



Forensics II

Usage of RCE? Managed code and obfuscation Assembly basics Executable formats [some repetition]

What is Reverse Code Engineering?

- Some people say "Reverse Engineering is an art"
 - It is more an application of standard methods that evolve constantly, actually, everybody can learn these methods and start to RE executables
- Reverse engineering is like solving a jigsaw puzzle
 - In order to see the whole picture you need to find the corner pieces, then the frame, and then work your way forward from there
- The corner pieces for reversing are strings, constants and function names
 - The function names that people normally start with are the one's imported from shared libraries (e.g. Dlls)
 - Strings contain human readable hints about the functionality
 - Specific constants add more clues to solve the puzzle or can sometimes even be used to identify certain (types of) algorithms
- The major problem is that a lot of experience is needed to identify strings, constants and to know what the combination of imported functions may result in

Usage of Reverse Engineering

- Common uses of reverse engineering include
 - Recovery of business data from proprietary file formats
 - Creation of hardware documentation from binary drivers, often for producing Linux drivers from Windows or Apple drivers
 - Enhancing consumer electronics devices
 - Malware analysis and creation, often involving a search for security holes when systems inter-operate
 - Discovery of undocumented APIs that may be useful
 - Military or commercial espionage
 - Copyright and patent litigation
 - Breaking software copy protection (legally and not), often for games and expensive engineering software
 - Academic/Learning purposes and curiosity
 - Etc. ...

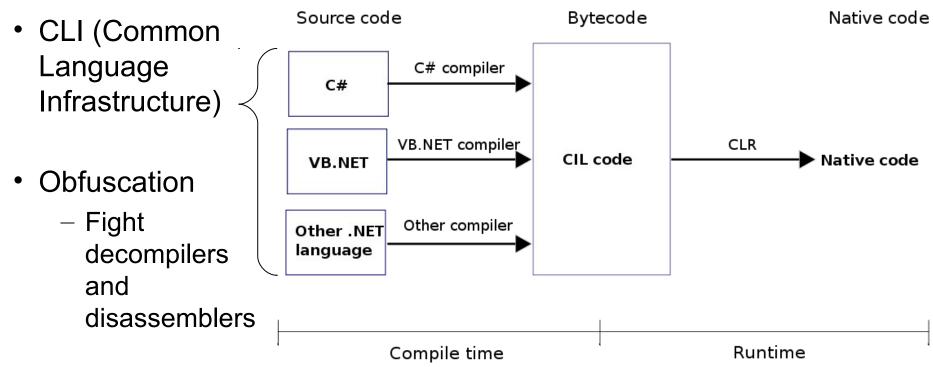
Patent troll

- Example Rockstar
 - Owned by Apple, Microsoft, BlackBerry, Sony and Ericsson
 - Bought Nortel patents (former Canadian telecom company) worth \$4,5 billion in 2012
 - "Rockstar produces no products and practices no patents.
 Instead, Rockstar employs a staff of engineers in Ontario, Canada, who examine other companies' successful products to find anything that Rockstar might use to demand and extract licenses to its patents under threat of litigation."
 Google 2013-12



RCE of managed code 1

- Managed code
 - .NET family of languages, Java etc.
 - CLR (Common Language Runtime), JVM (JRE)
 - Java bytecode and the Common Intermediate Language CIL (previously known as MSIL - Microsoft Intermediate Language) bytecode



RCE of managed code 2

- Managed code is much more simple than native code to RCE, Why?
- If not obfuscated more or less a source backup can be made!
- Red Gate .NET Reflector pro (trial)
 - VS debug and decompile support
 - http://www.red-gate.com/products/dotnet-development/reflector/
- Free .NET Reflector v6 and add-ins
 - http://27.am/posts/how-to-download-net-reflector-6-for-free
 - Many useful add-ins
 - https://reflectoraddins.codeplex.com/
 - http://www.red-gate.com/products/dotnet-development/reflector/add-ins
- Reflector demo of LookingGlassReflector program
 - Export disasseblies to files

Disassembler pane

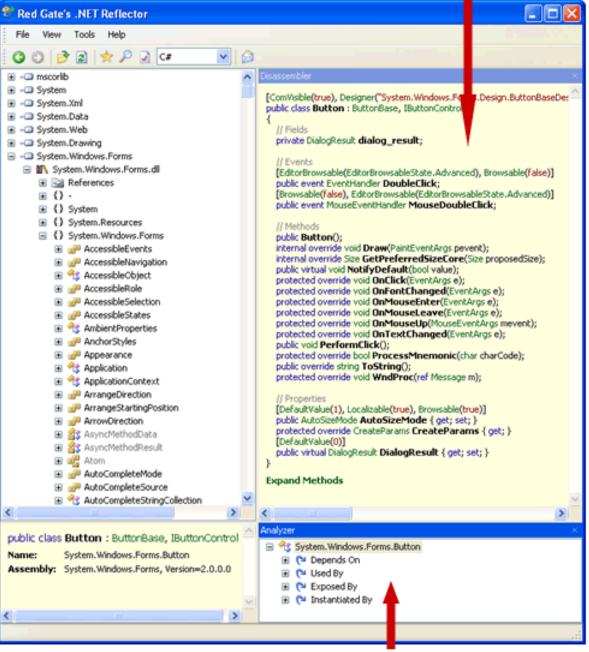
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Tutorial

- https://www.simpletalk.com/dotnet/.nettools/first-steps-with-.netreflector/

Free alternatives to Reflector (.NET decompiler)

http://blog.wibeck.org/201 3/02/free-options-forreflector-net-decompiler/



Analyzer pane

Protect managed code 1

Why you need obfuscation?

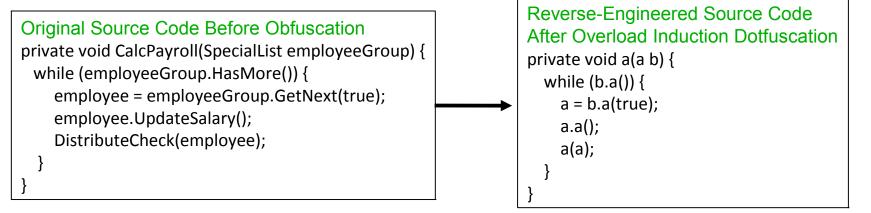
- Goal of obfuscation Create confusion
- Benefits of obfuscation
 - Post-development recompilation system
 - It analyzes applications and makes them smaller, faster, and harder to reverse-engineer (more secure) - In short, it makes them better!
- Renaming (code renamed to compact names) and overload induction
 - Rename as many methods and variables as possible to the same name, use return type and parameters as a criterion in determining uniqueness
- String Encryption Makes it very hard to locate strategic logic
- Control Flow Obfuscation Produces spagetti logic, hard to analyze
- Pruning Removes unused code
- Assembly Linking Merge multiple assemblies into one
- Watermarking Embed a signature

Debugging Obfuscated Code - bug reports, stack traces etc. is a problem

- Using the renaming map file with special tools can decode stack traces

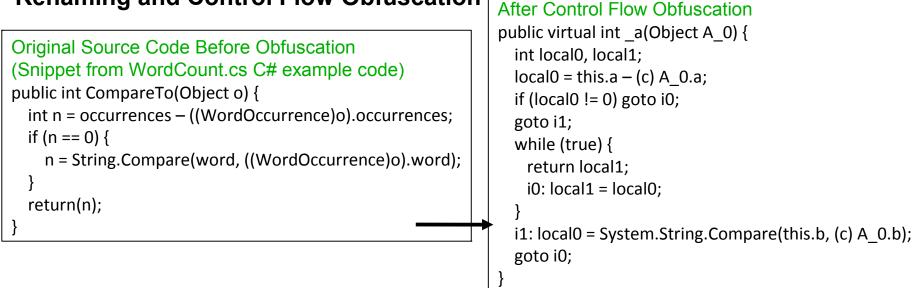
Obfuscation examples C#

Renaming and Overload Induction



Reverse-Engineered Source Code

Renaming and Control Flow Obfuscation



Protect managed code 2

- PreEmptive Dotfuscator Community edition bundled with VS 20*
- String encryption



