

# TALOS

Easier Malware Research with WinDbg and Javascript

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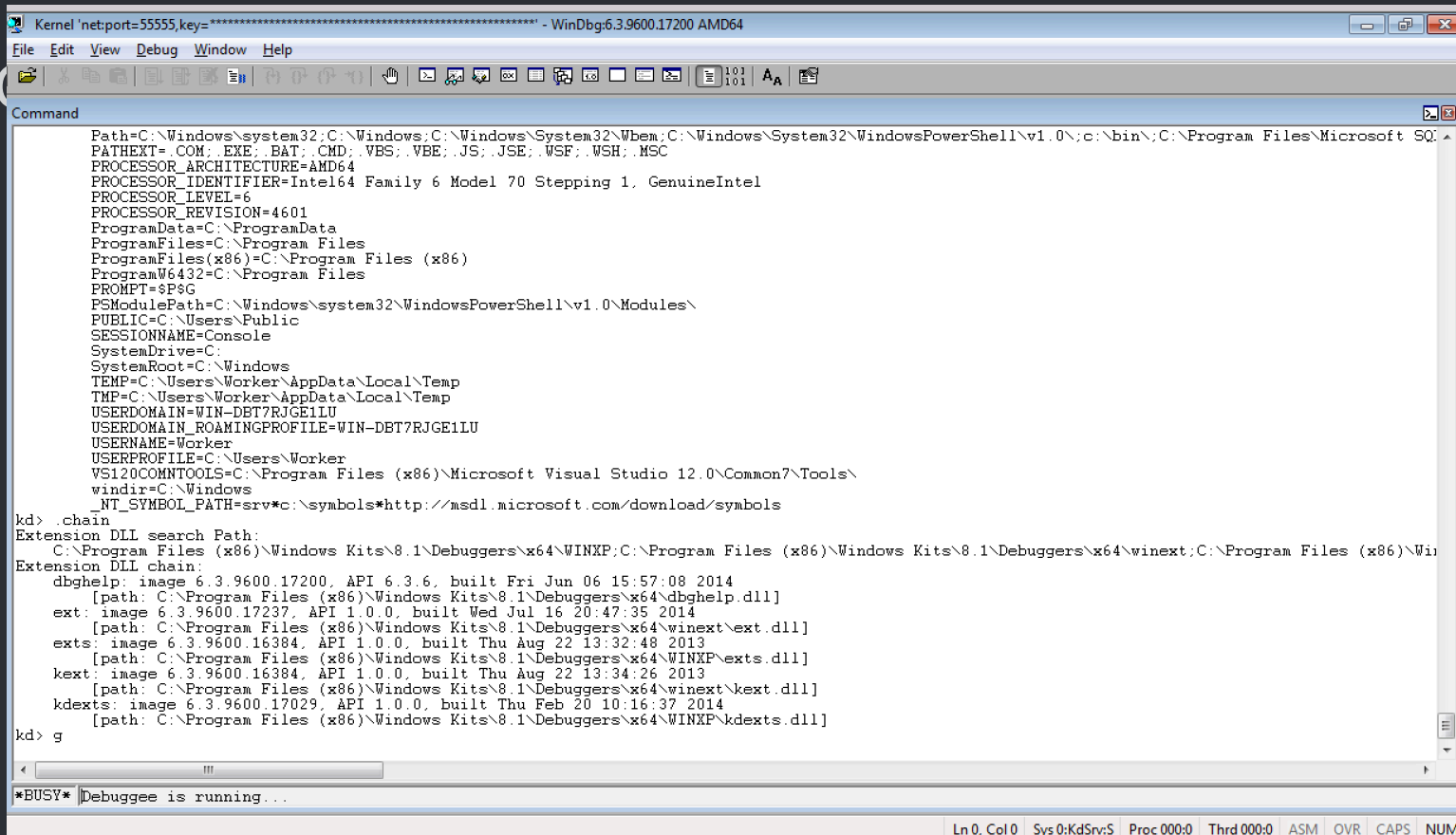
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# Easier WinDbg with Javascript

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- Intro to WinDbg
- WinDbg scripting
  - WinDbg scripting (aka Dscript)
  - Javascript extension scripting

