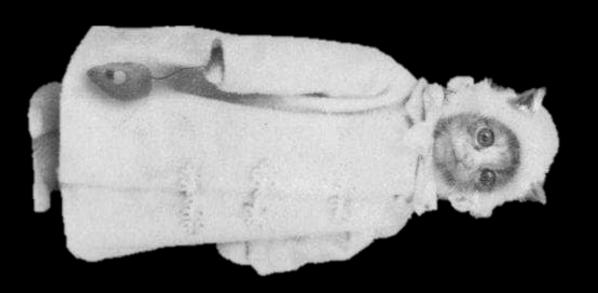
Windows Kernel Fuzzing for Intermediate Learners

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PSA WARNINGS

- ALLERGY: Some Recycled Material
- SPOILER: Not Really About Kernel Fuzzing
- TRIGGER: Neckbeards





About Me:



- ~ 11 weeks kernel experience
- ~ 8 years fuzzing experience
- ~ 25 years nerding experience
- Hate all Technology
- Certified Windows Internals Expert!

Disclaimer:

I am aware of the prevailing opinion that fuzzing talks without bugs suck, by definition. I do not have any bugs. Even if I did have bugs, I wouldn't tell you. There are no bugs.









ALL LIES!

Not fuzzing ALPC - Fuzzing with ALPC





ALL LIES!

Not kernel fuzzing - new attack surface for userland





ALL LIES!

... but we need to understand the kernel first





Fuzzing Made Simple

- Select a Good Target
- Acquire Essential Knowledge
- Apply Fuzzing Canon
 - How do we Deliver
 - How do we Instrument
 - How do we Generate
 - How does that Scale



Phase I - Target Selection

Target: ALPC



Why ALPC?

- New
- Tricky
- Undocumented
- Everywhere



What Bug Classes?

- Privesc to SYSTEM(+) from anywhere
- Memory Helpers
 - Fill memory
 - Disclose?
- DoS
- "Jackpot" bug?



ALPC What Do?

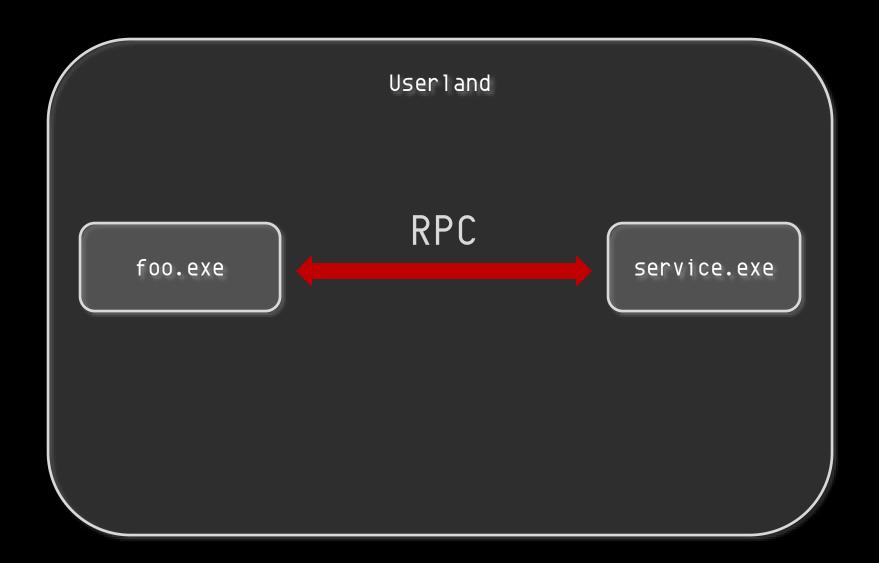
- Interprocess Communication
- New in Vista+
- Low Level
- Sync / Async, Fast, Awesome

ALPC What Do?

- Shared Memory Views
- IO Completion Ports
- Lots of security, enforced by the kernel
- TOCTOU Safe

ALPC What Do?

