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	Basic / Environnment	
Types used in commands	b = byte w = word d = double word q = quad word f = float D = double	s = symbol a = Ascii u = Unicode za = 0 term. Ascii zu = 0 term. Unicode
.hh <command/> ! <extension>.help</extension>	Getting help Help for an extension.	
Double click left, click right click right	Select, copy to clipboard, paste	
.formats <value></value>	Shows the value in different formats.	
?? <expression> ?</expression>	C++ expression evaluator Evaluate expression. (i.e. convert numbers)	??&myVar ??0xffff & ~7 ?0n15
!teb	Shows thread environment block	Contains the stack address and limit.
!peb	Shows process environment block. i.e. command line.	Same as dt _PEB @\$peb
.tlist	Lists all processes.	
!error <code></code>	Displays error information.	HRESULT or Windows error code
.effmach x86	Change processor mode used by debugger to see the 32 bit stack.	If you debug a 32 bit process running in WOW64 with WinDbg64
!wow64exts.sw	Switches 32/64 bit mode.	.load wow64exts
vertarget	Version of target computer.	Includes OS, uptime, processors, etc.
.cmdtree <file></file>		
l-t l+t	Disable source mode. Enable source mode.	More source code options available.
.prefer_dml [1 0]	Enables DML for supported commands.	lm, k etc.
@!""	Treat whole string as symbol.	bp @!"foo<>"

	Symbol management
.symfix[+] .sympath .sympath+ <path></path>	Sets / adds path to MS symbol server. Shows current symbol path. Adds another path to the symbol path.
!chksym <module></module>	Shows PDB file that matches module
!sym noisy	Helps resolving symbol loading issues.
.reload <module+></module+>	Loads symbols (lazy) /f = force /i = ignore pdb mismatch /v = verbose
.reaload /unl <module></module>	Reloads the unloaded DLL. Useful to decode incomplete call stacks.
ld *	Forces loading all all symbols. Bypasses the lazy loading default behaviour.
.symfix x:\symbols .reload /f ld *	Loads all symbols and stores it in the given folder for later usage.

Symbolpath syntax. Separate entries by semicolon. SRV*<folder>*http://msdl.microsoft.com/download/symbols or

All following path entries are cached in <folder>.

cache*<folder>;srv*http://msdl.microsoft.com/download/symbols
Used by debuggers: _NT_SYMBOL_PATH (Slow debugging!)

	Connect / attach	
.attach <processid> .detach</processid>	Attaches / detaches from running process	Use .tlist to get list of processes.
q qd qq	Quit debug session. Detach only. Also quits remote server (stub).	Terminates target Behaves like q in normal mode.
.restart		
.childdbg 1	Attach automatically to child processes.	Same as -o command line option.
dbgsrv.exe -t tcp:port= <port> [-cs <exe> <args>]</args></exe></port>	Starts the process server (stub) using tcp.	Debugger on client side is called smart. Symbol on client.
tcp:server= <ip>,port=</ip>	Connecting to remote stub (not session).	In WinDbg
WinDbg -server tcp:port= <port> CDB -server tcp:port=<port></port></port>	Starts debugger as debug server. client. You can use WinDbg as stupid client. Connect to remote session (not stub). Symbols on server.	To debug services in session 0 see Inside Windows Debugging chapter 7, page 231ff.
Windbg -c "" [application]	Executes the specified commands at the initial breakpoint.	Windbg -c "\$ \$> <script.txt" notpad.exe</script.txt"

Note: You can enter a debugger in gflags image tab. It gets concatenated with the initial command line.

Use deveny /debugexe for Visual Studio. Keep in mind: By attaching by IFEO the debugger runs in the security context of the target.

	Modules / Extensions	
.load <path></path>	Loads a module	
.loadby <module> <loaded module=""></loaded></module>	Loads module from same path as another loaded module.	.loadby sos mscorwks .loadby sos clr
sxe ld <module> sxe ud <module> Or IFEO: BreakOnDLLLoad</module></module>	Stop when <module> is loaded / unloaded. sxe ld mscorlib sxe ld * sxd ld to disable.</module>	Let the debugger load the sos dll automatically: sxe -c ".loadby sos mscorwks; g" ld mscorwks
.chain	Show loaded debugger extensions.	
lm lmv lm m <pattern> lmo lm1 m</pattern>	List loaded modules Verbose Filter by a pattern Only loaded modules Only the module names. (.foreach)	lmv m myap* lmv m mscorwks lmv m clr Module name must NOT(!) contain the extension. (I.e .dll)
!dh <base address=""/>	Dump PE header	Base address is obtained via lm.
!dlls !dlls -c <base addr.=""/>	Lists loaded modules.	Includes the load counter.

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	Execution	
g [address]	Go [to address]	i.e. skip over prologue
gu	go up	EAX / RAX is set
gc	go from conditional	
	breakpoint in same fashion it was hit.	
an	Continue without	i.e. Ctrl-C
gn	handling the	i.e. cui-c
	exception.	
p	Step over.	sub routines are
P	Instruction or source	handled as single
	line depending on	step.
	current mode /source	
	availability.	
pt	Step to next return.	But stays inside the
		function. (Unlike gu)
pc	Step to next call	
t	Step into. Instruction	Sub routines are
	or source line.	entered.
wt	Trace and watch.	Must be executed at
	Executes a function	the beginning of a
wt -l <depth></depth>	and displays statistics.	function
wt -i <module></module>	Ignores code from	wt -i USER32 -i
wt-1 \IIIoduic	module.	kernel32 -i msvcrt -i
wt -m <module></module>	Restrict tracing to	msxml4 -i ntdll
	module	
-ns	no summary	Filtering does not
		work in version
		6.12.0002.633.
		6.12.0002.633.

