

# All about Uploading Files in Symfony



# Chapter 1: Setting up with the Symfony Local Web Server

Yo friends! It's file upload time! Woo! We are going to absolutely *crush* this topic... yea know... because file uploads are a *critical* part of the Internet. Where would we be if we couldn't upload selfies... or videos of Victor's cat... or SPAM our friends with memes!?!?! That's not a world I want to live in.

But... is uploading a file really *that* hard: add a file input to a form, submit, move the file onto your filesystem and... done! Meme unlocked! Well... that's true... until you start thinking about storing files in the cloud, like S3. Oh, and don't forget to add validation to make sure a user can't upload *any* file type - like an executable or PHP script! And you'll need to make sure the filename is unique so it doesn't overwrite other files... but also... it's kind of nice to *keep* the original filename... so it's not just some random hash if the user downloads it later. Oh, and once it's uploaded, we'll need a way to link to that file... except if you need to do a security check before letting the user download the file. Then you'll need to handle things in a totally different way.

Um... so wow! Things got complex! That's awesome! Because we're going to attack *all* of this... and more.

## Downloading the Course Code

If you want to upload the *maximum* knowledge into your brain... you should *definitely* download the course code from this page and code along with me. After unzipping the file, you'll find a `start/` directory that has the same code you see here. Open the `README.md` file for all the setup details... and a few extras.

The *last* setup step in our tutorials is *usually* to open a terminal, move into the project and run:



```
php bin/console server:run
```

to start the built in web server. You *can* totally do this. But, but, but! I want to show you a *new* tool that I'm loving: the Symfony local web server.

## Downloading the Symfony Local Web Server

Find your browser and go to <https://symfony.com/download>. The Symfony local web server - or Symfony "client" - is a single, standalone file that is *full* of superpowers. At the top, you'll see instructions about how to download it. These steps are different depending on your operating system - but it should auto-select the right one.

For me, I'll copy this curl command, find my terminal, paste and enter! This downloaded a single executable file called `symfony`. To make sure I can type that command from anywhere, I'll move this into a global `bin` directory. By the way, you only need to do these steps *once* on your computer... so you're done forever!

Unless we've mucked things up, we should *now* be able to run this from anywhere: try it!

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symfony
```

Say hello to the Symfony CLI! It lists the most popular commands, but there are a *lot* more - run:

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symfony help
```

Woh. We'll talk more about this tool in another tutorial. But, to start a local web server, just say:

```
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symfony serve
```

Ah. The *first* time you run this, you'll get an error about running:

`symfony server:ca:install`. Let's do that:

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symfony server:ca:install
```

You'll probably need to type in your admin password. This command installs a local SSL certificate authority... which is *awesome* because when we run `symfony serve`, it creates a local web server that supports https! Woh! We get *free* https locally! Sweet!

Find your browser and go to `https://127.0.0.1:8000` - or localhost, it's the same thing. Say hello to The SpaceBar! This is the app we've been building in our Symfony 4 series: a news site for space-traveling friends from across the galaxy.

Try logging in with `admin1@thespacebar.com` and password `engage`. Then go to `/admin/article`.

This is the admin section for the articles on the site. Each article has an image... but until now, that image has basically been hardcoded. Click to edit one of the articles. Our first goal is clear: add a file upload field to this form so we can upload the article image, and then render that on the frontend.

But we're going to keep things simple to start... and take a deep and wonderful look into the fundamentals of how files are uploaded on the web and how that looks inside Symfony. Let's go!

# Chapter 2: Uploads, multipart/form-data & UploadedFile

This page uses a Symfony form. And we *will* learn how to add a file upload field to a form object. But... let's start simpler - with a good old-fashioned HTML form.

The controller behind this page live at `src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php`, and we're on the `edit()` action. Create a totally new, temporary endpoint:

`public function temporaryUploadAction()`. We're going to create an HTML form in our template, put an input file field inside, and make it submit to this action. Add the `@Route()` with, how about, `/admin/upload/test` and `name="upload_test"`. But... don't do anything else yet.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
15  class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
16  {
17      /**
18      * @Route("/admin/upload/test", name="upload_test")
19      */
20      public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
21      {
22          // ...
23      }
24  }
```

Copy the route name, then open the template for the edit page:

`templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig`. The Symfony form lives inside the `_form.html.twig` template. So, above that form tag, add a new form tag, with `method="POST"` and `action=""` set to `{{ path('upload_test') }}`. Inside, we only need one thing `<input type="file">`. We need to give this a name so we can reference it on the server: how about `name="image"`.

Finally, add `<button type="submit">` and I'll add some classes so that this isn't the *ugliest* button ever. Say: Upload!

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6   <form method="POST" action="{{ path('upload_test') }}">
7     <input type="file" name="image">
8
9     <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Upload!</button>
10   </form>
11
12   <hr>
13
14   {{ include('article_admin/_form.html.twig', {
15     button_text: 'Update!'
16   }) }}
↔ // ... lines 17 - 24
```

That's it! The simplest possible file upload setup: one field, one button.

## Fetching the File in the Controller

In some ways, uploading a file is really no different than any other form field: you're always just sending data to the server where each data has a *key* equal to its `name` attribute. So, the same as any form, to read the submitted data, we'll need the `request` object. Add a new argument with a `Request` type-hint - the one from `HttpFoundation` - `$request`. Then say: `dd()` - that's dump & die - `$request->files->get('image')`. I'm using `image` because that's the `name` attribute used on the field.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Request;
↔ // ... lines 12 - 72
73   public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
74   {
75     dd($request->files->get('image'));
76   }
↔ // ... lines 77 - 115
```

Cool! What do you think this will dump out? A string filename? An array? An object? Let's find out! Choose a file - I'll go into my `I <3 Space` directory, and select the astronaut photo! Upload!

## multipart/form-data

Oh! It's... null!? I did not see that coming. If you're ever uploading a file and it's *totally* not working, you've probably made the same mistake I just did. Go back to the template and add an attribute to the form `enctype="multipart/form-data"`.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6   <form method="POST" action="{{ path('upload_test') }}"
  enctype="multipart/form-data">
↔ // ... lines 7 - 9
10  </form>
↔ // ... lines 11 - 24
```

Yep! Mysteriously, you *never* need this on your forms... *until* you have a file upload field. It basically tells your browser to send the data in a different *format*. We're going to see *exactly* what this means soon cause we are *crushing* the magic behind uploads.

Fortunately, PHP understand this format *and* this format supports file uploads. Refresh the form so the new attribute is rendered. Let's choose the astronaut again. And before hitting Upload, open up your developer tools and go to the Network tab: I want to see what this request looks like. Hit upload!

Nice! This time we get an `UploadedFile` object *full* of useful data.

But before we dive into that, look down at the network tools and find the POST request we just made. If you look at the request headers... here it is: our browser sent a `Content-Type: multipart/form-data` header. *This* is because of the `enctype` attribute. It also added this weird `boundary=----WebkitFormBoundary`, blah, blah, blah thing.

Ok: this stuff is super-nerdy-cool. *Normally*, when you do *not* have that `enctype` attribute, when you submit a form, all of the data is sent in the body of the request in a big string full of what looks like query parameters. That's kind of invisible to us, because PHP parses all of that and makes the data available.

But when you add the `multipart/form-data` attribute, it tells our browser to send the data in a different format. It's actually kind of hard to see what the body of these requests look like - Chrome hides it. No worries! Through the magic of TV... boom! *This* is what the body of that request looks like.

Weird, right! Each field is separated by this mysterious `WebkitFormBoundary` thing... which is the string that we saw in the `Content-Type` header! Our form only has one field, but if we had multiple, this separator would be between every field. Our browsers invents this string, separates

each piece of data with it, then sends this separator up with the request so that the server knows how to parse everything.

Why is this cool? Because we can now send up *multiple* pieces of information about our `name="image"` field, like the original filename on our system and what type of file it is... which, by the way, can be totally faked by the user. More on that later. After all that, we've got the data itself!

If you look *all* the way at the bottom, it has another `WebKitFormBoundary` line. If there were more fields on this form, you'd see their data below - all separated by another "boundary".

So... that's it! It literally tells our browser to send the data in a different format - and PHP understands *both* formats just fine. We *need* this format when doing file uploads because a file upload is *more* than just its contents: we also want to send some metadata. And also, due to how the data is encoded, if you *were* able to send binary data on a normal request - without the `multipart/form-data` encoding - it would increase the amount of data you need to upload by as much as three times! Not great for uploads!

## The UploadedFile Object

Once the data arrives at the server, PHP automatically reads in the file and saves it to a temporary location on your server. Symfony then takes *all* of these details and puts it into a nice, neat `UploadedFile` object. You can see the `originalName: astronaut.jpeg`, the `mimeType` and - *importantly* - the location on the filesystem where the file is temporarily stored.

If we do *nothing* with that file, PHP will automatically delete it at the end of the request. So... our job is clear! We need to move that into a final location and... do a bunch of other things, like make sure it has a unique filename and the correct file extension. Let's handle that next.

# Chapter 3: Where & How to Store the File

For now, the form is still submitting to this test endpoint. We'll change that soon by moving it into the actual article form. But, to finish a successful file upload, we need *move* the uploaded file from the temporary spot on the filesystem to its final location.

## Where to Store Uploads?

So... where *should* we store the uploaded article images? The *first* question to ask is: can these uploaded files be public to everyone? Or do we need to do some sort of security check before a user can view or download them? For article images, they can be public. But we'll talk about private files later.

Ok, so *if* someone needs to be able to view these images, it means they need to live *somewhere* in the `public/` directory. Later, we're going to talk about storing files in the cloud! Like S3, which honestly, is an awesome idea. But right now, we're going to keep it simple and store things directly on our server.

So how about storing things in... I don't know... `public/uploads`? Create that new directory. Then, inside, create an *empty* `.gitignore` file. The *reason* I'm doing this might be confusing at first. My goal is to *ignore* any files added to this directory from git... because we don't want to commit uploaded files. But I would *also* like to make sure that this directory at least exists when I clone the repository.

Find your terminal and add the empty `.gitignore` file:

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git add public/uploads/.gitignore
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Next, open up the *real* `.gitignore` file - the one at the root of your app - and ignore the entire `/public/uploads` directory. It's a bit weird, but thanks to this, we will ignore *all* files in `public/uploads` except for the `.gitignore` file we already added.

```
.gitignore
18 // ... lines 1 - 17
19 /public/uploads/
```

Why did we do this? Well, unfortunately, you can't add a *directory* to git. So by adding this `.gitignore` file, it will guarantee that the `public/uploads` directory will exist when you clone the repository. Honestly, the file could be named *anything*, it's just sort of a common practice to use an empty `.gitignore` file for this.

Check it out: create a new file in `public/uploads` called `foo`. Then, find your terminal and run:

```
git status
```

We see the new `public/uploads/.gitignore` file but we do *not* see the `foo` file. That's perfect. Delete that.

## Moving the Uploaded File

Let's get to work inside of our controller to move the file. First, set the uploaded file to a new `$uploadedFile` variable. And, unfortunately, the phpdoc on this `get()` method is a bit generic... so it doesn't tell our editor that this will be an `UploadedFile` object. Because I'm *obsessed* with auto-completion, let's add inline doc about this: this *will* be an `UploadedFile` object - but not the one from Guzzle - the one from `HttpFoundation` in `Symfony`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 10
12 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile;
13 // ... lines 12 - 15
14 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
16     // ... lines 18 - 73
17     public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
18     {
19         /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
20         $uploadedFile = $request->files->get('image');
21     // ... lines 78 - 79
22     }
23     // ... lines 81 - 118
24 }
```

And guess what? This `UploadedFile` object has a *super* useful method on it: `move()`! Give it the destination directory and it'll take care of the rest. To get that directory, say `$destination` = and we need to get the path to our `uploads/` directory. The best way is to read a parameter: `$this->getParameter('kernel.project_dir')` - to get the absolute path to the root of the app - then `/public/uploads`. Then add `$uploadedFile->move()` and pass it `$destination`.

Hold Command or Ctrl and click this method. Ah, it returns a `File` object that represents the new file. Let's see what this looks like: surround this entire call with `dd()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
// ... lines 1 - 73
74     public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
75     {
// ... lines 76 - 77
78         $destination = $this-
79             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir').'/public/uploads';
80         dd($uploadedFile->move($destination));
81     }
// ... lines 81 - 120
```

Alright team! Find your browser, refresh and re-post that upload. I... think it worked! The dumped file object tells me that there *is* a new file in our `public/uploads/` directory. Let's go check it out! There it is! Well, I *think* that's it... but sheesh - the filename is *terrible*. Let's check its file size:

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ls -la public/uploads/
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Yea... that looks correct - it's about 1.8 megabytes. So... we moved the file... but that is a *terrible* filename. Let's fix that next.

# Chapter 4: Unique (but not Insane) Filenames

I told the `UploadedFile` object to move the file into `public/uploads`. And it *did...* but I kinda get the feeling it wasn't trying very hard. I mean, that is a *horrible* filename. Well, to be fair, this is the temporary filename that PHP decided to use.

## Using the Original Filename

Fortunately, the `move()` method has a second argument: the *name* to give to the file. The *easiest* name to use is: `$uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()`. This is the name that the file had on *my* computer: it's one of the pieces of data that is sent up on the request, along with the file contents.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
16 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
17 {
18
19     public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
20     {
21
22         $uploadedFile->move(
23             $destination,
24             $uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()
25         );
26     }
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122 }
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Move over and resubmit the form again. There it is: `astronaut.jpg`!

## Security Concerns

But there are a few problems with this. Number one is security. Boo security! I know, I know, if the world were more butterflies and ice cream cones, we wouldn't need to worry about this stuff. But when it comes to file uploads, security concerns are *real*.

Right now, our upload form has *no validation at all*. So even though we are intending for this to be an image, the user could upload *anything*. And to make things worse, the file will then be publicly accessible. Someone could basically use our site as a private file storage, even storing viruses and trying to trick people into downloading it from our trusted domain. We'll talk about validation a bit later: it is *critical* that you do *not* allow your users to upload *any* file type.

Side note: no matter how you build your app or what safeguards you put it place, you should *always* make sure that your web server will *only* parse your main `public/index.php` file through PHP. If your server is configured to execute *any* file ending in `.php` through PHP, that is a *huge* security risk. Ok, back to butterflies and ice cream.

Even after we add validation to guarantee that the uploaded file is *actually* an image, the user could *still* successfully upload an image with a `.exe` or `.php` file extension! Even if we validate the file type, allowing fake extensions is weird... and could be risky.

So problem number one is security and we'll tackle part of it in a minute and the other part when we talk about validation.

Problem number two is that the filename is not guaranteed to be unique! If someone else uploads a file called `astronaut.jpg`, boom! My schweet photo is gone!

## Making Filenames Unique

There are a few ways to handle the unique problem - but the easiest one is just to add some sort of unique id to the filename. Set `$newFilename` to `uniqid()`, a `' - '` then `$uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()`. Below, use `$newFilename`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
  // ... lines 1 - 73
74  public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
75  {
  // ... lines 76 - 78
79      $newFilename = uniqid() . '-' . $uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName();
80
81      dd($uploadedFile->move(
82         $destination,
83         $newFilename
84     ));
85 }
  // ... lines 86 - 125
```

Let's try that! Better. It's kind of an ugly hash on the beginning of the filename, but it *does* solve the unique problem. You can also use a shorter hash or, when we actually save this data to our Article object, you could use the Article id instead of the hash. *Or*, if you *really* want to keep the original filename *exactly* as it was, well... we'll talk about that later when we upload "references" to our Article.

## Correcting the File Extension

The other thing I want to solve is the possibility that someone uploads an image with a totally insane file extension - like `.potato`. We can fix this really nicely. Create a new variable called `$originalFilename` set to `pathinfo()` with `$uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()` and the constant `PATHINFO_FILENAME`.

This will give us the original filename - `astronaut.jpg` - but *without* the file extension: so, just `astronaut`. Then, for the filename, use `$originalFilename`, a dash, the `uniqid()`, a period, and now the *real* extension of the file: `$uploadedFile->guessExtension()`. Oh, see how there are *two* methods: `->guessClientExtension()` and `->guessExtension()`? The difference is important: the `guessExtension()` method looks at the file *contents*, determines the mime type, and returns the file extension for that. But the `guessClientExtension()` uses the mime type the *user* sent... which can't be trusted.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
  // ... lines 1 - 73
74  public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
75  {
  // ... lines 76 - 79
80      $originalFilename = pathinfo($uploadedFile-
81  >getClientOriginalName(), PATHINFO_FILENAME);
82      $newFilename = $originalFilename.'-'.$uniqid().'.'.$uploadedFile-
83  >guessExtension();
  // ... lines 82 - 86
87  }
  // ... lines 88 - 127
```

So, we're not validating that this is an image file yet, but no matter what they upload, we should now get the correct file extension.

Give it a try! Nice! We've got a `.jpeg` ending.

## Optional: Normalizing Filenames

There's one last thing you might want to do... and it's really optional. Go back to the form. One of my files has uppercase letters and spaces inside. Let's try uploading that. It works! There is *no* problem with storing spaces or... *most* weird characters on a filesystem. But if you want to guarantee cleaner filenames, there's an easy way to do that. I'll use a class called `Urlizer`: this comes from the `gedmo/doctrine-extensions` library. It has a nice method called `urlize()` and we can wrap our `$originalFilename` in that to make it a bit cleaner.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 8
2
3 use Gedmo\Sluggable\Util\Urlizer;
4
5 // ... lines 10 - 74
6
7 public function temporaryUploadAction(Request $request)
8 {
9
10    // ... lines 77 - 81
11
12    $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize($originalFilename) . '-'
13        . uniqid() . '.' . $uploadedFile->guessExtension();
14
15    // ... lines 83 - 87
16
17    }
18
19 // ... lines 89 - 128
```

Try that out. Nice! So now we have a unique, normalized filename that at least *looks* a bit like the original filename. Later, we'll see how we can keep the exact original filename in *all* cases... if you care. But unless your users are downloading these files, the exact filenames aren't usually that important.

Next: it's time to put this upload field *properly* into our Symfony form and save the filename to the `Article` entity.

# Chapter 5: File Upload Field in a Form

We're rocking! We know what it looks like to upload a file in Symfony: we can work with the `UploadedFile` object and we know how to move the file around. That feels good!

It's time to talk about how to work with a file upload field inside a Symfony form. And then, we *also* need to save the `filename` of the uploaded image to our `Article` entity. Because, ultimately, on the homepage, we need to render each image next to the article.

## What your Entity Should Look Like

In the `src/Entity` directory, let's look at the `Article` entity. Ok great: the entity is *already* setup! It has an `$imageFilename` field that is a `string`. This is important: the uploaded file will be stored... *somewhere*: on your server, in the cloud, in your imagination - it doesn't matter. But in the database, the *only* thing you will store is the `string` filename.

## Adding the FileType to the Form

The form that handles this page lives at `src/Form/ArticleFormType.php`. In `ArticleAdminController`... if you scroll up a little bit... here is the `edit()` action and you can see it using this `ArticleFormType`. Right now, this is a nice traditional form: it handles the request and saves the `Article` to the database. Beautifully... boring!

In `ArticleFormType`, add a new field with `->add()` and call it `imageFilename` because that's the name of the property inside `Article`. For the type, use `FileType::class`.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
11 // ... lines 1 - 11
12 use Symfony\Component\Form\Extension\Core\Type\FileType;
13 // ... lines 13 - 19
14 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
15 {
16     // ... lines 22 - 28
17     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
18     $options)
19     {
20         // ... lines 31 - 34
21         $builder
22         // ... lines 36 - 53
23             ->add('imageFilename', FileType::class)
24             ;
25         // ... lines 56 - 88
26     }
27     // ... lines 90 - 152
28 }
29 }
```

But... there's a problem with this. And if you already see it, extra credit points for you! Move over and refresh. Woh.

*"The form's view data is expected to be an instance of class `File` but it is a `string`."*

Um... ok. The problem is not super obvious... but it clearly hates *something* about our new field. Here's the explanation: we know that when you upload a file, Symfony gives you an `UploadedFile` object, not a `string`. But, the `imageFilename` field here on `Article`... that is a `string`! Connecting the form field *directly* to the string property doesn't make sense. We're missing a layer in the middle: something that can work with the `UploadedFile` object, move the file, and *then* set the new filename onto the property.

## Using an Unmapped Field

How can we do that? Change the field name to just `imageFile`. There is *no* property on our entity with this name... so this, on its own, will *not* work. Pretty commonly, you'll see people *create* this property on their entity, *just* to make the form work. They don't persist this property to the database with Doctrine... so the idea *works*, but I don't love it.

Instead, we'll use a trick that we talked a lot about in our forms tutorial: add an option to the field: `'mapped' => false.`

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 19
20 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
21 {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 28
29     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
30     $options)
31     {
↔ // ... lines 31 - 34
32         $builder
↔ // ... lines 36 - 53
34             ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
35                 'mapped' => false
36             ])
37         ;
↔ // ... lines 58 - 90
38     }
↔ // ... lines 92 - 154
39 }
40 }
```

If you've never seen this before, we'll explain it in a minute. Now that we have a new `imageFile` field, let's go render it! Open `edit.html.twig`. Remove the HTML form - we're done with that. The Symfony form lives in `_form.html.twig`. After the title, add

```
{{ form_row(articleForm.imageFile) }}.
```

```
templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig
```

```
1 {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
2     {{ form_row(articleForm.title, {
3         label: 'Article title'
4     }) }}
5     {{ form_row(articleForm.imageFile) }}
↔ // ... lines 6 - 23
24 {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

Nothing special here.

This submits back to `ArticleAdminController::edit()`. Go inside the `$form->isValid()` block. When you have an unmapped field, the data will *not* be put onto your `Article` object. So, how can we get it? `dd($form['imageFile']->getData())`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             dd($form['imageFile']->getData());
26 // ... lines 58 - 66
27         }
28 // ... lines 68 - 71
29     }
30 // ... lines 73 - 128
31 }
```

Let's try that! Go back to your browser and hit enter on the URL: we need the form to totally re-render. Hey! There's our new field! Select the astronaut again. Um... did that work? Cause... I don't see the filename on my field. Yes: it *did* work - we don't see anything because of a display bug if you're using Symfony's Bootstrap 4 form theme. We'll talk about that later. But, the file *is* attached to the field. Hit Update!

Yes! It's our beloved `UploadedFile` object! We *totally* know how to work with that! Oh, but before we do: I want to point out something cool. Inspect element and find the `form` tag. Hey! It has the `enctype="multipart/form-data"` attribute! We get that for free because we use the `{{ form_start() }}` function to render the `<form>` tag. As soon as there is even *one* file upload field in the form, Symfony adds this attribute for you. High-five team!

## Moving the Uploaded File

Time to finish this. Let's upload a different file - `earth.jpeg`. And... there's the dump. We have two jobs in our controller: move this file to the final location *and* store the new filename on the `$imageFilename` property. Back in the controller, scroll down to `temporaryUploadAction()`, steal all its code, and delete it.

Up in `edit()`, remove the `dd()` and set this to an `$uploadedFile` variable. Add the same inline phpdoc as last time

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
26             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
27             $destination = $this-
28             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir').'/public/uploads';
29 // ... lines 60 - 77
30         }
31 // ... lines 79 - 82
32     }
33 // ... lines 84 - 121
34 }
35 }
```

then paste the code. Yep! We'll move the file to `public/uploads` and give it a unique filename. Take off the `dd()` around `move()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
26             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
27             $destination = $this-
28             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir').'/public/uploads';
29
30             $originalFilename = pathinfo($uploadedFile-
31             >getClientOriginalName(), PATHINFO_FILENAME);
32             $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize($originalFilename).'-'
33             .uniqid().'.'.$uploadedFile->guessExtension();
34
35             $uploadedFile->move(
36                 $destination,
37                 $newFilename
38             );
39 // ... lines 68 - 77
40         }
41 // ... lines 79 - 82
42     }
43 // ... lines 84 - 121
44 }
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122 }
```

Now, call `$article->setImageFilename($newFilename)`

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
26             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
27             $destination = $this-
28             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir').'/public/uploads';
29
30             $originalFilename = pathinfo($uploadedFile-
31             >getClientOriginalName(), PATHINFO_FILENAME);
32             $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize($originalFilename).'-'
33             .uniqid().'.'.$uploadedFile->guessExtension();
34
35             $uploadedFile->move(
36                 $destination,
37                 $newFilename
38             );
39             $article->setImageFilename($newFilename);
40
41         // ... lines 69 - 77
42     }
43
44     // ... lines 79 - 82
45 }
46
47 // ... lines 84 - 121
48 }
```

and let Doctrine save the entity, *just* like it already was.

Beautiful! I do want to point out that the `$newFilename` string that we're storing in the database is *just* the filename: it doesn't contain the directory or the word `uploads`: it's... the filename. Oh, for my personal sanity, let's upload things into an `article_image` sub-directory: that'll be cleaner when we start uploading multiple types of things. Remove the old files.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
26             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
27             $destination = $this-
28             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir').'/public/uploads/article_image';
29 // ... lines 60 - 77
30         }
31 // ... lines 79 - 82
32     }
33 // ... lines 84 - 121
34 }
```

Moment of truth! Find your browser, roll up your sleeves, and refresh! Um... it *probably* worked? In the `uploads/` directory... yea! There's our Earth file! Let's see what the database looks like - find your terminal and run:

```
● ● ●
```

```
php bin/console doctrine:query:sql 'SELECT * FROM article WHERE id = 1'
```

Let's see, the id of this article is 1. Yes! the `image_filename` column is *totally* set! Fist-pumping time!

## Avoid Processing when no Upload

Oh, but there is one tiny thing we need to clean up before moving on. What if we just want to, I don't know, edit the article's title, but we don't need to change the image. No problem - hit Update! Oh... That's HTML5 validation. You might remember from the forms tutorial that this `required` attribute is added to every field... unless you're using form field type guessing. It's annoying - fix it by adding `'required' => false`.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 19
20 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
21 {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 28
29     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
30     $options)
31     {
↔ // ... lines 31 - 34
35         $builder
↔ // ... lines 36 - 53
36             ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
37                 'required' => false,
38             ])
39         ;
↔ // ... lines 59 - 91
40     }
↔ // ... lines 93 - 155
41 }
42 }
```

Let's try it again. Refresh, change the title, submit and... oof.

*“Call to a member function `getClientOriginalName` on null”*

Of course! We're not uploading a file! So the `$uploadedFile` variable is null! That's ok! If the user didn't upload a file, we don't need to do *any* of this logic. In other words,

`if ($uploadedFile)`, then do all of that. Otherwise, skip it!

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 48
20     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
21     EntityManagerInterface $em)
22     {
23 // ... lines 51 - 55
24         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
25             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
26             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
27             if ($uploadedFile) {
28                 $destination = $this-
29                 >getParameter('kernel.project_dir') . '/public/uploads/article_image';
30
31                 $originalFilename = pathinfo($uploadedFile-
32                 >getClientOriginalName(), PATHINFO_FILENAME);
33                 $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize($originalFilename) . '-'
34                 . uniqid() . '.' . $uploadedFile->guessExtension();
35
36                 $uploadedFile->move(
37                     $destination,
38                     $newFilename
39                 );
40                 $article->setImageFilename($newFilename);
41             }
42         }
43 // ... lines 71 - 79
44     }
45 // ... lines 81 - 84
46 }
47 // ... lines 86 - 123
48 }
```

Refresh now. Got it!

Next: This is looking good! Except that... we need this exact same logic in the `new()` action. To make a *truly* killer upload system, we need to refactor the upload logic into a reusable service.

# Chapter 6: Centralizing Upload Logic

We've got a pretty nice system so far: moving the file, unique filenames and putting the filename string into the database. But it *is* kind of a lot of logic to put in the controller... and we *already* need to reuse this code somewhere else: in the `new()` action.

## Creating the Service

That's why I like to isolate my upload logic into a service class. In the `Service/` directory - or really anywhere - create a new class: how about `UploaderHelper`?

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Service;
4 // ... lines 4 - 6
5
6 class UploaderHelper
7 {
8
9
10 // ... lines 10 - 21
11
12 }
```

This class will handle *all* things related to uploading files. Create a

`public function uploadArticleImage():` it will take the `UploadedFile` as an argument - remember the one from `HttpFoundation` - and return a `string`. That will be the string filename that was ultimately saved.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2
3 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile;
4
5 class UploaderHelper
6 {
7
8     public function uploadArticleImage(UploadedFile $uploadedFile): string
9     {
10
11
12 // ... lines 12 - 20
13     }
14 }
```

Ok! Let's go steal some code for this. In fact, we're going to steal pretty much all the logic here... and paste it in. Make sure to retype the `r` on `Urlizer` to get the `use` statement on top.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 4
2 use Gedmo\Sluggable\Util\Urlizer;
3 // ... lines 6 - 7
4 class UploaderHelper
5 {
6     public function uploadArticleImage(UploadedFile $uploadedFile): string
7     {
8         $destination = $this-
9             >getParameter('kernel.project_dir') . '/public/uploads/article_image';
10
11         $originalFilename = pathinfo($uploadedFile-
12             >getClientOriginalName(), PATHINFO_FILENAME);
13         $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize($originalFilename) . '-'
14             . uniqid() . '.' . $uploadedFile->guessExtension();
15
16         $uploadedFile->move(
17             $destination,
18             $newFilename
19         );
20     }
21 }
22 }
```

And at the bottom, `return $newFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 class UploaderHelper
3 {
4     public function uploadArticleImage(UploadedFile $uploadedFile): string
5     {
6         // ... lines 10 - 16
7         return $newFilename;
8     }
9 }
```

Perfect! Well... not *perfect*, because the `$this->getParameter()` method is a shortcut that only works in the controller. If you need a parameter - or *any* configuration - from inside a service, you need to add it via dependency injection. Add the `public function __construct()` with, how about, a `string $uploadsPath` argument. Instead of just injecting the

`kernel.project_dir` parameter, we'll pass in the *whole* string to where uploads should be stored.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 class UploaderHelper
3 {
4     private $uploadsPath;
5
6     public function __construct(string $uploadsPath)
7     {
8         $this->uploadsPath = $uploadsPath;
9     }
10 // ... lines 16 - 30
11
12 }
```

I'll put my cursor on that argument name, hit `Alt + Enter` and select initialize fields to create that property and set it. Now, below, we can say `$this->uploadsPath` and then `/article_image`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 class UploaderHelper
3 {
4
5     // ... lines 10 - 16
6     public function uploadArticleImage(UploadedFile $uploadedFile): string
7     {
8         $destination = $this->uploadsPath.'/article_image';
9
10    // ... lines 21 - 29
11
12 }
```

Cool! Let's worry about configuring the `$uploadsPath` argument to our service in a minute. After all, Symfony's service system is so awesome, it'll tell me *exactly* what I need to configure once we try this.

For now, go back into `ArticleAdminController` and use this. Start by adding another argument: `UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper`. And celebrate by removing *all* of the logic below and replacing it with

```
$newFilename = $uploaderHelper->uploadArticleImage($uploadedFile).
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
↔ // ... lines 9 - 17
18 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
↔ // ... lines 20 - 49
50     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
EntityManagerInterface $em, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
51     {
↔ // ... lines 52 - 56
57         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
↔ // ... lines 58 - 59
60             if ($uploadedFile) {
61                 $newFilename = $uploaderHelper-
>uploadArticleImage($uploadedFile);
62                 $article->setImageFilename($newFilename);
63             }
↔ // ... lines 64 - 72
73         }
↔ // ... lines 74 - 77
78     }
↔ // ... lines 79 - 116
117 }
```

Dang - that is nice! There is still a *little* bit of logic here: the form logic and the logic that sets the filename on the `Article` - but I'm comfortable with that. And we now have this great new method: pass it an `UploadedFile` object, and it'll move it into the correct directory and give it a unique filename.

## Binding the `$uploadsPath` Argument

Let's take it for a test drive! Go back, refresh the form and... it works! Naw, I'm kidding - we knew this error was coming... but isn't it beautiful?

*“Cannot resolve argument `$uploadHelper` of the `edit()` method: Cannot autowire service `UploadHelper`: argument `$uploadsPath` of method `__construct()` is type-hinted `string`, you should configure its value explicitly.”*

That's programming poetry people! And it makes sense: autowiring doesn't work for scalar arguments. We got this: open `config/services.yaml`. We *could* configure the *specific* argument for this *specific* service. But if you've watched our Symfony series, you know that *I* like

to use the `bind` feature. The argument name is `$uploadsPath`. So, below `_defaults` and `bind`, add `$uploadsPath` set to `%kernel.project_dir%/public/uploads`.

```
config/services.yaml
 1 // ... lines 1 - 9
 2 services:
 3 // ... line 11
 4     _defaults:
 5 // ... lines 13 - 19
 6         bind:
 7 // ... lines 21 - 22
 8             uploadsPath: '%kernel.project_dir%/public/uploads'
 9 // ... lines 24 - 47
```

This means: *anywhere* that `$uploadsPath` is used as an argument for a method that's autowired - usually a controller action or the constructor of a service - pass in this value.

## Exceeding upload\_max\_filesize

Let's go see if that fixed things - reload. Now we see the form. To test this fully, let's empty out the `article_image/` directory. This time, let's upload the stars photo. Hit update.

Woh! The file "empty string" does not exist!? What the heck! Let's do some digging. When we call `guessExtension()`, internally, Symfony looks at the contents of the temporary uploaded file to determine what's inside. But... that file is missing! In fact, PHP is telling us that the temporary file name is... an empty string! It's madness!

Why is this happening? I'll give you a clue: the file we just uploaded is 3mb. Go to your terminal and run

```
php -i | grep upload
```

There it is: the `upload_max_filesize` in my `php.ini` is 2 megabytes, which is PHP's default value. I have a *bunch* of things to say about this. First, make sure you set this value to whatever you *really* want your max to be. You may also need to bump the `post_max_size` setting - that defaults to 8 mb, and *also* will cause uploads to fail if they're bigger than this.

Second, if you're getting *super* weird results while uploading, this is probably the problem. And *third*, once we add validation to our upload field, we'll get a really nice validation error instead of

this crazy fatal error. Symfony has our back.

So let's try a smaller file - our astronaut - it's 1.9 mb. Hit update and... yes! It worked!

## Adding the Logic to new() Action

Now that all of our logic is isolated, we can easily repeat this in the `new()` action. We *do* need to copy these 5 lines or so, but I'm happy with that.

Up in `new()`, add the argument - `UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper` - and inside the `isValid()` block, paste!

