

Introduction

File system filter driver

A file system filter driver intercepts requests targeted at a file system or another file system filter driver. By intercepting the request before it reaches its intended target, the filter driver can extend or replace functionality provided by the original target of the request. It is developed primarily to allow the addition of new functionality beyond what is currently available.

File system monitor filter

File system monitor filter can monitor the file system activities on the fly. With file system monitor filter you can monitor the file activities on file system level, capture file open/create/replace, read/write, query/set file attribute/size/time security information, rename/delete, directory browsing and file close request. You can develop the software for the following purposes:

- Continuous data protection (CDP).
- Auditing.
- Access log.
- Journaling.

File system control filter

File system control filter can control the file activities, which you can intercept the file system call, modify its content before or after the request goes down to the file system, allow/deny/cancel its execution based on the filter rule. You can fully control file open/create/replace, read/write, query/set file attribute/size/time security information, rename/delete, directory browsing these Io requests. With file system control filter you can develop these kinds of software:

- Data protection.
- Encryption.
- Security.

Use of file system control filter

The file system control filter doesn't like the file system monitor filter, it will block the system call until you return the reply message or times out. During processing the file system control filter, you need to follow the following rules, or might cause the system deadlock.

1. Avoid the re-entrance issue, don't generate any new I/O request which will cause the request comes to the control filter handler again.
2. Avoid using any file operations in buffered mode, open any file in the control filter handler with `FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING` flag set.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

3. Avoid asynchronous procedure calls.
4. Avoid any GUI (user interface) operations.

Supported Platforms

- Windows 2008 Server R2 (32bit, 64bit)
- Windows 7 (32bit,64bit)
- Windows 2008 Server (32bit, 64bit)
- Windows Vista (32bit,64bit)
- Windows 2003 Server(32bit,64bit)
- Windows XP(32bit,64bit)

Symbol Reference

Structures, Enums

Typedef enum FilterType

```
{  
    FILE_SYSTEM_MONITOR           = 0,  
    FILE_SYSTEM_CONTROL          = 1,  
};
```

Comments

FILE_SYSTEM_MONITOR filter is used to get file system notification after it was completed. FILE_SYSTEM_CONTROL filter is used to control the I/O request before it is passed down to the file system or after it is completed.

typedef enum MessageType

```
{  
    PRE_CREATE                   = 0x00000001,  
    POST_CREATE                  = 0x00000002,  
    PRE_FASTIO_READ              = 0x00000004,  
    POST_FASTIO_READ             = 0x00000008,  
    PRE_CACHE_READ               = 0x00000010,  
    POST_CACHE_READ              = 0x00000020,  
    PRE_NOCACHE_READ             = 0x00000040,  
    POST_NOCACHE_READ            = 0x00000080,  
    PRE_PAGING_IO_READ           = 0x00000100,  
    POST_PAGING_IO_READ          = 0x00000200,  
    PRE_FASTIO_WRITE             = 0x00000400,  
    POST_FASTIO_WRITE            = 0x00000800,  
    PRE_CACHE_WRITE              = 0x00001000,  
    POST_CACHE_WRITE             = 0x00002000,  
};
```

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

```
PRE_NOCACHE_WRITE           = 0x00004000,  
POST_NOCACHE_WRITE          = 0x00008000,  
PRE_PAGING_IO_WRITE         = 0x00010000,  
POST_PAGING_IO_WRITE        = 0x00020000,  
PRE_QUERY_INFORMATION       = 0x00040000,  
POST_QUERY_INFORMATION      = 0x00080000,  
PRE_SET_INFORMATION         = 0x00100000,  
POST_SET_INFORMATION        = 0x00200000,  
PRE_DIRECTORY               = 0x00400000,  
POST_DIRECTORY              = 0x00800000,  
PRE_QUERY_SECURITY          = 0x01000000,  
POST_QUERY_SECURITY         = 0x02000000,  
PRE_SET_SECURITY            = 0x04000000,  
POST_SET_SECURITY           = 0x08000000,  
PRE_CLEANUP                  = 0x10000000,  
POST_CLEANUP                 = 0x20000000,  
PRE_CLOSE                    = 0x40000000,  
POST_CLOSE                   = 0x80000000,
```

};

Members

PRE_CREATE

PRE_CREATE request is the create I/O request before it goes down to the file system.

