

01) Threads

Kernel Threads



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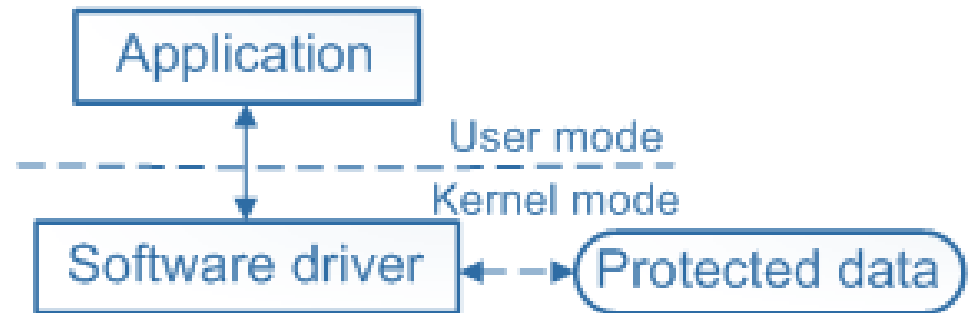
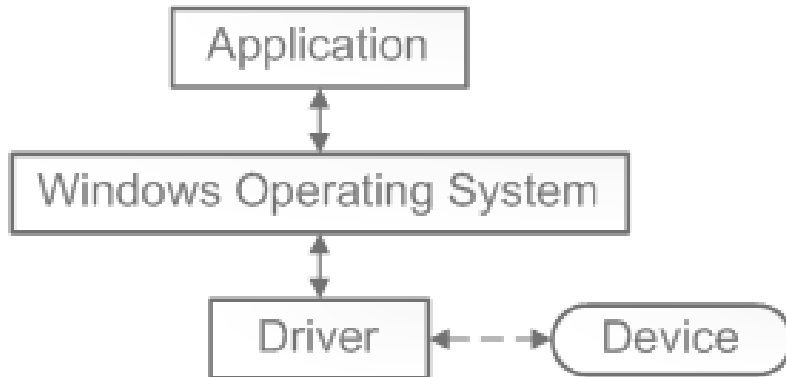
Windows Internals



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What is a driver?



Kernel-Mode Drivers

- Loadable Kernel Modules (.sys files)
 - Under **System** Process
 - RegPath: **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services**
- Driver Frameworks
 - Windows Driver Model (Now Legacy)
 - Windows Driver Foundation (WDF)
 - Kernel Mode Driver Framework (KMDF)
 - User Mode Driver Framework (UMDF)
- Universal Windows Drivers (Since Windows 10)





Kernel Thread Functions

```
NTSTATUS PsCreateSystemThread(  
    [out] PHANDLE ThreadHandle,  
    [in] ULONG DesiredAccess,  
    [in, optional] POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes,  
    [in, optional] HANDLE ProcessHandle,  
    [out, optional] PCLIENT_ID ClientId,  
    [in] PKSTART_ROUTINE StartRoutine,  
    [in, optional] PVOID StartContext  
);
```

```
__kernel_entry NTSYSCALLAPI NTSTATUS NtClose(  
    [in] HANDLE Handle  
);
```

Thread Termination:

```
NTSTATUS PsTerminateSystemThread(  
    [in] NTSTATUS ExitStatus  
);
```

```
void KstartRoutine(  
    [in] PVOID StartContext  
)  
{...}
```



Waiting for Thread in Kernel



NTSTATUS

```
KeWaitForSingleObject (  
    PVOID Object,  
    KWAIT_REASON WaitReason,  
    KPROCESSOR_MODE WaitMode,  
    BOOLEAN Alertable,  
    PLARGE_INTEGER Timeout  
);
```

Drivers should set this value to **Executive**

Drivers should specify **KernelMode**





Getting Object by Handle

```
NTSTATUS ObReferenceObjectByHandle(  
    [in]          HANDLE          Handle,  
    [in]          ACCESS_MASK     DesiredAccess,  
    [in, optional] POBJECT_TYPE   ObjectType,  
    [in]          KPROCESSOR_MODE AccessMode,  
    [out]          PVOID          *Object,  
    [out, optional] POBJECT_HANDLE_INFORMATION HandleInformation  
);
```

