

[MS-OXOSRCH]: Search Folder List Configuration Protocol Specification

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1 Introduction

This document specifies the Search Folder List Configuration protocol used by the client to create, read, and execute search folders. A search folder is utilized to query for items that match specified criteria.

1.1 Glossary

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

AddressList
associated message
binary large object (BLOB)
EntryList
entry ID
folder
folder ID
GUID
message
message database (MDB)
message object
property
search folder
search folder container
search folder definition message
Unicode

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

ANSI
Boolean
BYTE
ULONG

The following terms are specific to this document:

active search folder: A search folder where the **search folder container** exists and is up to date with the correct search criteria.

definition message: See **search folder definition message**.

inactive search folder: A search folder where the search folder container does not exist.

skip block: The block in a **BLOB** that acts as padding, reserving space that can be used by future versions to insert data. The block consists of a **ULONG** describing how many additional **ULONGs** to skip ahead.

TickCount: The number of milliseconds since a system was started.

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,
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc230273.aspx>.

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

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

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

[MS-OXCPRPT] Microsoft Corporation, "Property and Stream Object Protocol Specification", April 2008.

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

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

[MS-OXGLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "Office Exchange Protocols Master Glossary", April 2008.

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

[MS-OXOCFG] Microsoft Corporation, "Configuration Information Protocol Specification", April 2008.

[MS-OXOMSG] Microsoft Corporation, "E-mail Object Protocol Specification", April 2008.

[MS-OXOSFLD] Microsoft Corporation, "Special Folders Protocol Specification", April 2008.

[MS-OXPROPS] Microsoft Corporation, "Office Exchange Protocols Master Property List Specification", April 2008.

[MS-OXPROTO] Microsoft Corporation, "Office Exchange Protocols Overview", April 2008.

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

1.2.2 Informative References

[MSDN-FAIT] Microsoft Corporation, "Folder Associated Information Tables", <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms531548.aspx>.

1.3 Protocol Overview

A search folder provides a means of querying for items that match certain criteria. To the user, a search folder appears in the client as a normal folder that populates itself when opened. A search folder uses one of the standard templates or a custom search created by the user to have specific search criteria.

This protocol enables the client to create, read, and execute search folders. To create a search folder, the client collects the data used to define the search criteria, creates a search folder container to contain the search results, and creates a definition message to persist the search folder. Search folder criteria is persisted on the server, although it is not necessary for the server to understand the criteria. Search folder criteria is saved as an associated message in a hidden folder outside the root mailbox and is not directly visible to the end user.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Search Folder List Configuration protocol specification relies on the following:

- An understanding of the Office Exchange Protocols Overview as specified in [MS-OXPROTO].
- An understanding of messaging as specified in [MS-OXCMSG] and of **message objects** as specified in [MS-OXOMSG].
- An understanding of using folders as specified in [MS-OXCFOLD] and of folder objects as specified in [MS-OXOSFLD].
- An understanding of properties as specified in [MS-OXPROPS] and of setting properties on message and folder objects as specified in [MS-OXCPRPT].
- An understanding of the message database as specified in [MS-OXCSTOR] and of manipulating tables in the message database as specified in [MS-OXCTABL].

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol specification presumes that the messaging client has logged on to the message database, with the ability to open tables and read/write message objects, folder objects, and their properties.

1.6 Applicability Statement

A client can utilize this protocol to save user-created search queries that can be invoked again at a later time.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

The BLOB stored in PidTagSearchFolderDefinition contains a version for that BLOB format.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

The properties specified in this protocol are set and returned from a server message as specified in [MS-OXCMSG] or from a folder as specified in [MS-OXCFOLD] using the underlying property bag protocol as specified in [MS-OXCPRPT].

2.2 Message Syntax

The remaining subsections within section 2.2 specify the format of properties that are specific to this protocol.

2.2.1 Definition Message

Search folder definition messages are stored as **associated messages** (as specified in [MS-OXCMSG]) in the associated information table (see [MSDN-FAIT]) of the Common Views folder (as specified in [MS-OXOSFLD]) within a message database. The definition message is how a search folder is persisted; a search folder ceases to exist if its definition message is deleted. For more details on how definition messages relate to search folders and search folder containers, see section 2.2.4.

