

Driver vulnerability research

Getting started with vulnerability research on Windows Kernel drivers

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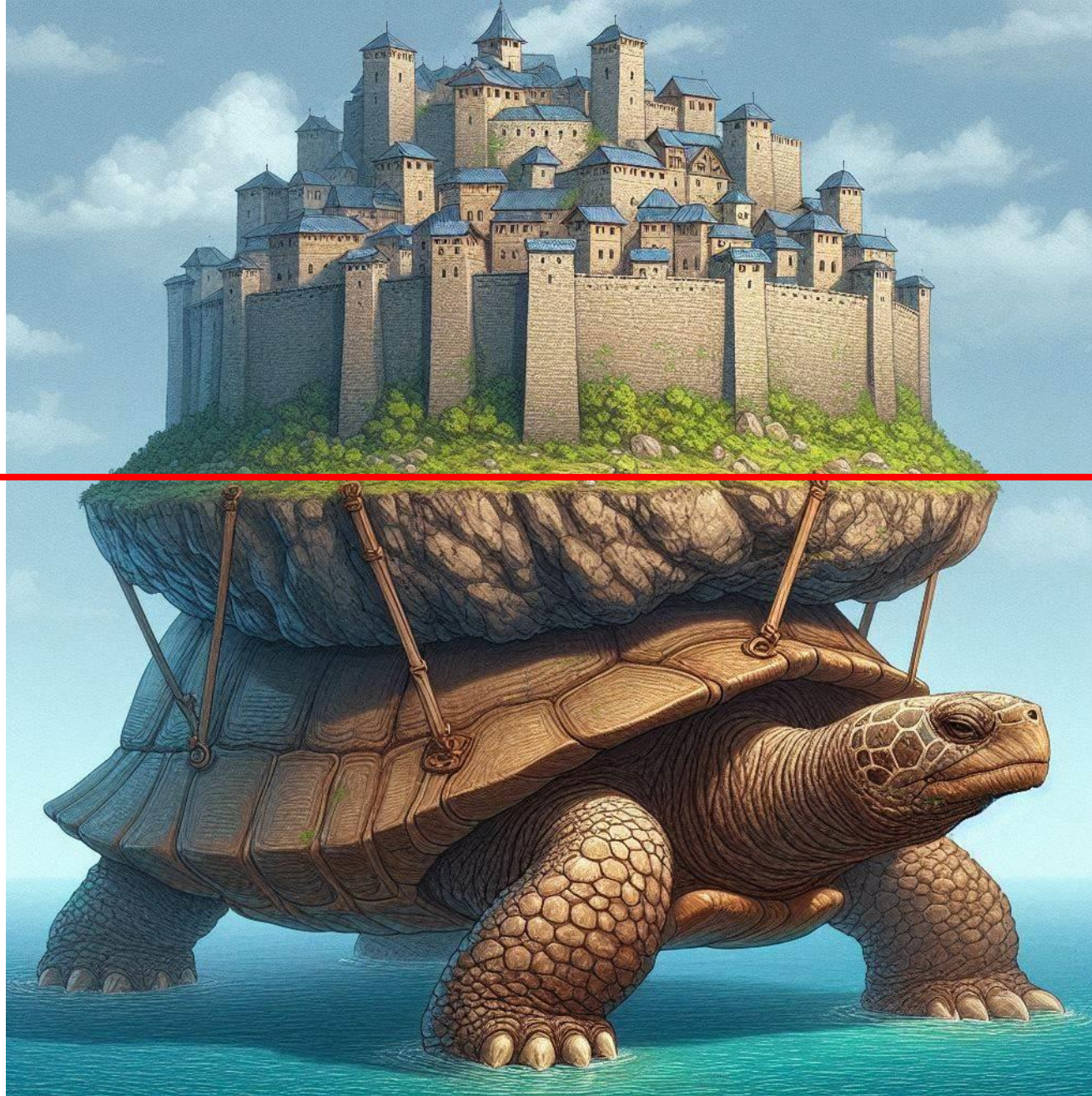


Agenda

Time	Subject
12:00 – 12:03	Introduction
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12:28 – 12:30	Conclusion



User mode



User

Admin

Kernel mode

Kernel





Your PC ran into a problem and needs to restart. We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll restart for you.

20% complete



For more information about this issue and possible fixes, visit <https://www.windows.com/stopcode>

If you call a support person, give them this info:

Stop code: CRITICAL_PROCESS_DIED



CROWDSTRIKE

Threat actors abusing kernel drivers

→ ↻ <https://securityaffairs.com/159728/apt/lazarus-exploited-zero-day-windows-aplocker-driver.html>

<https://www.crowdstrike.com/blog/scattered-spider-attempts-to-avoid-detection-with-bring-you>

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HOME CYBER CRIME

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LAZARUS APT DRIVER TO GA

SCATTERED SPIDER Exploits Windows Security Deficiencies with Bring-Your-Own-Vulnerable-Driver Tactic in Attempt to Bypass Endpoint Security

