Version 12.1.0

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OnTime Group Calendar 12 for Domino is a major rewrite of the product. The server topology has been redesigned to better handle large environments, and subscriptions are now handled in a completely rewritten way. The overhaul is not limited to the back end: the front end has been updated in a number of ways, and accessibility improvements in particular bring benefits across the board that many users will find helpful in their everyday work. This release also introduces a new web-based administration client, an improved Domino-to-Exchange migration process. The OnTime External Access Server has been removed in this release. See the Transition Notice at the end of these release notes.

What’s New

Web Desktop

- Added Czech and Portuguese as new languages.
- The user interface now uses the Inter font.
- Added a new copy email icon on the Business Card.
- Added a new Default Settings option to hide the Export button in views, including the Time Off and List View screens.
- The legend now updates immediately when changing the category of an existing calendar item results in a new legend.
- The Accessability work described below.

Web Admin

- A new web-based administration client is available in English and Japanese.

Configuration

- The global Data Source setting now offers three main options.
- When an external database is used as Data Source and a user is not found, the user’s settings are now cleared and the action is logged.
- **Authentication options**
  - OnTime 12.1 supports two authentication methods:
    - **OnTime tokens** – the method used in earlier OnTime versions.
    - **Domino Standard Authentication** – authenticates through Domino directly, so OnTime tokens are no longer needed.
  - You can choose the method separately for the desktop and mobile clients.

Servlet

- Added a new “ReCache data” server action.
- Images are no longer accessed anonymously. Access is now handled by server cookies, and images on external Share My Time pages are protected.
- All references to iNotes have been removed from the code and backend.
- Improved the migration process from Domino to Exchange. Users can now be marked as ready for migration, which automatically removes their Domino calendar data and disables Domino synchronization. If the user is not subsequently matched by the Exchange service, they follow the standard lifecycle of moving to Soft Deleted after 7 days and being permanently deleted after an additional 7 days.

Backend

- The server engine has been rebuilt, and the server tasks have been rewritten. OnTime now uses a single servlet.
- Windows and Linux servers are both supported with full feature parity. Clustering and high availability, previously available only on Windows, are now also supported on Linux.
- Key parts of the LotusScript code, including synchronization, have been rewritten in Java, allowing more processes to run in parallel.

- The server task has been renamed to “ontime” vs the previous “ontimegc”.

