

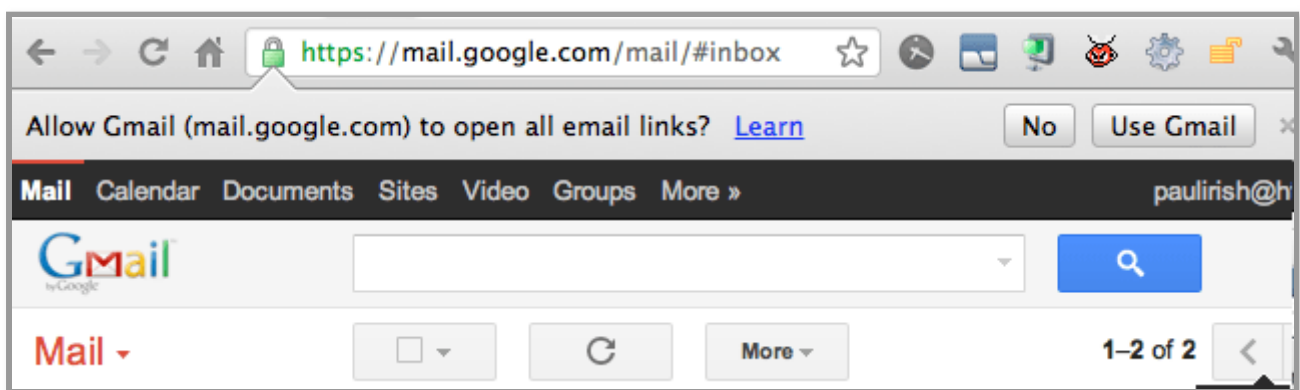
# Getting Gmail to handle all mailto: links with registerProtocolHandler



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If you use Gmail you may become frustrated when you click a `mailto:` link by accident and now your desktop client of Outlook or Mail starts up. Thanks to `navigator.registerProtocolHandler()` (which we've covered here before) you can wire up Gmail as your default mail client for all `mailto:` links in Chrome and Firefox.



Here's how:

1. First, open up a Gmail tab. You *must* do this from the Gmail tab, not your html5rocks one. :)
2. Open your javascript console (`cmd-opt-j` on Mac, `ctrl-shift-j` on Windows) and enter:
3. 

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navigator.registerProtocolHandler("mailto",  
                                "https://mail.google.com/mail/?extsrc=mail  
                                "Gmail");
```
4. Accept the confirmation from the browser.
5. Click this mailto: link to test out your new Gmail mailto hookup!

Boom. Enjoy.

If you ever need to removing this setting, you can do that at `chrome://settings/handlers` in Chrome and Preferences->Applications->mailto in Firefox.

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