

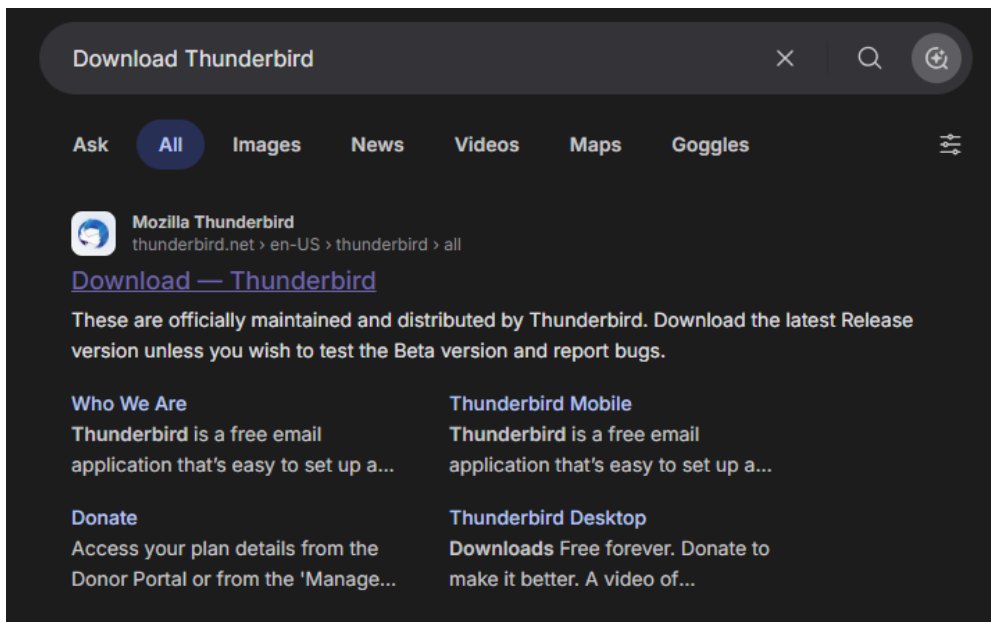
How to Download and Install Mozilla Thunderbird

A step-by-step guide for downloading and installing Thunderbird on Windows

Mozilla Thunderbird is a free, open-source email application that is easy to set up and customize. This guide walks through downloading the installer from the official Thunderbird website and completing the installation on a Windows computer.

Step 1: Search for Thunderbird

Open your web browser and search for “Download Thunderbird.” Select the official result from thunderbird.net, as shown below.



Step 2: Choose Your Download Options

On the Thunderbird Desktop download page, confirm the following settings before downloading:

- Locale: select your preferred language (e.g., English (US))
- Release Channel: choose “Thunderbird Release (Recommended)” for the most stable version
- Operating System: select the system you are installing on (e.g., Windows)

Once your options are set, click the Download button.

Thunderbird Desktop

These are officially maintained and distributed by Thunderbird. Download the latest Release version unless you wish to test the Beta version and report bugs.

The official Thunderbird Release channel. This release is intended for users who want all available new features and bug fixes on a monthly basis. May not work with all add-ons. [Learn more.](#)

Locale

English (US) ▼

Release Channel

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Operating System

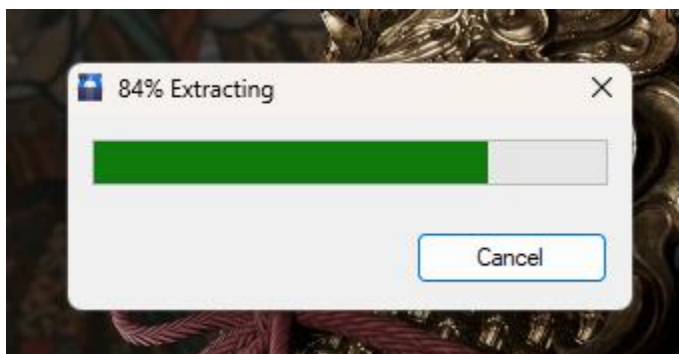
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Step 3: Extract the Installer

After the download finishes, run the downloaded file. It will briefly extract its contents, shown by a progress window like the one below.