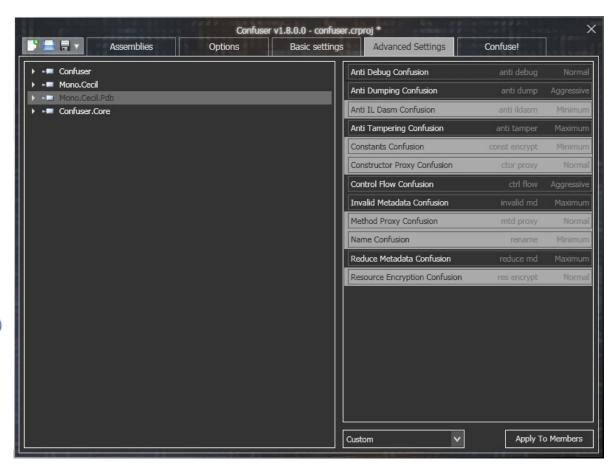
Good list: http://www.csharp411.com/net-obfuscators/

Protect managed code 3

- Confuser free
- http://confuser. codeplex.com/

Features:

- » Anti debugger
- » Anti memory dumping
- » Anti decompiler
- » Prevent any tampering of the assemblies
- » Encrypt codes
- » Encrypt constants (i.e. numbers & strings)
- » Encrypt resources
- » Control flow obfuscation
- » External/Internal reference proxy
- » Renaming

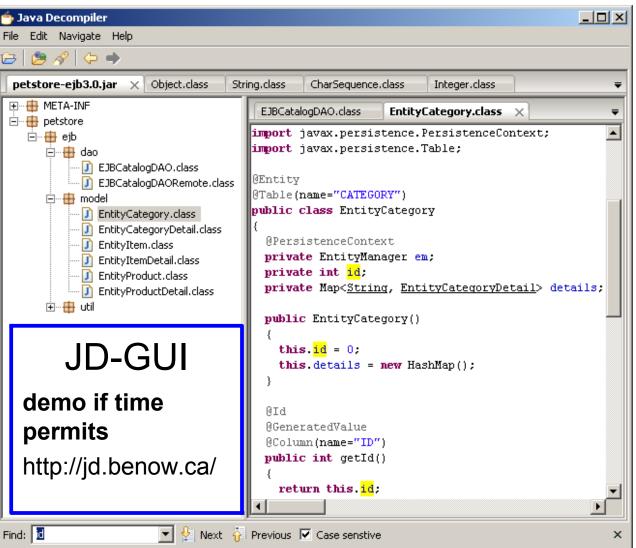


List: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_obfuscators_for_.NET

Java decompilers, debuggers and obfuscators

- The builtin one javap -c class-file
- Best java decompiler is free! →
- Others
 - DJ Java
 - Jad
- ProGuard
 - Obfuscator
- JDebugTool





http://java-source.net/open-source/obfuscators

IA-32 (x86) assembly Internal buses and registers

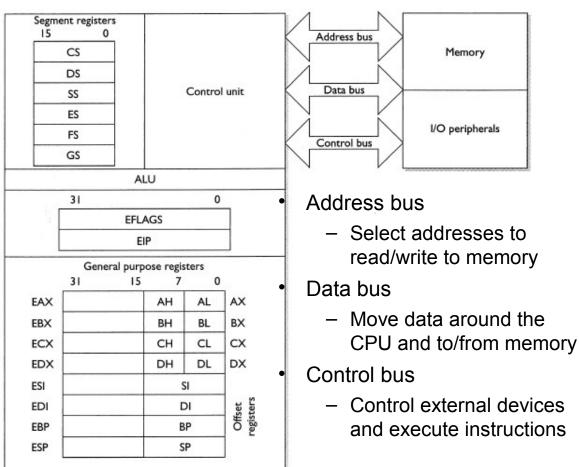


Figure 7-1 Diagram of the inside of a modern Intel processor

Floating point registers, ST(0) through ST(7), 80 bits wide Debug registers DR0 - DR7

GENERAL PURPOSE 32-BIT REGISTERS

- EAX Contains the return value of a function call.
- ECX Used as a loop counter. "this" pointer in C++.
- EBX General Purpose
- EDX General Purpose
- ESI Source index pointer
- EDI Destination index pointer
- ESP Stack pointer
- EBP Stack base pointer

SEGMENT REGISTERS

- CS Code segment
- SS Stack segment
- DS Data segment
- ES Extra data segment
- FS Points to Thread Information Block (TIB)
- GS Extra data segment

MISC. REGISTERS

- EIP Instruction pointer
- EFLAGS Processor status flags.

STATUS FLAGS

- ZF Zero: Operation resulted in Zero
- CF Carry: source > destination in subtract
- SF Sign: Operation resulted in a negative #
- OF Overflow: result too large for destination

16-BIT AND 8-BIT REGISTERS

The four primary general purpose registers (EAX, EBX, ECX and EDX) have 16 and 8 bit overlapping aliases.

EA	32-bit				
	А	16-bit			
	AH	AL	8-bit		

EFLAGS

	31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
RCE S flags	X ID Flag (ID) X Virtual Interrupt Pending (VIP) X Virtual Interrupt Flag (VIF) X Alignment Check (AC) X Virtual-8086 Mode (VM) X Resume Flag (RF) X Nested Task (NT) X I/O Privilege Level (IOPL) S Overflow Flag (OF) C Direction Flag (DF) X Interrupt Enable Flag (IF) X Trap Flag (TF) S Sign Flag (SF) S Zero Flag (ZF) S Auxiliary Carry Flag (AF) S Parity Flag (PF) S Carry Flag (CF)

- S Indicates a Status Flag
- C Indicates a Control Flag
- X Indicates a System Flag

Reserved bit positions. DO NOT USE. Always set to values previously read.

Addressing mode

<mnemonic> <dest>, <src>

The Netwide Assembler http://www.nasm.us/

Addressing Mode	Description	NASM Examples
Register	Registers hold the data to be manipulated. No memory interaction. Both registers must be the same size.	mov ebx, edx add al, ch
Immediate	Source operand is a numerical value. Decimal is assumed; use h for hex.	mov eax, 1234h mov dx, 301
Direct	First operand is the address of memory to manipulate. It's marked with brackets.	mov bh, 100 mov[4321h], bh
Register Indirect	The first operand is a register in brackets that holds the address to be manipulated.	mov [di], ecx
Based Relative	The effective address to be manipulated is calculated by using ebx or ebp plus an offset value.	mov edx, 20[ebx]
Indexed Relative	Same as Based Relative, but edi and esi are used to hold the offset.	mov ecx, 20[esi]
Based Indexed-Relative	The effective address is found by combining based and indexed modes.	mov ax, [bx][si]+I

Intel Hex Opcodes (the binary instructions) And Mnemonics
 – [server]\tools\IDA Pro\opcodes.hlp

Microsoft Macro Assembler

; MASM Hello World! Console program ; Visual Studio vcvars32.bat or CMD prompt ; ml.exe cons.asm /link /subsystem:console .386 .model flat, c includelib kernel32.lib .data szHello db 'Hello, world!',0dh,0ah HelloLen equ 15 STD OUT HANDLE equ -11 . code GetStdHandle PROTO stdcall :DWORD WriteConsoleA PROTO stdcall :DWORD, :DWORD, :DWORD, :DWORD, :DWORD WriteConsole equ WriteConsoleA ExitProcess PROTO stdcall :DWORD start proc c public local hStdout: DWORD local dwNumWrit: DWORD invoke GetStdHandle, STD OUT HANDLE mov [hStdout], eax lea edx, [dwNumWrit] invoke WriteConsole, hStdout, offset szHello, HelloLen, edx, 0 invoke ExitProcess, 0 start endp end start

; ml.exe mbox.asm /link /subsystem:windows .386 .model flat, stdcall option casemap:none include \masm32\include\windows.inc include \masm32\include\kernel32.inc includelib \masm32\lib\kernel32.lib include \masm32\include\user32.inc includelib \masm32\lib\user32.lib .data MsgBoxCaption db "An example of Cancel, Retry, Continue", 0 MsgBoxText db "Hello Message Box!",0 . code start: invoke MessageBox, NULL, addr MsgBoxText, addr MsgBoxCaption, MB ICONERROR OR MB ABORTRETRYIGNORE .IF eax==IDABORT ; Abort was pressed .ELSEIF eax==IDRETRY An example of Cancel, Retry, Continue ; Retry was pressed ELSEIF eax==IDCANCEL Hello Message Box! ; Cancel was pressed . ENDIF Abort Retry Ignore invoke ExitProcess, NULL end start

ASM commands/operators

- In most cases you will only be dealing with the general purpose registers, the instruction pointer, the segment registers and the status register
- OFFSET Returns the offset from the beginning of the data segment
- PTR Used to override the default size of an operator (casting in C)
- SIZEOF As in C
- Hex dump opcodes
 - 0x55, 0x8BEC, 0x83C4F8, 0x6AF5, 0x...
- Shellcode to x86 (asm, exe) converter

.data myDouble DWORD 1234h .code mov ax, myDouble ; error is raised! ; two ways to fix it, how?

