

# FastFileLink

## Tutorial

Share files easily

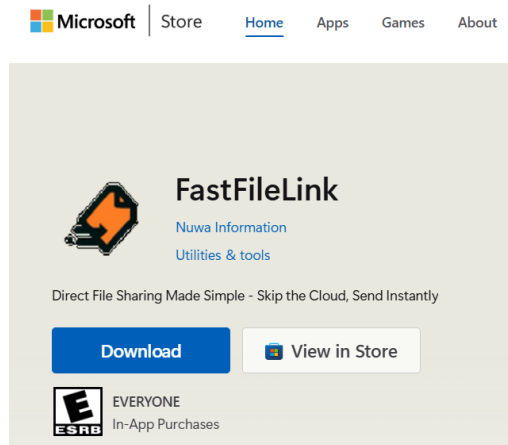
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# Installation

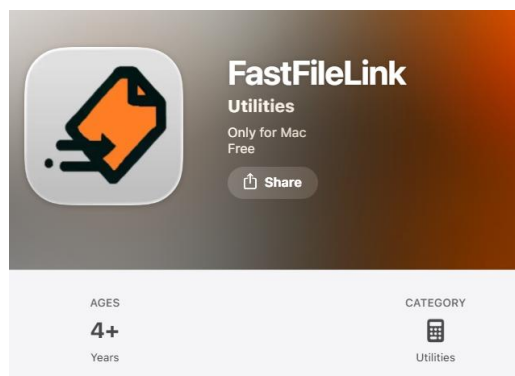
## Windows

You can download the free version or the Standard/Plus version from our official [FastFileLink](#) website. In addition, you can also download the free version from the [Microsoft Store](#).



## Mac

You can download the free version and the Standard/Plus versions from our official [FastFileLink](#) website. In addition, you can also download the free version from the [App Store](#). Please note that the current App Store version does not support upgrading to the Standard or Plus plans via account activation. To use the Standard or Plus version, please download it directly from our official website.



## Linux

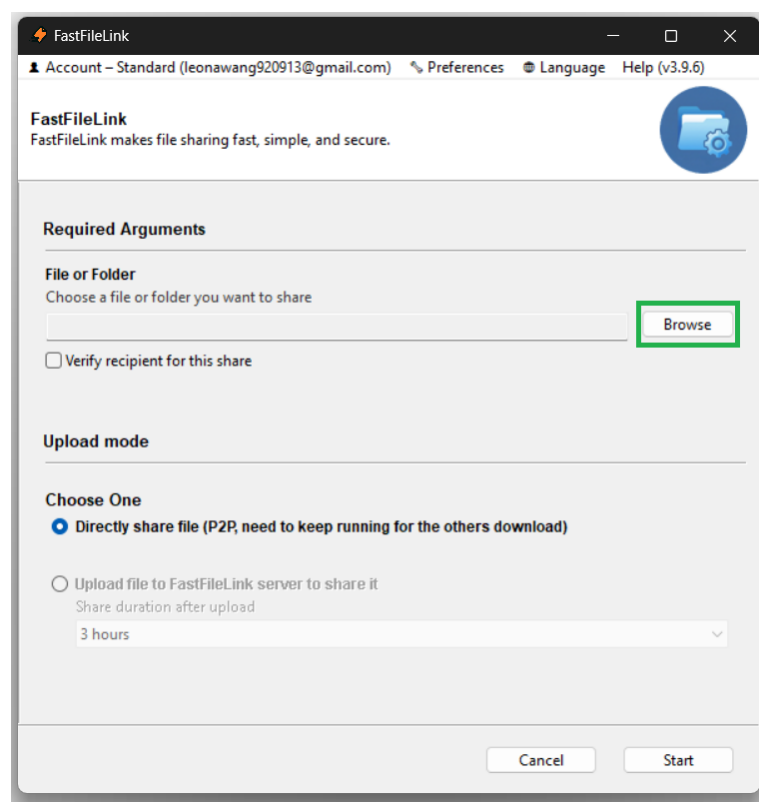
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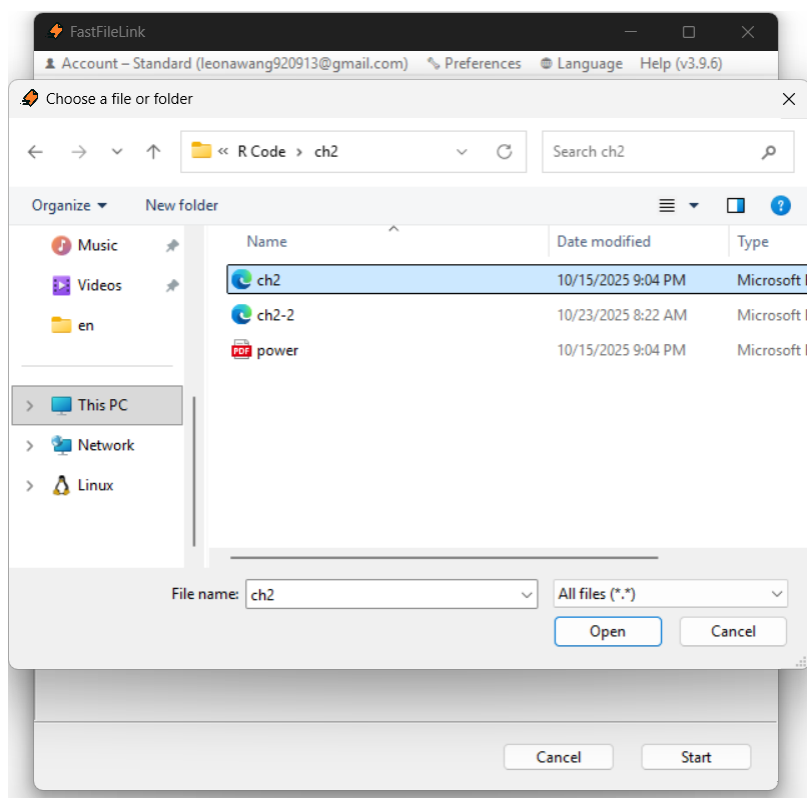
Below is a tutorial on how to use the FastFileLink software, demonstrated using the Windows interface. Overall, the process is very simple: you select the files or folders you want to share, choose an upload mode (P2P or Upload), and then generate a link to share with others. The following sections explain each step in detail.

## Step-by-Step Guide

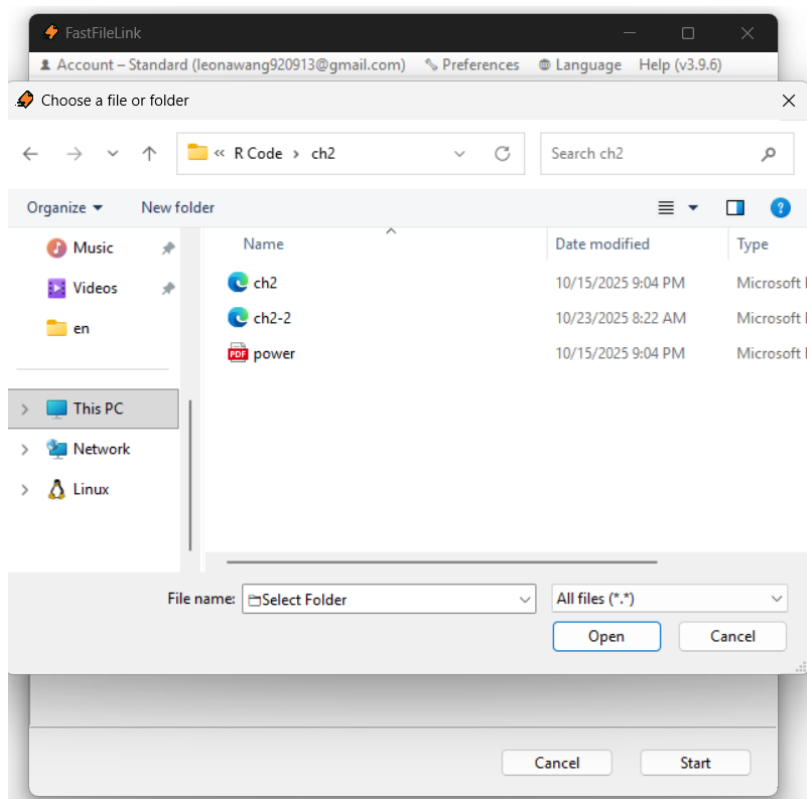
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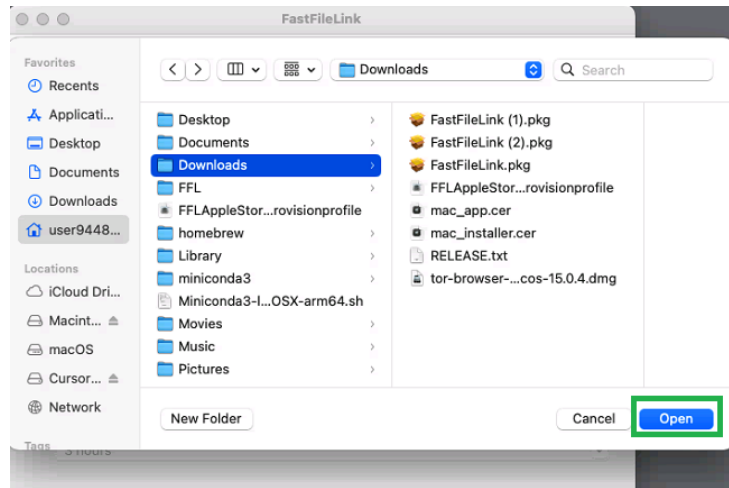
Click “browse” in the right



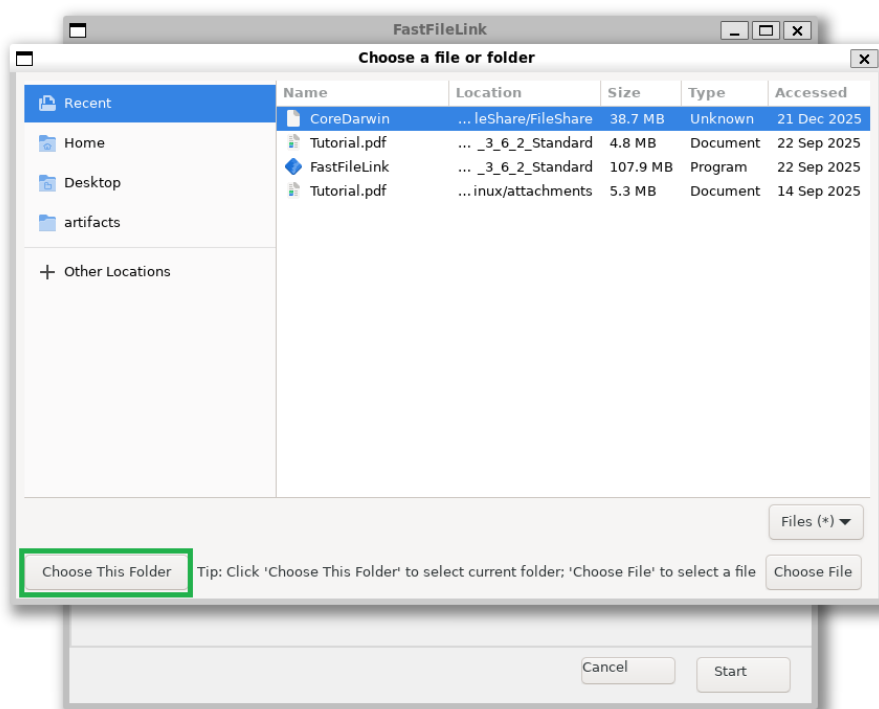
Select the file which you want to share



In Windows, if you want to upload an entire folder, open the folder and click “Open” without selecting any files.



