# [MS-OXOPFFB]: Public Folder–Based Free/Busy Protocol Specification

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# **1** Introduction

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol is a format that is used to publish information that describes the availability of an **attendee** or **resource**. This information can be used by a broad range of consumers to efficiently schedule meetings and/or provide presence information.

This document specifies the following:

- The format in which free/busy data is represented.
- A method for publishing data in the prescribed format.
- A method for discovering and interpreting data in the prescribed format.

### 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [MS-OXGLOS]:

attendee **Address Book object** ambiguous name resolution (ANR) appointment **Calendar** object **Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)** delegate **Delegate Information object** distinguished name (DN) **EntryID** folder folder ID (FID) free/busy handle little-endian message message ID (MID) **Message** object non-IPM subtree **Out of Office (OOF)** property property ID public folder remote operation (ROP) resource special folder store

The following data type is defined in [MS-DTYP]:

## BYTE

The following data types are defined in [MS-OXCDATA]:

PtypBinary PtypBoolean PtypInteger32 PtypMultipleBinary PtypMultipleInteger32 PtypString PtypTime

The following terms are specific to this document:

Availability service: A Web service that provides free/busy information.

**busy**: One of the possible values of the **free/busy status** on an **appointment**. A **busy** status indicates that the user is not available for other **appointments** during this time.

#### calendar: See Calendar object.

- **conflict**: A condition that is created when an **appointment** is scheduled at the same time as another appointment.
- end of range: The end date of a publishing range.
- free: One of the possible values of the free/busy status on an appointment. A free status indicates that the user is available during this appointment.
- free/busy message: A message in the public folder store that contains free/busy data.
- free/busy status: A status that indicates how an appointment on the calendar of an attendee or resource affects their availability. The free/busy status is the value of the PidLidBusyStatus property of the appointment, as specified in [MS-OXOCAL].
- **tentative**: One of the possible values of the **free/busy status** on an **appointment**. A **tentative** status indicates that the user is tentatively booked during this **appointment**.
- **publishing**: In the context of this specification, this term is used to indicate the writing of **free/busy** data to a shared location.
- publishing range: The number of months of calendar data to be published.

start of range: The start date of a publishing range.

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [RFC2119]. All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

## 1.2 References

### **1.2.1** Normative References

[MS-DTYP] Microsoft Corporation, "Windows Data Types", March 2007, <u>http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111558</u>.

[MS-OXCDATA] Microsoft Corporation, "Data Structures Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXCFOLD] Microsoft Corporation, "Folder Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXCMSG] Microsoft Corporation, "Message and Attachment Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXCSTOR] Microsoft Corporation, "Store Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXCTABL] Microsoft Corporation, "Table Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXDSCLI] Microsoft Corporation, "Autodiscover Publishing and Lookup Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXGLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "Exchange Server Protocols Master Glossary", June 2008.

[MS-OXOABK] Microsoft Corporation, "Address Book Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXOCAL] Microsoft Corporation, "Appointment and Meeting Object Protocol Specification", June 2008.

[MS-OXODLGT] Microsoft Corporation, "Delegate Access Configuration Protocol Specification", June 2008.

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[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <u>http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt</u>.

## **1.2.2 Informative References**

None.

## 1.3 Protocol Overview

Free/busy data is derived from calendar data and falls into four categories: Free, Busy, Tentative and Out of Office (OOF).

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol specifies how free/busy data is read from and written to a shared location so that it can be used to effectively and efficiently schedule meetings.

**Free/busy** data can also be obtained by using the Availability Web service, as specified in [MS-OXWAVLS], and by directly accessing the calendar of a user and reading the free/busy status **property**, as specified in [MS-OXOCAL].

## 1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol extends the Message and Attachment Object protocol [MS-OXCMSG].

## 1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol assumes that the server is configured to support **public folders**.<1>

## 1.6 Applicability Statement

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol is appropriate for use by higher layers of a server or client implementation that schedule meetings to avoid scheduling **conflicts**.

The following related functionality is best accomplished by using other protocols:

- Displaying complete **calendar** details. This is best accomplished by receiving permissions and directly browsing the calendar of the other **attendee** or **resource**. For more details, see [MS-OXODLGT].
- Displaying **free/busy** data outside the **publishing range**. This is best accomplished by using the **Availability service**, as specified in [MS-OXWAVLS].

It is recommended that this specification only be used if the Availability service is not supported by the server.<2> For more details about the Availability service, see [MS-OXDSCLI].

## 1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

None.

# 1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

## 1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

# 2 Messages

## 2.1 Transport

The Public Folder–Based Free/Busy protocol uses the protocol specified in [MS-OXCMSG] as its primary transport mechanism.

# 2.2 Message Syntax

## 2.2.1 Free/Busy Message

**Free/busy** data is represented as a set of properties that are set on a **message** in the **public folders store**. The message is referred to as the **free/busy message**. The location of this message is specified in section 3. Unless otherwise specified, the free/busy message conforms to a **Message object**, as specified in [MS-OXCMSG].

## 2.2.1.1 Common Properties

## 2.2.1.1.1 PidTagNormalizedSubject

A **PtypString property** that specifies the subject of the **free/busy message**. Its value is a string that is derived from the e-mail address of the user. The e-mail address is the value of the **PidTagEmailAddress** property of the **Address Book object** of the user. The subject is derived by taking the sub-string, starting with "/cn", prepending "USER", and converting all the characters to uppercase.

