E2Guardian V5 – Storyboarding

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Version 5 has a revised model for logic flow and using lists.

Storyboarding is a simple scripting language which defines functions that control list checking, map actions to list matches and controls logic flow. Each filter group can use a different storyboard and so can have different logic if required. The lists used and logic can now also be changed without stopping and re-starting e2guardian.

The Storyboard File

A storyboard file defines functions. Certain 'entry point' functions must be defined as e2guardian will use these as entry points into the function engine. These functions are 'checkrequest' and 'checkresponse' for storyboard included in e2guardianf1.conf and 'pre-authcheck' for storyboard included in e2guardian.conf. Further entry point functions are required when transparent https (thttps-checkrequest, thttps-checkresponse & thttps-pre-authcheck) or ICAP (icap-checkrequest, icap-checkresponse & icap-pre-authcheck) are enabled.

A storyboard file can include other storyboard files, allowing a structured approach to function definitions with common functions being defined in a common included file. Functions can be redefined with the last read version overwriting the previous one.

Blank lines and lines starting with '#' are ignored.

In the standard distribution the following storyboards are provided:-

common.story - Storyboard library for inclusion in filtergroup storyboards. Provides standard 'checkrequest', 'checkresponse', 'thttps-checkresponse', 'icap-checkrequest' and 'icap-checkresponse' entry-point functions as well as a number of library functions. For smooth upgrades DO NOT edit this file. When you need to change a standard function, redefine it in the site storyboard or in an individual filtergroup storyboard.

site.story – Example storyboard for site specific additional or changed functions, for inclusion in filtergroup storyboards.

examplef1.story - Example of a filtergroup storyboard

preauth.story - Example pre-auth storyboard - used before filtergroup is determined and defined in e2guardian.conf

Function Definition

The start of a function is defined with:-

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function(function_name)
function_name is a label made up of alphanumeric, '_' and '-' (no spaces). Do not use labels starting with 'true',
'false', 'set', 'unset' or 'return' as these may conflict with built-in actions.
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The end of a function is defined with:-

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or by the start of a new function or by an include or by the end of the file.
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A function must be completely defined in a single file and consists of one or more command lines which are executed in order.

Command Line Format

The format of a command line is:-

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command(Condition)[return || returnif ] Action

where:-

Command is if - if Condition is true do Action
    or is ifnot - if Condition is false do Action

Condition format is:-
    state[,[list][,message_no[,logmessage_no]]]
    where:-

    state is as listed in Table 2.

    list is list name (mandatory if state ends in 'in')
    message_no is a message number (overrides messageno in list definition or used when no list) default 0
    logmessage_no - (overrides logmessageno in list definition or used when no list) default message_no
Action is a built-in action (see Table 3) or a function name
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if Action is prefixed with return then return from the current function with the return value of Action

if Action is prefixed with returnif then return true from the current function if Action returns true

Table 1a – Flags which can be set

Flag name	Action when set
addheader	Result from regexpreplacelist is added to the request headers
alert	Log in alert log (if enabled)
automitm	Open MITM session automatically to client for block/status page when gomitm not set
block	Request will be blocked
bypass	Bypass request
bypassallow	User is allowed to bypass blocks
done	Process no more (this is re-set to false when e2g enters a storyboard entry call)
exception	Request will be allowed without any content checking, and if it is a https connect, without MITM
godirect	Connect directly i.e. do not use proxy – this flag is set by default if no proxyip is defined in e2guardian.conf
gomitm	Do MITM interception on a CONNECT request or TLS connection
grey	Content-checking enforced
infectionbypassallow	User is allowed to bypass and download files that have failed scan
issearch	Request is a search request which has had search terms extracted
logcategory	Log category but do not block (implemented in v5.4 onwards)
modurl	Result from a regexpreplacelist replaces the original requested url
nolog	Do not log this request
nocheckcert	Allow access to SSL site without checking certificate
nomitm	Disable MITM for this request
redirect	Redirect browser to result from a regexpreplacelist
semiexception	Request will be allowed without any content checking, but url is checked for block.
viruscheck	Do virus scan check

Table 1b – Flags – Read-only

Flag name	Description
hassni	Server Name Indication is present in TLS clienthello request
mitm	Am in MITM session
modheader	Header(s) have been modified by regular expression list
return	The return status of last executed function or built-in action.