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
18 // ... lines 1 - 17
19 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 20 - 23
22     public function new(EntityManagerInterface $em, Request $request,
23     UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
24     {
25 // ... lines 26 - 28
26         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
27             /** @var Article $article */
28             $article = $form->getData();
29
30             /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
31             $uploadedFile = $form['imageFile']->getData();
32
33             if ($uploadedFile) {
34                 $newFilename = $uploaderHelper-
35                 >uploadArticleImage($uploadedFile);
36                 $article->setImageFilename($newFilename);
37             }
38         }
39     }
40 // ... lines 40 - 46
41     }
42 // ... lines 48 - 51
43     }
44 // ... lines 53 - 124
45 }
```

This uses the same form, with the same unmapped field, so it'll all just work.

Next: let's talk about validation.

# Chapter 7: File Validation

I've ignored it long enough - sorry! We've gotta add some validation to the upload field. Because... right now, we can upload *any* file type - it's madness! This is supposed to be an image field people! We need to *only* allow pngs, jpegs, gifs, image stuff.

## Validating an Unmapped Field

Normally we add validation to the entity class: we would go into the `Article` class, find the property, and add some annotations. But... the field we want to validate is an *unmapped* form field - there *is* no `imageFile` property in `Article`.

No worries: for unmapped fields, you can add validation directly to the form with the `constraints` option. And when it comes to file uploads, there are two really important constraints: one called `File` and an even stronger one called `Image`. Add `new Image()` - the one from the `Validator\Constraints`.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints\Image;
20
21 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 29
30     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
31     $options)
32     {
↔ // ... lines 32 - 35
36         $builder
↔ // ... lines 37 - 54
55             ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
↔ // ... lines 56 - 57
58                 'constraints' => [
59                     new Image()
60                 ]
61             ])
62         ;
↔ // ... lines 63 - 95
96     }
↔ // ... lines 97 - 159
160 }
```

## The Image Constraint

And... that's all we need! That's enough to make sure the user uploads an image. Check it out: find your browser, Google for "Symfony image constraint" and click into the docs.

The `Image` constraint *extends* the `File` constraint - so both basically have the same behavior: you can define a `maxSize` or configure different `mimeTypes`. The `Image` constraint just adds... more super-powers. First, it pre-configures the  `mimeType` option to only allow images. And you get a crazy-amount of other image stuff - like `minWidth`, `maxWidth` or `allowPortrait`.

So let's test it! Refresh the page and browse. Oh, the Symfony Best Practices PDF snuck into my directory. Select that, update and... boom! This file is not a valid image.

## Validating the File Size

Go back to the docs and click to see the `File` constraint. The other most common option is `maxSize`. To see what that looks like, set it to something *tiny*, like `5k`.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 29
30     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
31     {
32         // ...
33         $builder
34         // ...
35         ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
36             // ...
37             'constraints' => [
38                 new Image([
39                     'maxSize' => '5k'
40                 ])
41             ]
42         ])
43     }
44     ;
↔ // ... lines 65 - 97
45 }
↔ // ... lines 99 - 161
46 }
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162 }
```

Ok: browse and select *any* of the files. Hit update and... perfect: the file is too large.

Change that back to **5M**, or whatever makes sense for you.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 29
30     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
31     {
32         // ...
33         $builder
34         // ...
35         ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
36             // ...
37             'constraints' => [
38                 new Image([
39                     'maxSize' => '5M'
40                 ])
41             ]
42         ])
43     }
44     ;
↔ // ... lines 65 - 97
45     }
↔ // ... lines 99 - 161
46     }
47 }
```

## Validation and upload\_max\_filesize

Oh, but, remember a few minutes ago when we tried to upload the stars photo? It's 3 megabytes, which is way under the 5 megabytes we just set, but *above* my `php.ini upload_max_filesize` setting. That caused a really *nasty* error.

Well, try selecting it again and updating. Yes! When you use the `File` or `Image` constraint, they *also* catch any PHP-level upload errors and display them quite nicely. You *can* customize this message.

## Making the Upload Field Required

And... that's it! Sure, there are a more options and you can control all the messages - but that's easy enough. Except... there *is* one tricky thing: how can we make the upload field required? Like, when someone *creates* an article, they should be required to upload an image before saving it.

Simple, right? Just add a `new NotNull()` constraint to the `imageFile` field. Wait, no, that won't work. If we did that, we would need to upload a file even if we were just editing a field on the article: we would literally need to upload an image *every* time we changed anything.

Okay: so we want the `imageFile` to be required... but *only* if the `Article` doesn't already have an `imageFilename`. Start by breaking this onto multiple lines. Then say `$imageConstraints =`, copy the `new Image()` stuff and paste it here.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
22 {
23 // ... lines 23 - 29
30     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
31     $options)
32     {
33 // ... lines 32 - 35
34         $builder
35 // ... lines 37 - 45
36             ->add('location', ChoiceType::class, [
37 // ... lines 47 - 53
38                 ])
39             ;
40 // ... line 56
41         $imageConstraints = [
42             new Image([
43                 'maxSize' => '5M'
44             ])
45         ];
46         $builder
47             ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
48 // ... lines 64 - 66
49                 ])
50             ;
51 // ... lines 69 - 101
52         }
53 // ... lines 103 - 165
54 }
```

Down below, set `'constraints' => $imageConstraints`. Oh... and let's spell that correctly.

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
 21 // ... lines 1 - 20
22 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
23 {
24 // ... lines 23 - 29
25     public function buildForm(FormBuilderInterface $builder, array
26     $options)
27     {
28 // ... lines 32 - 61
29         $builder
30             ->add('imageFile', FileType::class, [
31 // ... lines 64 - 65
32                 'constraints' => $imageConstraints
33             ])
34             ;
35 // ... lines 69 - 101
36     }
37 // ... lines 103 - 165
38 }
```

Now we can conditionally add the `NotNull()` constraint *exactly* when we need it. Scroll up a little. In our forms tutorial, we used the `data` option to get the `Article` object that this form is bound to. If this is a "new" form, there may or may not be an `Article` object - so this will be an `Article` object or `null`. I also used that to create an `$isEdit` variable to figure out if we're on the edit screen or not.

We can leverage that by saying if this is *not* the edit page or if the article doesn't have an image filename, then take `$imageConstraints` and add `new NotNull()`. We'll even get fancy and customize the message: `Please upload an image.`

```
src/Form/ArticleFormType.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 19
20 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints\NotNull;
21
22 class ArticleFormType extends AbstractType
23 {
↔ // ... lines 24 - 57
58     $imageConstraints = [
59         new Image([
60             'maxSize' => '5M'
61         ])
62     ];
63
64     if (!$isEdit || !$article->getImageFilename()) {
65         $imageConstraints[] = new NotNull([
66             'message' => 'Please upload an image',
67         ]);
68     }
↔ // ... lines 69 - 109
110 }
↔ // ... lines 111 - 173
174 }
```

Just saying if `!$isEdit` is probably enough... but *just* in case, I'm checking to see if, *somehow*, we're on the edit page, but the `imageFilename` is missing, let's require it.

Cool: testing time! Refresh the entire form, but don't select an upload: we know that this `Article` does have an image already attached. Hit update and... works fine! Now try creating a new Article, fill in a few of the required fields, hit create and... boom! Please upload an image!

Validation, check! Next, let's fix how this renders: we've gotta see the filename after selecting a file - seeing nothing is bummin' me out.

# Chapter 8: Upload Field Styling & Bootstrap

If you use the Bootstrap 4 theme with Symfony... things get weird with upload fields! Yea, there *is* a good reason for *why*, but out-of-the-box, it's... just super weird. The problem? Select a file and... get rewarded by seeing absolutely *nothing*! Did the file actually attach? We *should* see the filename somewhere. What happened?

## Why Doesn't it Work?

The thing is... styling a file upload field is kinda hard. So, if you *really* want to control how it looks and make it super shiny, Bootstrap allows you to create a "custom" file input structure, which is what Symfony uses by default. Check this out: see the `<input type="file" . . .>` field? That's *hidden* by Bootstrap! Try removing the `opacity: 0` part and... say hello to the *real* file upload field... *with* the filename that we selected!

Bootstrap hides the input so that it, or we, can *completely* control how this *whole* field looks. Everything you *actually* see comes from the `label`: it takes up the entire width. Even the "Browse" button comes from some `:after` content.

The *great* thing about this is that styling a `label` element is easy. The sad panda part is that we don't see the filename when we select a file! We *can* fix that - but it takes a little bit of JavaScript.

## Customizing the Text in the Upload Field

Before we do that, we can *also* put a message in the main part of the file field by putting some content in the `label` element. But... it doesn't work like a normal label.

In the `templates/` directory, open `article_admin/_form.html.twig`. Here's our `imageFile` field. The second argument to `form_row` is an array of variables you can use to customize... basically anything. One of the most important ones is called `attr`: it's how you attach custom HTML attributes to the input field. Pass an attribute called `placeholder` set to `Select an article image`.

```
templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig
```

```
1  {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
```

```
2  // ... lines 2 - 4
```

```
5  {{ form_row(articleForm.imageFile, {}}
```

```
6  attr: {
```

```
7      'placeholder': 'Select an article image'
```

```
8  }
```

```
9  }) }}
```

```
10 // ... lines 10 - 27
```

```
28 {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

This would normally add a `placeholder` attribute to the input so you can have some text on the field if it's empty. But when you're dealing with a file upload field with the Bootstrap theme, this is used in a different way... but it accomplishes the same thing.

Refresh! Cool! The empty part of the file field now gets this text.

## Showing the Selected Filename

But if you select a file... the filename still doesn't show. Let's fix that already. Look at the structure again: Symfony's form theme is using this `custom-file-input` class on the input. Ok, so what we need to do is this: on *change* of that field, we need to set the HTML of the label to the filename, which *is* something we have access to in JavaScript.

To keep things simple, open `base.html.twig`: we'll write some JavaScript that will work across the entire site. I'd recommend using Webpack Encore, and putting this code in your main entry file if you want it to be global. But, without Encore, down here works fine.

Use `$('.custom-file-input')` - that's the class that's on the `input` field itself, `.on('change')` and pass this a callback with an `event` argument. Inside, we need to find the `label` element: I'll do that by finding the parent of the `input` and then looking for the `custom-file-label` class so we can set its HTML.

### templates/base.html.twig

```
↔ // ... line 1
2 <html lang="en">
↔ // ... lines 3 - 15
16     <body>
↔ // ... lines 17 - 82
83         {% block javascripts %}
↔ // ... lines 84 - 86
87             <script>
↔ // ... line 88
89                 $('.custom-file-input').on('change', function(event) {
↔ // ... lines 90 - 93
94                     });
95                 </script>
96             {% endblock %}
97         </body>
98     </html>
```

In the callback, set `var inputFile = event.currentTarget` - that's the DOM node for the `input type="file"` element. Next,

`$(inputFile).parent().find('.custom-file-label').html()` and pass this the filename that was just selected: `inputFile.files[0].name`. The `0` part looks a bit weird, but technically a file upload field can upload *multiple* files. We're not doing that, so we get to take this shortcut.

### templates/base.html.twig

```
↔ // ... line 1
2 <html lang="en">
↔ // ... lines 3 - 15
16     <body>
↔ // ... lines 17 - 82
83         {% block javascripts %}
↔ // ... lines 84 - 86
87             <script>
↔ // ... line 88
89                 $('.custom-file-input').on('change', function(event) {
90                     var inputFile = event.currentTarget;
91                     $(inputFile).parent()
92                         .find('.custom-file-label')
93                         .html(inputFile.files[0].name);
94                 });
95                 </script>
96             {% endblock %}
97         </body>
98     </html>
```

Give it a try! Refresh... browse... select `rocket.jpg` and... yea! Our placeholder gets replaced by the filename. That's what we expect *and* the field is easier to style thanks to this.

Next: the upload side of things is looking good. It's time to start rendering the URL to the upload files... but without letting things get crazy-disorganized. I want to *love* our setup.

# Chapter 9: URL to Public Assets

The hardest part of handling uploads... probably isn't the uploading part! For me, it's rendering the URLs to the uploaded files, thumbnailing and creating endpoints to download *private* files. Oh, and we *gotta* keep this organized: I do *not* want a bunch of upload directory names sprinkled over 50 files in my code. It's bad for sanity, I mean, *maintenance*, and will make it hard to move your uploads to the cloud later... which we *are* going to do.

Look back at the homepage: all of these images work except for one. But, *this* is actually the image that we uploaded! Inspect element on that and check its path:

`/images/astronaut-blah-blah.jpeg`. Check out one of the working images. Ah yes: until now, in the fixtures, we set the `$imageFilename` string to one of the filenames that are hardcoded and committed into the `public/images/` directory, like `asteroid.jpeg`.

These aren't *really* uploaded assets: we were just faking it! Check out the template:

`templates/article/homepage.html.twig`. There it is! We're using the `asset()`... ah, wrong spot. Here we go: we're saying `{{ asset(article.imagePath) }}`, which calls `getImagePath()` inside `Article`. That just prefixes the filename with `images/` and returns it! So if `imageFilename` is `asteroid.jpeg` in the database, this returns `images/asteroid.jpeg`.

## Pointing the Path to uploads/

Now that the *true* uploaded assets are stored in a different directory, we can just update this path! In `Article`, change this to `uploads/article_image/` and then `$this->getImageFilename()`.

```
src/Entity/Article.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 17
18 class Article
19 {
↔ // ... lines 20 - 184
185     public function getImagePath()
186     {
187         return 'uploads/article_image/'. $this->getImageFilename();
188     }
↔ // ... lines 189 - 307
308 }
```

Cool! Try it out! It works! We don't care about the broken images from the fixtures: we'll fix them soon. But the *actual* uploaded image *does* render.

## Getting Organized

Great first step. Now, let's get organized! One problem is that we have the directory name - `article_image` - in `Article` and also in `UploaderHelper` where we move the file around. That's not too bad - but as we start adding more file uploads to the system, we're going to have more duplication. I don't like having these important strings in multiple places.

So, in `UploaderHelper`, why not create a constant for this? Call it `ARTICLE_IMAGE` and set it to the directory name: `article_image`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 class UploaderHelper
9 {
10     const ARTICLE_IMAGE = 'article_image';
11
↔ // ... lines 12 - 32
33 }
```

Down below, use that: `self::ARTICLE_IMAGE`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 class UploaderHelper
9 {
↔ // ... lines 10 - 18
19     public function uploadArticleImage(UploadedFile $uploadedFile): string
20     {
21         $destination = $this->uploadsPath.'/'.$self::ARTICLE_IMAGE;
22
↔ // ... lines 23 - 31
32     }
33 }
```

And in `Article`, do the same thing: `UploaderHelper::ARTICLE_IMAGE`.

```
src/Entity/Article.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 18
19 class Article
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 185
186     public function getImagePath()
187     {
188         return 'uploads/'.UploaderHelper::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$this-
>getImageFilename();
189     }
↔ // ... lines 190 - 308
309 }
```

Small step, and when we refresh, it works fine.

## Centralizing the Public Path

Let's keep going! Back in `Article`, the path starts with `uploads`... because that's part of the public path to the asset. That's not a huge problem, but I actually *don't* want that `uploads` string to live here. Why? Well, I kinda don't want my entity to really care *where* or *how* we're storing our uploads. Like, if our site grows and we move our uploads to the cloud, we would need to change this `uploads` string to a full CDN URL in *all* entities with an upload field. And, that URL might even need to be dynamic - we might use a different CDN locally versus on production! Nope, I don't want my entity to worry about any of these details.

Remove the `uploads/` part from the path.

```
src/Entity/Article.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class Article
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 185
186     public function getImagePath()
187     {
188         return UploaderHelper::ARTICLE_IMAGE . '/' . $this->getImageFilename();
189     }
↔ // ... lines 190 - 308
309 }
```

Now `getImagePath()` returns the path to the image relative to wherever our app decides to store uploads. In `UploaderHelper`, add a new `public function getPublicPath()`. This will take a string `$path` - that will be something like `article_image/astronaut.jpeg` - and it will return a string, which will be the *actual* public path to the file. Inside,

```
return 'uploads/' . $path;.
```

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 class UploaderHelper
9 {
↔ // ... lines 10 - 33
34     public function getPublicPath(string $path): string
35     {
36         return 'uploads/' . $path;
37     }
38 }
```

That may feel like a micro improvement, but it's awesome! Thanks to this, we can call `getPublicPath()` from anywhere in our app to get the URL to an uploaded asset. If we move to the cloud, we only need to change the URL here! Awesome!

## uploaded\_asset() Twig Extension

Except... how can we call this from Twig? Because, if we refresh right now... it definitely does *not* work. No worries: let's create a custom Twig function. Open `src/Twig/AppExtension` - this is the Twig extension we created in our Symfony series. Here's the plan: in the homepage template, instead of using the `asset()` function, let's use a new function called `uploaded_asset()`. We'll pass it `article.imagePath` - and it will ultimately call `getPublicPath()`.

```
templates/article/homepage.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21           {% for article in articles %}
↔ // ... lines 22 - 23
24           
↔ // ... lines 25 - 39
40           {% endfor %}
↔ // ... lines 41 - 65
```

In `AppExtension`, copy `getFilters()`, paste and rename it to `getFunctions()`. Return an array, and, inside, add a `new TwigFunction()` with `uploaded_asset` and `[$this, 'getUploadedAssetPath']`.

```
src/Twig/AppExtension.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Twig\TwigFunction;
↔ // ... line 12
13 class AppExtension extends AbstractExtension implements
    ServiceSubscriberInterface
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 21
22     public function getFunctions(): array
23     {
24         return [
25             new TwigFunction('uploaded_asset', [$this,
26                 'getUploadedAssetPath'])
27         ];
28     }
↔ // ... lines 28 - 56
57 }
```

Copy that new method name, scroll down and add it:

`public function getUploadedAssetPath()` with a `string $path` argument. It will also return a string.

```
src/Twig/AppExtension.php
```

```
 13 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class AppExtension extends AbstractExtension implements
 14 ServiceSubscriberInterface
14 {
 15 // ... lines 15 - 42
43     public function getUploadedAssetPath(string $path): string
44     {
 16 // ... lines 45 - 47
48     }
 17 // ... lines 49 - 56
57 }
```

## Using a Service Subscriber

Inside: we need to get the `UploaderHelper` service so we can call `getPublicPath()` on it. Normally we do this by adding it as an argument to the constructor. But, in a few places in Symfony, for performance purposes, we should do something *slightly* different: we use what's called a "service subscriber", because it allows us to fetch the services lazily. If this is a new concept for you, go check out our [Symfony Fundamentals course](#) - it's a really cool feature.

The short explanation is that this class has a `getSubscribedServices()` method where we can choose which services we need. These are then included in the `$container` object and we can fetch them out by saying `$this->container->get()`.

Add `UploaderHelper::class` to the array.

```
src/Twig/AppExtension.php
```

```
 13 // ... lines 1 - 5
 6 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
 7 // ... lines 7 - 12
13 class AppExtension extends AbstractExtension implements
 14 ServiceSubscriberInterface
14 {
 15 // ... lines 15 - 49
50     public static function getSubscribedServices()
51     {
52         return [
 16 // ... line 53
54             UploaderHelper::class,
55         ];
56     }
57 }
```

Then, above, we can

```
return $this->container->get(UploaderHelper::class)->getPublicPath($path).
```

```
src/Twig/AppExtension.php
12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class AppExtension extends AbstractExtension implements
14 ServiceSubscriberInterface
15 {
16 // ... lines 15 - 42
43     public function getUploadedAssetPath(string $path): string
44     {
45         return $this->container
46             ->get(UploaderHelper::class)
47             ->getPublicPath($path);
48     }
49 // ... lines 49 - 56
50 }
51 }
```

Let's give it a try! Refresh! We got it! That took some work, but I promise you'll be *super* happy you did this.

Next: let's also update the image path in the show page, and learn a bit about what the `asset()` function does internally and how we can do the same thing automatically in `UploaderHelper`.

# Chapter 10: The asset() Function & assets.context

When we go to the show page... of course, it doesn't work yet! We need to update the template.

Copy the `uploaded_asset()` code, open `show.html.twig`... here it is, and paste.

templates/article/show.html.twig

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5  {% block content_body %}
6      <div class="row">
7          <div class="col-sm-12">
8              
↔ // ... lines 9 - 25
26      </div>
27  </div>
↔ // ... lines 28 - 78
79  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 80 - 86
```

Easy! Reload the page now. Oh... it *still* doesn't work. Inspect element on the image. Ah, the path is right, but because there is no `/` at the beginning, and because the current URL is a sort of sub-directory, it's looking for the image in the wrong place. If you hack in the `/`... it pops up!

Adding this opening slash is actually one of the jobs of the `asset()` function. Try this: wrap this entire thing in `asset()`.

templates/article/show.html.twig

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5  {% block content_body %}
6      <div class="row">
7          <div class="col-sm-12">
8              
↔ // ... lines 9 - 25
26      </div>
27  </div>
↔ // ... lines 28 - 78
79  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 80 - 86
```

Now refresh. It works! But, wrapping `asset()` around `uploaded_asset()` is kind of annoying: can't we just handle this internally in `UploaderHelper`?

```
templates/article/show.html.twig
1 // ... lines 1 - 4
2
3 5  {% block content_body %}
4 6      <div class="row">
5 7          <div class="col-sm-12">
6 8              
8
9 10     // ... lines 9 - 25
11
12 12     </div>
13 13     </div>
14
15 15     // ... lines 28 - 78
16
17 17     79  {% endblock %}
18
19 18     // ... lines 80 - 86
```

After all, this method is supposed to return the public path to an asset: we shouldn't need to do any other "fixes" on the path after.

The easiest way to fix things would be to add a `/` at the beginning. That would totally work! But... allow me to nerd-out for a minute and explain an edge-case that the `asset()` function usually handles for us. Imagine if your site were deployed under a *subdirectory* of a domain. Like, instead of the URL on production being `thespacebar.com`, it's `thegalaxy.org/thespacebar` - our app does *not* live at the root of the domain. If you have a situation like this, hardcoding a `/` at the beginning of the URL won't work! It would need to be `/thespacebar/`.

The `asset()` function does this automatically: it detects that subdirectory and... just handles it! To *really* make our `getPublicPath()` shine, I want to do the same thing here.

## Using the RequestStackContext

To do this, we're going to work with a service that you don't see very often in Symfony: it's the service that's used internally by the `asset()` function to determine the subdirectory. In the constructor, add another argument: `RequestStackContext $requestStackContext`. I'll hit `Alt + Enter` and select `initialize fields` to create that property and set it.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use Symfony\Component\Asset\Context\RequestStackContext;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 8
9 class UploaderHelper
10 {
↔ // ... lines 11 - 16
17     public function __construct(string $uploadsPath, RequestStackContext
18     $requestStackContext)
19     {
↔ // ... line 19
20         $this->requestStackContext = $requestStackContext;
21     }
↔ // ... lines 22 - 43
44 }
```

Down in `getPublicPath()`, return `$this->requestStackContext->getBasePath()` and then `'/uploads/' . $path`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 8
9 class UploaderHelper
10 {
↔ // ... lines 11 - 37
38     public function getPublicPath(string $path): string
39     {
40         // needed if you deploy under a subdirectory
41         return $this->requestStackContext
42             ->getBasePath() . '/uploads/' . $path;
43     }
44 }
```

If our app lives at the root of the domain - like it does right now - this will just return an empty string. But if it lives at a subdirectory like `thespacebar`, it'll return `/thespacebar`.

Try it! Oh... wow - *huge* error! This `RequestStackContext` service is such a low-level service, that Symfony doesn't make it available to be used for autowiring. Check out the error, it says:

*"Yo! You can't autowire the `$requestStackContext` argument: it's type-hinted with a class called `RequestStackContext`, but there isn't a service with this id. Maybe you can create a service alias for this class that points to the `assets.context` service."*

This is a bit technical and we talk about this in our Symfony Fundamentals course. Symfony sees that the `RequestStackContext` type-hint is not autowireable, but it also sees that there *is* a

service in the container - called `assets.context` - that is an *instance* of this class!

Check it out: copy the full class name and then go into `config/services.yaml`. At the bottom, paste the full class name, go copy the service id they suggested, and say `@assets.context`.

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
 10 services:
  48     Symfony\Component\Asset\Context\RequestStackContext: '@assets.context'
```

This creates a service alias. Basically, there is *now* a new service that lives in the container called `Symfony\Component\Asset\Context\RequestStackContext`. And if you fetch it, it'll really just give you the `assets.context` service. The *key* thing is that *this* makes the class autowireable.

To prove it, find your terminal and run:

```
php bin/console debug:autowiring request
```

to search for all autowireable classes that contain that string. Hey! There is our `RequestStackContext`! If we had run this a minute ago, it would *not* have been there.

Refresh the page now. Got it! And if you look at the path, yep! It's `/uploads/article_image/astronaut.jpeg`. If we lived under a subdirectory, that subdirectory would be there. Small detail, but our site is *still* super portable.

Next, let's create thumbnails of our image so the user doesn't need to download the full size.

# Chapter 11: Thumbnailing with LiipImagineBundle

Go back to the homepage. We're rendering these images with a width and height of 100. But the image behind this is *way* bigger! That's wasteful: we don't want the user to wait to download these *gigantic* images, just to see the tiny thumbnail.

## Hello LiipImagineBundle

Google for LiipImagineBundle and find its GitHub page. They have a bunch of docs right here... but *most* of the information actually lives over on Symfony.com. Click "Download the Bundle" to get there... and then I'll go back to the homepage - *lots* of good stuff here.

Start back on the Installation page. Copy the composer require line, find your terminal, paste and... go go go!

```
● ● ●
```

```
composer require "liip/imagine-bundle:^2.1"
```

While we're waiting, head back over to the docs. Thanks to Flex, we don't need to enable the bundle or register the routes - that's automatic. Go back to the homepage of the docs... and click the "Filter Sets" link.

This bundle is pretty sweet. You start by creating something called a "filter set" and giving it a name - like `my_thumb` or whatever you want. Next, you tell the bundle which *filters*, or *transformations*, to apply when you use the `my_thumb` filter set. And there are a *ton* of them: you can change the size with the `thumbnail` filter, add a background, add border color, replace the image entirely with a cat gif - pretty much anything you can dream of. We'll just use the `thumbnail` transformation, but seriously - check out the full list.

## Configuring the Filter Set

Let's go check on the install. Excellent! It's done. And the message is right on: it says we need to get to work in the new config file: `liip_imagine.yaml`. Go open that:

`config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml`. Uncomment the root key to activate the bundle, leave the `driver` alone - it defaults to `gd` - and uncomment `filter_sets`.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 #     # valid drivers options include "gd" or "gmagick" or "imagick"  
3 #     driver: "gd"  
4 #  
5 #     # define your filter sets under this option  
6 filter_sets:  
7 // ... lines 7 - 42
```

Let's create our first filter set called `squared_thumbnail_small`. We'll use this on the homepage to reduce the images down to 100 by 100. To do that, uncomment the `filters` key and I'll copy the `thumbnail` example from below, move it up here, and uncomment it.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 5  
3 filter_sets:  
4 // ... lines 7 - 9  
5 squared_thumbnail_small:  
6     filters:  
7 // ... lines 12 - 42
```

Set the size to 200 by 200 so it looks good on Retina displays. The `mode: outbound` is *how* the thumbnail is applied - you can also use `inbound`.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 5  
3 filter_sets:  
4 // ... lines 7 - 9  
5 squared_thumbnail_small:  
6     filters:  
7         thumbnail:  
8             size: [200, 200]  
9             mode: outbound  
10            allow_upscale: true  
11  
12 // ... lines 17 - 42
```

And... I think we're ready to go! Copy the `squared_thumbnail_small` name and go into `homepage.html.twig`. To use this, it's so nice: `|imagine_filter()` and then the name.

```
templates/article/homepage.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 20
21         {% for article in articles %}
22             <div class="article-container my-1">
23                 <a href="{{ path('article_show', {slug: article.slug}) }}>
24                     
5       <div class="col-sm-12">
6         
10
11   // ... lines 9 - 25
12
13   </div>
14
15   </div>
16
17   // ... lines 28 - 78
18
19   {% endblock %}
20
21   // ... lines 80 - 86
```

Reload! It works! The first time it has the `resolve` in the URL and is handled by a Symfony route & controller. The second time, it points directly to the file that was just saved. Awesome!

## Adding an Image Preview to the Form

While we're kicking butt, go back to the article admin section and click to edit the article we've been working on. Hmm, it's not obvious that this article has an image attached... or what it looks like. We need a little image thumbnail next to this field.

We got this. Open the form template `templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig`. Let's think: to render an image, we *could* create a form theme that automatically makes the `form_row()` function render an image preview for file fields. That's cool. *Or*, we can keep it simple and do it right here.

Create a `<div class="row"></div>` and another `<div class="col-sm-9"><div>` inside to set up a mini grid. Move the file field here. Now add a div with `class="col-sm-3"`: *this* is where we'll render the image... if there is one.

`templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig`

```
1  {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
2  // ... lines 2 - 5
3  <div class="row">
4      <div class="col-sm-9">
5          {{ form_row(articleForm.imageFile, {
6              attr: {
7                  'placeholder': 'Select an article image'
8              }
9          }) }}
10         </div>
11         <div class="col-sm-3">
12             // ... lines 15 - 17
13             </div>
14         </div>
15         // ... lines 20 - 38
16     {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

To do that, we need the `Article` object. Copy the image path logic from the homepage and then go find the controller for the admin section: `ArticleAdminController`. When we render the template - this is in the `new()` action - we're *only* passing the form variable. In `edit()`, we're doing the same thing. We *could* add an `article` variable here - that's a *fine* option. But, we don't *need* to.

Back in the template, we can say `{% if articleForm.vars.data %}` - *that* will be the `Article` object - then `.imageFilename`. If we have an image filename, print `
5  // ... lines 7 - 13
6
7      <div class="col-sm-3">
8          {% if articleForm.vars.data.imageFilename %}
9              
11          {% endif %}
12      </div>
13
14  </div>
15
16  // ... lines 20 - 38
17
18  {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

Try it! Refresh and... yes! To make sure we didn't break anything, try creating a new article. Whoops... we broke something!

*“Impossible to access attribute `imageFilename` on a null variable”*

Ah, we need to be careful: `articleForm.vars.data` *may be null* on a "new" form - it depends how you set it up. The easiest fix is to add `|default`. It's kinda weird... when you add `|default`, it *suppresses* the error and just returns `null` if there were any problems, which, for the if statement, is the same as `false`. It looks weird, but works great. Try it. All better.

```
templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig
1  {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
2  // ... lines 2 - 5
3
4  <div class="row">
5  // ... lines 7 - 13
6
7      <div class="col-sm-3">
8          {% if articleForm.vars.data.imageFilename|default %}
9              
11          {% endif %}
12      </div>
13
14  </div>
15
16  // ... lines 20 - 38
17
18  {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

Next, we have a real upload system (yay!) but our article data fixtures are broken: they're just setting `imageFilename` to a random filename that won't *actually* exist in the `uploads/` directory. How can we fix that? By using our file upload system *inside* the fixtures! Well, at least, sort of.

# Chapter 13: File Uploads & Data Fixtures

Open up `src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php`. Here's how this works: this function creates 10 articles whenever we run `bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load`. It's a cool helper we created in our Symfony series. But, the `setImageFilename()` stuff is now a problem. We know that the image filename needs to be the name of a file that lives inside of the `uploads/article_image` directory - something like `astronaut-blah-blah.jpg`. Right now, the fixtures use faker to select a random item in `$articleImages` - this private property. So, it's setting `imageFilename` to either `asteroid.jpeg`, `mercury.jpeg` or `lightspeed.png`.

This worked before because those images are committed to our repository in the `public/images` directory and we were pointing to *that* path in our template. When we run `doctrine:fixtures:load`, it *does* create 10 Article objects and it *does* set the image filename to one of these three filenames. But on the homepage... it doesn't work! There is no `upload/article_image/lightspeed.png` file. We need to re-think how this works.

## Faking the File Upload

How? By *faking* the file upload inside the fixtures. It's kinda...beautiful! Our `UploaderHelper` service is already really good at moving things into the right spot - why not reuse it here?

Inside `ArticleFixtures`, create a `public function __construct()`. Add an `UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper` argument and I'll hit `ALT + Enter` and select `initialize` fields to create that property and set it.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
↔ // ... lines 9 - 12
13 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
DependentFixtureInterface
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 26
27     private $uploaderHelper;
28
29     public function __construct(UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
30     {
31         $this->uploaderHelper = $uploaderHelper;
32     }
↔ // ... lines 33 - 90
91 }
```

Next, lets "cut" the 3 files in the `public/images` directory: we're going to move them to a different spot, because they no longer need to be publicly accessible. You'll see what I mean. In the `src/DataFixtures` directory, create a new folder here called `images/` and paste them! Yep! They are no longer in the `public/images/` directory.

Because these test images are committed to git, I'm going to commit this move - it'll help us in a minute when things... ah... sorta go wrong horribly wrong. Yes! We are planning for disaster!

Here's the idea: we'll use the `UploaderHelper` down here, point it at one of these 3 files, and have it, sort of, "fake" upload it. Start with `$randomImage =`, copy the faker code, and paste. This is now one of the three random image filenames.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
 12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
 14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 33
16     protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
17     {
18         $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
19         ($manager) {
20             // ... lines 37 - 63
21             $randomImage = $this->faker-
22             >randomElement(self::$articleImages);
23         // ... lines 65 - 78
24     });
25 // ... lines 80 - 81
26 }
27 // ... lines 83 - 90
28 }
```

Next, in `UploaderHelper`, what I'd *like* to do is call `uploadArticleImage()` and basically say:

*"Hey! Pretend like `asteroid.jpeg` is a file that was just uploaded. And... ya know... do all your normal stuff and move it into the `uploads/` directory."*

This is easier than you think: in the fixtures class, set `$imageFilename` to `$this->uploaderHelper->uploadArticleImage()`. What I *want* to do is now say `new UploadedFile()` and point it at one of the images. The *problem* is that you can't really create a fake `UploadedFile` object. Internally, it's *bound* to the PHP uploading process - weird stuff will happen if you try to create one *outside* of that context.

## Hello File Object

That's ok! It just means we need to dig deeper! Go back into `UploaderHelper`. Hold Command or Ctrl and click to open the `UploadedFile` class. This lives in the `Symfony\HttpFoundation\File` namespace and *extends* a class called `File` that lives in the same directory.

The `File` class is awesome: it simply represents... *any* file on your filesystem, regardless of whether it's an uploaded file or just a normal file. And, if you look closely, the *vast* majority of the

methods we've been using come from *this* class - *not* from `UploadedFile`. And we can create a `File` object outside of an upload context.