	Exceptions	
sxe <event code=""></event>	Enable – stop on first chance	Stop on first chance clr exceptions:
sxd <event code=""></event>	Disable – stop on second chance	sxe clr
sxn <event code=""></event>	Notify only Show summary.	Stop when mscorwks is loaded:
sx sxr	Reset all to default.	sxe ld mscorwks
!pe	Print exception.	
.exr <address> -exr -1</address>	Show exception record. Show most recent exception.	Parameter[1] contains the thrown object. If code is CLR then !pe is valid.
.cxr <context></context>	Displays and sets register context. Register context is second member of EXCEPTION_POIN TERS.	Used in kernel32! UnhandledException Filter(EXCEPTION_ POINTERS) to find the causing stack.
!soe -create[2] <type> <pseudoreg nr.=""> !soe -derived <type> <pseudoreg nr.=""></pseudoreg></type></pseudoreg></type>	Stop on exception -derived catches the exception plus the derived ones.	!soe -create System.ArgumentNul lException 1

	Analyzing problems		
!analyze -v	Exception analysis		
!analyze -v -hang	Analyzes blocked threads.		
.lastevent	Shows the last event like an exception.		
!gle !gle -all	Display last error for current stack For all stacks.		
!avrf	Shows enabled application verifier options and hints for the just found problem.		

.dump -ma <file> Mini dump with all options.</file>		ions.
	Logging	
.logopen <file></file>	Writes everything on the debugger console	
logclose	to the specified file.	

Dumps

Threads		
~ ~ <logical id="" thread="">s</logical>	List all threads Set thread active.	You can use also the thread ID: ~~[96A]s
~* e [command] ~ <thread>f ~ <thread>u ~#</thread></thread>	For all threads execute the command. i.e. k Freeze thread Unfreeze thread Thread that caused current event.	The e is necessary to execute extension commands starting with dot or bang. ~* e !clrstack. Keep in mind that the logical thread id may change between subsequent dumps.
	Lists debugged processes.	In a dump lists the dumped process.
!runaway	Shows user mode time for all threads. (Which consumes most?)	
!threads !threads -special	Lists special threads.	Includes count of locks. i.e. finalizer thread etc.
!threadpool	Infos about the thread pool usage.	

	Stacks	
k kp (private symbols) kP	Basic With parameters With parameters	Showing possibly all frames: k 1000
kb	formatted. (Newlines) First three parameters.	n shows additionally the frame numbers: kpn
kf	Shows consumed stack memory. Reconstruct corrupt	-
<pre>k = <base pointer=""/> [<stack pointer=""> <instruction pointer="">]</instruction></stack></pre>	x86 callstack. Base pointer comes from try and error on stack dump. See !teb	Base pointer alone may lead to wrong result if FPO frames are present.
.frame <frame/> .frame /r <frame/>	Set local context to frame. Shows the available registers at the frame.	See kn .frame 0n10;dv
!uniqstack	Shows stacks for all threads excluding duplicates.	!uniqstack -pn shows parameter information and frame numbers.
!findstack <module></module>	Finds threads which contains calls to module.	
!clrstack	Shows managed only stack.	Alternative: !dumpstack -EE
!clrstack -a	With parameters and local variables. Only in debug build reliable.	Not usable for EBP chain.
!dumpstack	Show managed and unmanaged stack. Includes the method descriptor.	Not a real stack trace. Just looking for symbols on the stack. Shows child EBP! Important:
	X86 output: <ebp> <ret> X is calling Y</ret></ebp>	<pre><ebp> is the new EBP for Y <ret> is the return address to X</ret></ebp></pre>

	Breakpoints	
bp <address></address>	Set breakpoint	bp ntdll! RtlAllocateHeap
	Works also with jitted code address!	bp /1 mod!func creates a one shot
	Use return address from call stack to complete methods.	breakpoint.
bm <pattern></pattern>	Set breakpoint by pattern.	bm module!Foo::bar gets all overloads.
ba <access><width> <address></address></width></access>	Set break on access. Access: r, w, e	ba w4 gGlobal
bu <symbolic ref.=""></symbolic>	Set unresolved breakpoint.	
bl	List all breakpoints	Including the managed ones.
bc breakpoint>	Clear breakpoint	bc *; bc 2
be breakpoint> bd breakpoint>	Enable breakpoint Disable breakpoint	be * bd *
!bpmd -md <method address="" descr.=""></method>	Set breakpoint regardless if method is jitte dor not.	Breakpoint is pending until method is jitted.
!bpmd <module> <name></name></module>		Method name must be fully qualified.
		Module name must contain the extension. (i.e. module.dll!)

