

[MS-OXOSFLD]: Special Folders Protocol Specification

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1 Introduction

The Special Folders Protocol document specifies the following:

- The set of special containers shared by client and server implementations of this protocol.
- The specific protocol used to find and interact with each container.
- The type of objects stored in each container.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-OXGLOS\]](#):

appointment
Calendar folder
Calendar object
client-side rule
complete flag
Conflicts folder
contact
Contact object
conversation action
Deferred Action Folder (DAF)
Deferred Action Message (DAM)
delegate
Drafts folder
entry ID
feed
folder
folder ID (FID)
Folder object
free/busy
handle
Inbox folder
journal
Journal object
Junk E-Mail rule
little-endian
locale
message ID (MID)
Message object
messaging object
Outbox folder
Personal Information Manager (PIM)
property (1)
property tag
Receive folder
reminder
remote operation (ROP)
remote procedure call (RPC)
restriction
Root folder
search criteria
search folder

Sent Items folder
Server object
Server object handle table
special folder
store
Store object
Task object

The following terms are specific to this document:

Common Views folder: The **special folder** that contains the data for default views that are standard for the message **store** and that can be used by any user of a client accessing the message **store**.

Container class: The value of the **PidTagContainerClass** property on a **folder**, which indicates the default **Message object** type for the **folder**.

Conversation Action Settings folder: The **special folder** that contains the **FAI** messages that are used to persist **conversation actions**.

Deleted Items folder: The **special folder** that is the default location for objects that have been deleted.

Finder folder: The **special folder** that contains the default **search folders**.

identification method: The means by which an implementation locates or identifies a particular **special folder**.

Junk E-mail folder: The **special folder** that is the default location for e-mail **Message objects** that are determined to be Junk e-mail by a **Junk E-Mail rule**.

Local Failures folder: The **special folder** that contains messages that indicate client-side synchronization failures.

Notes folder: The **special folder** that contains Note objects.

Personal Views folder: The **special folder** that contains the data for views defined by a particular user.

Really Simple Syndication (RSS): A Web content syndication format as defined in [RSS20].

Reminders folder: The **special folder** that is a **search folder** that supports **reminder** functionality.

RSS Feeds folder: The **special folder** that contains **Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed** messages.

Server Failures folder: The **special folder** that contains messages that indicate server-side synchronization failures.

Suggested Contacts folder: The **special folder** that contains contacts that are created when a message recipient is not in an address book.

Sync Issues folder: The **special folder** that contains other **folders** that contain messages that indicate particular issues encountered during synchronization between client and server.

Tasks folder: The **special folder** that contains **Task objects**.

To-Do Search folder: The **special folder** that is used to track **Task objects**.

Top of Personal Folders folder: The **special folder** that is the top **folder** of the inter-personal message hierarchy, which contains user data **folders**, including most **special folders**, such as **Inbox**, and so on.

Tracked Mail Processing folder: The **special folder** that contains objects flagged by the Send and Track feature.

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.

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1.2.1 Normative References

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- [MS-OXORSS] Microsoft Corporation, "[RSS Object Protocol Specification](#)", April 2008.
- [MS-OXORULE] Microsoft Corporation, "[E-Mail Rules Protocol Specification](#)", April 2008.
- [MS-OXOSRCH] Microsoft Corporation, "[Search Folder List Configuration Protocol Specification](#)", April 2008.
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1.2.2 Informative References

None.

1.3 Overview

The Special Folders protocol extends the Folder Object protocol [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#), which provides clients with a general-purpose organizational mechanism based on **Folder objects**. Clients have the option of storing particular types of data, such as e-mail messages or **Personal Information Manager (PIM)** objects such as **appointments**, **contacts**, in particular **folders**. The Special Folders protocol specifies the default set of such folders that the server supports, as well as other **special folders** that support specific folders for certain types of application data, such as **reminders** and views.

Interaction with special folders begins with a determination of whether or not a particular special Folder exists within an opened **store object**, which is specified by the Store Object protocol [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#). This determination is based on the following criteria—note that all **properties** referenced in this and subsequent sections are specified by [\[MS-OXPROPS\]](#):

- The appropriate **identification method** has been established for the given special folder.
- The special folder exists in the store object.
- The value of the [PidTagContainerClass](#) property of the folder is set to the value defined for that particular special folder.

If these criteria are not met for a particular special folder, an implementation uses the Folder Object protocol to create the folder or, in the case of the **root folder**, returns an error.

An important aspect of the Special Folders protocol is the method used to identify special folders after they are created. Following these identification methods ensures that the same special folder will continue to be used for a particular type of **messaging object** after the folder is created. The identification method for each special folder is specified in section [2.2](#).

The following table lists the set of folders that are special folders, along with the **Container class** for each folder where applicable, and references for further information.

Special folder name	Description	Container class	Related information
Root	The store hierarchy's top-level folder, which contains all other Folder objects in that store.	None	[MS-OXCSTOR]
Finder	Contains the default search folders .	None	[MS-OXOSRCH]
Freebusy Data	Contains the free/busy data of the owner.	None	[MS-OXOPFFB]
Top of Personal Folders	The top folder of the interpersonal message hierarchy, which contains user data folders, including most special folders, such as the Inbox .	None	[MS-OXCSTOR]
Deleted Items	The default location for objects that have been deleted.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOMSG]
Outbox	Outgoing e-mail Message objects are placed in this folder at submit time (when the Message object is sent).	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOMSG]
Sent Items	The default location in which copies of e-mail Message objects are placed after they have been submitted (sent).	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOMSG]
Inbox	The default location for incoming (received) e-mail Message objects.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOMSG]
Common Views	Contains the data for default views that are standard for the message store and that can be used by any user of a client accessing the message store.	None	None
Personal Views	Contains the data for views defined by a particular user.	None	None
Deferred Action Folder	Contains the Deferred Action Messages (DAM) that resulted from the execution of client-side rules .	None	[MS-OXORULE]

