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Windchill Maintenance Releases Benefits End Users

Windchill maintenance releases are an important way to improve end users experience. Not only does it provide fixes for product issues but may also contain some new features to improve users' interaction with Windchill applications.

Since the release of Windchill 8.0 there have been three maintenance releases (M010, M020, and M030). These releases have been filled with many improvements that users will find valuable. Let's take a look at some new features for end users for PDMLink and ProjectLink.

Maintenance M010 Features for end users.

- The move of an iterated object between folders within a container now updates all iterations of the version, similar to the way the move between containers works. For details on this change, see the online help associated with the move operation.
- Windchill ProjectLink provides the ability to define and update due dates and instructions for routing.
- Desktop Integration for Windchill PDMLink and Windchill ProjectLink has the following changes:
 - o Windchill documents can be created directly in Microsoft Office.
 - o The Windchill option is disabled, by default, from the right mouse button. For information about enabling the option, see the Managing Documents chapter of the applicable user's guide.

Maintenance M020 Features for end users.

- Usability improvements for PDMLink Change objects include the following:
 - o Copy action on Affected Data and Resulting Items tables
 - o Paste action on Affected Data and Resulting Items tables
 - o Propagate data from a Problem Report to a Change Request
 - o Propagate data from a Change Request to a Change Notice
 - o Expand-All and Collapse-All actions on Change information pages
- Folder Subscriptions feature for both Windchill PDMLink and ProjectLink.
 - o This gives users the ability to subscribe to folders, allowing them to receive an e-mail notification when certain events or actions occur on any item within a folder to which they are subscribed.
 - o The folder subscription feature can be installed and configured with Windchill ProjectLink, Windchill PDMLink, or bundled Windchill ProjectLink PDMLink 8.0 only. For more information, refer to the "Communication Tools" section of the Windchill ProjectLink User's Guide or Windchill PDMLink User's Guide.
- New Support for iCal (iCalendar). The iCal compliant attachments are now delivered with the meeting notifications for Windchill ProjectLink and Windchill PDMLink, and Windchill Foundation & PDM.
 - o This allows a user with an iCal-compliant mail reader to accept the meeting into their calendaring system.
 - o This includes meeting updates and cancellations.
 - o The user is free to make updates from their personal calendar system, but those updates are not being reflected in Windchill.
 - o PDMLink only supports it from the Home tab Meeting URL. Product or Library Meeting URL will no send out notifications using iCal.

Maintenance M030 Features for end users.

- PDMLink Product Structure Browser now has a Table View Manager: which allows users to select
 - o Users can select which attributes, including soft attributes that gets displayed in the table's column.
 - o Users can create and save different views, depending on which attributes they want to display, and the order in which the attributes should appear.
- Enhance the current action items in Windchill ProjectLink to support the following capabilities:
 - o Expose for use a large set of out of the box attributes which can be repurposed or hidden and which can be viewed and updated both through web interfaces and using Microsoft Excel.
 - o Define, update, and export action items through Microsoft Excel
 - o Link action items to parts, documents, CAD documents (including parts and documents that are checked out from PDMLink), milestones, activities, and deliverables
 - o Support discussion forums for action items
 - o Send automatic e-mail notifications to users when an action item is assigned, reassigned, overdue, or resolved.

The above information was gathered out of Windchill® Maintenance Installation and Configuration Guide. For more complete details about Windchill Maintenance Releases, please visit ptc.com "Support" page and select "Download Reference Documents" or contact your PTC Account Manager.

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Tips of the Month

PDMLink and ProjectLink iCal (iCalendar) Feature

As of Windchill 8.0 maintenance release M020 PDMLink and ProjectLink both support a standard for interfacing to a user or user's calendar for scheduling meetings using a standard called "iCal". What is iCalendar (iCal)?

Definition is *From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

Calendar is a standard ([RFC 2445](#) or [RFC2445 Syntax Reference](#)) for [calendar](#) data exchange. The standard is sometimes referred to as "iCal", which also is the name of the [Apple Computer](#) calendar program that provides one of the implementations of the standard.

iCalendar allows users to send meeting requests and tasks to other users through emails. Recipients of the iCalendar email (with supported software) can respond to the sender easily or counter propose another meeting date/time.

