# Dynamic instrumentation 101

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## Who are we?

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## Goals

- What is Dynamic Instrumentation?
- What is Frida?
- Modes of Frida
- Universal SSL Unpinning
- Hooking into Windows APIs
- Tracing API calls with in-build modules
- Some useful modules and references.

# Things that can be done in Frida

- Bypassing SSL Pinning and Root Detection in Mobile Applications
- Dumping in-memory keys such as passwords, private keys, application-specific secrets
- Analyzing Malware to understand the functionality
- Tracing a specific functionality to analyze the crash
- Bypass device level restrictions imposed on the target application.
- Hook into private API calls and dump the arguments, values.

## Dynamic Instrumentation

- Process of modifying or altering the instructions of the executable during runtime.
- Applications include various domains including reverse engineering, exploit development, software quality assurance, debugging etc.
- Instrumentation framework gets attached to the binary and can be used to debug the application when it is running.
- Methods, variables, arguments passed inside the application can be hooked to modify, print or alter the execution flow.
- Can be done on any executable running on any platform.

#### Frida

- Frida instrumentation toolkit which allows you to inject snippets of JavaScript into native applications.
- Installing Frida is simple and supported on Node, Python, Swift, C and .NET. Has cross-platform support.
- Languages bindings also come in Node, Python, Swift etc.
- Needs an agent to be run on the device if it is run on embedded mode. For example, mobile devices need to run the frida-server and you can connect to the port from your local machine.

## Frida Tools

- Code coverage lighthouse
- Fuzzing libAFL
- Security passionfruit, objection, fermion, house
- Frida internal tools
  - o frida-ps
  - frida-discover
  - frida-kill
  - frida-trace
  - o frida-ls-devices

# Modes of Operation

#### Injection

It is a method which injects GUMJS into a shared library that injects into existing software.

#### Embedded

Client-Server Model. Frida Gadget needs to be present in the device and the local instance can connect and run commands on it.

