
napari-plugin-engine

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napari-plugin-engine is a fork of [pluggy](#) modified by the [napari](#) team for use in napari.

While much of the original API described in the [pluggy docs](#) will still be valid here, there are definitely some breaking changes and different conventions here.

If you're just getting started, have a look at the [Usage Overview](#)

For details on specific classes in napari-plugin-engine, have a look at the [API Reference](#)

See also: [documentation for writing a napari plugin](#).

USAGE OVERVIEW

1.1 Create a plugin manager

A *PluginManager* is the main object that registers and organizes plugins. It is instantiated with a `project_name`:

```
plugin_manager = PluginManager('my_project')
```

All *hook specifications* and *hook implementations* must use the same `project_name` if they are to be recognized by this `plugin_manager` instance.

1.2 Add some hook specifications

You add *hook specifications* which outline the function signatures plugins may implement:

```
plugin_manager.add_hookspecs(some_class_or_module)
```

... where “`some_class_or_module`” is any *namespace* object (such as a class or module) that has some functions that have been decorated as hook specifications for ‘`my_project`’ using a *HookSpecificationMarker* decorator.

```
# some_class_or_module.py

from napari_plugin_engine import HookSpecificationMarker

my_project_hook_specification = HookSpecificationMarker('my_project')

@my_project_hook_specification
def do_something(arg1: int, arg2: int) -> int:
    """Take two integers and return one integer."""
```

After calling `add_hookspecs()`, your `plugin_manager` instance will have a new *HookCaller* instance created under the `plugin_manager.hooks` namespace, for each hook specification discovered. In this case, there will be a new one at `plugin_manager.hooks.do_something`.

1.3 (Plugins) write hook implementations

Plugins may then provide *implementations* for your hook specifications, by creating classes or modules that contain functions that are decorated with an instance of a *HookImplementationMarker* that has been created using the *same* project name (in this example: 'my_project')

```
# some_plugin.py

from napari_plugin_engine import HookImplementationMarker

my_project_hook_implementation = HookImplementationMarker('my_project')

@my_project_hook_implementation
def do_something(arg1, arg2):
    return arg1 + arg2
```

1.4 Register plugins

You may directly *register* these modules with the `plugin_manager` ...

```
import some_plugin

plugin_manager.register(some_plugin)
```

1.4.1 Autodiscover plugins in the environment

However, it is more often the case that you will want to *discover* plugins in your environment. `napari-plugin-engine` provides two ways to discover plugins via two different conventions:

1. Using package metadata: looking for distributions that declare a specific `entry_point` in their `setup.py` file.
2. Using naming convention: looking for modules that begin with a specific prefix.

You can look for either or both, in single call to `discover()`, which will import any modules or `entry_points` that follow one of the aforementioned conventions, and search them for functions decorated with the appropriate *HookImplementationMarker* (as shown above in `some_plugin.py`)

```
plugin_manager.discover(
    entry_point='my_project.plugin', prefix='my_project_'
)
```

1.5 Use (call) the plugin implementations

Your *HookCaller* should now be populated with any of the implementations found in plugins, as *HookImplementation* objects on the *HookCaller*.

```
# show all implementations for do_something
plugin_manager.hooks.do_something.get_hookimpls()
```

Finally, you can call some or all of the plugin implementation functions by directly calling the *HookCaller* object:


```
result = plugin_manager.hooks.do_something(arg1=2, arg2=7)

# assuming only some_plugin.py from above is registered:
print(result) # [9]
```

By default, *all* plugin implementations are called, and all non-None results are returned in a list. However, this is configurable and depends on how the `@my_project_hook_specification` was used, and how the `HookCaller` was called

1.6 How the `plugin_name` is chosen

1. If plugin discovery via `entry_points` is used

(e.g. `plugin_manager.discover(entry_point='app.plugin')`), then plugins will be named using the name of the `entry_point` provided by each plugin. Note, a single package may provide multiple plugins via entry points. For example, if a package had the following `entry_points` declared in their `setup.py` file:

```
# setup.py

setup(
    ...
    entry_points={'app.plugin': ['plugin1 = module_a', 'plugin2 = module_b']},
    ...
)
```

... then `manager.discover(entry_point='app.plugin')` would register two plugins, named "plugin1" (which would inspect `module_a` for implementations) and "plugin2" (which would inspect `module_b` for implementations).

