

# Creating and Managing Personal Folders in Outlook 2007 - IT Help -

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### Summary

Personal Folders are files used by Microsoft Outlook to store email and other Outlook items. This tutorial will show you how to:


- Create Personal Folders in Outlook 2007
- Move emails to Personal Folders
- Manage Personal Folders

#### **Personal Folders Help with Organization and Size Limits**

Personal Folders are a great way to get your University email under control and under the size limit.

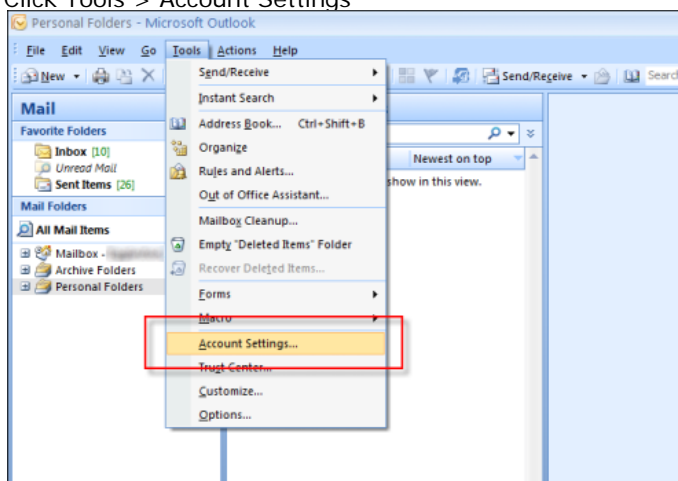
### Detailed Information

Personal Folders are files that Microsoft Outlook uses to store emails locally on a computer. If you are approaching the size limit for emails stored on the Exchange server, Personal Folders are a perfect way to reduce the size of your mailbox while retaining those emails. Read more about size limits here:

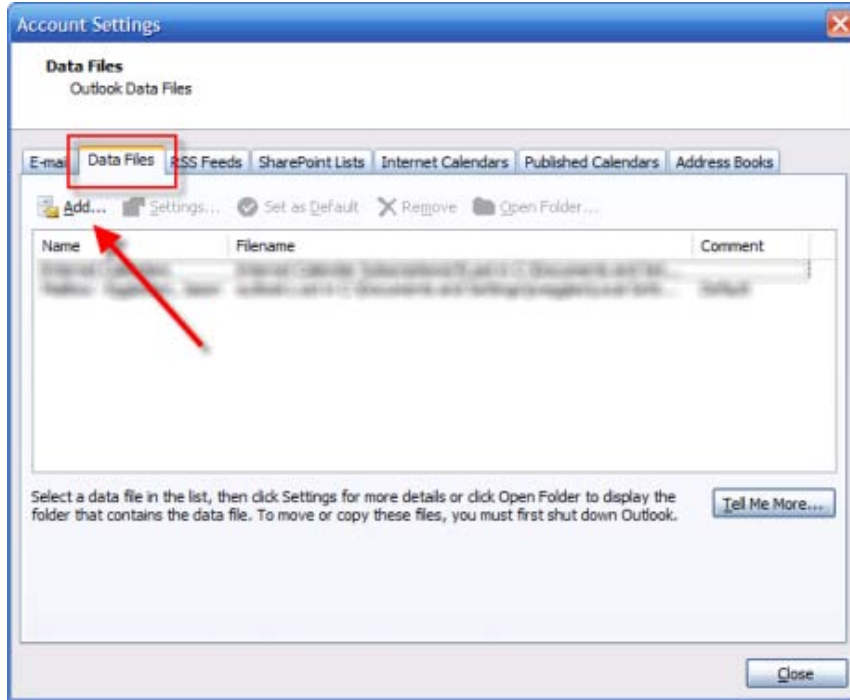
	<p><b>Be Advised</b></p> <p>Personal Folders are files in PST format saved locally on your computer's hard drive, and this information is also liable to be lost in the event of a computer crash. <b>Make sure to make regular backups of your data.</b></p>
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### Creating a Personal Folder

