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2 INTRODUCTION

Emailchemy® reads emails from the closed, proprietary file formats of the most popular (and many of yesterday's forgotten) email applications and converts them to standard, portable formats that any application can use. Emailchemy also includes an embedded IMAP mail server that allows any IMAP-compatible email application to download your converted mail.

Emailchemy converts proprietary email formats to many popular formats based on RFC-5322 (formerly RFC-822). This is the official Internet standard for email that has been around since 1973. Most modern email applications are able to directly use or import these standard formats.

Things you can do with Emailchemy:

- Recover/export email from an old application or file format
- Import email into your new email application
- Convert email to standard formats, for:
  - Entry into a database
  - Long-term archival
  - Forensic analysis (eDiscovery)
- Repair or clean mailbox files
- Condense/split email files and archives
- Make older email Y2K compliant

Note: The screenshots in this user manual were taken on a macOS system. If you are using another operating system, you'll see the same window but it will look more like the style of the other applications on your computer.

2.1 FILES THAT EMAILCHEMY CAN READ

Emailchemy can read all standard message storage formats:

- EML (.eml files, one message per file)
- mbox (RFC-4155 including mboxo, mboxrd, mboxcl mboxcl2)
- maildir (including maildir++ and IMAPdir)

Emailchemy can also read files from most email programs found on Windows, Mac or Linux, and it can do this while running on any of these systems. So, if you don't have your old computer or old email program anymore but you still have the email files, Emailchemy can read them anywhere.

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### 2.2 Files that Emailchemy can write

The RFC-4155 mbox, or "Standard mbox File", is the format that most email programs should be able to import. However, there may be times when the other formats could be useful. For example, the Comma-Separated Value File format is widely used for importing data into databases. The Folders of RFC-5322 Message Files option separates...
your mailbox files into separate, human-readable files. This format could be useful for creating journals or batch printing. Emailchemy also provides some variations of the mbox format for easy import into certain mail programs.

Emailchemy can write email to these formats:

- MBOX (.mbox) the "standard mbox" format specified by RFC-4155
- EML (.eml) individual RFC-5322 email
- Comma-separated value (.csv)
- Maildir, including maildir++ and IMAPdir
- Apple Mail (macOS X Mail)
- Thunderbird
- Entourage Archives (.rge)
- Emailchemy’s IMAP server format
- Outlook for Windows (.pst)
- Outlook for Mac (.olm)
- Exchange Journal Record message files

### 2.3 IMAP SUPPORT

Emailchemy can host your converted mail in its own IMAP mail server, providing you with an easy way to import mail into your new email application.

Emailchemy’s IMAP has been tested to be compatible with:

- Apple Mail
- Eudora 7 for Windows
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Entourage
- Microsoft Outlook Express 6
- Thunderbird

### 2.4 TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Emailchemy is distributed as "trialware." This means that we allow you to download and try out our software, but some features may be limited or disabled until Emailchemy is purchased and then registered with a valid registration key.

However, the disabled features will not prevent you from determining if Emailchemy can translate your email files. The trial version creates throwaway data, and if you delete the original files you will lose the information. The trial version also replaces certain mail headers with phrases such as "Please buy me".

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3 INSTALLING AND USING EMAILCHEMY FOR THE FIRST TIME

3.1 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Emailchemy runs on macOS, Windows, and Linux-based computers.

macOS 10.7 or higher
Windows 7 or higher, 32-bit or 64-bit
Linux, 32-bit or 64-bit, with Oracle Java 1.8 or higher

Memory: minimum 2GB installed system RAM, 4GB recommended

Disk space: 220MB free space required for the app. When converting email, you will need free space equivalent to the size of your original email archive. For example, if you have 32GB of email to convert, you should have at least 32GB of disk space free.

Performance considerations: Emailchemy is a disk-intensive application, so Emailchemy conversions will run faster if reading and writing to internal storage devices. Using USB-connected drives will make Emailchemy conversions take considerably longer.

3.2 INSTALLING EMAILCHEMY ON A MAC

Emailchemy runs on macOS 10.7 and newer. This includes Lion, Mountain Lion, Mavericks, Yosemite, El Capitan, Sierra, and High Sierra.

Download the Emailchemy-Mac disk image

If your browser asks you what to do with this file, open the file with Disk Image Mounter (the default option). If not, save the file then double-click the Emailchemy-Mac.dmg file in your Downloads folder to open. Then, you should see this window:

Click and drag the Emailchemy.app icon and drop it on the “A” folder icon to the right of it. This will copy Emailchemy to your main Applications folder.

Replace (or move) any existing version that may already be installed.

Eject the Emailchemy disk image after the copy is complete.
The first time you run Emailchemy, you may see a warning reminding you that Emailchemy was downloaded from the Internet. Click “Open”.

### 3.3 Installing Emailchemy on Windows

Emailchemy for Windows is available for both 32-bit and 64-bit systems. If you aren’t sure which one you have, pick the 32-bit version.

