Using Folders



When you first opened Outlook Web Access 2003, the **area** to the **left** of the **screen looked something like the image to the left**. The icons you see take you to different features of Outlook (Calendar, etc.) or contain e-mail.

The **icons** we are **concerned with** in this tutorial are the **ones that pertain to e-mail** and hold messages (e.g. Inbox, Sent Items, and Deleted Items).

NOTE: When Technical Support staff setup your Outlook and Outlook Web Access 2003 account, they create limits for the amount of mail messages you can have in your Inbox, Sent Items, and Deleted Items folders. When you get near this limit, you will receive a cautionary message, indicating that you need to delete messages that are no longer needed.

Frequently, you have certain messages that are related to a topic or group, and you would like to retain for some period of time, and not have them "count" against your size limit.

In your Office Outlook account, you are able to create folders which will save messages on your hard drive (see the appropriate Outlook tutorial on how to do this). However, in Outlook Web Access 2003, you can only setup folders to your Inbox, Sent Items or Deleted Items folders. This will allow you to view the messages in both Outlook and Outlook Web Access 2003, but will count against your capacity limit.

Creating Folders

To create a **Folder** (which is a part of your Inbox, Sent Items, or Deleted Items, do one of the following steps.

You can either **click** the **down triangle** in the **New** button, and then **select Folder**.





In either case, when the drop down menu appears, select Folder (see arrows above).

The following Create New Folder screen will appear: Name: Cindy's Special Items Folder contains: First, select a logical name for the folder. Mail Items For this tutorial we'll use the title "Cindy's 🖃 🚔 Murray, Tom Special Items." Type the name you desire in 🛅 backup the Name: area. 🛗 Calendar (1) Contacts Next, move down the Create New Folder 🗄 🔂 Deleted Items screen with the elevator arrows (on the right 🧊 Drafts of the menu screen) until you see: Inbox, Sent Inbox (15) Items, or Deleted Items. Logically, Inbox or Journal Sent Items would be best, but you can choose Junk E-mail [2] any folder. Click the folder you desire. We Notes chose **Inbox** in our image on the right. The

Now, click OK.

folder will turn blue.





This will **place** the newly created **folder** under the folder you chose (see image on left). Notice that our folder is "under" the Inbox. Also, notice that there is now a little minus "-" sign to the left of Inbox.

Anytime you see a little plus sign "+" next to a folder, it indicates that there are other folders "below" the folder. If you click the plus sign, you will see the folders.

If you click the minus sign, the folders below the main folder will disappear and a plus sign will appear. So, you can "show" or "hide" your folders as you choose.

Placing e-mail messages in your created Folders

Moving a single message

To "move" an e-mail message from one folder (Inbox, etc.) to another folder, you simply click-on the e-mail message you want to move, hold down the left mouse button, and drag the message to the Folder.

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In the image above, we clicked on the highlighted message, held down the left mouse button, and dragged the message from the Inbox to the Cindy's Special Items folder. You will notice, as you are "dragging" your e-mail message, a small box appears "attached" to the cursor arrow. The cursor changes to a circle with a line through it (when you are over an area where you can't drop your message), and then changes again to the box with the arrow when you have the cursor over an acceptable Folder. When you have the box symbol over your Folder, release the left mouse button. This will move the message from one folder to another. Try this with one of the messages in your Inbox.

Moving Several Messages

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You can also move several messages with this drag technique.

To highlight several messages you need to learn a new skill. If you hold down one of the Ctrl keys (at the bottom of the keyboard – one either side of the Space Bar) and then click on several messages, you'll notice that as you click each message it is highlighted (like image on above).

When you are **ready to move** the group of messages you highlighted, simply **click** on **any of the highlighted messages**, and *immediately* hold down the left mouse button, and then drag all the messages to the folder where you want the messages. If you click-on one of the messages and don't drag the cursor immediately, this will "turn-off" the multiple message selections and you'll have to start again. It's kind of tricky the first time that you try this.

If you ever desire to "turn-off" the multiple highlights, you simply click-on any message and that will remove the highlights and select the message on which you clicked.

You can still delete the messages when you no longer desire to retain them.



One more way to move messages – You can **RIGHT click** on a **message**. When the drop down menu appears, **select Move/Copy to folder**. When the Move/Copy menu screen appears, simply **click** on the **folder** to which you desire to move the message and it will be moved.

There is **also a Move/Copy button** in each folder Toolbar which also works well.

