Linux E-Mail

Linux provides lots of options for using e-mail ranging from primitive programs such as “mail”, to fancier character based programs like pine and elm. Your editor, emacs, actually has an e-mail system built in! There’s an interesting story about how that e-mail system was used by a hacker in the late 80s to create one of the first devastating internet viruses.

This document shows you how to configure and use e-mail with the Mozilla browser.

PART ONE: Configuring E-Mail

Click on the Mozilla browser (it’s the Tyrannosaurus Rex) at the bottom of the task bar:

This will bring up the browser, go to the Window pull down and select Mail & Newsgroups:
A New Account Wizard will appear. Click “Next” to get started.
Enter the name you want to appear in the from field of your outgoing messages. I entered “Bob Dugan”. And enter your e-mail address. I entered bdigan@stonehill.edu.
On the next screen, select “POP” as the type of mail server and enter “coal.stonehill.edu” as the incoming and outgoing mail server names:
Click next. Enter the username of your Stonehill College account. For me this is "bdugan": 

Click NEXT and enter a name to refer to this e-mail account. I entered “Stonehill Account”:
Click NEXT:
Click FINISH and you will be prompted for your Stonehill account password. Type this in:
Press OK.

PART TWO: Using Mozilla E-Mail

Now it’s time to test your configuration. Click on the COMPOSE button to send an e-mail to yourself. In the TO field enter your e-mail address, in the body field enter some text:
Click on the ATTACHMENTS button to attach a file. I’m attaching the gzip file from the first homework assignment:
Click SEND to send the message. You will be prompted for a subject line:
As the SEND progresses, you may be prompted to re-enter your Stonehill account password.

Now let’s check if you were able to send your mail successfully! Click on the INBOX icon on the left side of the mail program. Then press the GET MSGS button:

You should see your e-mail message in your INBOX:
Subject: Test
From: Bob Dugan
To: Bob Dugan@Stonhill.edu

This is a test.