

Difference Between **IMAP** And **POP3** Email Accounts

IMAP and **POP3** are two main types of email accounts commonly used on the internet. Average users do not understand the difference between the two and we are here to help you understand the difference.

IMAP

The IMAP protocol is suitable if you are planning to use multiple devices to view emails from one email account.

Email storage will be **server-based**.

If you delete an email from a device, the said email will be deleted from the server too. In other words, emails on your device and server are **synchronized in real-time**.

One does not need to constantly check his server's email storage as he can manage it from any device.

POP3

The POP3 protocol is useful if you plan to **download emails from your email server into your local computer**.

If you choose to save a copy (of your email) in (your email) server, you will be able to download and read the email from any device even after you have deleted the mail from another device.

Depending on your preference, there are no advantages and disadvantages over each other and it is up to your IT department to determine which is better and more suitable for the type of business.