

## Thunderbird configuration

The Thunderbird mail client is available for various operating systems (Linux, Mac, Windows). The configuration is very similar in all cases. The following information describes the configuration of an IMAP mail account under Windows, which should be similar on most other systems.

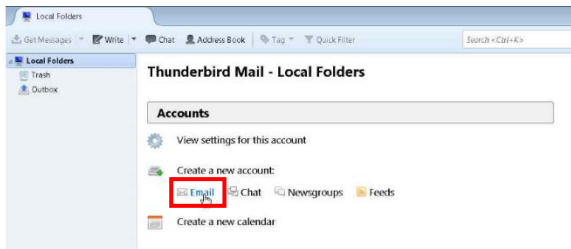


Figure 1

After starting Thunderbird, you will see this standard view. On the right-hand side, you can set up a new mailbox under "Accounts" – "Create a new account" – "Email".

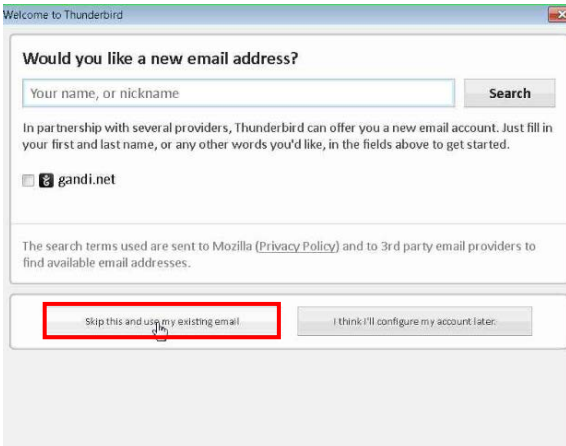
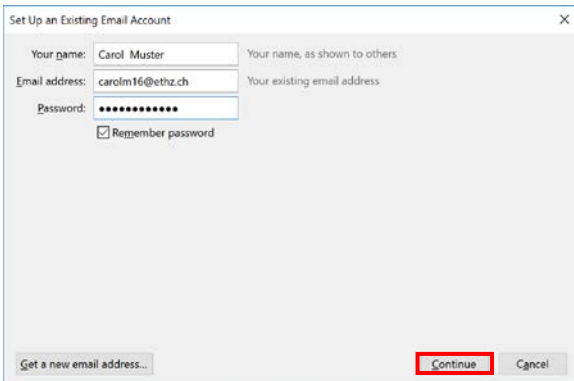


Figure 2

In this dialog box, select "Skip this and use my existing email".

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Set Up an Existing Email Account

Your name: Carol Muster Your name, as shown to others

Email address: carolm16@ethz.ch Your existing email address

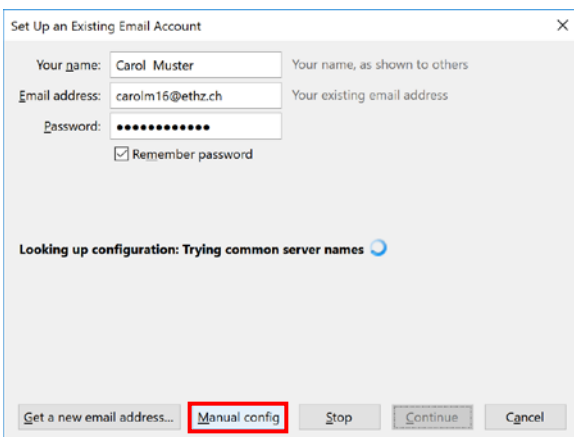
Password: ●●●●●●●●

Remember password

Get a new email address... **Continue** Cancel

Figure 3

Enter your mailbox details and click "Continue".



