

Mail

*The various flavors of mail.
All involve storing mail and a way to read it.*

E-mail flavors

- POP (or POP₃) - most common. Post Office Protocol
 - Web Mail - Yahoo, Google, Hotmail. Your ISP.
 - IMAP (or IMAP₄) Internet Message Access Protocol
 - AOL - a form of IMAP
 - Exchange - used internally by corporations
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Receive and Send Mail

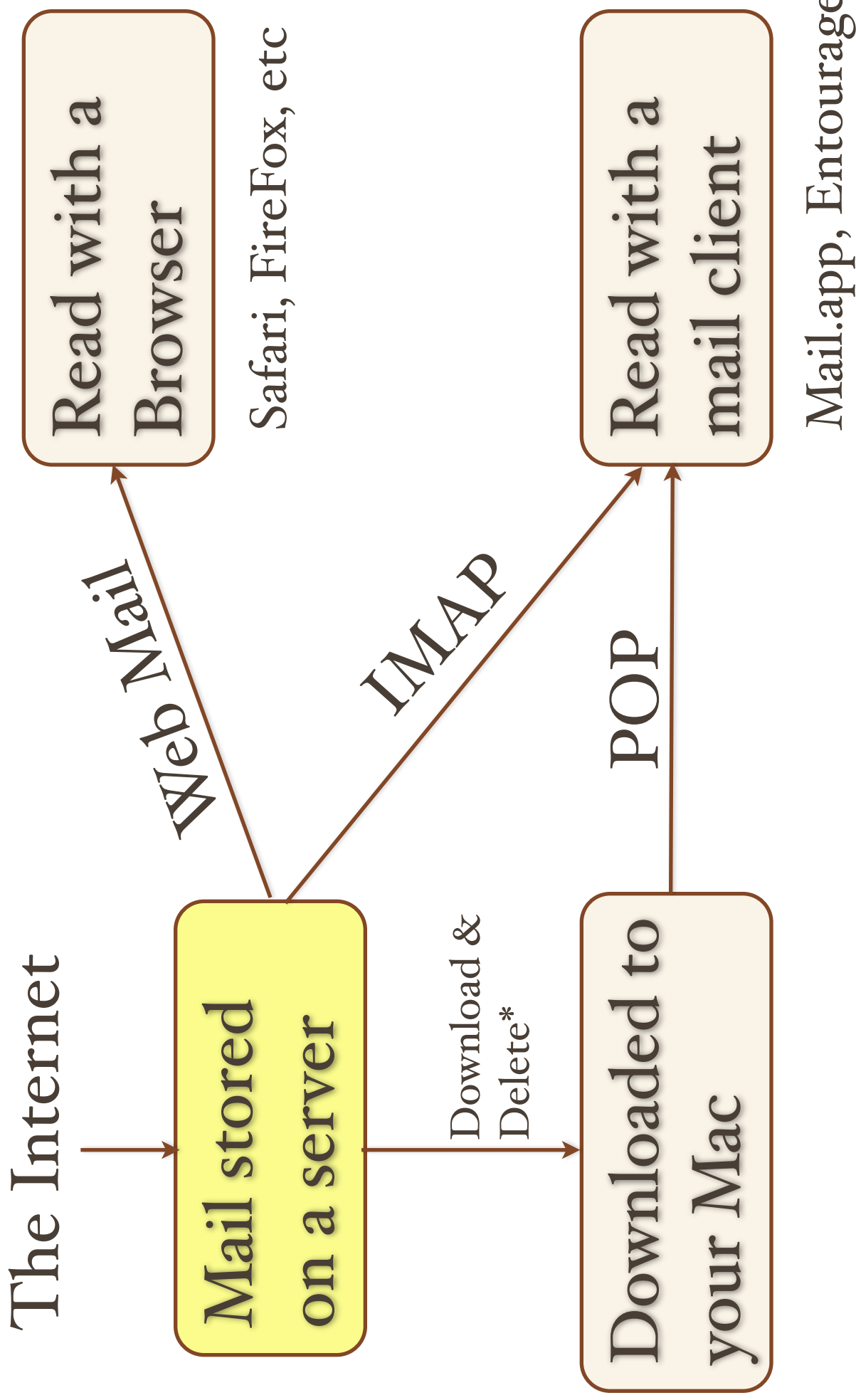
- A mail account is actually two accounts, one to receive and one to send.
- These are handled by two different servers.