Hello World (cons.asm) as OllyDbg show it with MASM disasm syntax

http://zeltser.com/r eversemalware/convertshellcode.html

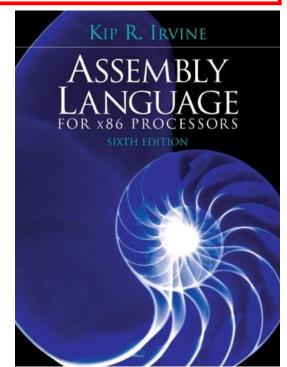
Address Hex dump	Disassembly	Comment
00401000 r \$ 55	PUSH EBP	
00401001 . 8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP	
00401003 . 83C4 F8	ADD ESP,-8	
00401006 . 6A F5	PUSH -0B	<pre>PDevType = STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE</pre>
00401008 . E8 1F000000	CALL <jmp.&kernel32.getstdhandle></jmp.&kernel32.getstdhandle>	GetStdHandle
0040100D . 8945 FC	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX	
00401010 . 8D55 F8	LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8]	
00401013 . 6A 00	PUSH 0	<pre>pReserved = NULL</pre>
00401015 . 52	PUSH EDX	pWritten
00401016 . 6A ØF	PUSH ØF	CharsToWrite = F (15.)
00401018 . 68 00304000	PUSH cons.00403000	Buffer = cons.00403000
0040101D . FF75 FC	PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4]	hConsole
00401020 . E8 0D000000	CALL <jmp.&kernel32.writeconsolea></jmp.&kernel32.writeconsolea>	WriteConsoleA
00401025 · 6A 00		ExitCode = 0
	CALL	ExitProcess
	JMP_DWORD_PTR_DS:[<&KERNEL32.GetStdHand	
	JMP_DWORD_PTR_DS:[<&KERNEL32.WriteConso	
00401038FF25 04204000	JMP DWORD PTR DS: [<&KERNEL32.ExitProces	kernel32.ExitProcess

TITLE Krypteringsprogram by hjo C:\ASM IA32\Irvine32.inc INCLUDE XORVAL = 239; cryptkey MASM .data • plainString BYTE 80 DUP(0),0 cryptString BYTE 80 DUP(0),0 copyString BYTE 80 DUP(0),0 byteCount DWORD ? .code main PROC ; nollställ eax xor eax,eax edx, OFFSET plainString mov ecx, SIZEOF plainString mov ;call DumpRegs call ReadString ; Reads string from stdin byteCount, eax ; spara antal tecken mov esi,0 mov lp1: al,plainString[esi] ; char in al mov al,XORVAL xor ; kryptera bokstaven cryptString[esi],al ; spara krypterade char mov inc esi byteCount dec jnz lp1 mov edx, OFFSET cryptString WriteString ; echo crypt string call byteCount,esi ; get len of crypt string mov esi,0 ; reset index mov lp2: mov al,cryptString[esi] al,XORVAL ; dekryptera bokstaven xor ; spara dekrypterade char i en kopia copyString[esi],al mov esi inc dec byteCount jnz lp2 al,0Ah ; skriv nyrad LF mov call WriteChar edx, OFFSET copyString mov call WriteString ; echo decrypted copy string exit main ENDP END main

MASM - Irvine

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Macro Assembler
- http://www.masm32.com/
- Easy Code
 - http://www.easycode.cat
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison of assemblers

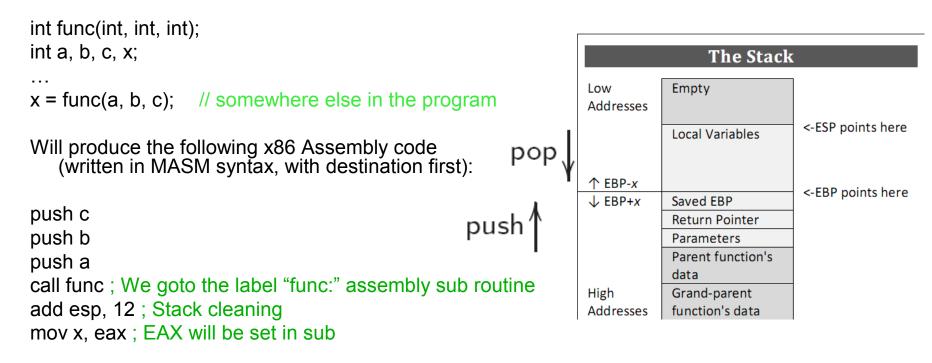
Easy PC ASM start! http://kipirvine.com/asm/



Function calls and the stack

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X86_calling_conventions#cdecl

- The cdecl calling convention is used by many C systems for the x86 architecture. In cdecl, function parameters are pushed on the stack in a rightto-left order.
 - Function return values are returned in the EAX register (except for floating point values, which are returned in the first floating point register fp0). Registers EAX, ECX, and EDX are available for use in the function.
- For instance, the following C code function prototype and function call:



• The calling function "cleans" the stack after the function call returns

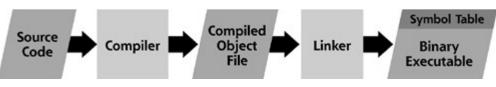
RCE and calling conventions

- The main differences between the calling conventions
 - __cdecl is the default calling convention for C and C++ programs. The advantage of this calling convention is that it allows functions with a variable number of arguments to be used.
 Example: int printf (const char * format, ...); // the dots ...
 - Stack cleanup is performed by the caller
 - __stdcall is used to call Win32 API functions. It does not allow functions to have a variable number of arguments
 - Stack cleanup is performed by the called function
 - _____fastcall attempts to put arguments in registers, rather than on the stack, thus making function calls faster
 - Thiscall calling convention is the default calling convention used by C++ member functions that do not use variable arguments
 - Stack cleanup is performed by the called function
- "Calling Conventions Demystified" stack, functions prolog and epilog
 - http://www.codeproject.com/KB/cpp/calling_conventions_demystified.aspx

Executable formats

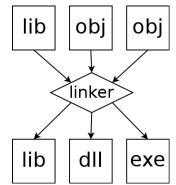
- Executable file formats
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Executable_file_formats
 - ELF32/64, PE32/64, COFF32/64 (.exe, executable rights)
 - Object code (.o)
 - Shared libraries (.dll, .so)
- Different versions of the application
 - Source code
 - Debug binary
 - Contains debug info
 - Regular binary
 - Dynamic linked libraries
 - Regular binary
 - Static linked libraries
 - Stripped binary
 - Symbols are removed

Going from source code to a binary executable



Executable file formats

- Symbols
 - Defined symbols, which allow it to be called by other modules
 - Undefined symbols, which call other modules where these symbols are defined
 - Local symbols, used internally within the object file to facilitate relocation
- Linker
 - Linking of libs and obj files resolving symbols
 - Arranging objects in programs address space
 - Relocation of code
- What is relocation?
 - Combine all the objects sections like .code (.text), .data, .bss, etc. to a single executable
 - Replacing symbolic references or names of libraries with actual usable (runnable) addresses in memory