Step 4: Start the Setup Wizard

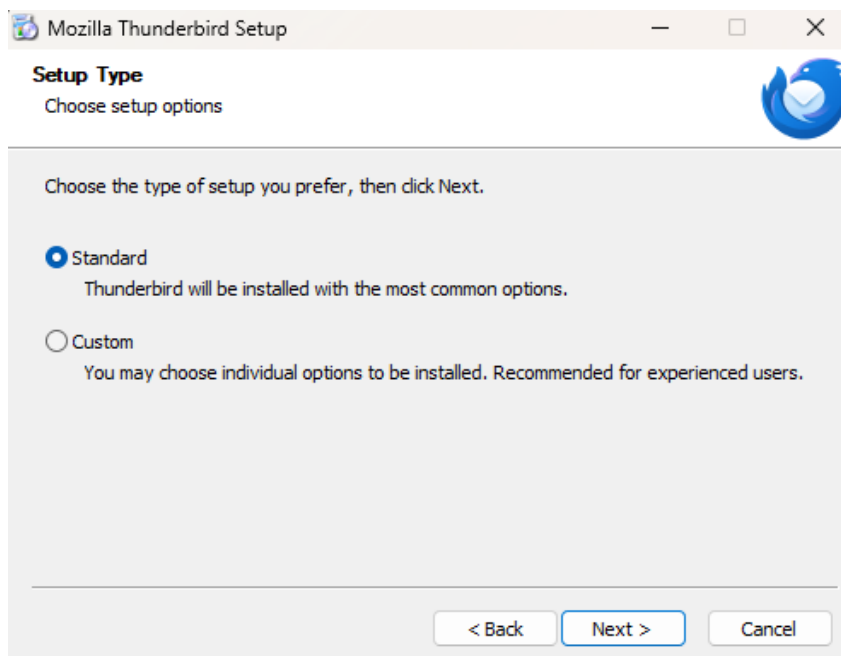
The Mozilla Thunderbird Setup Wizard will open. Review the welcome message and click Next to continue.



Step 5: Choose a Setup Type

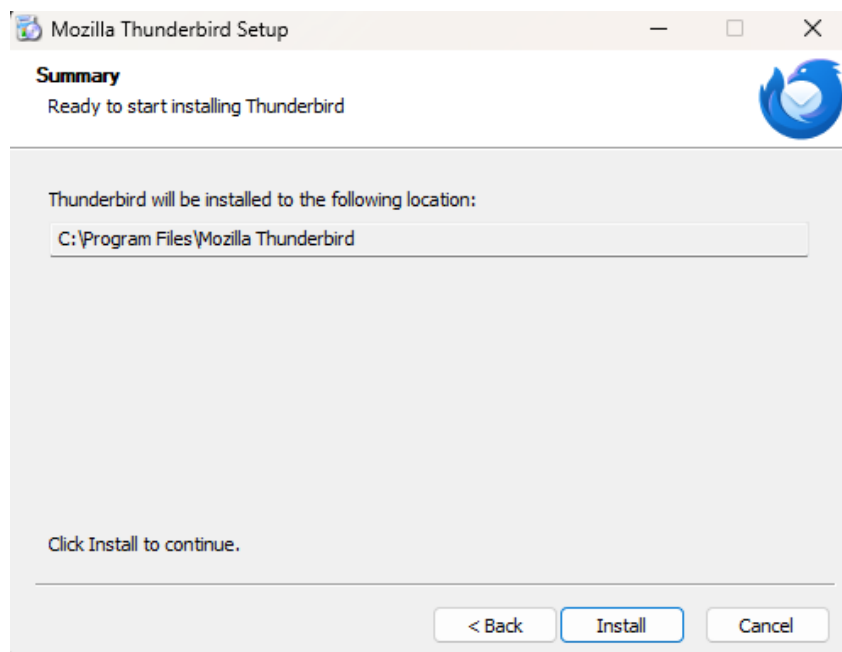
Select the type of installation you prefer, then click Next:

- Standard: Thunderbird installs with the most common options (recommended for most users)
- Custom: allows you to choose individual options and installation location (recommended for experienced users)