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Command Window

Exact matches:

```
KERNELBASE!HeapCreate (void)
0:000> bp KERNELBASE!HeapCreate
0:000> g-
Breakpoint 0 hit
Time Travel Position: 95:53
eax=00000000 ebx=00000001 ecx=00000000 edx=0019ff18 esi=00000000 edi=fffffffe
eip=74229560 esp=0019feec ebp=0019fefc iopl=0         nv up ei pl nz na po nc
cs=0023  ss=002b  ds=002b  es=002b  fs=0053  gs=002b             efl=00000202
KERNELBASE!HeapCreate:
74229560 8bff          mov     edi,edi
```

Locals

Name	Value
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Breakpoints

	Location	Line	Type	Hit Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0x74229560		Software	1

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# Basic WinDbg

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# Exploration commands

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- R
- x
- dt
- db, dw, dd, dq, dps, du, da
- k
- .formats
- ln - where is this?
- !dh - display pe header
- !ustr
- s

# Disassembling

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- u
- uf - usefull for displaying calls (uf /c)

# Control

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- t [address] - trace (Step into)
- p [address] - proceed (Step over)
- pc (tc) - Step over until a call instruction is encountered
- pt (tt) - Step over until return
- g - go - continue execution
- gu - go up (return to the calling function and stop - careful here)
- .process - set process context
- .thread - set register context



# Breakpoints

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- ba (hardware if possible)
- bp[ID] [Options] [Address [Passes]] ["CommandString"]
- bu (unresolved)
- bm (multiple)
  
- bl
- .bpcmds
- bc

# Breakpoints

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- Conditional

- `bp Address "j (Condition) 'OptionalCommands'; 'gc' "`
- `bp Address ".if (Condition) {OptionalCommands} .else {gc}"`
- `bp kernel32!CreateEventW "$$<c:\\commands.txt"`
- `bp kernel32!CreateEventW ".scriptrun c:\\commands.js"`

# Breakpoints

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- Break on return to modify return value one liner
- ```
bp kernelbase!GetTickCount "bp /1 @$ra \"  
.if $ip > 00007ffea7747418 {r @$t1=@rax}  
.else{r rax=@$t1 + 0x10};  
r rax;g\"  
;g"
```

# Input/Output

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- `.printf`
- `.echo`
- `.readmem`
- `.writemem`

# Pseudo and temporary registers

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- \$csp, \$ip
- \$ra, \$extret, \$retreg
- \$peb, \$teb
- \$proc, \$thread
- \$iment (operator)
- \$exentry
- \$t0 to \$t19

# Logging

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- .logopen filepath
- .logclose
- .hh - open help file



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# Scripting

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# Conditional statements

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- .if, .then, .else
- j (ternary) - use with conditional breakpoints
  - bp



# Repetition

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- .for
- .foreach
- .do
- .while
- .break
- .continue

# Display SSDT

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```
r? @$t3= *(unsigned int *) @@(nt!KiServiceLimit)
r? @$t1= (int *) @@(nt!KiServiceTable)

.for (r? @$t2=0; @$t2 < @$t3 ; r? @$t2=@$t2 + 1) {
    r? @$t4 = @$t1[@$t2] >> 4
    .printf "%y\n", @$t4 +@$t1
}
```

# Print loaded modules

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```
r? @$t0 = (nt!_LIST_ENTRY *) (&@$peb->Ldr->InLoadOrderModuleList)

.for (r? @$t1=@$t0->Flink; @$t0 != @$t1; r? @$t1=@$t1->Flink)
{
    r? @$t2 = (nt!_LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY *) @@($t1)
    .printf "%msu\n", @@c++(&@$t2->FullDllName)
}
```

# Scripting

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- Invoking scripts

*\$<Filename*

*\$><Filename*

*\$\$<Filename*

*\$\$><Filename*

*\$\$>a<Filename [arg1 arg2 arg3 ...]*



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# Javascript to the rescue!!!