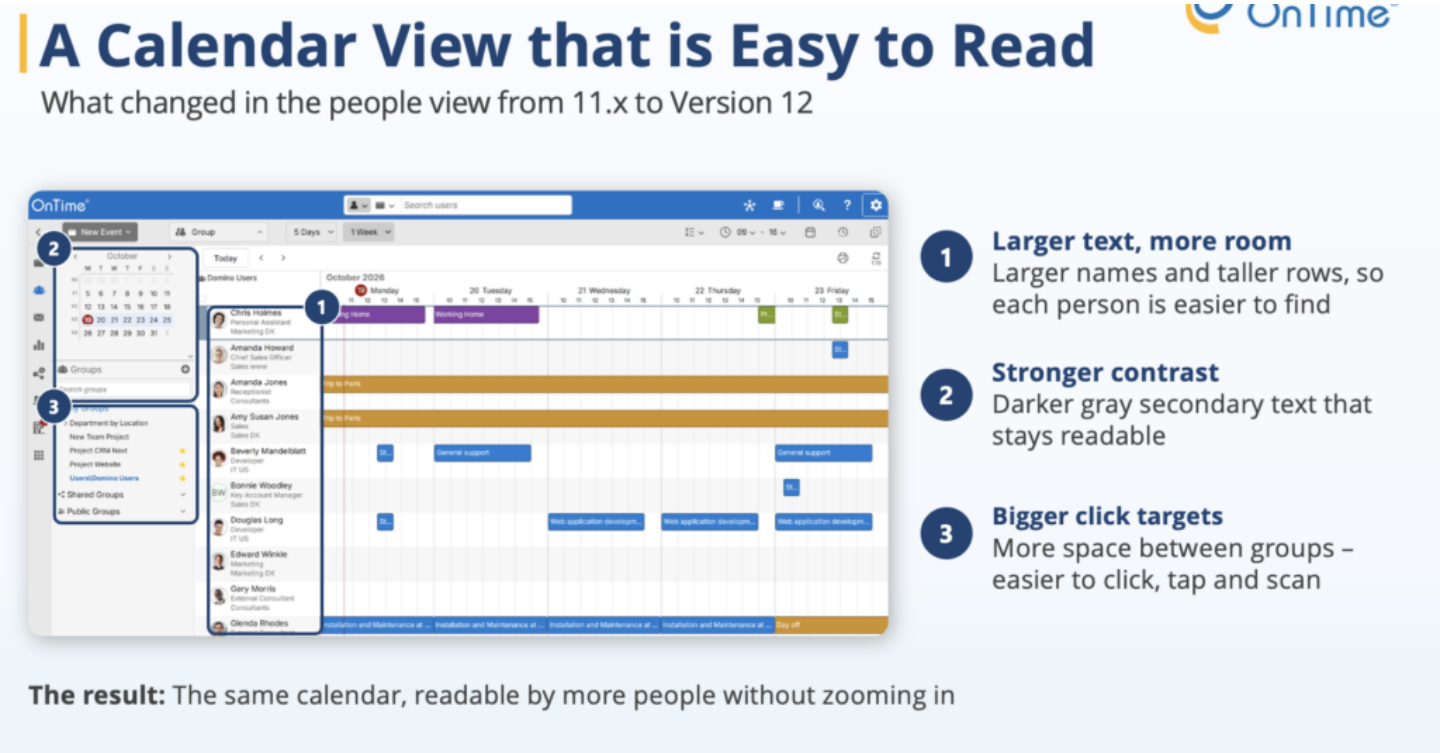
Removed Features

- **API Explorer:** The API Explorer is no longer included with OnTime and can no longer be accessed via /ontime/client.nsf/ApiExplorer.
- **UFT task:** The legacy UFT task is no longer supported and has been removed from OnTime. The nontimeuft.exe file is therefore no longer included in the installation package.
- **Extra Images:** Persons can no longer have Extra Images. Extra Images are now available only for rooms and resources.

Accessibility: everyone takes part

A group calendar only works when the whole group can use it. In OnTime for Domino 12.1.0 we have made hundreds of accessibility improvements, so that more people can use OnTime effectively and on their own, whether they use a keyboard, a screen reader, or just need larger and clearer text.

This work started with the requirements of the European Accessibility Act, but it soon became about the people who use OnTime every day. Sensus, the Danish accessibility specialists, advised, guided and challenged us. Together we evaluated OnTime against recognised accessibility standards and turned the findings into practical fixes for real barriers.



A calendar view that is easier to read

- Names are larger and rows are taller in the people view, so each person is easier to find.
- Secondary text is now a darker gray with stronger contrast, so it stays readable.
- There is more space between groups, which makes click and tap targets bigger and the list easier to scan.
- The result is the same calendar, readable by more people without zooming in.



Keyboard shortcuts for every area and action

- Each part of the calendar now shows a shortcut badge.
- Alt + a letter runs an action: **Alt+N** for a new event, **Alt+T** for today, **Alt+D** for the days view, **Alt+W** for the weeks view, **Alt+V** for the group view and **Alt+C** for the calendar.
- Alt + a number jumps to an area: **Alt+1** People list, **Alt+2** Search users, **Alt+3** Collapse menu, **Alt+4** Main menu, **Alt+5** Mini calendar, **Alt+6** Groups, **Alt+7** Date navigation.
- Many more shortcuts are available, depending on where you are in OnTime.
- You can navigate, switch views and create events without touching the mouse.

Full screen reader support with ARIA

- Screen readers such as NVDA read every text aloud: names, buttons, dialogs and calendar entries, including subject and time.
- ARIA roles and labels guide navigation with Tab, the arrow keys and the shortcuts, so users always hear where they are and what they can do.

A logical tab order

- Tab moves focus in the same order the eye reads the screen: Search → Toolbar → Date picker → Groups → People list → Calendar.
- Keyboard and screen reader users move through OnTime in a predictable order.

An ongoing commitment

Accessibility isn’t a finish line. We will keep learning, listening to users and improving OnTime in future releases. If you or your colleagues run into a barrier, please tell us. Your feedback directly shapes what we fix next.

Transition Notice: External Access Server Replaced by Reverse Proxy

Background and Purpose

The OnTime External Access Server has been removed in favor of standard reverse proxy architectures, such as Nginx, HAProxy, IIS Application Request Routing, or cloud/WAF gateways.

The External Access Server was a dedicated Domino instance that communicated with the backend OnTime server over Notes RPC (port 1352). Routing heavy servlet API traffic over NRPC added overhead, latency, and scalability limits. A reverse proxy instead terminates HTTPS at the perimeter and routes it directly to the backend.

Which Scenarios Are Affected?

This change affects organizations using an External Access Server for:

- **Remote access without VPN:** OnTime Mobile use outside the corporate network.
- **External meeting services:** FindTime, Pollarity, and Share My Time endpoints for external participants.
- **Microsoft 365 / Exchange hybrid sync:** Webhooks or API requests against Exchange Online.

Why a Modern Reverse Proxy?

A reverse proxy offers these advantages:

- **Performance:** API and servlet workloads run locally on the backend server with direct database access.
- **Security:** Port 1352 no longer needs to be open into the internal network; all traffic is inspectable HTTPS.
- **Certificate automation:** As certificate lifetimes shrink toward ~42 days, reverse proxies handle ACME renewal (e.g., Let's Encrypt) natively.

Required Actions & Migration

- **Firewall / Network:** Configure the reverse proxy to forward OnTime paths to your internal OnTime server over HTTPS, then close port 1352 from the DMZ.
- **Configuration Support:** Configuration examples and path-routing templates (e.g., Nginx upstream blocks) are available.

Have Unique Infrastructure Constraints?

If a standard reverse proxy setup is not feasible in your environment, contact OnTime Support to discuss transitional options.