Trac Permissions

Trac uses a simple, case sensitive, permission system to control what users can and can't access.

Permission privileges are managed using the trac-admin tool or the *General / Permissions* panel in the *Admin* web interface.

In addition to the default permission policy described in this page, it is possible to activate additional permission policies by enabling plugins and listing them in the `[trac] permission_policies` configuration entry in the TracIni. See TracFineGrainedPermissions for more details.

Non-authenticated users accessing the system are assigned the name "anonymous". Assign permissions to the "anonymous" user to set privileges for anonymous/guest users. The parts of Trac that a user does not have the privileges for will not be displayed in the navigation. In addition to these privileges, users can be granted additional individual rights in effect when authenticated and logged into the system. All logged in users belong to the virtual group "authenticated", which inherits permissions from "anonymous".

Available Privileges

To enable all privileges for a user, use the `TRAC_ADMIN` permission. Having `TRAC_ADMIN` is like being `root` on a *NIX system: it will allow you to perform any operation.

Otherwise, individual privileges can be assigned to users for the various different functional areas of Trac (**note that the privilege names are case-sensitive**):

Repository Browser

`BROWSER_VIEW`	View directory listings in the repository browser
`LOG_VIEW`	View revision logs of files and directories in the repository browser
`FILE_VIEW`	View files in the repository browser
`CHANGESET_VIEW`	View repository check-ins

Ticket System

`TICKET_VIEW`	View existing tickets and perform ticket queries
`TICKET_CREATE`	Create new tickets
`TICKET_APPEND`	Add comments or attachments to tickets
`TICKET_CHGPROP`	Modify ticket properties (priority, assignment, keywords, etc.) except description field, cc field add/remove when logged in or set email to pref
`TICKET_MODIFY`	Includes both `TICKET_APPEND` and `TICKET_CHGPROP`, and in addition allows resolving tickets
`TICKET_EDIT_CC`	Full modify cc field
`TICKET_EDIT_DESCRIPTION`	Modify description field
`TICKET_ADMIN`	All `TICKET_*` permissions, plus the deletion of ticket attachments and modification of the description field

Attention: the "view tickets" button appears with the `REPORT_VIEW` permission.

Roadmap

`MILESTONE_VIEW`	View a milestone
`MILESTONE_CREATE`	Create a new milestone
`MILESTONE_MODIFY`	Modify existing milestones
`MILESTONE_DELETE`	Delete milestones
`MILESTONE_ADMIN`	All `MILESTONE_*` permissions

ROADMAP_VIEW	View the roadmap page, is not (yet) the same as MILESTONE_VIEW, see #4292
ROADMAP_ADMIN	to be removed with #3022, replaced by MILESTONE_ADMIN

Reports

REPORT_VIEW	View reports, i.e. the "view tickets" link.
REPORT_SQL_VIEW	View the underlying SQL query of a report
REPORT_CREATE	Create new reports
REPORT_MODIFY	Modify existing reports
REPORT_DELETE	Delete reports
REPORT_ADMIN	All REPORT_* permissions

Wiki System

WIKI_VIEW	View existing wiki pages
WIKI_CREATE	Create new wiki pages
WIKI_MODIFY	Change wiki pages
WIKI_DELETE	Delete wiki pages and attachments
WIKI_ADMIN	All WIKI_* permissions, plus the management of *readonly* pages.

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PERMISSION_GRANT	add/grant a permission
PERMISSION_REVOKE	remove/revoke a permission
PERMISSION_ADMIN	All PERMISSION_* permissions

Others

TIMELINE_VIEW	View the timeline page
SEARCH_VIEW	View and execute search queries
CONFIG_VIEW	Enables additional pages on *About Trac* that show the current configuration or the list of installed plugins
EMAIL_VIEW	Shows email addresses even if `trac show_email_addresses` configuration option is `false`?

Granting Privileges

You grant privileges to users using trac-admin. The current set of privileges can be listed with the following command:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission list
```

This command will allow the user *bob* to delete reports:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add bob REPORT_DELETE
```

The `permission add` command also accepts multiple privilege names:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add bob REPORT_DELETE WIKI_CREATE
```

Or add all privileges:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add bob TRAC_ADMIN
```

Permission Groups

There are two built-in groups, "authenticated" and "anonymous".
Any user who has not logged in is automatically in the "anonymous" group.
Any user who has logged in is also in the "authenticated" group.
The "authenticated" group inherits permissions from the "anonymous" group.
eg. if the "anonymous" group has permission WIKI_MODIFY, it's not necessary to add the WIKI_MODIFY permisison to the "authenticated" group as well.

Custom groups may be defined that inherit permissions from the two built-in groups.

Permissions can be grouped together to form roles such as *developer*, *admin*, etc.

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add developer WIKI_ADMIN
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add developer REPORT_ADMIN
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add developer TICKET_MODIFY
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add bob developer
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add john developer
```

Group membership can be checked by doing a `permission list` with no further arguments; the resulting output will include group memberships. **Use lowercase for group names, as uppercase is reserved for permissions**.

Adding a New Group and Permissions

Permission groups can be created by assigning a user to a group you wish to create, then assign permissions to that group.

The following will add *bob* to the new group called *beta_testers* and then will assign WIKI_ADMIN permissions to that group. (Thus, *bob* will inherit the WIKI_ADMIN permission)

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add bob beta_testers
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission add beta_testers WIKI_ADMIN
```

Removing Permissions

Permissions can be removed using the 'remove' command. For example:

This command will prevent the user *bob* from deleting reports:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission remove bob REPORT_DELETE
```

Just like `permission add`, this command accepts multiple privilege names.

You can also remove all privileges for a specific user:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission remove bob '*'
```

Or one privilege for all users:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv permission remove '*' REPORT_ADMIN
```

Default Permissions

By default on a new Trac installation, the `anonymous` user will have *view* access to everything in Trac, but will not be able to create or modify anything. On the other hand, the `authenticated` users will have the permissions to *create and modify tickets and wiki pages*.

anonymous

BROWSER_VIEW CHANGESET_VIEW FILE_VIEW LOG_VIEW MILESTONE_VIEW REPORT_SQL_VIEW REPORT_VIEW ROADMAP_VIEW SEARCH_VIEW TICKET_VIEW TIMELINE_VIEW WIKI_VIEW

authenticated

TICKET_CREATE TICKET_MODIFY WIKI_CREATE WIKI_MODIFY

See also: TracAdmin, TracGuide and TracFineGrainedPermissions