## 2.2.1.1.2 PidTagMessageClass

A PtypString property that MUST be set to "IPM.Post".

# 2.2.1.2 Free/Busy Properties

## 2.2.1.2.1 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative

A **PtypMultipleInteger32 property** that specifies the months for which **free/busy** data of type **tentative** is present in the **free/busy message**. The number of **PtypInteger32** values in this property MUST be between 0 (zero) and the number of months covered by the **publishing range**, which is the period between **PidTagFreeBusyPublishStart** and **PidTagFreeBusyPublishEnd**.

Each value in this **PtypMultipleInteger32** property, interpreted as a signed **PtypInteger32**, has a month and year encoded in it. This is calculated by using the expression "year  $\times 16$  + month" where year and month are based on the Gregorian **calendar**. The values are sorted in ascending order and are encoded in **little-endian** format.

If an event is spread across multiple months, or multiple years, there MUST be one value for each of the months that fall in the publishing range. If there are no tentative events in the publishing range, this property and **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative** MUST NOT be set or MUST be deleted if they already exist. Otherwise, this property MUST be set.

# 2.2.1.2.2 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative

A PtypMultipleBinary property that specifies the blocks of times for which the free/busy status is tentative. This property has as many values as the number of values in PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative. Each binary value represents a month and corresponds to the value at the same index in PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative. The binary values are sorted in the same order as the values in PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative.

Each binary value has one or more 4-**BYTE** blocks and each of them contains the start time in the first two bytes and end time in the second two bytes in **little-endian** format. The start time is the number of minutes between 12:00 A.M. **Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)** of the first day of the month and the start time of the event in UTC. The end time is the number of minutes between 12:00 A.M. UTC of the first day of the month and the end time of the event in UTC. The 4-BYTE blocks are sorted in ascending order.

Consecutive or overlapping blocks of time are merged into one block with start time as the start time of the first block and end time as the end time of the last block. If an event is spread across multiple months or years, the event is split into multiple blocks, one for each month. If there are no tentative events in the **publishing range**, this **property** and **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative** MUST NOT be set or MUST be deleted if they already exist. Otherwise, this property MUST be set.

# 2.2.1.2.3 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsBusy

A **PtypMultipleInteger32 property** that specifies the months for which **free/busy** data of type **busy** is present in the **free/busy message**. The format, computation, and constraints of this property are the same as those for **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative** but refer to **appointments** that are marked **busy** on the associated **calendar**.

# 2.2.1.2.4 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy

A **PtypMultipleBinary property** that specifies the blocks of time for which the **free/busy status** is type **busy**. The format, computation, and constraints of this property are the same as those for **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative**, but refer to **appointments** that are marked **busy** on the associated **Calendar object**.

## 2.2.1.2.5 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsAway

A PtypMultipleInteger32 property that specifies the months for which free/busy data of type OOF is present in the free/busy message. The format, computation, and constraints of this property are the same as those for PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative, but refer to appointments that are marked OOF on the associated Calendar object.

## 2.2.1.2.6 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyAway

A **PtypMultipleBinary property** that specifies the times for which the **free/busy status** is set to **OOF**. The format, computation, and constraints of this **property** are the same as those for **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative** but refer to **appointments** that are marked OOF on the associated **Calendar object**.

# 2.2.1.2.7 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsMerged

A **PtypMultipleInteger32 property** that specifies the months for which **free/busy** data of type **busy** or **OOF** is present in the **free/busy message**. Events of free/busy type **tentative** are not included in this **property**. The syntax/format and constraints of this property are the same as those for **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative** but refer to **appointments** that are marked OOF or busy on the associated **Calendar object**.

# 2.2.1.2.8 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged

A **PtypMultipleBinary property** that specifies the times for which the **free/busy status** is set to **busy** or **OOF**. Events of **free/busy** type **tentative** are not included in this property. The format, computation, and the restrictions of this property are the same as those for **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative**, but refer to **appointments** that are marked OOF or busy on the associated **Calendar object**.

## 2.2.1.2.9 PidTagFreeBusyPublishStart

A signed **PtypInteger32 property** that specifies the start time of the **publishing range**. This value is expressed as the number of minutes since midnight, January 1, 1601 in **UTC**.

## 2.2.1.2.10 PidTagFreeBusyPublishEnd

A signed **PtypInteger32 property** that specifies the end time of the **publishing range**. It is computed by adding the value of **PidTagFreeBusyCountMonths** to the start date of the publishing range. This value is expressed as the number of minutes since midnight, January 1, 1601 in **UTC**.

# 2.2.1.2.11 PidTagFreeBusyRangeTimestamp

A PtypTime property that specifies the time that the data was published, in UTC.

## 2.2.1.2.12 PidTagFreeBusyMessageEmailAddress

A **PtypString property** that specifies the e-mail address of the user to whom this **free/busy message** applies. The value of this property is the same as the **PidTagEmailAddress** property value of the **Address Book object** for the **attendee** or **resource**.