Inspect	t Memory / Objects / S	vmhols
dd <address> [Lxxx]</address>	Dump double word	xxx is the number of
dq <address> [Lxxx]</address>	Dump quad word	objects to dump
da <address> du <address></address></address>	Dump Ascii Dump Unicode	da @esp L100
db <address> [Lxxx]</address>	Dump Byte+Ascii	finds strings on the
df <address></address>	Dump float	stack.
dD [Lxxx]	Dump Double	
dps <address> [Lxxx]</address>	Dumps pointer sized	Examples:
	memory in the given range.	dps <address> shows</address>
	dps interprets and	stack trace database.
	presents the memory	dny @ogn goong stools
dpa <address> [Lxxx]</address>	as symbols.	dpu @esp scans stack for unicode strings
dpu <address> [Lxxx]</address>	The other version	allocated on heap.
dpp <address> [Lxxx]</address>	interprets the memory as pointer,	dnn @ogn shows
s = symbol	dereference it and	dpp @esp shows pointers referenced on
a = Ascii	present the resulting	stack. Finds pointer to
u = Unicode p = pointer	location in different formats.	objects that have a vtable.
p – pointer	Alternatively you can	viable.
	specify start and end	
Tri	address.	
Tip: Scanning a range for	d* <address> enter d* enter</address>	
strings	enter.	
dv	Display local	!for_each_frame dv
	variables.	
dv /V /t /i	/V displays (virtual)	shows the local variables for all stack
	addresses or register	frames. (Private
	location.	symbols provided!)
	/i shows if local is	
	parameter or function	
	argument.	
	/t shows the type.	
dt <type> [<address>]</address></type>	Display structures	dt_PEB @\$peb
	contained in PDB	dt this
Options: -b = recursive	files. Without address it just prints the data	
-v = includes size	type layout.	
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dt OXIDEntry <addr></addr>	Figure out target of call to STA.	OXIDEntry is first argument of
	can to STA.	GetToSTA. (see kp)
ln <address></address>	Shows nearest	Tip
	symbols that match	If you have an object
	the address.	address you can try to apply on its vtable to
		figure out its type.
x <module!symbol></module!symbol>	Examine symbol.	x module!Foo::bar
,	Allows use of	x module!*
Options:	wildcards.	x /t module!*
/t = Show data types		The module must be
if possible		present needed!
by (<address>)</address>	Dereference and get	(low) byte / word /
wo (<address>) dwo (<address>)</address></address>	the value.	dword / quad word from address.
qwo (<address>)</address>		Tom addiess.
poi(<address>)</address>	Pointer sized data	du poi(@esp+4)
· 	from address.	
	(Dereference and get the pointer sized	The string pointer resides on stack, the
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	value)	string itself is on the
		heap.
!do <address></address>	value) Dump managed	heap. Includes the owning
!do <address></address>	value)	heap.
!do <address></address>	value) Dump managed	heap. Includes the owning thread!
!do <address></address>	value) Dump managed (reference) object. Dump managed stack	heap. Includes the owning thread! Shows members of
	Dump managed (reference) object.	heap. Includes the owning thread! Shows members of derived exceptions.
!dso !dumpvc <mt></mt>	value) Dump managed (reference) object. Dump managed stack objects. Shows fields of value	heap. Includes the owning thread! Shows members of derived exceptions. Including exceptions. Method table address
!dso	value) Dump managed (reference) object. Dump managed stack objects.	heap. Includes the owning thread! Shows members of derived exceptions. Including exceptions. Method table address comes form field
!dso !dumpvc <mt></mt>	value) Dump managed (reference) object. Dump managed stack objects. Shows fields of value	heap. Includes the owning thread! Shows members of derived exceptions. Including exceptions. Method table address

Edit memory		
e <type> <address> [values]</address></type>	Examples:	
Type: [b w d q a u za zu f D] Values are separated by space.	eb <address> 90 90 enters two NOP instruction. eb <address> 'h' 'i</address></address>	
	Let ntll break if a certain Win32 error code happens: ed ntdll! g_dwLastErrorToBreakOn 5	
f <start> <end> <value> Start and end address are inclusive.</value></end></start>	Fill memory. Value is a byte. I.e. 0x90 for a NOP instruction to remove a call.	

Browsing managed types		
!dumpdomain	Dump all domains and the loaded assemblies.	
!dumpassembly <assembly address=""></assembly>	Dumps all modules in this assembly.	For address see !dumpdomain
!dumpmodule -mt <module address=""></module>	Dumps all types in this module including method table address.	For address see !dumpassembly or !ip2md
!dumpmodule <module address=""></module>	Shows assembly name and location in file system.	Not seen with !clrstack.
!dumpmt -md <method table<br="">address></method>	Dumps all methods of the type with method descriptors.	For address see !dumpmodule
!dumpmd <method descriptor address></method 	Dumps information about method descriptor.	i.e. Is jitted or not and code address.
!name2ee <module.ext> <fullqualifiedname></fullqualifiedname></module.ext>	Gets method table address (type info) or method descriptor address (method info).	!name2ee *!Foo.Bar Name can be a full qualified method or class name.
	Method descriptor leads to jitted code address.	Module is case sensitive.
!ip2md <code address></code 	Displays method descriptor, method table and method code address from a jitted code address.	Includes also the module address. See !dumpmodule
!objsize <address></address>	Calculates size of an object.	Including the child objects.
!dumparray <address></address>	TODO simple types vs reference type?	-details

