

## E mail services

E-mail is the electronic mail. It is the postal service used in the internet. It can be used to send messages to anyone who is connected to the internet. E-mail is so fast that it takes only a few seconds to reach the destination.

Free email services have become the main way of communication on this modern web. Today most of us owns a free email services like Gmail, Outlook and Yahoo mail. But with the advancement of modern computer technology more and more free email services are coming for public use. Many features are available nowadays such as speed, security, anti-spam features, productivity, storage space, apps for mobile devices and many more. We should always choose a fast, secure and reliable email service.

Using E-mail, files can also be transferred. To send an E-mail message, an E-mail address is required. It is similar to the form given below.

Your [name@domainname.com](#)

For example

[saras@yahoo.com](#)

Various organizations and domains are offering E-mail services free of charge. Some of the popular E-mail services are

1. Hotmail.com
2. yahoo.com
3. Rediffmail.com
4. Mail.com

An account should be created with the E-mail service provider in order to send the E-mail message. If an account is created with the Hotmail.com, then the address would be: [Username@hotmail.com](#) When an account is created, the user is provided with a pass-word so that only he can access his account; others cannot see his messages.

The e-mail can be compared to a postal service.

1. The e-mail has an e-mail address like our postal address.
2. Each e-mail user has a mailbox just as a post box in our house.
3. When sending an e-mail, the user uses the e-mail address just like writing postal address on the letter.
4. The receiver, views the mail from his mailbox at his own convenient time just as we see our postal letters.
5. After reading, the receiver can save it, edit it, reply it or delete it.

### **Advantages of E-mail**

1. It is faster than post.
2. Mailing cost is very low even for long distances.
3. The receiving person need not be available at the time of mailing.
4. The e-mail can be stored, edited, etc.

### **Disadvantages of E-mail**

1. If some advertising company knows the E-mail address. They may send messages even if the user doesn't request for it. This is known as spam.
2. One cannot reject his incoming mail messages.
3. It is insecure.

### **Important points**

Electronic Mail (e-mail) : E-Mail is a communication technology used to send e-letters to one or more users through internet. It is used to send electronic letters across the network.

1. An account should be created with the email service provider in order to send the email message. If an account is created with the gmail.com, then the address would be username@gmail.com. When the account is created, the user is provided with a password so that only the concerned person can alone access his account.
2. Each email address has a unique name belonging to a domain. For example, sanplemail@yahoo.com is the email address here "samplemail" is the unique name and "yahoo" is the domain name and .com is the domain type.
3. E-mail can be accessed through a web based inter- face or through software known as Mail Transfer Agent.
4. Email services through web based interface are accessed by the web browser like internet explorer.
5. Email services through Mail transfer agent are accessed through a set of protocols. Outlook express, Mozilla thunderbird and Eudora mail are examples tor Mail transfer agent.
6. E-mail is a fast, easy, and inexpensive way to communicate with other Internet users around the world.
7. E-mail can also be used to send documents, images, audio, and video and so on, as an attachment along with the mail.
8. Various organizations and domains are offering email services at free of charge. The popular email services are yahoo.com, rediff.com, gmail.com and hotmail.com.

### **Top 10 email services:**

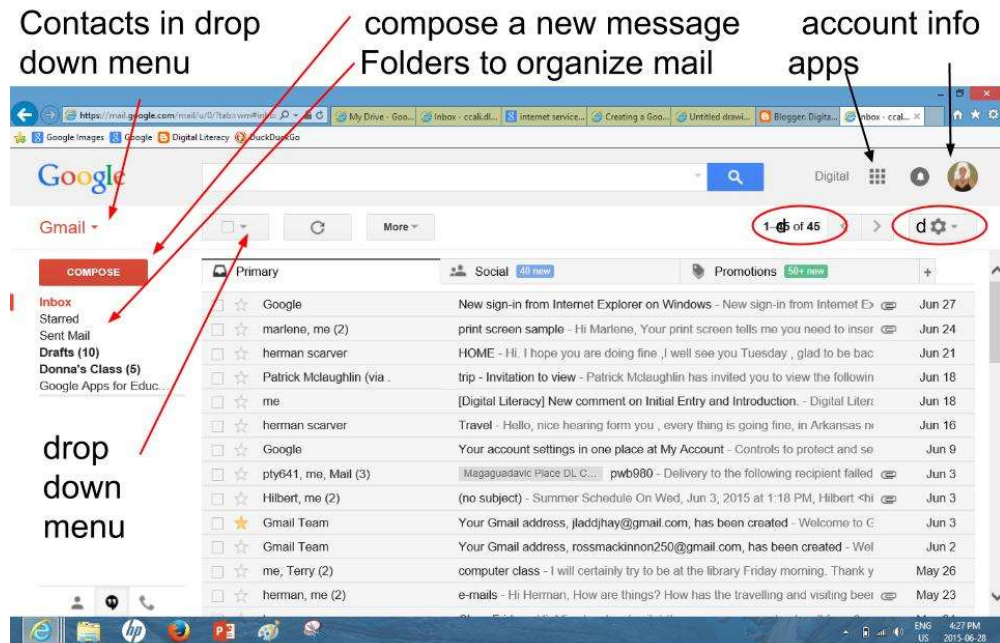
1. Gmail
2. Outlook.com
3. Yahoo mail
4. AOL mail