- RPC / RPC-DCOM run on it
- Can also be used directly
- Imagine it like a network



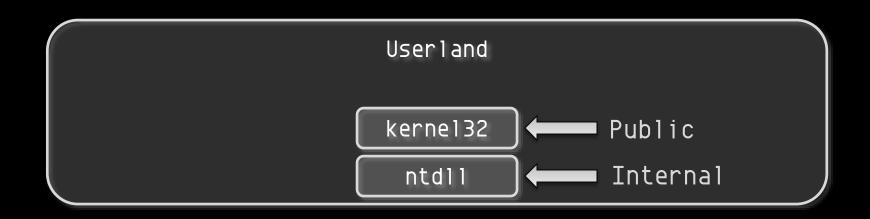






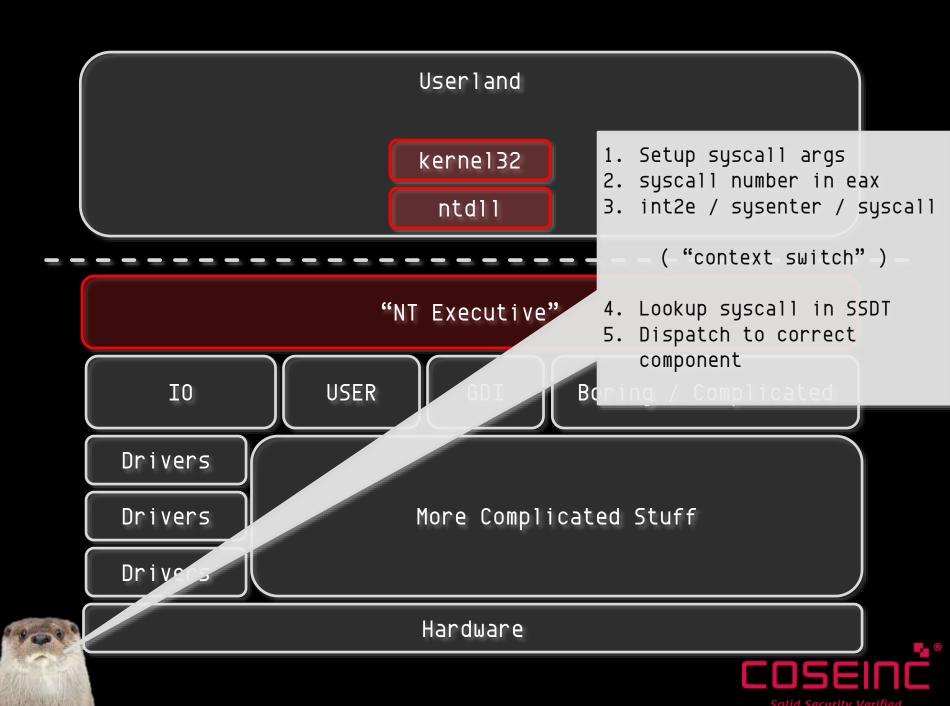
Kernel Recap









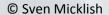






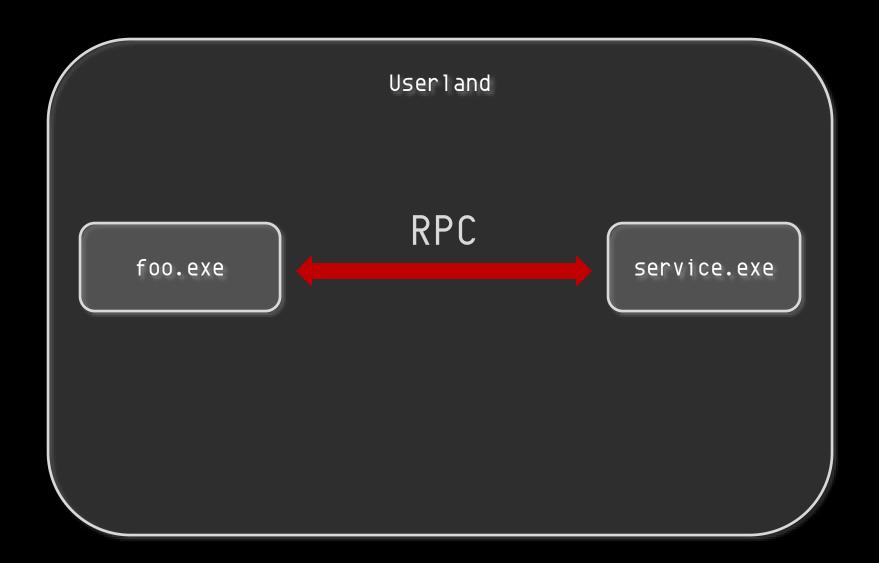
Object Manager manages them

(duh.)

