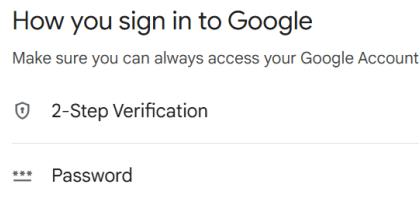




Guide: Creating a Gmail App Password

Step 1: Enable 2-Step Verification on Your Google Account

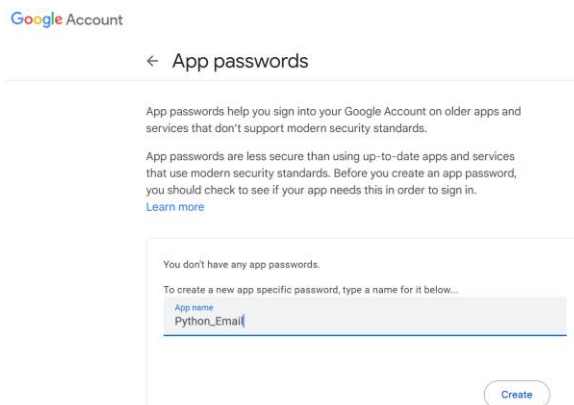
1. Go to Google Account Security.
2. Under "**Signing in to Google**", click "**2-Step Verification**".



3. Click "**Get started**" and follow the prompts.
4. Complete setup (this is required before you can create app passwords).

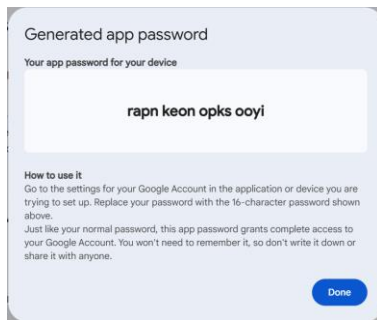
Step 2: Generate an App Password

1. After enabling 2-Step Verification, go back to Google Account Security.
2. Under "**Signing in to Google**", click "**App Passwords**".
 - If you don't see this, ensure 2-Step Verification is active.
3. In **Select app**, choose "**Mail**".
4. In **Select device**, choose "**Other (Custom name)**", and name it something like "**Python_Email**" (or anything you like).



5. Click "**Create**".

6. Google will give you a **16-character password** (example: abcd efgh ijkl mnop).



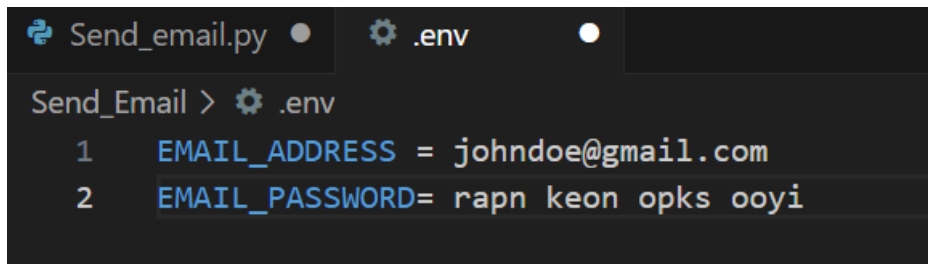
7. Copy this password **immediately**. You will not see it again!

Step 3: Create a .env File to Store Your Credentials

1. In your project directory, create a new file named .env.
2. Add the following lines to your .env file (replace placeholders with your details):

```
EMAIL_ADDRESS = # your_email@gmail.com
EMAIL_PASSWORD= # your_plaintext_app_password
```

Example:



3. **Save the file.**

Step 4: Secure Your .env File

-  **NEVER** upload your .env file to GitHub, Google Drive, or share it with anyone.