2. If plugin discovery via naming convention is used

(e.g. `plugin_manager.discover(prefix='app_')`), then...

2a. If a `dist-info` folder is found for the module

Then the plugin will be named using the `Name` key in the distribution METADATA file if one is available. Usually, this will come from having a `setup(name="distname", ...)` entry in a `setup.py` file. See [Core metadata specifications](#) and [PEP 566](#) for details.

2a. If no distribution metadata can be located

The the plugin will be named using the name of the module itself.

3. If a plugin is directly registered

(e.g. `plugin_manager.register(object, name)`), then if a `name` argument is provided to the `PluginManager.register()` method, it will be used as the `plugin_name`, otherwise, the string form of the object is used: `str(id(object))`

API REFERENCE

<i>PluginManager</i>	Core class which manages registration of plugin objects and hook calls.
<i>HookCaller</i>	The primary hook-calling object.
<i>HookResult</i>	A class to store/modify results from a <i>_multicall()</i> hook loop.
<i>HookImplementation</i>	A class to encapsulate hook implementations.
<i>HookSpecification</i>	A class to encapsulate hook specifications.
<i>HookSpecificationMarker</i>	Decorator helper class for marking functions as hook specifications.
<i>HookImplementationMarker</i>	Decorator helper class for marking functions as hook implementations.

2.1 PluginManager

class `napari_plugin_engine.PluginManager` (*project_name*, *, *discover_entry_point=None*, *discover_prefix=None*, *discover_path=None*)

Core class which manages registration of plugin objects and hook calls.

You can register new hooks by calling `add_hookspecs()`. You can register plugin objects (which contain hooks) by calling `register()`. The `PluginManager` is initialized with a `project_name` that is used when discovering *hook specifications* and *hook implementations*.

For debugging purposes you may call `PluginManager.enable_tracing()` which will subsequently send debug information to the trace helper.

Parameters

- **project_name** (*str*) – The name of the host project. All *HookImplementationMarker* and *HookSpecificationMarker* instances must be created using the same `project_name` to be detected by this plugin manager.
- **discover_entry_point** (*str*, *optional*) – The default `entry_point` group to search when discovering plugins with `PluginManager.discover()`, by default `None`
- **discover_prefix** (*str*, *optional*) – The default module prefix to use when discovering plugins with `PluginManager.discover()`, by default `None`
- **discover_path** (*str* or *list of str*, *optional*) – A path or paths to include when discovering plugins with `PluginManager.discover()`, by default `None`

Examples

```

from napari_plugin_engine import PluginManager
import my_hookspecs

plugin_manager = PluginManager(
    'my_project',
    discover_entry_point='app.plugin',
    discover_prefix='app_',
)
plugin_manager.add_hookspecs(my_hookspecs)
plugin_manager.discover()

# hooks now live in plugin_manager.hook
# plugin dict is at plugin_manager.plugins

```

`_ensure_plugin` (*name_or_object*)

Return plugin object given a name or object. Or raise an exception.

Parameters *name_or_object* (*Any*) – Either a string (in which case it is interpreted as a plugin name), or a non-string object (in which case it is assumed to be a plugin module or class).

Returns The plugin object, if found.

Return type *Any*

Raises **KeyError** – If the plugin does not exist.

`_hookexec` (*caller, methods, kwargs*)

Returns a function that will call a set of hookimpls with a caller.

This function will be passed to `HookCaller` instances that are created during hookspec and plugin registration.

If `enable_tracing()` is used, it will set its own wrapper function at `self._inner_hookexec` to enable tracing of hook calls.

Parameters

- **caller** (`HookCaller`) – The `HookCaller` instance that will call the `HookImplementations`.
- **methods** (`List[HookImplementation]`) – A list of `HookImplementation` objects whose functions will be called during the hook call loop.
- **kwargs** (`dict`) – Keyword arguments to pass when calling the `HookImplementation`.

Returns The result object produced by the multical loop.

Return type `HookResult`

`_plugin2hookcallers`: `Dict[Any, List[HookCaller]] = None`

mapping of plugin (object) → list of `HookCaller`

`HookCaller`s get added in `register()`

Type `dict`

`_register_dict` (*dct, name=None, **kwargs*)

Register a dict as a mapping of method name -> method.