- [Download Emailchemy for 32-bit Windows](Win32)
- [Download Emailchemy for 64-bit Windows](Win64)

If your browser asks you what to do with this file, choose the option to open it. If not, save the file then double-click the Emailchemy-Win.zip (or Emailchemy-Win64.zip) file in your Downloads folder to open. Double-click the Emailchemy-Win-Installer.exe file inside the zip file to begin the installation.

The Emailchemy installer and application are signed by Microsoft Authenticode, but you will still be asked whether you want this app to make changes to your system. Make sure this window is blue and shows Weird Kid Software LLC as the verified publisher, then click Yes.

![User Account Control](image)

Then, just answer the questions presented by the installer wizard until finished.

### 3.4 Installing Emailchemy on Linux

Emailchemy for Linux requires Oracle Java (OpenJDK) 1.8 or higher. It will not run correctly with Gnu Java (GCJ).

- [Download Emailchemy for Linux](Win64)
Emailchemy for Linux is distributed as a tarred gzip (.tgz). Unzip it with the command

```
tar -xzvf Emailchemy-UNIX.tgz
```

(Historical note: “UNIX” is in the name instead of “Linux” because Emailchemy dates back to 1999, when there were arguably more UNIX-based systems in business than Linux-based systems. We just haven’t changed the name to avoid breaking download links.)

Then run the `Emailchemy-UNIX-installer.sh` script and accept the defaults when asked where to install the software.

Emailchemy is tested to run on Ubuntu-based distributions, but it should work on many other Linux distros too.

### 3.5 Launching Emailchemy

Depending on your operating system, you will double-click the Emailchemy icon, select it from your Start menu, or start it at the command line.

As Emailchemy starts for the first time, you'll be asked to accept the End User License Agreement (EULA). If you don't accept the agreement, Emailchemy will not run.

### 3.6 Registering Emailchemy

After you purchase a license, you will receive an alphanumeric key in an email from us. You need to unlock Emailchemy with this key. If you bought a Personal Edition license, you need to be connected to the Internet to unlock Emailchemy with your key. To start, select `Register` from Emailchemy’s `Help` menu, and you’ll see the register window.

![Register Emailchemy](image)

Enter the Name and Key *exactly* as found in the email you receive from us; use the copy and paste feature to avoid making typos. Then, click the `Register` button. If you make a mistake entering the registration key, Emailchemy will tell you the key is not valid and ask you to enter it again.
If you do not want to unlock Emailchemy, click the **Demo** button to continue using the Emailchemy Demo.

If you are connected to the Internet behind an HTTP proxy (possible if you are using Emailchemy at work, but not likely if you are using Emailchemy at home), you should verify the proxy settings by clicking the **Proxy** button.

![Proxy Server Settings](image)

For most situations, the **Automatic** setting will work, but if not, check with your network administrator for the proper settings.

After clicking **Register**, Emailchemy will submit your name, license key, and a unique number that identifies your computer over the Internet to a secure database located at Weird Kid Software. This helps us ensure authenticity of the key.

![License activation successful](image)
4 USING EMAILCHEMY

Emailchemy has several tools for working with email files. When you start Emailchemy, you will see the Email Conversion Wizard, because that’s what most people need to use first. To see the other Emailchemy tools, click the Tools menu at the top of the screen.

The Emailchemy tools are:

- **Conversion Wizard**: walks you through the conversion process
- **Advanced Conversion**: gives you more control over the conversion
- **IMAP ImportServer**: an IMAP server used for importing email
- **Mbox Splitter**: split .mbox files by date, size, or message count
- **Address Harvester**: find email addresses in mbox files
- **Clear Deduplicator Cache**: Emailchemy will filter out all messages it has seen since it started up. No repeats. You can clear the Deduplicator Cache – the record of which messages it has converted so far – by using the "Clear Deduplicator Cache" menu item in the Tools menu. This cache is also cleared when you restart Emailchemy.

4.1 CONVERTING YOUR MAIL FILES

Emailchemy provides three different tools for converting mail between file formats: The Conversion Wizard, the Advanced Converter, and IMAP ImportServer.

Before you get started with your conversion, it will help to know the following:

**Know where your email files are.** If you aren’t sure where they are, read the help that Emailchemy provides in the Conversion Wizard tool. In most cases, you only need to know the location of your email application’s data folder, and given that, Emailchemy’s Conversion Wizard can help locate the files for you. If you are moving your email files to a different operating system, for example from Mac to Windows or from Windows to Mac, copy your original files over to the new operating system first and then run Emailchemy there. (An exception to this rule is when converting Eudora files.)

**Know what you want to convert your email for.** If you are moving it to a new email application, see if Emailchemy can write to that format directly. If not, most email
applications can import the standard MBOX format or use Emailchemy’s embedded IMAP mail server. If you are converting your email just to have it in a general format for long term archival, choose the EML format. If you are converting email files so that other tools can use them, you’ll most likely want to convert to the standard MBOX format.

**Never delete your original email files.** Put them somewhere safe, like on an external hard drive you use for backups or burn them to a CD or DVD. Emailchemy does not modify your original files while reading them, but if “never delete” is impractical for you, you should keep your original files around at least long enough to validate that Emailchemy converted all your data correctly. Data from the demo version of Emailchemy is “throwaway”, so if you converted with the demo and then delete your original files, you will be losing your data.