January 10, 2023 CrowdStrike Intelligence Team Counter Adversary Operations

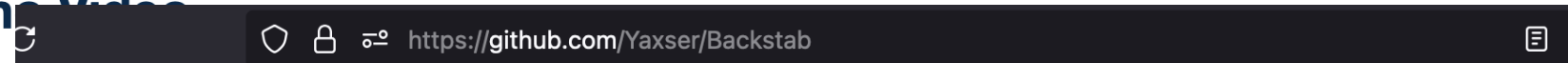
Security tooling



Kernelkatz & KernelTool Demo Video

Dump hashes of logged-in users by reading LSAS

Kernelkatz and malware using a remove



https://github.com/Yaxser/Backstab

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README

Blackout

- leveraging gm
- it bypass HVC
- the sample is s

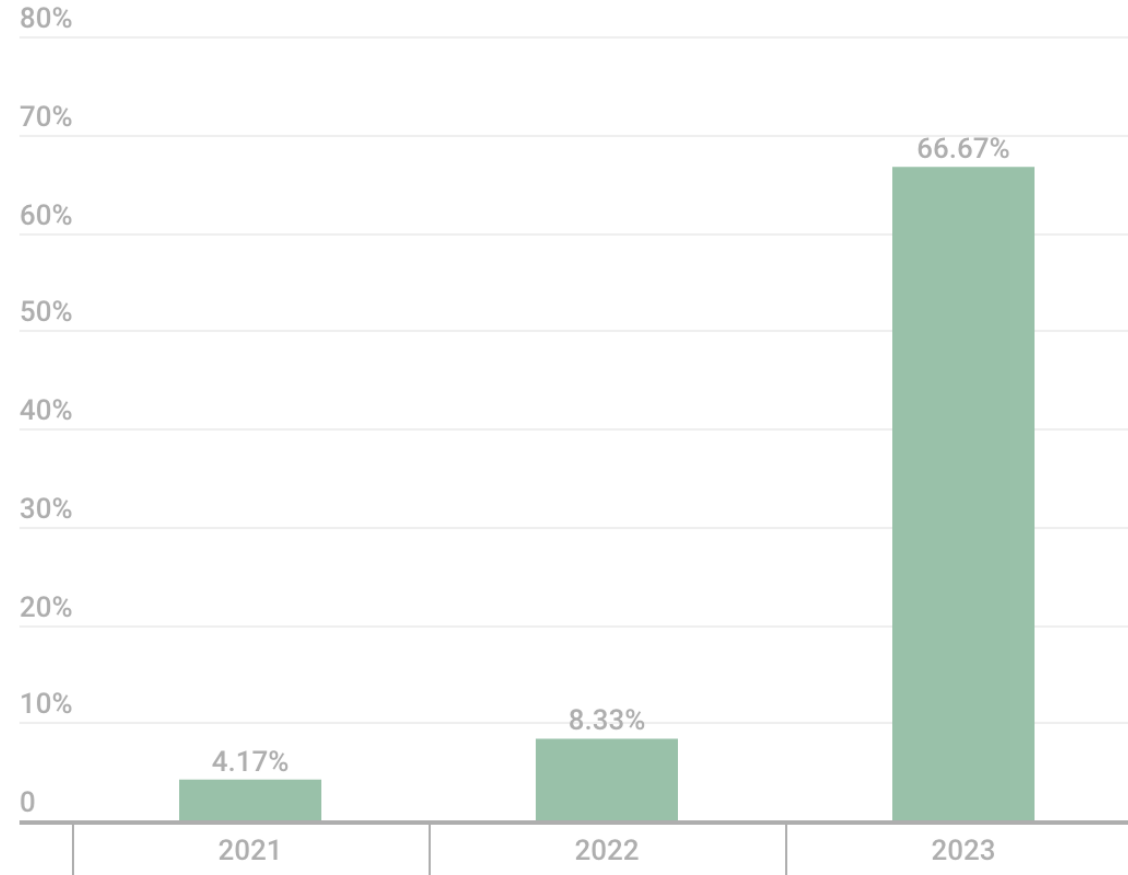
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ene.sys	16768203a471a19ebb541c942f45716e9f432985abbf6b6b4b7d61a798cea354
PanMonFlt.sys	7e0124fcc7c95fdc34408cf154cb41e654dade8b898c71ad587b2090b1da30d7
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Statistics on BYOVD attack tools by Kaspersky



(data from 2024 was incomplete, and therefore omitted)

<https://securelist.com/vulnerability-exploit-report-q2-2024/113455/>



Our Research



Introducing the team

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Ethical Hacker at
Northwave Cyber Security



Some statistics

- 4587 drivers
- 79 drivers with good potential manually analysed
- Found 35 vulnerabilities in 24 drivers
- 12 privilege escalation
- 4 render EDR useless

Ivanti/Pulse secure

- Privilege escalation in VPN client
- Proven exploitable

The Ivanti logo, consisting of the word "ivanti" in a bold, red, lowercase sans-serif font with a small square icon above the 'i'.

Product

Customer Su

With more than **40,000 customers**, Ivanti powers the IT behind some of the world's largest security solutions, to IT Asset Management, IT Service Management, and other ways businesses work. He

<https://northwave-cybersecurity.com/ivanti-pulse-vpn-privilege-escalation>





Macrium

- Privilege escalation in backup software
- Proven exploitable.

Trusted by Industry Leaders



<https://northwave-cybersecurity.com/exploiting-enterprise-backup-software-for-privilege-escalation-part-one>





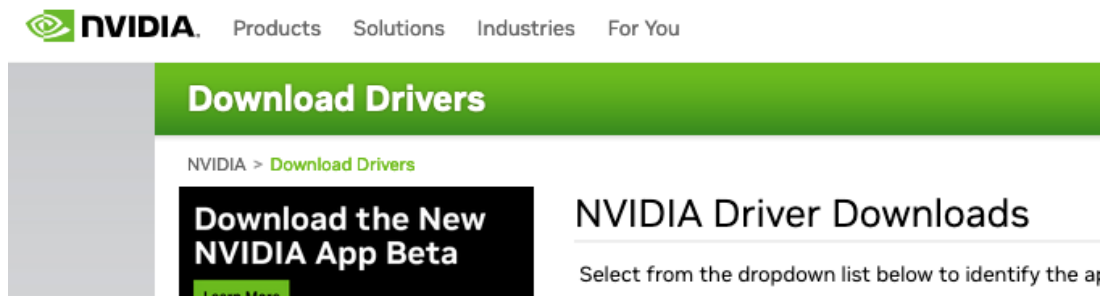
LogMeIn

- Privilege escalation in remote desktop software
- Proven exploitable.

Building a Driver database



Driver sources



DriverIdentifier
Find and Update Your Drivers Instantly



Postprocessing

- Deduplication
- Keep only most recent version
- Filter by signature
- No special permissions needed
- Automated analysis

