

HCL Notes 2026

New User Experience Deep Dive

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Version 14.5.1

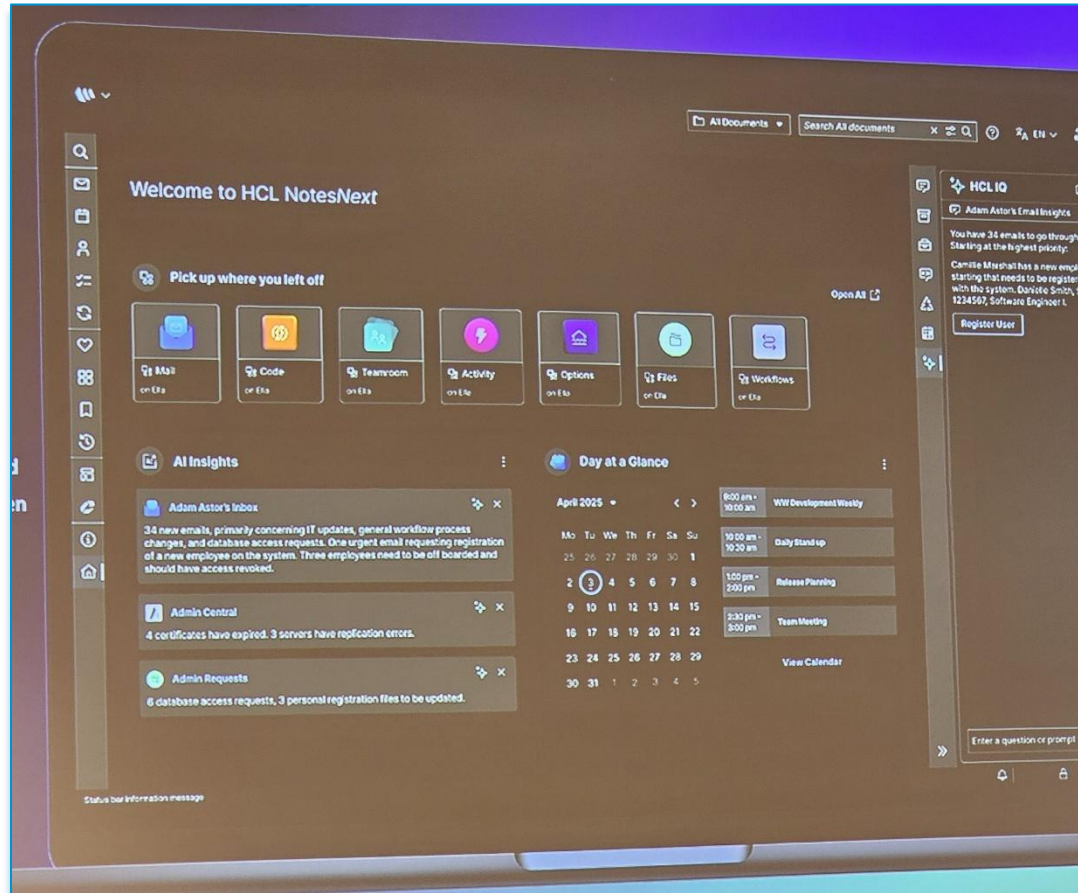


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<https://my.hcltechsw.com/downloads/domino/notes/14.5.1>

Review – Engage 2025 → do not expect this design!



Hogne's Blog

HCL Notes 2026 – 14.5.1

- Modern UX upgrades for the Notes client
- Simplified (faster) client installation

◆ Design Ethos

Improve and modernize the visual appearance of the Notes client without changing functionality, sizing, or layout.

- Follow the design principles of the HCL Enchanted design system to create an attractive and accessible visual experience that is consistent across other HCL products.
- Establish a hierarchy that places visual focus on the center of the page to facilitate a main workflow within applications.

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What's New



HCL Notes 2026 - 14.5.1

- UI Enhancements
- Calendar Improvements
- Workspace Updates
- General Enhancements
- Sametime Web Chat
- Security & OIDC
- Improved Properties Panel (Infobox)
- System Requirements
- Are there fixes



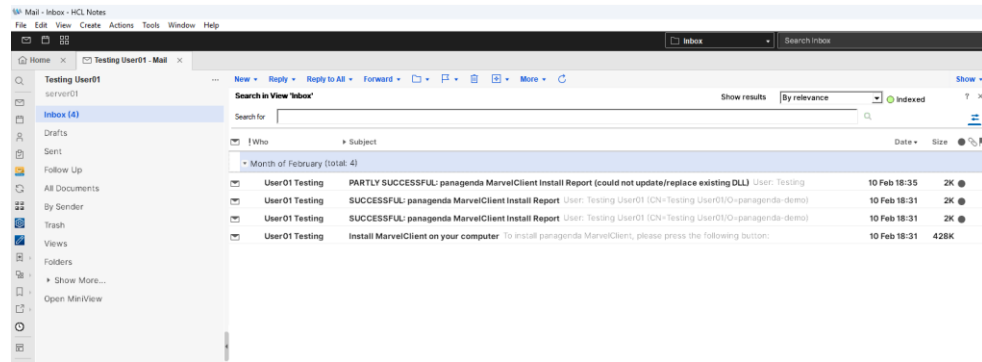
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UI Enhancements

Framework & Navigation

What's new

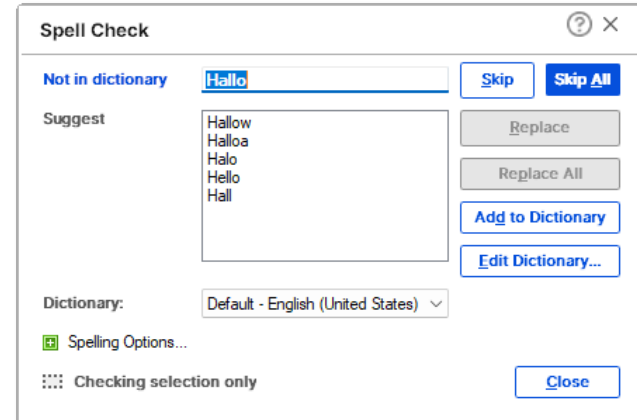
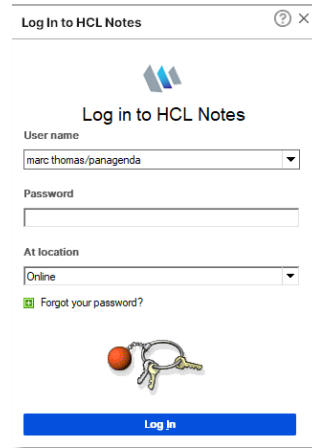
- Refined tab colors – Active tabs are now visually distinct from inactive ones
- Open menu docked by default – Navigation icons always visible
- Updated navigator focus color – Focused item easier to spot at a glance
- Revised action bar appearance – Updated color tone across all forms



