

Overview

2026 Desktop Roadmap

General objective

TB Pro

Is it our intention to integrate Thunderbird PRO services into our Desktop product.

The availability of these services is outside of the Desktop Team's control, therefore we can't prioritize or assume a specific time frame for each of these efforts.

We plan to leave room for these explorations when each of these services will be available, with the intention of injecting these efforts into next year's roadmap.

All of these efforts fall into the Tracking Goal of  Continuity ▾

★ Thundermail integration

- OAuth, IMAP first, later JMAP support

★ Send integration

- Attachments over email limit uses our encrypted service

★ Sync integration

- Share user account settings across devices (encrypted)

Front-end Initiatives

Program	Priority	Quarter	What	Tracking Goal <i>What goal are we making progress against?</i>
First Time User Experience	P1 ▾	Q2 ▾	Complete Account Hub for all account creations, enable it for first time users, and show a customization wizard after first account creation.	User Satisfaction ▾ Future Proofing ▾
Calendar Dialogs UI/UX	P1 ▾	Q1 ▾	Complete the refresh of the calendar interface and user experience. Some protocols handling changes might be needed.	User Satisfaction ▾ Future Proofing ▾
Conversation View	P1 ▾	Q4 ▾	Complete the work on the new conversation view UI to consume the new Panorama database.	User Satisfaction ▾ Future Proofing ▾
Compose Window	P2 ▾	Q3 ▾	Modernize the composition editor to support modern widgets and markdown. Rebuild the UI of the compose window.	User Satisfaction ▾ Continuity ▾ Future Proofing ▾
Unified Toolbar Completion	P2 ▾	Q4 ▾	Continue the work on the unified toolbar to apply to all sections and remove the old m-c forked customizable toolbar code.	Core Stability ▾ User Satisfaction ▾

Program	Priority	Quarter	What	Tracking Goal <i>What goal are we making progress against?</i>
Spaces Toolbar Completion	P3 ▾	Q3 ▾	Continue the work on the spaces toolbar to implement a better spaces distinction, easy entry point to add extensions, vertical toolbars, and more customization options.	 Future Proofing ▾  User Satisfaction ▾
Settings refresh	P4 ▾	Q3 ▾	Audit and reorganize the settings and account settings into a single modal window. Improve the searchability and discoverability of settings.	 User Satisfaction ▾
Customizable Shortcuts	P4 ▾	Q4 ▾	Continue the work on customizable shortcuts to move away from XUL keys and allow user's control of default keyboard combinations.	 User Satisfaction ▾

Back-end Initiatives

Program	Priority	Quarter	What	Tracking Goal <i>What goal are we making progress against?</i>
Exchange (EWS, GraphAPI)	P1 ▾	Q2 ▾	Finalize the work on the Exchange protocol in order to support all versions of Exchange	 User Satisfaction ▾  Future Proofing ▾

Program	Priority	Quarter	What	Tracking Goal <i>What goal are we making progress against?</i>
			and Microsoft 365, including calendar and address book support.	
Global Database	P1 ▾	Q4 ▾	Continue the work on the new Panorama database, allowing users to start testing the new database, and handle a consistent data migration.	 Core Stability ▾  Future Proofing ▾
Encryption and Security Improvements	P2 ▾	Q3 ▾	Improve the support and discovery of OpenPGP and S/MIME, improve email tracking protection, and harden phishing email prevention.	 Core Stability ▾  User Satisfaction ▾  Future Proofing ▾
OS Integration	P3 ▾	Q3 ▾	Improve the integration with native OS features like notifications, status bar, and system tray.	 User Satisfaction ▾
JMAP	P4 ▾	Q4 ▾	Explore the implementation of the JMAP protocol.	 Future Proofing ▾

Add-ons Initiatives

We collected the top most requests from our Add-ons community and integrated them into our roadmap and general intention for 2026.