Parameters

- **dct** (*Dict[str, Callable]*) – Mapping of method name to method.
- **name** (*Optional[str], optional*) – The plugin_name to assign to this object, by default None

Returns canonical plugin name, or None if the name is blocked from registering.

Return type `str` or `None`

`_verify_hook` (*hook_caller, hookimpl*)

Check validity of a hookimpl

Parameters

- **hook_caller** (*HookCaller*) – A *HookCaller* instance.
- **hookimpl** (*HookImplementation*) – A *HookImplementation* instance, implementing the hook in hook_caller.

Raises

- ***PluginValidationError*** – If hook_caller is historic and the hookimpl is a hook-wrapper.
- ***PluginValidationError*** – If there are any argument names in the hookimpl that are not in the hook_caller.spec.

Warns **Warning** – If the hookspec has warn_on_impl flag (usually a deprecation).

`add_hookcall_monitoring` (*before, after*)

Add before/after tracing functions for all hooks.

return an undo function which, when called, will remove the added tracers.

`before(hook_name, hook_impls, kwargs)` will be called ahead of all hook calls and receive a hookcaller instance, a list of *HookImplementation* instances and the keyword arguments for the hook call.

`after(outcome, hook_name, hook_impls, kwargs)` receives the same arguments as `before` but also a `napari_plugin_engine callers._Result` object which represents the result of the overall hook call.

Return type `Callable[[], None]`

`add_hookspecs` (*namespace*)

Add new hook specifications defined in the given namespace.

Functions are recognized if they have been decorated accordingly.

`check_pending` ()

Make sure all hooks have a specification, or are optional.

Raises ***PluginValidationError*** – If a hook implementation that was *not* marked as `optionalhook` has been registered for a non-existent hook specification.

`discover` (*path=None, entry_point=None, prefix=None, ignore_errors=True*)

Discover and load plugins.

Parameters

- **path** (*str, optional*) – If a string is provided, it is added to `sys.path` (and `self.discover_path`) before importing, and removed at the end.
- **entry_point** (*str, optional*) – An entry_point group to search for, by default `self.discover_entry_point` is used

- **prefix** (*str*, *optional*) – If provided, modules in the environment starting with `prefix` will be imported and searched for hook implementations by default `self.discover_prefix` is used
- **ignore_errors** (*bool*, *optional*) – If `True`, errors will be gathered and returned at the end. Otherwise, they will be raised immediately. by default `True`

Returns (**count**, **errs**) – The number of successfully loaded modules, and a list of errors that occurred (if `ignore_errors` was `True`)

Return type `Tuple[int, List[PluginError]]`

discovery_blocked ()

A context manager that temporarily blocks discovery of new plugins.

Return type `Generator`

enable_tracing ()

Enable tracing of hook calls and return an undo function.

get_errors (*plugin*=<Empty.token: 0>, *error_type*=<Empty.token: 0>)

Return a list of `PluginErrors` associated with `plugin`.

Parameters

- **plugin** (*Any*) – If provided, will restrict errors to those that were raised by `plugin`. If a string is provided, it will be interpreted as the name of the plugin, otherwise it is assumed to be the actual plugin object itself.
- **error_type** (`PluginError`) – If provided, will restrict errors to instances of `error_type`.

Return type `List[PluginError]`

get_hookcallers (*plugin*)

get all hook callers for the specified plugin.

Return type `Optional[List[HookCaller]]`

get_metadata (*plugin*, **values*)

Return metadata values for a given plugin

Parameters

- **plugin** (*Any*) – Either a string (in which case it is interpreted as a plugin name), or a non-string object (in which case it is assumed to be a plugin module or class).
- ***values** (*str*) – key(s) to lookup in the plugin object distribution metadata. At least one value must be supplied.

Raises

- **TypeError** – If no values are supplied.
- **KeyError** – If the plugin does not exist.

Return type `Union[str, Dict[str, Optional[str]], None]`

get_name (*plugin*)

Return name for registered plugin or `None` if not registered.

get_standard_metadata (*plugin*)

Return a standard metadata dict for `plugin`.

Parameters **plugin** (*Any*) – A plugin name or any object. If it is a plugin name, it *must* be a registered plugin.