PE basic concepts

There are 4 ways to refer to a location in a PE image

- Executable File Offset from beginning of the file/image (on disk)
- Relative Virtual Address (RVA)
 - Offset from the base address once the image has been mapped into memory (RAM), RVA = target address – base address
 - Various sections needs to be aligned which creates memory holes in memory (less present in the file), called code caves
- Section (or view) offset
 - This is the offset from the data structure you currently are in
- Virtual address
 - This is a full pointer to the address space of the process in memory
 - VA = RVA + base address
- For almost all executables the image base address is 0x400000
- For DLLs the base address can vary since it can collide with other DLLs

Note! Base address == load address and target address == Virtual Address

X86_Win32_Reverse_Engineering_Cheat_Sheet.pdf

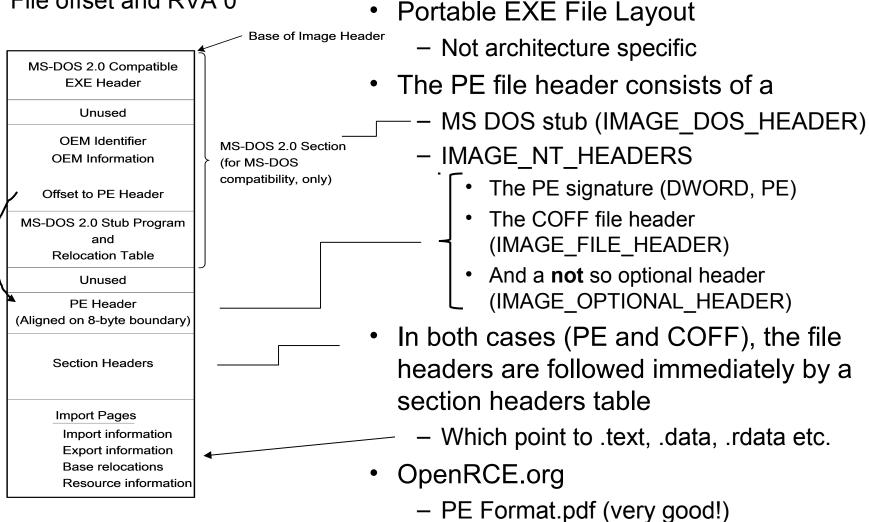
Terminology and Formulas

Pointer to Raw Data	Offset of section data within the executable file.
Size of Raw Data	Amount of section data within the executable file.
RVA	Relative Virtual Address. Memory offset from the beginning of the executable.
Virtual Address (VA)	Absolute Memory Address (RVA + Base). The PE Header fields named
	VirtualAddress actually contain Relative Virtual Addresses.
Virtual Size	Amount of section data in memory.
Base Address	Offset in memory that the executable module is loaded.
ImageBase	Base Address requested in the PE header of a module.
Module	An PE formatted file loaded into memory. Typically EXE or DLL.
Pointer	A memory address
Entry Point	The address of the first instruction to be executed when the module is loaded.
Import	DLL functions required for use by an executable module.
Export	Functions provided by a DLL which may be Imported by another module.
RVA->Raw Conversion	Raw = (RVA - SectionStartRVA) + (SectionStartRVA - SectionStartPtrToRaw)
RVA->VA Conversion	VA = RVA + BaseAddress
VA->RVA Conversion	RVA = VA - BaseAddress
Raw->VA Conversion	VA = (Raw - SectionStartPtrToRaw) + (SectionStartRVA + ImageBase)

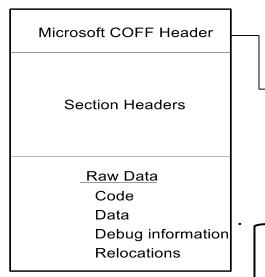
Microsoft PE format

Microsoft Portable Executable and Common Object File Format Specification http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/system/platform/firmware/PECOFF.mspx

File offset and RVA 0



Microsoft PE/COFF format



PE/COFF _ IMAGE_FILE_HEADER

C	Common	Object	File	Format
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- PE structure is derived from COFF
- A COFF object file header consists of a
 - PE/COFF file header (IMAGE_FILE_HEADER)
 - _ And the optional header (IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER)

Offset	et Size Field		Description		
0	2	Machine	The number that identifies the type of target machine. For more information. see section 3.3.1. "Machine Types."		
2	2	NumberOfSections	The number of sections. This indicates the size of the section table, which immediately follows the headers.		
4 4 TimeDateStamp		TimeDateStamp	The low 32 bits of the number of seconds since 00:00 January 1, 1970 (a C run-time time_t value), that indicates when the file was created.		
8	4	PointerToSymbolTable	The file offset of the COFF symbol table, or zero if no COFF symbol table is present. This value should be zero for an image because COFF debugging information is deprecated.		
12	4	NumberOfSymbols	The number of entries in the symbol table. This data can be used to locate the string table, which immediately follows the symbol table. This value should be zero for an image because COFF debugging information is deprecated.		
16	2	SizeOfOptionalHeader	The size of the optional header, which is required for executable files but not for object files. This value should be zero for an object file. For a description of the header format, see section 3.4, "Optional Header (Image Only)."		
18	2	Characteristics	The flags that indicate the attributes of the file. For specific flag values, see section 3.3.2, "Characteristics."		

Microsoft PE/COFF format

- Optional header (IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER)
 - Magic 32/64 bit application
 - Address Of Entry Point (+ image base)
 - Base of Code and Data
 - Image Base
 - Subsystem, DII Characteristics
 - Etc...
- IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY
 - Size and RVA to
 - [0] Export table
 - [1] Import Descriptor Table
 - [12] Import Address Table
 - Etc. 16 entries in total (10h)
- An In-Depth Look into the Win32 Portable Executable File Format
 - http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/magazine/cc301805.aspx
- struct _IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER { 0x00 WORD Magic; 0x02 BYTE MajorLinkerVersion; 0x03 BYTE MinorLinkerVersion; 0x04 DWORD SizeOfCode; 0x08 DWORD SizeOfInitializedData; 0x0c DWORD SizeOfUninitializedData; 0x10 DWORD AddressOfEntryPoint; 0x14 DWORD BaseOfCode: 0x18 DWORD BaseOfData; 0x1c DWORD ImageBase; 0x20 DWORD SectionAlignment; 0x24 DWORD FileAlignment; 0x28 WORD MajorOperatingSystemVersion; 0x2a WORD MinorOperatingSystemVersion; 0x2c WORD MajorImageVersion; 0x2e WORD MinorImageVersion; 0x30 WORD MajorSubsystemVersion; 0x32 WORD MinorSubsystemVersion; 0x34 DWORD Win32VersionValue; 0x38 DWORD SizeOfImage; 0x3c DWORD SizeOfHeaders: 0x40 DWORD CheckSum; 0x44 WORD Subsystem; 0x46 WORD DIICharacteristics: 0x48 DWORD SizeOfStackReserve; 0x4c DWORD SizeOfStackCommit; 0x50 DWORD SizeOfHeapReserve; 0x54 DWORD SizeOfHeapCommit; 0x58 DWORD LoaderFlags; 0x5c DWORD NumberOfRvaAndSizes; 0x60 _IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY DataDirectory[16];

Import tables (IDT, IAT) 1

- Index 1 in IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY, the IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT have a RVA to where the IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR array begins (Import Directory Table)
- The array contains all DLLs (Name) the PE file is linked against
- The last import descriptor have all fields zeroed marks array end
- OriginalFirstThunk is a RVA as is Name (of DLL) and FirstThunk

As the comments indicate, there are in fact two import tables for each DLL

Where the non-zero (union), OriginalFirstThunk refers to the "Unbound" Import Table

FirstThunk, on the other hand, refers to the "bound" Import Address Table (IAT) struct _IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR { 0x00 union { /* 0 for terminating null import descriptor */ 0x00 DWORD Characteristics: /* RVA to original unbound IAT */ PIMAGE_THUNK_DATA OriginalFirstThunk; 0x00 }u: 0x04 DWORD TimeDateStamp; /* 0 if not bound. * -1 if bound, and real date\time stamp in IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_BOUND_IMPORT * (new BIND) * otherwise date/time stamp of DLL bound to * (Old BIND) 0x08 DWORD ForwarderChain: /* -1 if no forwarders */ 0x0c DWORD Name: /* RVA to IAT (if bound this IAT has actual addresses) */ 0x10 PIMAGE THUNK DATA FirstThunk;