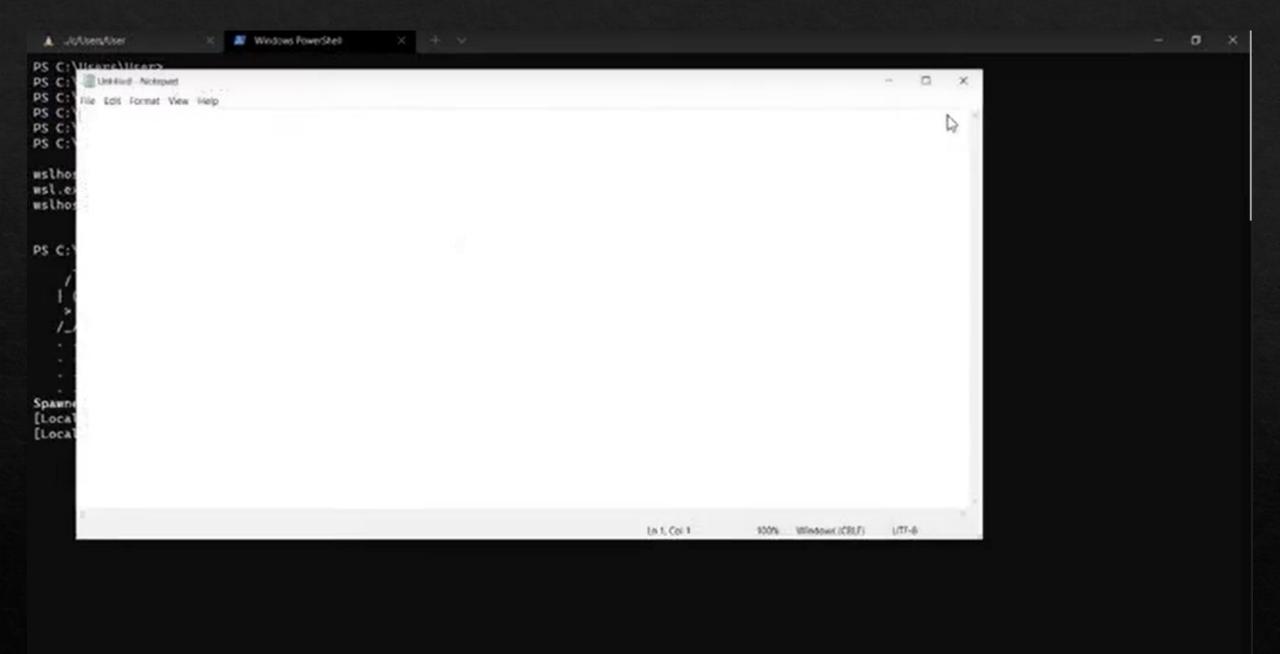
#### PreLoad

Frida-gadget can be made to run on application using LD\_PRELOAD and DYLD\_INSERT\_LIBRARIES which makes the library attached to the process.

# Instrumentation of a process

- Find the PID of the application or attach Frida to the name of the process.
- Use -f flag to force Frida to start and run the process.
- Process.modules to extract information about the process.
- After we know which module to hook, we can use Module.functions to extract more information about the application.
- Command frida-trace can be used to generate a list of stubs and backtrace the API calls behind the executable.

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PS C:\Users\User> tasklist | Select-String 'msl"
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            More info at https://frida.re/docs/home/
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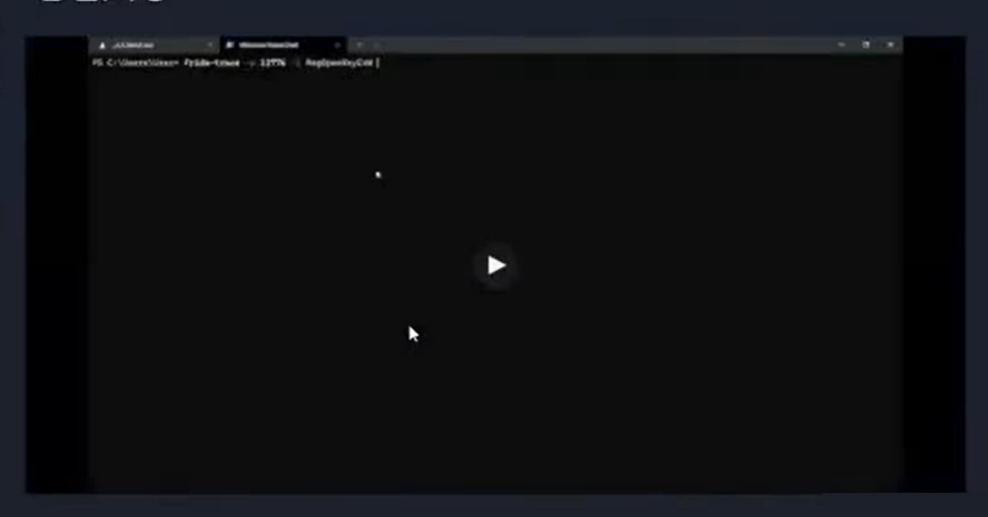
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MdrFixedArrayBufferSize: Loaded handler at "C:\\User\\_handlers__\\RPCR74.dl\\NdrFixedArrayBufferSize.js"
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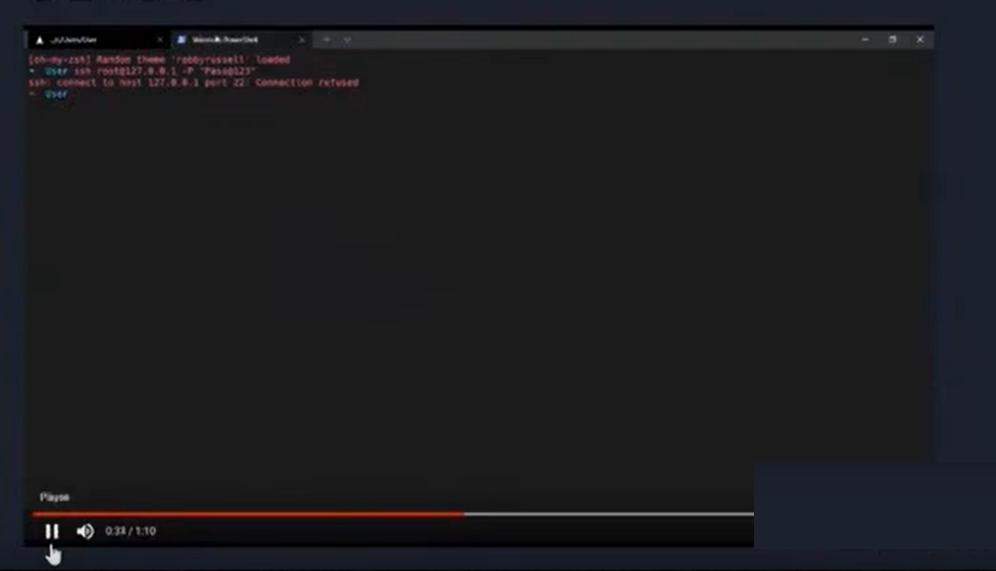
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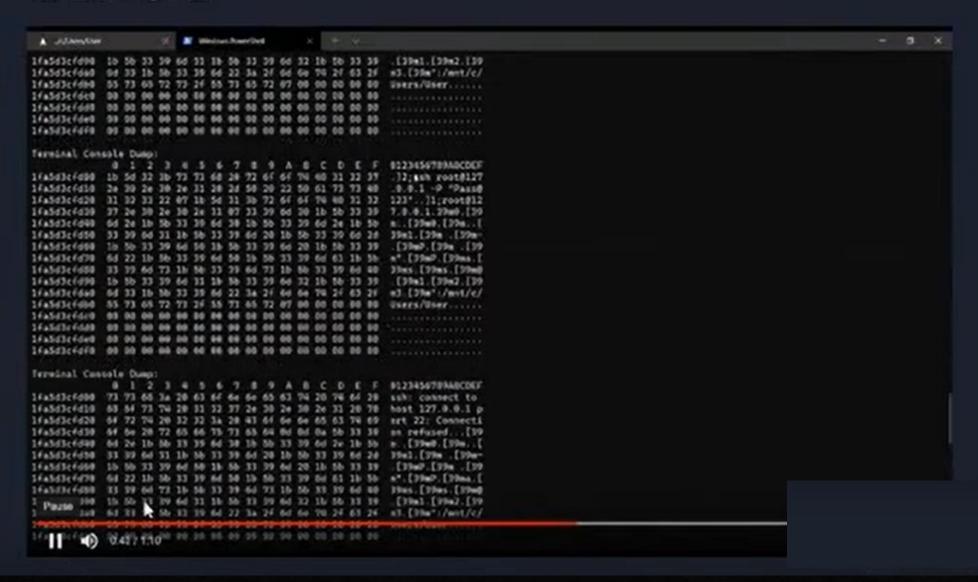
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#### DEMO-2



