

Making Outlook 98+ capable of checking your AOL E-mail

(Note this Mapi.exe file is not available any longer as it came out with a Beta version of AOL . I suggest that you store it in a safe place and keep for future use)

AOL MAPI TRANSPORT :

So you want the MAPI Transport eh?

1. First off, you need to make sure that you have Outlook 98 installed with the Corporate or Workgroup mail option as well. You can check by going to Start\Settings\Control Panel\Mail.

If you do, you should have a screen that either shows profiles installed or it may be on a screen with the services installed for a particular profile. (Also, at the bottom of the window, it says Microsoft Outlook Profiles.)

If you do not have the Corporate or Workgroup mail option installed, you will need to rerun MS Outlook 98 setup... (usually found in the c:\outlook98setup folder) or add from CD.

- Click on Add component.. Then find the Corporate or Workgroup mail option and install it.

2. Once this is done, you will need to install the AOL Mapi Transport program (download below).
3. Once that is done, go back to the MAIL icon in the control panel and open it up.

Now, this is where you really need to pay close attention to what you are doing.

4. Click on Show Profiles. If you currently have any, I suggest removing them. Only to prevent confusion later on.
5. Now, you will need to create your user profile(s). If you are using it for just one account, you need only one profile...etc.
6. Click the ADD button to create your first profile... Next click on Manually configure Services and hit next, type in the name for your profile (I suggest your AOL screen name) and hit next.
7. Now it is time to add the services that this profile will use. Click on Add.

America Online should be one of the choices. Chose it. Follow the prompts to configure how Mapi Transport should connect to AOL.

8. Next you must add a personal folder. This is for receipt of mail. Follow the prompts and name it what you like. (Again, I suggest your AOL screen name.) The folder will then be username.pst. Then be sure in the Folder Name field, you type in your AOL Username and then hit ok.

9. And finally you must add your **Outlook Address Book** service. This is for storing your contacts in Outlook.
10. If you have not already done so above, click once on America Online from the list then choose Properties and set up connection preferences for AOL (*Note: This can be either the regular AOL Dial up method or by choosing TCP/IP you can use any Internet service provider!*).
11. So you should now have: America Online, Personal Folders, & Outlook Address Book listed as services...click APPLY if available and OK...you are done

This should set you up to be able to receive and send e-mail through Outlook 98 for one account. You will also want to set up (add) a personal address book. This you will probably want to share with all profiles. This can be done pretty easily. When adding the PAB, highlight the file that already exists. Do this on all profiles.

Now, if you want to use more than one account, you will need to set up multiple profiles under the mail icon in the control panel. One for each account. Ok.

Next, you will need to setup Outlook to prompt you for which profile to use on startup and I believe that is on the Tools->Options->Mail Services menu from within Outlook 98.

Ok, now that you have taken the time to read all of that (or just skipped down to this part) you can get the MAPI file here: <http://members.aol.com/Diverdue/private/mapi.exe>