Redesigned Dialogs

What's new

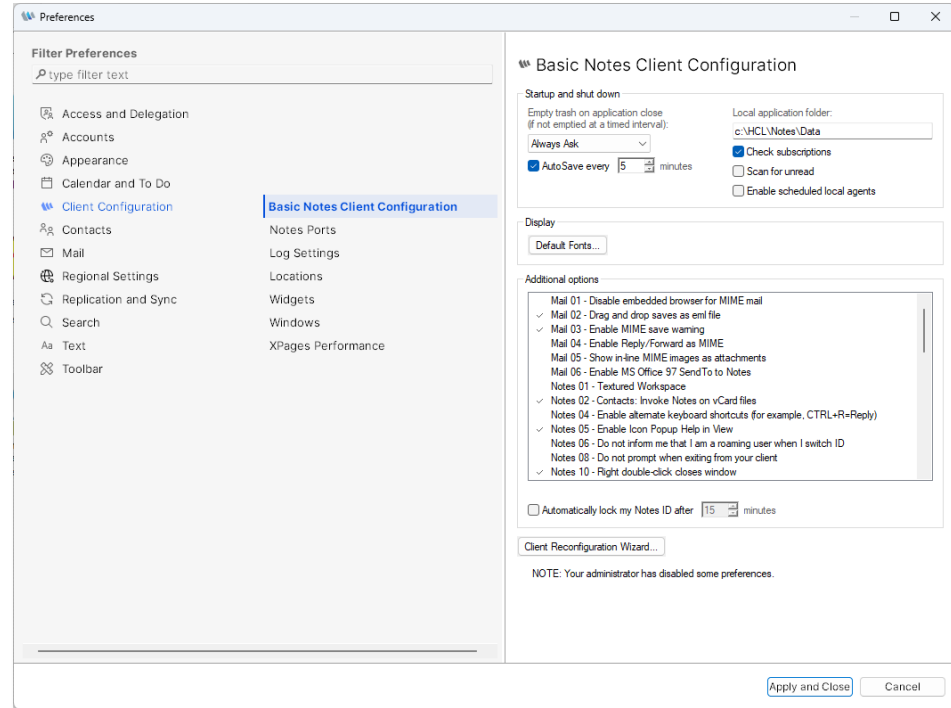
- Spell Check & Quick Find – New visual style with updated button shapes
- Login & Location – Modernized layout, clearer input fields
- Replication Schedule & Alarms – Consistent styling throughout
- Further dialogs: Exit, Create Folder, Add Calendar, Move Folder, Sametime



Updated Controls & Form Layouts

What's new

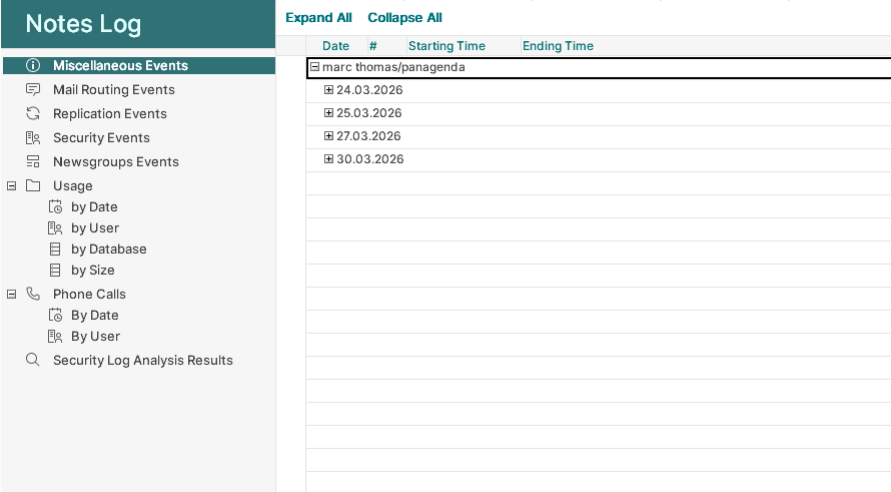
- Radio buttons & checkboxes – Cleaner shapes, better contrast
- Date picker & time-zone control – Fresh look matching new design language
- Color picker & list box – Modern grid layout for color picker
- 2-column Preferences layout – Categories with icons instead of flat list



Refreshed Templates

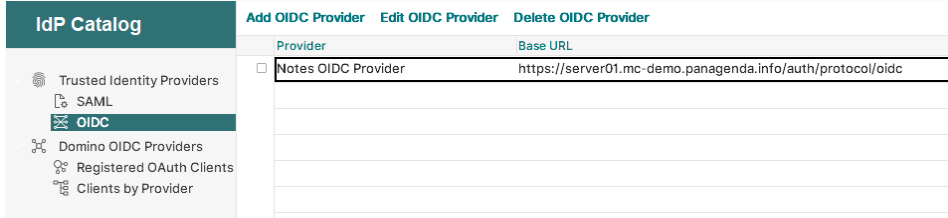
What's new

- Notes Log & Directory - Updated with new teal color scheme
- Widget Catalog & Monitoring Configuration - Visually refreshed
- Further: Directory Catalog, IdP Catalog, Cluster Analysis, Subscriptions
- Color coding: Teal = Notes templates / Blue = Administrative templates



The screenshot shows the 'Notes Log' interface. It features a teal header with the title 'Notes Log' and two buttons: 'Expand All' and 'Collapse All'. Below the header is a table with columns for 'Date', '#', 'Starting Time', and 'Ending Time'. The table contains one row of data: 'marc.thomas@panagenda' with a date of '24.03.2026'. A sidebar on the left lists various event categories such as 'Miscellaneous Events', 'Mail Routing Events', 'Replication Events', 'Security Events', 'Newsgroups Events', 'Usage', 'Phone Calls', and 'Security Log Analysis Results'. The 'Usage' category is expanded to show sub-items like 'by Date', 'by User', 'by Database', and 'by Size'.

