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Read Gmail messages on other email clients using IMAP

You can read your messages from Gmail in other mail clients, like Microsoft Outlook and Apple Mail, using IMAP. When you use IMAP, you can read your Gmail messages on multiple devices, and messages are synced in real time.

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 your IMAP 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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