

# COM Add-In vs. Outlook Modern Add-In

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| COM Add-In  | Outlook (Modern) Add-In  |
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| Specific to Windows computers                                   | Work on any web-based Outlook platform   |
| Supplemental program that runs at startup of Outlook            | Consists of a manifest that describes how the add-in integrates into Outlook, as well as JavaScript/HTML code. |
| Are downloaded .dll or .exe files that are installed on your PC | Does not have any code that is installed on your device  |

Outlook add-ins are different from COM or VSTO add-ins, which are older integrations specific to Outlook running on Windows.

PoliteMail does not use any VSTO add-ins.