# User Guide – Import/Export Outlook Data Files

## E-mail - Using PST files in Outlook 2016 / Microsoft 365 (Outlook) [MANUAL]

This manual helps you to import/export Outlook Data Files (.pst). An Outlook Data File can be used as a backup for your mailbox and contains your messages and/or other Outlook items and is saved on your computer.

#### Instructions

### **Exporting a mailbox**

Step 1: Open Outlook.

The mailbox you wish to export must be in outlook. Otherwise, connect to the desired mailbox to export first.

Step 2: Click File.

Step 3: Click Open & Export.

Step 4: Click Import/Export. The Import and Export Wizard will appear.

Step 5: Select Export to a File.

Step 6: Select Outlook Data File (.pst).

**Step 7:** Select the top-most Folder to export a complete mailbox or select a folder. Keep Include Subfolders ticked to include subfolders. Untick the box if you do not wish to include the subfolders.

**Step 8:** Select a location for the backup files or leave it at the default location. Press Finish.

Step 9: Optional: Create password or leave empty.

Let the export process finish, this can take a while depending on the size of the backup.

#### Import from file.

Now you can import the same file to another mailbox in Outlook. The following actions will merge the e-mails from the export files with the selected mailbox. You cannot undo an import, unless removing all imported e-mails manually, so be careful where you import to!

**Step 1:** Repeat from the previous guide step 1 to 4 in Outlook with the desired mailbox connected. Select in the Import and Export Wizard Import from another program or file. Press Next.

**Step 2:** Select the location of the import if you didn't choose the default location.

**Step 3:** Select the Outlook data file you wish to import and select the folder you wish to import to.

Step 4: Press finish.

## Attach Outlook data file in Outlook.

If you don't want to merge the files in the export file with a mailbox but have the emails accessible as separate file. You can attach an Outlook file in Outlook.

Step 1: Press File.

Step 2: Select Open & Export.

Step 3: Select Open Outlook Data File.

**Step 4:** Navigate to the desired .pst file.

Step 5: Press open.