

# Rejecting modules

If you want to avoid using certain modules, you can add them to a reject list to prevent Ansible from loading them. To reject plugins, create a yaml configuration file. The default location for this file is `:file:/etc/ansible/plugin_filters.yml`. You can select a different path for the reject list using the `ref: PLUGIN_FILTERS_CFG` setting in the `defaults` section of your `ansible.cfg`. Here is an example reject list:

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System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\ansible-
devel\docs\docsite\rst\user_guide\[ansible-devel] [docs] [docsite] [rst]
[user_guide]plugin_filtering_config.rst, line 6); backlink

Unknown interpreted text role "file".
```

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Unknown interpreted text role "ref".
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filter_version: '1.0'
module_rejectlist:
  # Deprecated
  - docker
  # We only allow pip, not easy_install
  - easy_install
```

The file contains two fields:

- A file version so that you can update the format while keeping backwards compatibility in the future. The present version should be the string, "1.0"
- A list of modules to reject. Ansible will not load any module in this list when it searches for a module to invoke for a task.

## Note

The `stat` module is required for Ansible to run. Do not add this module to your reject list.