

Contact Lists

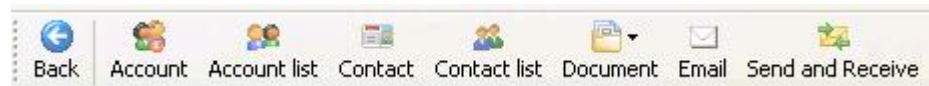
Contact Lists are used to log call group contacts for various purposes. For example, you could create a company-wide contact list called 'Company Contacts' containing people that are frequently contacted. Contact Lists can be created for long term use, such as a newsletter list, or they can be temporary, for example, a contact list of people invited to, and then attending, a client function or event.

Many email tools have distribution and mailing lists that allow you to send emails to specified groups of people. Contact Lists provide the same function in Forté CRM, but can also be used for mail merges or to create a grouped note, for example, for people who are all at the same meeting.

Creating a Contact List

Step 1: Launch the New Contact List Wizard

To create a new Contact List, click on the 'Contact List' button at the top of the screen.



The 'New Contact List' screen will be displayed.

Step 2: Enter Contact List Name and Owner

Name Enter a name that describes the purpose of the list. For example, Seminar: 23 Jul 2007. The list name should be concise, preferably unique, and meaningful to other users viewing the list.

Owner Select the account manager who owns this list. If the list owner is different to the one shown, click the 'Select' button to select a different account manager as list owner.

Share List Tick this box to make the list available to all users. If this box is unchecked, the contact list will only be visible to the list owner.

Step 3: Add contacts to the list

Add any contacts to be included in the list. A contact list may not all be set up without any contacts. Contacts can then be added to the list over time. A contact can be removed from a contact list at any time using the 'Remove' button.

- Click the 'Add' button. The 'Find Contact' screen is displayed.
- If the required contact belongs to another account manager, uncheck the 'My Contacts Only' box.
- Check the 'Extra details' box to see the accounts that this contact is associated with.
- Enter all or part of the contact's first name in the box, and click the 'Search' button. A list of contacts matching the search criteria will be displayed.
- Double click on the appropriate contact to select them, or alternatively click on a contact and then click Ok.

Follow the procedure listed above to select one or more further contacts to add to the contact list. When all required contacts have been added, click OK to create the list. The contact list will be shown in, and accessible from, the tree view on the left of the screen.

Viewing Contact Lists

Once a contact list has been created, it is visible in the Contact Lists section of the tree view on the left of the screen.

- Expand the Contact Lists section (by clicking on the '+') to show all Contact Lists.
- Click on the name of the required contact list.
- Click on the Contacts tab to view all contacts in the list.

Contact List Tabs

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| Details | Shows the account manager who owns the list and whether or not the list is shared.
If the list is not shared (false), only the list owner can view the list, otherwise (true) all users can share it. |
| Activity | Not currently used |
| General Notes | The 'Edit General Notes' button is used to add comments to the contact list. This may be used to describe the purpose of the list or to record an general information about the list. |
| Contact List | Details of all contacts currently on the list. Contacts can be added to or removed from the list using the 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons on this tab. |

Using Contact Lists

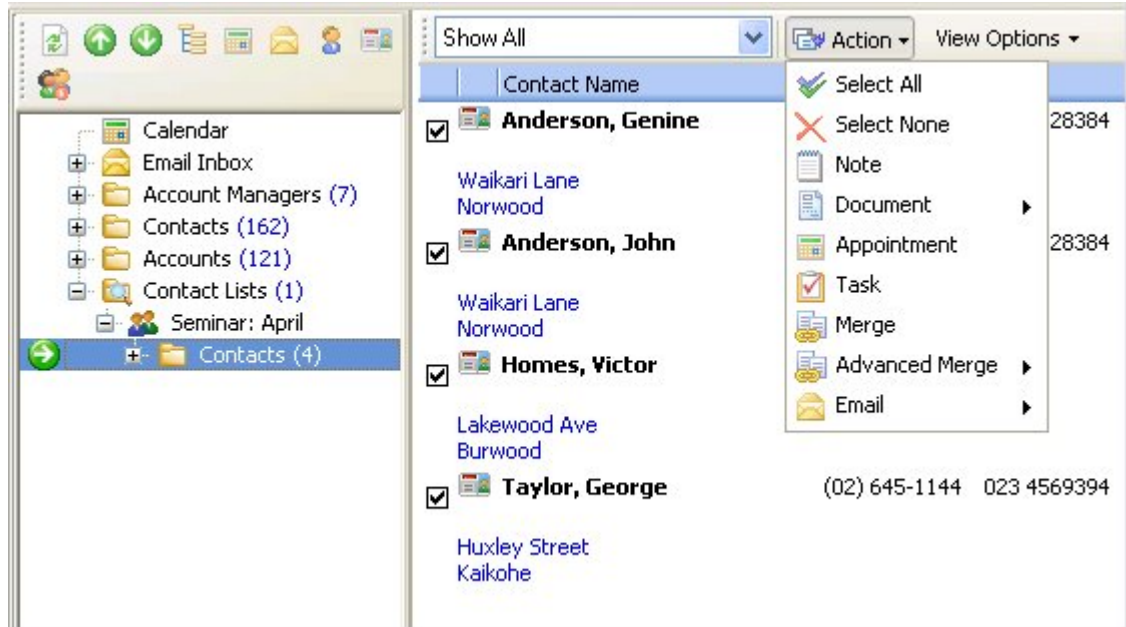
The following examples use a contact list of participants at a client seminar (Seminar: April), to show some of the ways that a contact list can be utilized.

Click on 'Contacts' below the name of the contact list in the tree view to show the grid of contact list members.

The grid views used when performing tasks related to a contact list.

1. Mail merge from a Contact List

An invitation to the seminar is to be sent to each person on the contact list. The template for this invitation is created as a document template.



To use this invitation template with the Contact List:

- Click the 'Act on' button above the grid of contact list members, and choose 'Select All' from the drop down menu to send the invitation to all contacts on the list. Alternatively, individual contacts can be selected by checking the box beside the name.
- Click the 'Act on' button again and select 'Document' and then the name of the invitation document template.
- Follow the same process as for mail merge to create an invitation for each participant.

2. Email from a Contact List

Contacts can be added to or removed from the contact list to accurately reflect those attending the seminar. Alternatively, a separate list of actual attendees may be created. Closer to the seminar date, each participant is sent a reminder of the seminar date.

- Click the 'Act on' button above the grid of contact list members, and choose 'Select All' from the drop down menu.
- Click the 'Act on' button again and select 'Email' and then Email To, Email CC or Email BCC. If you are sending an email to a group of people who don't know each other, it is polite to use BCC. This means that they cannot see each others email addresses (which are visible if you use Email To or Email CC).
- Type the email message and send it.

3. Recording a Note for a Contact List

After the seminar has taken place, a note may be added to the active list of each participant, as follows:

- Click the 'Act on' button above the grid of contact list members, and choose 'Select All' from the drop down menu.
- Click the 'Act on' button again and select 'Note'.
- Select the contacts and accounts you wish to file this note against or choose 'Select All' to file the note against all listed contacts and accounts.
- Select the note type from the drop down list and enter the details.
- Choose OK to save this into the active history of all contact list members.

4. Deleting the Contact List

Once the seminar is over and has been followed up appropriately, the contact list may no longer be required.

To delete the Contact List:

- Click on the contact list Details tab.
- Click the 'Delete' button.
- Click 'Yes' to confirm the deletion.

This action will delete only the contact list, not the contacts themselves. Contact lists may be redefined if required.