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PermissionManager

Extension\>: BlueSpicePermissionManager

Overview			
Description:	Administration interface for editing user rights		
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Edition:	BlueSpice free, BlueSpice pro, BlueSpice Farm, BlueSpice Cloud		
View help page			

Features

BlueSpicePermissionManager offers an easy and user-friendly way to manage user permissions on the wiki.

PermissionManager is for managing rights or permissions at a group and namespace level:

- Assignment of permissions to a user group.
- Display of permissions inherited from groups in the permissions hierarchy.
- Display of permissions blocked by another group.
- Assignment of permissions on a wiki level (applies to all pages in all namespaces) and on per-namespace basis, meaning that a user group can have certain permission in one namespace but still be denied the same permission in another namespace.

Some aspects of this extension can be configured on `Special:BlueSpiceConfigManager`, under section "Permission manager". Here wiki administrators can configure:

- Backup limit: Defines, how many backups, which are created everytime the permission settings are saved, are stored.

Technical Information

This information applies to BlueSpice 3 . Technical details for BlueSpice cloud can differ in some cases.

Requirements

MediaWiki: 1.31
BlueSpiceFoundation: 3.2

Integrates into

Special pages

- [PermissionManager](#)

Permissions

Name	Description	Role
permissionmanager-viewspecialpage	Access to the Special:PermissionManager special page	admin, maintenanceadmin

Configuration

Name	Value
PermissionManagerMaxBackups	50

API Modules

- [bs-permissionmanager-tasks](#)
- [bs-role-permission-store](#)

Hooks

- [BSGroupManagerGroupDeleted](#)
- [BSGroupManagerGroupNameChanged](#)
- [LoadExtensionSchemaUpdates](#)

Permission manager

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Accessing the Permission manager

To manage permissions, you use the Permission manager. It is located under *Global actions > Management > Permission manager*. This links to the page `Special:PermissionManager`.

Role-based permissions

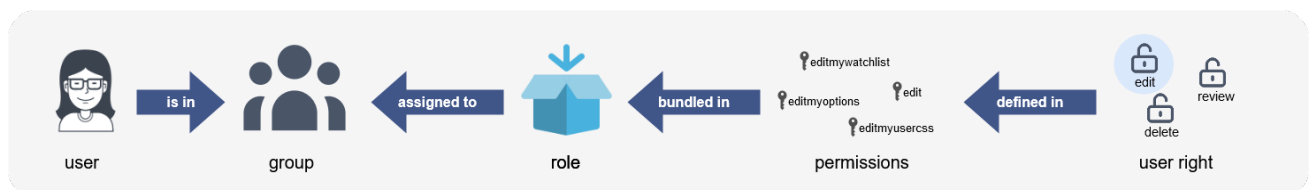
In BlueSpice 3, roles were introduced as a way to manage user rights. The main intention of using roles is to simplify rights management.

Roles represent a **collection of individual permissions** that are necessary to perform certain functions on the wiki. For example, for a user who is supposed to only read the wiki, many permissions in addition to the "read" permission are needed: The ability to change their own settings, to search the wiki, to view page ratings, and so on.



All permissions that make up a logical group are encapsulated in a role, in this example the role "reader". If wiki admins want to grant read-only rights to a user group, they only need to assign that group the "reader" role, instead of assigning many individual permissions that are needed to create a "read"-user.

By assigning roles to a group, all users belonging to that group receive the rights of these roles. Roles are never assigned directly to users, but always to groups instead. Users are then assigned to one or more groups.



The roles matrix

The permission manager consists of the group tree (1) and the role matrix (2):

Special

Permission manager

Save Reset Show system groups Export table

user

- autoreview
- bot
- bureaucrat
- editor
- restrictedsysop
- reviewer
- smoketest
- smwadministrator
- smwcurator
- sysop
- widgeteditor

Role	Wiki	(Pages)	QM	Portal	Staff	Minutes
bot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
maintenanceadmin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
admin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
author	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
editor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
accountmanager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
structuremanager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
reader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
accountsselfcreate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
commenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Columns > Namespaces >

- User
- User talk
- BlueSpice
- BlueSpice talk
- File
- File talk
- MediaWiki
- MediaWiki talk
- Template
- Template talk
- Help
- Help talk
- Category
- Category talk
- Property
- Property talk
- Form
- Form talk
- Concept
- Concept Talk
- Widget
- Widget talk
- Module
- Module talk
- Blog
- Book

Associating groups with roles in namespaces

The **group tree** shows all existing groups:

- **Group "*"':** all non-logged-in (anonymous) users
- **Group "user":** all logged-in users, the default group for all users
- **Subgroups of group "user":** all groups that are defined on the wiki, either by default, by MediaWiki, or custom groups created by an administrator. System groups, created by MediaWiki, can be hidden by unchecking the "Show system groups" checkbox above the tree.

