# Set Gmail to Default for Mailto Links

#### Set the Protocol Handlers

This task requires the use of Protocol handlers within Google Chrome. The prerequisite to this is to make sure that the Protocol Handler feature is enabled.

## How to check your protocol handlers

- 1. Open Google Chrome.
- 2. In the address bar type chrome://settings/handlers
- 3. Check to see if the "**Do not allow any site to handle protocols**", slider is turned off and turn it on if necessary

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## How to set the mailto: protocol to Gmail

- 1. Remain in **Google Chrome**.
- 2. Open **Gmail** in one of the tabs.
- 3. Look at the right-side of the *address bar* for the **Protocol Handler icon**.



Protocol handler in Chrome

It looks like 2 intersecting diamonds if you squint.

## 4. Click the handler icon.

You should get a small dialog box that asks you to **Allow mail.google.com to open all email links?**.



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- 5. Choose the **Allow** radio button.
- 6. Click Done.
- 7. Test to make sure an email link works. You can use this link. <a href="mailto:somebody@example.com">somebody@example.com</a>