

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:

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.
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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.
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6. Managing Expiring Links

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

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:

```
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`

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