

**NAME**

**sudo\_plugin** - Sudo Plugin API

**DESCRIPTION**

Starting with version 1.8, **sudo** supports a plugin API for policy and session logging. By default, the *sudoers* policy plugin and an associated I/O logging plugin are used. Via the plugin API, **sudo** can be configured to use alternate policy and/or I/O logging plugins provided by third parties. The plugins to be used are specified via the */etc/sudo.conf* file.

The API is versioned with a major and minor number. The minor version number is incremented when additions are made. The major number is incremented when incompatible changes are made. A plugin should check the version passed to it and make sure that the major version matches.

The plugin API is defined by the *sudo\_plugin.h* header file.

**The sudo.conf file**

The */etc/sudo.conf* file contains plugin configuration directives. The primary keyword is the **Plugin** directive, which causes a plugin to be loaded.

A **Plugin** line consists of the **Plugin** keyword, followed by the *symbol\_name* and the *path* to the shared object containing the plugin. The *symbol\_name* is the name of the struct *policy\_plugin* or struct *io\_plugin* in the plugin shared object. The *path* may be fully qualified or relative. If not fully qualified it is relative to the */usr/local/libexec* directory. Any additional parameters after the *path* are passed as options to the plugin's **open()** function. Lines that don't begin with **Plugin**, **Path**, **Debug** or **Set** are silently ignored.

The same shared object may contain multiple plugins, each with a different symbol name. The shared object file must be owned by uid 0 and only writable by its owner. Because of ambiguities that arise from composite policies, only a single policy plugin may be specified. This limitation does not apply to I/O plugins.

```
#
# Default /etc/sudo.conf file
#
# Format:
# Plugin plugin_name plugin_path plugin_options ...
# Path askpass /path/to/askpass
# Path noexec /path/to/sudo_noexec.so
# Debug sudo /var/log/sudo_debug all@warn
# Set disable_coredump true
```

```

#
# The plugin_path is relative to /usr/local/libexec unless
# fully qualified.
# The plugin_name corresponds to a global symbol in the plugin
# that contains the plugin interface structure.
# The plugin_options are optional.
#
Plugin sudoers_policy sudoers.so
Plugin sudoers_io sudoers.so

```

### Policy plugin API

A policy plugin must declare and populate a `policy_plugin` struct in the global scope. This structure contains pointers to the functions that implement the **sudo** policy checks. The name of the symbol should be specified in `/etc/sudo.conf` along with a path to the plugin so that **sudo** can load it.

```

struct policy_plugin {
#define SUDO_POLICY_PLUGIN 1
    unsigned int type; /* always SUDO_POLICY_PLUGIN */
    unsigned int version; /* always SUDO_API_VERSION */
    int (*open)(unsigned int version, sudo_conv_t conversation,
               sudo_printf_t plugin_printf, char * const settings[],
               char * const user_info[], char * const user_env[],
               char * const plugin_options[]);
    void (*close)(int exit_status, int error);
    int (*show_version)(int verbose);
    int (*check_policy)(int argc, char * const argv[],
                       char *env_add[], char **command_info[],
                       char **argv_out[], char **user_env_out[]);
    int (*list)(int argc, char * const argv[], int verbose,
               const char *list_user);
    int (*validate)(void);
    void (*invalidate)(int remove);
    int (*init_session)(struct passwd *pwd, char **user_env[]);
    void (*register_hooks)(int version,
                           int (*register_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
    void (*deregister_hooks)(int version,
                              int (*deregister_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
};

```

The `policy_plugin` struct has the following fields:

**type** The type field should always be set to SUDO\_POLICY\_PLUGIN.

#### version

The version field should be set to SUDO\_API\_VERSION.

This allows **sudo** to determine the API version the plugin was built against.

#### open

```
int (*open)(unsigned int version, sudo_conv_t conversation,
            sudo_printf_t plugin_printf, char * const settings[],
            char * const user_info[], char * const user_env[],
            char * const plugin_options[]);
```

Returns 1 on success, 0 on failure, -1 if a general error occurred, or -2 if there was a usage error. In the latter case, **sudo** will print a usage message before it exits. If an error occurs, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with SUDO\_CONF\_ERROR\_MSG to present additional error information to the user.

The function arguments are as follows:

#### version

The version passed in by **sudo** allows the plugin to determine the major and minor version number of the plugin API supported by **sudo**.

#### conversation

A pointer to the **conversation()** function that can be used by the plugin to interact with the user (see below). Returns 0 on success and -1 on failure.

#### plugin\_printf

A pointer to a **printf()**-style function that may be used to display informational or error messages (see below). Returns the number of characters printed on success and -1 on failure.

#### settings

A vector of user-supplied **sudo** settings in the form of “name=value” strings. The vector is terminated by a NULL pointer. These settings correspond to flags the user specified when running **sudo**. As such, they will only be present when the corresponding flag has been specified on the command line.

When parsing *settings*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign (=) since the *name*

field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

#### debug\_flags=string

A comma-separated list of debug flags that correspond to **sudo**'s Debug entry in */etc/sudo.conf*, if there is one. The flags are passed to the plugin as they appear in */etc/sudo.conf*. The syntax used by **sudo** and the *sudoers* plugin is *subsystem@priority* but the plugin is free to use a different format so long as it does not include a comma (',').

