

Quick Start Guide

New to Outlook 2016? Use this guide to learn the basics.

Quick Access Toolbar

Keep favorite commands permanently visible.

Explore the ribbon

See what Outlook can do by clicking the ribbon tabs and exploring available tools.

Find whatever you need

Enter a keyword or phrase to look up Outlook commands, get Help, or search the Web.

Customize the ribbon display

Choose whether Outlook should hide ribbon commands after you use them.

Navigate your mail folders

Click a folder to display its contents. To turn this pane on or off, click View > Folder Pane.

Manage Outlook Groups

Communicate with teams and share conversations, messages, calendars, and events.

Display what you need

Ribbon commands are updated automatically depending on what part of Outlook you're looking at.

Show or hide the ribbon

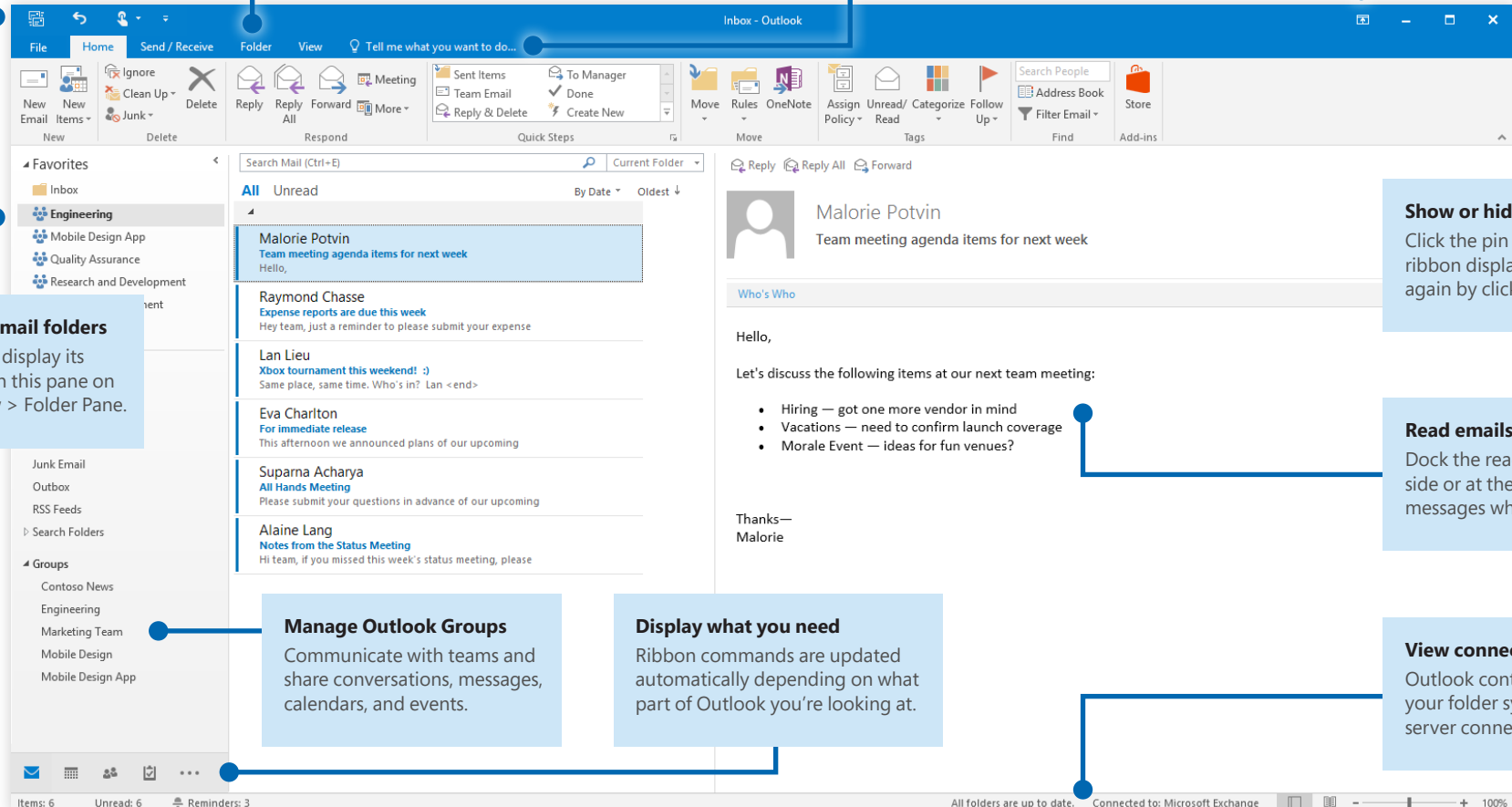
Click the pin icon to keep the ribbon displayed, or hide it again by clicking the arrow.