### 4.1.1 Email Conversion Wizard

The Conversion Wizard works very much like the "Import Wizards" you may have seen in some email programs. However, Emailchemy’s wizards will also accept alternative locations as long as the basic structure of your email program's mail folder is left somewhat intact. In general, just do what the Wizard tells you to do:

**Step 1:** Choose the name of the email program you wish to convert from and click **Next**.

![Email Conversion Wizard](image)

Note: If you don't see your email program listed, try using the Advanced Conversion tool.
Step 2: Read the window for additional instructions or information about the selected converter, then select the files or folder that Emailchemy asks for.

Important: if you select a different file or folder, Emailchemy will tell you that you have not selected what it asked for and that it may not work.

Select the folder or file that the wizard is asking for by clicking the **Browse...** button or by using your mouse to drag the file or folder from your file system browser (Finder on Mac, Explorer on Windows).

Step 3: You have the option to Convert all messages or convert messages that match certain conditions. Once you’ve made your selection click the **Convert** button.
Step 4: Choose the destination.

Before you click **Save**, select the output format you want from the list of formats provided (normally at the bottom of the Save window). Then, in the **Save As:** field, give your converted messages a name (for example, “converted”). Finally, click the **Save** button.

After you click the **Save** button, Emailchemy’s conversion progress window will appear. This window will tell you what is happening during the conversion.

At times if the progress window appears to have stalled, it could mean that Emailchemy is converting a very large message, or that it is scanning a large input file. However, even in extreme cases, if you don’t see any progress after 30 minutes, chances are that the conversion has gotten stuck. When this happens, you can click the **Cancel** button to stop
the conversion. You can also use the **Cancel** button to stop the conversion at any time for any reason.

When the conversion is complete, the progress window will say “Conversion Complete” and give you the option to “Show Folder” or to “Close”.

![Email Conversion Wizard](image)

### 4.1.2 Advanced Conversion

The Advanced Conversion tool gives you more control over the conversion process. You can select any file and identify it as any format, compared to the Conversion Wizard where you have to select a specific file or folder. Converting email using the Advanced Email Conversion tool works like this:

1. Add your old email files to the Email Files list.
2. Click the **Convert** button.
3. Select the destination format and destination.
4. Click the **Save** button.

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<td>Documents/albert/albert_meyers_000.pst</td>
<td>Outlook for Windows (.PST or .OST)</td>
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```

To get started, add to the Email Files list the email files that you want to convert. To do this, click the **Add File...** button that is just below the Email Files list. You'll then see a standard “open file” window titled "Select Email Files for Translation".

Before selecting or highlighting the individual files, you'll need to specify the format of the file in the **Format** box. Then, select the files in the file browser window and click **Select**. The "Select Email Files for Translation" window will close and you'll see your
selections appear in the Email Files list on the main window. You can repeat this step as many times as you want in order to add more selections to the Email Files list.

Tip: To add multiple files at the same time, use the "select all" convention appropriate to your operating system in the file selection window (i.e. shift-click, ctrl-a, ctrl-click, or option-click).

From here, you can remove files from the conversion list, add more, or clear it out completely. Also, you can select Save... from the File menu to save the list of files that you've selected for conversion. Consequently, you could also open a previously saved conversion list.

Select what you want to convert your old email files to. First, click the Convert Email button. You'll see a file dialog pop-up that looks something like this:

```
Browse to wherever you want to save your converted mail, type in a name for your converted email in the "Name:" field, and then select the output format from the File Format drop-down list box.

Finally, click the Save button. When the conversion process is complete, you will see something like this:
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Conversion Complete.

Progress: [progress bar]
4203 Messages Converted

Show Folder Close
```
4.1.3 IMAP ImportServer

The IMAP ImportServer is an IMAP email server that you can use for importing converted mail into any email program that supports IMAP (for example, Outlook, Entourage, Mac Mail, and Thunderbird). It is sometimes an easier and more complete way to import your converted email, compared to the “import” features of some email programs. The IMAP ImportServer is particularly helpful when you want to import mail into Outlook or Lotus Notes.

To get started, you must first use Emailchemy’s email conversion tools to convert your mail to the IMAP ImportServer format: an .imapserver folder. After doing so, go to the Tools menu and select IMAP ImportServer.

![IMAP ImportServer interface]

The location of your .imapserver folder should be entered automatically, but if not, click the Browse… button to select it. Then, click Start Server. If your personal firewall software pops up and asks if it should block Emailchemy or Java, tell it no.

Now you need to configure your email program to connect to an email account on the IMAP ImportServer. The settings for the email account are in the IMAP ImportServer’s window. Consult the user documentation for your email program for instructions on how to add an IMAP email account.

In setting up the IMAP ImportServer email account, you may see a warning message from your email program saying that the “localhost” server could not be contacted. You can ignore these warnings until you actually start the IMAP ImportServer and try to check mail for the first time.

