

## Privacy Browser - Feature #79

### Add the WRITE\_EXTERNAL\_STORAGE dangerous permission

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

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	08/23/2016
<b>Priority:</b>	Next Release	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Soren Stoutner	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category:</b>		<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>		<b>Spent time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Description</b>			
<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 &gt;= 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 &lt;= 22.</p> <p>There are important features that require these permissions, like <a href="https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/1">https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/1</a>, <a href="https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/23">https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/23</a>, and <a href="https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/32">https://redmine.stoutner.com/issues/32</a>. More discussion of the issue can be found at <a href="https://www.stoutner.com/downloaded-file-locations/">https://www.stoutner.com/downloaded-file-locations/</a>.</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 &lt;= 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>.