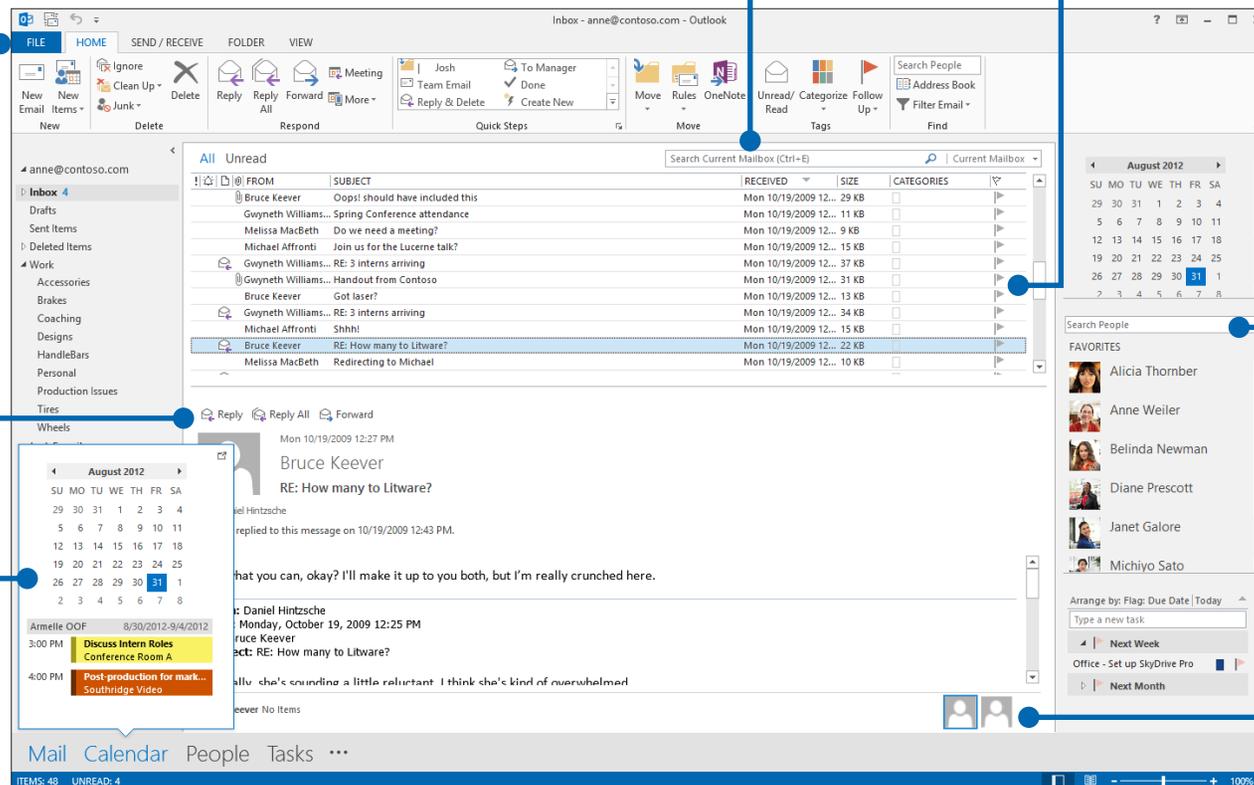
See a quick view of your Calendar, People, and Tasks. Even see upcoming appointments.

Do more in the To-Do Bar

The To-Do Bar displays the date navigator, your appointments, people, and your task list.

People pane

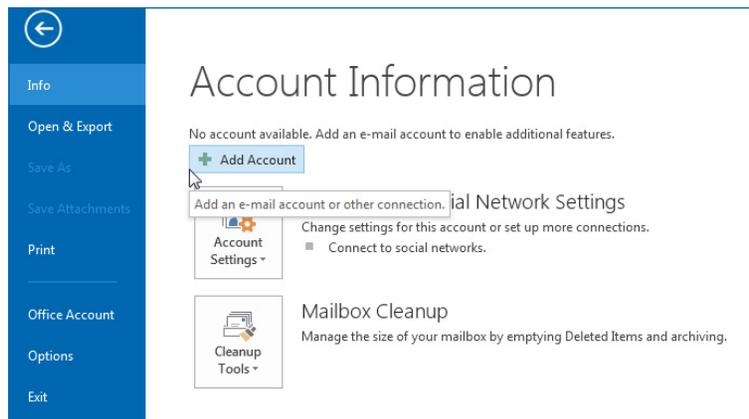
See details about everyone in the **To**, **From**, or **Cc** lines for each message.



First things first: Add your account

Before you can send or receive messages, you have to connect your email account. If your company uses Microsoft Exchange, Outlook 2013 will attempt to set up your email account for you.

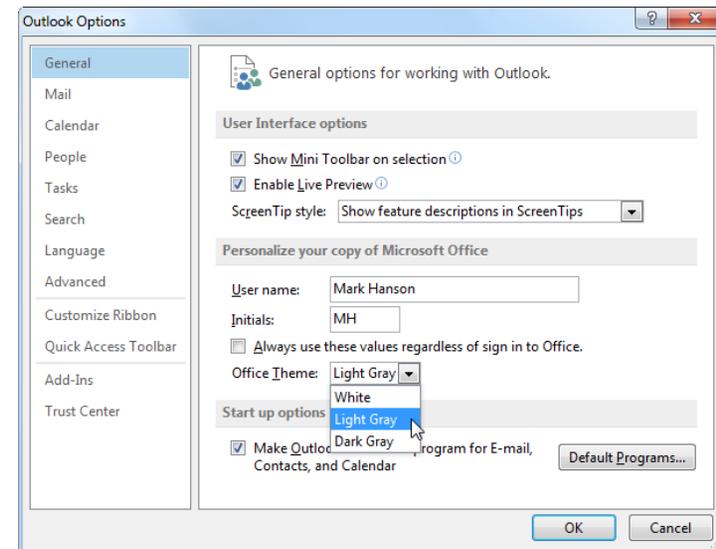
If you use Internet-based email (such as Hotmail, Gmail, or Yahoo!), enter your name, email address, and password to set up your account.



