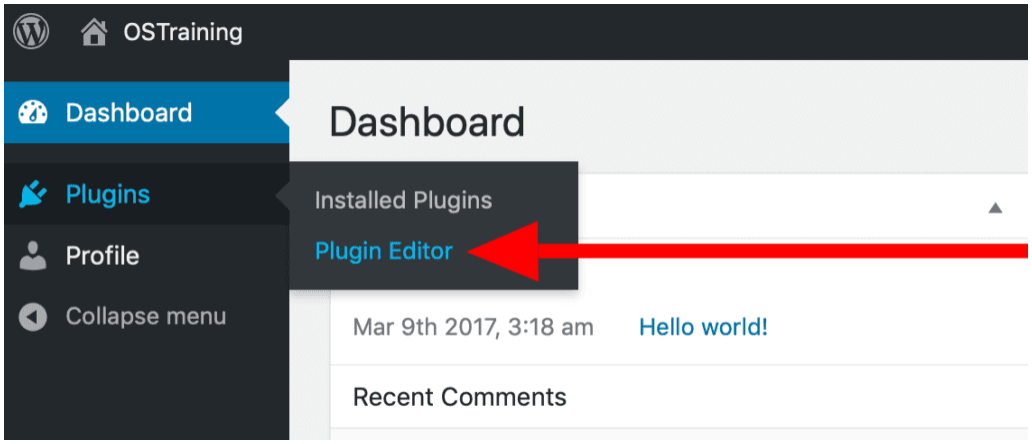
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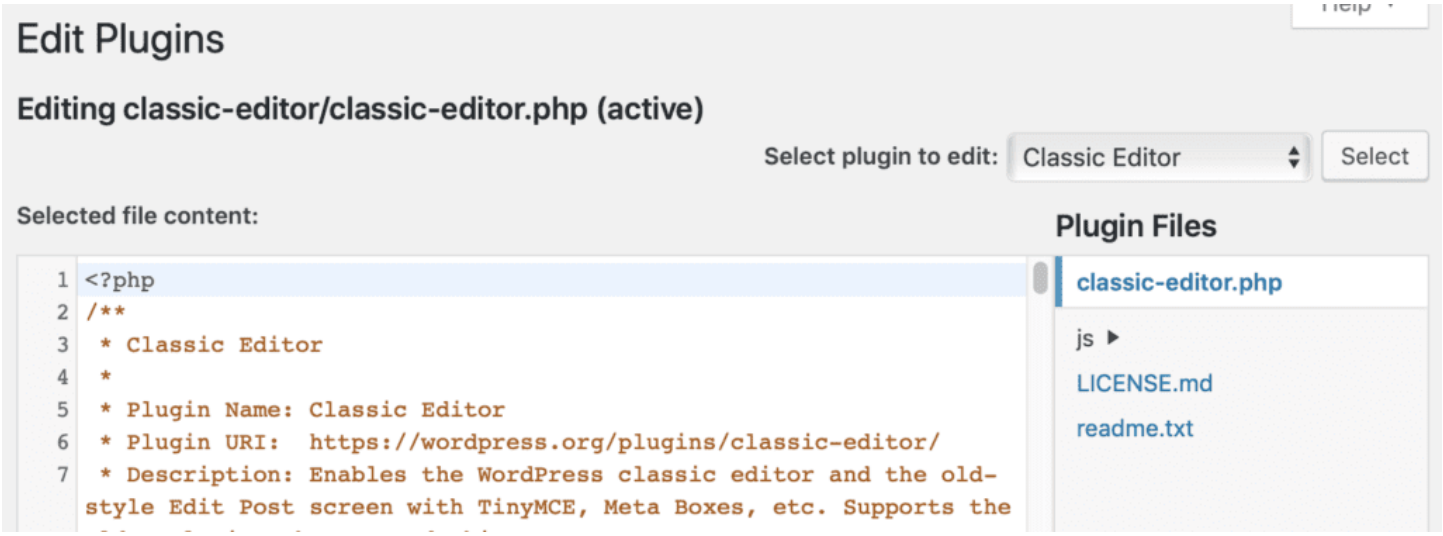
What is the edit_plugins permission in WordPress?

The edit_plugins permission allows users access to the "Plugin Editor" screen in WordPress.

The edit_plugins permission can not be used by itself. Before you can edit plugins you also need the activate_plugins permission.



