

Communication

How does the communication screen work?

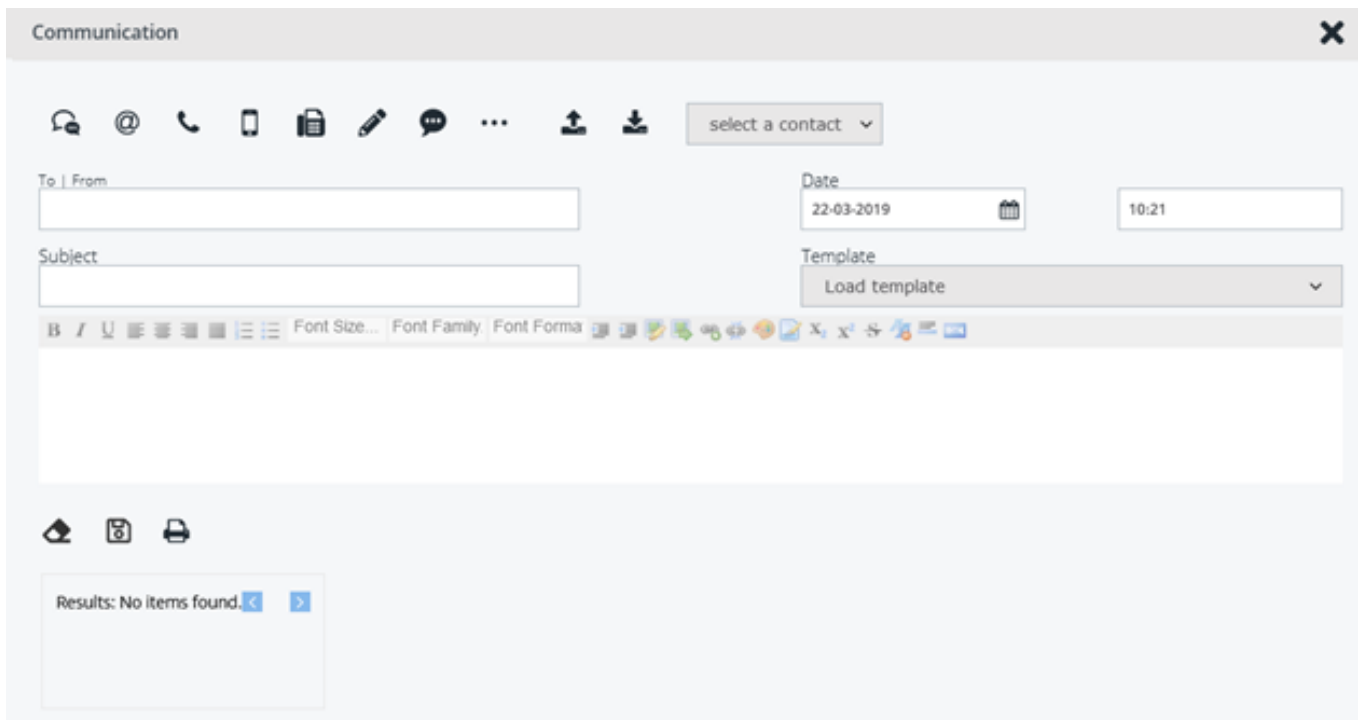
Introduction

PlanManager allows you to communicate (texting, mailing, ..) with your customers, experts, insurances,... in a fast way.

In the job you open this communication screen by clicking on the communication button:



The communication screen is opened. It has been developed in a manner known to an e-mail client such as Microsoft Outlook. Of course there are some big differences because the communication screen has a lot of options.



Communication types

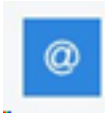
At the top you will see a row of buttons. These are the buttons that determine what type of message you want to send or receive.



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In order from left to right these buttons mean: SMS, Email, Telephone, GSM, Fax, Public note, Internal note and Other. A note can be compared to a post-it. A public note is a note that is added to the file and can be read by anyone who can see the file. An internal note is a note that is only visible to the staff.

