

# Wikimedia Stewards

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  - no direct access to the databases
  - full access from Meta Wiki to all 900 projects by a web interface → assigning/removing local and global user rights per community consensus on all Wikimedia wikis

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Edit user groups

Changing user rights of user **DerHexer** ( talk | contribs | membership in global groups )

You may alter the groups this user is in:

- A checked box means the user is in that group.
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- A \* indicates that you cannot remove the group once you have added it, or vice versa.
- A # indicates that you can only put back the expiration time of this group; you cannot bring it forward.

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Implicit member of: [Autoconfirmed users](#)

## Groups you can change

- bot
- administrator
- bureaucrat
- steward
- account creator
- importer
- transwiki importer
- IP block exempt
- oversight
- autopatroller
- central notice administrator
- flooder
- global renamer
- MassMessage sender
- OAuth administrator
- translation administrator
- uploader
- WMF Office IT
- WMF Support and Safety
- confirmed user
- CheckUser

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- elections
  - once a year (February) in a three week long election, notifications through central notice banners
  - $\geq 80\%$  support plus  $\geq 30$  support votes from the global community; administrators on a content wiki  $\geq 3$  months; identified to the WMF;  $\geq 18$  years and of legal age
  - in the beginning appointed by the WMF Board, later self-organized elections (including confirmations of current stewards)

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- re-election
  - at the same time; comments by global community but final decision by stewards
- numbers
  - currently 32 stewards, mostly new ones: 16 elected from 2014 to 2017; only one female steward
  - languages (native or near-native): en 25, de 4, nl pt 3, az bn pl pt 2, es it (+scn) nl no 2, fa fi fr he ml mt ru sv ta tr 1
  - missing: **ja\*** vi uk ca cs\* hu\* **ko ar\* hi** ro\* ms sr\* (\* former stewards; **most-spoken languages**)

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- further tasks
  - global blocks of IP addresses and ranges/global locks of accounts ([link](#), [link](#)); implementing global community bans; global renames; global filters; etc.
  - admin actions in smaller wikis local communities can not handle themselves; in particular fighting vandalism
  - apart from that, stewards only implement consensus and act in emergencies
  - however, they have ~50 out of all 100 user rights passively activated and access to all remaining ones ([link](#))
  - experts
    - in global matters
    - functionality of rights (and tools)
    - transnational discussions (though not a dispute resolution committee)

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Remember to start the username with a capital letter.

Enter a username:

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#### Groups you can change

- OTRS member
- abuse filter helper
- API high limit requestor
- CAPTCHA exempt
- delete global
- founder
- global bot
- global Flow creator
- global interface editor
- global IP block exempt
- global rollbacker
- global sysop
- new wikis importer
- two-factor authentication tester
- ombudsman
- recursive exporter
- staff
- steward
- system administrator
- WMF ops monitoring
- WMF researcher

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## Global account manager

### Manage account data

Username:

[Suppress local users](#)

### Global account information

- **Username:** Shanmugamp7
- **Registered:** 2009-07-09T12:58:22 (7 years ago)
- **Total edit count:** 34,492
- **Number of attached accounts:** 857
- **Hidden level:** no
- **Global groups:** [OTRS members](#), [Stewards](#)

### Set global account status

You can use this form to change the status of this global account.

Locked:  Account is not locked  
 Account is locked from logging in

Hidden:  Account is not hidden  
 Account is hidden from public lists

Account is hidden completely. This will suppress only the username in edits on all wikis, but will not affect the edits themselves.

Reason:

Other/additional reason:



# Globally block an IP address

([List of globally blocked IP addresses](#) | [Remove a global block](#) | [Change local status for a global block](#) | [Edit block reasons](#))

You can use this page to block an IP address on all wikis.

## Block an IP address globally

IP address:

Expiry:

Other time:

Reason:

Other/additional reason:

Options:  Block anonymous users only

# Global group management

## Existing groups

The following global groups have been configured. You may view or edit the permissions assigned to a group, if you have permission to. A group may be deleted by removing all rights from it.

