

Tizen Content Screening API Specification

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Terms, Abbreviations, Definitions, Conventions

Items	Description
SDK	Software Development Kit
API	Application Programming Interface
Content Screening	Screening content for security consideration
Module	Program, service or any execution entity in the Tizen platform
Application	Executable provided by either system or third-party

Overview

This document defines the Content Screening API for Tizen platform. The API enables caller modules and applications to scan the content inside their logic data. The Content Screening API is defined in native C language. A computer language bundle might be required if calling from any other language. For example, if we want to call Content Screening API from Java, we need to add JNI code (language bundle) to enable Java code to call Content Screening API from virtual machine.

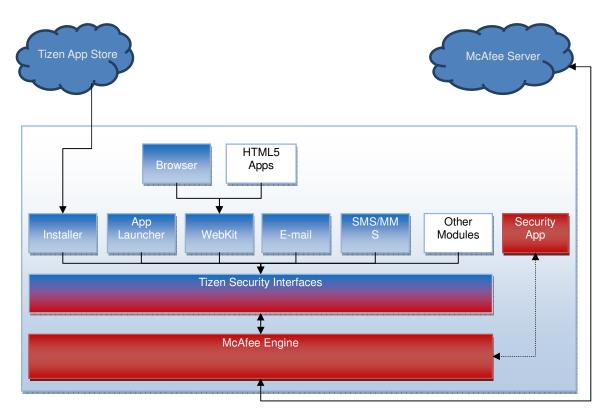


Figure 1 Overview of Content Screening

This document is to define the API specification in Tizen Security Interfaces. As for McAfee Engine API please reference to McAfee MCS API specification, which is out of the scope of this document.

The API is composed by following categories:

- Initialization and clean-up functions
- Scan functions
- Support functions

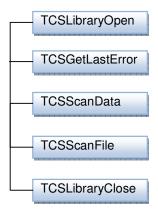


Figure 2 API Call Diagram

TCSLibraryOpen() and TCSLibraryClose() are used to initialize Tizen Content Screening library or clean up resource on application exit. TCSGetLastError() is a support function to return caller an error code to indicate the latest error during this library function call.

TCSScanData() is used to scan content in the memory while TCSScanFile() is used to scan the content on permanent storages, like SD card.

Library

The delivery of Tizen Content Screening API should be a .so library: libtcs.so

Initialize Functions

Summary

Methods	
TCSLIB_HANDLE	TCSLibraryOpen()
	Initialize Tizen Content Screening library.
void	TCSLibraryClose(TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib)
	Close Tizen Content Screening library by releasing all resources it occupied.

Methods

TCSLIB_HANDLE TCSLibraryOpen()

Initialize Tizen Content Screening library. For example, allocating memory for internal data use, loading signature database, etc.

Parameters

None.

Returns

An instance of Tizen Content Screening library context.

void TCSLibraryClose(TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib)

Destroy Tizen Content Screening library instance. Release all resources it occupies.

Parameters

hLib

Tizen Content Screening library instance returned by TCSLibraryOpen().

Returns

None.

Scan Functions

Summary

Methods	
	TCSScanData(TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib,
int	TCSScanParam *pParam,
	TCSScanResult *pResult)
	Scan content in memory.
	TCSScanFile(TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib,
	char const *pszFileName,
	int iDataType,
int	int iAction,
	int iCompressFlag,
	TCSScanResult *pResult)
	Scan content in file system.

Methods

Scan content in memory. Caller need to pass callback functions in pParam so that scanner can read or write data back and forth. Scan result will be returned in a data structure pResult. The integer return value of this function call is just to indicate if this call is success or not. For any failure of this function call please use TCSGetLastError() to get detail information.

Parameters

hLib	Tizen Content Screening library instance returned
	<pre>by TCSLibraryOpen().</pre>
pParam	Memory address of data structure instance
	TCSScanParam, see detail at TCSScanParam.
pResult	Memory address of data structure instance
	TCSScanResult, see detail at TCSScanResult.

Returns

0 -on success. -1 -on failure

Scan content on file system. It requires scanner instance, file path, data type the file could be, and type of action for malware. It will return detail scan result in data structure instance pResult. The integer return value of this function call indicates if the call is success or not. For any failure of this function call please use TCSGetLastError() to get detail

information.