In most cases, after configuring the import email account and starting the IMAP ImportServer, all you should have to do is copy or move the folders you see on the new
IMAP account to a local folder. If you are unsure how to do this, consult your email program’s user documentation or contact your system administrator, but usually this is a “drag and drop” operation.

**4.1.3.1 IMAP Compatibility**

The IMAP ImportServer is not a complete IMAP server. The IMAP ImportServer only implements the parts of the IMAP specification that are required in order to allow you to connect to it and view and copy your converted email. It is a read-only email server with a single email account. It is not a general-purpose IMAP server and may not work with administrator tools that are made to work with IMAP servers. However, it should be compatible with any IMAP-capable email program. Some have even been able to use it as a means to import email into web-based email services like Yahoo! and Gmail.

**4.2 MBOX SPLITTER**

The Mbox Splitter tool splits Standard mbox files (or folders of Standard mbox files) into smaller Standard mbox files. Note: *Apple Mail stores mail in folders that have an “.mbox” name extension; these are NOT Standard mbox files.* If you have any doubt that the files you are dealing with are Standard mbox files, use Emailchemy to convert your files to Standard mbox format first.

You can tell the Mbox Splitter to split mbox files based on number of messages, file size or date. For example, you could split a large mbox into several smaller mbox files that have a maximum of 1000 messages each or so that each mbox file is no larger than 100MB. You can also split large mbox files into smaller files by month or by year.

1. Choose how you want to split the mailboxes, by date, size, or count
2. Select the mbox file or folder of mbox files you want to split
3. Click the **Split** button
4.3 ADDRESS HARVESTER

The Address Harvester tool extracts email addresses from email messages, directly from the files where email is stored. (Note: The Address Harvester does not “convert” address book files or contact lists.) The extraction, or “harvesting”, works best on standards-based file formats (e.g. mbox, maildir, eml).

The harvested email addresses will be written to a text file, one email address per line in the format specified in RFC-5322. To harvest email addresses from multiple files, select the enclosing folder rather than a specific file after you click the “Browse” button.

Address Harvester can determine duplicate email addresses by comparing both the real name part and the address part of an email address record or just the address part. In the example below, “Joe Blow” is the real name part and Joe.Blow@somewhere.not is the address part.

“Joe Blow” <Joe.Blow@somewhere.not>

“Joe (work email)” <Joe.Blow@somewhere.not>

If comparing the two addresses above when comparing name part AND the address part, the two addresses are not duplicates. If comparing only the address part, they are duplicates.

5 EMAILCHEMY PREFERENCES AND CONVERSION OPTIONS

Emailchemy has some configurable settings that you can modify in the Preferences dialog. The Preferences dialog is found in the Edit or Tools menu, and it has a tab for each major category of options. Some settings may be grayed-out, indicating that they are
not available with the installed license. Mostly, these are settings that are limited to Emailchemy Forensic Edition.

There are five buttons on the Preferences window:

- **Defaults**: reset all settings to recommended defaults
- **Export**: export settings to an Emailchemy settings file (only in Forensic Edition)
- **Import**: import settings from an Emailchemy settings file
- **OK**: save the settings and close the window
- **Cancel**: cancel all changes and close the window

### 5.1 GENERAL

5.1.1 De-duplicate messages while converting

De-duplication will filter out duplicate email messages during the conversion process, and it’s really easy to use. All you have to do is just turn on de-duplication in Emailchemy’s preferences.
That’s really all there is to it, but even though it’s simple, it still is quite powerful. Here’s a bit more details on its features:

### 5.1.2 Safe De-duplication

Because we know just how important every last email message is, we built Emailchemy’s de-dupe (saying de-duplication every time is too much long) feature to be very, very sure that a message is a duplicate before filtering it out. It’s not as simple as checking if the message has the same subject, sender and date. But, because we also understand that even with the best algorithm there will always be edge cases, we added an option to save all the duplicate messages to a separate folder. That way, you can verify the duplicates before deleting them.

You can also see all the messages that were filtered as duplicates in Emailchemy’s conversion log.

| INFO: Message converted: Mon Dec 13 18:15:26 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Mon Dec 13 18:15:26 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Tue Dec 14 18:15:27 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Tue Dec 14 18:15:27 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Wed Dec 15 18:15:26 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Thu Dec 16 18:15:55 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Thu Dec 16 18:15:55 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Fri Dec 17 18:15:09 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Fri Dec 17 18:15:09 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Sun Dec 19 23:19:30 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Sun Dec 19 23:19:30 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Mon Dec 20 18:15:22 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Duplicate message: Mon Dec 20 18:15:22 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |
| INFO: Message converted: Tue Dec 21 18:15:25 EST 2004; PROD: Forms user numbers |

### 5.1.3 De-duplication stats

When de-duplication is enabled, Emailchemy’s progress window will show you how many duplicate messages it is filtering out.

