

# Trac Permissions

## Error: Macro TracGuideToc(None) failed

```
'NoneType' object has no attribute 'find'
```

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 (new in version 0.11) the *General / Permissions* panel in the *Admin* tab of the 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".

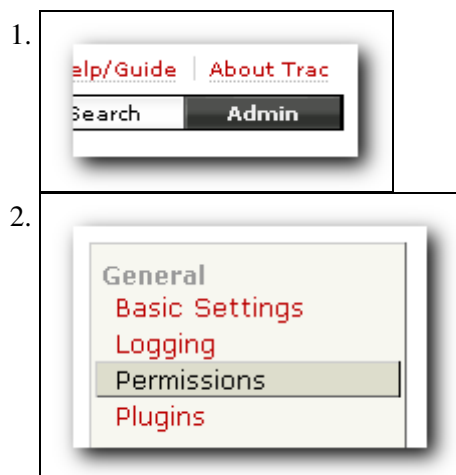
## Graphical Admin Tab

*This feature is new in version 0.11.*

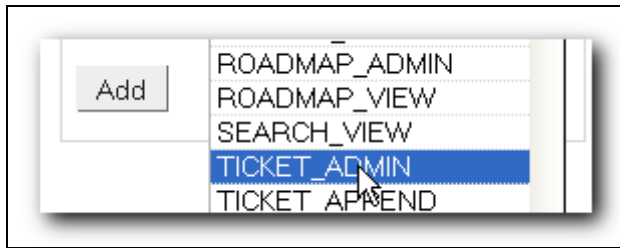
To access this tab, a user must have one of the following permissions: `TRAC_ADMIN`, `PERMISSION_ADMIN`, `PERMISSION_ADD`, `PERMISSION_REMOVE`. The permissions can be granted using the `trac-admin` command (more on `trac-admin` below):

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

Then, the user `bob` will be able to see the Admin tab, and can then access the permissions menu. This menu will allow you to perform all the following actions, but from the browser without requiring root access to the server (just the correct permissions for your user account). **Use at least one lowercase character in user names, as all-uppercase names are reserved for permissions.**



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An easy way to quickly secure a new Trac install is to run the above command on the anonymous user, install the [?AccountManagerPlugin](#), create a new admin account graphically and then remove the TRAC\_ADMIN permission from the anonymous user.

## 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>
CHANGESET_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.) with the following exceptions: edit description field, add/remove other users from cc field when logged in, and set email to pref
TICKET_MODIFY	Includes both TICKET_APPEND and TICKET_CHGPROP, and in addition allows resolving <a href="#">tickets</a> . Tickets can be assigned to users through a <a href="#">drop-down list</a> when the list of possible owners has been restricted.
TICKET_EDIT_CC	Full modify cc field
TICKET_EDIT_DESCRIPTION	Modify description field
TICKET_EDIT_COMMENT	Modify comments
TICKET_ADMIN	All TICKET_* permissions, plus the deletion of ticket attachments and modification of the reporter and description fields. It also allows managing ticket properties in the WebAdmin? panel.

Attention: the "view tickets" button appears with the REPORT\_VIEW permission.

## Roadmap

MILESTONE_VIEW	View milestones and assign tickets to milestones.
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\_RENAME Rename [wiki](#) pages  
WIKI\_DELETE Delete [wiki](#) pages and attachments  
WIKI\_ADMIN All WIKI\_\* permissions, plus the management of *readonly* pages.

## Permissions

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

## Creating New Privileges

To create custom permissions, for example to be used in a custom workflow, enable the optional [?tracopt.perm.config\\_perm\\_provider.ExtraPermissionsProvider](#) component in the "Plugins" admin panel, and add the desired permissions to the [extra-permissions] section in your [trac.ini](#). For more information, please refer to the documentation of the component in the admin panel.

## 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. For example, if the "anonymous" group has permission `WIKI_MODIFY`, it is 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 at least one lowercase character in group names, as all-uppercase names are 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](#)