Search folder definition messages possess additional properties that describe the search folder criteria. These properties are described in the remaining subsections of section 2.2.1.

2.2.1.1 Common Properties

These properties are common to most messages, and their values do not specifically relate to search folder functionality. For more details about these properties, see [MS-OXPROPS].

2.2.1.1.1 PidTagMessageClass

The client utilizes PidTagMessageClass as a means of identifying a search folder definition message. A search folder definition message **MUST** set this property value to: IPM.Microsoft.WunderBar.SFInfo.

2.2.1.1.2 PidTagDisplayName

PidTagDisplayName is the name of the search folder. The client **SHOULD** use this property value as the display name of the folder object.

2.2.1.2 Additional Properties

The following properties are specifically specified for search folders and contain the information defining a search folder.

2.2.1.2.1 PidTagSearchFolderId

PidTagSearchFolderId is a GUID identifying the search folder. This GUID is used to tie the definition message to the corresponding search folder container. For more details, see section 2.2.4.

2.2.1.2.2 PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId

PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId is the ID of the template being utilized for the search. For more details about search templates, see section 2.2.3.

2.2.1.2.3 PidTagSearchFolderTag

PidTagSearchFolderTag is used to synchronize this definition message with the matching search folder container. It is changed when this definition message is changed. It **MUST** change each iteration, but it **MAY NOT** be unique. For more details, see section 2.2.4.

2.2.1.2.4 PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed

PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed is the last time the folder was accessed. It **MUST** be formatted as the number of minutes since midnight (UTC) Jan 1, 1601.

2.2.1.2.5 PidTagSearchFolderExpiration

PidTagSearchFolderExpiration is the time at which the search folder container will be stale and **SHOULD** be updated or recreated. It **MUST** be formatted as the number of minutes since midnight (UTC) Jan 1, 1601.

2.2.1.2.6 PidTagSearchFolderStorageType

PidTagSearchFolderStorageType contains flags specifying the BLOB data that appears in the PidTagSearchFolderDefinition **property**. These flags are duplicated inside the BLOB. For

more details about flag fields, see the definition of A through L in section 2.2.1.2.8. Which flags to use depends on the template; section 2.2.3 specifies the correct flags for each template definition.

The definitions of the flags are specified in network order in section 2.2.1.2.8. This property is stored as a 4-byte integer; the following table shows the flags in big-endian order:

Flag	Big-endian bit
B	0x00000040
C	0x00000020
D	0x00000010
E	0x00000008
F	0x00000004
G	0x00000002
H	0x00000001
I	0x00008000
J	0x00004000
K	0x00002000
L	0x00001000

2.2.1.2.7 PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags

PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags SHOULD contain extended folder flags that apply to this search folder's search folder container. Specifically, it SHOULD contain the flags in that folder's PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property, **ExtendedFlags** sub-property, field **b** as specified in [MS-OXOCFG]. <1>

2.2.1.2.8 PidTagSearchFolderDefinition

PidTagSearchFolderDefinition contains data specifying the search criteria.

The structure of the BLOB contained in PidTagSearchFolderDefinition is specified as follows. Each field's specific content is dependent upon the template ID specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId. For more details, see section 2.2.3.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Version field																															
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	(ignored)																			
Numerical search field																															
Text search field length										Text search field length extended (optional)										Text search field (optional, variable)											

Text search field (optional, variable)		
Skip block (variable)		
Deep search field		
Folder list field 1 length	Folder list field 1 length extended (optional)	Folder list field 1 (optional, variable)
Folder list field 1 (optional, variable)		
Folder list field 2 byte count		
Folder list field 2 (optional, variable)		
Address list field (optional, variable)		
Skip block (variable)		
SRestriction field (optional, variable)		
Advanced search field (optional, variable)		
Skip block (variable)		

Version field: This field SHOULD specify the version of this BLOB definition <2>.

