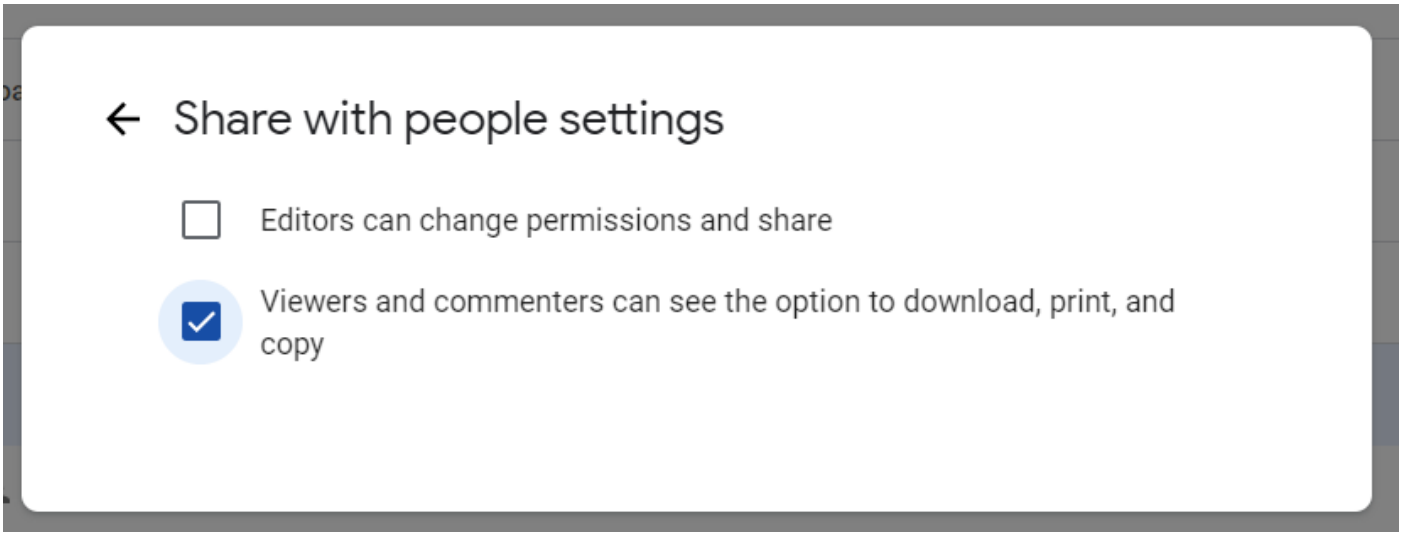
# Google Drive Access Control List (ACL) – Enforce ‘Restricted’ to Files and Folders