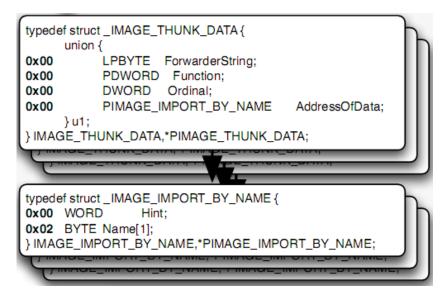
Import tables (IDT, IAT) 2

- The IMAGE_THUNK_DATA data structure describes both of these import tables note that its type is a union
 - Usually the two tables: Import Name Table (OriginalFirstThunk) and Import Address Table (FirstThunk) looks exactly the same at rest (on disk)
- IAT is rewritten when loaded into memory and points to the actual addresses of imported functions
- The "Unbound" OriginalFirstThunk Import Name Table remains unchanged

An imported function can be listed (imported) by name (MSB=0), or it can be listed (imported) by an ordinal number (MSB=1) which represents its position in the DLL's export table

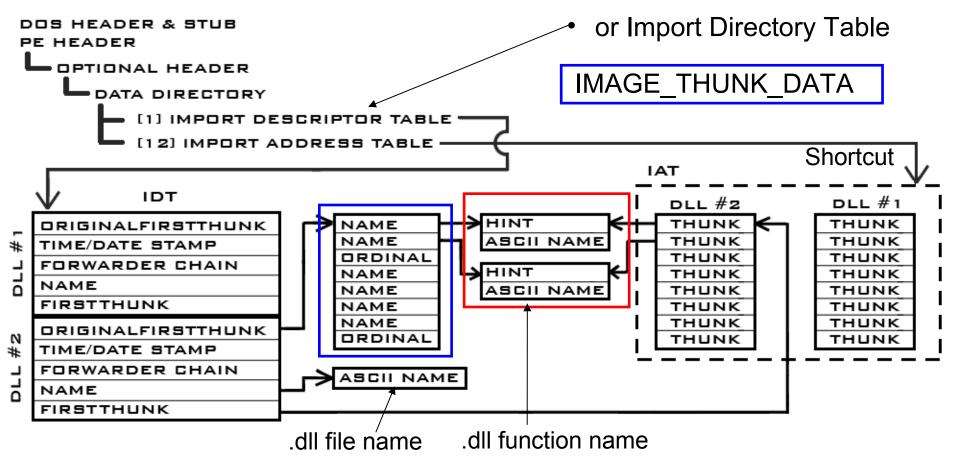
If imported by ordinal the remaining 31 bits corresponds to the ordinal number

If imported by name the remaining bits are a RVA to IMAGE_IMPORT_BY_NAME



Import Roadmap

- IMAGE_IMPORT_BY_NAME
 - The Hint can help the OS PE loader to look up the functions faster
 - The Name is terminated by at least one zero (needs proper alignment)

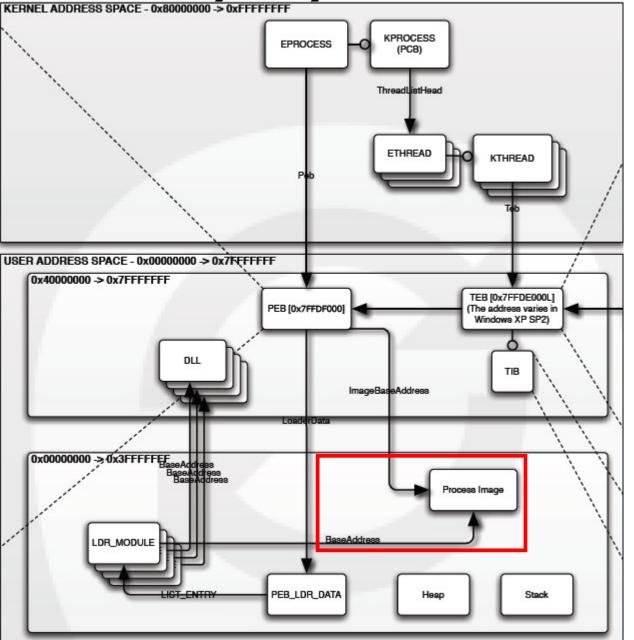


Definition: http://thunk.org/ So what's a thunk?

- First a word on thunks, and why we have an IAT to begin with. Because each process is contained in its own little virtual address space, and because the OS is responsible for loading a DLL into that space, a program cannot know what base virtual address a DLL is going to be loaded at when the program is compiled.
- Furthermore, the may be loaded at a different address every time the program is run (relocated DLL). To fix this problem, the program doesn't call DLL functions directly. Instead, it calls the address pointed to by a known address. In assembly, ways of doing this is: (se below)
- where 00408004 is a local address in the module. Ultimately address 00408004 will contain the address of the entry point for the function which we are trying to call. This mechanism is called a thunk. We put all of these "proxy" addresses together into a thunk table when we compile the program so that our code never makes a direct call to an extramodular address.
- We provide the operating system with a list of all the functions we want to import, and where in the table we need their addresses to be written so that our code will wind up calling the right location at runtime. The IAT is the thunk table which the PE loader builds for us.

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IAT: 00408000: 12 5A 36 77 ←Entry point of external function #1 Function address
00408004: 37 92 15 77 ←Entry point of external function #2 0x77159237
...
00401236: CALL DWORD PTR DS:[00408004] ; call IAT direct
0040123C: CALL 004015BA ; second method via thunk table
...
004015B4: JMP DWORD PTR DS:[00408000] ; jump thunk table
004015BA: JMP DWORD PTR DS:[00408004] ; DataSegment direct@address ...
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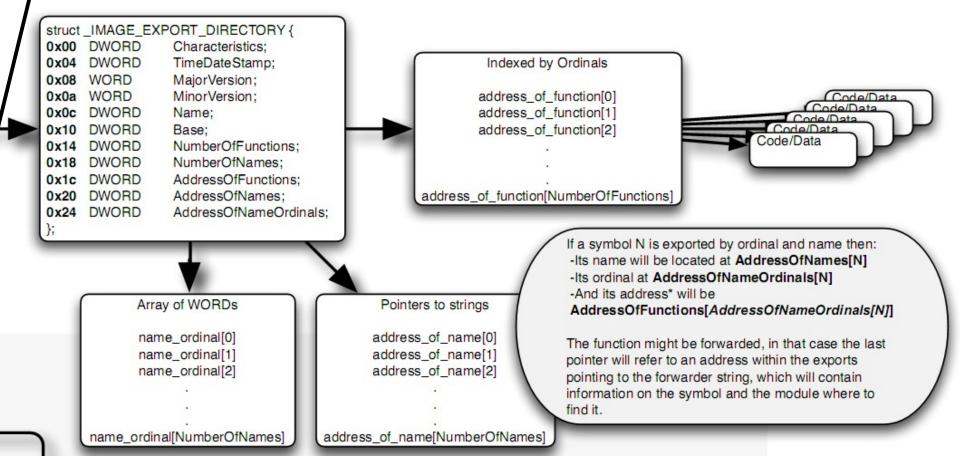
Memory Layout for Windows XP



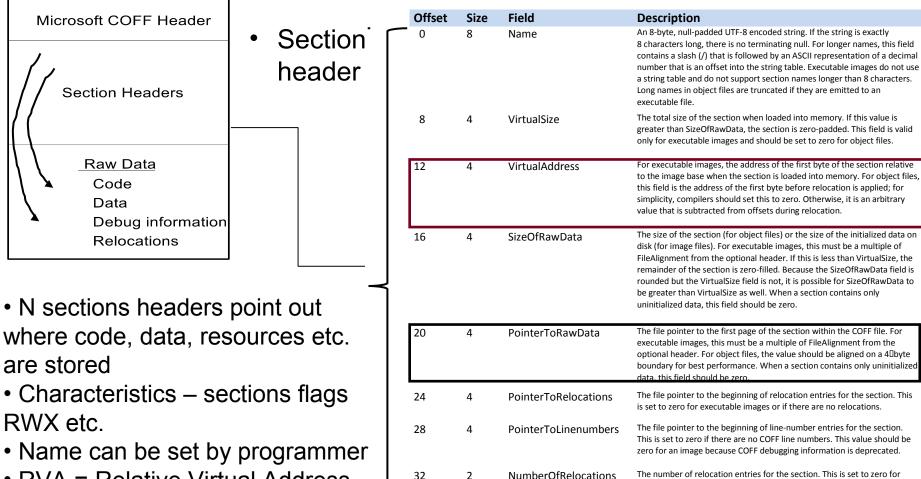
Exerpt from "Windows Memory Layout, User-Kernel Address Spaces.pdf" **OpenRCE.org**

Export Roadmap

Index 0 in IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY, the IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT have a RVA to where the IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY array begins



Microsoft PE/COFF format



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NumberOfLinenumbers

Characteristics

executable images.

