

How do I check the digital signature in Windows Live Mail?

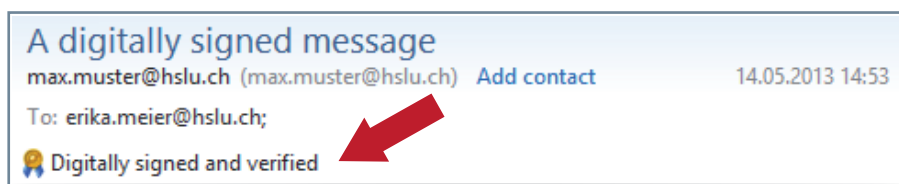
Valid signature

In Windows Live Mail, digitally signed e-mails display a small seal icon and the note «Digitally signed and verified» in their header.



Digital signatures

E-mails can be signed just like any physical document. The counterpart for handwritten signatures in this case is called a «digital signature». Signed e-mails unequivocally confirm the authorship of an e-mail, i.e. they cannot be faked and guarantee the integrity of the contents of an e-mail.

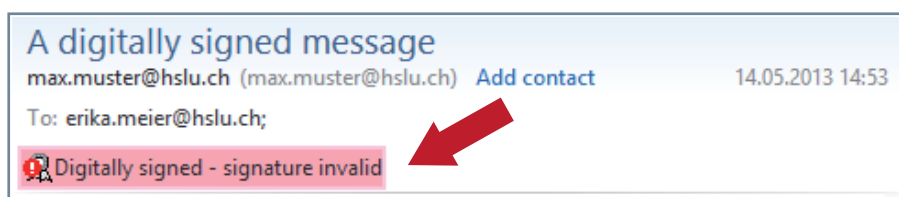


The verified sender of a signed e-mail is definitely the signer of this mail. Click on the seal in front of the «Digitally signed...» note to obtain secure sender information, i. e. to establish the signer of a mail.

The sender stated in the header of the e-mail does not belong to the protected area of the e-mail and can therefore be faked.

Invalid signature

In case Windows Live Mail establishes any problems when checking the digital signature, a note to this effect is displayed in the header of the e-mail. By clicking the seal in front of this note, you can obtain further information on the error found.



Problems with signature verification can be due to the following: The sender certificate is invalid (i. e. expired, declared invalid or faked), or the contents of the e-mail were changed on their way to the recipient (either accidentally or deliberately). If there are problems with a signature, please contact the message sender.

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