Returns

metadata – A dict with plugin metadata. The dict is guaranteed to have the following keys:

- **plugin_name**: The name of the plugin as registered
- **package**: The name of the package
- **version**: The version of the plugin package
- **summary**: A one-line summary of what the distribution does
- **author**: The author's name
- **email**: The author's (or maintainer's) e-mail address.
- **license**: The license covering the distribution
- **url**: The home page for the package, or download url if N/A.
- **hooks**: A list of hookspec names that this plugin implements.

Return type `dict`

Raises `KeyError` – If `plugin` is a string, but is not a registered `plugin_name`.

property hooks

An alias for `PluginManager.hook`

Return type `_HookRelay`

is_blocked (*plugin_name*)

Return `True` if the given plugin name is blocked.

Return type `bool`

is_registered (*obj*)

Return `True` if the plugin is already registered.

Return type `bool`

iter_available (*path=None, entry_point=None, prefix=None*)

Iterate over available plugins.

Parameters

- **path** (*str, optional*) – If a string is provided, it is added to `sys.path` (and `self.discover_path`) before importing, and removed at the end.
- **entry_point** (*str, optional*) – An `entry_point` group to search for, by default `self.discover_entry_point` is used
- **prefix** (*str, optional*) – If provided, modules in the environment starting with `prefix` will be imported and searched for hook implementations by default `self.discover_prefix` is used

:param See docstring of `iter_available_plugins()` for details.:

Return type `Generator[Tuple[str, str, Optional[str]], None, None]`

list_plugin_metadata ()

Return list of standard metadata dicts for every registered plugin.

Returns **metadata** – A list of dicts with plugin metadata. Every dict in the list is guaranteed to have the following keys mentioned in `get_standard_metadata()`

Return type `dict`

plugins: `Dict[str, Any] = None`
mapping of `plugin_name` → `plugin` (object)

Plugins get added to this dict in `register()`

Type `dict`

prune()

Unregister modules that can no longer be imported.

Useful if pip uninstall has been run during the session.

register (*namespace*, *name=None*)

Register a plugin and return its canonical name or `None`.

Parameters

- **plugin** (*Any*) – The namespace (class, module, dict, etc. . .) to register
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – Optional name for plugin, by default `get_canonical_name(plugin)`

Returns canonical plugin name, or `None` if the name is blocked from registering.

Return type `str` or `None`

Raises

- **TypeError** – If namespace is a string.
- **ValueError** – if the plugin name or namespace is already registered.

set_blocked (*plugin_name*, *blocked=True*)

Block registrations of `plugin_name`, unregister if registered.

Parameters

- **plugin_name** (*str*) – A plugin name to block.
- **blocked** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to block the plugin. If `False` will “unblock” `plugin_name`. by default `True`

unregister (*name_or_object*)

Unregister a plugin object or `plugin_name`.

Parameters **name_or_object** (*str* or *Any*) – A module/class object or a plugin name (string).

Returns `module` – The module object, or `None` if the `name_or_object` was not found.

Return type `Any` or `None`

2.2 HookCaller

class `napari_plugin_engine.HookCaller` (*name*, *hook_execute*, *namespace=None*, *spec_opts=None*)

The primary hook-calling object.

A `PluginManager` may have multiple `HookCaller` objects and they are stored in the `plugin_manager.hook` namespace, named after the *hook specification* that they represent. For instance:


```
pm = PluginManager("demo")
pm.add_hookspec(some_module)
# assuming `some_module` had an @hookspec named `my specification`
assert isinstance(pm.hook.my_specification, HookCaller)
```

Each `HookCaller` instance stores all of the `HookImplementation` objects discovered during `plugin registration` (each of which capture the implementation of a specific plugin for this hook specification).

The `HookCaller` instance also usually creates and stores a reference to the `HookSpecification` instance that encapsulates information about the hook specification, (at `HookCaller.spec`)

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name of the *hook specification* that this `HookCaller` represents.
- **hook_execute** (*Callable*) – A `HookExecFunc` function. In almost every case, this will be provided by the `PluginManager` during hook registration as `PluginManager._hookexec()`... which is, in turn, mostly just a wrapper around `_multicall()`.
- **namespace** (*Any, optional*) – An namespace (such as a module or class) to search during `HookSpecification` creation for functions decorated with `@hookspec` named with the string name.
- **spec_opts** (*Optional[dict], optional*) – keyword arguments to be passed when creating the `HookSpecification` instance at `self.spec`.

`__call__` (*args, *_plugin=None, _skip_impls=[], **kwargs*)

Call hook implementation(s) for this spec and return result(s).

