

ORACLE BEEHIVE INTEROPERABILITY WITH DOMINO

OVERVIEW

KEY FEATURES

- Full Scheduling Capabilities across Systems
- Free/Busy Propagation
- Seamless to Users
- Flexible Coexistence Options
- Streamlines Migration to Beehive

Changing enterprise messaging platforms is not something done without a lot of forethought and preparation. An equal amount of groundwork has gone into Oracle Beehive's approach to enterprise messaging coexistence. In supporting coexistence with IBM Lotus Domino, Oracle Beehive goes beyond plain vanilla interoperability to deliver a solution that enables seamless communication for users across systems, whether it's sending email, checking free/busy availability, or updating meeting information.

Scheduling Beyond Email

The lack of calendaring standards between enterprise messaging applications of different vendors has led to difficulties with event scheduling when users are on different systems. Today this is typically handled via email using iCalendar attachments, but this approach has serious shortcomings since any scheduling changes are not maintained on both systems.

Oracle Beehive solves this problem. Its coexistence support for Domino provides full scheduling capabilities so that Oracle Beehive users and Domino users can invite each other to meetings, receive attendance status updates, and receive any other meeting changes, such as meeting cancellations or time changes. A user's free/busy availability, as determined by the contents of their calendar, is also propagated between the systems, ensuring that you are always looking at the most recent availability of other people.

Easing the Transition to Oracle Beehive

Oracle Beehive's support for Domino coexistence eliminates the traditionally difficult task of transitioning all users from one system to another at the same time. By leveraging Oracle Beehive's coexistence technology, users can be transitioned to Oracle Beehive in smaller groups while still sending email and scheduling meetings with those that have stayed on Domino. This takes a lot of the stress out of transitioning users and ensures a more manageable and successful migration.

Minimal Impact on Lotus Domino

A key goal for enterprise messaging coexistence is minimal disruption to the existing environment. Oracle Beehive coexistence with Domino achieves this goal by not requiring any installations on existing Domino servers. Instead, one or more dedicated Domino servers can be deployed with Beehive's coexistence components, and by leveraging Domino's infrastructure and message routing, no changes are required elsewhere in the Domino environment. This approach minimizes the impact on the Domino mailbox servers and hence the impact on users of the Domino

messaging services. All data processing for coexistence is done on these dedicated servers before being sent over HTTP or HTTPS to Oracle Beehive. The use of the HTTP transport protocol allows this coexistence scenario to be deployed in almost any environment and decouples the management of Oracle Beehive from Domino.

Flexible Deployment Options

Generally, coexistence with Domino would be implemented for a finite period of time as users are transitioned to Oracle Beehive enterprise messaging. However, it is possible to deploy Oracle Beehive messaging to some users and have coexistence with Domino users indefinitely.

This has an impact on how Oracle Beehive is deployed and how it is configured to coexist with Domino, but Oracle Beehive provides a number of flexible deployment options that can handle various coexistence scenarios. Oracle Beehive is designed to coexist with large Domino environments, including allowing IT to be selective about which users and resources are configured to coexist between both systems. In addition, Oracle Beehive can support being deployed with the same LDAP directory as the Domino environment or being completely decoupled. This allows for many deployment scenarios from the most centralized to the most disjointed environments.

Simplify Your IT Infrastructure

By supporting coexistence capabilities with multiple systems, including Domino, Microsoft Exchange and Novell GroupWise, Oracle Beehive provides a path for organizations to transition their messaging infrastructure without migration headaches for IT or loss of productivity for end users. And by moving users to Oracle Beehive for enterprise messaging, it opens the door to leveraging Beehive's more manageable, modern platform to provide other services including instant messaging and presence, team collaboration, web and voice conferencing, and voicemail.

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