Flag fields:

- A.** Ignored. This bit SHOULD be 0.
- B.** MAY indicate whether **Folder list field 2** contains data defining the search criteria.
- C.** SHOULD indicate whether **Folder list field 1** contains data defining the search criteria.
- D.** MUST indicate whether **Advanced search field** exists and contains the data defining the search criteria.
- E.** MUST indicate whether **SRestriction field** exists and contains the data defining the search criteria.
- F.** MUST indicate whether **Address list field** exists and contains addresses defining the search criteria.

- G.** SHOULD indicate that there is data in the **Text search field** defining the search criteria.
- H.** SHOULD indicate that there is data in the **Numerical search field** defining the search criteria.
- I.** MAY indicate that this search folder is not **active**.
- J.** Indicates that this search folder SHOULD be refreshed daily. That is, when updating the PidTagSearchFolderExpiration value, it SHOULD be set one day in the future.
- K.** Indicates that this search folder SHOULD be refreshed weekly. That is, when updating the PidTagSearchFolderExpiration value, it SHOULD be set one week in the future.
- L.** Indicates that this search folder SHOULD be refreshed monthly. That is, when updating the PidTagSearchFolderExpiration value, it SHOULD be set one month in the future.

Numerical search field: This field MUST contain a 4-byte integer used by some templates to define the search criteria. If the template specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId does not require it (and therefore does not set the **H** flag in this BLOB), this field is ignored.

Text search field length: This field MUST contain a single byte integer defining the length of the **Text search field**. The length is the number of characters. If **Text search field** is an empty string, this field MUST be 0. If **Text search field** is longer than 254 characters, this field MUST be 255.

Text search field length extended: This field MUST NOT exist if the value of **Text search field length** is less than 255. If **Text search field length** is 255, this field MUST contain a 2-byte integer defining the length of the **Text search field**. The length is the number of characters.

Text search field: If **Text search field length** is 0, this field MUST NOT exist. If **Text search field length** is non-zero, this field MUST contain a string used by some templates to define the search criteria. If the template specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId does not require it (and therefore does not set the **G** flag in this BLOB), this field is ignored. It MUST NOT be longer than 65536 characters.

Skip block: This MUST contain a least a 4-byte integer defining how many bytes to skip ahead. This is for future versions to insert new data. If there is no data to skip, the value of this field MUST be 0, and its size will be 4 bytes. If there is data to skip, the size of this field MUST be 4 bytes plus the size of the data to be skipped.

Deep search field: This field MUST contain a 4-byte integer representing a Boolean. It defines whether the search criteria SHOULD include sub-folders. This MUST be set to 0 for false, and it MUST be set to a non-zero value for true.

Folder list field 1 length: This field MUST contain a single byte integer defining the length of **Folder list field 1**. The length is the number of characters. If **Folder list field 1** is an empty string, this field MUST be 0. If **Folder list field 1** is longer than 254 characters, this field MUST be 255.

Folder list field 1 length extended: This field MUST NOT exist if the value of **Folder list field 1 length** is less than 255. If **Folder list field 1 length** is 255, this field MUST contain a 2-byte integer defining the length of the **Folder list field 1**. The length is the number of characters.

Folder list field 1: If **Folder list field 1 length** is 0, this field MUST NOT exist. If **Folder list field 1 length** is non-zero, this field MUST contain a string used by some templates to define the folder names to search, delimited by semicolons. If the template specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId does not require it (and therefore does not set the **C** flag in this BLOB), this field is ignored. It MUST NOT be longer than 65536 characters.

*Folder list field 1 = [folder_name] [“,” folder_name]**

Folder list field 2 byte count: This field MUST contain a 4-byte integer defining the number of bytes in the next field, **Folder list field 2**. If the template specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId does not require **Folder list field 2** (and therefore does not set the **B** flag in this BLOB), this field MUST be set to 0.

Folder list field 2: If **Folder list field 2 byte count** is greater than 0, this field MUST exist and MUST contain an **EntryList** [MS-OXCDATA] used by some templates to define the search criteria. If **Folder list field 2 byte count** is equal to 0, this field MUST NOT exist.

Address list field: If the template specified in PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId requires this field (and sets the **F** flag in this BLOB), this field MUST exist and MUST contain an **AddressList** of addresses used by some templates to define the search criteria. If the template does not require it (and therefore does not set the **F** flag in this BLOB), this field MUST NOT exist. This field is formatted as follows:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
AddressCount																															
Addresses (Variable)																															

...

