



SETTINGS · MASKED EMAIL

Keep your address private with Masked Email

A Masked Email is a unique, throwaway address you hand out instead of your real one. Mail to it lands in your normal inbox — and if it ever starts attracting spam, you switch that one address off without touching your real email.



Quick Steps

- 1 Click the **Settings** gear. In the left margin, scroll to the **Set up** section and click **Masked Email**.
- 2 Click **New Masked Email address**.
- 3 Fastmail creates a unique address (like `slow.nail4097@fastmail.com`). Click **Copy to clipboard**.
- 4 In **Description**, note what it's for (the website's name), then click **Save**.
- 5 Paste the masked address into that website's sign-up form — not your real one.

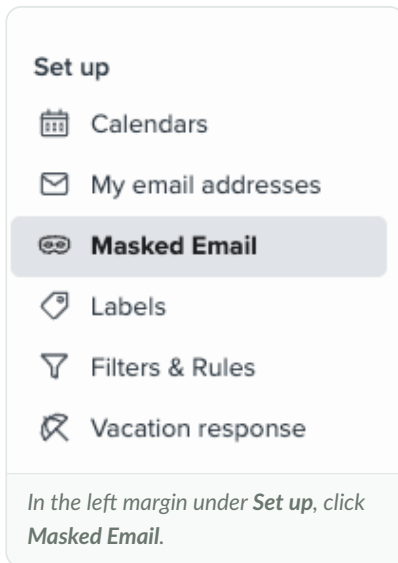
! You don't check a separate inbox.

Anything sent to a Masked Email address is delivered straight to your normal Fastmail inbox, and when you reply it goes out from the masked address — so the company on the other end never learns your real one.

Illustrated Walkthrough

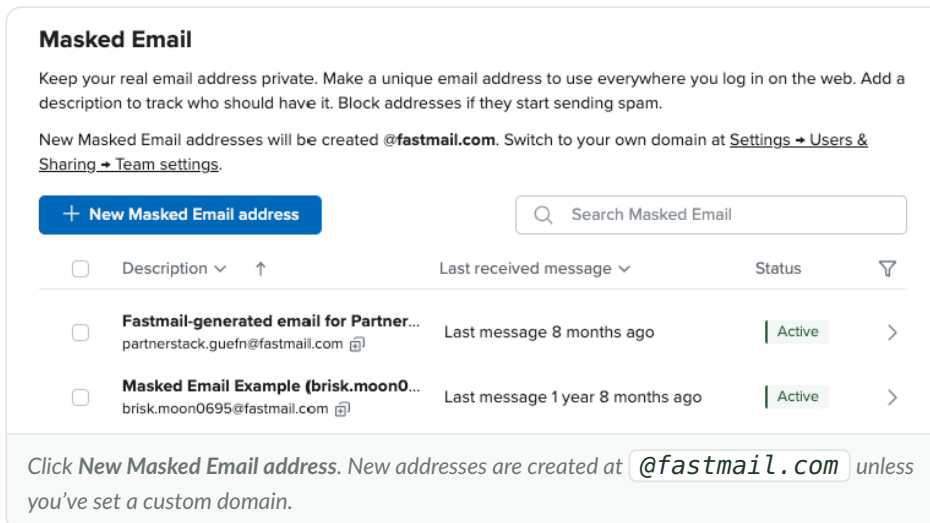
1 Open Settings and choose Masked Email

Click the **Settings** gear in the top-right corner of Fastmail. Settings reopens wherever you were last time, so you may land on a different page — that's normal. In the **left margin**, scroll down to the **Set up** section and click **Masked Email**.