Change the Office Theme

We've redesigned Office 2013 to provide a clean, uncluttered experience — like a blank piece of paper. If you want to see the different areas of Outlook more distinctly, you can change the Office Theme.

Use your **File > Office Account** settings to change the Office 2013 color scheme for all of your computers, or use the **Outlook Options** to change the color scheme on just this computer. You can choose from **White**, **Light Gray**, or **Dark Gray**.



Things you might be looking for

Use the list below to find some of the more common tools and commands in Outlook 2013.

To...	Click...	And then look in the...
Apply stationery or backgrounds to a message	File	Click File > Options > Mail > Stationery and Fonts . On the Personal Stationery tab, click Theme .
Send automatic replies when you're out of the office	File	Under Account Information , click Automatic Replies > Send automatic replies , and then choose your options (this feature requires a Microsoft Exchange Server account).
Insert a picture or clip art	Insert	From a new mail message, click Illustrations , and then click one of the following: Pictures , Online Picture , Shapes , Smart Art , Chart , or Screenshot .
Manage email messages by assigning rules	Home	In Mail view, click Move > Rules .
Insert a symbol or special character	Insert	From a new mail message, click Symbols > Symbol .
Add holidays to your calendar	File	Click Options > Calendar . Under Calendar options , click Add Holidays .
Share a calendar	Home	From the Calendar view, in the Share group, click E-mail Calendar > Share Calendar (this feature requires a Microsoft Exchange Server account), or Publish Online .

Mail isn't the half of it

Communication is important, but your time is important, too. Outlook 2013 has updated how you manage your time, your people, and your tasks.

Schedule a Lync Meeting

Meet face-to-face or save yourself a trip by meeting online with Lync 2013.

Plan for the weather

Glance at the forecast for your city and up to four others. When you plan an out-of-town meeting, you'll know what to pack.

View other people's calendars

Quickly see the best times to schedule a meeting with others.

Peek

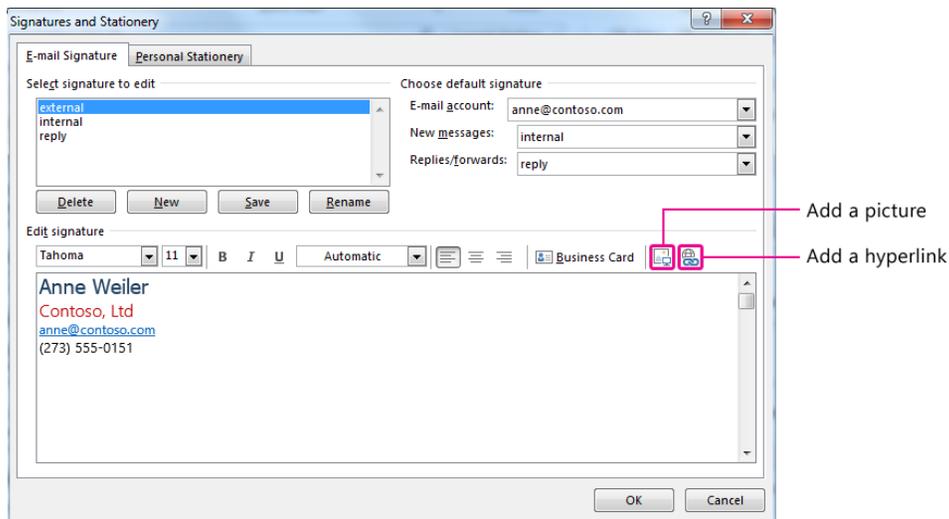
Mouse over a meeting or an appointment to see its details.

The screenshot displays the Outlook 2013 calendar interface. The ribbon at the top includes 'FILE', 'HOME', 'SEND / RECEIVE', 'FOLDER', and 'VIEW' tabs. The 'VIEW' tab is active, showing options for 'Day', 'Work Week', 'Week', 'Month', and 'Schedule'. The calendar grid shows appointments for 'Team building event', 'Management Meeting', 'Lunch with interns', and 'Discuss Intern Roles'. A 'Lunch with interns' appointment is highlighted, and a 'Peek' tooltip is displayed over it, showing details like 'Start: 8/29/2012 12:00 PM', 'End: 8/29/2012 2:30 PM', and 'Location: Coho Winery'. The left sidebar shows 'My Calendars' and 'Shared Calendars'.

Create an email signature

To create a new email signature, do the following:

1. Click **File > Options > Mail**. Under **Compose messages**, click **Signatures**.
2. In the **E-mail Signature** tab, click **New**, and then type a name for the signature.
3. In the **Edit signature** box, type the text that you want to include in the signature, then use the built-in tools to format it.



If you've already created a signature, you can copy it from one of your sent messages and then paste it here.

Automatically add a signature to messages

To automatically add a signature to new email messages, do the following:

1. From any view, click **File > Options > Mail**. Under **Compose messages**, click **Signatures**.
2. Under **Choose default signature**, choose the signature to add to **New Messages**. If you want, choose a different signature for **Replies/forwards**.
3. To manually add a signature to a new message, from a new message, on the **Message** tab, in the **Include** group, click **Signature**, and then click the signature that you want.