Program	Priority	Quarter	What	Tracking Goal <i>What goal are we making progress against?</i>
Improve and extend existing APIs	P1 ▾	Q4 ▾	Improve the currently available APIs, focus on giving access to new sections and core features, as well as introducing new APIs for specific sections.	⭐ User Satisfaction ▾
Improve API documentation and release changelog	P1 ▾	Q1 ▾	Keep up to date the official API documentation and ensure that monthly changelogs incorporate API changes.	⭐ User Satisfaction ▾

Front-end

Front-end Initiatives

Detailed overview and explanation of each initiative and potential quarterly delivery

First Time User Experience

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
Account Hub for Email Manual Configuration Flow	P1 ▾	2	Q1 ▾	
TBPro Thundermail Integration	P2 ▾	1	Not ... ▾	<p>There should be no client work planned until the initial rollout of pro some time this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redesign Compose → Attach menu options (new icons, add Send chip in menu)• Support password protected annotation for FileLink attachments• Redesigned FileLink embed• Improved CTAs in Compose• Thundermail CTAs?
Thunderbird Sync	P2 ▾	2	Q2 ▾	Signing in from account hub
First-Run Dashboard/Tab?	P2 ▾	2	Q2 ▾	<p>New first-run screen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Links to Add Existing Email• Signup for Thundermail• Customization options• Welcome wizard• Account hub for first run?
Account hub refinement	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	Papercuts in existing flows, reducing friction with "small" changes:

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parallel sync accounts lookup ● Better aborting behavior (abort when going to manual config and similar) ● Removing old implementations ● Use redux for state management
Account hub telemetry	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	More in-depth telemetry for account hub

Calendar Dialogs UI/UX

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
[0.1] Calendar Event Read	P1 ▾	1.5	Q1 ▾	Bugzilla Notion
[CAL 0.2] Event Read Inline Edit	P1 ▾	1	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla Notion
[CAL 0.3] Event Create/Edit	P2 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla Notion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● wysiwyg?
[CAL 0.4] Event Reminder	P2 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla Notion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only use notifications? New inline interface?
[CAL 0.5] Invitations Dialog	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla Notion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New interface to display invitations (might not be a dialog)
[CAL 0.6] Calendar Views	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla Notion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add new tab for calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open calendar in a tab with a browser like we do for all modern UI (but not like address book). ○ Have a root calendar xhtml document that is loaded in the tab ○ This could happen in parallel with other work, at least the foundations. Much of the details will then depend on design

[CAL 0.7] Expand Dialog	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
[CAL 0.8] QA, fixes & Performance	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Compose Window

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	P3 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use wysiwyg editor from calendar? • Re-imagine toolbar/menu interface (does it need customization?) • Encryption/signing still feels like a bit of a hidden afterthought • "Inline compose" • De-dialogification (stop speaking with each other? ;))
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Unified Toolbar Completion

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	P3 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use unified toolbar in chat space • Use unified toolbar for message display window • Consider adding some actions as toolbar buttons that currently live in the status bar (toggle today pane, offline mode) • Complete adding the toolbar customization options to settings (menu bar visibility, status bar visibility? etc.) • Is menu bar exploration still a topic or are we past it with the inlining of stuff we've been doing? • QoL improvements like a Remove item menu item on toolbar elements? • Additional elements like a button that just toggles mark as read (replacing the menubutton primary action that we "lost"; Bug 1843654 - Re-implement spin button for Mark button in unified toolbar) or a button that always shows a picker for choosing an account to get messages for (instead of it being hidden in the context menu) • Add telemetry: counter of used elements, if it's in the default configuration, button style
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Conversation View

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Spaces Toolbar Completion

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	P4 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize tabs by space by default? (so only show tabs in the current space) Ensure most tabs are in their appropriate space, like about:config etc. Figure out what to do with other tabs (about:support, global search etc.) Home space? Badge counters for more spaces (unread emails, calendar invites or reminders, due tasks etc.) Expose collapsed toggle in layout settings? (similar issues to the menubar etc. toggles with it being xulstore)
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Settings refresh

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Customizable Shortcuts

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	● MenuItem integration
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

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Exchange (EWS, GraphAPI)

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
Graph API: Initial Account Creation	P1 ▾	1	Q1 ▾	<p>Implement Graph account creation in Thunderbird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graph API data types• Graph XPCOM interop module• Manual configuration for Graph API access• OAuth login for Graph.• Initial Graph connectivity test
Graph API: Basic Read Operations	P1 ▾	2	Q1 ▾	<p>Implement basic read operations in Graph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get folder hierarchy.• Get message headers.• Get message bodies.
Graph API: Send messages	P1 ▾	2	Q2 ▾	<p>Send mail in Graph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send messages to visible and hidden recipients.• Save as draft
Graph API: Basic Write Operations	P1 ▾	3	Q2 ▾	<p>Basic write operations in Graph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Folder copy/move/rename/delete• Message copy/move/delete• Mark read• Mark as junk• Star message