AddressCount: This field MUST contain a 4-byte unsigned integer giving the number of addressees to follow.

Addresses: This field MUST contain **AddressCount** AddressEntry structures. An AddressEntry is a set of properties representing one addressee, and is specified as follows:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
PropertyCount																															
Pad																															
Values (Variable)																															
...																															

PropertyCount: This field MUST contain a 4-byte unsigned integer giving the number of values to follow.

Pad: Ignored, this 4-byte field MAY be any value.

Values: This field MUST contain **PropertyCount** properties specifying the properties of an addressee. These properties are each formatted as follows:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	0	1
PropertyType																PropertyId																		
PropertyValue (variable)																																		

PropertyType: This field MUST contain a 2-byte integer specifying the type of PropertyValue.

PropertyId: This field MUST contain a 2-byte integer indentifying the data in PropertyValue.

PropertyType and PropertyId together specify a property. Each AddressEntry MUST include the following nine properties: PidTagDisplayName, PidTagPrimarySmtAddress, PidTagAddressType, PidTagEntryId, PidTagObjectType, PidTagDisplayType, PidTagDisplayTypeEx, PidTagEmailAddress, and PidTagRecipientType. Other PropertyIds MAY be included. See [MS-OXPROPS] for more details and a complete list of properties.

PropertyValue: The contents of this field depend on PropertyType. It MUST contain appropriately formatted data as specified in the following table.

PropertyType name	Property Type value	PropertyValue specification	Alternate names
PtypInteger32	0x0003	4 bytes, a 32-bit integer [MS-DTYP]: INT32	PT_LONG, PT_I4
PtypErrorCode	0x000A	4 bytes, a 32-bit integer encoding error information	PT_ERROR
PtypBoolean	0x000B	2 bytes, a 16-bit integer, 0 is false, non-zero is true	PT_BOOLEAN
PtypString	0x001F	variable size, a 16-bit byte count followed by a string of Unicode characters in UTF-16LE encoding with terminating null character (2 bytes of zero)	PT_UNICODE
PtypString8	0x001E	variable size, a 16-bit byte count followed by a string of multi-byte characters in externally specified encoding with terminating null character (single 0 byte)	PT_STRING8
PtypTime	0x0040	8 bytes, a 64-bit integer representing the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 [MS-DTYP]: FILETIME	PT_SYSTIME
PtypBinary	0x0102	variable size, a 16-bit byte count followed by that many bytes	PT_BINARY
PtypMultipleString8	0x101E	variable size, a 16-bit byte count followed by that many PtypString8 values (as specified above)	PT_MV_STRING8
PtypMultipleBinary	0x1102	variable size, a 16-bit byte count followed by that many PtypBinary values (as specified above)	PT_MV_BINARY

Skip block: See **Skip block**, previously in this section.

SRestriction field: If the template specified by PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId requires this field (and sets the **E** flag in this BLOB), this field MUST exist and MUST contain an

SRestriction explicitly defining the search criteria. If the template does not require it (and therefore does not set the **E** flag in this BLOB), this field **MUST NOT** exist.

Advanced search field: If the template specified by `PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId` requires this field (and sets the **D** flag in this BLOB), this field **MUST** exist and **MUST** contain a BLOB representing the advanced search dialog. If the template does not require it (and therefore does not set the **D** flag in this BLOB), this field **MUST NOT** exist.

Skip block: See **Skip block**, previously in this section.

2.2.1.2.9 `PidTagSearchFolderRecreateInfo`

This property **MAY** not be used.

2.2.2 Search Folder Container

While the definition message persists the definition of a search folder, a search folder container only exists if the search folder is an **active search folder**. If a search folder is inactive, the search folder container will not exist. For more details on active and **inactive search folders**, and the relationship between definition messages and search folder containers, see section 2.2.4.

A search folder container is created and modified as described in sections 3.1.4.1 and 3.1.4.3. A search folder container uses search criteria, a feature that is not unique to this protocol. These folders also require the use of several common properties.

2.2.2.1 Common Properties

These properties are not unique to search folder containers, but their values **MUST** be correct to function in the Search Folder protocol.

