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## Socrata Permissions API 1.0.0

The permissions API can be used to inspect and update permissions.

In general, the usage pattern for the API is:

- **GET** the permissions JSON object for an asset
- Change the permissions JSON object
- **PUT** the JSON object back

### The permissions JSON object

The permissions JSON object includes all of the info about an asset's permissions.

**scope** string

This is the current visibility level of the asset.

Possible **scope** values are:

- **private** scope: This means that the asset can only be seen by its owner, and any users inside of the **users** array.
- **public** scope: This means that the asset can be seen by any user who is able to access the site. **NOTE:** Changing an asset to public may result in the asset going into the approvals queue.
- **site** scope, a.k.a. "internal" scope: This means that all site members are able to see the asset. This is only relevant for Socrata Connected Government Cloud sites.

Root **accessLevels** array

**!!! accessLevels is NOT required when doing a PUT !!!**

The **accessLevels** array is the list of **available** access levels that can be set for **users** using the permissions API on the current domain.

**accessLevels** is intended mainly for guidance about what permissions can be set.

**accessLevels**

For an SCGC internal site, **accessLevels** will be:

- { "name": "viewer", "version": "published" }
  - a.k.a. "published viewer": users with this access level can only see the published version of an asset and cannot change the asset at all (unless their site role allows them to).
- { "name": "owner", "version": "all" }
  - a.k.a. "contributor" (in SCGC) and "co-owner" (non-SCGC): users with this access level can do *anything* to the asset except delete it and transfer ownership of it.

For an Open Data site, **accessLevels** will be:

- { "name": "viewer", "version": "all" }
  - a.k.a. "legacy viewer": users with this access level can see both the published *and* the draft versions of an asset
- { "name": "contributor", "version": "all" }
  - a.k.a. "legacy contributor": users with this access level can see both the published *and* the draft versions of an asset; they can also add/remove data but cannot change schema.
- { "name": "owner", "version": "all" }
  - a.k.a. "contributor" (in SCGC) and "co-owner" (non-SCGC): users with this access level can do *anything* to the asset except delete it and transfer ownership of it.

**users** array

This array lists every user/team that has been explicitly given access to the asset.

### Identifying a user/team

There are two ways of granting access to users, by `id` and by `email`.

If a user with the given `id` does not exist, you will get back a 404 error. The `email` key takes precedence over the `id` key.

Teams are allowed in the `users` array as well but *only* have an `id` and *never* have an `email`.

Email shares to users who don't have accounts yet

It is possible, in some situations, to share to a user via their email address even if they don't have an account. These users will come back from the API **without** an `id` field but with an `email` field. This scenario is only possible for Open Data sites that are open to community users.

### `accessLevels` array

While this is an array, **currently only 1 access level per user is supported**.


The object in this array *must* match one of the `accessLevels` that was returned in the root `accessLevels` array, or can be the `current_owner` access level.

In the `users` array, there **must** be **one and only one** user who has an `accessLevel` with the `name` of `current_owner` and the `version` of `all`. That user **can not** be a team. Changing the `id` of the user who has the `current_owner` access level will transfer ownership to the new user. The `current_owner` *must* be a user who has a Socrata account (not an email share to a user who doesn't have an account yet).

### `displayName`, `type`, and other fields

**!!!** Any fields other than `id`, `email`, and `accessLevels` are solely for informational purposes and are ignored by the API when doing a `PUT` **!!!**

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