

Next base Hub Launches To Compete Directly With Google Docs And Office 365

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Next is taking a serious leap forward. Next launches with the inclusion of several new features that transform it from a file-syncing and sharing solution, to a potentially worthy open-source competitor to Office 365 and Google Docs.

The name change represents Next’s base commitment to competing directly with Office 365 and Google

During a keynote presentation today in Berlin, Germany, Next base systems CEO revealed Next as the first completely integrated cloud and on-premises content collaboration platform on the market, ready for a new generation of users who expect seamless online collaboration capabilities out of the box.

**"The market has been asking for an on-premises alternative to foreign cloud services that protects the digital sovereignty of its users."** and **"the first, complete and well integrated collaboration platform"**

But what does all that mean? It’s quite a mouthful, so let’s unpack it!

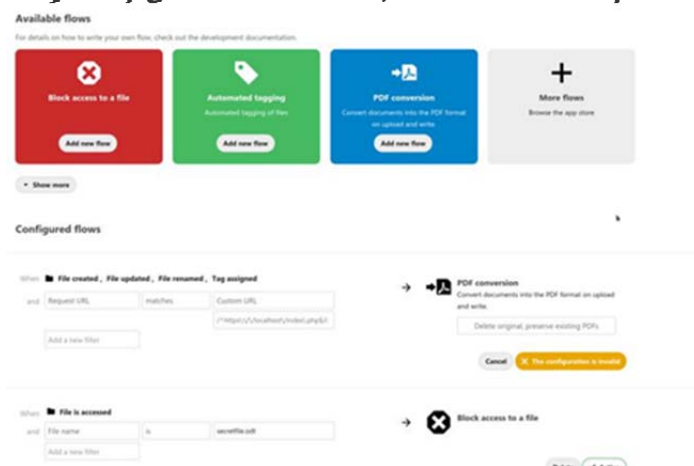
In a nutshell, Next comes complete with audio + video team chat, real-time collaborative document editing, a mail client and calendar + contact management.

**Built-in Microsoft Office Compatibility**

After what the company described as a long collaborative development cycle with [OnlyOffice](#), Next ships with out-of-the-box document editing support for Microsoft Office formats, without needing to rely on docker containers or other workarounds.

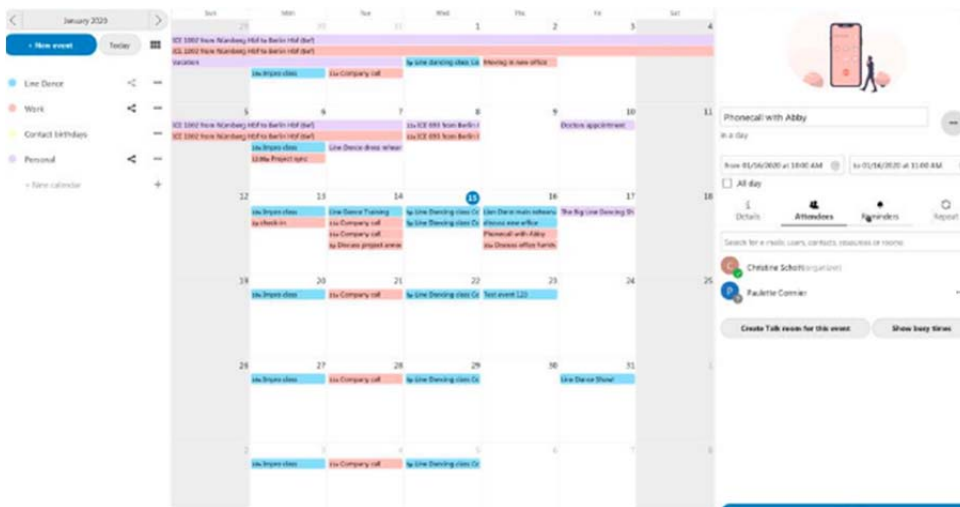
This includes real-time collaborative editing, file locking, ownership transfers and more.