Read emails faster

Dock the reading pane on the side or at the bottom to view messages where you want to.

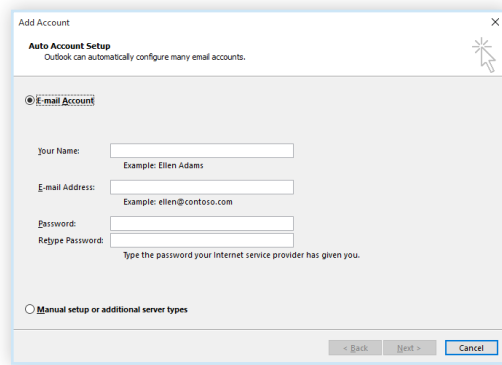
View connection status

Outlook continuously displays your folder sync status and server connection status here.



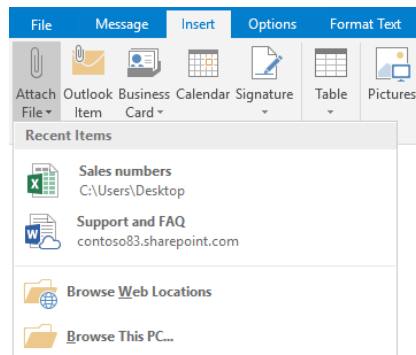
Set up your account

You can use Outlook 2016 as soon as you enter your account info. On the ribbon, click **File** > **Info** and then click the **Add Account** button. Next, sign in with your preferred email address, or use an account provided by your company or school.



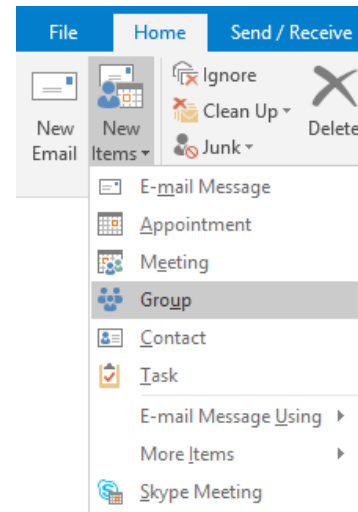
Attach files without searching

Need to attach a picture or a document? Outlook saves you time by keeping a list of your recently used files. Click the **Attach File** button while composing a new message or meeting invitation, and then select the file you want to attach.



Set up an Outlook group

If you're running Outlook as part of an eligible Office 365 subscription, you can use **Groups** instead of distribution lists to more effectively communicate and collaborate with members of a team or an organization.

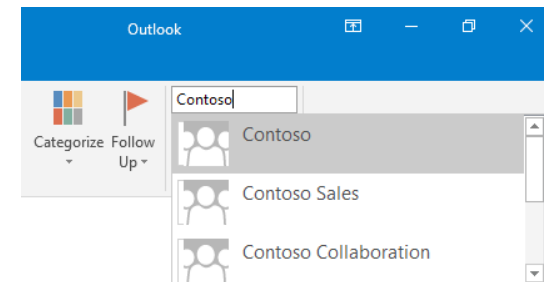


To create a new group in Outlook 2016, click the **Home** tab, and then click **New Items** > **Group**.