This is the primary way to call plugin hook implementations.

Note: Parameters are prefaced by underscores to reduce potential conflicts with argument names in hook specifications. There is a test in `test_hook_specifications.test_annotation_on_hook_specification()` to ensure that these argument names are never used in one of our hookspeccs.

Parameters

- **_plugin** (*str, optional*) – The name of a specific plugin to use. By default all implementations will be called (though if `firstresult==True`, only the first non-None result will be returned).
- **_skip_impls** (*List[HookImplementation], optional*) – A list of `HookImplementation` instances that should be *skipped* when calling hook implementations, by default None
- ****kwargs** – keys should match the names of arguments in the corresponding hook specification, values will be passed as arguments to the hook implementations.

Raises

- **HookCallError** – If one or more of the keys in `kwargs` is not present in one of the `hook_impl.argnames`.
- **PluginCallError** – If `firstresult == True` and a plugin raises an Exception.

Returns

If the `hookspec` was declared with `firstresult==True`, a single result will be returned. Otherwise will return a list of results from all hook implementations for this hook caller.

If `_plugin` is provided, will return the single result from the specified plugin.

Return type result

`_add_hookimpl` (*hookimpl*)

Add an implementation to the callback chain.

`_call_plugin` (*plugin_name*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Call the hook implementation for a specific plugin

Note: This method is not intended to be called directly. Instead, just call the instance directly, specifying the `_plugin` argument. See the `__call__` () method.

Parameters `plugin_name` (*str*) – Name of the plugin

Returns Result of implementation call provided by plugin

Return type Any

Raises

- **`TypeError`** – If the implementation is a hook wrapper (cannot be called directly)
- **`TypeError`** – If positional arguments are provided
- **`HookCallError`** – If one of the required arguments in the hook specification is not present in `kwargs`.
- **`PluginCallError`** – If an exception is raised when calling the plugin

`_set_plugin_enabled` (*plugin_name*, *enabled*)

Enable or disable the hook implementation for a specific plugin.

Parameters

- **`plugin_name`** (*str*) – The name of a plugin implementing `hook_spec`.
- **`enabled`** (*bool*) – Whether or not the implementation should be enabled.

Raises **`KeyError`** – If `plugin_name` has not provided a hook implementation for this hook specification.

`bring_to_front` (*new_order*)

Move items in `new_order` to the front of the call order.

By default, hook implementations are called in last-in-first-out order of registration, and `pluggy` does not provide a built-in way to rearrange the call order of hook implementations.

This function accepts a `HookCaller` instance and the desired `new_order` of the hook implementations (in the form of list of plugin names, or a list of actual `HookImplementation` instances) and reorders the implementations in the hook caller accordingly.

Note: Hook implementations are actually stored in *two* separate list attributes in the hook caller: `HookCaller._wrappers` and `HookCaller._nonwrappers`, according to whether the corresponding `HookImplementation` instance was marked as a wrapper or not. This method *only* sorts `_nonwrappers`.

Parameters `new_order` (list of `str` or list of `HookImplementation`) – instances The desired CALL ORDER of the hook implementations. The list does *not* need to include every

hook implementation in `get_hookimpls()`, but those that are not included will be left at the end of the call order.

Raises

- **TypeError** – If any item in `new_order` is neither a string (`plugin_name`) or a `HookImplementation` instance.
- **ValueError** – If any item in `new_order` is neither the name of a plugin or a `HookImplementation` instance that is present in `self._nonwrappers`.
- **ValueError** – If `new_order` argument has multiple entries for the same implementation.

Examples

Imagine you had a hook specification named `print_plugin_name`, that expected plugins to simply print their own name. An implementation might look like:

```
>>> # hook implementation for ``plugin_1``
>>> @hook_implementation
... def print_plugin_name():
...     print("plugin_1")
```

If three different plugins provided hook implementations. An example call for that hook might look like:

```
>>> plugin_manager.hook.print_plugin_name()
plugin_1
plugin_2
plugin_3
```

If you wanted to rearrange their call order, you could do this:

```
>>> new_order = ["plugin_2", "plugin_3", "plugin_1"]
>>> plugin_manager.hook.print_plugin_name.bring_to_front(new_order)
>>> plugin_manager.hook.print_plugin_name()
plugin_2
plugin_3
plugin_1
```

You can also just specify one or more item to move them to the front of the call order:

```
>>> plugin_manager.hook.print_plugin_name.bring_to_front(["plugin_3"])
plugin_manager.hook.print_plugin_name()
plugin_3 plugin_2 plugin_1
```

call_extra (*methods, kwargs*)

Call the hook with some additional temporarily participating methods using the specified `kwargs` as call parameters.

call_historic (*result_callback=None, kwargs=None, with_impl=False*)

Call the hook with given `kwargs` for all registered plugins and for all plugins which will be registered afterwards.