Set Up an Existing Email Account

Your name: Carol Muster Your name, as shown to others

Email address: carolm16@ethz.ch Your existing email address

Password: ●●●●●●●●

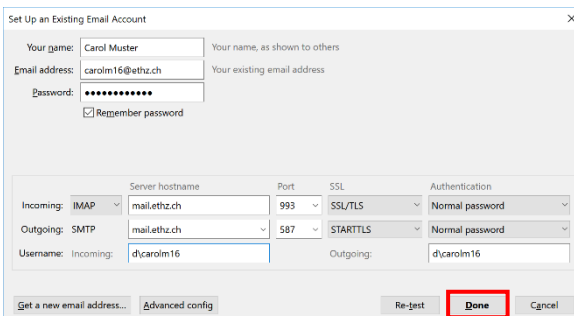
Remember password

Looking up configuration: Trying common server names

Get a new email address... **Manual config** Stop Continue Cancel

Figure 4

Thunderbird will now try to determine the mail server configuration automatically. Do not wait (!) for the process to finish, but select "Manual config" immediately.



Set Up an Existing Email Account

Your name: Carol Muster Your name, as shown to others

Email address: carolm16@ethz.ch Your existing email address

Password: ●●●●●●●●

Remember password

	Server hostname	Port	SSL	Authentication
Incoming:	mail.ethz.ch	993	SSL/TLS	Normal password
Outgoing:	mail.ethz.ch	587	STARTTLS	Normal password

Username: Incoming: d/carolm16 Outgoing: d/carolm16

Get a new email address... Advanced config Re-test **Done** Cancel

Figure 5

Enter the following details in the bottom half of the screen:

**Incoming:** *IMAP*  
**Server hostname:** *mail.ethz.ch*  
**Port:** *993*  
**SSL:** *SSL/TLS*  
**Authentication:** *Normal password*

**Outgoing:** *SMTP*  
**Server hostname:** *mail.ethz.ch*  
**Port:** *587*  
**SSL:** *STARTTLS*  
**Authentication:** *Normal password*

Then click "Done".

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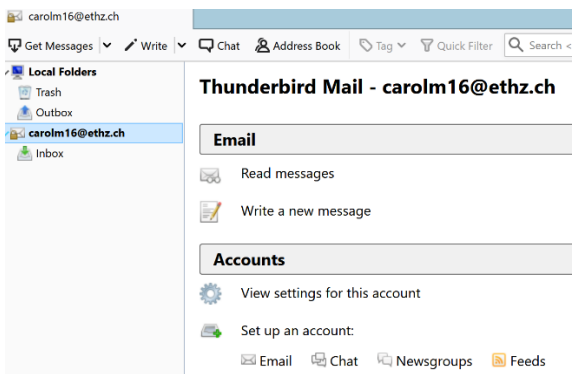


Figure 6

Your mailbox will be displayed as a new entry in Thunderbird.

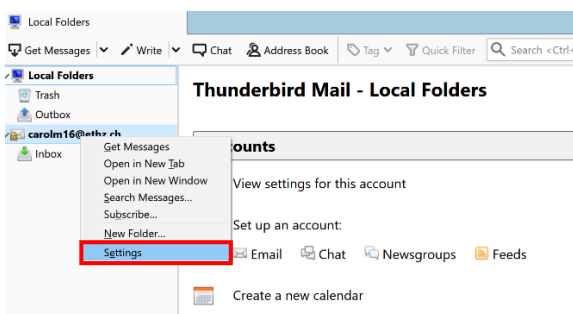


Figure 7

To access your mailbox configuration, right-click the respective entry in Thunderbird and select "Settings".

