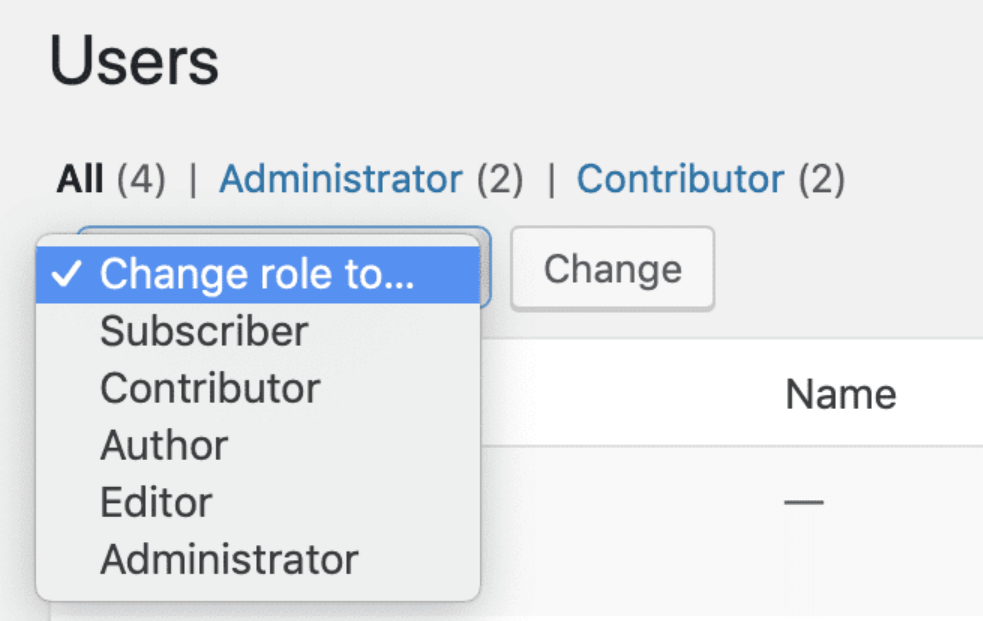
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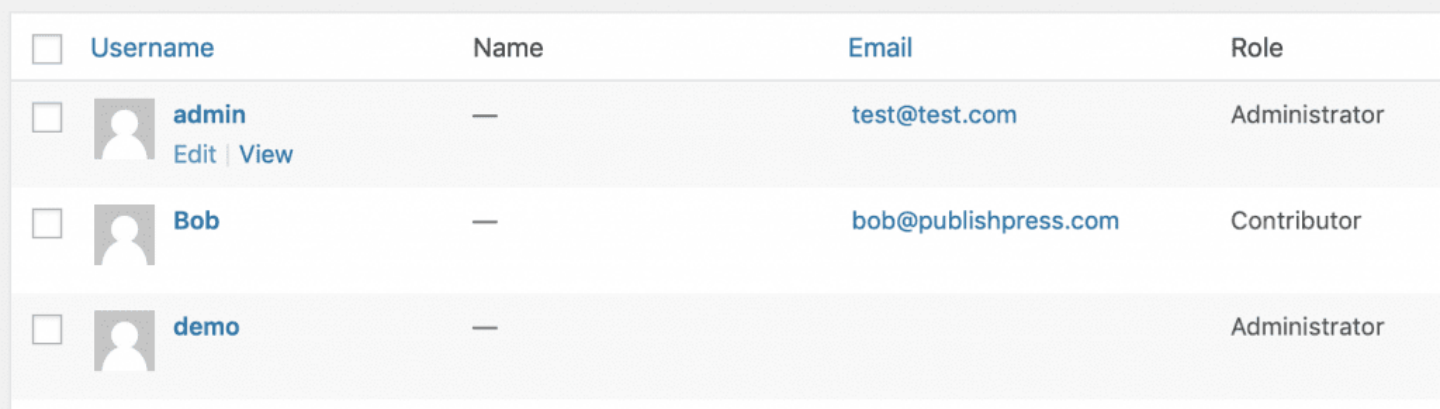
What is the promote_users permission in WordPress?

The promote_users permission allows you to change the role of WordPress users. If you have a multisite network, it also allows you to add existing network users to another site.

