



## Free Email Services on the Web

**Gmail** <http://mail.google.com>

Gmail is the Google approach to email and chat. Practically unlimited free online storage allows you to collect all your messages, and Gmail's simple but very smart interface lets you find them precisely and see them in context without effort.

**Yahoo! Mail** <http://www.yahoo.com/>

Yahoo! Mail is an ubiquitous email program on the web with unlimited storage and RSS news feeds, SMS texting and instant messaging to boot.

**Inbox Mail** <http://www.inbox.com>

Inbox.com not only gives you 5 GB to store your mail online but also a highly polished, fast and functional way to access it via either the web (including speedy search, free-form labels and reading mail by conversation) or through POP in your email program.

**FastMail Guest Account** <http://www.fastmail.fm>

FastMail is a great free email service with IMAP access, useful features, one of the best web-based email interfaces and few ads.

**Windows Live Hotmail** <http://www.hotmail.com>

Windows Live Hotmail is a free email service that gives you a 5 GB of online storage, fast search, solid security and an interface easy as a desktop email program. When it comes to organizing mail, Windows Live Hotmail does not go beyond folders (to saved searches and tags, for example), its spam filter could be more effective, and POP or IMAP access are missing.

**Bluebottle** <http://www.bluebottle.com>

Bluebottle offers email accounts that are practically free of spam (using challenge/response filtering) and can be accessed on the web or using POP with any email program. Bluebottle could offer more tools for efficiently handling mail, though, online storage is in a somewhat short supply, and challenge/response filtering comes with its own share of problems.

**BigString** <http://www.bigstring.com>

BigString.com is a free 2 GB email service that includes rich secure and certified mail services and lets you password-protect, expire or edit sent messages, for example.

Unfortunately, BigString.com is not equally well equipped for handling incoming mail and lacks organizing tools.

**HotPoP** <http://www.hotpop.com>

HotPOP offers free, reliable email accounts you can use with any email program using POP3 and SMTP. In addition, HotPOP lets you forward incoming messages to multiple other addresses. Unfortunately, HotPOP lacks IMAP access and a web-based email interface and is a bit short on storage space.

**Goowy Mail** <http://www.goowy.com>

Goowy mail is a rich Desktop email program on the web with a fast interface that lets you drag and drop and use context menus. In addition to email, Goowy offers a calendar, an RSS feed reader, and games.

**My Way Mail** <http://www.myway.com>

My Way Mail is a fast and fun (though not particularly advanced) free email service. It lacks secure messaging and other advanced, non-essential features.