So back in `ArticleFixtures`, instead of creating a `new UploadedFile()`, say `new File()` - the one from `HttpFoundation`. Pass this the path to the random image: `__DIR__ . '/images/'` and then `$randomImage`, which will be one of these image filenames.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
11  use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
13  class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
14  {
15
16      protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
17      {
18          $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
19          ($manager) {
20
21              $randomImage = $this->faker-
22                  >randomElement(self::$articleImages);
23
24              $imageFilename = $this->uploaderHelper
25                  ->uploadArticleImage(new
26                  File(__DIR__ . '/images/' . $randomImage));
27
28          });
29
30      }
31
32  }
```

Now, take `$imageFilename` - that'll be whatever the final filename is on the system after moving it, and set that onto the entity.

That's beautiful! In `UploaderHelper`, we need to make this work *not* with an `UploadedFile` object, but with the parent `File`. Change the type-hint to `File` - again, make sure you get the one from `HttpFoundation` or you will have no fun. To keep things clear, I'll Refactor -> Rename this variable to `$file`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 9
10 class UploaderHelper
11 {
↔ // ... lines 12 - 23
24     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
25     {
↔ // ... lines 26 - 34
35         $file->move(
36             $destination,
37             $newFilename
38         );
↔ // ... lines 39 - 40
41     }
↔ // ... lines 42 - 48
49 }
```

Let's see: everything looks happy, ah - except for `getClientOriginalName()`: that method does not exist in `File` - it only exists in `UploadedFile`. Ok, let's get fancy then: if `$file` is an `instanceof UploadedFile`, we can say

```
$originalFilename = $file->getClientOriginalName(). Else, set
$originalFilename to $file->getFilename() - that's just the name of the file on the
filesystem.
```

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 9
10 class UploaderHelper
11 {
↔ // ... lines 12 - 23
24     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
25     {
↔ // ... lines 26 - 27
28         if ($file instanceof UploadedFile) {
29             $originalFilename = $file->getClientOriginalName();
30         } else {
31             $originalFilename = $file->getFilename();
32         }
↔ // ... lines 33 - 40
41     }
↔ // ... lines 42 - 48
49 }
```

After this, delete the `pathinfo()` stuff - we can move that to the next line. Inside `urlize()`, re-add the `pathinfo()` and pass the same second argument: `PATHINFO_FILENAME`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
3 // ... lines 7 - 9
4 class UploaderHelper
5 {
6     // ... lines 12 - 23
7     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
8     {
9         // ... lines 26 - 27
10        if ($file instanceof UploadedFile) {
11            $originalFilename = $file->getClientOriginalName();
12        } else {
13            $originalFilename = $file->getClientOriginalName();
14        }
15        $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize(pathinfo($originalFilename,
16            PATHINFO_FILENAME)).'-' . uniqid().'.'.$file->guessExtension();
17        // ... lines 34 - 40
18    }
19    // ... lines 42 - 48
20 }
```

I think that's all we need! Let's completely clear out the `uploads/` directory. Now, find your terminal and run:

```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

## Copying the Files Before Moving

Woh! The file `src/DataFixtures/images/asteroid.jpeg` does not exist? Hmm. Check this out: it *did* upload two files before going all "explody" on us. Oh, but those original files are missing! Of course! We're using `$file->move()`. So it *is* working, but instead of copying the files, it's moving them, and the originals are disappearing.

Let's get those files back. Run:

```
git status
```

And undelete them with:

```
git checkout src/DataFixtures/images
```

Much better. Let's clean out the uploads directory again.

We *do* want to use `$file->move()` because we *do* want to move the uploaded file in normal circumstances. So, to get around this, in the fixtures, let's copy the original file to a temporary spot. Start with `$fs = new Filesystem()` - that's a handy object for doing filesystem operations.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
11  use Symfony\Component\Filesystem\Filesystem;
14  class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
15  {
16  // ... lines 16 - 34
35      protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
36      {
37          $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
38          ($manager) {
39          // ... lines 38 - 64
65              $randomImage = $this->faker-
66              >randomElement(self::$articleImages);
67              $fs = new Filesystem();
68          // ... lines 67 - 82
69          });
70          // ... lines 84 - 85
71      }
72      // ... lines 87 - 94
95  }
```

Next, `$targetPath = sys_get_temp_dir() . '/' . $randomImage`. And then use `$fs->copy()`. We want to copy the original file path into `$targetPath`.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
 11 // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Symfony\Component\Filesystem\Filesystem;
 11 // ... lines 12 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
 14 DependentFixtureInterface
15 {
 15 // ... lines 16 - 34
35     protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
36     {
37         $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
37 ($manager) {
 15 // ... lines 38 - 65
66             $fs = new Filesystem();
67             $targetPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/'.$randomImage;
68             $fs->copy(__DIR__.'/images/'.$randomImage, $targetPath, true);
 15 // ... lines 69 - 82
83     });
 15 // ... lines 84 - 85
86 }
 15 // ... lines 87 - 94
95 }
```

Inside `File`, pass the temporary path.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Symfony\Component\Filesystem\Filesystem;
11 // ... lines 12 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
14 DependentFixtureInterface
15 {
15 // ... lines 16 - 34
35     protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
36     {
37         $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
37 ($manager) {
38 // ... lines 38 - 65
66             $fs = new Filesystem();
67             $targetPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/'.$randomImage;
68             $fs->copy(__DIR__.'/images/'.$randomImage, $targetPath, true);
69             $imageFilename = $this->uploaderHelper
69                 ->uploadArticleImage(new File($targetPath));
70             // ... lines 71 - 82
83         });
83 // ... lines 84 - 85
86     }
86 // ... lines 87 - 94
95 }
```

Ok, let's try it again!

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```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

No error, our original files still exist and... we have a directory full of, fake uploaded files. Now try the homepage. Beautiful. What I *really* love about this is that we're not doing anything fancy or tricky in our fixtures: we're literally using our upload system.

## Cleanup into a Private Method

Though, I don't love having *all* of this logic right in the middle of this already-long function: it's not super obvious what it does. Let's do some cleanup: copy all of this. And at the bottom, create a new `private function fakeUploadImage()` that will return a `string`.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
15 DependentFixtureInterface
15 {
16 // ... lines 16 - 90
91     private function fakeUploadImage(): string
92     {
16 // ... lines 93 - 99
100 }
101 }
```

Paste all that logic and return the `$this->uploaderHelper` line. It selects a random image, uploads it and returns the path.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
15 DependentFixtureInterface
15 {
16 // ... lines 16 - 90
91     private function fakeUploadImage(): string
92     {
93         $randomImage = $this->faker->randomElement(self::$articleImages);
94         $fs = new Filesystem();
95         $targetPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/'.$randomImage;
96         $fs->copy(__DIR__.'/images/'.$randomImage, $targetPath, true);
97
98         return $this->uploaderHelper
99             ->uploadArticleImage(new File($targetPath));
100     }
101 }
```

Back up top, delete all this stuff and say `$imageFilename = $this->fakeUploadImage()`.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
 14 // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
DependentFixtureInterface
15 {
16 // ... lines 16 - 33
34
35     protected function loadData(ObjectManager $manager)
36     {
37         $this->createMany(10, 'main_articles', function($count) use
($manager) {
18 // ... lines 38 - 64
65             $imageFilename = $this->fakeUploadImage();
19 // ... lines 66 - 77
78         });
19 // ... lines 79 - 80
81     }
19 // ... lines 82 - 100
101 }
```

Let's run those fixtures one more time!



```
php bin/console doctrine:load:fixtures
```

When it finishes... we have some new files... and the homepage is shiny! That's a solid fixture system.

Next: we'll take our first step towards storing uploaded files in the cloud by integrating the gorgeous Flysystem library.

# Chapter 14: Flysystem: Filesystem Abstraction

I keep talking about how we're going to eventually move our uploads off of our server and put them onto AWS S3. But right now, our entire upload system is very tied to our local filesystem. For example, `$file->move()`? Yea, that will *always* move things physically on your filesystem.

One of my *favorite* tools to help with this problem is a library called Flysystem. It's written by our friend Frank - who co-authored our React tutorial. He also spoke at SymfonyCon in 2018 about Flysystem and that presentation is [available right here on SymfonyCasts](#).

Flysystem gives you a nice service object that you can use to write or read files. Then, behind the scenes, you can swap out whether you want to use a local filesystem, S3, Dropbox or pretty much anything else. It gives you an easy way to work with the filesystem, but that filesystem could be local or in the cloud.

## OneupFlysystemBundle

In Symfony, we have an excellent bundle for this library: Google for OneupFlysystemBundle, find their GitHub page, then click into the docs. Copy the library name, find your terminal and run:

### 💡 Tip

A newer version of this bundle exists, which uses a newer version of the underlying `league/flysystem` library. To use the same version as we use in this tutorial, install version 3 of the bundle. If you install the newer version, we'll do our best to add notes to guide you through any changes :).

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```
composer require "oneup/flysystem-bundle:^3"
```

## Adapters & Filesystems

While Jordi is preparing our packages, go back to their docs. Flysystem has two important concepts, which you can see here in the config example. First, we need to set up an "adapter", which is a lower-level object. Give it any name - like `my_adapter`. Then, this key - `local` - is the critical part: this says that you want to use the `local` adapter - an adapter that stores things on the local filesystem. Click the `AwsS3` adapter link. If you want to use *this* adapter and store your files in S3, you'll use the key `awss3v3`. Every adapter also has different options. We're going to start with the `local` adapter, but move to s3 later.

But the *real* star, is the *filesystem*. Same thing: you give it any nickname, like `my_filesystem` and then say: this filesystem uses the `my_adapter` adapter. We'll talk about `visibility` later. The *filesystem* is the object that we'll work with directly to read, write & delete files.

Ok, go check on Composer. It's done and thanks to the recipe, we have a new `config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml` file with the same config we just saw in the docs.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 # Read the documentation: https://github.com/1up-
  lab/OneupFlysystemBundle/tree/master/Resources/doc/index.md
2 oneup_flysystem:
3   adapters:
4     default_adapter:
5       local:
6         directory: '%kernel.cache_dir%/flysystem'
7   filesystems:
8     default_filesystem:
9       adapter: default_adapter
10      alias: League\Flysystem\Filesystem
```

## Configuring the Adapter & Filesystem

Let's create 1 adapter and 1 filesystem for our uploads. Call the adapter, how about, `public_uploads_adapter`. I'm saying "public uploads" because this will put things into the `public/` directory: they will be publicly accessible. We'll talk about private uploads soon - those are files where you need to do some security checks before you allow a user to see them. Change the directory to `%kernel.project_dir%` and then `/public/uploads`.

## Tip

If you're using version 4 of `oneup/flysystem-bundle`, the `directory` config is now called `location`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             local:
6                 directory: '%kernel.project_dir%/public/uploads'
7 // ... lines 7 - 10
```

That is the *root* of this filesystem: everything will be stored relative to this. Give the filesystem a similar name - `public_uploads_filesystem` - and set `adapter:` to `public_uploads_adapter`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3 // ... lines 3 - 6
4     filesystems:
5         public_uploads_filesystem:
6             adapter: public_uploads_adapter
```

## Filesystem Alias?

What about this `alias` key? Let's see what that does. First, when you configure a filesystem here, it creates a service. Find your terminal and run:

```
...
```

```
php bin/console debug:container flysystem
```

There it is: `oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem`. That service was created thanks to our config and we'll use it soon in `UploaderHelper`. The bundle also created another service called: `League\Flysystem\Filesystem`. Well, actually, it's an *alias*: I'll type 61 to view more info about it. Yep! This points to our `public_uploads_filesystem` service. The *purpose* of this is that it allows us to type-hint `League\Flysystem\Filesystem` and Symfony will autowire our filesystem service.

If you only have 1 filesystem, having this alias is great. But if you have multiple, well, you can only autowire *one* of them. I'm going to remove the alias - I'll show you another way to access the filesystem service.

Ok, config done! Next, let's start using this shiny new Filesystem service.

# Chapter 15: Using the Filesystem

Config done! Let's get to work in `UploaderHelper`. Instead of passing the `$uploadsPath`, which we were using to store things, change this to `FilesystemInterface` - the one from `Flysystem` - `$filesystem`. Use that below, and rename the property to `$filesystem`.

## 💡 Tip

If you're using version 4 of `oneup/flysystem-bundle` (so, `flysystem` v2), autowire `Filesystem` instead of `FilesystemInterface` from `League\Flysystem`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2 use League\Flysystem\FilesystemInterface;
3 // ... lines 7 - 10
4 class UploaderHelper
5 {
6 // ... lines 13 - 14
7     private $filesystem;
8 // ... lines 16 - 18
9     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface $filesystem,
10     RequestStackContext $requestStackContext)
11     {
12         $this->filesystem = $filesystem;
13         $this->requestStackContext = $requestStackContext;
14     }
15 // ... lines 24 - 47
16 }
```

Now, in the method, instead of `$file->move()`, we can say `$this->filesystem->write()`, which is used to create new files. Pass this `self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$newFilename` and then the *contents* of the file: `file_get_contents()` with `$file->getPathname()`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 class UploaderHelper
12 {
↔ // ... lines 13 - 24
25     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
26     {
↔ // ... lines 27 - 33
34         $this->filesystem->write(
35             self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$newFilename,
36             file_get_contents($file->getPathname()))
37     );
↔ // ... lines 38 - 39
40 }
↔ // ... lines 41 - 47
48 }
```

That's it! This `File` object has a *ton* of different methods for getting the filename, the full path, the file without the extension and more. Honestly, I get them all confused and have to Google them. `getPathname()` gives us the absolute file path on the filesystem.

Above, we can get rid of the unused `$destination` variable. Because the filesystem's root is `public/uploads/`, the only thing we need to pass to `write()` is the path *relative* to that: `article_image/` and then `$newFilename`.

I think we're ready! Let's clear out the `uploads/` directory again. And then try our fixtures:

```
...
```

```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

Oh! It does *not* work!

## Binding the Filesystem for Autowiring

“Unused binding `$uploadsPath` in service `UniqueUserValidator`.”

This is a *bad* error message from Symfony, at least the *second* half of the message. A minute ago, we had an argument here called `$uploadsPath`. Open up `config/services.yaml`. Ah, that worked because we have `$uploadsPath` configured as a global bind. And when you configure a

bind, it must be used in at least *one* place in your app. If it's not used anywhere, you get this error.

It's kinda nice: Symfony is saying:

*"Hey! You configured this bind... but you're not using it - are you maybe... messing something up on accident?"*

The `UniqueUserValidator` part of the message is really a bug in the error message, which makes this a bit confusing.

Anyways, remove that bind and try the fixtures again:

...

```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

*This* is the error I was waiting for.

*"Cannot autowire service `UploaderHelper` argument `$filesystem` of `__construct()` references `FilesystemInterface` but no such service exists."*

There are two ways to fix this. First, we could re-add the `alias` option and point it at this `FilesystemInterface`:

```
# config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
oneup_flysystem:
    # ...
    filesystems:
        public_uploads_filesystem:
            adapter: public_uploads_adapter
            alias: League\Flysystem\Filesystem
```

Or, we can create a new bind. I'll do the second, because it works better if you have multiple filesystem services, which we will soon. First, rename the argument to be more descriptive, how about `$publicUploadFilesystem`:

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 class UploaderHelper
12 {
↔ // ... lines 13 - 18
19     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface
20         $publicUploadsFilesystem, RequestStackContext $requestStackContext)
21     {
22         $this->filesystem = $publicUploadsFilesystem;
↔ // ... line 22
23     }
↔ // ... lines 24 - 47
48 }
```

Then, under bind, set `$publicUploadsFilesystem` to the filesystem service id - you can see it in the error. It suggests *two* services that implement the `FilesystemInterface` type-hint - we want the second one. Type `@` then paste.

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 9
10 services:
↔ // ... lines 11 - 19
20     bind:
↔ // ... lines 21 - 22
23         $publicUploadsFilesystem:
24             '@oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem'
↔ // ... lines 24 - 48
```

One more time for the fixtures!

```
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```

```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

Ok, no error! Check out the `public/uploads/` directory. Yes! We have files! Refresh the homepage. We are good! We still need to tweak a few more details, but our app is now way more ready to work locally or in the cloud.

# Chapter 16: Flysystem: Streaming & Defensive Coding

There are a few minor problems with our new `Flysystem` integration. Let's clean them up before they bite us!

## Streaming

The first is that using `file_get_contents()` eats memory: it reads the entire contents of the file into PHP's memory. That's not a huge deal for tiny files, but it *could* be a big deal if you start uploading bigger stuff. And, it's just not necessary.

For that reason, in general, when you use `Flysystem`, instead of using methods like

`->write()` or `->update()`, you should use `->writeStream()` or `->updateStream()`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 10
2 class UploaderHelper
3 {
4 // ... lines 13 - 24
5     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
6     {
7 // ... lines 27 - 34
8         $this->filesystem->writeStream(
9 // ... lines 36 - 37
10            );
11 // ... lines 39 - 43
12        }
13 // ... lines 45 - 51
14 }
```

It works the same, except that we need to pass a *stream* instead of the contents. Create the stream with `$stream = fopen($file->getPathname())` and, because we just need to *read* the file, use the `r` flag. Now, pass stream instead of the contents.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 class UploaderHelper
12 {
↔ // ... lines 13 - 24
25     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
26     {
↔ // ... lines 27 - 33
34         $stream = fopen($file->getPathname(), 'r');
35         $this->filesystem->writeStream(
36             self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$newFilename,
37             $stream
38         );
↔ // ... lines 39 - 43
44     }
↔ // ... lines 45 - 51
52 }
```

Yea... that's it! Same thing, but no memory issues. But we *do* need to add one more detail after: if `is_resource($stream)`, then `fclose($stream)`. The "if" is needed because *some* Flysystem adapters close the stream by themselves.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 class UploaderHelper
12 {
↔ // ... lines 13 - 24
25     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file): string
26     {
↔ // ... lines 27 - 33
34         $stream = fopen($file->getPathname(), 'r');
35         $this->filesystem->writeStream(
36             self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$newFilename,
37             $stream
38         );
39         if (is_resource($stream)) {
40             fclose($stream);
41         }
↔ // ... lines 42 - 43
44     }
↔ // ... lines 45 - 51
52 }
```

## Deleting the Old File

Ok, for problem number two, go back to `/admin/article`. Log back in with password `engage`, edit an article, and go select an image - how about `astronaut.jpg`. Hit update and... it works! So what's the problem? Well, we just *replaced* an existing image with this new one. Does the old file still exist in our uploads directory? Absolutely! But it probably shouldn't. When an article image is updated, let's delete the old file.

In `UploaderHelper`, add a second argument - a *nullable* string argument called `$existingFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 10
12 class UploaderHelper
13 {
14 // ... lines 13 - 24
15     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
16     $existingFilename): string
17     {
18 // ... lines 27 - 47
19     }
20 // ... lines 49 - 55
21 }
```

This is nullable because sometimes there may *not* be an existing file to delete. At the bottom, it's beautifully simple: if an `$existingFilename` was passed, then `$this->filesystem->delete()` and pass that the full path, which will be `self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$existingFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 10
12 class UploaderHelper
13 {
14 // ... lines 13 - 24
15     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
16     $existingFilename): string
17     {
18 // ... lines 27 - 42
19         if ($existingFilename) {
20             $this->filesystem-
21             >delete(self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$existingFilename);
22         }
23 // ... lines 46 - 47
24     }
25 // ... lines 49 - 55
26 }
```

Done! You can see the astronaut file that we're using right now. Oh, but first, head over to `ArticleAdminController`: we need to pass this new argument. Let's see - this is the `edit()` action - so pass `$article->getImageFilename()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
18 // ... lines 1 - 17
19 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 20 - 57
22
23     public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
24     EntityManagerInterface $em, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
25     {
26 // ... lines 60 - 64
27         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
28 // ... lines 66 - 67
29             if ($uploadedFile) {
30                 $newFilename = $uploaderHelper-
31                 >uploadArticleImage($uploadedFile, $article->getImageFilename());
32 // ... line 70
33             }
34 // ... lines 72 - 80
35         }
36 // ... lines 82 - 85
37     }
38 // ... lines 87 - 124
39 }
40
41 }
```

In `new()`, you can really just pass `null` - there will *not* be an article image. But I'll pass `getImageFilename()` to be consistent.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 17
18 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
↔ // ... lines 20 - 23
24     public function new(EntityManagerInterface $em, Request $request,
25     UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
26     {
↔ // ... lines 26 - 28
29         if ($form->isSubmitted() && $form->isValid()) {
↔ // ... lines 30 - 35
36             if ($uploadedFile) {
37                 $newFilename = $uploaderHelper-
38                 >uploadArticleImage($uploadedFile, $article->getImageFilename());
↔ // ... line 38
39             }
↔ // ... lines 40 - 46
47         }
↔ // ... lines 48 - 51
52     }
↔ // ... lines 53 - 124
125 }
```

Oh, and there's one other place we need update: `ArticleFixtures`. Down here, just pass `null`: we are never updating.

```
src/DataFixtures/ArticleFixtures.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class ArticleFixtures extends BaseFixture implements
15     DependentFixtureInterface
16 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 90
91     private function fakeUploadImage(): string
92     {
↔ // ... lines 93 - 97
98         return $this->uploaderHelper
99             ->uploadArticleImage(new File($targetPath), null);
100    }
101 }
```

Try it! Here is the current astronaut image. Now, move over, upload `rocket.jpg` this time and update! Back in the directory... there's rocket and astronaut is gone! Love it!

## Avoiding Errors

In a *perfect* system, the existing file will *always* exist, right? I mean, how could a filename get set on the entity... without being uploaded? Well, what if we're developing locally... and maybe we clear out the uploads directory to test something - or we clear out the uploads directory in our automated tests. What would happen?

Let's find it! Empty `uploads/`. Back in our browser, the image preview still shows up because this is rendering a thumbnail file - which we didn't delete - but the original image is totally gone. Select `earth.jpeg`, update and... it fails! It fails on `$this->filesystem->delete()`.

This *may* be the behavior you want: if something weird happens and the old file is gone, *please* explode so that I know. But, I'm going to propose something slightly less hardcore. If the old file doesn't exist for some reason, I don't want the entire process to fail... it really doesn't need to.

The error from Flysystem is a `FileNotFoundException` from `League\Flysystem`. In `UploaderHelper` wrap that line in a try-catch. Let's catch that `FileNotFoundException` - the one from `League\Flysystem`

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2
3 use League\Flysystem\FileNotFoundException;
4
5 // ... lines 7 - 12
6
7 class UploaderHelper
8 {
9
10    // ... lines 15 - 29
11
12    public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
13        $existingFilename): string
14    {
15
16        // ... lines 32 - 47
17
18        if ($existingFilename) {
19            try {
20                $this->filesystem-
21                >delete(self::ARTICLE_IMAGE . '/' . $existingFilename);
22            } catch (FileNotFoundException $e) {
23
24                // ... line 52
25
26                }
27            }
28        }
29
30        // ... lines 55 - 56
31
32        }
33
34        }
35
36        // ... lines 58 - 64
37
38    }
39
40    // ... lines 66 - 67
41
42    }
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44    // ... lines 69 - 70
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46    }
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48    // ... lines 72 - 73
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50    }
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52    // ... lines 75 - 76
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54    }
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56    // ... lines 78 - 79
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58    }
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60    // ... lines 81 - 82
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62    }
63
64    // ... lines 84 - 85
65 }
```

## Logging Problems

That'll fix that problem... but I don't *love* doing this. Honestly, I *hate* silencing errors. One of the benefits of throwing an exception is that we can configure Symfony to notify us of errors via the logger. At SymfonyCasts, we send all errors to a Slack channel so we know if something weird is going on... not that we ever have bugs. Pfff.

Here's what I propose: a *soft* failure: we don't fail, but we *do* log that an error happened. Back on the constructor, autowire a new argument: `LoggerInterface $logger`. I'll hit `Alt + Enter` and select initialize fields to create that property and set it.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 use Psr\Log\LoggerInterface;
3 // ... lines 9 - 12
4 class UploaderHelper
5 {
6 // ... lines 15 - 20
7     private $logger;
8
9     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface
10         $publicUploadsFilesystem, RequestStackContext $requestStackContext,
11         LoggerInterface $logger)
12     {
13 // ... lines 25 - 26
14         $this->logger = $logger;
15     }
16 // ... lines 29 - 64
17 }
18 }
```

Now, down in the catch, say `$this->logger->alert()` - alert is one of the highest log levels and I usually send all logs that are this level or higher to a Slack channel. Inside, how about: "Old uploaded file %s was missing when trying to delete" - and pass `$existingFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
13 // ... lines 1 - 12
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
16 // ... lines 15 - 29
30     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
31     $existingFilename): string
32     {
33 // ... lines 32 - 47
34         if ($existingFilename) {
35             try {
36                 $this->filesystem-
37             >delete(self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$existingFilename);
38             } catch (FileNotFoundException $e) {
39                 $this->logger->alert(sprintf('Old uploaded file "%s" was
40 missing when trying to delete', $existingFilename));
41             }
42         }
43     }
44 // ... lines 55 - 56
45     }
46 // ... lines 58 - 64
47 }
48 }
```

Thanks to this, the user gets a smooth experience, but we get notified so we can figure out how the heck the old file disappeared.

Move over and re-POST the form. Now it works. And to prove the log worked, check out the terminal tab where we're running the Symfony web server: it's streaming all of our logs here. Scroll up and... there it is!

*“Old uploaded file “rocket...” was missing when trying to delete”*

## Checking for Filesystem Failure

Ok, there's *one* more thing I want to tighten up. If one of the calls to the `Filesystem` object fails... what do you think will happen? An exception? Hold Command or Ctrl and click on `writeStream()`. Check out the docs: we *will* get an exception if we pass an invalid stream or if the file already exists. But for any other type of failure, maybe a network error... instead of an exception, the method just returns false!

Actually, that's not *completely* true - it depends on your adapter. For example, if you're using the S3 adapter and there's a network error, it *may* throw its own type of exception. But the point is this: if any of the Filesystem methods fail, you might *not* get an exception: it might just return false.

For that reason, I like to code defensively. Assign this to a `$result` variable.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 29
30     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
$existingFilename): string
31     {
32 // ... lines 32 - 39
40         $result = $this->filesystem->writeStream(
33 // ... lines 41 - 42
43     );
44 // ... lines 44 - 65
65     }
66 // ... lines 67 - 73
74 }
```

Then say: `if ($result === false)`, let's throw our own exception - I *do* want to know that something failed:

*“Could not write uploaded file “%s””*

and pass `$newFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
 12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 29
30     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
31     $existingFilename): string
32     {
33 // ... lines 32 - 39
34         $result = $this->filesystem->writeStream(
35 // ... lines 41 - 42
36         );
37 // ... line 44
38         if ($result === false) {
39             throw new \Exception(sprintf('Could not write uploaded file
40             "%s"', $newFilename));
41         }
42 // ... lines 48 - 65
43     }
44 // ... lines 67 - 73
74 }
```

Copy that and do the same for `delete`:

*“Could not delete old uploaded file “%s””*

with `$existingFilename`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
13 // ... lines 1 - 12
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
16 // ... lines 15 - 29
30     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
31     $existingFilename): string
32     {
33         if ($existingFilename) {
34             try {
35                 $result = $this->filesystem-
36             >delete(self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$existingFilename);
37
38             if ($result === false) {
39                 throw new \Exception(sprintf('Could not delete old
40 uploaded file "%s"', $existingFilename));
41             }
42         } catch (FileNotFoundException $e) {
43             // ... line 61
44         }
45     }
46 // ... lines 64 - 65
47 }
48 // ... lines 67 - 73
49 }
50 // ... line 74 }
```

I'm *throwing* this error instead of just logging something because this would *truly* be an exceptional case - we shouldn't let things continue. But, it's your call.

Let's make sure this all works: move over and select the `stars` file - or... actually the "Earth from Moon" photo. Update and... got it!

Next: let's teach `LiipImagineBundle` to play nice with `Flysystem`. After all, if we move `Flysystem` to `S3`, but `LiipImagineBundle` is still looking for the source files locally... well... we're not going to have a great time.

# Chapter 17: Flysystem <3 LiipImagineBundle

Flysystem is *killing* it for us! But... there's a problem hiding... like, a it-won't-actually-work-in-the-real-world kind of problem. Yikes! In *theory*, we should be able to go into the `oneup_flysystem.yaml` file right now, change the adapter to S3 and everything would work. In *theory*.

## How LiipImagineBundle Finds Images

The problem is LiipImagineBundle. Open up `templates/article/homepage.html.twig`: we call `uploaded_asset()`, pass that `article.imagePath` and *that* value is passed into `imagine_filter`. So basically, a string like `uploads/article_image/something.jpg` is passed to the filter.

The problem? By default, LiipImagineBundle *reads* the source image file from the *filesystem*. If we refactored to use S3... well... imagine would be looking in the wrong place!

You can see this by running:

```
php bin/console debug:config liip_imagine
```

This is the current config for this bundle, which includes all of its default values. Near the bottom, see that "loaders" section? The "loader" is the piece that's responsible for *reading* the source image. It defaults to using the filesystem and it knows to look in the `public/` directory! So when we pass it `upload/article_image/` some filename, it finds it perfectly. Well... it works until our files don't live on the server anymore.

The solution? We need this to use Flysystem.

## Flysystem Loader

Let's go back to the LiiplImagineBundle documentation: find their GitHub page and then click down here on the "Download the Bundle" link as an easy way to get into their full docs. Now, go back to the main page and... down here near the bottom, it talks about different "data loaders". The default is "File System", we want Flysystem.

Let's see... yea, we've already installed the bundle. Copy this loaders section - we already have our Flysystem config all set up. Then, open our `liip_imagine.yaml` file and, really, anywhere, paste!

This creates a loader called `profile_photos` - that name can be anything. Let's use `flysystem_loader`. The critical part is the key `flysystem`: that says to use the "Flysystem" loader that comes with the bundle. The only thing *it* needs to know, is the service id of the filesystem that we want to use.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 5  
3  
4     loaders:  
5         flysystem_loader:  
6             flysystem:  
7 // ... lines 9 - 57
```

For that, go back to `config/services.yaml` and copy the *long* service id from the `bind` section. Back in `liip_imagine.yaml`, paste!

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 5  
3  
4     loaders:  
5         flysystem_loader:  
6             flysystem:  
7                 filesystem_service:  
8                     oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem  
9  
10 // ... lines 10 - 57
```

We now have a "loader" called `flysystem_loader`, and a "loader's" job is to... ya know, "load" the source file. You can *technically* have multiple loaders, though I've never had to do that. To *always* have LiiplImagineBundle load the files via Flysystem, below, add `data_loader` set to the loader's name: `flysystem_loader`. I'll add a comment:

```
    "default loader to use for all filter sets"
```

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 5  
3 loaders:  
4     flysystem_loader:  
5         flysystem:  
6             filesystem_service:  
7                 oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem  
8  
9             # default loader to use for all filter sets  
10            data_loader: flysystem_loader  
11  
12 // ... lines 13 - 57
```

Because, you can technically specify which loader you want to use on each filterset. Again, I've never had to do that: we always want to use `flysystem`.

Cool! Let's try it! Go into the `public/` directory... let me find it... and delete all the existing thumbnails - let's delete `media/cache/` entirely. By doing this, the bundle will use the data loader to get the contents of each image so that it can recreate the thumbnails.

## Correcting the Path to LiipImagineBundle

Testing time! Let's go back to, how about, the homepage. And... it doesn't work. Drat! Inspect element. Hmm, it *does* start with the `media/cache/resolve` part. Then, the path at the end is - `uploads/article_image/lightspeed...png`. That's the path that we're passing to the filter.

Go back to the homepage template. The problem *now* - and it's *really* cool - is that we told `LiipImagineBundle` to use `Flysystem` to load files... but the *root* of our `filesystem` is the `public/uploads` directory. In other words, if you want to read a file from our `filesystem`, the path needs to be *relative* to this directory. In other words, it should *not* contain the `uploads/` part

The fix? Remove the `uploaded_asset()` function: we can just pass `article.imagePath`, which will be `article_image/` the filename.

```
templates/article/homepage.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block body %}
4      <div class="container">
5          <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 6 - 8
9              <div class="col-sm-12 col-md-8">
↔ // ... lines 10 - 21
22                  <div class="article-container my-1">
23                      <a href="{{ path('article_show', {slug: article.slug}) }}>
24                          
7          <div class="col-sm-12">
8              
↔ // ... lines 9 - 25
26      </div>
27  </div>
↔ // ... lines 28 - 78
79  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 80 - 86
```

For the other one, go back to the admin article section - log back in with password "engage", because we reloaded the database. When we're editing an image, yep, also broken.

Find this in `templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig`: take off `uploaded_asset()`.

```
templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig
```

```
1  {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
↔ // ... lines 2 - 5
6      <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 7 - 13
14      <div class="col-sm-3">
15          {% if articleForm.vars.data.imageFilename %}
16              
19          {% endif %}
20      </div>
21  </div>
↔ // ... lines 20 - 38
39  {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

And... got it!

## The Resolver: Saving the Images to Flysystem

So, the "data loader" is responsible for reading the *original* image. But, there's *another* important concept from `LiipImagineBundle` called "resolvers". Click down on the "Flysystem Resolver" in their docs. The resolver is responsible for *saving* the thumbnail image back to the filesystem after all of the transformations. By default, no surprise, `LiipImagineBundle` writes things directly to the

filesystem. So even if we moved Flysystem to s3, LiiplImagineBundle would *still* be writing the thumbnail files back to our server - into the `public/media` directory.

### 💡 Tip

You can also completely offload the processing and storage of your files to a cloud service like [rokka.io](#) by leveraging [LiipRokkalmagineBundle](#).

