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Introduction

The task was to create a program that sends emails using the SMTP protocol and receives emails using the IMAP protocol. The application was implemented using three scripts: `SendEmail.py` for sending emails, `receive_email.py` for receiving emails, and `App.py` for the GUI.

Initially, **mail.tm** was intended as the testing server, but due to persistent DNS resolution issues, **Gmail** was used instead. This report details the code, usage instructions, dependencies, testing process, and results, fulfilling all assignment requirements.

Code Description

The application is split into three Python scripts, each with a specific role, ensuring modularity and readability. Below is a detailed breakdown:

SendEmail.py

- **Purpose:** Handles email sending via the SMTP protocol.
- **Implementation:**
 - Uses `smtplib` to establish a TCP connection to `smtp.gmail.com` on port 587 with TLS encryption.
 - Constructs emails using `email.mime.multipart.MIMEMultipart` for headers (From, To, Subject) and `MIMEText` for the body.
 - Parameters: `sender_email`, `sender_password`, `recipient_email`, `subject`, `body`, `output_text`.
 - Steps: Resolves the SMTP server hostname, connects, enables TLS, logs in, sends the email, and closes the connection.
- **Error Handling:**

- Catches `socket.gaierror` for DNS issues, `smtplib.SMTPAuthenticationError` for login failures, and general exceptions.
- Outputs status or errors to the `output_text` widget (GUI) or console (standalone).

ReceiveEmail.py

- **Purpose:** Retrieves the latest email from the inbox using IMAP.
- **Implementation:**
 - Uses `imaplib.IMAP4_SSL` to connect to `imap.gmail.com` on port 993 with SSL.
 - Parses emails with `email.message_from_bytes` and `decode_header` for subject decoding.
 - Parameters: `email_user`, `email_pass`, `output_text`.
 - Steps: Connects securely, logs in, selects the inbox, searches for all emails, fetches the latest one (highest ID), and extracts subject, sender, and body.
- **Error Handling:**
 - Handles connection failures, login errors, and fetch issues with descriptive messages.
 - Checks for empty inboxes and reports “No emails found.”
- **Comments:** Explains key actions, e.g., “Fetch the latest email by ID.”

App.py

- **Purpose:** Provides a user-friendly GUI integrating sending and receiving functionalities.
- **Implementation:**
 - Built with `tkinter`, featuring three windows:
 1. **Choice Window:** Asks “Send” or “Receive” (300x150, non-resizable).
 2. **Send Window:** Full interface (600x700) with fields for sender email, app password, recipient, subject, and body, plus a “Send Email” button.

- 3. **Receive Window:** Minimal interface (400x500) with email and password fields, plus a “Receive Latest Email” button.
 - Imports send_email and receive_email from their scripts.
 - Uses scrolledtext for real-time output and messagebox for input validation errors.
- **Design:**
 - Light gray background (#f0f0f0), Helvetica fonts for labels/buttons, Courier for output.
 - Bold buttons and padded layout for a professional look.
- **Comments:** Describes GUI structure and event handling.

Deviation from Requirements

- The lab suggested mail.tm for testing, but DNS resolution failures ([Errno 11001] getaddrinfo failed) with smtp.mail.tm and smtp.temp-mail.io which made me switch to Gmail.
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How to Use the Application

Installation

1. **Scripts:** Download SendEmail.py, ReceiveEmail.py, and App.py into a single directory
2. **Gmail Setup:**
 - Create a Gmail account or use an existing one (e.g., your_email@gmail.com).
 - Enable 2-Step Verification in Google Account settings.
 - Generate an App Password at myaccount.google.com/apppasswords (16-character code, e.g., xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx).

Running the Application

1. **Launch GUI:** Run python App.py.

