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[3.14] gh-146121: Clarify security model of pkgutil.getdata (GH-148197) (GH-148206)

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@@ -151,24 +151,48 @@ support.
151 151      :meth:`get_data` <importlib.abc.ResourceLoader.get_data>` API. The
152 152      package argument should be the name of a package, in standard module
      format
153 153      (foo.bar). The resource argument should be in the form of a relative
154 - filename, using ../ as the path separator. The parent directory name
155 - .. is not allowed, and nor is a rooted name (starting with a ../).
154 + filename, using ../ as the path separator.
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157 156      The function returns a binary string that is the contents of the specified

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resource.

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159 + This function uses the :term:`loader` method
160 + :func:`~importlib.abc.FileLoader.get_data`
161 + to support modules installed in the filesystem, but also in zip files,
162 + databases, or elsewhere.
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For packages located in the filesystem, which have already been imported, this is the rough equivalent of::

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d = os.path.dirname(sys.modules[package].__file__)
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data = open(os.path.join(d, resource), 'rb').read()
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170 + Like the :func:`open` function, :func:`~get_data` can follow parent
171 + directories (``../``) and absolute paths (starting with ``/`` or ``C:/``,
172 + for example).
173 + It can open compilation/installation artifacts like ``.py`` and ``.pyc``
174 + files or files with :func:`reserved filenames <os.path.isreserved>`.
175 + To be compatible with non-filesystem loaders, avoid using these features.
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177 + .. warning::
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179 +     This function is intended for trusted input.
180 +     It does not verify that *resource* "belongs" to *package*.
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182 +     If you use a user-provided *resource* path, consider verifying it.
183 +     For example, require an alphanumeric filename with a known extension, or
184 +     install and check a list of known resources.
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If the package cannot be located or loaded, or it uses a `:term:`loader`` which does not support `:meth:`get_data``

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<importlib.abc.ResourceLoader.get_data>`,
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then ```None``` is returned. In particular, the `:term:`loader`` for

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`:term:`namespace packages <namespace package>`` does not support

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`:meth:`get_data <importlib.abc.ResourceLoader.get_data>``.

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192 + .. seealso::
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194 +     The :mod:`importlib.resources` module provides structured access to
195 +     module resources.
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173 197 .. function:: resolve_name(name)

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