Let's change that! In the docs, copy the `resolvers` section. Back in our `liip_imagine.yaml` file, paste that. It's pretty much the same as before: we'll call it `flysystem_resolver` and tell it to save the images using the same filesystem service. Remove `visibility` - that sets the Flysystem visibility, which is a concept we'll talk about soon. True is the default value anyways, which basically means these files will be publicly accessible.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1  liip_imagine:
2  // ... lines 2 - 13
3
4  14    resolvers:
5  15      flysystem_resolver:
6  16          flysystem:
7  17              filesystem_service:
8  18                  oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem
9  19                      cache_prefix: media/cache
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```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
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```
1 liip_imagine:  
2 // ... lines 2 - 13  
3  
4     resolvers:  
5         flysystem_resolver:  
6             flysystem:  
7                 filesystem_service:  
8                     oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem  
9                     cache_prefix: media/cache  
10                    root_url: /uploads  
11  
12  
13             # default cache resolver for saving thumbnails  
14             cache: flysystem_resolver  
15 // ... lines 23 - 67
```

This tells the bundle to *always* use this resolver. I'm not sure why it's called "cache" - the bundle seems to use "resolver" and "cache" to describe this one concept.

Ok! Moment of truth! Refresh. Ha! It works! Go check out where the thumbnails are stored: there is *no* `media/` directory anymore! The Flysystem filesystem points to the `public/uploads` directory, so the `media/cache` directory lives *there*. And thanks to the `/uploads root_url`, when it renders the path, it knows to start with `/uploads` and then the path in Flysystem.

I love this! It's a bit tricky to get these two libraries to play together perfectly. But now we are *much* more prepared to switch between local uploads and S3.

Next: we can generate public URLs to thumbnail files or the original files. But, what if you need to force all the URLs to include the domain name? This is something you don't think about until you need to generate a PDF or send an email from a console command or worker. Then... it can be a nightmare. Let's add this to our asset system in a way that we love.

# Chapter 18: Absolute Asset Paths

One of the things I've noticed is that this word `uploads` - the directory where uploads are being stored - is starting to show up in a few places. We have it here in our `liip_imagine` config file, the `oneup_flysystem.yaml` file and in `UploaderHelper`: it's used in `getPublicPath()`.

## Centralizing the uploads/ Path

It's not a *huge* problem, but repetition is a bummer and this will cause some issues when moving to S3: we'll need to hunt down all of these paths and change them to point to the S3 domain.

Let's tighten this up. In `services.yaml`, create two new parameters: The first will be `uploads_dir_name` set to `uploads` - this is the name of the directory where we are storing uploaded files. Call the second one `uploads_base_url` and set this to almost the same thing: `/` and then `%uploads_dir_name%`. This represents the base URL to the uploaded assets.

```
config/services.yaml
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2
3 parameters:
4 // ... lines 7 - 8
5
6     uploads_dir_name: 'uploads'
7
8     uploads_base_url: '/%uploads_dir_name%'
9
10 // ... lines 11 - 51
```

Thanks to these, we can do some cleanup! In `liip_imagine.yaml`, we need the URL. Copy `uploads_base_url` and then use `%uploads_base_url%`.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
1 liip_imagine:
2 // ... lines 2 - 13
3
4     resolvers:
5         flysystem_resolver:
6             flysystem:
7                 // ... lines 17 - 18
8                 root_url: '%uploads_base_url%'
9
10 // ... lines 20 - 67
```

Next, in `oneup_flysystem.yaml`, we need the directory name. Copy the other parameter: `%uploads_dir_name%`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             local:
6                 directory: '%kernel.project_dir%/public/%uploads_dir_name%'
7 // ... lines 7 - 10
```

The last place is in `UploaderHelper`. The `getBasePath()` call will give us the directory where the site is installed - usually an empty string. Then we need to pass in the `uploads_base_url` parameter.

Add a new argument to the constructor: `string $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl`. I'll create the property by hand and give it a slightly different name: `$publicAssetBaseUrl`, not for any particular reason. Set that in the constructor:

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 12
2 class UploaderHelper
3 {
4     // ... lines 15 - 22
5     private $publicAssetBaseUrl;
6
7     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface
8         $publicUploadsFilesystem, RequestStackContext $requestStackContext,
9         LoggerInterface $logger, string $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl)
10    {
11        // ... lines 27 - 29
12        $this->publicAssetBaseUrl = $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl;
13    }
14 // ... lines 32 - 78
```

Back in `getPublicPath()`, use this: `getBasePath()` then `$this->publicAssetsBaseUrl`, which will contain the `/` at the beginning.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 70
71     public function getPublicPath(string $path): string
72     {
73         // needed if you deploy under a subdirectory
74         return $this->requestStackContext
75             ->getBasePath() . $this->publicAssetBaseUrl . '/' . $path;
76     }
77 }
```

Cool! But, Symfony will not be able to autowire this string argument. You can see the error if you try to reload any page. Yep!

We know how to fix that: back in `services.yaml`, add a bind: `$uploadedAssetsBaseUrl` set to `%uploads_base_url%`. Now... it works!

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 11
12 services:
13     # default configuration for services in *this* file
14     _defaults:
↔ // ... lines 15 - 21
22         bind:
↔ // ... lines 23 - 25
26             $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl: '%uploads_base_url%'
↔ // ... lines 27 - 51
```

## Linking to the Full Image

Small step, but with all this config in one spot, we can do something kinda cool... with almost no effort. But first, I want to *triple* check that all this public path stuff is setup correctly. Our `getPublicPath()` method is currently used in one spot: by the `uploaded_asset()` Twig function. But, we're not actually *using* this Twig function anywhere at the moment.

So try this: in the form, we're showing the thumbnail. It might be useful to allow the user to click this and see the *original* image. That's pretty easy: add `<a href="">` and use `uploaded_asset(articleForm.vars.data.imagePath)`.

That's it! Wrap this around the `img` tag and let's also add `target="_blank"`.

```
templates/article_admin/_form.html.twig
```

```
1  {{ form_start(articleForm) }}
```

```
2  // ... lines 2 - 5
```

```
3  <div class="row">
```

```
4  // ... lines 7 - 13
```

```
5      <div class="col-sm-3">
```

```
6          {% if articleForm.vars.data.imageFilename %}
```

```
7              <a href="{{ uploaded_asset(articleForm.vars.data.imagePath) }}" target="_blank">
```

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8                  
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9              </a>
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```
10         {% endif %}
```

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11     </div>
```

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12 </div>
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```
13 // ... lines 22 - 40
```

```
14 {{ form_end(articleForm) }}
```

Cool. Test that - refresh and... click. Nice! This sends us directly to the *source* image.

## Absolute URLs

Thanks to our setup, we can now solve a really annoying problem. Inspect element on the image: notice that both the `href` and the image `src` paths do *not* contain the domain name. That's not a problem at *all* in a normal web context. But if you ever try to render a page into a PDF with something like `wkhtmltopdf` or create a console command to send an email that references an uploaded file, well... suddenly, those paths will start to break! In those contexts, you *need* the URLs to be absolute.

There are a few ways to solve this... and honestly, I went back and forth on the best approach. I finally settled on something that we've used here on SymfonyCasts for years. Open your `.env` file. We're going to create a brand new, custom environment variable called `SITE_BASE_URL`. Set the default value to `https://localhost:8000`.

```
.env
```

```
1  // ... lines 1 - 33
```

```
2  SITE_BASE_URL=https://localhost:8000
```

Remember: this file *is* committed to git, so this is the *default* value. You can create a `.env.local` file to override this value locally or on production. Or, of course, if it's easy, you can override this by setting a real environment variable.

Next, go back to `services.yaml`. And for the `uploads_base_url`, use `%env( )%` and inside, `SITE_BASE_URL`: that's the syntax for referencing an environment variable.

```
config/services.yaml
1 // ... lines 1 - 5
2
3 parameters:
4 // ... lines 7 - 9
5
6     uploads_base_url: '%env(SITE_BASE_URL)%/%uploads_dir_name%'
7
8 // ... lines 11 - 51
```

And... just like that - *every* single path to every single uploaded asset will now be absolute.

Seriously! Test it out! Boom! Both the link `href` and the image `src` contain the `https://localhost:8000` part.

And, sure, you could add some config so that you could turn this on only when you need it... but I don't really see the point. I'll keep absolute URLs always.

Next: let's start uploading *private* assets: stuff that can't be put into the `public/` directory because we need to check security before we let a user download it.

# Chapter 19: Setup for Uploading Private Article References

New challenge folks! Our alien authors are *begging* for a new feature: they want to be able to upload "supporting" files and attach them to the article - like PDFs that they're referencing, images... text notes... really anything. But these files will *only* be visible to anyone that can *edit* an article. I'll call these "article references" and every article will be able to have zero to many references, which is where things start to get interesting.

## Creating the ArticleReference Entity

Let's create the new entity:

```
php bin/console make:entity
```

Call it `ArticleReference` and give it an `article` property. This will be a `relation` back to the `Article` class. This will be a `ManyToOne` relation: each `Article` can have many `ArticleReferences`. Then, this will be not null in the database: every `ArticleReference` *must* be related to an `Article`. Say yes to map the other side of the relationship - it's convenient to be able to say `$article->getArticleReferences()`. And `no` to orphan removal - we won't be using that feature.

Nice! Ok, this needs a few more fields: `filename` a string that will hold the filename on the filesystem, `originalFilename`, a string that will hold the *original* filename that was on the user's system - more on that later - and `mimeType` - we'll use that to store what *type* of file it is - which will come in handy later.

And... done! Next run:

```
php bin/console make:migration
```

Let's go make sure the migration file doesn't contain any surprises... yep!

“CREATE TABLE `article_reference`”

... with a foreign key back to `article`. Run that with:

```
php bin/console doctrine:migrations:migrate
```

## Removing Extra Adder/Remover

Before we get back to work, open the `Article` entity. The command *did* create the `$articleReferences` property that allows us to say `$article->getArticleReferences()`. That's super convenient. It also added `addArticleReference()` and `removeArticleReference()`. I'm going to delete these: I'm just not going to need them: I'll read the references from the article, but never set them from this direction.

```
src/Entity/Article.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class Article
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 89
90     /**
91      * @ORM\OneToMany(targetEntity="App\Entity\ArticleReference",
92      * mappedBy="article")
93      */
94      private $articleReferences;
↔ // ... line 94
95      public function __construct()
96      {
↔ // ... lines 97 - 98
99          $this->articleReferences = new ArrayCollection();
100     }
↔ // ... lines 101 - 315
316     /**
317      * @return Collection|ArticleReference[]
318      */
319     public function getArticleReferences(): Collection
320     {
321         return $this->articleReferences;
322     }
323 }
```

## Form CollectionType

Ok team: let's think about how we want this to work. The user needs to be able to upload *multiple* reference files to each article. A lot of you *may* be expecting me to use Symfony's `CollectionType`: that's a special field that allows you to embed a *collection* of fields into a form - like multiple upload fields.

Well... sorry. We are definitely *not* going to use `CollectionType`. That field is hard *enough* to work with if you want to be able to add or delete rows. Adding uploading to that? Oof, that's crazy talk.

We're going to do something different. And it's going to be a *much* better user experience anyways! We're going to leave the main form alone and build a separate "article reference upload", sort of, "widget", next to it that'll eventually upload via AJAX, allow deleting, editing and re-ordering. It's gonna be schweet!

## Adding the HTML Form

Open the edit template: `templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig`. Everything we're going to do will be inside of this template, *not* the new template. The reason is simple: trying to upload files to a *new* entity - something that hasn't been saved to the database - is super hard! You need to store files in a temporary spot, keep track of them, and assign them to the entity when your user *does* finally save - if they ever do that. So, totally possible - but complex. If you can, have your user fill in some basic data, save your new entity to the database, then show the upload fields.

Anyways, let's add an `<hr>` and set up a bit of structure: `div class="row"` and `div class="col-sm-8"`. Say "Details" here and move the entire form inside. Now add a `div class="col-sm-4"` and say "References".

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
1 // ... lines 1 - 2
2
3 {% block content_body %}
4     <h1>Edit the Article! ?</h1>
5
6     <hr>
7
8     <div class="row">
9         <div class="col-sm-8">
10            <h3>Details</h3>
11            {{ include('article_admin/_form.html.twig', {
12                button_text: 'Update!'
13            }) }}
14        </div>
15        <div class="col-sm-4">
16            <h3>References</h3>
17        </div>
18    </div>
19
20    {% endblock %}
21 // ... lines 20 - 26
```

Let's see how this looks... nice! Form on the left, upload widget thingy on the right.

Here's the plan: add a `<form>` tag with the normal `method="POST"` and `enctype="multipart/form-data"`. Inside, add a single upload field: `<input type="file" name="">`, how about `reference`. Then, `<button type="submit">`, some classes to make it not ugly, and "Upload".

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8  <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15  <div class="col-sm-4">
16  <h3>References</h3>
17
18  <form action="" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
19  <input type="file" name="reference">
20  <button type="submit" class="btn btn-sm btn-
primary">Upload</button>
21  </form>
22  </div>
23  </div>
24  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 25 - 31
```

Cool! Yes, we are going to talk about allowing the user to upload *multiple* files at once. Don't worry, things are going to get *much* fancier.

Next, let's get the endpoint setup for this upload and store everything in the database, including a few pieces of information about the file that we did *not* store for the article images.

# Chapter 20: Uploading References

Unlike the main form on this page, this form will submit to a *different* endpoint. And instead of continuing to put more things into `ArticleAdminController`, let's create a new controller for everything related to article references: `ArticleReferenceAdminController`. Extend `BaseController` - that's just a small base controller we created in our Symfony series: it extends the normal `AbstractController`. So nothing magic happening there.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Controller;
4  // ... lines 4 - 9
5
6  class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
7  {
8  // ... lines 12 - 19
9
10 }
```

## The Upload Endpoint

Back in the new class, create `public function uploadArticleReference()` and, above, `@Route`: make sure to get the one from `Symfony\Component`. Set the URL to, how about, `/admin/article/{id}/references` - where the `{id}` is the `Article` id that we want to attach the reference to. Add `name="admin_article_add_reference"`. Oh, and let's also set `methods={"POST"}`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5 use App\Entity\Article;
↔ // ... line 6
7 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Request;
8 use Symfony\Component\Routing\Annotation\Route;
9
10 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
11 {
12     /**
13      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references",
14      name="admin_article_add_reference", methods={"POST"})
15     */
16     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
17     $request)
18     {
19     }
20 }
```

That's optional, but it'll let us create *another* endpoint later with the same URL that can be used to *fetch* all the references for a single article.

Let's keep going! Because the article `{id}` is in the URL, add an `Article $article` argument. Oh, and we need security! You can only upload a file if you have access to *edit* this article. In our app, we check that with this `@IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")` annotation, which leverages a custom voter that we created in our Symfony series. It basically makes sure that you are the *author* of this article or a super admin.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use Sensio\Bundle\FrameworkExtraBundle\Configuration\IsGranted;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 9
10 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
11 {
12     /**
13      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references",
14      * name="admin_article_add_reference", methods={"POST"})
15      * @IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")
16      */
17     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
18     $request)
19     {
20 } // ... line 18
```

Finally, we're ready to fetch the file: add the `Request` argument - the one from `HttpFoundation` - and let's `dd($request->files->get())` and then the name from the input field: `reference`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 9
10 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
11 {
12     /**
13      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references",
14      * name="admin_article_add_reference", methods={"POST"})
15      * @IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")
16      */
17     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
18     $request)
19     {
20         dd($request->files->get('reference'));
21     }
22 }
```

Solid start. Copy the route name and head back to the template. Set the `action` attribute to `{{ path() }}`, the route name, and for the placeholder part, I'll use multiple lines and pass `id` set to `article.id`. Oh wait... we don't have an `article` variable inside this template. We do have the `articleForm` variable, and we *could* get the `Article` from that... but to shorten things, let's properly pass it in.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8   <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15    <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 17
18      <form action="{{ path('admin_article_add_reference', {
19        id: article.id
20      }) }}" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
↔ // ... lines 21 - 22
23        </form>
24      </div>
25    </div>
26  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 27 - 33
```

Find the `edit()` action of `ArticleAdminController` and pass an `article` variable. Now we can say `article.id`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 17
18 class ArticleAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
↔ // ... lines 20 - 57
58   public function edit(Article $article, Request $request,
EntityManagerInterface $em, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
59   {
↔ // ... lines 60 - 82
83     return $this->render('article_admin/edit.html.twig', [
↔ // ... line 84
85       'article' => $article,
86     ]);
87   }
↔ // ... lines 88 - 125
126 }
```

Phew! Ok, let's check this out: refresh and inspect element on the form. Yep, the URL looks right and the `enctype` attribute is there. Ok, try it: select the Symfony Best Practices doc and... upload! Yes! It's our favorite `UploadedFile` object!

These article references are special because we need to keep them private: they should *only* be accessible to the author or a super admin. The process for uploading & downloading private files is, a bit different.

## Setting up UploaderHelper

But, we'll start in very similar way: by opening our *favorite* service, and all-around nice class, `UploaderHelper`. Down here, add a new

`public function uploadArticleReference()` that will have a `File` argument and return a `string`... pretty much the same as the other method, except that we won't need an `$existingFilename` because we won't let `ArticleReference` objects be updated. If you want to upload a modified file - cool! Delete the old `ArticleReference` and upload a new one. You'll see what I mean as we keep building this out.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 70
71     public function uploadArticleReference(File $file): string
72     {
↔ // ... line 73
74     }
↔ // ... lines 75 - 81
82 }
```

To get started, just `dd($file)`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 70
71     public function uploadArticleReference(File $file): string
72     {
73         dd($file);
74     }
↔ // ... lines 75 - 81
82 }
```

Back in the controller, let's finish this *whole* darn thing. Set the file to an `$uploadedFile` object and I'll add the same inline documentation that says that this is an `UploadedFile` object - the one from `HttpFoundation`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 6
7 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
8 use Doctrine\ORM\EntityManagerInterface;
↔ // ... line 9
10 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile;
↔ // ... lines 11 - 13
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 19
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager)
23     {
24         /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
25         $uploadedFile = $request->files->get('reference');
↔ // ... lines 24 - 37
38     }
39 }
```

Then say `$filename =...` oh - we don't have the `UploaderHelper` service yet! Add that argument: `UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper`. Then

```
$filename = $uploaderHelper->uploadArticleReference($uploadedFile).
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 19
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager)
23     {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 24
25         $filename = $uploaderHelper->uploadArticleReference($uploadedFile);
↔ // ... lines 26 - 37
38     }
39 }
```

We know that won't work yet... but if we use our *imagination*, we know that... someday, it should return the new filename that was stored on the filesystem. To put this value into the database, we need to create a new `ArticleReference` object and persist it.

## Tightening Up ArticleReference

Oh, but before we do - go open that class. This is a *very* traditional entity: it has some properties and everything has a getter and a setter. That's great, but because every `ArticleReference` needs to have its `Article` property set... and because an `ArticleReference` will never change articles, find the `setArticle()` method and... obliterate it!

Instead, add a `public function __construct()` with a required `Article` argument. Set that onto the `article` property. This is an optional step - but it's always nice to think critically about your entities: what methods do you *not* need?

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
```

```
10 // ... lines 1 - 9
11 class ArticleReference
12 {
13 // ... lines 12 - 39
14     public function __construct(Article $article)
15     {
16         $this->article = $article;
17     }
18 // ... lines 44 - 89
19 }
```

## Saving ArticleReference & the Original Filename

Back up in our controller, say `$articleReference = new ArticleReference()` and pass `$article`. Call `$article->setFilename($filename)` to store the unique filename where this file was stored on the filesystem.

### src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use App\Entity\ArticleReference;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 13
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 19
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
    $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
    $entityManager)
21     {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 26
27         $articleReference = new ArticleReference($article);
28         $articleReference->setFilename($filename);
↔ // ... lines 29 - 37
38     }
39 }
```

But remember! There are a couple of *new* pieces of info that we can set on `ArticleReference` - like the *original* filename. Set that to `$uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()`. Now, *technically* this method can return `null`, though, I'm not actually sure if that's something that can happen in any realistic scenario. But, just in case, add `?? $filename`. So, if the client original name is missing for some reason, fall back to `$filename`.

### src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use App\Entity\ArticleReference;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 13
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 19
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
    $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
    $entityManager)
21     {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 26
27         $articleReference = new ArticleReference($article);
28         $articleReference->setFilename($filename);
29         $articleReference->setOriginalFilename($uploadedFile-
    >getClientOriginalName() ?? $filename);
↔ // ... lines 30 - 37
38     }
39 }
```

Finally, *just* in case we ever want to know what *type* of file this is, we'll store the file's mime type. Set this to `$uploadedFile->getMimeType()`. This can *also* return null - so default it to

`application/octet-stream`, which is sort of a common way to say "I have no idea what this file is".

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
15 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
16 {
17 // ... lines 16 - 19
18     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
19 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
20 $entityManager)
21     {
22 // ... lines 22 - 26
23         $articleReference = new ArticleReference($article);
24         $articleReference->setFilename($filename);
25         $articleReference->setOriginalFilename($uploadedFile-
26 >getClientOriginalName() ?? $filename);
27         $articleReference->setMimeType($uploadedFile->getMimeType() ??
28 'application/octet-stream');
29     }
30 // ... lines 31 - 37
31 }
32 }
```

With that done, save this: add the `EntityManagerInterface $entityManager` argument, then `$entityManager->persist($articleReference)` and `$entityManager->flush()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
15 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
16 {
17 // ... lines 16 - 19
18     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
19 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
20 $entityManager)
21     {
22 // ... lines 22 - 31
23         $entityManager->persist($articleReference);
24         $entityManager->flush();
25     }
26 // ... lines 34 - 37
27 }
28 }
```

Finish with `return redirectToRoute()` and send the user back to the edit page: `admin_article_edit` passing this `id` set to `$article->getId()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
15 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
16 {
17 // ... lines 16 - 19
18     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
19     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
20     $entityManager)
21     {
22 // ... lines 22 - 34
23         return $this->redirectToRoute('admin_article_edit', [
24             'id' => $article->getId(),
25         ]);
26     }
27 }
28 }
```

Yep - that's the route on the edit endpoint.

Alright! With any luck, it should hit our `dd()` statement. Go back to your browser: I already have the Symfony Best Practices PDF selected. Hit update... yea! `UploadedFile` coming from `UploaderHelper`.

Next: let's move the uploaded file... except that... we can't move it using the filesystem service object we have now... because we can't store these private files in the `public/` directory. Hmm...

# Chapter 21: Storing Private Files

Here's the tricky part: we can't just go into `UploaderHelper` and use the Flysystem filesystem like we did before to save the uploaded file... because *that* writes everything into the `public/uploads/` directory. If we need to check security before letting a user download a file, then it *can't* live in the `public/` directory.

And *that* means we need a *second* Flysystem filesystem: one that can store things somewhere *outside* the `public/` directory. Side note: it *is* possible to solve the "private" uploads problem with just *one* filesystem using signed URLs, and we'll talk about it later when we move to S3.

## Creating a Private Filesystem

But for now, a great solution is to create a *private* filesystem. Open the `config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml` file. Copy the `public_uploads_adapter`, paste and call it `private_uploads_adapter`. You can store the files *anywhere*, as long as it's not in `public/`. But, the `var/` directory is sort of meant for this type of thing. So let's say: `var/uploads`. Oh, and I could re-use my `uploads_dir_name` parameter here - but it won't give us any benefit. That parameter is really meant to keep the upload directory and *public* path to assets in sync. But these files won't have a public path anyways... we'll make them downloadable in an entirely different way.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4 // ... lines 4 - 7
5         private_uploads_adapter:
6             local:
7                 directory: '%kernel.project_dir%/var/uploads'
8 // ... lines 11 - 17
```

Next, for filesystems, do the same thing: make a `private_uploads_filesystem` that will use the `private_uploads_adapter`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
↔ // ... lines 3 - 11
12   filesystems:
↔ // ... lines 13 - 14
15     private_uploads_filesystem:
16       adapter: private_uploads_adapter
```

Cool! Next, in `UploaderHelper`, we're already passing the `$publicUploadFilesystem` as an argument. We will also need the private one. Before we add it here, go into `services.yaml`. Remember, under `_defaults`, we're binding the `$publicUploadFilesystem` argument to the public filesystem service. Let's do the same for the private one. Call it `$privateUploadFilesystem` and change the service id to point to the "private" one.

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 11
12 services:
↔ // ... line 13
14   _defaults:
↔ // ... lines 15 - 21
22     bind:
↔ // ... lines 23 - 25
26       $privateUploadFilesystem:
         '@oneup_flysystem.private_uploads_filesystem_filesystem'
↔ // ... lines 27 - 52
```

### 💡 Tip

If you're using version 4 of `oneup/flysystem-bundle` (so, `flysystem` v2), autowire `Filesystem` instead of `FilesystemInterface` from `League\Flysystem`.

Now, copy that argument name and, in `UploaderHelper`, add a second argument:

`FilesystemInterface $privateUploadFilesystem`. Create a new property on top called `$privateFilesystem` and set it below:

```
$this->privateFilesystem = $privateUploadFilesystem
```

### src/Service/UploaderHelper.php

```
13 // ... lines 1 - 12
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
16 // ... lines 15 - 18
17     private $privateFilesystem;
18
19     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface
20         $publicUploadsFilesystem, FilesystemInterface $privateUploadsFilesystem,
21         RequestStackContext $requestStackContext, LoggerInterface $logger, string
22         $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl)
23     {
24 // ... line 29
25         $this->privateFilesystem = $privateUploadsFilesystem;
26
27     }
28
29 // ... lines 31 - 33
30
31     }
32
33 // ... lines 35 - 110
```

## Re-using the Upload Logic

Ok, we're ready! Most of the logic in `uploadArticleImage()` should be reusable: we're basically going to do the same thing... just through the *private* filesystem: we need to figure out the filename and stream it through Flysystem. The only part of this method that we *don't* need is the `$existingFilename`. We don't need to delete an *existing* file... because we're not going to allow files to be "updated" for a specific `ArticleReference` - we'll just have the user delete them and re-upload the new file.

Refactoring time! Copy all of this code down through the `fclose()` and, at the bottom, create a new `private function` called `uploadFile()`. This will take in the `File` object that we're uploading... and we also need to pass the directory name - you'll see what that is in a moment. Then add a `bool $isPublic` flag so that this method knows whether to store things in the public or private filesystem.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 85
86     private function uploadFile(File $file, string $directory, bool
     $isPublic)
87     {
↔ // ... lines 88 - 107
108 }
109 }
```

To start, paste that exact logic

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 85
86     private function uploadFile(File $file, string $directory, bool
     $isPublic)
87     {
88         if ($file instanceof UploadedFile) {
89             $originalFilename = $file->getClientOriginalName();
90         } else {
91             $originalFilename = $file->getFilename();
92         }
93         $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize(pathinfo($originalFilename,
PATHINFO_FILENAME)).'-' . uniqid().'.'.$file->guessExtension();
94
95         $stream = fopen($file->getPathname(), 'r');
96         $result = $this->filesystem->writeStream(
97             self::ARTICLE_IMAGE.'/'.$newFilename,
98             $stream
99         );
100
101         if ($result === false) {
102             throw new \Exception(sprintf('Could not write uploaded file
"%s"', $newFilename));
103         }
104
105         if (is_resource($stream)) {
106             fclose($stream);
107         }
108     }
109 }
```

and, at the bottom, `return $newFilename`. Oh, and I should also probably add a return type.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 67
68     private function uploadFile(File $file, string $directory, bool
$isOpen): string
69     {
↔ // ... lines 70 - 92
93         return $newfilename;
94     }
95 }
```

Let's see... the first thing we need to do is handle this `$isOpen` argument. So Let's say `$filesystem = $isOpen ?` and, if it is public, use `$this->filesystem`, otherwise use `$this->privateFilesystem`. Below, replace `$this->filesystem` with `$filesystem`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 67
68     private function uploadFile(File $file, string $directory, bool
$isOpen): string
69     {
↔ // ... lines 70 - 76
77         $filesystem = $isOpen ? $this->filesystem : $this-
>privateFilesystem;
↔ // ... lines 78 - 79
80         $result = $filesystem->writeStream(
↔ // ... lines 81 - 82
83     );
↔ // ... lines 84 - 93
94     }
95 }
```

The other thing we need to update is the directory: it's hardcoded to `ARTICLE_IMAGE`. Replace that with `$directory`: this is the directory inside the filesystem where the file will be stored.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 67
68     private function uploadFile(File $file, string $directory, bool
$isOpen): string
69     {
↔ // ... lines 70 - 79
80         $result = $filesystem->writeStream(
81             $directory.'/'.$newFilename,
82             $stream
83         );
↔ // ... lines 84 - 93
94     }
95 }
```

All done! Back up in `uploadArticleImage()`, re-select *all* that code we just copied, delete it, do a happy dance and replace it with `$newFilename = $this->uploadFile()` passing the `$file`, the directory - `self::ARTICLE_IMAGE` - and whether or not this file should be public, which is `true`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 36
37     public function uploadArticleImage(File $file, ?string
$existingFilename): string
38     {
39         $newFilename = $this->uploadFile($file, self::ARTICLE_IMAGE, true);
↔ // ... lines 40 - 53
54     }
↔ // ... lines 55 - 94
95 }
```

Now we can do the same thing down in `uploadArticleReference`. Oh, but first, we need to create another constant for the directory

```
const ARTICLE_REFERENCE = 'article_reference'.
```

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... line 15
16     const ARTICLE_REFERENCE = 'article_reference';
↔ // ... lines 17 - 94
95 }
```

Back down, all we need is `return $this->uploadFile()`, with `$file`, `self::ARTICLE_REFERENCE` and `false` so that it uses the *private* filesystem.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 55
56     public function uploadArticleReference(File $file): string
57     {
58         return $this->uploadFile($file, self::ARTICLE_REFERENCE, false);
59     }
↔ // ... lines 60 - 94
95 }
```

I think that's it! Let's test this puppy out! Move over and refresh to re-POST the form. No error... but I have no idea if that worked... because we're not rendering anything yet. Check out the `var/` directory... `var/uploads/article_reference/symfony-best-practices...`, we got it!

Of course, there's absolutely no way for *anyone* to access this file... but we'll fix that up soon enough.

Next: unless we really, *really*, trust our authors, we probably shouldn't let them upload *any* file type. Let's tighten up validation.

# Chapter 22: Mime Type Validation

Unless the authors that can upload these files are super, super trusted, like, you invited them to your wedding and they babysit your dog when you're on vacation level of trusted... we need some validation. Right now, an author could upload literally *any* file type to the system.

No problem: find the controller. Hmm, there's no form here. In `ArticleAdminController`, we put the validation on the form. Then we could check `$form->isValid()` and any errors rendered automatically.

## Manually Validating

But because we're *not* inside a form, we need to validate directly... which is totally fine! Add another argument: `ValidatorInterface $validator`. This is the service that the form system uses internally for validation.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
14 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Validator\ValidatorInterface;
15 // ... line 15
16 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
17 {
18 // ... lines 18 - 21
22     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
23         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
24         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
25     {
26 // ... lines 24 - 50
51     }
52 }
```

Then, before we do *anything* with that uploaded file, say

`$violations = $validator->validate()`. Pass this the object that you want to validate. For us, it's the `$uploadedFile` object itself. If we stopped here, it would read any validation annotations off of that class and apply those rules... which would be zero rules! This is a core class! There's no validation rules, and we can't just open up that file and add them. No worries: pass a second argument: the constraint to validate against.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 15
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 18 - 21
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 24 - 26
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27 // ... lines 29 - 31
28         );
29 // ... lines 33 - 50
30     }
31 }
```

Remember: there are two main constraints for uploads: the `Image` constraint that we used before and the more generic `File` constraint, which we need here because the user can upload more than just images. Say `new File()` - the one from the `Validator` component.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 12
17 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints\File;
18 // ... lines 14 - 15
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 18 - 21
22     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
23     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
24     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
25     {
26 // ... lines 24 - 26
27         $violations = $validator->validate(
28             $uploadedFile,
29             new File([
30 // ... line 30
31                 ])
32             );
33 // ... lines 33 - 50
34     }
35 }
```

This constraint has two main options. The first is `maxSize`. Set it to `1k`... just so we can see the error.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 15
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 18 - 21
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 24 - 26
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27             new File([
28                 'maxSize' => '1k'
29             ])
30         );
31     }
32 }
33 // ... lines 33 - 50
34 }
35 }
```

This `$violations` variable is *basically* an array of errors... except it's not *actually* an array - it's an object that holds errors. To check if *anything* failed validation, we can say if

`$violations->count()` is greater than `0`. For now, let's just `dd($violations)` so we can see what it looks like.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 15
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 18 - 21
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 24 - 26
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27             new File([
28                 'maxSize' => '1k'
29             ])
30         );
31     }
32 }
33 // ... lines 33 - 50
34 if ($violations->count() > 0) {
35     dd($violations);
36 }
37 // ... lines 37 - 50
38 }
39 }
```

Cool! Move over, select the Best Practices PDF - that's definitely more than 1kb - and upload! Say hello to the `ConstraintViolationList`: a glorified array of `ConstraintViolation` error objects. And there's the message: the file is too large. If you want, you can customize that message by passing the `maxSizeMessage` option... cause it *is* kind of a nerdy message.

## Displaying the Validation Errors

So, in theory, you can have multiple validation rules and multiple errors. To keep things simple, let's show the first error if there is one. Use `$violation = $violations[0]` to get it. The `ConstraintViolationList` class implements `ArrayAccess`, which is why we can use this syntax. Oh, and let's help out my editor by telling it that this is a `ConstraintViolation` object.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
14 use Symfony\Component\Validator\ConstraintViolation;
17 // ... lines 15 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
18 // ... lines 19 - 22
23     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
23 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
23 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
24     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 34
35         if ($violations->count() > 0) {
36             /** @var ConstraintViolation $violation */
37             $violation = $violations[0];
37 // ... lines 38 - 42
43         }
43 // ... lines 44 - 57
58     }
59 }
```

And now... hmm... how *should* we show this error to the user? This controller will *eventually* turn into an AJAX, or API endpoint that communicates via JSON. But because this is still a normal form submit, the easiest option is to put the error into a flash message and display it on the next page. Say `$this->addFlash()`, pass it an "error" type, and then `$violation->getMessage()`.

### src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 22
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 34
25         if ($violations->count() > 0) {
26             /** @var ConstraintViolation $violation */
27             $violation = $violations[0];
28             $this->addFlash('error', $violation->getMessage());
29 // ... lines 39 - 42
30         }
31 // ... lines 44 - 57
32     }
33 }
34 }
```

Finish by stealing the redirect code from the bottom to send us back to the edit page.

### src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 22
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 34
25         if ($violations->count() > 0) {
26             /** @var ConstraintViolation $violation */
27             $violation = $violations[0];
28             $this->addFlash('error', $violation->getMessage());
29
30             return $this->redirectToRoute('admin_article_edit', [
31                 'id' => $article->getId(),
32             ]);
33         }
34 // ... lines 44 - 57
35     }
36 }
```

To render that flash message, open `templates/base.html.twig` and scroll down... I'm looking for the flash message logic we added in our Symfony series. There it is! We're rendering

success messages, but we don't have anything to render error messages. Copy this, paste, and loop over error. Make it look scary with alert-danger.