Here's how you can take advantage of this feature.

PDMLink or ProjectLink.

1. Select “Home” tab and then select the “Meetings” URL. Now click the “Create Meeting” icon. This example is given for PDMLink. ProjectLink works from any running project meeting URL.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Windchill Meetings page. The address bar shows the URL: <http://pdmpl80-fcs.ptcnet.ptc.com/Windchill/netmarkets/jsp/meeting/>. The page title is "Meetings - Mozilla Firefox".

The page content includes a navigation menu with tabs: Home, Product, Project, Change, Library, Reports, Suppliers. The "Meetings" tab is selected. Below the navigation menu, there is a search bar and a "Go" button. The main content area displays a welcome message: "Welcome, Gary Hinkle" and "Last Login: Dec 19, 2006, 2:26 PM EST". There is also a search bar for "Search within my work:".

The "My Meetings" section is expanded, showing a table with columns: Name, Actions, Date, Time, Phone Number, Type, Context. The table is currently empty, displaying "No Items to Display". Above the table, there are buttons for "Cancel Meeting" and "Create Meeting".

The footer of the page includes the PTC logo, navigation links (Home, Product, Project, Change, Library, Reports, Suppliers), and copyright information: "Powered by Windchill® About Windchill Copyright © 2005 Parametric Technology Corporation. All Rights Reserved."

2. Fill in the Meeting Name, Type, Date, Time and Duration in minutes. Now click the Next button.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "http://pdmpl80-fcs.ptcnet.ptc.com - Create Meeting - Mozilla Firefox". The browser's toolbar includes a search box, "Smiley Central", "Screensavers", "Cursor Mania", "PopSwatter", and "Fun Cards". The main content area is titled "Create Meeting" and features a sidebar with a "Steps" menu containing: 1. Name and Schedule, 2. Agenda, 3. Participants, 4. Subject Items, and 5. Connection Information. The "Name and Schedule" step is active. The form fields are: Meeting Name (iCal Meeting Example), Type (Standard), Date (12/26/2006), Time (2:00 pm EST), and Duration (minutes) (120). A "POWERED BY webex" logo is visible. At the bottom right, there are buttons for "Back", "Next", "OK", "Apply", and "Cancel". A "Done" status bar is at the bottom left. A note at the bottom of the form states "* Indicates required fields."

3. Fill out the Agenda field as shown below and click the Next button.

http://pdmpl80-fcs.ptcnet.ptc.com - Create Meeting - Mozilla Firefox

mywebsearch Search Smiley Central Screensavers Cursor Mania PopSwatter Fun Cards

Create Meeting

Steps

- 1. Name and Schedule
- 2. Agenda**
- 3. Participants
- 4. Subject Items
- 5. Connection Information

Agenda: Exmple of iCal Meeting.

Back Next OK Apply Cancel

Done

4. Select the users or groups of users for this meeting and click the Next button.

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Create Meeting

Steps

- 1. Name and Schedule
- 2. Agenda
- 3. Participants**
- 4. Subject Items
- 5. Connection Information

Select users or groups:

Users Search

- Admin, 83558 Org
- Boone, Jason
- Cubilos, Ulysses
- Delew, Trevor
- Designer, Dave
- Ferguson, Michael
- Hein, Ann

