Encrypting Outgoing Mail in Apple Mail on Mac: Setting SMTP to SSL and Port 465

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In short In Apple Mail on Mac: **Mail, Settings**, **Accounts**, your account, **Server Settings**. Under the outgoing server, untick "Automatically manage connection settings", set the port to **465** and turn on **TLS/SSL**, then save and send a test.

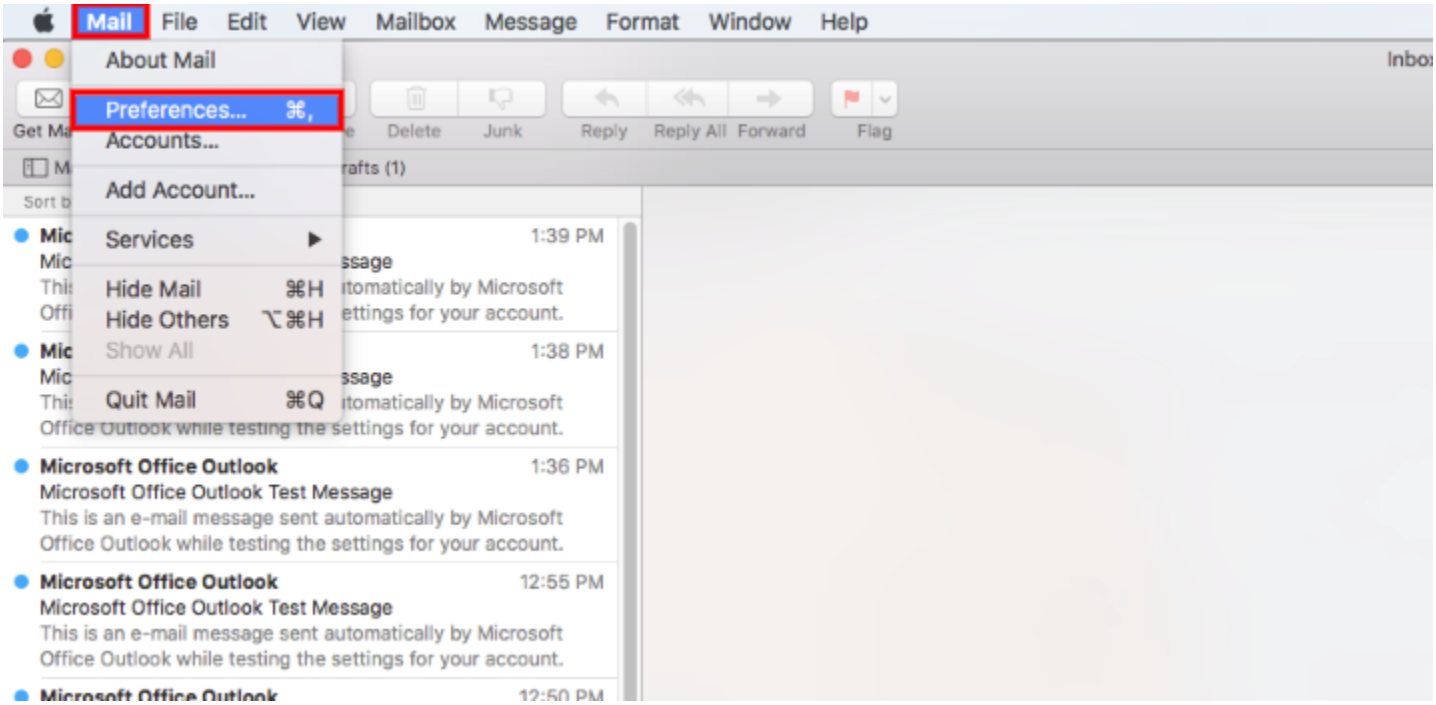


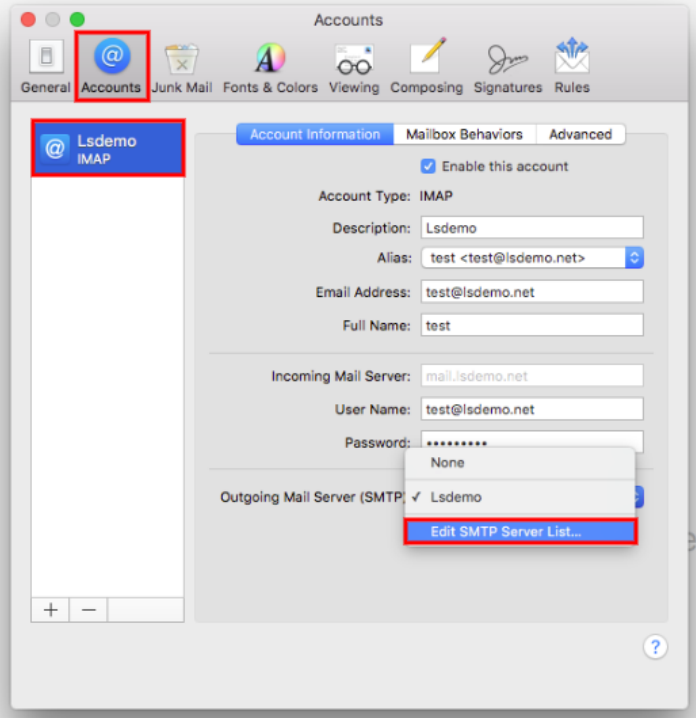
If Apple Mail on your Mac receives email but will not send, or you want sending encrypted, set the outgoing server to SSL and port 465. The screenshots below are from an older macOS, so menu names may differ slightly on your machine.