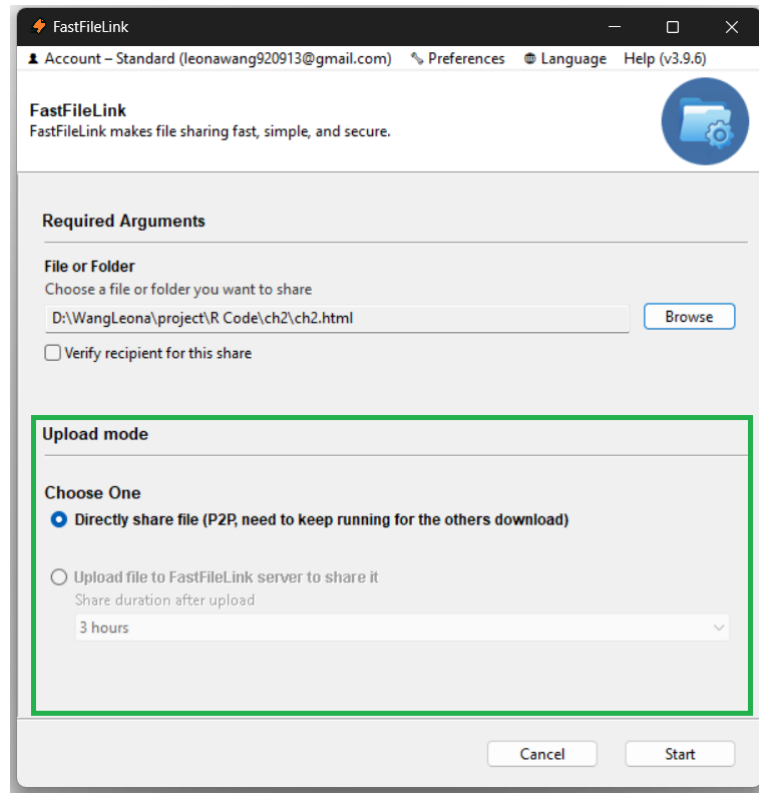
In Mac, if you want to upload an entire folder, click the folder you want to upload and click “Open”.



In Linux, if you want to upload an entire folder, click the folder you want to upload and click “Choose This Folder”.

## 2 Choose mode to share your file.

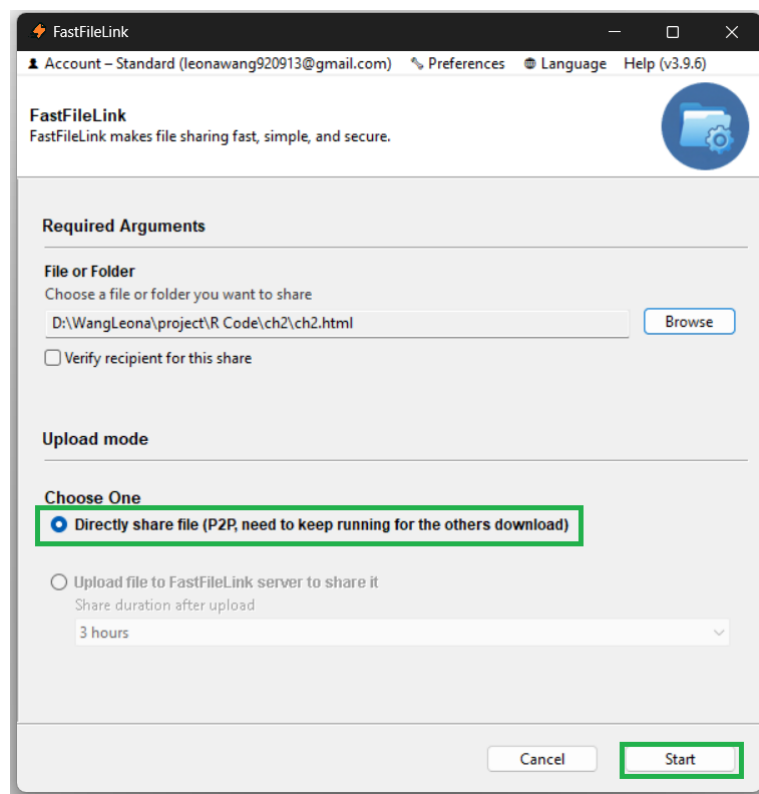
Here are 2 options to share file. One is to directly share ([FAQ Q11](#)) the file to others from your computer, but need to keep the application running until the others download file success. Another is to upload the file to FastFileLink server and let the others download file in limited reservation time.



Choose upload mode

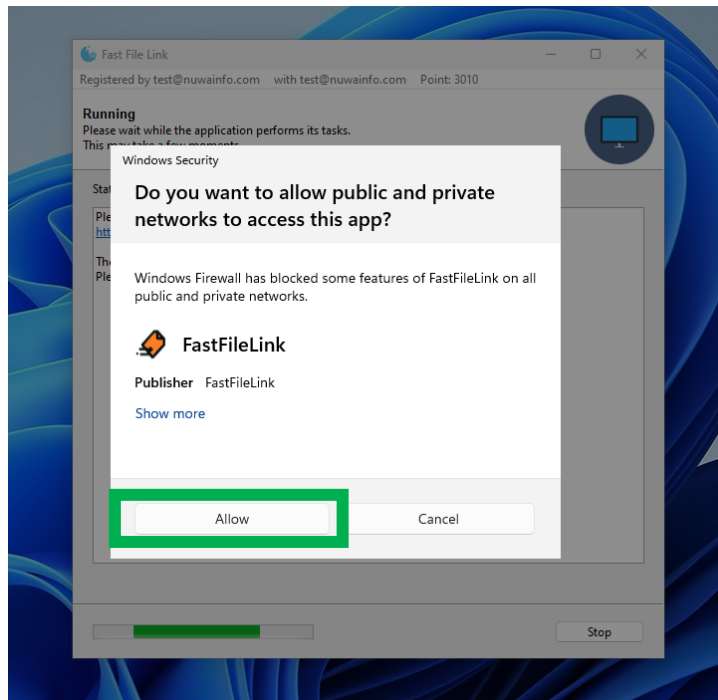
## 2.1 Directly share file (P2P)

2.1.1 Select “Directly share file (P2P) (Need to keep running for the others download)”, and click “Start” in bottom right.

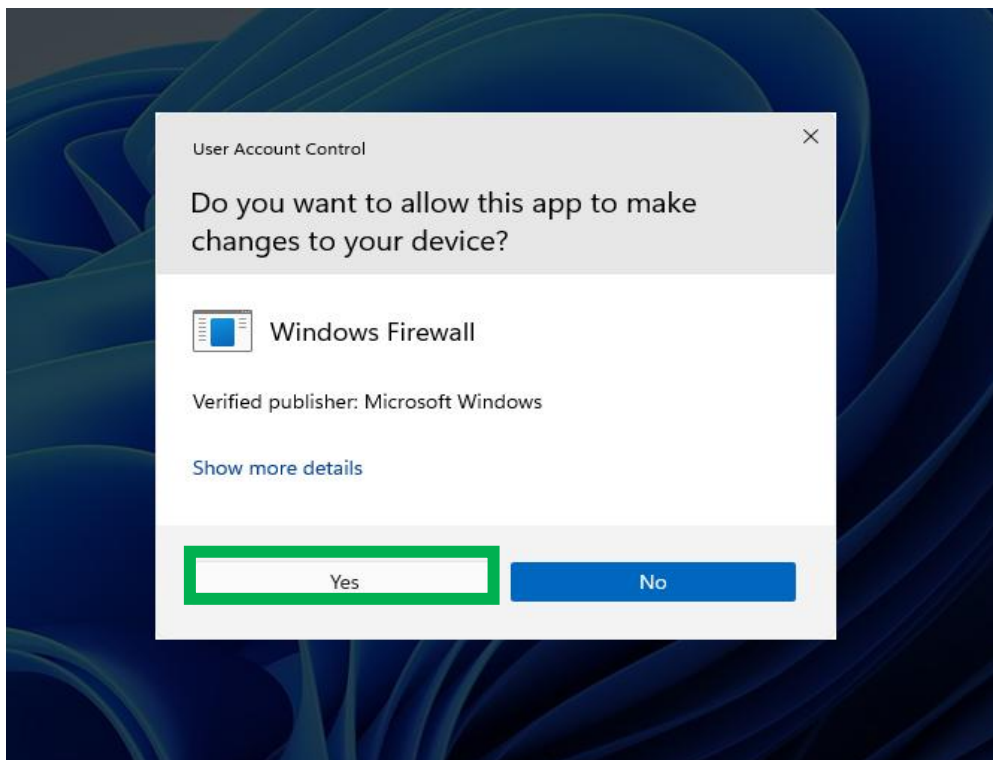


Select “Directly share file (P2P) (Need to keep running for the others download)”,  
and click “Start” in bottom right

### 2.1.2 Allow application pass firewall (first-to-use)



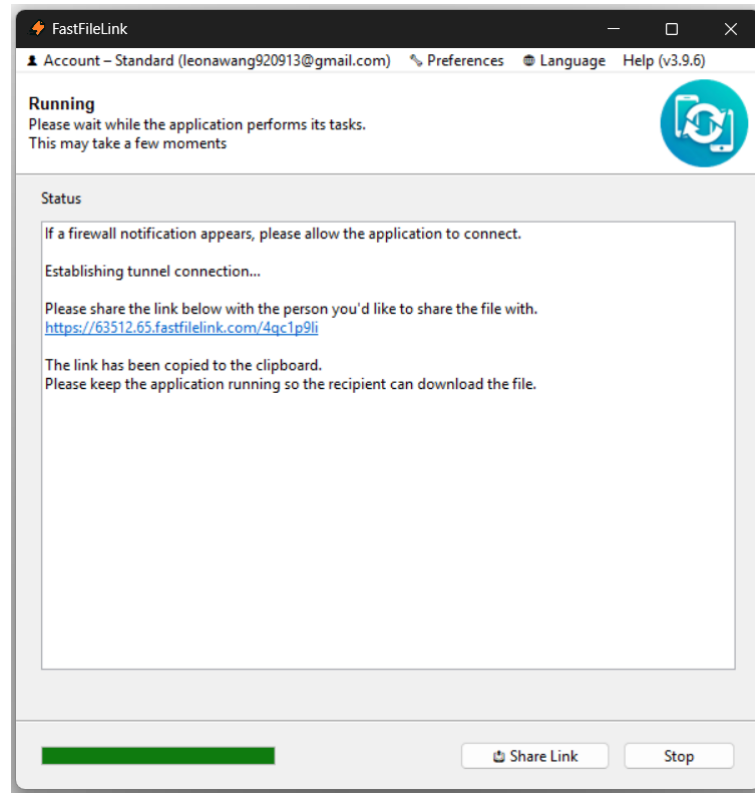
Click "Allow" to let application pass firewall



