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## Ray Tomlinson has died but who actually invented email? Was it Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai?

WHO REALLY INVENTED EMAIL? WAS IT RAY TOMLINSON OR IS  
IT DR. SHIVA AYYADURAI?

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Although almost the entire world seems to be using email these days (*or have moved on to instant messengers after having used email for years*), very few know who was the inventor of email and who decided that the character “@” would separate the email ID from the domain name. As of now the world knows, it was Ray Tomlinson, and he died this Saturday at the age of 74.

Ray Tomlinson sent his first email in 1971 when he was working at Bolt, Beranek and Newman (BBN), in Boston, as is being described on almost all technology blogs and magazines. This company played a pioneering role in the development of the early version of the Internet called ARPANET. Ray Tomlinson came up with the SNDMSG command that could send mail files to the recipients’ computers. Before that, the messages could only be shared on the same computer. He was the one who decided that the symbol “@” would be used to separate the user from the host (*in simple terms, the symbol that comes between your name and Gmail.com*).

Presently he was working at Raytheon Co. and surprisingly, his colleagues say that he was not a frequent checker of email.

While checking my Twitter timeline, I came across this message from Gmail



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Thank you, Ray Tomlinson, for inventing email and putting the @ sign on the map. [#RIP](#)

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Within the very same timeline another message appears by Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai:



**Gmail**  
@gmail

6 Mar

Thank you, Ray Tomlinson, for inventing email and putting the @ sign on the map. [#RIP](#)



**Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai**  
@va\_shiva

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[@gmail](#) This is a racist lie perpetuated by Raytheon. Stop being EVIL! A Dark-skinned, [#Indian](#) invented [#Email](#). Total BS!

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I remember recently Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai coming to India and various TV channels – if I’m not forgetting – interviewing him as the inventor of email. This had slipped even my mind and I’m happy that while writing this blog post I checked my Twitter timeline and searched for Ray Tomlinson which led me to this tweet from Dr. Ayyadurai.



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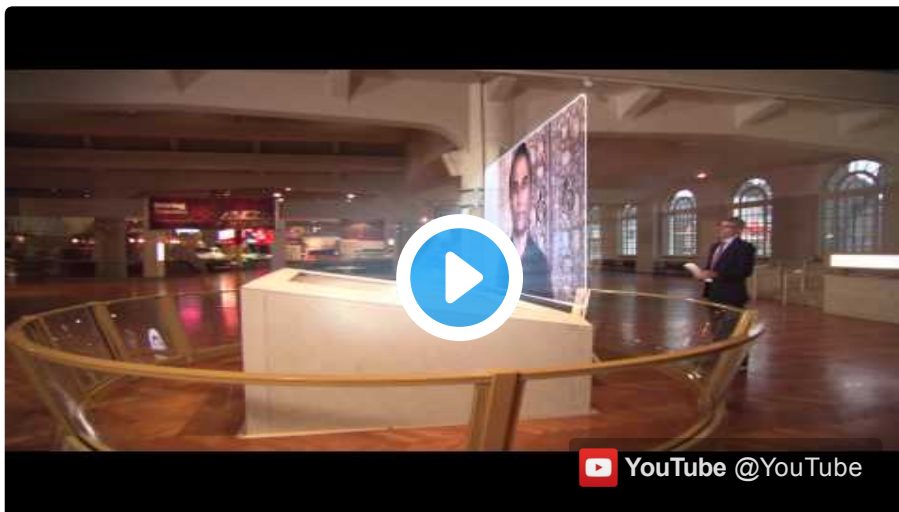
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## Is it Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai who actually invented email?

Here is his website titled **Inventor of Email** where it seems he has trademarked the expression "The Man Who Invented Email". There are many screenshots from reputed technology magazines like The Verge and Wired claiming that it was Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai who invented the email in its present form that totally replicates the concepts of "inbox", "outbox", "send", "receive", "to:", "from:", "subject:", "compose", "reply", "forward", "attachments" and



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“address book” and such. These are the components that make modern email and not just the “@” symbol. He also seems to have quotations from none other than Noam Chomsky.

If it is true, that is, if it is true that it was Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai who invented the modern email and not Ray Tomlinson and the invention of email is mistakenly/maliciously being attributed to Ray Tomlinson I won't be surprised. I wouldn't like to pin blame on a particular person, culture, company or country, this has been happening with Indian inventors since time immemorial. Many mathematical theorems that are attributed to Arabic and Western mathematicians actually originated in India. Even the invention of radio is erroneously attributed to 2 American scientists. Anyway, this would take us to an entirely different topic.

So whoever might have invented the email, right now the world is hailing Tim Tomlinson as the inventor of modern email. We are fortunate that we live in a time where everybody gets to communicate to the world in general. If it was Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai who actually invented email, then he should use every platform to let it be known and if people believe him, they should help him spread the message.

I don't personally know Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai neither am I aware of his claim in its full clarity but if this is true – that he is the real inventor of email and not Tim Tomlinson – then I would have no problem using my TechBakBak.com blog to spread this message.

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