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Security Manager Development

The Security Manager Plugin framework provides a mechanism for the creation and deployment of custom security manager plugins.

Plugin Development

A custom Security Manager Plugin consists of a **library** (.so or .dll) file which provides implementation(s) of the iSecManager interface, a **configuration definition** (articulated as an XSD schema), and a component declaration (buildset.xml file).

Library requirements

- Must implement the ISecManager interface
- Must expose a factory method which returns instances of the ISecmanager implementation.

  Example of a standard factory method name :

```
extern "C"
{
    ISecManager * createInstance(const char *serviceName,
                                 IPropertyTree &secMgrCfg,
                                 IPropertyTree &bndCfg);
}
```

  The framework expects to have access to the "createInstance()" method, if the developer chooses to provide other factory methods, it can override the default name in configuration, but must have the expected signature:

```
ISecManager methodname(const char *, IPropertyTree &, IPropertyTree &)
```

Buildset definition - The plugin declares itself as an HPCC Systems® Security Manager Plugin component, and declares the location of the plugin files and the configuration definition schema.

EXAMPLE:

```
<Environment>
   <Programs>
      <Build name="_" url="/opt/HPCCSystems">
          <BuildSet  deployable="no"
                     installSet="deploy_map.xml"
                     name="mysecuritypluginname"
                     path="componentfiles/mysecuritypluginname"
                     processName="MySecurityPluginName"
                     schema="myCustom_secmgr.xsd">
          </BuildSet>
      </Build>
   </Programs>
</Environment>
```

Configuration Definition - The plugin must provide a definition of the configuration elements and the structure it expects to receive at the time it is instantiated. The XSD file is consumed by the HPCC Systems Configuration Manager component and is rendered as a GUI form. The configuration definition is defined as an element of the component name (as declared in the buildset) followed by attributes and/or complex elements.

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There are four attributes every plugin is required to declare in its configuration definition in addition to any custom configuration defined by the plugin: 'type', 'name', 'libName', and 'instanceFactoryName'

- **type** - This attribute should be read-only and set to 'SecurityManager'
- **name** - The name of the custom Security Manager Plugin instance
- **libName** - The name of the library which provides instances of this Security Manager Plugin type
- **instanceFactoryName** - Name of the method provided by the library, which is responsible for creating instances of the Security Manager Plugin

EXAMPLE:

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" elementFormDefault="qualified">
  <xs:element name="MySecurityPluginType">
     <xs:complexType>
        <xs:attribute name="type" type="SecurityManager"
                      use="required" default="SecurityManager">
           <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                 <viewType>hidden</viewType>
              </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
        </xs:attribute>
        <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="required">
           <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                 <tooltip>Name for this Security Manager Plugin instance</tooltip>
                 <required>true</required>
              </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
        </xs:attribute>
        <xs:attribute name="libName" type="xs:string" use="optional">
           <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                  <tooltip>The Security Manager library name (.so)</tooltip>
             </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
         </xs:attribute>
         <xs:attribute name="instanceFactoryName" type="xs:string"
                       use="optional" default="createInstance">
            <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                  <tooltip>The factory method name in the
                   Security Mangager library (.so)</tooltip>
              </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
         </xs:attribute>
           <xs:sequence>
             <xs:element name="compoundOption" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
                <xs:complexType>
                   <xs:attribute name="Option" type="xs:string" use="required">
                       <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                             <tooltip>This is an example compound option element
                             which Security Manager Plugins can define</tooltip>
                          </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
                   </xs:attribute>
              </xs:complexType>
             </xs:element>
         </xs:sequence>
        <xs:attribute name="optionalAttribute" type="xs:string" use="optional">
            <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                  <tooltip>This is an example optional attribute
                           which Security Manager Plugins can define</tooltip>
               </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
         </xs:attribute>
         <xs:attribute name="samplepasswordfile" type="xs:string" use="required">
            <xs:annotation><xs:appinfo>
                  <tooltip>An attribute which defines a file name required
                          by this Security Manager Plugin</tooltip>
              </xs:appinfo></xs:annotation>
         </xs:attribute>
     </xs:complexType>
```

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```
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

genenvrules.conf - (optional) This file allows the plugin to add itself to the "do_not(automatically)_generate" list. While this is an optional file, more often than not it is actually needed.

EXAMPLE:

