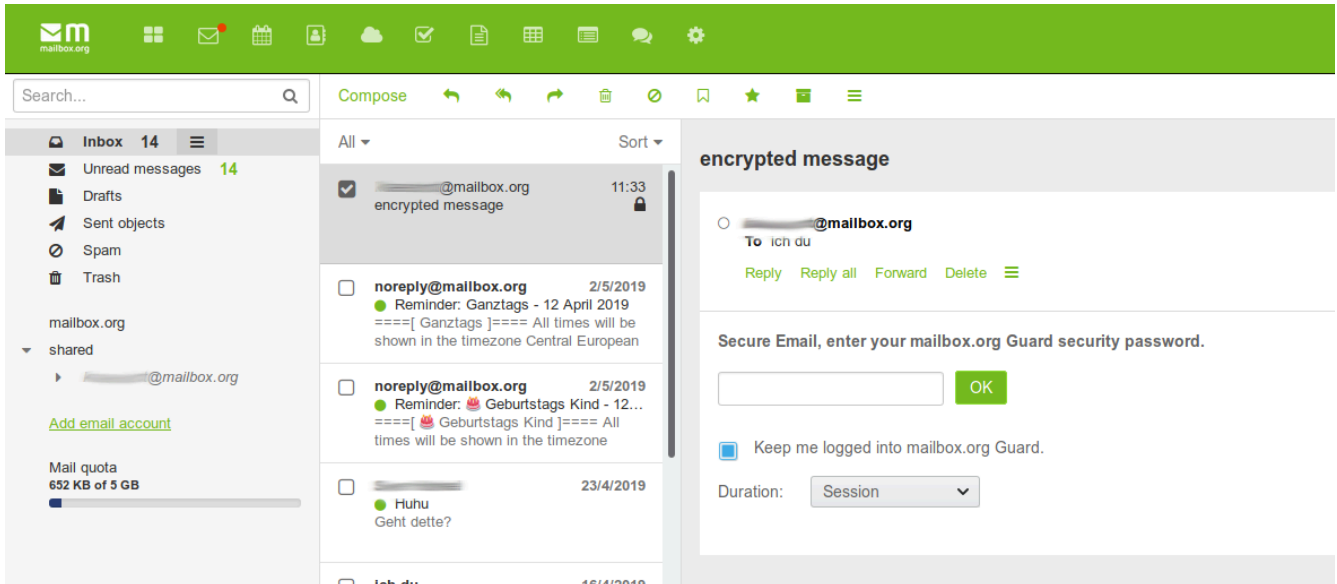


# Read encrypted e-mails with Guard

The decryption of messages sent to you by others requires your private PGP key. This key is kept safe on our servers and can only be accessed with an additional password that only you, the account user, knows. We, the server operators, do not have this password and therefore no access to your private key.

After logging in to the mailbox.org web interface, you will be prompted to enter your personal Guard password. This will make your private key temporarily accessible for the mail application which can then automatically decode and display any encrypted message you may have received.

If you don't want to enter the password for each access to encrypted content (emails or encrypted files in drive) you may keep the password stored in your browser for a limited time.



The screenshot displays the mailbox.org webmail interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options like 'Inbox 14', 'Unread messages 14', 'Drafts', 'Sent objects', 'Spam', and 'Trash'. Below this, it shows the user's mailbox information, including a mail quota of 652 KB of 5 GB. The main area shows a list of emails, with the top one being an encrypted message from '@mailbox.org' at 11:33. Below it are two reminder emails from 'noreply@mailbox.org' and one from 'Huhu' asking 'Geht dette?'. On the right, the 'encrypted message' view is shown, which includes the sender's name, recipient 'To: ich du', and action buttons like 'Reply', 'Reply all', 'Forward', and 'Delete'. A prominent security prompt asks for the 'Guard security password' with an 'OK' button. There is also a checkbox for 'Keep me logged into mailbox.org Guard' and a 'Duration' dropdown menu set to 'Session'.

## Related Articles

- [The mailbox.org Help Section](#)
- [An introduction to mailbox.org Guard](#)
- [Tabs for your webmail inbox](#)
- [Import existing PGP keys into Guard](#)
- [Activate your mailbox.org Guard](#)