E-mail Set Up

This chapter focuses on getting your e-mail setup as well as wireless syncing of your contacts if you use Google Mail (Gmail) or have a BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES). Sometimes e-mail setup can cause problems, and we show you how to fix common errors and make sure you receive all your e-mail on both your computer and BlackBerry. While you can adjust e-mail setup from your BlackBerry, you may also want to adjust your e-mail settings from your computer (we also cover that in this chapter).

If your BlackBerry is tied to a BES, we show you how to get connected (or activated) on the server. More recently, Research In Motion (BlackBerry’s maker) announced free BES Express software. This can be a fantastic value if your organization uses Microsoft Exchange and would like to take advantage of the BES features without additional software licensing and, in most cases, without additional hardware costs.

Learn Your BlackBerry and Getting Around

Much of the basics about the keys, buttons, and using your Curve including great tips and tricks are located in our Quick Start Guide at the beginning of this book. In the Quick Start Guide we also show you how to use the trackpad, Escape, and other keys including how to save time with many shortcuts and multitasking.
Your Home Screen

Depending on the particular phone company that supplied your BlackBerry, you may see more or fewer icons on your Home screen similar to your computer’s desktop. You may also see a different background picture than shown in the figure to the right. Your BlackBerry is fully customizable, so you can change the look and feel (called the Theme) and even the picture you see as the background.

**TIP:** To change your background wallpaper, from your Home screen press the Menu key twice until you see a menu appear. Select Options from the menu. Scroll down to Set Wallpaper and click Change Wallpaper. Select from a number of pre-loaded background images or snap a picture and set it as your wallpaper.

Getting Around Your Home Screen, Folders, and Icons

Depending on the particular phone company that supplied your BlackBerry, you may see more or fewer icons on your Home screen–similar to your computer’s desktop. You will see a different background picture than the one shown in Figure 1-1. The background wallpaper in that figure was taken with the BlackBerry Curve Camera.

**TIP:** Check out Home Screen Hotkeys in Part 4 of this book on page 548 to learn how to enable single key startup of all your most-used icons, such as Messages (in Figure 1-1), Contacts, Calendar, and more.

1. Press the **Menu** key to go from your limited set of icons to see all your icons.
2. Scroll the **trackpad** down to see any icons that might be off the bottom of the screen.
3. Click on any folders, such as **Media**, to see more icons inside the folders
4. Press the **Escape** key to back out of a folder or return to your **Home** screen with just a few icons and your picture.
5. Your BlackBerry is fully customizable, so you can change the look and feel (called the **Theme**) and even the picture you see as the background.