Parameters

hLib Tizen Content Screening library instance returned

by TCSLibraryOpen().

pszFileName Path to the file.

iDataType Data type of the file. It could be set to unknown

type, which leaves the scanner to determine. But by specifying the data type, potentially can accelerate the scanning progress. For detail

information please see <u>Data Type</u>.

iAction type if malware detected. Please find detail

at Action Type.

iCompressFlag 0- decompression disabled, 1- decompress

enabled

pResult Memory address of data structure instance

TCSScanResult, see detail at TCSScanResult.

Returns

0 – on success.

−1 − on failure

Support Function

Summary

Methods	
int	TCSGetLastError(TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib)
	Return last error code.

Methods

int TCSGetLastError (TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib)

This function is used to retrieve the error code previous function call occurs. All scan functions return zero to indicate success, and -1 for failure. The error code gives the detail of the failure reason for trouble shooting.

Parameters

hLib Tizen Content Screening library instance returned

by TCSLibraryOpen ().

Returns

Error code, please find detail at Error Code.

TCSScanParam

Description

Data structure for caller to pass input data for scanning.

Summary

Fields	
iAction	The type of action that caller want to take when malware detected. Please find detail at Action Type.
iDataType	The type of content data. For example, archived file. Please find detail at Data Type .
iCompressFlag	0- decompression disabled, $1-$ decompression enabled.
pPrivate	Caller context data. Instead performing direct access to this field, scanner will pass this context data back to caller via below callbacks, so that caller can track the access status inside their own context data without creating global variables.
Unsigned int	(*pfGetSize)(void *pPrivate)
	It is used by scanner to obtain content data size in bytes from caller via this callback function.
int	<pre>(*pfSetSize) (void *pPrivate, unsigned int uSize)</pre>
	It is used by scanner to change content data size in bytes via this callback function. (For example, repair infected data)
Unsigned int	<pre>(*pfRead)(void *pPrivate, unsigned int uOffset, void *pBuffer, unsigned int uCount)</pre>
	It is used by scanner to read content data in bytes from caller via this callback function.
Unsigned int	<pre>(*pfGetWrite)(void *pPrivate, unsigned int uOffset, void const *pBuffer, unsigned int uCount)</pre>
	It is used by scanner to change content data in bytes via this callback function.
int	<pre>(*pfGetCallBack)(void *pPrivate,</pre>
	It is used by scanner to notify caller for specific events via this callback function.

CallBack methods

```
unsigned int (*pfGetSize) (void *pPrivate)
```

To scan content data in memory, scanner needs to know the size of the data to be scanned. This callback function is supposed to return the content data size in bytes to scanner.

Parameters

pPrivate Caller context data.

Returns

Size in bytes.

When scanner try to repair destroyed content data by malware, it usually needs to change the size of content data size, so that caller can do coordinate work for this change.

Parameters

pPrivate Caller context data.
uSize New size in bytes

Returns

Size in bytes, not equal to expected size indicating failure of this call.

When scanner scan the content data in memory it needs to read data from caller instead of directly access the memory, this enables flexibility for scanner to handle variable format of content data and stream scanning.

Parameters

pPrivate Caller context data.

uOffset where to start reading

pBuffer The memory address of buffer which is to be filled

with read data as result of this read call.

uCount Bytes to be read

Returns

Read bytes count, not equal to expected size indicating failure of this call.

When scanner repair the broken content data in memory it needs to write data through this callback.

Parameters

pPrivate Caller context data.

uOffset where to start writing

pBuffer The memory address of buffer which is to be copied

to the specified offset.

Bytes to be written

uCount Bytes to be written

Returns

Written bytes count, not equal to expected size indicating failure of this call.

void *pParam)

When scanner repair the broken content data in memory it needs to write data through this callback.

Parameters

pPrivate Caller context data.

iReason for scanner to call caller. Please find detail

at CallBack Reason.

pParam Coordinate parameter for specific reason. Please

find detail at CallBack Reason.

Returns

 ${\tt 0-indicating\ success}$

Negative value – indicating stop scanning

TCSScanResult

Description

Data structure for scanner to pass detail scan result back to caller.

Summary

Fields	
iNumDetected	The number of detections.
pDList	Detection list, please find detail at TCSDetected.
void	(*pfFreeResult)(struct TCSScanResult_struct *pResult)
	It is used by caller to release detection list resources when needed.

CallBack methods

void (*pfFreeResult) (struct TCSScanResult_struct *pResult)

Caller has to pass scan result instance back to this callback function to release resources used by detection list.

Parameters

pResult

The scan result instance.

Returns

None.

TCSDetected

Description

Data structure for scanner to pass detection information to caller.

