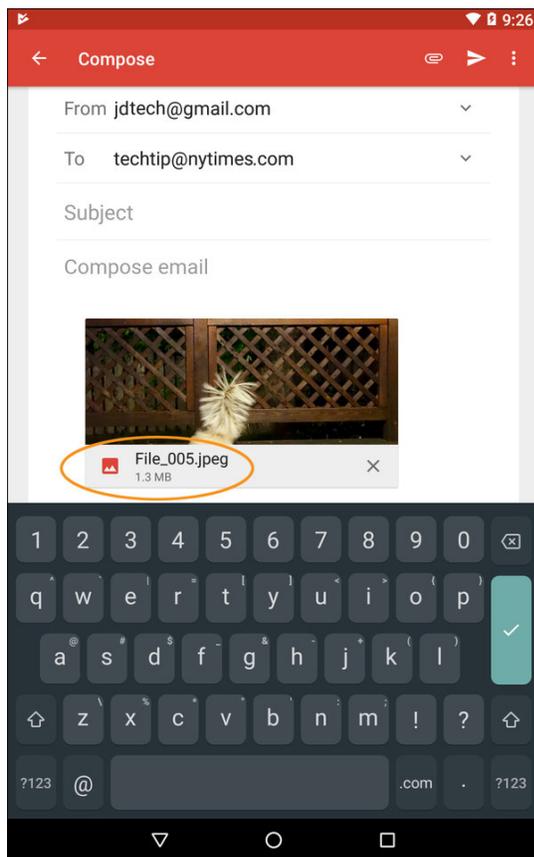


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## *Sharing High-Resolution Photos by Email*

**Q.** *How do I make sure I am sending a photo at the highest possible resolution when I attach it to an email message on my phone?*

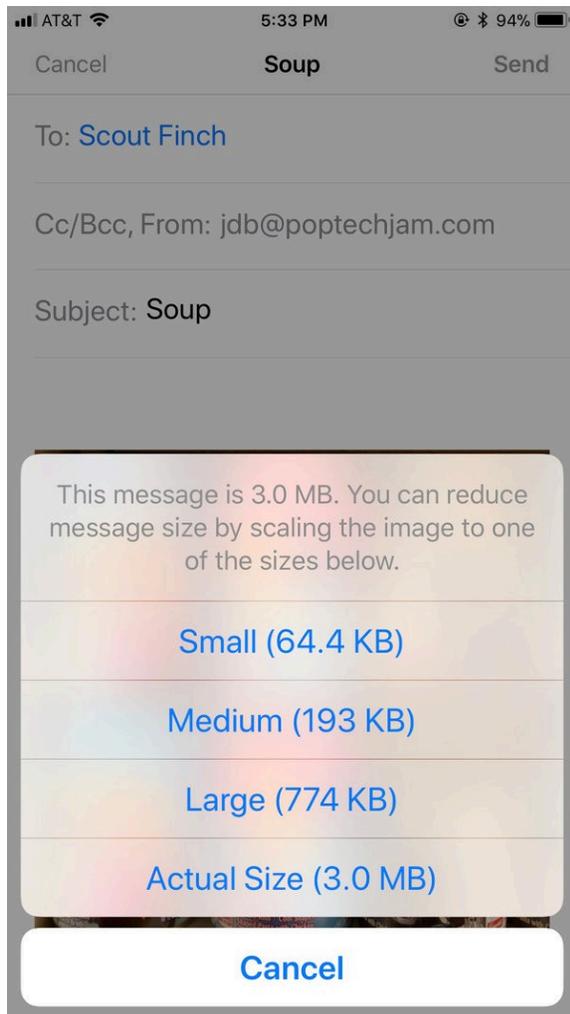
**A.** Before you send the photo, check the image-size settings when you attach the image to the message so you know you have selected a high-resolution picture. If you pick a low-resolution photo from the start, that is what your recipient will get.



The Gmail app for Android displays a photo's size when you attach it to a message so you can make sure you are using a high-resolution image.

To help those with slow connections, limited-data plans or internet provider limits on attachment size, some mobile email apps can reduce the size of a photo attached to a message that's going out. Choosing the "small" or "medium" size scales the image down, but also reduces the resolution when it arrives at its destination. Smartphone apps vary, but some can automatically resize photos, so check your default settings.

The “large,” “original” or “actual” sizes you may see on the menu create a larger file attachment and take longer to send. However, the recipient gets the photo at a higher resolution. Once the photo is attached to the message, you should see the file size displayed.



When you attach a photo to the iOS Mail app, choose Actual Size from the menu if you want to send it at the full image resolution.

As for images attached to text messages, some wireless carriers might compress photos sent by SMS or with certain messaging apps. Some software, like iOS 11 for the iPhone, have an optional setting to automatically reduce the size of images sent with the iMessage service to lower bandwidth consumption.

Desktop email programs like [Microsoft Outlook](#) and [Apple Mail](#) can also resize photos attached to messages you send. For images that exceed your mail server’s size limits, you can also share links to the high-resolution files with tools like Apple’s [MailDrop](#), Gmail [using Google Drive](#) or [Microsoft OneDrive](#) — services that are often integrated into your mail program to do the heavy lifting anyway. Third-party file-sharing services like [Box](#), [Dropbox](#) and [iDrive](#) have a similar function.