If you don't see this as an option on this menu, contact the administrator of your Microsoft Office 365 subscription for more information.

From the Inbox of any of your Groups, you and the other members can start or join a conversation, create or confirm team events, see a list of members, and get notifications about interactions on any of your shared posts.

To join an existing group, start by searching for its name. On the **Home** tab of the Outlook application window, enter a keyword or phrase into the **Search People** box, and then click to select the group you want to join.



Outlook is more than just email

Easily switch between Mail, Calendar, People, and more.

Easy to use Calendar tools and commands

In Calendar view, the ribbon displays everything you need to manage every day, week, month, and year.

Switch your point of view

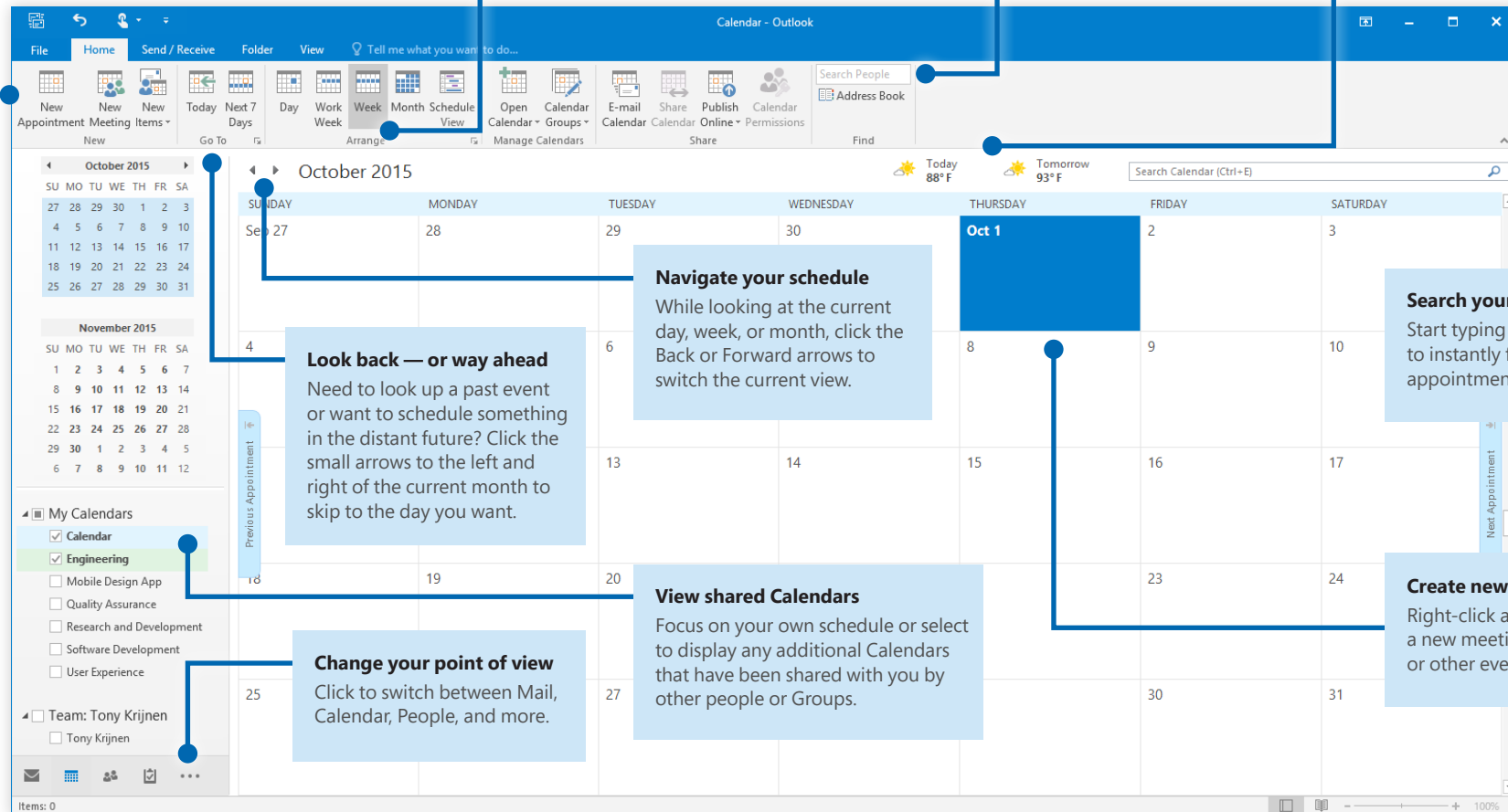
Click to see how busy your days, weeks, and months are.