Graph API: Autoconfig and Polish	P1 ▾	3	Q3 ▾	<p>Required User Experience additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoconfig via ISPDB and Exchange autoconfig • Message tagging
Exchange Calendar Support	P1 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	<p>Implement Exchange calendar support using Graph API. Realistically, EWS will be deprecated on Microsoft 365 by the time we get to this, so in the interest of supporting the most users, we want to do this using Graph API. We want to use the same client interface approach that we used for email so we can support EWS for on-premises servers later (and for general maintainability and future reuse). Still need to scope, but will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar discovery • Meeting request/update/delete/cancellation.
Exchange Address Book Support	P1 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Synchronize address book items with Exchange servers. Target Graph support first.

Global Database

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

Encryption and Security Improvements

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
Post Quantum Encryption exploration	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	
Automatically block tracking from email (show remote content by default, but block/sanitize pixel tracking and similar)	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
Phishing email hardening	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	

OS Integration

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	

JMAP

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	
	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown		

Add-ons

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Improve and Extend existing APIs

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
Add an API to create a popup/modal	P1 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Q3 ▾	Bug 1848190
More options to put action buttons on different part of the UI	Not ... ▾	Needs Breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bug 1693543, Bug 1530122, Bug 1617758
Add an API to access the filesystem	P1 ▾	Needs Breakdown	Q2 ▾	Bug 1246236 and Bug 1727979 - Probably through a helper add-on.
Add full APIs to interact with Calendars and Tasks, including to add new calendars	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	Bug 1627205 - We might release the current Experiment as a preliminary API, which may be subject to changes, but would allow some add-ons to become pure WebExtensions.
Add an API to send email messages	P1 ▾		Q4 ▾	Bug 1545930
Add an API to add custom columns to the message list	P1 ▾		Q1 ▾	Bug 1615801
Allow adding custom properties to contacts in the address book	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	Bug 1521978 - See https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1521978#c8

Update the message API to work with the new Panorama message database with info about the threads/conversations	P3		Not ...	
Add an API for message filtering	Not ...		Not ...	Bug 1590025
Add an API for interacting with the message list pane	Not ...		Not ...	Bug 1796147
Add an API for the notification bar	P3		Not ...	Bug 1674002

Improve API documentation and release changelog

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
Resume publishing the change log of MailExtension API changes in each Thunderbird release	Not ...	Needs Breakdown	Not ...	<p>https://developer.thunderbird.net/add-ons/updating/updates-for-thunderbird-140</p> <p>We plan to release changes in the standard Thunderbird changelog. We may also think about a generated change log in API documentation. No priority.</p>
Publish official CSS stylesheets to make it easier for extension UIs to follow the same style as Thunderbird	P3	Needs Breakdown	Not ...	
Archive old extensions from ATN that do not support modern versions of Thunderbird	Not ...	Needs Breakdown	Not ...	TBD by the infrastructure team

An updated Add-on website with relevant information and rankings	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	TBD by the infrastructure team
Add the documentation for Thunderbird's MailExtension APIs to MDN, in addition to our separate site	Not ... ▾		Not ... ▾	<p>Big question mark here and we're probably not gonna be able to do it.</p> <p>Once the linter is done, we might have all the information to move onto MDN, but we can only ask.</p>
Release a linter for Thunderbird add-ons (will be used by ATN as well)	P1 ▾		Not ... ▾	

Maintenance

Maintenance Initiatives

Detailed overview and explanation of each initiative

User Satisfaction

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to Support to find main pain points <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize & scope <input type="checkbox"/> Measure results to meet objectives

Ally testing

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tests that pass

Fluent Migration

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Replace all .dtd and .properties localization files with fluent .ftl. This involves changing the uses and a python migration script.

