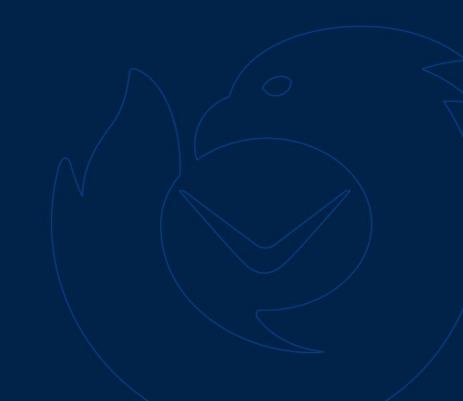


Why Visual Change Is Good







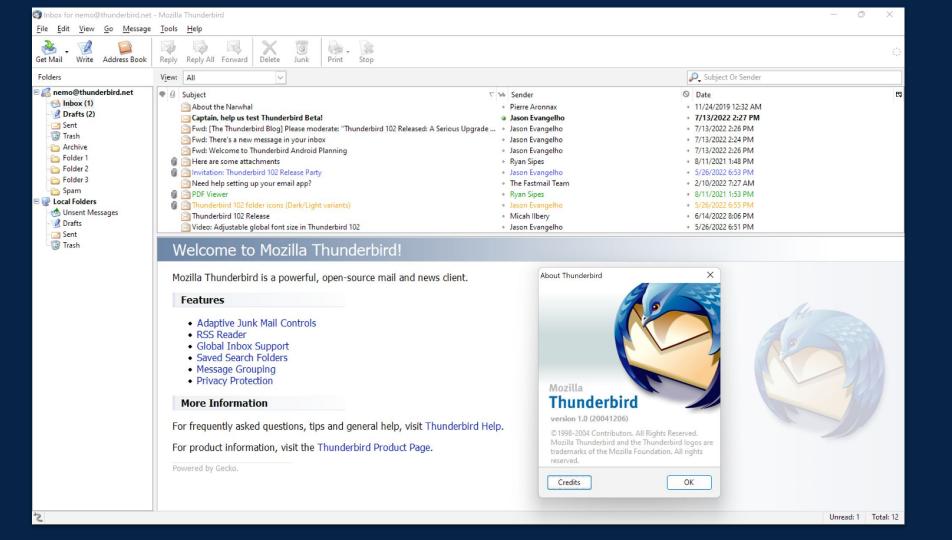
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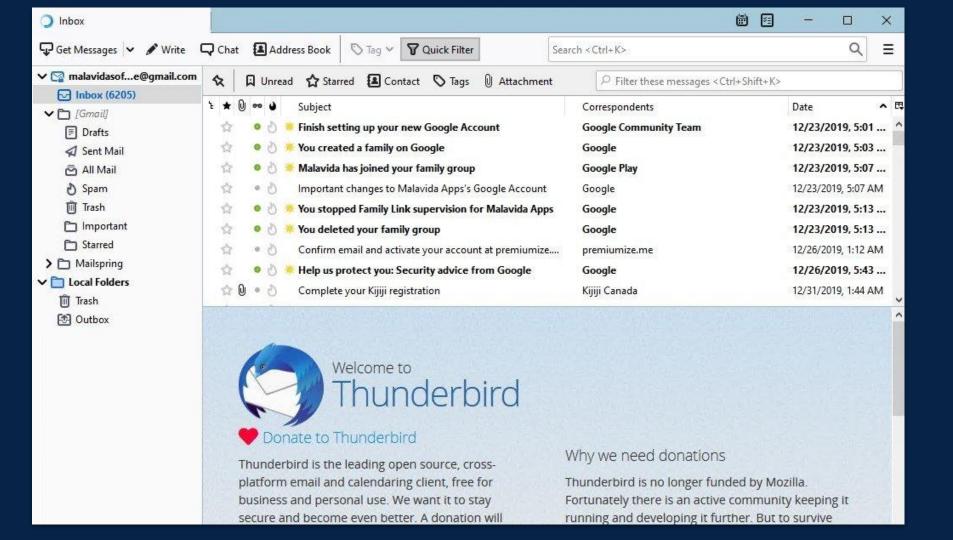
Director of Engineering

- Designer and Developer for more than 20 years.
- Started as a Front-end Developer and UX Designer at Thunderbird.
- Built many terrible GTK applications.
- Strong advocate of "open your process".

