

# Message Object Expressions

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When you create a message, a message object is created with the message's metadata, which you can use in an expression. To use the current message object in the message body or message subject, use the *msg* prefix, for example, *msg.To.DisplayName*.

The message object contains the following fields, which you can use in an expression.

- ActivityInstanceId
- Body
- CreatedById
- Email
- Important
- IsRead
- Subject
- To (this field refers to the message recipient and has the following sub-fields)
  - CalendarId
  - DateFormat
  - DisplayName
  - Email
  - FirstName
  - LastName
  - UserId
  - UserName
- Told

## Specify recipients' first name in a message

When you send a message to multiple recipients, you can address the message to the recipients by their first name in the message body or message subject.

1. On the **Message** tab, select the **Calculate Per Recipient** check box. If you do not select this option, the *msg* object is not calculated per recipient and cannot return each recipient's attributes..
2. In the **Subject and/or Body** section, type *msg.to.DisplayName*.

Message Details ?

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**Subject**

{ msg.to.displayname } Please respond to the task ...

**Body**

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Dear { msg.to.displayname },

Please respond promptly to the account review task.

Complete the form and submit your entries.

Thank you,

Finance Department

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Calculate per Recipient
 Localization Mode Default

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### Use the *msg* object in other activities

To use the *msg* object in another activity, use the following expression.

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.(metadata).Tasks.TaskView.(metadata).
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