Editor

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What Permissions do Editors Have in WordPress?

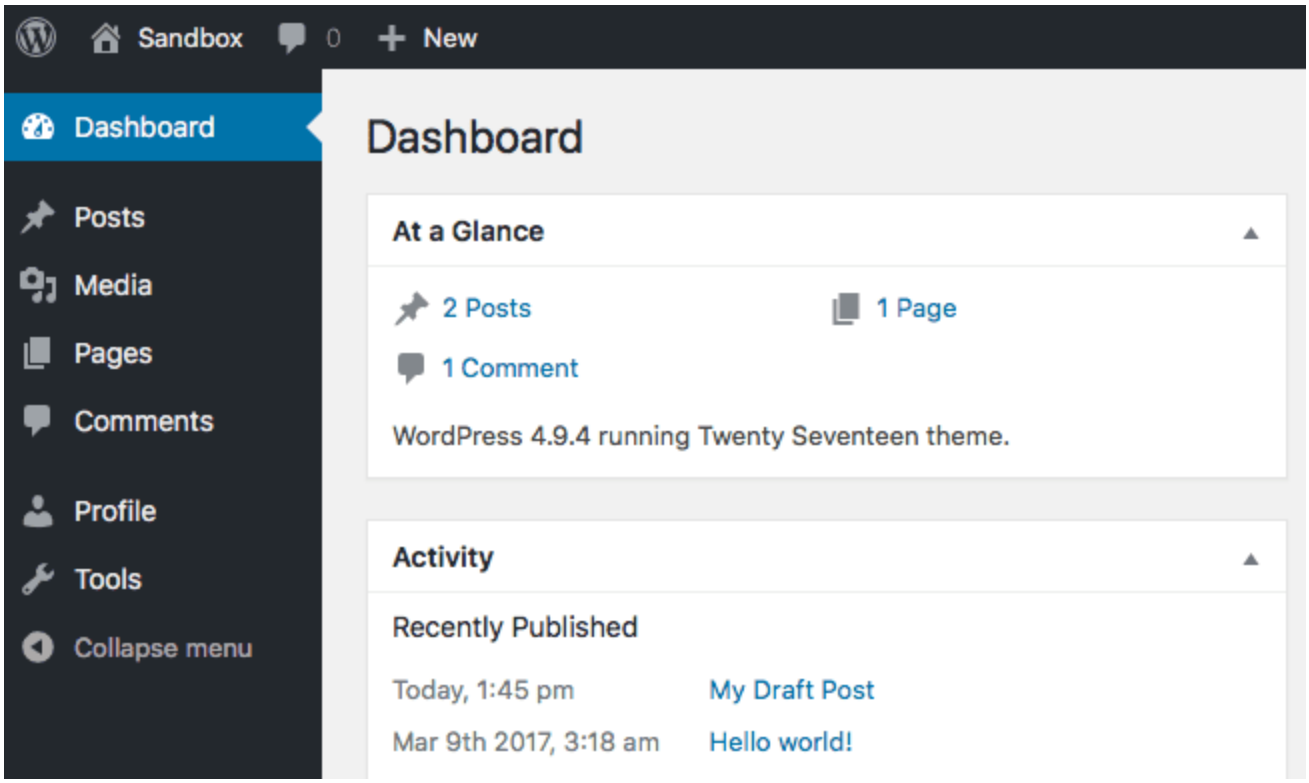
The "Editor" role is one of the default user roles in WordPress, alongside "Subscriber", "Author", "Contributor" and "Administrator".

Editors have a great deal of permissions when it comes to the content on your site. This role is designed to allow users to manage your content. They can publish, edit and delete any content on your site. However, they are normally not allowed to change any settings on your site.

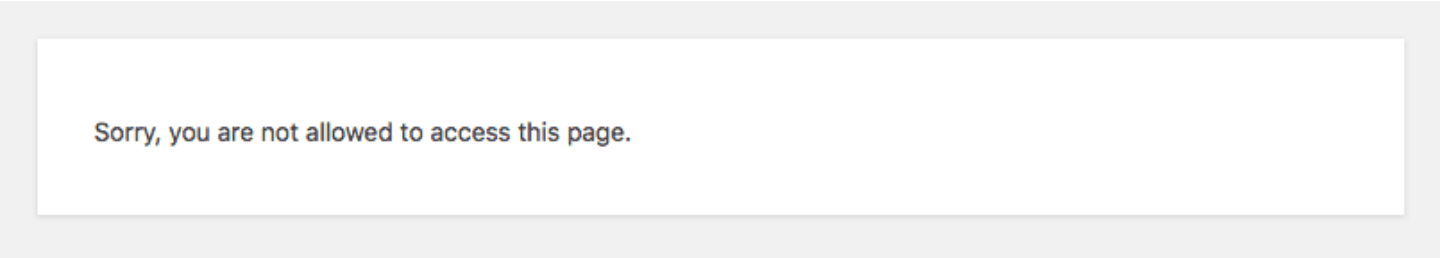
Editors in the WordPress Dashboard

Editors can log in to the admin area of a WordPress site, and this image shows what they can see. Here are some of the key links that Editors *can not* access:

- Plugins
- Appearance
- Users
- Settings

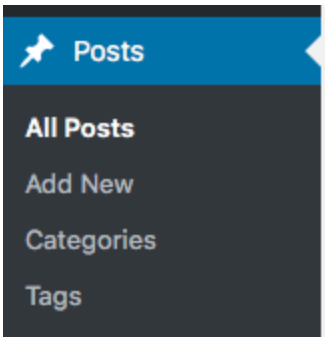


If Editors try to access any settings or options pages, they'll see this message: "Sorry, you are now allowed to access this page."