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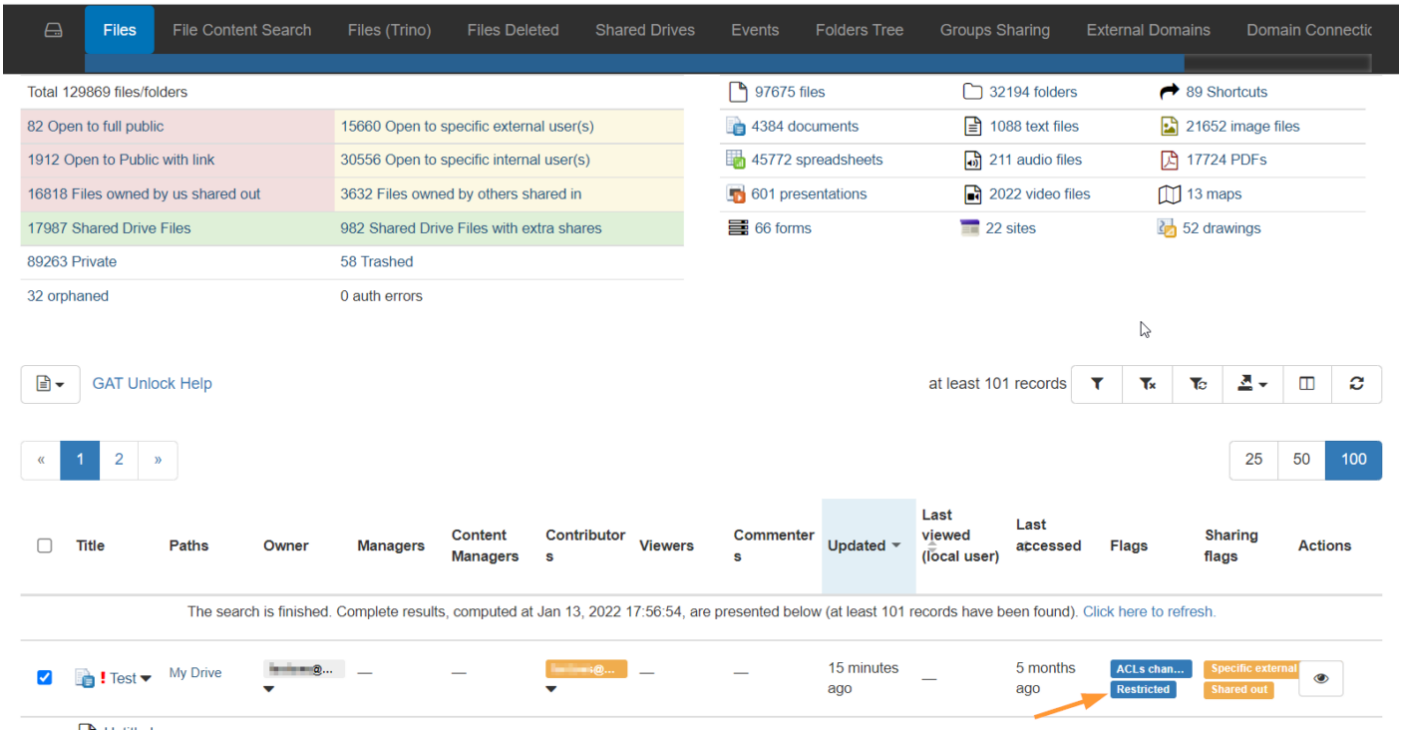
## Introduction

When a file has been shared, the owner can allow viewers and commenters to download, print, and copy the file. Sometimes this is necessary other times this may be a mistake. The word Restrict means that viewers and commenters don't have the privilege to download, print, and copy.




### Viewers and Commentors can't download, print, and copy

When Viewers and Commenters on files can not download, print, and copy the flag "Restricted" will be applied to the file.




If a file is shared with a viewer and commenter but you don't see this flag, this means those users can download, print, and copy the file as they wish.

## Enforce Restricted (disable download/print/copy - Viewers and Commenters can't download and copy

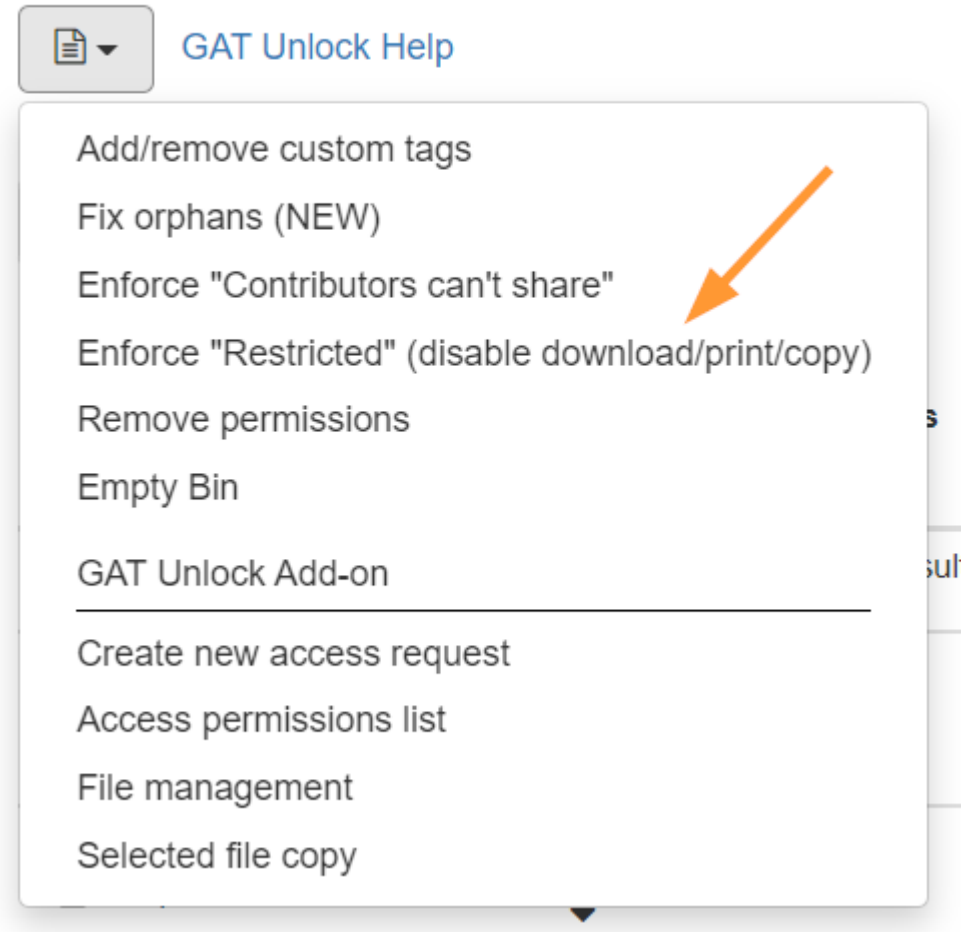
Navigate to **GAT+ → Drive → Apply custom filter** to find the files you are investigating.

