

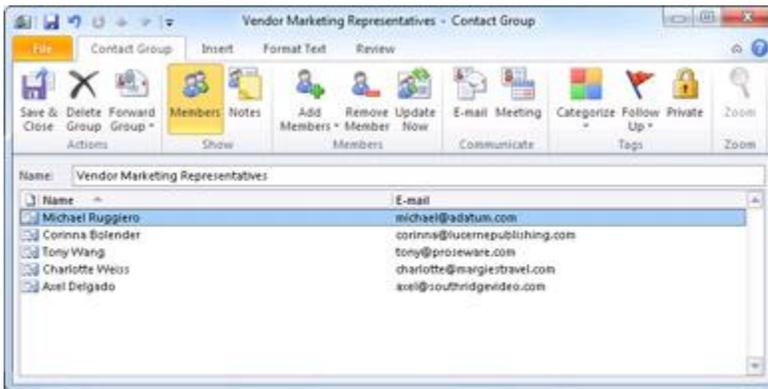


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Create and edit a Contact Group (formerly distribution lists)

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A Contact Group, known in previous Outlook versions as a distribution list, is a grouping of email addresses collected under one name. A message sent to a Contact Group goes to all recipients that are listed in the group. You can include Contact Groups in messages, task requests, meeting requests, and in other Contact Groups.



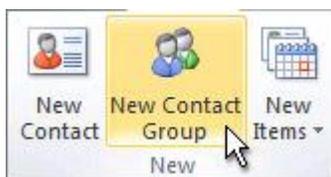
There is no maximum number of names that you can include in a Contact Group.

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Create a Contact Group

- **Create a Contact Group with new names or names in the Address Book**
 1. In Contacts, on the **Home** tab, in the **New** group, click **New Contact Group**.



2. In the **Name** box, type a name for the Contact Group.

3. On the **Contact Group** tab, in the **Members** group, click **Add Members**, and then click **From Outlook Contacts**, **From Address Book** or **New Email Contact**.
4. If you are adding a new email contact, enter the information for the person in the **Add New Member** dialog box.

If you are adding a member from Outlook Contacts or an Address Book, do the following:

1. In the **Address Book** drop-down list, click the address book that contains the email addresses that you want to include in your Contact Group.
 2. In the list of names, click the names that you want, and then click **Members**. You can add names from different address books to the same Contact Group.
5. Do this for each person whom you want to add to the Contact Group, and then click **OK**.

The Contact Group is saved in your **Contacts** folder under the name that you give it.

- **Create a Contact Group by copying names from an email message**

1. In the message that you want to copy the names from, click the names in the **To** or **Cc** box.
2. Right-click your selection, and then click **Copy**.
3. In Mail, on the **Home** tab, in the **New** group, click **New Items**, then click **More Items**, and then click **Contact Group**.
4. In the **Name** box, type a name for the Contact Group.
5. On the **Contact Group** tab, in the **Members** group, click **Add Members**, and then click either **From Outlook Contacts** or **From Address Book**.
6. At the bottom of the **Select Members** dialog box, in the **Members** box, right-click, and then click **Paste**.

NOTE A member doesn't have to be in your Address Book to be added to the Contact Group. The member's name and email address are included when you copy and paste from the original email message.

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Add a Contact Group received from someone

When you receive a message that includes a Contact Group that you want to use, you can save it to your Contacts.

1. Open the message that contains the Contact Group.
2. In the **To** or **Cc** box, right-click the Contact Group, and then click **Add to Outlook Contacts**.

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Add or delete a name in a Contact Group

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- **View the names in the Address Book**

1. In a new message, click **To**.
2. In the **Address Book** drop-down list, click the address book that contains the Contact Group that you want information about.
3. Browse for the name of the Contact Group, or type it in the **Search** box.
4. In the **Name** list, right-click the Contact Group that you want, and then click **Properties**.

- **View the names in the header of a message or meeting request**

- In the **To** box, click the plus sign (+) next to the name of the Contact Group.

1. In **Contacts**, open the Contact Group.

NOTE In list views, Contact Groups are marked with the Contact Group  icon.

2. Do one or more of the following:

- **Add an address from an address book or a contacts folder**

1. On the **Contact Group** tab, in the **Members** group, click **Add Members**, and then click **From Outlook Contacts** or **From Address Book**.
2. In the **Address Book** drop-down list, click the address book that contains the email addresses that you want in your Contact Group.
3. Browse for the name that you want, or type it in the **Search** box.
4. In the **Name** list, click the name, and then click **Members**. Do this for each person whom you want to add to the Contact Group, and then click **OK**.

- **Add an address that is not in a contacts folder or an address book**

1. On the **Contact Group** tab, in the **Members** group, click **Add Members**, and then click **New E-mail Contact**.
2. Type the information for the email address, and then click **OK**.

- **Remove a name**

- In the list of names, click the name that you want to remove, and then on the **Contact Group** tab, in the **Members** group, click **Remove Member**.