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## Email

## 57. Affixa 2.2010.1.23

<http://www.affixa.com>

Windows

Once there were programs called gAttach and yAttach, which integrated Gmail and Yahoo Mail with [your desktop](#). They've both been replaced by Affixa, which does the same for both. It even handles those "mail to" links that crop up online, as if it were the native e-mail app. To support multiple accounts, you need the \$3 Pro version.

## 58. eM Client 2.5

<http://www.emclient.com>

Windows

Want to get rid of Outlook and get something users can master quickly? eM Client software offers all of the same features, such as e-mail and calendar. It even throws in [instant messaging](#). It works with just about any existing e-mail server software. It's only free for use at home, but a corporate license might be worth it.

## 59. Gmail

<https://mail.google.com>

Web

Google's version of online e-mail is a standard now. Because it lives in the cloud, it continues to innovate via the Gmail Labs experiments, some of which become standard features. In the last year alone, Google made sure every Gmail session is secure (notice the https in the address), and maybe most remarkably, it is no longer in beta. If that label was holding you back, you've got no excuse now.

• Read [An Unofficial User's Guide to Gmail](#).

## 60. Inbox2

<http://www.inbox2.com/>

Windows

You've got a lot of inboxes outside of your e-mail, including your social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter. This app combines them all, so you can send one message to all services and read them [all in one](#) interface.

## 61. Thunderbird 3

<http://www.mozillamessaging.com/en-US/thunderbird/>

Windows | Mac | Linux | Mobile | Portable

It's been the best desktop alternative to Outlook for a long time. Version 3 of Mozilla's e-mail and RSS news reader adds a new feature to the interface: tabs (just like in Firefox). And, of course, it's always supported cool extensions. It's not for businesses, but for everyone else eschewing Web-based email, it's the best choice.

• Read [PCMag's review of Thunderbird 3](#).

## 62. VoxOx 2

<http://www.voxox.com>

Windows | Mac

You want a tool that does it all? This could be the one. VoxOx 2 integrates with a wide variety of services and software: It does voice and [video calls](#), SMS text messaging, instant messaging, file sharing, e-mail, and even faxing. It helps that the parent company is a telco. You might have to pay for some calls, but the charge is minor. It even includes a new digital "personal assistant" and on-the-fly translation of text.

• Read [more about VoxOx](#).

## 63. Zimbra Desktop

<http://www.zimbra.com/>

Windows | Mac | Linux

If you want to handle all your Web mail on your desktop along with a POP/IMAP account or two, Zimbra gives you an Outlook-esque interface from

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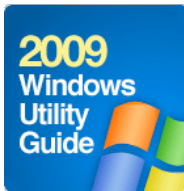
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