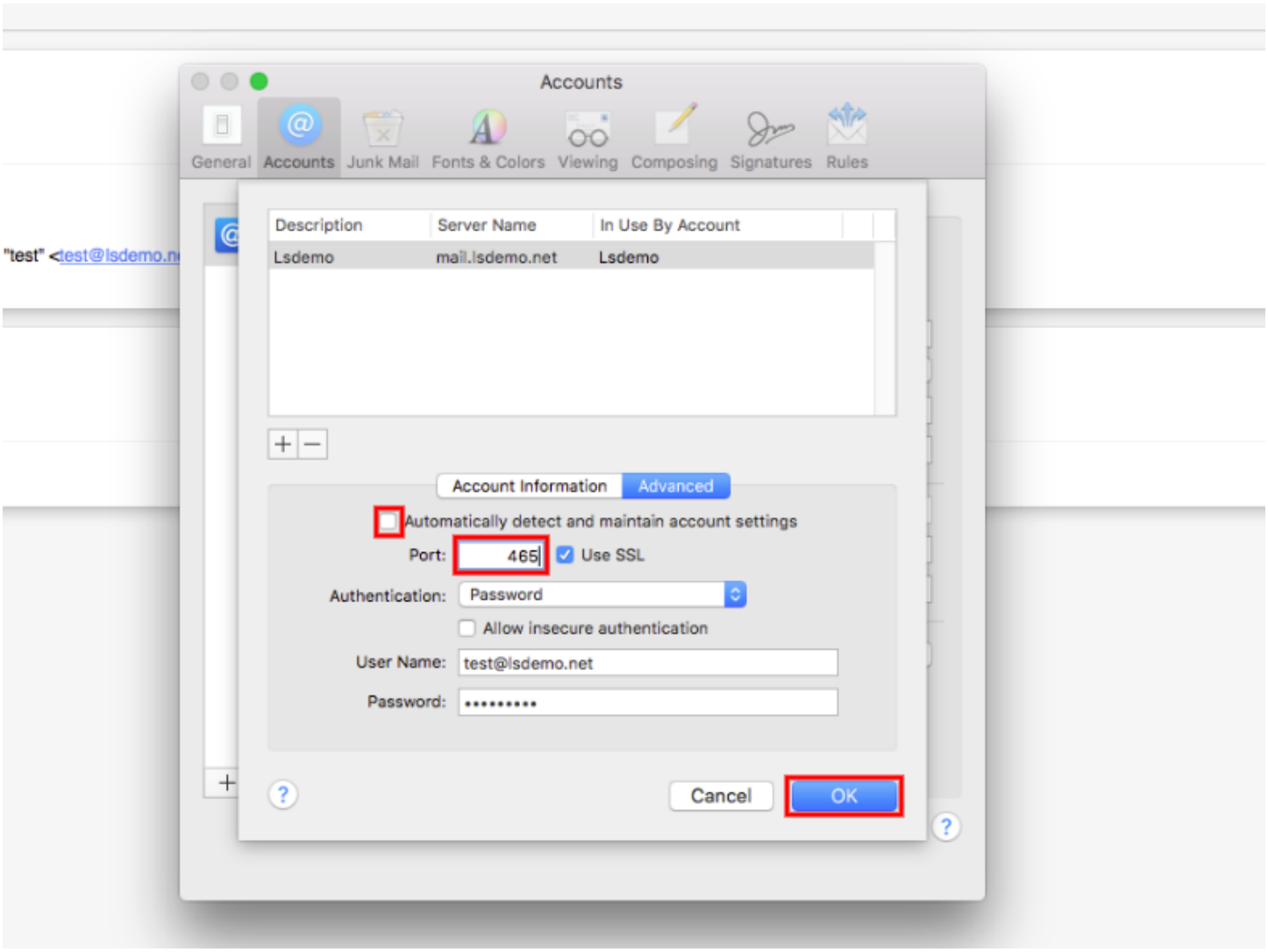
Steps on recent versions

1. **Open Mail,** then from the top menu **Mail, Settings** (Preferences on older versions).
2. **Choose the Accounts tab** and your email account.

3. **Open Server Settings.**
4. **Under Outgoing Mail Server,** untick **Automatically manage connection settings**.
5. **Set the port to 465** and turn on **Use TLS/SSL**; make sure the host is `mail.yourdomain` and the username is your full email address.
6. **Save** and send a test message.

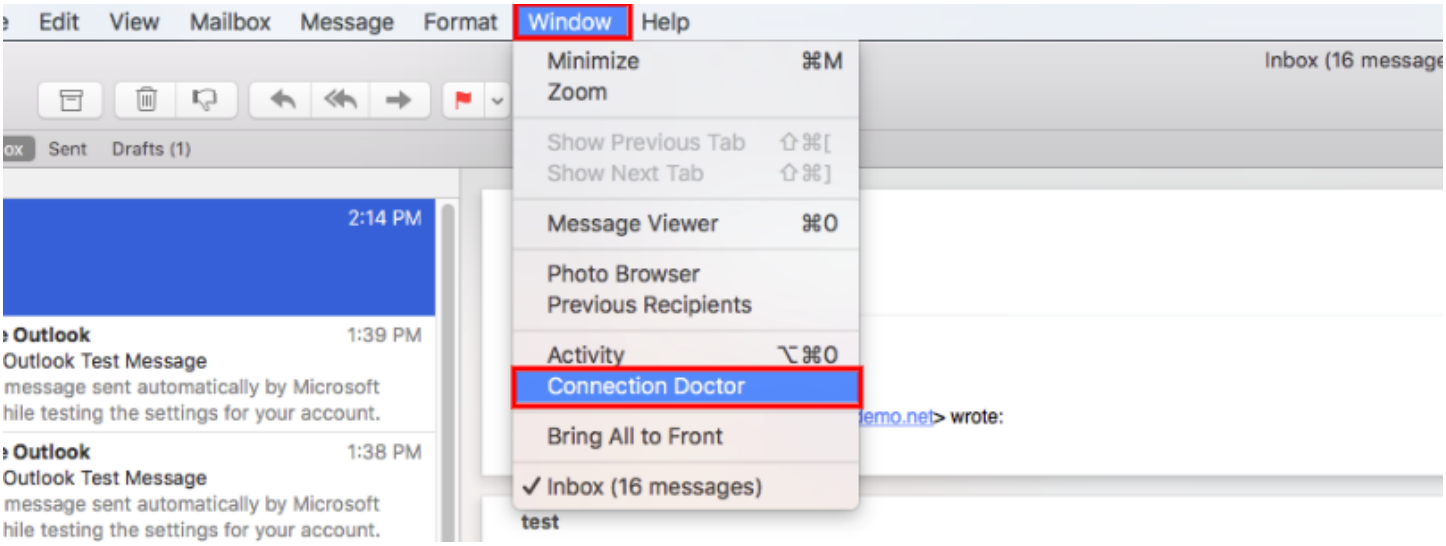



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User Name: test@lsdemo.net
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Test the connection

Older versions had Connection Doctor (Window, Connection Doctor) to test both servers. On recent versions, just send a test message and check for a warning icon next to the account.



Still not sending? Try webmail with the same email and password. If it works, recheck the Mac settings. If not, open a support ticket.

Summary

- Turn off automatic connection settings.
- Port 465 with TLS/SSL, host mail.yourdomain.
- Send a test after saving.

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Frequently asked questions

What is the right SMTP port in Apple Mail?

465 with TLS/SSL, and the host mail.yourdomain.

Why does the port change back after saving?

Because "Automatically manage connection settings" is on. Untick it, then set the port.

Should I use IMAP or POP3 on Mac?

IMAP is better, so your mail stays in sync across all your devices.

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