For reference, the priorities supported by the **sudo** front end and *sudoers* are: *crit, err, warn, notice, diag, info, trace* and *debug*.

The following subsystems are defined: *main, memory, args, exec, pty, utmp, conv, pcomm, util, list, netif, audit, edit, selinux, ldap, match, parser, alias, defaults, auth, env, logging, nss, rbtree, perms, plugin*. The subsystem *all* includes every subsystem.

There is not currently a way to specify a set of debug flags specific to the plugin--the flags are shared by **sudo** and the plugin.

#### debug\_level=number

This setting has been deprecated in favor of *debug\_flags*.

#### runas\_user=string

The user name or uid to to run the command as, if specified via the **-u** flag.

#### runas\_group=string

The group name or gid to to run the command as, if specified via the **-g** flag.

#### prompt=string

The prompt to use when requesting a password, if specified via the **-p** flag.

#### set\_home=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-H** flag. If true, set the HOME environment variable to the target user's home directory.

#### preserve\_environment=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-E** flag, indicating that the user wishes to preserve the environment.

#### run\_shell=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-s** flag, indicating that the user wishes to run a shell.

login\_shell=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-i** flag, indicating that the user wishes to run a login shell.

implied\_shell=bool

If the user does not specify a program on the command line, **sudo** will pass the plugin the path to the user's shell and set *implied\_shell* to true. This allows **sudo** with no arguments to be used similarly to su(1). If the plugin does not support this usage, it may return a value of -2 from the **check\_policy()** function, which will cause **sudo** to print a usage message and exit.

preserve\_groups=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-P** flag, indicating that the user wishes to preserve the group vector instead of setting it based on the runas user.

ignore\_ticket=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-k** flag along with a command, indicating that the user wishes to ignore any cached authentication credentials.

noninteractive=bool

Set to true if the user specified the **-n** flag, indicating that **sudo** should operate in non-interactive mode. The plugin may reject a command run in non-interactive mode if user interaction is required.

login\_class=string

BSD login class to use when setting resource limits and nice value, if specified by the **-c** flag.

selinux\_role=string

SELinux role to use when executing the command, if specified by the **-r** flag.

selinux\_type=string

SELinux type to use when executing the command, if specified by the **-t** flag.

bsdauth\_type=string

Authentication type, if specified by the **-a** flag, to use on systems where BSD authentication is supported.

**network\_addrs=list**

A space-separated list of IP network addresses and netmasks in the form “addr/netmask”, e.g. “192.168.1.2/255.255.255.0”. The address and netmask pairs may be either IPv4 or IPv6, depending on what the operating system supports. If the address contains a colon (:), it is an IPv6 address, else it is IPv4.

**progname=string**

The command name that sudo was run as, typically “sudo” or “sudoedit”.

**sudoedit=bool**

Set to true when the **-e** flag is specified or if invoked as **sudoedit**. The plugin shall substitute an editor into *argv* in the **check\_policy()** function or return -2 with a usage error if the plugin does not support *sudoedit*. For more information, see the *check\_policy* section.

**closefrom=number**

If specified, the user has requested via the **-C** flag that **sudo** close all files descriptors with a value of *number* or higher. The plugin may optionally pass this, or another value, back in the *command\_info* list.

Additional settings may be added in the future so the plugin should silently ignore settings that it does not recognize.

**user\_info**

A vector of information about the user running the command in the form of “name=value” strings. The vector is terminated by a NULL pointer.

When parsing *user\_info*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign (=) since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

**pid=int**

The process ID of the running **sudo** process. Only available starting with API version 1.2

**ppid=int**

The parent process ID of the running **sudo** process. Only available starting with API version 1.2

**sid=int**

The session ID of the running **sudo** process or 0 if **sudo** is not part of a POSIX job

control session. Only available starting with API version 1.2

**pgid=int**

The ID of the process group that the running **sudo** process belongs to. Only available starting with API version 1.2

**tcpgid=int**

The ID of the foreground process group associated with the terminal device associated with the **sudo** process or -1 if there is no terminal present. Only available starting with API version 1.2

**user=string**

The name of the user invoking **sudo**.

**euid=uid\_t**

The effective user ID of the user invoking **sudo**.

**uid=uid\_t**

The real user ID of the user invoking **sudo**.

**egid=gid\_t**

The effective group ID of the user invoking **sudo**.

**gid=gid\_t**

The real group ID of the user invoking **sudo**.

**groups=list**

The user's supplementary group list formatted as a string of comma-separated group IDs.

**cwd=string**

The user's current working directory.

**tty=string**

The path to the user's terminal device. If the user has no terminal device associated with the session, the value will be empty, as in "tty=".

**host=string**

The local machine's hostname as returned by the `gethostname(2)` system call.

lines=int

The number of lines the user's terminal supports. If there is no terminal device available, a default value of 24 is used.

cols=int

The number of columns the user's terminal supports. If there is no terminal device available, a default value of 80 is used.

user\_env

The user's environment in the form of a NULL-terminated vector of "name=value" strings.

