

Outlook.com Mail Server Settings

Outlook Add-ins - Email Productivity Tools

Outlook.com is designed by Microsoft as an alternative to Google Gmail. And – just like Gmail – you can configure your favorite email client to send & receive emails through your outlook.com email account. To do so, you need to know the Outlook.com mail server settings.

Basically, you can add your outlook.com account to any email client that supports POP3 or IMAP, like Microsoft Outlook Professional, Windows Mail, Android or iOS mail apps, etc. **Depending on your email client application, you can add & configure your outlook.com email account as a POP3** account or as an ActiveSync / Exchange service.

Later edit (13.09.2013): Microsoft added support for the Outlook.com IMAP email protocol, from 12th of September 2013.

We will explain below how to add your outlook.com email account to Outlook 2013 – the mail server settings are the same for all email client applications, as long as they support the related email protocol (for example, ActiveSync is supported mainly by Microsoft products like Outlook 2013).

Outlook.com POP Mail Server Settings

When you add the outlook.com account to Outlook 2013, on the first screen make sure you select "Manual setup or additional server types". On the next screen, choose "POP or IMAP" and enter the following Outlook.com mail server settings in the Server Information fields:

Account type: POP3

Incoming mail server: pop3.live.com

Outgoing mail server (SMTP): smtp.live.com

Logon Information:

User Name: your @outlook.com email address

Password: your @outlook.com password

Then click on the "More Settings" button:

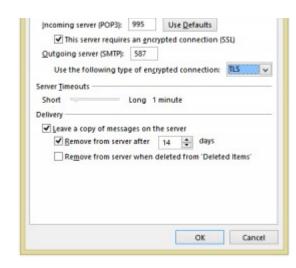
Outgoing Server tab: mark the box "My outgoing server (SMTP) requires authentication" and select "use same settings as my incoming mail server".

Advanced tab - Server Port Numbers:

Incoming server (POP3): port 995 – you must also mark the box "this server requires an encrypted connection (SSL)"

Outgoing server (SMTP): port 587 – you must also choose "TLS" for the option "Use the following types of encrypted connection".





You can use the same Outlook.com POP server settings for any other email app, including iOS or Android Email apps.

Outlook.com IMAP Mail Server Settings

You have to follow exactly the same procedure as above, except that you need to select IMAP as your email account type (and not POP).

Account type: IMAP

Incoming mail server: imap-mail.outlook.com

Outgoing mail server (SMTP): smtp-mail.outlook.com

Logon Information:

User Name: your @outlook.com email address

Password: your @outlook.com password

Then click on the "More Settings" button:

Outgoing Server tab: mark the box "My outgoing server (SMTP) requires authentication" and select "use same settings as my incoming mail server".

Advanced tab - Server Port Numbers:

Incoming server (POP3): port 993 – you must also mark the box "this server requires an encrypted connection (SSL)"

Outgoing server (SMTP): port 587 – you must also choose "TLS" for the option "Use the following types of encrypted connection".

You can use the same Outlook.com IMAP server settings for any other email app, including iOS or Android Email apps.

Outlook.com Active Sync Settings

ActiveSync lets you send, receive & synchronize not just your emails, but also your calendar, contacts or tasks. When you add the outlook.com account to Outlook 2013, on the first screen make sure you select "Manual setup or additional server types". On the next screen, choose "Outlook.com or Exchange ActiveSync compatible service" and enter the following Active Sync server settings:

Mail Server: s.outlook.com (if it doesn't work, also try m.hotmail.com)

Also, mark the box to use TSL/SSL for the server connection.

User Name: your full @outlook.com email address

Password: your @outlook.com password

Overview: Outlook.com Server Settings

The Outlook.com mail server settings are valid for every email client application that supports the POP3, IMAP or Active Sync protocols, no matter the platform (Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, etc).

Outlook.com POP3 servers

Incoming mail server pop3.live.com

Incoming mail server port 995 (SSL required)

Outgoing (SMTP) mail server **smtp.live.com**

Outgoing (SMTP) mail server port 587 (SSL/TLS required)

Outgoing server (SMTP) **yes, same settings as my incoming mail**

authentication server

Outlook.com IMAP servers

Incoming mail server imap-mail.outlook.com

Incoming mail server port 993 (SSL required)

Outgoing (SMTP) mail server **smtp-mail.outlook.com**

Outgoing (SMTP) mail server port 587 (SSL/TLS required)

Outgoing server (SMTP) **yes, same settings as my incoming mail**

authentication server

Outlook.com via Active Sync

Active Sync mail server

m.hotmail.com (SSL required)

Just in case, if you are using your Outlook.com email account in Microsoft Office Outlook, you may want to try probably the best productivity add-in: