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## SCHEDULING AND MANAGING ONLINE MEETINGS USING MESSAGE THREADS

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### ABSTRACT

Presented herein are techniques that provide for the ability to schedule and manage an online meeting utilizing message threads. Participants online meetings that have been scheduled via message threads can be grouped based on the message threads. In some instances, breakout sessions can be initiated by a participant in such a group.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

For current online meeting scenarios, when a meeting is scheduled or started from an online space, all people in the same space will be added to the invitee list by default, as shown below in Figure 1.

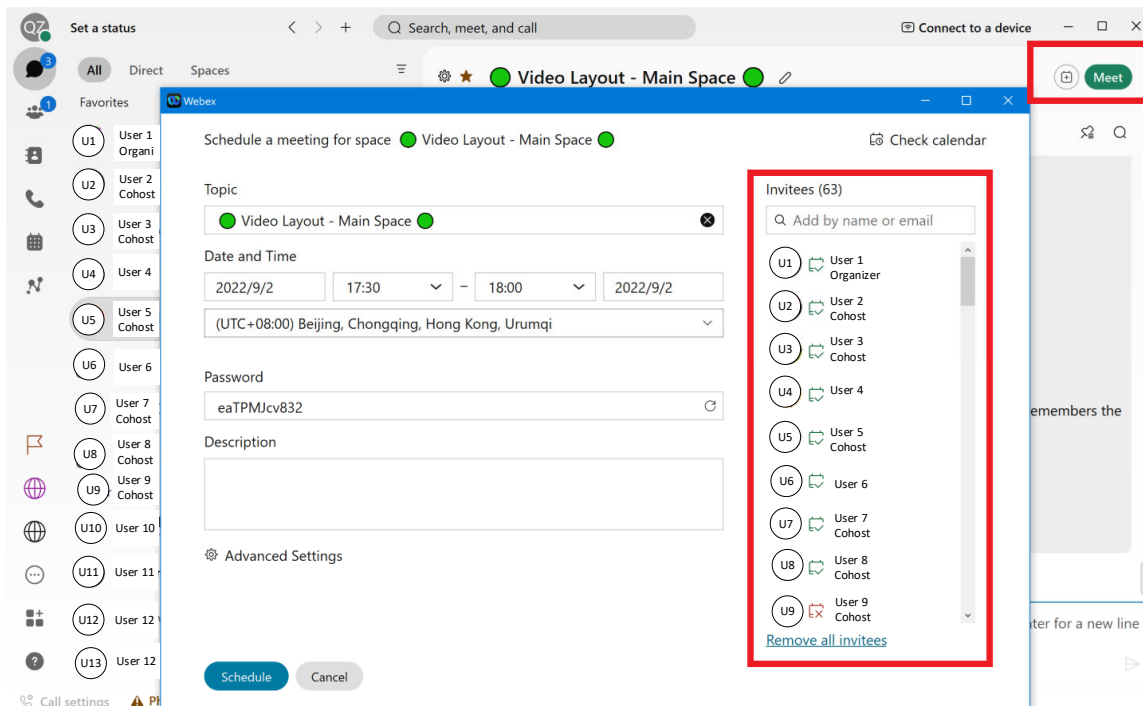


Figure 1: Current Meeting Scenario

However, a meeting initiator often only need to invite a few people to discuss one or more topics/problems.

In order to address such issues, techniques presented herein provide for the ability to schedule and manage an online meeting utilizing message threads. Consider, for example, that in a group conversation space different topics/problems are often discussed in separate message threads. Techniques herein provide for leveraging such message threads in order to facilitate scheduling and managing online meetings.

Figure 2, below, illustrates an example user interface through which a messaging thread can be utilized to schedule an online meeting.

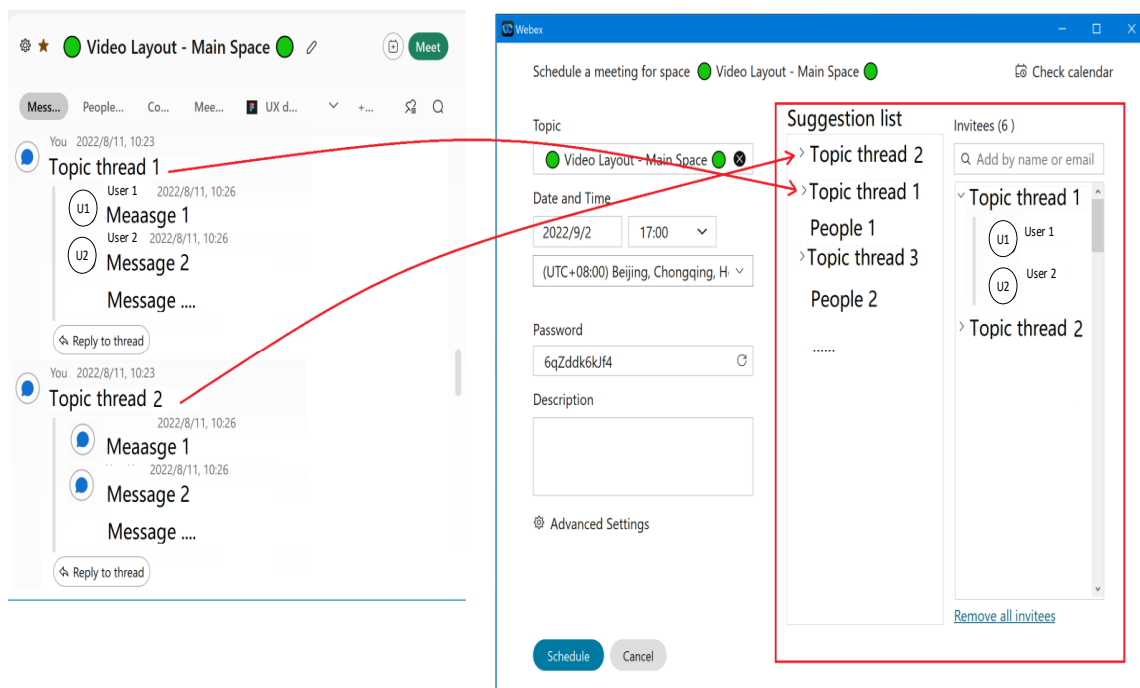


Figure 2: Example User Interface for Scheduling a Meeting

As illustrated in Figure 2, when scheduling a meeting from a space, all people in the space can be displayed via a suggestion list that can be grouped by message threads. The latest message thread can be displayed at the top of the suggestion list, and a user can drop from the suggestion list onto an invitees list in order to select invitees for a meeting.

Once selected, the user can initiate the meeting based on the message thread. All the participants in the meeting will be grouped based on the message threads. The user can

group mute/unmute the participants using a participants panel, create breakout sessions based on the groups, and/or perform any other management functions for the group.

Accordingly, techniques herein provide for the ability to schedule and manage (e.g., group mute, group unmute, create breakout sessions, etc.) an online meeting utilizing message threads