The columns in the **role matrix** are:

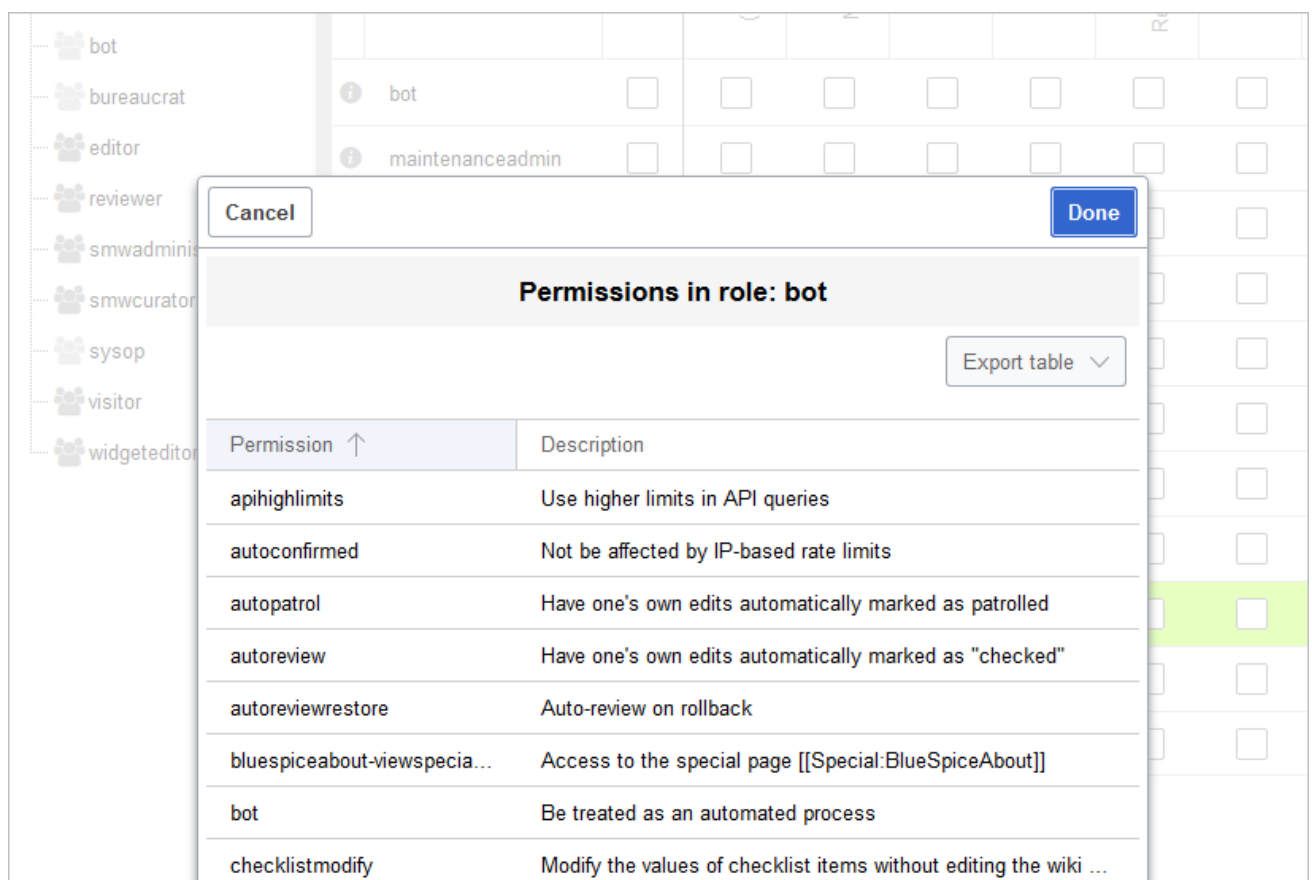
- **Role information** (info icon): Clicking the icon shows all the permissions in a role. This list is exportable.
- **Role name**
- **Wiki:** Assignment of a role to the entire wiki. By assigning the role in this column, a user group gets permissions in this role on the wiki (all namespaces).
- **Individual namespaces:** The following columns list every (applicable) namespace on the wiki.
 - Roles can be assigned to individual namespaces. For example, the group *user* can get the *editor* role only in the namespace *Public*. *Users in this group cannot edit content in any other*. By granting a role to a particular group in a particular namespace, means that all other groups will lose permissions from this role, eg. granting role "reader" in namespace "Private" to group "sysop" means that all users in any other groups won't be able to read pages in "Private" namespace, even if they have "reader" role granted on the wiki level ("Wiki" column).
 - The same role can be granted to multiple groups for the same namespace.
 - Additional namespaces can be added in the matrix by clicking on the arrow in table header, then "Columns". Then the namespaces can be selected.

