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# Workspace Desktop Edition User's Guide

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In this lesson, you will learn how to access interactions that are stored in a workbin and belong to you, your place, your agent group, or your place group. A workbin is like a personal queue, in which you can store e-mail messages and other interactions that are to be handled later; however, unlike a queue, interactions that are stored in a workbin can be accessed in any order; they can be assigned to agents, places, agent groups, or place groups. Items that are stored in a workbin are owned by the owner of the workbin. Open interactions can be saved to a workbin for future processing or collaborative processing by the agent, place, agent group, or place group. Interactions can also be distributed to workbins by Universal Routing Server. This lesson contains the following section:

- [Using Workbins to Access Stored Interactions](#)

## Using Workbins to Access Stored Interactions

Interactions can be routed to you, your place, your place group, or your agent group and stored in a workbin to be handled at any time.

### Lesson: Accessing and handling interactions that are stored in a workbin

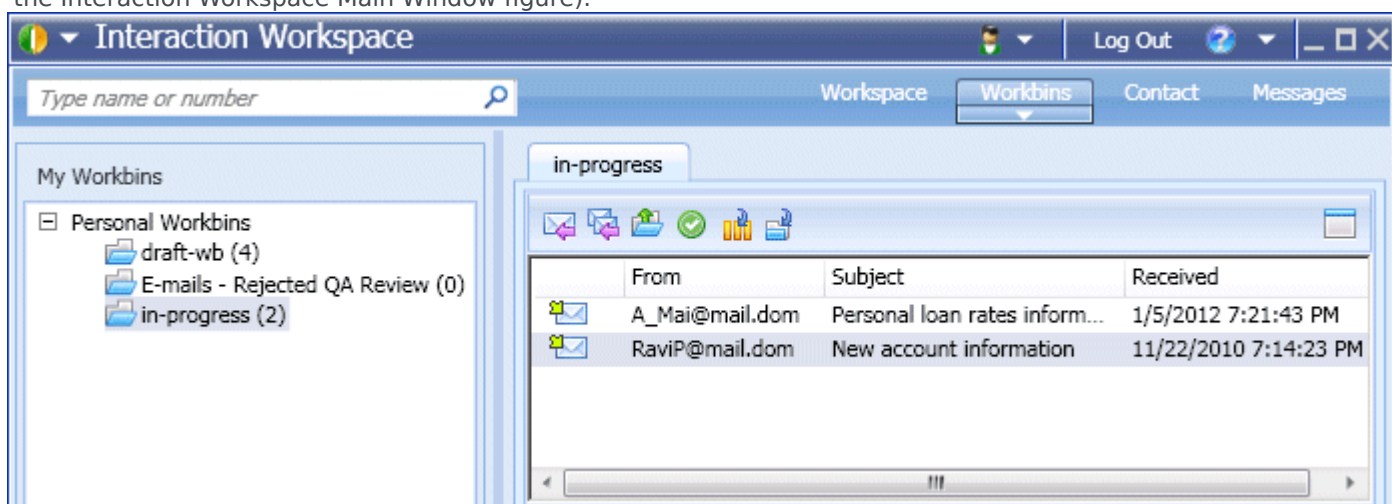
- To use a workbin to open an interaction.

#### Prerequisites

- You are logged in to Interaction Workspace (see [Lesson: Logging in to Interaction Workspace](#)).
- You are the owner of the workbin in which the interaction is stored.

