



What is Google Gears?

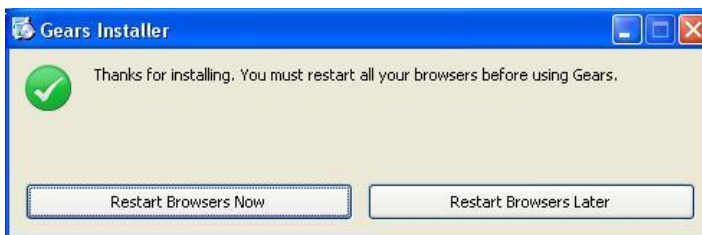
Google Gears is a tool that works in conjunction with your web browser to allow web applications such as Gmail to run offline.

Why would I need to install it?

Gears needs to be installed if you want to enable the offline functions for Gmail and Google Calendar. With this enabled, you will have access to these resources without the need of an internet connection.

Installation Instructions:

1. Download and install Google Gears from <http://gears.google.com/>
2. Click the "Install Gears" button.
3. Read through the "Terms of Service" and, when you are ready, click on the "Agree and Download" button.
4. You will receive screen with a set of instructions for completing the installation. You may also see a security warning message that asks if you want to run the Google Installer. If you don't see the security warning, click the link in step 1 to force the browser to run the installer.
5. Click Run to start the process.
6. If you are using Internet Explorer, you will need to click run again to allow Google Gears to install.
7. It will take a moment to complete the install and will eventually prompt you with a message to restart your browsers.
8. Click the "Restart Browsers Now" button. Your browser will close and then reopen. You will be directed to the Google Gears page that notifies you that Gears is now installed on your machine. If you are using Firefox, the Add-in box will also appear to confirm Google Gears has been installed.



You now have Google Gears installed on your machine. You do not need to install this program again for additional browsers that you may be using. You will now need to log onto your PLU Gmail and enter setup if you would like to configure offline options for your email or calendar. If you have problems configuring the offline settings, support documents are available on our website at <http://www.plu.edu/google-apps/transition/home.php>