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Mailvetter — WordPress Email Verification for Signups

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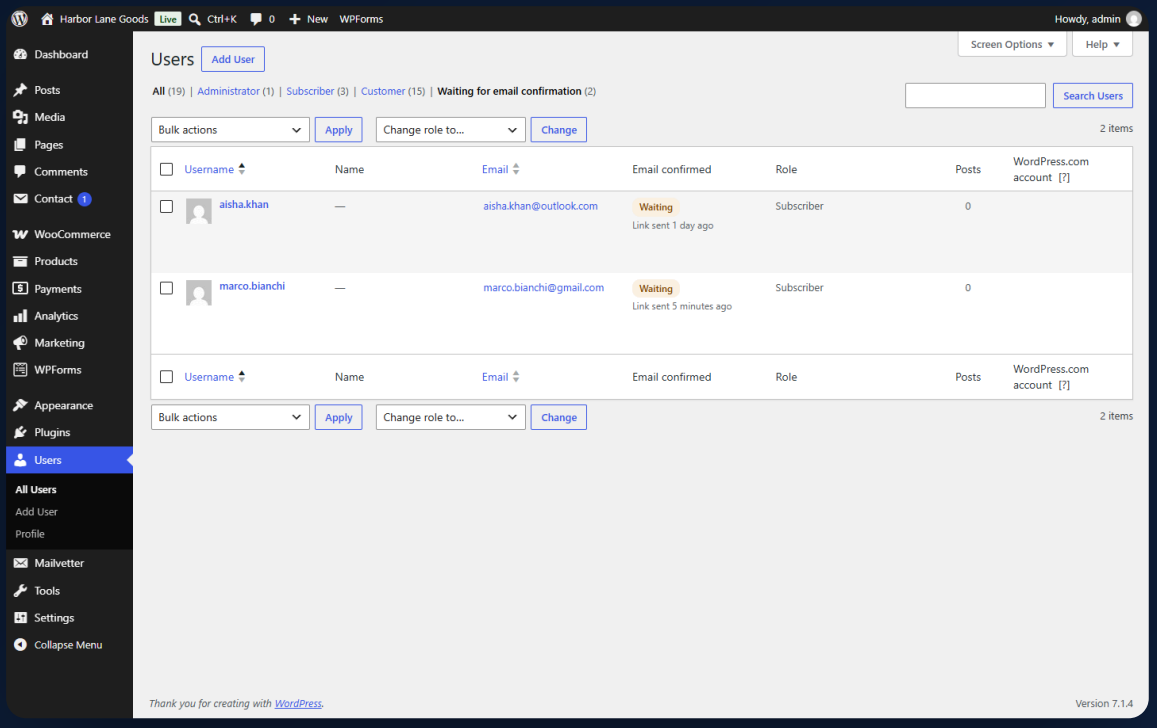

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Mailvetter — user guide

Mailvetter makes new accounts confirm their email address with a one-time link before they can log in. The paid version also checks addresses where people type them (registration, checkout, comments, Contact Form 7, WPForms), holds guest Cash on Delivery orders until the customer confirms, checks your existing users and keeps a log of refused addresses.

Nothing is sent to an outside service. Emails go out through your site's normal mail (wp_mail), so if your host needs an SMTP plugin for email, install that first.

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1. Installation

1. In WordPress go to **Plugins** → **Add New** → **Upload Plugin**, choose the zip and click **Install Now**.
2. Click **Activate**. A **Mailvetter** item appears in the admin menu.
3. From now on, new accounts made on the WordPress registration form and on the WooCommerce My Account form must confirm their email. Existing accounts are not affected.

Upgrading from the free version: delete the free plugin first (your settings stay unless you ticked "Delete all plugin data"), then upload the paid zip. Both use the same folder name.

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2. Licence activation (paid version)

1. Open **Mailvetter** → **Licence**.
2. Paste the key from your coodecraft.com order email and click **Activate**.
3. The key is tied to one website address. Monthly and yearly keys stop the paid features when they end; email verification itself keeps working, and every paid setting is kept. Renew from the link in the notice and click **I have paid — check again**.

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3. Verification tab (screenshot pro-08-verification-settings.png)

At the top you see how many accounts are **Waiting for confirmation** (click it to open the filtered Users list) and how many confirmed through Mailvetter.

Who must confirm their email

- **WordPress registration** — accounts created on wp-login.php?action=register. On by default.
- **WooCommerce My Account** — accounts created on the My Account registration form. WooCommerce normally logs new customers straight in; with this on they are not logged in until they confirm, and they see "Almost done: we sent a confirmation link...". On by default.
- **WooCommerce checkout** — accounts created while placing an order. The order always goes through and the customer stays logged in for that visit; the next login waits for the confirmation.

Off by default.

- **Other sign-up forms** — accounts other plugins create for logged-out visitors. Off by default.
- **Password link** — WordPress emails new users a link to set their password. Opening it proves they read that inbox, so the account is marked confirmed. On by default.

Accounts created by an administrator (Users → Add New, imports, WP-CLI) never need confirming.

Link and login

- **Link works for** — hours before a link expires (default 48, 1–720). Every new link replaces the old one.
- **New links per hour** — how many links one address can request per hour (default 3). Each network address can also ask at most 10 times an hour.
- **After confirming, go to** — the login screen (with a "confirmed" message), WooCommerce My Account (with a notice), the home page, or a page you choose.
- **Delete unconfirmed accounts after** (paid) — 0 keeps them. Otherwise accounts still waiting after that many days are deleted once a day — only subscriber/customer accounts with no orders and no posts, at most 100 a day.

