How do I configure Outlook email client in IMAP mode to work with Gmail in Windows?

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IT Support

The University's ITS Department provides limited technical support for those electing to use an IMAP client to retrieve Gmail. Support includes best effort IT phone support (no ticket escalation) and the FAQs shown. Individual colleges/departments may provide additional support. The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) IT does not support IMAP email clients.

Tip

A change in email can be difficult, especially at first. Please explore and use the features of Gmail exclusively for at least 30 days before considering going back to a desktop email client. Thunderbird, Outlook and Apple Mail do not offer the full search, integration and ease of use found by using a supported web browser with Google Gmail.

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8. Click **Next**
9. Enter **Your Name**
10. Enter **Email Address**
11. Under **Server Information, Account Type** click on the drop down arrow and choose **IMAP**
12. **Incoming mail server**: imap.gmail.com
13. **Outgoing mail server (SMTP)**: smtp.gmail.com
14. Enter your full email address (user@uncc.edu)
15. Enter your NinerNET password

16. Click on **More Settings**
17. Click on **Outgoing server**

4. When prompted to add an email account, select **Yes** and click **Next**

5. Your name and email address will appear. Select **Manual setup**

6. Select the **Change account settings** option and click **Next**
18. Check **My outgoing server (SMTP) requires authentication**

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24. Click OK
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27. Click Turn on and return to Outlook and click OK on the error

28. Enter your full email address and NinerNET password and click OK
29. Click Close when shown test email confirmation

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Related FAQs

- How do I setup my Gmail to use POP since my device doesn't support IMAP?
- How do I enable IMAP in Gmail so I can use Thunderbird, Outlook or Apple Mail email client?
- How do I configure Thunderbird email client in IMAP mode to work with Gmail on Windows?
- How do I configure Outlook email client in IMAP mode to work with Gmail in Windows?
- How do I use G Suite Sync for viewing Gmail in Outlook?