# Hooking WriteFile

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var mod = Module.getExportByName(null, "WriteFile");
Interceptor.attach(mod, {
    onEnter: function(args)
    {
    console.log("\nTerminal Console Dump:\n" + hexdump(args[1]));
    }
});
```

# Installing Frida on Mobile Devices

Frida installation on android devices

Download frida-server from releases page

	6.54 MB
frida-server-15.1.14-android-arm64.xz	14 MB
frida-server-15.1.14-android-x86.xz	13.8 MB
frida-server-15.1.14-android-x86_64.xz	28 MB

# Installing Frida on Mobile Devices

- \$ adb root
- \$ adb push frida-server /data/local/tmp/
- \$ adb shell "chmod 755 /data/local/tmp/frida-server"
- \$ adb shell "/data/local/tmp/frida-server &"

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try {
      // Bypass Trustkit {1}
      const trustkit_Activity_1 =
Java.use('com.datatheorem.android.trustkit.pinning.OkHostnameVerifier');
      trustkit_Activity_1.verify.overload('java.lang.String',
'javax.net.ssl.SSLSession').implementation = function (a, b) {
        console.log(' --> Bypassing Trustkit OkHostnameVerifier(SSLSession): ' + a);
        return true;
      };
      console.log('[+] Trustkit OkHostnameVerifier(SSLSession)');
    } catch (err) {
      console.log('[] Trustkit OkHostnameVerifier(SSLSession)');
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