Loading Drivers

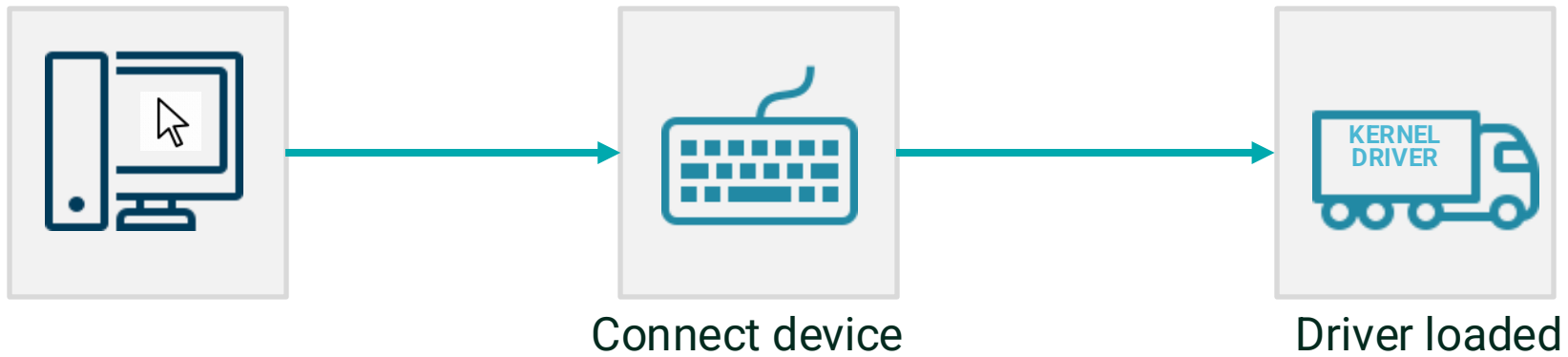




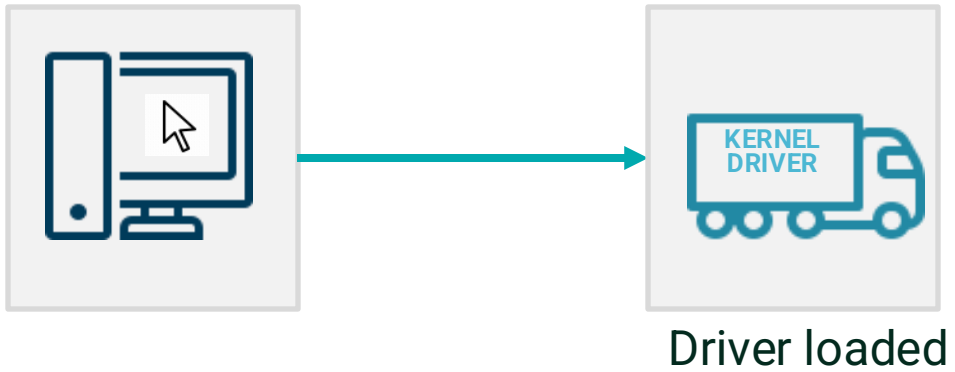
Driver types

- Plug and play (PnP)
- Legacy drivers

Plug and Play



Legacy drivers



Device Drivers

- Interact through explicit system call
- Interesting for vulnerability research:
 - Many exploitation examples
 - Easy to trigger vulnerabilities





Legacy drivers

- `sc.exe create mydriver binPath= C:\...\mydriver.sys type= kernel`
- `sc.exe start mydriver`

Driver Structure



Structure of WDM IOCTL driver

```
NTSTATUS DriverEntry(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject, IN PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath) {
    Status = IoCreateDevice(DriverObject,
        0,
        "mydevice",
        FILE_DEVICE_UNKNOWN,
        FILE_DEVICE_SECURE_OPEN,
        FALSE,
        &DeviceObject);

    Status = IoCreateSymbolicLink("mydevice", "mydevice");
    ...
}
```

Major Functions

```
NTSTATUS DriverEntry(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject, IN PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath) {  
    ...  
    DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CREATE]           = IrpCreateHandler;  
    DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_READ]             = IrpReadHandler;  
    DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_WRITE]            = IrpWriteHandler;  
    DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL] = IrpDeviceIoCtlHandler;  
  
    return Status;  
}
```

IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL

```
void IrpDeviceIoCtlHandler(DEVICE_OBJECT *device, IRP* irp) {
    DeviceIoControl* IoControl = irp->CurrentStackLocation->DeviceIoControl;
    void *SystemBuffer = irp->SystemBuffer;
    switch (IoControl->IoControlCode) {
        case 0x8000500D:
            // Do something
            break;
        case 0x8000400D:
            // Do something else
            break;
    }
}
```

User Input

Interacting



Device objects

WinObj - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit Find View Options Help

Quick Find:

Name	Type
mydevice	Device
Mup	Device
MSSGRMAGENTSYS	Device
MPS	Device
MountPointManager	Device
MMCSS	Device

DeviceIoControl

```
char * data = ...;  
size_t size = 0x1000;  
  
HANDLE handle = CreateFile("\\\\.\\mydevice", ...)  
  
DeviceIoControl(handle, 0x8000500D, data, size, ...)
```

User Input

Access controls

- SDDL -> Access controls on device object
- Stored in INF file or used through `IoCreateDeviceSecure`
- Find drivers without SDDL or with permissive SDDL

Access controls

- IRP_MJ_CREATE
- Called when user opens device
- Custom access control checks
 - Source process
 - Active user

C <- -> Assembly

```

#define DOS_DEV_NAME L"\\DosDevices\\mydevice"
#define DEV_NAME L"\\Device\\mydevice"

NTSTATUS DriverEntry(IN PDRIVER_OBJECT DriverObject, IN
PUNICODE_STRING RegistryPath) {