Native Heaps		
!heap -x <address></address>	Searches the heap block containing address. Does not work with page heap!	Address returned from new, malloc etc. Keep in mind that this has additional header.
!heap -i <block></block>	Shows information about a heap block.	
!heap -p -a <address></address>	Requests page heap information. Includes the stack trace if available	-a takes care that the block containing the address is searched.
	For stack trace on <i>double free</i> don't rely on reported appverif's block address!	Use kb instead to get the freed address from call parameters.
!heap -v <heap></heap>	Validates the heap.	
!heap -s	Lists all heaps and summary of usage.	See !eeheap for managed usage. x *!_crtheap* finds the CRT related heaps.
!heap -stat -h <heap></heap>	Breaks down all(!) blocks in size and number of allocations.	псарѕ.
!heap -flt s <size> !heap -flt r <min> <max></max></min></size>	Show all heap blocks filtered by UserSize. This is the size passed to ::HeapAlloc. Which is more than passed to malloc.	Pick one to see what's in it. Ctrl+Break(!)
!heap -a <heap></heap>	Shows every single block.	
dt _dph_block_informati on <address></address>	Displays the page heap header information of a heap block.	To figure out the header address: dd / dq the allocation address minus offset. (i.e. 80) Block starts with magic bytes: (00000000)abcdbbb and ends with dcbabbbb(00000000)
dt_HEAP_ENTRY <address></address>	Displays the 8 byte block header meta data. Note: The size inside this structure is in units. Multiply with 8.	Use the !heap command because the data is scrambled since Vista.

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I	Managed Heaps / Leak	
!dumpheap	Show each single managed object and statistics.	Sees also unrooted objects not yet collected. Be aware.
!dumpheap -stat	Statistics only	Don't confuse Free
!dumpheap -stat -type <type> !dumpheap -mt <mt></mt></type>	Finds also a part of the type. Do not(!) use wildcards.	(managed heap) with the free memory seen from the operating system.
!dumpheap -min 85000	Dumps objects on the LOH.	See !dumpheap -type Free for largest free block.
!dumpheap <minaddress> <maxaddress></maxaddress></minaddress>		See !eeheap -gc for range of LOH
!gcroot <address></address>	Shows the object's roots	Strong GCHandle is typically a static variable.
!eeheap -gc	Shows overall memory usage of unmanaged heap(s): GC heap size. Types and internal	Includes start addresses of generations and LOH. See !heap -s for
Tourist Tourist	structures.	native usage.
!finalizequeue	Lists objects with finalizer ready to clean-up. Not f- reachable queue!	Increasing objects may be due to a blocked finalizer thread. Ready for finalization > 0 may already be a hint!
!gchandles	Statistics of all used handles.	Includes pinned objects.
!gchandleleaks	Do references exist to all strong and pinned gc handles?	Finds the addresses of a reference: !do poi(<foundat>)</foundat>
!verifyheap	Validates the CLR heap(s) and shows	Does not work when garbage collection is
See also Mda	last good object.	active.

Search		
Range definition: Absolute range: <start> <end> Relative range <start> L<width> <start> L<width></width></start></width></start></end></start>	<pre><width> specifies the objects to inspect. This depends on the type. For ranges > 256MB you have to use the ? syntax: L?<width></width></width></pre>	
s - <type> <range> object Type: [b w d q a u]</range></type>	Searches for objects of given type.	Variation: Show only the addresses s -[1]a 0 FFFF "Hello"
s -sa <range> s -su <range></range></range>	Search any Ascii or Unicode string in range.	Specify a minimum lenth (xxx) of the strings. s -[lxxx]sa <range></range>
Can sometimes be 0x1 exceptions.	=> Studio: .s -D <esp>001f. Multiple matches</esp>	s may indicate nested
Brute force searching f x moduele!class::* - s -d 0 L?0xfffffffff <vta< td=""><td>→ module!class::'vfta</td><td>ible'</td></vta<>	→ module!class::'vfta	ible'
Searching addresses was -b 0 L?0xfffffffff <l< td=""><td>ithout caring about men</td><td>nory alignment</td></l<>	ithout caring about men	nory alignment

	Locks	
!ntsdexts.locks !ntsdexts.locks -o	Shows all locked critical sections. Looks for orphaned critical sections.	
!cs [-o] <address></address>	Show information about a critical section. Includes the current owner thread. Lists all locked	-o shows the current owner stack trace. This requires symbol information.
	critical sections.	
!syncblk	Searches sync block table for locked objects. Shows also the waiting threads.	Object header resides 4 bytes before the object reference. (recursion count -1)/2 = Number of waiting threads on that sync block.
!syncblk <index></index>	Shows single table entry.	If mask 0x08000000 is set the rest is the index into the table.
!dumpheap -thinlock	If table entry does not exist (thin lock). In this case !do shows also the owning thread.	(1 based) The owning thread refers to the ThreadOBJ listed with !threads.

Handles (Kernel objects)		
	Tailules (IXel liel objects)	
!htrace -enable	Enable and make first snapshot	
!htrace -snapshot	Make further snapshot.	
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!htrace -diff	Show outstanding handle allocation stack	
	traces since last snapshot. Read carefully! If	
	you make a new snapshot the same leaking	
	stack trace is not shown any more. Even if it	
	produces more leaks. Be also aware of handles created in other processes	
!htrace -disable	(DuplicateHandle).	
:iiiiace -disable	(Duplicaterrandic).	
Hatma a a	Don't forget when used on a running server.	
!htrace		
11. 4 11.	Shows all information.	
!htrace <handle></handle>		
	Shows allocation stack of handle.	
!handle	Show all handles	
!handle <handle> f</handle>	Show all info about a single handle.	
	f represents all possible options.	
!token <handle></handle>	Details about the token handle.	