2.2.2.1.1 `PidTagContainerClass`

`PidTagContainerClass` **MUST** be set to “IPF.Note” for the folder to be recognized as a search folder container.

2.2.2.1.2 `PidTagExtendedFolderFlags`

`PidTagExtendedFolderFlags` is a BLOB specified in [MS-OXOCFG]. It **MUST** contain equivalent data to the definition message’s `PidTagSearchFolderId` and `PidTagSearchFolderTag` properties. For more details about how these properties work together, see section 2.2.4.

The **Folder flags** BLOB specified in [MS-OXOCFG] defines a number of sub-properties, each consisting of an Id, Cb, and Data block. These sub-properties include **SearchFolderID**, which corresponds to the definition message’s `PidTagSearchFolderId` property.

The Search Folder List Configuration protocol extends that BLOB by defining another sub-property, **SearchFolderTag**. This sub-property corresponds with the definition message’s `PidTagSearchFolderTag` property and is specified as follows:

Sub-property field	Value
Id	0x03
Cb	0x04
Data	A 4-byte number matching the definition message's PidTagSearchFolderTag property.

2.2.3 Search Templates

Search folder criteria is specified by a template <3>. The PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId property on the message defining the search folder identifies its corresponding template. In addition to defining search criteria, a template also defines folders to exclude from the search, defines items to exclude from the search, and specifies the value of PidTagSearchFolderStorageType. For more details about the folders excluded from the search, see [MS-OXOSFLD]. For more details about the item types excluded from the search, see:

- Appointments [MS-OXOCAL]
- Contacts [MS-OXOCNTC]
- Distribution lists [MS-OXOABK]
- Journal items [MS-OXOJRNL]
- Sticky notes [MS-OXONOTE]
- Tasks [MS-OXOTASK]

The flags set in PidTagSearchFolderStorageType (as specified in section 2.2.1.2.6) and in the second field of the binary data in PidTagSearchFolderDefinition (as specified in section 2.2.1.2.8) vary according to template. The fields required in the binary data of PidTagSearchFolderDefinition also vary according to template. The remaining subsections within section 2.2.3 define the templates <4>, including their requirements for PidTagSearchFolderStorageType flags and PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields.

2.2.3.1 Unread Messages

ID	2
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template. SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing Unread Messages.

2.2.3.2 Marked for Followup

ID	3
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template. SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that are marked for follow-up.

2.2.3.3 Unread or Marked for Followup

ID	4
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template. SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing unread message AND messages marked for follow-up.

2.2.3.4 Important Mail

ID	5
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template. SRestriction field: An SRestriction messages that have been marked important.

2.2.3.5 Conversations

ID	6
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks,

PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000004e (B, E, F, and G)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages to and from people in the Address list field.</p> <p>Address list field: An AddressList of the people by which to filter conversations.</p> <p>Text search field: A text list of the people by which to filter conversations.</p>

2.2.3.6 From a Specific Person

ID	7
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts, sent items
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks,
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000004e (B, E, F, and G)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages from people in the Address list field.</p> <p>Address list field: An AddressList of the people by which to filter received messages.</p> <p>Text search field: A text list of the people by which to filter received messages.</p>

2.2.3.7 Sent Directly to Me

ID	8
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts, sent items
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that include the user as a recipient.</p>

2.2.3.8 Sent to a Specific Distribution List

ID	9
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Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks,
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000004e (B , E , F , and G)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages to distribution lists in the Address list field.</p> <p>Address list field: An AddressList of the distribution lists by which to filter messages.</p> <p>Text search field: A text list of the distribution lists by which to filter messages.</p>

2.2.3.9 Large Messages

ID	10
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000004b (B , E , G , and H)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that are larger than <i>n</i> kilobytes, where <i>n</i> is the number specified in Number search field.</p> <p>Text search field: The size as a string, including units. Example: 99 KB</p> <p>Number search field: The size to filter by, in kilobytes.</p>

2.2.3.10 Old Mail

ID	11
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00004049 (B , E , H , and J) This SHOULD include J (daily), to indicate that these folders SHOULD update daily. It MAY include K or L instead of J .
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that are older than the age specified in Number search field.</p>

