

## Moderation

### All about the moderator role.

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## Overview

To keep content accurate and relevant, Stack Overflow for Teams gives power to the users to edit and close questions, answers, and articles—even those they didn't write themselves. Stack Overflow for Teams sites manage this process with special privileges (based on user reputation) and user roles.

In addition to the regular user and site admin roles, Stack Overflow for Teams has a moderator role with additional capabilities to manage content. Whereas the admin role is focused on the setup and operation of the site itself, the moderator role focuses on content. Admins can grant moderator privileges to any user.

## Unrestricted privilege access

As regular users gain reputation, Stack Overflow for Teams grants them additional privileges to manage content across the site. The moderator role grants these privileges instantly, bypassing the reputation thresholds. Moderators on Stack Overflow for Teams Enterprise have access to an extensive list of content-focused privileges. Moderators on Stack Overflow for Teams Free, Basic, and Business have access primarily to content health privileges. Learn more about content health in the [Content Health](#) article.

## Delete content

Moderators can delete content even if they're not the original author of the question, answer, or article. Moderators can also view (and undelete) deleted content. If content lacks relevance and value, moderators should delete it to remove that content from the view of regular users. Learn more about deleted content in the [Deleted Posts](#) article.

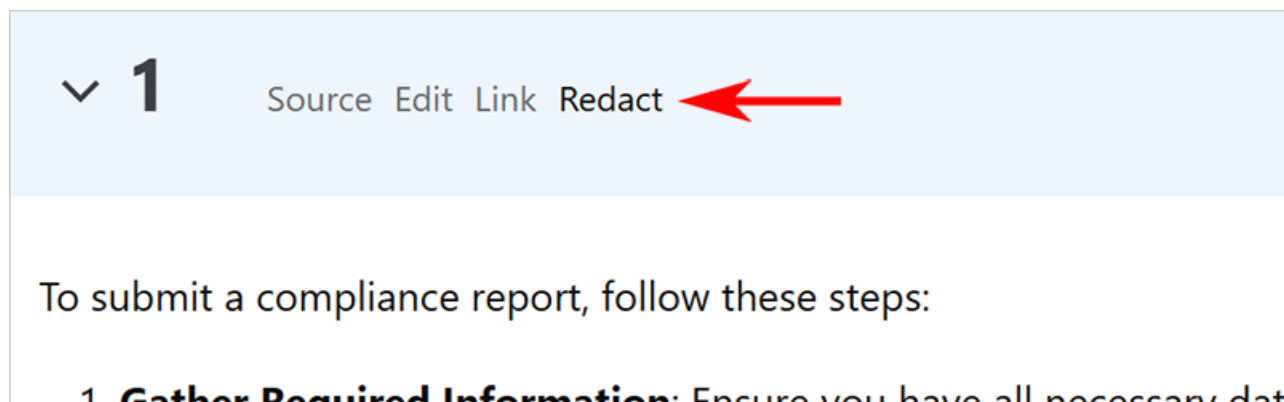
**NOTE:** *Deleting content removes it from the view of regular users. Closing a question leaves it visible, but the question will not accept additional answers.*

## Redaction

Moderators have the ability to selectively remove information from any or all revisions of a question, answer, or article. This action is useful when a user has inadvertently posted something which may cause harm to them or others if made public, such as:

- login credentials (username, password)
- private security keys
- sensitive medical records

Moderators can access redaction controls when viewing the revision history of a question, answer, or article. One of the options on a revision will be to **Redact** the revision. This allows the moderator to edit and resubmit the redaction.



Moderators should not use redaction to remove simple typos, disputed edits, or other information where a normal edit will suffice. Likewise, moderators should choose deletion over redaction when appropriate.

Due to the destructive nature of redaction, a site admin or second moderator must approve any redaction. An admin or second moderator can review a pending redaction by viewing the question, answer, or article.

## Tag management

Users create most tags as part of the content creation process. Moderators can contribute to a site's tags by creating tags in advance, deleting unnecessary tags, renaming unclear tags, and merging redundant tags. To manage tags, click **Tags** in the left-hand menu. Learn more about moderator tag management in the [Tag Administration](#) article.

## Subject matter expert management

Moderators are able to manage the subject matter experts (SMEs) assigned to a tag. To manage SMEs, click **Tags** in the left-hand menu, then click the tag name, then **Manage subject matter experts**. Moderators can then add or remove users from the list of SMEs for that tag. Learn more about subject matter experts in the [Manage Subject Matter Experts](#) article.

## User group management

Like a site administrator, Stack Overflow for Teams Enterprise moderators are able to manage user groups by clicking **Users** in the left-hand menu, then **user groups**. Moderators can then **Edit** or **Delete** an existing group, or **Add a new user group**.

## User groups

[Add a new user group](#)[All groups](#)[Your groups](#)

Name ▼	Description	Members ↕		
Sample Group	A group of users who are visible in this demonstration	3 members	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a>

**NOTE:** Moderators have user group management privileges in Stack Overflow for Teams Enterprise only.

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