

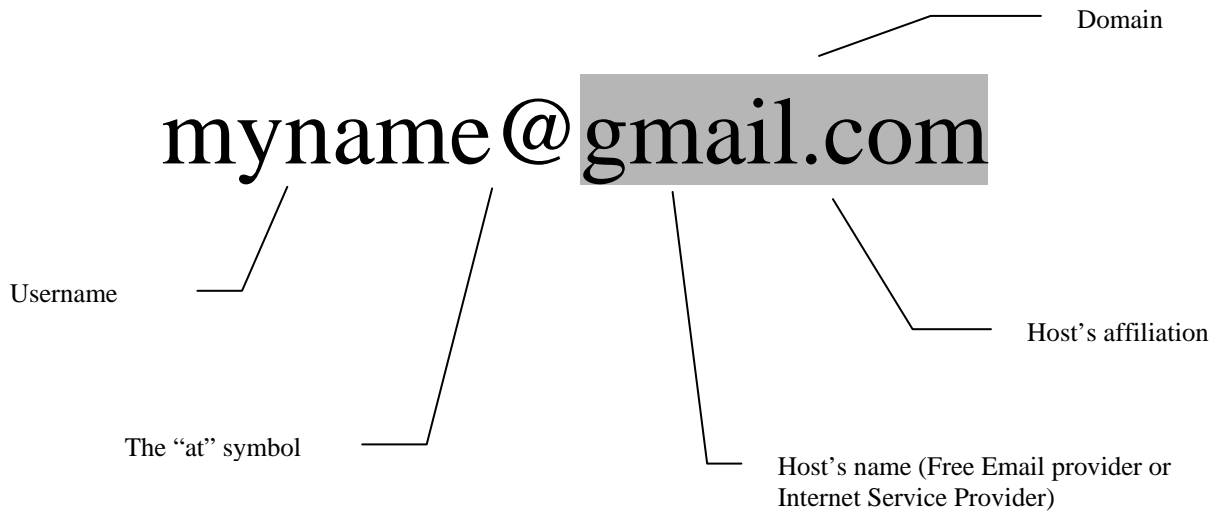
# The Email Address

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Just as you would give someone your name, address, city, state, and zip code if you wanted a package sent to your home, you would need to provide an email address if you wanted to receive an electronic message.

## Components of the Email Address

Email addresses have three main components. The first is the username which you can select. Many individuals opt for a first and middle initial followed by their last name or a combination thereof. Others prefer using nicknames or codenames for privacy or anonymity. The second component is the @ ('at') symbol. The third component is the host's name. The host's name is simply the name of the email provider or Internet Service Provider (ISP).



## Affiliations

.com	commercial
.edu	educational institution
.org	non-profit organization
.net	internet resource or network
.mil	military
.gov	government agency

## Examples of Email Addresses:

johndoe@gmail.com  
 jdoe@gmail.com  
 jdoe2003@gmail.com  
 john\_doe@gmail.com

## General Rules

- There are no spaces in an email address.
- Email addresses are normally typed in lowercase.
- You can use a combination of letters and numbers.
- Most Email providers **do not** allow for symbols or punctuation marks (e.g. \* & \$ # -).

For today's class, you may wish to create your Gmail ID by using your first initial followed by your last name including the month and day of your birth.

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