Click "Yes" to let firewall change its rule

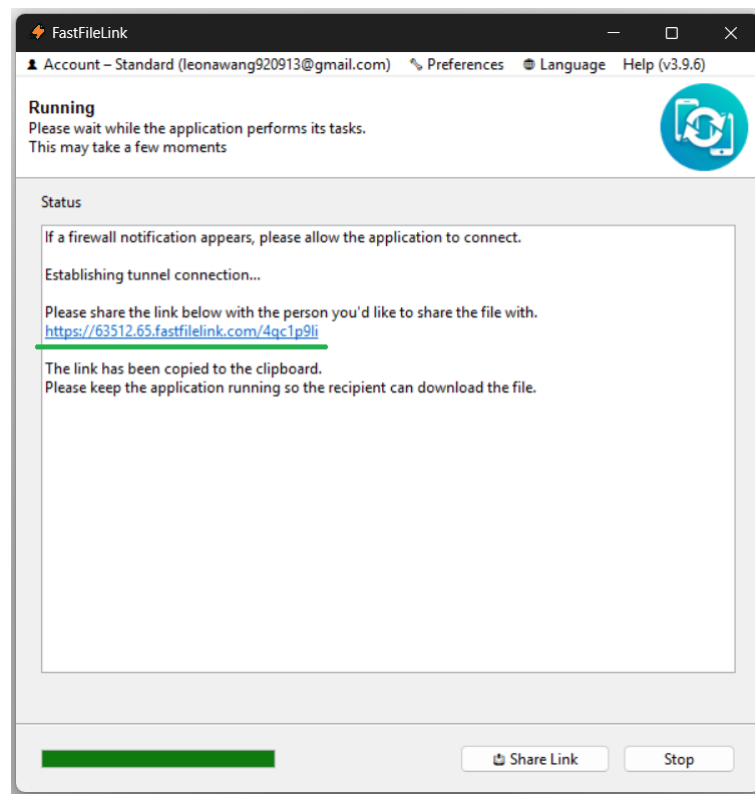


### 2.1.3 Wait until share link shown



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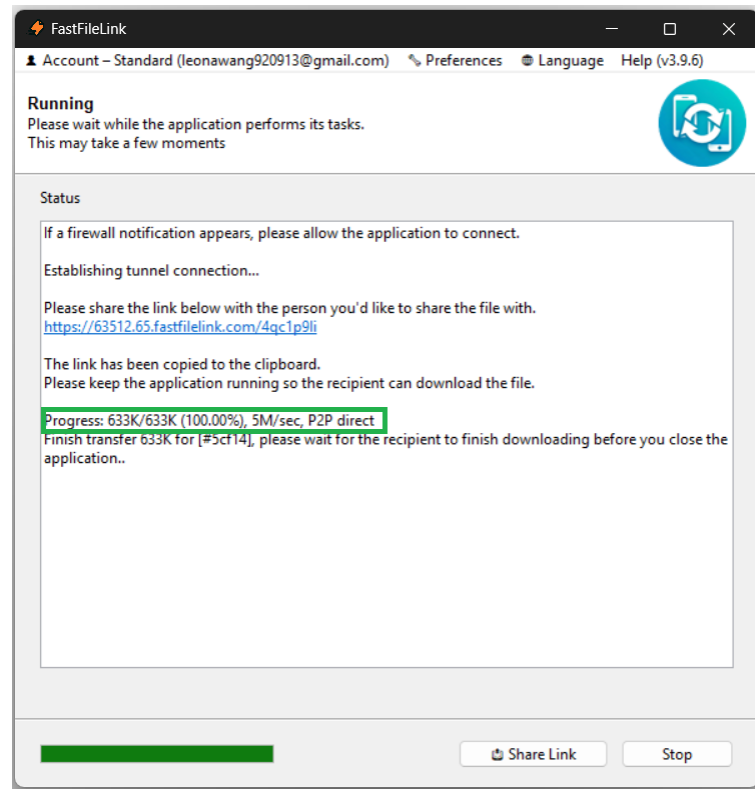
### 2.1.4 Copy share link to the others



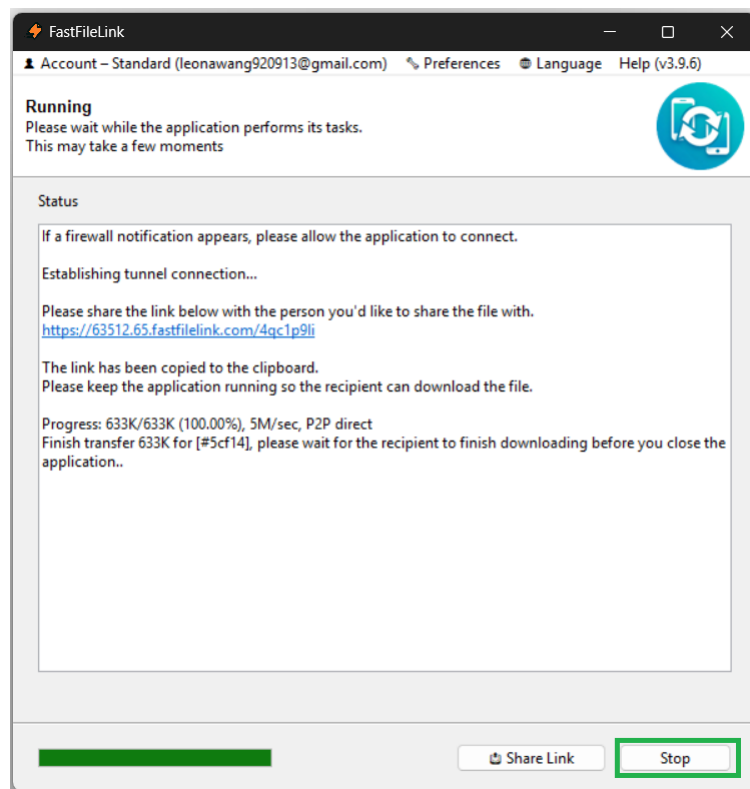
Copy share link to share file to the others

(To make sharing easier, the app auto-copies the link to your clipboard.)

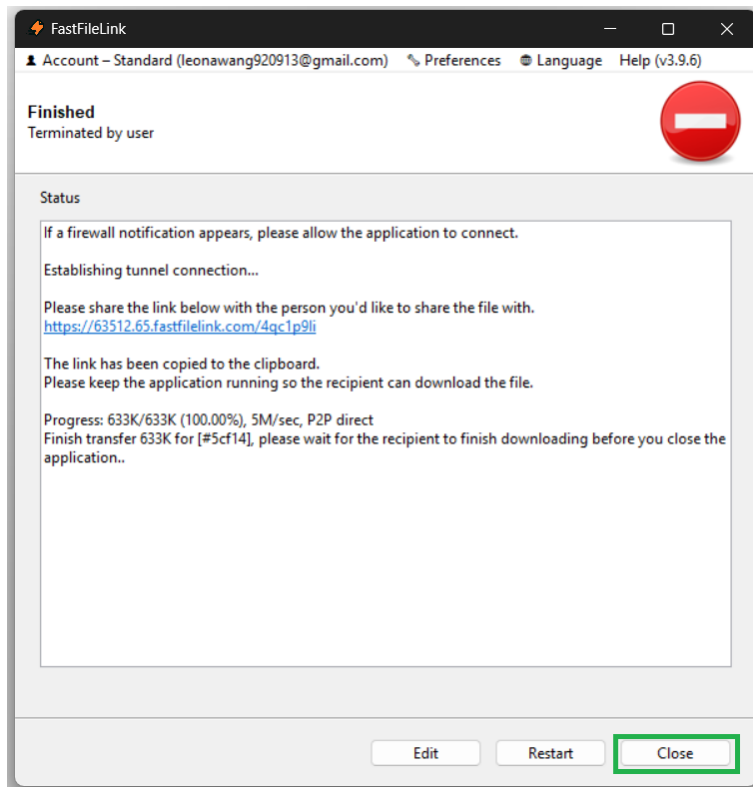
2.1.5 Wait until the others download success, and click “Stop” in bottom right to terminate sharing



When any user starts to download the file, the progress will be displayed in the app



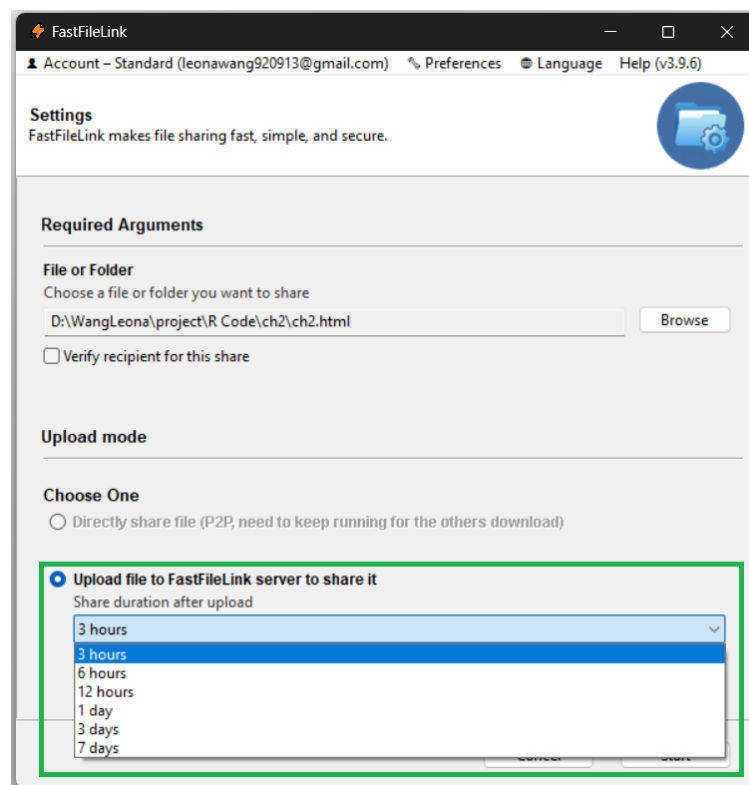
Click “Stop” in bottom right to terminate sharing after the others download successfully



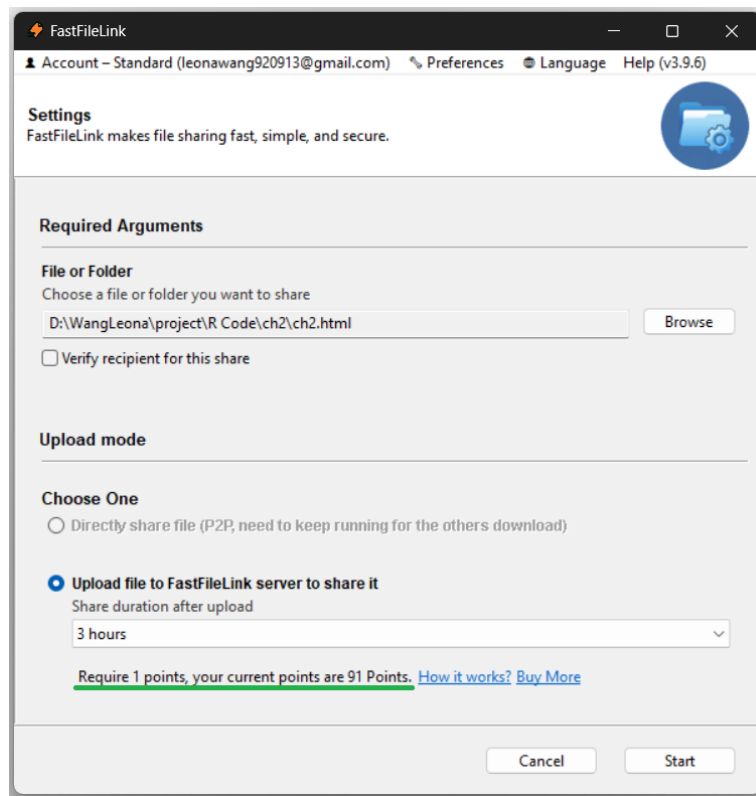
Click “Close” in bottom right to close application