If `result_callback` is not `None` it will be called for for each non-`None` result obtained from a hook implementation.

If `with_impl` is `True`, the caller is indicating that `result_callback` has a signature of `callback(result, hookimpl)`, and will be called as such.

call_with_result_obj (*, _skip_impls=[], **kwargs)

Call hook implementation(s) for this spec and return HookResult.

The *HookResult* object carries the result (in its `result` property) but also additional information about the hook call, such as the implementation that returned each result and any call errors.

Parameters

- **_skip_impls** (*List[HookImplementation]*, optional) – A list of HookImplementation instances that should be *skipped* when calling hook implementations, by default None
- ****kwargs** – keys should match the names of arguments in the corresponding hook specification, values will be passed as arguments to the hook implementations.

Returns result – A *HookResult* object that contains the results returned by plugins along with other metadata about the call.

Return type *HookResult*

Raises

- **HookCallError** – If one or more of the keys in `kwargs` is not present in one of the `hook_impl.argnames`.
- **PluginCallError** – If `firstresult == True` and a plugin raises an Exception.

disable_plugin (*plugin_name*)

disable implementation for `plugin_name`.

enable_plugin (*plugin_name*)

enable implementation for `plugin_name`.

get_plugin_implementation (*plugin_name*)

Return hook implementation instance for `plugin_name` if found.

index (*value*)

Return index of `plugin_name` or a *HookImplementation* in `self._nonwrappers`

Return type `int`

2.3 HookResult

class `napari_plugin_engine.HookResult` (*result*, *excinfo*, *firstresult=False*, *plugin_errors=None*)

A class to store/modify results from a `_multicall()` hook loop.

Results are accessed in `.result` property, which will also raise any exceptions that occurred during the hook loop.

Parameters

- **results** (*List[Tuple[Any, HookImplementation]]*) – A list of (result, HookImplementation) tuples, with the result and HookImplementation object responsible for each result collected during a `_multicall` loop.
- **excinfo** (*tuple*) – The output of `sys.exc_info()` if raised during the multicall loop.
- **firstresult** (*bool*, optional) – Whether the hookspec had `firstresult == True`, by default False. If True, `self._result`, and `self.implementation` will be single values, otherwise they will be lists.

- **plugin_errors** (*list*) – A list of any *PluginCallError* instances that were created during the multical loop.

force_result (*result*)

Force the result(s) to *result*.

This may be used by hookwrappers to alter this result object.

If the hook was marked as a *firstresult* a single value should be set otherwise set a (modified) list of results. Any exceptions found during invocation will be deleted.

classmethod from_call (*func*)

Used when hookcall monitoring is enabled.

<https://pluggy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/#call-monitoring>

implementation: `Optional[Union[HookImplementation, List[HookImplementation]]] = None`

The *HookImplementation*(s) that were responsible for each result in *result*

is_firstresult: `bool = None`

Whether this *HookResult* came from a *firstresult* multical.

property result

Return the result(s) for this hook call.

If the hook was marked as a *firstresult* only a single value will be returned otherwise a list of results.

Return type `Union[Any, List[Any]]`

2.4 HookSpecification

class `napari_plugin_engine.HookSpecification` (*namespace, name, *, firstresult=False, historic=False, warn_on_impl=None*)

A class to encapsulate hook specifications.

2.5 HookImplementation

class `napari_plugin_engine.HookImplementation` (*function, plugin=None, plugin_name=None, hookwrapper=False, optionalhook=False, tryfirst=False, trylast=False, specname="", enabled=True*)

A class to encapsulate hook implementations.

2.6 Decorators & Markers

2.6.1 HookSpecificationMarker

class `napari_plugin_engine.HookSpecificationMarker` (*project_name*)

Decorator helper class for marking functions as hook specifications.

