

How to use @nyMail DIY

Some HTML knowledge is necessary to use @nyMail DIY.

First, you have to fill out the fields in @nyMail DIY's main screen. You will need the HTML source codes of the web mail's login page and inbox to help you. Use your browser's "View Source" function to see the source codes. Details of the fields are:

- **Type:** The name of the web mail, e.g.. "Hotmail", "Yahoo" etc.
- **Action:** The form action when the login button is clicked. This typically lies within the <form> tag in the HTML.

For example, the HTML may look like this:

```
<form method="post"
action="http://be116-mail.mailcity.lycos.com:80/login.nottfemail" name="login_form">...
```

The information you need to put into the Action field is `/login.nottfemail`. Notice that you do not need to specify the server (`http://be116...lycos.com:80`), but only those subsequent to it.

- **Server:** The server responsible for processing the action. In the previous example, it is `be116-mail.mailcity.lycos.com:80`. If this is not specified in the HTML, use the URL of the login page. e.g.. "www.hotmail.com", "mail.yahoo.com" etc. You do not need to enter "http://" in front.

- **Method:** Again this should lie in the <form> tag. Thus in the previous example, the method should be `POST`.

- **Other fields:** Some forms may contain hidden input tags, which typically look like this in the source code:

```
<input type=hidden name=aName value=aValue>
```

If you found one or more of this in the HTML, you have to press the "Other Fields" button to enter them. In the new window, press "New" and enter the name and value of the hidden input tag that you have found. In the above example, the name will be `aName`, and value will be `aValue`. Repeat the process if you have found more than one hidden input tag.

Sometimes, submit-type input tags (e.g. `<input type=submit name=Submit value>Login>`) also need to be entered to check a web-based email correctly.

- **User Id:** The name of the user id input tag in the HTML source code, which typically looks like this:

```
<input type="text" name="user_name">
```

In this example, the correct information to fill in is `user_name`. DO NOT enter the personal user id you use to login to the web mail.

- **Password:** The input name of the password input tag in the HTML source code,

which typically looks like this:

```
<input type="password" name="user_passwd">
```

In this example, the correct information to fill in is "*user_passwd*". Do NOT enter the personal password you use to login to the web mail.

- **Next Base:** If the web mail service brings you to a different server after login, enter the new "base" URL here. Otherwise leave this field empty. For example, if the initial server is "*lc4.law5.hotmail.passport.com*", and after login the new base URL becomes "*http://lw3fd.law3.hotmail.msn.com/cgi-bin/...*", then enter "*http://lw3fd.law3.hotmail.msn.com/cgi-bin/*" into this field. Specifying the base directory is enough, and the file part following "/cgi-bin" should be left out.

- **Inbox URL:** If you need to follow one more link after login to see the total number of new mail in your Inbox, enter the URL here, otherwise leave this field empty. For example, a link to Inbox may look like this:

```
<a href="/mail/noframes/mailer.asp?showfolder=Inbox&memberid=12345">Inbox</a>
```

To fill in this field correctly, you would have to enter the static part of the <href> value. In this case, it is "*/mail/noframes/mailer.asp?showfolder=Inbox*". The other part ("*memberid=12345*") is likely to vary with different users, thus should be left out. @nyMail can read the varying part itself once it has located the static part.

- **New Mail Indicator:** This is the text that @nyMail will look for in order to detect how many new mails have arrived. Usually a web mail service displays text like "*5 new*" or "*5 unread*" to indicate the arrival of new mails. If the display is "*5 new*", replace the number with "#" and enter "*# new*" as the New Mail Indicator; if it is "*5 unread*", enter "*# unread*", and so on. If the display is "Inbox (5)", enter "*Inbox (#)*". If it is "New mail 5", enter "*New mail #*", and so on. This field is case sensitive. If your web mail service does not provide any similar text notification, leave this field empty.

- **Mail Count Indicator:** Some web mail services may use a recurring pattern for each new mail. For example, a picture, a unique font type, etc. If your web mail service uses a picture, you can enter the picture's file name (e.g., *new.gif*, *nread.gif*, etc) as the Mail Count Indicator. If it is a unique font type, you may have to enter something like "**". @nyMail will count the occurrences of the string in the HTML when determining the number of new mails.

After filling in the necessary information, click "Save" and save the file in the directory where "anymail.exe" resides. From the @nyMail main screen, click System -> Refresh. You will see the new web mail in "Add/Edit Account". If your wbe type is the same as one of the pre-installed types, the wbe file takes precedent.

