

# Google's e-mail add-ons are fun

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The fun folks at Google have been busy developing neat e-mail features within Gmail Labs, the company's experimental testing ground.

Three of the new additions can keep you from sending an e-mail you regret. The two more practical ones are the "Forgotten Attachment Detector," which scans your e-mail to determine when you probably forgot to include a file, and "Undo Send," which gives you up to a 10-second grace period to cancel a sent e-mail. A third, called "Mail Goggles," tries to prevent poorly conceived late-night e-mails by requiring the sender to solve a few math problems before the message sends.

Other features allow you to use Gmail offline, add a to-do list, show link previews within the body of e-mails and expand the flagging icons beyond the yellow star.

To see these and other options, log into your Gmail account. (You can set up one at [gmail.com](https://gmail.com).) Go to "Settings" at the top right of the page, then choose the link for "Labs." You can also click on the little green test tube next to the settings link. Once you have enabled a feature, you also may be able to tweak it under the "General" settings tab.

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(Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to [stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com](mailto:stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com). Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.)

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