All procedures for using this are proportionate. We will use E-mail as an example. If you want to send an E-mail, click on the E-mail icon. The button then turns blue to indicate that it is selected:



Sending and receiving

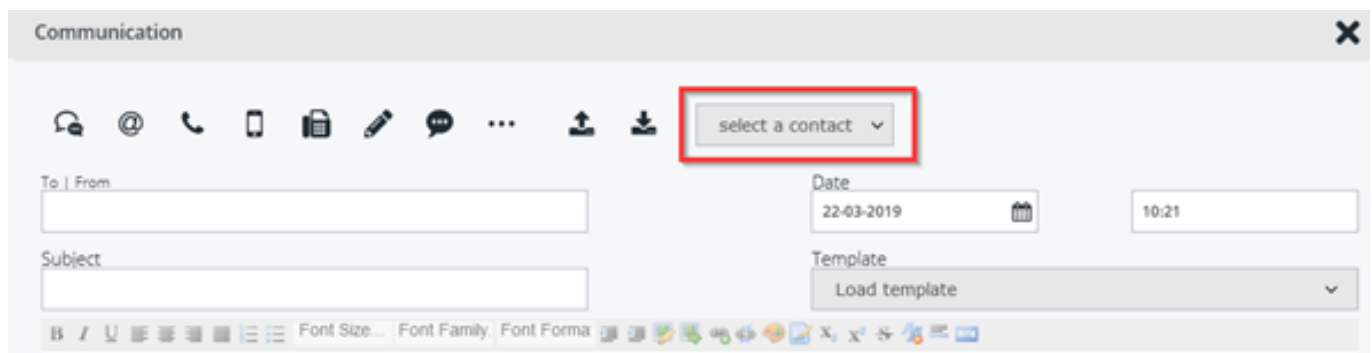
You will also find these action buttons:



These determine whether you want to send an e-mail (1) or whether you have received one (2) and keep this in the system. Here you will usually only use the send icon. To send an email, we click on the send icon.