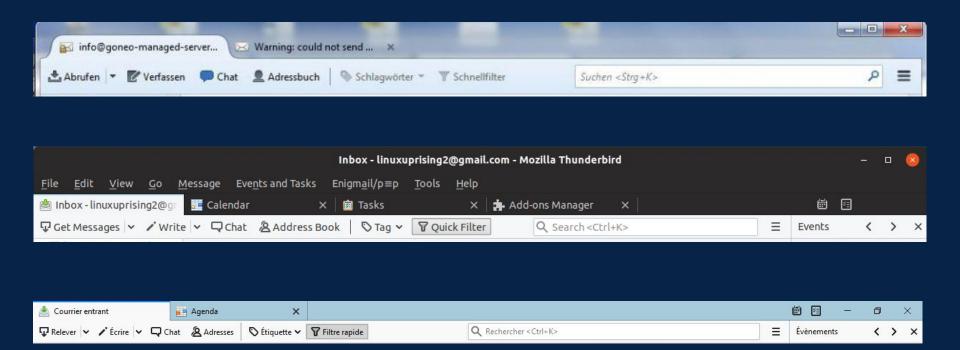
Thunderbird

You know what that is, right?





Following Firefox for design direction





The schism and the community support

This is where it gets interesting

"...Firefox was paying a tax to support Thunderbird development..."

We broke up

On July 6, 2012, a confidential memo from Jb Piacentino, the Thunderbird Managing Director at Mozilla, was leaked and published to TechCrunch. The memo indicated that Mozilla would be moving some of the team off the project and further development of new features would be left up to the community.

Mozilla remained interested in having a role in Thunderbird, but sought more assistance to help with development. Therefore, at the same time, it was announced that Mozilla Foundation would provide at least a temporary legal and financial home for the Thunderbird project.

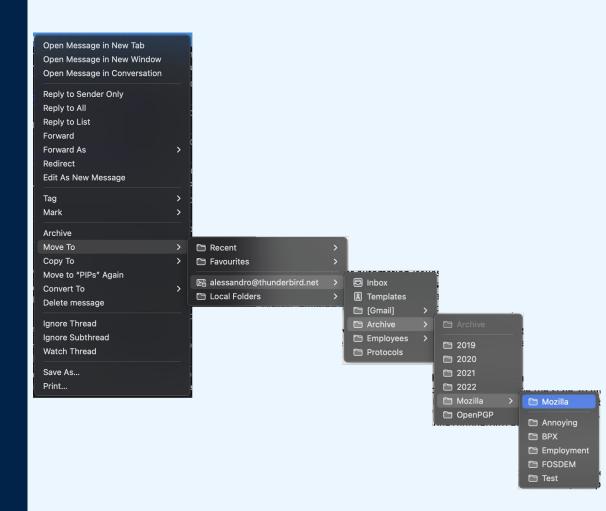


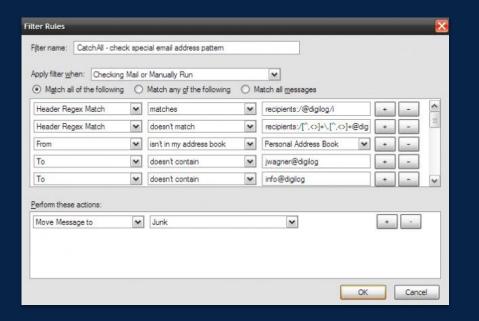


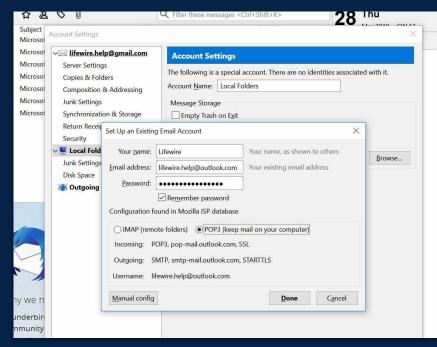
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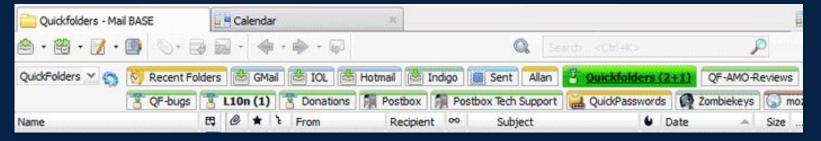
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Steady user decline





Please don't change it, it's perfect as it is.