Server: A host computer on a network that holds information (e.g., Web sites and mail) and responds to requests for information from it.

- I'll focus on receiving and reading mail



Store and Read Mail



u don't delete your mail from the server

What's best for you?

- POP if you use a single Mac for mail
- Web Mail *access* to your ISP when traveling
- Web Mail *account* at Yahoo, Google, etc.— easily replaced — for on-line transactions.
- IMAP if you have a busy life with multiple Macs accessing the same mail
- AOL: For AOL users.

Pros and Cons

- POP mail is fast. Mail, stored on your Mac, can be read off-line.
- Web Mail can be accessed anywhere with a web browser, but is slow and clumsy.
- IMAP has some features of both.

The distinction between remote POP and IMAP is a little fuzzy.

POP Mail (Post Office Protocol)

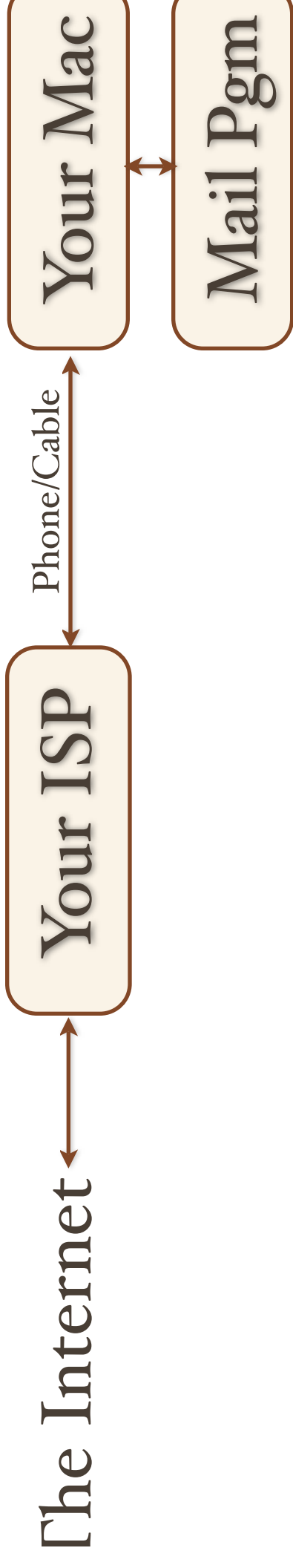
- This is like the paper mail that your postman delivers to your house.
- Minimum connect time. Download and delete.



If you don't delete your mail from the senders may get a "mailbox full" error

- Mail is stored on your Mac.
- Read with a mail program.
Mail and Entourage are popular.

POP Mail



Easy and fast to send and receive

Use your local address book

Mail is stored on your Mac for quick search.

POP Mail recommendations

- Turn OFF remote image download. Else spammers know you're there and confirm your email address.
- To avoid spam first view message headers & delete spam on the server.



Control-click
Inbox & get info

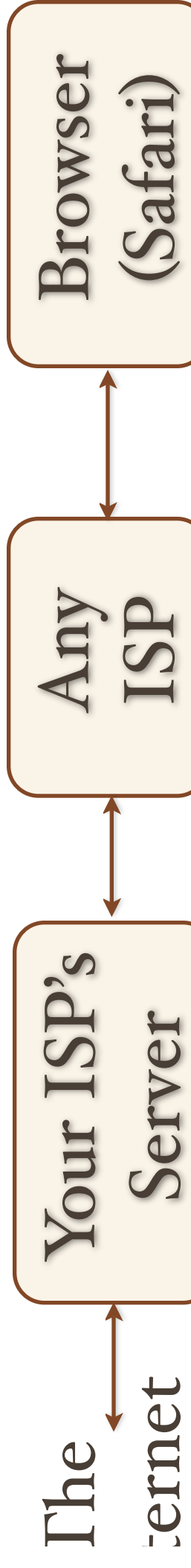


- Don't leave mail on the server after download.
- **A personal thing.** Don't send HTML (rich