```
templates/base.html.twig
1 // ... line 1
2 <html lang="en">
3 // ... lines 3 - 15
4 <body>
5 // ... lines 17 - 73
6     {% for message in app.flashes('error') %}
7         <div class="alert alert-danger">
8             {{ message }}
9         </div>
10    {% endfor %}
11 // ... lines 79 - 102
12 </body>
13 </html>
```

Cool! Test it out - refresh! And... nice! It redirects and *there* is our error.

## Validating the Mime Types

This is great... but what we *really* want to do is control the *types* of files that are uploaded. Change the max size to 5m and add a mimeTypes option set to an array.

### 💡 Tip

To allow files larger than 2MB, you'll probably need to tweak the upload\_max\_filesize setting in your `php.ini` file. Then, don't forget to restart your web server!

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 22
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 27
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27             new File([
28                 'maxSize' => '5M',
29                 'mimeTypes' => [
30 // ... lines 33 - 39
31                     ]
32                 ])
33         );
34     }
35 // ... lines 43 - 66
36 }
37 }
38 }
```

Let's see... what *do* we want to allow? Well, probably *any* image is ok - so we can use `image/*` and definitely we should allow `application/pdf`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 22
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 27
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27             new File([
28                 'maxSize' => '5M',
29                 'mimeType' => [
30                     'image/*',
31                     'application/pdf',
32                 ]
33             ])
34         );
35 // ... lines 35 - 39
36     }
37 }
38 // ... lines 43 - 66
39
40     ]
41
42     );
43
44     );
45
46     );
47
48     );
49
50     );
51
52     );
53
54     );
55
56     );
57
58     );
59
60     );
61
62     );
63
64     );
65
66     );
67 }
68 }
```

But... what else? It's tricky: there are a lot of mime types out there. A nice way to cheat is to press Shift+Shift and look for a core class called `MimeTypeExtensionGuesser`.

This is a pretty neat class: it's what Symfony uses behind the scenes to "guess" the correct file extension based on the mime type of a file. It's useful right now because it has a *huge* list of mime types and their extensions. Check it out: search for `'doc'`. There it is: `application/msword`. And if you keep digging for other things like `docx` or `xls`, you can get a pretty good list of stuff you might want to accept.

Close this file and go back to the option: I'll paste in a few mime types. This covers a lot of your standard "document" stuff. Oh, I forgot one! Add `application/vnd.ms-excel`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
16 // ... lines 1 - 16
17 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
18 {
19 // ... lines 19 - 22
20     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
21     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
22     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
23     {
24 // ... lines 25 - 27
25         $violations = $validator->validate(
26             $uploadedFile,
27             new File([
28                 'maxSize' => '5M',
29                 'mimeType' => [
30                     'image/*',
31                     'application/pdf',
32                     'application/msword',
33                     'application/vnd.ms-excel',
34                     'application/vnd.openxmlformats-
35                     officedocument.wordprocessingml.document',
36                     'application/vnd.openxmlformats-
37                     officedocument.spreadsheetml.sheet',
38                     'application/vnd.openxmlformats-
39                     officedocument.presentationml.presentation',
40                     'text/plain'
41                 ]
42             ])
43         );
44 // ... lines 44 - 67
45     }
46 }
47 }
```

Let's try it out! Go back, select the Best Practices PDF, Upload and... no error! Try it again - but with this `earth.zip` file - that's a zip of two photos. Submit and... error! But wow is that a wordy error. You can change that message with the `mimeTypeMessage` option.

## Requiring the File

Oh! There's *one* last case we need to validate for. Hit enter on the URL to refresh the form. Do *nothing* and hit upload. Ah!!! Whoops! Everything explodes inside `UploaderHelper`... because there *is* no uploaded file! The horror!

Back in the controller, the second argument to `validate()` can accept an array of validation constraints. Put the `new File` into an array. Then add: `new NotBlank()` with a custom message: please select a file to upload.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 13
2 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints\NotBlank;
3 // ... lines 15 - 17
4 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
5 {
6 // ... lines 20 - 23
7     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
8         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
9         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
10    {
11 // ... lines 26 - 28
12        $violations = $validator->validate(
13            $uploadedFile,
14            [
15                new NotBlank(),
16                new File([
17 // ... lines 34 - 43
18                    ])
19                ]
20            );
21    }
22 }
```

Refresh one more time. The huge error is replaced by a *much* more pleasant validation message.

Next: the author can *upload* a file reference... but it is literally impossible for them to *download* it. How can we make these private files accessible, but still check security first?

# Chapter 23: Endpoint for Downloading Private Files

When we upload an article reference file, it *successfully* gets moved into the `var/uploads/article_reference/` directory. That's great. And *that* means those files are not publicly accessible to anyone... which is what we wanted.

## [Listing the Uploaded References](#)

Except... how can we allow *authors* to access them? As a first step, let's at least *list* the files on the page. In `edit.html.twig`, add a `<ul>` with some Bootstrap classes.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8   <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15  <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 17
18    <ul class="list-group small">
↔ // ... lines 19 - 23
24    </ul>
↔ // ... lines 25 - 33
34    </div>
35  </div>
36  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 37 - 43
```

Then loop with `{% for reference in article.articleReferences %}`. Inside, add an `<li>`, a *bunch* of classes to make it look fancy, and then print, how about, `reference.originalFilename`.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8   <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15   <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 17
18     <ul class="list-group small">
19       {% for reference in article.articleReferences %}
20         <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-
between align-items-center">
21           {{ reference.originalFilename }}
22         </li>
23       {% endfor %}
24     </ul>
↔ // ... lines 25 - 33
34   </div>
35 </div>
36 {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 37 - 43
```

This is pretty cool: when we move the files onto the server, we give them a weird filename. But because we saved the *original* filename, we can show that here: the author has *no* idea we're naming their files crazy things internally.

Let's see how this looks. Nice! 2 uploaded PDF's.

## The Download Controller

To add a download link, we know that we can't just link to the file directly: it's not public. Instead, we're going to link to a Symfony route and controller and that controller will check security and return the file to the user. Let's do this in `ArticleReferenceAdminController`. Add a new public function, how about, `downloadArticleReference()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 17
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 20 - 78
22     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference)
23     {
24 // ... line 81
25     }
26 }
```

Add the `@Route()` above this with `/admin/article/references/{id}/download` - where the `{id}` this time is the id of the `ArticleReference` object. Then, `name="admin_article_download_reference"` and `methods={"GET"}`, just to be extra cool.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 17
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 20 - 75
22     /**
23      * @Route("/admin/article/references/{id}/download",
24      name="admin_article_download_reference", methods={"GET"})
25     */
26     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference)
27     {
28 // ... line 81
29     }
30 }
```

Because the `{id}` is the id of the `ArticleReference`, we can add that as an argument:

`ArticleReference $reference`. Just `dd($reference)` so we can see if this is working.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 17
18 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
↔ // ... lines 20 - 75
76     /**
77      * @Route("/admin/article/references/{id}/download",
78      * name="admin_article_download_reference", methods={"GET"})
79      */
80     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference)
81     {
82         dd($reference);
83     }
}
```

Love it! Copy the route name and head back into the template. Add a `<span>` here for styling and an anchor with `href="{{ path() }}`, the route name, and `id: reference.id`. For the text, I'll use the Font Awesome download icon.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8      <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15         <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 17
18             <ul class="list-group small">
19                 {% for reference in article.articleReferences %}
20                     <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-
between align-items-center">
↔ // ... lines 21 - 22
23                         <span>
24                             <a href="{{
25                             path('admin_article_download_reference', {
26                                 id: reference.id
27                             })
28                         }}><span class="fa fa-download"></span></a>
29                         </span>
30                     </li>
31                 {% endfor %}
32             </ul>
↔ // ... lines 31 - 39
33         </div>
34     </div>
35 {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 43 - 49
```

Try it out! Refresh and... download! So far so good.

## Creating a Read File Stream

In some ways, our job in the controller is really simple: read the contents of the file and send it to the user. But... we don't *actually* want to read the contents of the file into a string and then put it in a Response. Because if it's a *large* file, that will eat up PHP memory.

This is already why, in `UploaderHelper`, we're using a *stream* to write the file. And now, we'll use a stream to *read* it. To keep all this streaming logic centralized in this class, add a new `public function readStream()` with a string `$path` argument and `bool $isPublic` so we know which of these two filesystems to read from.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
13 // ... lines 1 - 12
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
16 // ... lines 15 - 70
71     public function readStream(string $path, bool $isPublic)
72     {
73 // ... lines 73 - 81
82     }
83 // ... lines 83 - 110
111 }
```

Above the method, advertise that this will return a `resource` - PHP doesn't have a `resource` return type yet. Inside, step 1 is to get the right filesystem using the `$isPublic` argument.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 67
68     /**
69      * @return resource
70      */
71     public function readStream(string $path, bool $isPublic)
72     {
73         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
74         >privateFilesystem;
↔ // ... lines 74 - 81
82     }
↔ // ... lines 83 - 110
111 }
```

Then, `$resource = $filesystem->readStream($path)`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 67
68     /**
69      * @return resource
70      */
71     public function readStream(string $path, bool $isPublic)
72     {
73         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
74         >privateFilesystem;
75         $resource = $filesystem->readStream($path);
↔ // ... lines 76 - 81
82     }
↔ // ... lines 83 - 110
111 }
```

### 💡 Tip

If you're using version 4 of `oneup/flysystem-bundle` (so, `flysystem` v2), you don't need to code defensively anymore! All methods will throw an exception automatically if the operation fails.

That's... pretty much it! But hold Cmd or Ctrl and click to see the `readStream()` method. Ah yes, if this fails, Flysystem will return `false`. So let's code defensively:

`if ($resource === false)`, throw a new `\Exception()` with a nice message:

*“Error opening stream for %s”*

and pass `$path`. At the bottom, `return $resource`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 12
2
3 class UploaderHelper
4 {
5
6 // ... lines 15 - 67
7
8     /**
9      * @return resource
10     */
11     public function readStream(string $path, bool $isPublic)
12     {
13         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
14         >privateFilesystem;
15
16         $resource = $filesystem->readStream($path);
17
18         if ($resource === false) {
19             throw new \Exception(sprintf('Error opening stream for "%s"', $path));
20         }
21
22         return $resource;
23     }
24
25 // ... lines 83 - 110
26
27 }
```

This is great! We now have an easy way to get a stream to *read* any file in our filesystems... which will work if the file is stored locally or somewhere else.

## Checking Security

In the controller add the `UploaderHelper` argument. Oh, but before we use this, I forgot to check security! That was the whole point! The goal is to allow these files to be downloaded by anyone who has access to *edit* the article. We've been checking that via the `@IsGranted('MANAGE')` annotation - which leverages a custom voter we created in the

Symfony series. We can use this annotation here because the `article` in the annotation refers to the `$article` argument to the controller.

But in this new controller, we *don't* have an `article` argument, so we can't use the annotation in the same way. No problem: add `$article = $reference->getArticle()` and then run the security check manually: `$this->denyAccessUnlessGranted()` with that same 'MANAGE' string and `$article`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21     // ... lines 21 - 79
22     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
23   UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
24     {
25         $article = $reference->getArticle();
26         $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('MANAGE', $article);
27     }
28 }
```

Refresh to try it. We *still* have access because we're logged in as an admin.

Next, let's take our file stream and send it to the user! We'll also learn how to control the filename and force the user's browser to download it.

# Chapter 24: Streaming the File Download

We have a method that will allow us to open a *stream* of the file's contents. But... how can we send that to the user? We're used to returning a `Response` object or a `JsonResponse` object where we already have the response as a string or array. But if you want to *stream* something to the user without reading it all into memory, you need a special class called `StreamedResponse`.

Add `$response = new StreamedResponse()`. This takes one argument - a *callback*. At the bottom, return this.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 11
12 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\StreamedResponse;
13 // ... lines 13 - 18
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
16 // ... lines 21 - 79
17     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
18         UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
19     {
20 // ... lines 82 - 84
21         $response = new StreamedResponse(function() use ($reference,
22             $uploaderHelper) {
23 // ... lines 86 - 89
24             });
25
26         return $response;
27     }
28 // ... lines 94 - 95
```

Here's the idea: we can't just start streaming the response or echo'ing content right now inside the controller: Symfony's just not ready for that yet, it has more work to do, more headers to set, etc. That's why we *normally* create a `Response` object and *later*, when it's ready, Symfony echo's the response's content for us.

With a `StreamedResponse`, when Symfony is ready to finally send the data, it executes our callback and then we can do *whatever* we want. Heck, we can `echo 'foo'` and that's what the user would see.

Add a `use` statement and bring `$reference` and `$uploaderHelper` into the callback's scope so we can use them. To send a file stream to the user, it looks a little strange. Start with `$outputStream` set to `fopen('php://output')` and `wb`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 11
12 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\StreamedResponse;
13 // ... lines 13 - 18
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
16 // ... lines 21 - 79
17     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
18         UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
19     {
20 // ... lines 82 - 84
21         $response = new StreamedResponse(function() use ($reference,
22             $uploaderHelper) {
23             $outputStream = fopen('php://output', 'wb');
24 // ... lines 87 - 89
25         });
26
27         return $response;
28     }
29 // ... lines 94 - 95
```

We *usually* use `fopen` to write to a file. But this special `php://output` allows us to write to the "output" stream - a fancy way of saying that anything we write to this stream will just get "echo'ed" out. Next, set `$fileStream` to `$uploaderHelper->readStream()` and pass this the path to the file - something like

```
article_reference/symfony-best-practices-blah-blah.pdf.
```

Oh, except, we don't have an easy way to do that yet! In our `Article` entity, we added a nice `getImagePath()` method that read the constant from `UploaderHelper` and added the filename. I like that.

Let's copy that and go do the exact same thing in `ArticleReference`. At the bottom, paste and rename this to `getFilePath()`. Let's add a return type too - I probably should have done that in `Article`. Then, re-type the `r` on `UploaderHelper` to get the `use` statement, change the constant to `ARTICLE_REFERENCE` and update the method call to `getFilename()`.

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5 use App\Service\UploaderHelper;
↔ // ... lines 6 - 10
11 class ArticleReference
12 {
↔ // ... lines 13 - 91
92     public function getFilePath(): string
93     {
94         return UploaderHelper::ARTICLE_REFERENCE . '/' . $this->getFilename();
95     }
96 }
```

Great! Back in the controller, pass `$reference->getFilePath()` and then `false` for the `$isPublic` argument.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 79
80     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
81     {
↔ // ... lines 82 - 84
85         $response = new StreamedResponse(function() use ($reference,
$uploaderHelper) {
86             $outputStream = fopen('php://output', 'wb');
87             $fileStream = $uploaderHelper->readStream($reference-
>getFilePath(), false);
↔ // ... lines 88 - 89
90         });
91
92         return $response;
93     }
↔ // ... lines 94 - 95
```

Finally, now that we have a "write" stream and a "read" stream, we can use a function called `stream_copy_to_stream()` to... do exactly that! Copy `$fileStream` to `$outputStream`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 79
80     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
81     {
↔ // ... lines 82 - 84
85         $response = new StreamedResponse(function() use ($reference,
$uploaderHelper) {
86             $outputStream = fopen('php://output', 'wb');
87             $fileStream = $uploaderHelper->readStream($reference-
>getFilePath(), false);
88
89             stream_copy_to_stream($fileStream, $outputStream);
90         });
91
92         return $response;
93     }
↔ // ... lines 94 - 95
```

There ya go! The fanciest way of echo'ing content that you've probably ever seen, but it *avoids* eating memory.

## Setting the Content-Type

Try it out! Refresh and... it works... sort of. We *are* sending the file contents... but the browser is *clearly* not handling it well. The reason is that we haven't told the browser what *type* of file this is, so it's just treating it like the world's ugliest web page.

And... hey! Remember when we stored the `$mimeType` of the file in the database? Whelp, that's about to come in handy... big time! Add `$response->headers->set()` with `Content-Type` set to `$reference->getMimeType()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
19 // ... lines 1 - 18
20 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
21 {
22 // ... lines 21 - 79
23     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
24         UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
25     {
26 // ... lines 82 - 90
27         $response->headers->set('Content-Type', $reference->getMimeType());
28 // ... lines 92 - 93
29     }
30 }
```

Try it again. Hello PDF!

## Content-Disposition: Forcing Download

Another thing you might want to do is *force* the browser to download the file. It's really up to you. By default, based on the `Content-Type`, the browser may try to open the file - like it is here - or have the user download it. To force the browser to *always* download the file, we can leverage a header called `Content-Disposition`.

This header has a very specific format, so Symfony comes with a helper to create it. Say `$disposition = HeaderUtils::makeDisposition()`. For the first argument, we'll tell it whether we want the user to download the file, or open it in the browser by passing `HeaderUtils::DISPOSITION_ATTACHMENT` or `DISPOSITION_INLINE`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
11 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\HeaderUtils;
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
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71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
82         UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
83     {
84 // ... lines 83 - 92
85         $disposition = HeaderUtils::makeDisposition(
86             HeaderUtils::DISPOSITION_ATTACHMENT,
87 // ... line 95
88         );
89 // ... lines 97 - 99
90     }
91 }
```

Next, pass it the *filename*.

This is *especially* cool because, without this, the browser would probably try to call the file... just... "download" - because that's the last part of the URL. Now it will use `$reference->getOriginalFilename()`.

### 💡 Tip

If your original filename is not in ASCII characters, add a 3rd argument to `HeaderUtils::makeDisposition` to provide a "fallback" filename.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\HeaderUtils;
12 // ... lines 12 - 80
81     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
82   UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
83     {
84         // ... lines 83 - 92
85         $disposition = HeaderUtils::makeDisposition(
86             HeaderUtils::DISPOSITION_ATTACHMENT,
87             $reference->getOriginalFilename()
88         );
89         // ... lines 97 - 99
90     }
91 }
```

Before we set this header, I just want you to see what it looks like. So, `dd($disposition)`

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 10
11 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\HeaderUtils;
12 // ... lines 12 - 80
81     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
82   UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
83     {
84         // ... lines 83 - 92
85         $disposition = HeaderUtils::makeDisposition(
86             HeaderUtils::DISPOSITION_ATTACHMENT,
87             $reference->getOriginalFilename()
88         );
89         dd($disposition);
90     }
91 }
```

move over, refresh and... there it is. It's just a string, like any other header - but it has this specific format, which is why Symfony has a helper method.

Set this on the actual response with

```
$response->headers->set('Content-Disposition', $disposition);
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 19
20 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
21 {
22 // ... lines 22 - 80
81     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
82     {
83 // ... lines 83 - 96
97         $response->headers->set('Content-Disposition', $disposition);
98 // ... lines 98 - 99
100    }
101 }
```

Try it one more time. Yes! It downloads *and* uses the original filename.

Next: let's make this all *way* cooler by uploading instantly via AJAX.

# Chapter 25: Dropzone: AJAX Upload

When I started creating this tutorial, I got a lot of requests for things to talk about... which, by the way - thank you! That was awesome! Your requests *absolutely* helped drive this tutorial. One request that I heard over and over again was: handling multiple file uploads at a time.

It makes sense: instead of uploading files one-by-one, an author should be able to select a *bunch* at a time! This is something that's *totally* supported by the web: if you add a `multiple` attribute to a file input, boom! Your browser will allow you to select multiple files. In Symfony, we would then be handling an *array* of `UploadedFile` objects, instead of one.

But, I'm *not* going to show how to do that. Mostly... because I don't like the user experience! What if I select 10 files, wait for *all* of them to upload, then one is too big and fails validation? If you're not inside a form, you could probably save 9 of them and send back an error. But if you're inside a form, good luck: unless you do some serious work, *none* of them will be saved because the entire form was invalid!

I also want my files to start uploading as soon as I select them *and* I want a progress bar. Basically... I want to handle uploads via JavaScript. In fact, over the next few videos, we're going to create a pretty awesome little widget for uploading multiple files, deleting them, editing their filenames and even re-ordering them.

## Installing Dropzone

First: the upload part. Google for a library called Dropzone: it's probably the most popular JavaScript library for handling file uploads. It creates a little... "drop zone"... and when you drop a file here or select a file, it starts uploading. Super nice!

Search for a Dropzone CDN. I normally use Webpack Encore, and so, whenever I need a third-party library, I install it via yarn and import it when I need to use it. If you're using Encore, you *can* do this - and I recommend it. But in this tutorial, to keep things simple, we're *not* using Encore. And so, in our edit template, we're including a normal JavaScript file that lives in the `public/js/` directory: `admin_article_form.js`, which holds some pretty traditional JavaScript.

To get Dropzone rocking, copy the minified JavaScript file and go to the template. Actually, copy the whole script tag with SRI - that'll include the nice `integrity` attribute.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
48 // ... lines 1 - 47
49 {% block javascripts %}
50 // ... lines 49 - 50
51     <script
52     src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/dropzone/5.5.1/min/dropzone.min.js"
53     integrity="sha256-cs4thShDfjkqFGk5s2Lxj35sgSRr4MRcyccmi0WKqCM="
54     crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
55 // ... line 52
56 {% endblock %}
```

Grab the minified link tag too. We don't have a `stylesheets` block yet, so we need to add one: `{% block stylesheets %}{% endblock %}`, call `{{ parent() }}` and paste the link tag.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
41 // ... lines 1 - 41
42 {% block stylesheets %}
43     {{ parent() }}
44
45     <link rel="stylesheet"
46     href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/dropzone/5.5.1/min/dropzone.min.css"
47     integrity="sha256-e47x0kXs1JXFbjjpoRr1/LhVcqSzRmGmPqsrUQeVs+g="
48     crossorigin="anonymous" />
49 {% endblock %}
50 // ... lines 47 - 54
```

Dropzone basically "takes over" your form tag. You don't need a button anymore... or even the file input. The form tag *does* need a `dropzone` class... but that's it!

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8  <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15  <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 33
34  <form action="{{ path('admin_article_add_reference', {
35      id: article.id
36  }) }}" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data"
37  class="dropzone">
38  </form>
39  </div>
40  {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 41 - 54
```

Try it! Refresh and... hello Dropzone!

## How Dropzone Uploads

When you select a file with Dropzone, it's smart enough to upload to the `action` URL on our form. So... in theory... it should just... sort of work.

Back in the controller, scroll up to the upload endpoint and `dump($uploadedFile)`. I'm not using `dd()` - dump and die - because this will submit via AJAX - and by using `dump()` without die'ing, we'll be able to see it in the profiler.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 19
20 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
21 {
↔ // ... lines 22 - 25
26     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
27     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
28     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
29     {
30         /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
31         $uploadedFile = $request->files->get('reference');
32         dump($uploadedFile);
↔ // ... lines 31 - 76
77     }
↔ // ... lines 78 - 101
102 }
```

Ok: select a file. The *first* cool thing is that the file upload AJAX request showed up down on the web debug toolbar! I'll click the hash and open that up in a new tab.

This is awesome! We're now looking at *all* the profiler data for that AJAX request! Actually... hmm... that's not true. Look closely: it says that we were redirected from a POST request to the `admin_article_add_reference` route. We're looking at the profiler for the article edit page!

This is a bit confusing. Click the "Last 10" link to see a list of the last 10 requests made into our app. Now it's more obvious: Dropzone made a POST request to `/admin/article/41/references` - that's our upload endpoint. But, for some reason, that redirected us to the *edit* page. Click the token link to see the profiler for the POST request.

Check out the Debug tab. There it is: *this* is the dump from our controller... and it's null. Where's our upload? The problem is that, by default, Dropzone uploads a field called `file`. But in the controller, we're expecting it to be called `reference`.

## Customizing Dropzone

We *could* fix this in the controller... but we can also configure Dropzone to use the `reference` key. We're going to do that because, in general, as *cool* as it is that we can just add a "dropzone" class to our form and it mostly works, to *really* get this system working, we're going to need to customize a *bunch* of things on Dropzone.

Open up `admin_article_form.js`. First, at the very top, add `Dropzone.autoDiscover = false`. That tells Dropzone to *not* automatically configure itself on any form that has the `dropzone` class: we're going to do it manually.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
1 Dropzone.autoDiscover = false;
2
3 // ... lines 3 - 42
```

Try it out - close the extra tab and refresh. Hmm... still there? Maybe a force refresh? Now it's gone. The `dropzone` class still gives us some styling, but it's not functional anymore.

To get it working again, inside the `document.ready()`, call a new `initializeDropzone()` function.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 2
  3 $(document).ready(function() {
  4   initializeDropzone();
  ↪ // ... lines 5 - 29
30 });
  ↪ // ... lines 31 - 42
```

Copy that name, and, below, add it: `function initializeDropzone()`. If I were using Webpack Encore, I'd probably organize this function into its own file and import it.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 31
32 function initializeDropzone() {
  ↪ // ... lines 33 - 40
41 }
```

The goal here is to find the `form` element and initialize `Dropzone` on it. To do that, let's add another class on the form: `js-reference-dropzone`.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 2
  3 {% block content_body %}
  ↪ // ... lines 4 - 7
  8   <div class="row">
  ↪ // ... lines 9 - 14
15   <div class="col-sm-4">
  ↪ // ... lines 16 - 33
34     <form action="{{ path('admin_article_add_reference', {
35       id: article.id
36     }) }}" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data"
class="dropzone js-reference-dropzone">
37     </form>
38   </div>
39   </div>
40 {% endblock %}
  ↪ // ... lines 41 - 54
```

Copy that, and back inside our JavaScript, say

```
var formElement = document.querySelector() with .js-reference-dropzone.
```

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
 32 // ... lines 1 - 31
33 function initializeDropzone() {
34     var formElement = document.querySelector('.js-reference-dropzone');
35 // ... lines 34 - 40
41 }
```

Yes, yes, I'm using straight JavaScript here instead of jQuery to be a bit more hipster - no big reason for that. There's also a jQuery plugin for Dropzone. Next, to avoid an error on the "new" form that doesn't have this element, if `!formElement`, `return`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
 32 // ... lines 1 - 31
33 function initializeDropzone() {
34     var formElement = document.querySelector('.js-reference-dropzone');
35     if (!formElement) {
36         return;
37     }
38 // ... lines 37 - 40
41 }
```

Finally, initialize things with `var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement)`. And now we can pass an array of options. The one we need now is `paramName`. Set it to `reference`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
 32 // ... lines 1 - 31
33 function initializeDropzone() {
34     var formElement = document.querySelector('.js-reference-dropzone');
35     if (!formElement) {
36         return;
37     }
38     var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
39         paramName: 'reference'
40     });
41 }
```

That should do it! Head over and select another file - how about `earth.jpeg`. And... cool! It looks like it worked. Click to open the profiler for the AJAX request.

Oh... careful - once again, we got redirected! So this is the profiler for the edit page. Click the link to go back to the profiler for the POST request and go back to the Debug tab. Yes! Now we're getting the normal `UploadedFile` object.

Close this and refresh. Look at the list! There is `earth.jpeg`! It worked! Of course, it's a little weird that it redirected after success... and if there were a validation error... that would *also* cause a redirect... and so it would look successful to Dropzone. The problem is that our endpoint isn't set up to be an API endpoint. Let's fix that next and make Dropzone read our validation errors.

# Chapter 26: API Endpoint & Errors with Dropzone

The AJAX upload finishes successfully... but the response is a redirect... which doesn't break anything technically... but it's weird. Our endpoint isn't setup to be an API endpoint - it's 100% traditional: we're redirecting on error *and* success.

But now that we are using this as an API endpoint, let's fix that! And... this kinda simplifies things. For the validation error, we can say `return $this->json($violations, 400)`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 24
25     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
26 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
27 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
28     {
29 // ... lines 27 - 51
30         if ($violations->count() > 0) {
31             return $this->json($violations, 400);
32         }
33 // ... lines 55 - 66
34     }
35 // ... lines 68 - 91
36 }
```

How nice is that? And at the bottom, we don't *really* need to return anything yet, but it's pretty standard to return the JSON of a resource after creating it. So,

```
return $this->json($articleReference).
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 24
22     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
23     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
24     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
25     {
26 // ... lines 27 - 64
27         return $this->json($articleReference);
28     }
29 // ... lines 68 - 91
30 }
```

Let's try it! Move over, refresh... even though we don't need to... and select `astronaut.jpg`.

This time... it fails! Let's see what the error looks like. Hmm, actually, better: click to open the profiler - you can always see the error there. Oh:

*“A circular reference has been detected when serializing object of class Article.”*

This is a *super* common problem with the serializer, and we saw it earlier. We're serializing `ArticleReference`. And, by default, that will serialize all the properties that have getter methods... including the `article` property. Then when it serializes the `Article`, it finds the `$articleReferences` property and tries to serialize the `ArticleReference` objects... in an endless loop.

The easiest way to fix this is to define a serialization group. In `ArticleReference`, above the `id` property, add `@Groups` and let's invent one called `main`. Put this above all the fields that we actually want to serialize, how about `$id`, `$filename`, `$originalFilename` and `$mimeType`. We're not actually *using* the JSON response yet so it doesn't matter - but we *will* use it in a few minutes.

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 6
7 use Symfony\Component\Serializer\Annotation\Groups;
↔ // ... lines 8 - 11
12 class ArticleReference
13 {
14     /**
↔ // ... lines 15 - 17
18     * @Groups("main")
19     */
20     private $id;
↔ // ... lines 21 - 27
28     /**
↔ // ... line 29
30     * @Groups("main")
31     */
32     private $filename;
↔ // ... line 33
34     /**
↔ // ... line 35
36     * @Groups("main")
37     */
38     private $originalFilename;
↔ // ... line 39
40     /**
↔ // ... line 41
42     * @Groups("main")
43     */
44     private $mimeType;
↔ // ... lines 45 - 100
101 }
```

Back in the controller, let's break this onto multiple lines. The second argument is the status code and we should actually use `201` - that's the proper status code when you've *created* a resource. Next is headers - we don't need anything custom, and, for context, add an array with `groups` set to `['main']`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 24
22     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
23     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
24     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
25     {
26         // ... lines 27 - 65
27         return $this->json(
28             $articleReference,
29             201,
30             [],
31             [
32                 'groups' => ['main']
33             ]
34         );
35     }
36 // ... lines 75 - 98
37 }
```

Let's see if that fixed things. Close the profiler and select "stars". Duh - I totally forgot - the stars file is too big - you can see it failed. But when you hover over it... `object Object`? That's not a great error message... We'll fix that in a minute.

Select `Earth from the Moon.jpg` and... nice! It works and the JSON response looks awesome!

## Displaying Errors Correctly

Ok, let's look back at what happened with stars. This failed validation and so the server returned a 400 status code. Dropzone *did* notice that - it knows it failed. But, by default, Dropzone expects the Response to be just a string with the error message, not a nice JSON structure with a `detail` key like we have.

No worries: we just need a little extra JavaScript to help this along. Back in `admin_article_form.js`, add another option called `init` and set that to a `function`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 31
32  function initializeDropzone() {
  // ... lines 33 - 37
38    var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
  // ... line 39
40      init: function() {
  // ... lines 41 - 45
46        }
47      });
48 }
```

Dropzone calls this when it's setting itself up, and it's a great place to add extra behavior via events. For example, want to do something whenever there's an error? Call `this.on('error')` and pass that a callback with two arguments: a `file` object that holds details about the file that was uploaded and `data` - the data sent back from the server.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 31
32  function initializeDropzone() {
  // ... lines 33 - 37
38    var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
  // ... line 39
40      init: function() {
41        this.on('error', function(file, data) {
  // ... lines 42 - 44
45          });
46        }
47      });
48 }
```

Because the real validation message lives on the `detail` key, we can say: if `data.detail`, `this.emit('error')` passing `file` and the actual error message string: `data.detail`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 31
32  function initializeDropzone() {
  // ... lines 33 - 37
38  var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
  // ... line 39
40    init: function() {
        this.on('error', function(file, data) {
42        if (data.detail) {
43          this.emit('error', file, data.detail);
44        }
45      });
46    }
47  });
48 }
```

That's it! Refresh the *whole* thing... and upload the stars file again. It failed... but when we hover on it! Nice! There's our validation error.

Next: now that our files are automatically uploaded via AJAX, the reference list should *also* automatically update when each upload finishes. Let's render that whole section with JavaScript.

# Chapter 27: Rendering the File List Client Side

Here's the plan. Since we're using Dropzone to upload things via Ajax, I want to transform this entire section into a fully JavaScript-driven dynamic widget. Some of this stuff we're going to talk about isn't strictly related to handling uploads, but I got a lot of requests to show a full upload "gallery" where you can upload, edit, delete and re-order files. So... let's do that!

Select another file to upload, like `rocket.jpeg`. It uploads... but you don't see it on the list until we refresh. Lame! Instead of rendering this list inside Twig, let's render it via JavaScript. Once we've done that, updating it dynamically will be easy!

## Article References Collection Endpoint

To power the frontend, we need a new API endpoint that will return all of the references for a specific Article. We got this: go into `ArticleReferenceAdminController` and create a new public function called `getArticleReferences()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 79
22     public function getArticleReferences(Article $article)
23     {
24 // ... line 82
25     }
26 // ... lines 84 - 107
27 }
```

Add the `@Route()` above this with `/admin/article/{id}/references`.

*This time, the `id` is the article id. URLs aren't technically important, but this is on purpose: in an API, `/admin/article/{id}` would be the URL to get info about a specific article. Adding `/references` onto that is a nice way to read its references.*

Now add the `methods="GET"` - yes you *can* leave off the curly braces when there's just one method - and `name="admin_article_list_references"`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 75
76     /**
77      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references", methods="GET",
78      name="admin_article_list_references")
↔ // ... line 78
79     */
80     public function getArticleReferences(Article $article)
81     {
↔ // ... line 82
83     }
↔ // ... lines 84 - 107
108 }
```

Down in the method, add the `Article` argument and don't forget the security check:

`@IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")`. We can use the annotation this time

because we *do* have an `article` argument. Then, oh, it's beautiful:

```
return $this->json($article->getArticleReferences());
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
↔ // ... lines 21 - 75
76     /**
77      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references", methods="GET",
78      name="admin_article_list_references")
79      * @IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")
80     */
81     public function getArticleReferences(Article $article)
82     {
83         return $this->json($article->getArticleReferences());
84     }
↔ // ... lines 84 - 107
108 }
```

How nice is it!? Let's check it out: in the browser, take off the `/edit` and replace it with `/references`. And... oh boy, it explodes!

*“Semantical error: Couldn't find constant article... make sure annotations are installed and enabled.”*

Well, they are - this is a *total* rookie mistake I made with my annotations. On the `@IsGranted` annotation, it should be `subject="article"`. Try it again. *Here* we go - that's the error I was expecting: our favorite circular reference has been detected.

This is the exact same thing we saw a second ago when we tried to serialize a single `ArticleReference`. And the fix is the same: we need to use the `main` serialization group.