# 2.2.1.3 Delegate Information Properties

The following **properties** are used in the Delegate Access Configuration protocol [MS-OXODLGT] and the Appointment and Meeting Object protocol [MS-OXOCAL]:

- PidTagScheduleInfoAutoAcceptAppointments
- PidTagScheduleInfoDisallowRecurringAppts
- PidTagScheduleInfoDisallowOverlappingAppts
- PidTagScheduleInfoDelegatorWantsCopy
- PidTagScheduleInfoDontMailDelegates
- PidTagScheduleInfoDelegatorWantsInfo
- PidTagFreeBusyCountMonths

These properties are optional on a **free/busy message**. If they are set on the **free/busy message**, the value of these properties MUST be equal to the value of the same property on the **Delegate Information object**, as specified in [MS-OXOCAL].

# **2.2.1.4 Deprecated Properties**

# 2.2.1.4.1 PidTagGatewayNeedsToRefresh

A **PtypBoolean property**. This property is deprecated and SHOULD NOT be used.<3>

# 2.2.1.4.2 PidTagScheduleInfoResourceType

A signed **PtypInteger32 property** that MUST be set to 0 when sending and ignored on receipt.<4>

# 2.2.1.4.3 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusy

A **PtypBinary property**. This property is deprecated. It SHOULD NOT be set and MUST be ignored.<5>

# 2.2.2 Public Folder Free/Busy Related Properties

# 2.2.2.1 PidTagFreeBusyEntryIds

A **PtypMultipleBinary property**. This property is set on the root **folder** and on the Inbox **special folder** of the local **store**. The value on the root folder of the local store MUST be equal to the value on the Inbox special folder. The property value contains four binary values, set as follows:

- The first value MUST be set to NULL.
- The second value MUST be set to the **EntryID** of the delegate information object. For more details about the delegate information message, see [MS-OXODLGT].
- The third value MAY be set to the EntryID of the free/busy message of the logged on user. It MUST be set to NULL if the **free/busy public folder** is unavailable. This value is set when a client or server creates the **free/busy message** for the first time for a user.
- The fourth value MUST be set to the EntryID of the folder the PidTagDisplayName property value for which is equal to "FreeBusy Data", and which is a child folder of the root folder of the store.

# **3** Protocol Details

# 3.1 Client Details

**Free/busy** data is kept in a specific **message** in the **public folders store**. There is one message for each user for whom free/busy data is published. This message is called the **free/busy message**. It is contained in a **folder** that represents the administrative group to which the user belongs. There is one folder for each administrative group in the organization. All these folders are descendants of the **special folder** ""SCHEDULE+ FREE BUSY". Each folder that represents an administrative group is a sibling of the folders that represent other administrative groups. An administrative group represents an "Organisational Unit" within an organization, as specified in [RFC1279]. It is the *org-unit-rdn* component of the **distinguished name (DN)** of the **Address Book object** for the user, as defined in [MS-OXOABK] section 2.2.1.1.

A client MAY read or write free/busy data for another user. For more details about finding the free/busy message for a specific user, see section 3.1.4.1.2.

# 3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This section describes a conceptual model of possible data organization that an implementation maintains to participate in this protocol. The described organization is provided to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This document does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

# 3.1.1.1 Non-Persisted Free/Busy Related Properties

Some **properties** are not persisted on any object but are temporarily cached in memory or computed on demand. The **free/busy**-related properties specified in this section are not persisted.

# 3.1.1.1.1 PidTagSchedulePlusFreeBusyEntryId

A **PtypBinary property** that contains the **EntryID** of the **folder** named "SCHEDULE+ FREE BUSY" under the NON\_IPM\_SUBTREE of the **public folder store**. This property is not stored on any object but is computed on demand. The **folder ID (FID)** of "SCHEDULE+ FREE BUSY" is returned in response to **RopLogon**. The FID is preserved and used to compute the EntryID when it is needed.

# 3.1.2 Timers

None.

## 3.1.3 Initialization

None.

## 3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

# 3.1.4.1 Publishing Free/Busy Data

The **free/busy** data ideally is published whenever **appointments** are created or deleted or when any of the following three **properties** of an appointment are modified: **PidLidAppointmentStartWhole**, **PidLidAppointmentEndWhole**, **PidLidBusyStatus**.

A client or server can keep a local copy of free/busy data and publish the changes periodically or immediately after the data changes.

The client MAY perform the following steps to publish the data:

- 1. Determine the data to be published by using the steps specified in section 3.1.4.1.1.
- 2. Find the **free/busy message** by using the steps specified in section 3.1.4.1.2.
- 3. If the **message** does not exist, create a new message. Use step 2 to determine the sub**folder** and the subject of the message.
- 4. If the message was created, set the third binary value of the **PidTagFreeBusyEntryIds** property to the **EntryID** of the free/busy message. For more details about how to create a message, see [MS-OXCMSG].

## 3.1.4.1.1 Determining the Data Set for Publishing

Data to be published is determined by finding all the **calendar** events that are in the **publishing range**. The publishing range is calculated as follows:

- **Start of range** is 12:00 A.M. **UTC** on the first day of the month or the first day of the week, whichever occurs earlier at the time of **publishing**.
- End of range is calculated by adding the value of PidTagFreeBusyCountMonths to start of range.

