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Questions

- Who can do what in The Knowledge Base?
- Who has access to The Knowledge Base?
- What are the different The Knowledge Base access groups for?
- What are the permissions for each space, i.e. which groups can access?
- What are the various groups and knowledge base spaces for?
- What moira groups are associated with what permissions?

Context

- The Knowledge Base access control lists and permissions
- Moira DCM updates to The Knowledge Base groups

Answer

The Knowledge Base contains several different Confluence spaces, used for internal utility functions and to group articles for different levels of access and branding. Access to these spaces is controlled by The Knowledge Base groups, most of which are in turn updated from moira lists, usually with the same name. The table below summarizes the current groups in The Knowledge Base, what they are used for, and what moira list controls each group's membership.

Current Groups

Knowledge Base Group	Linked Moira Group	Group Membership	Authorizations for Group Members
confluence-administrators	None	authorized administrators	Administrator access to Confluence
confluence-users	None	 Everybody who has logged in to the KB with MIT credentials 	User login access to ConfluenceCan comment on articles

mit-contributors	mit-contributors		
		 authorized users caproc-contributors helpstaff ist-all ist-contributors ist-cop mit-editors pdr-tech security-research sipb-members sipb-prospectives swr-core tem-help vpf-kb-editors se-editors rg-editors 	Can create, edit, moderate and delete articles in MIT Contributions space.
ist-contributors	ist-contributors	 allhelp debathena-dev ditr fsx helpstaff ist-all ist-editors itss nist pdr-tech security-research swr-core tem-help 	Can create, edit, moderate, and delete articles in IS&T Contributions space, IS&T Drafts, and Community spaces
hd-contributors	hd-contributors	 allhelp athena-current ditr fsx helpstaff ist ist-all ist-contributors ist-extstaff ist-wg itss-staff nist rcc-internal security-research swr-core 	Can create, edit, moderate, and delete articles in IS&T Internal space
hd-readers	hd-readers	 athena-volunteers ist oeit-all security-research authorized users 	Can view and comment on articles in the IS&T Internal space
draft-editors	draft-editors	 it-lead se-editors rg-editors caproc-contributors project team members 	Can create, edit, moderate, and delete articles in draft space
draft-readers	draft-readers	project team members	can view articles in the IST-draft space.

rg-editors	rg-editors	 authorized users vpf-kb-editors 	 Can create, edit, moderate and delete articles in Reference Guide, IS&T Drafts and Community Contributions spaces
rg-readers	rg-readers	 authorized users km-core rg-editors skms-info 	Can view articles in the Reference Guide space
se-editors	se-editors	 coeus-dev-team hd-business-core hris ist-all vpf-kb-editors 	Can create, edit, moderate and delete articles in Structured Escalations, IS&T Drafts and MIT Contributions spaces
se-readers	se-readers	 authorized users coeus-mit hr-kb-readers ist-all se-editors servicedesk-all 	Can view articles in Structured Escalations space
caproc-contributors	caproc-contributors	authorized usersvpf-kb-editors	 Can create, view, edit and delete articles in Central Admin Procedures, IS&T Drafts and Community Contributions spaces.
caproc-readers	caproc-readers	authorized users	Can view articles in the Central Admin Procedures space.
hermes-contributors	hermes-contributors	Knowledge Base adminsauthorized users	Can create, view, edit, moderate and delete articles in Handbook space.

Spaces: permissions and purpose

Also see [archive:Screenshots of Group Permissions] taken from Administration console (12_29_2008)

Note: the last 4 spaces listed are used for The Knowledge Base administration (Category, Home, Redirect, Utility)

Knowledge Base Space	Spacekey	Purpose	Confluence Groups	Notes
Archive	archive	Articles that are obsolete	 hd-contributors hermes-contributors ist-contributors mit-contributors 	 Contributors can create and edit Authenticated users can view Not included in search

Community Contributions	mitcontrib	Articles for public consumption that may be modified by authorized community authors	mit-contributorsist-contributors	 Contributors and editors can create and edit, and delete Everyone can view
Help Desk Internal	hd	Internal HD articles.	 hd-contributors ist-contributors hd-readers 	Contributors can create edit, and delete Readers can view Not publicly viewable Depending on relevance an article here could be moved to public spaces.
The Knowledge Base Handbook	handbook	Reference information about servers, setup, configuration, customizations, user guides, etc. that make up The Knowledge Base system.	hermes-contributors	 Contributors can create, edit and delete Authenticated users can view Not yet loaded. Info to be imported from a wikis.mit.edu space
IS&T Contributions	istcontrib	Shared content created by IS&T but should not be publicly modified.	• ist-contributors	 Contributors can create, edit and delete Everyone can view An article may migrate to Community spaces depending on the nature of the content
IS&T Draft	istdraft	Work in progress by IS&T, e.g. release teams. Eventually gets moved to IS&T Contributions.	 ist-contibutors ist-readers draft-readers draft-editors 	 Contributors and Editors can create edit and delete Readers can view

Glossary	glossary	Glossary of IT Terms	 hd-contributors ist-contributors mit-contributors 	 All can create, edit and delete glossary entries
Reference Guide	rg	Structured documentation books/sets	rg-editorsrg-readers	 Editors can create, edit and delete Everyone can view
Structured Escalations	se	Support Troubleshooting and Escalation Procedures	se-editorsse-readers	 Editors can create, edit and delete Readers can view
Central Admin Procedures	caproc	Documentation and information from Central Admin Teams.	caproc-contributorscaproc-readers	 Contributors can create, edit and delete Readers can view
Category	category	Holds category tree pages	 confluence-administrators ist-contributors 	 Can create, edit and delete articles Everyone can view
Home	home	Contains the Knowledge Base landing page	confluence-administrators	 Does not contain article content Everyone can view
Redirect	redirect	a utility space to handle migrated data	confluence-administrators	 Houses imported data redirects Everyone can view
Utility	util	contains system data, such as icons and graphics	confluence-administrators	 Does not contain author contributed content Everyone can view

Deprecated Groups

Knowledge Base Group	Linked Moira Group	Group Membership	Authorizations for Group Members
mit-editors	mit-editors	• mit-editors	No longer used, everybody on mit-contributors now.
ist-editors	ist-editors	• ist-editors	No longer used, everybody on ist-contributors now
ist-pubs-editors	ist-pubs-editors	• ist-pubs	team no longer exists
ist-readers	ist-readers	• ist	no longer relevant as ist has been added to hd-editors
hd-editors	hd-editors	 allhelp athena-current ditr ist-pubs it-security-support rcc-internal 	• no longer used, everybody is on hd-contributors now
hermes-editors	hermes-editors	Knowledge Base	no longer used; everybody on hermes-contributors now
hermes-wizards	hermes-wizards	allhelpathena-currentKnowledge Basercc-internal	 Used to be able to see native Confluence controls in The Knowledge Base (via logic in topbar user macro). As of 3.5 upgrade is irrelevant.