POST_CREATE

POST_CREATE request is the create I/O request after it is completed by file system.

PRE_FASTIO_READ

PRE_FASTIO_READ is the read I/O request before it goes to the Cache Manager.

POST_FASTIO_READ

POST_FASTIO_READ is the read I/O request after it comes back from the Cache Manager. If the data is not in the Cache Manager, it will return false, and the I/O Manager will reissue a new request to the file system.

PRE_CACHE_READ

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

`PRE_CACHE_READ` is the read I/O request with data cache before it goes to the Cache Manager.

POST_CACHE_READ

`POST_CACHE_READ` is the read I/O request after it come back from Cache Manager.If the data is not in the Cache Manager, it will trigger a paging I/O read request and load the data from the storage to the Cache Manager.Normally you will see the paging I/O read request follows the cache read request.

PRE_NONCACHE_READ

`PRE_NONCACHE_READ` is the read I/O request without data cache before it goes to the file system.

POST_NONCACHE_READ

`POST_NONCACHE_READ` is the read I/O request after it comes back from the file system.The data won't cache in the Cache Manager. You will see the noncache read request if you open a file and specify `FILE_NO_INTERMEDIATE_BUFFERING`.

PRE_PAGING_IO_READ

`PRE_PAGING_IO_READ` is the read I/O request before it goes to the file system.It is initiated by the virtual memory system in order to satisfy the needs of the demand paging system.

POST_PAGING_IO_READ

`POST_PAGING_IO_READ` is the read I/O request after it come back from file system.For memory mapping file open you will see this request without the cache read request, for example open file with notepad application.

PRE_FASTIO_WRITE

`PRE_FASTIO_WRITE` is the write I/O request before it writes to the Cache Manager.

POST_FASTIO_WRITE

`POST_FASTIO_WRITE` is the write I/O request after it wrote to the Cache Manager. Normally you will see the paging I/O write request follows the fast I/O write request.

PRE_CACHE_WRITE

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

`PRE_CACHE_WRITE` is the write I/O request with data cache before it writes to the Cache Manager.

POST_CACHE_WRITE

`POST_CACHE_WRITE` is the write I/O request after it wrote to the Cache Manager. Normally you will see the paging I/O write request follows the cache write request.

PRE_NONCACHE_WRITE

`PRE_NONCACHE_WRITE` is the write I/O request without data cache before it wrote to the storage by the file system.

POST_NONCACHE_WRITE

`POST_NONCACHE_WRITE` is the write I/O request after it comes back from the file system. The data won't cache in the Cache Manager. You will see the noncache write request if you open a file and specify `FILE_NO_INTERMEDIATE_BUFFERING`.

PRE_PAGING_IO_WRITE

`PRE_PAGING_IO_WRITE` is the write I/O request on behalf of the Virtual Manager system before it writes to the storage by the file system.

POST_PAGING_IO_WRITE

`POST_PAGING_IO_WRITE` is the write I/O request after it come back from file system.

PRE_QUERY_INFORMATION

`PRE_QUERY_INFORMATION` is the I/O request which retrieves information for a given file before it goes down to the file system. The file information class tells the type of the information will be returned.

POST_QUERY_INFORMATION

`POST_QUERY_INFORMATION` is the I/O request which retrieves information for a given file after it comes back from the file system. The file information class tells the type of the information will be returned.

PRE_SET_INFORMATION

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

PRE_SET_INFORMATION is the I/O request which set information for a given file before it goes down to the file system. The file information class tells the type of the information will be set.

POST_SET_INFORMATION

POST_SET_INFORMATION is the I/O request which set information for a given file after it comes back from the file system. The file information class tells the type of the information will be set.

PRE_DIRECTORY

PRE_DIRECTORY is the folder browsing I/O request before it goes down to the file system. It retrieve various kinds of information about files in the given directory. The information class tells the type of information will be returned.

POST_DIRECTORY

POST_DIRECTORY is the folder browsing I/O request after it comes back from the file system. It retrieve various kinds of information about files in the given directory. The information class tells the type of information will be returned.