Look someone up before scheduling

Type a name and search to verify someone's contact info before setting up a meeting.

Sunshine required?

Glance at the weather forecast to make sure your meeting or event won't be rained out.



The screenshot shows the Outlook 2016 Calendar interface. The ribbon at the top includes tabs for File, Home, Send / Receive, Folder, View, and a search bar. The Home tab is active, showing options for New Appointment, Meeting, and Items, along with navigation and view options like Today, Next 7 Days, Day, Work Week, Week, Month, and Schedule View. A search bar for people is also visible. The main area displays a calendar for October 2015, with a detailed view for the current week. A weather forecast for Today (88°F) and Tomorrow (93°F) is shown. The left sidebar shows 'My Calendars' with 'Calendar' and 'Engineering' selected. The bottom status bar shows 'Items: 0'.

Look back — or way ahead

Need to look up a past event or want to schedule something in the distant future? Click the small arrows to the left and right of the current month to skip to the day you want.

Navigate your schedule

While looking at the current day, week, or month, click the Back or Forward arrows to switch the current view.

Search your calendar

Start typing in the Search box to instantly find meetings and appointments.

View shared Calendars

Focus on your own schedule or select to display any additional Calendars that have been shared with you by other people or Groups.

Change your point of view

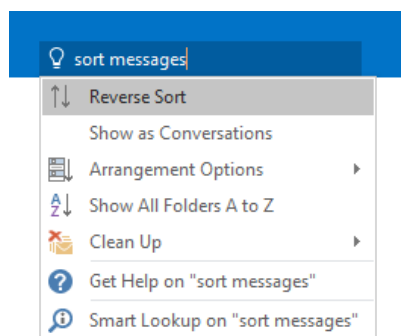
Click to switch between Mail, Calendar, People, and more.

Create new items in place

Right-click anywhere to create a new meeting, appointment, or other event.

Find whatever you need

Type a keyword or phrase into the **Tell me what you want to do** search box on the ribbon to quickly find the Outlook features and commands you're looking for, to discover **Help** content, or to get more information online.



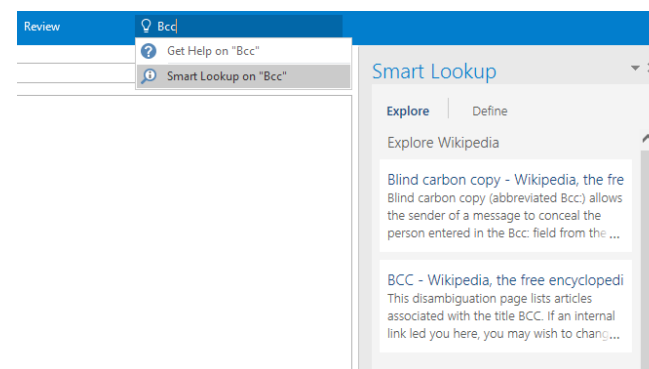
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Look up relevant information

With **Smart Lookup**, Outlook searches the Internet for relevant information to define words, phrases, and concepts. Search results shown on the task pane can provide useful context to information you need to share with other people.



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