1. Open Outlook 2007
2. Click Tools > Account Settings

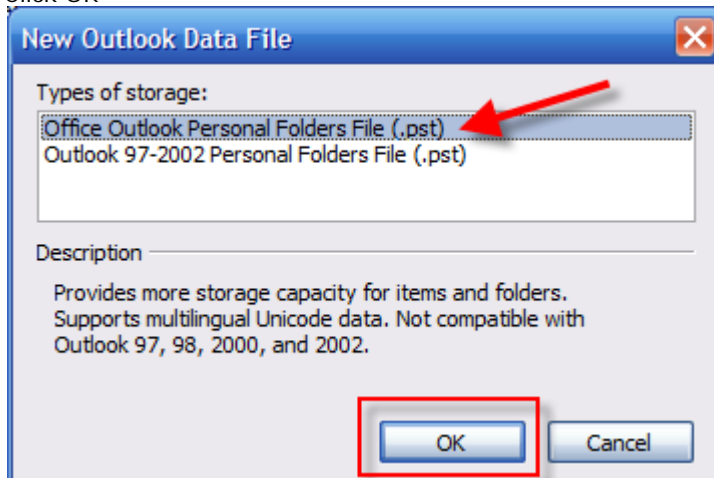


4. Click the "Data Files" tab
5. Click the "Add..." button



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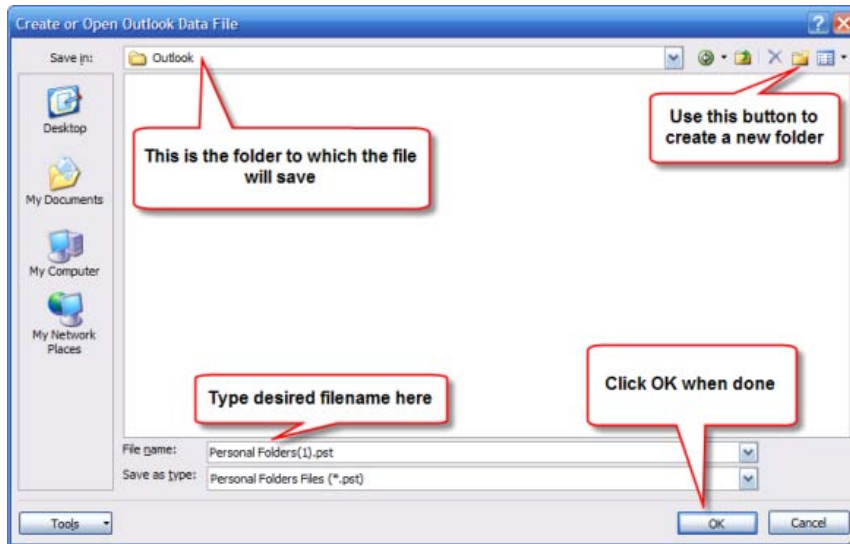
7. Click "Office Outlook Personal Folders File (.pst)" to select it
8. Click OK



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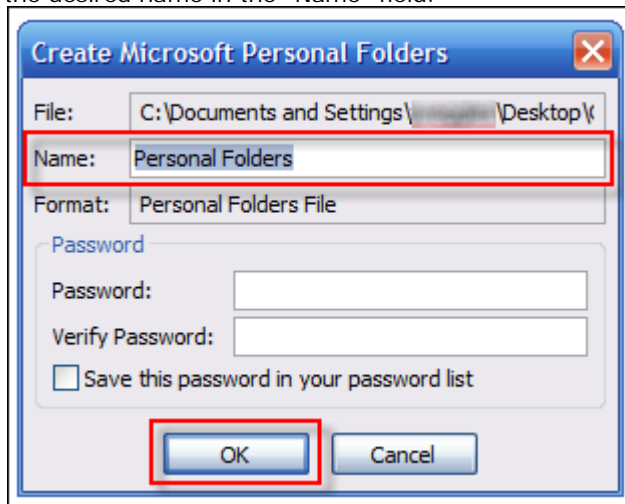
10. Select a location where you'd like to save the Personal Folders file. We suggest using an easy-to-find location such as a folder named "Outlook" within "My Documents". Once you have selected a location, type a name for the Personal Folder file (this is the name of the saved file on your hard drive, not the name that will display in Outlook), and click OK