![Emailchemy: Converting Email...](image)

**Reading: Database**

**Progress:** 1456 Messages Converted

169 Duplicates Filtered

### 5.1.4 De-duplicator memory

Emailchemy will even de-dupe across files from different email applications. It keeps track of duplicates as long as the application is running in a de-duplicator cache. That is, Emailchemy will check for duplicates of any messages it has seen since you launched it.
This is useful if you are trying to convert and condense messages from more than one email application. For example, let’s say you once used Eudora at home and Outlook at work to check a personal email account. Messages from that account would be in files from both Eudora and Outlook. Emailchemy’s de-dupe feature will help solve that problem.

Emailchemy’s de-duplicator cache will clear itself every time you close Emailchemy, but you can also clear it manually by selecting “Clear De-duplicator Cache” in the Tools menu.

5.1.5 De-dupe without converting
You can remove duplicates from archives of mbox and EML files without doing any conversion of the files if you set the output format of the conversion to be the same as the source format. So, by “converting” from mbox to mbox, you actually would by just removing the duplicates.

5.1.6 Save duplicate messages to EMAILCHEMY – DUPLICATES folder:
Save duplicates: If you want to de-duplicate, but want to make sure you don’t lose anything (the de-dupe is good, but there’s a very, very small chance for a false positive), use this to save the dupes to a folder called EMAILCHEMY-DUPLICATES just inside the folder where the duplicate messages were found.

Note: This option is only active if De-duplicate messages while converting box is checked.

5.1.7 Show memory usage gauge
When this feature is enabled, the conversion progress bar will display a memory usage gauge. This can be useful for performance tuning or debugging.

5.2 Files/Folders
These options affect how email messages are organized in the converted output.
5.2.1.1 Preserve folder structure

When writing the converted mail to files, organize the files according to the folder structure found in the original files. Turning this off puts all messages in the same mail folder.

5.2.1.2 Allow non-English characters in new file and folder names

Turn this on to allow non-English (non-ASCII) characters in the file and folder names that Emailchemy creates. Most new operating systems can support non-English characters in file names. If turned off, the file or folder name will appear as an ISO-encoded string (will look like random characters) or with non-English characters replaced with “?”. If turned on, the file names will be written using international characters if required (using UTF-8). Before turning this on, you should be certain that your system supports UTF-8 file names. Mac OS X, Windows 7, and most modern Linuxes do use UTF-8 for encoding filenames.

5.2.1.3 Replace disallowed file names with a '-' dash

If you don’t allow non-English characters, then Emailchemy will just filter them out. Choosing this option replaces non-English characters with a dash.

5.2.1.4 Save folder structure to X-Folder-Tags header

This takes the path of the current message folder and converts it to an ordered list of tags or labels. This is convenient if you are moving your mail to a less structured storage model (like Gmail) or to any database where “search” is more important than “sort.”

For example, a message stored in this folder: /Personal/1998/Holli

would have this header field added: X-Folder-Tags: Personal, 1998, Holli

Likewise, a message stored in this folder: /Work/1998/March

would have this header field added: X-Folder-Tags: Work, 1998, March

Then, you could search for the label “1998” and get both messages, even though they are in different folders.
5.3 HEADERS

These options affect how Emailchemy handles email addresses found in To, CC, BCC or From header fields.

5.3.1 Derive missing address parts from name

Some messages don’t include full email addresses for the sender or for some of the recipients. For example, a recipient may be listed simply as “joe” with no email address. If you try to import this message into Gmail, for example, the recipient will just appear as “unknown”. To fix this, turn on this setting and Emailchemy will try to format the name as a fully-compliant email address. In this example, “joe” will become “joe” <joe@unknown>, and then the name should appear properly in the mail application.

5.3.2 Message Header Fields

These options affect how Emailchemy deals with message header fields.

5.3.2.1 Preserve optional Extension and User Defined header fields

By default, Emailchemy includes non-standard message header fields in the converted output. These fields are defined as Extension or User-Defined fields in the RFC-822 and RFC-5322 specifications, and are usually only meaningful to the mail program that originally sent or received the mail. The mail program to which you’ll be trying to move should ignore these fields. However, if it isn’t ignoring these fields, or if you just want to clean out some of the noise in the header, turn this off and Emailchemy will leave out all extension and user-defined header fields.

5.3.2.2 Standardize dates

Emailchemy will reformat date fields to be compliant with current standards. For example, it makes dates “Year 2000” or “Y2K” compliant. The date information itself is not modified. However, if for forensic or preservation reasons you need to preserve the
raw, original date format, turn this option off. Be advised that turning this option off may cause the converted output from Emailchemy to be incompatible with your email application.

5.3.2.3 Strict RFC-5322 compliance for parsing

When reading message headers, Emailchemy refers to the RFC-5322 specification for determining what each message header means and whether the data being read is indeed an email message. However, some message files written by popular data recovery tools and services may leave corrupt or extraneous data at the head of the message, and turning this option off helps Emailchemy to read them.

5.4 LOGGING

Emailchemy provides different methods of logging or tracing the conversion process. It can write a log file or it can write trace information directly into each message. Advanced logging features are only available in the Forensic Edition.

5.4.1 Conversion Log

Emailchemy can generate a log file of converted emails as it performs the conversion. By default, the conversion log will be written to the same folder as your conversion output with the same name as your output (but with a .log extension).

