

# Apple macOS - Mail

## Prerequisites

- Correct setup of the e-mail client [Apple macOS - Mail](#)
- Correct integration of the [Certification authorities](#) into the operating system.
- **Valid digital [User certificate](#) integrated into the operating system.**

## Configuration

No further configuration is required for the Mail application, you can now sign any e-mail. If you have the public key of your communication partner, you can also encrypt any e-mail.

## Use

### Sign

- Click on the „New e-mail“ icon in the Mail application and compose the e-mail.
- Before sending, check that the message is digitally signed: the button „Digitally sign message“ at the top right of the subject line appears activated in blue.
- As soon as you click on „Send“, the e-mail will be digitally signed and then sent.
  - You may be asked to enter your local user name and password once more.
- The communication partner will see the loop symbol as a sign of a digitally signed e-mail.

### Encrypt

To encrypt, you must first have the communication partner's public key. To do this, have your communication partner send you a digitally signed e-mail, for example, which is automatically added to your key ring.

- Click on the „New e-mail“ icon in the Mail application and compose it.
- Before sending, check that the message is digitally encrypted: the button „Digitally encrypt message“ at the top right of the subject line appears activated in blue.
- As soon as you click on „Send“, the e-mail will be encrypted and then sent.
  - You may be asked to enter your local user name and password once more.
- The communication partner sees the lock symbol as a sign of an encrypted e-mail.

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