

# Re: Outlook Express on Two Computers

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- *From:* "Bruce Hagen" <[Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Mon, 11 Dec 2006 15:27:55 -0800
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Running low on ideas. I wonder if your ISP allows you to leave a copy on the server. Haven't heard of that before, but???

Have you restarted both machines since checking the box? Try that next.

This /is/ a Pop3 account?

There is a problem where messages get downloaded more than once due to a corrupt Pop3uidl.dbx file. This is different, but that file does play a role and trying this will cause no harm, so do this on both machines. Make sure OE is closed and reboot when you're done.

Tools | Accounts | Mail | Properties | Advanced. Uncheck: Leave a copy of messages on the server. Then delete the Pop3uidl.dbx file. You will get the messages one more time, but that should be it.

Tools | Options | Maintenance | Store Folder will reveal the location of your Outlook Express files. Press the Tab key to highlight the folder location, then Ctrl+C. Close OE, then Start | Run | Ctrl+V will put the location in the box – Click OK and you'll see the OE files. Otherwise, write the location down and navigate to it in Windows Explorer.

In WinXP, Win2K & Win2K3, the OE user files (DBX and WAB) are by default marked as hidden. To view these files in Windows Explorer, you must enable Show Hidden Files and Folders under Start | Control Panel | Folder Options Icon | View, or in Windows Explorer | Tools | Folder Options | View.

With OE closed, find the DBX file for the folder in question {Pop3uidl.dbx} and delete it. A new one will be created automatically when you open OE.

General precautions for Outlook Express:

Do not archive mail in default OE folders. They will eventually become corrupt. Create your own user defined folders for storing mail and move your mail to them. Empty Deleted Items folder regularly. Keep user created folders under 100MB, and Default folders as empty as is feasible.

After you are done, follow up by compacting your folders manually while working \*offline\* and do it often.

Click on Outlook Express at the top of the folder tree so no folders are open. Then: File | Work Offline (or double click Working Online in the Status Bar). File | Folder | Compact all folders. Don't touch anything until the compacting is completed.

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Turn off e-mail scanning in your anti-virus program. It is a redundant layer of protection that eats up CPUs and causes a multitude of problems such as time-outs and account setting changes. Your up-to-date A/V program will continue to protect you sufficiently. For more, see:  
<http://www.oehelp.com/OETips.aspx#3>

In Tools | Options | Maintenance: Uncheck Compact messages in background and leave it unchecked. {N/A if running XP/SP2}.

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Bruce Hagen  
MS-MVP Outlook Express  
~IB-CA~

"SD" <SD@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:ekX2yoXHHHA.960@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ekX2yoXHHHA.960@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Checked, no new messages.

"Bruce Hagen" <Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:uaeLYeXHHHA.1008@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:uaeLYeXHHHA.1008@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Go to your ISPs Website. They should have an option for you to check your mail there.

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"SD" <SD@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:e7ttZcXHHHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e7ttZcXHHHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Bruce Hagen,

See my reply to Frank Saunders. Receive mail OK.  
Webmail?. How to check.?

"Bruce Hagen" <Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:Ob2jTRXHHHA.3616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Ob2jTRXHHHA.3616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Did you see the post from Frank Saunders?

Did you check your WebMail?

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"SD" <SD@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:uT1s1GXHHHA.536@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:uT1s1GXHHHA.536@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Just received mail on my  
laptop, can't see it on my  
desktop. Checked the

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send/recv box it searched,  
nothing showed up on the  
desktop.

"Bruce Hagen"

<Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

[news:e6villWHHHA.3676@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e6villWHHHA.3676@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Can you  
check in  
your ISPs  
WebMail  
and see if  
the  
messages  
are missing  
there as  
well?

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"SD"

<SD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in

message

[news:%23MYjdxWHHHA.4904@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23MYjdxWHHHA.4904@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Yes

I

have.

"Bruce

Hagen"

<Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

[news:%23R7WTvWHHHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23R7WTvWHHHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

In  
your  
first  
post,  
you  
said  
you  
checked

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Leave  
a  
copy  
on  
the  
desktop.  
have  
you  
since  
also  
checked  
it  
on  
the  
laptop?  
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Bruce  
Hagen  
MS-MVP  
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Express  
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"SD"  
<SD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in  
message  
[news:%23VVxOmWHHHA.2112@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23VVxOmWHHHA.2112@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

No  
luck.  
Something  
I  
am  
missing.  
"Bruce  
Hagen"  
<Nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in  
message  
[news:%23S\\$fUHWHHHA.3872@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23S$fUHWHHHA.3872@xxxxxxxxxx)

If  
both  
computers  
are  
using  
the  
same

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e-mail  
address,  
on  
both  
machines:

Tools  
|  
Accounts  
|  
Mail  
|  
Properties  
|  
Advanced

–  
Check:  
Leave  
a  
copy  
of  
messages  
on  
the  
server.

On  
one  
machine,  
check  
to  
Delete  
messages  
after  
X  
days  
to  
assure  
the  
server  
does  
not  
get  
clogged  
up.

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Hagen  
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Outlook  
Express

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"SD"

<SD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

[news:efiUYDWHHHA.1784@xxxxx](mailto:news:efiUYDWHHHA.1784@xxxxx)

Pop,  
I  
set  
my  
desktop  
computer  
in  
Outlook  
Express,Tools,  
Accounts,  
Mail  
Properties  
to  
leave  
messages  
on  
the  
server  
but  
when  
I  
check  
Outlook  
Express  
inbox  
from  
my  
laptop  
what  
ever  
I  
have  
on  
my  
desktop  
does  
not  
appear  
on  
my  
laptop.  
I

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even  
sent  
myself  
a  
test  
message  
and  
it  
did  
not  
appear.  
What  
am  
I  
missing  
in  
your  
reply  
to  
Sandy?.  
"Pop`"  
<nodoby@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
wrote  
in  
message  
<news:%23GiREMLHHA.3>

SandyD  
wrote:

I  
have  
recently  
purchased  
a  
laptop  
and  
need  
help  
with  
using  
Outlook  
Express  
on  
the  
desktop  
as  
well  
as  
the  
laptop.

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Is  
there  
a  
way  
to  
see  
the  
same  
downloaded  
messages  
on  
both  
computers?

I  
have  
OE  
setup  
on  
the  
laptop,  
using  
the  
same  
address  
as  
on  
the  
desktop.  
When  
I  
read  
my  
messages  
on  
the  
laptop,  
then  
go  
to  
the  
desktop,  
the  
same  
messages  
are  
not  
available.

Please  
give

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suggestions  
as  
what  
to  
do  
and  
how  
to  
do  
it  
or  
if  
its  
even  
possible  
at  
all!!

Thanks  
so  
much.....  
Sandy

In  
Outlook  
Express's  
Tools,  
Accounts,  
you  
can  
set  
OE  
to  
leave  
the  
messages  
on  
the  
server,  
delete  
them,  
or  
delete  
them  
after  
a  
certain  
number  
of  
days.

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You appear to have yours set to delete the messages and thus they aren't available any longer to the other computer when you try to read them.

I have my laptop set up to not delete messages from the server, ever. Then, my desktop deletes messages after 7 days. So,

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a  
little  
balancing  
act  
like  
that  
usually  
makes  
things  
work  
out  
pretty  
well.

If  
you  
need  
more  
specifics,  
just  
come  
back  
and  
ask.

Pop`

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