

Upgrading Thunderbird E-mail for Windows

Upgrading from Version 2 to Version 3.1 of the Mozilla Thunderbird E-mail Client for Windows

Overview

This document provides instructions for migrating your e-mail account(s) from version 2.0 to version 3.1 of the Mozilla Thunderbird e-mail client for Windows. To obtain the Thunderbird 3.1 installer, go to **Help → Check for Updates....** and follow the instructions provided.

Migrating from Version 2 to 3.1

The instructions below explain how to configure Thunderbird 3.1 just after you have upgraded from version 2. These steps provide the settings ITS recommends for using Thunderbird for Windows with IC's e-mail systems. Thunderbird 3.1 has some new features and behaviors that are enabled by default. ITS recommends that your initial configuration of Thunderbird 3.1 use settings that most closely resemble Thunderbird 2 for ease of transition.

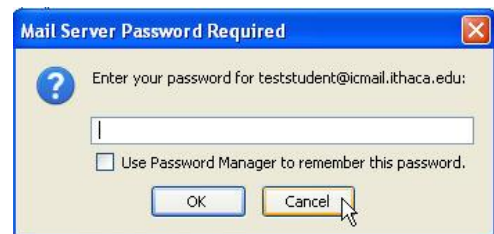
1. After you have run the installer for version 3.1, you'll be prompted to enter your password (but **don't!**) for each Thunderbird account you have configured. Click **Cancel** for each prompt. **Do not** check the "Use Password Manager to remember this password" checkbox.
2. Open the **Account Settings** window from the Tools menu. Next, verify that in the Security Settings box, *Connection Security* is set to **SSL/TLS** and that the *Authentication method* is set to **Normal password**.
3. Select **Outgoing Server (STMP)** from the left side of the Account Settings window. Be sure that the proper account name is highlighted and click **Edit**. Next, in the Security and Authentication section at the bottom of the window, verify that *Connection security* is set to **STARTTLS**. Also, be sure that *Authentication method* is set to **Normal password**.
4. Click **Synchronization and Storage** on the left side of the Account Settings window. In the **Synchronize IMAP messages** section, decide whether to synchronize messages. This option will download a *copy* of all your messages to the local computer (all messages also remain on the server).
 - a. **Benefits** - Read messages without an Internet connection, full-text searching, faster searching and faster loading of messages.
 - b. **Drawbacks** - Time consuming to initially download and index all messages (from minutes to hours depending on network speed and number of messages) and additional disk space usage.
5. *If you choose to synchronize:* under **Message Synchronizing**, put a check in the checkbox next to "Keep messages for this account on this computer" and click **OK**. *If you choose not to synchronize:* **uncheck** the checkbox next to "Keep messages for this account on this computer" and click **OK**.
6. Click **OK** to save your settings for this account and to close the Account Settings window. (You can change your account settings later by choosing **Tools → Account Settings...**)
7. Open **Help → Migration Assistant, and use the Next button to navigate sections.**
8. Under the New Message Toolbar section, select **Message Buttons Toolbar**.
9. Click **Close** to exit the Migration Assistant tab; your settings will be applied.
10. Click **Get Mail** to be prompted for your password(s) and begin using Thunderbird 3.1!

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For a quick summary of changes in the new version of Thunderbird, choose **What's New** from the Help menu. More in-depth information is available in the **New Features and Changes** guide, which is online at http://kb.mozillazine.org/Thunderbird_3.1_-_New_Features_and_Changes. In addition, guidelines for using Thunderbird at Ithaca College are available on the Thunderbird support page on the ITS web site at <http://www.ithaca.edu/its/traindoc/email/tbird/>. If you have further questions about Thunderbird, or need help configuring the settings, contact the ITS Helpdesk at helpdesk@ithaca.edu or (607) 274-1000.

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