	<p>Number search field: The age. This is formatted as follows (in big-endian byte order):</p> <p>HIWORD: These 2 bytes describe the units.</p> <p>0x0000: Days</p> <p>0x0001: Weeks</p> <p>0x0002: Months</p> <p>LOWORD: These 2 bytes describe the amount.</p> <p>For example, 0x0001002a would mean an age of 42 weeks.</p>
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2.2.3.11 With Attachments

ID	12
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that have file attachments.</p>

2.2.3.12 With Specific Words

ID	14
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail, outbox, drafts
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x0000004a (B , E , and G)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	<p>Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template.</p> <p>SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that contain words specified in Text search field.</p> <p>Text search field: The words for which to search.</p>

2.2.3.13 Categorized

ID	15
Folders excluded	failed sync items, deleted items, junkmail
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks

PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000048 (B and E) (any category) 0x0000004a (B , E , and G) (specific categories)
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Folder list field 2: The EntryList of folders to search. This will include all mailbox folders, except the ones specifically excluded for this template. SRestriction field: An SRestriction describing messages that have a category. If G is specified in PidTagSearchFolderStorageType, the SRestriction specifies messages that have a category matching the string in Text search field . Text search field: The category text to match, if G is specified.

2.2.3.14 Custom

ID	1
Folders excluded	failed sync items
Item Types excluded	appointments, contacts, distribution lists, journal items, sticky notes, tasks
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	0x00000010 (D) This template MAY contain other flags, but MUST include this flag.
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition fields	Advanced search field: A client specific binary serialization of the advanced find dialog.

2.2.4 Search Folder Definition Messages and Search Folder Containers

A search folder exists only if it has a definition message. Each definition message MUST have a GUID, stored in the PidTagSearchFolderId property. This GUID is fixed and MUST NOT change. Search folder containers also have a GUID, stored in the SearchFolderId sub-property of the PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property. A search folder container MUST have the same SearchFolderId as the PidTagSearchFolderId of its corresponding definition message. If it does not, that search folder container SHOULD be deleted. This is how a definition message is connected to a corresponding search folder container. If both the search folder container and the definition message exist (with search folder container SearchFolderId matching definition message PidTagSearchFolderId), the search folder is **Active**. If the search folder container does not exist, the search folder is **Inactive**. The client can make an inactive search folder active by creating the search folder container as described in section 3.1.4.1.2.

To keep the search folder container updated, the client uses the PidTagSearchFolderTag property on the search folder definition message and the corresponding SearchFolderTag property stored in the PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property of the search folder container. When a search folder container is created, this SearchFolderTag property MUST have the value as the PidTagSearchFolderTag property on its corresponding definition message. If the definition message is changed, the value of PidTagSearchFolderTag MUST change. If this scenario occurs, the corresponding search folder container would have an unmatched

SearchFolderTag value, so the client **MUST** update the physical search folder to set the SearchFolderTag value to match the value of PidTagSearchFolderTag on the definition message. For more details, see section 3.1.4.3.

3 Protocol Details

3.1 Client Details

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This section specifies 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.

All data necessary for the search folder protocol is persisted in the search folder definition message, the format of which is specified in section 2.2.1. This data is used to create and maintain search folder containers, as specified in section 2.2.2.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

For this protocol, there is no specific initialization, as all messages use the existing connection assumed in section 1.5.

To display the list of existing search folders to the user at start-up, the client:

- **SHOULD** return the associated messages (as specified in [MS-OXCMSG]) in the Common Views folder (as specified in [MS-OXOSFLD]) from the message database (as specified in [MS-OXCSTOR]). Each message with PidTagMessageClass set to “IPM.Microsoft.Wunderbar.SFInfo” is a search folder definition message.
- **SHOULD** load the folder objects (as specified in [MS-OXCFOLD]) in the Finder folder (as specified in [MS-OXOSFLD]). Each folder with property PidTagFolderType set to FOLDER_SEARCH (0x00000002) and PidTagContainerClass set to “IPF.Note” is a search folder container.
- **SHOULD** examine the PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property, SearchFolderTag sub-property (as specified in [MS-OXOCFG]) of each search folder container. If that GUID matches the value of a search folder definition message PidTagSearchFolderId property, that folder object is associated with that search message.
- **MUST** delete any search folder container that does not have a corresponding search folder definition message.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

3.1.4.1 Creating a Search Folder

To create a search folder, the client **MUST** complete three steps:

- Obtain data to define the search criteria.
- Create the search folder container to contain the search results.
- Create the definition message to persist the search folder.