PRE_QUERY_SECURITY

PRE_QUERY_SECURITY is the query security request before it goes down to the file system. It will retrieve the security descriptor for a given file. The security information tells the the type of the security descriptor.

POST_QUERY_SECURITY

POST_QUERY_SECURITY is the query security request after it comes back from the file system. It will retrieve the security descriptor for a given file. The security information tells the the type of the security descriptor.

PRE_SET_SECURITY

PRE_SET_SECURITY is the set security request before it goes down to the file system. It will set the security state for a given file. The security information tells the the type of the security descriptor.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

POST_SET_SECURITY

POST_SET_SECURITY is the set security request after it comes back from the file system. It will set the security state for a given file. The security information tells the the type of the security descriptor.

PRE_CLEANUP

PRE_CLEANUP is the cleanup request before it goes down to the file system. It indicates that the handle reference count on a file object has reached zero. In other words, all handles to the file object have been closed. Often it is sent when a user-mode application has called the Microsoft Win32 CloseHandle function on the last outstanding handle to a file object.

POST_CLEANUP

POST_QUERY_SECURITY is the cleanup request after it comes back from the file system.

PRE_CLOSE

PRE_CLOSE is the close request before it goes down to the file system. It indicates that the reference count on a file object has reached zero, usually because a file system driver or other kernel-mode component has called ObDereferenceObject on the file object. This request normally follows a cleanup request. However, this does not necessarily mean that the close request will be received immediately after the cleanup request.

POST_CLOSE

POST_CLOSE is the close request after it comes back from the file system.

Comments

Register the I/O request with the combination of the request type you want to monitor. For file system monitor filter, only post requests are affected.

typedef enum AccessFlag

```
{  
    EXCLUDE_FILTER_RULE           = 0X00000000,  
    INCLUDE_FILTER_RULE           = 0x00000001,  
}
```

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

```
REPARSE_FILE_OPEN = 0x00000002,  
HIDE_FILES_IN_DIRECTORY_BROWSING = 0x00000004,  
ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_ACCESS_SYSTEM_SECURITY = 0x00000010,  
ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_READ_ACCESS = 0x00000020,  
ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_WRITE_ACCESS = 0x00000040,  
ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE_ACCESS = 0x00000080,  
ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_DELETE_ACCESS = 0x00000100,  
ALLOW_READ_ACCESS = 0x00000200,  
ALLOW_WRITE_ACCESS = 0x00000400,  
ALLOW_QUERY_INFORMATION_ACCESS = 0x00000800,  
ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION = 0x00001000,  
ALLOW_FILE_RENAME = 0x00002000,  
ALLOW_FILE_DELETE = 0x00004000,  
ALLOW_FILE_SIZE_CHANGE = 0x00008000,  
ALLOW_QUERY_SECURITY_ACCESS = 0x00010000,  
ALLOW_SET_SECURITY_ACCESS = 0x00020000,  
ALLOW_DIRECTORY_LIST_ACCESS = 0x00040000,  
ALLOW_MAX_RIGHT_ACCESS = 0xffffffff0,  
  
};
```

Members

EXCLUDE_FILTER_RULE

EXCLUDE_FILTER_RULE is the rule which bypass the files matched the FilterMask. It can't combine to use with the other access flags. If a file matches the exclude filter rule, the filter will bypass this file, you won't get any Io request notification or control. If a file matches both the exclude filter rule and monitor rule, the exclude filter rule will be applied.

INCLUDE_FILTER_RULE

INCLUDE_FILTER_RULE is the flag indicates the filter will monitor the files which match the FilterMask. If the other flag were set, this flag is automatically enabled.

REPARSE_FILE_OPEN

REPARSE_FILE_OPEN is the rule which reparses the file matched the FilterMask open to the other files which match the ReparseMask.

Example:

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

```
AddFilterRule (REPARSE_FILE_OPEN,L"c:\\test\\*",L"d:\\reparse\\*");
```

All the open request to the files in the folder c:\test will reparse to the files in the folder d:\reparse.

HIDE_FILES_IN_DIRECTORY_BROWSING

HIDE_FILES_IN_DIRECTORY_BROWSING is the flag let you hide the files in the managed folder when it matches the mask.

