

Internet Mail and News

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Small, fast, and simply designed, Internet Mail and News lets you send and receive mail quickly on the Internet, and subscribe to your favorite newsgroups with its flexible newsreader. Its complete integration with Internet Explorer 3.0 lets you check your favorite newsgroups or send mail while you're running Internet Explorer 3.0. By incorporating the same interface of Internet Explorer 3.0, users can start using Internet Mail and News quickly, without having to learn a new application.

Cool features of Internet Mail and News include hyperlinks that are inside e-mail messages and news postings. Any text that begins with `http:`, `ftp:`, `mailto:`, `telnet:`, `file:`, or is an Internet e-mail address (`jdoe@nowhere.com`) automatically becomes a hyperlink. By simply clicking on an address listed in an e-mail message, Internet Mail and News will open a new message and enter the address on which you clicked into the To: line. Or, by selecting a URL in an e-mail message, Internet Explorer 3.0 will launch and bring you directly to that Web site.

Internet Mail and News also includes HTML support, which enables viewing and sending messages in either plain text, or HTML for rich formatting. Internet Explorer is the only browser that lets you create mail messages in HTML.

Continuing Internet Explorer 3.0's international support, Internet Mail and News allows users to select any character set to send and read messages written in different languages.

You can download Internet Mail and News from the download area (<http://www.microsoft.com/ie/download/>) for Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 Beta 2.

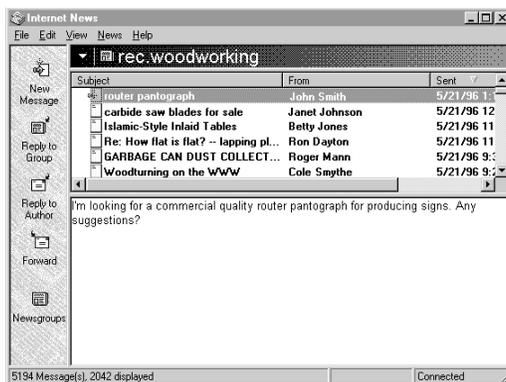


Figure 10 Microsoft Internet Mail and News provides Internet e-mail and newsgroup capabilities.

Microsoft Internet Mail

This simple yet powerful client uses Internet-standard SMTP and POP3 protocols to let users send and receive Internet e-mail through their Internet Service Providers' mail servers. The user interface is consistent with Internet Explorer 3.0's, including its easy-to-use hot tracking toolbar, which provides access to the most commonly used e-mail functions.

Internet Mail incorporates a variety of features that make using e-mail easier. For example, Inbox Assistant will manage your messages according to rules you create. You can also sort mail on a variety of columns and configure the columns used to display messages. Message organization is easy with the ability to organize messages in folders and easily move them to and from the file system. There is also an address book with distribution lists, searching, and sorting functions that enable you to keep commonly used e-mail addresses at your fingertips.

It's also easy to make the switch from Microsoft Exchange to Internet Mail. Messages can be imported to or exported from either application. Plus, you can export your Microsoft Exchange Personal Address Book to Internet Mail.

In addition, Microsoft Internet Mail provides the following features:

- Full support for Internet standards, including SMTP/POP3 and MIME
- Spell-checking of mail if Microsoft Office 95 spell checking is installed
- Remote usage and online usage
- A preview pane for fast reading of messages
- Ability to personalize your mail with automatic signatures
- Automatically empty the Deleted Items folder when Internet Mail is closed

Microsoft Internet News

This Internet newsreader supports full participation in Internet newsgroups, enabling you to easily subscribe, post, and read messages on Internet USENET newsgroups and intranet discussion groups.

Microsoft Internet News shares the same user interface as the Internet Mail client, including the preview pane and folder hierarchy, with additional options specific to newsreading. It also offers high performance and support for multiple simultaneous news servers. Performance is increased with caching of messages and headers, and batch downloading allows for efficient off-line news reading.

A wide array of options allows users to personalize their news reading experience. You can specify a default newsgroup that Internet News will point to when the application is launched. SSL support allows you to read newsgroups privately by connecting to secure news servers. With automatic signatures, you can personalize your messages. And, you can automatically copy the author of a message when replying to a posting in a newsgroup.

In addition, Internet News offers the following features:

- Full support for Internet NNTP standards
- Conversation threads displayed to help you easily follow a topic
- Ability to switch between your favorite newsgroups with a single click of the mouse
- Automatic decoding of binary attachments
- Folders representing an Outbox, Posted Items, and Saved Messages help users manage the items that they have sent, posted, or saved