When parsing *user\_env*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign ('=') since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

plugin\_options

Any (non-comment) strings immediately after the plugin path are treated as arguments to the plugin. These arguments are split on a white space boundary and are passed to the plugin in the form of a NULL-terminated array of strings. If no arguments were specified, *plugin\_options* will be the NULL pointer.

NOTE: the *plugin\_options* parameter is only available starting with API version 1.2. A plugin **must** check the API version specified by the **sudo** front end before using *plugin\_options*. Failure to do so may result in a crash.

close

```
void (*close)(int exit_status, int error);
```

The **close()** function is called when the command being run by **sudo** finishes.

The function arguments are as follows:

exit\_status

The command's exit status, as returned by the wait(2) system call. The value of *exit\_status* is undefined if error is non-zero.

error If the command could not be executed, this is set to the value of *errno* set by the *execve(2)* system call. The plugin is responsible for displaying error information via the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function. If the command was successfully executed, the value of error is 0.



`show_version`

```
int (*show_version)(int verbose);
```

The **show\_version()** function is called by **sudo** when the user specifies the **-V** option. The plugin may display its version information to the user via the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function using `SUDO_CONV_INFO_MSG`. If the user requests detailed version information, the verbose flag will be set.

`check_policy`

```
int (*check_policy)(int argc, char * const argv[]
                    char *env_add[], char **command_info[],
                    char **argv_out[], char **user_env_out[]);
```

The **check\_policy()** function is called by **sudo** to determine whether the user is allowed to run the specified commands.

If the *sudoedit* option was enabled in the *settings* array passed to the **open()** function, the user has requested *sudoedit* mode. *sudoedit* is a mechanism for editing one or more files where an editor is run with the user's credentials instead of with elevated privileges. **sudo** achieves this by creating user-writable temporary copies of the files to be edited and then overwriting the originals with the temporary copies after editing is complete. If the plugin supports *sudoedit*, it should choose the editor to be used, potentially from a variable in the user's environment, such as `EDITOR`, and include it in *argv\_out* (note that environment variables may include command line flags). The files to be edited should be copied from *argv* into *argv\_out*, separated from the editor and its arguments by a `--` element. The `--` will be removed by **sudo** before the editor is executed. The plugin should also set *sudoedit=true* in the *command\_info* list.

The **check\_policy()** function returns 1 if the command is allowed, 0 if not allowed, -1 for a general error, or -2 for a usage error or if *sudoedit* was specified but is unsupported by the plugin. In the latter case, **sudo** will print a usage message before it exits. If an error occurs, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with `SUDO_CONF_ERROR_MSG` to present additional error information to the user.

The function arguments are as follows:

`argc` The number of elements in *argv*, not counting the final NULL pointer.

`argv` The argument vector describing the command the user wishes to run, in the same form as what would be passed to the `execve(2)` system call. The vector is terminated by a NULL pointer.

**env\_add**

Additional environment variables specified by the user on the command line in the form of a NULL-terminated vector of “name=value” strings. The plugin may reject the command if one or more variables are not allowed to be set, or it may silently ignore such variables.

When parsing *env\_add*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign (=) since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

**command\_info**

Information about the command being run in the form of “name=value” strings. These values are used by **sudo** to set the execution environment when running a command. The plugin is responsible for creating and populating the vector, which must be terminated with a NULL pointer. The following values are recognized by **sudo**:

**command=string**

Fully qualified path to the command to be executed.

**runas\_uid=uid**

User ID to run the command as.

**runas\_euid=uid**

Effective user ID to run the command as. If not specified, the value of *runas\_uid* is used.

**runas\_gid=gid**

Group ID to run the command as.

**runas\_egid=gid**

Effective group ID to run the command as. If not specified, the value of *runas\_gid* is used.

**runas\_groups=list**

The supplementary group vector to use for the command in the form of a comma-separated list of group IDs. If *preserve\_groups* is set, this option is ignored.

**login\_class=string**

BSD login class to use when setting resource limits and nice value (optional). This option is only set on systems that support login classes.

**preserve\_groups=bool**

If set, **sudo** will preserve the user's group vector instead of initializing the group vector based on `runas_user`.

`cwd=string`

The current working directory to change to when executing the command.

`noexec=bool`

If set, prevent the command from executing other programs.

`chroot=string`

The root directory to use when running the command.

`nice=int`

Nice value (priority) to use when executing the command. The nice value, if specified, overrides the priority associated with the *login\_class* on BSD systems.

`umask=octal`

The file creation mask to use when executing the command.

`selinux_role=string`

SELinux role to use when executing the command.

`selinux_type=string`

SELinux type to use when executing the command.

`timeout=int`

Command timeout. If non-zero then when the timeout expires the command will be killed.

`sudoedit=bool`

Set to true when in *sudoedit* mode. The plugin may enable *sudoedit* mode even if **sudo** was not invoked as **sudoedit**. This allows the plugin to perform command substitution and transparently enable *sudoedit* when the user attempts to run an editor.

`closefrom=number`

If specified, **sudo** will close all files descriptors with a value of *number* or higher.

`iolog_compress=bool`

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should compress the log data. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**iolog\_path=string**

Fully qualified path to the file or directory in which I/O log is to be stored. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it. If no I/O logging plugin is loaded, this setting has no effect.