Loading script files		
\$\$> <script.wds< th=""><th>Loads and executes the script.</th><th>bp <address> "\$\$><f:\script.txt"< th=""></f:\script.txt"<></address></th></script.wds<>	Loads and executes the script.	bp <address> "\$\$><f:\script.txt"< th=""></f:\script.txt"<></address>
\$\$>a <script.wds arg1<="" td=""><td>\$arg1, \$arg2 etc Argument is not resolved, just passed as text.</td><td>.echo \${\$arg1} .if (\${/d:\$arg1} != 0)</td></script.wds>	\$arg1, \$arg2 etc Argument is not resolved, just passed as text.	.echo \${\$arg1} .if (\${/d:\$arg1} != 0)

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Example Script
.echo "Running script"
$$ Arguments are passed as text i.e. poi(esp+40)
.if (${/d:$arg1} != 0)
      .echo ${$arg1}
       .echo $arg1
      du $arg1
      as /mu ${/v:myVar} $arg1
       .if (\$scmp(@"\$\{myVar\}", @"D:\") == 0)
              .echo true
       .else
              .echo false
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COM related	
!comstate	Shows all threads and to which apartment they belong.

Conditional Breakpoints by command strings

Command string is executed only when hit with g.

Execute the function, then evaluate the return value. bp Sample!Foo::Calc "gu;.if (eax!=1) {g}"

If the condition is more complex executing a script is more convenient. Note: poi(...) is passed as text. bp kernel32!CreateFileW "\$\$>a<d:\script.txt poi(esp+0n36)"

Dumps on x86 the opened file when CreateFileW is called. (\$csp points to return address when function is entered. Prologue was not executed yet!)

bp Kernel32!CreateFileW "du poi(esp + 4);g"

On x64 print message depending on first method argument. bp Foo::Func ".if (@rdx == 0) {.echo Zero;g} .else {.echo Not Zero;g}"

Stop when breakpoint hits the second time r @ t0 = 0

bp mod!func "r @\$t0=@\$t0+1; if (@\$t0==2) {.echo Hit} .else {gc}"

Stop when an event handle is set. You can use also dwo instead of

bp KernelBase!SetEvent ".if (poi(esp+4) == 468) {.echo foo};g"

Comparing strings inside a condition: You first have to create an alias. \$scmp / \$sicmp work like the C functions strcmp / stricmp. as /mu \${/v:myAlias} <address>

 $\inf(\$\operatorname{cmp}(\$\{\operatorname{myAlias}\}^*, @\d\cdot \operatorname{file.txt}^*) == 0) \{.\operatorname{echo} \operatorname{true}\} .\operatorname{else}$ {.echo false}

If you want to set another breakpoint in the command string you have to escape the quotes. (\")

Extended commands / streamlining tasks foreach parses the output of commands and uses the values it as input for other commands. .foreach [opt] (<var> {inCmds}) {outCmds} .foreach [opt] /s (<var> "inString") {outCmds} .foreach [opt] /f (<var> "inFile") {outCmds} Options: /pS < num > = Skips number of initial tokens./ps <num> = After each processed token <num> tokens are skipped.

Example (useless, only for demo) .foreach (obj {s -[1]a 0 FFFFFF "Cpp"}) {da {\$obj} }		
.shell [options] [cmd]	Executes a process and redirects output to WinDbg.	.shell -ci "da 0x003a93b2" FIND "whatever" /i
Options -ci "cmd1; cmd2;"	Executes command	/i is a case insensitive
,	and redirects output to shell process.	option for FIND
.if (cond) {cmds} .elseif (cond) {cmds} .else {cmds}	Conditional branches for scripts and command strings.	.if (@eax = 0) {.echo TRUE} .else {.echo FALSE; g}
command; z (expr)	Execute command while expression is true	
Scripts misc	Commands can be separated by semicolon.	\$scmp(s1, s2) \$sicmp(s1, s2) \$spat(s, pattern)
	Comments are introduced via \$\$	
as [type] \$ {/v: <name>} <value></value></name>	Simplified pattern for declaring variables ("aliases")	Type: /ma = Ascii string /mu = Unicode string
String literals	@ disables escaping in strings like in C#	@"\${myVar}"
.echo text	same as .echo "text"	

Unassemble		
uf /c /D <address></address>	Shows only the calls (/c) to other methods as links!	uf /c /D kernel32! GetFullPathNameW uf @eip
	<address> accepts also symbolic names.</address>	Finds start and end automatically.
u <address> ub <address></address></address>	General disassemble Backward	u @eip ub . i.e. verify call stacks
!u <address></address>	Unassemble and resolve managed calls.	
!dumpil <method descr.<br="">address></method>		

Security		
!token -n	Shows access token of current thread context.	-n resolves the cryptic SIDs (users and groups)