In the Personal Edition, a line will be written to the log for each file opened and each message converted. If an error occurs during the conversion of a file or message, the error will also be written to the log.

In the Forensic Edition, the conversion log is in standard syslog format (RFC-5424), for integration with third-party log analyzers and forensic tools. Syslog format prepends each log line with the timestamp of the logged event and the host and application that created the log message. For more information, see [http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5424](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5424).
5.4.1.1 Write Conversion Log

Check this box to turn on the conversion logging feature, using the default log file location. By default, the conversion log will be written to the same folder as your conversion output with the same name as your output (but with a .log extension).

5.4.1.2 Use default log file location

Check this box to use the default log file location, and the conversion log will be written to the same folder as your conversion output with the same name as your output (but with a .log extension). Uncheck this box if you would rather Emailchemy ask you where to put the log file for each conversion.

5.4.1.3 Log source file checksums before and after conversion

If this box is checked, Emailchemy will calculate an MD5 checksum of each file it opens for reading. It will calculate this checksum before the conversion and after, to validate that Emailchemy did not modify the file during the conversion. The checksums will be written to the log, and if there is a difference in the checksums for a particular file, then Emailchemy will enter a WARN level log message calling it out.

5.4.2 Conversion Trace

In addition to the log file, Emailchemy has a feature for adding trace information directly into each message it converts. This may be useful for curating or archival of email, because it shows the history of the message content. The Trace information is added to a single header field: X-Converted-By. This header field is ignored by email applications and only exists for informational purposes. It does not affect the content of the message in any way.

5.4.2.1 Insert X-Converted-By header field

Check this box to insert the Conversion Trace header field, X-Converted-By. This field identifies the version of Emailchemy and the license used to perform the conversion.

5.4.2.2 Detailed trace in X-Converted-By field

This feature will add detailed trace headers to each message. The detailed trace includes information about where the message came from (source file and original format) and who converted it (workstation and user names) and when (timestamp).

5.5 STANDARD mbox

The Standard mbox tab has settings that affect how Emailchemy reads and writes messages in the standard mbox format.
5.5.1 Compliance to mbox standard when reading

This setting tells the converter how much to follow the standard rules when looking for new messages. This is defaulted to Strict, but you should set this to Relaxed if Emailchemy is not finding any messages in your mbox files.

In particular, when reading mbox files from Thunderbird that have messages that were imported into Thunderbird, you should make sure this setting is set to “Relaxed”.

5.5.2 Output Newline Characters

This tells Emailchemy what to use for the newline character sequence at the end of each line of text. The default setting is the most appropriate for your system, but you may want to change this if you are moving the output file to a different OS or platform.

5.5.3 Other Output Options

These are settings that affect how the mbox file is written.

5.5.3.1 Filename Extension

This tells Emailchemy’s Wizard to use a particular filename extension when creating standard mbox files. The extension must not be blank and must start with a dot. The default is “.mbox” and should be suitable for most purposes, but you may want to enter something else like “.mbx” or “.mailbox” for compatibility reasons.

5.5.3.2 Include Sender in Postmark

This tells Emailchemy to write the email address of the message sender in the postmark of every message. The postmark is not the message header, but simply a marker to indicate the start of a new message in the mbox format. Be very careful with this setting, because turning it on may make your converted email unusable by some email programs. This setting is useful for converting mail for importing into Cyrus IMAP servers.
5.6 EML Files

The EML Files tab contains settings that affect how Emailchemy writes EML files. EML is the email format where there is one message per file, and each message is in the standard RFC-5322 message format. Most email applications can open EML files directly without having to import them.

5.6.1 Preserve original file names if possible

By default, Emailchemy will create a name for each EML file based on the date and subject of the message. But, if the original email format also had each message in its own file, you can choose to keep the original file name by checking this box. This is useful for traceability between original files and the converted files. If the original email format has multiple messages per file (like in a central database or mbox file), then this setting is ignored because it’s not possible to keep the original file name.

5.6.2 Name format for new EML files

This gives Emailchemy a template for creating the filenames. It is useful to name these files with the date field of the message so that you can sort the messages by date, simply by sorting them by their names, in the file browser.

The YYYY is the year, the MM is the month, DD is the day of the month, hh is the hour and mm is the minute. If more than one message has the same date and subject, Emailchemy will append a short (4 character) unique ID to the subject.

5.7 Outlook (Win)

The Outlook tab includes settings for changing how Emailchemy processes email data in Outlook PST files.
5.7.1  Save RTF version of message text as attachment

Outlook sometimes stores the text of a message in multiple formats: plain text, HTML, and Rich Text Format (RTF). The RTF version of the text is nearly always redundant, and can be safely ignored. However, if you want to preserve the RTF version “just in case,” turn on this setting and the RTF version will be attached as an RTF file.

5.7.2  Save encrypted message text as attachment

Emailchemy cannot decrypt messages that were encrypted with a private key (as with PGP or another PKI plugin). The encrypted texts will be attached to the message as a raw binary file instead. Turning this option off tells Emailchemy to ignore the encrypted message texts.

