

Thunderbird Email Client

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The free Thunderbird email client was developed by Mozilla. It is a robust, a secure and an easy-to-use email client. Thunderbird is an open source application that makes it easy for developers to freely build extensions to enhance its features. Thunderbird is not only an email client, but also a great client to set up newsgroup and RSS folders to fetch latest news info.

It is so easy to setup Thunderbird on a desktop. Under Windows operating systems, it only requires at least 52 MB data space, 64 MB RAM and Pentium 500 MHz or greater, similar for Linux systems. But for Mac, it requires 200 MB drive space and 128 MB RAM and can be setup on Intel x86 or PowerPC.

Get Thunderbird

Thunderbird can be downloaded from Mozilla Download Page. Copy the file into your local directory and you are ready to setup it on your desktop. Extract the file and you will see a setup windows as shown below. Then, just follow the instructions.

Fetch Gmail Messages with Thunderbird

Run Thunderbird and create an account. Click on Tools and select Account setting.

A window to set an account will popup. Click on Add Account button and select the type of account you would like to setup. Click Next and type your name and gmail address, e.g. first.last@gmail.com. Then, click Next again to setup Server Information. For Gmail, the server can either be POP or IMAP. If you select POP for incoming server, the name of incoming server would be pop.gmail.com, where as if you choose IMAP, the name of incoming server would be imap.google.com. The name for outgoing server (SMTP) is smtp.gmail.com, then click Next.

In the next window, enter your Gmail username (don't forget to include @gmail.com) in both incoming and outgoing user names, and click Finish.

One last thing that you need to do is to enable your POP and IMAP access setting under your Gmail account. You can do this by login into your Gmail account, click on Setting > Forwarding and POP/IMAP tab pane, and enable POP and IMAP access.