**iolog\_stdin=bool**

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should log the standard input if it is not connected to a terminal device. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**iolog\_stdout=bool**

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should log the standard output if it is not connected to a terminal device. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**iolog\_stderr=bool**

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should log the standard error if it is not connected to a terminal device. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**iolog\_ttyin=bool**

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should log all terminal input. This only includes input typed by the user and not from a pipe or redirected from a file. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**iolog\_ttyout=bool**

Set to true if the I/O logging plugins, if any, should log all terminal output. This only includes output to the screen, not output to a pipe or file. This is a hint to the I/O logging plugin which may choose to ignore it.

**use\_pty=bool**

Allocate a pseudo-tty to run the command in, regardless of whether or not I/O logging is in use. By default, **sudo** will only run the command in a pty when an I/O log plugin is loaded.

**set\_utmp=bool**

Create a utmp (or utmpx) entry when a pseudo-tty is allocated. By default, the new entry will be a copy of the user's existing utmp entry (if any), with the tty, time, type and pid fields updated.

**utmp\_user=string**

User name to use when constructing a new utmp (or utmpx) entry when *set\_utmp* is enabled. This option can be used to set the user field in the utmp entry to the user the command runs as rather than the invoking user. If not set, **sudo** will base the new entry on the invoking user's existing entry.

Unsupported values will be ignored.

**argv\_out**

The NULL-terminated argument vector to pass to the `execve(2)` system call when executing the command. The plugin is responsible for allocating and populating the vector.

**user\_env\_out**

The NULL-terminated environment vector to use when executing the command. The plugin is responsible for allocating and populating the vector.

**list**

```
int (*list)(int verbose, const char *list_user,
            int argc, char * const argv[]);
```

List available privileges for the invoking user. Returns 1 on success, 0 on failure and -1 on error. On error, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with `SUDO_CONF_ERROR_MSG` to present additional error information to the user.

Privileges should be output via the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function using `SUDO_CONV_INFO_MSG`,

**verbose**

Flag indicating whether to list in verbose mode or not.

**list\_user**

The name of a different user to list privileges for if the policy allows it. If NULL, the plugin should list the privileges of the invoking user.

**argc** The number of elements in *argv*, not counting the final NULL pointer.

**argv** If non-NULL, an argument vector describing a command the user wishes to check against the policy in the same form as what would be passed to the `execve(2)` system call. If the command is permitted by the policy, the fully-qualified path to the command should be displayed along with any command line arguments.

**validate**

```
int (*validate)(void);
```

The **validate()** function is called when **sudo** is run with the **-v** flag. For policy plugins such as *sudoers* that cache authentication credentials, this function will validate and cache the credentials.

The **validate()** function should be NULL if the plugin does not support credential caching.

Returns 1 on success, 0 on failure and -1 on error. On error, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with SUDO\_CONF\_ERROR\_MSG to present additional error information to the user.

**invalidate**

```
void (*invalidate)(int remove);
```

The **invalidate()** function is called when **sudo** is called with the **-k** or **-K** flag. For policy plugins such as *sudoers* that cache authentication credentials, this function will invalidate the credentials. If the *remove* flag is set, the plugin may remove the credentials instead of simply invalidating them.

The **invalidate()** function should be NULL if the plugin does not support credential caching.

**init\_session**

```
int (*init_session)(struct passwd *pwd, char **user_envp[]);
```

The **init\_session()** function is called before **sudo** sets up the execution environment for the command. It is run in the parent **sudo** process and before any uid or gid changes. This can be used to perform session setup that is not supported by *command\_info*, such as opening the PAM session. The **close()** function can be used to tear down the session that was opened by **init\_session**.

The *pwd* argument points to a passwd struct for the user the command will be run as if the uid the command will run as was found in the password database, otherwise it will be NULL.

The *user\_env* argument points to the environment the command will run in, in the form of a NULL-terminated vector of “name=value” strings. This is the same string passed back to the front end via the Policy Plugin’s *user\_env\_out* parameter. If the **init\_session()** function needs to modify the user environment, it should update the pointer stored in *user\_env*. The expected use case is to merge the contents of the PAM environment (if any) with the contents of *user\_env*.

NOTE: the *user\_env* parameter is only available starting with API version 1.2. A plugin **must**

check the API version specified by the **sudo** front end before using *user\_env*. Failure to do so may result in a crash.

Returns 1 on success, 0 on failure and -1 on error. On error, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with `SUDO_CONF_ERROR_MSG` to present additional error information to the user.

#### register\_hooks

```
void (*register_hooks)(int version,  
    int (*register_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
```

The **register\_hooks()** function is called by the sudo front end to register any hooks the plugin needs. If the plugin does not support hooks, `register_hooks` should be set to the NULL pointer.

The *version* argument describes the version of the hooks API supported by the **sudo** front end.

The **register\_hook()** function should be used to register any supported hooks the plugin needs. It returns 0 on success, 1 if the hook type is not supported and -1 if the major version in struct hook does not match the front end's major hook API version.

See the *Hook function API* section below for more information about hooks.

NOTE: the **register\_hooks()** function is only available starting with API version 1.2. If the **sudo** front end doesn't support API version 1.2 or higher, `register_hooks` will not be called.