Example:

```
AddFilterRule (ALLOW_MAX_RIGHT_ACCESS|HIDE_FILES_IN_DIRECTORY_BROWSING,L"c:\\test\\*",L"*.*.txt");
```

When you browse the folder c:\test, all the files with extension ".txt" will be hidden.

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_ACCESS_SYSTEM_SECURITY

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_ACCESS_SYSTEM_SECURITY is the flag indicates if you can open the file with the desired access with the ACCESS_SYSTEM_SECURITY set.

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_READ_ACCESS

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_READ_ACCESS is the flag indicates if you can open the file with read access.

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_WRITE_ACCESS

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_WRITE_ACCESS is the flag indicates if you can open the file with write access.

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE_ACCESS

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE_ACCESS is the flag indicates if you can open with create a new file or overwrite the exist file.

ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_DELETE_ACCESS

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

`ALLOW_OPEN_WITH_DELETE_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you can open the file for deletion or rename access.

ALLOW_READ_ACCESS

`ALLOW_READ_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to read the file.

ALLOW_WRITE_ACCESS

`ALLOW_WRITE_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to write the file.

ALLOW_QUERY_INFORMATION_ACCESS

`ALLOW_QUERY_INFORMATION_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to query the file information.

ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION

`ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to set the file information.

ALLOW_FILE_RENAME

`ALLOW_FILE_RENAME` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to rename the file. If the flag `ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION` is unset, the rename is blocked automatically.

ALLOW_FILE_DELETE

`ALLOW_FILE_DELETE` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to delete the file. If the flag `ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION` is unset, the deletion is blocked automatically.

ALLOW_FILE_SIZE_CHANGE

`ALLOW_FILE_SIZE_CHANGE` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to change the file size. If the flag `ALLOW_SET_INFORMATION` is unset, the file size change is blocked automatically.

ALLOW_QUERY_SECURITY_ACCESS

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

`ALLOW_QUERY_SECURITY_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to query the file security.

ALLOW_SET_SECURITY_ACCESS

`ALLOW_SET_SECURITY_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to set the file security.

ALLOW_DIRECTORY_LIST_ACCESS

`ALLOW_DIRECTORY_LIST_ACCESS` is the flag indicates if you have the permission to browse the directory.

ALLOW_MAX_RIGHT_ACCESS

`ALLOW_MAX_RIGHT_ACCESS` indicates if you have the maximum access right to the file.

Comments

A `accessFlag` is associated to a filter rule, used to control the access to the files matched the `FilterMask`.

Typedef enum FilterStatus

```
{
    FILTER_MESSAGE_IS_DIRTY           = 0x00000001,
    FILTER_COMPLETE_PRE_OPERATION     = 0x00000002,
    FILTER_DATA_BUFFER_IS_UPDATED     = 0x00000004,
};
```

Members

FILTER_MESSAGE_IS_DIRTY

`FILTER_MESSAGE_IS_DIRTY` is the flag indicates the reply message was modified and needs to be processed in filter driver. Set this flag if you change the reply message.

FILTER_COMPLETE_PRE_OPERATION

`FILTER_COMPLETE_PRE_OPERATION` is the flag indicates the filter needs to complete this pre I/O request. Only set this flag with pre operation request when you don't want the request goes down to the file system.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

FILTER_DATA_BUFFER_IS_UPDATED

FILTER_DATA_BUFFER_IS_UPDATED is the flag indicates the data buffer of the reply message was updated. The filter will process this data buffer.

Comments

FilterStatus is the status code which returns to the filter driver, it is for control filter only. It instructs the filter what process needs to be done.

