

Bypassing SMS Verification with Text Verified

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Introduction

This article extracts the “How to use Text Verified” part out of *How to use Text Verified to buy non-KYC bitcoin at a Bitcoin ATM* (Wook 2022). It will focus only on setting up a Text Verified account and how to use it. With this article, a user should be able to bypass almost any service requiring SMS verification without providing personally identifying information. This is useful for acquiring non-KYC bitcoin or monero, as described in the article cited above, and much more.

Registering an account on Text Verified

Text Verified will be required to bypass SMS verification. Over Tor or VPN, register an account on Text Verified at <https://www.textverified.com/Account/Register/> using a throw away email address from Guerrilla Mail at <https://www.guerrillamail.com/>. Save this email address and the password used during registration for later access to the Text Verified account. Avoid using personally identifying information when registering the account. For example, in the first and last name fields enter “n/a.” Text Verified will send a confirmation email to Guerrilla Mail. Once this is verified, the account is ready to be funded with credits.

Adding credits on Text Verified

If the user already owns some bitcoin, they will be able to fund the account with it. Ideally, the user should use a UTXO that is not tied to their identity via KYC records or use a coinjoined UTXO. If the user does not own bitcoin, they have a couple options: They can have a friend lend it to them or they can buy a prepaid debit card with cash to fund the Text Verified account.

Paying with bitcoin. To fund the Text Verified account, select the yellow “¢” symbol located in the menu and select “buy

with crypto.” Then use the toggle to determine how many credits to purchase. Once the number of credits to be purchased has been determined, select bitcoin as the payment option and continue. Next, the user will be presented with a bitcoin payment address and QR code. Send the payment to the address provided within the allotted time frame (i.e., 15 minutes). After a few on-chain conformations, the credits will be available to spend.

Paying with a prepaid debit card. The first step in using a prepaid debit card is to buy one with cash. Bring extra cash to cover any fees and taxes. Go to a local grocery store and locate the prepaid debit cards. Some may have a minimum purchase, such as \$25. This minimum is more than enough to get started. It is also important to verify that the given card can be used for online purchases by reading the fine print on the card. Typically, before the card is able to be used online, it will have to be “registered.”

To do this, follow the directions on the card but do not provide personally identifying information, such as name, address, zip code, phone number, or email. Instead use a semi-real pseudo-name (i.e., avoid names such as “John Doe”), use the address, zip code, and phone number of the grocery store the card was purchased from or another local address, and use a throw away email to complete the registration. Make a note of the information provided because it will be needed when making an online purchase for Text Verified credits.

To fund the Text Verified account, select the yellow “¢” symbol located in the menu. Select “buy with USD” and pick the menu option which will max out the funds on the card. Continue on with the prompts and fill in the information (i.e., name and address) that was used when the prepaid card was first “registered.” Once the transaction goes through, the user will have the credits right away.

In either case, whether paying with bitcoin or a prepaid card, once all the credits are used up on Text Verified, it is best to throw away the account and create and fund a new one from scratch. This way account reuse is avoided.

Using credits

With the account funded, the credits can now be spent. To do so go to the menu and select “Verifications” and “Text & Sms.” The next page should be “Short-term / temporary numbers.” In the search bar, enter the name of the service. If the service is not listed, select or search for the “Service Not Listed” option. As one can see, the credit cost for a SMS verification is higher for a service which is not listed. Most services cost one credit but some are more or less affordable than others. One might consider selecting the star icon to “favorite” the service. This will list the favorites at the top of the list.

Once a service is selected, the user may be prompted by a pop-up message reading “Using A Proxy? Outside of the USA?” In this case, check the box “do not show again” and select “continue.” The user will be directed to the “Short-term SMS/Text verification” page which lists a temporary phone number. Use that phone number to bypass SMS verification on the given service within the allotted window of time. If the time runs out or the user decides to cancel the verification, the credits will not be used. The credits are only used after a verification is made.

Conclusion

This article discussed how to use Text Verified to bypass SMS verification without providing personally identifying information. The applications are vast and range from creating a pseudonymous Twitter account to buying non-KYC bitcoin or monero.

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