I	mportant Registers an	d Pseuderegisters
x86	x64	
ECX	RCX	this pointer on a method call
EAX	RAX	Return value
	R8R15	New additional general purpose
	RCX, RDX, R8 and R9	The first parameters on a function call. In case a method is called the this pointer is stored in RCX.
FS FS[0]		Contains pointer to TIB Points to exception record.
	Pseudo reg	isters
\$peb \$teb \$exp	Last evaluated	As with normal registers, pseudo registers must be escaped with @ in
\$retreg	expression eax on x86 rax on x64	expressions. dt _PEB @\$peb So the debugger can distinguish them from normal
\$csp	esp on x86 rsp on x64	symbols.
\$ip		Example:
\$ra \$tid	Return address Thread ID. (Not number!)	r \$csp is the same as ? \$csp
\$t0 \$t19	General purpose registers	
\$ptrsize	Size of a pointer.	
r RAX = 0		Sets value to register

	API Logger	
Manifest files resi	ide in folder winext\manifest. Includ	le in main.h
!logexts.loge	Inject and enable logger	Shows output folder.
!logc !logc d * !logc e <numb></numb>	Show all categories Disable all categories Enable category. See !logc.	
!logo	Show output options like output folder.	
!logo e t !logo e d	Enables output into trace file. Enables output into debugger	
!logd	Disables logging.	

Command Tree Template	
windbg ANSI Command Tree 1.0	
title {"Common Commands"}	
body	
{"All Commands"}	
{"Logging"}	
{"Open Log"} {".logopen"}	
{"Modules"}	
{"All Modules"} {"lm"}	

Memory Usage		
!address -summary	Shows memory usage summary.	RegionUsageIsVAD = VirtualAlloc
!address <address></address>	Information about the address.	RegionUsageHeap = Allocated by a heap manager. RegionUsageStack RegionUsageImage RegionUsageFree etc.
!vadump	Dumps all regions in virtual address space.	Log to file!

Kernel Debugging Cheat Sheet

Kernel debugger: Switching Context		
~ <cpu></cpu>	Set CPU context. Do not confuse with ~ in user mode (thread context).	~0 Switches to first CPU

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Kernel debugger: Processes		
!process	Lists running	Instead of the PID
<pre><pid address="" or=""></pid></pre>	processes and related	you can also specify
<flags></flags>	infos.	the address of the
[image]		process kernel object
	<flags $> = 0$	(nt!_EPROCESS), if
	Minimum output.	known.
	<flags> = 7</flags>	This address is shown
	Maximum output,	in the output as
	including stack traces	PROCESS.
	of all threads.	
		Note:
		Process ID (PID) ==
!process 0 0	Show all processes.	Process Client ID (CID)
!process -1 0	Show current process	
	running on CPU when	
	debugger break	
	happened	
!process 0 0 calc.exe	Show all calculator	
	processes.	
.process /r /p	Switches process	Now you can use lm
<address></address>	context.	for example to get the loaded modules.
	/r Reloads user mode	loaded modules.
	symbols.	
	/p Command takes	
	address of process	
	kernel object.	
.process /i <address></address>	Intrusive switch to	You need to run (g)
	process. Only live	first, before breaking
	debugging. This	back soon with the
	actually makes the	new default context.
	process active.	
	Needed to set user	
1 1/	mode breakpoints.	
.reload /user	Delegale 1 1	
	Reloads user symbols	
	after intrusive switch.	

Kernel debugger: Threads		
!thread <address></address>	Shows single stack trace of the given thread address.	The address is shown in the output of !process <pid> 7 as THREAD.</pid>
Alternative: .thread <address> k</address>	First set the thread context, then you can use the k command.	

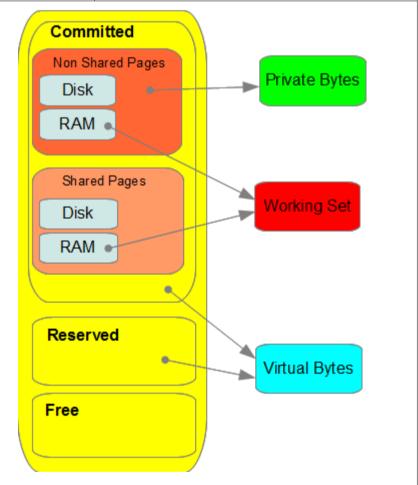
Kernel debugger: Breakpoints		
For kernel mode code use the known commands.	x, bp etc.	
For user mode code first switch default process context.	.process /i <address> .reload /user x <symbolic name=""> bp <address></address></symbolic></address>	Breakpoints in user mode are set relative the default process! This is the process that was active when stopped.

Kernel debugger: Local		
livekd -w	-w starts WinDbg instead of kd.	Copy livekd beside WinDbg. Does not allow to influence execution. i.e. setting breakpoints.

