Introduction to Thunderbird Mail

What is Email?
Email is a method of sending electronic messages through the Internet to any individual linked to the Internet. The Internet is a connection between computers throughout the world. Email works through the idea of networking. A message is created at the sender’s computer and sent to a central post office or server. This post office verifies the address and then transfers the message to the recipient. The mail system acts similar to the United States Postal Service. There are two types of mail, local and Internet. On the MAIL.MONTCLAIR.EDU system, though, there is no visible difference between the two.

Starting Thunderbird Mail
1) Click on the START button
2) Choose All Programs
3) Choose Mozilla Thunderbird
4) Click on Mozilla Thunderbird
5) Enter your password
6) Click on OK

Creating a New Message
1) Click on the Write button located on the toolbar
The Compose window appears

Addressing the Message
1) If you know the email address of the recipient, you can start typing it in the recipient line
2) If typing a MSU email address, type the username and the @mail.montclair.edu will automatically be added to the name
3) To send to more than one recipient, click in the next recipient line and repeat the above steps

To choose a different recipient type, click “To:” in the recipient line
- **To**: For primary recipients of your message
- **Cc**: For secondary recipients (carbon copy)
- **Bcc**: For secondary recipients not identified to the other recipients, including those in the cc list (blind carbon copy)
- **Reply-To**: For recipients to reply to a different email address other than the one the message is sent from
- **Newsgroup**: For posting to a newsgroup
- **Followup-To**: For redirecting a newsgroup posting, so that subsequent replies go directly to the redirected newsgroup instead of the original newsgroup
4) Click in the **Subject** line to type a subject for the message
5) Hit the **TAB** key to position the cursor in the message text area
6) Type your message

**Changing the Priority of a Message**
1) Click on **Options** in the Menu
2) Click on **Priority**
3) Click on the **Priority level** for your message

**Sending a Message**
1) Click on the **Send** button on the toolbar
Retrieving and Reading Messages
New messages will be received in your **Inbox** folder and will appear in bold. Double-click on the message to open it.

1) Open the message
2) Click **Reply** to respond to the sender alone
3) Click **Reply All** to respond to all addressees in the message

A new message window appears with the recipient and subject lines filled in.

4) Type your response in the message text area above the original message text
5) Click on **Send** to send your response message
Forwarding a message:
1) Open the message
2) Click Forward to send the message to someone else
3) A new message window appears with the subject line filled in
4) Type the email address of the recipient(s)
5) Type your message in the message text area above the original message text
6) Click on Send

**NOTE:** When you reply or forward a message the original message window remains open. Close the original message to return to your Inbox.

Sorting Messages
To sort messages by categories such as subject, sender, date, or priority:
1) Click the appropriate column heading in the message list window

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1) Click on View in the menu
2) Choose Sort by and select the column you want to sort by

To reorder column headings
1) Click and drag a column heading to the left or right to reposition the column.

Marking Messages as Unread
You may want to mark a message you've already read as unread if you want to address it at a later time.

1) Click in the Read column of each message you want to mark as unread and click on the message symbol. This will change the symbol to unread.

- Symbol for an unread message
- Symbol for a read message
Deleting Messages
Messages can be deleted while in the Inbox or while the message is open. From the Inbox:
1) Click on the message to be deleted
2) Click on the Delete button in the toolbar or use the delete key on the keyboard

If the message is open:
1) Click on the Delete button on the toolbar

Attaching Files
1) In the Compose new message window click on Attach

The Attach File(s) window appears
2) Locate the file you want to attach by switching to the drive and folder the file is located in
3) Click on the file you want to attach and click on **Open**

The attached file(s) will appear in **Attachments**:

4) Click on **Send** to send the message
Detaching Files in Thunderbird Mail

1) Open the message that contains the attached file(s)
2) Right-click on the file in **Attachments**

3) Click on **Open**

The file will open in the program it was created in. In the above example, the file **Agenda.doc** will open in Microsoft Word.

In Microsoft Word you can now save the file to your computer

1) Click on **File** and **Save As**
2) Click on the drive and folder you wish to save the file to