**Major Upgrades To Files, Talk and Groupware**



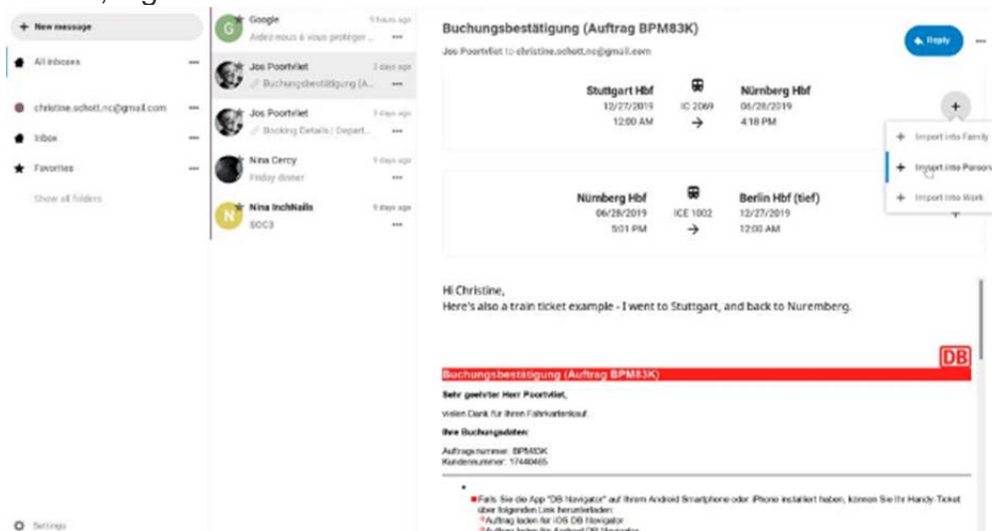
## Flow view as administrator

The Files component will add “Workspaces,” meant to bring context to folders with notes and to-do lists at the top of the page. Flow (which was previously announced) lets users create automation around repetitive tasks like converting a document into a PDF. And file locking allows smoother document collaboration (for example, being able to lock a file when you download it locally for editing to avoid conflicts). Next’s Talk feature also gets a new coat of paint, adding message delivery notifications, some user interface improvements, and custom group management. And for the heck of it, bigger emojis when they are the only thing in a message...



## Calendar 2.0

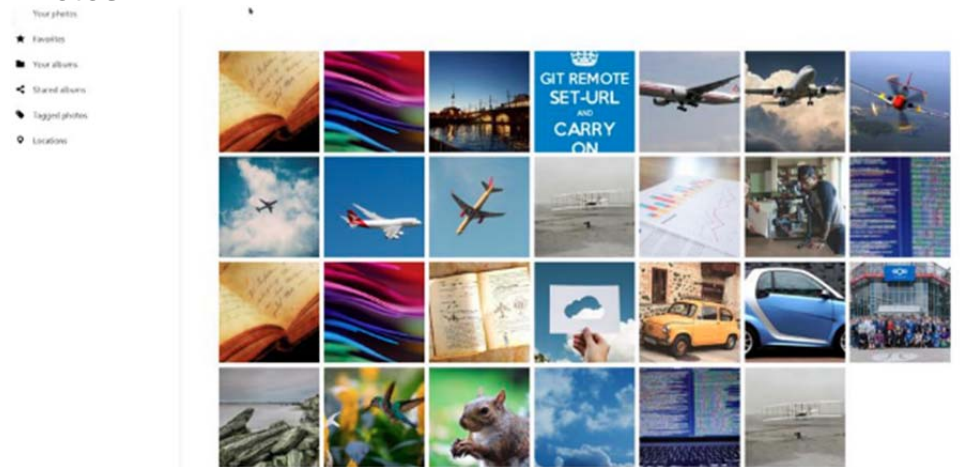
Mail 1.0 and Calendar 2.0 also enter the picture with some meaningful updates to each service. Mail 1.0 can automatically pull travel information from emailed itineraries like Gmail does, recognizing messages from airlines or train companies, and adding it automatically to your Calendar. It also receives full support for rich text emails, signatures and a few other odds and ends.



## Next Mail 1.0 with itinerary support

On the Calendar 2.0 side, new features include recurring meetings and integrated Talk rooms, meaning you can add users to a chat and video call from a scheduled meeting.

## Photos



Photos now shows a timeline, and there's easy access to favourites and tagged images. It even shows ...

A new image gallery allows for easier sorting of favourited and tagged photos, shows users a timeline, and integrates the Maps app to show where photos were taken on a world map.