```

```

    ...

    RtlInitUnicodeString(&DeviceName, DEV_NAME);
    RtlInitUnicodeString(&DosDeviceName, DOS_DEV_NAME);

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```

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mov     [rax+8], rbx
push   rdi
sub     rsp, 60h
mov     rbx, rcx
mov     qword ptr [rax+18h], 0
xorps  xmm0, xmm0
lea     rcx, [rax-28h] ; DestinationString
lea     rdx, SourceString ; "\\Device\\mydevice"
movups  xmmword ptr [rax-18h], xmm0
call   cs:__imp_RtlInitUnicodeString
lea     rdx, aDosdevicesMyde ; "\\DosDevices\\mydevice"
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call   cs:__imp_RtlInitUnicodeString
lea     rax, [rsp+68h+arg_10]
mov     r9d, 22h ; "" ; DeviceType
mov     [rsp+68h+DeviceObject], rax ; DeviceObject
lea     r8, [rsp+68h+DeviceName] ; DeviceName
mov     [rsp+68h+Exclusive], 0 ; Exclusive
xor     edx, edx ; DeviceExtensionSize
mov     rcx, rbx ; DriverObject
mov     [rsp+68h+DeviceCharacteristics], 100h ; DeviceCharacteristics
call   cs:__imp_IoCreateDevice
lea     rdx, [rsp+68h+DeviceName] ; DeviceName
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call   cs:__imp_IoCreateSymbolicLink
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#pragma warning(push)
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    DriverObject->MajorFunction[i] =
IrpNotImplementedHandler;
#pragma warning(pop)
}
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// Assign the IRP handlers for Create, Close and
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DriverObject->MajorFunction[IRP_MJ_CREATE] =
