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## 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 <a href="#">repository browser</a>
LOG_VIEW	View revision logs of files and directories in the <a href="#">repository browser</a>
FILE_VIEW	View files in the <a href="#">repository browser</a>
CHANGESSET_VIEW	View <a href="#">repository check-ins</a>

#### Ticket System

TICKET_VIEW	View existing <a href="#">tickets</a> and perform <a href="#">ticket queries</a>
TICKET_CREATE	Create new <a href="#">tickets</a>
TICKET_APPEND	Add comments or attachments to <a href="#">tickets</a>
TICKET_CHGPROP	Modify <a href="#">ticket</a> 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 <a href="#">tickets</a>
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 <a href="#">roadmap</a> page, is not (yet) the same as MILESTONE_VIEW, see <a href="#">#4292</a>
ROADMAP_ADMIN	to be removed with <a href="#">#3022</a> , replaced by MILESTONE_ADMIN

### Reports

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

### Wiki System

WIKI_VIEW	View existing <a href="#">wiki</a> pages
WIKI_CREATE	Create new <a href="#">wiki</a> pages
WIKI_MODIFY	Change <a href="#">wiki</a> pages
WIKI_DELETE	Delete <a href="#">wiki</a> pages and attachments
WIKI_ADMIN	All WIKI_* permissions, plus the management of <i>readonly</i> pages.

### Permissions

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

### Others

TIMELINE_VIEW	View the <a href="#">timeline</a> page
SEARCH_VIEW	View and execute <a href="#">search</a> queries
CONFIG_VIEW	Enables additional pages on <i>About Trac</i> that show the current configuration or the list of installed plugins
EMAIL_VIEW	Shows email addresses even if <a href="#">`trac show_email_addresses` configuration option is `false`?</a>

### 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 permission 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

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See also: [TracAdmin](#), [TracGuide](#) and [TracFineGrainedPermissions](#)