Implement Redux for state management

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solidify usage patterns ● Expand usage in front-end <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheekins to assess progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calendar edit is a good opp for Redux <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account Hub refactor and use REDUX

Remove the *Overlay.js files

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Turning shared frontend js files into modules instead (.mjs) <input type="checkbox"/> Create meta

				<input type="checkbox"/> Create tasks tagged with good-first-bug <input type="checkbox"/> Document example <input type="checkbox"/> Work with Heather to drive new JS contributors
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Fix Import/Export

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Currently our profile import and export feature has severe limitations.

Multiple Profiles + Profile reset

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Better profile manager, and a better profile reset mechanism.

Fetch avatars

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	(how is this maintenance?)

Report bug in Thunderbird

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Reporting an issue from within Thunderbird, without needing an account?

Design system rollout

Epic	Priority	Size (Months)	Quarter	What
	Not ... ▾	Needs breakdown	Not ... ▾	Bugzilla <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Try to apply design system colors to most of the code base, removing old color variables and variations● Introduce new tokens● Sync tokens with design system● Create and use more shared components● Make storybook even better <input type="checkbox"/> Bring into notion milestone <input type="checkbox"/> Add general increase in documentation to OKRs

Maintenance Overview

Maintenance or Secondary

These are maintenance or secondary tasks that can run in parallel between efforts and are aimed at improving the codebase, simplifying future maintenance, and increasing development speed.

These efforts are not prioritized as they're not blockers for any other implementation.

String migration to Fluent

Complete the Fluent migration effort to finally drop all usage of DTD and Properties files

Firefox tracker: <https://www.arewefluentyet.com>

Implement Redux for state management

Currently all front end code has its own bespoke state management. Sometimes it will use HTML attributes, some structure in memory or some back end store. To speed up and streamline development, we should introduce a universal solution to manage state for the front end.

Remove the *Overlay.js files

Overlay files come from a time when modules weren't a thing.

- Replace overlay files with modules and system modules.
- Defer non-DOM operations to system modules.
- Lazy load modules when needed.

Fix Import/Export

Our Import/Export tool is not super reliable and sometimes it silently fails with large profiles.

An ongoing effort is happening in the background to fix the known issues, audit the code, and cover it with tests to make it more reliable.

Multiple Profiles + Profile reset

Explore the implementation of the Firefox Profile manager and a “Profile reset” option to help users better manage their setups.

Fetch avatars

Implement a fetch avatars feature for emails and address books, carefully considering which services to use in order to not send the user’s email around to random providers. Consider using Oblivious HTTP (OHTTP) to fetch the avatars.

Report bug in Thunderbird

Explore the possibility of implementing a native dialog inside Thunderbird to make it easier to report bugs and automatically submit error logs, version, and OS specs.

Design system rollout

Continue the rollout of the design system in the Thunderbird desktop codebase, unifying the design language and simplifying changes across the application. This means using reusable components in more places, building infrastructure to sync design system tokens with the design system itself and using tokens in more places and for more kinds of values.

Firefox tracker: <https://firefoxux.github.io/arewedesigntokensyet/>

TypeScript validation based on JSDoc annotations

Firefox is making good progress here. Can help find and prevent many bugs. Where enabled, you get the benefits of a typed language, while still using JavaScript. [Bug 2009956](#).

de-XUL

There is a need for horizontal replacements of elements, not only use-html-for-new-things. This supports long term maintainability and tool integration of various kinds.

Huge, long project. Tackle in pieces. [Bug 1570943](#).

OpenPGP - consider "trust keyserver" option

People who would like so, should be able to trust a keyserver and use the keys from it without further fuss. [Bug 2009950](#).

Data extraction from messages

Data extraction (contacts, events) from messages; handle JSON-LD etc. at least for the easy cases. This is feature parity with Gmail.

Edit message subject

Enable editing the subject of messages. There are many cases where servers changed them adding spam or external sender warnings, or they were simply wrong to begin with. [Bug 254739](#)

Implement message parking

No read/unread changes, nor moved before unparked. [Bug 396311](#)

Implement sending fuse

Allow cancelling send up until a timeout, so you can cancel and fix typo, or cancel as you notice it's going to the wrong people! [Bug 246865](#)

Folder export/import

Allow conveniently exporting a folder. [Bug 752295](#)

Full email address internationalization (EAI) and IDN support

We're almost there, but some parts (like account setup) still need work. [International email overview](#). [Bug 1881541](#)

Address book - full vCard support

Implement missing features.