Kernel debugger: Inspect Objects		
!object <address></address>	Shows object type, object header address and handle count of the given object.	dt nt! _OBJECT_HEADER <header address=""> dt nt! _OBJECT_TYPE <type address=""></type></header>

Reference

(Virtual) Memory classification	
Working Set aka Mem Usage	Pages that are currently in RAM. Shared Pages are included. So you cannot simply add the Working Sets of two processes. You would coun Shared Pages twice. Standby page list is not included here (no longer in used but not paged out yet).
Private Bytes aka VMSize (< Win7) aka Commit Size	Total private virtual memory allocated. This is committed memory. It does not include Shared Pages. But be aware that memory allocated by shared libraries is accounted! So you cannot say if an increase in private bytes is due to the application itself or one of its DLLs. It does not matter if the pages are in memory or on disk. The standby page list is accounted here.
	Notes: Steady increasing value is a good indicator for a leak! But it is no proof! It can be that private bytes increase while virtual memory is stable for a while and then makes a sudden increase. This can be explained by a heap manager reserving a new segment.
Virtual Bytes	Total size of the virtual address space. These are the committed and reserved pages together. Shared Pages are included. Because it contains also the reserved pages this value can be much larger than private bytes. The only thing this value tells you is how close you are to the limit.
	Notes: If virtual bytes increases but private bytes do not it could mean that somebody either reserves memory directly via VirtualAlloc or it could be sign of Heap fragmentation.
Committed bytes	Total number of bytes in the committed state.
Shared Pages	Pages shared between processes like most DLLs and memory mapped files. Read only data like code or constants can be shared between processes and are therefore typically not included in the private bytes. Read write data like a Heap is not shareable.
System Commit Limit aka Commit Charge (Limit)	Size of the page file plus physical memory. Since the page file can grow (or shrink) this value is not constant. Loaded images are not charged against the limit because they are backed up by the file already.



References:

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1984186/what-is-privatebytes-virtual-bytes-working-set

.NET reference object's layout

There are two double words overhead. <address> - 4 Sync block <address> Method table

<address> + 4 Object data. For a one dimensional array the data starts with the array size.

Stack

Stack pointer @csp points always on the last element. Decremented before the next value is pushed. The value size is variable. Stack grows from top to bottom. Limits: See !teb

ESP
Local variables

EBP - 4
Stack guard (/GS)

(Child) EBP
Saved (previous) EBP

EBP + 4
Return address

EBP + 8
Function parameter 1
...

Function parameter n

Image shows direction of WinDbg output.

Breakpoint at start of function before the prologue is executed: ESP points to the return address. ESP+4 catches a function argument.

Child EBP in WinDbg shows the stack address of the saved previous frame pointer. Or at the beginning of a function: where the value is going to be stored after the prologue. WinDbg is smart enough to show the correct value even at function entry.

Therefore: Value of Child **EBP** = **EBP** for current frame. Set hardware breakpoint on stack guard to catch buffer overruns. Use dps <stack addr> to manually reconstruct the call chain.

x64

Only one calling convention!

Caller uses RCX, RDX, R8 and R9 in this order to pass arguments. RSP is stable after the prologue.

	Calling Conventions for x86
this	Parameters pushed right to left. Removed by caller. Default for C++ classes. This parameter is passed in ECX.
stdcall	Parameters pushed right to left. Removed by callee. Default for most system functions. Decoration example: _Foo@12 The number is the decimal bytes in argument list.
cdecl	Parameters pushed right to left. Removed by caller. Only convention that allows variable function arguments. Default for C / C++ functions. Decoration example: _Foo
fastcall	First two DWORD parameters are passed in ECX, EDX. Remaining ones are pushed right to left. Removed by callee. Used by .NET Jit Compiler. Decoration example: @Foo@12

Important Memory Fill Patterns		
0xCC	Uninitialized stack variables. (/GZ Compiler Option)	
0xCD	Used by Debug-CRT for uninitialized memory on the heap. (Memory returned by "new" or "malloc" not written to yet.) Clean Memory.	
0xDD	Used by Debug-CRT for freed memory. "Dead Memory". Used to find dangeling pointers.	
0xFD	Used by Debug-CRT as guard bytes before and after memory blocks. "Fence Memory". Before and after 0xCD pattern.	
0xAB	::HeapAlloc suffix (guard) bytes. When started under debugger.	
0xFEEEFEEE	::HeapFree freed memory. When started under debugger.	
	For the heap manager guards the application must be started under the debugger. For the CRT heap guards the application must be compiled in debug mode.	

WOW64 Virtual Environment

Calls to registry are virtualized. i.e.:

HLCR\Wow6432Node

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Classes\Wow6432Node HKCU\Software\Wow6432Node

HKCU\Software\Wow6432Node
HKCU\Software\Classes\Wow6432Node

The virtualization includes COM object registration.

File system access to %SystemRoot%\system32 is redirected to %SystemRoot%\sysWOW64

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JIT debugger

HKLM\SOFTWARE[**Wow6432Node**]\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\AeDebug

Auto (SZ) 1: Start debugger without message box
Debugger (SZ) "C:\debuggers\windbg.exe" -p %ld -e %ld -g

Visual Studio:

Open **Debug** | **Options and Settings ...**| **Just-In-Time** dialog. There select the type of code for Just-In-Time debugging. Next time you get a crash, the Visual Studio Just-In-Time debugger will come up.

