

## CUNY Academic Commons - Support #11208

### Password Protected Page Not Working when page set to page\_for\_posts

2019-03-11 10:22 AM - Laurie Hurson

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	2019-03-11
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<b>Assignee:</b>	scott voth	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category name:</b>		<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	Not tracked		
<b>Description</b>			
Hi all,			
A professor wants to have a public site with a password protected blog so student writing is only visible to users in the class. The password-protect function works on a static page, but when set as the "posts" page in settings>reading the password function no longer works on the page.			
Tested here on "blog" page: <a href="https://ell101spring19.common.gc.cuny.edu/blog/">https://ell101spring19.common.gc.cuny.edu/blog/</a> Pw: spring2019			

#### History

##### #1 - 2019-03-11 04:28 PM - Boone Gorges

- Tracker changed from Bug to Support
- Subject changed from Password Protected Page Not Working to Password Protected Page Not Working when page set to page\_for\_posts
- Status changed from New to Assigned
- Assignee set to scott voth

I'm afraid this is just a limitation in the way that page passwords work. It's only meant to protect the content of pages. When you set the page as the "Posts page" at /wp-admin/options-reading.php, you're no longer displaying the page content at all - you're just hijacking the URL of the page.

I'm assigning this ticket to Scott in case he's aware of a way to password-protect the post archive. My guess is that there is not, and the only option is to make the entire site non-public (Site Visibility at /wp-admin/options-reading.php)

##### #2 - 2019-03-12 11:13 AM - Laurie Hurson

Thanks for this explanation Boone.

Would a possible workaround be to PW protect a category archive (maybe with this plugin <https://wordpress.org/plugins/access-category-password/>) and then set that category as default in settings?

##### #3 - 2019-03-12 01:47 PM - scott voth

Hi Laurie - That plugin looks good, but I think you can also create a password protected page and then use a shortcode ("[su\_posts]") using the "Shortcodes Ultimate" plugin that displays all the posts.

Or you could do the same with Gutenberg and add a widget (but I think right now you can only use 3 widgets and the "recent posts" widget is pretty limited - just shows title and date of post.)

##### #4 - 2019-03-12 03:39 PM - Boone Gorges

I like Scott's idea - this seems like maybe the best and easiest way to hide a category archive.

##### #5 - 2019-03-12 03:47 PM - Laurie Hurson

Thanks for this suggestion, Scott. I will try it out and report back.

##### #6 - 2019-03-26 11:42 AM - Boone Gorges

- Target version set to Not tracked

##### #7 - 2019-03-27 03:08 PM - scott voth

- Status changed from Assigned to Resolved