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This can be broken all the way down to rights to access to individual files, say

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#### We now have

```
if uid_of_process == uid_of_resource or
    process_has_capability(uid_of_process, resource) or
    uid_of_process == uid_of_root
then
    allow access
else
    disallow access
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This mechanism would be great if only the user could be trusted to read and understand the list of requests...

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