

# Using Exchange with an iPhone versus a Windows Mobile Device

Currently the iPhone is only capable of connecting to Exchange via IMAP while Windows Mobile takes full advantage of Exchange ActiveSync, a protocol designed to give mobile devices and their users a more secure and complete experience similar to Outlook. It is possible that in the future the iPhone will be capable of the same features available with Windows Mobile. In the mean time, the following table shows a comparative breakdown of some of the features available to the two protocols (Exchange ActiveSync and IMAP).

	Feature	Exchange ActiveSync	IMAP client for iPhone
Email	Push Email	Yes	No – pull email only
	Flagging	Yes	No
	HTML email formatting	Yes	Yes
	Attachment download	Yes	Yes (view only, cannot be set to automatically download)
	Access sub-folders	Yes	Yes
	Search entire mailbox	Yes	No
	Smart filtering	Yes	No
Calendar	Calendar Sync	Yes	No
	Accept/Decline meeting requests	Yes	No
	Invite attendees to meeting	Yes	No
	Delete single occurrence of recurring meeting	Yes	No
Contacts	Contact Sync	Yes	No
	Global Address List (GAL) lookup	Yes	No
Tasks	Task Sync	Yes	No
Out of Office	Turn on/off Out of Office (OOF) message	Yes	No
	Change OOF message	Yes	No