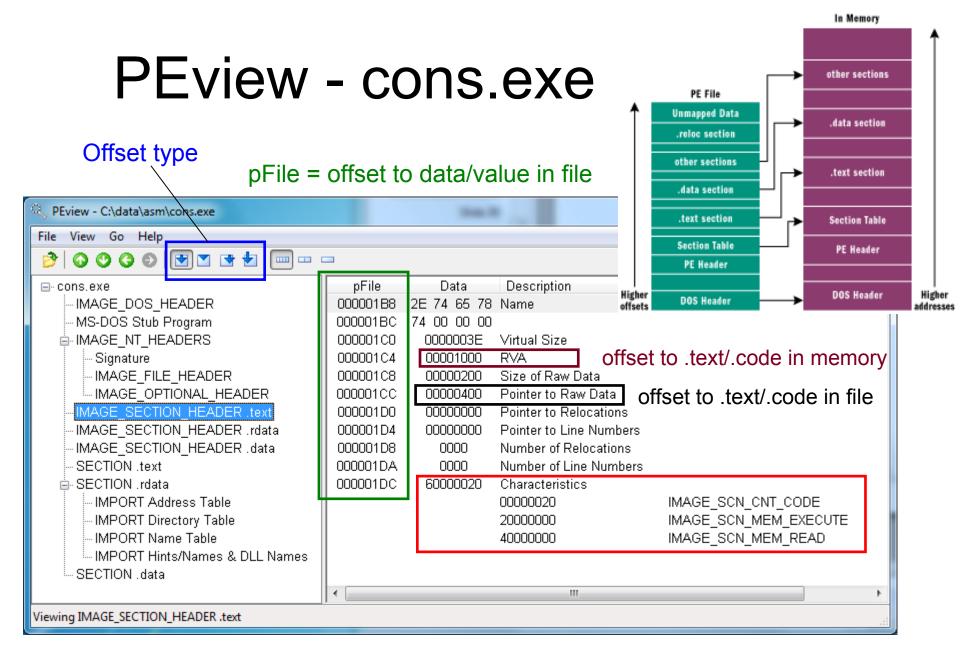
The number of line-number entries for the section. This value should be

zero for an image because COFF debugging information is deprecated.

The flags that describe the characteristics of the section. For more

information, see section 4.1, "Section Flags."

- RVA = Relative Virtual Address
- Virtual (or target) Address
- = RVA + Load (or Base) address



(target address) 0x401000 - (load address) 0x400000 = (RVA) 0x1000

PEview - cons.exe

- IMAGE_NT_HEADERS
Signature
IMAGE_FILE_HEADER
MAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER

pFile	Data	Description	Value
0000013C	00000000	Size	
00000140	00002010	RVA	IMPORT Table
00000144	00000028	Size	
00000148	00000000	RVA	RESOURCE Table

 SECTION .rdata IMPORT Address Table IMPORT Directory Table IMPORT Name Table IMPORT Hints/Names & DLL Names 	RVA 00002010 00002014 00002018 0000201C 00002020	Data 00002038 00000000 00000000 00002076 00002000	Description Import Name Tal Time Date Stam Forwarder Chain Name RVA Import Address	p KERNEL32.dll Table RVA	
				s equal to Import Nan	ne Table on disk
🖨 SECTION .rdata	RVA	Data	Description	Value	
IMPORT Address Table	00002038	00002058	Hint/Name RVA	0482 WriteConsole	A
IMPORT Directory Table	0000203C	00002068	Hint/Name RVA	0104 ExitProcess	
- IMPORT Name Table	00002040	,00002048	Hint/Name RVA	023B GetStdHandl	e
IMPORT Hints/Names & DLL Names	00002044	/ 00000000	End of Imports	KERNEL32.dll	
	,				
SECTION .rdata	RVA 🖌		Raw	Data	Value
IMPORT Address Table	00002048	3B 02 47 65	74 53 74 64	48 61 6E 64 6C 65 00 00	;.GetStdHandle
IMPORT Directory Table	00002058	82 04 57 72	69 74 65 43	6F 6E 73 6F 6C 65 41 00	WriteConsoleA.
	00002068	04 01 45 78	69 74 50 72	6F 63 65 73 73 00 48 45	.ExitProcess.KE
IMPORT Hints/Names & DLL Names	00002078	52 4E 45 40	33 32 2E 64	60 60 00	RNEL32.dll.

PEview - cons.exe

Address	Hex dump	Disassembly	Comment
00401000	r \$ 55	PUSH EBP	
00401001	. SBEC	MOV EBP,ESP	
00401003	. 83C4 F8	ADD ESP,-8	
00401006	. 6A F5	PUSH -0B	<pre>PDevType = STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE</pre>
00401008		CALL <jmp.&kernel32.getstdhandle></jmp.&kernel32.getstdhandle>	GetStdHandle
0040100D		MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4],EAX	
00401010	. 8D55_F8	LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8]	
00401013		PUSH 0	<pre>pReserved = NULL</pre>
00401015		PUSH EDX	pWritten
00401016	. 6A 0F	PUSH OF	CharsToWrite = F (15.)
00401018	. 68_00304000	PUSH cons.00403000	Buffer = cons.00403000
0040101D 00401020		PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4] CALL <jmp.&kernel32.writeconsolea></jmp.&kernel32.writeconsolea>	hConsole WriteConsoleA
00401025		PUSH 0	ExitCode = 0
00401027	L: ES 0C000000	CALL	ExitProcess
0040102C			
00401032			
00401038			

⊡- cons.exe	RVA	Raw	/ Data	Value
IMAGE_DOS_HEADER	00001000	55 8B EC 83 C4 F8 6A F5	E8 1F 00 00 00 89 45 FC	UjE.
- MS-DOS Stub Program	00001010	8D 55 F8 6A 00 52 6A OF	68 00 30 40 00 FF 75 FC	.U.j.Rj.h.0@0u.
IMAGE_NT_HEADERS	00001020	E8 0D 00 00 00 6A 00 E8	OC 00 00 00 FF 25 08 20	j %.
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .text	00001030	40 00 FF 25 00 20 40 00	FF 25 04 20 40 00 00 00	@%. @%. @
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .rdata	00001040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .data	00001050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
-SECTION .text	00001060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	

⊡- cons.exe	RVA	Raw Data Value
IMAGE_DOS_HEADER	00003000	48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 77 6F 72 6C 64 21 0D 0A 00 Hello, world!
- MS-DOS Stub Program	00003010	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
	00003020	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .text	00003030	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .rdata	00003040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .data	00003050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
SECTION .text	00003060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
🖶 SECTION .rdata	00003070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
SECTION .data	00003080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

PE/COFF tools...