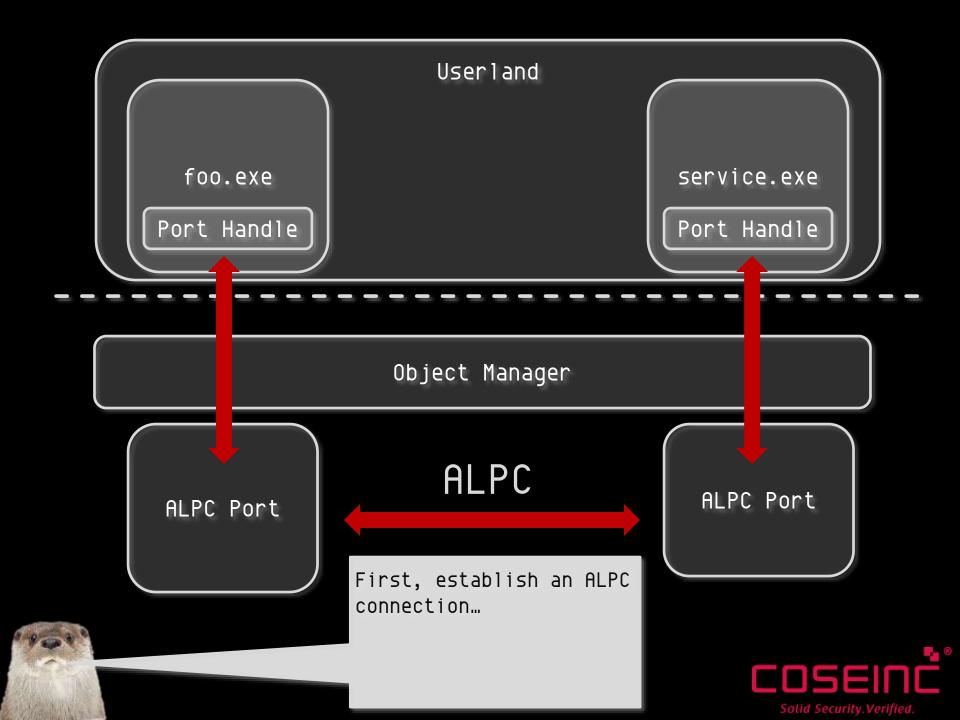


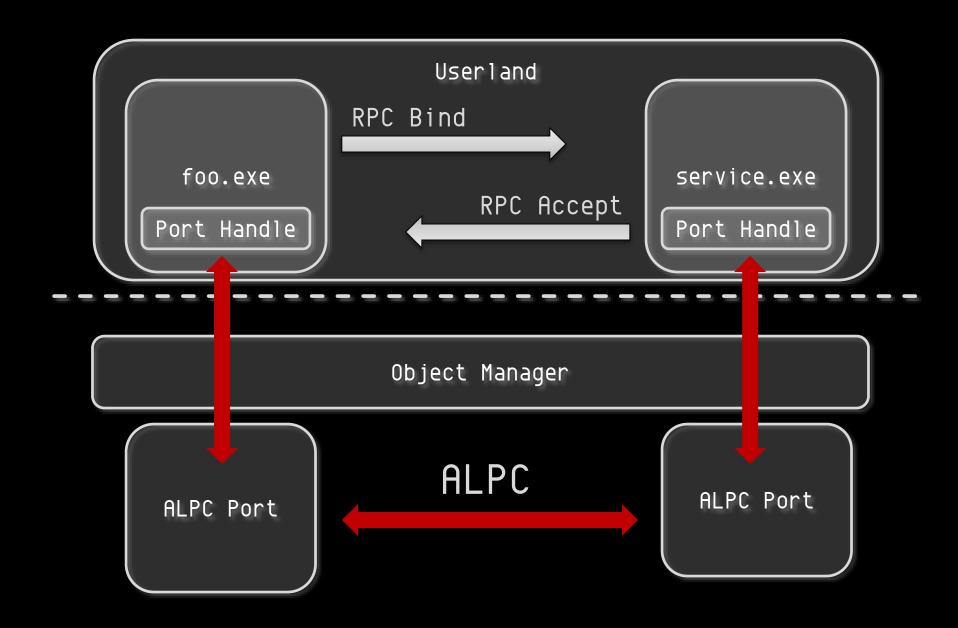
... where were we?