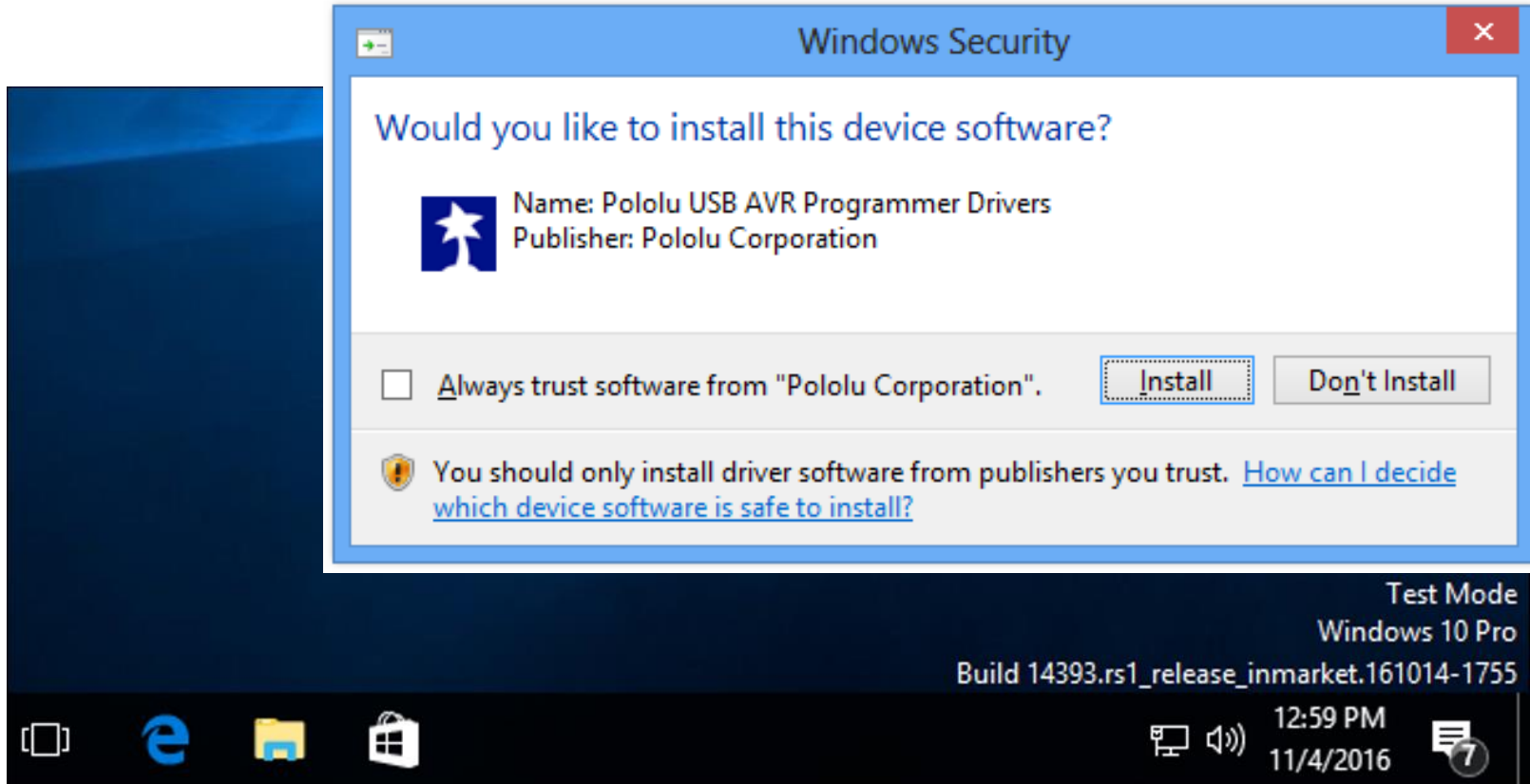
```
void ObDereferenceObject(  
    [in] a  
);
```



Driver Signing



`Bcdedit.exe -set TESTSIGNING ON`





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