- Dependency Walker
- PEiD
- PE.explorer
- PETools
- ProcDump32
- LordPE
- PEdump
- PEview
- Periscope
- FileAlyzer
- 7zip can dump PE/COFF sections to files (.data, .text etc.)
- Perl (ch6 WFA)
 - Pedmp.pl
 - Fvi.pl (resources)

PEiD v0.95		
File: D:\disk\temp)protected.exe	
Entrypoint: 00005	5BD6	EP Section:
File Offset: 00002	25D6	First Bytes: E9,25,E4,FF >
Linker Info: 5.12		Subsystem: Win32 GUI >
tElock 0.98b1 -> tE Multi Scan <u>T</u> ✓ Stay on top	E! [ask Viewer	About Exit

data 00002000 00001000 00000600 00000200 C0000040 ata 00003000 00001000 00000800 00000200 C0000040	lame	V. Offset	V. Size	R. Offset	R. Size	Flags
ata 00003000 00001000 00000800 00000200 C0000040	text	00001000	00001000	00000400	00000200	C0000040
	data	00002000	00001000	00000600	00000200	C0000040
00004000 00003000 00000A00 00002200 C0000040	data	00003000	00001000	00000800	00000200	C0000040
		00004000	00003000	00000A00	00002200	C0000040

Address of entry point (EP) should be located in .text or .code

CFF Explorer

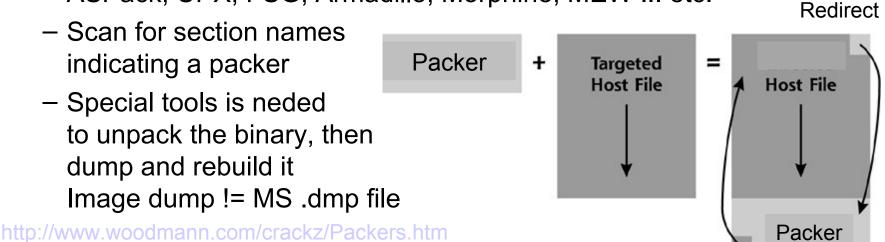
A freeware suite of tools. The PE editor has full support for PE32/64. Special fields description and modification (.NET supported), utilities, rebuilder, hex editor, import adder, signature scanner, signature manager, extension support, scripting, disassembler, dependency walker etc. The suite is available for x86, x64 and Itanium.

settings?	CFF Explor	er.exe	v32.exe								
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B Section Headers [x] Directory	.data	000106E8	00150000	0000 C000	00150000	00000000	00000000 0000		0000	C0000040	
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http://www.ntcore.com/exsuite.php

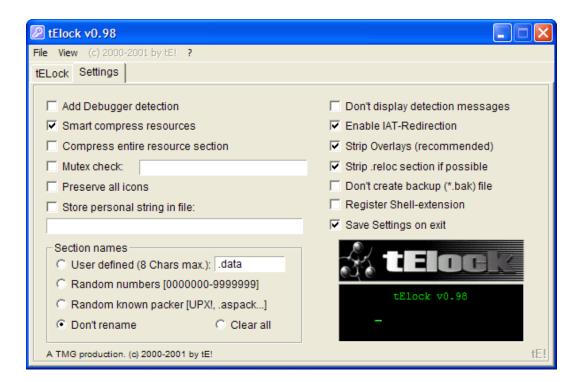
Executable (PE/COFF) obfuscation

- Binders
 - Bind two applications into one, mainly used for trojans
- Packers or compressors
 - Compress the binarys sections to make it smaller and harder to detect and analyse
 - Works much like a virus appending an application and when unpacked in memory the entry point is reset to original
 - ASPack, UPX, FSG, Armadillo, Morphine, MEW ... etc.



Executable (PE/COFF) obfuscation

- Cryptors
 - As packers but with encrypted sections usually with antidisassembly and anti-debugging techniques, also
 - Rebuilding the import address tables at runtime
- Example: tElock
- Crackers Kit v2.0/3.2
 - Large packages with tools as:
 - Packers
 - Unpackers
 - Rebuilding
 - Analysis
 - Patchers
 - Google for it ...



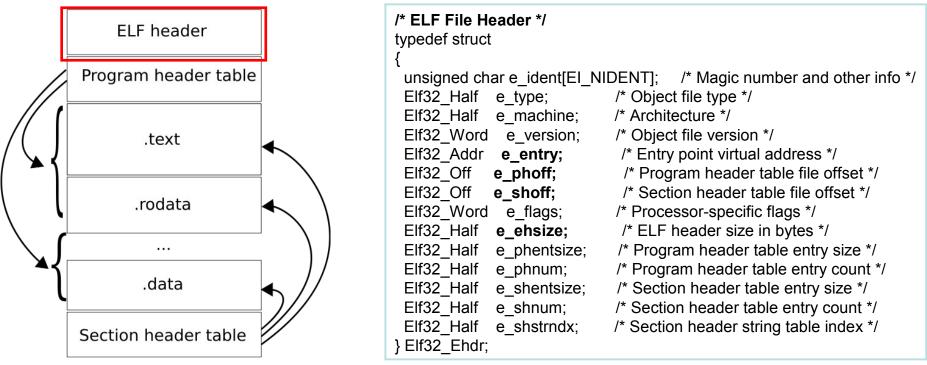
ELF (Executable and Linking Format)

• ELF header

Tells us basic info and where everything is located in the file

Can be read directly from the first e_ehsize (default: 52) bytes of the file

Fields of interest: e_entry, e_phoff, e_shoff, and the sizes given. e_entry specifies the location of _start, e_phoff shows us where the array of program headers lies in relation to the start of the executable, and e_shoff shows us the same for the section headers



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Executable_and_Linkable_Format

ELF (Executable and Linking Format)

- ELF Program segment headers
 - Describe the segments of the program used at run-time
 - In a typical ELF executable usually end-to-end, forming an array of structs
 - The interesting fields in this structure are p_offset, p_filesz, and p_memsz
- ELF Section headers
 - Describe various named sections of the binary as a file
 - Each section has an entry in the section headers array
- HT Editor (http://hte.sourceforge.net/)
 - Examine and modify everything in an ELF file (PE files also), disassemble etc.

			/* Section hea	der */	
/* Program seg	ment header	r */	typedef struct		
typedef struct			{		
{			Elf32_Word	sh_name;	/* Section name (string tbl index) */
Elf32_Word	p_type;	/* Segment type */	Elf32_Word	sh_type;	/* Section type */
Elf32_Off p_	_offset;	/* Segment file offset */	Elf32_Word	sh_flags;	/* Section flags */
Elf32_Addr p	_vaddr;	/* Segment virtual address */	Elf32_Addr	sh_addr;	/* Section virtual addr at execution */
Elf32_Addr p	paddr;	/* Segment physical address */	Elf32_Off s	sh_offset;	/* Section file offset */
Elf32_Word	p_filesz;	/* Segment size in file */	Elf32_Word	sh_size;	/* Section size in bytes */
Elf32_Word	p_memsz;	/* Segment size in memory */	Elf32_Word	sh_link;	/* Link to another section */
Elf32_Word	p_flags;	/* Segment flags */	Elf32_Word	sh_info;	/* Additional section information */
Elf32_Word	p_align;	/* Segment alignment */	Elf32_Word	sh_addralign;	/* Section alignment */
} Elf32_Phdr;			Elf32_Word	sh_entsize;	/* Entry size if section holds table */
			} Elf32_Shdr;		

ELF Object File Format

Some of the sections (from elf.pdf)

.bss This section holds uninitialized data that contribute to the program's

memory image. By definition, the system initializes the data

with zeros when the program begins to run.

.comment This section holds version control information.

.data and .data1 These sections hold initialized data that contribute to the program's memory image.

.debug This section holds information for symbolic debugging. The contents are unspecified. All section names with the prefix .debug are reserved for future use.

.dynamic This section holds dynamic linking information

.hash This section holds a symbol hash table.

.line This section holds line number information for symbolic debugging, which describes the correspondence between the source program and the machine code. The contents are upper

source program and the machine code. The contents are unspecified.

.rodata These sections hold read-only data that typically contribute to a .rodata1 non-writable segment in the process image.

.shstrtab This section holds section names.

.strtab This section holds strings, most commonly the strings that represent the names associated with symbol table entries.

.symtab This section holds a symbol table, as "Symbol Table"

.text This section holds the "text," or executable instructions, of a program.