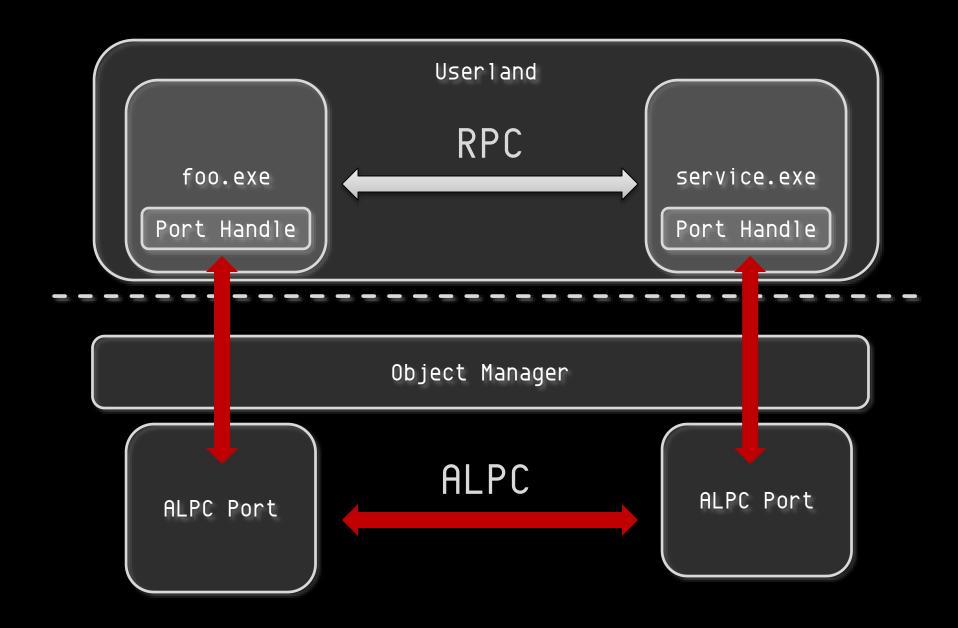














Phase II - Acquire Knowledge

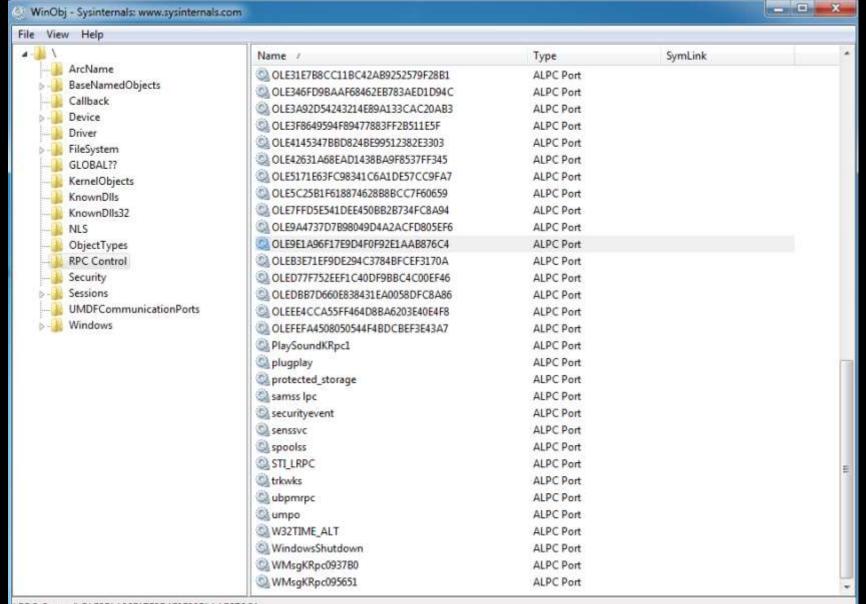
ALPC Surface



ALPC Attack Surface

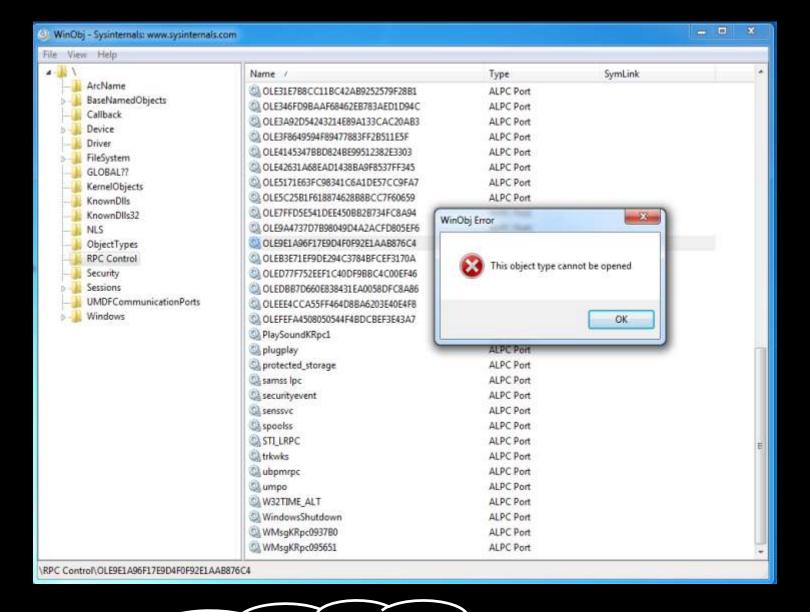
- Who talks to whom?
- Which processes have open ports?

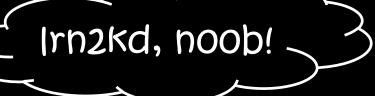














lkd> !process 0 0 services.exe PROCESS fffffa803228cb30 SessionId: 0 Cid: 0234 Peb: 7fffffd5000 ParentCid: 01b8 DirBase: 907c9000 ObjectTable: fffff8a0014c8620 HandleCount: 220.

Image: services.exe



```
| The content of the
```



```
lkd> !alpc /p fffffa80322d4090
Port
    fffffa80322d4090
 Type
                             : ALPC_CONNECTION_PORT
 CommunicationInfo
                             : ffffff8a001542490
                           : fffffa80322d4090 (ntsvcs)
    ConnectionPort
    ClientCommunicationPort : 0000000000000000
    ServerCommunicationPort
                               00000000000000000
 OwnerProcess
                             : fffffa803228cb30 (services.exe)
                             : 0x000000CE (206)
 SequenceNo
                             : fffffa80322b85c0
 CompletionPort
 CompletionList
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 MessageZone
                               00000000000000000
                             : No
 ConnectionPending
                             : No