You can instantiate it with a *project_name* to get a decorator. Calling *PluginManager.add_hookspecs()* later will discover all marked functions if the *PluginManager* uses the same *project_name*.

`__call__` (*function=None, firstresult=False, historic=False, warn_on_impl=None*)

if passed a function, directly sets attributes on the function which will make it discoverable to `PluginManager.add_hookspecs()`. If passed no function, returns a decorator which can be applied to a function later using the attributes supplied.

If `firstresult` is `True` the 1:N hook call (N being the number of registered hook implementation functions) will stop at $I \leq N$ when the I'th function returns a non-None result.

If `historic` is `True` calls to a hook will be memorized and replayed on later registered plugins.

2.6.2 HookImplementationMarker

`class napari_plugin_engine.HookImplementationMarker` (*project_name*)

Decorator helper class for marking functions as hook implementations.

You can instantiate with a `project_name` to get a decorator. Calling `PluginManager.register()` later will discover all marked functions if the `PluginManager` uses the same `project_name`.

Parameters `project_name` (*str*) – A namespace for plugin implementations. Implementations decorated with this class will be discovered by `PluginManager.register` if and only if `project_name` matches the `project_name` of the `PluginManager`.

`__call__` (*function=None, *, hookwrapper=False, optionalhook=False, tryfirst=False, trylast=False, specname=""*)

Call the marker instance.

If passed a function, directly sets attributes on the function which will make it discoverable to `PluginManager.register()`. If passed no function, returns a decorator which can be applied to a function later using the attributes supplied.

Parameters

- **function** (*callable, optional*) – A function to decorate as a hook implementation. If `function` is `None`, this method returns a function that can be used to decorate other functions.
- **hookwrapper** (*bool, optional*) – Whether this hook implementation behaves as a hookwrapper. by default `False`
- **optionalhook** (*bool, optional*) – If `True`, a missing matching hook specification will not result in an error (by default it is an error if no matching spec is found), by default `False`.
- **tryfirst** (*bool, optional*) – If `True` this hook implementation will run as early as possible in the chain of N hook implementations for a specification, by default `False`
- **trylast** (*bool, optional*) – If `True` this hook implementation will run as late as possible in the chain of N hook implementations, by default `False`
- **specname** (*str, optional*) – If provided, `specname` will be used instead of the function name when matching this hook implementation to a hook specification during registration, by default the implementation function name must match the name of the corresponding hook specification.

Returns If `function` is not `None`, will decorate the function with attributes, and return the function. If `function` is `None`, will return a decorator that can be used to decorate functions.

Return type Callable

2.7 Exceptions

<code>PluginError</code>	Base class for exceptions relating to plugins.
<code>PluginImportError</code>	Plugin module is unimportable.
<code>PluginRegistrationError</code>	If an unexpected error occurs during registration.
<code>PluginImplementationError</code>	Base class for errors pertaining to a specific hook implementation.
<code>PluginValidationError</code>	When a plugin implementation fails validation.
<code>PluginCallError</code>	Raised when an error is raised when calling a plugin implementation.
<code>HookCallError</code>	If a hook is called incorrectly.

2.7.1 PluginError

class `napari_plugin_engine.PluginError` (*message=""*, *, *plugin=None*, *plugin_name=None*, *cause=None*)

Bases: `Exception`

Base class for exceptions relating to plugins.

Parameters

- **message** (*str*, *optional*) – An optional error message, by default “
- **namespace** (*Optional[Any]*, *optional*) – The python object that caused the error, by default `None`
- **cause** (*Exception*, *optional*) – Exception that caused the error. Same as `raise * from.` by default `None`

classmethod `get` (*, *plugin=<Empty.token: 0>*, *plugin_name=<Empty.token: 0>*, *error_type=<Empty.token: 0>*)

Return errors that have been logged, filtered by parameters.

Parameters

- **manager** (`PluginManager`, *optional*) – If provided, will restrict errors to those that are owned by manager.
- **plugin_name** (*str*) – If provided, will restrict errors to those that were raised by `plugin_name`.
- **error_type** (*Exception*) – If provided, will restrict errors to instances of `error_type`.

Returns A list of `PluginErrors` that have been instantiated during this session that match the provided parameters.

Return type list of `PluginError`

Raises `TypeError` – If `error_type` is provided and is not an exception class.

info ()

Return info as would be returned from `sys.exc_info()`.

