

# Account Creation Preferences

You can configure your User Portal to either allow immediate auto-login upon registration or require email verification before a user can fully access their account. Understanding and setting this preference is key to managing your user base effectively.

## Immediate Login

This method allows users to instantly access their account upon registration without needing to verify their email address.

### Reasons to use immediate login:

- **Limited email access:** It's ideal for situations where users might not have immediate access to their email. This could include shared computer environments like a **kiosk setup** or for users who **don't have cell phones** and therefore limited access to email on the go.
- **Reduced friction for specific user groups:** If your target audience is less tech-savvy or if you want to minimize any barriers to entry, immediate login can provide a smoother, quicker onboarding experience.

## Email Verification

This method requires users to click a verification link sent to their registered email address before they can fully access their account.

### Reasons to use email verification:

- **Verifying legitimate users:** This is generally the **preferred method** because it immediately confirms that the registration is from a **real user** with a valid email address. This significantly reduces the likelihood of **bot registrations** or fake accounts.
- **Account security and recovery:** Email verification establishes a reliable communication channel for password resets, account recovery, and important notifications, enhancing overall account security.
- **Maintaining data integrity:** By ensuring valid email addresses, you improve the quality and accuracy of your user data.

## Configuring Account Creation

- Click System Configuration, System Settings.
  - Navigate to the User Profile page.
  - Toggle the Auto Login After Register setting.
    - **OFF** for mandatory email verification
    - **ON** for auto-login
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