Special folder name	Description	Container class	Related information
Calendar	Contains Calendar objects , such as appointments.	"IPF.Appointment"	[MS-OXOCAL]
Contacts	Contains Contact objects .	"IPF.Contact"	[MS-OXOCNTC]
Journal	Contains Journal objects .	"IPF.Journal"	[MS-OXOJRNL]
Notes	Contains Note objects.	"IPF.StickyNote"	[MS-OXONOTE]
Tasks	Contains Task objects .	"IPF.Task"	[MS-OXOTASK]
Reminders	Search folder that supports reminder functionality.	"Outlook.Reminder"	[MS-OXORMDR]
Drafts	The default location for composed e-mail Message objects that have been saved but not sent.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOMSG]
Conflicts	Contains Message objects that indicate synchronization conflicts between client and server.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXCSYNC]
Sync Issues	Contains folders that contain messages that indicate particular issues encountered during synchronization between client and server.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXCSYNC]
Local Failures	Contains messages that indicate client-side synchronization failures.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXCSYNC]
Server Failures	Contains messages that indicate server-side synchronization failures.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXCSYNC]
Junk E-mail	Default location for e-mail Message objects determined to be Junk e-mail by a Junk E-Mail rule .	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXCSPAM]
RSS Feeds	Contains Really Simple Syndication (RSS)feed messages.	"IPF.Note.OutlookHomepage"	[MS-OXORSS]
Tracked Mail Processing	Search folder that contains flagged objects.	"IPF.Note"	[MS-OXOFLAG]
To-Do Search	search folder used for tracking task objects.	"IPF .Task"	[MS-OXOTASK]
Conversation Action Settings	Contains FAI messages that are used for persisting conversation actions .	"IPF.Configuration"	[MS-OXOCFG]

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Special Folders protocol specification relies on an understanding of how to work with stores, folders, and properties (for more details see [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#), [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#), and [\[MS-OXCPRPT\]](#)), and how these objects are synchronized between the client and server.

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

The Special Folders protocol specification assumes that the messaging client has previously logged on to the messaging server and has acquired a **handle** to the store in which the special folders are located, as specified in [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#).

1.6 Applicability Statement

The Special Folders protocol can be used to locate existing or store newly created well-known object types.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

None.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

The specific formats for the underlying messages that are sent to and received from the server are specified in [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#) for Store objects, [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#) for Folder objects, and [\[MS-OXCPRPT\]](#) for properties.

2.2 Message Syntax

The identification method for a special Folder consists of one of the following:

- **Folder IDs (FIDs)** returned from [RopLogon](#), as specified in [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#). These FIDs identify the following folders:
 - Root folder
 - Finder folder
 - Top of Personal Folders folder
 - Deleted Items folder
 - Outbox folder
 - Sent Items folder
 - Inbox folder
 - Common Views folder
 - Personal Views folder
 - Deferred Action folder
- Binary properties that each contains only a single **entry ID**.
- [PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIds](#), a **PtypMultipleBinary** property in which each indexed value contains an entry ID.
- [PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIdsEx](#), a **PtypBinary** property in which the binary data is in its own format, allowing for multiple entry IDs.
- [PidTagFreeBusyEntryIds](#), a **PtypMultipleBinary** property in which indexed value 3 contains the entry ID for the Freebusy Data folder. For more details about this property, see [\[MS-OXOPFFB\]](#).
- Use of the Store Object protocol to get or set the identity of the Inbox folder.

Unless otherwise noted, the entry IDs that are returned by these identification methods MUST be converted to FIDs, as specified in [\[MS-OXCADATA\]](#), by using [RopIdFromLongTermId](#), as defined in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#), before they are used to open a special folder that uses the Folder Object protocol.

2.2.1 Binary Identification Properties

The binary properties, each of which contains only a single entry ID, are read or written by using the property and **Stream Object** protocol. The following table lists these properties.

Property name	Folder ID
PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId	Calendar
PidTagIpmContactEntryId	Contacts
PidTagIpmJournalEntryId	Journal
PidTagIpmNoteEntryId	Notes
PidTagIpmTaskEntryId	Tasks
PidTagRemindersOnlineEntryId	Reminders
PidTagIpmDraftsEntryId	Drafts

These properties are read from/written to the Inbox folder or Root folder. The implementation MUST use the Inbox folder when the store is that of the primary messaging user, and it MUST use the Root folder when the store is that of a **delegate** user. These user roles are specified in [\[MS-OXODLGT\]](#).

2.2.2 Format of PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIds

This **MultiBinary** property on the Inbox folder contains the entry IDs for several special folders. The following table lists the index into the [PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIds](#) value for each of these special folders.

Index	Folder identified
0x0000	Conflicts
0x0001	Sync Issues
0x0002	Local Failures
0x0003	Server Failures
0x0004	Junk E-mail
0x0005	None. Reserved for use by the Spam Confidence Level, Allow and Block Lists protocol [MS-OXCSPAM] and the Phishing Warning protocol [MS-OXPHISH] .

If the implementation encounters an unknown index value in [PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIds](#), the implementation MUST ignore and preserve the data in the index entry ID.

2.2.3 Format of PidTagAdditionalRenEntryIdsEx

Several of the special folder entry IDs are identified by this binary property on the Store object that contains the folders. If present, the value of this property MUST contain an array of blocks that contain the entry IDs for these folders, in the format specified in the following sections.

2.2.3.1 PersistData Block

Name	Type	Size	Description
PersistID	WORD	2	Type identifier value for this PersistData block. SHOULD be one of PersistBlockType

Name	Type	Size	Description
			values.
DataElementsSize	WORD	2	The size in BYTES of the DataElements field.
DataElements	Array of PersistElement blocks	variable	0 (zero) or more PersistElement blocks.