## Applying the policy

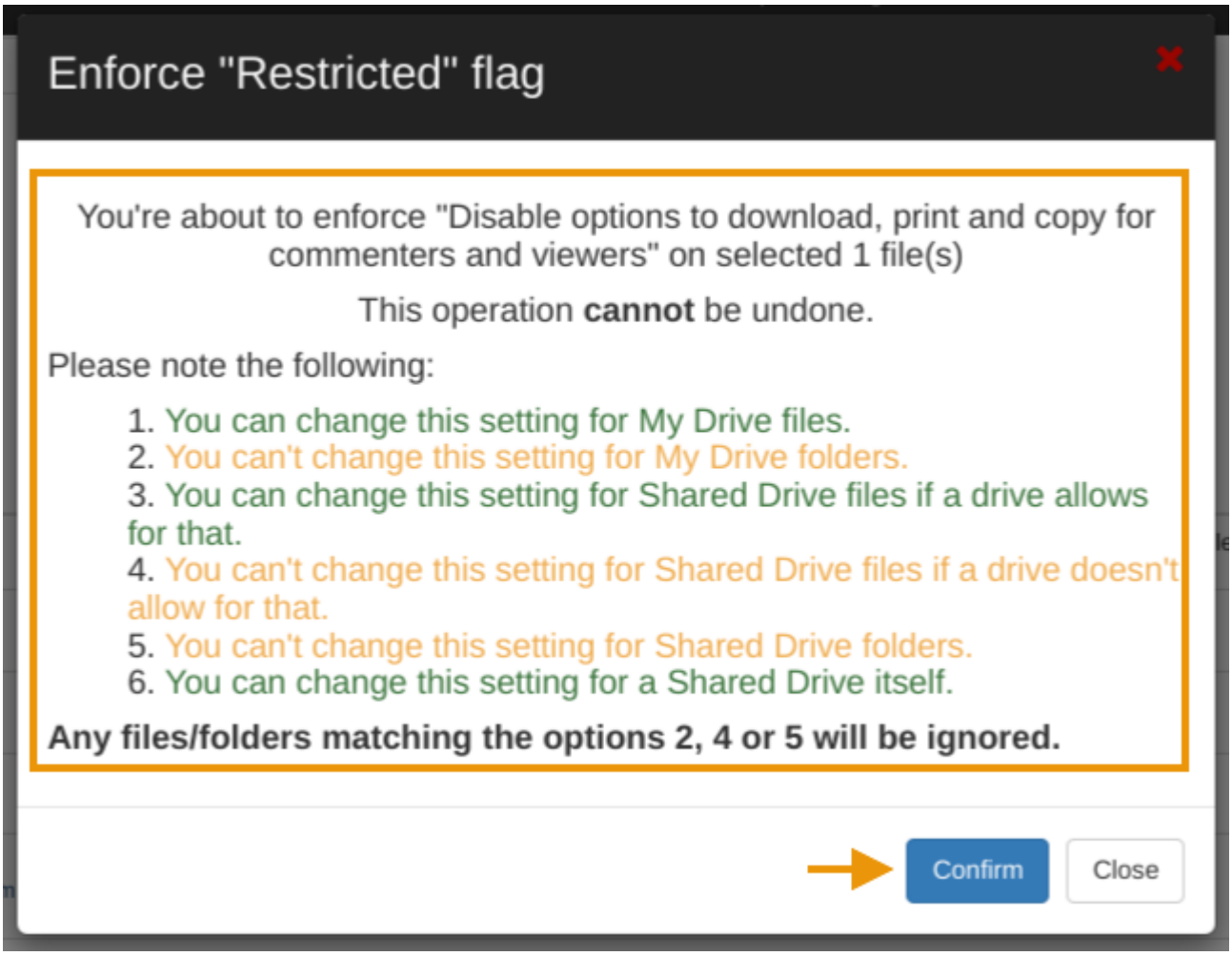
When the index is complete and results are displayed.

