Idea:

As IMAP often offers just a small amount of server space and users use Thunderbird to store emails over years in a certain structure and having them synchronized over many computers, this here is a solution to have all benefits of IMAP and having emails archived local intuitively.

And this system has to be possible for every Folder of an account. Not just Inbox!

E.g. sent emails on server younger than 30 days.

- Still on server

- Accessible from webinterface like gmail

- 30 days: enough time to have it

Automatically archived/locally stored emails older than 30 days.

- Not on server anymore → thus saving server space

- All these "old" mails remain in the same folder as they were before (e.g. Sent or Inbox or Drafts)

→ thus remaining the structure like known from POP3

- slightly separated from the younger mails, which stay on server above

- Highlighted by a different backgroundcolour

- Seperated due to a thin coloured bar