PersistBlockType values SHOULD be one of those listed in the following table. If a **PersistData** block is encountered where the **PersistID** value is not known to the implementation, the implementation MUST ignore that **PersistData** block and continue processing until either a **PERSIST_SENTINEL PersistID** or the end of the stream is encountered. <1><2><3>

Name	Value	Description
RSF_PID_RSS_SUBSCRIPTION	0x8001	Indicates that this block contains data for the RSS Feeds folder.
RSF_PID_SEND_AND_TRACK	0x8002	Indicates that this block contains data for the Tracked Mail Processing folder.
RSF_PID_TODO_SEARCH	0x8004	Indicates that this block contains data for the To-Do Search folder.
RSF_PID_CONV_ACTIONS	0x8006	Indicates that this block contains data for the Conversation Action Settings folder.
RSF_PID_COMBINED_ACTIONS	0x8007	This value is reserved.
RSF_PID_SUGGESTED_CONTACTS	0x8008	Indicates that this block contains data for the Suggested Contacts folder .
PERSIST_SENTINEL	0x0000	Indicates that the implementation MUST stop processing further PersistData blocks. PERSIST_SENTINEL is optional; if it is not included, processing continues to the end of the stream.

2.2.3.2 PersistElement Block

Name	Type	Size	Description
ElementID	WORD	2	Type identifier value for this PersistElement block. SHOULD be one of PersistElementType values.
ElementDataSize	WORD	2	The size in BYTES of the ElementData field.
ElementData	BYTE array of binary data	variable	The data corresponding to this PersistID\ElementID .

PersistElementType values SHOULD be one of those listed in the following table. If a **PersistElement** block is encountered where **ElementID** is not known to the implementation, the implementation MUST ignore that **PersistElement** block and continue processing further **PersistElement** blocks until an **ELEMENT_SENTINEL ElementID** or the end of the stream is encountered. The implementation MUST then continue processing additional **PersistData** blocks until either a **PERSIST_SENTINEL PersistID** or the end of the stream is encountered.

Name	Value	Value of ElementDataSize	Description
RSF_ELID_HEADER	0x0002	0x0004	Indicates that this block's ElementData contains a DWORD Header value. The interpretation of this value depends on the current block's PersistID type. For all PersistID types specified in this section, this value MUST be 0 (zero).
RSF_ELID_ENTRYID	0x0001	variable	Indicates that this block contains the entry ID of the folder indicated by PersistID .
ELEMENT_SENTINEL	0x0000	0x0000	Indicates that the implementation MUST stop processing further PersistElement blocks for the current PersistData block.

2.2.4 Inbox Identification

To identify the Inbox, an implementation **MUST** use [RopGetReceiveFolder](#) from the Store object protocol to get the FID for the default **Receive folder** for the Store object.

2.2.5 PidTagContainerClass

Several special folders use this **PtypString** property, located on the special folder itself, to describe the type of Message objects that the folder contains. For these folders, an implementation **MUST** set this property, as shown in the following table.

Property value	Special folder
"IPF.Note"	Deleted Items Outbox Sent Items Inbox Drafts Conflicts Sync Issues Local Failures Server Failures Junk E-mail Tracked Mail Processing
"IPF.Appointment"	Calendar
"IPF.Contact"	Contacts
"IPF.Journal"	Journal
"IPF.StickyNote"	Notes
"IPF.Task"	Tasks To-Do Search
"Outlook.Reminder"	Reminders

Property value	Special folder
"IPF.Note.OutlookHomepage"	RSS Feeds
"IPF.Configuration"	Conversation Action Settings

3 Protocol Details

Note that the programming elements used in this section are specified in [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#).

3.1 Common Details

Special folders can be opened or created by clients and servers. Except where noted, this section defines constraints to which clients and servers adhere when interacting with special folders. In all other respects, clients and servers operate as specified in [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#).

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 Folder Hierarchy

The following outline depicts a hierarchy for special folders.

- Store
 - Root
 1. Deferred Action Folder
 2. Finder
 3. Reminders
 4. Tracked Mail Processing
 5. To-Do Search
 6. Common Views
 7. Personal Views
 8. Top of Personal Folders
 1. Deleted Items
 2. Outbox
 3. Sent Items
 4. Inbox
 5. Calendar
 6. Contacts
 7. Journal

- 8. Notes
- 9. Tasks
- 10. Drafts
- 11. Sync Issues
 - 1. Conflicts
 - 2. Local Failures
 - 3. Server Failures
- 12. Junk E-mail
- 13. RSS Feeds
- 14. Conversation Action Settings

3.1.1.2 Search Criteria for Search Special Folders

Some of the special folders are search folders, as specified in [\[MS-OXOSRCH\]](#), and the functionality supported by these folders depends on specific **search criteria**. The detailed specification for each of these is given in section [3.1.4.1](#), and an abstracted outline of these search criteria is as follows.

For the Reminders folder:

Include all Message objects in any folder contained within the Top of Personal Folders folder, with the following **restrictions**:

- The following special folders are excluded from the search:
 - Deleted Items folder
 - Junk E-mail folder
 - Drafts folder
 - Outbox folder
 - Conflicts folder
 - Local Failures folder
 - Server Failures folder
 - Sync Issues folder
- The value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property does not contain a string with the prefix "IPM.Schedule."
- The value of the [PidTagMessageFlags](#) property, defined in [\[MS-OXCMSG\]](#), does not have the mfSubmitted flag set (that is, submitted Message objects are excluded).
- The value of the [PidLidReminderSet](#) property is set to the **Boolean** value 1, **OR** the value of the [PidLidRecurring](#) property is set to the **Boolean** value 1.