 ConnectionRefused
                               N \odot
 Disconnected
 Closed
                               N \cap
 FlushOnClose
                             : Yes
                             : No
 ReturnExtendedInfo
 Waitable
                             : No
                             : Static
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Cutting Edge Tech

- https://github.com/bnagy/rBuggery
- Ruby wrapper for dbgeng.dll (windbg)
- Fully scriptable debugger
 - kernel debugging
 - -LOCAL kernel debugging
- Unique Features:
 - Actually works



Know what the Windows Kernel needs?

A JSON API!

- Wrap rBuggery with Sinatra
- —Connect with Go
- Map ALPC
- Drink Barry's salty ragetears



alpcmap

- Start debugger bridge on Windows
- Connect from anywhere
- Maps ports, serves webapp graph
- https://github.com/bnagy/alpcmap





alpcmap

- Automates and parses:
 - -!alpc/lp,/lpc,/p
 - -dt nt_OBJECT_HEADER
 - -!token
 - —!sd
 - -!object
 - -!process

— ...





Initiating demonstration...

Phase III - Generation

What to send?



Phase III - Generation

Examine existing messages!



ALPC Message Logging

- Event Tracing for Windows (ETW)?
- advapi32 has StartTrace() ...
- EVENT_TRACE_FLAG_ALPC ...
- SystemTraceControlGuid ...
- CODEZ!



ALPC Message Logging

- Hacked StartTrace() support into w32
 - Needs lots of support cruft



ETW