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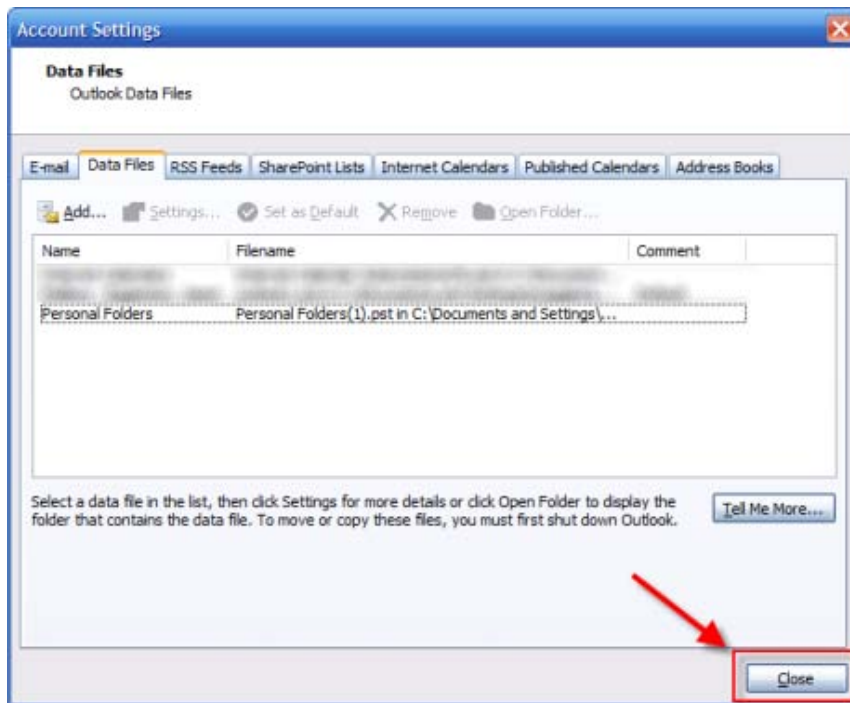
12. To change the name that the Personal Folder will display in Outlook, type the desired name in the "Name" field.

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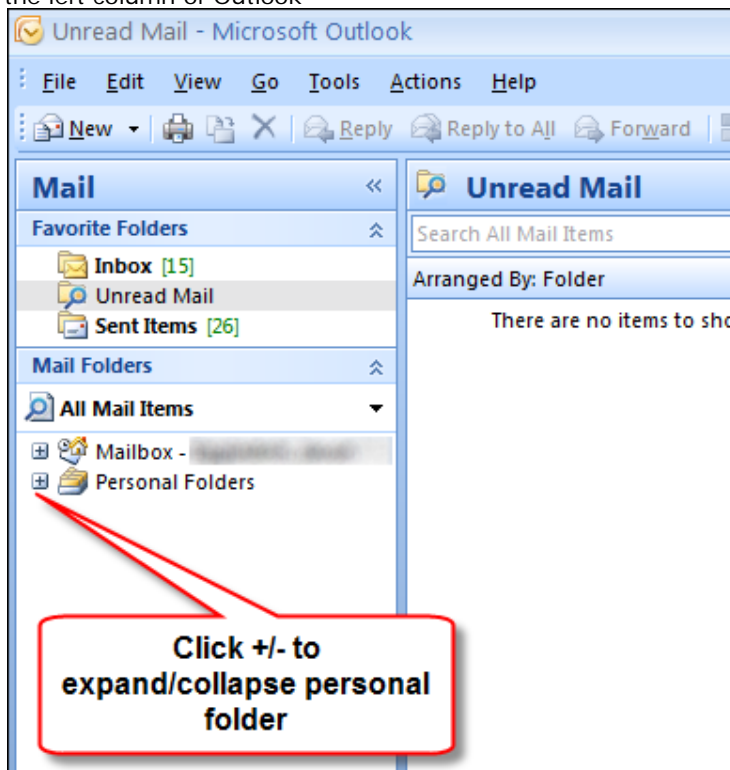
14. To password protect your Personal Folder you may enter a password in the fields provided. For no password protection, just leave it blank.
15. Click OK