Address book - handle duplicate contacts

We do a poor job of keeping handling duplicate contacts. Allow/assist with merge/delete. [Bug 259531](#)

Calendar - support for CONFERENCE

Handle directly joining online meetings from an event. [Bug 1708371](#)

Calendar - handle "this and future"

Add the feature to break series, do changes only for future events in a series. [Bug 320178](#)

Add filelink WebDAV support

It's a standards based open protocol. Good for decentralized aspects. [Bug 1532957](#)

SPF and DKIM signature verification

Implement DKIM verification. [Bug 265226](#)

MIT licensed Thunderbird add-on that we could integrate: https://github.com/lieser/dkim_verifier

Investigate whether Encrypted Client Hello (ECH) support outside of HTTP requires further action

ECH is on the TLS layer. For other protocols than HTTP, may need support for querying SVCB DNS records, as mentioned below. See [RFC 9460](#).

Enable search in encrypted messages

Enable search for encrypted emails.

[Bug 1562737](#), [Bug 188988](#)

Confident levels for OpenPGP keys

(TODO)

Support trusted introducers (OpenPGP CA support)

Support trusted introducers, OpenPGP's equivalent of Certificate Authority. [Bug 1993667](#)

Implement unobtrusive digital signatures

... that do not appear as weird attachments in unsupporting clients. [Bug 1958983](#)

Support encrypt/decrypt filter actions

One of the missing features from Enigmail. Much of the code is in the tree (but not enabled). [Bug 1627962](#)

Consider encrypted storage for the global message db

Investigate feasibility. SQLite has some support for it. This is what many users incorrectly believe the primary/master password feature does.

Consider enabling DoH by default and expanding it to protect all record types

Firefox has this enabled in several countries. Thunderbird and Firefox both default to the “Default Protection” option, but this means something different in each program. It is always disabled by default in Thunderbird, the same as “Off”, whereas it may be enabled by default in Firefox depending on the user’s country.

In addition, consider expanding DoH to cover all DNS record types that Thunderbird uses, including MX, TXT and SRV for account setup and SVCB for ECH. Currently, only the A, AAAA and HTTPS record types used by Firefox are protected, which is not what the user expects.

Thunderbird Translations

Enable Firefox Translations in Thunderbird. This would greatly increase user privacy compared to using an add-on with a third party translation service, such as Google Translate. [Bug 1823007](#)

Thunderbird Screenshots

Enable Firefox Screenshots in Thunderbird, to make it easier to take full email screenshots and to assist with support requests. [Bug 1823005](#)

Improve the UI/UX for invalid digital signatures

Use error pages to display explanations and override, like Firefox. [Bug 1804351](#) (and more)

Don’t treat failed signatures in plain text any worse than plain text. [Bug 1836262](#)

Improve how security of message is displayed: currently the technical details are displayed, but the overall message security is a minor detail. It needs to be the other way around to keep people in general safe.

Port "Enhanced Tracking Protection" from Firefox

Needs investigation. The code is in toolkit, but there are remote settings as well. Thunderbird would need a UI to show which trackers are blocked and to potentially enable them if needed.

Mozilla uses the [disconnect.me](#) blacklists, which includes a blacklist of email trackers that we should enable as well:
<https://disconnect.me/trackerprotection>

Firefox Monitor

Tells users if the email and/or password they are using was reportedly part of a breach. [Bug 1731228](#)

Modern Tabs

Enable Firefox's modern tab functionality in Thunderbird, for example: vertical tabs, tab previews, lazy loading, tab groups, split view and [tab notes](#).

Profile Management

Enable Firefox's new profile management UI in Thunderbird, which allows users to quickly create and switch profiles. Also enable automatic local backup of profile data, with optional password based encryption.

Reader View

Enable Firefox's Reader View feature in Thunderbird, which would render long or complex messages in a form that is easier for users to read, with controls to adjust the text and layout, as well as optionally read the message aloud. This is an important accessibility feature.