#### deregister\_hooks

```
void (*deregister_hooks)(int version,  
    int (*deregister_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
```

The **deregister\_hooks()** function is called by the sudo front end to deregister any hooks the plugin has registered. If the plugin does not support hooks, `deregister_hooks` should be set to the NULL pointer.

The *version* argument describes the version of the hooks API supported by the **sudo** front end.

The **deregister\_hook()** function should be used to deregister any hooks that were put in place by the **register\_hook()** function. If the plugin tries to deregister a hook that the front end does not support, `deregister_hook` will return an error.

See the *Hook function API* section below for more information about hooks.

NOTE: the **deregister\_hooks()** function is only available starting with API version 1.2. If the **sudo** front end doesn't support API version 1.2 or higher, `deregister_hooks` will not be called.

### *Policy Plugin Version Macros*

```
/* Plugin API version major/minor. */
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_MAJOR 1
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_MINOR 2
#define SUDO_API_MKVERSION(x, y) ((x << 16) | y)
#define SUDO_API_VERSION SUDO_API_MKVERSION(SUDO_API_VERSION_MAJOR,\
      SUDO_API_VERSION_MINOR)

/* Getters and setters for API version */
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_GET_MAJOR(v) ((v) >> 16)
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_GET_MINOR(v) ((v) & 0xffff)
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_SET_MAJOR(vp, n) do { \
    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0x0000ffff) | ((n) << 16); \
} while(0)
#define SUDO_API_VERSION_SET_MINOR(vp, n) do { \
    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0xffff0000) | (n); \
} while(0)
```

### **I/O plugin API**

```
struct io_plugin {
#define SUDO_IO_PLUGIN 2
    unsigned int type; /* always SUDO_IO_PLUGIN */
    unsigned int version; /* always SUDO_API_VERSION */
    int (*open)(unsigned int version, sudo_conv_t conversation
        sudo_printf_t plugin_printf, char * const settings[],
        char * const user_info[], int argc, char * const argv[],
        char * const user_env[], char * const plugin_options[]);
    void (*close)(int exit_status, int error); /* wait status or error */
    int (*show_version)(int verbose);
    int (*log_ttyin)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
    int (*log_ttyout)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
    int (*log_stdin)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
    int (*log_stdout)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
    int (*log_stderr)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
    void (*register_hooks)(int version,
        int (*register_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
```



```
void (*deregister_hooks)(int version,
    int (*deregister_hook)(struct sudo_hook *hook));
};
```

When an I/O plugin is loaded, **sudo** runs the command in a pseudo-tty. This makes it possible to log the input and output from the user's session. If any of the standard input, standard output or standard error do not correspond to a tty, **sudo** will open a pipe to capture the I/O for logging before passing it on.

The `log_ttyin` function receives the raw user input from the terminal device (note that this will include input even when echo is disabled, such as when a password is read). The `log_ttyout` function receives output from the pseudo-tty that is suitable for replaying the user's session at a later time. The **log\_stdin()**, **log\_stdout()** and **log\_stderr()** functions are only called if the standard input, standard output or standard error respectively correspond to something other than a tty.

Any of the logging functions may be set to the NULL pointer if no logging is to be performed. If the `open` function returns 0, no I/O will be sent to the plugin.

The `io_plugin` struct has the following fields:

`type` The `type` field should always be set to `SUDO_IO_PLUGIN`.

`version`

The `version` field should be set to `SUDO_API_VERSION`.

This allows **sudo** to determine the API version the plugin was built against.

`open`

```
int (*open)(unsigned int version, sudo_conv_t conversation
    sudo_printf_t plugin_printf, char * const settings[],
    char * const user_info[], int argc, char * const argv[],
    char * const user_env[], char * const plugin_options[]);
```

The **open()** function is run before the **log\_input()**, **log\_output()** or **show\_version()** functions are called. It is only called if the version is being requested or the **check\_policy()** function has returned successfully. It returns 1 on success, 0 on failure, -1 if a general error occurred, or -2 if there was a usage error. In the latter case, **sudo** will print a usage message before it exits. If an error occurs, the plugin may optionally call the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function with `SUDO_CONF_ERROR_MSG` to present additional error information to the user.

The function arguments are as follows:

#### version

The version passed in by **sudo** allows the plugin to determine the major and minor version number of the plugin API supported by **sudo**.

#### conversation

A pointer to the **conversation()** function that may be used by the **show\_version()** function to display version information (see **show\_version()** below). The **conversation()** function may also be used to display additional error message to the user. The **conversation()** function returns 0 on success and -1 on failure.

#### plugin\_printf

A pointer to a **printf()**-style function that may be used by the **show\_version()** function to display version information (see **show\_version()** below). The **plugin\_printf()** function may also be used to display additional error message to the user. The **plugin\_printf()** function returns number of characters printed on success and -1 on failure.

#### settings

A vector of user-supplied **sudo** settings in the form of “name=value” strings. The vector is terminated by a NULL pointer. These settings correspond to flags the user specified when running **sudo**. As such, they will only be present when the corresponding flag has been specified on the command line.

When parsing *settings*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign (=) since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

See the *Policy plugin API* section for a list of all possible settings.