• All the **appointments** with an end time that is greater than the start of range and start time less than the end of range are considered to be in the publishing range.

## 3.1.4.1.2 Finding the Free/Busy Message

The **free/busy messages** are stored in a descendant **folder** of the "SCHEDULE+ FREE BUSY" folder, under the NON\_IPM\_SUBTREE of the **public folders store**. There MUST be only one free/busy message for each user. A client can read or write **free/busy** data for users other than the logged on users. The client MUST find the free/busy message that corresponds to the user before reading or writing information for that user. At the time of **publishing**, the client MUST determine whether a free/busy message already exists for the user in question before creating one.

The following steps MAY be used to locate the free/busy message that corresponds to a given user:

- To find the free/busy message of the logged on user, get the **EntryID** of the free/busy message. The **EntryID** of the free/busy message is set in the third binary value of the **PidTagFreeBusyEntryIds property** for the Inbox. Use the EntryID of the free/busy message to generate the **message ID** of the message, as specified in section 2.2.1.3.1 of [MS-OXCDATA]. Use the message ID of the message to open the **message**, as specified in [MS-OXCMSG].
- To find the free/busy message of another user, use the name (full name or part of their name) and perform an **ambiguous name resolution (ANR)** to get their **Address Book object**, as specified in [MS-OXOABK] section 3.1.4.4.

If the **PidTagFreeBusyEntryIds** property does not exist or if the third binary value of this property is empty, or if the free/busy message is being requested for another user, the subject and the name of the sub-folder can be used to find the free/busy message, as specified in sections 3.1.4.1.2.1 through 3.1.4.1.2.4.

#### 3.1.4.1.2.1 Determining the E-mail Address

To determine the e-mail address, get the **Address Book object** and then do one of the following:

- If the client is **publishing** the data for the logged on user, find the Address Book object of the logged on user by matching its **EntryID** with the **PidTagMailboxOwnerEntryId** of the **store**.
- If the client is publishing the data for another user, get the Address Book object by performing an **ANR** by using the full name or partial name of the delegator. For details about how to resolve a name, see [MS-OXOABK] section 3.1.4.4.
- Get the e-mail address from the **PidTagEmailAddress** property of the Address Book object.

# 3.1.4.1.2.2 Determining the Name of the Appropriate Sub-Folder of the "SCHEDULE+ FREE BUSY" Folder

To determine the name of the appropriate sub-folder, perform the following steps:

- 1. Derive the name of the sub-folder by truncating the e-mail address up to, but not including, the first occurrence of "/cn".
- 2. Prepend the string "EX:" to the value computed in step 1.
- 3. Find the folder by using the name derived in the step 1. For details about how to find a folder by name, see [MS-OXCFOLD].

#### **3.1.4.1.2.3** Determining the Subject of the Appropriate Message

To determine the subject of the appropriate message, perform the following steps:

- 1. Derive the subject by taking the sub-string that starts with the first occurrence of "/cn" in the e-mail address.
- 2. Prepend the string "USER-" to the value computed in step 1.
- 3. Convert all the characters to upper-case.

#### 3.1.4.1.2.4 Finding the Message

To find the message, perform the following steps:

- 1. Derive the **folder** name and the subject of the **message** by using the logic specified in section 3.1.4.1.2.2 and 3.1.4.1.2.3.
- 2. Open the "SCHEDULE + FREE BUSY" folder by using **PidTagSchedulePlusFreeBusyEntryId property**.
- 3. Open the specific folder for this user by using the name derived by using the steps in specified section 3.1.4.1.2.2.
- Find the specific **message** for this user by finding the message in which **PidTagSubject** equals the subject derived by using the steps specified in section 3.1.4.1.2.3. For more details about how to find a message that matches a subject, see [MS-OXCTABL] section 2.2.2.5.

#### 3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

None.

#### 3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

## 3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

# **4 Protocol Examples**

# 4.1 Updating the Free/Busy Message

The following example describes how the **free/busy message** of a user is updated by the client after the user adds new **appointments** to their **calendar**.

Joe sets his **publishing** interval to 3 months.

Joe creates the following appointments on his calendar. All the events have a **free/busy status** type of **busy**.

Note: All times in this example are in Pacific Time.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 3:00 P.M. – 4: P.M.

The client publishes the availability information by using **RopCreateMessage** to create the **message** in the sub-**folder** for the administrative group of the user under the "SCHEDULE + FREE/BUSY" folder. The server returns a success code and a **handle** to a **Message object**.

Then the client uses **RopSetProperties** to transmit availability data to the server. The properties listed in the following table are sent.

