

Privacy Browser - Feature #79

Add the WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE dangerous permission

01/01/2017 12:13 AM - Soren Stoutner

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Assignee:	Soren Stoutner	% Done:	0%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
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Description			
<p>At some point Privacy Browser will add READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE and WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE permissions. These are classified as dangerous permissions. The concern is that a malicious website could leverage an vulnerability in Android's WebView to access and modify a device's file system.</p> <p>For API >= 23 (Marshmallow, version 6.x) users can revoke this access if desired. For older versions of Android they cannot. As of 31 December 2016, 41.03% of standard installs and 52.31% of free installs through Google Play are for API <= 22.</p> <p>There are important features that require these permissions, like https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/1, https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/23, and https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/32. More discussion of the issue can be found at https://www.stoutner.com/downloaded-file-locations/.</p> <p>The purpose of this feature request is to provide a place for users to voice their opinion as to whether Privacy Browser should add these permissions now or wait until a smaller percentage of the userbase is on API <= 22.</p> <p>It is not possible to please everyone all the time, but I have a strong preference to follow the wishes of the majority of the users in cases like these.</p>			

History

#1 - 01/01/2017 12:27 AM - Soren Stoutner

- Description updated

#2 - 02/23/2018 09:44 AM - Soren Stoutner

- Priority changed from 2 to Next Release

#3 - 04/05/2018 02:59 PM - Soren Stoutner

- Status changed from New to In Progress

WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE added in commit

<https://git.stoutner.com/?p=PrivacyBrowser.git;a=commitdiff;h=d420aa6be32a78b27905074edc3881a6e71d2263>.

#4 - 05/11/2018 02:56 PM - Soren Stoutner

- Subject changed from Add the READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE and WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE dangerous permissions to Add the WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE dangerous permission

- Status changed from In Progress to Closed

Adding the READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE permission was split off to <https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/280>.