#### Start

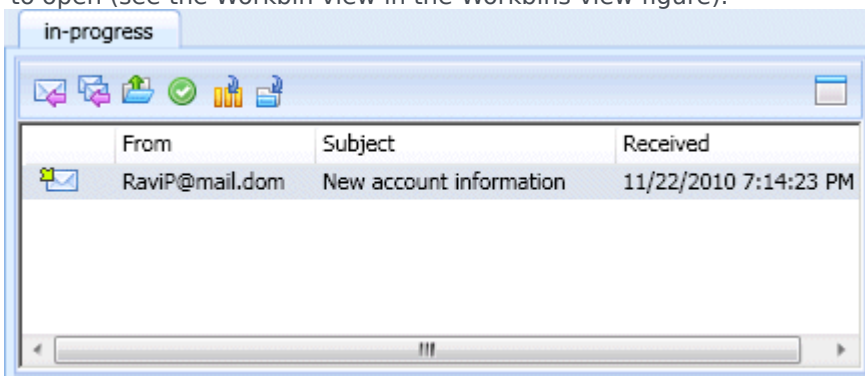
1. To open the Workbin view from the Main Window, click the Workbins button (see the Workbins view in the Interaction Workspace Main Window figure).



Workbins view in the Interaction Workspace Main Window

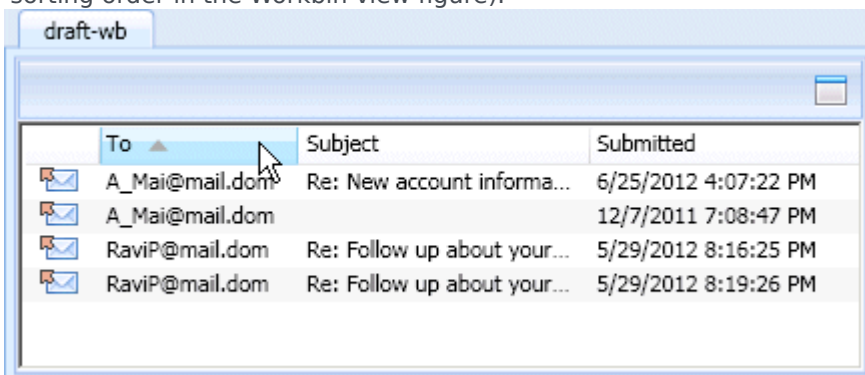
The Workbins view comprises three areas:

- **Workbins Explorer**--Enables you to select workbin folders from your personal workbins and your shared workbins. For agents who are configured as **Team Leads**, you can change the explorer view to the following views:
    - **My Workbins**--For all agents, a view of your personal workbins or the shared workbins to which you have access.
    - **My Team Workbins**--For Team Leads, a view of all of the workbins that belong to agents that you supervise.
    - **My Interaction Queues**--For a business process supervisor, a filtered view of your queues and workbins.
  - **Workbin view**--Lists all the interactions that are stored in the selected workbins, and includes information about the status of the interaction; enables you to sort, search, and perform actions on interactions
  - **Workbin interaction information**--Enables you to view the Details tab, the Notes tab, and the Case Data tab for the selected interaction (see the Workbins view in the Interaction Workspace Main Window with a selected draft interaction figure)
2. In the Workbins Explorer, select the workbin that contains the interaction that you want to open.
  3. In the Workbin view, scroll through the list of interactions to find the specific interaction that you want to open (see the Workbin view in the Workbins view figure).



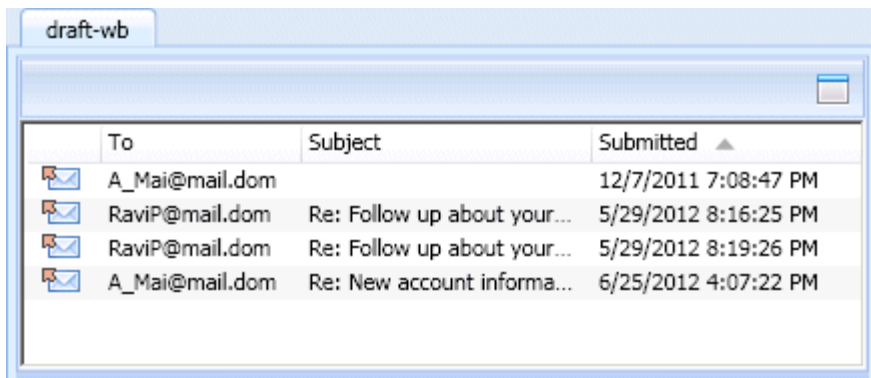
Workbin view in the Workbins view

4. To change the sorting order of the interactions, click the column headings in the table of interactions. Clicking the same column heading again reverses the sort order for that heading (see the Changed sorting order in the Workbin view figure).



