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Malware analysis and review

Malware Writing and
Analastic

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Reverse
Engineering

MALWARE TYPES

Rootkit

Ransomware

Worms

Spyware

Cryptojackers

RATs

Wipers

Polymorphic Malware

Bootkit

Viruses

Trojans

Backdoors

Adware

Logic Bombs

IoT Malware



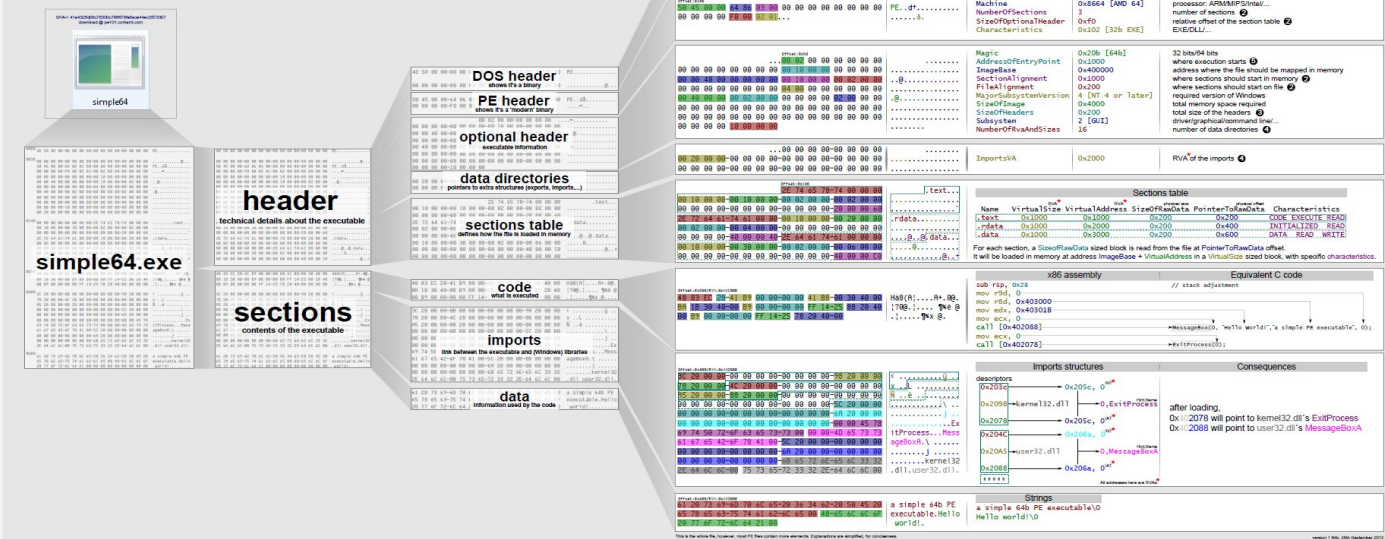
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Dissected PE



Loading process

1 Headers

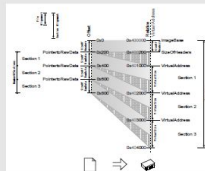
- the DOS Header is parsed
- the PE Header is parsed
 - (its offset is DOS Header's e_lfanew)
- the Optional Header is parsed
 - (it follows the PE Header)

2 Sections table

Sections table is parsed
(it is located at: offset (OptionalHeader) + SizeOfOptionalHeader)
it contains NumberOfSections elements
It is checked for validity with alignments:
FileAlignment and SectionAlignment



- the file is mapped in memory according to the *ImageBase*
- the *SizeOfHeaders*
- the *Sections* table



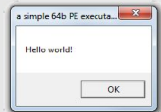
④ Imports

Imports are parsed
DataDirectories are parsed
they follow the OptionalHeader
their number is NumOfRVAAndSizes
imports are always #2
Imports are parsed
each descriptor specifies a DLLname
this DLL is loaded in memory
IAT and INT are parsed simultaneously
for each API in INT
its address is written in the IAT entry



5 Execution

Code is called at the *EntryPoint*
the calls of the code go via the IAT to the API



Notes

MZ HEADER aka **DOS_HEADER**
Starts with "MZ" (initials of Mark Zbikowski MS-DOS developer)

PE HEADER aka **IMAGE_FILE_HEADERS** / COFF file header
Starts with "PE" (Portable Executable)

OPTIONAL HEADER aka **IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER**
Optional only for non-standard PEs but required for executable

RVA Relative Virtual Address
Address relative to ImageBase (at ImageBase, RVA = 0)
Almost all addresses of the headers are RVAs
In code, addresses are not relative.

INT Import Name Table
Null-terminated list of pointers to Hint, Name structures

IAT Import Address Table
Null-terminated list of pointers
On file it is a copy of the INT
After loading it points to the imported APIs

HINT
Index in the exports table of a DLL to be imported
Not required but provides a speed-up by reducing lookups

What do we want to do now?

With *RUST*



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