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## [Mozilla Launches Thunderbird 3, Download Inside](#)

*First Alpha version of the email client rolled out*

Mozilla has just launched Thunderbird 3.0 Alpha 1, the first 3.0 release of the email client that is said to come with lots of new features and updates. Thunderbird has always been one of the most popular email clients on the market and, just like its famous brother Firefox, it now reaches the 3.0 version. As I'm sure you know, Firefox 3.0 Beta 5 was released a few weeks ago so you can download it from [here](#). As mentioned, Mozilla Thunderbird 3.0 is said to come with numerous improvements and new functions supposed to help users read emails and feeds straight from their desktop easier than anytime before. Here are the most important features mentioned by [MozillaWiki](#) and supposed to come with Thunderbird 3.0: UI refresh; Easier configuration, possibly using one of the ways described in Simple Account Setup or Autoconfiguration; Bundled Lightning 1.0, possibly with the GData provider; Faster content search; Improved address book usability; GMail IMAP support; Selected additional user experience improvements. But, besides all these features, Mozilla Thunderbird 3.0 comes with a set of important goals, such as increase the popularity of the email client on the market and become a more important presence in this category of software applications. Here are the four most important goals according to MozillaWiki: To ensure that Thunderbird keeps up with the evolution of the Mozilla platform; To increase adoption of Thunderbird; To improve usability; To facilitate the development, dissemination and use of extensions. As usual, you can download the latest version of Mozilla Thunderbird straight from [Softpedia](#), no matter if we're talking about this new Alpha version or about the latest stable edition. In addition, have a look at the pictures below to see Mozilla Thunderbird 3.0 Alpha 1 in action.