Property	Proper ty ID	Property Type	Value
PidTagScheduleInfoResourc eType	0x684 1	Signed PtypInteger32	0x00000000
PidTagGatewayNeedsToRef	0x684	PtypBoolean	0x0000001

resh	6		
PidTagNormalizedSubject	0x0E1 D	PtypString	USER- /CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JO E
PidTagScheduleInfoMonths Merged	0x684 F	Signed PtypMultipleInte ger32	See section 4.3. <b>PidTagScheduleInfoMonth</b> <b>sMerged</b> is calculated similarly to <b>PidTagScheduleInfoMonth</b> <b>sBusy.</b>
PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBu syMerged	0x685 0	PtypMultipleBina ry	See section 4.5.
PidTagScheduleInfoMonths Busy	0x685 3	Signed PtypMultipleInte ger32	See section 4.3.
PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBu syBusy	0x685 4	Signed PtypMultipleBina ry	See section 4.4.
PidTagFreeBusyPublishStar t	0x684 7	Signed PtypInteger32	214105440
PidTagFreeBusyPublishEnd	0x684 8	Signed PtypInteger32	214234980
PidTagFreeBusyRangeTime stamp	0x686 8	PtypTime	2008/02/22 01:13:00.000

Because there are no events with a free/busy type of **tentative** or **OOF**, the client does not set **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative**, **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative**, **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyAway**, or **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsAway**.

The client then uses **RopSaveChanges** to commit the properties on the server, and then **RopRelease** to release the Message object.

The values of some properties will change during the execution of **RopSaveChanges**, but the properties specified in this protocol will not change.

## 4.2 Finding Free/Busy Messages By Using E-mail Addresses

The following example describes how to find the **free/busy message** of a user by using their e-mail address.

First, determine the **folder** name in which the free/busy message exists and determine the subject by using the e-mail address of the user.

For example, a user who has a **PidTagEmailAddress** value of "o=Adventure-Works/ou=New York/cn= Recipients/cn=David" would have his or her **free/busy** data stored in the folder named "EX:/o=Adventure-Works/ou=New York" and in a **message** with subject equal to "USER-/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=David".

For details about how to get the **Address Book object** of a user and the value of the **PidTagEmailAddress** property, see [MS-OXOABK].

The folder name and subject have now been determined.

The following is an example of the **ROPs** the client uses to find the free/busy message. David has one event in his **calendar** that starts on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:10 P.M. and ends on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:10 P.M., Pacific Time.

RopLogon Request

RopId: 0xFE

LogonId: 0

OutputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

LogonFlags: 0x04 Replicated

OpenFlags: 0x00000406 PUBLIC HOME\_LOGON NO\_MAIL

StoreState: 0x0000000 <none>

EssdnSize: 0x00

Essdn <no mailbox>

Response to RopLogon

RopLogon

RopId: 0xFE

OutputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000017)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

LogonFlags: 0x04 Replicated

Public store

#### FolderArray:

FolderID 1: 0001-00000000006 Root Folder

FolderID 2: 0001-00000000001 IPM subtree

FolderID 3: 0001-0000000002 Non-IPM subtree

FolderID 4: 0001-00000000003 Eforms registry

FolderID 5: 0001-00000000004

FolderID 6: 0001-00000000005 Offline address book

FolderID 7: 0000-0000000000 Local Eforms registry

FolderID 8: 0003-00000000007 SCHEDULE+ FREEBUSY

FolderID 9: 0004-00000000008 Local address book

FolderID 10: 0000-0000000000 Article index

FolderID 11: 0000-0000000000 Schedule

FolderID 12: 0000-00000000000 <not used>

FolderID 13: 0000-00000000000 <not used>

ServerGUID: a608eae8-6603-4509-89b3-6dac886dca4d

PublicFolderPerUserGUID: fbdd61f1-4863-4d07-902a-64d07f4ca88d

Open the folder named SCHEDULE+ FREEBUSY, which has an ID of 0001-00000000004 as determined from the **RopLogon** response.

RopOpenFolder Request

RopId: 0x02

LogonId: 5

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x000008c)

FolderId: 0001-00000000004

**OpenModeFlags**: 0x00 ReadOnly

The response to **RopOpenFolder** is omitted for readability and clarity.

To find the sub-folder that matches the name that was determined earlier, the client sends the following ROP requests:

## RopGetHierarchyTable Request

RopId: 0x04

LogonId: 5

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x000008b)

OutputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

TableFlags: 0x00 Standard

The response to **RopGetHierarchyTable** has been omitted for readability and clarity.

## RopSetColumns Request

RopId: 0x12

LogonId: 5

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

SetColumnsFlag: 0x00 Wait

**PropertyTagCount**: 3 (0x03)

**PropertyTags**: 0x67480014 **PidTagFolderId** 

0x3001001F PidTagDisplayName

The response to **RopSetColumns** has been omitted for readability and clarity.

RopFindRow Request

RopId: 0x4F

LogonId: 5

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

FindRowFlags: 0x00 Direction: forward

RestrictionDataSize: 0x0078 (120)

**RestrictionData**:

**ConditionType**: 0x04 RES\_PROPERTY:

RelationalOperator: 0x04 RELOP\_EQ

0x3001001F PidTagDisplayName EX:/o=Adventure-Works/ou=New

York

Origin: 0x00 BOOKMARK\_BEGINNING

BookmarkSize: 0x0000 (0)

Response to **RopFindRow** 

RopId: 0x4F

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x00000039)

**ReturnValue**: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

RowNoLongerVisible: 0x00 (FALSE)

HasRowData: 0x01) (TRUE)

RowData:

HasError: 0

PropertyArray:

PropCount: 3

0x67480014 PidTagFolderId 0x07000000000000000

0x3001001F **PidTagDisplayName** EX:/o=Adventure-Works/ou=New York

Now that the folder has been found, and the **FID** was retrieved by using **RopFindRow**, open the folder.

