

Malware Unpacking Workshop



**"Ah, finished
unpacking."**

"Time to decorate!"

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Agenda

What will we cover?

- Disclaimer
- Reverse Engineering
 - Registers
 - Stack
 - Heap
 - Assembly
 - Calling Conventions
- Tools
 - x64dbg
 - Cutter
 - Radare2
 - Detect it Easy
 - HxD
- Injection Techniques
 - DLL Injection
 - PE Injection
 - Process Hollowing
 - Atom Bombing
- Workshop

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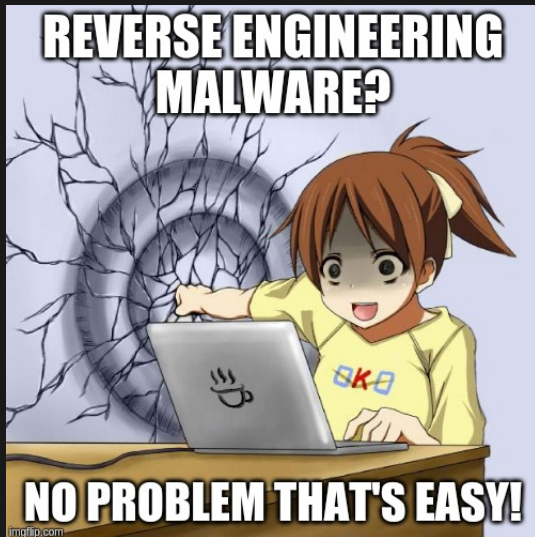
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Reverse Engineering

It's easy don't worry!



Registers

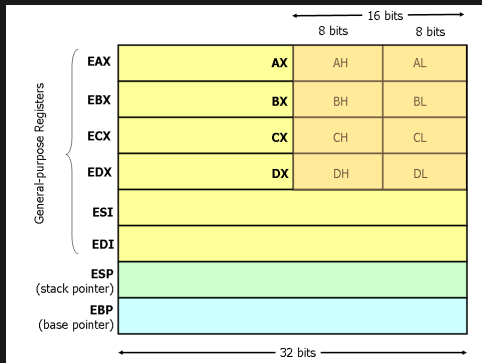
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Registers

Not the kind with money in them

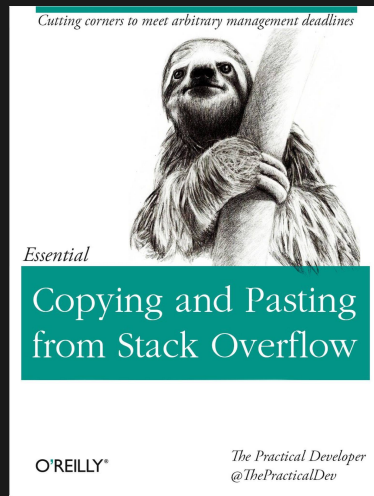
- EAX - Return Value of Functions
- EBX - Base Index (for use with arrays)
- ECX - Counter in Loops
- EDI - Destination Memory Operations
- ESI - Source Memory Operations
- ESP - Stack Pointer
- EBP - Base Frame Pointer



Did You Know: In computer architecture, a processor register is a quickly accessible location available to a computer's central processing unit (CPU).

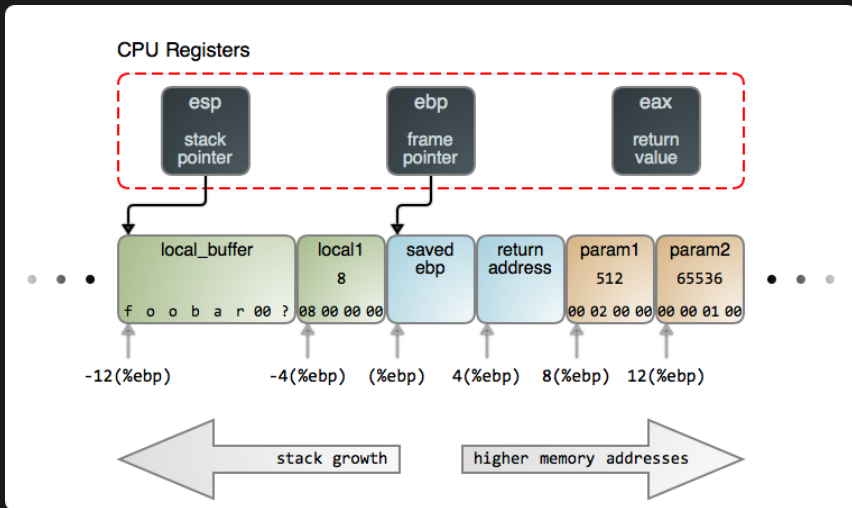
The Stack

- Last-In First-Out
- Downward Growth
- Function Local Variables
- ESP
- Increment / Decrement = 4
 - Double-Word Aligned



Stack

The stack



Control Flow

Keeping it under control

- Conditionals
 - CMP
 - TEST
 - JMP
 - JCC
- EFLAGS
 - ZF / Zero Flag
 - SF / Sign Flag
 - CF / Carry Flag
 - OF/Overflow Flag