IrpCreateCloseHandler;
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```
loc_1400010A9:
```

```
lea     rax, sub_1400011B0
mov     ecx, 1Ch
lea     rdi, [rsi+70h]
rep stosq
```

```
lea     rax, sub_140001120
mov     [rsi+70h], rax
mov     [rsi+80h], rax
lea     rax, sub_140001140
mov     [rsi+0E0h], rax
lea     rax, sub_1400011E0
mov     [rsi+68h], rax
mov     rax, [rsp+68h+arg_10]
or     dword ptr [rax+30h], 10h
mov     rax, [rsp+68h+arg_10]
btr    dword ptr [rax+30h], 7
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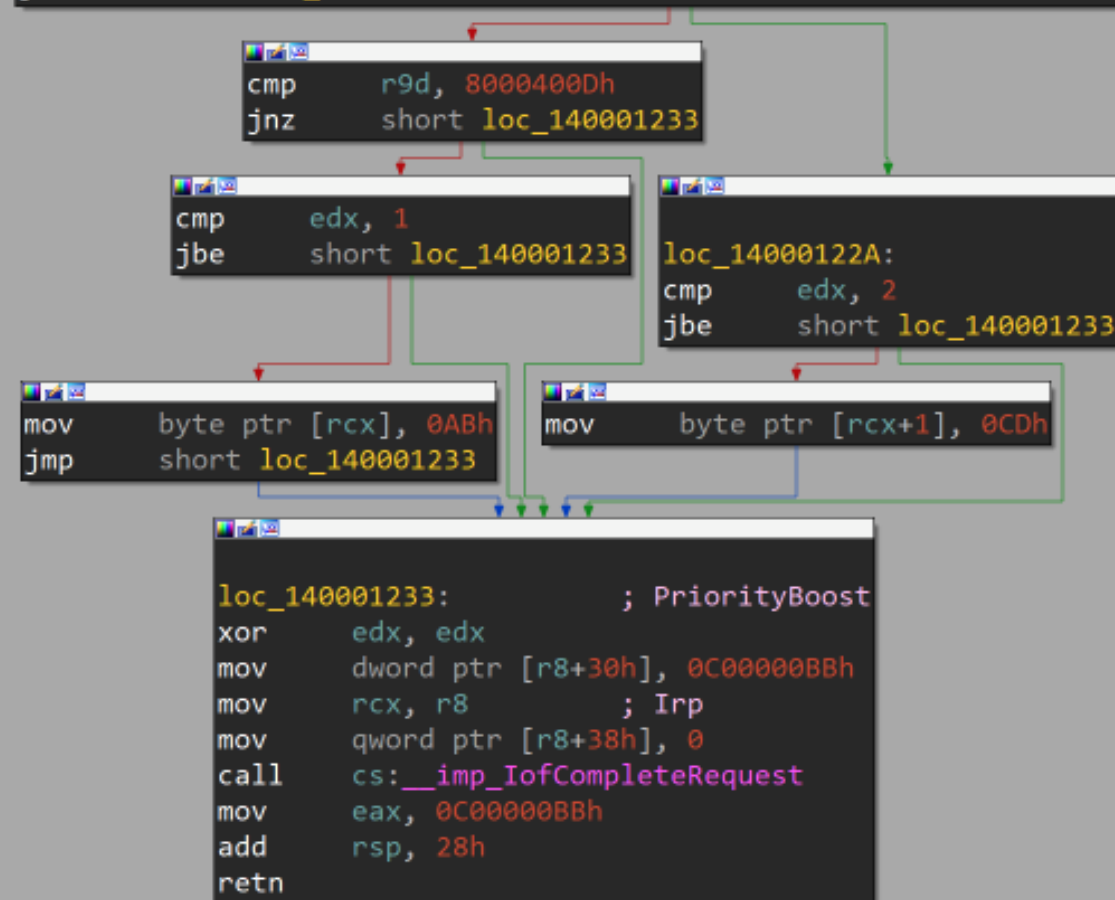
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    }  
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case 0x8000300D:  
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        value = SystemBuffer[1];  
    }  
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test    eax, 0FFFFFFFh  
jz      short loc_14000122A
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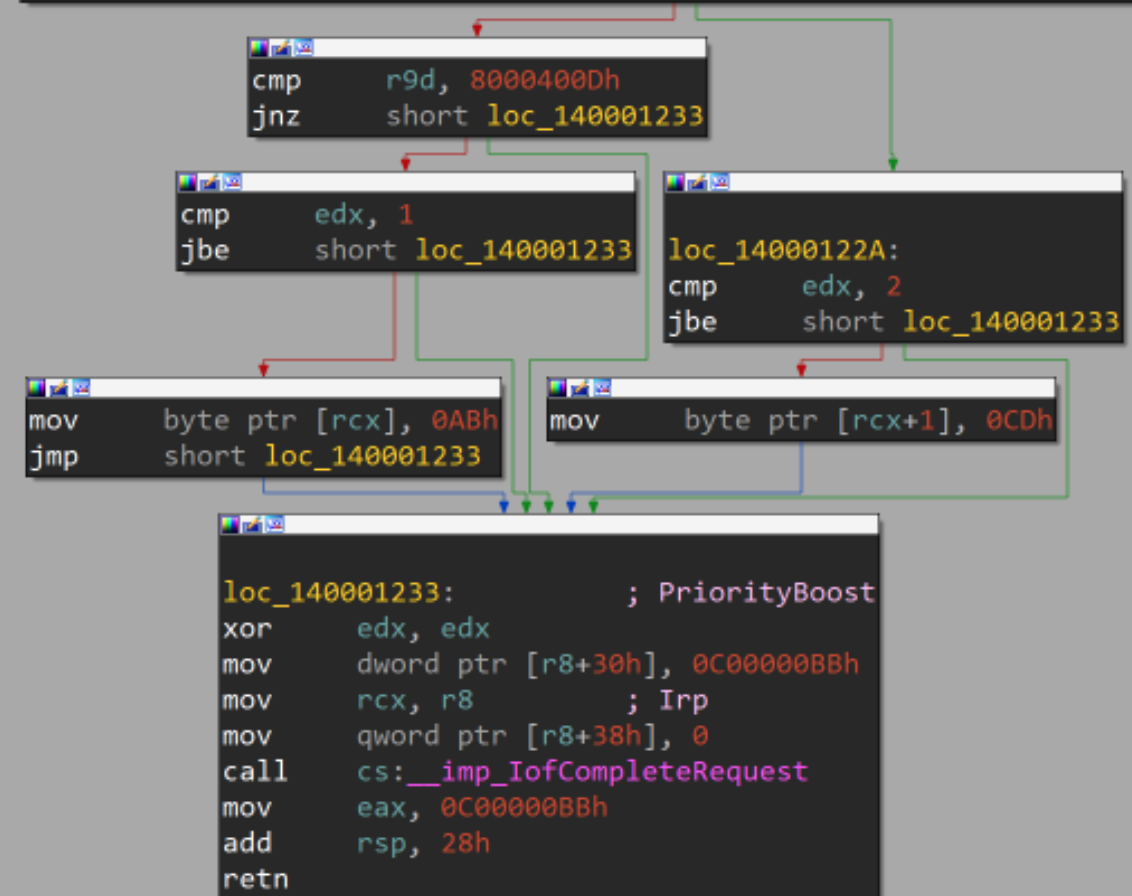
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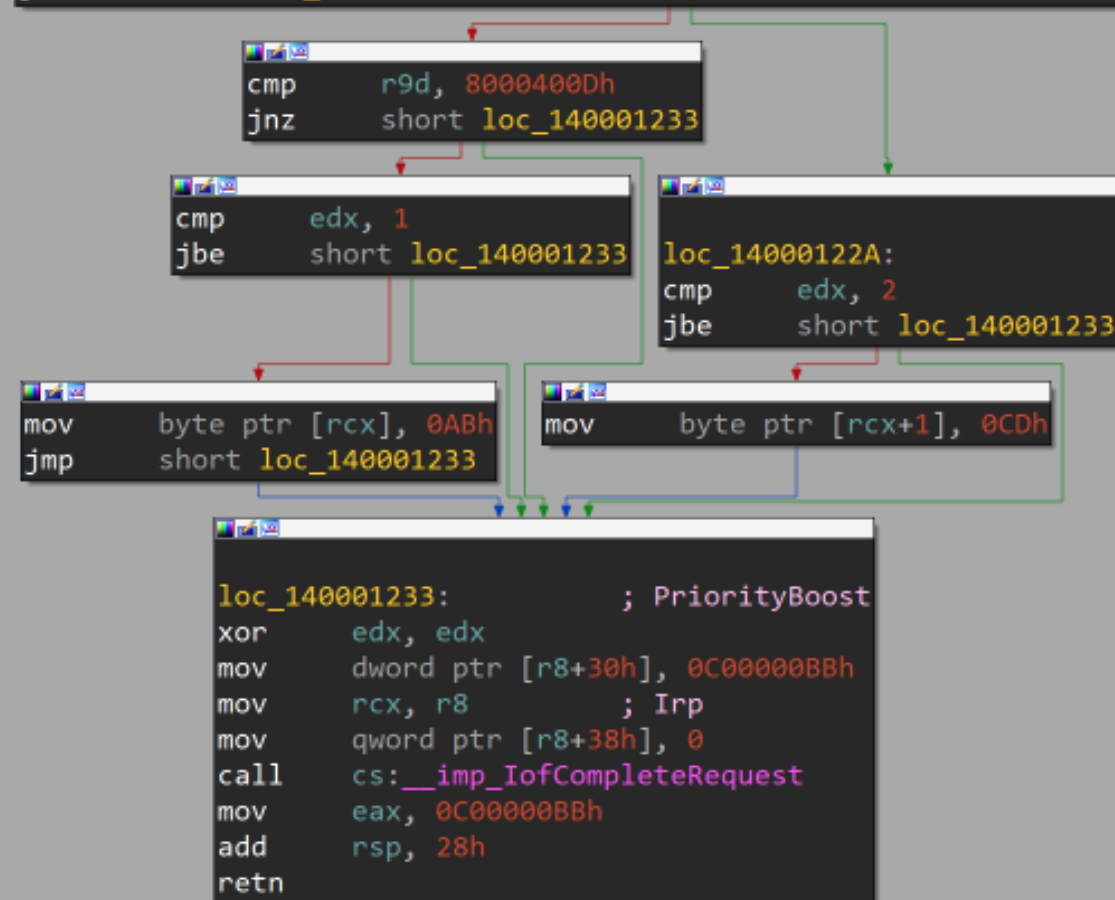
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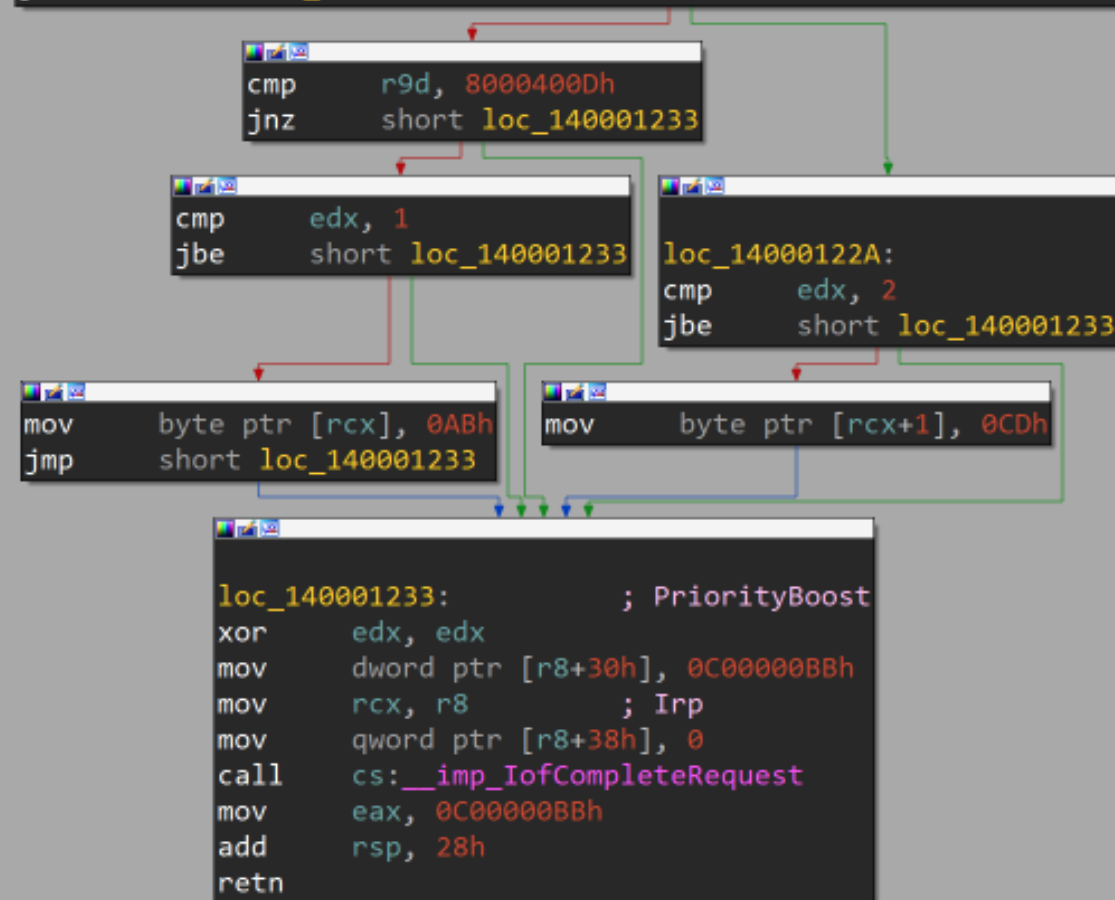
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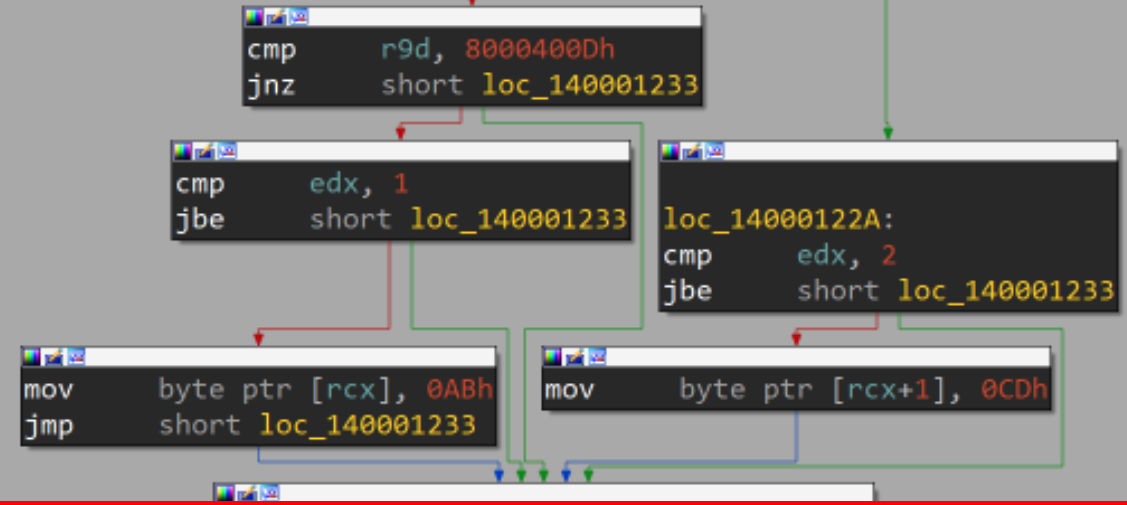


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```
loc_140001233: ; PriorityBoost  
xor     edx, edx  
mov     dword ptr [r8+30h], 0C00000BBh  
mov     rcx, r8 ; Irp  
mov     qword ptr [r8+38h], 0  
call    cs:__imp_IofCompleteRequest  
mov     eax, 0C00000BBh  
add     rsp, 28h  
retn
```

