

# The Mutt E-Mail Client

*"All mail clients suck. This one just sucks less." -me, circa 1995*

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### Development

Mutt 1.5.24 was released on August 31, 2015. In addition to bug fixes, we managed to slip in some new features and enhancements. See [the UPDATING file](#) for more details.

Mutt 1.5.23 was released on March 12, 2014. This is security bugfix release.

Mutt 1.5.22 was released on October 18, 2013. This is primarily a bugfix release. Adds support for TLS 1.1/1.2.

Mutt 1.5.21 was released on September 15, 2010. The most notable user-visible change (aside from bug fixes) is the new `$mail_check_recent` flag to partially address [NewMailHandling](#) (the major blocker for 1.6). It also contains a larger than usual number of bug fixes, thanks to the long time between releases. [More details.](#)

Mutt 1.5.20 was released on June 14, 2009. This release contains an enormous number of bugfixes, and several high-level changes.

Mutt 1.5.19 was released on January 5, 2009. This is mostly a bugfix release on the long road to 1.6.

We're still in feature freeze (mostly) for 1.6. The list of items blocking the release of mutt 1.6 may be found here: <http://dev.mutt.org/trac/milestone/1.6> Patches for any issues found there would be greatly appreciated.

### Stable

Mutt 1.4.2.3 was released on June 9, 2007. This release fixes [CVE-2007-2683](#) (gecos overflow) and [CVE-2007-1558](#) (APOP MD5 collision attack).

Mutt 1.4.2.2 was released on July 14, 2006. This release fixes [CVE-2006-3242](#), a

buffer overflow that could be triggered by a malicious IMAP server.

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## General Info

Mutt is a small but very powerful text-based mail client for Unix operating systems. The current stable public release version is 1.4.2.3; the current development release version is 1.5.24. For more information, see the following:

- [Features](#)
  - [Documentation](#)
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  - [News](#) (releases, security alerts, etc.)
  - [Wiki](#)
  
  - [Mailing Lists](#)
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  - [Newsgroup](#): [comp.mail.mutt](http://comp.mail.mutt)
  
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## Features

Some of Mutt's features include:

- color support
- message threading
- MIME support (including RFC2047 support for encoded headers)
- PGP/MIME (RFC2015)
- various features to support mailing lists, including list-reply
- active development community
- POP3 support
- IMAP support
- full control of message headers when composing
- support for multiple mailbox formats (mbox, MMDF, MH, maildir)
- **highly** customizable, including keybindings and macros
- change configuration automatically based on recipients, current folder, etc.
- searches using regular expressions, including an internal pattern matching language
- Delivery Status Notification (DSN) support
- postpone message composition indefinitely for later recall
- easily include attachments when composing, even from the command line

- ability to specify alternate addresses for recognition of mail forwarded from other accounts, with ability to set the From: headers on replies/etc. accordingly
- multiple message tagging
- reply to or forward multiple messages at once
- *.mailrc* style configuration files
- easy to install (uses GNU autoconf)
- compiles against either curses/ncurses or S-lang
- translation into at least 20 languages
- small and efficient
- *It's free!* (no cost and GPL'ed)

Though written from scratch, Mutt's initial interface was based largely on the ELM mail client. To a large extent, Mutt is still very ELM-like in presentation of information in menus (and in fact, ELM users will find it quite painless to switch as the default key bindings are identical). As development progressed, features found in other popular clients such as PINE and MUSH have been added, the result being a hybrid, or "mutt." At present, it most closely resembles the [SLRN](#) news client. Mutt was originally written by [Michael Elkins](#) but is now developed and maintained by the members of the Mutt development [mailing list](#).

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## Documentation

### From the [Releases](#):

- Stable (1.4.2.3):
  - [Man Page](#)
  - Manual: [HTML](#) ([gzipped](#)) | [Text](#) ([gzipped](#))
  - [Recent Changes to Mutt](#) (please read if upgrading)
  - [Using Mutt with GnuPG/PGP](#)
  - [ChangeLog](#)
- Devel (1.5.24):
  - Manual: [HTML](#) ([gzipped](#)) | [Text](#) ([gzipped](#))
  - [Recent Changes to Mutt](#) (please read if upgrading)
  - [ChangeLog](#)
- CVS:
  - Manual: [HTML](#) | [Text](#)
  - [Recent Changes to Mutt](#) (please read if upgrading)
  - [ChangeLog](#)

### From the [Wiki](#):

- [Newbie Guide](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Screenshots](#)

- [User Config File Samples](#)
- [Third Party Patches](#)
- [Useful Add-Ons and Helper Programs](#)
- [User Mutt Pages](#)

## From Other Sources:

- [Mutt overview for newbies](#) (maintained by Bruno Postle)
- [FAQ](#) (maintained by Felix von Leitner)
- [Mutt and IMAP](#) (maintained by Brendan Cully)

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