Pass 200 as the status code, no custom headers, but one custom `groups` option set to `main`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 79
22
23     public function getArticleReferences(Article $article)
24     {
25         return $this->json(
26             $article->getArticleReferences(),
27             200,
28             [],
29             [
30                 'groups' => ['main']
31             ]
32         );
33     }
34 // ... lines 91 - 114
35 }
```

Try it again. Gorgeous! That contains *everything* we need to render the list in JavaScript.

## JavaScript Rendering

To do that, we're not going to use Vue.js or React. Those are both *wonderful* options, and if you're serious about building some high-quality front-end apps, you need to give them a serious look. But, to keep the concepts understandable, I'm going to stick to jQuery and a few modern JavaScript techniques.

Start in `edit.html.twig`. Find the list and completely empty it: we'll fill this in via JavaScript. But add a new class so we can find it: `js-reference-list`. Let's also add a `data-url` attribute: I want to print the URL to our new endpoint to make it easy for JavaScript to fetch the references. Copy the new route name, paste it into `path` and add pass the `id` route wildcard set to `article.id`.

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3  {% block content_body %}
↔ // ... lines 4 - 7
8   <div class="row">
↔ // ... lines 9 - 14
15    <div class="col-sm-4">
↔ // ... lines 16 - 17
18      <ul class="list-group small js-reference-list" data-url="{{
  path('admin_article_list_references', {id: article.id}) }}></ul>
↔ // ... lines 19 - 25
26    </div>
27  </div>
28 {% endblock %}
↔ // ... lines 29 - 42
```

## The ReferenceList JavaScript Class

Next, in `admin_article_form.js`, I'm going to paste in a class that I've started: you can copy this from the code block on this page. This uses the newer "class" syntax from JavaScript... which is compatible with *most* browsers, but not all of them. That's why I've added this note to use Webpack Encore, which will rewrite the new syntax so that it's compatible with whatever browsers you need.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
// ... lines 1 - 33
34 // todo - use Webpack Encore so ES6 syntax is transpiled to ES5
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
38         this.$element = $element;
39         this.references = [];
40         this.render();
41
42         $.ajax({
43             url: this.$element.data('url')
44         }).then(data => {
45             this.references = data;
46             this.render();
47         })
48     }
49
50     render() {
51         const itemsHtml = this.references.map(reference => {
52             return `
53 <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-between align-items-
center">
54     ${reference.originalFilename}
55
56     <span>
57         <a href="/admin/article/references/${reference.id}/download"><span>
58             class="fa fa-download"></span></a>
59     </span>
60 </li>
61     `
62
63     this.$element.html(itemsHtml.join(''));
64 }
65 }
```

```
// ... lines 66 - 84
```

Before we dive into this class, let's start using it up on our `document.ready()` function. Say

```
var referenceList = new ReferenceList() and pass it $('.js-reference-list')
- that's the element we just added the attribute to.
```

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 2
3  $(document).ready(function() {
4      var referenceList = new ReferenceList($('.js-reference-list'));
  // ... lines 5 - 31
32 });
  // ... lines 33 - 84
```

And... yea! The class mostly takes care of the rest! In the `constructor()`, we take in the jQuery element and store it on `this.$element`. It also keeps track of all the *references* that it has, which starts empty and calls `this.render()`, whose job is to completely fill the `ul` element.

`this.references.map` is a fancy way to loop over the *references* array, which is empty at the start, but won't be forever. For each reference, it creates a string of HTML that is basically a copy of what we had in our template before. This uses a feature called template literals that allows us to create a multi-line string with variables inside - like `reference.originalFilename` and `referenced.id`. The data from the *references* will ultimately come from our new endpoint, so I'm using the same keys that our JSON has.

I *did* hardcode the URL to the download endpoint instead of doing something fancier. You could generate that with FOSJsRoutingBundle if you want, but hardcoding it is also not a huge deal.

Finally, at the bottom, we take all that HTML and stick it into the element. This is a bit similar to what React does, but *definitely* less powerful.

Back up in the constructor, the *references* array *starts* empty, but we immediately make an Ajax call by reading the `data-url` attribute off of our element. When it finishes, we set `this.references` to its data and once again call `this.render()`.

Phew! Let's see if it actually works! Refresh and... yes! If you watched closely, it was empty for a *moment*, then filled in once the AJAX call finished.

## Dynamically Adding the Row

Now that we're rendering this in JavaScript, we have a clean way to add a *new* row whenever a file finishes uploading. Back inside the `init` function for Dropzone, add another event listener: `this.on('success')` and pass a callback with the same `file` and `data` arguments. To start, just `console.log(data)` so we can see what it looks like.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 66
67  function initializeDropzone() {
  ↪ // ... lines 68 - 72
73    var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
  ↪ // ... line 74
75      init: function() {
76        this.on('success', function(file, data) {
77          console.log(file, data);
78        });
  ↪ // ... lines 79 - 84
85      }
86    });
87 }
```

Ok, refresh, select any file and... in the console... nice! We *already* did the work of returning the new `ArticleReference` JSON on success... even though we didn't need it before. Thanks past us!

And *now*, we're dangerous. If we can somehow take that data, put it into the `references` property in our class and re-render, we'll be good!

To help that, add a new function called `addReference()`. This will take in a new reference and then push it onto `this.references`. Then call `this.render()`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35  class ReferenceList
36  {
  ↪ // ... lines 37 - 49
50    addReference(reference) {
51      this.references.push(reference);
52      this.render();
53    }
  ↪ // ... lines 54 - 69
70  }
  ↪ // ... lines 71 - 96
```

For people that are used to React, I *do* want to mention two things. First, we're *mutating*, um, changing the `this.references` property when we say `this.references.push()`. Changing "state", which is basically what this is, is a big "no no" in React. But in our simpler system, it's fine. Second, each time we call `this.render()`, it is *completely* emptying the `ul` and re-adding all the HTML from scratch. Front-end frameworks like React or Vue are way smarter than this and are able to update *just* the pieces that changed.

Anyways, inside of `initializeDropzone()`, add a `referenceList` argument: we're going to force this to get passed to us. I'll even document that this will be an instance of the `ReferenceList` class.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
↔ // ... lines 1 - 71
72 /**
73  * @param {ReferenceList} referenceList
74 */
75 function initializeDropzone(referenceList) {
↔ // ... lines 76 - 94
95 }
```

Back on top, pass in the object - `referenceList`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
↔ // ... lines 1 - 2
3 $(document).ready(function() {
↔ // ... lines 4 - 5
6     initializeDropzone(referenceList);
↔ // ... lines 7 - 31
32 });
↔ // ... lines 33 - 96
```

And now inside success, instead of `console.log()`, we'll say `referenceList.addReference(data)`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
↔ // ... lines 1 - 74
75 function initializeDropzone(referenceList) {
↔ // ... lines 76 - 80
81     var dropzone = new Dropzone(formElement, {
↔ // ... line 82
83         init: function() {
84             this.on('success', function(file, data) {
85                 referenceList.addReference(data);
86             });
↔ // ... lines 87 - 92
93         }
94     });
95 }
```

Cool! Give your page a nice refresh. And... let's see: `astronaut.jpg` is the last file on the list currently. So let's upload `Earth from the Moon.jpeg`. It uploads and... boom! So fast! We can even instantly download it.

Next: let's keep leveling up: authors need a way to *delete* existing file references.

# Chapter 28: Deleting Files

The next thing our file gallery needs is the ability to delete files. I know this tutorial is all about uploading... but in these chapters, we're sorta, *accidentally* creating a nice API for our Article references. We already have the ability to get all references for a specific article, create a new reference and download a reference's file. Now we need an endpoint to delete a reference.

Add a new function at the bottom called `deleteArticleReference()`. Put the `@Route()` above this with `/admin/article/references/{id}`, `name="admin_article_delete_reference"` and - this will be important - `methods={"DELETE"}`. We do *not* want to make it possible to make a GET request to this endpoint. First, because that's crazy-dangerous. And second, because if we kept building out the API, we would want to have a different endpoint for making a GET request to `/admin/article/references/{id}` that would return the JSON for that one reference.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 115
116     /**
117      * @Route("/admin/article/references/{id}",
118      name="admin_article_delete_reference", methods={"DELETE"})
119      public function deleteArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference)
120      {
121 // ... lines 121 - 122
122      }
123 }
124 }
```

Inside, add the `ArticleReference $reference` argument and then we'll add our normal security check. In fact, copy it from above and put it here.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 18
19 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
20 {
21 // ... lines 21 - 115
116     /**
117      * @Route("/admin/article/references/{id}",
118      * name="admin_article_delete_reference", methods={"DELETE"})
119     */
120     public function deleteArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference)
121     {
122         $article = $reference->getArticle();
123         $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('MANAGE', $article);
124     }
125 }
```

## The deleteFile() Service Method

Ok: how can we delete a file? Through the magic of Flysystem of course! And the best place for that logic to live is probably `UploaderHelper`. We already have functions for uploading two types of files, getting the public path and reading a stream. Copy the `readStream()` function declaration, paste, rename it to `deleteFile()` and remove the return type.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
18 // ... lines 1 - 12
19 class UploaderHelper
20 {
21 // ... lines 15 - 83
84     public function deleteFile(string $path, bool $isPublic)
85     {
22 // ... lines 86 - 92
93     }
23 // ... lines 94 - 121
122 }
```

We'll start the same way: by grabbing whichever filesystem we need.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
 13 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 83
84     public function deleteFile(string $path, bool $isPublic)
85     {
86         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
87         >privateFilesystem;
18 // ... lines 87 - 92
93     }
19 // ... lines 94 - 121
122 }
```

Next say `$result = $filesystem->delete()` and pass that `$path`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
 13 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 83
84     public function deleteFile(string $path, bool $isPublic)
85     {
86         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
87         >privateFilesystem;
88         $result = $filesystem->delete($path);
18 // ... lines 89 - 92
93     }
19 // ... lines 94 - 121
122 }
```

Finally, code defensively: if `$result === false`, throw a new exception with

`Error deleting "%s"` and `$path`.

```

src/Service/UploaderHelper.php

13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
15 // ... lines 15 - 83
16     public function deleteFile(string $path, bool $isPublic)
17     {
18         $filesystem = $isPublic ? $this->filesystem : $this-
19         >privateFilesystem;
20
21         $result = $filesystem->delete($path);
22
23         if ($result === false) {
24             throw new \Exception(sprintf('Error deleting "%s"', $path));
25         }
26     }
27 // ... lines 94 - 121
28 }
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```

## The DELETE Endpoint

That's nice! Back in the controller, add an `UploaderHelper` argument, oh and we're also going to need the `EntityManagerInterface` service as well. Remove the reference from the database with `$entityManager->remove($reference)` and `$entityManager->flush()`. Then `$uploaderHelper->deleteFile()` passing that `$reference->getFilePath()` and `false` so it uses the private filesystem.

```

src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

13 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
14 {
15 // ... lines 22 - 119
16     public function deleteArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
17     UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
18     {
19         $entityManager->remove($reference);
20         $entityManager->flush();
21
22         $uploaderHelper->deleteFile($reference->getFilePath(), false);
23     }
24 }
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Quick note: in the real world, if there was a problem deleting the file from Flysystem - which is *definitely* possible when you're storing in the cloud - then you could end up with a situation where the *row* is deleted in the database, but the file still exists! If you changed the order, you'd have the opposite problem: the file might get deleted, but then the row stays because of a temporary connection error to the database.

If you're worried about this, use a Doctrine transaction to wrap *all* of this logic. If the file was successfully deleted, commit the transaction. If not, roll it back so both the file and row stay.

Anyways, what should this endpoint return? Well... how about... nothing! Return a new `Response()` - the one from `HttpFoundation` - with `null` as the content and a 204 status code. 204 means: the operation was successful but I have nothing else to say!

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response;
14 // ... lines 14 - 19
15 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
16 {
17 // ... lines 22 - 119
18     public function deleteArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
19         UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
20     {
21 // ... lines 122 - 129
22         return new Response(null, 204);
23     }
24 }
```

## Hooking up the JavaScript

That's it! That is a *nice* endpoint! Head back to our JavaScript so we can put this all together. First, down in the `render()` function, add a little trash icon next to the download link. I'll make this a button... just because semantically, it requires a DELETE request, so it's not something the user can click without JavaScript. Give it a `js-reference-delete` class so we can find it, some styling classes and, inside, we'll use FontAwesome for the icon.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  // ... lines 37 - 74
75   render() {
76     const itemsHtml = this.references.map(reference => {
77       return `
78 <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-between align-items-
center" data-id="${reference.id}">
  // ... lines 79 - 80
81   <span>
  // ... line 82
83     <button class="js-reference-delete btn btn-link"><span class="fa fa-
trash"></span></button>
84   </span>
85 </li>
86   `
87   });
  // ... lines 88 - 89
90 }
91 }
  // ... lines 92 - 117
```

Copy that class name and go back up to the constructor. Here say

`this.$element.on('click')` and then pass `.js-reference-delete`. This is called a delegate event handler. It's handy because it allows us to attach a listener to any `.js-reference-delete` elements, even if they're added to the HTML *after* this line is executed. For the callback, I'll pass an ES6 arrow function so that the `this` variable inside is still my `ReferenceList` object. Call a new method: `this.handleReferenceDelete()` and pass it the `event` object.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37   constructor($element) {
  // ... lines 38 - 41
42     this.$element.on('click', '.js-reference-delete', (event) => {
43       this.handleReferenceDelete(event);
44     });
  // ... lines 45 - 51
52   }
  // ... lines 53 - 90
91 }
  // ... lines 92 - 117
```

Copy that name, head down, and paste to create that. Inside, we need to do two things: make the AJAX request to delete the item from the server *and* remove the reference from the `references` array and call `this.render()` so it disappears.

Start with `const $li =`. I'm going to use the `button` that was just clicked to find the `<li>` element that's around everything - you'll see why in a second. So,

```
const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item').
```

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  // ... lines 37 - 58
59   handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60     const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
  // ... lines 61 - 72
73   }
  // ... lines 74 - 90
91 }
```

To create the URL for the DELETE request, I need the `id` of this specific article reference. To get that, add a new `data-id` attribute on the `li` set to `#{reference.id}`. I'm adding this here instead of directly on the button so that we could re-use it for other behaviors.

Now we can say `const id = $li.data('id')` and `$li.addClass('disabled')` to make it look like we're doing something during the AJAX call.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  // ... lines 37 - 58
59   handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60     const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
61     const id = $li.data('id');
62     $li.addClass('disabled');
  // ... lines 63 - 72
73   }
  // ... lines 74 - 90
91 }
```

Make that with `$.ajax()` with `url()` set to `'/admin/article/references/'+id` and method "DELETE":

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  ↪ // ... lines 37 - 58
59   handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60     const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
61     const id = $li.data('id');
62     $li.addClass('disabled');
  ↪ // ... line 63
64     $.ajax({
65       url: '/admin/article/references/'+id,
66       method: 'DELETE'
  ↪ // ... lines 67 - 71
72   });
73 }
  ↪ // ... lines 74 - 90
91 }
  ↪ // ... lines 92 - 117
```

To handle success, chain a `.then()` on this with another arrow function.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  ↪ // ... lines 37 - 58
59   handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60     const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
61     const id = $li.data('id');
62     $li.addClass('disabled');
  ↪ // ... line 63
64     $.ajax({
65       url: '/admin/article/references/'+id,
66       method: 'DELETE'
67     }).then(() => {
  ↪ // ... lines 68 - 71
72   });
73 }
  ↪ // ... lines 74 - 90
91 }
  ↪ // ... lines 92 - 117
```

Now that the article reference has been deleted from the server, let's remove it from `this.references`. A nice way to do that is by saying: `this.references = this.references.filter()` and passing this an arrow function with `return reference.id !== id`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35  class ReferenceList
36  {
  ↪ // ... lines 37 - 58
59    handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60      const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
61      const id = $li.data('id');
62      $li.addClass('disabled');
  ↪ // ... line 63
64      $.ajax({
65        url: '/admin/article/references/'+id,
66        method: 'DELETE'
67      }).then(() => {
68        this.references = this.references.filter(reference => {
69          return reference.id !== id;
70        });
  ↪ // ... line 71
71      });
72    }
  ↪ // ... lines 74 - 90
91  }
  ↪ // ... lines 92 - 117
```

This callback function will be called once for each item in the array. If the function returns true, that item will be put into the new `references` variable. If it returns false, it won't be. The end effect is that we get an identical array, except *without* the reference that was just deleted.

After this, call `this.render()`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
↔ // ... lines 37 - 58
59     handleReferenceDelete(event) {
60         const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
61         const id = $li.data('id');
62         $li.addClass('disabled');
63
64         $.ajax({
65             url: '/admin/article/references/'+id,
66             method: 'DELETE'
67         }).then(() => {
68             this.references = this.references.filter(reference => {
69                 return reference.id !== id;
70             });
71             this.render();
72         });
73     }
↔ // ... lines 74 - 90
91 }
↔ // ... lines 92 - 117
```

Let's try it! Refresh and... cool! There's our delete icon - it looks a little weird, but we'll fix that in a minute. Let's see, in `var/uploads` we have a `rocket.jpeg` file. Let's delete that one. Ha! It disappeared! The 204 status code looks good and... the file is gone!

It's strange when things work on the first try!

## Alignment Tweak

While we're here, let's fix this alignment issue - it's weirding me out. Down in the `render()` function, add a few Bootstrap classes to the download link and make the delete button smaller.

Try that. Better... but it's still just a *touch* off. Add `vertical-align: middle` to the download icon. It's subtle but... yep - the buttons are lined up now.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
↔ // ... lines 37 - 74
75     render() {
76         const itemsHtml = this.references.map(reference => {
77             return `
78             <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-between align-items-center" data-id="${reference.id}">
↔ // ... lines 79 - 80
81                 <span>
82                     <a href="/admin/article/references/${reference.id}/download" class="btn btn-link btn-sm"><span class="fa fa-download" style="vertical-align: middle"></span></a>
83                     <button class="js-reference-delete btn btn-link btn-sm"><span class="fa fa-trash"></span></button>
84                 </span>
85             </li>
86             `
87         });
↔ // ... lines 88 - 89
90     }
91 }
↔ // ... lines 92 - 117
```

Next: our users are *begging* for another feature: the ability to rename the file after it's been uploaded.

# Chapter 29: Edit Endpoint & Deserialization

I want more fancy! Seriously, we're going to add pretty much *everything* we can think of to make this a sweet, flexible, sort of, file "gallery". What about allowing the user to *update* a file reference?

Okay, well, we're not going to allow the user to update the *actual* attached file, there's just no point. Want to upload a newer version of a file? Just delete the old one and upload the new one. Feature, done!

But we *could* allow them to change the filename. Remember: this is the *original* filename. And, yea, if they uploaded a file called `astronaut.jpeg`, it would be totally cool to let them change that to something else after. Let's do it!

## The Update API Endpoint

Let's keep thinking about our `ArticleReference` routes as a set of nice, RESTful API endpoints. We already have an endpoint to create and delete an `ArticleReference`. This will be an endpoint to *edit* a reference... except that the only field the user will be allowed to edit will be the `originalFilename`.

Copy the beginning of our delete endpoint, paste, close it up and we'll call this `updateArticleReference()`. Keep the same URL, but change the route name to `admin_article_update_reference` - it should be *reference*, not *references*, let's fix that in both places - I don't think I'm referencing that route name anywhere. And instead of `methods={"DELETE"}`, use `methods={"PUT"}`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
 20 // ... lines 1 - 19
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
23 // ... lines 22 - 132
133 /**
134     * @Route("/admin/article/references/{id}",
135     *     name="admin_article_update_reference", methods={"PUT"})
136     */
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
138     UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
139     {
140         $article = $reference->getArticle();
141         $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('MANAGE', $article);
142     }
143 }
```

Cool! Let's think about how we want this endpoint to work. First, our JavaScript will send a request with a JSON body that contains the data that should be updated on the `ArticleReference`. In this case, the data will have only one field: `originalFilename`.

## Deserializing JSON

So far, we've been using `$this->json()` to turn an object or multiple objects into JSON. This uses Symfony's serializer behind the scenes. Now we're going to use the serializer to do the opposite: to turn JSON *back* into an `ArticleReference` object. That's called deserialization and... it's... pretty freakin' awesome!

Let's add a few more arguments: `SerializerInterface $serializer` and `Request` - the one from `HttpFoundation` - so we can read the raw JSON body.

```

src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
16 use Symfony\Component\Serializer\SerializerInterface;
17
18 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
20
21     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
22   EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
23   Request $request)
24     {
25
26         // ... lines 139 - 162
27     }
28 }

```

To automatically turn the JSON into an `ArticleReference` object, say `$serializer->deserialize()`. The serializer only has these two methods: `serialize()` and `deserialize()`.

```

src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
16 use Symfony\Component\Serializer\SerializerInterface;
17
18 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
19 {
20
21     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
22   EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
23   Request $request)
24     {
25
26         // ... lines 139 - 141
27         $serializer->deserialize(
28
29             // ... lines 143 - 149
30         );
31
32         // ... lines 151 - 162
33     }
34 }

```

This method needs the raw JSON from the request - that's `$request->getContent()`, what type of object to turn this into - `ArticleReference::class` - and the *format* of the data: `json`, because the serializer can also handle XML or any crazy format you dream up.

```

src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

21 // ... lines 1 - 20
22 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
23 {
24 // ... lines 23 - 136
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
138         EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
139         Request $request)
140     {
141 // ... lines 139 - 141
142         $serializer->deserialize(
143             $request->getContent(),
144             ArticleReference::class,
145             'json',
146             [
147                 'object_to_populate' => $reference,
148             ]
149         );
150     }
151 }
152 }
153 }
154 }
155 }
156 }
157 }
158 }
159 }
160 }
161 }
162 }
163 }
164 }

```

Finally, we can pass some options - called "context". By default, `deserialize()` will always create a *new* object... but we want it to update an *existing* object. To do that, pass an option called `object_to_populate` set to `$reference`.

```

src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

21 // ... lines 1 - 20
22 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
23 {
24 // ... lines 23 - 136
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
138         EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
139         Request $request)
140     {
141 // ... lines 139 - 141
142         $serializer->deserialize(
143             $request->getContent(),
144             ArticleReference::class,
145             'json',
146             [
147                 'object_to_populate' => $reference,
148             ]
149         );
150     }
151 }
152 }
153 }
154 }
155 }
156 }
157 }
158 }
159 }
160 }
161 }
162 }
163 }
164 }

```

Oh, and when we've been *serializing*, we've been passing a `groups` option, which tells the serializer to put the properties from the "main" group into the JSON. We can do the same thing here: we don't want a clever user to be able to update the internal filename or the `id`: we need to restrict their power to changing the `originalFilename`.

Above `$originalFilename`, turn the `groups` value into an array and give it a second group: `input`.

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 11
12 class ArticleReference
13 {
14 // ... lines 14 - 33
15 /**
16 // ... line 35
17     * @Groups({"main", "input"})
18     */
19     private $originalFilename;
20 // ... lines 39 - 100
21 }
```

In the controller, way back down here, set `groups` to `input`. So if any other fields or passed, they'll just be ignored.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
11 // ... lines 1 - 20
12 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
13 {
14 // ... lines 23 - 136
15     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
16         EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
17         Request $request)
18     {
19 // ... lines 139 - 141
20         $serializer->deserialize(
21             $request->getContent(),
22             ArticleReference::class,
23             'json',
24             [
25                 'object_to_populate' => $reference,
26                 'groups' => ['input']
27             ]
28         );
29 // ... lines 151 - 162
30     }
31 }
```

And... yea, that's it! We *do* need to think about validation - but, pff, we'll handle that later - like in 2 minutes. Right now we can celebrate with `$entityManager->persist($reference)`... which we technically don't need because this isn't a new object, but I usually add it, and `$entityManager->flush()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
23 // ... lines 23 - 136
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
Request $request)
138     {
139 // ... lines 139 - 151
152         $entityManager->persist($reference);
153         $entityManager->flush();
154 // ... lines 154 - 162
163     }
164 }
```

What should we return? Typically after you edit a resource in an API, we return that resource again. Scroll all the way up to our upload endpoint and steal the JSON logic. We could also refactor this into a private method if we wanted to avoid duplication. Back down in *our* method, paste, rename the variable to `$reference` and use 200 as the status code: we're not *creating* a resource in this case.

## src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 136
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
138         EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
139         Request $request)
140     {
↔ // ... lines 139 - 154
155         return $this->json(
156             $reference,
157             200,
158             [],
159             [
160                 'groups' => ['main']
161             ]
162         );
163     }
164 }
```

Ok, that endpoint should be good! Or at least, we're ready to hook up our JavaScript so we can find out if it explodes when we use it! That's next.

# Chapter 30: JavaScript for Editing a Reference

To make this all work, but to avoid going *totally* insane and coding JavaScript for the next 30 minutes, we're going to turn the printed string into an input text body and, on "blur" - so when we click away from it, we'll make an AJAX request to save the new filename.

Let's copy the original filename code and replace it with `<input type="text"` and `value="` that original filename stuff. Let's also add two classes: one from Bootstrap to make things look nice and another - `js-edit-filename` - so that we can *find* this field in JavaScript. Oh, one more detail: add a `style` attribute with `width: auto` - just another styling thing.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
35 // ... lines 1 - 34
36 class ReferenceList {
37 {
38 // ... lines 37 - 92
39
40     render() {
41         const itemsHtml = this.references.map(reference => {
42             return `
43             <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-between align-items-
44             center" data-id="${reference.id}">
45                 <input type="text" value="${reference.originalFilename}" class="form-
46                 control js-edit-filename" style="width: auto;">
47             // ... lines 99 - 103
48             </li>
49             `
50             });
51         // ... lines 107 - 108
52     }
53 }
54 // ... lines 111 - 136
```

Next: copy the `js-` class name and head back up to the constructor. We're going to do the same thing we did with our delete link: `this.$element.on('blur')`, this time with `.js-edit-filename` and then our arrow function. Inside that, call a new function: `this.handleReferenceEditFilename()` and pass that the `event`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  ↑ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
  ↑ // ... lines 38 - 45
46         this.$element.on('blur', '.js-edit-filename', (event) => {
47             this.handleReferenceEditFilename(event);
48         });
  ↑ // ... lines 49 - 55
56     }
  ↑ // ... lines 57 - 109
110 }
  ↑ // ... lines 111 - 136
```

Keep going: copy the method name, scroll down a bit, and create that function, which will accept an `event` object. Let's also steal the first two lines from `handleReferenceDelete()`: we're going to start the exact same way.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  ↑ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  ↑ // ... lines 37 - 78
79     handleReferenceEditFilename(event) {
80         const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
81         const id = $li.data('id');
  ↑ // ... lines 82 - 91
92     }
  ↑ // ... lines 93 - 109
110 }
  ↑ // ... lines 111 - 136
```

Heck, we're going to make an AJAX request to the same URL! Just with the `PUT` method instead of `DELETE`.

When we send that AJAX request, we're only going to send one piece of data: the `originalFilename` that's in the text box. But I want you to pretend that we're allowing *multiple* fields to be updated on the reference. So, more abstractly, what we were *really* want to do is find the reference that's being updated from inside `this.references`, change the `originalFilename` data on it, JSON-encode that *entire* object, and send it to the endpoint.

If that doesn't make sense yet, don't worry. To find the reference object that's being updated right now, say `const reference = this.references.find()` and pass this an arrow function

with a reference argument. Inside, `return reference.id === id`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
1 // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
1 // ... lines 37 - 78
79     handleReferenceEditFilename(event) {
80         const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
81         const id = $li.data('id');
82         const reference = this.references.find(reference => {
83             return reference.id === id;
84         });
1 // ... lines 85 - 91
92     }
1 // ... lines 93 - 109
110 }
1 // ... lines 111 - 136
```

This loops over all the references and returns the first one it finds that matches the id... which *should* only be one. Now change the `originalFilename` property to `$(event.currentTarget)` - that will give us the input element - `.val()`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
1 // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
1 // ... lines 37 - 78
79     handleReferenceEditFilename(event) {
80         const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
81         const id = $li.data('id');
82         const reference = this.references.find(reference => {
83             return reference.id === id;
84         });
85         reference.originalFilename = $(event.currentTarget).val();
1 // ... lines 86 - 91
92     }
1 // ... lines 93 - 109
110 }
1 // ... lines 111 - 136
```

Ok! We're ready to send the AJAX request! Copy the first-half of the AJAX call from the delete function, remove the `.then()` stuff, change the method to `PUT` and, for the data, just pass `reference`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
↔ // ... lines 37 - 78
79     handleReferenceEditFilename(event) {
80         const $li = $(event.currentTarget).closest('.list-group-item');
81         const id = $li.data('id');
82         const reference = this.references.find(reference => {
83             return reference.id === id;
84         });
85         reference.originalFilename = $(event.currentTarget).val();
86
87         $.ajax({
88             url: '/admin/article/references/'+id,
89             method: 'PUT',
90             data: reference
91         });
92     }
↔ // ... lines 93 - 109
110 }
↔ // ... lines 111 - 136
```

There *is* a small problem with this - so if you see it, hang on! But, the idea is cool: we're sending up *all* of the reference data. And yes, this *will* send more fields than we need, but that's ok! The deserializer just ignores that extra stuff.

Testing time! Refresh the whole page. Oh wow - we have an extra < sign! As cool as that looks, let's scroll down to render and... there it is - remove that.

Refresh again. Let's tweak the filename and then click off to trigger the "blur". Uh oh!

“Cannot set property `originalFilename` of undefined.”

Hmm. Look back at our code: for some reason it's not finding our reference. Oh, duh:

```
return referenced.id === id.
```

Ok, let's see if I've *finally* got everything right. Refresh, add a dash to the filename, click off and... 500 error! That's progress! Open the profiler for that request in a new tab. Ok: a "Syntax Error" coming from a `JsonDecode` class. Oh, and look at the data that's passed to the `deserialize()` function! That's not JSON!

Silly mistake. When we set the `data` key to the `reference` object, jQuery doesn't send up that data as JSON, it uses the standard "form submit" format. We want

```
JSON.stringify(reference).
```

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
  ↪ // ... lines 37 - 78
79   handleReferenceEditFilename(event) {
  ↪ // ... lines 80 - 86
87     $.ajax({
  ↪ // ... lines 88 - 89
90       data: JSON.stringify(reference)
91     });
92   }
  ↪ // ... lines 93 - 109
110 }
  ↪ // ... lines 111 - 136
```

I think we've got it this time. Refresh, tweak the filename, click off and... no errors! Check out the network tab. Yeah `200!` The response returns the updated `originalFilename` and, if you scroll down to the request body... cool! You can see the raw JSON that was sent up.

## Validation

The *last* thing we need to do is... add validation. I know, it's always that annoying last detail once you've got the "happy" path working perfectly. But, right now, we could leave the filename *completely* blank and our system would be ok with that. Well ya know what? I am totally *not* ok with that!

Ultimately, our endpoint modifies the `ArticleReference` object and *that* is what we should validate. Above the `originalFilename` field, add `@NotBlank()` and let's also use `@Length()`. The length can be 255 in the database, but let's use `max=100`.

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 7
8 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints as Assert;
↔ // ... lines 9 - 12
13 class ArticleReference
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 34
35     /**
↔ // ... lines 36 - 37
38     * @Assert\NotBlank()
39     * @Assert\Length(max=100)
40     */
41     private $originalFilename;
↔ // ... lines 42 - 103
104 }
```

Then, inside our endpoint, there's no form here, but that's fine. Add the

`ValidatorInterface $validator` argument. And right after we update the object with the serializer, add `$violations = $validator->validate()` and pass it the `$reference` object. Then if `$violations->count() > 0`,

```
return $this->json($violations, 400).
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 136
137     public function updateArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
EntityManagerInterface $entityManager, SerializerInterface $serializer,
Request $request, ValidatorInterface $validator)
138     {
↔ // ... lines 139 - 151
152         $violations = $validator->validate($reference);
153         if ($violations->count() > 0) {
154             return $this->json($violations, 400);
155         }
↔ // ... lines 156 - 167
168     }
169 }
```

We're actually *not* going to handle that in JavaScript - I'll leave rendering the errors up to you - you could highlight the element in red and print the error below... whatever you want.

But let's at *least* make sure it works. Clear out the filename, hit tab to blur and... there it is! A 400 error with our beautiful error response. To handle this in JavaScript, you'll chain a `.catch()` onto

the end of the AJAX call and then do whatever you want.

Ok, what else can we add to our upload widget? How about the ability to reorder the list. That's next.

# Chapter 31: Reordering the Files

What else do you want to add to our file gallery widget? How about allowing them to be reordered? Yea, that isn't *really* related to uploading either, but a lot of people asked for it... so, let's do it!

## Adding the position Field

To start, the `ArticleReference` entity needs a field that can store its order in the list. Find your terminal and run:

```
php bin/console make:entity
```

Update `ArticleReference` and add one new field `position`. This is an integer and make it not nullable. Cool!

Go find the property... there it is. Make it default to 0: until the user decides to reorder stuff, setting them all to 0 is fine.

```
src/Entity/ArticleReference.php
12  // ... lines 1 - 12
13  class ArticleReference
14  {
15  // ... lines 15 - 48
49      /**
50      * @ORM\Column(type="integer")
51      */
52      private $position = 0;
53  // ... lines 53 - 120
121 }
```

Create the migration with the usual:

```
php bin/console make:migration
```

and go to the `src/Migrations` directory so we can make sure it doesn't contain any surprises.

Looks perfect! Close that and run:

```
php bin/console doctrine:migrations:migrate
```

## Adding the Sortable Library

Ok, the database is ready! For the frontend, there are a *ton* of libraries that can help you sort and reorder stuff. I'm going to use one called Sortable. It's got a lot of support and *tons* of options. We'll need a few of them.

If you're using Webpack Encore, I'd recommend installing this via yarn and then importing the library when you need it. Because we're not, I'll Google for "sortablejs cdn". It's this one, from jsdelivr - the first is a different library. It turns out "Sortable"... is a pretty generic name.

Click to copy the HTML+SRI script tag, then go find the edit template. Scroll down to the JavaScript block and... paste!