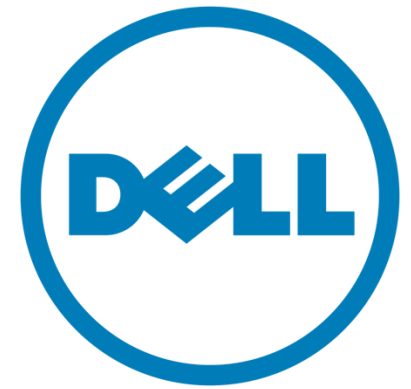
Common Vulnerabilities



Dangerous legitimate functionality

- Arbitrary read+write





```
loc_152E1:
lea    eax, [rcx-18h]
mov    ecx, [rsp+48h+var_18]
add    rcx, [rsp+48h+var_20] ; Dst
test   dl, dl
mov    r8d, eax ; MaxCount
jz     short loc_152FD
```

```
mov    rdx, rcx
lea    rcx, [r9+18h]
jmp    short loc_15301
```

```
loc_152FD: ; Src
lea    rdx, [r9+18h]
```

User input in dst

0C0000005h
loc_15326

```
loc_15301:
call   memmove
mov    rcx, [rbx]
lea    rdx, [rsp+48h+var_28]
mov    rax, [rdx]
mov    [rcx], rax
mov    rax, [rdx+8]
mov    [rcx+8], rax
mov    rax, [rdx+10h]
mov    [rcx+10h], rax
xor    eax, eax
```



```
loc_152E1:  
lea    eax, [rcx-18h]  
mov    ecx, [rsp+48h+var_18]  
add    rcx, [rsp+48h+var_20] ; Dst  
test   dl, dl  
mov    r8d, eax ; MaxCount  
jz     short loc_152FD
```

```
mov    rdx, rcx  
lea    rcx, [r9+18h]  
jmp    short loc_15301
```

```
loc_152FD: ; Src  
lea    rdx, [r9+18h]
```

User input in src

0C0000005h
loc_15326

```
loc_15301:  
call   memmove  
mov    rcx, [rbx]  
lea    rdx, [rsp+48h+var_28]  
mov    rax, [rdx]  
mov    [rcx], rax  
mov    rax, [rdx+8]  
mov    [rcx+8], rax  
mov    rax, [rdx+10h]  
mov    [rcx+10h], rax  
xor    eax, eax
```



```
loc_152E1:
lea    eax, [rcx-18h]
mov    ecx, [rsp+48h+var_18]
add    rcx, [rsp+48h+var_20] ; Dst
test   dl, dl
mov    r8d, eax ; MaxCount
jz     short loc_152FD
```

```
mov    rdx, rcx
lea    rcx, [r9+18h]
jmp    short loc_15301
```

```
loc_152FD: ; Src
lea    rdx, [r9+18h]
```

0C0000005h
loc_15326

```
loc_15301:
call   memmove
mov    rcx, [rbx]
lea    rdx, [rsp+48h+var_28]
mov    rax, [rdx]
mov    [rcx], rax
mov    rax, [rdx+8]
mov    [rcx+8], rax
mov    rax, [rdx+10h]
mov    [rcx+10h], rax
xor    eax, eax
```

