

Single User Access

jDownloads supports Downloads that have access restricted to individual users.

To demonstrate this facility accounts for two users, Colin Smith and David Jones, were created. These users are to have Downloads that are restricted to themselves. The Downloads were created in the Front End by a regular 'uploader'.

In the User Groups Settings - Group Creation/Editing Settings there is an option in the Publishing section to select Single User Access

Single User Access

When creating a new Download in the front end this shows the Single User Access pulldown.

Single User Access
Select a User

As illustrated opposite, using the pull down allows selection of the user who is to have sole front end access.

Publishing Descriptions Files Images

Category *
- March 2017

Access
Public

Single User Access
Select a User
Select a User
Colin Smith
David Jones

In this example four Downloads were created as noted below.

Title	Seen only by	Single Access set?
"Publically available"	everyone	No
"David Jones only"	David Jones	Yes
"Colin Smith doc only"	Colin Smith	Yes
"Another Colin Smith doc"	Colin Smith	Yes

The pictures opposite illustrate who has effective "view access" in the front end.

To further illustrate the abilities of 'Single User Access' all the Downloads in this example were created in the same category.

Even the Super User cannot see the 'Single User Access' Downloads in the front-end.

In this example when the Downloads were created the Joomla! Access

Publically available HOT Seen when no one logged in or anyone logged in. Rating (0 votes)

Information
Created 2019-06-04 Changed Version Size 37.58 KB Created by Downloads 217

Publically available HOT Anyone Rating (0 votes)

Information
Created 2019-06-04 Changed Version Size 37.58 KB Created by Downloads 217

David Jones only Only seen when David Jones logged in Rating (0 votes)

Information
Created 2019-06-11 Changed Version Size 37.58 KB Created by Downloads 7

was set to Public.

However if jDownloads detects that 'Single User Access' is set then the Joomla! Access is reset to Registered automatically during the Save.

This occurs irrespective of which Access Level is selected during either the editing or creation of a Download in both the front-end and the back-end.

The screenshot shows three download entries in Joomla!:

- Publicly available** (HOT): Access level is **Anyone**. Information: Created 2019-06-04, Size 37.58 KB, Downloads 217.
- Colin Smith doc only**: Access level is **Only seen when Colin Smith logged in**. Information: Created 2019-06-24, Size 167.24 KB, Downloads 15.
- Another Colin Smith Doc**: Access level is **Only seen when Colin Smith logged in**. Information: Created 2019-05-27, Size 20.46 KB, Downloads 23.

In the Backend it is simple to see who has 'Single User Access'. Because jDownloads automatically sets the Joomla! Access level to Registered first use the Search Tools and set 'Select Access' to Registered.

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu for user selection. The options are: Public, uploader-view, Guest, **Registered** (highlighted), Special, and Super Users.

This will show all the 'Single User' Downloads and of course any other Registered Download.

So then click on the Access column to sort.

The screenshot shows a table of downloads with columns: Status, Symbol, Title, Version, Description, File, Author, Language, Access, and Date. The 'Access' column is circled in green. A yellow callout box with the text "Click on Access column header" has an arrow pointing to the 'Access' column header.

Status	Symbol	Title	Version	Description	File	Author	Language	Access	Date
✓ ☆		Another Colin Smith doc (Alias: another-colin-smith-doc) Category: » March 2017					All	Colin Smith	201
✓ ☆		colin smith doc only (Alias: colin-smith-doc-only) Category: » March 2017					All	Colin Smith	201
✓ ☆		David Jones only (Alias: single-user-test) Category: » March 2017					All	David Jones	201

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