WinDbg:

Run from command line: Windbg.exe -I

For default managed debugger for .NET < 4 see also HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\.NETFramework values DbgJITDebugLaunchSetting and DbgManagedDebugger

Getting a crash dump	
Procdump	

- -e Writes dump on second chance (not handled) exception.
- **-e 1** Writes dumps on first chance exception.
- -f Filters first chance exceptions. Supports wildcard *. Example: -f "Access Violation". Empty filter -f "" only monitors the occurring exceptions on the screen.
- -ma Writes all process memory.
- -t Writes a dump when process terminates. Useful when application exits without exception on errors.
- -n Number of dumps before exit. Important if first chance exceptions are dumped. Procmon would exit after the first one otherwise.
 -n <number>
- -x Launches the executable. Note that the executable comes after the dump folder! Procmon -e -x . foo.exe
- -i Installs procdump as post mortem debugger (AeDebug). Only limited options here! Target directory is printed.

procdump [-n exceeds] [-e [1]] [-f < filter,...>] [-ma] [-t]

Examples

Writes one dump now (hang)!
Procdump [-ma] < process name

Procdump [-ma] process name or PID>

Attaches to running process and dumps on not handled exception. procdump -e [-ma] [-t] process name or PID> <dump>

Attaches to running process and dumps on first chance exceptions. procdump -e 1 -n 1000 < ProcessNameWithoutExcention >

Dumps only on Access Violation crashes.

Procdump [-ma] -e 1 -f "AccessViolation" process name or PID>

Application is started instead of attached. Note the dot as folder! procdump -e -x . <image name> <dump>

Installs / uninstalls procdump as AeDebug post mortem debugger procdump -ma -i procdump -u

By default a 32 bit dump is created for 32 bit processes on a 64 bit Windows.

Windows Error Reporting (Windows 7)

Save User Mode Dumps locally.

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\ Windows Error Reporting\LocalDumps

DumpFolder (SZ)

Default= %LOCALAPPDATA%\CrashDumps

DumpType (DWORD)

- 1: Mini dump
- 2: Full dump

You can create the entries also application specific if you add a sub key with the application's name. (i.e. MyApp.exe) These settings override the global ones.

Dump files for System crashes are configured in "Startup and Recovery" dialogue ("Systemeigenschaften").

Managed Debugging Assistants (MDA)	
Main switch to enable MDA	
Environment variable COMPLUS_Mda=1	
Separated by semicolon you can also directly set the MDAs there.	

Registry does not work reliable for me(!)

Create xml file and name it <application.exe>.mda.config Put this file beside the application.

<mdaConfig>

<assistants>

<mda1 /> <mda2 />

</assistants>

</mdaConfig>

Important MDAs for native / managed applications				
 dingFailure />	Output appears in debugger. To resolve binding related problems use fuslogvw.exe			
<pre><gcunmanagedtomanaged></gcunmanagedtomanaged> <gcmanagedtounmanaged></gcmanagedtounmanaged></pre>	Triggerd on each unmanaged to managed transition. Detect corruptions early.			
<pinvokestackimbalance></pinvokestackimbalance>	Finds calling convention problems with Pinvoke.			
<pre><callbackoncollecteddelegate listsize="1500"></callbackoncollecteddelegate></pre>	Holds list of collected callbacks and checks if the are still used. (PInvoke) listSize is the numer of thunks to keep. If a managed delegate is passed to a synchronous Pinvoke it is pinned automatically.			
raceOnRCWCleanup	Finds Marshal.ReleaseCOMObject issues.			
Additional environment variables to debug managed heap corruptions i.e. for unsafe code without native transitions:				
set COMPLUS_HeapVerify=1 set COMPLUS_GCStress=1	Automatically validates the CLR heap on each garbage collection. Triggers garbage collection more often. May gets you closer to the problem location. Use variables in combination. Last strategy because of the overhead.			

UMDH

Prerequisites:

Enable stack trace database for examined application

gflags -i <app>

gflags -i <app> +ust

gflags -i <app> -tracedb <mb>

Ensure the _NT_SYMBOL_PATH environment variable is set.

Note: If stack trace database is not enabled via gflags it gets enabled automatically with the first snapshot. This applies only for the current examined application and is not persistent!

umdh -p: <pid> -f:<file></file></pid>	Creates snapshot
	Resolves symbols and creates difference file.

Registry location for gflags settings

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options

VMMap				
Columns				
Size	Reserved plus committed.			
Committed	Size minus Reserved			
Types of memory				
Shareable Types	Not accounted as private bytes.			
Images Mapped File Sharable	Executables, Dynamic Link Libraries. Typically mapped data files. Shared memory like memory mapped files.			
Private Data	Virtual memory that was not allocated by any other category. This comes from direct calls to VirtualAlloc or custom allocators working with VirtualAlloc.			
	Shortcuts			
F5	Refresh and take snapshot			
CTRL + D	Show differences			
Tips				

DLLs may show also private memory. This is due to copy-on-write mechanism (i.e. global variables).

To check for fragmentation show Free memory and search for the biggest available region. Note that the randomized stack addresses may also cause fragmentation if you use many threads.

Like with all SysInternals tools don't use the dbghelp.dll from system but from WinDbg folder.

Visual Studio Watch Window Formats					
Append separated with comma in watch window.					
wm	Show as window message	0x0010,wm => WM_CLOSE			
!	Show as raw format.	Disables available visualizer.			
hr	Show Win32 error code or HRESULT as message	err, hr err represents the last error.			
x,X	Hexadecimal	15,X => 0xF			
d/u	Signed / unsigned decimal integer				

Modifying executable flags	
Large address awareness	
dumpbin.exe" /headers <app.exe> => Application can handle large (>2GB) addresses</app.exe>	
editbin.exe" /largeaddressaware <app.exe></app.exe>	