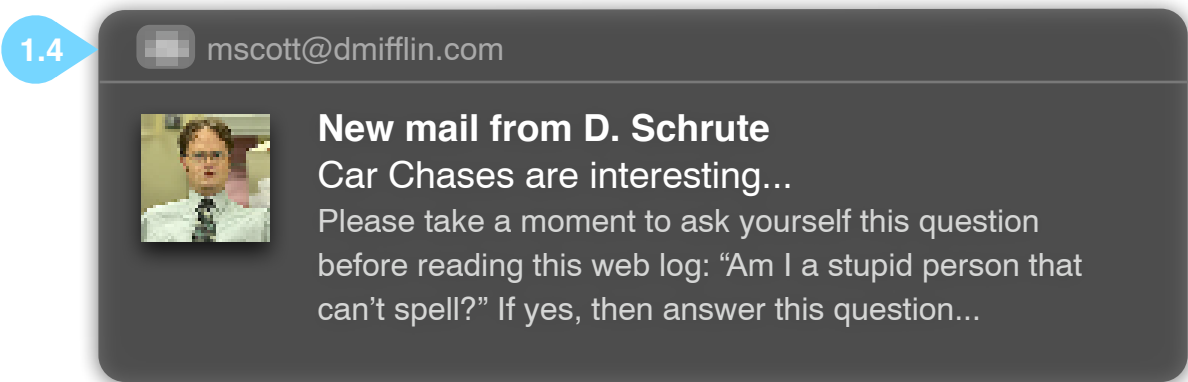# Better Gmail Client

Alert Behavior

1. Alert

1.1 A Growl-like alert appears for incoming message.
1.2 Alert appears for X seconds (~3-4 seconds) and closes with fade transition unless user interacts with it.
1.3 Alert box may be translucent, and application should provide options to position alerts, e.g. top right, bottom right.
1.4 Email account/address shown in upper right. Multiple accounts may be supported.

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2. Actions display on focus

2.1 If the user hovers over the alert, the alert box shows focus, e.g. box border or solid background.
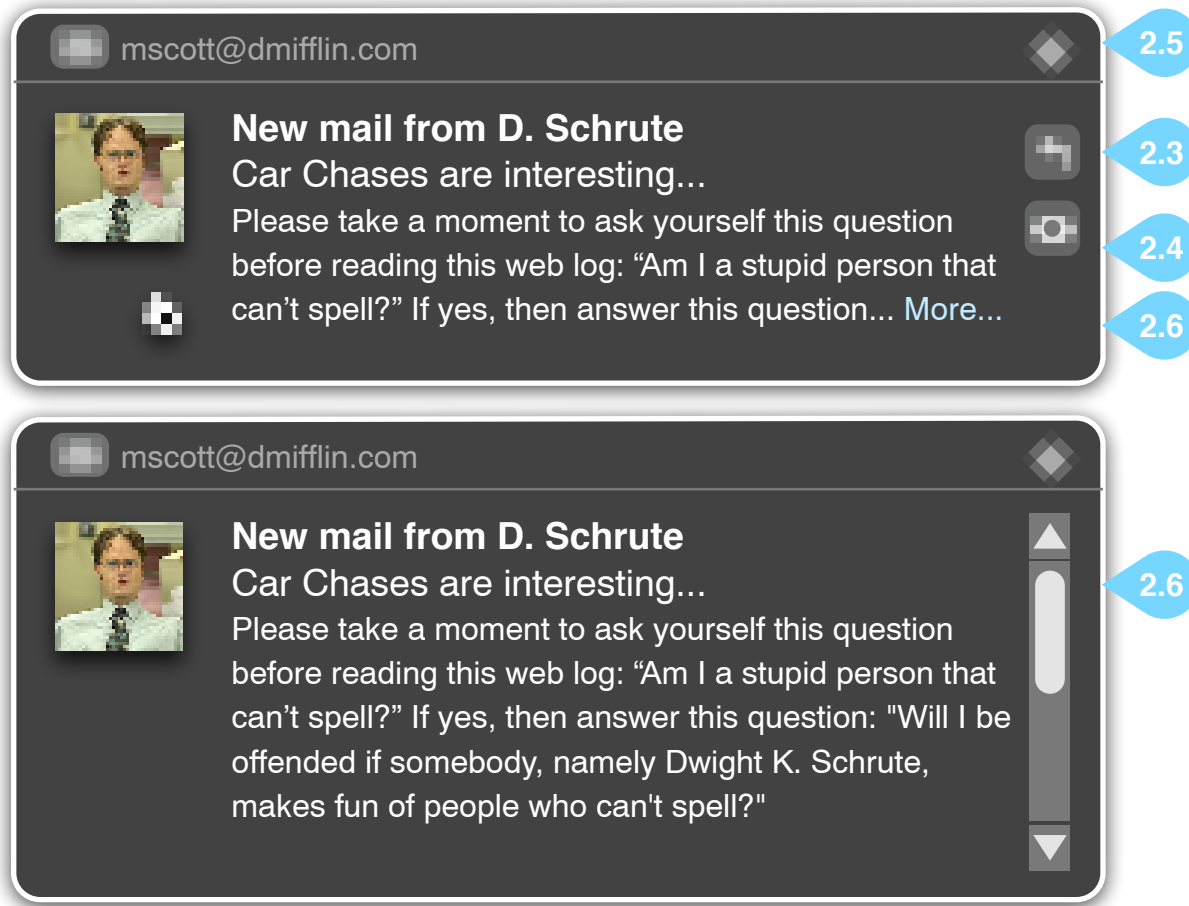**2.2** Actions to take on the alert are displayed.
2.3 The reply action displays a reply form.
2.4 The view action displays the message in the default web browser and closes the alert.
2.5 Close icon closes the alert.
2.6 More... link expands the alert window to show more of the message, with scroll bar.