Return type `Tuple[Type[Exception], Exception, Optional[traceback]]`

log (*package_info=True*, *logger=None*, *level=40*)

Log this error with metadata, optionally provide logger and level.

Parameters

- **package_info** (*bool, optional*) – If true, will include package metadata in log, by default True
- **logger** (*logging.Logger or str, optional*) – A Logger instance or name of a logger to use, by default None
- **level** (*int, optional*) – The logging level to use, by default logging.ERROR

2.7.2 PluginImportError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.PluginImportError (message="", *, plugin=None, plugin_name=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginError, ImportError

Plugin module is unimportable.

2.7.3 PluginRegistrationError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.PluginRegistrationError (message="", *, plugin=None, plugin_name=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginError

If an unexpected error occurs during registration.

2.7.4 PluginImplementationError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.PluginImplementationError (hook_implementation, msg=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginError

Base class for errors pertaining to a specific hook implementation.

2.7.5 PluginValidationError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.PluginValidationError (hook_implementation, msg=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginImplementationError

When a plugin implementation fails validation.

2.7.6 PluginCallError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.PluginCallError (hook_implementation, msg=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginImplementationError

Raised when an error is raised when calling a plugin implementation.

2.7.7 HookCallError

```
class napari_plugin_engine.HookCallError (message="", *, plugin=None, plu-
                                     gin_name=None, cause=None)
```

Bases: napari_plugin_engine.exceptions.PluginError

If a hook is called incorrectly.

Usually this results when a HookCaller is called without the appropriate arguments.

2.8 Extra Functions

```
napari_plugin_engine.hooks._multicall (hook_impls, caller_kwargs, firstresult=False)
```

The primary *HookImplementation* call loop.

Parameters

- **hook_impls** (*list*) – A sequence of hook implementation (*HookImplementation*) objects
- **caller_kwargs** (*dict*) – Keyword:value pairs to pass to each *hook_impl*. function. Every key in the dict must be present in the *argnames* property for each *hook_impl* in *hook_impls*.
- **firstresult** (*bool, optional*) – If *True*, return the first non-null result found, otherwise, return a list of results from all hook implementations, by default *False*

Returns outcome – A *HookResult* object that contains the results returned by plugins along with other metadata about the call.

Return type *HookResult*

Raises

- **HookCallError** – If one or more of the keys in *caller_kwargs* is not present in one of the *hook_impl.argnames*.
- **PluginCallError** – If *firstresult == True* and a plugin raises an Exception.

```
napari_plugin_engine.manager.ensure_namespace (obj, name='orphan')
```

Convert a dict to an object that provides *getattr*.

Parameters

- **obj** (*Any*) – An object, may be a dict, or a regular namespace object.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – A name to use for the new namespace, if created. by default 'orphan'

Returns A namespace object. If *obj* is a dict, creates a new type named *name*, prepopulated with the key:value pairs from *obj*. Otherwise, if *obj* is not a dict, will return the original *obj*.

Return type *type*

Raises ValueError – If *obj* is a dict that contains keys that are not valid *identifiers*.

```
napari_plugin_engine.manager.temp_path_additions (path)
```

A context manager that temporarily adds *path* to *sys.path*.

Parameters path (*str or list of str*) – A path or list of paths to add to *sys.path*

Yields sys_path (*list of str*) – The current *sys.path* for the context.

Return type `Generator`

`napari_plugin_engine.dist.get_dist(obj)`

Return a `importlib.metadata.Distribution` for any python object.

Parameters `obj` (*Any*) – A python object. If a string, will be interpreted as a dist name.

Returns `dist` – The distribution object for the corresponding package, if found.

Return type `Distribution`

2.9 Types

`napari_plugin_engine.hooks.HookExecFunc = typing.Callable[[ForwardRef('HookCaller'), typing.Any], typing.Any]`

A function that loops calling a list of `HookImplementation`s and returns a `HookResult`.

Parameters

- **hook_caller** (`HookCaller`) – a `HookCaller` instance.
- **hook_impls** (`List[HookImplementation]`) – a list of `HookImplementation` instances to call.
- **kwargs** (`dict`) – a mapping of keyword arguments to provide to the implementation.

Returns `result` – The `HookResult` object resulting from the call loop.

Return type `HookResult`

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