typedef struct MESSAGE_SEND_DATA

```
{
    ULONG           MessageId;
    PVOID           FileObject;
    PVOID           FsContext;
    ULONG           MessageType;
    ULONG           ProcessId;
    ULONG           ThreadId;
    LONGLONG        Offset;
    ULONG           Length;
    LONGLONG        FileSize;
    LONGLONG        TransactionTime;
    LONGLONG        CreationTime;
    LONGLONG        LastAccessTime;
    LONGLONG        LastWriteTime;
    ULONG           FileAttributes;
    ULONG           DesiredAccess;
    ULONG           Disposition;
    ULONG           ShareAccess;
    ULONG           CreateOptions;
    ULONG           CreateStatus;
    ULONG           InfoClass;
    ULONG           Status;
    ULONG           FileNameLength;
    WCHAR           FileName[MAX_FILE_NAME_LENGTH];
    ULONG           SidLength;
    UCHAR           Sid[MAX_SID_LENGTH];
    ULONG           DataBufferLength;
    UCHAR           DataBuffer[MAX_MESSAGE_SIZE];
    ULONG           VerificationNumber;
} MESSAGE_SEND_DATA, *PMESSAGE_SEND_DATA;
```

Members

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

MessageId

This is the sequential number of the transaction.

FileObject

The FileObject is the pointer to the file object, it is a unique number to every file open.

FsContext

The FsContext is the pointer to the file context, it is unique number to the same file.

MessageType

MessageType is the I/O request type for this transaction.

ProcessId

The ProcessId is the id of the process associated with the thread that originally requested the I/O operation.

ThreadId

The ThreadId is the id of thread which requested the I/O operation.

Offset

The Offset is the read or write offset.

Length

The Length is the length for read or write.

FileSize

The FileSize is the size of the file for this I/O request.

TransactionTime

The transaction time in UTC format of the request.

CreationTime

The creation time in UTC format of the file we are requesting.

LastAccessTime

The last access time in UTC format of the file we are requesting.

LastWriteTime

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

The last write time in UTC format of the file we are requesting.

FileAttributes

The file attributes of the file we are requesting.

DesiredAccess

The DesiredAccess is the request access to the file for the Create I/O request, which can be summarized as read, write, both or neither zero. For more information reference the Windows API CreateFile.

Disposition

The disposition is the action to take on a file that exist or does not exist. For more information reference the Windows API CreateFile.

SharedAccess

The SharedAccess is the requested sharing mode of the file which can be read, write, both, delete, all of these, or none. For more information reference the Windows API CreateFile.

CreateOptions

The CreateOptions specifies the options to be applied when creating or opening the file. For more information reference the Windows API CreateFile.

CreateStatus

The CreateStatus is the status after the Create I/O request completed. It could be the one of the following values:

```
FILE_SUPERSEDED = 0x00000000,  
FILE_OPENED = 0x00000001,  
FILE_CREATED = 0x00000002,  
FILE_OVERWRITTEN = 0x00000003,  
FILE_EXISTS = 0x00000004,  
FILE_DOES_NOT_EXIST = 0x00000005,
```

InfoClass

The infoClass is the information class for query/set information I/O request, or directory browsing request. For query/set security request, it is the security information. For more information reference the windows Filter API FltQueryInformationFile, FltQueryDirectoryFile, FltQuerySecurityObject.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

Status

The Status is the I/O status which returns from the file system, indicates if the I/O request succeeded. It is only meaningful to the post I/O requests.

FileNameLength

The file name length in byte of the file we are requesting.

FileName

The file name we are requesting.

SidLength

The length of the security identifier buffer in byte.

Sid

The buffer of the security identifier data.

DataBufferLength

The data buffer length for read, write, security, information, directory I/O requests.

DataBuffer

The The data buffer length for read, write, security, information, directory I/O requests.

VerificationNumber

The verification number to verify the data structure integrity.

Comments

The MESSAGE_SEND_DATA structure is used to transfer the data from kernel to the user mode application. It includes all the information needed for the user.

typedef struct MESSAGE_REPLY_DATA

```
{  
    ULONG           MessageId;  
    ULONG           MessageType;  
    ULONG           ReturnStatus;  
    ULONG           FilterStatus;  
    ULONG           DataBufferLength;  
    UCHAR           DataBuffer[MAX_MESSAGE_SIZE];  
}
```

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

```
} MESSAGE_REPLY_DATA, *PMESSAGE_REPLY_DATA;
```

Members

MessageId

This is the sequential number of the transaction.

MessageType

MessageType is the I/O request type for this transaction. Reference MessageType enum type.

ReturnStatus

The ReturnStatus is the I/O status which returns to filter driver, and filter will return this status to the user application for the request.