Summary

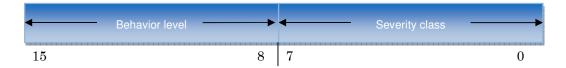
Fields	
pNext	Detection structure is a link list node.
pszName	Malware name.
pszVariant	Malware variant name.
uType	Malware type. Please see below table for detail.
uAction	Bit-field of malware severity, class and behaviour level. Please find detail in below table.
pszFileName	Path of the infected file, it can be ignored if current is a memory data scan.

Malware type

Fields	
TCS_VTYPE_MALWARE	It is a malware.
TCS_VTYPE_PUP	It is a potentially unwanted program.

Malware action

This is a bit-field variable which contains malware severity flags and application behavior levels in bits. Bits 31-16 are reserved.



Behavior level

Fields					
TCS_BC_LEVEL0	Process with a warning. The severity is assigned to data previously considered malicious.				
TCS_BC_LEVEL1	Prompt user before processing. Ask user if they want the application to process the data.				
TCS_BC_LEVEL2	Do not process the data.				
TCS_BC_LEVEL3	Do not process the data and prompt user for removal. If the content stored on the terminal, prompt the user for permission before removal.				
TCS_BC_LEVEL4	Do not process the data and automatically remove if stored.				

Severity class

Fields			
TCS_SC_USER	The malware is harmful to end user.		
TCS_SC_TERMINAL	The malware is harmful to the terminal.		

Data Type

Description

Data type that Tizen Content Screening library supports.

Summary

Fields	
TCS_DTYPE_UNKNOWN	Data type is unknown, scanner is to determine the data type by itself.
TCS_DTYPE_HTML	HTML content.

TCS_DTYPE_URL	Content data is URL.	
TCS_DTYPE_EMAIL	Content data is e-mail.	
TCS_DTYPE_PHONE	Content data is phone number.	
TCS_DTYPE_JAVA	Content data is Java code.	
TCS_DTYPE_JAVAS	Content data is JavaScript.	
TCS_DTYPE_TEXT	Content data is plain text.	

Action Type

Description

Action type that caller want to take on detected malware.

Summary

Fields	
TCS_SA_SCANONLY	Tell scanner scan content data without changing anything.
TCS_SA_SCANREPAIR	Tell scanner to repair content data if detected.

CallBack Reason

Description

Reason codes for scanner to callback on caller.

Summary

Fields	
TCS_CB_DETECTED	Tell caller that malware was detected.

The coordinate parameter for this callback reason is **TCSDetected**

Error Code

Description

Error code definition is a bit-field.



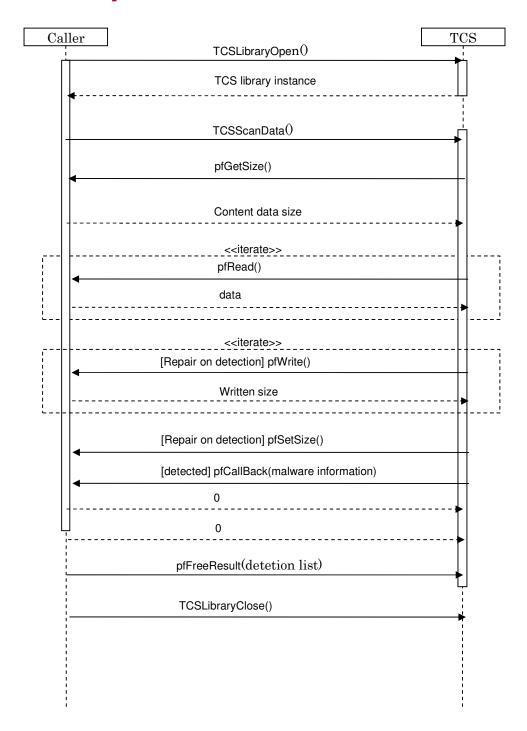
Component code

Fields	
TCS_ERROR_MODULE_GENERIC	Generic error can be occurred in all components.

Error code

Fields	
TCS_ERROR_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	Tizen Content Screening library is not implemented.