## 2.2 Upload to server

2.2.1 Select “Upload file to FastFileLink server to share it” and choose one of file retention duration

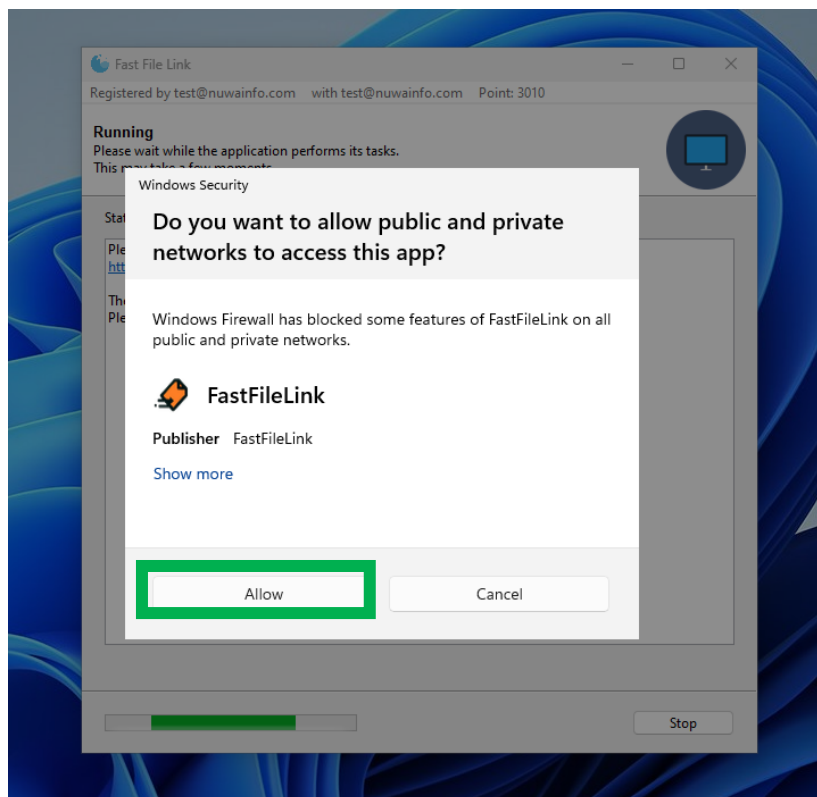


Choose one of file retention duration

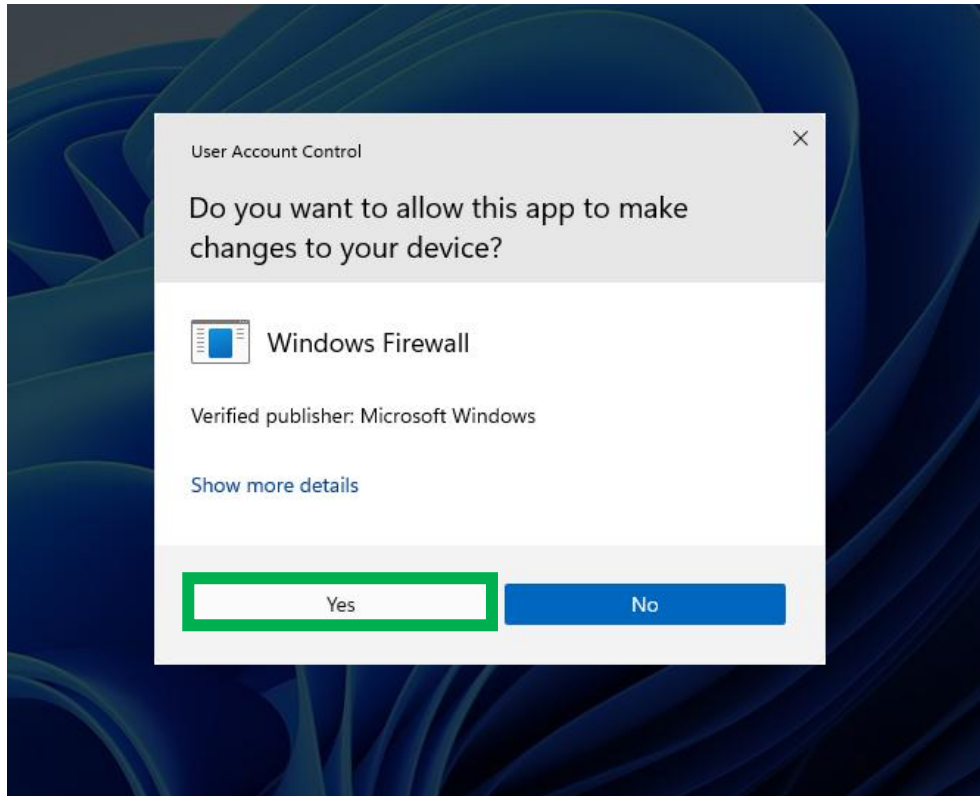


Click “Start” in bottom right to start upload. If your user points are not enough, the server will reject your upload request. ([FAQ Q3](#))

### 2.2.2 Allow application pass firewall (first-to-use)

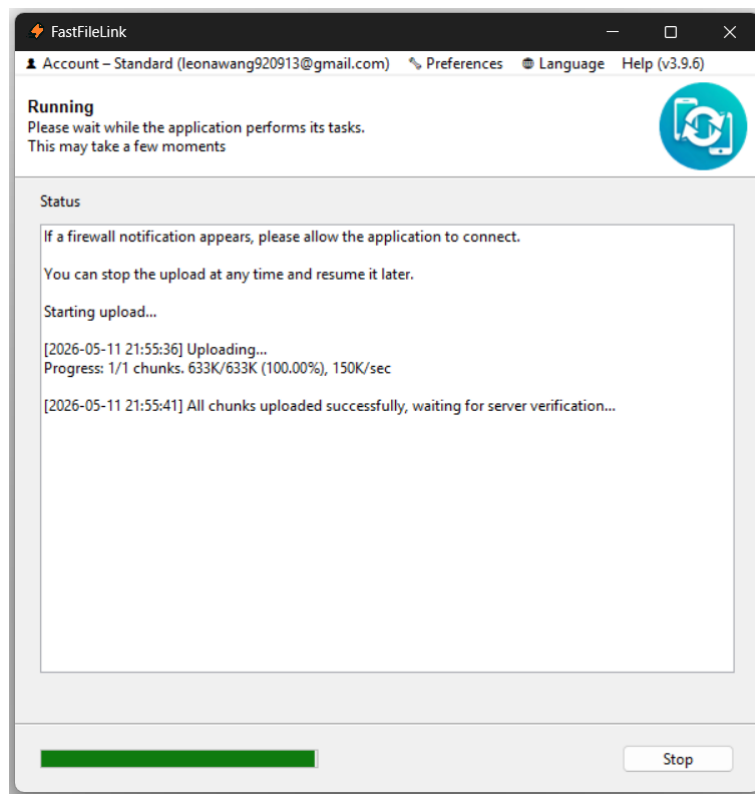


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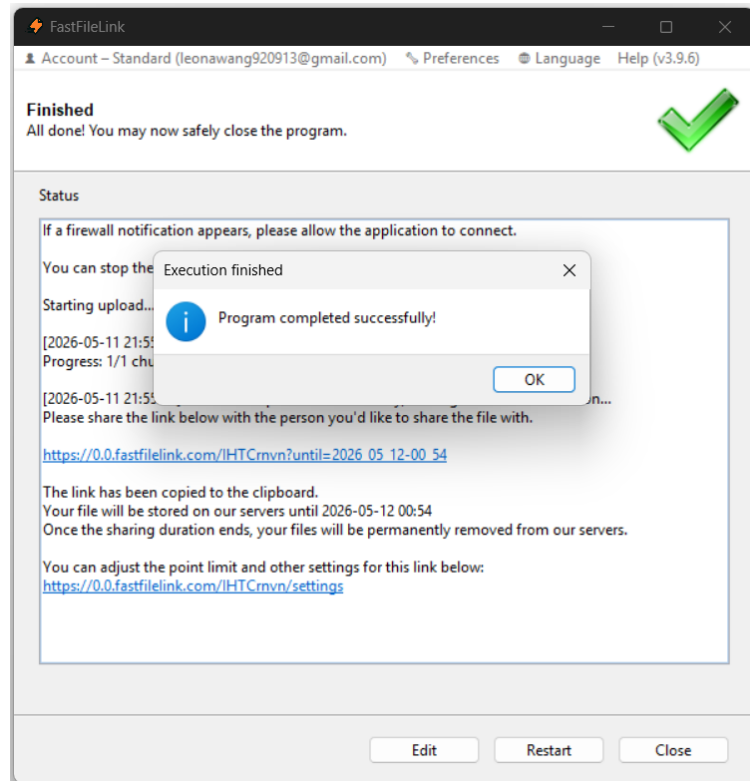