FilterStatus

The FilterStatus is the status code which returns to the filter driver, it instructs the filter what process needs to be done. For more information reference the FilterStatus enum.

DataBufferLength

The data buffer length which returns to the filter driver.

DataBuffer

The data buffer which returns to the filter driver.

Comments

MESSAGE_REPLY_DATA is only for control filter, when it needs to change the data or status of the I/O request. To update the reply data buffer, you must understand the format of the buffer, incorrect data could cause your system unfunctional, even crash.

Types

```
typedef BOOL (__stdcall *Proto_Message_Callback)(  
    IN      PMESSAGE_SEND_DATA  pSendMessage,  
    IN OUT PMESSAGE_REPLY_DATA pReplyMessage)
```

Comments

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

This is the proto type of the message callback function. The function will be called when the registered I/O requests match the filter rule. The second parameter "pReplyMessage" is always NULL for the file system monitor filter.

typedef VOID (_stdcall *Proto_Disconnect_Callback)()

Comments

This is the proto type of disconnect function. The function will be called when the connection to the filter is disconnected.

Exported API

BOOL

InstallDriver()

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

Install the EaseFilter driver to the system. To install the driver you need the administrator permission.

BOOL

UnInstallDriver()

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

UnInstall the EaseFilter driver from the system. To UnInstall the driver you need the administrator permission.

BOOL

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

SetRegistrationKey(

IN WCHAR RegisterName,*
IN WCHAR RegisterKey)*

Parameters

RegisterName

Your register name.

RegisterKey

Your register key.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

You have to set the registration key before you can start the filter.

BOOL

RegisterMessageCallback(

ULONG ThreadCount,
Proto_Message_Callback MessageCallback,
Proto_Disconnect_Callback DisconnectCallback)

Parameters

ThreadCount

The number of threads used for connection to the filter.

MessageCallback

The message callback function for the registered I/O requests.

DisconnectCallback

The disconnect callback function when the connection is disconnected.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

RegisterMessageCallback is the first API you need to call, it is the API start the filter and create the connection to the filter.

VOID

Disconnect()

Comments

Disconnect is the API when you want to stop filter and filter connection.

BOOL

GetLastErrorMessage(WCHAR* Buffer, PULONG BufferLength)

Parameters

Buffer

This the pointer of the buffer to receive the last error message.

BufferLength

The length of the buffer.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false if the buffer length is not big enough to contain the message, and the BufferLength is set with the right size needed.

Comments

This API is called right after if the other API is failed. It will return the error message.

BOOL

ResetConfigData();

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

ResetConfigData is the API reset all the configuration of the filter, it will clear up all the setting includes the filter rules.

BOOL

SetFilterType(ULONG FilterType)

Parameters

FilterType

The type of the filter you want to set. There are FILE_SYSTEM_MONITOR filter and FILE_SYSTEM_CONTROL filter.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

The default filter type is file system monitor filter.

BOOL

SetConnectionTimeout(ULONG TimeOutInSeconds)

Parameters

TimeOutInSeconds

The value of the filter wait time out.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

This is the maximum time for the filter driver wait for the response from user mode, the user mode application should return as fast as possible, or it will block the system requests. Set it bigger if your application needs to process with more time.

BOOL

AddFilterRule(

IN ULONG AccessFlag,*

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

```
IN    WCHAR* FilterMask,  
IN    WCHAR* ReparseMask )
```

Parameters

AccessFlag

The AccessFlag of this filter rule.

FilterMask

The FilterMask set the monitor folder or files. The mask is dos format, it can include wild character '*' or '?'. For example:

```
C:\test\*txt
```

The filter only monitor the files end with 'txt' in the folder c:\test.

ReparseMask

Set the reparse folder mask when the AccessFlag is REPARSE_FILE_OPEN. It can include the wild character, but it must match the wild character in FilterMask.

For example:

```
FilterMask = c:\test\*txt
```

```
ReparseMask = d:\reparse\*doc
```

If you open file c:\test\MyTest.txt, it will reparse to the file d:\reparse\MyTest.doc

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

AddFilterRule is the API to setup the filter rule, You can set up multiple filter rules, the FilterMask must be different, if the FilterMask is the same, it will overwrite the previous one.