Calling Conventions

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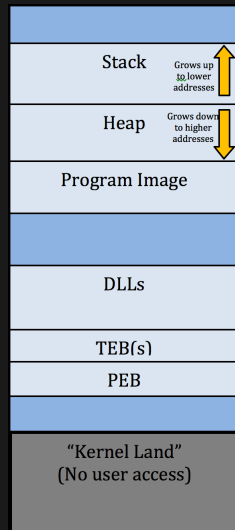
- CDECL
 - Arguments Right-to-Left
 - Return Values in EAX
 - Calling Function Cleans the Stack
- STDCALL
 - Used in Windows Win32API
 - Arguments Right-to-Left
 - Return Values in EAX
 - The called function cleans the stack, unlike CDECL
 - Does not support variable arguments
- FASTCALL
 - Uses registers as arguments
 - Useful for shellcode



Windows Memory Structure

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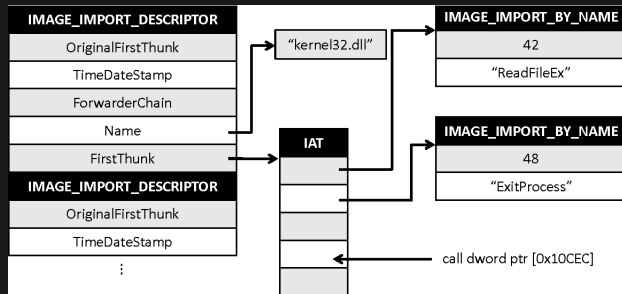
- Stack - Grows up to lower addresses
- Heap - Grows down to higher addresses
- Program Image
- TEB - Thread Environment Block
 - GetLastError()
 - GetVersion()
 - Pointer to the PEB
- PEB - Process Environment Block
 - Image Name
 - Global Context
 - Startup Parameters
 - Image Base Address
 - IAT (Import Address Table)



IAT (Import Address Table) and IDT (Import Lookup Table)

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- Identical to the IDT (Import Directory Table)
- Binding - The process of where functions are mapped to their virtual addresses overwriting the IAT
- Often the IDT and IAT must be rebuilt when packing and unpacking malware



Assembly

Instructions

- Common Instructions
 - MOV
 - XOR
 - PUSH
 - POP



Assembly CDECL (Linux)

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cdecl.c

```
__cdecl int add_cdecl(int a, int b){  
    return a + b;  
}  
int x = add_cdecl(2, 3);
```

Assembly CDECL (Linux)

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cdecl.asm

```
_add_cdecl:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    mov eax, [ebp + 8] ; get 3 from the stack
    mov edx, [ebp + 12] ; get 2 from the stack
    add eax, edx       ; add values to eax
    pop ebp
    ret

_start:
    push 3             ; second argument
    push 2             ; first argument
    call _add_cdecl
    add esp, 8
```


Assembly STDCALL (Windows)

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stdcall.c

```
__stdcall int add_stdcall(int a, int b){  
    return a + b;  
}  
int x = add_stdcall(2, 3);
```

Assembly STDCALL (Windows)

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stdcall.asm

```
_add_stdcall:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    mov eax, [ebp + 8] ; set eax to 3
    mov edx, [ebp + 12] ; set edx to 2
    add eax, edx
    pop ebp
    ret 8 ; how many bytes to pop
_start: ; main function
    push 3 ; second argument
    push 2 ; first argument
    call _add_stdcall
```

Assembly FASTCALL

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cdecl.c

```
__fastcall int add_fastcall(int a, int b){  
    return a + b;  
}  
int x = add_fastcall(2, 3);
```

Assembly FASTCALL

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fastcall.asm

```
_add_fastcall:
    push ebp
    mov ebp, esp
    add eax, edx        ; add and save result in eax
    pop ebp
    ret

_start:
    mov eax, 2          ; first argument
    mov edx, 3          ; second argument
    call _add_fastcall
```

Guess the Calling Convention

Hello World Intel Syntax

hello.asm

```
section      .text                ; the code section
global      _start                ; tell linker entrypoint
_start:
    mov     edx,len                ; message length
    mov     ecx,msg                ; message to write
    mov     ebx,1                  ; file descriptor stdout
    mov     eax,4                  ; syscall number for write
    int     0x80                  ; linux x86 interrupt
    mov     eax,1                  ; syscall number for exit
    int     0x80                  ; linux x86 interrupt
section      .data                ; the data section
    msg     db 'Hello, world!',0x0 ; null terminated string
    len     equ $ - msg           ; message length
```

Assembler and Linking

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terminal

```
malware@work ~$ nasm -f elf32 -o hello.o hello.asm
```

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malware@work ~$ ld -m elf_i386 -o hello hello.o
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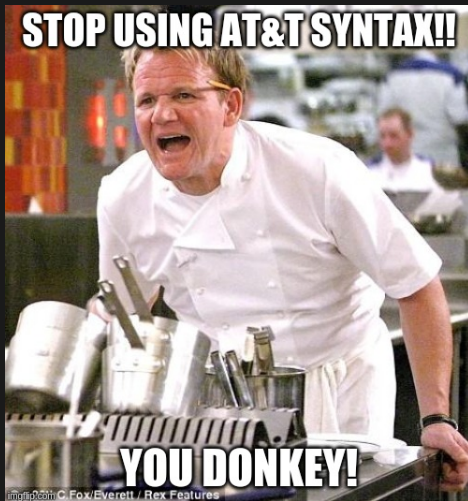
```
malware@work ~$ ./hello
```

Hello, World!

```
malware@work ~$
```

Assembly Flavors

I know you were thinking it!



Tools of the Trade

