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Environment: Windows NT 4.0/2000 only, VC6 SP4, NT DDK is not needed:)

#### **Overview**

This article presents two separate utilities (NtSysInfo and WhoUses) to examine low level information on such Windows NT system primitives such as processes, threads, windows, modules and objects. Some of the things that I'm doing here are similar to the utilities found on the sysinternals Web site.

#### NtSysInfo Syntax

NtSysInfo enables you to explore the Windows NT internals and enumerate the system's processes, windows, threads, objects.

```
7. /W Window list
8. processId Process ID, dec. or 0x??? (-1 = every process, default)
9.
10. Examples:
11. NtSysInfo.exe /HFile 651
12. NtSysInfo.exe /H 1248
13. NtSysInfo.exe /Mkernel32.dll
14. NtSysInfo.exe /P
15. NtSysInfo.exe /W
16. NtSysInfo.exe /W 1215
```

#### **WhoUses Syntax**

NtSysInfo allows you to list processes, windows, threads, objects. The WhoUses utility enalbes you to determine what process has a file or DLL locked.

```
1. Usage: WhoUses.exe [/M] fileName
2. /M          fileName is a module name ( EXE, DLL, ...)
3.         fileName     File name
4.
5. Examples:
6.         WhoUses.exe /M kernel32.dll
7.         WhoUses.exe /M c:\test\test.dll
8.         WhoUses.exe yourTextFile.txt
9.         WhoUses.exe c:\pagefile.sys
10.         WhoUses.exe Serial0
```

### Code Examples

```
1. Get the process list
```

```
    SystemProcessInformation pi;
    pi.Refresh();
    // Iterate through pi.m_ProcessInfos
```

#### 2. Get the thread list

```
    // processId == -1 means every process
    SystemThreadInformation ti( processId );
    ti.Refresh();
    // Iterate through ti.m_ThreadInfos
```

#### 3. Get the object list

```
    // processId == -1 means every process
    SystemHandleInformation oi( processId );
    oi.Refresh();
    // Iterate through oi.m_HandleInfos
```

#### 4. Get the file object list

```
    // processId == -1 means every process
    SystemHandleInformation fi( processId );
    fi.SetFilter( _T("File"), TRUE ); // Refresh
    // Iterate through fi.m_HandleInfos
```

#### 5. Get the window list

```
    // processId == -1 means every process
    SystemWindowInformation wi( processId );
    wi.Refresh();
    // Iterate through wi.m_WindowInfos
```

#### 6. Get window list

```
    // processId == -1 means every process
    SystemModuleInformation mi( processId );
    mi.Refresh();
    // Iterate through mi.m_ModuleInfos
```

## **Warnings & Disclaimers**

This software uses a few undocumented functions (ntdll.dll), peeks around in your systems internals. Use at your own risk! It works for me. :)

#### **Resources**

- Book: Undocumented Windows NT by Prasad Dabak, Sandeep Phadke, Milind Borate
- Book: Windows NT/2000 Native API Reference by Gary Nebbett
- Web: System Internals, www.sysinternals.com

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