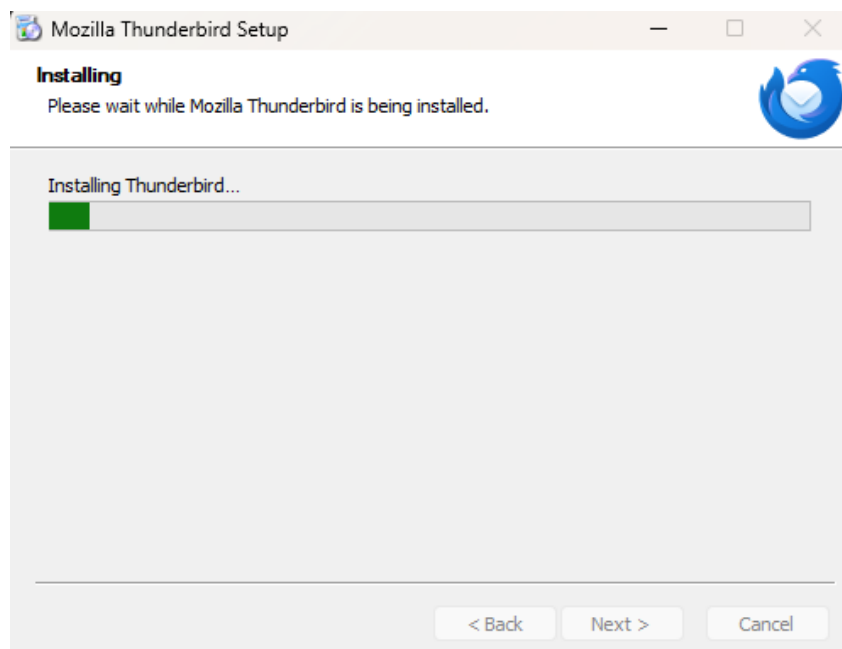
Step 6: Review the Installation Summary

Confirm the folder where Thunderbird will be installed (by default, C:\Program Files\Mozilla Thunderbird). Click Install to begin.



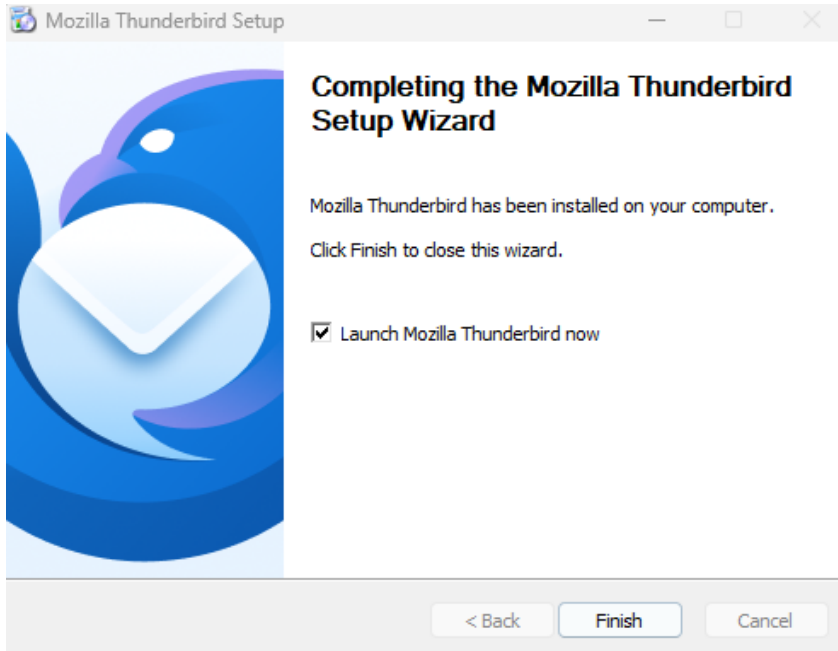
Step 7: Wait for Installation to Complete

Thunderbird will now be installed on your computer. A progress bar will indicate installation status. This process usually takes only a minute or two.



Step 8: Finish Setup

When installation is completed, the wizard will confirm that Thunderbird has been installed. Leave the “Launch Mozilla Thunderbird now” box checked if you want to open the application immediately, then click Finish.



You're All Set

Thunderbird will launch automatically (if selected) and guide you through setting up your first email account. You can now begin sending, receiving, and organizing your email.