Release Notes for Kerio Connect 7.0.0

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1 More Than Email. Introducing Kerio Connect.

When Kerio MailServer first launched, it was centered around email and email security. Today you get a well integrated package with dual antivirus scanning, multi-layer anti-spam, complete archiving, scheduled back-up, and full groupware capabilities.

Most of the innovations you have seen from us in recent years were focused on email-based collaboration, i.e. the introduction of contacts, calendars, notes, and mobility, as shown in our pioneering implementation of push email for smartphones.

Many organizations worldwide chose to build their workflow around Kerio MailServer, which in turn helped their teams become more effective, more productive, and generally better connected.

Now we are entering a new stage, in which we will make Kerio MailServer a great fit for organizations with teams in multiple locations worldwide.

As the product has shifted from being a traditional email server into the area of collaboration, we feel the existing product name no longer accurately represents what the product promises to do. Enter Kerio Connect, previously known as Kerio MailServer.

The new name, Kerio Connect, aims to communicate what users of messaging and collaboration servers often do – they connect with their colleagues, they connect with their business partners, they connect from the road, they connect from home, they connect to develop new ideas, they connect before they meet in person – they simply connect.

This new generation of the Kerio messaging platform is called Kerio Connect 7. It will retain its familiar blue bubble icon with the envelope. You are seeing this new branding within the beta builds, but all versions prior to Connect 7 will remain branded as Kerio MailServer.

As you've come to know Kerio, we will continue to give you the freedom to choose the right combination of OS platform, desktop apps, and mobile clients, that will best work for your particular organization.

2 And What is New in Kerio Connect 7?

CardDAV Protocol Support

CardDAV protocol allows bi-directional contacts synchronization with Apple Address Book on Snow Leopard. A simple tool to setup CardDAV Address Book account is provided. See Auto-configure Address Book on Integration page for Mac:

http(s)://servername/integration/index.php?os=mac

Distributed Domains

For companies that need to share and manage free-busy information, resource schedules, mailing lists, groups, aliases and Kerio Global Address List across multiple discrete installations of Kerio Connect.

Complete Web Administration

Complete remote management of Kerio Connect from Internet Explorer, Firefox or Safari.

Rename Domain

The name of the domain can be changed now. This change requires restart of the server.

Retention policy for messages

Implemented new auto-delete function (items clean-out) with an option to delete all items in the mail store according to the retention policy defined in the company. The administrator can configure the policy for each email domain individually. Eg. delete all emails and events older than 3 years.

New Message Submission service

Kerio Connect includes a new service for receiving email with SMTP protocol. The Message Submission service (SMTP submission) is defined in RFC 2476 and it uses protocol TCP on port 587 for accepting messages sent by email clients. The service requires users to be authenticated in order to be able to send the message to the server. Users can use the service from remote locations where the default SMTP port 25 is blocked (hotels, airports etc.) to safely send the message via company email server. Spam Filter is not applied to the messages sent via authenticated connection in Message Submission service.

IMAP server improvement

The IMAP server in Kerio Connect has been improved for better support of multi-session IMAP connections.

New mobile device support

Kerio Connect brings support for over-the-air synchronization of HTC Hero, DROID by Motorola, Google Nexus One and Palm Pre mobile device. It is possible to synchronize email messages, tasks, contacts and calendar events.

Performance improvements

Kerio Connect uses a more efficient file access method to the message store data. This includes the properties.fld database access and listing mailbox folders.

WebMail HTML editor in mail composer for Safari4

It is possible to edit rich text when writing an email on Safari4. This option was available only on Microsoft Internet Explorer and Firefox, so far.

Tracking licensing data

Since this version, the installation reports to Kerio data necessary for licensing.

3 Changes in System Requirements

Further Unsupported

- WebMail Safari 2, Safari 3.0, Safari 3.1, Firefox 2
- Web Administration Firefox 2, Safari 3.0, Safari 3.1
- Kerio Outlook Connector (Offline Edition) running on Windows 2000
- Kerio Outlook Connector (without offline caching) Microsoft Outlook 2000; all versions of Outlook running on Windows 2000
- Mobiles all ActiveSync 1.0 phones and clients, all ActiveSync 2.0 phones and clients (includes Windows Mobile 2002, 2003, 2003 SE, Palm Treo 650, 680, 700p and old versions of Nokia Mail for Exchange)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.7 and older.

New Supported Platforms

- WebMail Safari 4, Firefox 3.5, Firefox 3.6
- Web Administration Safari 4, Internet Explorer 8, Firefox 3.5, Firefox 3.6

4 Known Issues

- CardDAV account in Apple Address Book on Mac OS X 10.6 can not be configured manually. It's necessary to use an auto-config tool for Apple Address Book from the integration page for Mac:
 - http(s)://servername/integration/index.php?os=mac
- Contacts created or updated in CardDAV account in Apple Address Book will not be saved on the server if the user has read-only access to the destination folder.
- When upgrading from any Beta of Connect 7.0, it is necessary to run full installation of Kerio Outlook Connector (Offline Edition). Outlook with Kerio Outlook Connector (Offline Edition) will not work correctly when automatic update is used.
- Nokia mobile phones with Mail for Exchange client configured with Connect 7.0 will fail to synchronize with older Kerio MailServer versions. The solution is to re-create the account in Mail for Exchange client on the device or choose the 'Full re-sync' option in the client settings.
- Debian only: make sure that your license is valid before you install a new version. Installation package does not check it properly and can install a version which does not work due to license.

5 Upgrade

Kerio Connect 7.0 can be installed over any previous Kerio MailServer version (6.7.3 and lower).

For CardDAV users it is highly recommended to uninstall previous version of Kerio Sync Connector for Mac before configuring a CardDAV account.

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