Date	#	Starting Time	Ending Time
24.03.2026			



The screenshot shows the 'IdP Catalog' interface. It features a teal header with the title 'IdP Catalog' and three buttons: 'Add OIDC Provider', 'Edit OIDC Provider', and 'Delete OIDC Provider'. Below the header is a table with columns for 'Provider' and 'Base URL'. The table contains one row of data: 'Notes OIDC Provider' with a base URL of 'https://server01.mc-demo.panagenda.info/auth/protocol/oidc'. A sidebar on the left lists various identity provider categories such as 'Trusted Identity Providers', 'SAML', 'OIDC', 'Domino OIDC Providers', 'Registered OAuth Clients', and 'Clients by Provider'. The 'OIDC' category is highlighted in teal.

Provider	Base URL
Notes OIDC Provider	https://server01.mc-demo.panagenda.info/auth/protocol/oidc



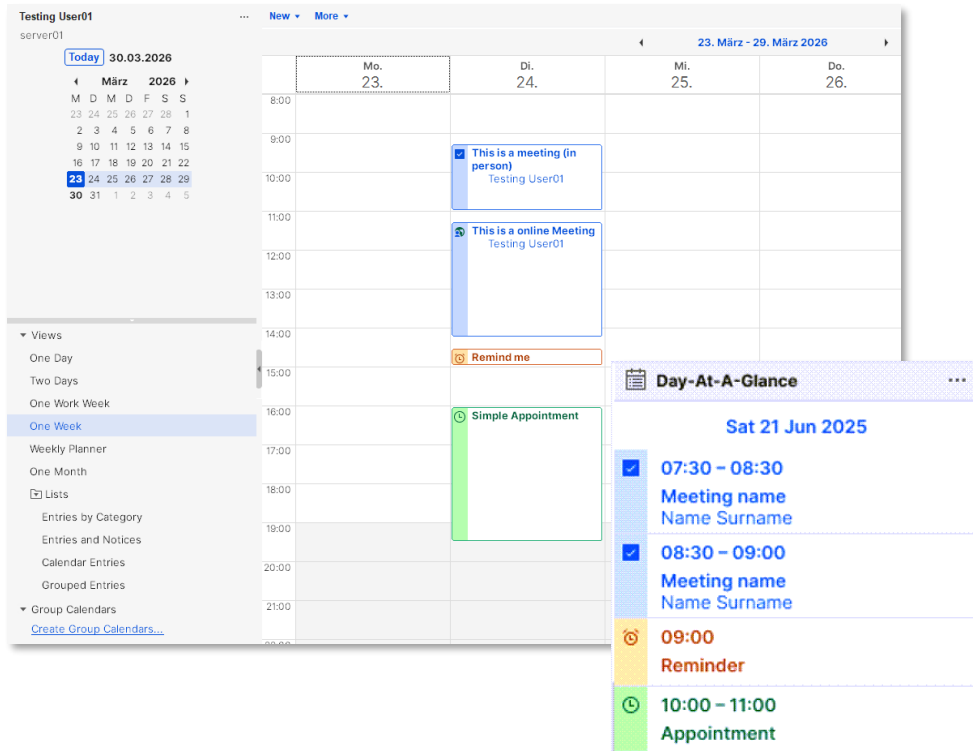
Calendar Improvements



Design & Views

What's new

- Designated colors & icons per calendar type – E.g. distinct icon for online vs. in-person meetings
- Updated month view – Subject lines and meeting type now displayed more clearly
- Side-shelf & summary views – Both now show meeting-type icons alongside entries
- Action bar color scheme – Updated in the meeting form to match new design



The screenshot displays the Panagenda calendar interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the 'Views' menu with options: One Day, Two Days, One Work Week, **One Week** (selected), Weekly Planner, One Month, Lists, Entries by Category, Entries and Notices, Calendar Entries, Grouped Entries, Group Calendars, and [Create Group Calendars...](#). The main calendar area shows a weekly view for March 2026, with a time slot from 8:00 to 21:00. Meeting entries are displayed as follows:

- Monday, 23. März: A meeting entry titled "This is a meeting (in person)" by Testing User01, spanning from 9:00 to 10:00.
- Monday, 23. März: An online meeting entry titled "This is a online Meeting" by Testing User01, spanning from 10:00 to 11:00.
- Monday, 23. März: A reminder entry titled "Remind me" at 15:00.
- Monday, 23. März: A simple appointment entry titled "Simple Appointment" at 16:00.