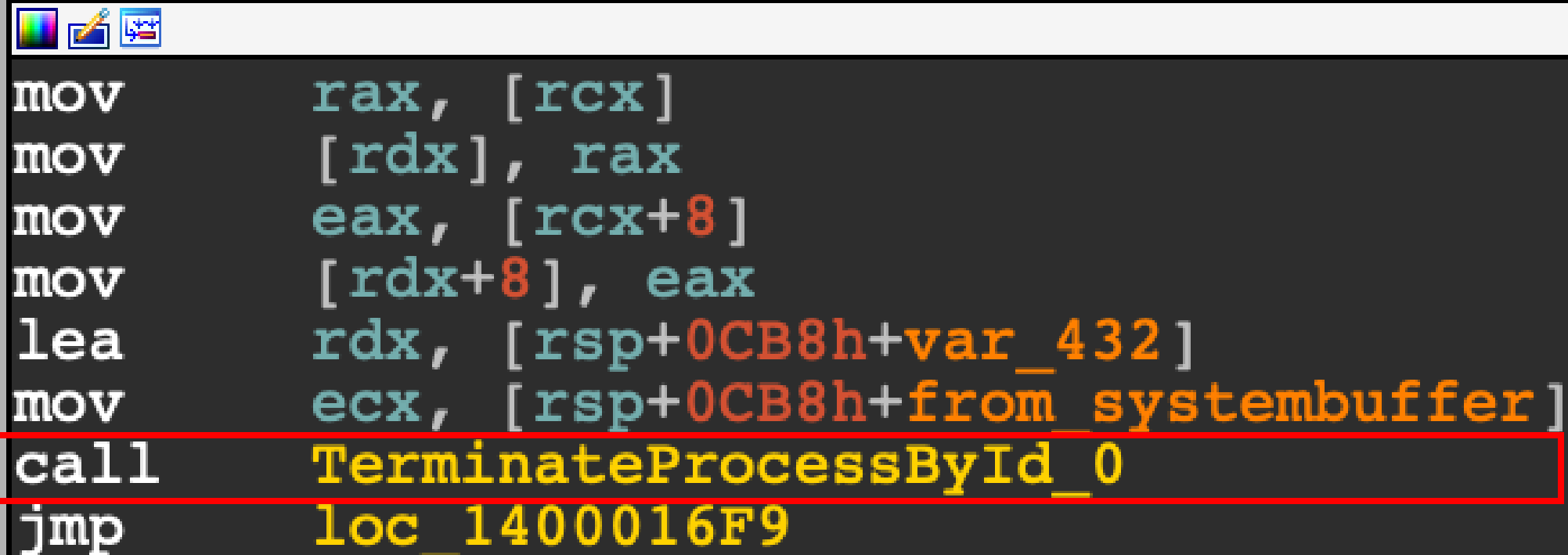

Dangerous legitimate functionality

- Arbitrary read+write
- Terminate process





```
mov     rax, [rcx]
mov     [rdx], rax
mov     eax, [rcx+8]
mov     [rdx+8], eax
lea     rdx, [rsp+0CB8h+var_432]      User input
mov     ecx, [rsp+0CB8h+from_systembuffer]
call   TerminateProcessById_0
jmp     loc_1400016F9
```



```
mov     rax, [rcx]
mov     [rdx], rax
mov     eax, [rcx+8]
mov     [rdx+8], eax
lea     rdx, [rsp+0CB8h+var_432]
mov     ecx, [rsp+0CB8h+from_systembuffer]
call    TerminateProcessById_0
jmp     loc_1400016F9
```

```
loc_14000288F:          ; ClientId
;   __try { // __except at loc_1400028DB
lea     r9, [r11-50h]
lea     r8, [r11-40h] ; ObjectAttributes
mov     edx, 1FFFFFFh ; DesiredAccess
lea     rcx, [r11+10h] ; ProcessHandle
call    cs:ZwOpenProcess
mov     cbx, eax
mov     [rsp+78h+var_58], eax
test    eax, eax
js      short loc_1400028D9
```

```
mov     rcx, [rsp+78h+ProcessHandle] ; ProcessHandle
test    rcx, rcx
jz      short loc_1400028D9
```

```
xor     edx, edx ; ExitStatus
call    cs:ZwTerminateProcess
mov     ebx, eax
mov     [rsp+78h+var_58], eax
mov     rcx, [rsp+78h+ProcessHandle] ; Handle
call    cs:ZwClose
```

```
]
stembuffer ]
```

```
loc_14000288F:          ; ClientId
;   __try { // __except at loc_1400028DB
lea    r9, [r11-50h]
lea    r8, [r11-40h] ; ObjectAttributes
mov    edx, 1FFFFFFh ; DesiredAccess
lea    rcx, [r11+10h] ; ProcessHandle
call   cs:ZwOpenProcess
mov    ebx, eax
mov    [rsp+78h+var_58], eax
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_1400028D9
```

```
mov    rcx, [rsp+78h+ProcessHandle] ; ProcessHandle
test   rcx, rcx
jz     short loc_1400028D9
```

```
xor    edx, edx ; ExitStatus
call   cs:ZwTerminateProcess
mov    ebx, eax
mov    [rsp+78h+var_58], eax
mov    rcx, [rsp+78h+ProcessHandle] ; Handle
call   cs:ZwClose
```

```
]
stembuffer ]
```

Dangerous legitimate functionality

- Arbitrary read+write
- Terminate process
- Physical memory mapping



```
mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     dword ptr [rsp+NumberOfBytes], edx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx ; From SystemBuffer
sub     rsp, 48h
mov     [rsp+48h+var_28], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+var_24], 0
mov     rax, [rsp+48h+arg_0]
mov     qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress], rax
mov     eax, dword ptr [rsp+48h+NumberOfBytes]
xor     r8d, r8d ; CacheType
mov     edx, eax ; NumberOfBytes
mov     rcx, qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress] ; PhysicalAddress
call    cs:MmMapIoSpace
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], rax
```

User input

```
mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     dword ptr [rsp+NumberOfBytes], edx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx ; From SystemBuffer
sub     rsp, 48h
mov     [rsp+48h+var_28], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+var_24], 0
mov     rax, [rsp+48h+arg_0] ; User input
mov     qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress], rax
mov     eax, dword ptr [rsp+48h+NumberOfBytes]
xor     r8d, r8d ; CacheType
mov     edx, eax ; NumberOfBytes
mov     rcx, qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress] ; PhysicalAddress
call    cs:MmMapIoSpace
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], rax
```



```
mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     dword ptr [rsp+NumberOfBytes], edx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx ; From SystemBuffer
sub     rsp, 48h
mov     [rsp+48h+var_28], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+var_24], 0
mov     rax, [rsp+48h+arg_0]
mov     qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress], rax
mov     eax, dword ptr [rsp+48h+NumberOfBytes]
xor     r8d, r8d ; CacheType
mov     edx, eax ; NumberOfBytes
mov     rcx, qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress] ; PhysicalAddress
call    cs:MmMapIoSpace
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], rax
```

User input

```
mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     dword ptr [rsp+NumberOfBytes], edx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx ; From SystemBuffer
sub     rsp, 48h
mov     [rsp+48h+var_28], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], 0
mov     [rsp+48h+var_24], 0
mov     rax, [rsp+48h+arg_0]
mov     qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress], rax
mov     eax, dword ptr [rsp+48h+NumberOfBytes]
xor     r8d, r8d ; CacheType
mov     edx, eax ; NumberOfBytes
mov     rcx, qword ptr [rsp+48h+PhysicalAddress] ; PhysicalAddress
call    cs:MmMapIoSpace
mov     [rsp+48h+BaseAddress], rax
```

Buffer overflow

- User-controlled size of allocation



```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]  User input
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call   cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```

```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
... ..
mov [rsp+98h+Length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9; Buffer
mov [r11-78h], r8 ; IoStatusBlock
xor r8d, r8d ; ApcRoutine
xor r9d, r9d ; ApcContext
xor edx, edx ; Event
call cs:ZwReadFile
```



```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```

```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
... ..
mov [rsp+98h+Length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9; Buffer
mov [r11-78h], r8 ; IoStatusBlock
xor r8d, r8d ; ApcRoutine
xor r9d, r9d ; ApcContext
xor edx, edx ; Event
call cs:ZwReadFile
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```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call   cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```

```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
... ..
mov [rsp+98h+Length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9; Buffer
mov [r11-78h], r8 ; IoStatusBlock
xor r8d, r8d ; ApcRoutine
xor r9d, r9d ; ApcContext
xor edx, edx ; Event
call cs:ZwReadFile
```



```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call   cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```

```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
... ..
mov [rsp+98h+Length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9; Buffer
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call cs:ZwReadFile
```



```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```



```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
... ..
mov [rsp+98h+length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9; Buffer
mov [r11-78h], r8 ; IoStatusBlock
xor r8d, r8d ; ApcRoutine
xor r9d, r9d ; ApcContext
xor edx, edx ; Event
call cs:ZwReadFile
```




```
mov     eax, [rdi+0Fh]
lea     edx, [rax+rax]
call   cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
mov     r8d, r14d
mov     ecx, r15d
mov     [rbx+2C0h], rax
```