#### user\_info

A vector of information about the user running the command in the form of “name=value” strings. The vector is terminated by a NULL pointer.

When parsing *user\_info*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign (=) since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

See the *Policy plugin API* section for a list of all possible strings.

**argc** The number of elements in *argv*, not counting the final NULL pointer.

**argv** If non-NULL, an argument vector describing a command the user wishes to run in the same form as what would be passed to the `execve(2)` system call.

#### user\_env

The user's environment in the form of a NULL-terminated vector of "name=value" strings.

When parsing *user\_env*, the plugin should split on the **first** equal sign ('=') since the *name* field will never include one itself but the *value* might.

#### plugin\_options

Any (non-comment) strings immediately after the plugin path are treated as arguments to the plugin. These arguments are split on a white space boundary and are passed to the plugin in the form of a NULL-terminated array of strings. If no arguments were specified, *plugin\_options* will be the NULL pointer.

NOTE: the *plugin\_options* parameter is only available starting with API version 1.2. A plugin **must** check the API version specified by the **sudo** front end before using *plugin\_options*. Failure to do so may result in a crash.

#### close

```
void (*close)(int exit_status, int error);
```

The **close()** function is called when the command being run by **sudo** finishes.

The function arguments are as follows:

#### exit\_status

The command's exit status, as returned by the wait(2) system call. The value of *exit\_status* is undefined if *error* is non-zero.

*error* If the command could not be executed, this is set to the value of *errno* set by the *execve(2)* system call. If the command was successfully executed, the value of *error* is 0.

#### show\_version

```
int (*show_version)(int verbose);
```

The **show\_version()** function is called by **sudo** when the user specifies the **-V** option. The plugin may display its version information to the user via the **conversation()** or **plugin\_printf()** function using *SUDO\_CONV\_INFO\_MSG*. If the user requests detailed version information, the *verbose* flag will be set.

#### log\_ttyin

```
int (*log_ttyin)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
```

The **log\_ttyin()** function is called whenever data can be read from the user but before it is passed to the running command. This allows the plugin to reject data if it chooses to (for instance if the input contains banned content). Returns 1 if the data should be passed to the command, 0 if the data is rejected (which will terminate the command) or -1 if an error occurred.

The function arguments are as follows:

**buf** The buffer containing user input.

**len** The length of *buf* in bytes.

**log\_ttyout**

```
int (*log_ttyout)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
```

The **log\_ttyout()** function is called whenever data can be read from the command but before it is written to the user's terminal. This allows the plugin to reject data if it chooses to (for instance if the output contains banned content). Returns 1 if the data should be passed to the user, 0 if the data is rejected (which will terminate the command) or -1 if an error occurred.

The function arguments are as follows:

**buf** The buffer containing command output.

**len** The length of *buf* in bytes.

**log\_stdin**

```
int (*log_stdin)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
```

The **log\_stdin()** function is only used if the standard input does not correspond to a tty device. It is called whenever data can be read from the standard input but before it is passed to the running command. This allows the plugin to reject data if it chooses to (for instance if the input contains banned content). Returns 1 if the data should be passed to the command, 0 if the data is rejected (which will terminate the command) or -1 if an error occurred.

The function arguments are as follows:

**buf** The buffer containing user input.

**len** The length of *buf* in bytes.

**log\_stdout**

```
int (*log_stdout)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
```

The **log\_stdout()** function is only used if the standard output does not correspond to a tty device. It is called whenever data can be read from the command but before it is written to the standard output. This allows the plugin to reject data if it chooses to (for instance if the output contains banned content). Returns 1 if the data should be passed to the user, 0 if the data is rejected (which will terminate the command) or -1 if an error occurred.

The function arguments are as follows:

**buf** The buffer containing command output.

**len** The length of *buf* in bytes.

**log\_stderr**

```
int (*log_stderr)(const char *buf, unsigned int len);
```

The **log\_stderr()** function is only used if the standard error does not correspond to a tty device. It is called whenever data can be read from the command but before it is written to the standard error. This allows the plugin to reject data if it chooses to (for instance if the output contains banned content). Returns 1 if the data should be passed to the user, 0 if the data is rejected (which will terminate the command) or -1 if an error occurred.

The function arguments are as follows:

**buf** The buffer containing command output.

**len** The length of *buf* in bytes.

**register\_hooks**

See the *Policy plugin API* section for a description of `register_hooks`.

**deregister\_hooks**

See the *Policy plugin API* section for a description of `deregister_hooks`.

*I/O Plugin Version Macros*

Same as for the *Policy plugin API*.

## Hook function API

Beginning with plugin API version 1.2, it is possible to install hooks for certain functions called by the **sudo** front end.

Currently, the only supported hooks relate to the handling of environment variables. Hooks can be used to intercept attempts to get, set, or remove environment variables so that these changes can be reflected in the version of the environment that is used to execute a command. A future version of the API will support hooking internal **sudo** front end functions as well.

### *Hook structure*

Hooks in **sudo** are described by the following structure:

```
typedef int (*sudo_hook_fn_t)();

struct sudo_hook {
    int hook_version;
    int hook_type;
    sudo_hook_fn_t hook_fn;
    void *closure;
};
```

The `sudo_hook` structure has the following fields:

#### `hook_version`

The `hook_version` field should be set to `SUDO_HOOK_VERSION`.

