How to Control Who Can Export Your Store Data

How to · https://wpfactory.com/docs/restrict-export-user-capability/

To control who can export store data in Export Products, Orders & Customers for WooCommerce, go to WPFactory > Export > General and set User Capability to the WordPress capability a user needs. The default, manage_options, allows administrators only; manage_woocommerce adds shop managers. Never leave the field blank. The option is free.

Set the User Capability

1. Go to **WPFactory > Export > General** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Export**).
2. Find **User Capability** (`alg_export_csv_xml_user_capability`).
3. Enter the WordPress capability a user must have to export.
4. Click **Save changes**.

Common values

Value	Who can export
`manage_options` (default)	Administrators only.
`manage_woocommerce`	Administrators and shop managers.

> **Security warning:** the option allows a blank value, which removes the capability check entirely. With it blank, anyone (including logged-out visitors) could trigger an export URL and download your data. Always keep a capability set. `manage_woocommerce` is the lowest value we recommend.

How the check works

The export download endpoints check the current user against this capability before streaming a file. Set it to the least-privileged role that genuinely needs exports, and no lower.

Applies to every tool



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User Capability governs all five export tools (Products, Orders, Order Items, Customers, Customers from Orders) and both CSV and XML output. It is a free option.

Need a hand?

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