

How to Create a Gmail Account

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To sign up for Gmail, you must create a Google Account. You can use this account to sign in to Gmail and other Google products like Google Drive, Google Photos, YouTube, and Google Play.

First, click to open the [Google Account Creation](#) page.

You will need the following information during the signup process:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth

You will be asked to select:

- Username (it may already be taken, so have an alternative in mind)
- Password (8 or more characters; use letters, numbers, periods) -- be sure to record this

You won't be able to get a particular Gmail address if the username you requested is:

- Already being used.
- Very similar to an existing username (for example, if example@gmail.com already exists, you can't use examp1e@gmail.com).
- The same as a username that someone used in the past and then deleted.
- Reserved by Google to prevent spam or abuse.

Then, follow the steps on the screen to set up your account.

Using Gmail

To use Gmail, you can log in from a computer or add your account to the Gmail app on your phone or tablet. Once you're signed in, check your mail by opening your inbox.

1. On your computer, open a web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge) and enter gmail.com.
2. Enter your Google Account email or phone number and password.
 - If you see a page describing Gmail instead of the sign-in page, click **Sign In** in the top right corner of the page.

You can also add a link to your Gmail account to a desktop mail client like Apple Mail, Outlook, or Thunderbird. Follow the instructions provided by the application.

Helpful Links

- [Change or reset your password](#) [Change your Gmail settings](#)
- [Can't sign in to your Google Account](#)
- [Use Google products side by side](#)