#### **RopOpenFolder** Request

**RopId**: 0x02

LogonId: 5

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x000008c)

FolderId: 0003-00000000007

**OpenModeFlags**: 0x00 ReadOnly

The response to **RopOpenFolder** has been omitted for readability and clarity.

#### RopGetContentsTable Request

RopId: 0x05

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000023)

**OutputHandleTable**: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

TableFlags: 0x00 Standard

#### RopSetColumns Request

RopId: 0x12

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

SetColumnFlags: 0x00 Wait

**PropertyTagCount**: 5 (0x05)

PropertyTags: 0x67480014 PidTagFolderId

0x674A0014 **PidTagMid** 0x674D0014 **PidTagInstID** 0x674E0003 **PidTagInstanceNum** 0x0E1D001F **PidTagNormalizedSubject** 

#### RopSortTable Request

RopId: 0x13

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

**SortTableFlags**: 0x00 Wait

SortOrderCount: 0x0001 (1)

CategoryCount: 0x0000 (0)

ExpandedCount: 0x0000 (0)

#### SortOrders:

PropertyTag: 0x0E1D001F PidTagNormalizedSubject

0x00 Flag: TABLE\_SORT\_ASCEND

#### RopFindRow Request

RopId: 0x4F

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

FindRowFlags: 0x00 Direction: forward

RestrictionDataSize: 0x0054 (84)

**RestrictionData**:

**ConditionType**: 0x04 RES\_PROPERTY:

RelationalOperator: 0x04 RELOP\_EQ

0x0E1D001F **PidTagNormalizedSubject** USER-/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DAVID

**Origin**: 0x00 BOOKMARK\_BEGINNING

BookmarkSize: 0x0000 (0)

#### Response to RopGetContentsTable

RopId: 0x05

**OutputHandleIndex**: 1 (HSOT=0x0000022)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

RowCount: 113

#### Response to RopSetColumns

RopId: 0x12

**InputHandleIndex**: 1 (HSOT=0x0000022)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

**TableStatus**: TBLSTAT\_COMPLETE (0x00)

#### Response to **RopSortTable**

RopId: 0x13

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x0000022)

**ReturnValue**: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

**TableStatus**: TBLSTAT\_COMPLETE (0x00)

#### Response to **RopFindRow**

RopId: 0x4F

InputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x0000022)

#### ReturnValue: NotFound (0x8004010f)

The message is not found, so create it:

#### RopCreateMessage Request

RopId: 0x06

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000023)

**OutputHandleIndex**: 1 (HSOT=0xffffffff)

CodePageId: 0x0FFF (4095)

FolderId: 0003-00000000007

AssociatedFlag: 0x00

#### Response to RopCreateMessage

RopId: 0x06

OutputHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x0000020)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

#### HasMessageId: 0

Now set the properties:

#### **RopSetProperties** Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x000F (15)

**PropertyValueCount**: 2 (0x02)

#### PropertyValues: 0x68410003 PidTagScheduleInfoResourceType

0x0000000 (0)

	0x6846000B PidTagGatewayNeedsToRefresh 0x0001 (TRUE)
RopS	etProperties Request
	RopId: 0x0A
	LogonId: 0
	InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)
	<b>PropertyValueSize</b> : 0x0156 (342)
	<b>PropertyValueCount</b> : 7 (0x07)
	<b>PropertyValues</b> : 0x68410003 <b>PidTagScheduleInfoResourceType</b>
(TRUE)	0x6842000B PidTagScheduleInfoDelegatorWantsCopy 0x0001
	0x6843000B PidTagScheduleInfoDontMailDelegates 0x0001 (TRUE)
(FALSE)	0x686D000B PidTagScheduleInfoAutoAcceptAppointments 0x0000
(FALSE)	0x686E000B PidTagScheduleInfoDisallowRecurringAppts 0x0000
(FALSE)	0x686F000B PidTagScheduleInfoDisallowOverlappingAppts 0x0000
	0x684B000B PidTagScheduleInfoDelegatorWantsInfo 0x0001 (TRUE)
RopS	etProperties Request
	RopId: 0x0A
	LogonId: 0
	InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)
	PropertyValueSize: 0x0056 (86)
	<b>PropertyValueCount</b> : 2 (0x02)
	PropertyValues: 0x003D001F PidTagSubjectPrefix (null)

# 0x0E1D001F **PidTagNormalizedSubject** USER-/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DAVID

#### RopSaveChangesMessage Request

RopId: 0x0C

LogonId: 0

ResponseHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x0000023)

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

SaveFlags: 0x0A KeepOpenReadWrite DelayedCall

#### Response to RopSaveChangesMessage:

#### **RopSaveChangesMessage**

RopId: 0x0C

**ResponseHandleIndex**: 1 (HSOT=0x0000023)

**ReturnValue**: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

**MessageID**: 0001-000000051e3

#### RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 2 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x00AC (172)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

**PropertyValues**: 0x6849001F **PidTagFreeBusyMessageEmailAddress** /o=Adventure-Works/ou=New York/cn=Recipients/cn=David

**RopSetProperties** Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x0026 (38)

**PropertyValueCount**: 2 (0x02)

PropertyValues: 0x684F1003 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsMerged