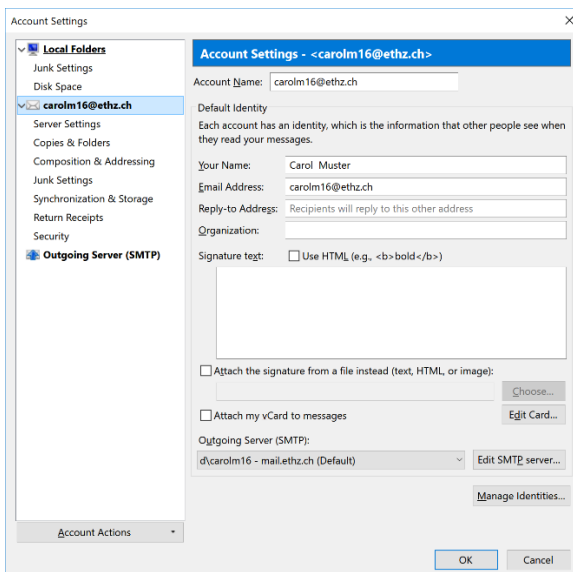


Figure 8

Configuration of the account settings

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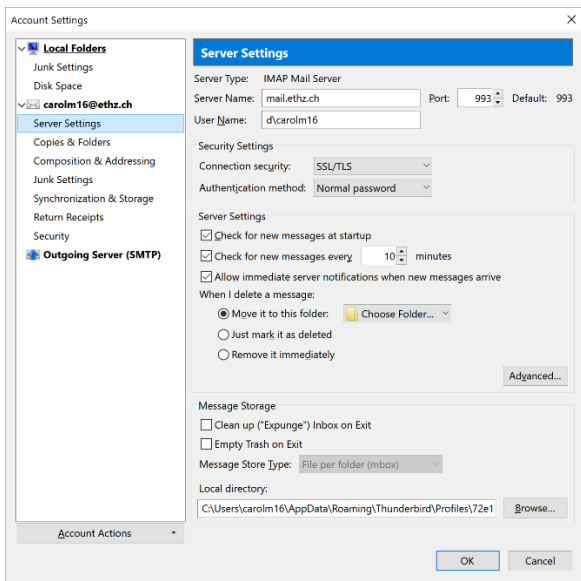


Figure 9

Configuration of the IMAP connection to the server.

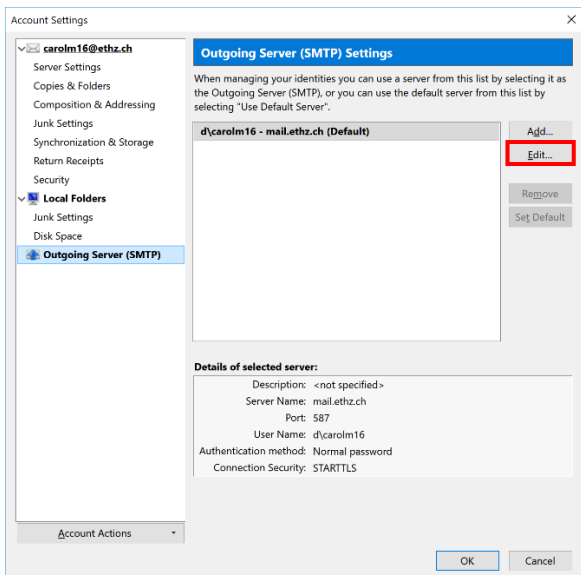
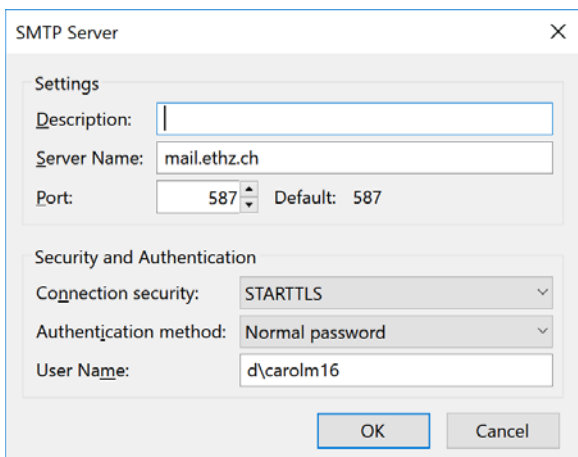


Figure 10

Configuration of the SMTP connection to the server.

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The screenshot shows the 'SMTP Server' configuration dialog box. It is divided into two sections: 'Settings' and 'Security and Authentication'. In the 'Settings' section, there is a 'Description' field (empty), a 'Server Name' field containing 'mail.ethz.ch', and a 'Port' field with a dropdown menu set to '587' and a 'Default: 587' label. The 'Security and Authentication' section contains a 'Connection security' dropdown menu set to 'STARTTLS', an 'Authentication method' dropdown menu set to 'Normal password', and a 'User Name' field containing 'd\carolm16'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Configuration of the SMTP connection to the server.

Figure 11

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