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Note: In this version, showing text only and removing rich text format is suggested. May explore display of images as icons.
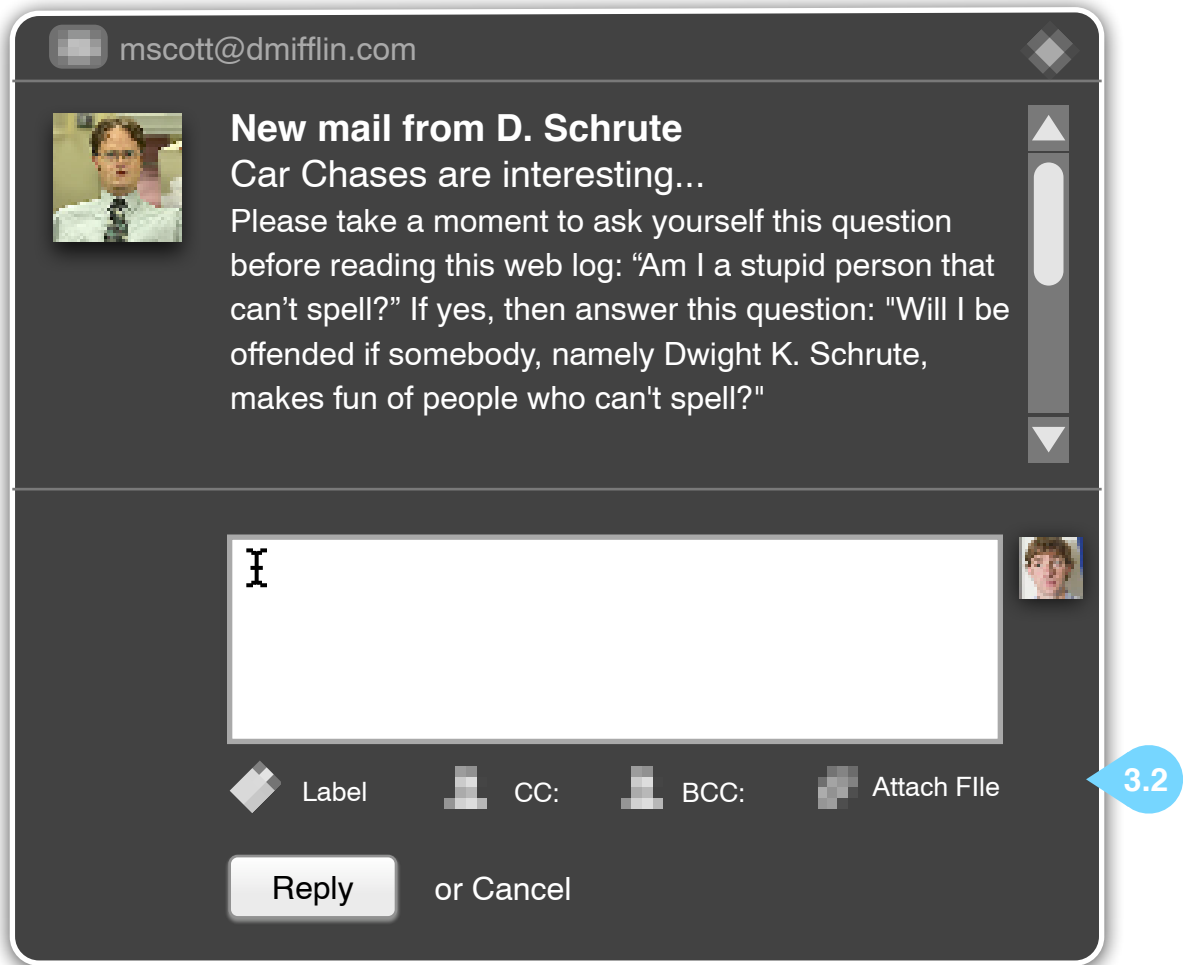
3. Replying