The remaining subsections of section 3.1.4.1 specify details for each of these steps.

3.1.4.1.1 Obtaining Data

The client **SHOULD**:

- Obtain a name for the search folder.
- Identify which template to use (For more details about search templates, see section 2.2.3).
- Obtain specific data needed by the chosen template.

3.1.4.1.2 Creating a New Search Folder Container

In the “Finder” folder of the message database, the client **MUST** create a new search folder container having the following properties:

Property	Value
PidTagFolderType	MUST be FOLDER_SEARCH (0x00000002)
PidTagDisplayName	SHOULD be name for the search folder, as specified in section 3.1.4.1.1.
PidTagContainerClass	MUST be IPF.Note.
PidTagExtendedFolderFlags	MUST contain a BLOB as specified in [MS-OXOCFG]. Among others, that BLOB MUST contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SearchFolderID: a generated GUID identifying the message object. This MUST be the same as PidTagSearchFolderId of the message object created (as specified in section 3.1.4.1.3).• SearchFolderTag: another ID, often a TickCount, used to indicate whether this folder object is synchronized with the associated message object.• ExtendedFlags: Search folders support the total count and unread count flags.

The client **MUST** also set the search criteria. For more details, see [MS-OXCFOLD] and [MS-OXOCFG].

3.1.4.1.3 Creating a New Definition Message

In the associated message table of the Common Views folder in the message database, the client **MUST** create a new definition message and populate each property specified in section 2.2.1.2.

Property	Value
PidTagMessageClass	MUST be "IPM.Microsoft.WunderBar.SFInfo".
PidTagDisplayName	SHOULD match the name of the search folder.
PidTagSearchFolderId	MUST be the same GUID as stored in the extended folder properties BLOB on the folder object.
PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId	MUST be the ID of the template chosen, as specified in section 2.2.3.
PidTagSearchFolderTag	SHOULD be the same value as the SearchFolderTag stored in the PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property BLOB on the folder object.
PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed	SHOULD be set to the current time.
PidTagSearchFolderExpiration	SHOULD be set to the date and time at which the search folder container object will be deleted.
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	SHOULD clear the 0x00008000 flag, because the search folder container object exists. The value of this flag SHOULD be the value specified by the template definition in section 2.2.3. The 0x00000004, 0x00000008, and 0x00000010 (big-endian) flags MUST be set as specified by the template being used.
PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags	SHOULD be the same as the flags stored in the extended folder properties BLOB on the folder object.
PidTagSearchFolderDefinition	<p>MUST contain a BLOB as specified in section 2.2.1.2.8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULONG version of the search folder implementation. <5> • ULONG value in PidTagSearchFolderStorageType • ULONG number used by the search template. This number MUST be present, regardless of whether the template specifies it or not. • Unicode string with preceding length used by the search template. This MUST be present, regardless of whether the template specifies it or not. See section 2.2.1.2.8 for exact format. • A Skip block, a ULONG defining how many more ULONGs to read and skip. If no skipping is needed, this value MUST be 0x00000000. • Boolean: whether the search SHOULD search sub-folders. This MUST be present.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unicode string with preceding length of semi-colon delimited folder names indicating the folders to search. See section 2.2.1.2.8 for exact format. This field is only used by the Custom template (as specified in section 2.2.3.14). • ULONG indicating the byte size of the following field. • EntryList containing the folders to search. This MUST be present if the previous field is greater than 0. • AddressList containing the addresses related to the search criteria. This MUST be present if PidTagSearchFolderStorageType contains the 0x00000004 flag. If PidTagSearchFolderStorageType does not contain that flag, this field MUST NOT be present. • Another Skip block. • The SRestriction criteria for the search folder. This MUST be present if PidTagSearchFolderStorageType contains 0x00000008. If PidTagSearchFolderStorageType does not contain that flag, this field MUST NOT be present. • BLOB detailing an advanced custom search folder. This BLOB MUST be present if PidTagSearchFolderStorageType contains 0x00000010. If PidTagSearchFolderStorageType does not contain that flag, this field MUST NOT be present.
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3.1.4.2 Opening a Search Folder

If the search folder is not active, the client MUST create the folder in the message database's finder as specified in section 3.1.4.1.

