

How to Enable IMAP/POP3/SMTP for Gmail Account

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Step 1: Enable IMAP and/or POP3

You need to enable IMAP and/or POP3 access in the Gmail account settings before you can access email using IMAP/POP3:

1. Go to the **"Settings"**, e.g. click on the "Gears" icon and select "Settings".
2. Click on **"Forwarding and POP/IMAP"**.
3. Enable **"IMAP Access"** and/or **"POP Download"**

Step 2: Enable Third-Party Mail Clients

Google may block (by default) third-party (less secure) mail clients like e.g. Outlook, Thunderbird, [MailList Controller](#) or [Inbox2DB](#).

- See: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6010255?hl=en> for details.
The page contains a link to enable **"Less secure apps"** in MyAccount.
- You can also enable "Less secure apps" (third-party mail clients) from:
"MyAccount" > "Sign-in & security" > "Connected apps & sites" > "Allow less secure apps"

Gmail IMAP Server

Enter the following information in the IMAP account settings of your mail client:

- Server: **imap.gmail.com**
- Encryption/Authentication: **SSL**
- Port: **993**
- Username: Your Gmail email address
- Password: Your account password

Gmail POP3 Server

Enter the following information in the POP account settings of your mail client:

- Server: **pop.gmail.com**
- Encryption/Authentication: **SSL**
- Port: **995**
- Username: Your Gmail email address
- Password: Your account password

Enter the following information in the SMTP account settings of your mail client:

- Server: **smtp.gmail.com**
- Encryption/Authentication: **SSL**
- Port: **465**

or

- Server: **smtp.gmail.com**
- Encryption/Authentication: **StartTLS**
- Port: **587**

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