Linking View	Execution View
ELF Header	ELF Header
Program Header Table optional	Program Header Table
Section 1	Segment 1
Section n	Segment 2
Section Header Table	Section Header Table optional

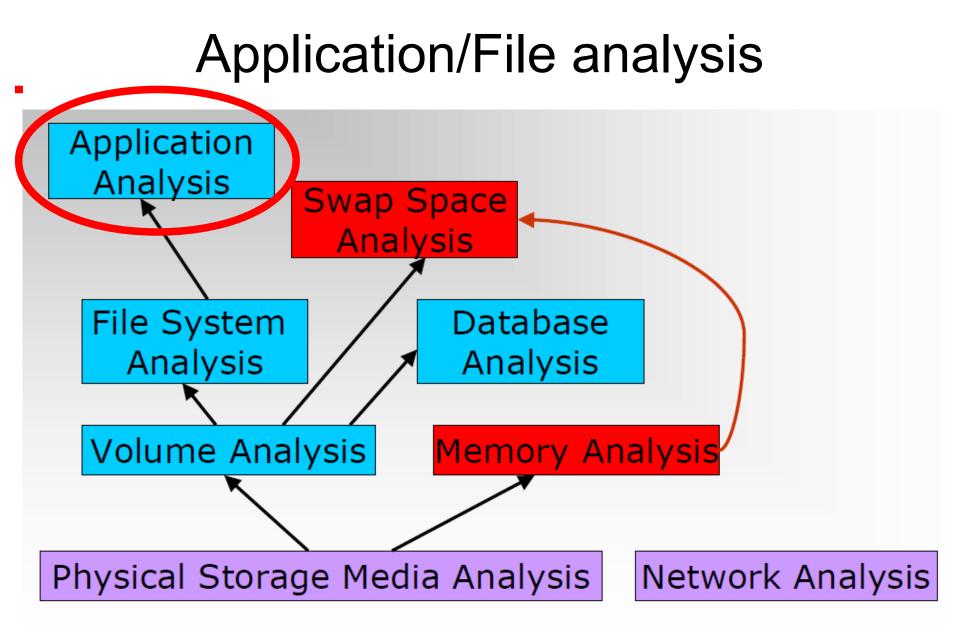
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End! and Backups



Source: "File System Forensic Analysis", Brian Carrier

Programs in memory I

• When processes are loaded into memory by the OS loader, they are basically broken into many small sections. There are six main sections that we are concerned with:

.text or .code Section

The .text section basically corresponds to the .text portion of the binary executable file. It contains the machine instructions to get the task done. This section is marked as read-only and will cause a segmentation fault if written to. The size is fixed at runtime when the process is first loaded.

.data Section

The .data section is used to store global initialized variables such as:

int a = 0;

The size of this section is fixed at runtime.

.bss Section

The below stack section (.bss) is used to store global non-initialized variables such as: int a;

The size of this section is fixed at runtime.

Lower addresses

Higher addresses



Programs in memory II

Heap Section

The heap section is used to store dynamically allocated variables and grows from the lower-addressed memory to the higher-addressed memory. The allocation of memory is controlled through the **malloc()** and **free()** functions. Example:

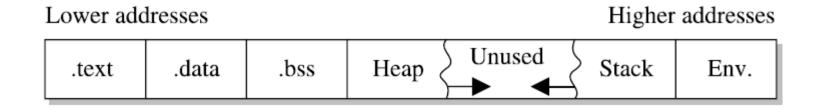
int i = malloc(sizeof (int)); //dynamically allocates an integer

Stack Section

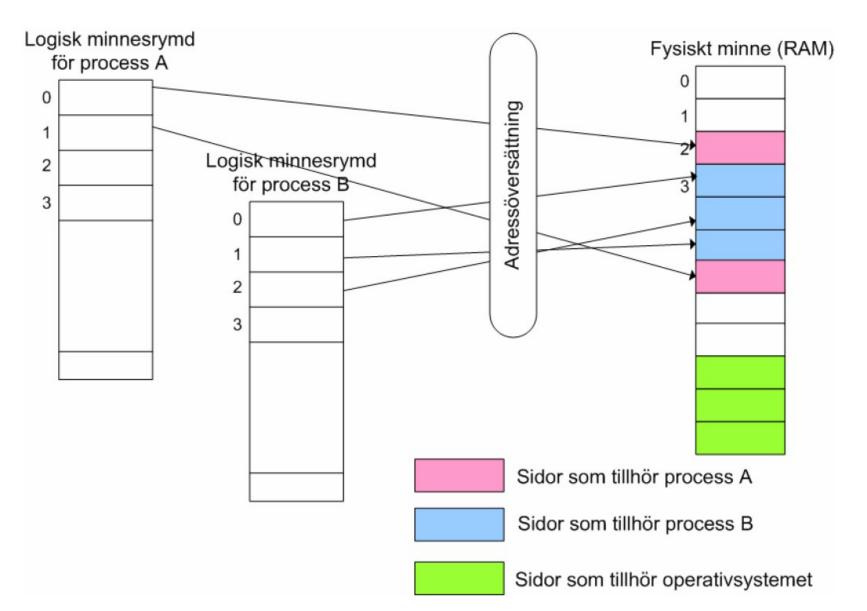
The stack section is used to keep track of function calls (recursively) and grows from the higher-addressed memory to the lower addressed memory on most systems. As we will see, the fact that the stack grows in this manner allows the subject of buffer overflows to exist. Local variables exist in the stack section.

Environment/Arguments Section

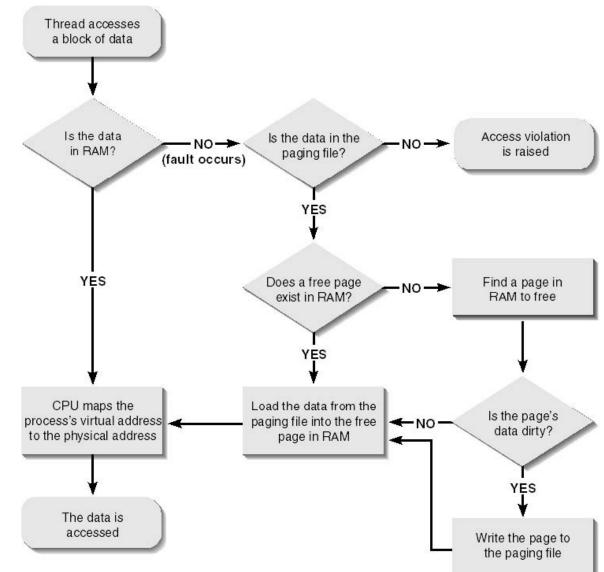
The environment/arguments section is used to store a copy of system-level variables that may be required by the process during runtime. For example, among other things, the path, shell name, and hostname are made available to the running process. This section is writable, allowing its use in format string and buffer overflow exploits. Additionally, the command-line arguments are stored in this area.



Memory management 1



Memory management 2



Translating a virtual address to a physical storage address

Link Libraries and OS relocation 1

- A dynamic link library (or shared library) takes the idea of an ordinary library (also called a statically linked library) one step further
- A dynamic/shared link library is a lot like a program, but instead of being run by the user to do one thing it has a lot of functions "exported" so that other programs can call them
 - This list, called the export table, gives the address inside the DLL file of each of the functions which the DLL allows other programs to access
 - The calling executable have a list of imports or imported functions from every DLL file it uses
- When Windows loads your program it creates a whole new "address space" for the program
- When your program contains the instruction "read memory from address 0x40A0F0 (or something like that) the computer hardware actually looks up in a table to figure out where in physical memory that location is
 - The address 0x40A0F0 in another program would mean a completely different part of the physical memory of the computer

Link Libraries and OS relocation 2

- Programs, when they are loaded, are "mapped" into address space. This process basically copies the code and static data of your program from the executable file into a certain part of address space, for example, a block of space starting at address 0x400000
 - The same thing happens when you load a DLL
- A DLL, or a program for that matter, tells the operating system what address it would prefer to be mapped into
 - Although the same address means different things to different programs, within a single program an address can only be used once
- If two DLLs wants to be mapped to the same address the OS first check if the DLL is relocateable
- If so it performs the necessary relocations
- The relocateable DLL contains information so that the OS can change/adjust all those internal function addresses in the DLL