

Pull Request: Email Management System - Phase 1

Overview

This PR implements **Phase 1** of the Email Management System for Writgo, providing the foundation for email handling with IMAP integration, secure configuration management, and a complete admin interface for viewing and managing emails.

Features Implemented

Security & Encryption

- **AES-256-GCM Encryption** for password storage
- Environment-based encryption key (`EMAIL_ENCRYPTION_KEY`)
- Masked passwords in API responses
- Secure credential storage in database

IMAP Integration

- Full IMAP client implementation using `imapflow`
- Email parsing with `mailparser` (headers, body, attachments)
- Real-time email fetching from IMAP server
- Connection testing functionality
- Read/unread status management

Admin Interface

Three new admin pages with dark theme design:

1. **Email Instellingen** (`/admin/email/instellingen`)
 - Email account configuration form
 - IMAP/SMTP settings
 - Test connection functionality
 - Password encryption on save
 - Help section for common providers (Gmail, Outlook)
2. **Email Inbox** (`/admin/email/inbox`)
 - List of emails (last 50)
 - Read/unread indicators
 - Attachment badges
 - Refresh functionality
 - Click to open email
3. **Email Detail** (`/admin/email/inbox/[uid]`)
 - Full email view with headers
 - HTML/Text body toggle
 - Attachments list

- Auto-mark as read
- Back to inbox navigation

API Routes

Four new API endpoints:

1. **POST/GET/DELETE** `/api/admin/email/accounts` - Account management
 2. **POST** `/api/admin/email/test-connection` - Test IMAP connection
 3. **GET** `/api/admin/email/inbox` - Fetch emails via IMAP
 4. **GET/POST** `/api/admin/email/message` - Single email operations
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New Files

Core Libraries

- `nextjs_space/lib/encryption.ts` - AES-256-GCM encryption utilities
- `nextjs_space/lib/email/imap-client.ts` - IMAP client with full functionality

API Routes

- `nextjs_space/app/api/admin/email/accounts/route.ts`
- `nextjs_space/app/api/admin/email/test-connection/route.ts`
- `nextjs_space/app/api/admin/email/inbox/route.ts`
- `nextjs_space/app/api/admin/email/message/route.ts`

Admin Pages

- `nextjs_space/app/admin/email/instellingen/page.tsx`
- `nextjs_space/app/admin/email/inbox/page.tsx`
- `nextjs_space/app/admin/email/inbox/[uid]/page.tsx`

Documentation

- `EMAIL_SYSTEM_PHASE1.md` - Complete implementation documentation
 - `EMAIL_SYSTEM_PHASE1.pdf` - PDF version
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Modified Files

- `nextjs_space/lib/admin-navigation-config.ts` - Added Email section with Inbox and Instellingen items
 - `nextjs_space/package.json` - Added `imapflow` and `mailparser` dependencies
 - `nextjs_space/package-lock.json` - Dependency updates
 - `nextjs_space/yarn.lock` - Dependency updates
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Database

Uses existing tables from migration `20251210_email_inbox_tables.sql`:

- **MailboxConnection** - Email account configuration (IMAP/SMTP settings, encrypted passwords)
- **InboxEmail** - Email storage (prepared for Phase 2)

No new migrations required - schema already exists.

Setup Instructions

1. Generate Encryption Key

```
node -e "console.log(require('crypto').randomBytes(32).toString('hex'))"
```

2. Add Environment Variable

Add to `.env.local` or Render environment variables:

```
EMAIL_ENCRYPTION_KEY=your-64-character-hex-key-here
```

3. Install Dependencies

```
cd nextjs_space
npm install --legacy-peer-deps
```

4. For Gmail Setup

1. Enable 2-Step Verification in Google Account
2. Generate App Password (Security → App Passwords → Mail)
3. Use settings:
 - IMAP: `imap.gmail.com:993`
 - SMTP: `smtp.gmail.com:587`
 - Use app password (not regular password)

Testing Checklist

- [x] TypeScript compilation successful
- [] Email account configuration saves correctly
- [] Test connection works for Gmail/Outlook
- [] Inbox loads emails from IMAP
- [] Email detail page shows full content
- [] Passwords are encrypted in database
- [] HTML and text email bodies render correctly
- [] Attachments metadata is displayed
- [] Navigation works between pages

Known Limitations (Phase 1)

1. **No Email Sending** - SMTP configured but not implemented yet
2. **No Email Persistence** - Real-time IMAP fetch only (not stored in database)
3. **No AI Analysis** - Database fields ready, functionality in Phase 2
4. **No Attachment Downloads** - Metadata only
5. **No Thread Grouping** - Individual emails only
6. **No Search/Filtering** - Basic inbox view only
7. **Single Account** - Uses first active account only



Roadmap

Phase 2: Email Persistence & AI Analysis

- Store emails in InboxEmail table
- AI categorization, priority, sentiment analysis
- Invoice detection
- Background sync job
- Search & filtering

Phase 3: Email Sending & Replies

- SMTP client implementation
- Email composer UI
- Reply/Forward functionality
- Email templates

Phase 4: Advanced Features

- Thread grouping
- Auto-reply configuration
- Multiple accounts
- Email automation rules



Impact

- **Lines Added:** ~2,935
- **Files Changed:** 15
- **New Dependencies:** 2 (imapflow, mailparser)
- **New API Routes:** 4
- **New Pages:** 3

Security Considerations

- Passwords encrypted with AES-256-GCM before database storage
 - Encryption key stored in environment variables
 - Passwords masked in API responses
 - IMAP connections use TLS
 - Session-based authentication for API routes
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Documentation

Complete documentation available in `EMAIL_SYSTEM_PHASE1.md` :

- Architecture overview
 - API documentation
 - Setup guide
 - Usage instructions
 - Troubleshooting
 - Security implementation details
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Review Checklist

- [] Code review completed
 - [] Security review passed
 - [] Documentation reviewed
 - [] Environment variables documented
 - [] Testing checklist completed
 - [] Ready for deployment
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Result

After merging this PR, admin users will be able to:

1. Configure their email account (IMAP/SMTP) in the admin panel
2. View their inbox with real-time IMAP fetching
3. Read emails with full HTML/text content
4. See attachment metadata
5. Test email connections before saving

All with proper encryption, error handling, and a clean dark-themed UI! 