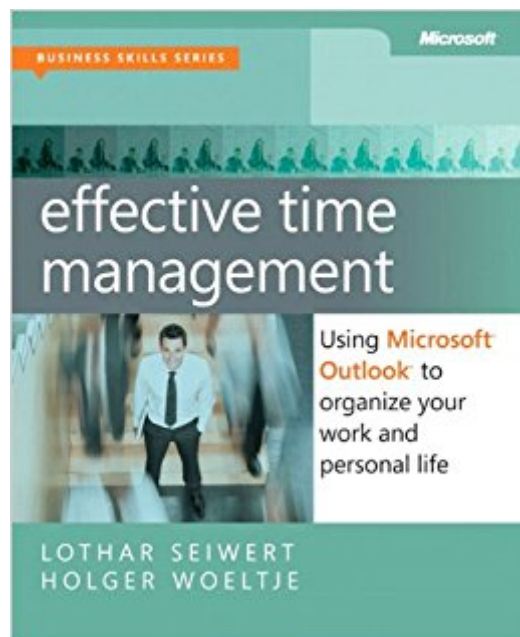


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# Effective Time Management: Using Microsoft Outlook To Organize Your Work And Personal Life (Business Skills)



## Synopsis

Take charge and create an effective balance between your work and personal life with the help of Microsoft Outlook. In this practical guide, two experts teach you a proven time-management system, showing you how to set and manage your priorities with custom modifications to Outlook. Sharpen your focus, combat distractions and manage your time with complete confidence. Get the skills to take control of your schedule Organize email in a systematic way and keep your inbox clean Schedule time for productivity and defend it against interruptions Apply Outlook filters to help you manage tasks and projects Make time for family and fun plan your work and private lives together Use Outlook with Microsoft OneNote to capture ideas and set goals Learn effective time management techniques with practical examples

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## Customer Reviews

In their book Effective Time Management - Using Microsoft Outlook to Organize Your Work and Personal Life, the authors Lothar Seiwert and Holger Woeltje provide a practical guide to using Outlook (as well as OneNote) to create a time-management system. Simply said, they teach you how to become more structured and organised when using Outlook to manage email, tasks, and appointments. What I really like about this book is that it covers Office 2003, Office 2007, and Office 2010! While Office 2010 is already around for some time, a lot of companies and people still use Office 2007 and even Office 2003. So, even if you have one of the older versions, don't worry, this

book gives you detailed instructions on how to do things, such as setting up views in all 3 versions of Outlook. As for the content, I have to say that I didn't benefit much from it, as I already used most of the advice contained in this book. However, if so far you're using only 'standard' Outlook, meaning you don't let Outlook filter emails for you, you don't create different views for your tasks to get a better overview of what is the most important thing to do, or you don't categorise your appointments to get a better overview of your week, this may be just the right book for you. You will get to learn how to approach each of the facets of Outlook (email, tasks, appointments) and get the most out of them to become more productive, both with techniques ("choose the most important thing that you would do if you could choose only one from your tasks, assign it #1. Then, continue with the others") and 'implementation info' (for example how to customise views so that you get a better overview of your tasks). Overall, it's a very solid book with useful advice, but nothing really new for people who already looked at time-management methods and use them.

Despite the book on time management with Outlook® being under 300 pages, reviewing took quite awhile. I mention that because that is likely what many readers will find. I kept returning to implement. Effective Time Management: Using Microsoft® Outlook® to Organize Your Work and Personal Life is just what it says. However, it could use an additional subtitle about changing everything about how you handle your desk and computer. To receive the book's substantial value, you cannot just take a tip here and another there. You have to change the way you receive, read and send email, how you plan, attend or conduct meetings, and master the to-do and journal functions many Outlook owners do not know of or use. Time-management guru Lothar Seiwert and productivity expert Holger Woeltje show specifically how to do all of that. They lay out the problems, describe the concepts for those and their solutions, provide real-world examples of best practices, and give step-by-step description of how to do it yourself. People who feel harried and overwhelmed by information and tasks coming at all times from all directions can get tremendous help here. All it takes is looking at each aspect of the business day in a new framework and then implementing better systems to deal with them. It is not at all simple, but the authors put it all right there in front of you. By the way, as a technical writer, I also appreciated their index. That often contracted-out weakest aspect of technical books is actually useful in this one. For example, it uses concepts instead of just the precise words Microsoft and the authors use. The authors do not stint on any area. They separate these into email, tasks, weekly planning, daily planning, meetings and goals. Each gets the full problems, solutions, examples, and procedures treatment. If you thought you understood what you face everyday, know that they have made a deeper analysis. You may find

yourself skimming the examples, with their generalized, bullet-point concepts. That will be OK, because they lead you into the procedures, which is the essence of each area. If you think you do not have time to upgrade the way you work, you are likely to conclude you must take that time, so you will end up in much greater control of your job. One of the best aspects along the way is that the pair introduces and explains how to use Outlook features invisible to and unused by many owner. Think block building and journal use, and how to get the most out of OneNote. As an aside, it is possible to use other productivity tools than Outlook. The authors do not generalize to those. They do show why they have found what they need in Outlook.

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This book deals with the reality of application. I love the specific examples and the You-Try-It section. (In my experience as an Outlook/OneNote educator, the biggest issue isn't the software, it's helping users implement it.) This book also has a tidy, well organized presentation style. It's friendly, comprehensive, appealing and respectful. I would love to see the authors tackle a book about online collaboration using OneNote Outlook and Sharepoint/Wordpress. I'm adding MindJet to that mix as well. How about it guys?

this was a quick read and focused more on time management suggestions than outlook, but a couple of the tricks I learned here were explained better than in some other books I have read on outlook,,, so it was definitely worth reading.

I loved it. Mainly because of the system it describes, right up my alley. It works and it moves you forward in your Endeavour to be more efficient

This book has a practical approach with all the needed functions of outlook & onenote. I suggest to people who are burdened with email piles,

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