5.7.3  Translate Exchange-style email addresses to Internet-style (SMTP)

Here is an example of an Exchange-style address:
/o=Organization/ou=Group/cn=Recipients/cn=Username

Exchange-style (also known as X.500 format) email addresses are found in Outlook PST files in internal office mail messages. However, these addresses are sometimes not usable by other email programs. Emailchemy always looks for an SMTP email address, but sometimes Outlook does not store one.

If you are having trouble viewing converted messages because of the presence of Exchange-style email addresses, you can turn this option on and Emailchemy will convert the Exchange-style email address to an Internet-style email address. However, this converted address may not be a real email address.

For example, the above example Exchange-style address would be translated to Username@Organization

5.7.4  Extract all message object types (not only IPM object subtypes)

This feature is limited to the Forensic and professional editions. Some PST files created by other email extraction tools store messages with the wrong object type. If you are
extracting email from a PST file and no messages are extracted, there is a small possibility that turning this feature on will help.

5.7.5 **Windows System Charset (“codepage”)**

Older Outlook PST files (those used before Outlook 2003) do not store messages using Unicode; instead they use the local system character set (charset). If you are seeing strange characters in the output where you should be seeing diacriticals or international characters, you may need to make sure that this option is set to the charset of the computer where the PST file was created.

5.8 **Outlook (Mac)**

In some cases, typically with Exchange or IMAP accounts, only the header of a message is downloaded by Outlook unless you read the message. Emailchemy will only convert messages that have been downloaded from the server.

5.9 **QuickMail Pro**
5.9.1 Hidden Attachments

Some versions of QuickMail will, for every file, create an extra attachment containing the original RFC-5322 email headers. These attachments are normally hidden and aren't necessary outside of QuickMail, so we've built the converter to filter them out. If you do want these attachments in your converted output, check the box here that says Include 'RFCHeaders.txt' attachment.

5.9.2 QuickMail Pro Charset

This tells the QuickMail Pro reader to assume a particular text character set (often called a MIME charset) in case one isn't given. Stick to the default value unless you really know your way around the different encoding standards.

5.10 EUDORA

5.10.1 Eudora Table of Contents

Eudora keeps some information about its mailbox files in .toc files (table of contents files) that can be useful during conversion. Referencing the .toc file is not always necessary, but it can be helpful in situations where the .mbx file is corrupted. Using the .toc file will, however, prevent the recovery of deleted messages that may still be in the .mbx file. We recommend leaving this option on unless you need to recover deleted messages.

5.10.2 Other Eudora Settings

Eudora typically uses the English system default character set for writing the messages to disk, but some non-English installations of Eudora have third-party plugins that change this character set to UTF-8 so that non-English characters are allowed. If your installation of Eudora uses one of these plugins, you will need to check the box enabling the UTF-8 Default Storage Charset option.
5.11 CLARIS

Claris Emailer 1.x does not always store the sender's name or address in outgoing (sent) email. To avoid having email with no “From” header fields, ask Emailchemy to insert a name and address you define as the sender of all the messages.

5.11.1 Default Sender

Claris Emailer 1.x does not always store the sender's name or address in outgoing (sent) email. To avoid having email with no “From” header fields, ask Emailchemy to insert a name and address you define as the sender of all the messages.
6 IMPORTING CONVERTED MAIL

Every email program has its own way of importing email. In general, there are three methods for importing converted mail into a new email application:

- Convert to the format your new email application knows how to import. Emailchemy provides application-specific output formats for Entourage, Apple Mail, Outlook, and Thunderbird.
- Convert to the IMAP ImportServer format, and then use the IMAP ImportServer tool. This is the most effective method for importing converted mail into Outlook or Outlook Express.
- Convert to the Standard mbox format, and then use the import feature of your new email application.

In general, if Emailchemy converts directly to your destination application’s format, try that first. This is usually the easiest approach, however there are some situations where this may not produce the best results. For example, Apple Mail doesn’t put the “has attachment” paperclip icon on mail it imports – even from mail it itself exported. Other applications have similar quirks that might be annoying to some.

If you run into any trouble trying an import, you can try downloading the converted email from Emailchemy’s IMAP server. This method produces the best results, since it allows the destination application to create and store the email files itself, but it is more complicated and it usually takes longer.

6.1 IMPORTING INTO OUTLOOK FOR WINDOWS

Emailchemy can export your email directly to PST files that can be opened by Outlook, or you can download your converted email into Outlook using the IMAP ImportServer. Refer to the IMAP ImportServer instructions in this manual and in the Emailchemy application. Also, check out our online FAQ for a more detailed walkthrough and video.

6.2 IMPORT INTO OUTLOOK 2016 FOR MAC

The easiest way to import Apple Mail into Outlook 2016 for Mac is to convert the email format to .olm format, then use the Import function of Outlook 2016 (go to “File” and select “Import” from the drop-down menu). Otherwise, you can use IMAP ImportServer. See the instructions in the Emailchemy app.

