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Email Helper[**¶**](#gjdgxs)

The Email Helper provides some assistive functions for working with Email. For a more robust email solution, see CodeIgniter’s [*Email Class*](http://docs.google.com/libraries/email.html).

Important

The Email helper is DEPRECATED and is currently only kept for backwards compatibility.

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[**Loading this Helper**](#3znysh7)[**¶**](#30j0zll)

This helper is loaded using the following code:

$this->load->helper('email');

[**Available Functions**](#2et92p0)[**¶**](#1fob9te)

The following functions are available:

valid\_email(*$email*)[¶](#tyjcwt)

| Parameters: | * **$email** (*string*) – E-mail address |
| --- | --- |
| Returns: | TRUE if a valid email is supplied, FALSE otherwise |
| Return type: | bool |

Checks if the input is a correctly formatted e-mail address. Note that is doesn’t actually prove that the address will be able recieve mail, but simply that it is a validly formed address.

Example:

if (valid\_email('email@somesite.com'))  
{  
 echo 'email is valid';  
}  
else  
{  
 echo 'email is not valid';  
}

Note

All that this function does is to use PHP’s native filter\_var():

(bool) filter\_var($email, FILTER\_VALIDATE\_EMAIL);

send\_email(*$recipient*, *$subject*, *$message*)[¶](#3dy6vkm)

| Parameters: | * **$recipient** (*string*) – E-mail address * **$subject** (*string*) – Mail subject * **$message** (*string*) – Message body |
| --- | --- |
| Returns: | TRUE if the mail was successfully sent, FALSE in case of an error |
| Return type: | bool |

Sends an email using PHP’s native [mail()](http://php.net/function.mail) function.

Note

All that this function does is to use PHP’s native mail

mail($recipient, $subject, $message);

For a more robust email solution, see CodeIgniter’s [*Email Library*](http://docs.google.com/libraries/email.html).

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