Click "Yes" to let firewall change its rule

### 2.2.3 Wait until upload successfully

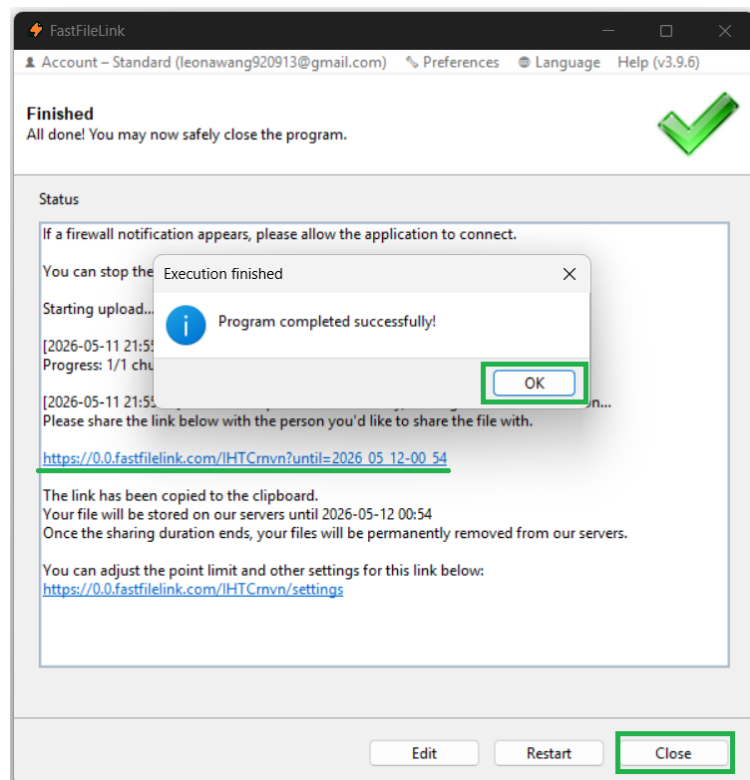


Wait until upload successfully



Upload successfully

#### 2.2.4 Copy share link to the others

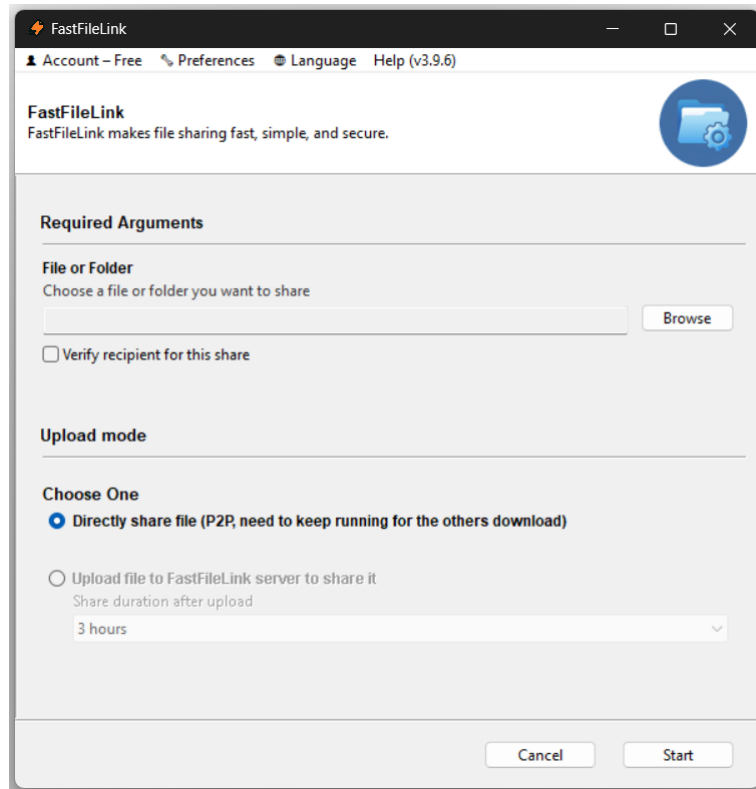


Click “OK” and copy share link to the others to share file.  
After that you can click “Close” in bottom right to close application.

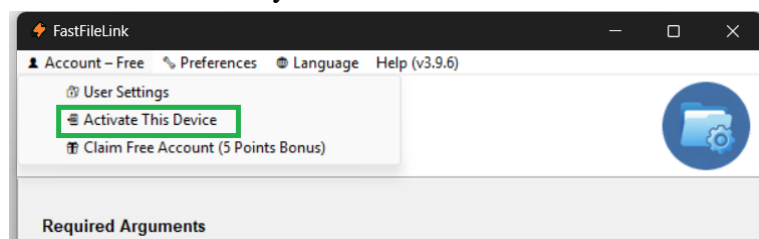
## Account Activation

We provide two operating modes. Only Server Mode requires account activation. For users who have purchased an account, the Windows and Linux versions downloaded directly from our official website already have a license key bound and can be used without manual activation. However, other versions obtained from sources other than our official website, as well as all other platform versions, must activate the account in order to use Server Mode. Below is the activation process, demonstrated using the Windows interface.

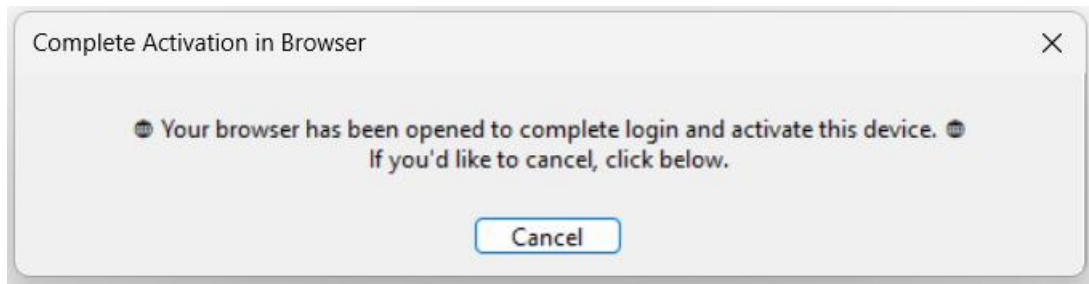
**Step 1.** Open **FastFileLink** and you will see a menu bar on the top left side.



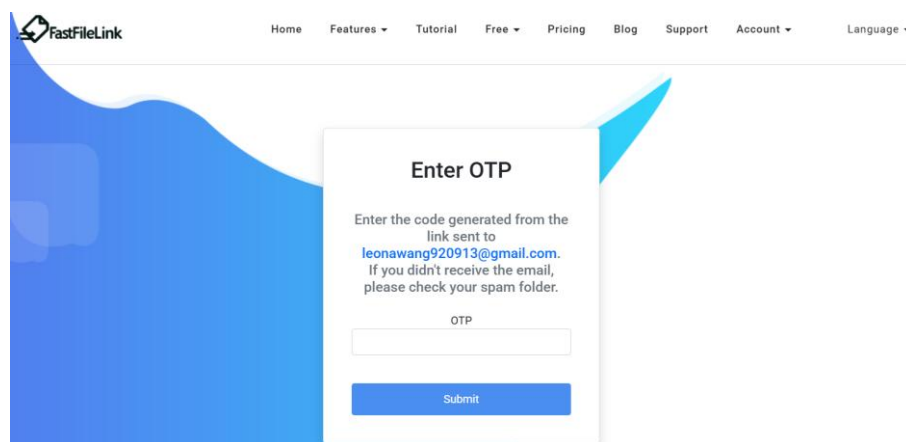
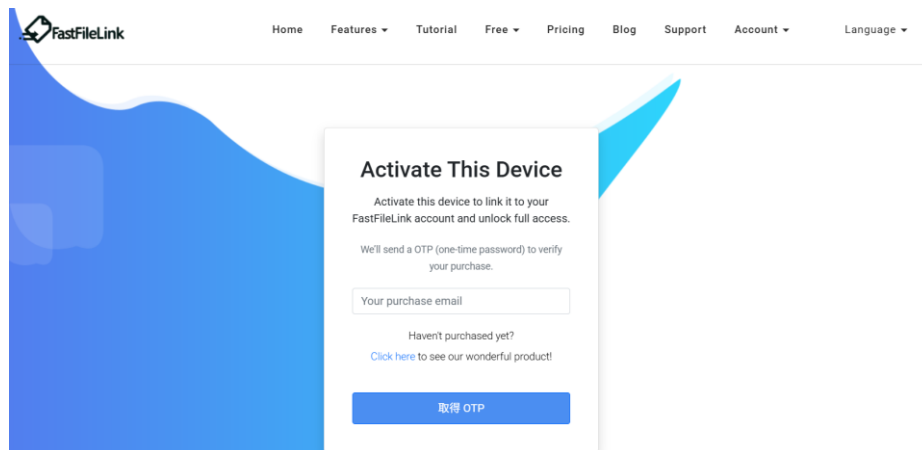
**Step 2.** Click on the "Account - Free" and you will see "Activate This Device".



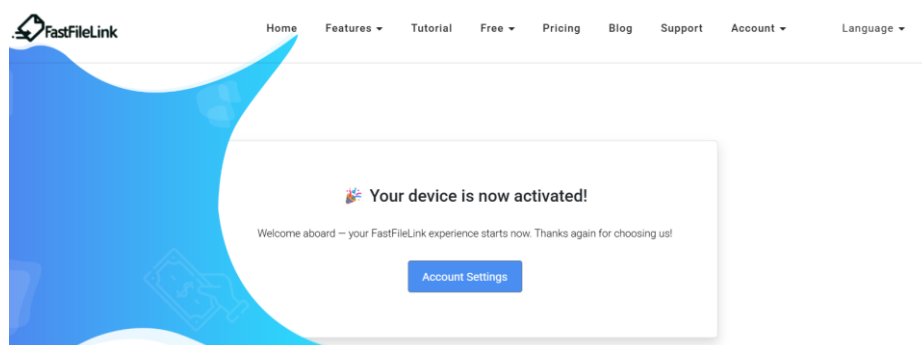
**Step 3.** Click "**Activate This Device**" and a window will pop up informing you that we are going to complete the activation process in your browser, and the browser will also open automatically.



**Step 4.** Follow the instructions shown in your browser to finish the activation process.



If successful, you will see the “**Your device is now activated**” page. You can then continue using the app with your account.



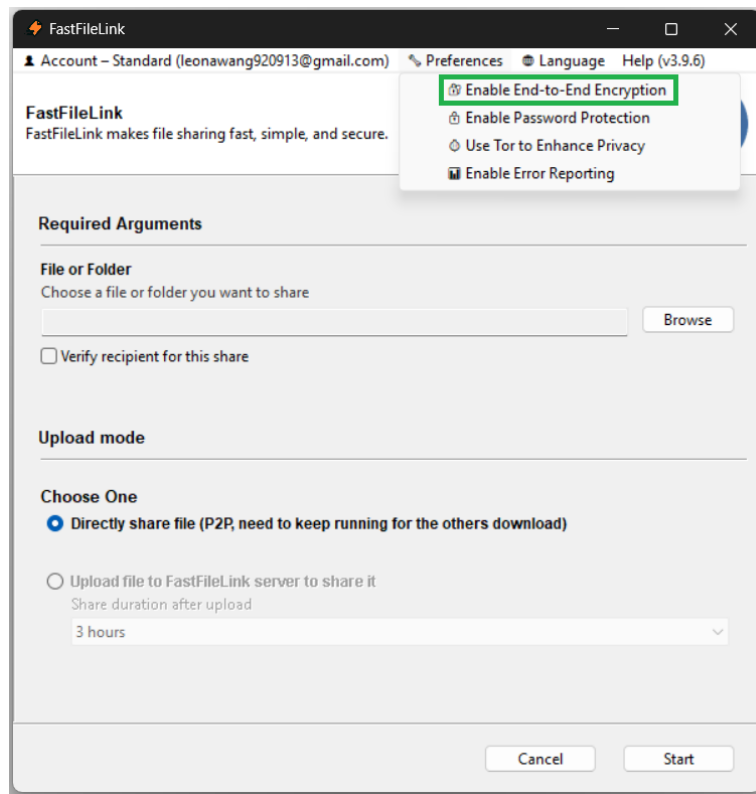


# Advanced Functions

## End-to-End Encryption

We provide an End-to-End Encryption (E2EE) feature. To enable it, go to “Preferences → Enable End-to-End Encryption”.