text) mail unless necessary. *It's often ugly and hard to read*

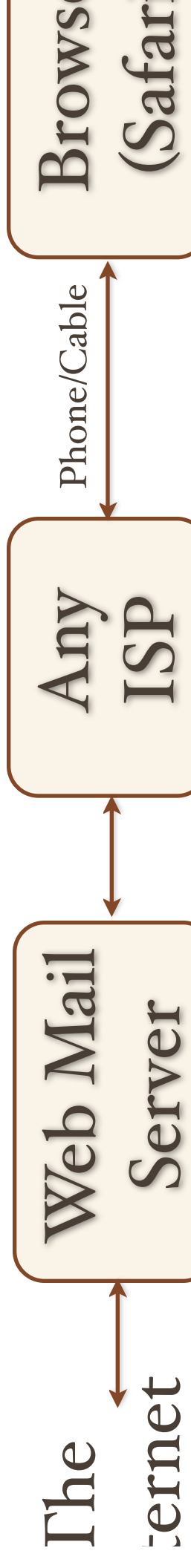
Web mail access to your ISP

- Web mail is like having a PO Box.
- Use any web browser, anywhere to access it.
- Handy when you can't "connect" to your ISP.
E.g. vacation.



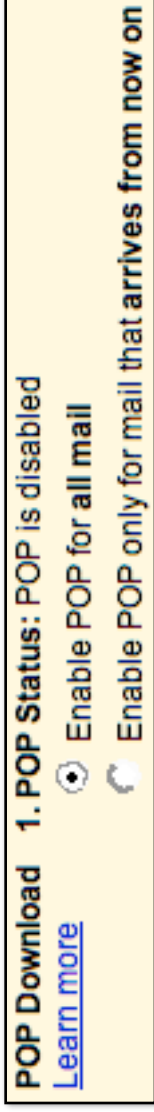
Separate Web mail account

- Google, Yahoo, Hot Mail, .Mac
- Use any web browser, anywhere to access it.
- Some will forward mail to your POP account.
- Use it as a replaceable account against spam.
- Store documents for access anywhere. E.g. passp



Gmail - my favorite web mail

- Free account and mail forwarding
- Can be configured for POP download
- Messages are threaded
- Very effective spam filter and message search.
- Lots of mail storage



G-mail widgets

IMAP

(Internet Message Access Protocol)

- Similar to POP except mail stays on the server
- Read & manipulate messages stored on the server
- Read online with your *email client software*.
- dot Mac uses IMAP but also will download
- Mail.app & Entourage support IMAP
- Best if you use more than one computer for mail, particularly from remote locations.

IMAP Server Support

- The server (e.g. ISP) must support IMAP.
- There may be a storage limit.
- DSL Extreme, my ISP, supports it.
- SBAMUG.com supports it, although the instructions are for POP.

Our SBAMUG Server



- Access your account using Mail or Entourage.
- It's like an IMAP account.
- Instructions are on our web site, under “Tech Support”.