Call Sequence



Implementation Guide

Performance and Resource considerations

For performance and memory considerations on mobile devices, it is recommended that creating library handle only when it is needed. To reduce the creation of the library handle, we can create the handle at the application initialization and release the handle when application quit. To use the minimal resource, we can share library handle between different threads, but caller need to provide thread safe by themselves. Here is an example about how to use CS library handle.

```
void ApplicationInit() {
             CsInit(context);
void ApplicationExit() {
             CsExit(context);
context->hLib = TCSLibraryOpen();
            if (context->hLib == INVALID_TCSLIB_HANDLE) {
    // report error
void CsExit(AppContext *context) {
    if (context->hLib != INVALID_TCSLIB_HANDLE) {
        TCSLibraryClose(context->hLib);
}
if (int i = 0; pScanResult != NULL && i < pScanResult->iNumDetected; i++) {
                          if (pCur == NULL) {
    pCur = pScanResult->pDList;
                          } else {
                                       pCur = pLast->pNext;
                          ReportInfection(pCur->pszName, pCur->pszVariant, pCur->pszFileName);
int Scan(AppContext *context, const char *path) {
             int iRet = 0;
TCSScanResult SR = {0};
            &SR); // return result

if (iRet == 0) {
    ReportResult(&SR);
    SR.pfFreeResult(&SR);
             return iRet;
int ThreadSafeScan(AppContext *context, const char *path) {
             pthread_mutex_lock(&context->lock);
             iRet = Scan(context, path);
pthread_mutex_unlock(&context->lock);
             return iRet;
```

Environment Variable Driven

Security vendors may allow caller to configure their environment by UNIX environment variable. For example, security vendor may need to configure the signature data base file path so that the content screening library can locate the signature data base when it gets created. Linux call seteny() can help caller to set this parameter to scan engine.

Thread Safe Coding

To make sure your code is thread safe, we need to make a good use of Linux pthread library, it provides a lot of thread safe functions for us to make our program better in muli-tasking application framework.

```
pthread_mutex_lock
pthread_mutex_trylock
pthread_mutex_unlock
pthread_cond_wait
pthread_cond_signal
pthread_cond_broadcast
```

```
void PutHandle(AppContext *context, hLib) (
    pthread_mutex_lock(&context->lock);
    PutHandleToPool(context, hLib);
    pthread_cond_signal(&context->cond);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&context->lock);
    return hLib;
}

TCSLIB_HANDLE GetHandle(AppContext *context) {
    pthread_mutex_lock(&context->lock);
    pthread_cond_wait(&context->cond, &context->lock);
    hLib = GetHandleFromPool(context);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
    return hLib;
}
```

Error Code Demo

```
TCSLIB_HANDLE hLib;
TCSErrorCode ErrCode;
TCSScanResult ScanResult;
...
hLib = TCSLibraryOpen();
if (hLib == INVALID_TCSLIB_HANDLE) {
    return( -1 );
}
...
if (TCSScanData(hLib, &ScanParam, &ScanResult) == 0) {
    ...
    if (ScanResult.iNumDetected > 0) {
        // handle detections
    }
    ScanResult.pfFreeResult(&ScanResult);
}
...
TCSLibraryClose( hLib );
...
```

Possible Use Cases

As for email client, the scan can happen after the email get received, and before it gets put into user's inbox folder. Caller can pass either the email body or attachment or both of them separately to content screening scan data API to check if they are infected or not.

As for browser, the browser actually can pass web page to scan for malware before the web page gets rendered.

As for installer, it can request scan before the application installed on the device. For example, if we download the applications from market to "/download/apps/", installer can scan the file downloaded in this folder before copying it to user visible place "/user/apps".

As for application launcher the scan usually happens at the launch of the application. If the device was used without installing the scan engine, there could be some malware existing on the device even after user update their ROM to content screening security engine enabled. In this case, launcher can capture the malware which installer does not cover.

As for messenger, we usually focus on scanning the attachment of MMS, since it could carry malware in it. If the attachment is temporarily saved in some folder we can use file scan to scan it before showing it to user or we can scan the data as a whole before we save it to temporary file.

Caller	Data to be	Data	After	Before	Before	Before	Before
	Scanned	Type	receiving	storing	rendering	invoking	connect
Email	URL,	Text,	optional	optional	recommended		
Client	HTML,	HTML,					
	Phone	Phone					
	Number,	Number,					
	Email	Email					
	Body						
Browser	HTML,	Text,	optional	optional	recommended		optional
	JavaScript,	HTML,					
	embedded	JavaScript					
	text						
	(USSD)						
Installer	HTML5	HTML	optional	optional		recommended	
Application	HTML5	HTML				recommended	
Launcher							
Messenger	SMS/MMS	Text,	optional	optional		recommended	
		HTML,					
		Phone					
		Number,					
		URL					