

## Re: Reminders in Outlook calendar synced to MSN or Hotmail calenda

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It will probably not be "fixed" as you noted in your response to my original post. Having 250 million users of hotmail and, for the sake of argument, 10% of them using the MOOL option would require far too much server space to justify the cost if the free/busy and appointment reminder options increase.

Mark it up to how limited some paid online services are versus what the paid personal program services are and make your choice accordingly. I do not see Microsoft changing this property any time soon.

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Milly Staples [MVP - Outlook]

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"E Freibrun" <EFreibrun@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:8BCD3C7C-21A0-46EA-8087-13204D600F5E@microsoft.com...

| Thanks, Milly. Exactly. The difference you and I pointed out - which  
| "profile" is the default - is the root of the problem. MS encourages us  
to

| buy into their server-based functionality to keep a constant revenue  
stream

| (MSN/Hotmail subscription fees), yet takes away critical functionality.

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| really should be fixed. Thx, Eric

| "Milly Staples [MVP - Outlook]" wrote:

| > YOur best bet is to address it to Microsoft directly via  
| > mswish@microsoft.com. Put Outlook in the subject line.

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| > I use Hotmail and the Outlook Connector, but I have Outlook as my  
default

| > profile, not Hotmail. This may very well be the difference I see in the  
| > behaviors.

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| > Milly Staples [MVP - Outlook]

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> account will be deleted without reading.  
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> After furious head scratching, E Freibrun asked:  
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> | You are correct with respect to an Outlook calendar that is NOT  
> | synced to an MSN or Hotmail server-based calendar that is the primary  
> | calendar in Outlook. Reminders can be set for any time. However, if  
> | one syncs Outlook to one's MSN account, e.g., to enable e-mail and  
> | one's calendar to be accessible from anywhere - and one makes that  
> | the primary account in Outlook - reminders in the calendar cannot be  
> | set more than 2 weeks in advance. The error message says, "Reminders  
> | cannot be set more than 2 weeks in advance" when I set an appointment  
> | on my MSN/Hotmail synced calendar for greater than 2 weeks in  
> | advance. I suspect MS's reason for this limitation is to save  
> | server space. So, the price to be paid for the convenience of having  
> | an online calendar (thru MSN or Hotmail) accessible anywhere in the  
> | world and through Outlook, is that one loses the ability to set the  
> | calendar reminders more than 2 weeks in advance. As I said, a huge  
> | diminution in functionality.  
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> | This is my first time on this forum. My goal is to get MS to address  
> | this limitation in functionality. Perhaps I should address this in  
> | the MSN forum. Thanks, Eric  
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> | "Milly Staples [MVP - Outlook]" wrote:  
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> | | No, they did not remove something, just did not do a very good job of  
> | | documenting the reminder abilities.  
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> | | You can use natural language to achieve any reminder interval you  
> | | want. If you want one for 6 weeks, simply type 6w and arrow out of  
> | | the reminder window. You can do this for hours, days, weeks,  
> | | months, etc. You can even set one for Next Christmas and the  
> | | reminder will be set for December 25.  
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> | | | Judy, with all due respect, Microsoft has removed very important  
> | | | functionality from Outlook by preventing server-based calendar users  
> | | | (those syncing to MSN or Hotmail calendar) from setting reminders  
> | | | more than 2 weeks in advance. I think Microsoft should be  
> | | | encouraged to bring back this functionality rather than users  
> | | | having to develop workarounds. One can set a custom reminder date  
> | | | in Outlook that's desktop (not server) based. The same  
> | | | functionality should be in the server-based calendar. Regards, Eric  
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> | | | "Judy Gleeson" wrote:  
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> | | | | How about the To Do's you speak of are made into Tasks? Then set  
> | | | | your start date for when you need to get started on them. Reminders  
> | | | | are just another interruption. Less of those is always better!  
> | | | | Work from a prioritised and scheduled plan and you'll perform more  
> | | | | effectively.  
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