Data — "Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted" is off by default, so you can reinstall without losing anything.

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4. Email template tab (screenshot pro-09-email-template.png)

Change the **Subject**, **Heading**, **Message**, **Button text** and **Button colour**. Placeholders: `{site_name}`, `{site_url}`, `{user_name}`, `{user_login}`, `{user_email}`, `{verify_button}`, `{verify_link}`, `{expiry_hours}`. The preview below shows the saved email. **Send a test email** sends the saved template to you, with a sample link that confirms nothing.

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5. What visitors see

- After signing up on wp-login.php, the screen adds "We also sent a link to confirm your email address".
- Trying to log in before confirming shows "Please confirm your email address first: open the link we sent to j***@example.com. Send me a new link" (screenshot pro-10-login-waits-for-confirmation.png).
- **Send me a new link** opens a small form. It always answers the same way, so nobody can use it to find out who has an account.
- An expired or replaced link explains itself and shows the same form.
- The link confirms the address and shows "Thank you, your email address is confirmed" (screenshot pro-11-confirmed-message.png). WooCommerce customers see the same on My

Account (screenshots pro-12-woocommerce-register-notice.png, pro-13-woocommerce-confirmed.png).

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6. Users screen (screenshots pro-14-users-waiting.png, pro-15-users-column.png)

- The **Email confirmed** column shows *Confirmed* (date and how), *Waiting* (when the link was sent, and whether it expired) or *Not required*.
- The **Waiting for email confirmation (N)** link above the list shows only waiting accounts.
- Row actions: **Confirm email**, **Send new link**, **Ask to confirm email** (the account must confirm again and gets a link). Administrators and your own account can never be asked to confirm again.
- The same three actions are in the **Bulk actions** menu.

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7. Address checks tab (paid) (screenshot pro-16-address-checks.png)

Where to check — registration (WordPress and My Account), WooCommerce checkout (classic and block), comments from logged-out visitors, users changing their own email, and email fields in Contact Form 7 and WPForms.

What to refuse

- **Disposable domains** — throwaway inboxes such as mailinator.com or yopmail.com. A list of 222 domains is bundled and updated with plugin releases; sub-domains are covered too.
- **Typos** — likely typos of big mail providers (gmial.com, hotmial.com, yahoo.con ...). The visitor sees "Did you mean name@gmail.com?" (screenshot pro-17-typo-suggestion.png).
- **Mail server** — the domain must publish MX records (or an address record that takes mail). Answers are cached for a day; if DNS cannot be reached the address is accepted.
- **Role addresses** — admin@, info@, noreply@ and similar. Off by default.

Your lists — one domain or address per line. **Always allow** wins over every other check; **Always refuse** blocks a domain (and its sub-domains) or one address; **Extra disposable domains** adds to the bundled list.

Import a disposable-domain list — upload a .txt file (one domain per line, up to 2 MB), for example a community-maintained list. It is stored in wp-content/uploads/mailvetter/ and replaces the previous import. Invalid lines are skipped. **Remove imported list** deletes it.

Messages visitors see — the text for invalid/no-mail-server, disposable, refused and typo (`{suggestion}` is the corrected address). **Keep the log for** sets how many days refused addresses are kept (0 turns the log off).

8. Orders tab (paid, WooCommerce) (screenshots pro-20...pro-22)

Hold until the customer confirms the billing email — a guest's Cash on Delivery order is placed *On hold* and the customer gets "Please confirm your order #..." with a button. The thank-you page says a link was sent. One click moves the order to *Processing* and adds an order note. The usual WooCommerce "order on hold" email is not sent for these orders. Logged-in customers and other payment methods are not affected.

Cancel unconfirmed after — 0 keeps them on hold until you decide; otherwise orders still waiting after that many hours are cancelled (checked hourly through WP-Cron; WooCommerce returns the stock).

9. Existing users tab (paid) (screenshot pro-23-existing-users.png)

Click **Check all users**. Accounts are checked in batches of 25 with the same rules as new sign-ups; keep the page open to go faster, otherwise it continues through WP-Cron. Nothing is changed: flagged accounts are listed with the problem and a suggested fix, and **Ask to confirm** sends that account a confirmation link. The Users screen also shows the problem under the status.

10. Log tab (paid) (screenshot pro-24-refused-address-log.png)

Totals for the last 30 days by reason and by form, and the latest 100 refused addresses. **Empty the log** removes everything. Entries are also included in WordPress's personal-data export and erase tools (Tools → Export / Erase Personal Data).

11. FAQ

Will existing users be locked out? No. Only new accounts on the forms you chose.

Someone never got the email. Check your site's mail (send a test from the Email template tab). The person can request a new link from the login screen, or you can confirm them from the Users screen.

A real customer's domain is refused. Add it to **Always allow**.

Does the mail-server check slow sign-ups down? One DNS lookup per new domain, cached for a day.

Can it verify that the mailbox itself exists? Not yet. Mailvetter checks the domain (and confirms the mailbox with the link); it does not probe mail servers with SMTP commands.

Multisite? Tested on single sites. The network sign-up form (wp-signup.php) is not covered.

12. Troubleshooting

- *No emails arrive* — install an SMTP plugin and use **Send a test email**.

- *Visitors on a shared network hit "Too many requests"* — the per-network limit is 10 requests an hour for the "send a new link" form; it resets after an hour.
- *Behind a proxy or CDN* — per-network limits use REMOTE_ADDR. Developers can use the `mpev_client_ip` filter to read the real visitor IP from a trusted header.
- *The existing-users check stops* — keep the page open, or make sure WP-Cron runs on your site.