Creating Restricted User Folders within the Partek Flow Server

Partek Flow provides the infrastructure to isolate data from different users within the same server. This guide will provide general instructions on how to create this environment within Partek Flow. This can be modified to accommodate existing file systems already accessible to the server.

· Go to Settings > Directory permissions and restrict parent folder access (typically /home/flow) to Administrator accounts only

Directory browsing permissions			
Enforce permissions 🥡			
Directory \Diamond	Users	Actions	
/home/flow	Partek Employees (Administrator)	× ×	
Permit access to a new directory			

Figure 1. Setting directory permission for administrators

 Click the Permit access to a new directory button and navigate to the folder with your library files (typically *I home/flow/FlowData/library_files*). Select the All users (automatically updated) checkbox to permit all users (including those that will be added in the future) to see the library files associated with the Partek Flow server

Add directory permissions	×
Directory /home/flow/FlowData/library_files	Browse
All users (automatically updated)	
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Figure 2. Allow all users permission to see the library files

• Then go to System preferences > Filesystem and storage and set the Default project output directory to "Sample file directory"

Filesystem and storage			
Data download directory	I	/home/flow/FlowData	Browse
Library file directory	i	/home/flow/FlowData/library_files	Browse
Default project output directory	1	Sample file directory	
Store file-path symbolic links	i		
Activity log retention (months)	i	1	
Save Cancel			

Figure 3. Set default project output directory

• Create your first user and select the Private directory checkbox. Specify where the private directory for that user is located

Add user	×
Username	() jsmith
Display name	John Smith
Email	ismith@partek.com
Administrator	0
Private directory	1 Inome/flow/FlowData/jsmith Browse
	Other users may have permission to the directory. Permissions can be changed on the "Directory permission" page.
Disk quota	0 None ● 100 ▲ GB
	Manage quota preferences
Save Cancel	

Figure 4. Adding a user with a private directory

• If needed, you can create a user directory by clicking Browse > Create new folder

Select private directory	×
Current directory 🕖	
/home/flow/FlowData	Goto
 ★ Server Computer ★ Inome ★ Inome ★ FlowData 	A
Name new folder	×
Folder jsmith	
Createl Cancel	
🕞 media	
🕨 📾 mnt	
🖬 root	
▶ 📾 tmp	-
Don't see your folder? Refresh folder list	_
Create new folder OK	

Figure 5. Create a new private user folder

This automatically sets browsing permissions for that private directory to that user

Directory browsing permission	IS		
Enforce permissions ()			
Directory \$	Users	Actions	
/home/flow	Administrator	🖉 🗙	
/home/flow/FlowData/jsmith	John Smith	🖉 🗙	
/home/flow/FlowData/library_files	All nonadministrators	/ ×	
Permit access to a new directory			

Figure 6. Private directories automatically get restricted permissions

• When a user creates a project. The default project output directory is now within their own restricted folder

	🧕 John Smith 🗸	
Home > Liver RNA-Seq	¢.∽	
Analyses Data Log Project settings		
You'll need some samples before you can run an analysis. To get started, click the "Import data" button.		
Import data Assign sample attributes from a file Manage attributes		
Project output directory () /home/flow/FlowData/jsmith/Project_Liver RNA-Seq (11.08 TB free) 🧪		
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Figure 7. Project output directory will now be within private directory		

More importantly, other users cannot see them

Select private directory	х
Current directory 🕖	-
/home/flow/FlowData	Goto
🔻 🏦 Server Computer	
🔻 🗁 home	
🔻 🗁 flow	
FlowData	
Name new folder	×
Folder jsmith	
Create Cancel	
🕞 media	-
🕨 🖬 mnt	
🔎 root	
▶ 📾 tmp	
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Don't see your folder? Refresh folder list	
Create new folder OK	

Figure 8. Other users' directories are not visible

• Add additional users as needed

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