

# Centralize mail from different accounts with Mail Fetcher

If you'd like to centralize all your email from different accounts into one Gmail account, use Mail Fetcher. You can download messages from up to five other email accounts, including accounts from Gmail and other email providers.

**Using Google Apps?** To fetch messages from a Google Apps account, please use our [POP settings](#) to configure Mail Fetcher.


## What is Mail Fetcher, and how does it work?

Mail Fetcher downloads all your old emails as well as new emails--if you just need to centralize new emails, try [auto-forwarding your mail](#) instead.

Setting up Mail Fetcher is easy and free, but the email accounts you'd like to fetch from must support POP access and, in the case of Gmail addresses, have POP access enabled. Some free email services don't offer POP access to their users, so please contact the customer service department of your other webmail provider to determine if POP access is available in your non-Google email account.

Once you've set up Mail Fetcher, Google will check your other accounts on a regular basis, and new mail will appear automatically in Gmail. Gmail checks each account at different rates, which are based on previous attempts to fetch new messages; you can't choose the frequency.


## How to set up Mail Fetcher:

1. Open [Gmail](#).
2. Click the  gear in the top right.
3. Select **Settings**.
4. Open the **Accounts** tab.
5. In the **Check mail from other accounts (using POP3)** section, click **Add a POP3 mail account you own**.
6. Enter the full email address of the account you'd like to access, then click **Next Step**.
7. Gmail will populate sample settings, but we recommend checking with your other provider to learn the correct server name and port. Enter your **Password**.
8. Decide whether to:
  - o [Leave a copy of retrieved messages on the server](#)
  - o [Always use a secure connection \(SSL\) when retrieving mail](#)
  - o [Label incoming messages](#)
  - o [Archive incoming messages](#)

9. Click **Add Account**.
10. Once your account has been added successfully, you'll have the option of setting it as a custom From address. This allows you to compose messages in Gmail, but have them appear to be sent from your other email account. Click **Yes** to set up a custom From address.

## **Disable Mail Fetcher**

You can disable Mail Fetcher by following these steps:

1. Open Gmail.
2. Click the  gear in the top right.
3. Select **Settings**.
4. Open the **Accounts** tab.
5. Find the **Check mail from other accounts (using POP3)** section.
6. Click **delete** next to the account you wish to disable.

Mail Fetcher will stop retrieving new messages, but any mail that you previously received will remain in Gmail until you delete it.

Also, please note that previously fetched messages, especially if there were a large number, may still arrive even after you've disabled Mail Fetcher. If you continue to receive mail from your other account a few hours after disabling Mail Fetcher, your other account may be configured to automatically forward your mail. Please log into your other email account and check your automatic forwarding settings. If you're not sure how to turn off automatic forwarding, ask your other webmail provider for further assistance.