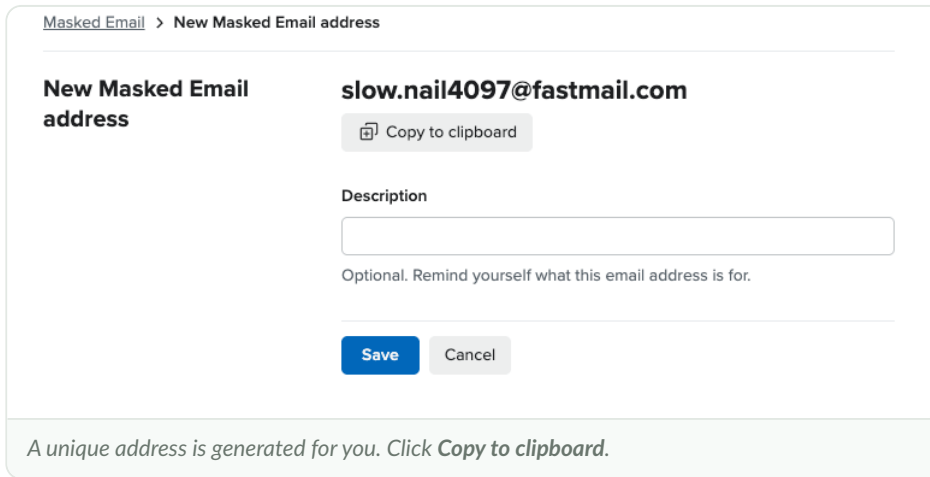
2 Create a new address

The Masked Email page lists any addresses you've already made, with a **Status** and when each last received mail. To make a new one, click the blue **New Masked Email address** button.



3 Copy the address Fastmail generates

Fastmail instantly makes a random address — a couple of words plus a number, like `slow.nail4097@fastmail.com`. Click **Copy to clipboard** so it's ready to paste into the website you're signing up for.



Masked Email > New Masked Email address

New Masked Email address **slow.nail4097@fastmail.com**

 Copy to clipboard

Description

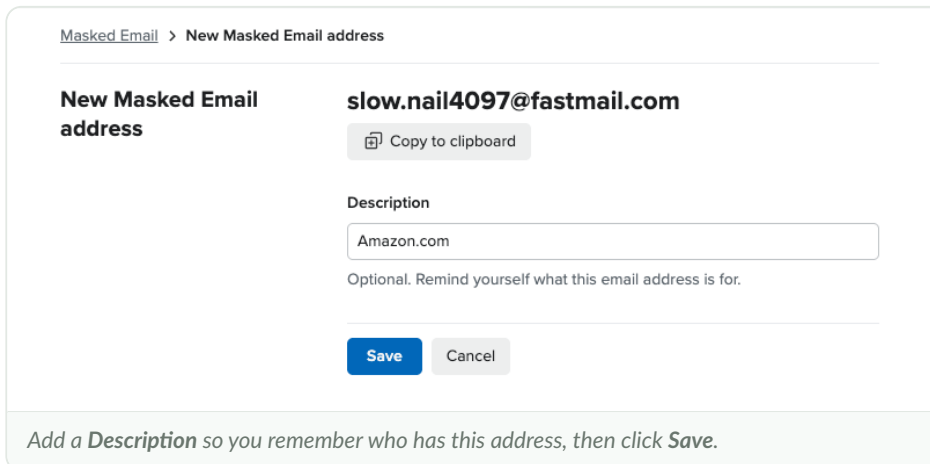
Optional. Remind yourself what this email address is for.

Save Cancel

A unique address is generated for you. Click **Copy to clipboard**.

4 Describe it, then Save

In the **Description** box, type what the address is for — usually the site's name, like `Amazon.com`. It's optional, but it's what you'll see in your list later, so it makes leaky senders easy to spot. Click **Save**.



Masked Email > New Masked Email address

New Masked Email address **slow.nail4097@fastmail.com**

 Copy to clipboard

Description

Amazon.com

Optional. Remind yourself what this email address is for.

Save Cancel

Add a **Description** so you remember who has this address, then click **Save**.

Why use Masked Email?

Giving every website its own address sounds like extra work, but it buys you three things your real address can't:

PRIVACY

- Your **real address** stays private
- Companies can't **link** your accounts together to profile you

SPAM CONTROL

- If one address gets spammed, **block it** — the rest are untouched
- You never have to change your **real email**

ACCOUNTABILITY

- One address per site means you know **exactly who** leaked or sold it
- The **description** names the culprit at a glance

Every masked address has a status

From the **Status** column you can switch any address between three states — so a single click shuts off a sender for good:

ACTIVE

Working normally. Mail to this address is delivered to your inbox.

BLOCKED

Mail to this address is sent straight to **Trash** — out of your way, but no error to the sender.

DELETED

Mail to this address **bounces**, as if it never existed.

! Getting spam at one address?

Open Masked Email, find that address by its description, and set it to **Blocked**. The junk stops landing in your inbox immediately — and because only that one company had the address, you know precisely who passed it around.

≡ For power users and businesses.

If you use **1Password** or **Bitwarden**, their browser extensions can create a Masked Email right on a website's sign-up page — no need to visit Settings first. Businesses can also create masked addresses on their **own domain** (in **Settings → Users & Sharing → Team settings**), so the addresses end in your company's name instead of `@fastmail.com`.



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