


Check Gmail through other email platforms

Set up IMAP and change your SMTP settings to read Gmail messages in other mail clients, like Microsoft Outlook and Apple Mail. When you use IMAP, you can read your Gmail messages on multiple devices, and messages are synced in real time. You can also [read Gmail messages using POP](#).

Note: To avoid temporarily locking yourself out of your account, make sure you don't exceed 2500 MB per day for IMAP downloads and 500 MB per day for IMAP uploads. If you're setting up a single IMAP account on multiple computers, try taking a break between each setup.

Set up IMAP

Step 1: Check that IMAP is turned on

1. On your computer, open [Gmail](#) .
2. In the top right, click Settings .
3. Click **Settings**.
4. Click the **Forwarding and POP/IMAP** tab.
5. In the "IMAP access" section, select **Enable IMAP**.
6. Click **Save Changes**.

Step 2: Change SMTP & other settings in your email client

Use the table below to update your client with the correct information. For help updating your settings, search your email client's Help Center for instructions on setting up IMAP.

Incoming Mail (IMAP) Server	imap.gmail.com Requires SSL: Yes Port: 993
Outgoing Mail (SMTP) Server	smtp.gmail.com Requires SSL: Yes Requires TLS: Yes (if available) Requires Authentication: Yes Port for SSL: 465 Port for TLS/STARTTLS: 587
Full Name or Display Name	Your name
Account Name, User name, or Email address	Your full email address
Password	Your Gmail password

Troubleshoot problems

[I can't sign in to my email client](#)

["Too many simultaneous connections" error](#)

[Security certificate CN error](#)

[My email client is crashing, or emails are taking too long to download](#)

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