Role inheritance

By default, all roles granted to the (*) group will be granted to the *user* group, and all roles granted to the *user* group are granted to its subgroups. If a group inherits the role from an upper-level group field, this is indicated in the role matrix with a green background, but the checkbox is empty.

Default roles

By default, the Permission manager includes a number of predefined roles that serve most user needs. The individual permissions contained in a role can be seen by clicking the info icon in front of the role name. It opens a dialog with a permissions list for the role.



The screenshot shows the PermissionManager interface. On the left, a list of roles is visible: bot, bureaucrat, editor, reviewer, smwadmin, smwcurator, sysop, visitor, and widgeteditor. The main area displays a table of permissions for the 'bot' role. A dialog box titled 'Permissions in role: bot' is open, showing a list of permissions and their descriptions. The dialog has 'Cancel' and 'Done' buttons. An 'Export table' button is also present in the dialog.

Permission ↑	Description
apihighlimits	Use higher limits in API queries
autoconfirmed	Not be affected by IP-based rate limits
autopatrol	Have one's own edits automatically marked as patrolled
autoreview	Have one's own edits automatically marked as "checked"
autoreviewrestore	Auto-review on rollback
bluespiceabout-viewspecia...	Access to the special page [[Special:BlueSpiceAbout]]
bot	Be treated as an automated process
checklistmodify	Modify the values of checklist items without editing the wiki ...

- **bot:** exists to achieve recurring system actions. This role is assigned to the user BSMaintenance in Bluespice via the group bot. The group bot should not be changed.
- **admin:** Grants access to all administrative special pages and to all typical administrative features.
- **maintenanceadmin:** Similar to the *admin* role, but with extended admin rights for maintaining wiki integrity.
- **author:** all permissions necessary for creating content on the wiki. Editing, moving, or deleting pages is not possible.
- **editor:** create content, edit and delete content.

- **reviewer:** If you have activated the review function and, therefore, work draft pages in a namespace, there must be at least one group with the role of reviewer. By default, the group “reviewer” is available for this purpose. Only users in the reviewer role can approve draft pages. Reviewers generally need read, write and review rights via the corresponding three roles of reader, editor and reviewer. However, if you have not activated the review function in any namespace, you do not need this role in your wiki.
- **accountmanager:** enables the administration of user accounts. Since user accounts are managed independently of namespaces in the wiki, this role cannot be restricted to individual namespaces. Grayed-out namespaces have no meaning here as long as the role in the wiki itself is highlighted in green.
- **structuremanager:** allows some actions for wiki maintenance such as moving pages, mass deleting pages or searching and replacing text, as well as renaming namespaces.
- **accountselfcreate:** enables the automatic creation of new user accounts and is required for single-sign-on. You can assign this role, for example, to anonymous users who can create their own account.
- **commenter:** allows the creation of discussion contributions and page ratings, but not of the pages themselves. The editor role includes all the rights of the commenter role. If a group has editor rights, it does not need special commenter rights.
- **reader:** Basic read access. Users can also edit their personal settings.

Important! The default roles and related permissions are different in the [BlueSpice pro Cloud permission manager](#).

Technical info

Logging

Every change to the roles is logged in `Special:Log`, in the `Permission Manager log`. These logs are available only to wiki administrators (users in groups with the role *admin*).

Configuration

All changes to the role matrix are backed up. By default, the last 5 backups are kept. This limit can be changed in [Config manager](#), under extension BlueSpicePermissionManager.

- **Backup limit:** Sets the number of backups for the permissions manager. Each time the page *Special:PermissionManager* is saved, a backup is created. If the backup limit is set to 5, the last five versions of the permissions configuration are saved as backups.

Related info

- [Reference:PermissionManager](#)
- [Managing groups](#)
- [Rights concepts](#)