For the To-Do Search folder:

All Message objects in any folder contained within the Top of Personal Folders folder, with the following restrictions:

- The following special folders are excluded from the search:
 - Deleted Items folder
 - Junk E-mail folder
 - Drafts folder
 - Outbox folder
 - Conflicts folder
 - Local Failures folder
 - Server Failures folder
 - Sync Issues folder
- The message class does not start with "IPM.Appointment" OR "IPM.Activity" OR "IPM.StickyNote".
- Any one of the following is true:
 - The Message object is a Task object, as specified in [\[MS-OXOTASK\]](#), **AND** the Task object is owned **AND NOT** accepted **AND** the Task object was sent to the currently logged-on user.
 - The Message object's [PidTagFollowupIcon](#) property is greater than 0.
 - The Message object's [PidTagToDoItemFlags](#) property includes the IsToDoItem flag.
 - The Message object is an object with the **complete flag** set to **TRUE** or a completed task.

For the Tracked Mail Processing folder:

All Message objects in any folder contained within the Top of Personal Folders folder, with the following restrictions:

- The following special folders are excluded from the search:
 - Deleted Items folder
 - Junk E-mail folder
 - Drafts folder
 - Outbox folder
 - Conflicts folder
 - Local Failures folder
 - Server Failures folder
 - Sync Issues folder
- The [PidTagSwappedToDoStore](#) property exists on the object.

- The value of the [PidTagMessageFlags](#) property does not include the mfUnsent or the mfSubmitted flags.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

Before an implementation tries to read or write Message objects within a special folder, the implementation MUST obtain a handle to the special folder by using the following steps:

1. The implementation MUST try to open the special folder by using an identification method, as specified in section 2.2, and the Folder Object protocol, as specified in [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#).
2. If the identification method fails, or the special folder does not exist within the store, the implementation MUST create the special folder as specified in the following section.

3.1.4.1 Folder Creation

The folder hierarchy specified in section 3.1.1.1 also specifies the dependency chain for special folder creation. Before a special folder can be created, all its container objects in this hierarchy MUST already exist. For example, all special folders (except the Root folder) depend on the Store object and the Root folder. Therefore, the Store object and Root folder MUST exist before any special folder can exist. Also, before any folder is created or opened, a handle to the Store object that it contains, as specified in [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#), MUST be obtained by opening the Store object.

To create a special folder, an implementation MUST do the following:

1. Open the parent folder of the desired special folder, as specified in the folder hierarchy in section 3.1.1.1, by using the Folder Object protocol.
2. Create the folder in the opened parent folder, by using the Folder Object protocol and using the special folder name for the implementation's **locale**, reusing the existing folder if one already exists by that name. The FID that is returned MUST be converted to an entry ID, as by [\[MS-OXCDATA\]](#), by using [RopIdFromLongTermId](#), as defined in [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#). The resulting entry ID of the new folder will be used in the following steps.
3. Establish the identification method for the particular special folder created, as specified in section 2.2.
4. If applicable, set the [PidTagContainerClass](#) property to the appropriate value, as specified in section 2.2.5.
5. Perform any special folder-specific initialization, as specified in the following sections.

3.1.4.1.1 Creating the Reminders Folder

To complete the creation of the Reminders folder, an implementation SHOULD [<4>](#) set the search criteria for the Reminders folder by using the Search Folder List Configuration protocol [\[MS-OXOSRCH\]](#) and the Folder Object protocol [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#), such that:

1. The Top of Personal Folders folder SHOULD be the only container included in the search.
2. The search applies a restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following sub-clauses – note that a sub-clause is only added if the particular special folder already exists within the store:
 2. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relational operator (relop) value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Deleted Items folder.
 3. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Junk E-mail folder.
 4. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Drafts folder.
 5. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Outbox folder.
 6. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Conflicts folder.
 7. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Local Failures folder.
 8. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Server Failures folder.
 9. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Sync Issues folder.
 10. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following three sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_NOT with the following sub-clause:
 - A restriction of type RES_AND with the following 2 sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property.
 2. A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_PREFIX, comparing the value of [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.Schedule".
 2. A restriction of type **BitMaskRestriction** with a **BitMapRelOp** value of BMR_EQZ that compares the value of the [PidTagMessageFlags](#) property to the **ULONG** value mfSubmitted.
 3. A restriction of type RES_OR, with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidLidReminderSet](#) property to the **Boolean** value of 1.
 2. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidLidRecurring](#) property.
 2. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidLidRecurring](#) property to the **Boolean** value of 1.

3. The search SHOULD provide the client with the information when requested, include child folders, and run without content indexing.

3.1.4.1.2 Creating the To-Do Search Folder

To complete the creation of the To-Do Search folder, an implementation MUST set the search criteria for the To-Do Search folder by using the Search Folder List Configuration protocol, such that: [<5>](#)

1. The Top of Personal Folders folder MUST be the only container included in the search.
2. The search applies a restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following three sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_NOT, with the following sub-clause:
 - A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_PREFIX bitwise or FL_IGNORECASE, comparing the value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.appointment".
 2. A restriction of type RES_NOT, with the following sub-clause:
 - A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_PREFIX bitwise or FL_IGNORECASE, comparing the value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.Activity".
 3. A restriction of type RES_NOT, with the following sub-clause:
 - A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_PREFIX bitwise or FL_IGNORECASE, comparing the value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.StickyNote."
 2. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following sub-clauses—note that a sub-clause is only added if the particular special folder already exists within the store:
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Deleted Items folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Junk E-mail folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Drafts folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Outbox folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Conflicts folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Local Failures folder.

- A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Server Failures folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Sync Issues folder.
2. A restriction of type RES_OR, with the following four sub-clauses:
1. A restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_OR, with the following two sub-clauses:

A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_FULLSTRING bitwise or FL_IGNORECASE, comparing the value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.Task."

A restriction of type RES_CONTENT with a ulFuzzyLevel of FL_PREFIX bitwise or FL_IGNORECASE, comparing the value of the [PidTagMessageClass](#) property to the string value "IPM.Task."
 1. A restriction of type RES_NOT with the following sub-clause:
 - A restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:

A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidLidTaskState](#) property to the **LONG** value 2.

