

archive my emails

- Typically you do not have to archive your emails, because there is a backup system. Saving disk space (on the mail account) is also 'normally' not necessary.
- If you leave the institute and you lose your IMATH and also the UZH email address, it might be necessary to make a copy of your mails.
- Attention: copying emails is slow! Please be patient, check the log messages what's going on.
- There is no 'one solution fits all'.

Copy to a mail folder of a different email account (gmail, gmx , ..) - Via Thunderbird, Apple Mail, ...

- Quick and easy solution.
- Drawback:
 - Not so stable if you have thousands of emails.
 - If you have subfolders: there is no recursive duplicating - you have to do it for every single folder.

Step by step:

- Setup any email client on your computer. F.e. 'Thunderbird' (<http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/thunderbird/>) or Apple Mail. [Configure](#) your IMATH Account.
- Copy (duplicate!) all mails (mark all mails and choose 'copy') to
 - a) a local email folder (this becomes your archive/backup, which is stored on your local computer), or
 - b) a second configured (a free email service like gmail, gmx, ...) email account.
 - In most applications, you have to copy/duplicate each folder separately (no recursive copy).

Thunderbird: use importexporttools-ng

- Create a zip or mbox file(s) of your mails - [thunderbird#Import_Export_Mails: importexporttools-ng](#)

Via imapsync

- <https://github.com/imapsync/imapsync>
- Commandline tool - no GUI - complicate to setup
- Has to be installed locally.
- Very flexible.
- Copies Mail recursively.

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