Add >> << Remove

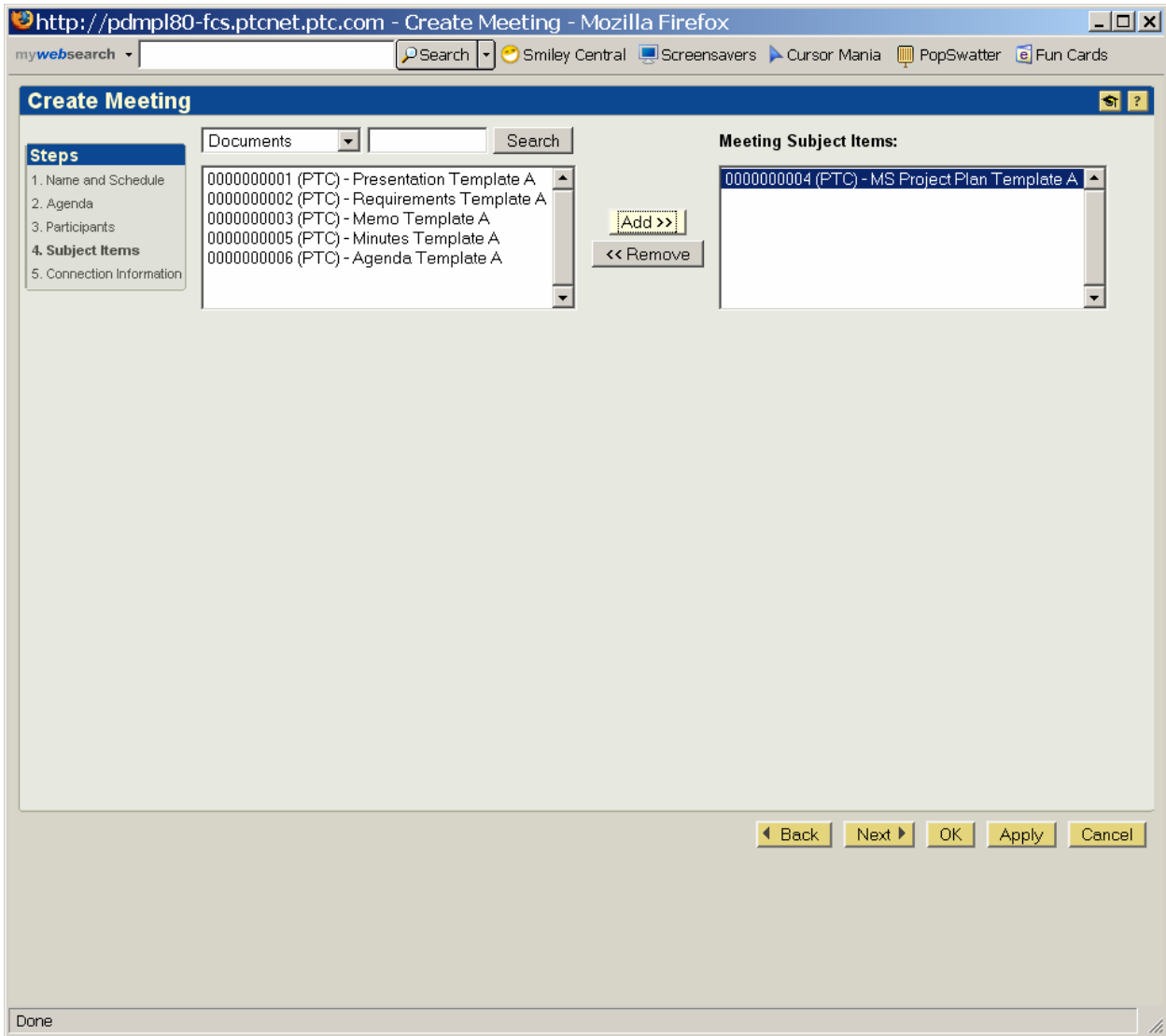
Meeting Participants:

- Hinkle, Gary
- Hughes, Anthony
- Johnson, Jeff
- Lawrenz, Carsten

Back Next OK Apply Cancel

Done

5. Search and select items from PDMLink or ProjectLink that will be reviewed at this meeting and click the Next button.



6. Fill in the Connection information fields and click OK button.

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Create Meeting

Steps

1. Name and Schedule
2. Agenda
3. Participants
4. Subject Items
5. Connection Information

Teleconference Phone Number: 555-555-5555

Teleconference Information: ID=55555

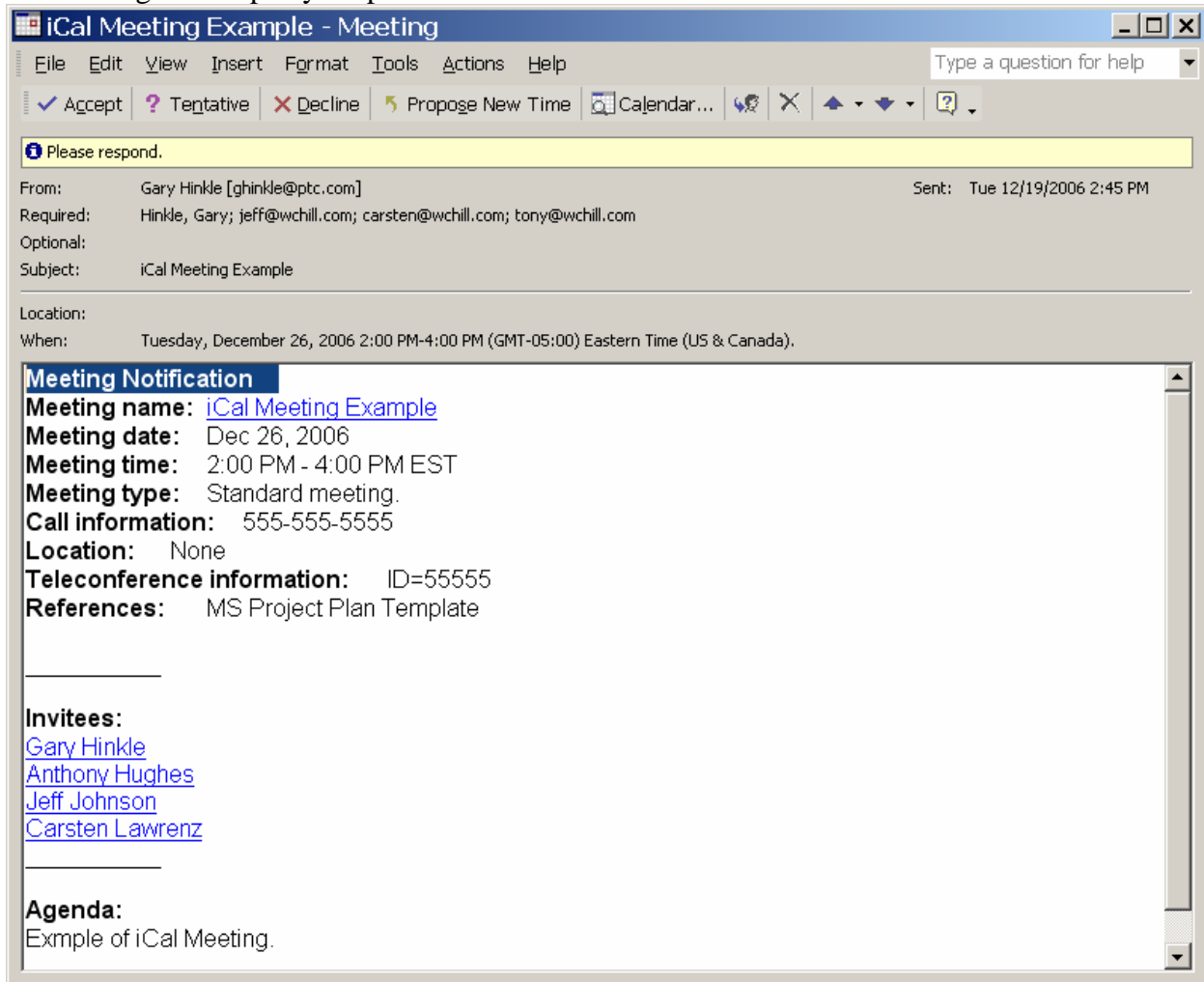
Location:

Back Next OK Apply Cancel

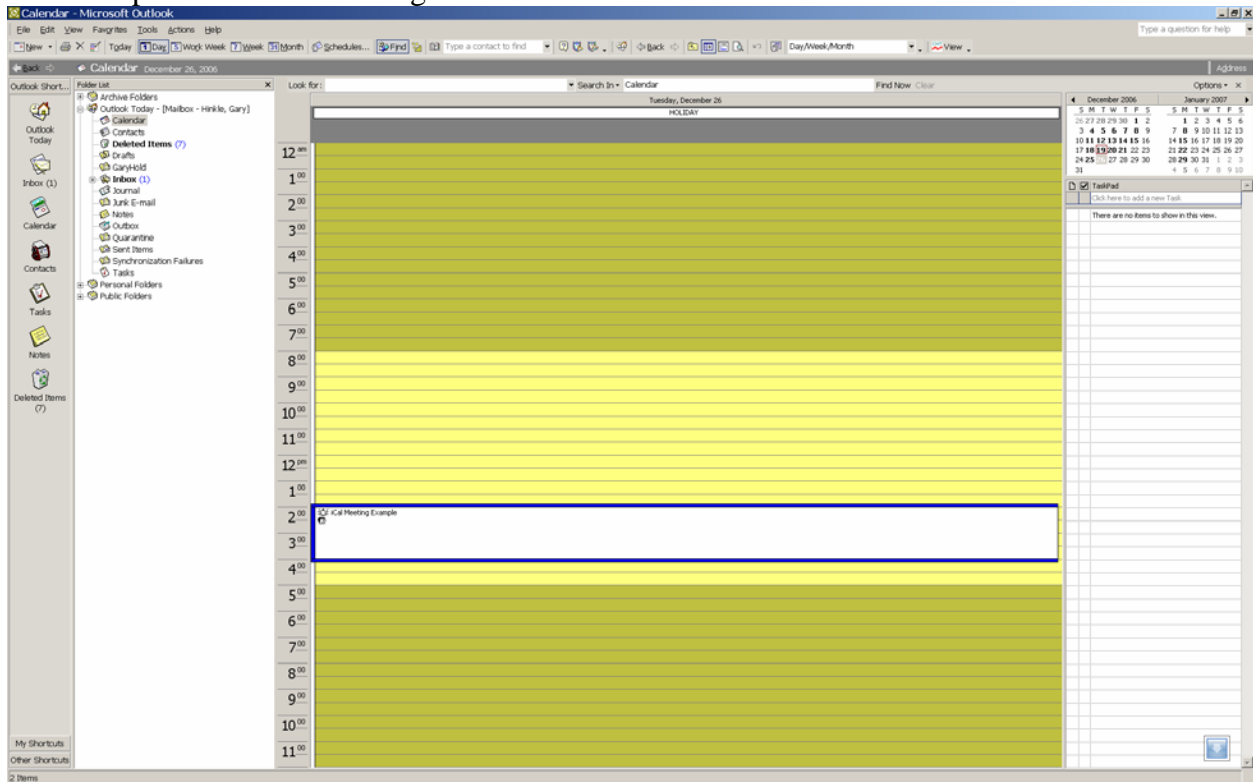
Done

7. Windchill services will now format the email request in an iCal format that when the users received the invite it will act like any other Calendar invite where you can Accept, Tentative, Decline, or Propose New Time.

8. In your personal email there will be an invite to this meeting. Open this email and accept this meeting. Now open your personal calendar to see what it looks like there.



9. In the image below you can see the meeting did show up on my calendar for the date and time specified in the meeting wizard.



In conclusion here are some basic rules to remember when using this iCal Feature.

- The iCal feature only works from your personal meeting page for PDMLink. If you schedule a meeting from a Product or Library Meeting URL, it will not use the iCal email formatting.
- ProjectLink works any Meeting URL as long as the project is running.
- When you create, update, or cancel a meeting within Windchill. Windchill sends an email notification to all meeting participants.
- To receive an e-mail notification for a meeting you created, you must include yourself as a participant.
- When you receive the e-mail notification, you may be able to automatically update your calendar by accepting the meeting, depending upon the type of calendar system you are using.
- **If you use your calendar system to make a change to a meeting that was created in Windchill, participants may be notified by the calendar system, but the Windchill meeting will not be updated. You must update the meeting in Windchill.**

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 - Simulation/Analysis
 - Production
 - Design Collaboration
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If you have any questions about these sessions or would like to see getting other courses, not on this list, on the schedule please feel free to contact me for more details. They are a great way to bring training to you without you having to worry about location or being out from work for long stretches.

You can register for these sessions just as you would for any normal ILT class either by:

1. calling order admin at <http://www.ptc.com/services/edserv/training/registra.htm> or
2. you can go to PTC University directly at <http://www.ptc.com/learning> and submit a registration request directly. All you have to do is search the catalog by typing in “virtual” in the search field and you will see a listing.

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- 1) Inform you on events related to PTC products (user groups, conferences, training schedules, etc.)
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