A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidLidTaskAccepted](#) property to the binary value 1.
 2. A restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagFollowupIcon](#) property.
 2. A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_GT, comparing the value of the [PidTagFollowupIcon](#) property to the **LONG** value 0 (zero).
 3. A restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagToDoItemFlags](#) property.
 2. A restriction of type BitMaskRestriction with a BitMapRelOp value of BMR_NEZ that compares the value of the [PidTagToDoItemFlags](#) property to the **ULONG** value 0x00000001.
 4. A restriction of type RES_OR, with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_AND with the following three sub-clauses:

A restriction of type RES_OR, with the following two sub-clauses:

A restriction of type RES_NOT, with the following sub-clause:

 - A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagFollowupIcon](#) property.

A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidTagFollowupIcon](#) property to the **LONG** value 0 (zero).

A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagFlagStatus](#) property.
A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidTagFlagStatus](#) property to the **LONG** value 1.

1. A restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:

A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidLidTaskStatus](#) property.
A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY, with relop RELOP_EQ, comparing the value of the [PidLidTaskStatus](#) property to the **ULONG** value 2.

3. The search SHOULD provide the client with the information when requested, include child folders, and run without content indexing.

3.1.4.1.3 Creating the Tracked Mail Processing Folder

To complete the creation of the Tracked Mail Processing folder, an implementation MUST set the search criteria for the Tracked Mail Processing folder by using the Search Folder List Configuration protocol, such that: <6>

1. The Top of Personal Folders folder MUST be the only container included in the search.
2. The search applies a restriction of type RES_AND with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following sub-clauses – note that a sub-clause is only added if the particular special folder already exists within the store:
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID / MID pair of the Deleted Items folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Junk E-Mail folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Drafts folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Outbox folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Conflicts folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Local Failures folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Server Failures folder.
 - A restriction of type RES_PROPERTY with a relop value of RELOP_NE, comparing the value of the [PidTagParentEntryId](#) property with the FID/MID pair of the Sync Issues folder.
 2. A restriction of type RES_AND, with the following two sub-clauses:
 1. A restriction of type RES_EXIST that specifies the [PidTagSwappedToDoStore](#) property.
 2. A restriction of type BitMaskRestriction with a BitMapRelOp value of BMR_EQZ that compares the value of the [PidTagMessageFlags](#) property to the **ULONG** value including mfUnsent bitwise or mfSubmitted.

3. The search SHOULD provide the client with the information when requested, include child folders, and run without content indexing.

3.1.4.1.4 Creating Other Special Folders

If the special folder that is being created is one of the following:

- Deleted Items folder
- Junk E-mail folder
- Outbox folder
- Conflicts folder
- Local Failures folder
- Server Failures folder
- Sync Issues folder
- Drafts folder

An implementation MUST take the following additional steps:

1. Open the Reminders folder by using its identification method and the Folder Object protocol. If this succeeds, perform the steps in section [3.1.4.1.1](#).
2. Open the To-Do Search folder by using its identification method and the Folder Object protocol. If this succeeds, perform the steps in section [3.1.4.1.2](#).
3. Open the Tracked Mail Processing folder by using its identification method and the Folder Object protocol. If this succeeds, perform the steps in section [3.1.4.1.3](#).

If the special folder that is being created is a Conversation Action Settings folder, an implementation MUST set the [PidTagAttributeHidden](#) property of the Folder Object to TRUE.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

An implementation MUST treat any failure to open the Root folder as a failure of the entire Special Folders protocol.

For all other special folders, an implementation SHOULD create the special folder if an attempt to open the folder using that folder's identification method fails.

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

The following examples illustrate the byte order of **ROPs** in a buffer that is being prepared for transmission. Note that the examples in this section show only the relevant portions of the specified ROPs; this is not the final byte sequence that gets transmitted over the wire. Also note that the data format for a multi-byte field appears in **little-endian** format, with the **bytes** in the field presented from least significant to most significant.

Frequently, these **ROP requests** are packed with other ROP requests, compressed, obfuscated, and then packed in one or more **RPC** calls. These examples assume that the client has already successfully logged on to the server and has obtained any **Server object** handles that are to be used as inputs into the ROPs. For more information about RPC calls, see [\[MS-OXCRPC\]](#).

Examples in this section use the following format for byte sequences:

```
0080: 45 4d 53 4d 44 42 2e 44-4c 4c 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

The bold value at the far left ("**0080**") is the offset of the following bytes into the buffer, expressed in hexadecimal notation. Following the offset is a series of up to 16 bytes, with each two-character sequence describing the value of one byte in hexadecimal notation. The bolded byte "**4d**" (01001101) is located 0x83 bytes (131 bytes) from the beginning of the buffer. The dash between the eighth byte ("44") and the ninth byte ("4c") bytes has no semantic value, and serves only to distinguish the eight-byte boundary for readability.

This byte sequence is followed by one or more lines that interpret it. In larger examples, the byte sequence is shown once in its entirety and then repeated in smaller chunks, with each smaller chunk interpreted separately.

When explaining **InputHandleIndex** values, the example text describes the Server object that is referenced by the handle index. For more information about **Server object handles**, see [\[MS-OXCROPS\]](#) section 1.3.1.

4.1 Opening a Special Folder

Using the Calendar folder as an example, opening this special folder involves the following:

1. Open the Inbox folder by using the Inbox folder's identification method and the Folder Object protocol. This operation returns a Folder object.
2. Get the value of the [PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#) property from the Inbox folder object returned in step 1 by using the property and Stream Object protocol. This operation returns an entry ID for the Calendar folder.
3. Convert the entry ID returned in step 2 to an FID as specified in [\[MS-OXCADATA\]](#), then open this FID by using the Store Object protocol. This operation returns a Folder object for the Calendar folder.

4.1.1 Client Request for Opening a Special Folder

A complete ROP request to open the Calendar folder would look like the following:

```
0000: 02 01 00 01 01 00 00 00-01 42 0E 44 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

LogonId: 0

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000160)

FolderId: 0001-000001420e44

Note Open the Inbox folder.