Table 2a – States which require lists

Description	List types checked in this order
Is url in named list(s)?	ipsitelist, sitelist, urllist, fileextlist, regexpboollist
Is site in named list(s)?	ipsitelist, sitelist, regexpboollist
Is search term in named list? Note: action setsearchterm must have already been called for searchin to be effective.	
Is Category in named list(s)?	categorylist
Are any embedded URL in named list(s)?	ipsitelist, sitelist, urllist, regexpboollist
Is referer in named list(s)?	ipsitelist, sitelist, urllist, regexpboollist
Is a request header in the named list?	regexpboollist or regexpreplacelist (not both)
Is full url in named list?	regexpreplacelist
Is client host in named list?	iplist, sitelist. ipmap
Is file name extension in named list?	fileextlist
Is listening port in named list?	maplist
Is mime type in named list?	mimelist
Is a response header in the named list?	regexpboollist or regexpreplacelist (not both)
Is current time in named timeband list?	timelist
Is user-agent in named list?	regexpboollist
Is user in named list?	maplist, ipmaplist
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Note: lists are only checked if present and when required:- i.e. ipsitelist is only checked if site is an IP & urllist is not checked if URL is site-only.

Table 2b – States without lists

State	Description
connect	Is it a CONNECT request?
blockset	Is block flag set?
bypassset	Is bypass flag set?
bypassallowset	Is bypassallow set?
doneset	Is done flag set?
exceptionset	Is exception flag set?
get	Is it a GET request?
greyset	Is grey flag set?
hassniset	Is hassni flag set?
infectionbypassallowset	Is infectionbypassallow set?
mitmset	Are we in a MITM session?
post	Is it a POST request?
redirectset	Is redirect flag set?
returnset	Was return from last action true?
semiexceptionset	Is semiexception flag set?
siteisip	Is site an IP?
tls	Is it a TLS connection request?
true	Always true
viruscheckset	Is viruscheck set?

Table 3 – Built-in Actions

Name	Action	
false	Return false	
setaddheader	Set addheader flag to true and add header – return true if successful	
setalert	Set alert flag to true – return true	
setautomitm	Set automitm flag to true - return true if successful - false if not allowed	
setblock	Set block flag to true – return true	
setconnectsite	Modify connect site name – return true – used instead of DNS kulge	
setdone	Set done flag to true – return true	
setexception	Set exception flag to true – return true	
setgodirect	Set godirect flag to true – return true if successful – false if not allowed	
setgomitm	Set gomitm flag to true – return true	
setgrey	Set grey flag to true – return true	
setgroup	Set group to output of map – return true if valid assignment	
setlogcategory	Log category without blocking – return true (future feature – not implemented in v5.1)	
setmodheader	Set modheader flag to true – return true	
setmodurl	Set modurl flag to true and modify URL – return true	
setnolog	Set nolog flag to true – return true	
setnomitm	Set nomitm flag to true, unset gomitm, automitm – return true	
setnocheckcert	Set nocheckcert flag – return true	
setredirect	Set redirect flag to true – return true if successful	
setsearchterm	Set issearch flag and store search terms for list/content checking – use with state fullurlin and listtype regexpreplacelist which outputs searchterms from url. This action must be performed prior to any searchin state conditions.	

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Name	Action
setsemiexception	Set semiexception flag – return true
true	Return true
unsetautomitm	Unset automitm flag – return true
unsetbypass	Unset bypass and exception flags – return true
unsetbypassallow	Unset bypassallow - return true if bypassallow was true
unsetinfectionbypassallow	Unset infectionbypassallow - return true if infectionbypassallow was true
unsetsemiexception	Unset semiexception flag – return true
unsetviruscheck	Unset viruscheck flag – return true