

MediaWiki API help

This is an auto-generated MediaWiki API documentation page.

Documentation and examples: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API>

action=protect

([main](#) | **protect**)

- This module requires read rights.
- This module requires write rights.
- This module only accepts POST requests.
- Source: MediaWiki
- License: [GPL-2.0+](#)

Change the protection level of a page.

- <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Protect>

Parameters:

title

Title of the page to (un)protect. Cannot be used together with pageid.

pageid

ID of the page to (un)protect. Cannot be used together with title.

Type: integer

protections

List of protection levels, formatted action=level (e.g. edit=sysop).

Note: Any actions not listed will have restrictions removed.

This parameter is required.

Separate values with |. Maximum number of values is 50 (500 for bots).

expiry

Expiry timestamps. If only one timestamp is set, it'll be used for all protections. Use infinite, indefinite, infinity, or never, for a never-expiring protection.

Separate values with |. Maximum number of values is 50 (500 for bots).

Default: infinite

reason

Reason for (un)protecting.

Default: (empty)

tags

Change tags to apply to the entry in the protection log.

Values (separate with |):

cascade

Enable cascading protection (i.e. protect transcluded templates and images used in this page). Ignored if none of the given protection levels support cascading.

Type: boolean ([details](#))

watch

Deprecated.

If set, add the page being (un)protected to the current user's watchlist.

Type: boolean ([details](#))

watchlist

Unconditionally add or remove the page from the current user's watchlist, use preferences or do not change watch.

One of the following values: watch, unwatch, preferences, nochange

Default: preferences

token

A "csrf" token retrieved from [action=query&meta=tokens](#)

This parameter is required.

Examples:

Protect a page.

[api.php?action=protect&title=Main%20Page&token=123ABC&protections=edit=sysop|move=sysop&cascade=&expiry=20070901163000|never](#)
[\[open in sandbox\]](#)

Unprotect a page by setting restrictions to all.

[api.php?action=protect&title=Main%20Page&token=123ABC&protections=edit=all|move=all&reason=Lifting%20restrictions](#) [\[open in sandbox\]](#)

Unprotect a page by setting no restrictions.

[api.php?action=protect&title=Main%20Page&token=123ABC&protections=&reason=Lifting%20restrictions](#) [\[open in sandbox\]](#)

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