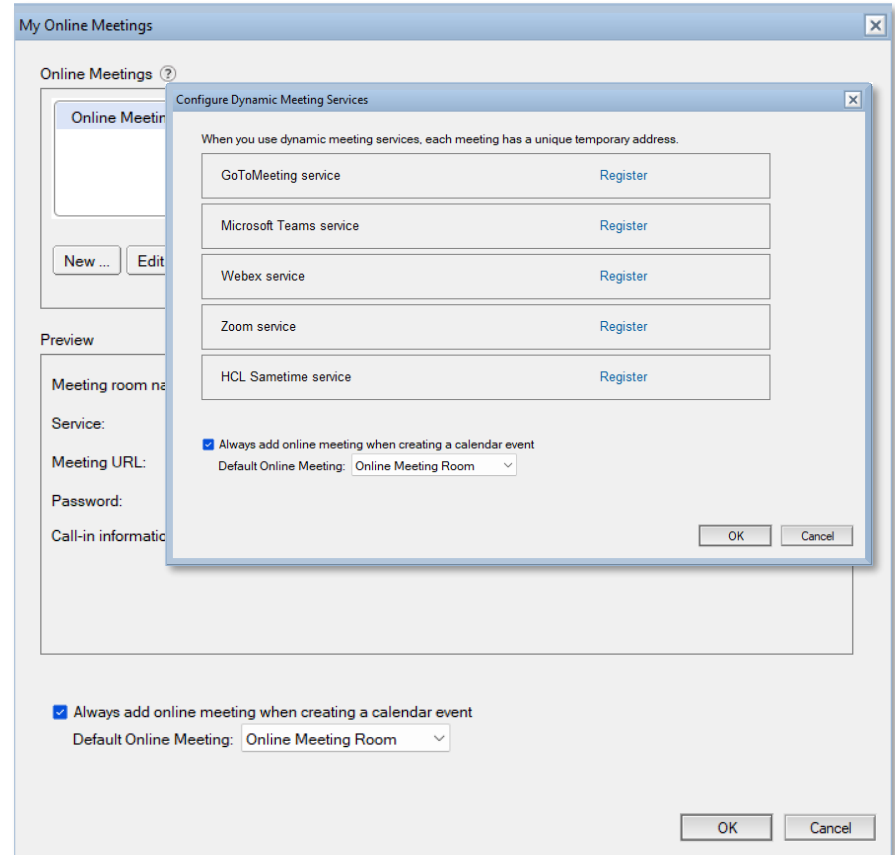
On the right, a 'Day-At-A-Glance' summary view for Saturday, 21 Jun 2025, is shown. It lists the following events:

- 07:30 – 08:30: Meeting name Name Surname (checked)
- 08:30 – 09:00: Meeting name Name Surname (checked)
- 09:00: Reminder (clock icon)
- 10:00 – 11:00: Appointment (clock icon)

Default Online Meeting

What's new

- Set a default online meeting – Chair can define a default link for all new appointments
- Static link support – Config window to set a fixed, reusable meeting URL
- DOMI link support – Config window to connect a DOMI-based meeting link





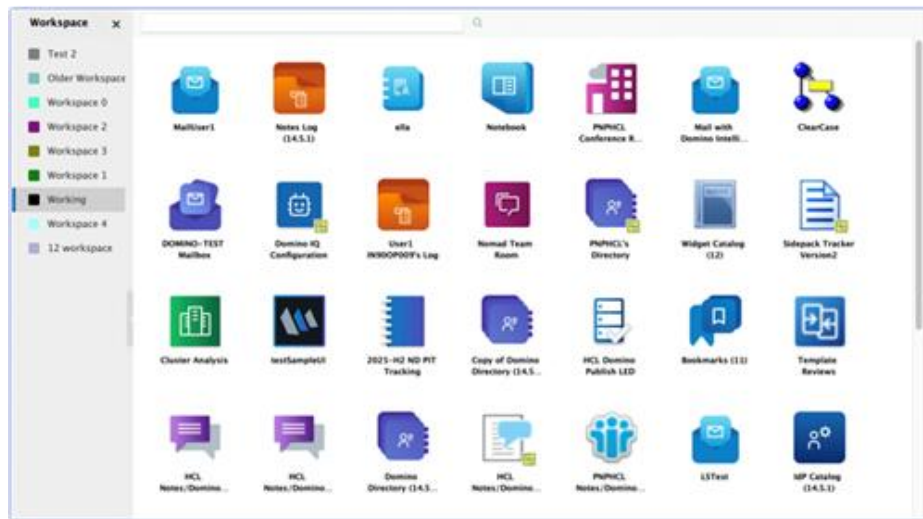
Workspace Updates



Icons & Layout

What's new

- New icon set – Full set of new icons with consistent default sizing
- Icon enlargement option – Users can enlarge icons for better visibility (Preferences)
- Improved enlargement algorithm – Rendering of enlarged icons sharper and more consistent
- New default app icon – Legacy default icon replaced with modern alternative



Additional options

- Notes 19 - Do not show borders on Workspace icons
- Notes 20 - Show long database names on Workspace icons
- Notes 21 - Enlarge old workspace icons

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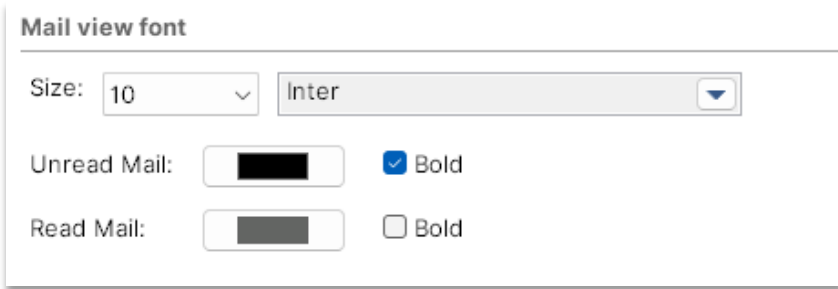
General Enhancements

Installation & Font

What's new

- Improved Windows installation – Modules pre-provisioned and placed directly in file system during install
 - Example: Same fast, reliable method already used for the Mac client
- Inter font as new default – Widely recognised for clarity and modern aesthetics
 - Example: All Notes UI text now renders in Inter for a cleaner, more professional appearance

I'll come back to that topic a bit later

A screenshot of a settings panel titled "Mail view font". It contains two rows of controls. The first row has a "Size" dropdown set to "10" and a font family dropdown set to "Inter". The second row has "Unread Mail:" with a black color swatch and a checked "Bold" checkbox. The third row has "Read Mail:" with a dark grey color swatch and an unchecked "Bold" checkbox.