— Every user ever



No UI/UX updates

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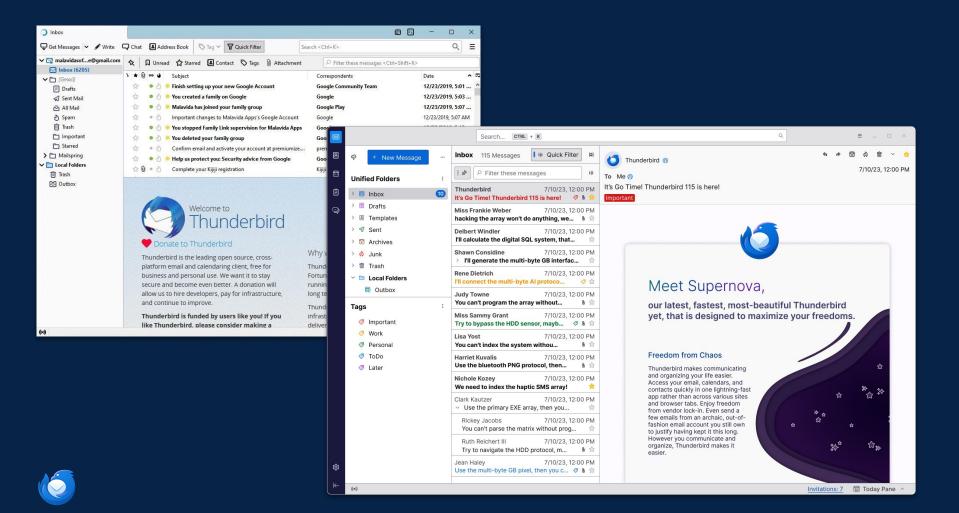
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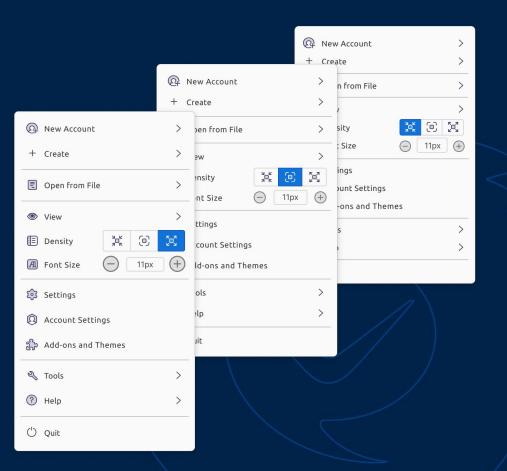
Familiarity

SUPERNOVA





Easy to reach Features





Improved Accessibility

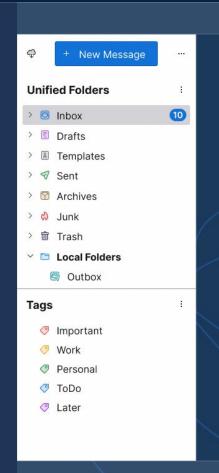
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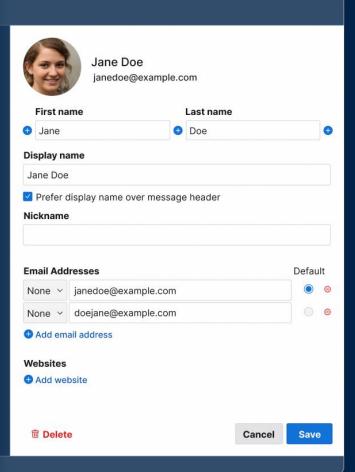
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Consistent Paradigms





Fewer Dialogs

Obviously, our community loved it

...NOT!

No UI/UX updates



Familiarity

...but then





Visual change is good!

...if done tastefully and with a controlled and intuitive upgrade path.



Thank you!

thunderbird.net