#### `hook_type`

The `hook_type` field may be one of the following supported hook types:

##### `SUDO_HOOK_SETENV`

The C library `setenv(3)` function. Any registered hooks will run before the C library implementation. The `hook_fn` field should be a function that matches the following typedef:

```
typedef int (*sudo_hook_fn_setenv_t)(const char *name,
    const char *value, int overwrite, void *closure);
```

If the registered hook does not match the typedef the results are unspecified.

**SUDO\_HOOK\_UNSETENV**

The C library `unsetenv(3)` function. Any registered hooks will run before the C library implementation. The `hook_fn` field should be a function that matches the following typedef:

```
typedef int (*sudo_hook_fn_unsetenv_t)(const char *name,
    void *closure);
```

**SUDO\_HOOK\_GETENV**

The C library `getenv(3)` function. Any registered hooks will run before the C library implementation. The `hook_fn` field should be a function that matches the following typedef:

```
typedef int (*sudo_hook_fn_getenv_t)(const char *name,
    char **value, void *closure);
```

If the registered hook does not match the typedef the results are unspecified.

**SUDO\_HOOK\_PUTENV**

The C library `putenv(3)` function. Any registered hooks will run before the C library implementation. The `hook_fn` field should be a function that matches the following typedef:

```
typedef int (*sudo_hook_fn_putenv_t)(char *string,
    void *closure);
```

If the registered hook does not match the typedef the results are unspecified.

**hook\_fn**

```
sudo_hook_fn_t hook_fn;
```

The `hook_fn` field should be set to the plugin's hook implementation. The actual function arguments will vary depending on the `hook_type` (see `hook_type` above). In all cases, the closure field of struct `sudo_hook` is passed as the last function parameter. This can be used to pass arbitrary data to the plugin's hook implementation.

The function return value may be one of the following:

**SUDO\_HOOK\_RET\_ERROR**

The hook function encountered an error.

**SUDO\_HOOK\_RET\_NEXT**

The hook completed without error, go on to the next hook (including the native implementation if applicable). For example, a `getenv(3)` hook might return `SUDO_HOOK_RET_NEXT` if the specified variable was not found in the private copy of the environment.

**SUDO\_HOOK\_RET\_STOP**

The hook completed without error, stop processing hooks for this invocation. This can be used to replace the native implementation. For example, a `setenv` hook that operates on a private copy of the environment but leaves `environ` unchanged.

Note that it is very easy to create an infinite loop when hooking C library functions. For example, a `getenv(3)` hook that calls the `snprintf(3)` function may create a loop if the `snprintf(3)` implementation calls `getenv(3)` to check the locale. To prevent this, you may wish to use a static variable in the hook function to guard against nested calls. For example:

```
static int in_progress = 0; /* avoid recursion */
if (in_progress)
    return SUDO_HOOK_RET_NEXT;
in_progress = 1;
...
in_progress = 0;
return SUDO_HOOK_RET_STOP;
```

*Hook API Version Macros*

```
/* Hook API version major/minor */
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_MAJOR 1
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_MINOR 0
#define SUDO_HOOK_MKVERSION(x, y) ((x << 16) | y)
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION SUDO_HOOK_MKVERSION(SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_MAJOR, \
        SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_MINOR)

/* Getters and setters for hook API version */
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_GET_MAJOR(v) ((v) >> 16)
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_GET_MINOR(v) ((v) & 0xffff)
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_SET_MAJOR(vp, n) do { \
    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0x0000ffff) | ((n) << 16); \
} while(0)
#define SUDO_HOOK_VERSION_SET_MINOR(vp, n) do { \
```



```

    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0xffff0000) | (n); \
} while(0)

```

### Conversation API

If the plugin needs to interact with the user, it may do so via the **conversation()** function. A plugin should not attempt to read directly from the standard input or the user's tty (neither of which are guaranteed to exist). The caller must include a trailing newline in `msg` if one is to be printed.

A **printf()**-style function is also available that can be used to display informational or error messages to the user, which is usually more convenient for simple messages where no user input is required.

```

struct sudo_conv_message {
#define SUDO_CONV_PROMPT_ECHO_OFF 0x0001 /* do not echo user input */
#define SUDO_CONV_PROMPT_ECHO_ON 0x0002 /* echo user input */
#define SUDO_CONV_ERROR_MSG      0x0003 /* error message */
#define SUDO_CONV_INFO_MSG       0x0004 /* informational message */
#define SUDO_CONV_PROMPT_MASK    0x0005 /* mask user input */
#define SUDO_CONV_DEBUG_MSG      0x0006 /* debugging message */
#define SUDO_CONV_PROMPT_ECHO_OK 0x1000 /* flag: allow echo if no tty */
    int msg_type;
    int timeout;
    const char *msg;
};

struct sudo_conv_reply {
    char *reply;
};

typedef int (*sudo_conv_t)(int num_msgs,
    const struct sudo_conv_message msgs[],
    struct sudo_conv_reply replies[]);

typedef int (*sudo_printf_t)(int msg_type, const char *fmt, ...);

```

Pointers to the **conversation()** and **printf()**-style functions are passed in to the plugin's **open()** function when the plugin is initialized.