2. Using the GUI:

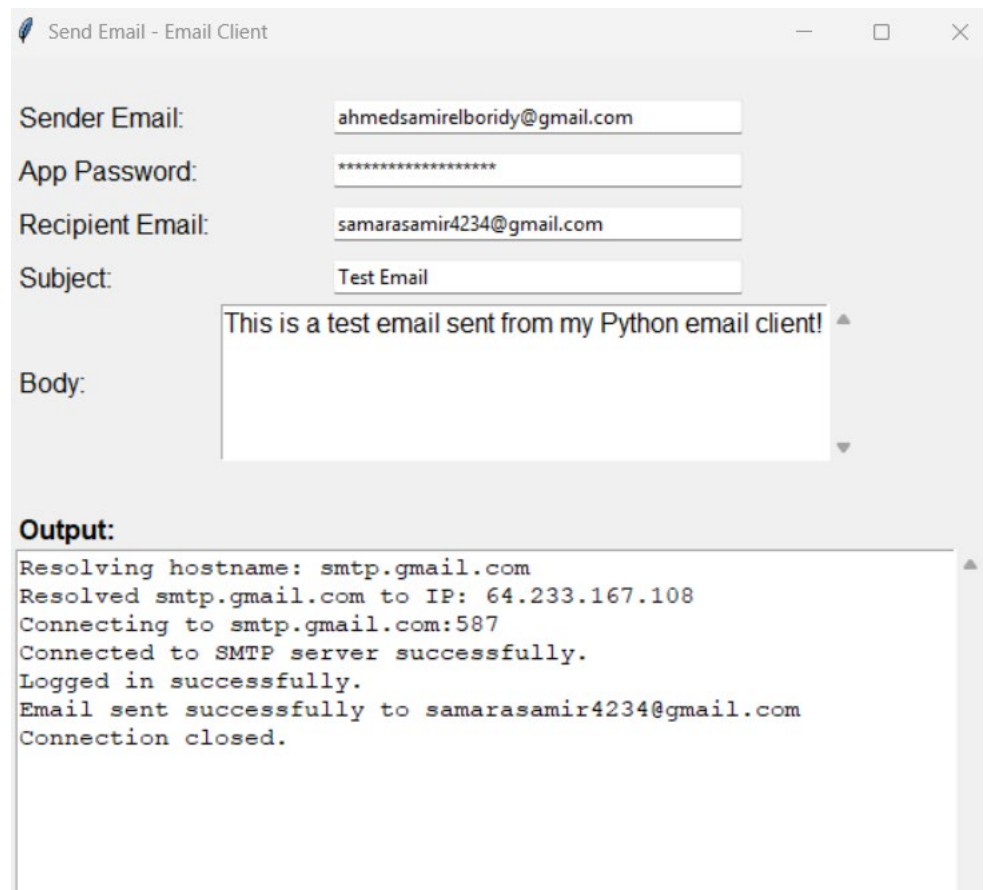
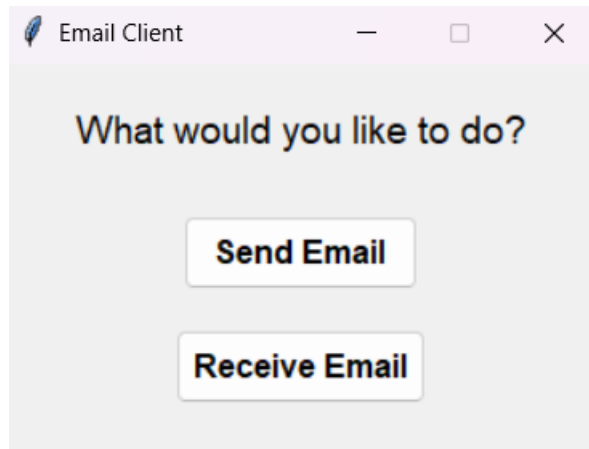
- **Choice Window:**
 - Click “Send Email” to open the send window.
 - Click “Receive Email” to open the receive window.
 - **Send Window:**
 - Enter sender email (e.g., ahmedsamirelboridy@gmail.com), App Password, recipient email (e.g., samarasamir4234@gmail.com), subject, and body.
 - Click “Send Email” to send; view progress in the output area (e.g., “Email sent successfully”).
 - **Receive Window:**
 - Enter email address and App Password.
 - Click “Receive Latest Email” to fetch the latest email; see subject, sender, and body in the output area.
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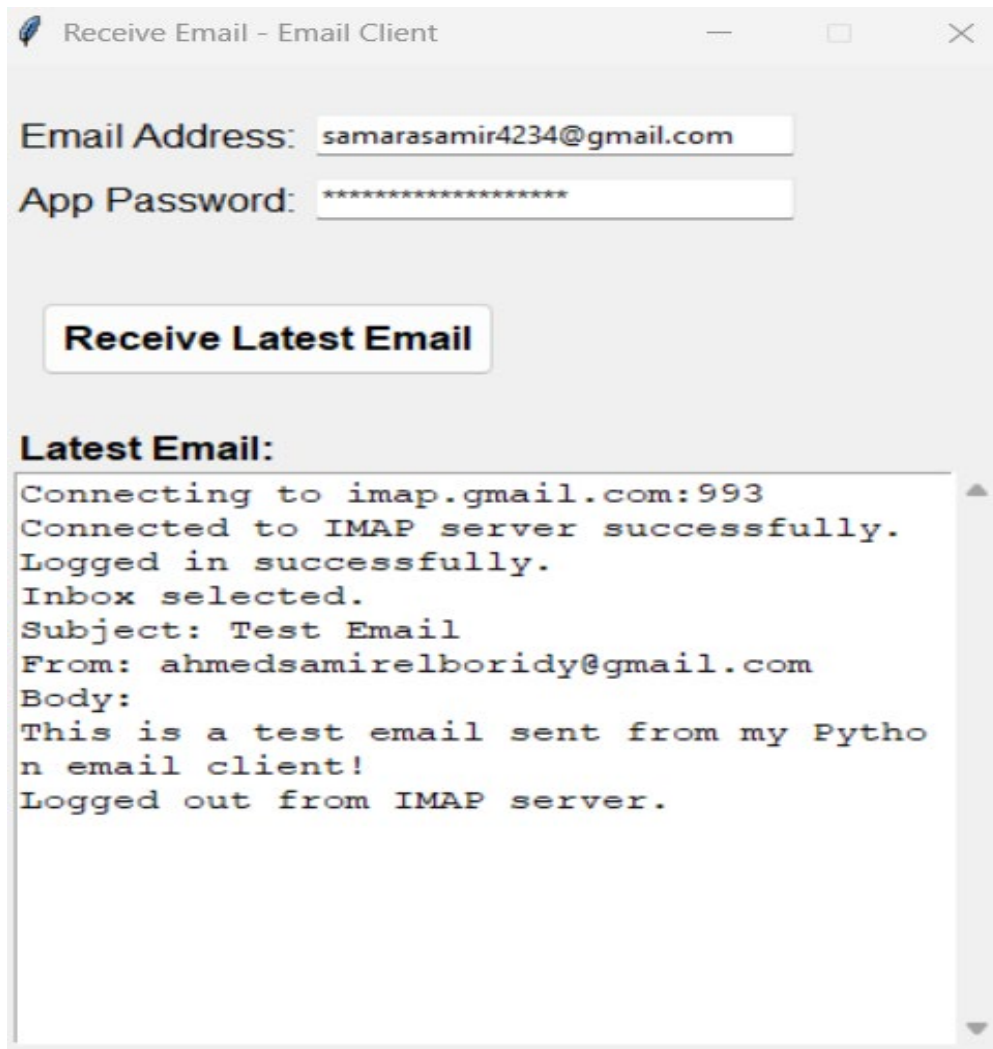
Dependencies

The application relies on standard Python libraries, requiring no external installations:

- **smtplib:** Sends emails via SMTP.
- **imaplib:** Receives emails via IMAP.
- **email:** Constructs and parses email messages.
- **socket:** Handles DNS resolution for error checking.
- **tkinter:** Provides GUI functionality (includes ttk, scrolledtext, messagebox).
- **External Service:** Gmail account with an App Password for authentication. No additional pip packages are needed, ensuring easy setup.

Some testing outputs results :





Conclusion

The email client fulfills all core requirements, sending and receiving emails with SMTP and IMAP, robust error handling, and clean code structure.