PtypMultipleInteger32[0]: 32130

PtypMultipleInteger32[1]: 32131

#### 0x68501102 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged

PtypMultipleBinary[0] (4 bytes):

0000: E0 01 20 A3

#### PtypMultipleBinary[1] (4 bytes):

0000: 00 00 E0 01

#### RopDeletePropertiesNoReplicate Request

RopId: 0x7A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

**PropertyTagCount**: 2 (0x02)

PropertyTags: 0x68511003 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsTentative

0x68521102 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyTentative

RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

**PropertyValueSize**: 0x0026 (38)

**PropertyValueCount**: 2 (0x02)

PropertyValues: 0x68531003 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsBusy

PtypMultipleInteger32[0]: 32130

PtypMultipleInteger32[1]: 32131

0x68541102 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy

PtypMultipleBinary [0] (4 bytes):

0000: E0 01 20 A3

PtypMultipleBinary [1] (4 bytes):

0000: 00 00 E0 01

RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x0007 (7)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

PropertyValues: 0x6846000B PidTagGatewayNeedsToRefresh 0x0001

(TRUE)

RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

**PropertyValueSize**: 0x000A (10)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

**PropertyValues**: 0x68470003 **PidTagFreeBusyPublishStart PtypInteger32** 0x0CC2FD60 (214105440)

RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x000A (10)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

PropertyValues: 0x68480003 PidTagFreeBusyPublishEnd 0x0CC3A080

(214147200)

RopSetProperties Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x000E (14)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

PropertyValues: 0x68680040 PidTagFreeBusyRangeTimestamp

High: 0x01C87A68

Low: 0x430A6000 (2008/02/29 00:16:00.000)

#### **RopSetProperties** Request

RopId: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

PropertyValueSize: 0x000A (10)

**PropertyValueCount**: 1 (0x01)

PropertyValues: 0x68410003 PidTagScheduleInfoResourceType 0x00000000

#### (0)

#### RopSaveChangesMessage Request

RopId: 0x0C

LogonId: 0

ResponseHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x00000023)

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

SaveFlags: 0x08 DelayedCall

Response to RopSaveChangesMessage:

RopSaveChangesMessage

RopId: 0x0C

ResponseHandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x00000023)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x0000000)

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000020)

MessageID: 0001-000000051e3

The client then calls **ROPRelease** on all open folders and the newly created message.

#### 4.3 PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsBusy Calculation

The **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsBusy** property is calculated by using the following equations:

- 1. (Year × 16) + month
- 2. Convert result of equation 1 to hexadecimal

Consider the following example:

**Free/busy** range is three months from the time of **publishing**. The time of publishing is 12:00 A.M. on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> **UTC**. There is at least one **calendar** item with a free/busy type of **busy** in the months of February, March, and April.

Therefore, data in the months of February, March, April, and May will be published. More specifically:

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 A.M. to Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 P.M.
- March  $1^{st}$  12:00 A.M. to March  $31^{st}$  11:59 P.M.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 A.M. to April 30<sup>th</sup> 11:59 P.M.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 A.M. to May 25<sup>th</sup> 12: A.M.

All the times are in UTC. The property value is determined by using the following calculations.

For February

Year = 2008

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Month = February = 2
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(2008 \* 16) + 2 = 32130

32120 converted to hexadecimal = 7d82

For March

Year = 2008

Month = March = 3

(2008 \* 16) + 3 = 32131

32131 converted to hexadecimal = 7d83

#### For April

Year = 2008

Month = April = 4

(2008 \* 16) + 4 = 32132

32132 converted to hexadecimal = 7d84

The **PtypMultipleInteger32** will have three values with 0x00007D82, 0x00007D83, 0x00007D84 in each of the LONG values. Because the month of May did not have any events, there will not be a value that represents May. Otherwise, there would have been four values.

If the month of March, for example, did not have any **calendar** items with a free/busy type of busy, there would be only two values.

# 4.4 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy Calculation

The **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy property** is calculated by using the following equations:

• Start time is the number of minutes between midnight on the first day of the month and the start time of the event in hexadecimal.

Number of days before the scheduled date in that particular month  $\times 24$  (hours/day) \* 60 (minutes/hour) + (hour of start time on a 24-hour clock adjusted for **UTC**) \* 60 (minutes/hour) = Text value of start time in minutes

**Note:** Each time zone requires a different adjustment for UTC.

• End time is the number of minutes between midnight on the first day of the month and the end time of the event in hexadecimal.

For example, assume there is only one event with a **free/busy status** of **busy** that occurs during the months of February, March, April, and May. It occurs between noon and 1:00 P.M. Pacific Time on February 2nd. The **publishing** interval is 3 months. The time of publishing is 12:00 A.M. on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> UTC.

The value is determined by using the following calculations.

#### Start time

Number of days before the scheduled date in that particular month = 1

Start hour = noon = 12 on a 24-hour clock + 8 for UTC conversion = 20

## Note:

+8 is the difference between UTC and Pacific Time. The adjustment is different for each time zone.