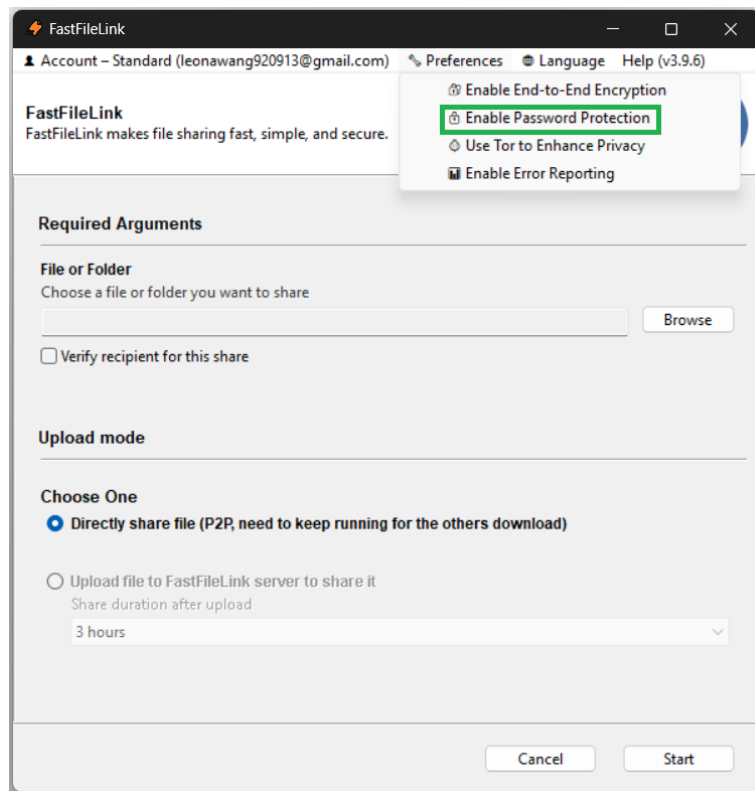
For more information about how it works, please refer to our [Technical FAQ](#) article.



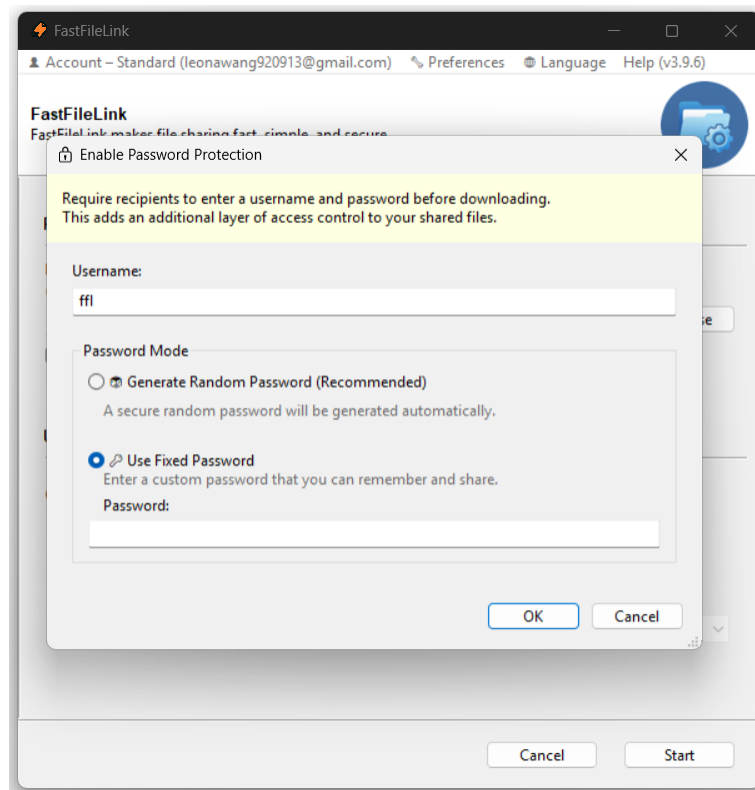
How to enable E2EE Encryption

## Password Protection

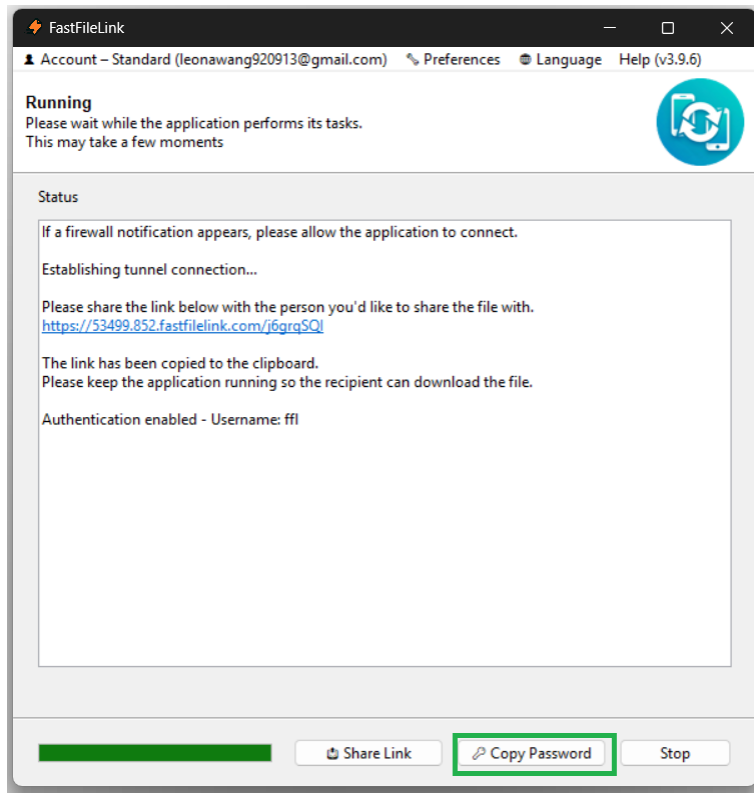
To prevent others from maliciously downloading your files if your link is leaked, you can use the password protection feature to secure your files.



### How to enable Password Protection



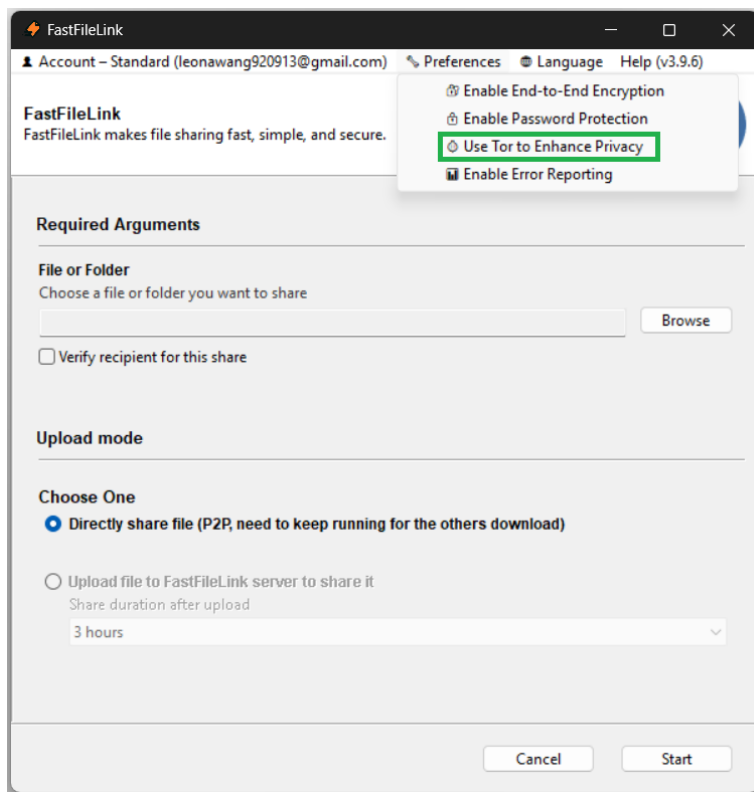
You can use a randomly generated password (recommended) or set your own password.



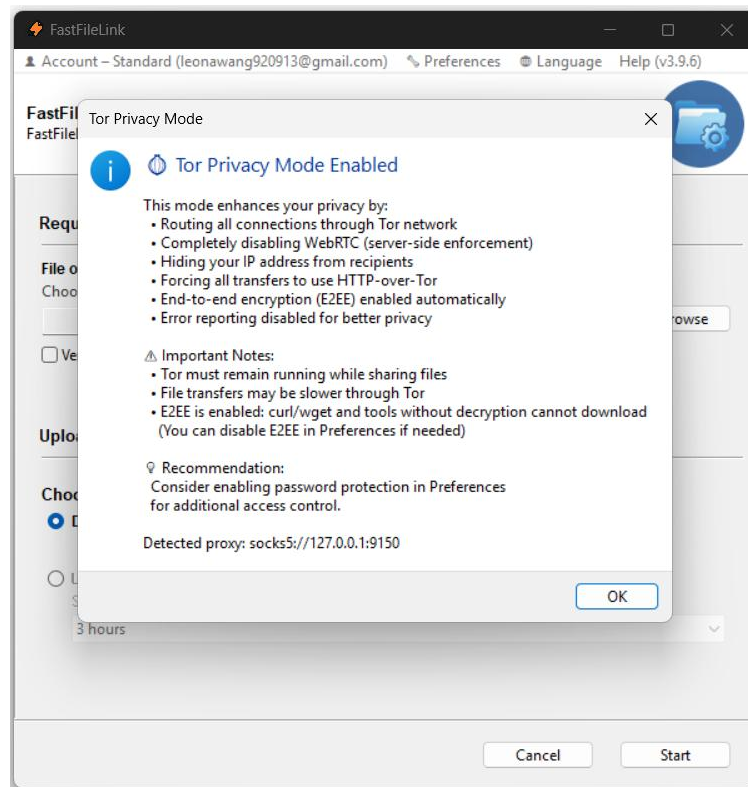
If you use a random password, you can click “Copy Password” to copy the password and send it to the person who needs to download the file.

## Use Tor to Enhance Privacy

You can use the Tor network to hide the origin of your files.