Editors Post Permissions

There are almost no limits on what Editors can do with WordPress posts and pages. They can create, publish, edit and delete the posts of any user, including Administrators. They also have those same permissions for Categories and Tags. In short, be careful who you place in the "Editor" role, because these users have a lot of power.



Editor Permissions Overview

This next image shows a chart which shows how Editors fit in alongside other WordPress user roles.

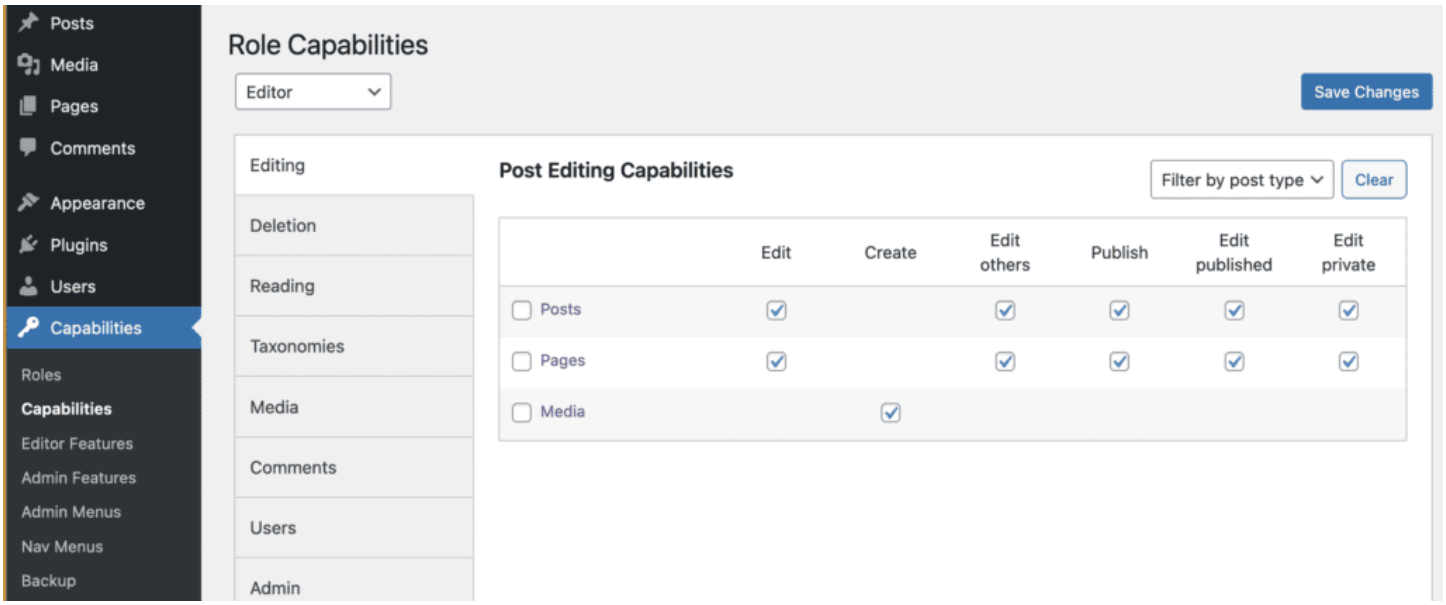
	Subscriber	Contributor	Author	Editor	Administrator
Log in to the WordPress admin area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Read posts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Comment on posts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edit and delete own unpublished posts		✓	✓	✓	✓
Edit and delete own published posts			✓	✓	✓
Publish own posts			✓	✓	✓
Upload files to media library			✓	✓	✓
Publish, edit and delete **any** post or page				✓	✓
Manage categories				✓	✓
Moderate comments				✓	✓
Manage plugins and widgets					✓
Add or remove users					✓
Edit themes					✓

Can You Change the Editor Permissions?

Yes, you can give the Editor more permissions than they have with a default WordPress installation.

The PublishPress Capabilities plugin is an excellent way to view and change the permissions for each user role.

This next image shows the permissions available to Editors for Posts and Pages, inside PublishPress Capabilities. The Editor has full permissions over all the content on your site, except for Categories and Tags.



If you want to change any of the permissions for Editors, placed a check mark in the boxes above.

If you're interested in the technical details, read this guide to where users and permissions are stored in the WordPress database.

Video Guide to the Editor Role

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