

Do I need Multiple Email Accounts?

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Erickson Connect Concerns

- **Comcast as internet provider**
 - First and foremost, using an email provider that is independent of your internet provider gives you more independence and control. When you sign up for internet service, your provider will typically give you an email address associated with that service. However, if you decide to switch to a different internet provider, you will lose access to that email address. By using a separate email provider, you can maintain control over your email account, regardless of whether you switch internet providers or not. This means you won't have to go through the hassle of changing your email address and notifying all your contacts if you decide to switch ISPs.

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Secondly, third-party email providers often offer more advanced features and options than those provided by your internet service provider. For example, many email providers offer advanced spam filtering, email forwarding, and integration with other services like calendars and task lists. By using a separate email provider, you can take advantage of these advanced features to make your email experience more productive and efficient.

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- Thirdly, using a separate email provider gives you more flexibility and options. When you use the email service provided by your internet provider, you are limited to the features and options that they offer. However, by using a separate email provider, you can choose a service that meets your specific needs and preferences. You can shop around and compare features, pricing, and user reviews to find the email provider that best suits your needs. You can also choose an email provider that has a more user-friendly interface or offers better customer support.

Other reasons for multiple accounts

- **Account recovery** - If you forget a password, having an additional email account can help in password recovery.
- **Organization** – Use one email for family, one for critical email (ie finance), and one for “throwaway” accounts (ie shopping, subscriptions, newsletters and other low security accounts).
- **Security** - Having multiple email accounts can help you maintain your privacy and security. If you use the same email account for all your online activities, it can be easy for hackers to gain access to all your accounts if they manage to hack into your email. By using a separate email account for sensitive activities like online banking and shopping, you can reduce the risk of a security breach affecting all your online accounts.

Email Forwarding options

- **Convenience:** Forwarding email allows you to receive all your messages in one place, even if you have multiple email accounts. This can save you time and hassle by eliminating the need to check multiple accounts separately.
- **Organization:** By forwarding your email to a single account, you can more easily keep track of all your messages in one place. This can help you stay organized and reduce the likelihood of missing important messages.
- **Accessibility:** Forwarding email can make it easier to access your messages from different devices, such as your computer, tablet, or smartphone. As long as you have access to the forwarded email account, you can view all your messages from any device.
- **Backup:** Forwarding email can be a way to create a backup of your messages, in case something happens to your original account. By forwarding your messages to a backup account, you can ensure that you don't lose important information if your original account is compromised or deleted.

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- Usually done in the “settings” of the email account. Just enter the common email and all incoming emails will be forwarded to that email. Use the option to keep the original email in the inbox AND forward email to common account.

Creating new accounts

- Gmail: Gmail is a free email service provided by Google. It offers features such as spam protection, customizable themes, and access to other Google services.
- Outlook.com: Outlook.com is a free email service provided by Microsoft. It offers features such as calendar integration, Skype integration, and customizable themes.
- Yahoo Mail: Yahoo Mail is a free email service provided by Yahoo. It offers features such as customizable themes, 1 TB of storage, and access to other Yahoo services.
- ProtonMail: ProtonMail is a free email service that offers end-to-end encryption and privacy-focused features.

Viewing multiple accounts

- Email clients: Email clients such as Microsoft Outlook, Mozilla Thunderbird, and Apple Mail can be used to view multiple email accounts in one place. These clients allow you to add multiple email accounts and manage them from a single interface.
- Mobile email apps: Mobile email apps such as Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, and Apple Mail can be used to view multiple email accounts on your smartphone or tablet. These apps allow you to add multiple email accounts and manage them from a single interface.

Using labels for different emails

- Organizing emails: Labels can help you organize your emails by grouping them into categories based on their content, sender, or status. This can help you quickly find specific emails and keep your inbox more organized.
- Prioritizing emails: You can use labels to prioritize emails based on their importance or urgency. For example, you can create a "priority" label for emails that require immediate attention or a "follow-up" label for emails that require a response at a later time.
- Filtering emails: Labels can help you filter your emails based on specific criteria, such as sender, subject, or date. This can help you quickly find relevant emails and reduce the time you spend searching for specific messages.

Using labels for different emails

Labels and filters serve different purposes in email management. Labels are best used for organizing and categorizing emails, while filters are best used for automating email processing based on specific criteria. However, labels and filters can be used together to create a more efficient and organized email system.