```
do_not_generate=mysecuritypluginname
```

Configuration transformation rules - (optional) specified as an xsl template, this set of rules can be applied to the configuration XML. Refer to XSL templates in the HPCC Systems source tree.

Concrete Example

The HPCC Systems platform includes a security manager plugin implementation (HTPasswd) and can be used as a guidance for the plugin development process:

https://github.com/hpcc-systems/HPCC-Platform/tree/master/system/security/plugins/htpasswdSecurity

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Configure and Deploy the Security Manager Plugin

The following sections detail the process of configuring your HPCC Systems® platform to use the Security Manager Plugin.

How to Configure a Security Manager Plugin

Once the plugin has been installed, the plugin can be configured onto the HPCC Systems platform using Configuration Manager.

1. Stop all HPCC Systems components.

   Verify that they are stopped. You can use a single command, such as :

   ```
   sudo /opt/HPCCSystems/sbin/hpcc-run.sh -a hpcc-init status
   ```

2. Connect your web browser to the Configuration Manager web interface.

   Use the url http://<*configmgr_IP_Address*>:8015

   where <*configmgr_IP_Address*> is the IP address of the node running Configuration Manager.

3. Select the **Advanced View** radio button.

4. Select the appropriate XML configuration file.

   Note: Configuration Manager never works on the active configuration file. After you finish editing you will have to copy the environment.xml to the active location and push it out to all nodes.

5. Check the Write Access box.

6. Create an instance of the Security Manager Plugin:

   a. Right-click on Navigator Pane on the left side.