```
// Set the session properties. You only append the log file name
// to the properties structure; the StartTrace function appends
// the session name for you.
pSessionProperties.Wnode.BufferSize = uint32(bufsz)
pSessionProperties.Wnode.Flags = w32.WNODE FLAG TRACED GUID
pSessionProperties.Wnode.ClientContext = 1 //QPC clock resolution
pSessionProperties.Wnode.Guid = w32.SystemTraceControlGuid
pSessionProperties.EnableFlags = w32.EVENT TRACE FLAG ALPC
pSessionProperties.LogFileMode = w32.EVENT TRACE FILE MODE CIRCULAR
pSessionProperties.MaximumFileSize = uint32(*LogfileSize) // MB
pSessionProperties.LoggerNameOffset = uint32(unsafe.Sizeof(w32.EVENT TRACE
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for i, b := range logPathW.Bytes() {
    buf[int(pSessionProperties.LogFileNameOffset)+i] = b
// Create the trace session.
hTrace, err := w32.StartTrace(w32.KERNEL_LOGGER_NAME, pSessionProperties)
if err != nil {
    log.Fatalf("StartTrace failed: %v", err)
```





MSDN Blogs > Pigs Can Fly > Xperf, a new tool in the Windows SDK

Xperf, a new tool in the Windows SDK



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The SDK team just shipped the latest version of the Windows SDK which supports Windows Server 2008 and Vista SP1. The SDK now includes an important new tool; the Windows Performance Tool Kit from the Windows performance team (we call them the xperf tools for short...)

This is the first article in the xperf series, the next one is Xperf Tools Landing Page and Update

The xperf tools have long been an internal tool used by our team, and widely throughout Windows, for system-wide performance analysis. Xperf got its start many years ago as a set of command-line tools that produce reports based off the ETW instrumentation in the kernel[1]. Many other components and applications in Windows are instrumented with ETW and xperf can enable these events, dump them, and analyze them.

Xperf is an important tool for anyone doing system performance work on Windows because it's specifically designed to give you a complete system-wide view of performance over long periods of time (10's of seconds, to minutes)[2]. It's also the only tool that knows how to fully process all the events from the kernel and correlate them into something that makes sense.





DOJBLE EALL

... The message contents aren't even in the ETW output only the Message IDs 😊



Undocumented !alpc switch /lm!

Set "AlpcMessageLog" in HKLM\CCS\Control\Session!

Use this sweet trick to add private ALPC_MESSAGE_LOG symbol...





symbol.c

```
typedef unsigned long ULONG;
typedef unsigned char BOOL;
typedef void* PVOID;
typedef struct _LIST_ENTRY {
  struct LIST ENTRY* Flink;
  struct LIST_ENTRY* Blink;
} LIST ENTRY, *PLIST ENTRY;
typedef struct _ALPC_MESSAGE_LOG {
  LIST ENTRY Entry;
  LIST ENTRY HashEntry; That's a private symbol!
  PVOID Message;
  ULONG MessageId;
   _declspec(align(4)) BOOL Valid;
  LIST ENTRY SnapshotListHead;
} ALPC MESSAGE LOG, *PALPC MESSAGE LOG;
ALPC MESSAGE LOG foo;
```

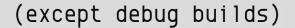
```
cl.exe /Zi /Gz /c /Fdntkrnlmp
/IC:\WinDDK\7600.16385.1\inc\ddk
/IC:\WinDDK\7600.16385.1\inc\crt
/D_X86_=1 symbols.c
// FIXME
```

Pass in the existing .pdb
It will be modified in-place
(so save a copy)









ALPC Message Logging

FINE! Let's use rBuggery then.

```
ntdll!ZwAlpcSendWaitReceivePort:
```

4c8bd1 mov r10,rcx

b882000000 mov eax,82h

0f05 syscall

c3 ret

Message contents added and removed here; -)

ALPC Message Logging

```
NTSYSCALLAPI
NTSTATUS
NTAPI
NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort(
    in HANDLE PortHandle,
    in ULONG Flags,
    __in_opt PPORT_MESSAGE SendMessage,
    ___in_opt PALPC_MESSAGE_ATTRIBUTES SendMessageAttributes,
    __inout_opt PPORT_MESSAGE ReceiveMessage,
                                                 0x28
    inout opt PULONG BufferLength,
   __in_opt PLARGE_INTEGER Timeout
);
    __inout_opt PALPC_MESSAGE_ATTRIBUTES ReceiveMessageAttributes,
```

x64 fastcall uses registers for first 4 args, but space is still reserved for them on the stack…

Breakpoint Callback