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# Javascript to the rescue

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- Chakracore engine integrated (EC6 implementation)
- Built on top of debugger object model
- Scripting
- Visualization
- Extending the model

# Exploration commands

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- dx - Explore debugger object model
  - new(ish) expression evaluator command that allows for easier exploration
  - explore WinDbg Objects
    - DML default
    - Tab completion
    - Integrated with Javascript scripting bridge

# Debugger data model evaluator

```
kd> dx Debugger
```

Debugger

Sessions

Settings

State

Utility

```
kd> dx -r1 Debugger.Sessions
```

Debugger.Sessions

[0x0] : Remote KD: KdSrv:Server=@{<Local>},Trans=@{NET:Port=

```
kd> dx -r1 Debugger.Sessions[0]
```

Debugger.Sessions[0] : Remote KD: KdSrv:Server=@{<Local>},T

Processes

Id : 0

Attributes



# Debugger Object model

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- Debugger
- Sessions
- Processes
- Threads
- Stack
- Modules
- Handles
- Local variables
- Settings

# Linq

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- Language Integrated Query
- `dx @$curprocess.Modules.Select(m => m.Name).Where(n => n.Contains("maldll"))`
- `dx @$currsession.Processes.Count()`

# Linq

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```
dx @$cursession.Processes.Where(p =>  
p.Name.Contains("csrss.exe"))[pid].SwitchTo()
```

```
dx @$curprocess.Io.Handles.Where(h =>  
h.Type.Contains("Process")).Select(h =>  
h.Object.UnderlyingObject.SeAuditProcessCreationInfo  
.ImageFileName->Name)
```

# Script running/loading

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- .load jsprovider.dll
- .scriptload
- .scriptrun
- .scriptunload
- .scriptlist
- .scriptproviders

# Javascript entry points

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- root
- invokeScript()
- initializeScript()
- uninitializeScript()
- @\$scriptContents



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# Javascript to the rescue!!!

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# Debugger Object model accessible from JS

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```
// WinDbg JavaScript sample
// function to print input string
function logme(toprint){
    host.diagnostics.debugLog(toprint + "\n");
}

function exec(cmdstr) {
    host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.Control.ExecuteCommand(cmdstr);
}
```

# SSDT script in Javascript

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```
function displaySSDT() {  
    let  
    limit=host.memory.readMemoryValues(host.getModuleSymbolAddress("ntkrnlmp","KiServiceLimit"),1,4);  
    let servicetable=host.getModuleSymbolAddress("ntkrnlmp","KiServiceTable");  
  
    for (var i=0;i<limit;i++){  
        let addr=host.memory.readMemoryValues(servicetable.add(i*4),1,4);  
        let poistr=servicetable.add(host.Int64(addr[0]).bitwiseShiftRight(4));  
        let rez=host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.Control.ExecuteCommand(".printf  
\"%y\\n\\", " + poistr.toString());  
        logme("Service "+i+" at "+poistr.toString()+" is "+rez[0]+"\\n");  
    }  
}
```



# Linq and Javascript - list dlls

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```
let mods=host.currentProcess.Modules.Where(function (k)
{return k.Name.includes("dll")})

.Select(function (k) {return { name: k.Name,
adder:k.BaseAddress} });

    for (var lk of mods) {
        logme(lk.name+" at "+lk.adder.toString(16));
    }
}
```

# 64 bit problems

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- Javascript integers only 53 bit
- Special data class Int64 and the methods
- Very annoying!

```
let OverallCallback=CallbackRoutineBlock64.bitwiseAnd(host.Int64(0x1fffffffffffffff));  
logme("OverallCallback:" + CallbackRoutineBlock64.toString() + ", Masked:" + OverallCallback.toString());  
OverallCallback=CallbackRoutineBlock64.bitwiseAnd(host.Int64(0x3fffffffffffffff));  
logme("OverallCallback:" + CallbackRoutineBlock64.toString() + ", Masked:" + OverallCallback.toString());
```

```
OverallCallback:0xfffffe00190a5728f, Masked:0x1fe00190a5728f
```

```
OverallCallback:0xfffffe00190a5728f, Masked:0x4000000000000000
```

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```
//instead of let Callback = CallbackRoutineBlock & 0xffffffffffffff0
```

