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Google Sync versus IMAP

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Sync

- Supports push technology which delivers data to your device as new data is available.
- There is a single setup for e-mail, calendar, and contacts.
- The setup is easy.
- Most devices support only one sync account.
- Depending on your device, any push connection may use more power than fetching data at scheduled intervals. In some cases the difference in power usage may have a noticeable impact on your phone's battery life. To save battery life, turn off push and set device to fetch data every 30 to 60 minutes.
- Beta software.

IMAP

- Supports pull technology which fetches data at a scheduled interval set by the user.
- One setup for e-mail and a separate setup for calendar and contacts.
- The setup is easy.
- Devices support multiple accounts.
- Pull technology allows you to set the interval to fetch new data and therefore improving your phone's battery life.

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