Changed sorting order in the Workbin view

5. Click the interaction that you want to handle when you find it in the Workbin view (see the Workbin view with a selected e-mail interaction figure).



Workbin view with a selected e-mail interaction

When you select an interaction, the following functionality becomes available for the interaction, depending on the interaction type:

- **Open**--Opens the interaction in an Interaction window (see [Lesson: Handling an inbound e-mail interaction](#))
- **Reply** (for e-mail only)--Creates a reply and opens the interaction in an outbound E-Mail Interaction window (see [Lesson: Replying to a inbound e-mail interaction](#))
- **Reply All** (for e-mail only)--Creates a reply and opens the interaction in an outbound E-Mail Interaction window and addresses the e-mail to the sender and all other recipients of the original e-mail (see [Lesson: Replying to a inbound e-mail interaction](#))
- **Mark Done**--Complete the interaction and close the interaction window; you might be configured to specify a disposition code before you can click Mark Done (see [Lesson: Handling an inbound e-mail interaction](#) and [Assigning Disposition Codes](#))
- **Move to Queue**--(if you have the correct permissions) Opens the [Team Communicator](#) to enable you to select a queue to which you want to move the selected interaction(s). Enter the name of the queue into the Team Communicator search field, then from the Queue item Action menu, select Move to Queue.
- **Move to Workbin**--(if you have the correct permissions) Opens the [Team Communicator](#) to enable you to find an agent or agent group to which you want to move the selected interaction(s).
- **Edit Case Information**--(if you have the correct permissions) Opens the [Edit Case Information window](#) to enable you to edit the content of the Case Data tab for the selected interaction(s).

**End**

## Lesson: Storing an interaction in your Draft workbin

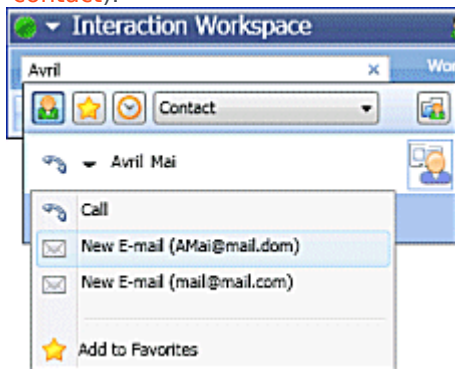
- To use your Drafts workbin to store an outbound e-mail interaction to be completed at a later time by you or another agent.

### Prerequisites

- You are logged in to Interaction Workspace (see [Lesson: Logging in to Interaction Workspace](#)).
- You have accepted an inbound or transferred e-mail interaction (see [Receiving and Handling an Inbound E-Mail Interaction](#)) or you want to create a new outbound e-mail interaction (see [Creating and Handling a New or Reply E-Mail Interaction](#)).

