# Google Apps: Recommended Gmail & Calendar Labs

These features are available only if your Google Apps administrator has enabled Labs for your domain.

#### About Labs

Google Labs are experimental features that you can add to Gmail and Google Calendar to customize and enhance your inbox and calendar. To help you get started, we've put together a list of the labs we think you'll find useful. It's important to remember, though, that a lab can become unstable, stop working, or disappear at any time—they are experiments, after all!

#### **Enable Labs**

You can enable or disable a lab whenever you like. Here's how:

- 1. In Gmail or Google Calendar, click the Gear icon 🗳 and select **Settings**.
- 2. Go to the **Labs** tab.
- 3. For each lab you want to use, click **Enable**. If you want to stop using a lab, click **Disable**.
- 4. Click **Save Changes** at the top or bottom of the page.

### Recommended Calendar Labs

Description Hey, everyone, let's brainstorm some new ideas for Calendar Labs! Attachment	Event attachments ***Needed to use Calendar as a Lesson Planner Attach a Google document, spreadsheet or presentation to your event, or upload a file from your computer. Important: guests do not automatically have permission to view Google Docs attachments. You must share each attached document. Learn more
Show me as O Available O Busy O Busy (decline invitations)	Automatically declining events Lets you block off times in your calendar when you are unavailable. Invitations sent for any events during this period will be automatically declined. After you enable this feature, you'll find a "Busy (decline invitations)" option in the "Show me as" field.

	<b>Event flair</b> Bring life to your calendar and organize your events with icons for things like flights, vacations, parties and meals. Note: icons added to events you organized will be visible to all attendees. After you enable this feature, click on an event and look for the "Calendar flair" gadget to activate.
2pm–3pm Team meeting	Free or busy
robert Free jenny_h	See which of your friends are free or busy right now (requires that friends share their Google Calendars with you. <u>How to share a calendar</u> )
	Gentle Reminders
Dinner ncho's	Do you like pop-up reminders but hate how they rudely interrupt whatever you're doing? This feature replaces Calendar's pop-ups: when you get a reminder, the title of the Google Calendar window or tab will happily blink in the background and you will hear a pleasant sound. Alternatively, you can choose to use desktop notifications in Chrome.
	Jump to date
May V 25 V 2012 V Jump to date	Quickly navigate to dates in the distant future or past (actual time travel not yet supported).
2 hours 24 minutes	Next meeting
Dentist appointment 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway	See what's coming up next in your calendar.
(0-m) 12n - 1n 1	Who's my one-on-one with?
12pm 12p - 1p ⊥ Lunch (Bill Peterson) = 1pm 1:30n = Exec Admin Champ	Having a hard time figuring out who scheduled that event called "Lunch" on your calendar? This feature displays the attendee's name right on the calendar if it's just you and one other person.
Pacific2:29pmEastern5:29pm♥ Moscow1:29am♥ India2:59amSettings	<b>World clock</b> Keep track of the time around the world. Plus: when you click an event, you'll see the start time in each time zone as well.

Year view
Planning ahead and want to see the whole year at once? Adds a "year view" button to calendar.

## Recommended Gmail Labs

	<b>Apps Search</b> Extends search with Google Docs and Sites results. Apps Search will find the most relevant Docs and Sites and show them below Gmail search results.
Insert Refer to documentation Status report template FAQ	<b>Canned Responses</b> Email for the truly lazy. Save and then send your common messages using a button next to the compose form. Also automatically send emails using filters.
Today (Tue, Jul 29) 9a Dr. Appointment 1:30p Lunch w friends 4p Pick up Eli at SFO	<b>Google Calendar gadget</b> Adds a box in the left column which shows your Google Calendar. See upcoming events, locations, and details.
Google Docs - Items from this e-mail Detailed Project plan Show preview Open in new winds Weekly Meeting Notes	<b>Google Docs previews in mail</b> Shows previews of documents, spreadsheets and presentations directly in the email when you receive any link to a Google Doc. Also
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Sending Cancel	Undo Send
sage has been sent. <u>Undo</u>	Oops, hit "Send" too soon? Stop messages from being sent for a few seconds after hitting the send button.