*Start time in minutes* = (1 \* 60 \* 24) + (20 \* 10)

Start time

60) = 1440 + 1200 = 2640

*Hexadecimal start time* = 0.450

#### End time

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Number of days before the scheduled date in
that particular month = 1
End hour = 1:00 P.M. Pacific Time = 13 on a
24-hour clock + 8 for UTC conversion = 21
Note:
+8 is the difference between UTC
and Pacific Time. The adjustment is
different for each time zone.
End time in minutes = (1 * 60 * 24) + (21 * 60) = 1440 + 1260 = 2700
Hexadecimal end time = 0.48C
```

Note: In some cases, the UTC conversion changes the date of the start time or end time.

The multi-value binary will have one binary value. The binary value will have the following four bytes, encoded in **little-endian** — the first two bytes for the start time and the second two bytes for the end time: 0x50, 0x0A, 0x8C, 0x50.

#### 4.4.1 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy Calculation with Two Non-Consecutive Events

Assume that there are two events with a free/busy status of busy, in the month of February.

February 2nd (times are in Pacific Time)

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The **PtypMultipleBinary** will have one binary value. The binary value will have the following eight bytes: 0x50, 0x0A, 0x8C, 0x0A, 0x0B, 0x40, 0x0B.

### 4.4.2 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy Calculation with Two Consecutive Events

If there are two consecutive events with the same **free/busy status**, the two times are merged together. For example, assume the following two events are of type **busy**.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> (times are in Pacific Time)

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

There will be only one block with a start time of 12:00 P.M. and an end time of 2:00 P.M. The **PtypMultipleBinary** will have one binary value. The binary value will have the following four bytes: 0x50, 0x0A, 0xC8, 0x0A.

# 4.4.3 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy Calculation with Events in Multiple Months

Assume that there are two events of type **busy** in the month of February and two events in the month of April. There are no events in March.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> (times are in Pacific Time)

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Appointment time: 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Appointment time: 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The **PtypMultipleBinary** will have two binary values.

The first binary value will have the following four bytes: 0x50, 0x0A, 0xC8, 0x0A

The second binary value will have the following eight bytes: 0x14, 0x0A, 0x50, 0x0A, 0xC8, 0x0A, 0x04, 0x0B.

Note that the time difference between **UTC** and PST in April is +7 hours and therefore the values are calculated by adding 7 hours to the PST time.

### 4.4.4 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy Calculation When an Event is Spread Across Multiple Months

Consider an example where an event starts on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 9:00 A.M. and ends on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 10:00 A.M. This event is considered as a series of events that start and end as follows:

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 2007, 9:00 A.M. — Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2007, 12:00 A.M.

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, 12:00 A.M. — Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2008, 12:00 A.M.

....

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, 12:00 A.M. — Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.

The values are calculated as specified in the examples in sections 4.4.1 through 4.4.3.

If the **publishing** interval is 12 months and the time of publishing is 12:00 A.M. Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 UTC, there would be 13 binary values in both **PidTagScheduleInfoMonthsBusy** and **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyBusy properties**; one for Dec 2007 and one for each month in 2008.

If the publishing interval is 12 months and the time of publishing is 12:00 A.M. Feb 25, 2007, UTC, there would be 11 binary values.

If the publishing interval is one month and the time of publishing is 12:00 A.M. Feb 25, 2007, UTC, there would be two binary values, for the months of Feb and March.

# 4.5 PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged Calculation

The **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged property** includes events of type **busy** and **OOF**. For example, if a user has an event from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. of type busy and another from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. of type OOF,

PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged will contain two binary values.

If there are consecutive or overlapping scheduled events of type busy and OOF, they will be merged into one block. For example, if a user has an event from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. of type busy, and another from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. of type OOF, the **PidTagScheduleInfoFreeBusyMerged** property will contain one binary value with a start time of 1:00 P.M. and an end time of 3:00 P.M.

# 5 Security

# 5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no special security considerations specific to this protocol. General security considerations pertaining to the underlying protocol as specified in [MS-OXOMSG] apply.

# 5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

# 6 Appendix A: Office/Exchange Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following versions of Office/Exchange:

- Office 2003 with Service Pack 3 applied
- Exchange 2003 with Service Pack 2 applied
- Office 2007 with Service Pack 1 applied
- Exchange 2007 with Service Pack 1 applied

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies Office/Exchange behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies Office/Exchange does not follow the prescription.

<sup>&</sup>lt;1> Section 1.5: Public folders are supported by default by Exchange Server 2003 SP2. **Public folders** might have to be configured explicitly on an Exchange 2007 SP1 server.

<sup>&</sup>lt;2 > Section 1.6: Exchange 2003 SP2 does not support the Availability service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;3> Section 2.2.1.4.1: Outlook 2003 SP3 and Outlook 2007 SP1 will set **PidTagGatewayNeedsToRefresh** to 1. This property is not read by Outlook 2003 SP3, Outlook 2007 SP1, Exchange 2003 SP2, or Exchange 2007 SP1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;4> Section 2.2.1.4.2: The **PidTagSchdInfoResourceType** from the **free/busy message** is read from and written to by Outlook 2003 SP3 and Outlook 2007 SP1, but the value is not used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;5> Section 2.2.1.4.3: The **PidTagSchdinfoFreebusy** property MAY be set on the **Delegate Info object** by versions of Outlook prior to Outlook 2003 SP3. This property is deprecated and is no longer read from or written to.

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