AOL Mail

I don't use AOL. Please correct me if I have it wrong

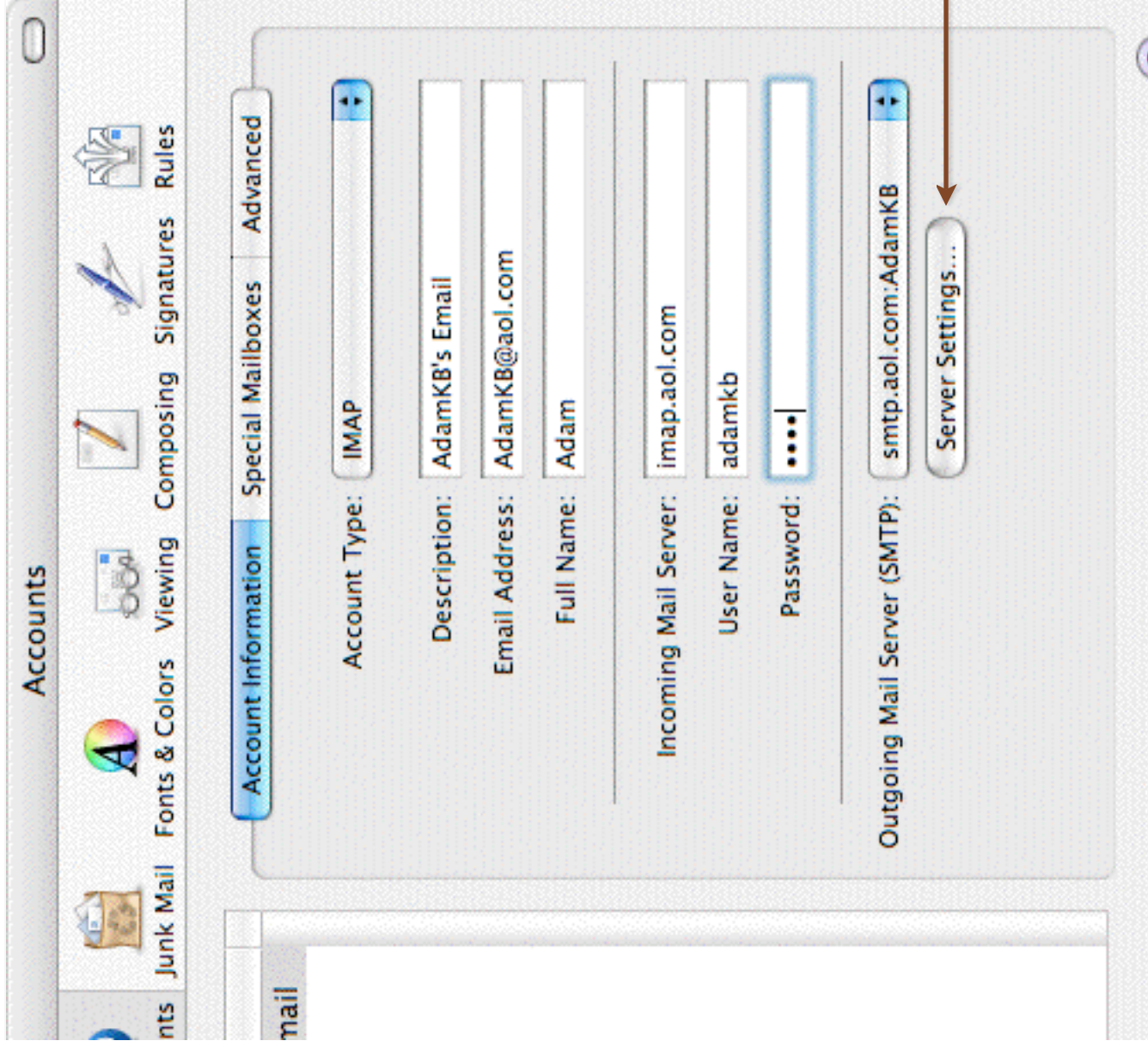
- It's a type of IMAP account normally read using AOL's mail program.
- Messages are deleted after a time period
- Address book is stored at AOL (on-line).
- Mail.app can be used for AOL if configured.

<http://members.aol.com/adamkb/aol/mailfaq/imap/applemail.html>

Configure Mail.app for AOL



Uncheck all boxes



SMTP Server Options

Outgoing Mail Server: smtp.aol.com

Check with your system administrator before changing the advanced options below:

Server port: 587

Use Secure Sockets Layer

Authentication: Password

User Name: AdamKB

Password: [masked]

