

PHP mail function serves as an interface to help you send your mail from your PHP script, but the actual implementation of mail sending is determined by "sendmail\_path" setting specified in php.ini.

You have the option of leaving it unspecified (commented out by default) or setting it to

sendmail\_path = "C:\xampp\sendmail\sendmail.exe". Doing this will use sendmail.exe as the default tool for sending mails, instead of mailtodisk. Mailtodisk will save your email to the specified mailoutput folder, Sendmail.exe will send your mail through localhost port 25

Sendmail.exe will not work unless you configure smtp\_server=localhost in sendmail.ini. The default configuration puts something like [me@example.com](mailto:me@example.com) for this value, which does not work. Whenever you use this, it is a good idea to have a SMTP server listening on localhost:25. You could use the native Mercury sever or papercut. We prefer papercut

Papercut will help capture any mail sent through the port 25, notify you of new message, and display the message beautifully like you are using Gmail

The same basic idea is behind configuring xamp to send via gmail

for example you can configure for gmail to send mail.

C:\xampp\php\php.ini

c:\xampp\sendmail\sendmail.ini

find and remove the semicolon from the beginning of that line to make SSL working for gmail for localhost.

C:\xampp\php\php.ini

extension=php\_openssl.dll

in php.ini file find and change

[mail function]

SMTP=smtp.gmail.com

smtp\_port=587

sendmail\_from = my-gmail-id@gmail.com

sendmail\_path = "\"C:\xampp\sendmail.....

Now Open

Replace code in sendmail.ini with following code

C:\xampp\sendmail\sendmail.ini

[sendmail]

smtp\_server=smtp.gmail.com

smtp\_port=587

error\_logfile=error.log

debug\_logfile=debug.log

auth\_username=my-gmail-id@gmail.com

auth\_password=my-gmail-password

Cool thing to know here is that sendmail.exe is saddled with the responsibility of login into the senders email to ensure that you send mail from only those addresses you actually have access to. Also note that since you may actually want the mail to get sent, you will not start papercut, otherwise the mail will be captured and not sent