Mail view font

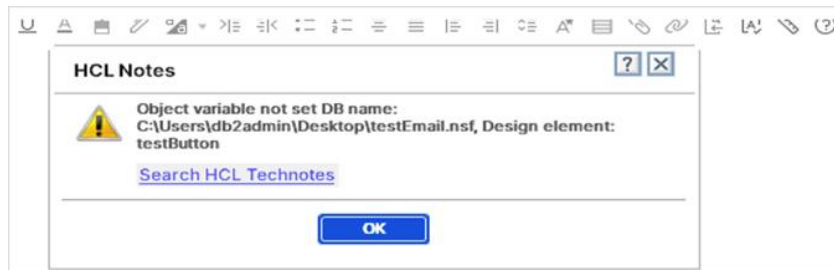
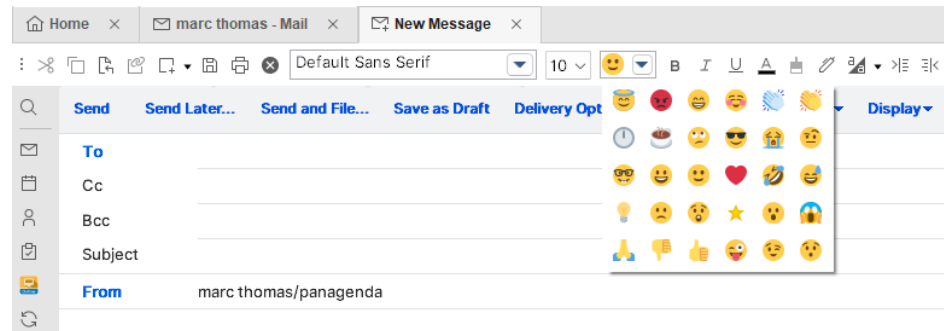
Size: 10 Inter

Unread Mail: Bold

Read Mail: Bold

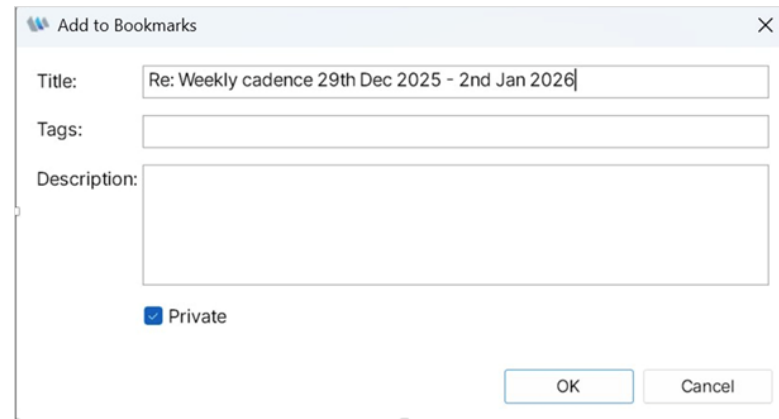
What's new

- Emoji support in Rich Text Editor – 30-emoji dropdown in Mail and Notes apps while editing
 - Example: Click the emoji icon in the toolbar to open the picker while composing a mail
- Enhanced “Object Variable not set” error – Dialog now shows database, agent, and design element name
 - Example: Developers can immediately identify which agent caused the error without log diving



What's new

- Private Bookmark checkbox –
New option in “Add to Bookmarks” dialog
 - Example: Users can mark bookmarks as private so they don't appear in shared views



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add to Bookmarks" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Title:** A text input field containing the text "Re: Weekly cadence 29th Dec 2025 - 2nd Jan 2026".
- Tags:** An empty text input field.
- Description:** A larger empty text area.
- Private:** A checkbox that is checked, with the label "Private" next to it.
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Cancel" buttons located at the bottom right of the dialog.



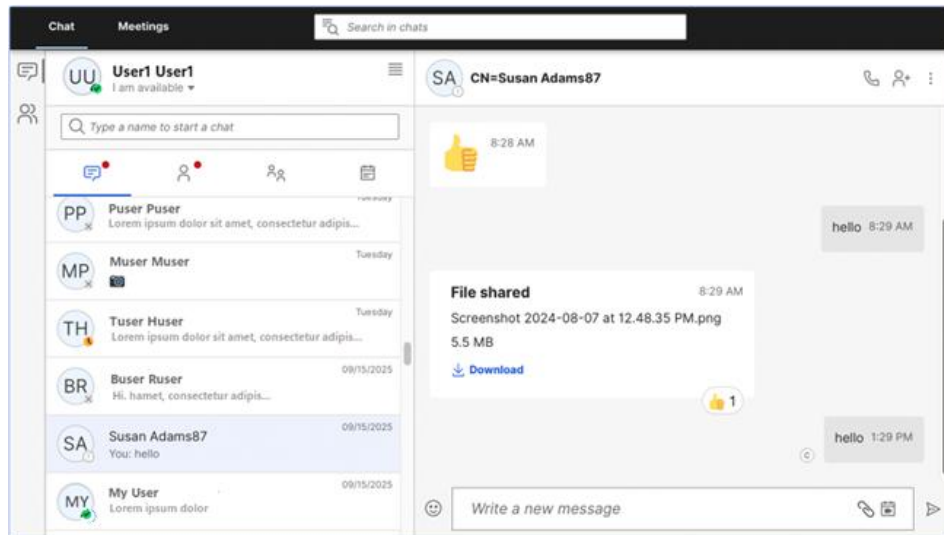
Sametime Web Chat



New Chat Features

What's new

- Integrated web-chat window – Modern embedded chat replaces the rich client chat window
- Read receipts – Sent messages show confirmation when read by the recipient
- Chat reactions – Users can respond to messages with emoji reactions
- Message search – Full-text search across chat history now available



