

**NAME**

git-imap-send - Send a collection of patches from stdin to an IMAP folder

**SYNOPSIS**

*git imap-send*

**DESCRIPTION**

This command uploads a mailbox generated with *git format-patch* into an IMAP drafts folder. This allows patches to be sent as other email is when using mail clients that cannot read mailbox files directly. The command also works with any general mailbox in which emails have the fields From, Date, and Subject in that order.

Typical usage is something like:

```
git format-patch --signoff --stdout --attach origin | git imap-send
```

**CONFIGURATION**

To use the tool, `imap.folder` and either `imap.tunnel` or `imap.host` must be set to appropriate values.

**Variables**

`imap.folder`

The folder to drop the mails into, which is typically the Drafts folder. For example: INBOX.Drafts, INBOX/Drafts or [Gmail]/Drafts. Required to use `imap-send`.

`imap.tunnel`

Command used to setup a tunnel to the IMAP server through which commands will be piped instead of using a direct network connection to the server. Required when `imap.host` is not set to use `imap-send`.

`imap.host`

A URL identifying the server. Use a `imap://` prefix for non-secure connections and a `imaps://` prefix for secure connections. Ignored when `imap.tunnel` is set, but required to use `imap-send` otherwise.

`imap.user`

The username to use when logging in to the server.

`imap.pass`

The password to use when logging in to the server.

`imap.port`

An integer port number to connect to on the server. Defaults to 143 for `imap://` hosts and 993 for `imaps://` hosts. Ignored when `imap.tunnel` is set.

`imap.sslverify`

A boolean to enable/disable verification of the server certificate used by the SSL/TLS connection. Default is true. Ignored when `imap.tunnel` is set.

`imap.preformattedHTML`

A boolean to enable/disable the use of html encoding when sending a patch. An html encoded patch will be bracketed with `<pre>` and have a content type of `text/html`. Ironically, enabling this option causes Thunderbird to send the patch as a `plain/text, format=fixed` email. Default is false.

`imap.authMethod`

Specify authenticate method for authentication with IMAP server. Current supported method is *CRAM-MD5* only.

**Examples**

Using tunnel mode:

```
[imap]
```

```
folder = INBOX.Drafts
tunnel = ssh -q -C user@example.com /usr/bin/imapd ./Maildir 2> /dev/null
```

Using direct mode:

```
[imap]
folder = INBOX.Drafts
host = imap://imap.example.com
user = bob
pass = p4ssw0rd
```

Using direct mode with SSL:

```
[imap]
folder = INBOX.Drafts
host = imaps://imap.example.com
user = bob
pass = p4ssw0rd
port = 123
sslverify = false
```

### EXAMPLE

To submit patches using GMail's IMAP interface, first, edit your `~/.gitconfig` to specify your account settings:

```
[imap]
folder = [Gmail]/Drafts
host = imaps://imap.gmail.com
user = user@gmail.com
port = 993
sslverify = false
```

You might need to instead use: `folder = [Google Mail]/Drafts` if you get an error that the Folder doesn't exist.

Once the commits are ready to be sent, run the following command:

```
$ git format-patch --cover-letter -M --stdout origin/master | git imap-send
```

Just make sure to disable line wrapping in the email client (GMail's web interface will wrap lines no matter what, so you need to use a real IMAP client).

### CAUTION

It is still your responsibility to make sure that the email message sent by your email program meets the standards of your project. Many projects do not like patches to be attached. Some mail agents will transform patches (e.g. wrap lines, send them as `format=flowed`) in ways that make them fail. You will get angry flames ridiculing you if you don't check this.

Thunderbird in particular is known to be problematic. Thunderbird users may wish to visit this web page for more information: [http://kb.mozillazine.org/Plain\\_text\\_email\\_-\\_Thunderbird#Completely\\_plain\\_email](http://kb.mozillazine.org/Plain_text_email_-_Thunderbird#Completely_plain_email)

### SEE ALSO

[git-format-patch\(1\)](#), [git-send-email\(1\)](#), [mbox\(5\)](#)

### GIT

Part of the [git\(1\)](#) suite