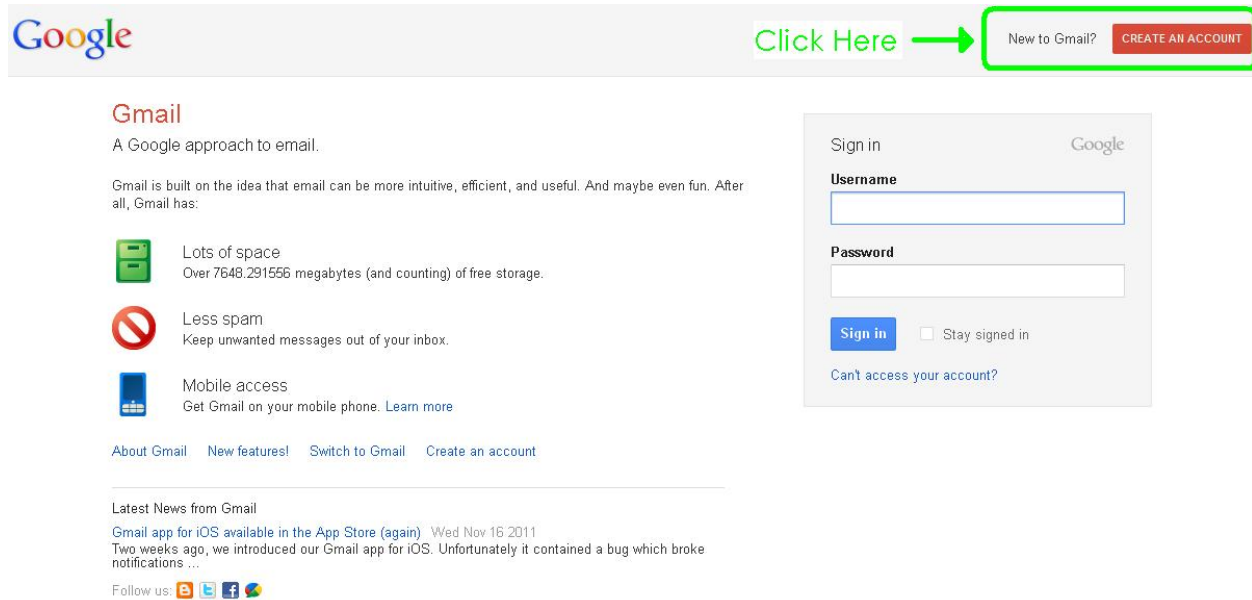


Setting up a Google E-Mail (Gmail) Account

A Gmail account is needed to write reviews for a site, and Google has made the process fast, easy and extremely secure even for the most technologically challenged! You can set yours up in less than five minutes by simply following these steps:

- Go to mail.google.com and look for the login boxes.
- Click “Create a New Account”



- Choose a user name. Your real name (ex: John Smith) can be used though you will likely have to add some numbers or punctuation as many, many names are already taken. For example, John Smith is not going to get johnsmith@gmail.com but can obtain johnsmith1998@gmail.com simply by putting “1998” on the end. Be creative!
- When choosing a password, Google analyzes the security of it to ensure hackers cannot simply guess what it is. We suggest using at least one capitalized letter, two or three numbers, and perhaps a punctuation mark for extra security. The screen will display a message giving you an estimate of the password integrity: weak, medium, or strong. Obviously you want a strong one, but don’t make it too complicated to remember!
- You can give Google an alternate e-mail address to use in case you get locked out or forget your password. If you have another account for work or personal use, this feature can save you the trouble of going through the retrieval process.
- If you can’t read the “Robot-Proof” words, push the “Refresh” button below the box. Filling these out are annoying, but it keeps hackers from creating fraudulent accounts and spamming users.

Security question:

If you forget your password we will ask for the answer to your security question. [Learn More](#)

Answer:

Recovery email:

This address is used to authenticate your account should you ever encounter problems or forget your password. If you do not have another email address, you may leave this field blank. [Learn More](#)

Location:

Birthday:

MM/DD/YYYY (e.g. "11/16/2011")

Word Verification:

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Type the two pieces of text:

Terms of Service: Please check the Google Account information you've entered above (feel free to change anything you like), and review the Terms of Service below.

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- Fill in all necessary fields, read the Terms of Service (TOS) and click the button saying you have read them before agreeing to create the account.
- Follow the instructions for the rest of the setup, and be sure to look around your homepage a bit once you're all done! When you create an account with Gmail, you are also given access to any and all features Google has to offer. Maps, eBooks, G+, VoIP Phones and much more are free through their service so make sure to check out what you can do!