

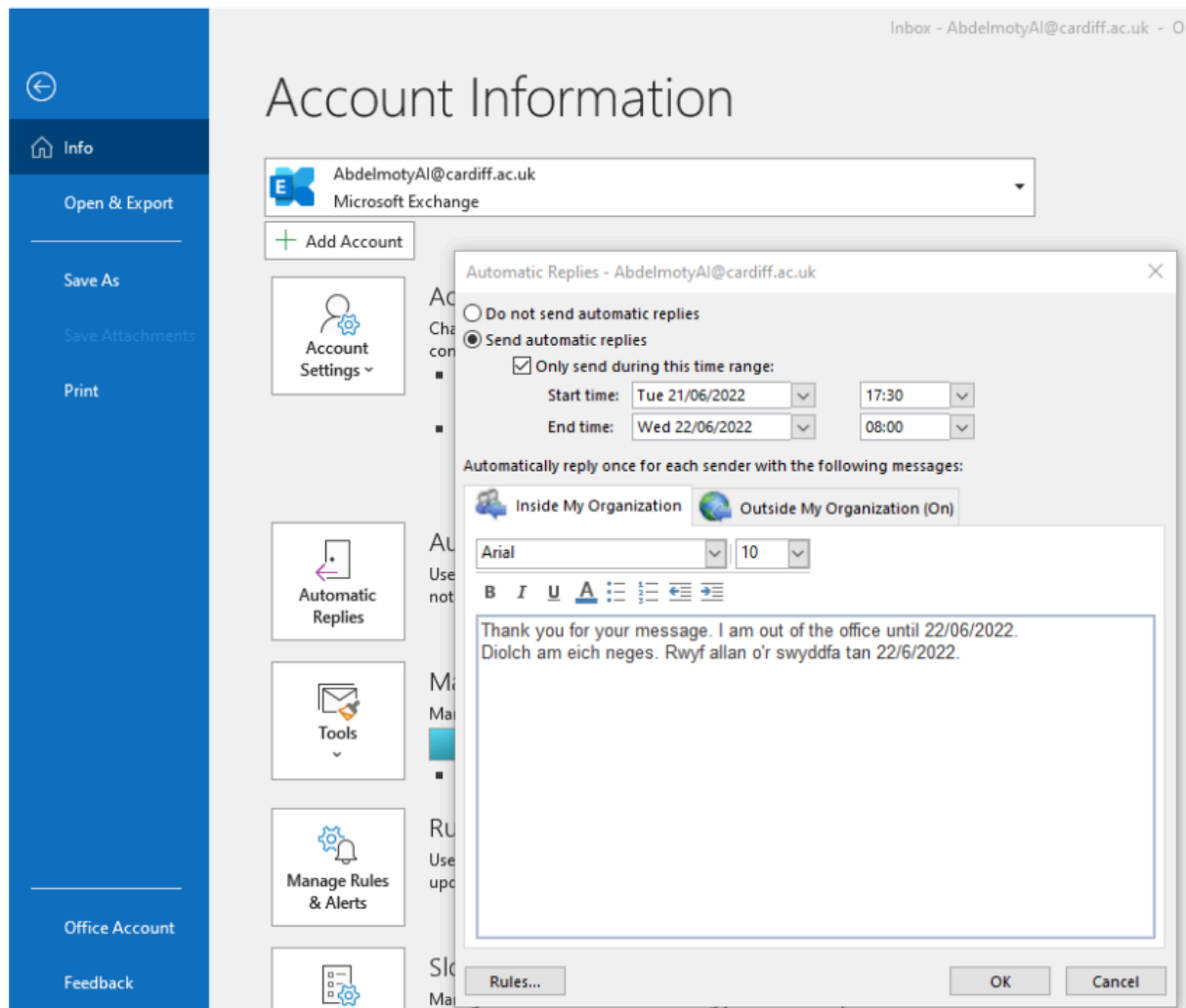
Overview

This coursework is a hands-on exercise on user interface design, prototyping and evaluation.

Consider the Automatic Replies function in the Microsoft Outlook application, as shown in the figure below. This is a function that allows users to set automatic replies to emails. For example, if the user is on holiday, the user could set up an automatic reply message to say that it will not be possible to read emails until the returns from holiday.

The function is limited in how time is specified-- it only allows the specification of one continuous time frame, between a start time and end time, as shown in the picture.

A user may wish to post these replies on specific dates or on specific days of the week for a certain period, or even on specific hours of working days, etc. This is currently not Possible!



You are required to re-design the Automatic Replies Window shown in the picture above and produce a prototype for this redesigned interface. The redesigned interface should allow the following tasks. Task (1) is the same as that provided by the current interface. Task (2) is a new function that is not provided by the current interface.

1. Set a date/time range for the auto replies, as is already allowed in the current interface.

For example, set an auto reply to occur only between date 1 (time x), and date 2 (time y).

2. Set auto replies to occur only during specific days of the week between date

ranges. The system should allow the user to create different auto replies for different date/time criteria.

For example, set one auto reply to occur on Saturdays and Sundays between date 1 and date 2, and set another auto reply to occur on weekday evenings between date 1 and date 2, etc.

For this exercise, you may consider one group of senders only – “Inside My Organization”, as shown in the picture above.