5. Zoho mail
6. Mail.com
7. Yandex mail
8. Inbox.com
9. GMX email
10. iCloud mail



**1.** **Gmail**

- Gmail is the most used & best free email service around the globe. Gmail is also among the most popular service from Google. Gmail provides plenty of features to its users. This email service from tech giant Google provides a very simple user interface. Most of the people around the world prefer Gmail over any other email service.
- Some of its rock-solid features include:
  - Storage: Gmail provides 15GB of free storage to its users. You can use this free storage for Google Drive and Google Plus photos. If you are with Gmail, you don't have to worry about out of storage space.
  - Security: As Gmail is world's biggest tech organization Google, security should not be the point to worry about. Gmail comes with some of the best security features in industry. These features include HTTPS, malware & phishing protection and best anti-spam shield. It also provide two step authentication feature.
  - Productivity: Gmail also includes hefty productivity features. As Gmail is integrated with Google Drive, you can send email attachments up to 10GB. All of the emails are organized in four tabs Primary, Social, Promotions and Updates by default. It supports both POP and IMAP. You can search the email right from inbox.
  - Send Money: Gmail has also got a feature of sending money. This feature is available in few countries now.
  - Mobile Apps: Gmail apps for mobile is available for Android and iOS.



## 2.

## Outlook.com

Outlook.com is famous free email service from Microsoft Previously it was known as Hotmail. Like Gmail, Outlook provides a cleaner user interface inspired by metro UI of Windows 8. Outlook.com provides better privacy features than Gmail. It features includes:

- Microsoft Office Integration: Microsoft Office is fully integrated in Outlook.com so that you can easily create and view office files directly in email dashboard.
- It provides practically unlimited storage
- Industry standard spam filtering and virus scanning
- Skype is integrated right in Outlook.com
- Use of DMARD for better security
- POP3, IMAP and EAS are supported
- Social Media Integration let you to chat with your Facebook friends



3. **Yahoo.com**

- Yahoo Mail is another popular web-based free email service.
- This email service is provided by Yahoo.
- When you will sign up for Yahoo Mail, you will given 1TB (1000GB) of free email storage.
- Yahoo messenger is already integrated in Yahoo mail. Both POP and IMAP are supported by this email service.
- Its anti-spam features are best in class.
- It also provides SMS messaging.
- Its interface is somewhat similar to Outlook.com.



4. **Aol mail**

- AOL is the short name of America Online.
- AOL mail is also a popular & free web-based email service.
- Some of its features include unlimited email storage, spam & virus protection, SSL based process, spell checker and much more.
- POP3, IMAP and SMTP are supported.
- AOL Mail is one of the best services made for personal use.



5. Zoho mail

- Zoho Mail is one of best web-based email service for with a cleaner looking user interface.
- It provides a minimalist interface.
- Zoho ensures you about its best privacy features.
- Zoho Mail features includes Zoho docs, best security, 99.9% up-time, iOS & Android apps, POP/IMAP migration and many more.
- All of these features make Zoho Mail is a must use free email service for personal & business use.



6. Mail.com

- Mail.com is another free email service operated by United Internet which is an internet company based in Germany.
- It provides hefty features including unlimited email storage, great spam & virus protection.
- You can also access mail.com from your mobile via Android & iOS apps.
- You can send attachment up to 50MB size.



7. **Yandex mail**

- Yandex Mail is one of the best free email service provided by Russian internet company, Yandex.
- Yandex Mail provides unlimited email storage, access via SSL, POP/IMAP support and more.
- One of the major point of this free email service is that it is protected by “Spamoborona” technology and the Dr.Web antivirus.
- Yandex Mail’s mobile app is also available.



8. **Inbox.com**

- Inbox.com come with 5GB of free email storage. It provides a highly intuitive & fast interface.
- It supports POP and SMTP but there is no support for IMAP.
- You can also share photos from Inbox.com email service.
- It also features best in class spam & virus filtering technology.
- From Inbox.com, you can send an attachment up to 30MB size.



9. **GMX email**

- GMX Email is provide GMX from Germany.
- It features includes unlimited storage of emails, 50MB attachment size, POP/IMAP and SMTP support, file sharing, spam & virus protection etc.
- In fact it's an all in one free email service for personal and business use.



10. **iCloud mail**

- iCloud Mail is the free email service from Apple. The user interface of this email service is beautiful.
- You can access this email from IMAP but POP supports is not included in this.
- You can create iCloud Mail from only Apple's devices. You will get 5GB of storage when you sign up.