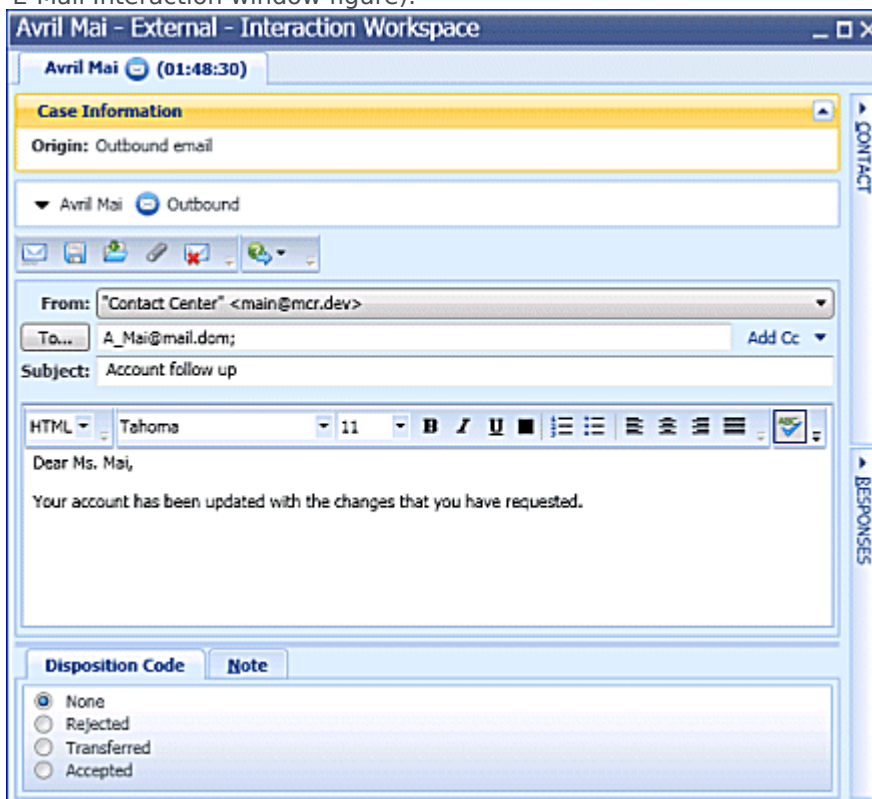
## Start

1. You can save a new outbound e-mail message or a reply outbound e-mail message (see [Lesson: Replying to a inbound e-mail interaction](#)) to your Draft workbin. To create new outbound e-mail, use the Team Communicator to find the contact, and select New E-Mail (see the New E-Mail option in the Team Communicator Action menu figure and [Lesson: Using the Team Communicator feature to find a contact](#)).