To use the **conversation()** function, the plugin must pass an array of `sudo_conv_message` and `sudo_conv_reply` structures. There must be a `struct sudo_conv_message` and `struct sudo_conv_reply` for each message in the conversation. The plugin is responsible for freeing the reply buffer filled in to the

struct sudo\_conv\_reply, if any.

The **printf**()-style function uses the same underlying mechanism as the **conversation**() function but only supports SUDO\_CONV\_INFO\_MSG, SUDO\_CONV\_ERROR\_MSG and SUDO\_CONV\_DEBUG\_MSG for the *msg\_type* parameter. It can be more convenient than using the **conversation**() function if no user reply is needed and supports standard **printf**() escape sequences.

Unlike, SUDO\_CONV\_INFO\_MSG and SUDO\_CONV\_ERROR\_MSG, messages sent with the SUDO\_CONV\_DEBUG\_MSG *msg\_type* are not directly user-visible. Instead, they are logged to the file specified in the Debug statement (if any) in the */etc/sudo.conf*

file. This allows a plugin to log debugging information and is intended to be used in conjunction with the *debug\_flags* setting.

See the sample plugin for an example of the **conversation**() function usage.

### Sudoers group plugin API

The *sudoers* module supports a plugin interface to allow non-Unix group lookups. This can be used to query a group source other than the standard Unix group database. A sample group plugin is bundled with **sudo** that implements file-based lookups. Third party group plugins include a QAS AD plugin available from Quest Software.

A group plugin must declare and populate a *sudoers\_group\_plugin* struct in the global scope. This structure contains pointers to the functions that implement plugin initialization, cleanup and group lookup.

```
struct sudoers_group_plugin {
    unsigned int version;
    int (*init)(int version, sudo_printf_t sudo_printf,
               char *const argv[]);
    void (*cleanup)(void);
    int (*query)(const char *user, const char *group,
                 const struct passwd *pwd);
};
```

The *sudoers\_group\_plugin* struct has the following fields:

version

The version field should be set to `GROUP_API_VERSION`.

This allows *sudoers* to determine the API version the group plugin was built against.

#### init

```
int (*init)(int version, sudo_printf_t plugin_printf,  
            char *const argv[]);
```

The **init()** function is called after *sudoers* has been parsed but before any policy checks. It returns 1 on success, 0 on failure (or if the plugin is not configured), and -1 if a error occurred. If an error occurs, the plugin may call the **plugin\_printf()** function with `SUDO_CONF_ERROR_MSG` to present additional error information to the user.

The function arguments are as follows:

#### version

The version passed in by *sudoers* allows the plugin to determine the major and minor version number of the group plugin API supported by *sudoers*.

#### plugin\_printf

A pointer to a **printf()**-style function that may be used to display informational or error message to the user. Returns the number of characters printed on success and -1 on failure.

*argv* A NULL-terminated array of arguments generated from the *group\_plugin* option in *sudoers*. If no arguments were given, *argv* will be NULL.

#### cleanup

```
void (*cleanup)();
```

The **cleanup()** function is called when *sudoers* has finished its group checks. The plugin should free any memory it has allocated and close open file handles.

#### query

```
int (*query)(const char *user, const char *group,  
             const struct passwd *pwd);
```

The **query()** function is used to ask the group plugin whether *user* is a member of *group*.

The function arguments are as follows:

*user* The name of the user being looked up in the external group database.

**group**

The name of the group being queried.

**pwd** The password database entry for *user*, if any. If *user* is not present in the password database, *pwd* will be NULL.

*Group API Version Macros*

```
/* Sudoers group plugin version major/minor */
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_MAJOR 1
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_MINOR 0
#define GROUP_API_VERSION ((GROUP_API_VERSION_MAJOR << 16) | \
    GROUP_API_VERSION_MINOR)

/* Getters and setters for group version */
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_GET_MAJOR(v) ((v) >> 16)
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_GET_MINOR(v) ((v) & 0xffff)
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_SET_MAJOR(vp, n) do { \
    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0x0000ffff) | ((n) << 16); \
} while(0)
#define GROUP_API_VERSION_SET_MINOR(vp, n) do { \
    *(vp) = (*(vp) & 0xffff0000) | (n); \
} while(0)
```

**PLUGIN API CHANGELOG**

The following revisions have been made to the Sudo Plugin API.

**Version 1.0**

Initial API version.

**Version 1.1**

The I/O logging plugin's **open()** function was modified to take the `command_info` list as an argument.

**Version 1.2**

The Policy and I/O logging plugins' **open()** functions are now passed a list of plugin options if any are specified in `/etc/sudo.conf`.

A simple hooks API has been introduced to allow plugins to hook in to the system's environment handling functions.

The `init_session` Policy plugin function is now passed a pointer to the user environment which can be updated as needed. This can be used to merge in environment variables stored in the PAM handle before a command is run.

**SEE ALSO**

`sudoers(5)`, `sudo(8)`

**BUGS**

If you feel you have found a bug in **sudo**, please submit a bug report at <https://www.sudo.ws/sudo/bugs/>

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