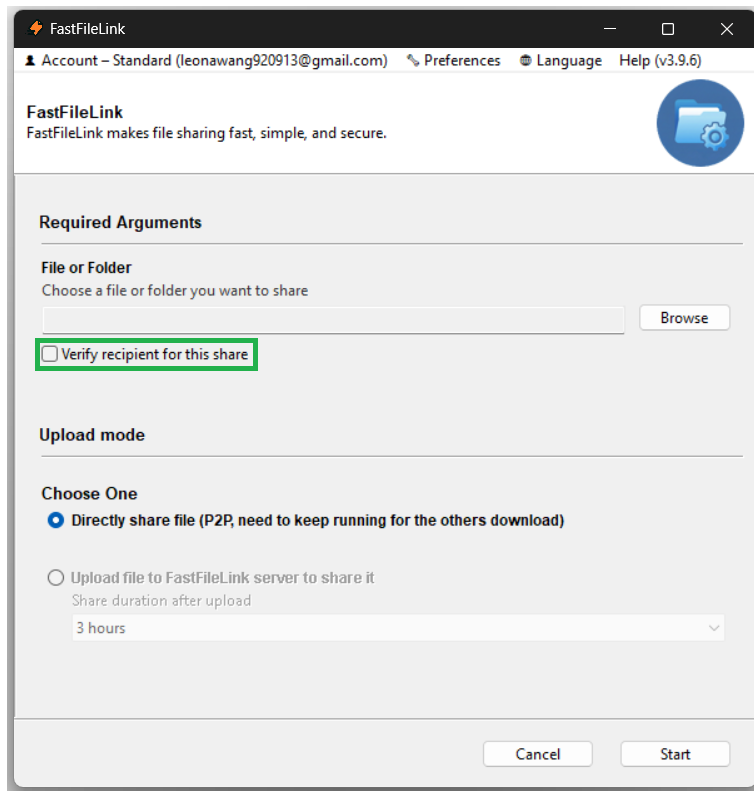
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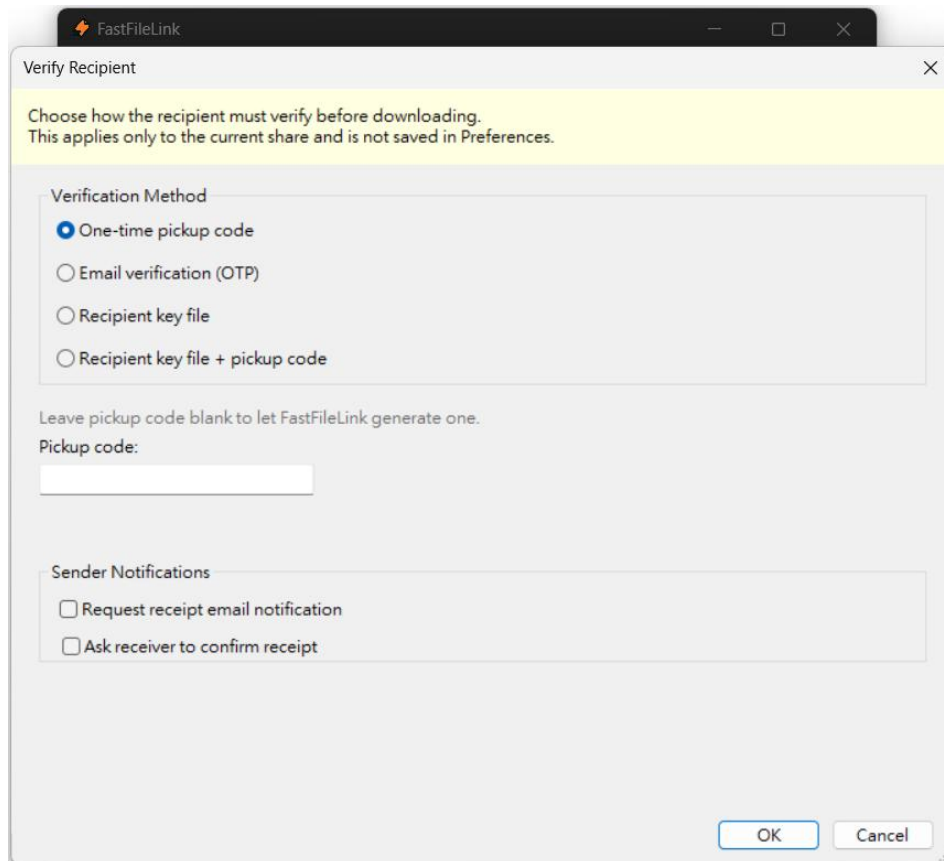
When the Tor network protection feature is enabled, error reporting will be automatically disabled, and E2EE encryption will be automatically enabled.

## Recipient Verification and Sender Notification

You can use the recipient verification feature to ensure that your files cannot be downloaded by unauthorized people. For example, you can set a pickup code or require recipients to sign in with a specific email address before they can download the files. You can also configure email notifications to be sent to a designated mailbox whenever someone downloads the files. If you need confirmation that the recipient has successfully received the files, you can require them to submit a download receipt.



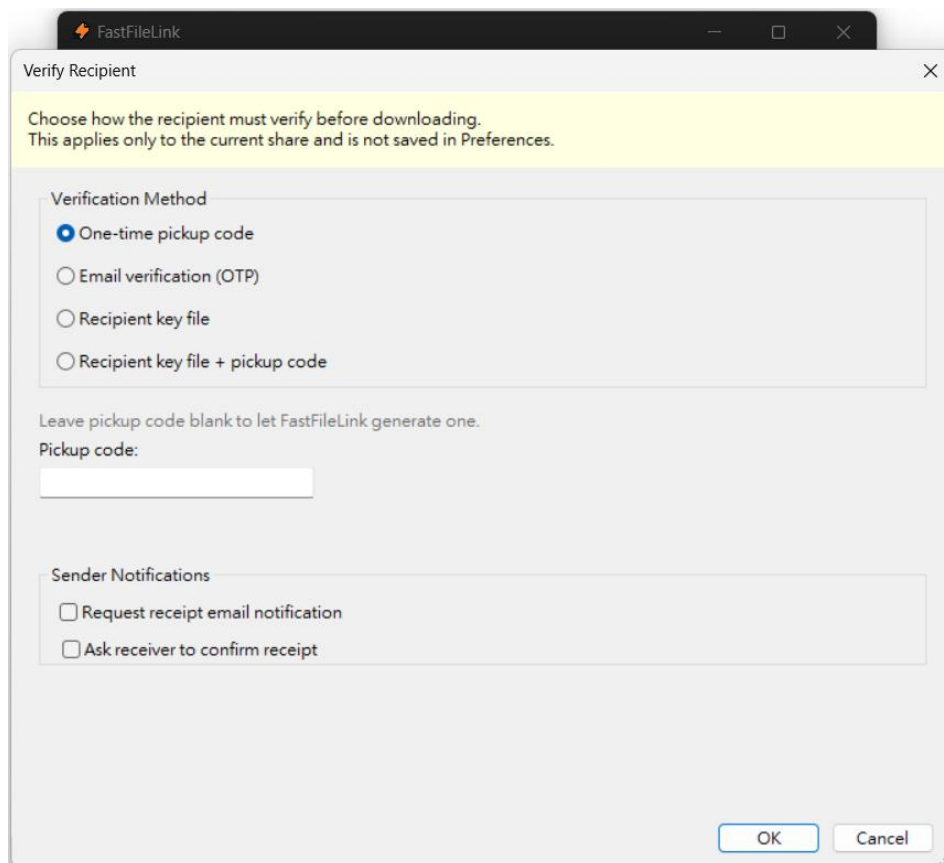
## How to Enable the Recipient Verification Feature



You can choose the recipient verification mode that best suits your needs.

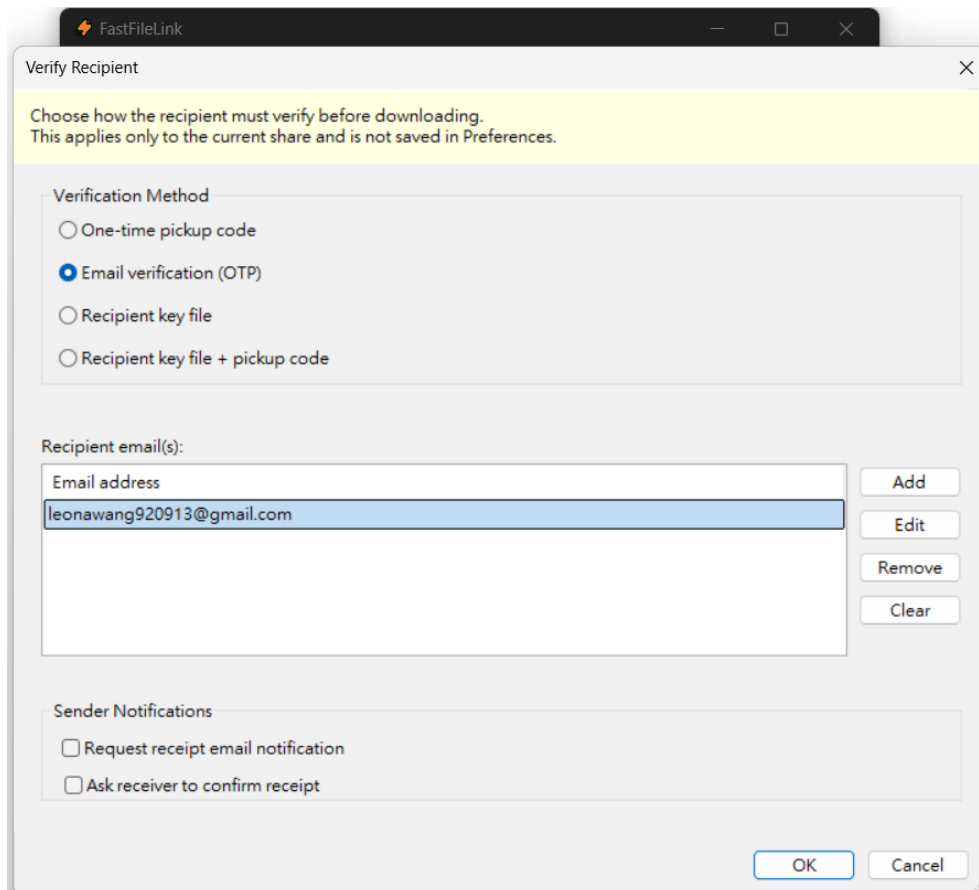
Users can choose one of the following recipient verification methods to control how files are accessed:

1. **One-time Pickup Code** : A system-generated or custom code is required to download the file.
2. **Email Verification (OTP)** : Recipient must verify ownership of the email address via OTP. Access is granted only after successful email authentication. Ensures the file is accessed by the intended email owner.
3. **Recipient Key Code** : Recipient must enter a pre-defined key code to access the file. Suitable for controlled sharing with known recipients.
4. **Recipient Key Code + Pickup Code** : Requires both recipient key code and one-time pickup code. Provides the highest level of access control. Recommended for sensitive or high-security files.

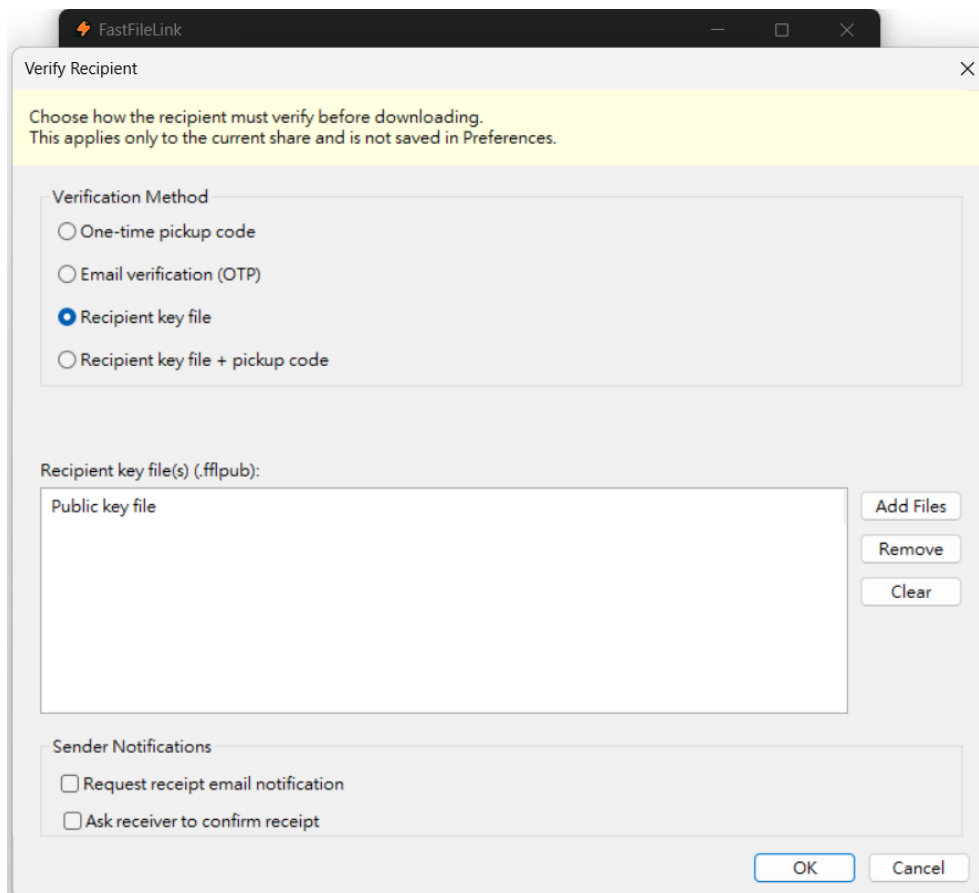


The image shows a 'Verify Recipient' dialog box from the FastFileLink application. The dialog has a title bar with the FastFileLink logo and standard window controls. Inside, a yellow banner at the top reads: 'Choose how the recipient must verify before downloading. This applies only to the current share and is not saved in Preferences.' Below this, the 'Verification Method' section contains four radio button options: 'One-time pickup code' (which is selected), 'Email verification (OTP)', 'Recipient key file', and 'Recipient key file + pickup code'. A note below the radio buttons says: 'Leave pickup code blank to let FastFileLink generate one.' This is followed by a text input field labeled 'Pickup code:'. The 'Sender Notifications' section at the bottom contains two unchecked checkboxes: 'Request receipt email notification' and 'Ask receiver to confirm receipt'. At the bottom right of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