Procedure: Using the Team Communicator feature to find a contact

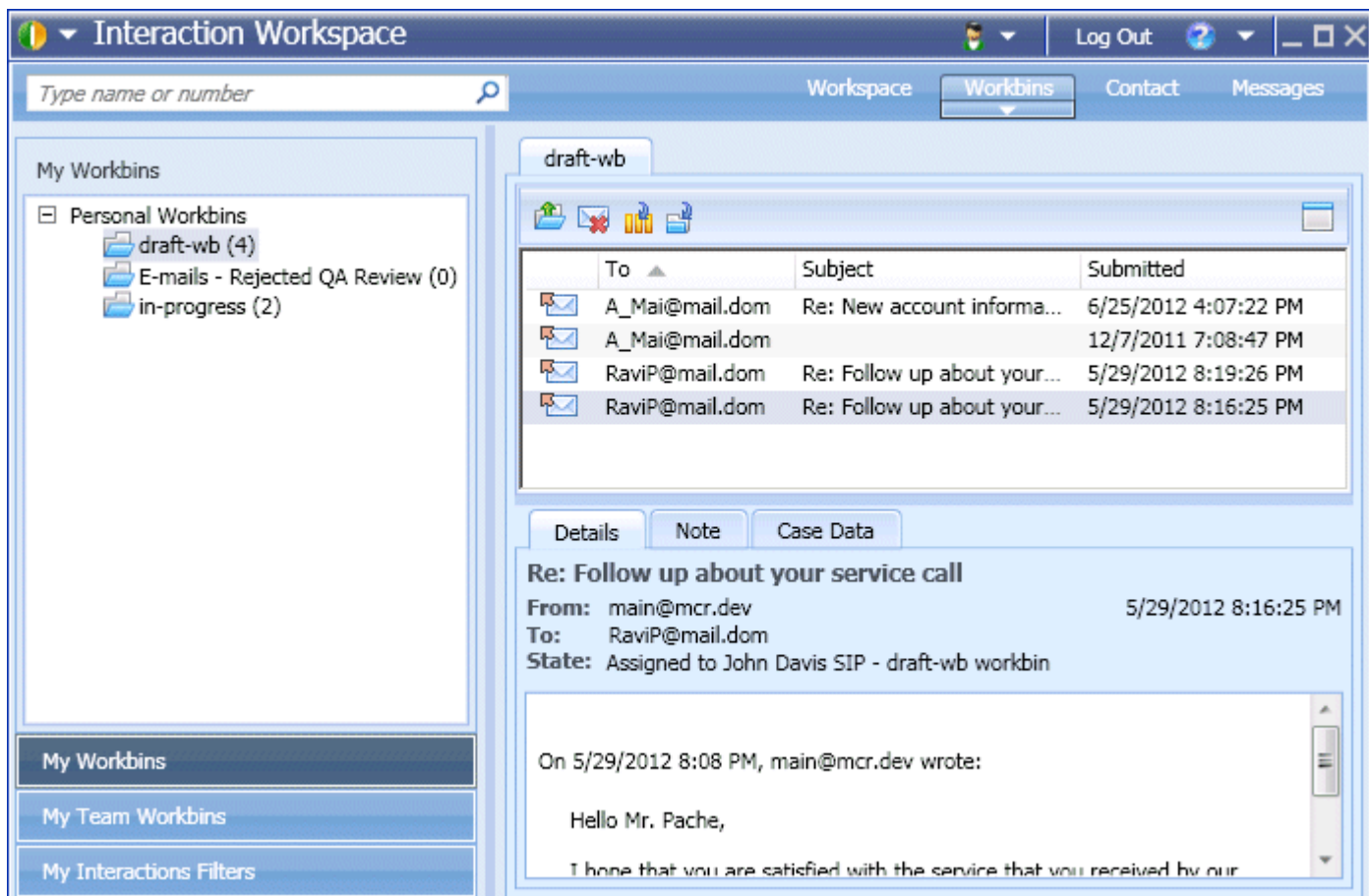
2. Compose your new or reply e-mail interaction in the E-Mail Interaction window (see the New outbound E-Mail Interaction window figure).



New outbound E-Mail Interaction window

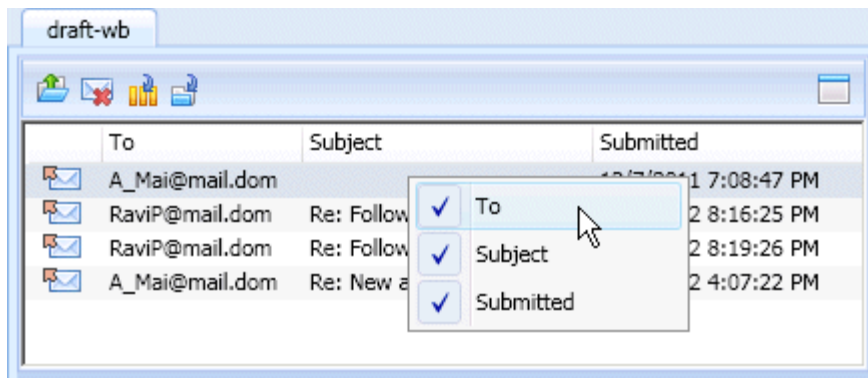
3. To save the outbound e-mail interaction in your Draft workbin folder, click Save in Draft Workbin (📁). The interaction window closes, and the interaction is stored in your Draft workbin.

