

EMAIL:

There are two (2) distinct methods for how users access their email and this can create problems and issues when it does not work properly.

Browser Access to a Remote Email Server:

Accessing your email via an online remote email server keeps all of your messages, data, and attachments on the Internet based mail server. Using an online remote email server is becoming more popular as the cost of storing large amounts of data in a secure and backed-up hosting environment is basically free.

To access your remote email server, you would use an Internet browser application to connect and login to your online email account. The remote email server will provide functionality required to read, compose, send, and manage your email messages.

NOTE: All of your email resides on the server and is unavailable to you unless you are connected to the server to access it.

Some of the popular free online remote email services include:

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| 1. Gmail.com | 6. Yahoo! Mail | 11. Inbox.com Mail |
| 2. AOL Mail | 7. Zoho Mail | 12. Yandex Mail |
| 3. iCloud Mail | 8. GMX Mail | 13. Lycos.com Mail |
| 4. Outlook.com | 9. Fastmail | |
| 5. Mail.com | 10. Hushmail | |

Device Based Email Application:

Accessing your email via a computer based email application is different than accessing via a remote email server. The email client application is responsible for establishing and maintaining the connection to the remote email server. The email client synchronizes the inbox and the send box with the remote email server, downloading and/or uploading all of your messages, data, and attachments to your computer. The email client application does not rely on the remote email server to save or backup as it stores all of your email on the computer.

Using computer based email client application is important for users that need access to their email messages at anytime, especially if online access is unavailable. An email client application is also extremely useful for users that have multiple email accounts as it allows simultaneous access to all of the user's email accounts through a single application.

Some of the popular email client applications include:

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| 1. Apple Mail | 7. Microsoft Outlook | 13. Touchmail |
| 2. Thunderbird | 8. The Bat | 14. Outlook Express |
| 3. Nylas Mail | 9. Opera Mail | 15. Google Mail Client |
| 4. Win 10 Mail & Calendar | 10. eM Client | 16. Yahoo Mail Client |
| 5. Mailbird | 11. Hiri | 17. AOL Mail Client |
| 6. Postbox | 12. Windows Live Mail | |

Smartphones tend to utilize email apps, whereas computers tend to be fairly evenly split between remote browser access and email apps. Either type or even a combination of both will work for just about everyone's email access requirements.