```
mov r9, [rdi+2C0h]
mov [rsp+98h+Length], eax ; Length
mov [r11-70h], r9 ; Buffer
mov [r11-78h], r8 ; IoStatusBlock
xor r8d, r8d ; ApcRoutine
xor r9d, r9d ; ApcContext
xor edx, edx ; Event
call cs:ZwReadFile
```

Unrelated

Buffer overflow

- Registry key



```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380
```

```
mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi

loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

```
mov     edx, 1000h      ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi       ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380

mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx       ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi

loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380
```

```
mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380
```

```
mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380
```

```
mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380
```

```
mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi     User input (registry key)
sub     rcx, rdi
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```



```
mov     edx, 1000h    ; NumberOfBytes
mov     r8d, 4D594D4Dh ; Tag
mov     ecx, esi     ; PoolType
call    cs:ExAllocatePoolWithTag
xor     ecx, ecx
cmp     [rbp+14h], ecx
mov     [rsp+0C8h+var_80], rax
mov     [rsp+0C8h+Index], ecx
jbe     loc_FFFFFFF80549DF2380

mov     rbx, rax
```

```
loc_FFFFFFF80597F122D4: ; Size
mov     r8d, 1000h
mov     rcx, rbx     ; Dst
call    memset
mov     rcx, rbx
mov     r11, rdi
sub     rcx, rdi

loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB:
movzx   eax, word ptr [r11]
mov     [rcx+r11], ax
add     r11, 2
test    ax, ax
jnz     short loc_FFFFFFF80597F122EB
```

Copy registry key into buffer

Data leak

- Missing bounds check on input buffer
- Memory after the input buffer is copied to the output buffer



CoreTemp

```
lea    rcx, [rsp+2C8h+Dst] ; Dst
lea    rdx, [r13+128h] ; Src
mov    r8d, 100h ; MaxCount
call   memmove
xor    edx, edx ; Val
mov    r8d, 228h ; Size
mov    rcx, r13 ; Dst
call   memset
lea    rcx, [r13+128h] ; Dst
lea    rdx, [rsp+2C8h+Dst] ; Src
mov    r8d, 100h ; MaxCount
call   memmove
mov    rcx, rdi ; VirtualAddress
call   cs:MmIsValid
test   al, al
jz     loc_12820
```

Copy to buffer

```
lea    rcx, [rsp+2C8h+Dst] ; Dst
lea    rdx, [r13+128h] ; Src
mov    r8d, 100h ; MaxCount
call   memmove
xor    edx, edx ; Val
mov    r8d, 228h ; Size
mov    rcx, r13 ; Dst
call   memset
lea    rcx, [r13+128h] ; Dst
lea    rdx, [rsp+2C8h+Dst] ; Src
mov    r8d, 100h ; MaxCount
call   memmove
mov    rcx, rdi ; VirtualAddress
call   cs:MmIsValid
test   al, al
jz     loc_12820
```

Copy from buffer

Handle leaks

OBJ_KERNEL_HANDLE

Specifies that the handle can only be accessed in kernel mode.

- Handle appears in user-mode handle table
- Can be exploited through a race condition



```
mov     ebx, ecx
mov     rdi, rdx
lea     rcx, [rbp+400h+ObjectInformation]
xor     r15d, r15d
xor     edx, edx
mov     r8d, 400h
mov     [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle], r15
mov     [rsp+500h+TargetHandle], r15
mov     esi, r9d
call    sub_140002640
xorps   xmm0, xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueProcess], rbx
lea     r9, [rsp+500h+ClientId] ; ClientId
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueThread], r15
lea     r8, [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes] ; ObjectAttributes
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.Length], 30h ; '0'
mov     edx, 1FFFFFFh ; DesiredAccess
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory], r15
lea     rcx, [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle] ; ProcessHandle
mov     [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.Attributes], r15d
movdqu xmmword ptr [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor], xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], r15
call    cs:ZwOpenProcess
test   eax, eax
js     loc_140002212
```

```

mov     ebx, ecx
mov     rdi, rdx
lea     rcx, [rbp+400h+ObjectInformation]
xor     r15d, r15d
xor     edx, edx
mov     r8d, 400h
mov     [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle], r15
mov     [rsp+500h+TargetHandle], r15
mov     esi, r9d
call    sub_140002640
xorps   xmm0, xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueProcess], rbx
lea     r9, [rsp+500h+ClientId] ; ClientId
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueThread], r15
lea     r8, [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes] ; ObjectAttributes
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.Length], 30h ; '0'
mov     edx, 1FFFFFFh ; DesiredAccess
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory], r15
lea     rcx, [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle] ; ProcessHandle
mov     [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.Attributes], r15d
movdqu  xmmword ptr [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor], xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], r15
call    cs:ZwOpenProcess
test    eax, eax
js     loc_140002212

```

```
mov     ebx, ecx
mov     rdi, rdx
lea     rcx, [rbp+400h+ObjectInformation]
xor     r15d, r15d
xor     eax, eax
mov     r8d, 400h
mov     [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle], r15
mov     [rsp+500h+TargetHandle], r15
mov     esi, r9d
call    sub_140002640
xorps   xmm0, xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueProcess], rbx
lea     r9, [rsp+500h+ClientId] ; ClientId
mov     [rsp+500h+ClientId.UniqueThread], r15
lea     r8, [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes] ; ObjectAttributes
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.Length], 30h ; '0'
mov     edx, 1FFFFFFh ; DesiredAccess
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory], r15
lea     rcx, [rsp+500h+ProcessHandle] ; ProcessHandle
mov     [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.Attributes], r15d
movdqu  xmmword ptr [rbp+400h+ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor], xmm0
mov     [rsp+500h+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], r15
call    cs:ZwOpenProcess
test    eax, eax
js      loc_140002212
```


Method direct

- METHOD_IN_DIRECT or METHOD_OUT_DIRECT
- User can write at same time as driver reads
- Value can be changed between load and read
- Check if locking is implemented to prevent this



Method direct

<https://www.osronline.com/article.cfm^article=229.htm>



Enter the IOCTL value to decode in the box below

IOCTL VALUE (hex)

That IOCTL decodes to:

Device:

Function:

Access:

Method:

Automated Tools



POPKORN: Popping Windows Kernel Drivers At Scale

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ABSTRACT

External vendors develop a significant percentage of Windows kernel drivers, and Microsoft relies on these vendors to handle all aspects of driver security. Unfortunately, device vendors are not immune to software bugs, which in some cases can be exploited to gain elevated privileges. Testing the security of kernel drivers remains challenging,

called BYOB ("bring your own bug") makes it possible to load an unsigned driver into the kernel by piggybacking on a signed-but-vulnerable driver [56]. For instance, the LoJax and Slingshot malware families [19, 60] ship a signed-but-vulnerable driver with the malware itself, which allows for loading of the malware into the kernel. This problem also negatively affects game vendors, as players can



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Conclusion



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- Kernel driver vulnerabilities have impact
- Research is important
- There are many vulnerabilities to be found
- You can contribute!





Thank You