4. If you want to open the interaction later to continue to work on it, click the Workbins button on the Interaction Workspace Main Window (see the Workbins view in the Interaction Workspace Main Window with a selected draft interaction figure). The Workbins Explorer displays the number of interactions in each workbin, and your saved interaction is displayed in the Draft workbin. The Draft Workbin enables you to use the following functionality:
  - Find an interaction by scrolling through the list of interactions.
  - Change the sort order of interactions by clicking the interaction list column heads.
  - Open--Open the interaction in an inbound E-Mail Interaction window (see [Lesson: Handling an inbound e-mail interaction](#)).
  - Delete--Delete the interaction permanently from the Interaction Server database (if you have the correct permissions).
  - Details--View the sender and recipient information, subject, and contents of the selected interaction.
  - Use the Notepad to attach a note to the interaction history. See [Managing Contact History](#)
  - Case Data--View Case Information and Disposition Code for the current interaction



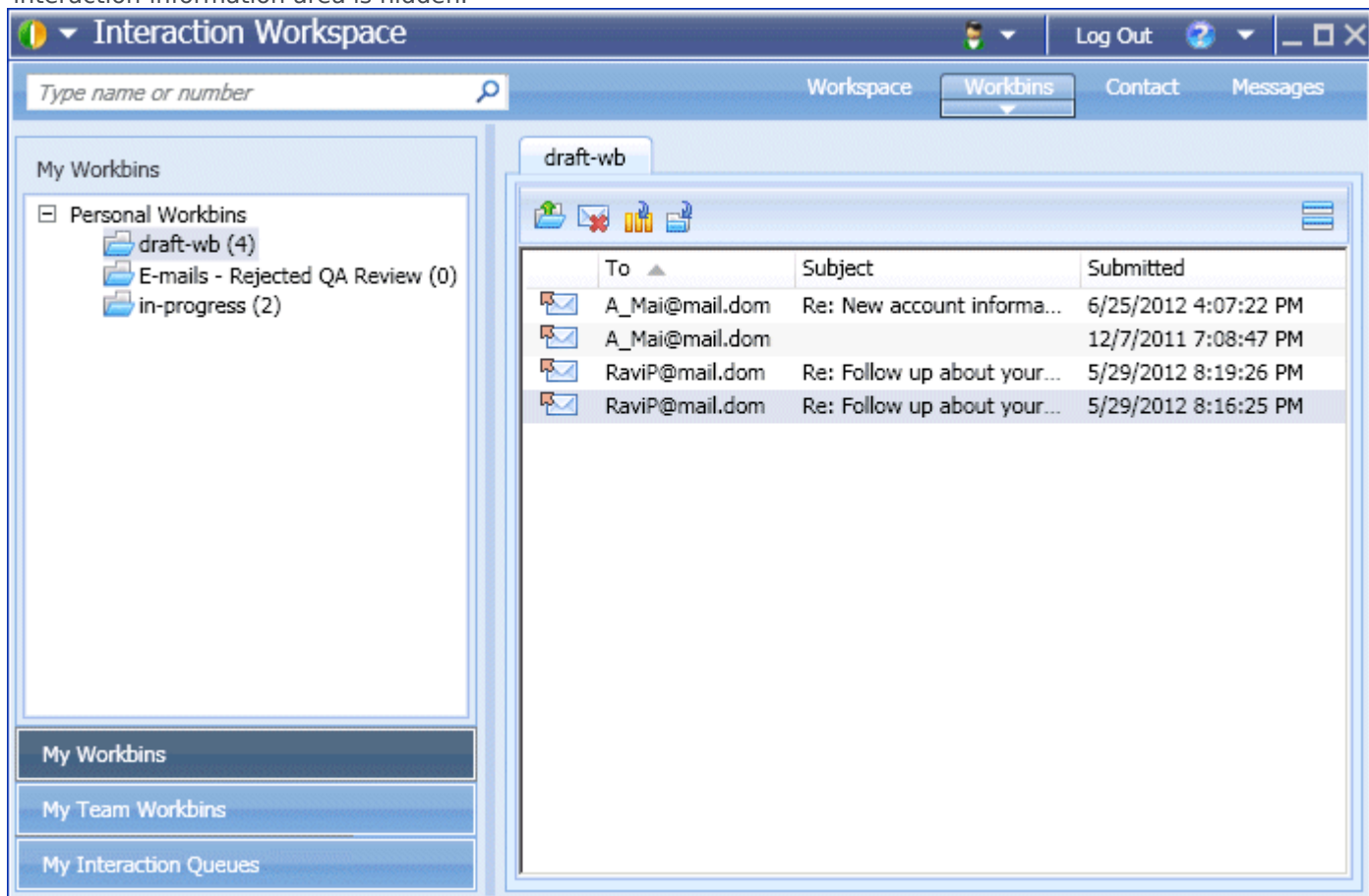
Workbins view in the Interaction Workspace Main Window with a selected draft interaction

