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Chapter 1: About the SDK

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Introduction to the SiteMinder SDK

The SiteMinder Software Development Kit (SDK) provides Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that let you perform the following tasks:

- Create custom front-end applications that can access SiteMinder services
- Extend SiteMinder functionality through server plug-ins

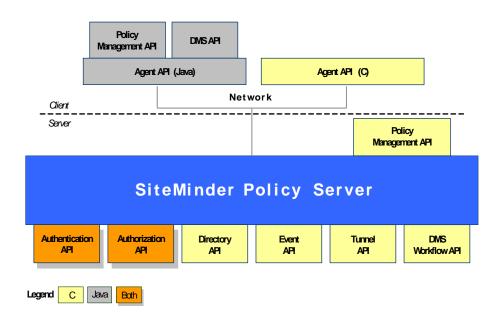
The following table summarizes the custom applications and Policy Server extensions you can write using the APIs in the SiteMinder SDK:

Purpose and Associated API	Language
Agent applications:	С
Agent API	Java
Policy Management applications:	С
Policy Management API	Java
Delegated Management Services (DMS) applications:	Java
DMS API	
Authentication:	С
Authentication API	Java
Authorization:	С
Authorization API	Java
Event handling:	С
Event API	

Purpose and Associated API	Language
Tunnel service: Tunnel API	С
Pre- and post-process workflow for DMS events: DMS Workflow API	С
Access to non-supported directory types: Directory API	С

Architectural Overview

The following figure illustrates the location of the APIs in relation to the SiteMinder Policy Server:



Policy Server Access

You must have the SiteMinder Policy Server to run the applications and Policy Server plug-ins that you develop with the SiteMinder SDK.

However, in most cases, you do not use the Policy Server to build those applications and plug-ins. The one exception is that when building Policy Management applications for Solaris using the C Policy Management API, you must do so on the machine where the Policy Server is installed.

At runtime:

- All plug-ins developed with the SDK must be installed on the same machine as the Policy Server.
- Some applications developed with the SDK must be installed on the same machine as the Policy Server; others can be executed remotely.

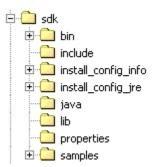
The following table specifies the type of access to the Policy Server required by your applications and plug-ins:

Applications or Plug-Ins Developed with This API	Require This Type of Access to the Policy Server
Authentication API	Local
Authorization API	Local
Directory API	Local
Tunnel Services API	Local
Event API	Local
C Policy Management API	Local
C Agent API	Local or Remote
Java Agent API	Local or Remote
Java Policy Management API	Local or Remote

Note: When you build Policy Management applications for Solaris environments using the C Policy Management API, use the libraries libsmpolicyapi45.so and libsmutilities.so, which are part of the Policy Server.

Installed Directory Structure

The SDK installation includes header files, binary files, and sample code. The top-level installed directory structure is shown below in the sdk directory:



SDK Samples

The SiteMinder SDK contains a number of sample applications and plug-ins that can help you use the APIs.

The samples are installed in subdirectories of the following directory:

install_path/sdk/samples

For example:

C:/Program Files/CA/sdk/samples

Note: The Java samples use properties defined in the file smjsdksample.properties, located in /sdk/properties. Before you run the Java sample applications, modify this file with settings for your environment.

Sample Subdirectories

The sample subdirectories contain source files, project files, makefiles, and other related files for building the sample applications and plug-ins.

The following table lists the subdirectories where the sample files are installed:

Subdirectory Name	Sample Description
assertiongenerator plugin	Java sample of SAML assertion customization.
dmsworkflow	C-language Delegated Management Services workflow sample.
javaauthapi	Java custom authentication sample.
javaazapi	Java custom authorization samples.
javadmsapi	Java Delegated Management Services sample.
	The directory includes examples of build and run scripts. You can use the examples as models for your own scripts.
	This sample uses the policy store created by the javapolicyapi sample.
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smagentapi	C-language custom agent sample.
smauthapi	C-language custom authentication sample.
smazapi	C-language custom authorization sample.
smdirapi	C-language sample for accessing unsupported directories.

Subdirectory Name	Sample Description	
smeventproviderapi	C-language sample for creating custom event handlers. This sample references the header file smeventproviderapi.h. This is a custom header file used exclusively with this sample. The header file required for the Event API (and referenced within smeventproviderapi.h) is SmEventApi.h.	
smjavaagentapi	Java custom agent sample. The directory includes examples of build and run scripts. You can use the examples as models for your own scripts. This sample uses the policy store created by the javapolicyapi sample.	
smpolicyapi	C-language policy management sample. The sample shows how to protect a Web resource by creating a variety of SiteMinder Policy objects. The example includes: Calls to initialize and uninitialize the API. The calls that are required to create agents, domains (policy domains), user directories, realms, rules, responses, and policies.	
smtunnelagent	C-language tunnel agent sample. This sample is provided to communicate with the smtunnelservice sample shared library. The smtunnelagent sample uses the Agent API's Sm_AgentApi_Tunnel() function.	
smtunnelservice	C-language tunnel services sample.	

SiteMinder Test Tool

The SiteMinder Test Tool is a Windows-based utility that you can use to verify your policy configurations. The Test Tool simulates the interaction between Agents and Policy Servers, allowing you to test the functionality of the Policy Server without having a Web Agent or Web server installed.

The Test Tool acts as an agent sending requests to the Policy Server. These requests enable you to perform functional tests, such as verifying whether a resource is protected. You can also use the Test Tool to perform regression tests, which helps determine how well the Policy Server handles simultaneous requests.

To run the SiteMinder Test Tool, run SmTest.exe in the following location:

install_path\sdk\bin\

Note: The Test Tool does not support multibyte characters.

SDK Documentation

The CA SiteMinder bookshelf includes the following SDK documentation:

- SDK Overview Guide (this document)
- SDK Release Notes
- Programming Guide for C
- Programming Guide for Java
- Javadoc reference

Other SiteMinder Documentation

SiteMinder documentation that you can possibly find helpful when using the SiteMinder SDK are listed following.

- Policy Server Configuration Guide
- Policy Server Administration Guide
- Web Agent Configuration Guide
- Federation Manager: Legacy Federation Guide

Support for Custom Code

CA supports the Software Development Kit (SDK) as part of the standard offerings. Code written by customers or partners, however, is not supported. You are responsible for the code you write. If you require assistance designing or implementing SDK-based code, contact your CA customer account team.