1. Select the file – click on the checkmark beside the **Title**
2. Click on **File operations**
3. Select **Enforce “Restricted” (disable download, print, copy)**

**Note:** If Restricted mode enabled - Viewers and Commenters **can not** download, print, or copy the Files




When the option is selected, a pop-up message will be displayed.

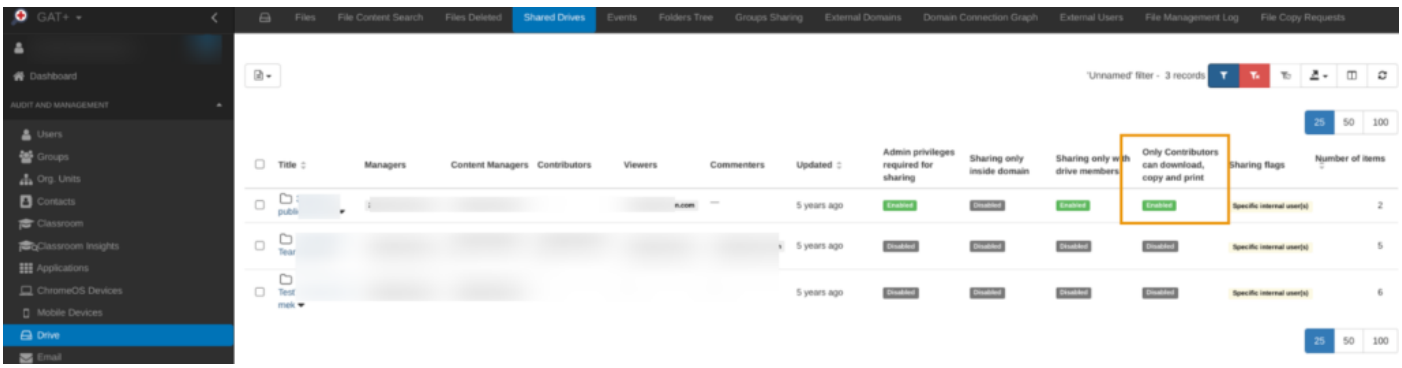


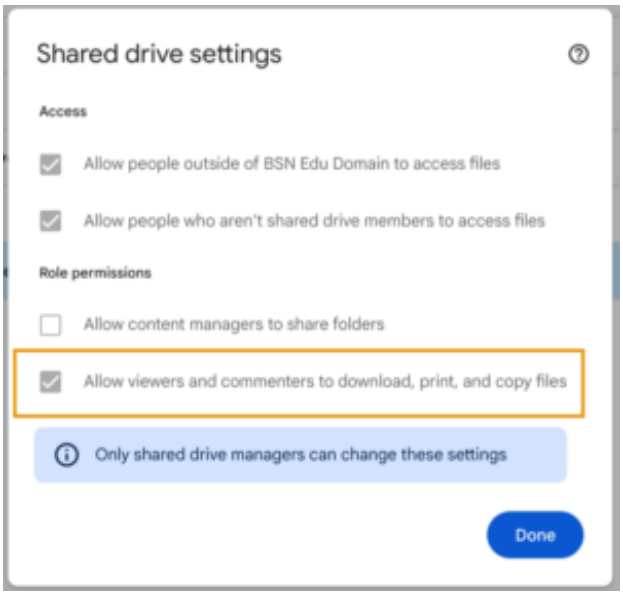

**The operation cannot be undone**

> **Note:** This operation **cannot be undone.**
>
> Unless the Owner of the file reinstates this policy again.

