Blue Light : Migrate from Courier to Thunderbird

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Requirements and locations of files

To migrate a Courier mailbox to Thunderbird (on Windows XP) you need Courier installed, Thunderbird installed and a program called Courex (get the latest copy here <u>Courex</u>or see the attachments for this page).

See table below to details about migration

What?	Will migration work?
emails	yes
folders and sub-folders	yes
attachments	yes
mailing lists	yes
address book	yes
signatures	yes, text is there but Thunderbird doesn't use internal signatures. Can be exported and used.
mail templates	Yes

Courier email box (if in standard location): C:\Program Files\Courier Email\Mailbox\your-mailbox.box

Thunderbird : C:\Documents and Settings\....(1)\Application Data\Thunderbird\.....

The Locale folders: C:\Documents and Settings $\...(1)$ Application DataThunderbirdProfiles qvu1n3nv.default(2)MailLocal Folders

After the migration find a folder called Courex in C:\Program Files\Courier Email\Mailbox\ which contains the address book, mailbox settings (all settings inclusive passwords!) and log files.

After the migration find a folder called Courex in C:\Documents and Settings\....(1)\Application Data $ThunderbirdProfilesqvu1n3nv.default(2)MailLocal Folders\$. In this folder all main and sub-folders, emails and attachments are stored.

(1) here is the name of your user

(2) this entry is similar but never the same

Step 1

Before you can migrate you have to start Thunderbird at least once and if possible create the mailbox you want to migrate. Enter the pop and smtp-settings and finish the wizard. While running the account wizard make sure you disable the Global Inbox check mark if you want to use multiple email accounts and get for each account a separate inbox.

Account Wizard	\mathbf{X}
Server Information	
Select the type of incoming server you are using.	
● POP ○ IMAP	
Enter the name of your incoming server (for example, "mail.example.net").	
Incoming Server:	
Uncheck this checkbox to store mail for this account in its own directory, must will make this account apport as a top-level account. Otherwise, it will be part of the Local Folders Global abox account.	
Use Global Inbox (store mail in Local Folders)	
Your existing outgoing server (SMTP), "welliginx.com", will be used. You can modify outgoing server settings by choosing Account Settings from the Tools menu.	
< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext > Cancel	

It it useful not to download the mails right away. If the window comes up disable the check mark.

Account Wizard	
Congratulations!	
Please verify that the information below is correct.	
Account Name:	
Email Address: Incoming Liser Name:	
Incoming Server Name:	
Incoming Server Type:	
Outgoing Derver Name (SIATP):	
Download messages now	
Click Finish to save these settings and exit the Account Wizard.	
< <u>B</u> ack Finish Cancel	

Go to Account Settings/Server Settings and check the option 'Leave messages on server'. If you forget this all mails will be deleted on the server. There is no 2nd chance!

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Add Account Local directory: Browse Browse
Remove Account OK Cancel

Step 2 - Using Courex

For more detail about this program refer to the help file that comes with the program. Close Courier and Thunderbird. Start Courex and enter in the Courier Box file and Export Destination Folder. Courex is good at guessing it. Otherwise see above.

Then press start and you are done. Exit Courex.

When you open Thunderbird the folders and emails are in the folder 'Local Folders' . In your mailbox above there is no 'Sent' and 'Templates' folder as long as you haven't send at least one mail and made one template. Do that before you drag and drop folders over. **Caution!** Depending on the mail service you use, you might have to download first all mail into the Inbox, then delete all of them. Then only move the imported mails into the Inbox. If you use the gmail service log in into your online portal and tell gmail under settings only to download the mails from now onwards. Otherwise you might download tons of mail

Step 3 - Migrating the address book

The address book won't be automatically transferred. You find the address book in C:\Program Files \Courier Email\Mailbox\Courex

To import it open Thunderbird, go to address book/tools/import. Choose the text file option in the next window (Text File (LDIF,.tab,.txt,.csv). In the 'select address book file' window change the 'Files of type' to 'All Files'. Then choose 'Address.csv' .

Now comes the tricky part.

Option 1: You import **only the aliases and email** addresses and nothing else. In this case remove all but theses to check marks and sort the fields accordingly. Switch the 'Nickname' and 'Display Name' field.

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	Last Name		
Nickname	🛹 Display Name		
🔽 Display Name 👘	🐂 Nickname		Move Up
📘 🗹 Primary Email	Primary Email		
Secondary Email	Secondary Email		Move <u>D</u> own
Mark Phone	Work Phone		
Home Phone	Home Phone		
📃 Fax Number	Fax Number		
📃 Pager Number	Pager Number	~	
		ОК	Cancel

Option 2: You want to import all fields.

Match the 'Address Book fields' on the left side with the 'Record data to import' on the right side. Make sure the checkmarks are in the right place.

Import Address Book			X
Imported data for Record:	1	Previous	Next
First record contains field	Inames		
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correct data for import on the	right. Uncheck items you	u do not want to) import.
Address Book fields	Record data to import		
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🔽 Last Name	Last Name		
Nickname	Display Name		
🔽 Display Name	Nickname	_	Move Up
🔽 Primary Email	Primary Email		
Secondary Email	Secondary Email		Move <u>D</u> own
Vork Phone	Work Phone		
Home Phone	Home Phone		
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Pager Number	Pager Number	~	
Mobile Number	Mobile Number		
🛃 Job Title	Job Title		Cancel
Department	Department		
Organization	Organization		
Work Address	Work Address		
Work Address 2	Work Address 2		
🔽 Work City	Work City		
🔽 Work State	Work State		
Work ZipCode	Work ZipCode		
Work Country	Work Country		
Web Page 1	Web Page 1		
Home Address	Home Address		
Home Address 2	Home Address 2		
Home City	Home City		
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Home ZipCode	Home ZipCode		
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Custom 2	Custom 2		
Custom 3	Custom 3		
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Press ok. Highlight all addresses in your imported address book (in this example called 'Addresses') and drag and drop them into 'Personal Address Book'. Check if they are there. Then delete your empty imported address book folder. Done!

Step 4 - Migrating mailing lists

In Courier click on one of your mailing lists and highlight all addresses in the right panel. Right click in the highlighted area and export you mailing list to 'Bulk Mail File' on your desktop. Open the Thunderbird address book. Go to TOOLS/IMPORT/ADDRESS BOOK/TEXT FILE. To see the text files change the files types to 'all files' and chose your bulk mail file. **Choose only the email address field to import. Make sure to uncheck the 'First record contains field names' field.**

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Address Book fields	Record data to import		
🔽 Primary Email	@auroville.org.in	~	
First Name			
📃 Last Name			
Nickname		Move Up	
Display Name			5
Secondary Email		Move Dov	vn
Work Phone			
		*	
		OK Cancel	

You will get a new address book with the name of your file. Now highlight your Personal Address Book and press the 'New List' button. Give it the same name like your mailing list before. Click on your newly imported address book and highlight all address in the right pane. Drag and drop them into your mailing list. Check if they are there. If so delete the address book with the same name (which you imported). Repeat that with your other mailing lists.