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To set up a mail client it's necessary to **configure an SMTP server** that will take care of the delivery of your emails. Luckily, the configuration of SMTP servers is generally very easy – you will simply have to open your email software and add the right **SMTP parametres** in the settings windows.

Remember anyhow that using a standard SMTP – the one which is associated to free email providers like Yahoo, Hotmail or Gmail – **doesn't ensure the correct delivery** of all your messages (in particular if you're sending to a huge number of recipients),

That's why we recommend to choose a professional SMTP service: with turboSMTP you can register and get a lifetime package of [6.000 free relays per month](#), then in case choose the plan that best suits you.

And here's the standard procedure of **SMTP configuration**, in four steps:

1. Select the voice "Account Settings" in your mail client, generally in the "Tools" menu.
2. Choose the "Outgoing server (SMTP)" voice:

Outgoing Server (SMTP) Settings

When managing your identities you can use a server from this list by selecting it as the Outgoing Server (SMTP), or you can use the default server from this list by selecting "Use Default Server".

email - smtp.domain.com (Default)

Add...

Edit...

Remove

Set Default

Description: <not specified>

Server Name: smtp.domain.com

Port: 25

User Name: email

Authentication method: Normal password

Connection Security: STARTTLS

3. Push the “Add...” button in order to set a new SMTP. A popup window will appear:



4. Now simply fill the voices as follows:

- **Description:** an informal name that you will decide to identify the server (best to use the email provider's, like Gmail or Yahoo).
- **Server Name:** the actual SMTP server's specification. You can find it either consulting the web page of your provider, or searching for it on our [list of server POP and SMTP](#).
- **Port:** usually SMTP works with port 25, but as the screenshot shows it can work also with 587. For further information, check out our article about [SMTP ports](#).
- **Connection security:** in itself, SMTP email transfer doesn't provide an encryption. So if you want to make your connection more secure, it's a good choice to use a STARTTLS or SSL/TLS extension, that employ a separate port for encrypted communication.
- **Authentication method:** there's a certain number of methods (passwords, CRAM-MD5, KERBEROS etc.).
- **User Name:** your email address.