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Four new themes

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Manu: Hey Jake, you still using that same old theme?

Jake: Well, yeah. I mean, I like it -- but I don't know... I guess it just doesn't feel as new as it used to.

Manu: I hear ya. Well, good news! Today four new themes are out there for everybody. Just go to the [Themes tab under Settings](#)...and ta da!

Jake: (click, click) There we go!

Manu: Should we tell people about why we created these four themes?

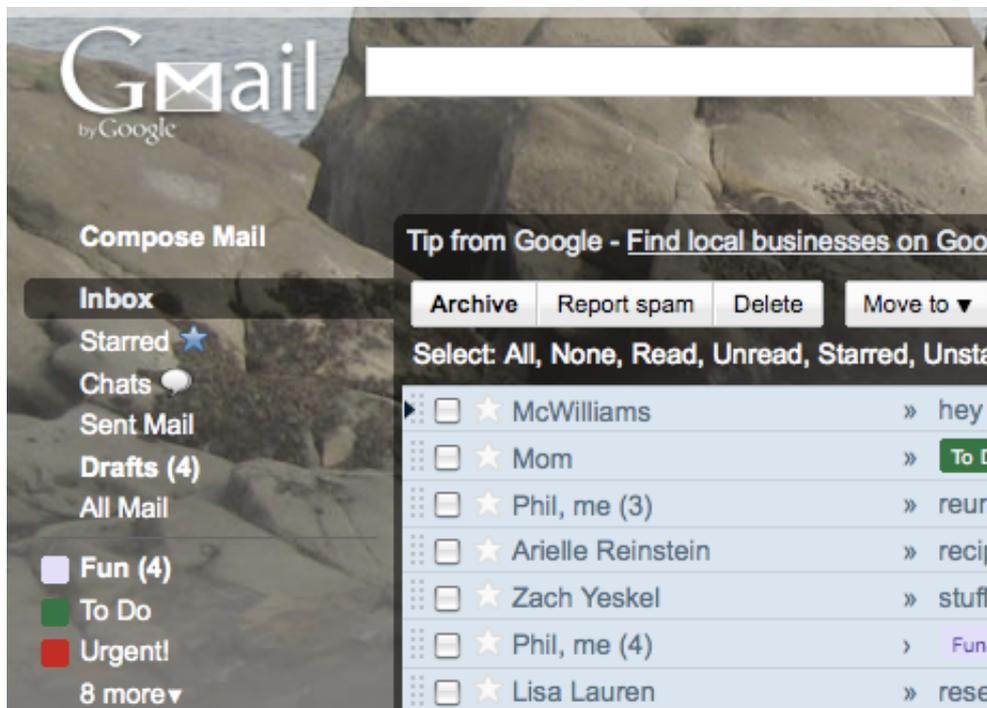
Jake: We should.

Manu: Assuming they're still reading.

Jake: Right. Okay, well, [Gmail themes](#) have been out since November, and I know we were ready for some new ones.

Manu: And we heard some of you asking for new ones too. So we thought about what we wanted to stare at all day long, since we work on Gmail.

Jake: I've been living in Zurich for the last year, and I missed Washington State, where I grew up. The Orcas Island theme definitely takes away a little bit of that homesickness with a new image each day of the week.



Manu: Homesickness eh? What about timesickness?

Jake: There's such a thing?

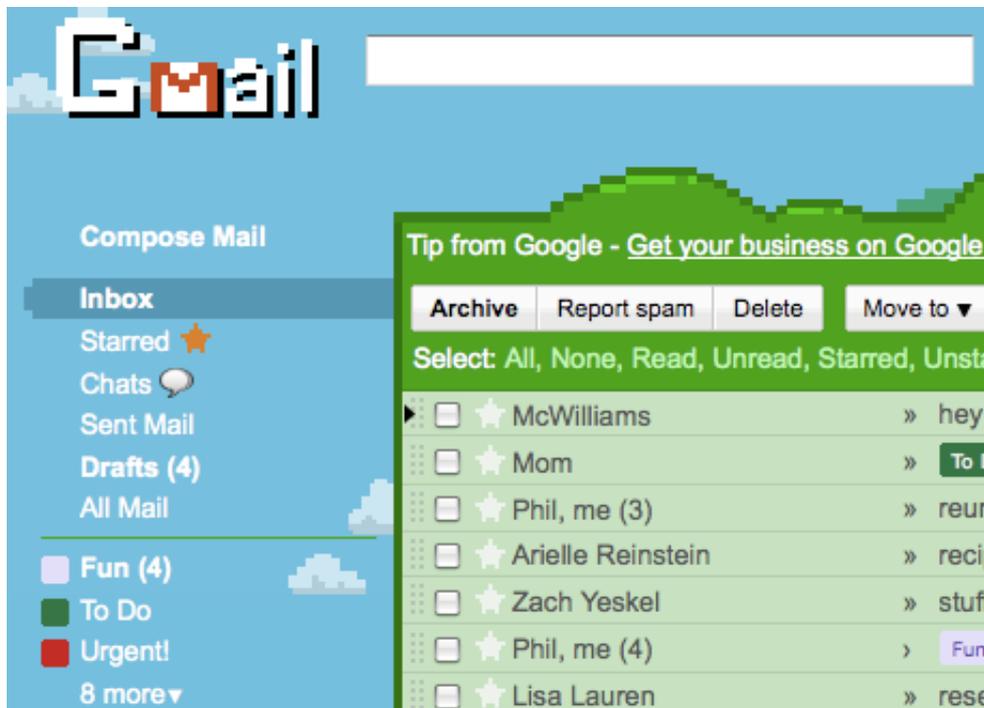
Manu: Totally. Sometimes I find myself timesick.