Update Settings UI for options shared with Firefox

Many of the options on the Settings page (about:preferences) that are shared with Firefox are outdated or missing functionality, and need to be re-ported to Thunderbird. For example, the list of search engines is outdated and the improved "Cookies and Site Data" functionally is missing.

Built-in AI chatbot support

Enable Firefox's built-in AI chatbot support in Thunderbird, including Claude, ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini and Le Chat Mistral. This is an optional and disabled by default feature, but (when enabled) it could provide better UX compared to an add-on and benefit many more users, by providing basic AI functionality directly in Thunderbird and allowing the user to choose their preferred service.

Consider rewriting of NSS secasn1d in Rust

(TODO)

Chat general maintenance

Update to the new Rust Matrix SDK and Crypto.

Offer maintenance for SDK updates and UI fixes.

Mozilla Connect & Bugzilla Suggestions

Top Community Suggestions

20 Community suggestions (10 from Mozilla Connect and 10 from Bugzilla) for a roadmap item, curated by the Roadmaps Council WG from the top several hundred most voted suggestions.

Mozilla Connect

1. Firefox Translations in Thunderbird
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/firefox-translations-in-thunderbird/idi-p/24890>
2. Thunderbird Labels colors - change background color instead of text color
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/thunderbird-labels-colors-change-background-color-instead-of/idi-p/14846>
3. Bring back support for accent insensitive message search filter
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/bring-back-support-for-accent-insensitive-message-search-filter/idi-p/24737>
4. Allow Thunderbird User to Enable/Disable an Account Temporarily
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/allow-thunderbird-user-to-enable-disable-an-account-temporarily/idi-p/29194>
5. Option to delete future occurrences of a recurring calendar item in Lightning
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/option-to-delete-future-occurrences-of-a-recurring-calendar-item/idi-p/27505>
6. Thunderbird - Trash/delete button beside star in cards view
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/thunderbird-trash-delete-button-beside-star-in-cards-view/idi-p/51713>
 - b. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/delete-symbol-right-side-in-card-view/idi-p/52841>
 - c. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/thunderbird-supernova-card-view/idi-p/37277>
7. Undo send message (Thunderbird)
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/undo-send-message-thunderbird/idi-p/32731>
 - b. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/an-option-to-immediately-cancel-or-call-back-an-email-sent-by/idi-p/20587>
8. ~~Images in emails should be reduced in size so they don't overflow off edge of page~~
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/images-in-emails-should-be-reduced-in-size-so-they-don-t/idi-p/68077>
 - b. Implemented in [Bug 1875325](#).
9. Thunderbird - Add account label to cards view in an unified inbox
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/thunderbird-add-account-label-to-cards-view-in-an-unified-inbox/idi-p/39913>
10. Thunderbird Supernova card view - icon or button for "mark as read / unread"
 - a. <https://connect.mozilla.org/t5/ideas/thunderbird-supernova-card-view-icon-or-button-for-quot-mark-as/idi-p/37427>

Bugzilla

1. Export address book card/contact as vCard
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/20304>
2. Default Template for mail composition and replies
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/107876>
3. Support for SMTP BURL extension (RFC 4468)
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/421779>
4. mail account autoconfiguration via DNS SRV (possibly with DNSSEC) rfc6186
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/342242>
5. Ability to organize/group/search addresses with custom Tags/Categories/Keywords (vs. current broken mailing list design)
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/75711>
6. scheduled mail (send messages later, at a specific future date/time)
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/122519>
7. feature request: per-account offline status
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/312619>
8. Make Minimize to tray work on Linux, too
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/1627479>
9. Gloda doesn't find content in encrypted messages (S/MIME and PGP)
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/188988>
10. Support attaching image screenshot/files/anything from clipboard (copying, cutting, pasting, Ctrl+C, Ctrl+X, Ctrl+V to add as attachment)
 - a. <https://bugzil.la/335783>

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Core Stability

Efforts aimed at improving the stability of the application, removing technical debt, and moving towards a more welcoming development platform to support and extend.

Continuity

Efforts aimed at building a convenient ecosystem across all MZLA products.

User satisfaction

Efforts aimed at tackling the most glaring issues reported by our users, and close the gap with our competition in terms of usability and interface.

Future proofing

Efforts aimed at preparing the application for upcoming external and internal changes, making it easier to scale and integrate new technologies.