OpenModeFlags: 0x00 Open existing folder

```
0000: 07 00 02 00 00 01 00 1D-00 14 00 49 67 03 00 F4
0010: 0F 02 01 72 66 1F 00 E5-36 1F 00 E6 36 1F 00 01
0020: 30 03 00 01 36 03 00 02-36 03 00 03 36 0B 00 0A
0030: 36 1F 00 13 36 02 01 16-36 02 01 D0 36 02 01 D1
0040: 36 02 01 D2 36 02 01 D3-36 02 01 D4 36 02 01 D5
0050: 36 02 01 D6 36 02 01 D7-36 02 11 D8 36 02 01 D9
0060: 36 03 00 DE 36 02 01 DF-36 02 01 E0 36 03 00 E1
0070: 36 02 11 E4 36 02 01 EB-36 02 01 DA 36
```

[RopGetPropertiesSpecific](#)

ROPid: 0x07

LogonId: 1

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x000000e2)

PropertySizeLimit: 0x0000

WantUnicode: 0x0001 (TRUE)

PropCount: 29 (0x1D)

...

[PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#)

...

```
0000: 02 01 00 01 01 00 00 00-01 50 4D F6 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

LogonId: 1

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000160)

FolderId: 0001-000001504df6

Note This is the FID for Calendar folder to open.

OpenModeFlags: 0x00 Open existing folder

4.1.2 Server Response for Opening a Special Folder

```
0000: 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x000000e2)

ReturnValue: Success (0x00000000)

HasRules: 0x00 (FALSE)

IsGhosted: 0x00 (FALSE)

Only 256 bytes dumped:

```
0000: 07 01 00 00 00 00 01 00-01 00 00 00 01 42 0E 41
0010: 00 3F 00 00 00 0A 0F 01-04 80 0A 0F 01 04 80 0A
0020: 0F 01 04 80 00 49 00 6E-00 62 00 6F 00 78 00 00
0030: 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0040: 00 00 00 49 00 50 00 46-00 2E 00 4E 00 6F 00 74
0050: 00 65 00 00 00 0A 0F 01-04 80 00 2E 00 00 00 00
0060: 00 6A 3C B8 FA 3B A9 F0-46 B4 F4 E4 B6 C7 74 45
0070: 09 01 00 02 27 39 56 14-8B EF 4F 98 14 81 7E 2C
0080: 82 BD C2 00 00 01 50 4D-F6 00 00 00 2E 00 00 00
0090: 00 00 6A 3C B8 FA 3B A9-F0 46 B4 F4 E4 B6 C7 74
00a0: 45 09 01 00 02 27 39 56-14 8B EF 4F 98 14 81 7E
00b0: 2C 82 BD C2 00 00 01 50-4D F7 00 00 00 2E 00 00
00c0: 00 00 00 6A 3C B8 FA 3B-A9 F0 46 B4 F4 E4 B6 C7
00d0: 74 45 09 01 00 02 27 39-56 14 8B EF 4F 98 14 81
00e0: 7E 2C 82 BD C2 00 00 01-50 4D F8 00 00 00 2E 00
00f0: 00 00 00 00 6A 3C B8 FA-3B A9 F0 46 B4 F4 E4 B6
...
```

[RopGetPropertiesSpecific](#)

ROPid: 0x07

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x000000e2)

ReturnValue: Success (0x00000000)

...

PropertyArray:

PropCount: 29

...

[PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#) 46 Bytes

```
0000: 00 00 00 00 6A 3C B8 FA-3B A9 F0 46 B4 F4 E4 B6
0010: C7 74 45 09 01 00 02 27-39 56 14 8B EF 4F 98 14
0020: 81 7E 2C 82 BD C2 00 00-01 50 4D F6 00 00
...
```

Note The entry ID contains 00 00-01 50 4D F6 that is part of the FID: 0001-000001504df6 used for the [RopOpenFolder](#) in section [4.1.1](#).

```
0000: 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x000000e2)

Note Successfully opened the Calendar folder, and the Calendar folder has a handle HSOT=0x000000e2.

HasRules: 0x00 (FALSE)

IsGhosted: 0x00 (FALSE)

...

4.2 Creating a Special Folder

Using the Calendar folder as an example, creating this special folder involves the following:

1. Open the parent folder, in this case the Top of Personal Folders folder, as specified in the folder hierarchy in section [3.1.1.1](#), by using the Top of Personal Folders identification method and the Folder Object protocol [[MS-OXCFCOLD](#)]. This operation returns a Folder object.
2. Create a new folder in the opened parent folder, by using the Folder Object protocol [[MS-OXCFCOLD](#)], and using the name "calendar" in English locales, reusing the existing folder if one already exists by that name. The entry ID of the newly created folder will be used in the following steps.
3. Open the Inbox folder by using the Inbox identification method and the Folder Object protocol [[MS-OXCFCOLD](#)]. This operation returns a Folder object.
4. Set the value of the [PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#) property on the Inbox folder object returned in step 3 to the entry ID value of the folder created in step 2, by using the Property and Stream Object protocol [[MS-OXCPRPT](#)].
5. Set the value of the [PidTagContainerClass](#) property on the new Calendar folder to the value "IPF.Appointment".

4.2.1 Client Request for Creating a Special Folder

A complete ROP request to create the Calendar folder would look like the following:

```
0000: 02 00 00 01 01 00 00 00-01 42 0E 41 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

LogonId: 0

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000059)

FolderId: 0001-000001420e41

Note FolderID 4: 0001-000001420e41 Top of Personal Folders folder from [RopLogon](#).