Parties

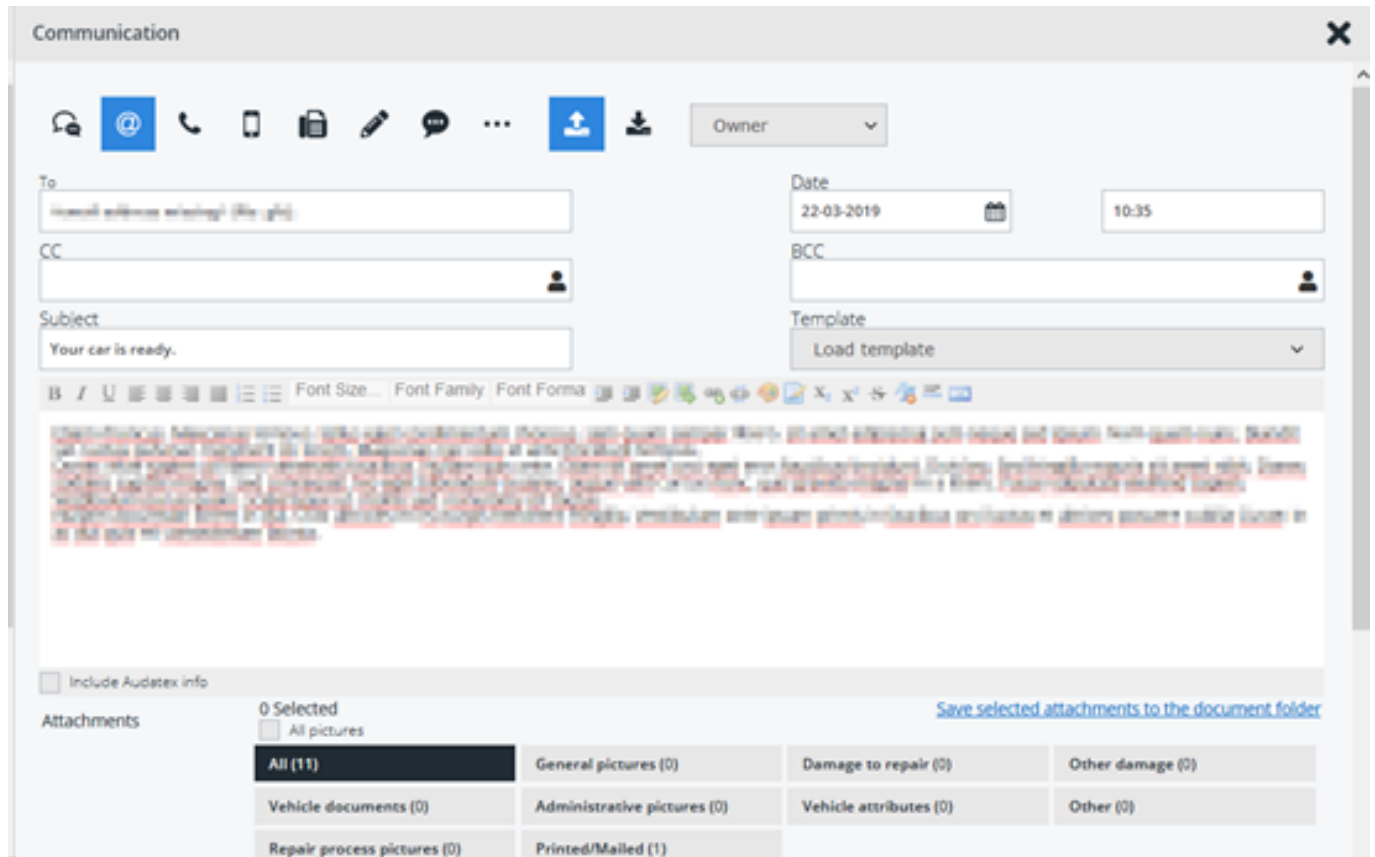
Finally, we will see a selection list asking for a party to be selected. Select here who you want to send your message to. You can only designate parties that have been filled in in the file. If you want to send an email to the owner, select "Owner". The system will automatically retrieve the customer's e-mail address and fill it in the To field.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Communication" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar is a toolbar with various icons: a speech bubble, an email icon, a telephone, a mobile phone, a calendar, a pencil, a speech bubble with a checkmark, and a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and contains the text "select a contact" and a downward arrow. Below the toolbar are several input fields: "To | From" (with a dropdown arrow), "Date" (with a calendar icon), "Subject", and "Template" (with a dropdown arrow). The "Date" field shows "22-03-2019" and "10:21". The "Template" field shows "Load template". At the bottom of the window is a rich text editor toolbar with various formatting options like bold, italic, underline, and font size.

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Select here to whom you want to send your message. You can only indicate contacts that have been entered in the job. If you want to send an e-mail to the owner, select "Owner". The system will automatically retrieve the customer's e-mail address and enter it in the To field.



The screenshot shows a 'Communication' window with a toolbar at the top containing icons for various actions like sending, saving, and deleting. Below the toolbar, there are fields for 'To' (with a dropdown menu set to 'Owner'), 'CC', 'Subject' (containing 'Your car is ready.'), 'Date' (22-03-2019), 'Time' (10:35), 'BCC', and 'Template' (Load template). A rich text editor follows, with a toolbar for text formatting and a large text area containing placeholder text. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Attachments' with a table showing selected items and their categories.

Attachments			
0 Selected			
<input type="checkbox"/> All pictures			
All (11)	General pictures (0)	Damage to repair (0)	Other damage (0)
Vehicle documents (0)	Administrative pictures (0)	Vehicle attributes (0)	Other (0)
Repair process pictures (0)	Printed/Mailed (1)		

[Save selected attachments to the document folder](#)

More information

This is the basic operation of the communication screen.

For advanced performance, refer to the links below:

[How do I send a copy of an email to myself?](#)

[How do I send an informex estimation to an expert?](#)

[How do I print an order to fax?](#)

[Can I receive SMS from the customer?](#)

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