

## Setting Gmail as Your Browser's Default Email Client for *Mailto* Links

"Mailto" links are hyperlinks that use mailto instead of http://, so when someone clicks this type of link, a new email compose window pops up instead of a link to a website.

For Gmail users, you need to set up your preferred browser to use the Google Gmail program as your default for email.

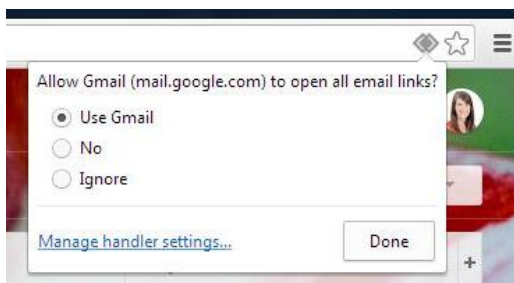
Here's how to set your preferred browser ([Chrome](#), [Internet Explorer](#), [Firefox](#) and [Safari](#)) to use Gmail as its default email client for *mailto* links:

### **Chrome:** How to Set Gmail as Your Default Email Client

**Step 1:** Open Gmail in Chrome and click the Protocol Handler icon  in your browser's address bar. If you don't see this icon, skip ahead to step 3.





**Step 2:** When prompted to "Allow Gmail to open all email links?", select "Use Gmail,"

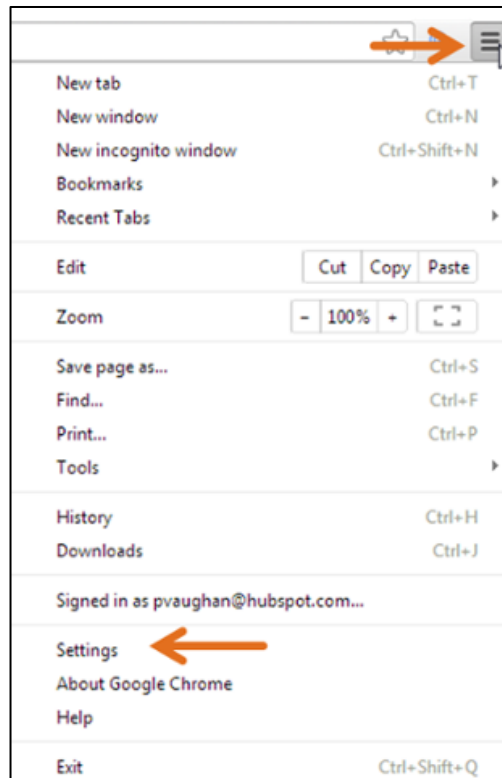


and click "Done."

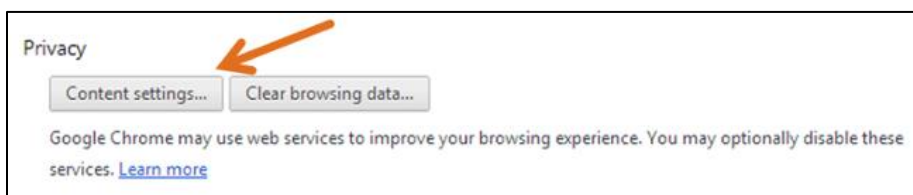
Then you're done! Skip steps 3-5.

**OR** go to Step 3 - 5 for Chrome Menu settings

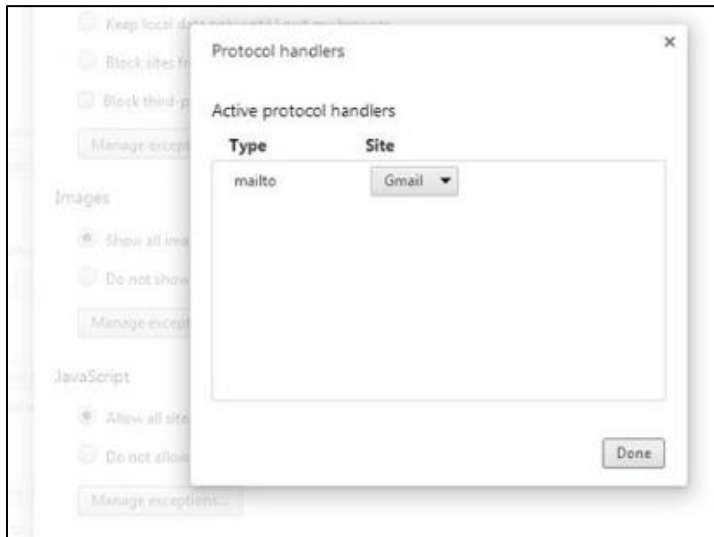
Step 3: If you were unable to see the Protocol Handler icon  , click the Chrome menu icon  in the top right corner of your browser, and choose "Settings."