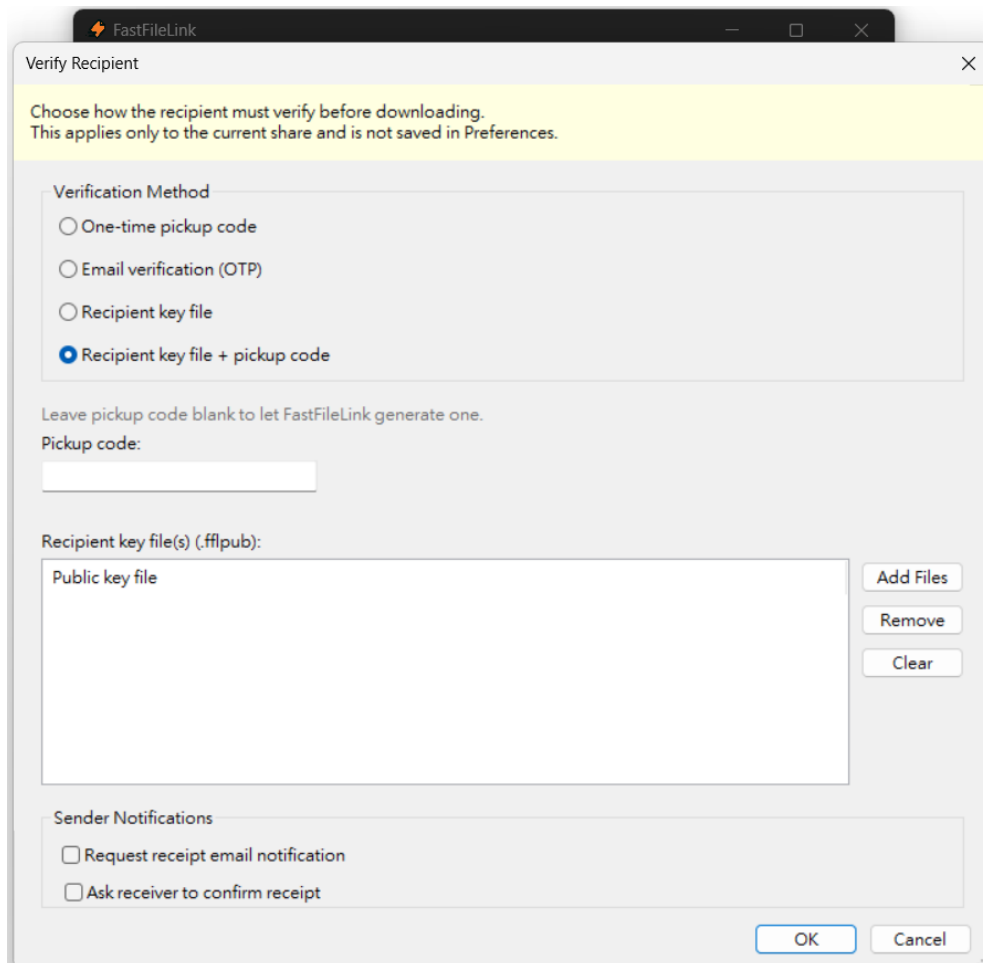
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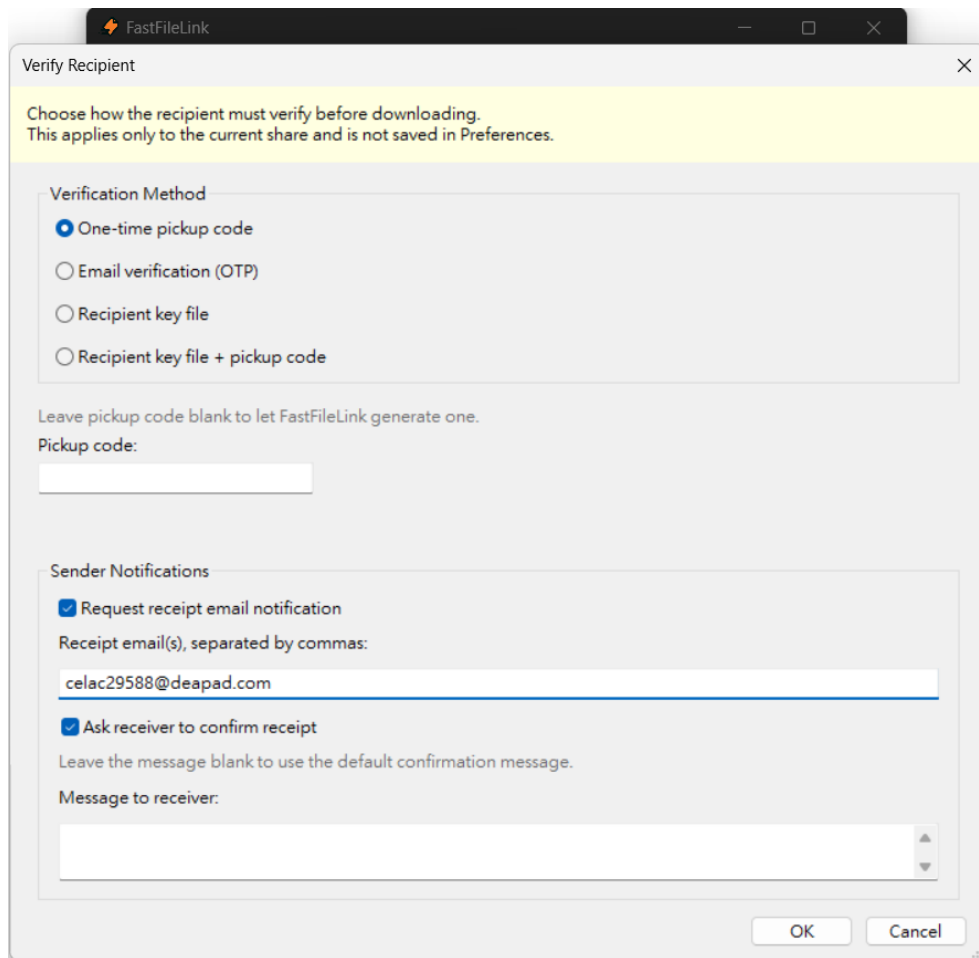


Recipient Key Code + Pickup Code: Requires both recipient key code and one-time pickup code.

Senders can configure notification behavior after file download events:

1. Request Receipt Email Notification : An email notification is sent to a designated sender email when a file is downloaded. Requires sender account authentication to configure. Used for audit tracking and monitoring downloads.
2. Ask Receiver to Confirm Receipt : Recipient can optionally confirm receipt after downloading the file. The confirmation is not mandatory, and files can still be fully accessed without submitting it. This feature is mainly used as an optional message channel for recipients to leave feedback or notes to the sender. If you only needs to be notified whether the file has been downloaded, the email notification feature should be used instead.





You can choose the sender notification mode that best suits your needs.

## Extension for the GUI version

To enable extra functionalities (i.e., advanced options available in the CLI version), you can place a file named `ffl_arguments.txt` in one of the following locations:

1. The same directory as the software
2. Your home directory under `.fastfilelink/` (`C:\Users\<YourUsername>\.fastfilelink\` in Windows, or `$HOME/.fastfilelink` in Linux/macOS )

When this file is present, the advanced CLI options will also be applied while using the GUI version. For instance, you can enable features such as password protection.

For a complete list of available options, please refer to our [GitHub documentation](#).

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# Advanced FastFileLink arguments for GUI mode
# This file allows GUI users to access CLI-only features

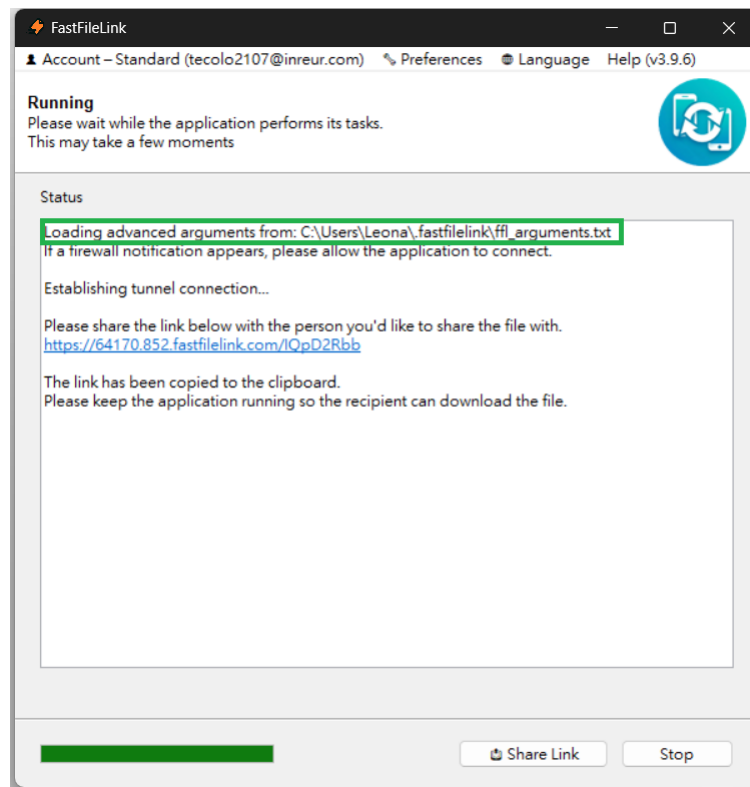
# Upload settings
--max-downloads 5
--timeout 3600

# Authentication settings
--auth-user myuser
--auth-password mypassword

# Output options
--json output.json

--preferred-tunnel cloudflare
```

Example of ffl\_arguments.txt



Run after configuration

## CLI Version

In addition to the GUI version, we also offer a CLI version for your use. If needed, you can download it from our [GitHub repository](#).