

# Re: Outlook SMTP server problem

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On Aug 23, 12:50 pm, "Vanguard" <[vangu...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:vangu...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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Up until I moved to college I used outlook to send and receive email from my att/yahoo account. Now that I have moved into my dorm and am on the dormnet network I can no longer use the att smtp server. The IT people here say that they do not have an SMTP server. So does this mean that I can't send email through outlook while I am here?

You are attempting to access an SMTP server from off their domain; i.e., to the network with the SMTP server, you are off-domain. You have not proven that you have rights to use their resources because you are not authenticated on their domain. The owner of the SMTP server requires you prove you are allowed to use their resources to prevent abuse by spammers. In the SMTP setup in your e-mail client, authenticate to the SMTP server.

For info on off-domain port 25 (SMTP) traffic blocked to thwart spam from spamming or infected customers, read:

[http://www.commercestreet.com/Blocking\\_Port\\_25.htm](http://www.commercestreet.com/Blocking_Port_25.htm)<http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/mail/pop/pop-3>

[http://www.postcastserver.com/help/Port\\_25\\_Blocking.aspx](http://www.postcastserver.com/help/Port_25_Blocking.aspx)<http://www.aota.net/Troubleshooting/port>

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<http://www.google.com/search?q=%2Bblock+%2B%22port+25%22+%2BSMTP+%2Bspam>

I understand that they don't want me using their server because I am not connected to their network. Is there any way around this? Is there another server that is public use? I don't really know, I am just throwing ideas out.

These days it has become completely impractical to run an MTA (mail transfer authority) that permits the public free use as a relay. To publically advertise one even minimally would be tantamount to donating a server along with a ton of bandwidth to spammers, they use-up open relays like there's no tomorrow!

Even if you found one, the anti-spam vigilantes would blacklist it before long. (Sometimes I can't decide whether it's the spammers, or the anti-spam vigilantes that are the biggest bunch of a-holes... they both suck!)

In any case, the registrar I use ([www.domainmadeeasy.com](http://www.domainmadeeasy.com)) offers free email service with every domain registration (or they'll sell it to you for \$9.99/year, but it costs less to register a domain.) The free email includes a 25MB POP3 plus a login to their SMTP server that allows 250 outbound emails per day. Their SMTP servers listen to the standard port 25, as well as a few other non-standard ports, so people on networks with port 25 firewalled (e.g., Cox residential Internet service) can still use it. There may be other lower cost options out there... this one works for me though.

-Mark

Thanks for all of your help