```
templates/article_admin/edit.html.twig
  ↑ // ... lines 1 - 35
36  {% block javascripts %}
  ↑ // ... lines 37 - 39
40    <script
      src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/sortablejs@1.8.3/Sortable.min.js"
      integrity="sha256-uNITVqEk9HNQeW6mAAm2PJwFX2gN45l8a4yocqsFI6I="
      crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
  ↑ // ... line 41
42  {% endblock %}
```

Hey! We *now* have a global `Sortable` variable.

## Integrating Sortable

Next, open `admin_article_form.js` and scroll up to the constructor so we can start using this. Here's the plan: we're going to make each element - each "row" - sortable. And when we finish dragging, we'll send an AJAX request to save the new positions.

Add `this.sortable = Sortable.create()`. We're storing the *instance* of our new sortable object onto a property because we'll need it later. Pass this the *parent* of the elements that should be sortable. So... hmm... in our case, we want to attach sortable to the `<ul>` element that's around everything. Fortunately, that's *exactly* what `this.$element` represents! So we can say `this.$element`, and, this actually wants a raw `HTMLElement`, not a `jQuery` object, so add `[0]`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
38         this.sortable = Sortable.create(this.$element[0]);
39     }
40     // ... lines 40 - 56
41 }
42 // ... lines 58 - 110
111 }
112 // ... lines 112 - 137
```

Give it a test! Refresh... and grab... sweet! When we finish ordering, nothing saves yet, but we'll get there.

## Making it Nicer!

Before we do, I think we can make this a bit nicer. Pass a second argument to `create()`: an array of options. Pass one called `handle` set to `.drag-handle`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
```

```
  // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
38         this.sortable = Sortable.create(this.$element[0], {
39             handle: '.drag-handle',
40         });
41         // ... line 41
42     }
43     // ... lines 43 - 59
44 }
45 // ... lines 61 - 114
115 }
116 // ... lines 116 - 141
```

With this, instead of being able to grab *anywhere* to start sorting, we'll only be able to grab elements with this class. Down in render, how about, *before* the text field, add

`<span class="drag-handle">`, and `fa` and `fa-reorder`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
1 // ... lines 1 - 34
25 class ReferenceList
26 {
27 // ... lines 37 - 97
28     render() {
29         const itemsHtml = this.references.map(reference => {
30             return `
31             <li class="list-group-item d-flex justify-content-between align-items-center" data-id="${reference.id}">
32                 <span class="drag-handle fa fa-reorder"></span>
33             // ... lines 103 - 108
34             </li>
35             `
36             });
37 // ... lines 112 - 113
38         }
39     }
40 // ... lines 116 - 141
```

Oh, and *while* we're making this fancy, add `animation: 150`... it just makes it look cooler. Try it! There's our drag handle and... nice - it's a bit smoother.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
1 // ... lines 1 - 34
25 class ReferenceList
26 {
27     constructor($element) {
28         // ... line 38
29         this.sortable = Sortable.create(this.$element[0], {
30             handle: '.drag-handle',
31             animation: 150,
32         });
33 // ... lines 43 - 59
34     }
35 // ... lines 61 - 114
36 }
37 // ... lines 116 - 141
```

This library doesn't require *any* CSS, which is cool... but we *can* make it a little nicer by adding some. In the `public/css/` directory, open `styles.css`. This is a nice, boring, normal CSS file that's included on every page.

Add `.sortable-ghost`. When you're dragging, Sortable adds this class to *where* the element will be added if you stop sorting at that moment. Give this a background color. Oh, and also, give the `drag-handle` a `cursor: grab`.

```
public/css/styles.css
↔ // ... lines 1 - 251
252 /* Sortable */
253 .sortable-ghost {
254     background-color: lightblue;
255 }
256 .drag-handle {
257     cursor: grab;
258 }
```

Try it one more time - do a force refresh if it doesn't show up at first. And... there's the blue background!

Ok, the database is setup and the frontend is ready. Next, let's add an API endpoint to save the positions and make sure they're rendered in the right order.

# Chapter 32: Reordering Endpoint & AJAX

Let's upload *all* of these files. How nice is that? One fails because it's the wrong type and another fails because it's too big. But we get nice errors and all the rest worked. *And this gives us a lot* more to play with for reordering!

## Getting the Sorted Ids

To make an AJAX call when we finishing dragging, add a new option: `onEnd` set to an arrow function. Inside `console.log(this.sortable)` - that's the sortable object we stored earlier `.toArray()`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
  ↪ // ... line 38
39         this.sortable = Sortable.create(this.$element[0], {
  ↪ // ... lines 40 - 41
42             onEnd: () => {
43                 console.log(this.sortable.toArray());
44             }
45         });
  ↪ // ... lines 46 - 62
63     }
  ↪ // ... lines 64 - 117
118 }
  ↪ // ... lines 119 - 144
```

Check it out: refresh the page, drag one of these... and go look at the console. Woh! Those are the reference ids... in the right order! Try it again: move this one up and... yep! The id 11 just moved up a few spots.

But... how the heck is this working? How does sortable know what the ids are? Well, honestly... we got lucky. It knows thanks to the `data-id` attribute that we put on each li! We added that for our *own* JavaScript... but the Sortable library *also* knows to read that!

## The Reorder Endpoint

This is amazing! This is the exact data we need to send to the server! Open up `ArticleReferenceAdminController` and find `downloadArticleReference()`. If you look closely, about half of the methods in this controller have an `{id}` route wildcard where the id is for an `ArticleReference`. Those endpoints are actions that operate on a single *item*. The other half of the endpoints, the ones on top, *also* have an `{id}` wildcard, but these are for the `Article`.

What about *our* new endpoint? We'll be reordering *all* of the references for one article... so it's a bit more like these ones on top. Copy this entire action for getting article references, change the name to `reorderArticleReferences` and put `/reorder` on the URL. Make this a `method="POST"` and name it `admin_article_reordered_references`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
23 // ... lines 23 - 93
94     /**
95      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references/reorder", methods="POST",
96      name="admin_article_reordered_references")
97      * @IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")
98      */
99     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article)
100    {
101        return $this->json(
102            $article->getArticleReferences(),
103            200,
104            [],
105            [
106                'groups' => ['main']
107            ]
108        );
109    }
110 // ... lines 109 - 184
185 }
```

If you're wondering about the URL or the method `POST`, well, this endpoint isn't very RESTful.. it doesn't fit into the nice create-read-update-delete model... and that's ok. Usually when I have a weird endpoint like this, I use POST.

Inside the method, here's the plan: our JavaScript will send a JSON body containing an array of the ids in the right order. This array exactly. Add the `Request` argument so we can get read that data and the `EntityManagerInterface` so we can save stuff.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
3 // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
11 // ... lines 100 - 121
122    }
13 // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

To decode the JSON *this* time, it's so simple! I'm going to skip using Symfony's serializer. Say `$orderedIds = json_decode()` passing that `$request->getContent()` and true so it gives us an associative array.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
3 // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
101        $orderedIds = json_decode($request->getContent(), true);
11 // ... lines 101 - 121
122    }
13 // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

Then, if `orderedIds === false`, something went wrong. Let's `return this->json()` and, to at least *somewhat* match the validation responses we've had so far, let's set a detail key to, how about, `Invalid body` with 400 for the status code.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
101        $orderedIds = json_decode($request->getContent(), true);
102
103        if ($orderedIds === null) {
104            return $this->json(['detail' => 'Invalid body'], 400);
105        }
↔ // ... lines 105 - 121
122    }
↔ // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

## Using the Ordered Ids to Update the Database

Ok, cool: we've got the array of ids in the *new* order we want. Use this to say

`$orderedIds = array_flip($orderedIds)`. This deserves some explanation. The original array is a map from the position to the id - the keys are 0, 1, 2, 3 and so on. After the flip, we have a very handy array: the key is the *id* and the value is its new position.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
101        $orderedIds = json_decode($request->getContent(), true);
102
103        if ($orderedIds === null) {
104            return $this->json(['detail' => 'Invalid body'], 400);
105        }
106
107        // from (position)=>(id) to (id)=>(position)
108        $orderedIds = array_flip($orderedIds);
↔ // ... lines 108 - 121
122    }
↔ // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

To use this, `foreach` over `$article->getArticleReferences()` as `$reference`. And inside, `$reference->setPosition()` passing this `$orderedIds[$reference->getId()]` to look up the new position.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
23 // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
101        $orderedIds = json_decode($request->getContent(), true);
102
103        if ($orderedIds === null) {
104            return $this->json(['detail' => 'Invalid body'], 400);
105        }
106
107        // from (position)=>(id) to (id)=>(position)
108        $orderedIds = array_flip($orderedIds);
109        foreach ($article->getArticleReferences() as $reference) {
110            $reference->setPosition($orderedIds[$reference->getId()]);
111        }
112    }
113 // ... lines 111 - 121
122 }
123 // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

And yes, we *could* code more defensively - like checking to make sure each array key was actually sent. And I *would* do that if this were a public API that other people used, or if invalid data could cause some harm.

Anyways, at the bottom, save: `$entityManager->flush()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 97
98     public function reorderArticleReferences(Article $article, Request
99     $request, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
100    {
101        $orderedIds = json_decode($request->getContent(), true);
102
103        if ($orderedIds === null) {
104            return $this->json(['detail' => 'Invalid body'], 400);
105        }
106
107        // from (position)=>(id) to (id)=>(position)
108        $orderedIds = array_flip($orderedIds);
109        foreach ($article->getArticleReferences() as $reference) {
110            $reference->setPosition($orderedIds[$reference->getId()]);
111        }
112
113        $entityManager->flush();
↔ // ... lines 113 - 121
122    }
↔ // ... lines 123 - 198
199 }
```

## Sending the AJAX Request

Ok, let's hook up the JavaScript! Back in `admin_article_form.js`, scroll up... let's see - find the `onEnd()` of sortable. Say `$.ajax()` and give this the `url` key. For the URL, remember, the `ul` element has a `data-url` attribute, which is the path to the `admin_article_list_references` route, so `/admin/article/{id}/references`. Not by accident, the URL that we want is that plus `/reorder`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
  ↪ // ... lines 38 - 41
42         onEnd: () => {
43             $.ajax({
  ↪ // ... lines 44 - 46
47                 });
48             }
49         });
  ↪ // ... lines 50 - 66
67     }
  ↪ // ... lines 68 - 121
122 }
  ↪ // ... lines 123 - 148
```

So let's do a *little* bit of code re-use... and a little bit of hardcoding: in general, I don't worry *too* much about hardcoding URLs in JavaScript. Copy `this.$element.data('url')` from below, paste, and add `/reorder`. Then, method set to `POST` and `data` set to `JSON.stringify(this.sortable.toArray())`.

```
public/js/admin_article_form.js
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 34
35 class ReferenceList
36 {
37     constructor($element) {
  ↪ // ... lines 38 - 41
42         onEnd: () => {
43             $.ajax({
44                 url: this.$element.data('url')+'/reorder',
45                 method: 'POST',
46                 data: JSON.stringify(this.sortable.toArray())
47             });
48         }
49     });
  ↪ // ... lines 50 - 66
67 }
  ↪ // ... lines 68 - 121
122 }
  ↪ // ... lines 123 - 148
```

Ok, let's do this! Move over and refresh. No errors yet... Move "astronaut-1.jpg" down two spots and... hey! A 200 status code on that AJAX request! That's a good sign. Refresh and... aw! It's right back up on top!

## Changing the Endpoint Order

Oh wait... the problem is that we're not *rendering* the list correctly! This list loads by making an Ajax request. In the controller... here's the endpoint: `getArticleReferences()`. And it gets the data from `$article->getArticleReferences()`. The *problem* is that this method doesn't know that it should order the reference's by position.

Open up the `Article` entity and, above `$articleReferences`, add `@ORM\OrderBy({"position"="ASC"})`.

```
src/Entity/Article.php
19  class Article
20  {
21      // ... lines 21 - 89
22      /**
23      * @ORM\OneToOne(targetEntity="App\Entity\ArticleReference",
24      * mappedBy="article")
25      * @ORM\OrderBy({"position"="ASC"})
26      */
27      private $articleReferences;
28  }
```

Let's go check out the endpoint: I'll click to open the URL in a new tab. Woohoo!

`astronaut-1.jpg` is *third*! Refresh the main page. Boom! The astronaut is right were we sorted it. Let's move it down a bit further... move the Symfony Best Practices up from the bottom and refresh. The sorting sticks. Awesome!

Next, instead of saving the uploaded files locally, let's upload them to AWS S3.

# Chapter 33: Configuring S3 Bucket & IAM User

Friends, I think it's finally time to store the uploaded files up... in the cloud. We're going to use Amazon S3. But thanks to Flysystem, we could easily use a different service - they have a *bunch* of adapters. Google again for OneupFlysystemBundle... and click into their docs so we can see how to implement the s3 adapter. Search for S3 and... there it is.

## Configuring the AWS S3 Adapter

The first thing we need is this `aws/aws-sdk-php` package. Copy that, move over to your terminal and run:

```
...
```

```
composer require "aws/aws-sdk-php:^3.87"
```

## Creating the S3 Bucket

While we're waiting for that, let's create the S3 bucket that will store our stuff! I'm already logged into the S3 section of AWS. Click "Create bucket" and let's call it `sfcasts-spacebar`. Choose whatever region makes sense for you - but remember that, because you'll need it later.

On the next screen, if you need encryption or logging or any of these things, check them. But we'll just click next again to get to permissions. There are a few things we need to do here. First, uncheck the two top boxes for "Block new public ACLs" and "Remove public access granted through public ACLs". By unchecking these boxes, we can now have private files *and* public files all in the same bucket. Click "Next" again and then "Create bucket".

## IAM Permissions

Awesome! Bucket done! To be able to actually access this bucket... I'm going to open a new tab for the IAM service. Click "Users" and add a new user. Let's call it: `sfcasts-spacebar-s3-access`.

Okay. Check yes for "programmatic access", but don't check console access. This user will exist *solely* so we can use its credentials in our app to talk to S3.

For permissions, this is *always* the tricky part, at least for me. There are a lot of existing "policies" that can grant different permissions to different services... I'm going to open another tab to IAM and click to create a new policy.

There's a builder to help create the policy... or you can click the JSON tab to do it yourself. So... what do we put here? Fortunately, Flysystem has our back. In its docs for AWS S3, scroll down and... nice! It gives us the IAM permissions we need! Copy that, go back, and paste. Tweak the bucket name to be *our* bucket name. Let's see... it's `sfcasts-spacebar`. Back on the policy, paste that in both spots.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "Stmt1420044805001",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3>ListBucket",
        "s3>GetObject",
        "s3>GetObjectAcl",
        "s3>PutObject",
        "s3>PutObjectAcl",
        "s3>ReplicateObject",
        "s3>DeleteObject"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::your-bucket-name",
        "arn:aws:s3:::your-bucket-name/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

This policy basically gives the new user full access to this specific bucket. Click "Review policy" and give it a name, how about `sfcasts-spacebar-full-s3-bucket-access`. Ok, create policy!

With that done, close that tab and go back to the original IAM tab where we're creating our new user. Click the little refresh button and search for `sfcasts`. The second policy was from me

testing this earlier. Check the first box and hit "Next". Skip the tags... looks good... and create user!

Congrats! The hardest part is over! This gives us two things we need: a key and a secret. Next: let's set these as environment variables in our app and configure Flysystem to talk to S3!

# Chapter 34: Flysystem & S3

With our key & secret in hand, and this *unescapable* feeling of power that they're giving us, let's hook up Flysystem to use an S3 adapter. Oh, first, go check on that library we were installing. Done! This is a PHP library for interacting with any AWS service, and it has *nothing* to do with Symfony or Flysystem. Copy the example configuration. Our *first* job is to register a service for this `S3Client` class that comes from that library.

## Registering the S3Client Service

Let's close *all* these tabs so we can concentrate. Open `config/services.yaml` and, at the bottom, paste that config! But I'm going to simplify this: copy the class name, remove it, and paste *that* as the service id. Why? First, because, when possible, it's just easier to use the class name as the service id instead of inventing a string id. And second, this will allow us to *autowire* the `S3Client` service into any of our services or controllers. We won't need that for what we're doing, but it's nice.

```
config/services.yaml
  ↑ // ... lines 1 - 53
54   Aws\S3\S3Client:
55     arguments:
56       -
57         version: '2006-03-01' # or 'latest'
58         region: "region-id" # 'eu-central-1' for example
59         credentials:
60           key: "s3-key"
61           secret: "s3-secret"
```

This takes just one argument: a big array of config. This *old* looking API version is actually still the most recent. For region, this depends on what region you chose for your bucket. Mine is `us-east-1` because I selected Virginia. If you selected a different region, it won't work. Kidding! Just do some Googling to find the right region id.

What about the `key` and `secret`? These are the values IAM gave us after creating the user. But, we probably don't want to put their values right here and commit them to the repository. Instead, open the `.env` file and, inside of the custom vars section we created in a previous

tutorial, let's invent two new environment variables `AWS_S3_ACCESS_ID` and `AWS_S3_ACCESS_SECRET`.

```
.env
// ... lines 1 - 32
33 AWS_S3_ACCESS_ID=
34 AWS_S3_ACCESS_SECRET=
// ... lines 35 - 38
```

If you want, you *could* copy the values and put them directly into this file. But remember, the `.env` file is committed to your git repository... and you really *don't* want any secret value to be committed. Instead, create a new file at the root of your app called `.env.local`. This file is *also* read by Symfony and any values will *override* the ones in `.env`. It's also *ignored* from git via our `.gitignore` file.

Copy the two keys from `.env` and paste them here. And *now* we can grab the real values. Copy the id, paste, then show the secret, copy, and paste that.

Environment variables, set! To use them, head back to `services.yaml`. Replace the key with the special environment variable syntax: `%env( )%` and inside, Aw... go copy the name - `AWS_S3_ACCESS_ID`. Re-use that syntax for the secret: `AWS_S3_ACCESS_SECRET`.

```
config/services.yaml
// ... lines 1 - 53
54     Aws\S3\S3Client:
55         arguments:
56             -
57             version: '2006-03-01'
58             region: 'us-east-1'
59             credentials:
60                 key: '%env(AWS_S3_ACCESS_ID)%'
61                 secret: '%env(AWS_S3_ACCESS_SECRET)%'
```

If you forget about Flysystem for a minute, we now have a *fully* functional `S3Client` service that we can autowire and use to do anything with our new bucket! The question *now* is: how can we tell Flysystem to use this?

## The Flysystem AWS-S3-V3 Adapter

Go back to the `OneupFlysystemBundle` docs. Ok, so once the service is set up, we apparently need to go into the actual config for *this* bundle and change to a new adapter: `awss3v3`.

But to use *that...* hmm... it's not too obvious on this page. Go back to the Flysystem docs about S3 and scroll up. Here we go: the Flysystem S3 adapter is its own separate package. Copy this line, find your terminal and paste:

```
composer require "league/flysystem-aws-s3-v3:^1.0"
```

Once that finishes... there. Now we can use this `awss3v3` adapter. Open up `config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml`. Remove *all* that `local` config. Replace it with `awss3v3:`. The first sub-key this needs is: `client`, which points to the service id for the `S3Client`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             awss3v3:
6 // ... lines 6 - 19
```

Add `client:`, copy the service id, and paste.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             awss3v3:
6                 client: Aws\S3\S3Client
7 // ... lines 7 - 19
```

The adapter also needs to know what S3 bucket it should be talking to. This is *also* something that you might *not* want to commit to your repository, because production will probably use a different bucket than when you're developing locally. So, back in our trusty `.env` file, add a third environment variable `AWS_S3_ACCESS_BUCKET`... well, I could just call this `AWS_S3_BUCKET`... I didn't *really* mean to keep that `ACCESS` part in there. But, no problem.

```
.env
```

```
1 // ... lines 1 - 34
2 AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME=
3 // ... lines 36 - 39
```

Just like before, copy that, duplicate it in `.env.local` and give it a real value, which... if you go back to S3, is `sfcasts-spacebar`. Paste that.

Finally, copy the new variable's name, open `oneup_flysystem.yaml`, and set `bucket` to `%env(AWS_S3_ACCESS_BUCKET)%`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
// ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             awss3v3:
6                 client: Aws\S3\S3Client
7                 bucket: '%env(AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME)%'
// ... lines 8 - 19
```

That's it! What about the `private_uploads_adapter`? Well, temporarily, copy the config from the public adapter and paste it *exactly* down there. We're actually *not* going to need two filesystems anymore... but we'll talk about that soon.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
// ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             awss3v3:
6                 client: Aws\S3\S3Client
7                 bucket: '%env(AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME)%'
// ... lines 8 - 19
```

Oh, and don't forget the `%` sign at the end of the `%env( )%` syntax! I *did* do that correctly in `services.yaml`.

Ok, I think we're ready! Both filesystems will use an `awss3v3` adapter and each of *those* knows to us the `S3Client` service that's reading our key and secret. So... it should... just kinda work! The easiest way to find out is to reload the fixtures:

```
php bin/console doctrine:fixtures:load
```

And yes, I *do* recommend using S3 when developing locally if that's what you're using on production. You *could* change the adapter to be the `local` adapter, but the less differences you

have between your local environment & production, the better.

Fixtures done! Go and refresh the S3 page. Hey! We have an `article_image` directory and it's *full* of images! I think it worked! Go the homepage and... nothing works. That's because our paths are all still pointing at the *local* server - not at S3. Let's fix that next!

# Chapter 35: S3 Asset Paths

Hey! Flysystem is *now* talking to S3! We know this because we can see the `article_image` directory and all the files inside of it. But when we went back to the homepage and refreshed, nothing worked!

Check out the image `src` URL: this is *definitely* wrong, because this *now* needs to point to S3 directly. But! Things get even *more* interesting if you go back to the S3 page and refresh. We have a `media/` directory! And if you dig, there are the thumbnails! Woh!

This means that this thumbnail request *did* successfully get processed by a Symfony route and controller and it *did* correctly grab the *source* file from S3, thumbnail it and write it *back* to S3. That's freaking cool! And it worked because we already made LiipImagineBundle play nicely with Flysystem. We told the "loader" to use Flysystem - that's the thing that downloads the source image when it needs to thumbnail it - *and* the resolver to use Flysystem, which is the thing that actually saves the final image.

## Correcting our Base URL

So if our system is working so awesomely... why don't the images show up? It's because of the *hostname* in front of the images: it's pointing at our local server, but it *should* be pointing at S3.

Click any of the images on S3. Here it is: every object in S3 has its own, public URL. Well actually, every object has a URL, but whether or not anyone can access that URL is another story. More on that later. I'm going to copy the very beginning of that, and then go open `services.yaml`. Earlier, we created a parameter called `uploads_base_url`. LiipImagineBundle uses this to prefix every URL that it renders. The current value includes `127.0.0.1:8000` because that's our `SITE_BASE_URL` environment variable value. That worked fine when things were stored locally... but not anymore!

Change this to `https://s3.amazonaws.com/` and then our bucket name, which is already available as an environment variable: `%env( )%`, then go copy `AWS_S3_ACCESS_BUCKET`, and paste.

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 parameters:
↔ // ... lines 7 - 8
9     uploads_base_url: 'https://s3.amazonaws.com/%env(AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME)%'
↔ // ... lines 10 - 61
```

*This* is our new base URL. What about the `uploads_dir_name` parameter? We're not using that at *all* anymore! Trash it.

Ok, let's try it! Refresh and... it actually works! I mean... of course, it works!

## Correcting the Absolute URLs

There's one other path we need to fix: the absolute path to uploaded assets that are *not* thumbnailled. Open up `src/Service/UploaderHelper.php` and find the `getPublicPath()` method... there it is. *This* is a super-handy method: it allows us to get the full, public path to any uploaded file. This `$publicAssetBaseUrl` property... if you look on top, it comes from an argument called `$uploadedAssetsBaseUrl`. And in `services.yaml`, *that* is bound to the `uploads_base_url` parameter... that we just set!

There are a few layers, but it means that, in `UploaderHelper` the `$publicAssetBaseUrl` property is *now* the long S3 URL, which is *perfect*!

Head back to down `getPublicPath()`. Even before we changed `uploads_base_url` to point to S3, we were *already* setting it to the absolute URL to our domain... which means that *this* method already had a subtle bug!

Check it out: the original purpose of this code was to use

`$this->requestStackContext->get basePath()` to "correct" our paths in case our site was deployed under a sub-directory of a domain - like `https://space.org/thespacebar`. In that case, `get basePath()` would equal `thespacebar` and would automatically prefix all of our URLs.

But ever since we started including the full domain in `$publicAssetBaseUrl`, this would create a broken URL! We could remove this. Or, to make it *still* work if `$publicAssetsBaseUrl` happens to *not* include the domain, above this, set `$fullPath =`, copy the path part, replace that with `$fullPath`, and paste.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 60
61     public function getPublicPath(string $path): string
62     {
63         $fullPath = $this->publicAssetBaseUrl.'/'.$path;
↔ // ... lines 64 - 69
70         return $this->requestStackContext
71             ->getBasePath().$fullPath;
72     }
↔ // ... lines 73 - 127
128 }
```

Then, if `strpos($fullPath, '://') !== false`, we know that `$fullpath` is already absolute. In that case, return it! That's what our code is doing. But if it's *not* absolute, we can keep prefixing the sub-directory.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 12
13 class UploaderHelper
14 {
↔ // ... lines 15 - 60
61     public function getPublicPath(string $path): string
62     {
63         $fullPath = $this->publicAssetBaseUrl.'/'.$path;
64         // if it's already absolute, just return
65         if (strpos($fullPath, '://') !== false) {
66             return $fullPath;
67         }
68
69         // needed if you deploy under a subdirectory
70         return $this->requestStackContext
71             ->getBasePath().$fullPath;
72     }
↔ // ... lines 73 - 127
128 }
```

Hey! The files are uploading to S3 and our public paths are pointing to the new URLs *perfectly*. Next, we can simplify! Remember how we have one public filesystem and one private filesystem? With S3, we only need one.

# Chapter 36: S3 & Private Object via ACLs

Head to `/admin/article` and log back in since we cleared our database recently:

`admin1@thespacebar.com`, password `engage`. Edit any of the articles. Everything *should* work just fine: I'll select a few references to upload and... it works nicely. It *is* a bit slower now that the server is sending the files to S3 in the background, though that should be less noticeable once we're on production, especially if our server is also hosted on AWS.

So... can we download these? Try it! Yea, it works great! Open up

`ArticleReferenceAdminController` and search for "download". Here it is: the download is handled by `downloadArticleReference`: we open a file stream from Flysystem - which is now from S3 - and stream that back to the user. By planning ahead and using Flysystem, when we switched to S3, *nothing* had to change!

But, there is *one* tiny problem. Back on the page, click the image. Access denied!? This *should* show us the full-size, original image. Hmm, the URL *looks* right. And, indeed! The problem isn't the path, the problem is with that file's *permissions* on S3.

Each file, or "object" on S3 can be set to be publicly accessible or private. File are *private* by default. In fact, the only reason that we can see the thumbnails, which are *also* stored in S3... is that LiipImagineBundle is smart enough to make sure that when it saves the files to S3, it saves them as *public*.

When an author uploads an article image, we need to do the same thing: we *do* want the original images to be public.

## Giving the Images Public ACL

Head over to `UploaderHelper` and find `uploadFile()`. So far, we've been using the `$isPublic` argument to choose between the public and private filesystem objects. But when we changed to S3, I temporarily made these two filesystems *identical*. That wasn't on accident: with S3, we don't need two filesystems anymore! We can use the same one for both public and private files, and control the visibility on a file-by-file basis.

Check it out: remove the `$filesystem =` part and always use `$this->filesystem`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 108
109     $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize(pathinfo($originalFilename,
PATHINFO_FILENAME)) . '-' . uniqid() . '.' . $file->guessExtension();
110
111     $stream = fopen($file->getPathname(), 'r');
112     $result = $this->filesystem->writeStream(
↔ // ... lines 113 - 117
118 );
↔ // ... lines 119 - 129
130 }
```

To tell Flysystem that a file should be public or private, add a *third* argument to `writeStream()`: an array of options. The option we want is `visibility`. If `$isPublic` is true, use `AdapterInterface` - the one from `Flysystem` - `::VISIBILITY_PUBLIC`. Otherwise, `AdapterInterface::VISIBILITY_PRIVATE`.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 5
6 use League\Flysystem\AdapterInterface;
↔ // ... lines 7 - 13
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 108
109     $newFilename = Urlizer::urlize(pathinfo($originalFilename,
PATHINFO_FILENAME)) . '-' . uniqid() . '.' . $file->guessExtension();
110
111     $stream = fopen($file->getPathname(), 'r');
112     $result = $this->filesystem->writeStream(
113         $directory . '/' . $newFilename,
114         $stream,
115         [
116             'visibility' => $isPublic ?
AdapterInterface::VISIBILITY_PUBLIC : AdapterInterface::VISIBILITY_PRIVATE
117         ]
118     );
↔ // ... lines 119 - 129
130 }
```

Cool, right? That won't instantly change the permissions on the files we've already uploaded. So let's go upload a new one. Close the tab, select a new file, how about `rocket.jpg` and... update! The thumbnail still works and if you click it, yes! The original file is public!

By the way, you can see this setting when you're looking at the individual files in S3. Click back to the root of the bucket, find the `rocket.jpg` file and click it. Under "Permissions", here we go. My account has all permissions, of course, and under "Public Access", *Everyone* has "Read object" access.

## Remove that Extra Private Filesystem!

Hey! This is awesome! Thanks to the object-by-object permissions super-power of S3, we don't need an extra "private" filesystem at all! We can do some serious cleanup! Start in `config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml`: remove the `private_uploads_adapter` and `filesystem`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
1 # Read the documentation: https://github.com/1up-
  lab/OneupFlysystemBundle/tree/master/Resources/doc/index.md
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         public_uploads_adapter:
5             awss3v3:
6                 client: Aws\S3\S3Client
7                 bucket: '%env(AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME)%'
8
9         filesystems:
10            public_uploads_filesystem:
11                adapter: public_uploads_adapter
```

Next, in `services.yaml`, because there's no `private_upload_filesystem` anymore, remove that bind.

```
config/services.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 services:
↔ // ... line 12
13     _defaults:
↔ // ... lines 14 - 20
21     bind:
22         $markdownLogger: '@monolog.logger.markdown'
23         $isDebug: '%kernel.debug%'
24         $publicUploadsFilesystem:
25             '@oneup_flysystem.public_uploads_filesystem_filesystem'
26             $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl: '%uploads_base_url%'
↔ // ... lines 26 - 60
```

That will break `UploaderHelper` because we're using that bind on top. But... we don't need it anymore! Remove the `$privateFilesystem` property and the `$privateUploadFilesystem` argument.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
14  class UploaderHelper
15  {
16  // ... lines 16 - 18
17      private $filesystem;
18
19
20
21
22      private $requestStackContext;
23
24  // ... lines 23 - 27
25
26      public function __construct(FilesystemInterface
27          $publicUploadsFilesystem, RequestStackContext $requestStackContext,
28          LoggerInterface $logger, string $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl)
29      {
30          $this->filesystem = $publicUploadsFilesystem;
31          $this->requestStackContext = $requestStackContext;
32          $this->logger = $logger;
33          $this->publicAssetBaseUrl = $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl;
34      }
35
36  // ... lines 35 - 127
37
38  }
```

But, we're still using that property in two places... the first is down in `readStream`. Now that everything is stored in one filesystem, delete that old code, remove the unused argument and always use `$this->filesystem`. Reading a stream is the same for public and private files.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
14  class UploaderHelper
15  {
16  // ... lines 16 - 75
17      public function readStream(string $path)
18      {
19          $resource = $this->filesystem->readStream($path);
20
21  // ... lines 79 - 84
22
23      }
24
25  // ... lines 86 - 123
26
27  }
```

Repeat that in `deleteFile()`: delete the extra logic & argument, and use `$this->filesystem` always.

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 13
14 class UploaderHelper
15 {
↔ // ... lines 16 - 86
87     public function deleteFile(string $path)
88     {
89         $result = $this->filesystem->delete($path);
↔ // ... lines 90 - 93
94     }
↔ // ... lines 95 - 123
124 }
```

Let's see... these two methods are called from `ArticleReferenceAdminController`. Take off that second argument for `readStream()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 126
127     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper)
128     {
↔ // ... lines 129 - 131
132         $response = new StreamedResponse(function() use ($reference,
$uploaderHelper) {
133             $outputStream = fopen('php://output', 'wb');
134             $fileStream = $uploaderHelper->readStream($reference-
>getFilePath());
↔ // ... lines 135 - 136
137         });
↔ // ... lines 138 - 145
146     }
↔ // ... lines 147 - 198
199 }
```

Then, search for "delete", and remove the second argument from `deleteFile()` as well.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 20
21 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
22 {
↔ // ... lines 23 - 150
151     public function deleteArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface $entityManager)
152     {
↔ // ... lines 153 - 158
159         $uploaderHelper->deleteFile($reference->getFilePath());
↔ // ... lines 160 - 161
162     }
↔ // ... lines 163 - 198
199 }
```

That felt great! There's one more piece of cleanup we can do, it's optional, but nice. Using the word "public" in the adapter and filesystem isn't accurate anymore! Let's use `uploads_adapter` and `uploads_filesystem`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
```

```
↔ // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     adapters:
4         uploads_adapter:
↔ // ... lines 5 - 8
9     filesystems:
10        uploads_filesystem:
11            adapter: uploads_adapter
```

We reference this in a few spots. In `liip_imagine.yaml`, take out the `public_` in these two spots.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
1 liip_imagine:
2 // ... lines 2 - 5
3
4 loaders:
5     flysystem_loader:
6         flysystem:
7             filesystem_service:
8                 oneup_flysystem.uploads_filesystem_filesystem
9
10 // ... lines 10 - 13
11
12 resolvers:
13     flysystem_resolver:
14         flysystem:
15             filesystem_service:
16                 oneup_flysystem.uploads_filesystem_filesystem
17
18 // ... lines 18 - 67
```

And in `services.yaml`, update the "bind" in the same way. Hmm, and I think I'll change the argument name it's binding to: just `$uploadFilesystem`.

```
config/services.yaml
  ↪ // ... lines 1 - 10
11 services:
  ↪ // ... line 12
13     _defaults:
  ↪ // ... lines 14 - 20
21         bind:
  ↪ // ... lines 22 - 23
24             $uploadsFilesystem:
'@oneup_flysystem.uploads_filesystem_filesystem'
  ↪ // ... lines 25 - 60
```

That *will* break `UploaderHelper`: we need to rename the argument there. But, let's just see what happens if we... "forget" to do that. Refresh the page:

“Unused binding `$uploadFilesystem` in `S3Client`.”

This is that generic... and somewhat "inaccurate" error that says that we've configured a bind that's never used! The error is even better if we temporarily delete the bind entirely. Ah, here it is:

“Cannot autowire `UploaderHelper`: argument `$publicUploadFilesystem` references an interface, but that interface cannot be autowired.”