...

```
0000: 1C 00 00 01 01 01 00 00-43 00 61 00 6C 00 65 00
0010: 6E 00 64 00 61 00 72 00-00 00 43 00 61 00 6C 00
0020: 65 00 6E 00 64 00 61 00-72 00 20 00 43 00 6F 00
0030: 6D 00 6D 00 65 00 6E 00-74 00 00 00
```

RopCreateFolder

ROPid: 0x1C

LogonId: 0

InputHandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000497)

OutputHandleIndex: 1

FolderType: 0x01

UseUnicodeStrings: (0x01) (TRUE)

OpenExisting: 0x00 (FALSE)

Reserved: 0x00 (FALSE)

DisplayName: **Calendar**

Comment: Calendar Comment

```
0000: 02 00 00 01 01 00 00 00-01 42 0E 44 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

LogonId: 0

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x00000059)

FolderId: 0001-000001420e44

Note Open the Inbox folder with above FID.

OpenModeFlags: 0x00 Open existing folder

```
0000: 0A 00 00 36 00 01 00 02-01 D0 36 2E 00 00 00 00
0010: 00 6A 3C B8 FA 3B A9 F0-46 B4 F4 E4 B6 C7 74 45
0020: 09 01 00 02 27 39 56 14-8B EF 4F 98 14 81 7E 2C
0030: 82 BD C2 00 00 01 50 4D-F6 00 00
```

[RopSetProperties](#)

ROPid: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x000004e4)

Note HSOT=0x000004e4 is a handle to Inbox.

PropertySize: 0x0036 (54)

PropCount: 1 (0x01)

0x36D00102 [PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#) 46 Bytes

```
0000: 00 00 00 00 6A 3C B8 FA-3B A9 F0 46 B4 F4 E4 B6
0010: C7 74 45 09 01 00 02 27-39 56 14 8B EF 4F 98 14
0020: 81 7E 2C 82 BD C2 00 00-01 50 4D F6 00 00
```

```
0000: 0A 00 00 26 00 01 00 1F-00 13 36 49 00 50 00 46
0010: 00 2E 00 41 00 70 00 70-00 6F 00 69 00 6E 00 74
0020: 00 6D 00 65 00 6E 00 74-00 00 00
```

[RopSetProperties](#)

ROPid: 0x0A

LogonId: 0

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000042e)

PropertySize: 0x0026 (38)

PropCount: 1 (0x01)

[PidTagContainerClass](#)

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4.2.2 Server Response for Creating a Special Folder

```
0000: 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x00000497)

Note Handle HSOT=0x00000497 of Top of Personal Folders folder is used to create the Calendar folder in section [4.2.1](#), Client Request [RopCreateFolder](#).

ReturnValue: Success (0x00000000)

HasRules: 0x00 (FALSE)

IsGhosted: 0x00 (FALSE)

```
0000: 1C 01 00 00 00 00 01 00-00 00 01 50 4D F6 00
```

[RopCreateFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x1C

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x0000042e)

Note HSOT=0x0000042e is the handle to the Calendar folder that was created.

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x00000000)

FID: 0001-000001504df6

IsExistingFolder: 0x00 (FALSE)

```
0000: 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

[RopOpenFolder](#)

ROPid: 0x02

HandleIndex: 1 (HSOT=0x000004e4)

Note HSOT=0x000004e4 is the handle of the Inbox folder. It is used in [4.2.1](#), Client Request [RopSetProperties](#). [PidTagIpmAppointmentEntryId](#) of Calendar folder.

ReturnValue: Success (0x00000000)

HasRules: 0x00 (FALSE)

IsGhosted: 0x00 (FALSE)

```
0000: 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

[RopSetProperties](#)

ROPid: 0x0A

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000042e)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x00000000)

PropertyProblemCount: 0

PropertyProblems:

0000: 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

[RopSetProperties](#)

ROPid: 0x0A

HandleIndex: 0 (HSOT=0x0000042e)

ReturnValue: ecNone (success) (0x00000000)

PropertyProblemCount: 0

PropertyProblems:

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no special security considerations specific to the Special Folders protocol. General security considerations pertaining to the underlying protocols apply (see [\[MS-OXCSTOR\]](#), [\[MS-OXCFOLD\]](#), and [\[MS-OXCPRPT\]](#)).

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following product versions. References to product versions include released service packs.

- Microsoft® Office Outlook® 2003
- Microsoft® Exchange Server 2003
- Microsoft® Office Outlook® 2007
- Microsoft® Exchange Server 2007
- Microsoft® Outlook® 2010
- Microsoft® Exchange Server 2010

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that product does not follow the prescription.

[<1> Section 2.2.3.1](#): Outlook 2003 clients and Exchange 2003 servers do not recognize as special the RSS Feeds, Tracked Mail Processing, and To-Do Search folders.

[<2> Section 2.2.3.1](#): Outlook 2003 and Outlook 2007 clients and Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 servers do not recognize the Conversation Action Settings folder as a special folder.

[<3> Section 2.2.3.1](#): Outlook 2003 and Outlook 2007 clients and Exchange 2003 and Exchange 2007 servers do not recognize the Suggested Contacts folder as a special folder.

[<4> Section 3.1.4.1.1](#): Outlook 2003 sets the search criteria to include only the Calendar, Tasks, Inbox, and Contacts folders, and it only sets a restriction for [PidLidReminderSet](#) and [PidLidRecurring](#), and it does not include RECURSIVE_SEARCH.

[<5> Section 3.1.4.1.2](#): Outlook 2003 clients and Exchange 2003 servers do not recognize the To-Do search criteria.

[<6> Section 3.1.4.1.3](#): Outlook 2003 clients and Exchange 2003 servers do not recognize the Tracked Mail search criteria.

7 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes made to [MS-OXOSFLD] protocol documentation between February 2010 and May 2010 releases. Changes are classed as major, minor, or editorial.

Major changes affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of major changes are:

- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements or functionality.
- An extensive rewrite, addition, or deletion of major portions of content.
- A protocol is deprecated.
- The removal of a document from the documentation set.
- Changes made for template compliance.