```
let LowCallback=host.Int64(CallbackRoutineBlock64.getLowPart()).bitwiseAnd(0xffffffff0);  
let HighCallback=host.Int64(CallbackRoutineBlock64.getHighPart()).bitwiseShiftLeft(32);  
let ExBlock=HighCallback.add(LowCallback);  
let Callback=host.memory.readMemoryValues(ExBlock.add(8),1,8);
```

# Other problems

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- A lot of WinDbg functionality is not exposed through JS
- Workarounds possible through ExecuteCommand function



# Time travel debugging - TTD

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- Record a trace
- move forwards and backwards “in time”
- Set breakpoint on an API call and go backwards
- p-
- g-
- t-

# TTD dx queries

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```
dx @$cursession.TTD.Data.Heap().Where(h =>  
h.Action.StartsWith("Alloc")).Where(h => h.Size > 0x10000)
```

```
dx @$curprocess.TTD.Events.Where(e =>  
e.Type.StartsWith("ThreadCreated"))
```

```
dx -r1 @$cursession.TTD.Calls("kernelbase!CreateFile*")  
dx -r1 @$cursession.TTD.Calls("kernelbase!CreateFileW")  
[0].Parameters
```

# Print Winsock calls

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```
function ListWSCalls() {  
    var wscalls=host.currentSession.TTD.Calls("WS2_32!*");  
    for (var wscall of wscalls) {  
        if (wscall.Function.includes("Unknown")){  
            let  
rez=host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.Control.ExecuteCommand(".printf \"%y\\n\\",  
" + wscall.FunctionAddress.toString());  
  
            logme("Functionr:" + rez[0]);  
        }  
        else {  
            logme("Function:" + wscall.Function)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Find memory allocations with MZ

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```
var allocs=host.currentSession.TTD.Data.Heap().Where(function (h) {return
(h.Action.includes("Alloc") || h.Action.includes("Protect")) && h.Size >
0x1000;});

for (var alloc of allocs)
    var mems=
host.currentSession.TTD.Memory(alloc.Address,alloc.Address+alloc.Size,"w");

    for (var mem of mems){
        if (mem.Value.getLowPart().bitwiseAnd(0xffff) == 0x5a4d){
            logme("MZ written at "+mem.Address.toString(16)+ " from "+
mem.IP.toString(16));
        }
    }
}
```



# Code namespace

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- Code analysis functions (wrap disassembler in JS)
  - Control flow analysis
  - Basic block analysis
  - File similarity
  - Tracing data flow (sample extension by MS)

```
var disassembler =  
host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.Code.CreateDisassembler();
```

# Code namespace

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```
function CreateBBChecksums (address)
{
    let disasm=host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.Code.CreateDisassembler();
    let bbs= disasm.DisassembleFunction(address);
    const chksumarr=[];
    for (var bb of bbs.BasicBlocks) {
        let bbstring="";
        let bblen=bb.Instructions.Count();
        for (var inst of bb.Instructions) {
            let cbs="";
            for (var cb of inst.CodeBytes)
            {
                cbs=cbs + cb.toString(16);
            }
            bbstring += cbs;
        }
        let murmurhash=murmurhash3_32(bbstring,0).toString(16);
        //logme(bbstring + ", " + murmurhash + ", " + bblen);
    }
}
```

# File system access

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- Native JS access to file system
  - Reading and writing files

```
var file = host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.FileSystem.CreateFile(name);  
var textWriter = host.namespace.Debugger.Utility.FileSystem.CreateTextWriter(file);  
textWriter.WriteLine("Hello World");  
file.Close();
```

# Helpful tips when you are lost

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- `for (let member in object) { logme(member); }`
- `for (let item of iterable) { logme(item); }`
- `.address` for value (native) of the object
- Model tab

# Javascript debugger within WinDbg

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- `.scriptload myscript.js`
- `.scriptdebug myscript.js`
  - command syntax well known (similar to WinDbg)
  - `sx`, `sxe eh`, `sxe uh`
  - `bp 53:0 (line:char)`
  - quit and run script using  
`dx @$scriptContent.FuncName()`

# Easier WinDbg with Javascript

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- WinDbg data model is a new(ish) way for exposing internal debugger objects - lot of new functionality
- dx, Linq, TTD
- Javascript extension the best way to script the debugger model (and the debugger)
- Experiment, write scripts and extension
- Share!

# Relax and breathe!

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