Many of us don’t have a single email account, while some of us have accounts that do much more than email, such as store our contacts or calendar. We also may have Windows Live or Hotmail accounts that let us log into various Microsoft services, such as Zune, Xbox Live, MSDN, Technet, SkyDrive, or a number of other things. And finally, it seems most of us have Facebook accounts that we use to connect with our friends and family.

Your Windows Phone 7 device allows you to add all of these accounts, so that you can keep connected easily while on the go. This chapter will walk you through setting up a Windows Live account (two of them, actually!), a Microsoft Exchange account (such as one you might have at your workplace), a Google Gmail account, and a Facebook account. Along the way, you’ll see how to enter in additional accounts, including a Yahoo! Mail account and a personal account you might have with your Internet service provider (ISP).

**Adding Your Windows Live Account(s)**

It’s easy to get and set up a Windows Live account (or Hotmail account, as it was known previously). Such an account is quite valuable because it lets you sign in to most Microsoft services; therefore, a single account can unlock a variety of neat things your phone can use. If you only have one Windows Live / Hotmail account, then it’s easy to complete this series of steps—you can jump right in. However if you have multiple accounts, you should pay particular attention to the next paragraph!

Your Windows Phone 7 device can support multiple Windows Live / Hotmail accounts. However the first one you sign in to, or add, is special. That’s because your phone will treat this account as the account you want to use with Zune and Xbox Live. If you’ve used either of these services before, it’s important to sign in with your phone to the same Windows Live ID you’ve used previously for Zune and Xbox. Otherwise you won’t get the same functionality out of the Zune and Xbox areas of your phone. Your phone will warn you about this when you add a Windows Live account; however, if you’re unsure what Windows Live account you used for Zune or Xbox previously, you should find this information out before adding any accounts. This will enable you to make sure
you add the correct account first. To find out what Windows Live ID your Xbox Gamertag is associated with, fire up your Xbox and sign in. Next, go to **Settings ➤ Account Management ➤ Windows Live ID** to get the account name. To find out what Live ID account your Zune Tag is associated with, open the **Zune** software on your computer and sign in. Next, right-click your profile picture and choose **Switch User**. The email address listed next to your profile picture on the **Sign In** screen is your Windows Live ID!

**NOTE:** It is possible to change the Windows Live account that’s associated with an Xbox Live or Zune tag through the Web; however, you can only do this one time.

Once you know the Windows Live ID you’d like to use, you’re ready to add the account to your phone. (Of course, if you already signed into a Windows Live ID during the initial setup process described in Chapter 1, you can skip these steps unless you have additional Windows Live IDs or Hotmail accounts you would like to add!) Follow these steps to add a Windows Live account to your phone:

1. Turn on and unlock your phone.
2. Tap the arrow in the upper right of the screen to bring up the **applications** list. At the bottom of the list, tap **Settings** (see Figure 3–1).

**Figure 3–1. Accessing account settings on your Windows Phone 7.**