



What happens when I delete an author?

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When you [delete an author](#), they'll no longer be able to log in to KnowledgeOwl.

Content

Deleting an author will **not** delete or lose any content that they edited. Articles and categories will still have the same content they had before the deletion.

Revision history

Deleting an author will **not** remove their name from the [revision history](#) for a given article. Their name will still be displayed in the revision list and when comparing revisions.

The [Saved last date/timestamp](#) and the [revision history](#)/count of the article will stay the same.

However, if they were the last person to save an article, you will **not** see their name listed as the "saved by" author in the [Saved last date/timestamp](#) and the [revision history](#)/count. No name will be listed until another author saves a change.

Author dropdowns and filters

If the author is **not** listed as the Author for any articles:

- Their name will disappear from the Author dropdown.
- Their name will disappear from the **Manage articles Author filter**.

If the author is listed as the Author for any articles:

- Their name will continue to appear in the Author field for those articles until you manually change the Author to a different author. (We recommend using a [Manage custom filter with the Author as a filter](#), then [bulk editing](#) to update the author for all their articles. Refer to [Create a custom Manage filter](#) [Manage Articles filter](#) and [Bulk edit articles](#) for more information.)
- If you display author name in your articles (especially in blog style articles), their name will continue to display until you change the Author for that article.
- In the article editor, their name will continue to appear in the Author dropdown as long as they are listed as the Author for any articles.
- In **Manage**, their name will continue to appear in the **Author filter** as long as they are listed as the Author for any articles.

URL checker

Deleting an author will remove their name from the Author and Last Modified Author columns in the URL checker report. Refer to [Use the URL checker links report](#) for more information.
