



Gmail

Get started with IMAP and POP3

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Select an option below for instructions on how to enable POP or IMAP

- I want to enable IMAP
- I want to enable POP

You can retrieve your Gmail messages with a client or device that supports IMAP, like Microsoft Outlook or Apple Mail.

To enable IMAP in Gmail:

1. Sign in to Gmail.
2. Click the **gear icon**  in the upper right, then select **Settings**.
3. Click **Forwarding and POP/IMAP**.
4. Select **Enable IMAP**.
5. [Configure your IMAP client](#) and click **Save Changes**.

Note: At this time, it's not possible to enable IMAP while using the [basic HTML](#) interface. Please use the standard view to see this option.

Once you've enabled IMAP in your Gmail settings, you need to configure your client. Select a client below to see specific configuration instructions.

- Android
- BlackBerry
- iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch
- Outlook / Windows Mail
- Apple Mail
- Thunderbird

- Other

Open Thunderbird, enter your account information and click **Continue**.

- Full Name: [your name]
- Email Address: your full email address [username@gmail.com, or username@your_domain.com for Google Apps users]
- Password: your Gmail password

Thunderbird will do all of the setup for you, but confirm your settings with the information below.

If you're setting up IMAP for the first time, confirm your settings to make sure they're correct

- Ok, confirm my settings
- No thanks

[Google Apps](#) users, please follow the default instructions unless otherwise noted, replacing 'your_domain.com' with your actual domain name.

Many clients will automatically configure the appropriate IMAP connection settings for your account, but confirm that the connection settings your client configures are the same as what's listed below.

If you're using a client that's not listed above, you can also use the following information to configure your IMAP. If you have problems, contact your mail client's customer support department for further instructions.

- **Incoming Mail (IMAP) Server - Requires SSL**
 - imap.gmail.com
 - Port: 993
 - Requires SSL: Yes
- **Outgoing Mail (SMTP) Server - Requires TLS**
 - smtp.gmail.com
 - Port: 465 or 587
 - Requires SSL: Yes
 - Requires authentication: Yes
 - Use same settings as incoming mail server
- **Full Name or Display Name:** [your name]
- **Account Name or User Name:** your full Gmail address (username@gmail.com). Google Apps users, please enter username@your_domain.com
- **Email address:** your full Gmail address (username@gmail.com) Google Apps users, please enter username@your_domain.com
- **Password:** your Gmail password

If your client does not support SMTP authentication, you won't be able to send mail through your client using your Gmail address.

Also, if you're having trouble sending mail but you've confirmed that encryption is active for SMTP in your mail client, try to configure your SMTP server on a different port: 465 or 587.

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