# **ExpiryLink Pro – Documentation**

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## **1. Introduction**

Welcome to **ExpiryLink Pro**, the ultimate solution for managing temporary links on your WordPress site. This plugin allows you to create time-sensitive links that automatically expire based on **time, date, or views**, providing controlled access to content while maintaining security and efficiency.

With **ExpiryLink Pro**, you can:
✅ Create expiring links that disappear after a set **time period**✅ Generate links that expire on a **specific date**✅ Set maximum **views** before a link is automatically disabled
✅ Redirect expired links to a **custom URL** or fallback to the **homepage**✅ Manage, extend, manually expire, or delete links from a simple UI
✅ Export your links in **CSV format**✅ Customize settings, including **cron job frequency, debugging logs, and notifications**

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## **2. Installation & Activation**

### **2.1 Installing the Plugin**

1. Download the **ExpiryLink Pro** plugin ZIP file.
2. In your WordPress dashboard, navigate to **Plugins > Add New > Upload Plugin**.
3. Click **Choose File**, select the ZIP file, and click **Install Now**.
4. Once installed, click **Activate**.

### **2.2 Where to Find It**

After activation, you’ll find **ExpiryLink Pro** in the **WordPress admin sidebar** or in Plugins >> ExpiryLink Pro >> Settings

## **3. Plugin Overview & Features**

ExpiryLink Pro is designed to give you **full control over temporary links**. Here’s an overview of its core features:

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| **Feature** | **Description** |
| **Time-Based Expiry** | Links expire after a custom duration (e.g., 3 days, 12 hours). |
| **Date-Based Expiry** | Links expire at a specific date/time (e.g., March 4, 2025, 11:30 AM). |
| **View-Based Expiry** | Links expire after a set number of visits. |
| **Custom Redirect** | Expired links redirect users to a predefined URL. |
| **CSV Export** | Download your expiring links as a CSV file for tracking and analysis. |
| **Manual Expiration** | Mark links as expired at any time. |
| **Extend Expiry** | Extend links by adding more time, views, or changing expiration dates. |
| **Auto-Expire System** | Built-in **cron job** that automatically expires links in the background. |
| **Notifications & Debugging** | Enable JavaScript or PHP debugging to track plugin activity. |

## **4. How to Create an Expiring Link**

1. Navigate to **ExpiryLink Pro** in the WordPress sidebar.
2. Click **+ Create New** to open the link creation modal.
3. Fill in the required fields:
	* **Linked Page/Post:** (The page/post from WP that will get the temporary URL)
	* **Slug:** URL slug (if empty, it will generate automatically an alphanumeric slug)
	* **Expiration Type** (Time, Date, or Views)
	* **Expiration Settings** (e.g., 3 days for time-based, specific date for date-based, max views for views-based)
	* **Redirect URL** (Where users are sent when the link expires)
4. Click **Create Link**.
5. The new link will now appear in the table.

## **5. Expiring Link Behavior & Expiry Rules**

* **Time-Based Links** expire after the chosen **days, hours, minutes, and seconds**.
* **Date-Based Links** expire **exactly at the selected date/time** (server timezone).
* **View-Based Links** expire **once the max views are reached**.
* **Expired Links** will:
	+ Redirect users to the **custom expiration URL** (if set).
	+ Otherwise, **fallback to the homepage**.
* **Active Links** remain accessible until they reach expiration criteria.

## **6. Managing Expiring Links**

You can **manage** your links from the main **ExpiryLink Pro** page.

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| **Action** | **How It Works** |
| **Extend Expiry** | Click the ⏳ icon to extend expiration settings. |
| **Mark as Expired** | Click the 🛑 icon to force-expire a link manually. |
| **Delete Link** | Click the ❌ icon to permanently remove a link. |

## **7. Settings & Customization**

Go to **ExpiryLink Pro > Settings** to configure additional options:

### **7.1 WP-Cron Frequency**

* Determines how often expired links are auto-checked.
* Default is **1 minute**, adjustable up to **60 minutes**.

### **7.2 Debugging**

* **JavaScript Debugging** (Enables console logs).
* **PHP Debugging** (Logs plugin actions in debug.log).

⚠️ **To enable PHP Debugging, edit wp-config.php and set:**

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| define('WP\_DEBUG', true);define('WP\_DEBUG\_LOG', true);define('WP\_DEBUG\_DISPLAY', false); |

Logs are found in wp-content/debug.log.

## **8. CSV Export**

You can **export your expiring links** to a CSV file:

### **How to Export:**

1. Click the **Export CSV** button.

The file will be downloaded as: YYYY-MM-DD\_HH-MM.csv

1. The exported CSV includes:
	* Slug
	* Created At
	* Expires At
	* Max Views
	* Current Views
	* Expiration Redirect
	* Type
	* Status

## **9. Debugging & Logs**

* **JavaScript Debugging:** See errors & activity logs in the browser console.
* **PHP Debugging:** Requires enabling logs in wp-config.php (see **Settings** section).
* **Common Debug Errors & Fixes**:
	+ **"CRON NOT FOUND"** – Check WP-Cron settings.
	+ **"AJAX ERROR"** – Ensure WordPress AJAX is enabled.

## **11. FAQs**

### **#1 Can I use this for limited-time offers?**

Yes! **ExpiryLink Pro** is perfect for time-sensitive promotions, downloads, and exclusive content access.

### **#2 Can I change expiration settings after creating a link?**

Yes! Click the **Extend Expiry ⏳** button to modify expiration settings.

### **#3 What happens if I delete a link?**

Deleted links **CANNOT be restored**. Use **Mark as Expired 🛑** if you want to disable a link without deleting it.

### **#4 Does this plugin affect SEO?**

No. Expired links **redirect** instead of returning a **404 error**, keeping your SEO intact.

## **Conclusion**

ExpiryLink Pro is a powerful tool to manage **temporary access links** with **automated expiration, customizable redirects, and complete link control**.

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