3.1 If user clicks the reply icon, the message is expanded if it was truncated, and the window expands to display a reply form below.
3.2 Buttons for options should display below the form, e.g. labeling/tagging the discussion, adding a cc: or bcc:, etc. Clicking the options expands the window to display options controls.
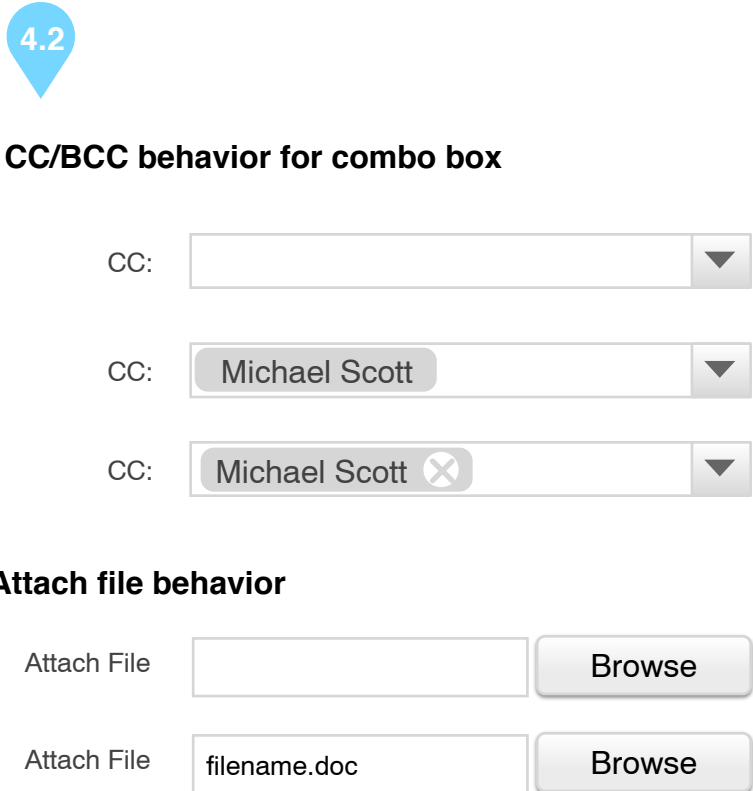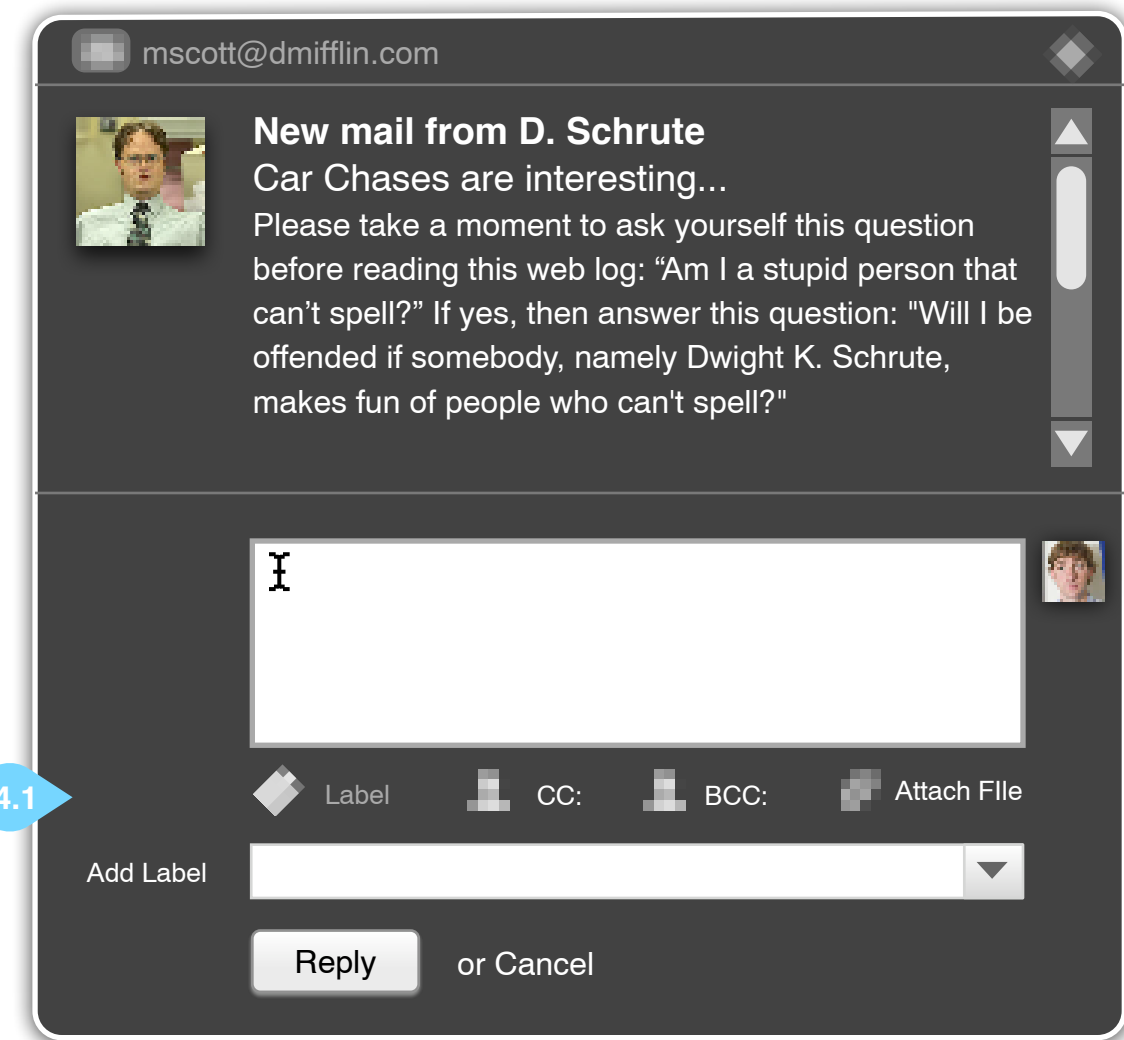
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Label   CC: BCC: Attach File

Reply   or Cancel

4. Options

4.1 If user clicks an option, the window expands to display option controls above submit buttons.
4.2 Label, CC: and BCC: controls show combo box. Combo boxes provide provide auto-completion when text is entered into input. When clicking the select button of the cobo box, displays contacts in CC/BCC, and previously used labels in Labels.

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Add Label

Reply   or Cancel

CC/BCC behavior for combo box

CC:

CC: Michael Scott

CC: Michael Scott ✕

Attach file behavior

Attach File   [   ]   Browse

Attach File   filename.doc   Browse

5. Confirmation

5.1 If user clicks submit the form is hidden while a status indicator shows that the message is being sent.
5.2 If form is submitted successfully, the a confirmation message is displayed briefly (~2-3 seconds) and closes with fade transition.

Sending your reply to D. Schrute
RE: Car Chases are interesting...

Message Sent
Your reply was sent to D. Schrute
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