

## Protecting and/or hiding WordPress Content using the *Password Protected Categories* plugin

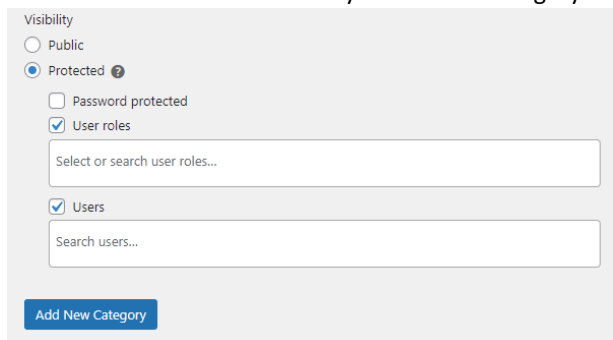
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Barn2 provides a premium plugin called **Password Protected Categories** at £49 per year.

<https://barn2.com/kb/protect-document-library/?hkb-tax%5B0%5D=17929&hkb-search=protect%20&ht-kb-search=1> Key is 62aa20b7524c329593d4f290e3f00f83.

This plugin allows protection by Password or by User Role or by Login status. Protection is applied to Categories. Overall plugin settings are found at *Dashboard>Settings>Protected Categories* – these include setting a login page and customisation of messages.

Once installed and activated any WordPress Category edit page includes the following section:



The screenshot shows the 'Visibility' section of a WordPress Category edit page. It features two radio buttons: 'Public' (unselected) and 'Protected' (selected). Under the 'Protected' option, there are three checkboxes: 'Password protected' (unchecked), 'User roles' (checked), and 'Users' (checked). Below the 'User roles' checkbox is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Select or search user roles...'. Below the 'Users' checkbox is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Search users...'. At the bottom left of the panel is a blue button labeled 'Add New Category'.

Using this panel, Categories can be protected by password, or restricted from view by User Role or login status.

**Adding protection to pages** requires another step. WordPress pages don't display Categories by default. Another (free) plugin called [Pages with category and tag](#) allows Categories (and Tags) to be added to pages.

**Hiding menu items** from those who do not have access to a given piece of content requires another (free) plugin called **User Menus** from [Code Atlantic](#). When active and installed, the Menu panel (Dashboard>Appearance>Menus) now includes visibility options for every menu item. These can be selected based on logged in status or user role.