Prerequisites & Activation

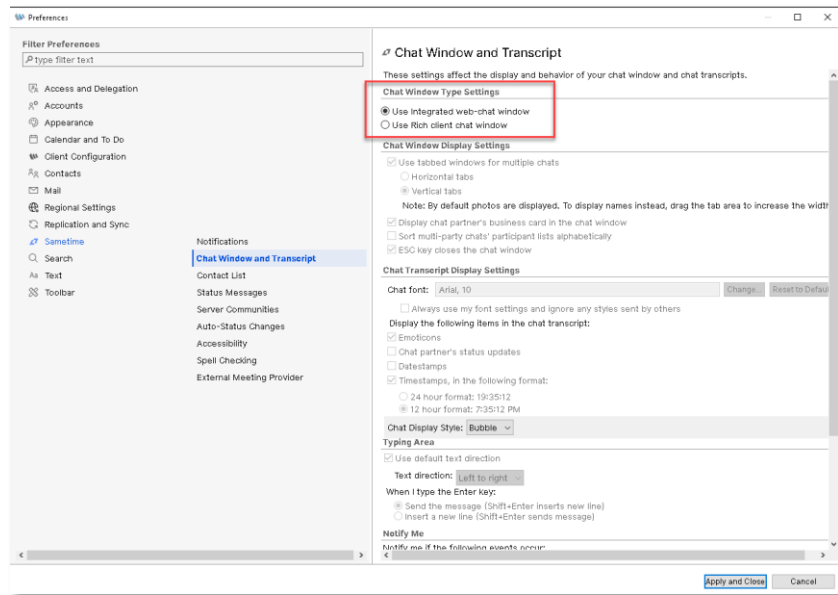
Requirements

- Sametime Server 12.0.4 for Windows required
- Available via My HCLSoftware Portal with Domino 14.5.1
- User: Switch to “Use integrated web-chat window” in Notes preferences
- Admin: Set `enableEmbeddedWebClient=true` via Desktop Policy (Managed Settings)

Activation

plugin_customization.ini key:

- `com.ibm.collaboration.realtime.ui/enableEmbeddedWebClient=true`





Security & OIDC



What's new

- OIDC protocol support – Notes 14.5.1 adds OIDC-based user authentication
- Only supported when Domino is the OIDC provider
- Notes Standard Client only – Not available for Basic client
- External browser authentication – Login flow opens in an external browser window



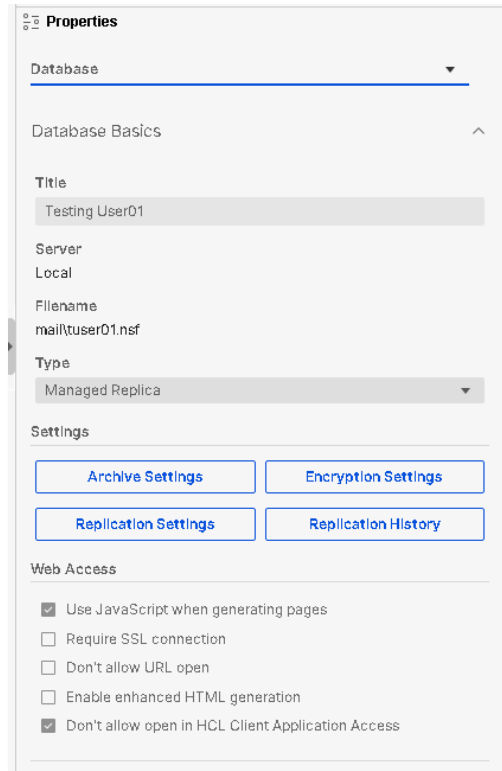
Improved Properties Panel



Modern Interface

What's new

- Side-shelf integration – Modern Properties Panel within the Side Shelf
- Open in separate window – Detachable, resizable window; docking supported
- Round-trip editing – Full round-trip editing workflow supported
- Asian language support – Panel now supports Asian language character set



Notes

- Disable new panel – Set `DISABLE_ENCHANTED_INFOBOX=1` in Notes INI to revert
- Designer compatibility – Classic Properties Panel shown in both Notes and Designer when Designer is installed



System Requirements



Operating Systems

- Windows 10, 11, Server 2019, 2022, 2025 (64-bit)
- macOS Sonoma 14.x, Sequoia 15.x, Tahoe 26.x (x86-64, M1–M4)
- ⚠ Monterey & Ventura no longer supported in v14.5.1
- Virtual: Citrix 7.1912+, VMware VDI 7 / Horizon 7.13+, MS RDS 2019 & 2022

Hardware Minimums

- RAM: min. 1 GB
- Disk: 2.8 GB install / 900 MB operation
- Display: min. 1024×768, OpenGL required (Windows)
- Processor: all CPUs supported by the OS

Are there fixes



HCL Notes 14.5.1 – Fix Overview (206 Fixes)



XPages – 28 Fixes

Bootstrap & mobile layouts, file upload/download, sessionScope, dialog event handlers, CSP, slider controls, Java agent calls

Database – 20 Fixes

Crash fixes, DAOS improvements, memory corruption, transaction logging deadlock, replication orphaned RRV objects, compact

Templates – 20 Fixes

mail145.ntf, admincentral.ntf, pubnames.ntf, idpcat.ntf, dominoiq.ntf – translations, OIDC, SAML, policy fixes

Security – 14 Fixes

CVE-2025-54988 (Apache Tika XXE), CVE-2025-31672 (Apache POI), ID Vault, OIDC/SAML authentication, HTTP bearer, CertMgr

LotusScript – 12 Fixes

NotesHttpRequest truncation, JSON navigator, character encoding, new CAPI SetSuppressPrintToConsole, responseCode, VB app calls

Calendar & Scheduling – 10 Fixes

iCal attachments, Gmail repeat-meeting interop, MS Teams garbled characters, forwarded invites, R&R template translation fixes

Directory Services – 9 Fixes

DirSync delete/resync, ADSync group removal, LDAP/Azure SSO, new option to sync only registered AD Security group users

Administration – 9 Fixes

Admin Central mail quota, AdminP special-char rename, bulk CSV registration, duplicate documents, ID Vault rename

DominolQ (AI) – 8 Fixes

International chars in paraphrase, crash on external AI URL, system prompt truncation, max_tokens field, LLM payload debug

Client UI – 8 Fixes

64-bit crash on large \$Fonts field, Mac basic client Workspace, Traditional Chinese translation, Japanese workspace search, xACL

Mail / MIME – 10 Fixes

Inline images as attachments, emoji encoding in subjects, router TLS hang, SMTP-Header-Flag NDS mails, sent copy missing