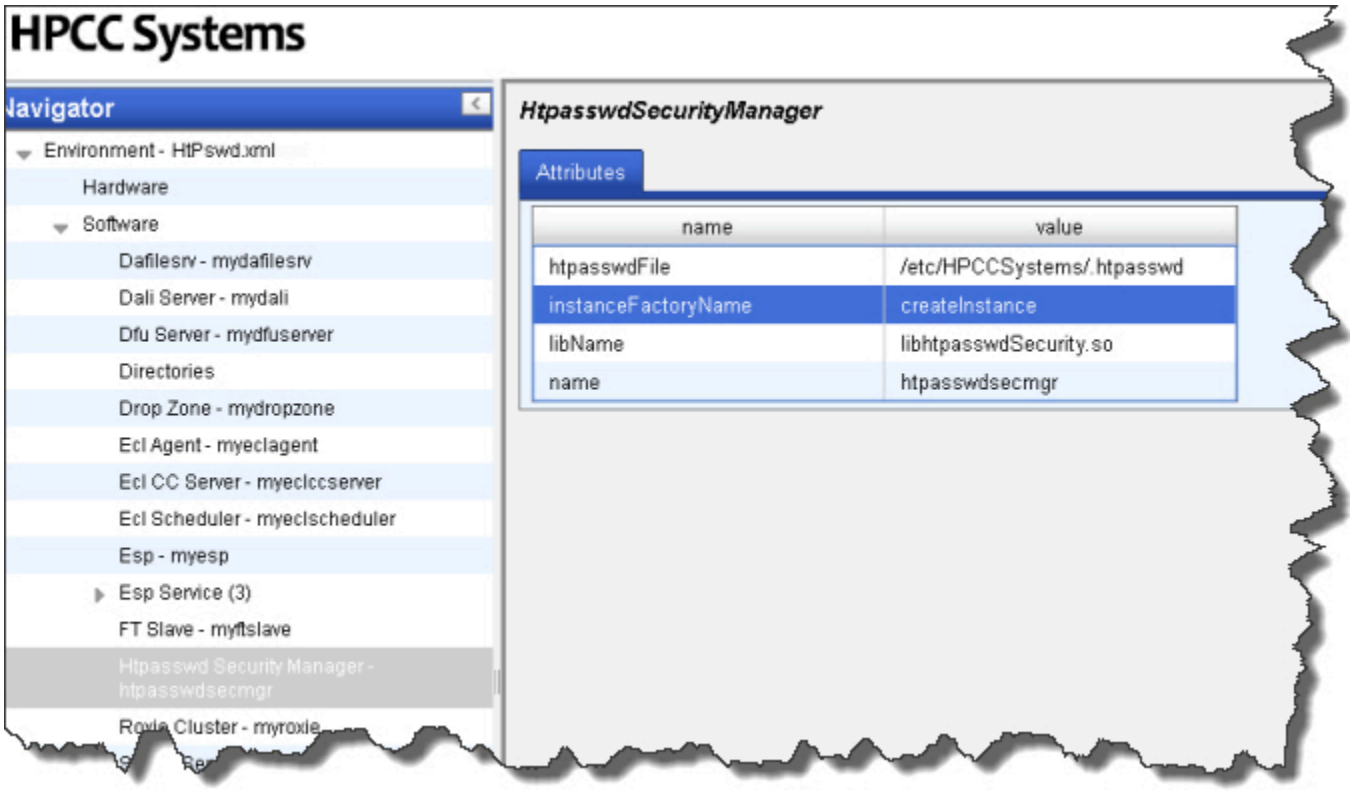
   b. Select **New Components**

   c. Select the appropriate component <name_of_Security_Manager_plugin>

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7. Configure the Security Manager Plugin: (Example shown using the Htpasswd plugin*)

Figure 1. Security Mgr Configuration page



a. Provide an instance name

b. Provide a (fully qualified) library name

c. InstanceFactoryName defaults to "createInstance" if the library specified in the previous step provides an alternate factory method, it can be specified here.

d. Provide any custom entries required. In the example shown, *htpasswdFile* is a custom entry.

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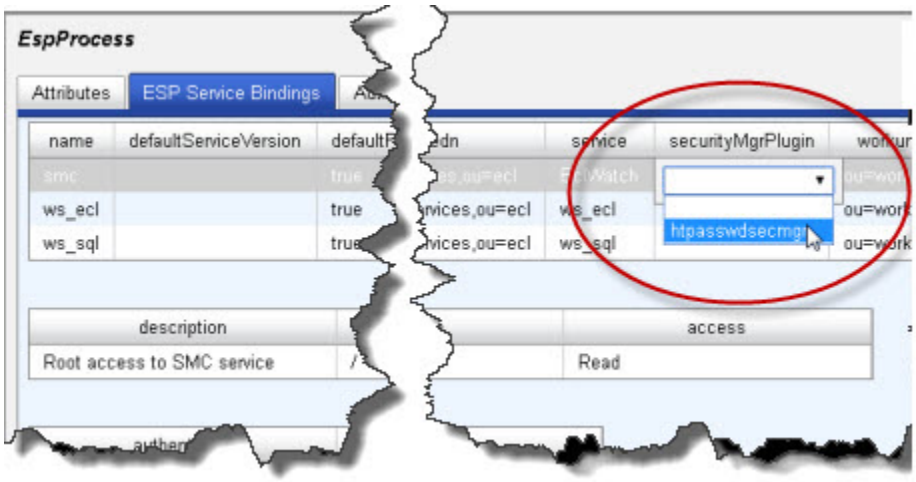
8. Associate the Security Manager Plugin with the ESP binding(s)

   a. Click on the target Esp in the Navigator Pane on the left side.

   b. Select the **ESP** (Process) **Service bindings** tab

   c. On the target binding(s) select the appropriate securityMgrPlugin instance from the drop list.

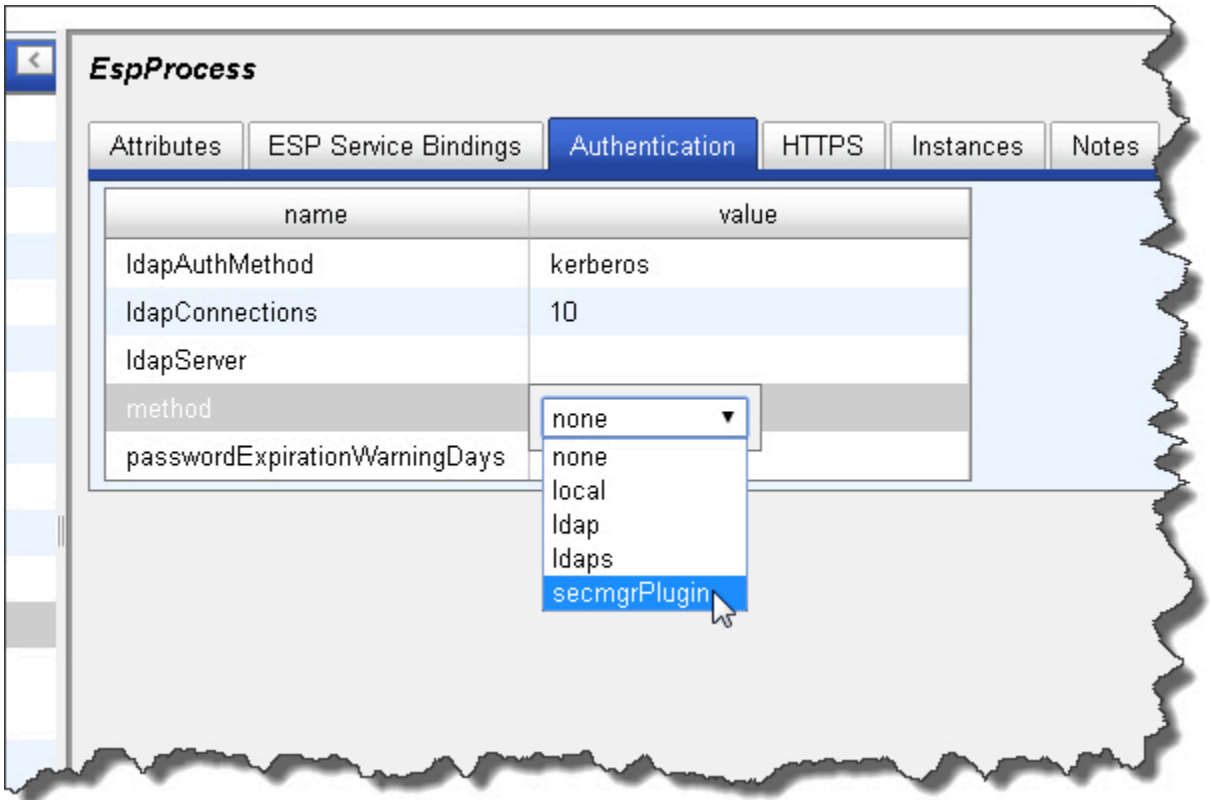
Figure 2. Bind to ESP



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9. Enable the use of the Security Manager Plugin - Select the **Authentication** tab, in the method entry select **secmgrPlugin**

Figure 3. Security Mgr Configuration page



10. Save the environment file

11. Distribute the environment file to every node in your cluster

12. Restart your environment.

A video tutorial

Need further information? Check out the following video tutorial demonstrating how to configure a security plugin.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lNVwEOFkKgY&feature=youtu.be

Click the above link to watch the video.

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