```
bp proc = lambda {|args|
  begin
    p_msg = debugger.read_pointers( debugger.registers['rsp']+0x28 ).first
    return 1 if p msq.null?
    # hackily get total length
    message offset = p msg.address
    total length = debugger.read virtual( message offset+2, 2 ).unpack('s').first
    if total length >= PORT MESSAGE SIZE
      message = debugger.read virtual(message offset, total length)
      q.push message
    end
  ensure
    return 1 # DEBUG STATUS GO
  end
```

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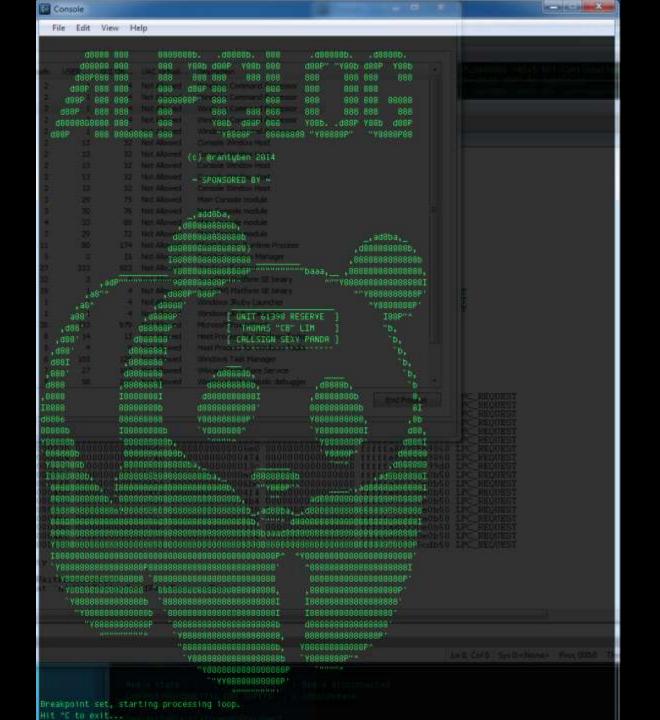
Sappy Moralizing Interlude

- Learned cool stuff while failing
- Presenting failure helps everyone









Phase IV - Delivery

ALPC Programming



What I cannot create, Why count x sort I do not understand. Bethe Ausitz Pro Know how to robre every problem that has been robred 2-0 Hall vacu Tamp Non Linear Chancel Ha O f = U(r, a)g = 4(+ Z) ulr. 1 +=2/1-a/u

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Programming with ALPC

- Very little documentation!
 - New Edition of Windows Internals
 - Some LPC stuff on j00ru's blog
 - Alex Ionescu's trainings
 - -ntlpcapi.h

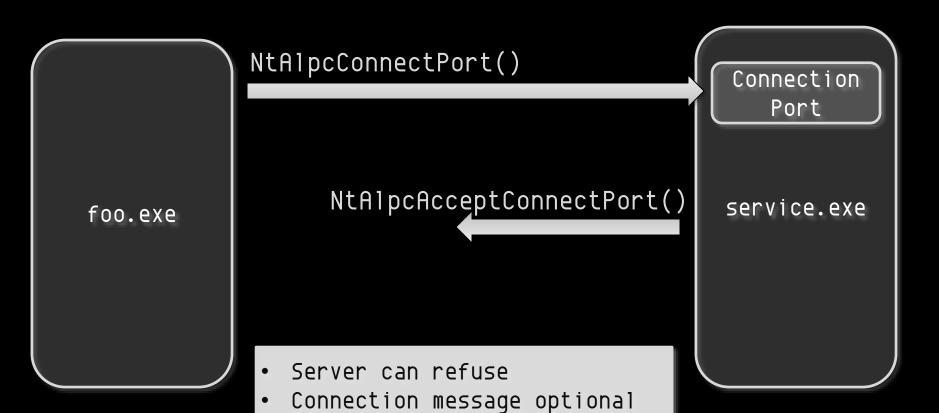
- —This project (didn't test)
- https://github.com/avalon1610/ALPC/tree/master/ALPC



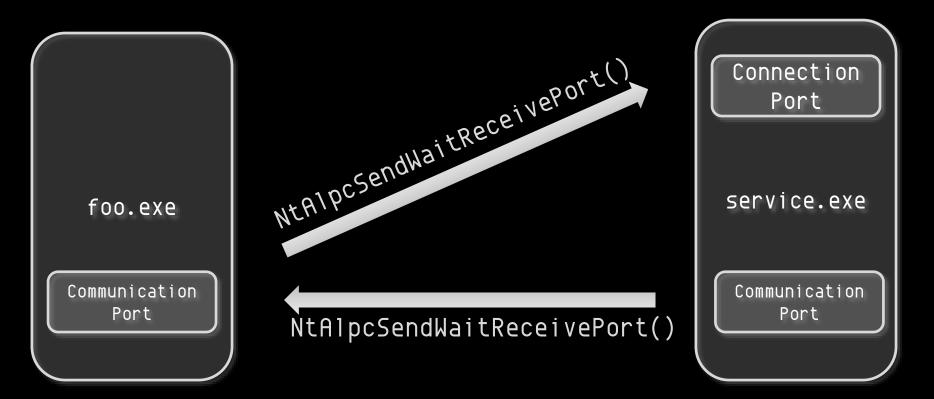
Why use Go?

- Compiled.
 - Windows users can ship binaries
- Idiomatic Windows binding (w32)
- cgo use headers directly in a pinch
- Raging code hipster









Servers only wait on one port!



Your flippant manner wearies me. Display your pathetic code immediately.

Connection - Client

