

Installing Mozilla Thunderbird

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Introduction

In the *Email Basics* section, the three requirements for using email were detailed. There are repeated below for review.



The thing to remember is that to send and receive email you must have three things:

1. An email address supplied by a **web mail host**.
2. A computer connected to the Internet through an Internet Service Provider (**ISP**).
3. A computer program, **email software**, that enables you to compose, send, and read email messages.

This section will focus on email software. There are a lot of choices of email software available. Some ISP's, like Yahoo, provide their own email software. The problem with most of these is that they fill the screen with unwanted advertising. Many people use *Microsoft Outlook Express*, which is automatically installed with the Windows operating system. If you choose Outlook Express, however, be sure to continually check for, and install, the latest patches and upgrades from Microsoft. Outlook has a number of software holes that hackers find and use to get into your computer and do things like send nasty email to everyone in your address book. Microsoft is constantly creating software patches to plug these holes.

This article contains instructions for installing email software called **Mozilla Thunderbird**. I have been using this program for a couple of years now and am very satisfied with its performance. It is

available for downloading free from the **Mozilla** group that also provides an *Internet Browser* program called **Firefox**.

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NOTE: The Mozilla Thunderbird setup file is about 6 megabytes in size. You need to have a broadband Internet connection to download this size file in a reasonable amount of time.



Also, the following process assumes that you know how to use *Windows Explorer* to locate files. If you are not familiar with *Windows Explorer*, there is a document in the *Bristol Village Schoolhouse* web page that explains it.

- ☞ Start your Internet Browser program (this might be *Microsoft Internet Explorer*, or **Mozilla Firefox**).
- ☞ When the *Internet Browser* program is open, enter www.mozilla.com in the Address window of the Browser.

Your display should look similar to that shown below.



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☞ When the Mozilla home page is on the display, select the Thunderbird 2 option.

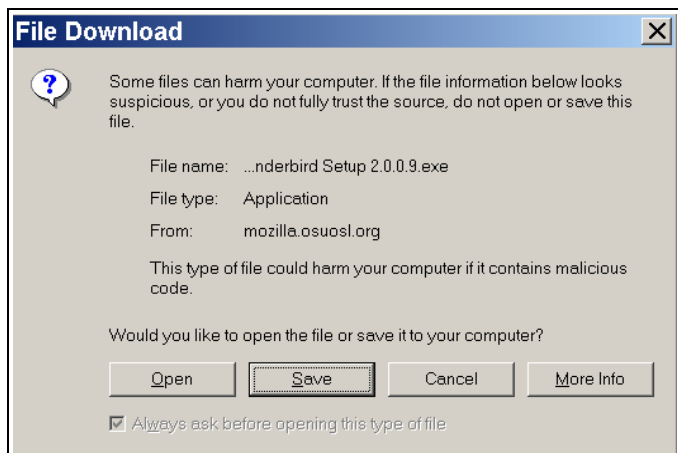
This will open the download window. Observe that you can select versions for windows or other operating systems such as **Linux** or **Mac**.

☞ Select the **Download Thunderbird** button.

This will open a dialog box that will prompt your to save the **Thunderbird** file.



☞ Select a location for the file that you will be able to find later.

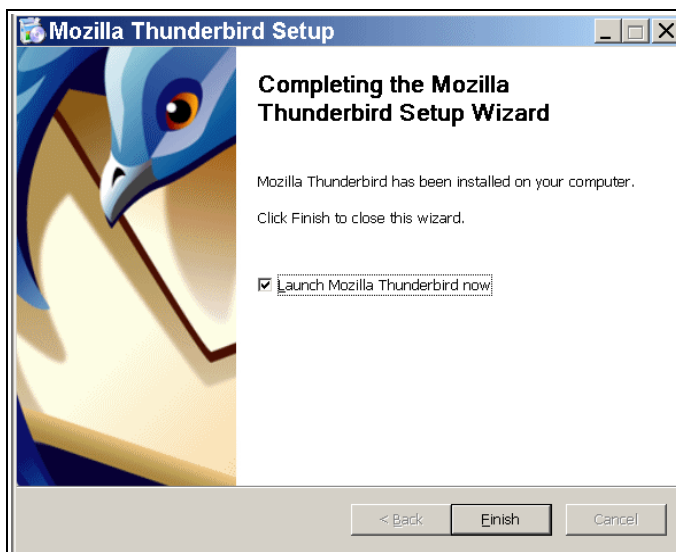


After the Thunderbird setup program has been downloaded, locate the **Thunderbird Setup exe** file (use **Windows Explorer**) and **double-click** on the file name.

☞ Follow the prompts to start the **Thunderbird Setup Wizard**. You will be asked to agree to the standard License Agreement. Accept this to install the program.

☞ When prompted, select the **Standard** setup.

☞ Select the **Launch Thunderbird** option in the Setup Wizard, then select the **Finish** button.



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