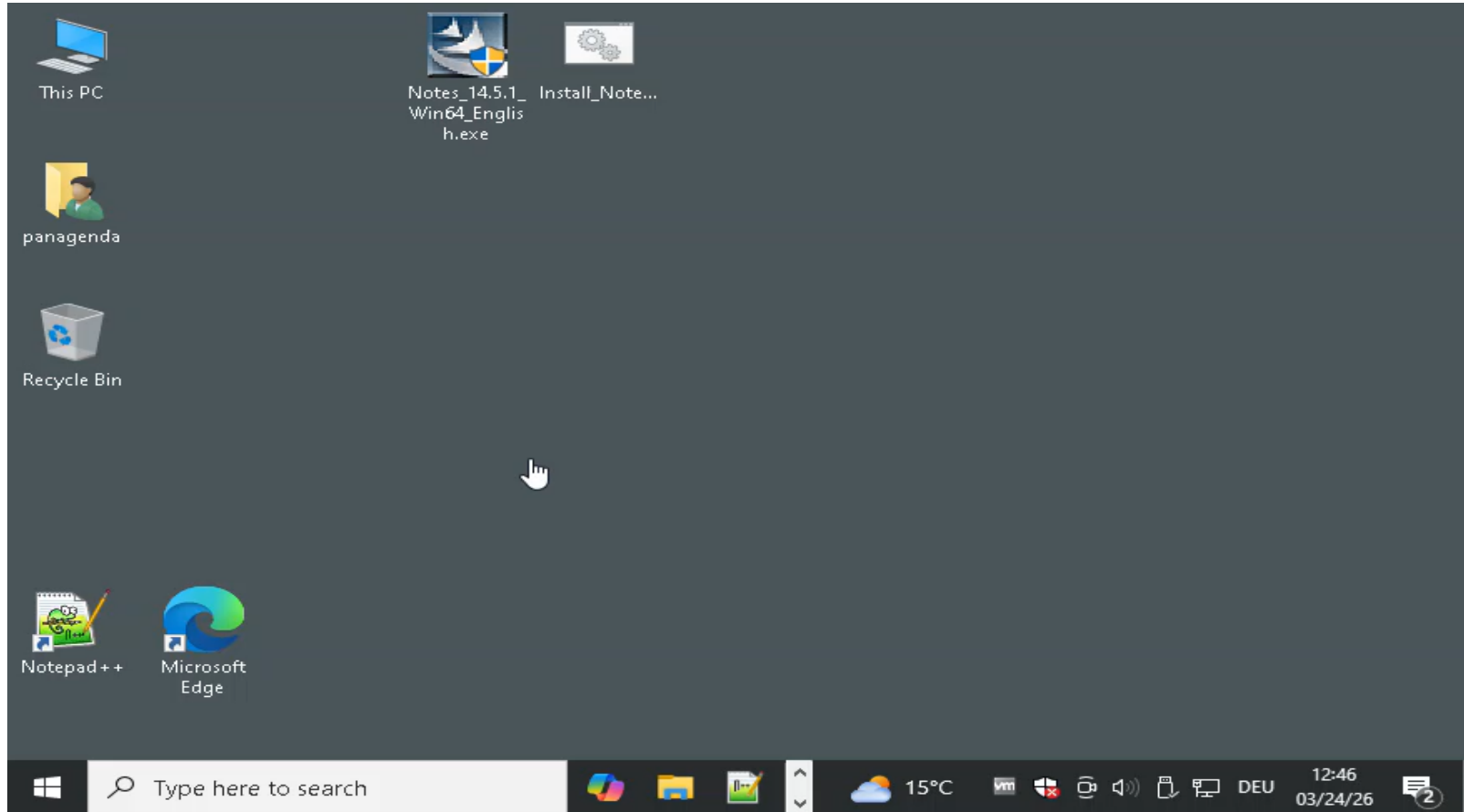
Install & AutoUpdate – 5 Fixes

Linux AutoUpdate fixpack, AutoConfiguration server-name error, save-conflict handling, non-default install path detection



New Installer(s)

New Installer



New Installer: comparison Notes 14.5 vs. 14.5.1

- Compare HCL Notes 14.5 vs. HCL Notes 14.5.1 including unzip installation Time

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=====
HCL Notes 14.5.0 - silent Installation
=====
Start time : 03/24/26 13:00:33.49
Log file   : C:\Users\panagenda\Desktop\Notes_14.5_Install.log
=====

INSTALLATION RESULT
=====

>>> SUCCESS <<<

Start time : 03/24/26 13:00:33.49
End time   : 03/24/26 13:01:48.57
Duration   : 00:01:15
Log file   : C:\Users\panagenda\Desktop\Notes_14.5_Install.log
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Press any key to continue . . .
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HCL Notes 14.5.1 - silent Installation
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Start time : 03/24/26 12:46:12.14
Log file   : C:\Users\panagenda\Desktop\Notes_14.5.1_Install.log
=====

INSTALLATION RESULT
=====

>>> SUCCESS <<<

Start time : 03/24/26 12:46:12.14
End time   : 03/24/26 12:46:50.37
Duration   : 00:00:38
Log file   : C:\Users\panagenda\Desktop\Notes_14.5.1_Install.log
=====

Press any key to continue . . .
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Including 15s Unzip Time
Install time: 60 sec.

Including 18s Unzip Time
Install time: 20 sec.

New Installer: comparison Notes 14.5 vs. 14.5.1

Installation Performance: HCL Notes 14.5 vs 14.5.1

Source: Windows MSI Install Logs | 03/24/2026

HCL Notes 14.5

60

total install time
seconds

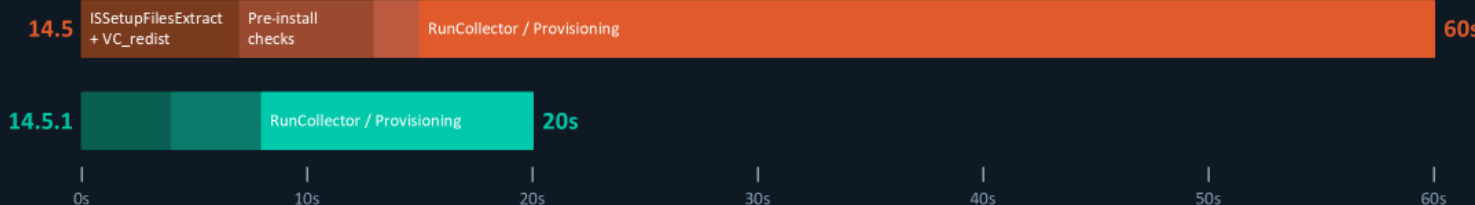
67% faster

HCL Notes 14.5.1

20

total install time
seconds

Installation Phase Breakdown



What Changed

Area	Notes 14.5	Notes 14.5.1	
VC_redist Handling	Extracted VC_redist.x64.exe to Temp → installed separately	Eliminated — redistributable no longer bundled in setup files	✓
ISSetupFilesExtract	1s extraction step + ISSetupFilesCleanup at end	Step removed entirely — no temp extraction needed	✓
Provisioning (RunCollector)	52s — dominant bottleneck (RunProvisioning custom action)	16s — new UnzipProvisioningContent replaces RunProvisioning	✓



