

E-mail service definitions

Quick definitions

- **SMTP**

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol A protocol used to send e-mail on the Internet. SMTP is a set of rules regarding the interaction between a program sending e-mail and a program receiving e-mail.

- **SMTPS**

The same as SMTP with the addition of an extra SSL layer that encrypts the connection.

- **POP3**

Post Office Protocol 3. A protocol that provides a simple, standardized way for users to access mailboxes and download messages to their computers.

- **POP3S**

The same as POP3 but with a SSL layer that encrypts the connection.

- **IMAP**

Internet Message Access Protocol (sometimes listed as Internet Mail Access Protocol). A mail protocol that provides management of received messages on a remote server. The user can review headers, create or delete folders/mailboxes and messages, and search contents remotely without downloading. It includes more functions than the similar POP protocol.

- **IMAPS**

The same as IMAP but with a SSL layer that encrypts the connection.