

## Pulp - Story #5974

### As a user, I can restrict file:/// to one or more specific paths

01/13/2020 04:59 PM - bmbouter

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**Description**

At the system level, default to denying file import from file:/// unless a subpath of one or more declared approved paths. The list of approved paths will live in settings as it's a system-wide thing.

**Example whitelisting importing from /mnt/ and /anotherdir/**

```
ALLOWED_IMPORT_PATHS = ['/mnt/', '/anotherdir/']
```

Then any file:/// sync that starts with '/mnt/' or '/anotherdir/', e.g. file:///mnt/foo/ or file:///anotherdir/bar/PULP\_MANIFEST would sync.

Each path listed in ALLOWED\_IMPORT\_PATHS must be absolute

**Default**

For safety reasons, this would be disabled by default and administrators need to opt-in to its use.

```
ALLOWED_IMPORT_PATHS = []
```

**Validation checking at Remote save-time and runtime**

The Remote serializer needs to validate at save time. Also that validation needs to be performed at runtime. It's this second check that will handle any existing Remote's with invalid paths already saved in the DB in a reasonable way.

#### Associated revisions

**Revision b7db663a - 01/29/2020 11:30 PM - bmbouter**

Adds ALLOWED\_IMPORT\_PATHS for file:// urls

Remote.url now validate to only allow file:// paths that are a subpath of a configured ALLOWED\_IMPORT\_PATHS setting. This setting comes with docs. URLs starting with other protocol handlers, e.g. http:// or https:// are unaffected.

<https://pulp.plan.io/issues/5974> closes #5974

#### History

**#1 - 01/13/2020 05:00 PM - bmbouter**

- Description updated

**#2 - 01/13/2020 05:08 PM - bmbouter**

- Description updated

## Question 1: symlinks

How/where should we prevent the file:/// import processes from following symlinks. If we follow symlinks users could perhaps break out of the constraint this feature creates. Should that be its own piece of work separate from this?

## Question 2: disallowing ..

Also what about disallowing .. from file:/// urls at all through validation? Should we make that part of this story also?

### #3 - 01/14/2020 06:57 PM - bmbouter

- Sprint/Milestone set to 3.1.0

### #4 - 01/15/2020 05:44 PM - gmbnomis

I think restricting the allowed paths by configuration is a good idea (if it is ok for the use cases that this feature should support). And disabling it by default is the safest option.

bmbouter wrote:

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I would like to have it part of this piece of work, as the protection offered without is basically none. Please see <https://pulp.plan.io/issues/3841#note-11> and the problem mentioned in <https://pulp.plan.io/issues/3841#note-12> for an implementation that could help here (using realpath to resolve symlinks). Normalizing via realpath() would probably need to happen for both the file URI to check as well as the configured allowed paths.

## Question 2: disallowing ..

Also what about disallowing .. from file:/// urls at all through validation? Should we make that part of this story also?

We could do, but using realpath() will normalize .. away anyway.

**#5 - 01/27/2020 08:48 PM - bmbouter**

- Status changed from *NEW* to *ASSIGNED*
- Assignee set to *bmbouter*
- Sprint set to *Sprint 65*

Adding 3.1 story to sprint since I have capacity to complete it.

**#6 - 01/27/2020 10:32 PM - bmbouter**

- Status changed from *ASSIGNED* to *POST*

PR available at: <https://github.com/pulp/pulpcore/pull/520>

**#7 - 01/30/2020 12:11 AM - bmbouter**

- Status changed from *POST* to *MODIFIED*
- % Done changed from *0* to *100*

Applied in changeset [pulpcore|b7db663aa87bbd0e74069c501d4f1b9b317b8779](#).

**#8 - 01/31/2020 12:25 PM - bmbouter**

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