

Using Pine from Tower

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PLEASE NOTE - before you can use tower you must first have registered for it. You can do so via the electronic infodesk at <http://www.york.ac.uk/services/cserv/edesk/> and click on the [Registration](#) tab and then fill in your username (e.g abc100) and password in the pop-up box and click **OK**. Scroll down the page until you reach **Optional Facilities for abc100** and scroll down to where it says TOW | Tower - General Unix service and click on the **Register Now** button. You will have to wait a few minutes for your account to work, and then you can log in to tower.

I. USING PINE

When in tower type

```
/usr/local/pub/pine
```

This will bring up Pine. The mouse will not work - only the keyboard.

If this is the first time you have used Pine a welcome screen will appear, press **Return**.

Now you are at the main Pine screen. This gives you a list of options

```
?      Help
c      compose message
i      message index
l      folder list
a      address book
s      setup
q      quit
```

Press **i**

NOTE - Although all the commands in Pine are listed in upper-case just pressing the key (i.e. the lower case form) is fine. If you have caps-lock on, or you press shift, e.g. **Shift+i** to give **l** that command will still work.

This brings you into your inbox, at the first new message.

To read it, press **Return**, or the **>** key (you will need shift this time - **Shift+. = >**).

From most places in Pine (such as the inbox) pressing **m** will return you to this main screen.

- To scroll to any message, use the up and down arrow keys.
- To compose a message press **c**

This will bring up the message editor

In the **To** field type the email address - if sending to a York email (e.g. abc123@york.ac.uk) you can just type

```
abc123
```

and press **Return**. Pine will fill in the @york.ac.uk automatically.

To send it press **Ctrl+x** - the commands at the bottom of the screen say '^X' but in Pine the '^' means 'Ctrl+'.

Similarly, to cancel the message type **Ctrl+c**

- The two bottom lines of the screen contain all the commands available at that point, and should be reasonably clear (r for reply etc.). Some things (such as attachments (**Ctrl+j**)) can only be done in certain places (such as when the cursor is in the To, Cc or Subject fields). Often you can press **O** for other commands.
- Pine can cope with HTML text but not pictures.
- If you get sent an attachment you will have to type **v** to see all items, then using the arrow-keys, scroll down the attachment you wish to save, then press **S** to save it. It will save it to your tower drive space, which is in fact your **M:** drive.
- To exit Pine press **q** when you're at the main screen or in your inbox.

II. ADVANCED

If you don't want to have to type `/usr/local/pub/pine` every time, you can make a shortcut. To do this type

```
nedit .tcshrc
```

You may be asked to create it, if so click **create**. when the file is open, type

```
alias pine '/usr/local/pub/pine'
```

in the file. Save it (**Ctrl+s**), and close (**Ctrl+q**)

Then type

```
source .tcshrc
```

and press **Return**. Now you can just type

```
pine
```

and Pine is loaded up.