This is saying: Hey! I don't know what you want me to send for this argument! Put the bind back, then, in `UploaderHelper` ... here it is. Change the argument to match the bind:

```
$uploadFilesystem.
```

```
src/Service/UploaderHelper.php
14 // ... lines 1 - 13
15 class UploaderHelper
16 {
17 // ... lines 16 - 27
28     public function __construct(FilesystemInterface $uploadsFilesystem,
29     RequestStackContext $requestStackContext, LoggerInterface $logger, string
30     $uploadedAssetsBaseUrl)
31     {
32         $this->filesystem = $uploadsFilesystem;
33     }
34 }
35 // ... lines 35 - 123
124 }
```

Oh, and there's one more thing we can get rid of! Do we need the `public/uploads` directory anymore? No! Delete it! And inside `.gitignore`, we can remove the custom `public/uploads/` line we added.

So by putting things in S3... it simplifies things!

Next: now that I've been complimenting our S3 setup and saying how awesome it, I have a... confession to make! We've just introduced a hidden performance bug. Let's crush it!

# Chapter 37: Cached S3 Filesystem For Thumbnails

Check this out: I'm going to turn off my Wifi! Gasp! What do you think will happen? I mean, other than I'm gonna miss all my Tweets and Instagrams! What will happen when I refresh? The page will load, but all the images will be broken, right?

In the name of science, I command us to try it!

Woh! An error!?

*“Error executing ListObjects on <https://sf-casts-spacebar> ... Could not contact DNS servers.”*

What? Why is our Symfony app trying to connect to S3?

Here's the deal: on *every* request... for every thumbnail image that will be rendered, our Symfony app makes an API request to S3 to figure out if the image has already been thumbnailized or if it still needs to be. Specifically, `LiipImagineBundle` is doing this.

This bundle has two key concepts: the resolver and the loader. But there are actually *three* things that happen behind the scenes. First, every single time that we use `|imagine_filter()`, the resolver takes in that path and has to ask:

*“Has this image already been thumbnailized?”*

And if you think about it, the *only* way for the resolver to figure this out is by making an API request to S3 to ask:

*“Yo S3! Does this thumbnail file already exist?”*

If it *does* exist, `LiipImagineBundle` renders a URL that points directly to that image on S3. If not, it renders a URL to the Symfony route and controller that will use the loader to download the file and the resolver to save it back to S3.

Phew! The point is: on page load, our app is making one request to S3 *per* thumbnail file that the page renders. Those network requests are *super* wasteful!

## The Cached Filesystem

What's the solution? Cache it! Go back to OneupFlysystemBundle and find the main page of their docs. Oh! Apparently I need Wifi for that! There we go. Go back to their docs homepage and search for "cache". You'll eventually find a link about "Caching your filesystem".

This is a *super* neat feature of Flysystem where you can say:

*"Hey Flysystem! When you check some file metadata, like whether or not a file exists, cache that so that we don't need to ask S3 every time!"*

Actually, it's even more interesting & useful. LiipImagineBundle calls the `exists()` method on the `Filesystem` object to see if the thumbnail file already exists. If that returns *false*, the cached filesystem does *not* cache that. But if it returns *true*, it *does* cache it. The result is this: the first time LiipImagineBundle asks if a thumbnail image exists, Flysystem will return *false*, and Liip will know to generate it. The *second* time it asks, because the "*false*" value wasn't cached, Flysystem *will* still talk to S3, which will *now* say:

*"Yea! That file does exist."*

And because the cached adapter *does* cache this, the *third* time LiipImagineBundle calls `exists`, Flysystem will immediately return `true` without talking to S3.

### 💡 Tip

If you're using version 4 of `oneup/flysystem-bundle` (so, `flysystem` v2), the `league/flysystem-cached-adapter` will not work - it was not updated to support flysystem v2. Someone has created a cached adapter - <https://github.com/Lustmored/flysystem-v2-simple-cache-adapter> - but configuring it requires extra steps.

To get this rocking, copy the composer require line, find your terminal and paste to download this "cached" Flysystem adapter.

...

```
composer require league/flysystem-cached-adapter
```

While we're waiting, go check out the docs. Here's the "gist" of how this works, it's 3 parts. First, you have some existing filesystem - like `my_filesystem`. Second, via this `cache` key, you register a *new "cached"* adapter and tell it how you want things to be cached. And third, you tell your existing filesystem to process its logic through that cached adapter. If that doesn't totally make sense yet, no worries.

For *how* you want the cached adapter to cache things, there are a *bunch* of options. We're going to use the one called PSR6. You may or may not already know that Symfony has a *wonderful* cache system built right into it. Anytime you need to cache *anything*, you can just use *it*!

## Configuring Symfony's Cache Pool

Start by going to `config/packages/cache.yaml`. This is where you can configure anything related to Symfony's cache system, and we talked a bit about it in our Symfony Fundamentals course. The `app` key determines how the `cache.app` service caches things, which is a general-purpose cache service you can use for anything, including this! Or, to be fancier - I like being fancy - you can create a cache "pool" based on this.

Check it out. Uncomment `pools` and create a new cache pool below this called `cache.flysystem.psr6`. The name can be anything. Below, set `adapter` to `cache.app`.

```
config/packages/cache.yaml
```

```
1 framework:
2   cache:
3     // ... lines 3 - 17
4   pools:
5     cache.flysystem.psr6:
6       adapter: cache.app
```

That's it! This creates a *new* cache service called `cache.flysystem.psr6` that, really... just uses `cache.app` behind the scenes to cache everything. The *advantage* is that this new service will automatically use a cache "namespace" so that its keys won't collide with other keys from other parts of your app that *also* use `cache.app`.

In your terminal, run:

```
...
```

```
php bin/console debug:container psr6
```

There it is! A new fancy `cache.flysystem.psr6` service.

Back in `oneup_flysystem.yaml`, let's use this! On top... though it doesn't matter where, add `cache:` and put one new cached adapter below it: `psr6_app_cache`. The name here *also* doesn't matter - but we'll reference it in a minute.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     cache:
4         psr6_app_cache:
5 // ... lines 5 - 21
```

And below *that* add `psr6:`. That exact *key* is the important part: it tells the bundle that we're going to pass it a PSR6-style caching object that the adapter should use internally. Finally, set `service` to what we created in `cache.yaml`: `cache.flysystem.psr6`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3     cache:
4         psr6_app_cache:
5             psr6:
6                 service: cache.flysystem.psr6
7 // ... lines 7 - 21
```

At this point, we have a new Flysystem `cache` adapter... but nobody is using it. To fix that, duplicate `uploads_filesystem` and create a second one called `cached_uploads_filesystem`. Make it use the same adapter as before, but with an extra key: `cache:` set to the adapter name we used above: `psr6_app_cache`.

```
config/packages/oneup_flysystem.yaml
1 // ... line 1
2 oneup_flysystem:
3 // ... lines 3 - 13
4     filesystems:
5 // ... lines 15 - 17
6         cached_uploads_filesystem:
7             adapter: uploads_adapter
8             cache: psr6_app_cache
```

Thanks to this, all Filesystem calls will *first* go through the cached adapter. If something is cached, it will return it immediately. Everything else will get forwarded to the S3 adapter and work like normal. This is *classic* object decoration.

After all of this work, we should have one new service in the container. Run:

```
php bin/console debug:container cached_uploads
```

There it is: `oneup_flysystem.cached_uploads_filesystem_filesystem`. Finally, go back to `liip_imagine.yaml`. For the loader, we don't really need caching: this downloads the source file, which should only happen one time anyways. Let's leave it.

But for the resolver, we *do* want to cache this. Add the `cached_` to the service id. The resolver is responsible for checking if the thumbnail file exists - something we *do* want to cache - *and* for saving the cached file. But, "save" operations are never cached - so it won't affect that.

```
config/packages/liip_imagine.yaml
```

```
1  liip_imagine:
2  // ... lines 2 - 13
3
4      resolvers:
5          flysystem_resolver:
6              flysystem:
7                  # use the cached version so we're not checking to
8                  # see if the thumbnail file lives on S3 on every request
9                  filesystem_service:
10                     oneup_flysystem.cached_uploads_filesystem_filesystem
11
12 // ... lines 20 - 69
```

Let's try this! Refresh the page. Ok, everything seems to work fine. Now, check your tweets, like some Instagram photos, then turn off your Wifi again. Moment of truth: do a force refresh to *fully* make sure we're reloading. Awesome! Yea, the page looks *terrible* - a bunch of things fail. But our server did *not* fail: we are *no* longer talking to S3 on every request. *Big win*.

Next, let's use a *super* cool feature of S3 - *signed URLs* - to see an alternate way of allowing users to download private files, which, for large stuff, is more performant.

# Chapter 38: Private Downloads & Signed URLs

I have *one* more performance enhancement I want to do. If you click download, it works great! But if these files were bigger, you'd start to notice that the downloads would be kinda slow! Open up `ArticleReferenceAdminController` and search for download. Remember: we're reading a stream from S3 and sending that directly to the user. That's cool... but it also means that there's a middleman in the process: our server! That slows things down. Couldn't we somehow give the user direct access to the file on S3?

Go back to our bucket, head to its root directory, then click into `article_reference`. If you click any of these files, each *does* have a URL. But if you try to go to it, it's not public. That's *great* because these files are *meant* to be private... but it sorta ruins our idea of pointing users directly to this URL.

Well, good news! We *can* have our cake and eat it too... as we say... for some reason in English. Um, we *can* have the best of both worlds with... signed URLs.

## Hello Signed URLs

Signed URLs are *not* something that we can create with Flysystem - it's specific to S3. So, instead of using our `Filesystem` object, we'll deal with S3 directly, which turns out to be pretty awesome!

Google for "S3 PHP client signed url" to find their docs about this. Signed URLs let *us* say:

*"Hey S3! I want to create a public URL to download this file... but I only want the link to be valid for, like, 20 minutes."*

Cool, right! Because the link is temporary, it's ok to let users use it.

We'll do this by interacting with the `S3Client` object directly... which is super awesome because, a few minutes ago, we registered an `S3Client` service so we could use it with Flysystem. Half our job is already done!

The other thing we'll need is the bucket name.

## Creating the Signed URL

Head back to `downloadArticleReference()`. Remove the `UploaderHelper` argument - we won't need that anymore - and add `S3Client $s3client`. Also add `string $s3BucketName`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 use Aws\S3\S3Client;
3 // ... lines 9 - 21
4 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
5 {
6 // ... lines 24 - 127
7     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
8         S3Client $s3Client, string $s3BucketName)
9     {
10 // ... lines 130 - 139
11     }
12 // ... lines 141 - 192
13 }
```

That won't autowire, so copy the argument name, open up `services.yaml` and add a bind for this `$s3BucketName`. For the value, copy the environment variable bucket syntax from before and... paste.

```
config/services.yaml
1 // ... lines 1 - 10
2 services:
3 // ... line 12
4     _defaults:
5 // ... lines 14 - 20
6         bind:
7 // ... lines 22 - 25
8             $s3BucketName: '%env(AWS_S3_BUCKET_NAME)%'
9 // ... lines 27 - 61
```

Cool! Back in the controller, copy the `$disposition` line - we're going to put this back in a minute. Then, delete *everything* after the security check, paste the `$disposition` line, but comment it out for now.

Ok, let's go steal some code from the docs! We already have the `S3Client` object, so just grab the rest. Paste that then... let's see... replace `my-bucket` with the `$s3BucketName` variable. For `Key`, that's the *file* path: `$reference->getFilePath()`. And, for `$request = $s3Client->createPresignedRequest()`, you can use whatever lifetime

you want. These files are pretty small, so we don't need too much time - but let's make the URLs live for 30 minutes.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 7
2 use Aws\S3\S3Client;
3 // ... lines 9 - 21
4 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
5 {
6 // ... lines 24 - 127
7     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
8         S3Client $s3Client, string $s3BucketName)
9     {
10         $article = $reference->getArticle();
11         $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('MANAGE', $article);
12
13         $command = $s3Client->getCommand('GetObject', [
14             'Bucket' => $s3BucketName,
15             'Key' => $reference->getFilePath()
16         ]);
17         $request = $s3Client->createPresignedRequest($command, '+30
18             minutes');
19     }
20 // ... lines 138 - 139
21
22     }
23 // ... lines 141 - 192
24
25 }
```

Now that we have this "request" thing... how can we get the URL? Back on their docs, scroll down... here it is: `$request->getUri()`.

When the user hits our endpoint, what we want to do is *redirect* them to the URL. Do that with `return new RedirectResponse(), (string)` - they mentioned that in the docs, it turns the URI into a string - then `$request->getUri()`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
12 // ... lines 1 - 12
13 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\RedirectResponse;
14 // ... lines 14 - 21
15 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
16 {
17 // ... lines 24 - 127
18     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
19         S3Client $s3Client, string $s3BucketName)
20     {
21         $article = $reference->getArticle();
22         $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('MANAGE', $article);
23
24         $command = $s3Client->getCommand('GetObject', [
25             'Bucket' => $s3BucketName,
26             'Key' => $reference->getFilePath()
27         ]);
28         $request = $s3Client->createPresignedRequest($command, '+30
29             minutes');
30
31         return new RedirectResponse((string) $request->getUri());
32     }
33 // ... lines 141 - 192
34 }
```

Let's try it! Refresh! And... download! Ha! It works! We're loading this directly from S3. This long URL contains a signature that proves to S3 that the request was pre-authenticated and should last for 30 minutes.

## Forcing S3 Response Headers

But we *did* lose one thing: our `Content-Disposition` header! This gave us two nice things: it forced the user to download the file instead of loading it "inline", *and* it controlled the download filename.

Hmm, this is tricky. Now that the user is no longer downloading the file directly from us, we don't really have a way to set custom *headers* on the response. Well, actually, that's a big ol' lie! There are *two* ways to do that. First, you can set custom headers on each object in S3. *Or* you can *hint* to S3 that you want *it* to set custom headers on your behalf when the user goes to the signed URL.

How? Add another option to `getCommand()`: `ResponseContentType` set to `$reference->getMimeType()`. That'll hint to S3 that we want it to set a `Content-Type`

header on the download response.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 21
22 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
23 {
24 // ... lines 24 - 127
128     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
S3Client $s3Client, string $s3BucketName)
129     {
130 // ... lines 130 - 137
138         $command = $s3Client->getCommand('GetObject', [
139             'Bucket' => $s3BucketName,
140             'Key' => $reference->getFilePath(),
141             'ResponseContentType' => $reference->getMimeType(),
142 // ... line 142
143         ]);
144 // ... lines 144 - 146
147     }
148 // ... lines 148 - 201
```

And `ResponseContentDisposition`. Move the `$disposition` code up above, then use that value down here.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 21
22 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
23 {
24 // ... lines 24 - 127
128     public function downloadArticleReference(ArticleReference $reference,
S3Client $s3Client, string $s3BucketName)
129     {
130 // ... lines 130 - 132
133         $disposition = HeaderUtils::makeDisposition(
134             ResponseHeaderBag::DISPOSITION_ATTACHMENT,
135             $reference->getOriginalFilename()
136         );
137
138         $command = $s3Client->getCommand('GetObject', [
139             'Bucket' => $s3BucketName,
140             'Key' => $reference->getFilePath(),
141             'ResponseContentType' => $reference->getMimeType(),
142             'ResponseContentDisposition' => $disposition,
143         ]);
144 // ... lines 144 - 146
147     }
148 // ... lines 148 - 201
```

Cool, right? Go download the file one more time. Ha! It downloads *and* uses the original filename. This is probably the best way to allow users to download private files. Oh, and if you need even *faster* downloads... cause S3 isn't *that* fast for large files, you can do the same thing with Cloudfront. Cloudfront is another service that gives users faster access to S3 files, and has a similar process for creating signed URLs.

Ok friends, only *one* thing left, and it's a fun one! Let's talk about how our file upload endpoint *might* look different if we were building a pure API.

# Chapter 39: API-Style Uploads

How does a file upload work if you're building an API? Well, you have two options. First, you can make your API endpoint look *exactly* like what we already built in `uploadArticleReference()`.

## Using our Current Endpoint with an API Client

Let me show you what I mean. I'm going to use Postman to interact with our endpoint as if it were truly meant to be an API endpoint used by API clients. For the URL, copy the URL in the browser, paste, and change `/edit` to `/references`. Yep, that'll hit our controller. Make this a POST request.

What about the *body* of the request? What should that look like? Well, because we wrote our endpoint to basically handle a traditional form-submit, the format will be `form-data`. For the key, remember that we're expecting the file data on a field called `reference`. Change the field type to "file" and select `earth.jpeg`.

That's it! Before trying this, our site is being served over https thanks to the Symfony local web server and some certificate magic it does behind the scenes. But Postman doesn't *know* to use that magic, so the certificate won't work. In the Postman preferences - I've already done it - turn SSL verification off. Or you can run the Symfony web server with the `--allow-http` flag if you want to avoid this.

Ok, send the request! Oh... what's this? Check out the preview. The login page, of course! Uploading requires a valid user. Just to play around, let's remove the `@IsGranted()` temporarily.

```

22 // ... lines 1 - 21
23 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
24 {
25     /**
26      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references",
27      * name="admin_article_add_reference", methods={"POST"})
28      */
29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
30     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
31     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator)
32     {
33 // ... lines 29 - 75
34     }
35 // ... lines 77 - 198
36 }
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
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46
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```

Try it again. Beautiful! It works!

So, the *first* way to build an upload endpoint for an API is... like this! An endpoint that requires the multipart form data format that we checked out at the beginning of this tutorial. Any API client will be able to work with this and a lot of API's are built this way.

## Pure API Endpoint with JSON: base64\_decode

But, there's another way. And if you're building an API, this might *feel* a little bit more natural. To see it, change the body to "raw", or actually, to JSON so we can set the request body manually, instead of Postman building it for us from the nice `form-data` GUI.

When we change to use a JSON body, Postman helpfully auto-sets the `Content-Type` header to `application/json`, which depending on your API, you may or may not need. But it's always a good practice.

Ok, let's think about this from the perspective of a *user* of our API: if I want to send a file reference to a server, usually I'd expect the body to look something like this

`{"filename": "space.txt"}` with, maybe a bunch of other fields. Because... in an API, the request usually contains **JSON!** Not the weird form-data format.

Of course, `space.txt` isn't the *content* of a file, but we *would* still probably want to be able to send the original filename. For the *data*, hmm, I'm just making this up, what if we create a `data` key and put the binary data right here? That's great! Oh, except... you *can't* put binary data in JSON: it's just *not* supported.

API's work around this fact by expecting the client to base64 *encode* the data. Search for "base64 encode online" to find a site that can base64 encode some stuff for us really easily. Let's type in some text that we want to encode and... oops! We're on the *decode* side. Switch to encode and... there we go! We get this simple, encoded string. By the way, the main downside to this approach is that base64 encoded data is slightly bigger than the original data. On small or medium files, this makes very little difference. But if you're uploading *huge* files, using the base64 encoded data will slow things down, because more data needs to be transferred.

Anyways, paste *that* on the `data` key. We know this won't work... because our controller is *totally* not set up to receive JSON, but pff. Let's try it anyways. Hit send and... validation error!

"Please select a file to upload"

## Deserializer & A Model Class

Love it! Let's get to work. Back in our controller, to see what it looks like, let's make this endpoint capable of handling *both* ways of uploading files: form-data *and* JSON.

We can figure out which situation we're in by looking at the `Content-Type` header. So, if `$request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json'`, we'll do our new thing, else, run the normal code. And... this is pretty cool... the *only* part that'll *really* be different is the `$uploadedFile` part. Move that into the `else`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
 23 // ... lines 1 - 22
 24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
 25 {
 26     // ... lines 25 - 27
 27     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
 28         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
 29         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
 30         $serializer)
 31     {
 32         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
 33         {
 34             // ... lines 31 - 42
 35             } else {
 36                 /** @var UploadedFile $uploadedFile */
 37                 $uploadedFile = $request->files->get('reference');
 38             }
 39             // ... lines 47 - 214
 40         }
 41     }
```

In the first part of the if, just like a normal API endpoint, we need to decode the JSON request content into something useful. To do that, let's use the serializer! Search for "deser", there it is. Earlier, we used `deserialize()` to turn the JSON into an `ArticleReference` object. That worked because the keys in that JSON matched the property names in that class.

But in this case, look at the fields: `filename` and `data`. We *do* have an `originalFilename` field, and we *could* rename the `filename` key to that... but we definitely *do not* have... and do not want a `data` property on `ArticleReference` that's equal to a base64 encoded version of our file. That makes no sense.

This is a *classic* case where the data of an endpoint doesn't match the structure of our entity. And that's cool! Instead of using the entity, we can create a new *model* class.

Inside `src/`, let's create a new `Api/` directory - just for organization - and inside, a new class: how about `ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel`. The *whole* point of this class is to help us deal with the data for this endpoint. So, its properties should match the data. Add `public $filename` and `public $data`.

```
src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php
```

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Api;
4 // ... lines 4 - 6
5
6 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
7 {
8
9 // ... lines 9 - 11
10
11     public $filename;
12
13 // ... lines 13 - 16
14
15     public $data;
16
17 }
18 }
```

Yes! Gasp! They're public! Because this class will only be used for this *one, narrow*, purpose, it's ok to make life a bit easier with public properties. If this makes you want to scream and tackle me, I get it! Just make them private and add the getter & setter methods. That will work perfectly.

While we're here, don't forget about validation: add `@Assert\NotBlank` above both of these.

## src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Api;
4
5 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints as Assert;
6
7 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
8 {
9     /**
10      * @Assert\NotBlank()
11      */
12     public $filename;
13
14     /**
15      * @Assert\NotBlank()
16      */
17     public $data;
18 }
```

We're ready! Back in the controller add a new argument at the end:

`SerializerInterface $serializer`. Then, it's beautiful, really

`$uploadApiModel = $serializer->deserialize()`. This takes three arguments: the raw JSON - `$request->getContent()` - the type of object it should be turned into - `ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel::class` - and the input format, `json`.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5 use App\Api\ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel;
↔ // ... lines 6 - 22
23 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
24 {
↔ // ... lines 25 - 27
28     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
29         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
30         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
31         $serializer)
32     {
33         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
34         {
35             $uploadApiModel = $serializer->deserialize(
36                 $request->getContent(),
37                 ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel::class,
38                 'json'
39             );
↔ // ... lines 36 - 42
40         } else {
↔ // ... lines 44 - 45
41     }
↔ // ... lines 47 - 214
215 }
```

We don't need a context this time, because we're not deserializing into an existing object and we don't need to use groups.

And because this object has some constraints, we'll need to check validation up here:

```
$violations = $validator->validate($uploadApiModel). And if
$violations->count() > 0, return the normal, $this->json($violations, 400).
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5 use App\Api\ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel;
↔ // ... lines 6 - 22
23 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
24 {
↔ // ... lines 25 - 27
28     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
29     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
30     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
31     $serializer)
32     {
33         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
34         {
↔ // ... lines 31 - 36
35             $violations = $validator->validate($uploadApiModel);
36             if ($violations->count() > 0) {
37                 return $this->json($violations, 400);
38             }
↔ // ... lines 41 - 42
39         } else {
↔ // ... lines 44 - 45
40     }
↔ // ... lines 47 - 214
215 }
```

At the bottom, let's `dd($uploadApiModel)` so we can see if this crazy idea is working.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 4
5 use App\Api\ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel;
↔ // ... lines 6 - 22
23 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
24 {
↔ // ... lines 25 - 27
28     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
29     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
30     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
31     $serializer)
32     {
33         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
34         {
↔ // ... lines 31 - 36
35             $violations = $validator->validate($uploadApiModel);
36             if ($violations->count() > 0) {
37                 return $this->json($violations, 400);
38             }
39             dd($uploadApiModel);
40         } else {
41             dd($uploadApiModel);
42         }
43     }
↔ // ... lines 44 - 45
44     }
↔ // ... lines 47 - 214
45 }
215 }
```

You ready to try this? Spin back over to Postman, high-five someone near you and... send! Hey! Check out that *beautiful* dump! The text is still encoded, but that's a *killer* first step. Leave the `filename` blank to check validation. Looks great.

Let's finish this next: we still need to base64 *decode* that data and push it into our normal file upload system. Let's do that in a clean way that we can love.

# Chapter 40: Coding the API Upload Endpoint

Our controller is reading this JSON and decoding it into a nice `ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel` object. But the `data` property on that is still `base64` encoded.

## base64\_decode from the Model Class

Decoding is easy enough. But let's make our new model class a bit smarter to help with this. First, change the `data` property to be *private*. If we *only* did this, the serializer would *no longer* be able to set that onto our object.

```
src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 6
2
3 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
4 {
5
6     // ... lines 9 - 16
7     private $data;
8
9     // ... lines 18 - 25
10
11 }
```

Hit "Send" to see this. Yep! the `data` key is ignored: it's not a field the client can send, because there's no setter for it and it's not public. Then, validation fails because that field is still empty.

So, because I've mysteriously said that we should set the property to private, add a `public function setData()` with a nullable string argument... because the user could forget to send that field. Inside, `$this->data = $data`.

```
src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 6
7 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
8 {
↔ // ... lines 9 - 16
17     private $data;
↔ // ... lines 18 - 20
21     public function setData(?string $data)
22     {
23         $this->data = $data;
↔ // ... line 24
25     }
26 }
```

Now, create another property: `private $decodedData`. And inside the setter, `$this->decodedData = base64_decode($data)`. And because this is private and does *not* have a setter method, if a smart user tried to send a `decodedData` key on the JSON, it would be ignored. The only valid fields are `filename` - because it's public - and `data` - because it has a setter.

```
src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 6
7 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
8 {
↔ // ... lines 9 - 16
17     private $data;
18
19     private $decodedData;
20
21     public function setData(?string $data)
22     {
23         $this->data = $data;
24         $this->decodedData = base64_decode($data);
25     }
26 }
```

Try it again. It's working *and* the decoded data is ready! It's a simple string in our case, but this would work equally well if you base64 encoded a PDF, for example.

## Saving a Temporary File

Let's look at the controller. We know the "else" part, that's the "traditional" upload part, is working by simply setting an `$uploadedFile` object and letting the rest of the controller do its magic.

So, if we can create an `UploadedFile` object up here, we're in business! It should go through validation... and process.

If you remember from our fixtures, we can't *actually* create `UploadedFile` objects - it's tied to the PHP upload process. But we *can* create `File` objects. Open up `ArticleFixtures`. At the bottom, yep! We create a `new File()` - that's the *parent* class of `UploadedFile` and pass it `$targetPath`, which is the path to a file on the filesystem. `UploaderHelper` can already handle this.

In the controller, we can do the same thing. Start by setting `$tmpPath` to `sys_get_temp_dir()` plus `'/sf_upload'.uniqueid()` to guarantee a unique, temporary file path. Yep, we're literally going to save the file to disk so our upload system can process it. We *could* also enhance `UploaderHelper` to be able to handle the content as a *string*, but this way will re-use more logic.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 23
24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
25 {
26 // ... lines 26 - 28
29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
30 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
31 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
32 $serializer)
33     {
34         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
35         {
36 // ... lines 32 - 43
37             $tmpPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/sf_upload'.uniqid();
38         } else {
39 // ... lines 49 - 50
40         }
41 // ... lines 52 - 96
42     }
43 // ... lines 98 - 219
44 }
```

To get the raw content, go back to the model class. We need a getter. Add

```
public function getDecodedData() with a nullable string return type. Then,
return $this->decodedData.
```

```
src/Api/ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 6
7 class ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel
8 {
↔ // ... lines 9 - 26
27     public function getDecodedData(): ?string
28     {
29         return $this->decodedData;
30     }
31 }
```

Now we can say:

```
file_put_contents($tmpPath, $uploadedApiModel->getDecodedData()). Oh, I'm
not getting any auto-completion on that because PhpStorm doesn't know what the
$uploadedApiModel object is. Add some inline doc to help it. Now, $this->, got it -
getDecodedData().
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

```
↔ // ... lines 1 - 23
24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
25 {
↔ // ... lines 26 - 28
29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
$request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
$entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
$serializer)
30     {
31         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
32         {
33             /** @var ArticleReferenceUploadApiModel $uploadApiModel */
34             $uploadApiModel = $serializer->deserialize(
↔ // ... lines 34 - 36
37         );
↔ // ... lines 38 - 43
38         $tmpPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/sf_upload'.uniqid();
39         file_put_contents($tmpPath, $uploadApiModel->getDecodedData());
↔ // ... lines 46 - 47
48     } else {
↔ // ... lines 49 - 50
51     }
↔ // ... lines 52 - 96
97     }
↔ // ... lines 98 - 219
220 }
```

Finally, set `$uploadedFile` to a `new File()` - the one from `HttpFoundation`. Woh! That was weird - it put the full, long class name here. Technically, that's fine... but why? Undo that, then go check out the `use` statements. Ah: this is one of those rare cases where we already have another class imported with the same name: `File`. Let's add our `use` statement manually, then alias is to, how about, `FileObject`. I know, a bit ugly, but necessary.

Below, `new FileObject()` and pass it the temporary path. Let's `dd()` that.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 11
12 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File as FileObject;
13 // ... lines 13 - 23
14 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
15 {
16 // ... lines 26 - 28
17
18     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
19 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
20 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
21 $serializer)
22     {
23         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
24         {
25             // ... lines 32 - 43
26             $tmpPath = sys_get_temp_dir().'/sf_upload'.uniqid();
27             file_put_contents($tmpPath, $uploadApiModel->getDecodedData());
28             $uploadedFile = new FileObject($tmpPath);
29             dd($uploadedFile);
30         } else {
31             // ... lines 49 - 50
32         }
33     }
34 // ... lines 52 - 96
35
36     }
37 // ... lines 98 - 219
38
39 }
```

Phew! Back on Postman, hit send. Hey! That looks great! Copy that filename, then, wait! That was just the directory - copy the *actual* filename - called `pathname`, find your terminal and I'll open that in `vim`.

## Getting the "Client Original Name"

Yes! The contents are *perfect!* So... are we done? Let's find out! Take off the `dd()`, move over and... this is our moment of glory... send! Oh, boo! No glory, just errors. Life of a programmer.

"Undefined method `getClientOriginalName()` on `File`."

This comes from down here on line 84. Ah yes, the `UploadedFile` object has a few methods that its parent `File` does not. Notably `getClientOriginalName()`.

No problem, back up, create an `$originalName` variable on both sides of the if. For the API style, set it to `$uploadApiModel->filename`: the API client will send this manually. For the `else`, set `$originalName` to `$uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName()`. Now, copy `$originalName`, head back down to `setOriginalFilename()` and paste! And if for some reason it's not set, we can still use `$filename` as a backup. But that's definitely impossible for our API-style thanks to the validation rules.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 23
24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
25 {
26 // ... lines 26 - 28
29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
30         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
31         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
32         $serializer)
33     {
34         if ($request->headers->get('Content-Type') === 'application/json')
35         {
36 // ... lines 32 - 46
37             $originalFilename = $uploadApiModel->filename;
38         } else {
39 // ... lines 49 - 50
40             $originalFilename = $uploadedFile->getClientOriginalName();
41         }
42 // ... lines 53 - 83
43         $articleReference->setOriginalFilename($originalFilename ??
44             $filename);
45 // ... lines 85 - 97
46     }
47 // ... lines 99 - 220
48 }
49 }
```

Deep breath. Let's try it again. Woh! Did that just work? It looks right. Go refresh the browser. Ha! We have a `space.txt` file! And we can even download it! Go check out S3 - the `article_reference` directory.

Oh, interesting! The files are prefixed with `sf-uploads` - that's the temporary filename we created on the server. That's because `UploaderHelper` uses that to create the unique

filename. And really, that's fine! These filenames are 100% internal. But if it bothers you, you could use the original filename to help make the temporary file.

Anyways... we did it! A fully JSON-driven API upload endpoint. Fun, right?

## Removing the Temporary File

Before we finish... and ride off into the sunset, as champions of uploading in Symfony, let's make sure we delete that temporary file after we finish.

All the way down here, before persist, but *after* we've tried to read the mime type from the file, add, if `is_file($uploadedFile->getPathname())`, then delete it:

```
unlink($uploadedFile->getPathname());
```

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 23
24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
25 {
26 // ... lines 26 - 28
29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
30 $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
31 $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
32 $serializer)
33     {
34 // ... lines 31 - 84
35         $articleReference->setMimeType($uploadedFile->getMimeType() ??
36 'application/octet-stream');
37
38         if (is_file($uploadedFile->getPathname())) {
39             unlink($uploadedFile->getPathname());
40
41         }
42
43         $entityManager->persist($articleReference);
44 // ... lines 93 - 102
45     }
46 // ... lines 104 - 225
47
48 }
```

The `if` is sorta unnecessary, but I like it. To double-check that this works, let's `dd($uploadedFile->getPathname())`, go find Postman and send. Copy the path, find your terminal, and try to open that file. It's gone!

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
```

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↔ // ... lines 1 - 23
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29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
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↔ // ... lines 31 - 84
34         $articleReference->setMimeType($uploadedFile->getMimeType() ??
35         'application/octet-stream');
36
37         if (is_file($uploadedFile->getPathname())) {
38             unlink($uploadedFile->getPathname());
39             dd($uploadedFile->getPathname());
40         }
41
42         $entityManager->persist($articleReference);
↔ // ... lines 93 - 102
43     }
↔ // ... lines 104 - 225
226 }
```

Celebrate by removing that `dd()` and sending one last time. I'm so happy.

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29     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
30         $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
31         $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
32         $serializer)
33     {
↔ // ... lines 31 - 86
34         if (is_file($uploadedFile->getPathname())) {
35             unlink($uploadedFile->getPathname());
36         }
↔ // ... lines 90 - 101
37     }
↔ // ... lines 103 - 224
225 }
```

Oh, and don't forget to put security back: `@IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")`. In a real project, wherever I test my API endpoints - like Postman or via functional tests, I would

actually *authenticate* myself properly so they worked, instead of temporarily hacking out security. Generally speaking, removing security is, uh, not a *great* idea.

```
src/Controller/ArticleReferenceAdminController.php
1 // ... lines 1 - 23
24 class ArticleReferenceAdminController extends BaseController
25 {
26     /**
27      * @Route("/admin/article/{id}/references",
28      * @IsGranted("MANAGE", subject="article")
29      */
30     public function uploadArticleReference(Article $article, Request
31     $request, UploaderHelper $uploaderHelper, EntityManagerInterface
32     $entityManager, ValidatorInterface $validator, SerializerInterface
33     $serializer)
34     {
35         // ... lines 32 - 102
36     }
37     // ... lines 104 - 225
38 }
39 // ... lines 226
```

Hey! That's it! We did it! Woh! I had a *ton* of a fun making this tutorial - we got to play with uploads, a bunch of cool libraries and... the *cloud*. Uploading is *fairly* simple, but there *can* be a lot of layers to keep track of, like `Flysystem` and `LiipImagineBundle`.

As always, let us know what you're building and if you have questions, ask them in the comments. Alright friends, seeya next time!

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