Minor changes do not affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples are updates to fix technical accuracy or ambiguity at the sentence, paragraph, or table level.

Editorial changes apply to grammatical, formatting, and style issues.

No changes means that the document is identical to its last release.

Major and minor changes can be described further using the following revision types:

- New content added.
- Content update.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- New content added for template compliance.
- Content updated for template compliance.

- Content removed for template compliance.
- Obsolete document removed.

Editorial changes always have the revision type "Editorially updated."

Some important terms used in revision type descriptions are defined as follows:

Protocol syntax refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.

Protocol revision refers to changes made to a protocol that affect the bits that are sent over the wire.

Changes are listed in the following table. If you need further information, please contact protocol@microsoft.com.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Revision Type
1 Introduction	51425 Clarified the description of the protocol.	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	51738 Added the term "locale" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	50622 Added the term "Personal Information Manager (PIM)" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	50624 Added the terms "client-side rule" and "Contact object" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	51422 Moved local glossary terms "Conflicts folder" and "Root folder" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	51428 Added the term "Deferred Action Message (DAM)" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	51437 Added the term "Junk E-Mail rule" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS] and changed the definition of "Junk e-mail folder" to refer to the new term.	N	Content update.
1.1 Glossary	50616 Identified the specific definition of "property" referred to in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Revision Type
1.1 Glossary	51438 Added the term "Really Simple Syndication (RSS)" to the local glossary and the term "feed" to the list of terms that are defined in [MS-OXGLOS].	N	Content update.
1.2.1 Normative References	51438 Added reference to the RSS 2.0 Specification [RSS20].	N	Content update.
1.2.1 Normative References	51439 Added reference information for [MS-OXOMSG], [MS-OXORMDR], and [MS-OXORSS].	N	Content update.
1.3 Overview	51723 Removed "and allows an implementation to access special folders in a performance manner".	N	Content update.
1.3 Overview	51725 Clarified the contents of the Tracked Mail Processing special folder.	N	Content update.
1.3 Overview	51437 Updated "Junk E-mail Filter" to the term "Junk E-mail rule".	N	Content update.
1.3 Overview	51742 Clarified that the criteria described in this document are based on properties.	N	Content update.
1.3 Overview	Updated the section title.	N	Content updated for template compliance.
2.2 Message Syntax	51744 Clarified the data types for binary properties.	N	Content update.
2.2 Message Syntax	51770 Provided the RPC reference for converting an entry ID into a folder ID.	N	Content update.
2.2.3.1 PersistData Block	51747 Clarified the use of the PERSIST_SENTINEL value.	N	Content update.
2.2.5 PidTagContainerClass	51779 Changed the property type from "string" to the formal type "PtypString".	N	Content update.
3 Protocol Details	51707 Removed unnecessary examples.	N	Content update.
3.1	51423	N	Content

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Revision Type
Common Details	Changed the title of the section to indicate that the contents of the section apply to client and server implementations as specified in [MS-OXCFLD].		update.
3.1.1.2 Search Criteria for Search Special Folders	51441 Updated the name of the mfSubmitted and mfUnsent message flags.	N	Content update.
3.1.1.2 Search Criteria for Search Special Folders	51779 Removed property type information that is defined in the property definitions for the PidTagMessageClass and PidTagMessageFlags properties.	N	Content update.
3.1.1.2 Search Criteria for Search Special Folders	51740 Updated the text to include the names of the PidTagFollowupIcon and PidTagToDoItemFlags properties.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1 Folder Creation	51435 Clarified the special folder name used.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1 Folder Creation	51779 Removed property type information that is defined in the PidTagContainerClass property definition.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1 Folder Creation	51770 Provided an RPC reference for converting an entry ID into a folder ID.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1.1 Creating the Reminders Folder	51444 Removed implementation details from the description of the search behavior.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1.2 Creating the To-Do Search Folder	51444 Removed implementation details from the description of the search behavior.	N	Content update.
3.1.4.1.3 Creating the Tracked Mail Processing Folder	51444 Removed implementation details from the description of the search behavior.	N	Content update.
4.1.1 Client Request for Opening a Special Folder	51718 Changed "LogonIndex" to "LogonId" to match definition in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.1.1 Client Request for Opening a Special Folder	51780 Updated the description of the OpenModeFlags field.	N	Content update.
4.1.1 Client Request for Opening a Special Folder	51782 Changed "FID" to "FolderID" to match definition in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Revision Type
4.1.2 Server Response for Opening a Special Folder	51785 Changed "ecNone (success)" to "Success" in the ReturnValue field.	N	Content update.
4.1.2 Server Response for Opening a Special Folder	51788 Changed "HasRulesFlag" and "IsReplica" field names to "HasRules" and "IsGhosted" to match definitions in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.2 Creating a Special Folder	51779 Removed property type information that is defined in the PidTagContainerClass property definition.	N	Content update.
4.2.1 Client Request for Creating a Special Folder	51718 Changed "LogonIndex" to "LogonId" to match definition in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.2.1 Client Request for Creating a Special Folder	51780 Updated the description of the OpenModeFlags field.	N	Content update.
4.2.1 Client Request for Creating a Special Folder	51782 Changed "FID" to "FolderId" to match definition in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.2.1 Client Request for Creating a Special Folder	51794 Updated field names to match [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.2.2 Server Response for Creating a Special Folder	51785 Changed "ecNone (success)" to "Success" in the description of the ReturnValue field.	N	Content update.
4.2.2 Server Response for Creating a Special Folder	51788 Changed "HasRulesFlag" and "IsReplica" field names to "HasRules" and "IsGhosted" to match definitions in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.
4.2.2 Server Response for Creating a Special Folder	51792 Changed "ProblemPropertyTagCount" and "ProblemPropertyTagArray" field names to "PropertyProblemCount" and "PropertyProblems" to match definition in [MS-OXCROPS].	N	Content update.

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