**How to Export Emails from Mac Mail for Storage**

Mac Mail (Apple Mail) allows you to export your emails in various formats to store them for future reference, backup, or archival purposes. Here are the instructions on how to export emails from **Mac Mail** to **MBOX**, **EML**, and **PDF** formats:

**Option 1: Export Emails as MBOX Files**

MBOX is a standard file format used by many email clients (including Apple Mail) to store emails. Exporting emails to MBOX allows you to preserve an entire folder's worth of emails and can be imported into other email clients later.

**1. Open Mac Mail**

* Launch the **Mail** app on your Mac.

**2. Select the Mailbox to Export**

* In the Mail app, find the mailbox or folder you want to export in the left sidebar (e.g., **Inbox**, **Sent**, or a custom folder).
* Click on the folder to select it.

**3. Export the Mailbox**

* From the **File** menu at the top of the screen, select **Export Mailbox**.
* A file dialog will appear. Choose a location to save the exported mailbox.
* Enter a name for the exported file if necessary.
* Click **Choose** or **Save**. The mailbox will be saved in **MBOX** format.

**4. Locate the MBOX File**

* Navigate to the location where you saved the file. The file will have an **.mbox** extension.
* You can now store, back up, or transfer this file as needed.

**Note**: MBOX files can be opened by other email clients that support this format, such as Thunderbird or Outlook.

**Option 2: Export Emails as EML Files**

The **EML** format is a standard file format used to store individual email messages. This format allows you to export individual emails that can be opened later in Mail or other email clients.

**1. Open Mac Mail**

* Open the **Mail** app on your Mac.

**2. Select the Email to Export**

* Navigate to the email that you want to export.
* If you want to export multiple emails, hold the **Command (⌘)** key and click each email you want to select.

**3. Export the Email(s)**

* After selecting the email(s), click on **File** in the top menu bar.
* Select **Save As**.
* In the **Save As** dialog, choose the location where you want to store the email(s).
* In the **File Format** dropdown menu, select **Raw Message Source**.
* Click **Save**. The email will be saved as an **EML** file in the selected location.

**4. Repeat for Other Emails**

* If you selected multiple emails, repeat the process for each one.

**5. Locate the EML File**

* Once saved, you can locate the **EML** file(s) in the folder where you chose to save them. You can store, back up, or transfer these emails to other systems.

**Option 3: Export Emails as PDF Files**

If you want to save emails as **PDFs** for easy viewing, printing, or archiving, you can use the **Print to PDF** option in Mac Mail.

**1. Open Mac Mail**

* Open the **Mail** app on your Mac.

**2. Select the Email to Export**

* Go to the email that you want to export and click to open it.

**3. Print the Email as PDF**

* In the top menu, click **File** > **Print** (or press **Command + P**).
* In the print dialog box, click the **PDF** button in the lower-left corner.
* From the dropdown, select **Save as PDF**.
* Choose the location where you want to save the PDF file and give it a name.
* Click **Save**.

**Note**: This method works for individual emails. If you need to export multiple emails, you'll need to repeat the process for each one.

**Option 4: Export Entire Mailbox as a Folder (for Backup or Transfer)**

You can also export an entire mailbox as a folder, which may be useful for backup or transferring your emails to another system.

**1. Open Mac Mail**

* Launch the **Mail** app.

**2. Select the Mailbox to Export**

* In the left sidebar, select the mailbox you want to export.

**3. Export the Mailbox as a Folder**

* From the **File** menu, choose **Export Mailbox**.
* In the dialog that appears, choose the location where you want to save the exported mailbox folder.
* Click **Choose** to confirm.
* The mailbox will be saved as a folder that includes all the emails in it.

**Important Considerations**

* **Backup and Storage**: Ensure that the exported files are stored in a secure and accessible location. For large exports, it may be helpful to use an external storage device or cloud storage.
* **File Size**: Large mailboxes with many emails and attachments can result in sizable files. Make sure you have adequate storage space.
* **Email Organization**: You may want to organize exported files into folders based on the date or subject for easier retrieval later.

By following these steps, you can successfully export emails from Mac Mail in various formats (MBOX, EML, PDF) and store them for future access, archiving, or backup.