BOOL

RemoveFilterRule(WCHAR FilterMask);*

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

Parameters

FilterMask

The FilterMask associated to the filter rule.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

You can remove the filter rule which was set by AddFilterRule API.

BOOL

AddExcludedProcessId(ULONG ProcessId)

Parameters

ProcessId

The process Id you want to be excluded by filter.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

This API let you can bypass the filter for specific processes, you can add multiple process Id.

BOOL

RemoveExcludeProcessId(ULONG ProcessId)

Parameters

ProcessId

The process Id you want to remove which set by AddExcludedProcessId API.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

This API remove previous set excluded process Id from filter.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

BOOL

RegisterIoRequest(ULONG RequestRegistration)

Parameters

RequestRegistration

The RequestRegistration is the bit combination of the request type.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

Comments

Register the I/O requests which you want to monitor. For File_SYSTEM_MONITOR filter, only post I/O requests registration are affected, since it only can get notification after the request was completed by file system.

For FILE_SYSTEM_CONTROL filter you can register both pre and post requests. If you want to deny, cancel or return with your own data instead of going down to the file system, you need to register the pre request.

For some post I/O requests, you can't cancel or deny it, for example Create, Set information, Set security, Write requests.

BOOL

GetFileHandleInFilter(WCHAR FileName, Handle* FileHandle);*

Parameters

FileName

The full path of the file which you want to open.

FileHandle

The pointer to the file handle which will receive the file handle after the file was opened.

Return Value

Return true if it succeeds, else return false.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

Comments

Use this API to open the file, it will bypass the filter, avoid reentrant issue. It also will bypass the security check. Close the handle with CloseHandle win32 API.

How to use

The components

The EaseVault file system filter SDK includes two components (EaseFlt.sys and FilterAPI.dll), The EaseFlt.sys and FilterAPI.dll are different for 32bit and 64bit windows system. EaseFlt.sys is the file system filter driver which implements all the functionalities in the file system level.

FilterAPI.dll is a wrapper DLL which exports the API to the user mode applications.

To check the binary is 32 bit or 64 bit you can right click file and go to the property, then go to the "Details" tag and check the "file description" section .

Set up the filter

Install the filter driver with [InstallDriver\(\)](#) method if the driver has not been installed yet. After filter driver was installed, the filter was loaded, if not you can load the filter with command "Fltmc load EaseFlt" in dos prompt. To remove the filter driver from the system, call [UninstallDriver\(\)](#) method.

Start the filter

1. Activate the filter with API [SetRegistrationKey\(\)](#). You can request the trial license key with the link: <http://www.easevault.com/Order.htm> or email us info@easevault.com
2. After register the callback function with API [RegisterMessageCallback](#), filter is started.

```
BOOL ret = RegisterMessageCallback( FilterConnectionThreadsCount, MessageCallback, DisconnectCallback);
```

3. Setup the filter configuration after filter was started. First select the filter type, then add filter rule and register the I/O request:

```
BOOL ret = SetFilterType(FILE_SYSTEM_MONITOR);  
BOOL ret = AddFilterRule(L"C:\\MyMonitorFolder*");
```

```
BOOL ret = RegisterIORequest( POST_CREATE|POST_CLEANUP);
```

We provide C++ example and C# example to demonstrate how to use the EaseVault File System Monitor and Control Filter.

EaseVault File System Filter SDK Manual

C++ Example

Copy the correct version (32bit or 64bit) EaseFlt.sys , FilterAPI.DLL ,FilterAPI.h and FilterAPI.lib to your folder. FilterAPI.h file includes all the functions and structures used for connecting to the filter driver. WinDataStructures.h file is part of the structures of windows API which is used in the example, for more structures please reference Microsoft MSDN website.

For monitor filter, it will only display the file system call messages which include process Id, Thread Id, file name, user name, file system I/O type , etc.

For Control filter, the filter will block and wait for the response if that I/O was registered, so it is better handle this request as soon as possible, or it will block the system call.

C# Example

Copy the correct version (32bit or 64bit) EaseFlt.sys , FilterAPI.DLL and ,EaseFilter.cs to your folder. EaseFilter.cs has the structures and APIs used for connecting to the filter driver.