What's missing

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- Leap 1
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 - Nomad (Web) 0
- Notes X
- Documentation 0

121 Dark Mode theme on Notes Client preferences

VOTE

Currently its is possible to change colors, customizing the Notes Client theme....however there are some areas fom Notes Client which can't be changed and continue with a blank background. It would be very good if an official Dark Theme is availab...

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Future Consideration

24 Dark Mode >

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Users are asking for the ability to switch to dark mode in HCL Notes.

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Future Consideration

3 Light / Dark mode toggle >

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like other apps this feature is good for reducing the bightness and making the program no a visually demanding beigin all white

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Future Consideration

Notes on ARM (native) for Windows & macOS

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11 **Make Notes for MacOS native ARM code**

VOTE HCL has not managed to migrate Notes on MacOS to ARM code yet. As a result of this, Notes is not running on M2 and higher Macs with MacOS Tahoe. Obviously they did not test the Intel Code on newer Apple silicon and MacOS Tahoe when Tahoe got Beta....

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30 **Designer on Windows ARM**

VOTE I would like to use Notes Client and especially the Domino Designer on Windows ARM. Currently, the Notes Client works only in Basic Mode, not Full Mode and the Designer cannot start anyhow.

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31 **Running Designer on Parallels Desktop**

VOTE End user are using a new Mac Pro M1 by now, he had run the Designer and Admin Client on the Intel Mac via Parallels Desktop and Windows 10 without issues. Now by using the M1 (Apple Silicon) they need to use Windows ARM on the virtual machine a...

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1 **An ARM version of Notes Client, Domino Designer, and Administrator. >**

MERGED For users on M1 or M2 Mac running Windows by Parallels, this will save battery and CPU life.

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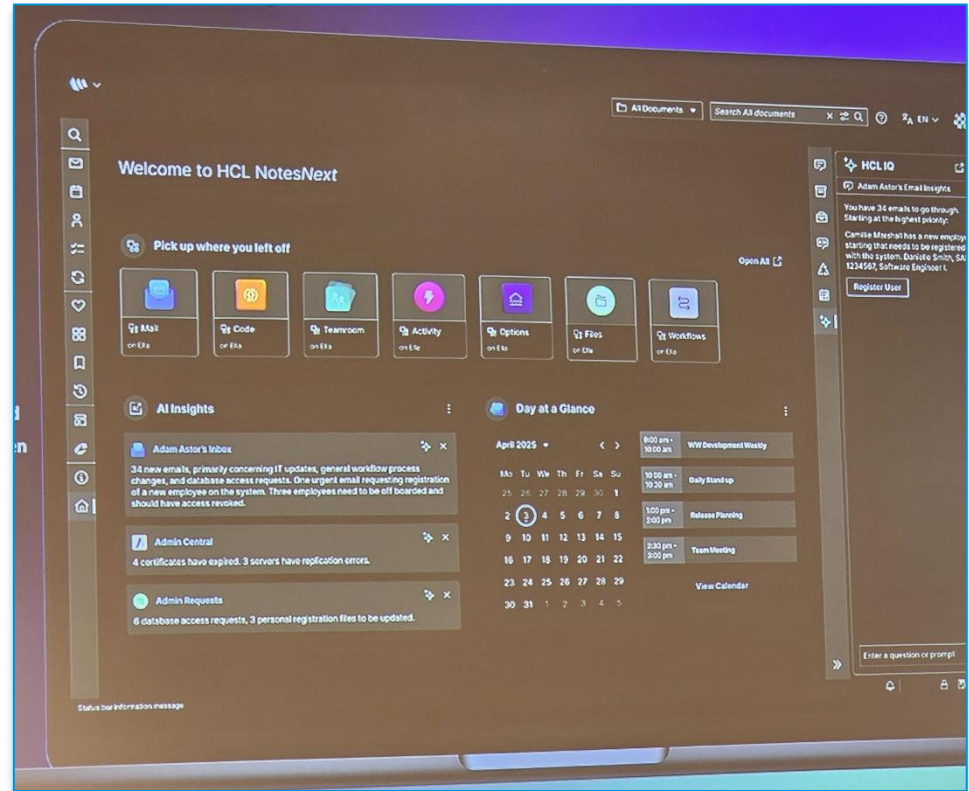
A redesigned HCL Notes client that fundamentally reimagines how users work, not a UI refresh of existing paradigms

- Designed for new generations of users
- Seamless integration into/from modern work ecosystems (outside HCL)
- Modern, lightweight, HTML5-based workspace, dark-mode, etc.
- Clear shift from “Classic vs. New” thinking
 - The new client should be the default, future-proof experience - not an optional alternative

Complete rethinking of the client - not just light modernization



Maybe like..



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Recap

- **HCL Notes 14.5.1 delivers major UI enhancements** – refreshed framework & navigation, modernized views, calendar improvements, workspace updates, and Sametime Web Chat integration
- **Security & authentication strengthened with OIDC support** – plus an improved Properties Panel (Infobox) and updated system requirements for Windows, macOS, and virtual environments
- **New installer streamlines deployment** – significant changes from 14.5 to 14.5.1, making installation and upgrades more efficient
- **Still missing: Dark Mode & native ARM support** – both features are on the roadmap but not yet available in 14.5.1 for Windows & macOS
- **Looking ahead: a complete rethinking of the Notes client** – not just a light modernization, but a redesigned HTML5-based experience for new generations of users with seamless integration into modern work ecosystems

QUESTIONS?



Your Feedback Matters to Us



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