- [API High Limit Requestors \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Global bots \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Global rollbackers \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Global sysops \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Indic Bots \(view/edit\)](#)
- [New wikis importers \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Ombudsmen \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Staff \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Abuse filter editors \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Interface editors \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Jimbo Wales' group \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Global IP block exempt \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Recursive export \(view/edit\)](#)
- [Stewards \(view/edit\)](#)
- [System administrators \(view/edit\)](#)

## Create a new group

You can use this form to assign permissions to a new group. Note that a group does not exist unless it has permissions assigned to it.

New group name:

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Permissions for steward

Name of group:

Localised name of group: [Stewards \(edit\)](#)

Localised name of group members: [steward \(edit\)](#)

Member list: [List of users with steward rights](#)

Set of wikis where this group is active:  [\(edit\)](#)

- View hidden abuse log entries ([abusefilter-hidden-log](#))
- Hide entries in the abuse log ([abusefilter-hide-log](#))
- View the abuse log ([abusefilter-log](#))
- View detailed abuse log entries ([abusefilter-log-detail](#))
- View log entries of abuse filters marked as private ([abusefilter-log-private](#))
- Modify abuse filters ([abusefilter-modify](#))
- Create or modify global abuse filters ([abusefilter-modify-global](#))
- Modify abuse filters with restricted actions ([abusefilter-modify-restricted](#))
- View private data in the abuse log ([abusefilter-private](#))
- Revert all changes by a given abuse filter ([abusefilter-revert](#))
- View abuse filters ([abusefilter-view](#))
- View abuse filters marked as private ([abusefilter-view-private](#))
- Use higher limits in API queries ([apihighlimits](#))
- Apply tags along with one's changes ([applychangetags](#))
- Not be affected by IP-based rate limits ([autoconfirmed](#))
- Automatically log in with an external user account ([autocreateaccount](#))
- Have one's own edits automatically marked as patrolled ([autopatrol](#))
- Auto-review on rollback ([autoreviewrestore](#))
- Delete pages with large histories ([bigdelete](#))
- Block other users from editing ([block](#))
- Block a user from sending email ([blockemail](#))
- Be treated as an automated process ([bot](#))
- Search deleted pages ([browsearchive](#))
- Lock or unlock global account ([centralauth-lock](#))
- Merge their account ([centralauth-merge](#))
- Suppress or hide global account ([centralauth-oversight](#))
- Rename global accounts ([centralauth-rename](#))
- Unmerge global account ([centralauth-unmerge](#))
- Globally merge multiple users ([centralauth-usermerge](#))
- Manage central notices ([centralnotice-admin](#))
- Add and remove subpages to and from the list of subpages

- Edit your own user CSS files ([editmyusercss](#))
- Edit your own user JavaScript files ([editmyuserjs](#))
- Edit your own watchlist. Note some actions will still add pages even without this right. ([editmywatchlist](#))
- Edit pages protected as "Allow only administrators" ([editprotected](#))
- Edit pages protected as "Allow only autoconfirmed users" ([editsemiprotected](#))
- Edit other users' CSS files ([editusercss](#))
- Edit other users' CSS and JavaScript files ([editusercssjs](#))
- Edit other users' JavaScript files ([edituserjs](#))
- Edit restricted pages ([extendedconfirmed](#))
- Create Flow boards in any location ([flow-create-board](#))
- Delete Flow topics and posts ([flow-delete](#))
- Edit Flow posts by other users ([flow-edit-post](#))
- Hide Flow topics and posts ([flow-hide](#))
- Suppress Flow revisions ([flow-suppress](#))
- Edit gadget definitions ([gadgets-definition-edit](#))
- Edit gadget JavaScript and CSS pages ([gadgets-edit](#))
- Make and remove global blocks ([globalblock](#))
- Bypass global blocks ([globalblock-exempt](#))
- Disable global blocks locally ([globalblock-whitelist](#))
- Edit membership to global groups ([globalgroupmembership](#))
- Manage global groups ([globalgrouppermissions](#))
- Block a username, hiding it from the public ([hideuser](#))
- Import pages from other wikis ([import](#))
- Import pages from a file upload ([importupload](#))
- Bypass IP blocks, auto-blocks and range blocks ([ipblock-exempt](#))
- Create and (de)activate tags ([managechangetags](#))
- Mark rolled-back edits as bot edits ([markbotedits](#))
- Send a message to multiple users at once ([massmessage](#))
- Merge the history of pages ([mergehistory](#))
- Mark edits as minor ([minoredit](#))
- Move pages ([move](#))