Step 4: Click the "Show Advanced Settings" link at the bottom of the screen. Then click the "Content Settings" button under the "Privacy" header.



**Step 5: In the pop-up window, scroll down to the "Handlers" section and click the "Manage Handlers" button.**



**Then select Gmail from the mailto dropdown, click "Done," and you're done!**

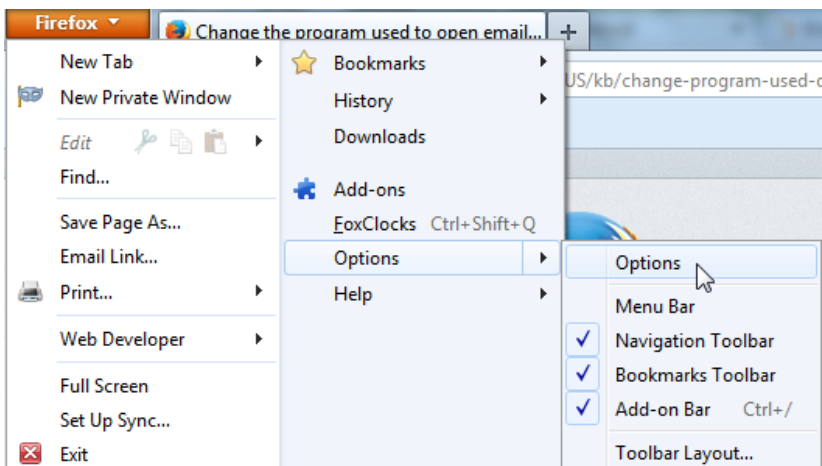
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## **Firefox:** How to Set Gmail as Your Default Email Client

**Step 1: In the top left corner of your Firefox browser, click the Firefox menu button. Then choose "Options."**



**Step 2:** Click the "Applications" tab, type "mailto" into the search bar, and click the drop-down arrow next to the "Action" column. Select "Use Gmail," click "OK and done!"

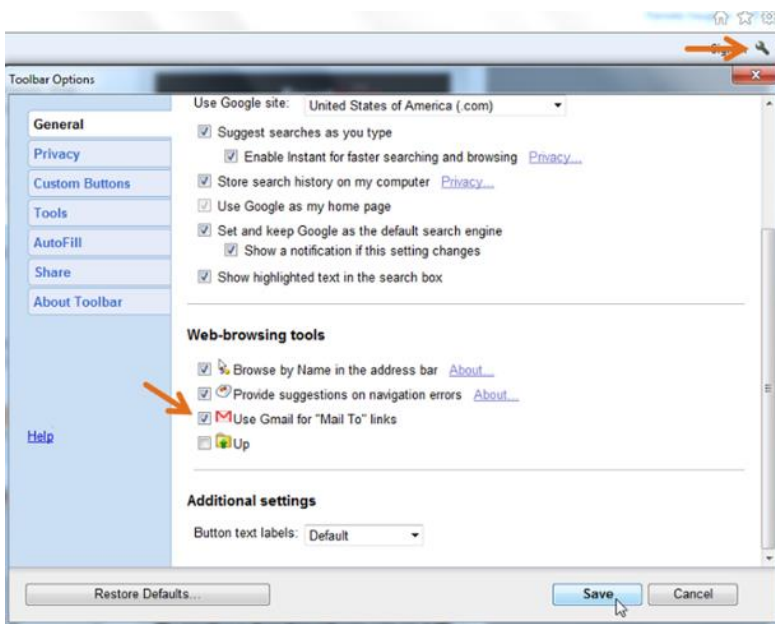
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## **Internet Explorer:** How to Set Gmail as Your Default Email Client

**Step 1:** [Click here to install the Google Toolbar for Internet Explorer.](#)



**Step 2:** Once installed, click the wrench icon  at the top right corner of your Internet Explorer browser to open the Toolbar Options window.

Scroll down to the "Web-browsing tools" section, select "Use Gmail for 'Mail To' links," and click "Save." And Done.

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## **Safari:** How to Set Gmail as Your Default Email Client


**Step 1:** [Click here to download Google's Mailto Extension for Safari.](#) Click the arrow at the top right of your Safari browser, click the download, and click "Install" in the pop-up window.



Step 2: Select Gmail from the list of options.

## Options

Select the email service you use

- AOL mail
- Fastmail
- Gmail 
- Hotmail / Windows Live Mail / Outlook.com
- Yahoo mail
- Zoho mail

[Custom URL](#)

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