Jake: For when?

Manu: For a simpler time. For a time when processors weren't too fast. When graphics weren't too realistic.

Jake: Sounds like a real bummer. Too bad there's no cure for timesickness.

Manu: That's where you're dead wrong, my friend. Take a look at High Score. It's like being in a time machine isn't it?

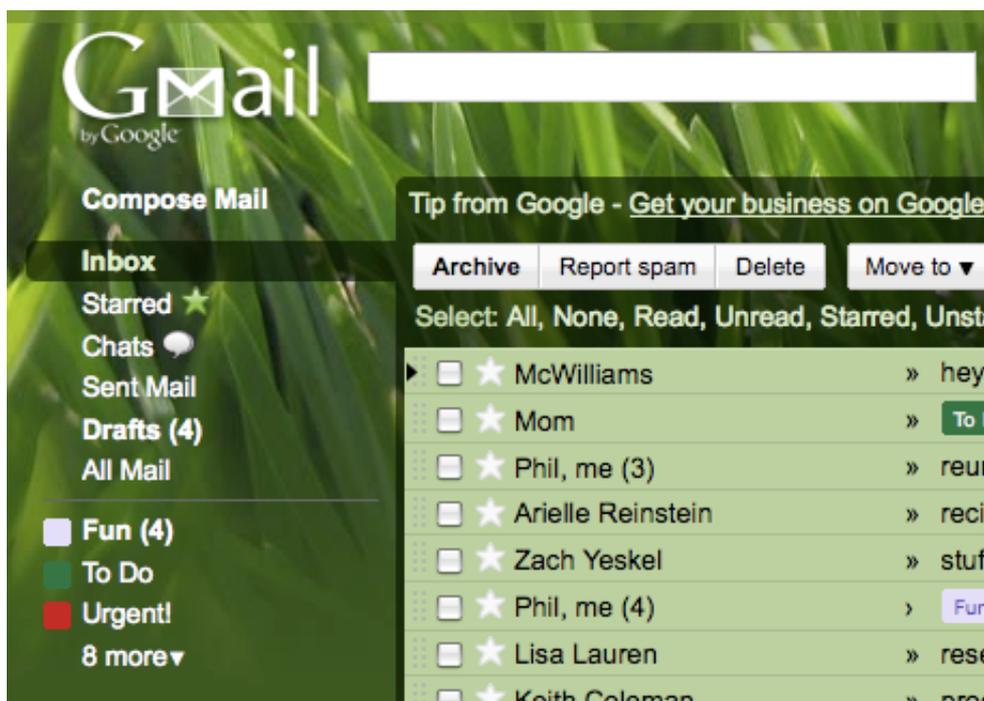


Jake: (click, click) Aren't these colors a little bright?

Manu: Aren't you supposed to be a designer?

Jake: We'll have to agree to disagree, my friend. This one just isn't for me. I need something soothing. Something like laying face down in the grass.

Manu: I suppose you're talking about Turf now. What's the story behind that one?



Jake: Well, who doesn't like the color green?

Manu: And it doesn't change every day, so it was easier for us to make.

Jake: Are you suggesting we're lazy?

Manu: Prove that we're not.

Jake: We just made four new themes. How about that?

Manu: It took us ten months. And the fourth theme (Random) merely cycles through all the others.

Jake: Well, enjoy these themes for now. And, of course, [let us know](#) what you think. Maybe we'll have some more for you in the next ten months ;)



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