

# Analyzing Windows Programs

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test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_31306D
cmp     [ebp+arg_0], ebx
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mov     eax, [ebp+var_70]
cmp     eax, [ebp+var_84]
jb      short loc_313066
sub     eax, [ebp+var_84]
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push    eax
push    edi
mov     [ebp+arg_0], eax
call    sub_31486A
test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_31306D
push    esi
lea     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
push    eax
mov     eax, 100h
push    esi
push    [ebp+arg_4]
push    edi
call    sub_314623
test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_31306D
cmp     [ebp+arg_0], esi
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# Side note

- If you're ever bored...check out <http://security.cs.rpi.edu/courses/malware-spring2013/>
- Lot's of links, articles, forums, CrackMe's, and tutorials are posted there

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push    eax
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# Windows

- You've probably heard us throw around these terms
  - Handle
  - Process
  - Thread
  - Registry
  - DLL
  - Service
  - ...
- And you're probably wondering what they all mean

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mov     esi, 1D0h
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call    sub_314623
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# Windows API

- The standard way of interacting with Windows
- Implemented through a broad set of DLLs (Dynamic Link Library)
  - kernel32.dll & ntdll.dll
    - Low level, interact with kernel (think syscalls)
    - **kernel32.dll** and **ntdll.dll** are **always** loaded
  - wininet.dll / ws2\_32.dll
    - Networking
  - advapi32.dll
    - “Advanced” API
    - Services, processes, permissions, crypto, etc
  - **Lots more**

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push    eax
mov     esi, 1D0h
push    esi
push    [ebp+arg_4]
push    edi
call    sub_314613
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# Processes

- A resource container
- Each **process** has its own
  - virtual address space
  - threads
  - **Windows** bookkeeping information
    - Usually stored in **structs** and **linked lists**
    - [Diagram](#) by Jeremy Blackthorne
- Some API: CreateProcess, CreateProcessAsUser, EnumProcesses

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# Threads

- Scheduled and **executed** by the OS
- Belong to a **single** process, and share its address space
- Have their own **thread context** and **stack**
- Some API: CreateThread, CreateRemoteThread

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jnz     short loc_313066
mov     eax, [ebp+var_70]
cmp     eax, [ebp+var_84]
jb      short loc_313066
sub     eax, [ebp+var_84]
push    esi
push    esi
push    eax
push    edi
mov     [ebp+arg_0], eax
call    sub_31486A
test    eax, eax
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# Thread Context

- Keeps track of the **state** of a thread
  - necessary when there are multiple threads on a system
  - **State** is defined by register values
- [MSDN](#): “See CONTEXT in WinNT.h”
- Some API: GetThreadContext, SetThreadContext

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sub     eax, [ebp+var_84]
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test    eax, eax
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push    eax
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# DLLs

- All processes share loaded **DLLs**
  - Saves space, only loaded into memory **once**
    - Must **map** into your own virtual address space (**LoadLibrary**)
  - Changes only affect your processes address space
- **Exports** functions for use by processes
- DllMain is **automatically** called when loaded

Some API: LoadLibrary, GetProcAddress



# Registry

- Big bookkeeping mess, “Organized” in a hierarchical tree
- Used to store configuration information for everything
  - **Key**: like a folder
  - **Value entry**: like a file
- Use **regedit** to navigate it
- **Buzzwords**: Autorun, Load Order Hijacking, Trusted DLLs
- Some API: RegOpenKey, RegSetValue, RegEnumKey

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call    sub_31486A
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# Service

- Similar to a process
- Gets “Installed”
  - onto disk/registry
- Can interact with them via the service manager ([services.exe](#))
  - Start, stop, suspend, schedule, autostart
- Some API: CreateService, OpenSCServiceManager, EnumDependentServices

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# Handle

- Abstract pointer to something
  - A specific process, file, registry key, service, etc.
  - Is sometimes an actual (memory) pointer

Some things that return Handles	Some things that use open handles
OpenFile, CreateFile	WriteFile, ReadFile
OpenService, OpenSCManager	OpenService, ControlService
RegCreateKey	RegCreateKey, RegReplaceKey

# Lecture sample

- [http://ark.rpis.ec/Malware/Lectures/03\\_Analyzing\\_Windows\\_Programs/](http://ark.rpis.ec/Malware/Lectures/03_Analyzing_Windows_Programs/)

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# COM (Component Object Model)

- Code sharing / interoperability giant by MS
- **COM servers** offer up implementation
  - Identified by GUIDs, CLSIDs, and IIDs
- **COM Clients** use the interface to exec the implementation
- Similar to the #include/DLL method but...
  - Anyone can offer up new interfaces
  - Client **doesn't need to know** who is implementing it or where



# Lecture sample

- PMA Lab 07-02

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# Lab this Friday

- Jeremy Blackthorne from MIT Lincoln Laboratory is coming to speak
- No lab if he's still coming

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# Fairgame & CSAW

- Fairgame solutions this Friday!!
  - fairgame.rpis.ec
- CSAW CTF this weekend!

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cmp     eax, [ebp+var_84]
jb      short loc_313066
sub     eax, [ebp+var_84]
push    esi
```

```
push    esi
push    eax
push    esi
mov     [ebp+arg_0], eax
call    sub_314623
test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_31306D
push    esi
lea     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
push    eax
mov     esi, 1D0h
push    esi
push    [ebp+arg_4]
push    edi
call    sub_314623
test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_31306D
cmp     [ebp+arg_0], esi
jz      short loc_31308F
```

```
loc_313066:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
                                                ; sub_312FD8+55
```

```
push    0Dh
call    sub_31411B
```

```
loc_31306D:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
                                                ; sub_312FD8+49
```

```
call    sub_3140F3
test    eax, eax
jg      short loc_31307D
call    sub_3140F3
jmp     short loc_31308C
```

```
loc_31307D:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
```

```
call    sub_3140F3
and     eax, 0FFFFh
or      eax, 80070000h
```

```
loc_31308C:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
```

```
mov     [ebp+var_4], eax
```