This screen is very dangerous because you can directly edit the files for any plugin on your WordPress site. Any user with the edit_plugins permission can quickly bring down a WordPress site.



Who has the edit_plugins permission?

The edit_plugins permission is available on single WordPress sites and on multisite networks.

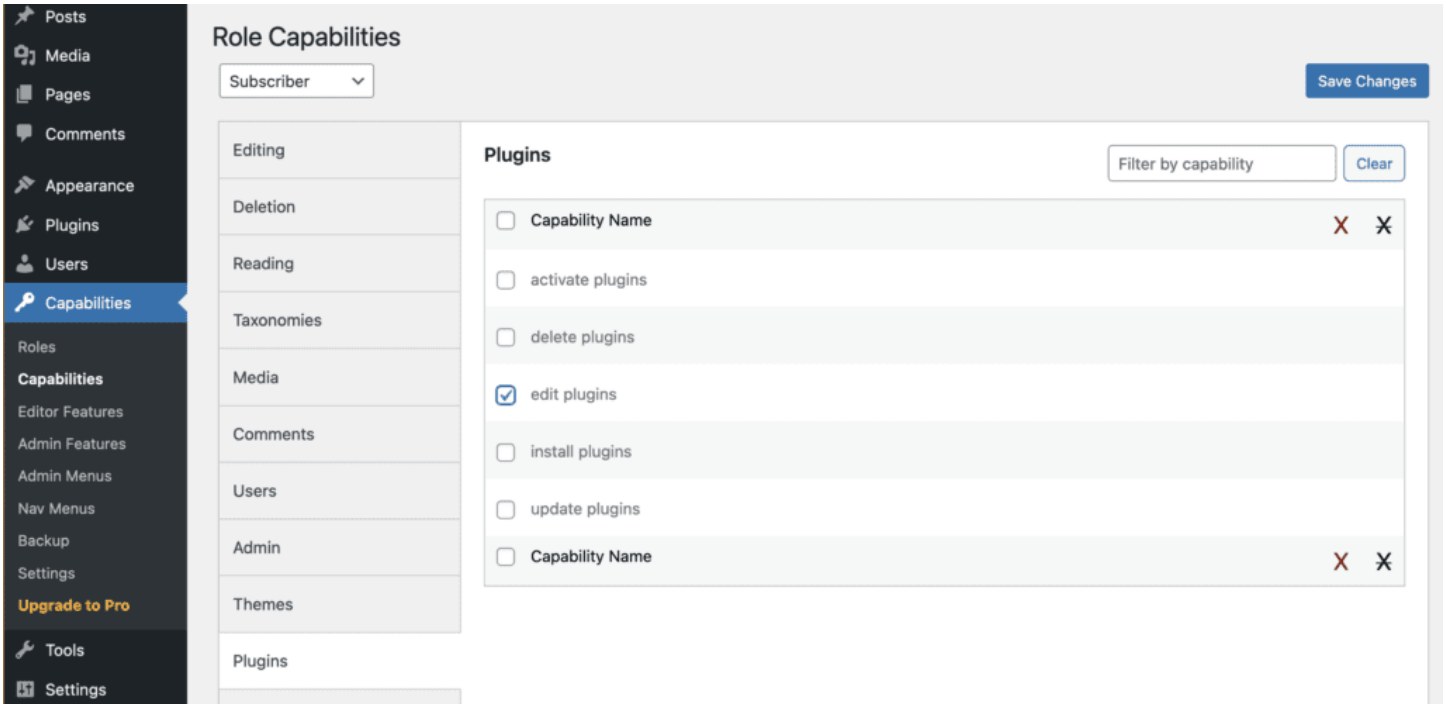
By default, the edit_plugins permission is only given to Super Admins, and Administrators.

Users not in these roles are not allowed to edit plugins.

Control who has the edit_plugins permission

You can control who has the edit_plugins permission by installing the PublishPress Capabilities plugin.

- After installing PublishPress Capabilities, go to "Capabilities" in your admin menu.
- Using the dropdown in the top-left corner, choose the role you want to edit.
- Click the "Plugins" area.
- Check or uncheck the "edit plugins" box.



All plugin permissions in WordPress

- activate_plugins

- delete_plugins
- install_plugins
- edit_plugins
- update_plugins