

How do I forward my Gmail to another email account automatically?

You have 2 options to forward your Gmail. You can either auto-forward or POP your mail.

How are POP and auto-forwarding different?

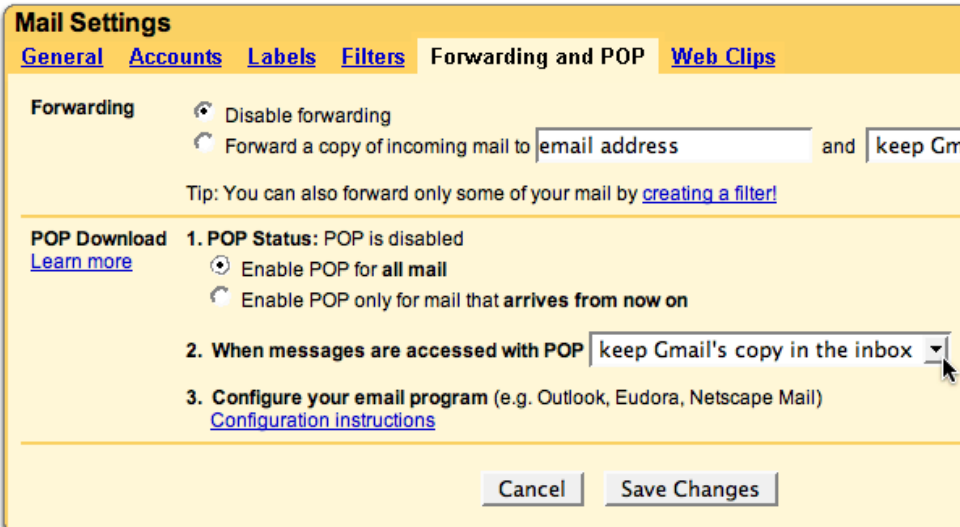
The Gmail Team is committed to making sure you always can access your mail. That's why we're offering POP access and auto-forwarding. Both features are free for all Gmail users and we have no plans to charge for them in the future.

POP, or **P**ost **O**ffice **P**rotocol, lets you download messages from Gmail's servers onto your computer so you can access your mail with a program like Microsoft Outlook Express or Netscape Mail, even when you aren't connected to the Internet. [Learn more.](#)

With auto-forwarding, you can redirect some or all of your messages to another email address, automatically. Auto-forwarding is different from POP access because you need to sign in to another email address to access the Gmail messages you've redirected. [Learn more.](#)

Here's how to forward messages automatically:

1. Sign in to Gmail.
2. Click [Settings](#) at the top of any Gmail page, and open the **Forwarding and POP/IMAP** tab.
3. Enter the email address to which you'd like your messages forwarded.
4. Select the action you'd like your messages to take from the drop-down menu. You can choose to keep Gmail's copy of the message in your inbox, or you can send it automatically to **All Mail** or **Trash**.
5. Click **Save Changes**.



The screenshot shows the Gmail Mail Settings interface. At the top, there are tabs for General, Accounts, Labels, Filters, Forwarding and POP, and Web Clips. The 'Forwarding and POP' tab is selected. Under the 'Forwarding' section, there are two radio button options: 'Disable forwarding' (which is selected) and 'Forward a copy of incoming mail to [email address] and [keep Gmail's copy in the inbox]'. Below this is a tip: 'Tip: You can also forward only some of your mail by [creating a filter!](#)'. Under the 'POP Download' section, there are three numbered items: 1. 'POP Status: POP is disabled' with two radio button options: 'Enable POP for all mail' (selected) and 'Enable POP only for mail that arrives from now on'. 2. 'When messages are accessed with POP' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'keep Gmail's copy in the inbox'. 3. 'Configure your email program (e.g. Outlook, Eudora, Netscape Mail)' with a link to 'Configuration instructions'. At the bottom of the settings panel are 'Cancel' and 'Save Changes' buttons.

You also can set up [filters](#) to forward messages that meet specific criteria. You can create 20 filters that forward to other addresses. You can maximize your filtered forwarding by [combining filters](#) that send to the same address.

See here for full instructions and details: <http://mail.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=12883>

****An alternative to forwarding email is Popping but 99.9% of the time forwarding will be your best option**

Pop Gmail

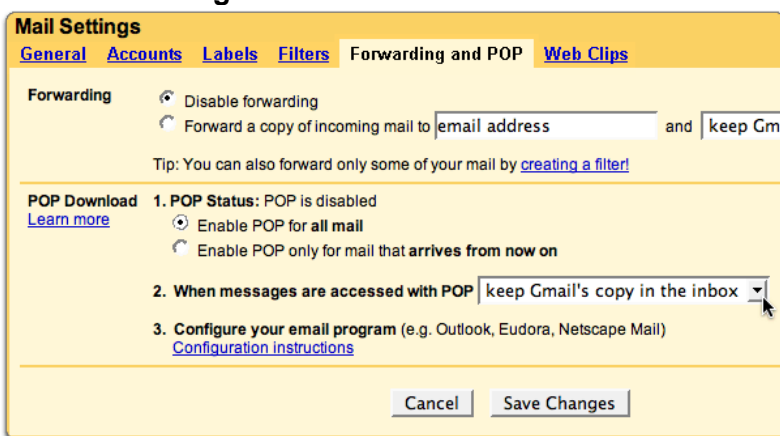
Here is all the information you would need: <http://mail.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=12805>

Enabling POP

You can retrieve your Gmail messages with a client or device that supports POP, like Microsoft Outlook or Netscape Mail.

To enable POP in Gmail:

1. Sign in to Gmail.
2. Click **Settings** at the top of any Gmail page.
3. Click **Forwarding and POP/IMAP**.



4. Select **Enable POP for all mail** or **Enable POP for mail that arrives from now on**.
5. Choose the action you'd like your Gmail messages to take after they are accessed with POP.
6. [Configure your POP client](#)* and click **Save Changes**.

Supported POP client list

Once you've enabled POP in Gmail, configure your mail client or wireless device to POP Gmail messages.

To see our recommended settings or troubleshoot POP issues, click the name of your mail client or wireless device below.

If your mail client isn't listed here, we're unfortunately not yet able to provide assistance with its configuration.

Mail Clients

[Apple Mail 3.0](#)
[Outlook Express](#)
[Outlook 2002](#)
[Outlook 2003](#) (see our [animated demo](#))

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