```
hPort, e = w32.NtAlpcConnectPort(
    serverName,
    &oa,
    &basicPortAttr,
    w32.ALPC PORFLG ALLOW LPC REQUESTS,
    nil,
    pConnMsg,
    nil,
    nil,
    nil,
    nil,
```



Acceptance - Server

```
hPort, e = w32.NtAlpcAcceptConnectPort(
    hSrv,
    0,
    &oa,
    &basicPortAttr,
    context,
    pConnReq,
    nil,
    accepted,
```



Receive Loop - Client

```
// Reset the buffer, or the fields set in the previous recv will cause
// the message to be rejected - new ALPC messages should have most
// fields zeroed, as they are filled in by the kernel
clientMsg.Reset()
clientMsq.SetData([]byte(msg))
log.Printf("Client: Sending %s to handle %x", msg, hClientComm)
err := w32.NtAlpcSendWaitReceivePort(
    hClientComm,
    0.
   &clientMsg,
                   Note same buffer for send / recv...
   nil,
   &clientMsq,
    nil,
    nil,
    nil,
if err != nil {
    log.Fatalf("Client: Recv Error: %v", err)
```

Your puerile code lacks all ability to dispatch to multiple clients. Clarify the mechanism whereby this is achieved.





Message Attributes

- Context opaque struct
- Security
- Data View share memory
- Handle share handles

Secured "in transit" by the kernel



Capture

```
if recvMsg.Type&w32.LPC_CONNECTION_REQUEST == w32.LPC_CONNECTION_REQUEST {
    log.Printf("Server: Connection Message: % x", recvMsg.GetData())

    portContext := w32.AlpcPortContext{}
        handles = append(handles, &portContext)
        hServerComm, err := basicalpc.Accept(hServerConn, &portContext, &recvMsg, true)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatalf("Server: Failed to accept client: %v", err)
    }
    // Save the communication port handle in the context. We could
    // save anything we wanted, this is an opaque blob.
    portContext.Handle = hServerComm
    log.Printf("Server: New Communication Port, handle: %x", hServerComm)
```



Expose and Cast

```
pMsgAttrs := w32.AlpcGetMessageAttribute(
    pRecvAttrs,
    ₩32.ALPC MESSAGE CONTEXT ATTRIBUTE,
if pMsqAttrs != nil {
    context = (*w32.ALPC CONTEXT ATTR)(pMsqAttrs)
    commHandle := context.PortContext.Handle
    if commHandle != 0 {
```





ALPC Programming Tips

- ntstatus.h learn it, live it, love it
- Zero out reused buffers / headers
- Initialize struct Length fields
- Double check your flags
 - -ALPC PORFLG *
 - -ALPC_MSGFLG_*



Code - Go

- https://github.com/bnagy/w32
- https://github.com/bnagy/alpcgo
 - High level API
 - alpcechocli / alpcechosrv
 - alpcbridge (jsonrpc API)

Whoa! I can connect with 5 lines of python!

Rust or Haskell would clearly have been a more felicitous choice.



WHAN RELEASE FUZZER??





My TODOs

- Add Attribute support to Send()
 - Rating: EASY (NOW...)
- Add LRPC Parsing?
 - Rating: HARD

- Add MitM Fuzzing Proxy
 - Rating: NOT FOR RELEASE



Your TODOs

- Here's the whole JSONRPC API:
 - -Connect()
 - —Send()
 - -Close()

- Add radamsa and 15 lines of python
 - Rating: TRIVIAL





Instrumentation

- Userland Issues
 - -"Normal" Exception instrumentation

- -RADAR
- http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd393057(WS.10).aspx

- –ProcDump
- http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/dd996900.aspx



Instrumentation

- BSOD Logging
 - –Dump to disk
 - Check for dumps at startup
 - Dispatch to a triage server



My work here is done



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Questions?