- Mark others' edits as patrolled ([patrol](#))
- View recent changes patrol marks ([patrolmarks](#))
- Change protection levels and edit cascade-protected pages ([protect](#))
- Purge the site cache for a page without confirmation ([purge](#))
- Read pages ([read](#))
- Rename users ([renameuser](#))
- Overwrite existing files ([reupload](#))
- Overwrite existing files uploaded by oneself ([reupload-own](#))
- Override files on the shared media repository locally ([reupload-shared](#))
- Mark revisions as being "checked" ([review](#))
- Quickly rollback the edits of the last user who edited a particular page ([rollback](#))
- Create polls ([securepoll-create-poll](#))
- Send email to other users ([sendemail](#))
- Lock and unlock the database ([siteadmin](#))
- Perform CAPTCHA-triggering actions without having to go through the CAPTCHA ([skipcaptcha](#))
- View the spam blacklist log ([spamblacklistlog](#))
- Configure how the stable version is selected and displayed ([stablesettings](#))
- View private logs ([suppressionlog](#))
- Not create redirects from source pages when moving pages ([suppressedirect](#))
- View, hide and unhide specific revisions of pages from any user ([suppressrevision](#))
- Override the title or username blacklist ([tboverride](#))
- Override the username blacklist ([tboverride-account](#))
- Edit protected templates ([templateeditor](#))
- View title blacklist log ([titleblacklistlog](#))
- Bypass automatic blocks of Tor exit nodes ([torunblocked](#))
- Reset failed or transcoded videos so they are inserted into the job queue again ([transcode-reset](#))
- View information about the current transcode activity ([transcode-status](#))

Assigned permissions:

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- Manage central notices ([centralnotice-admin](#))
  - Add and remove arbitrary tags on individual revisions and log entries ([changetags](#))
  - Check user's IP addresses and other information ([checkuser](#))
  - View the checkuser log ([checkuser-log](#))
  - Save books as community page ([collectionsaveascommunitypage](#))
  - Save books as user page ([collectionsaveasuserpage](#))
  - Create new user accounts ([createaccount](#))
  - Create pages (which are not discussion pages) ([createpage](#))
  - Create discussion pages ([createtalk](#))
  - Delete pages ([delete](#))
  - Delete tags from the database ([deletetags](#))
  - View deleted history entries, without their associated text ([deletedhistory](#))
  - View deleted text and changes between deleted revisions ([deletedtext](#))
  - Delete and undelete specific log entries ([deletelogentry](#))
  - Delete and undelete specific revisions of pages ([deleterevision](#))
  - Edit pages ([edit](#))
  - Edit the content model of a page ([editcontentmodel](#))
  - Edit pages protected as "Allow only editors" ([editeditorprotected](#))
  - Edit pages protected as "Allow only autopatrollers" ([editextendedsemiprotected](#))
  - Edit the user interface ([editinterface](#))
  - Edit your own preferences ([editmyoptions](#))
  - Edit your own private data (e.g. email address, real name) ([editmyprivateinfo](#))
- Mark edits as minor ([minoredit](#))
  - Move pages ([move](#))
  - Move category pages ([move-categorypages](#))
  - Move root user pages ([move-rootuserpages](#))
  - Move pages with their subpages ([move-subpages](#))
  - Move files ([movefile](#))
  - Move pages with stable versions ([movestable](#))
  - Manage OAuth consumers ([mwoauthmanageconsumer](#))
  - Manage OAuth grants ([mwoauthmanagemygrants](#))
  - Propose new OAuth consumers ([mwoauthproposeconsumer](#))
  - Suppress OAuth consumers ([mwoauthsuppress](#))
  - Update OAuth consumers you control ([mwoauthupdateownconsumer](#))
  - View private OAuth data ([mwoauthviewprivate](#))
  - View suppressed OAuth consumers ([mwoauthviewsuppressed](#))
  - Not have minor edits to discussion pages trigger the new messages prompt ([nominornewtalk](#))
  - Not be affected by rate limits ([noratelimit](#))
  - Mass delete pages ([nuke](#))
  - Query and validate OAUTH information for self and others ([oathauth-api-all](#))
  - Enable two-factor authentication ([oathauth-enable](#))
  - Override the spoofing checks ([override-antispoof](#))
  - Export pages including linked pages up to a depth of 5 ([override-export-depth](#))
  - Change page language ([pagelang](#))
  - Mark versions of pages for translation ([pagetranslation](#))
- View information about the current transcode activity ([transcode-status](#))
  - Edit using the translate interface ([translate](#))
  - Change workflow state of message groups ([translate-groupreview](#))
  - Import offline translations ([translate-import](#))
  - Manage message groups ([translate-manage](#))
  - Review translations ([translate-messagereview](#))
  - Unblock oneself ([unblockself](#))
  - Undelete a page ([undelete](#))
  - View the list of unreviewed pages ([unreviewedpages](#))
  - View a list of unwatched pages ([unwatchedpages](#))
  - Upload files ([upload](#))
  - Upload files from a URL ([upload\\_by\\_url](#))
  - Merge users ([usermerge](#))
  - Edit all user rights ([userrights](#))
  - Edit user rights of users on other wikis ([userrights-interwiki](#))
  - Mark revisions as being "quality" ([validate](#))
  - View files and pages in the File and File talk namespaces that are deleted ([viewdeletedfile](#))
  - View your own private data (e.g. email address, real name) ([viewmyprivateinfo](#))
  - View your own watchlist ([viewmywatchlist](#))
  - View revisions hidden from any user ([viewsuppressed](#))
  - Use the VIPS scaling test interface [Special:VipsTest](#) ([vipsscaler-test](#))
  - Use of the write API ([writeapi](#))

Reason:

## Global rights log

- ([change visibility](#)) 2017-03-13T13:13:17 [MarcoAurelio](#) ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#)) changed global group permissions for [Special:GlobalUsers/steward](#): added autoreviewrestore; removed (none) (*per [Special:Permalink/3799670](#) (migrated from mediawiki.org logs)*)
- ([change visibility](#)) 2017-03-06T19:56:31 [MarcoAurelio](#) ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#)) changed global group permissions for [Special:GlobalUsers/steward](#): added flow-create-board; removed (none) (*Required to fix broken page moves caused by global renames where user talk pages use Flow*)
- ([change visibility](#)) 2016-11-29T19:24:36 [MarcoAurelio](#) ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#)) changed global group permissions for [Special:GlobalUsers/steward](#): added (none); removed abusefilter-modify-global (*Assigned to local steward group*)
- ([change visibility](#)) 2016-11-12T15:38:17 [Bsadowski1](#) ([talk](#) | [contribs](#) | [block](#)) changed global group permissions for [Special:GlobalUsers/steward](#): added oathauth-enable; removed (none) (*Per WMF Security Team*)

# Stewards

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- How can you reach us?
  - Meta Wiki [\[\[:meta:Steward requests\]\]](#)
  - IRC #wikimedia-stewards
  - e-mail [stewards@wikimedia.org](mailto:stewards@wikimedia.org)
- How are we working?
  - steward wiki
  - mailinglist
  - private IRC channel
  - tools
  - patrol edits and account registration

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Support by:

- Community
  - 2004 Small Wiki Monitoring Team
  - 2008 Global rollbackers
  - 2010 Global sysops (~750 smaller wikis)
  - 2014 Global renamers
- Wikimedia Foundation
  - since 2013 functionaries meetups at Wikimánias
  - first steward meeting in 2015 in the WMF office
  - monthly calls among stewards with WMF staff
  - small technical support with tools

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