5. If you want to hide or show column headings in the interaction list, right-click in the list and select the headings that you want to hide or show respectively (see the Interaction list column-heading contextual menu figure).



Interaction list column-heading contextual menu

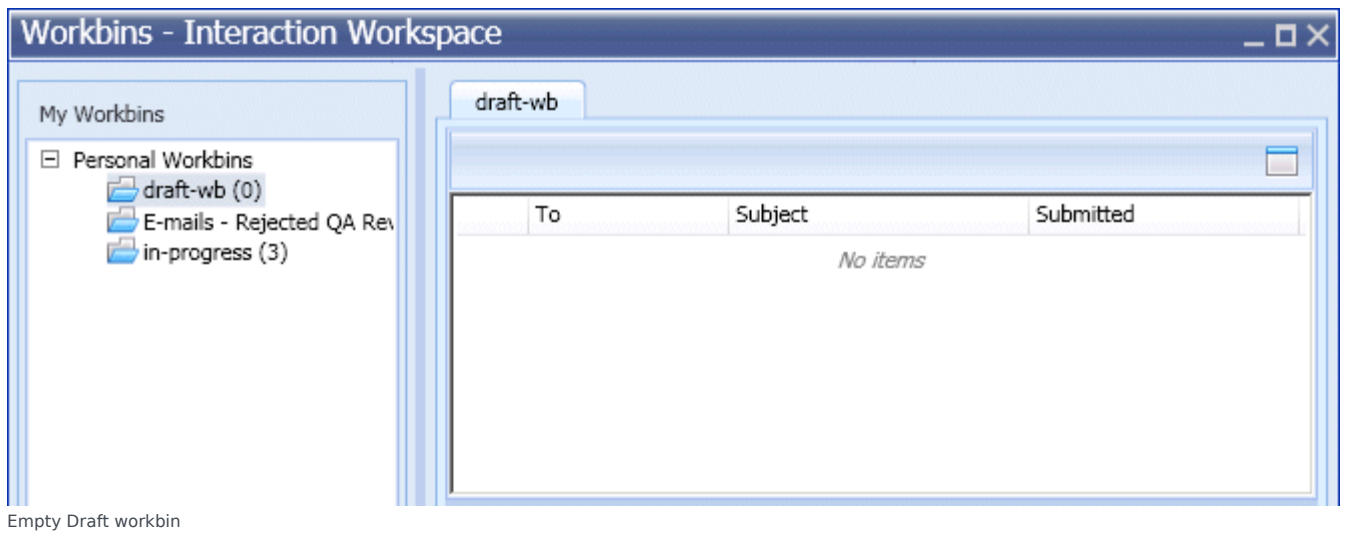
- To show or hide the interaction information area, click the Show/Hide Details Panel button. The Draft workbin with the interaction information area hidden figure shows the Draft workbin in which the interaction-information area is hidden.



Draft workbin with the interaction information area hidden

- When you have finished handling all the interactions in the Draft workbin, the Draft folder in the Workbins Explorer shows 0 entries and the Draft workbin shows *No items* (see the Empty Draft workbin figure).





**End**