

How To Put a Password on a Blogpost

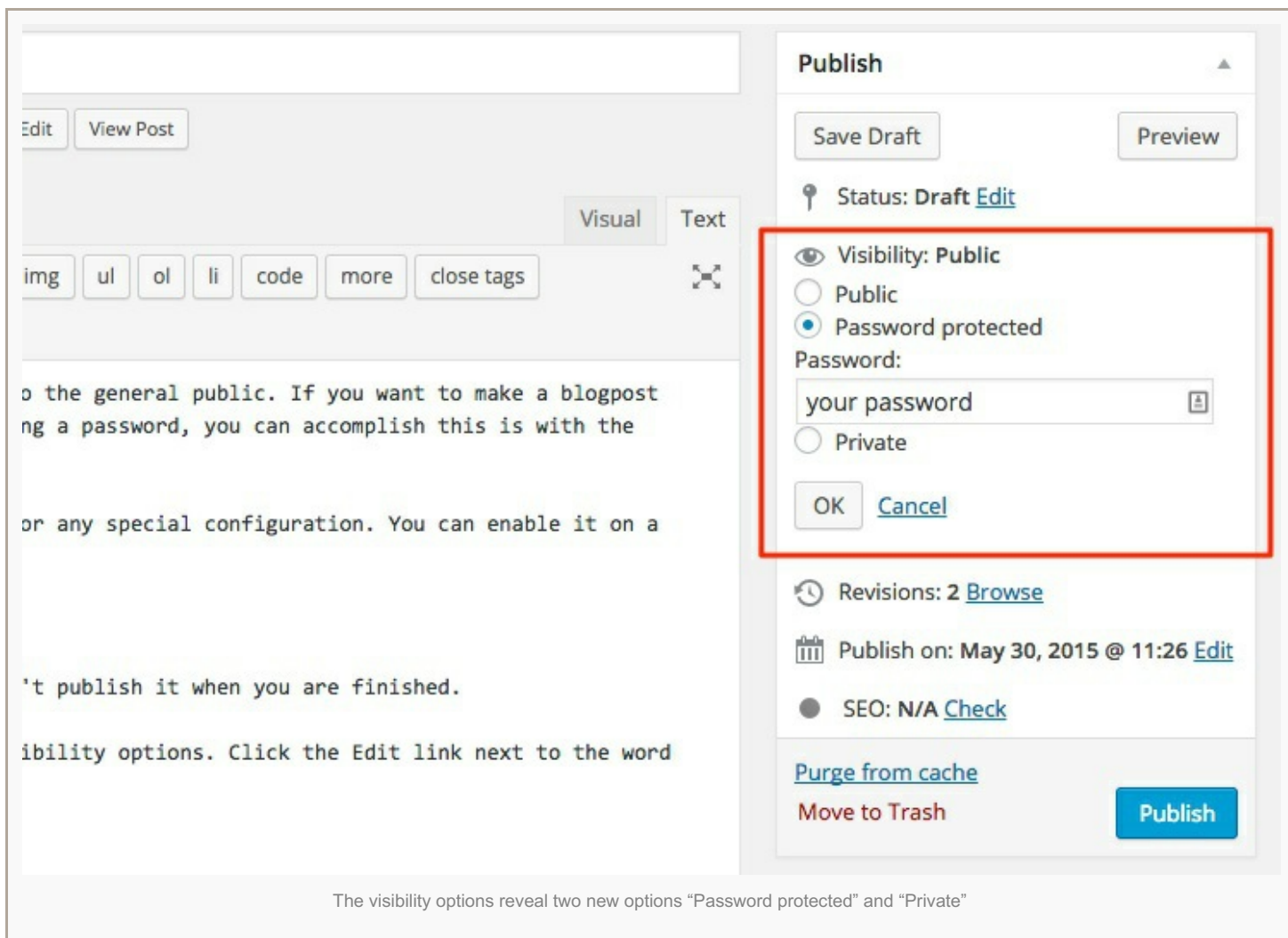
When you decide to start a blog, sometimes you want some of your blogpost to be available only to a select few. Only to people with the password!

If you want to make a blogpost private so that a visitor can only read the blogpost after entering a password, you can accomplish this is with the *Password Protected* feature in WordPress.

This is a built-in feature in WordPress, you don't need a plugin or any special configuration. You can enable it on a post-by-post basis.

It's quite simple to do it, just follow this quick tutorial.

1. Write your blogpost like you would any other blogpost, but don't click the publish button yet.
2. Above the *Publish* button, In the *Publish box* on the right of your blogpost, you have *Visibility* options. Click the *Edit* link next to the word *Public* this is highlighted with a small eye icon.



The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Publish' box on the right side of the editor. The 'Visibility' section is highlighted with a red box. It shows the following options:

- Public
- Password protected
- Password:
- Private

Below the 'Password protected' option, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Publish' button is at the bottom right of the box. The main editor area on the left shows the text of the blogpost, which is partially obscured by the 'Publish' box.

The visibility options reveal two new options "Password protected" and "Private"

3. Click on the *Password protected* option and a new field will appear. You can enter a password into this field. You can then publish the blogpost.

What Happens When you Password Protect a Blogpost?

When a visitor sees your blogpost on your blog they will see the word “Protected” before the title of the blogpost. To continue reading the blogpost, the visitor needs to enter the password into the Password field and click “submit”

Keep in mind that if you use a password to lock down your blogpost, **visitors can still read the title**. Only the contents of the blogpost will be hidden.



The screenshot shows a blog post interface. At the top, the title "Protected: How To Put a Password on a Blogpost" is displayed, with the word "Protected:" enclosed in a red rectangular box. Below the title, the date "JUNE 21, 2015" and author "BY OSCAR" are shown, along with a link "LEAVE A COMMENT (EDIT)". There are four social media share buttons: Google+, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, each with a "0" next to it. Below the share buttons, a message reads: "This content is password protected. To view it please enter your password below:". Underneath this message is a "Password:" label, a text input field with a small eye icon on the right, and a black "SUBMIT" button. At the bottom of the screenshot, a light gray box contains the text: "Even though the blogpost is locked with a password, you can still read the title."

You must communicate the password to anybody that needs to read the blogpost, you can email it to them. The blogpost will remain password protected until you change this option.

If you want to remove the password protected option then click the Edit link again and change the option to Public, then click Update or Publish to make the changes active.