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17. Click Close. You will now see the personal folder in the Mail Folders pane in the left column of Outlook

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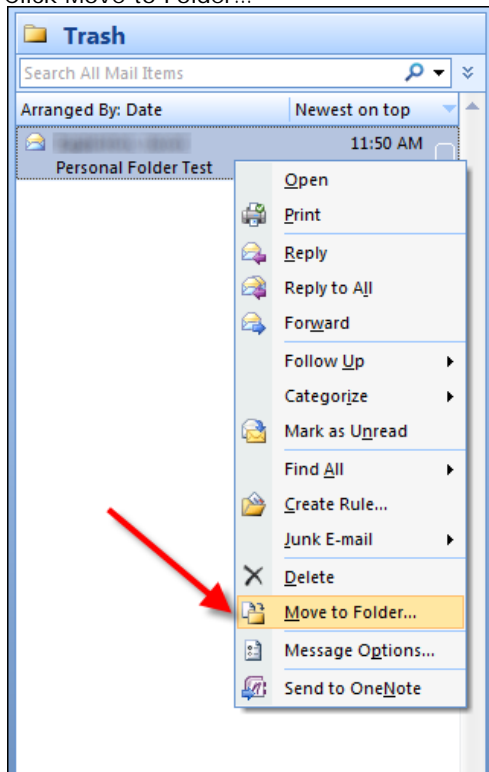


## Moving Items to Personal Folders

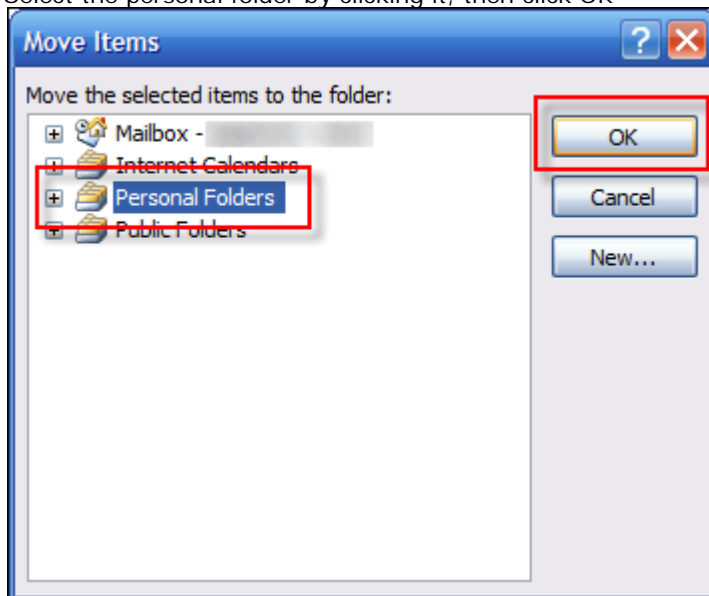
1. Find the email or folder you wish to move to you personal folder
2. There are two ways to move an Outlook item to a personal folder:

### Right-click menu

1. Right-click the item
2. Click Move to Folder...



4. Select the personal folder by clicking it, then click OK



## **Click and drag**

1. Another way to move an item into a personal folder is to simply click and drag

## **Managing Personal Folders**

- You may create multiple personal folders
- Subfolders can be added to personal folders by right-clicking on the personal folder and clicking "New Folder"