If you have the promote_users permission (plus some other necessary permissions), you can go to the "Users" screen in WordPress and see the "Change role to..." dropdown:



Warning: This permission should be used with caution. Let me explain why. First, to take advantage of the promote_users permissions, you will also need these two permissions: list_users and edit_users . If you have those permissions, plus promote_users, you will be able to edit any user ... even administrators!



Fortunately, both the PublishPress Capabilities and PublishPress Permissions plugin will block this from happening. So unless you want Subscribers to be editing Administrators, I highly recommend installing one of those two plugins if you want to use promote_users. Click here for more details on this security feature.

Who has the promote_users permission?

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

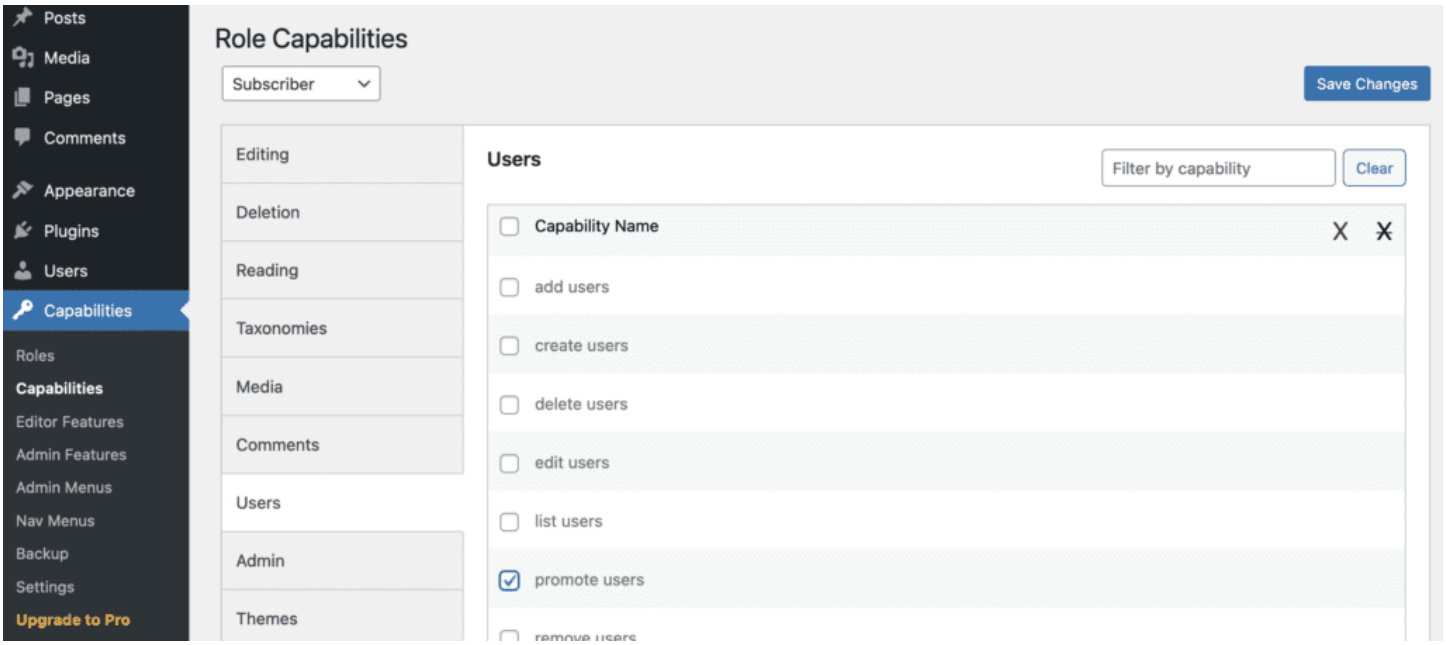
By default, the promote_users permission is only given to Super Admins, and Administrators.

Users not in these roles are not allowed to promote other users on a WordPress site to new roles.

How can you control who has the promote_users permission?

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

- Install the PublishPress Capabilities plugin.
- Go to “Capabilities” in your WordPress admin menu.
- Using the dropdown in the top-left corner, choose the role you want to edit.
- Click the "Users" tab.
- Check or uncheck the "promote users" box in the "Other WordPress Core Capabilities" area.



All the WordPress user permissions

- create_users
- delete_users
- edit_users
- list_users
- promote_users
- remove_users