6.3 IMPORTING INTO THUNDERBIRD

There are two ways to convert to Thunderbird. Use IMAP ImportServer (included with Emailchemy -- see the detailed instructions inside the Emailchemy app), or you can copy
your files into the profiles folder. You will need an existing Thunderbird profile for this method to work. To create a Thunderbird profile, install it, launch it, and setup your first email account. Then:

1. In Emailchemy, convert your email to the Thunderbird Folder format.
2. Locate the appropriate Mail folder in which to place your converted mail.
   - For macOS users, this directory will be in your Home directory at `~/Library/Thunderbird/Profiles/xxxxx.default/Mail/Local Folders`.
   - Linux/UNIX users will most likely find this folder in their home `~/.Thunderbird` directory.
   - Windows users will have to do a filename search. If you have more than one result, pick the one that’s inside a directory named after your user ID.
3. Once inside the "default" directory, open the Mail directory and then the "Local Folders" directory. Copy your converted mail here and then restart Thunderbird. Important: If you used the Conversion Wizard, make sure you copy both output files (the folder and the empty file of the same name) into the “Local Folders” directory.
4. After Thunderbird restarts you should see your converted mailbox in the folder list. If you click on that mailbox, you'll only need to wait a minute while Thunderbird creates an index for the new mailbox.

6.4 IMPORTING INTO APPLE MAIL

The IMAP ImportServer (included with Emailchemy) is a great way to move converted mail into Apple Mail. It is the best way to ensure that all the status flags of your messages remain intact. See the detailed instructions inside the Emailchemy app.

Otherwise, you can use Mail’s import feature. First, convert your email to the Apple Mail 1.0 format. Then use Mail’s built-in import feature to import the converted files. Mail’s import wizard is a bit quirky in that it will only search two folder levels down before giving up if it does not find an .mbox folder. So, if it says something like “no mailboxes found for import”, try again but select the folder just above the first .mbox folder. The import should be quick, but it may take Mail a few minutes to update its internal indexes. If your mail looks strange after the import, try restarting the Mail app.

6.5 USING MAILODIR OUTPUT FORMATS

Maildir and Maildir++ formats use hidden files and folders, so it’s likely you will not see your output in your file browsing tool. You’ll have to either change your file browser’s settings to show hidden files or use the command line.

6.6 USING THE CSV OUTPUT FORMAT

The order of the fields in the CSV format:

1. sent date
The CSV format is meant for loading email into a database, not Microsoft Excel. Excel has cell size limitations that make it a poor choice for viewing CSV files that have large fields (like your email). This CSV format has been tested with MySQL and PostGreSQL databases. A good tool for viewing and working with these CSV files is OpenRefine (from Google) or Tad (tadviewer.com).

7 TROUBLESHOOTING EMAILCHEMY

Here are some common tips that should help with the most common problems that have been reported by users of Emailchemy.

- When moving email across platforms (i.e., Windows to Mac), we recommend you perform the conversion on the target platform. If that's not possible, then make sure to set the proper newline sequence option in the Preferences dialog. Otherwise, your mail may not be recognized properly after moving it.
- Shut down your email applications prior to starting the conversion. Emailchemy may not be able to open the email files if there is another application using those files at the same time.
- If the converter completes and says "0 Emails Converted":
  - Try setting the "mbox compliance" option to "relaxed". This is often necessary when dealing with Netscape email.
  - Double check that you've selected the correct email format for the file you are trying to convert.
- Make sure you are selecting the correct Email format in the Select Emails to Convert dialog. Emailchemy isn't smart enough to determine formats automatically, and if you tell it the wrong format, Emailchemy likely won't work. In most cases, Emailchemy will just skip the file, but in some cases Emailchemy may seem to "stall" or take an exceedingly long time to convert the file. When this happens, simply close the conversion progress window.
- Make sure you are selecting a file when Emailchemy is asking for a file and a folder when Emailchemy is asking for a folder. In most cases, the file selection windows will try to help you with this by only letting you select one or the other. So, if you are finding you cannot select a file because it appears “grayed out,” double check that you are being asked to select a file. The file selection dialogs will usually say “Select a File…” or “Select a Folder…”.
- In some cases, if your email files are corrupt, Emailchemy may not know what to do with them – causing Emailchemy to stall or ignore the file completely. Use the
Conversion Log feature to help identify which email message is corrupt. Sometimes you only need to remove the corrupt email to solve the problem.

Please feel free to contact us to answer any questions or for a quick tip here or there.

8 PURCHASING EMAILCHEMY

Once you are satisfied with the Emailchemy demo version, you can purchase a fully functional and registered copy of Emailchemy. The details of how to do so are on the Weird Kid Software web site: http://www.weirdkid.com.

8.1 REGISTERING YOUR COPY OF EMAILCHEMY

Once you've purchased an Emailchemy license, you will be sent a registration key to unlock the full version of Emailchemy. You will need to enter the registration key into the "Register Emailchemy" dialog. Look for "Register/Activate Emailchemy" in Emailchemy's "Help" menu. IMPORTANT: Keep this key in a safe place! You may need to re-enter it after upgrading to subsequent releases of the product.

Thank you for trying Emailchemy!