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CORRUPTED LARGE INBOX FILE IN THUNDERBIRD

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I hope that will never happen to you but when reorganising my email (from filtered sub-sets to virtual folder) a large inbox file with ~9000 emails and 1,2 Gb became corrupted.

Spending more than 3 hours on that file, I finally came across [Emailchemy](#) that could split the inbox file in chunks of 1000 emails that could re-imported. During this incident, I also found also [eml2mbx](#) that allowed to import my cms/vms elm (1991-1992) and windows vines (1993-1997) emails.



Another benefit: My anti virus program repeatedly complained about a virus sitting in an old email folder. Splitting up now this folder in a separate directory allowed to identify the email that had a script attached.

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