

Re: Office should have small buisness integration capacity

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Rob, thank you for your response. I do use only plain text in my emails and I really don't want to spend a lot of money on developing a bespoke app. Maybe my expectations are too great but it seems strange to me that each of the Office programs appear to have different template designs and lack the ability to choose a global template for all your programs. For example: What I would like to be able to do is to use the same design template (ie: Spirals plus my own logo) that I have in let's say FrontPage for my web and then be able to use that same design scheme for my Publisher Designs, my Word and Fax letterheads, and my database and spreadsheet GUIs without having to re-create it in every program (ie: Some kind of global template choice for all office programs). Maybe MS has added this since Office 2000 but I have been unable to find it in any of their literature or by checking out trial apps.

"Rob Schneider" wrote:

> *The integration you seek is possible, though the "degree" is probably
> the issue. I suspect you expectations are too great if you base
> everything on Office. Sounds like you need a besoke application
> developed which integrates to the extent you required communcation,
> database, and financial. Of course, that will cost money (probably a
> lot). Your choice.*

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> *p.s. keep graphics/logos out of email. keep email as plain text, for
> the benefit of your customer.*

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> *Hope this is useful to you. Let us know.*

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> *MAK wrote:*

>> *I am a small business owner and have felt frustrated with the direction of MS*

>> *Office these past few years. I used to buy every new Office edition but*

>> *stopped with Office 2000. What I really need is some more small business*

>> *integration capacity...ie: the ability to design a business template (logo,*

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- > > *colors, fonts, etc.) and have the ability to integrate this template into*
- > > *every program (letters, email, web site design, database interface, etc.). I*
- > > *would also love to have a better integration of between communication,*
- > > *database, and financial capacities.*
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