If the current date/time is later than the value of the search folder message's PidTagSearchFolderExpiration value, the client SHOULD recreate the criteria and update the message and the folder.

Once the folder object is updated, or if the search folder was active already, the client MUST open the folder. When the search folder is opened, the client SHOULD set the value of PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed to the current time.

3.1.4.3 Modifying a Search Folder

Any changes to the search folder MUST be made to the definition message in the Common Views associated table. The search folder container (if one exists) MUST be updated or deleted. If it is deleted, it MUST be updated or recreated when the search folder is accessed. In addition to any change:

- The PidTagSearchFolderTag of the message object and the, SearchFolderTag sub-property in the search folder container PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property SHOULD be updated. These new values MUST be equal.
- The PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed SHOULD be set to the current time.

3.1.4.4 Deleting a Search Folder

To delete a search folder, the client MUST delete the message object from the Common Views associated message table and delete the folder object in the Finder Folder. For more details about deleting messages and folders, see [MS-OXCMSG] and [MS-OXCFOLD].

3.1.4.5 Current Time Exceeds PidTagSearchFolderExpiration

When the current time passes the time in PidTagSearchFolderExpiration, the client SHOULD delete (mark inactive) the actual folder items in the message database finder.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

In the event that messages with potentially conflicting changes arrive close to one another, this protocol follows the standard messaging behavior as specified in [MS-OXCMSG].

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

4.1 Search Folder Message Object

The following example is the definition message for a search folder. To create (or update) a search folder for unread messages, the client would create a message object having property values as shown in this example.

PidTagMessageClass	IPM.Microsoft.WunderBar.SFInfo
PidTagDisplayName	Unread Mail
PidTagSearchFolderLastUsed	214089600
PidTagSearchFolderExpiration	214089641
PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId	2
PidTagSearchFolderId	cb: 16 lpb: 757154C8C1DFC14C91DE09C2044D2D1C

PidTagSearchFolderDefinition

cb: 922 lpb:

[illegible]

	DBD8900000210B4D1000001000000020000000 6000000000000000300070E0100000006000000 01000000030097100100000000000000
PidTagSearchFolderStorageType	72
PidTagSearchFolderTag	1045439171
PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags	0

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no security considerations beyond those specified in [MS-OXCMMSG] and [MS-OXCFOLD].

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 as following. 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 that Office/Exchange does not follow the prescription.

<1> Outlook 2007 SP1 and Outlook 2003 SP3 set the container's PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property, sub-property ExtendedFlags, field b to 0x1 even if the definition message's PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags property is 0x00000000. If the value of PidTagSearchFolderTemplateId is 3 or 4, Outlook 2007 SP1 and Outlook 2003 SP3 set field b to 0x2, even if PidTagSearchFolderEfpFlags is 0x00000000.

<2> Section 2.2.1.2.8: Outlook 2007 SP1 and Outlook 2003 SP3 use 0x04100000 (network order).

<3> Section 2.2.3: Exchange (all versions) ignores the definition messages. Exchange does expose **active** search folders through its Outlook Web Access Web client by identifying search folder containers in the Finder folder [MS-OXOSFLD]. These search folder containers

are identified by examining the PidTagExtendedFolderFlags property of the folder, as specified in [MS-OXOCFG]. If the sub-property **SearchFolderID** is defined, Exchange treats as a search folder. Exchange (and Outlook Web Access) do not support **inactive** search folders.

<4> Section 2.2.3.13: The Categorized template is not supported in Outlook 2003 SP3.

<5> Section 2.2.1.2.8: Outlook 2007 SP1 and Outlook 2003 SP3 use 0x04100000 (network order).

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