

Assembly for Reverse Engineering

Workspace

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Objectives



- Use the install guide to set workspace
- Be familiar with basic assembly file

Tools



- Editor: write assembly files Notepad++
- Assembler: convert assembly files to machine language
 FASM
- Debugger: examine a program OllyDbg
- https://data.cyber.org.il/assembly/32bit/guide.pdf

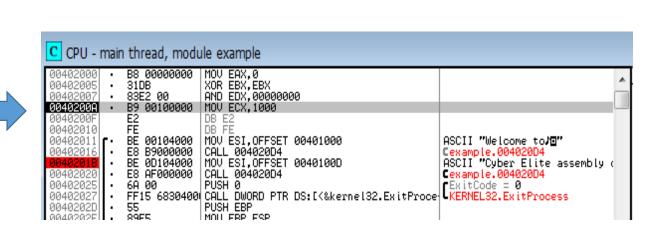


Install Guide



Use the Install Guide to convert example.asm to example.exe and disassemble it.

```
C:\Assembly\CE\example.asm - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Macro Run Plugins Window ?
 1 include 'win32a.inc'
  3 format PE console
  4 entry start
  6 section '.data' data readable writeable
        msq1 db 'Welcome to',13,10,0
        msg2 db 'Cyber Elite assembly class',13,10,0
  10 section '.text' code readable executable
 13 start:
                eax, 0
                ebx, ebx
 16
                edx, 0
                ecx, 0x1000
 18 again:
        loop
                again
        ; Show a message to the user:
                esi, msql
                print str
        ; Show a message to the user:
                esi, msq2
                print str
 26
 29
              [ExitProcess]
  32 include 'training.inc'
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- While executing, the Operating System reserves memory for the program
- Which parts of a program require memory?
 - Code the machine language instructions
 - Data variables (Heap is allocated here)
 - Stack functions arguments and local variables



```
include 'win32a.inc'
   format PE console
   stack 1000h
   heap 10000h
   entry start
   section '.data' data readable writeable
9
       hi
              db
                  'hi',13,10,0
            '.text' code readable executable
   section
   start:
13
       push
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- The assembly file MUST define text section (code)
- data section only if there are global variables
- Stack & Heap OK if not defined, FASM will set defaults



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- A variable is defined
- Variable name "hi"



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Two assembly instructions



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- OS should be told how to let the program access memory sections
- What if data memory wouldn't be writable? Will be executable?



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Parts covered so far



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- PE Portable
 Executable. Microsoft
 format.
- Console use console (not GUI)



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- Entry where is the 1st instruction?
- Example: You may open a book on page 20
- We can move "start" from line 12 to another line, program execution will start there



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 Include win32a.inc, training.inc— helpful definitions and functions



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