

Re: Swittching from Outlook 2007: Try Entourage? Or Parallels?

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Hi Charles!

My comments are inline with yours...

Charles_H._Green@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I'm finally coming back home to Mac, after 10 years in windows. Mainly because I heard those compatibility issues are a thing of the past.

Oops.

I cannot live without my blackberry and Outlook. I'd love to use Mac Office, and could easily do so vis a vis Word, Excel, Powerpoint. My worry has always been Outlook.

Mac OS X and many of its apps are very compatible with open standards. However, most any Windows product from Microsoft such as Windows, Office, etc., are still proprietary in a lot of ways.

If you're need for compatibility is judged by compatibility with Windows products, then yes, you'll find things that don't work the same way on a Mac.

From what I can tell from the boards so far, I cannot import .pst files; I cannot archive (I've got to imagine the auto-backup system will choke trying to backup the years and gigabytes of email I have (and use); I'm still not clear if I can send and receive calendar invitations to meetings and phone calls; and most disturbingly of all, if I'm understanding it right, either I cannot sync with Blackberry or it takes a third party app to do so?

There are at least two reasons for quitting contained in that, maybe three.

Am I reading it right?

Methods have been posted to bring over PST information into Entourage (see the links in my signature below). But only Outlook uses PST files. No other E-mail application for Mac or Windows uses them. Don't expect PST files to be interchangeable between Outlook and Entourage.

As for archiving, that's possible with Entourage on Mac OS X. Again, it doesn't use PST files but archiving is archiving (that means moving stuff out of the general work flow and referenced on just an occasional basis). You can drag individual messages out of Entourage or export to a .rge archive file. But to date, nothing in Entourage works like PST files where you can simply open an archive file, view its contents and then close it.

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I suggest moving message to the folders "On My Computer" in Entourage for that need.

All that's disappointing, but I always figured I'd be able to run Windows Office, including Outlook, from parallels.

True. And for some folks that's the best solution. I don't worry about something being a pure Mac solution.

As I write this, my MacBook Air is on order.

I'm soooo jealous. Thinking about replacing my 1.0 GHz PowerBook but I want to see a MacBook Air first just to make sure my Parallels experience will be a good one.

Please, some advice: should I buy Mac office? If so, do I need the business edition (I'm a solo, but I have corporate clients). If Entourage can't cut the mustard (either because of Blackberry issues or file management issues), can I run outlook alone from Parallels, and run Word/Excel/PP from Mac Office? Or must I run the entire Office app from within windows—emulated environment within Parallels?

You might try using the Office for Mac suite for everything but Entourage and then using Outlook with CrossOver Mac if that's the only Windows application you need. Have a look at my blog post here:

Ad agency tests dumping Entourage for CrossOver Mac and Outlook
<http://blog.entourage.mvps.org/2007/06/ad_agency_tests_dumping_entour.html>

And if that's the case—if I end up running all my hardcore business apps from windows programs from Parallels—then am I doing a dumb thing "moving" to Apple?

That depends on why you moved back to Mac. Keep in mind that while Windows is the dominant player in the software world, it's not "the standard". Nothing really is "the" standard although many groups, such as Apple, have agreed to adopt the same standards. Windows and Microsoft applications for Windows are still very closed and proprietary. Even the Macintosh Business Unit at Microsoft has adopted the open standards for Entourage rather than the closed standards of Outlook.

Hope this helps!

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