*Additionally, as per the information displayed during the process,* ***you can change those settings only for****:*

1. ***My Drive files***
2. ***Shared Drive files*** *if a* ***drive allows*** *for that*

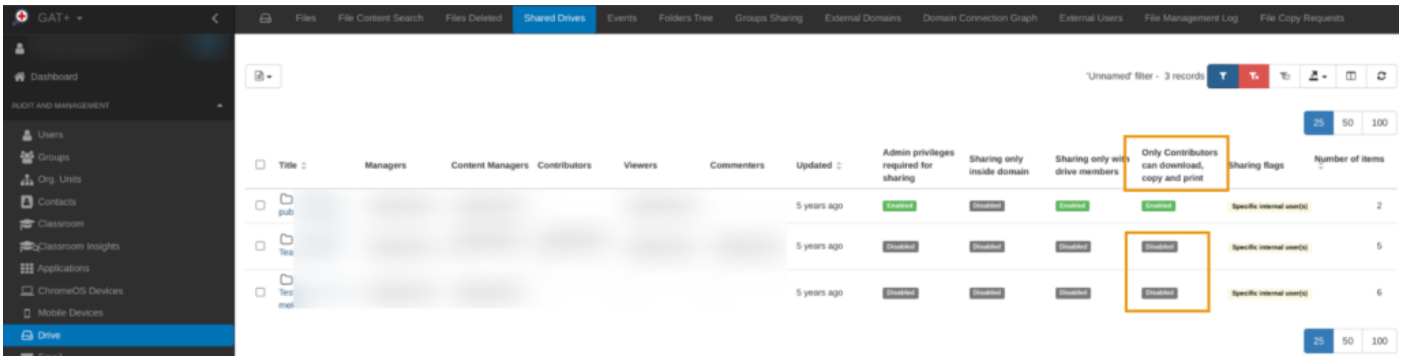


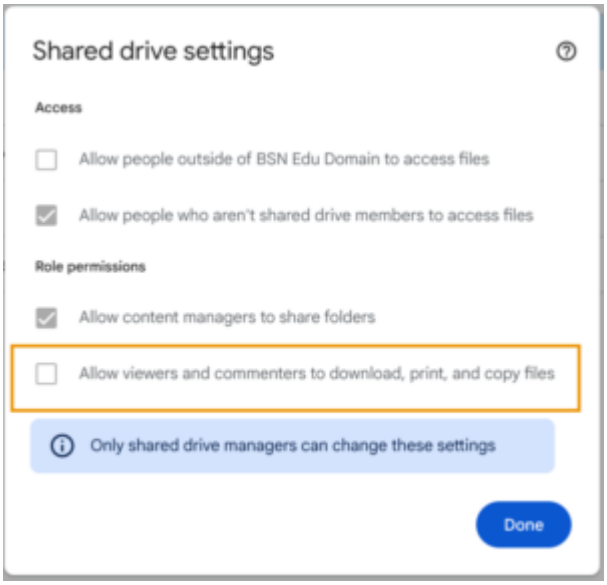



3. ***Shared Drive itself***

***The settings cannot be changed*** *for:*

1. ***My Drive folders***
2. ***Shared Drive files*** *if a* ***drive doesn't allow*** *for that*



3. ***Shared Drive folders***

## Result

Click on the “**Confirm**” button, to enforce the policy. The process can be checked in the **Admin log**

In the Files where the "Restricted" mode is enabled, the option to Download, Copy, and Print (for Commenters, Viewers) will **be removed.**

**Before** the policy is applied:

**After** the policy is applied:

## GAT+ Flag Reflects File's State

The policy will be reflected in GAT+ the files will have a **Flag: Restricted**