

Thunderbird

A community perspective

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- What can any FOSS project learn from the history of Thunderbird?
- Why is it run as a for-profit entity?
- How you can contribute and the reasons why.
- Thunderbird for Android
- Web Services around Thunderbird?
- Where you can view statistics and learn about how and why we use telemetry.
- How do we protect your privacy and data sovereignty?

WhoAmI?

I think I got involved with the Mozilla project back in 2005 when I wrote a small search add-on/script. I became more active around 2008-2009 and with just a few gaps until this day.

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- Zero Trust

"**never** trust, always verify".

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- What's FOSS

Free/Libre and Open Source Software

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Points

⊘ They store data on you even if you did not interact with the service



⊘ Your identity is used in ads that are shown to other users



⊘ The service can read your private emails



⊘ This service can view your browser history



⊘ This service holds onto content that you've deleted



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Define: Thunderbird

Thunderbird is a free and open-source software project founded in 2003 to make communicating and collaborating better. We are supported by the talent and generosity of thousands of individuals and part of the Mozilla family.

- 18,814,539 - Active Monthly installations.
- 2% of the are using CS locale

One of the biggest issues for Thunderbird throughout its life is that, while it was a well-loved product with over 20 million users, it never had any substantial revenue that could adequately cover its development.

History

2003: Thunderbird 0.1

2004 : Thunderbird 1.0 Released: Thunderbird was launched as an independent, open-source email client, providing users with a customizable alternative to proprietary clients like Microsoft Outlook. Its strong focus on security and spam filtering set it apart right from the start.

2007: The Mozilla Foundation announced that Thunderbird would be developed by an independent organization, because the Mozilla Corporation (the for profit portion of Mozilla) is focusing on Mozilla Firefox development. This change was made in order to stimulate development in Thunderbird, which was being neglected during the **Mozilla focus on Firefox**

2008: Mozilla Messaging started operations as a subsidiary of the Mozilla Foundation responsible for the development of email and similar communications. Its initial focus was on the next major version, Thunderbird 3.0, which was released on 8 December 2009.

History

2012: Mozilla announced the company was dropping the priority of Thunderbird development because the continuous effort to extend Thunderbird's feature set was mostly fruitless. The new development model shifted to Mozilla offering only "Extended Support Releases", which deliver security and maintenance updates, while allowing the **community** to take over the development of new features.

2015: The time has come when it is no longer effective for Thunderbird and Firefox to keep sharing the same technical infrastructure. Thunderbird Project's future home: the Software Freedom Conservancy (SFC), The Document Foundation (TDF) or a new deal at the Mozilla Foundation. **The Thunderbird Council arranged to collect donations from our users, with the Mozilla Foundation as fiscal sponsor**

2020, the Mozilla Foundation announced that the project would henceforth be operating from a new wholly owned subsidiary, MZLA Technologies Corporation,

Question

What can you learn from the history?

The last years

- Thunderbird for Android
- **Thundermail:** An email service, including calendar and contact hosting, intended to provide an ad-free and privacy-respecting alternative to existing providers.
- **Thunderbird Appointment:** A scheduling tool allowing users to share a link for others to book meetings on their calendar
- **Thunderbird Send:** An end-to-end encrypted file-sharing service for large files

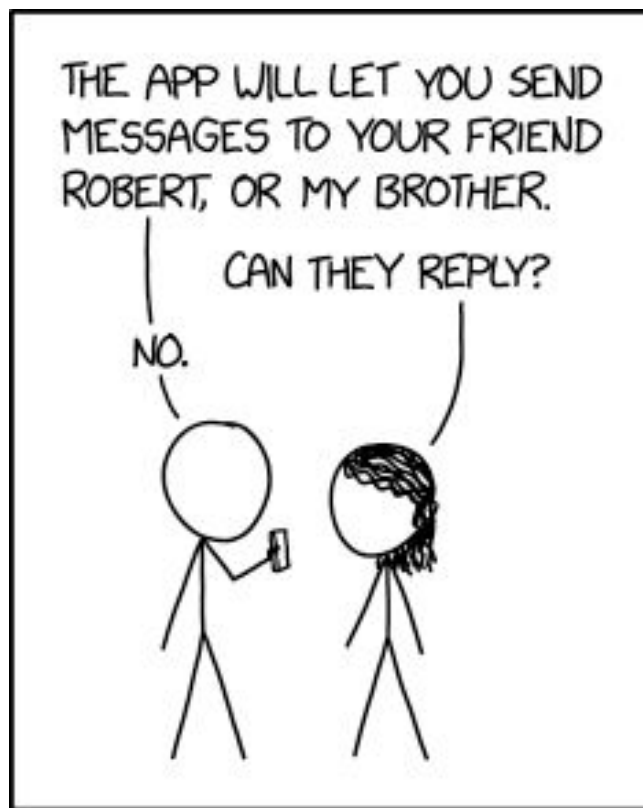
Calendar, Contacts, Tasks, RSS, Messenger

Because email is just one part of being productive.

Better Security

Thunderbird is open source. Its code has been constantly reviewed and improved over 20 years. Transparency keeps us accountable and you safe.

XKCD



MY NEW SECURE TEXTING APP
ONLY ALLOWS PEOPLE NAMED
ALICE TO SEND MESSAGES
TO PEOPLE NAMED BOB.

Participate

<https://www.thunderbird.net/en-US/participate/>

Stats

<https://stats.thunderbird.net/>

Last Slide, yeah!

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