

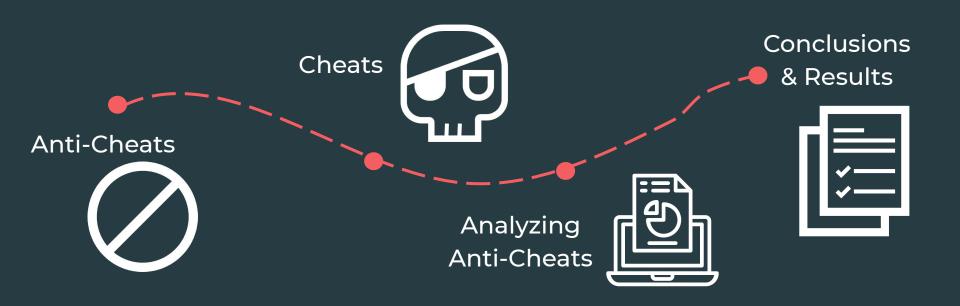
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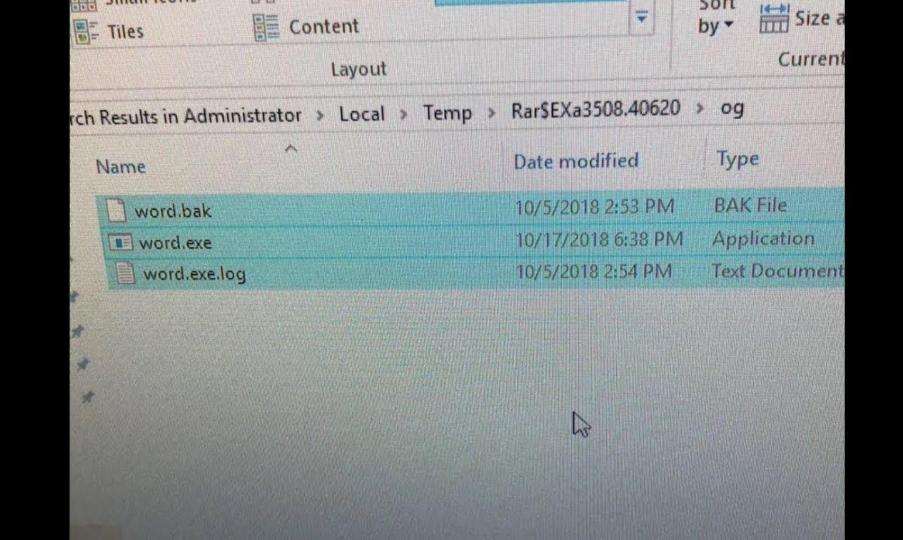
What are we going to talk about?



FIRST RULE OF THE GAMING CLUB, YOU DON'T CHEAT

(or get caught doing it)







Anti Cheats





























LIVEGUARD



VAC







heats Anti-(

Let's see some numbers...

336.500.000

Monthly Active Users

EAC

XC3

BE

VAC

275.000.000

500.000

30.000.000

31.000.000

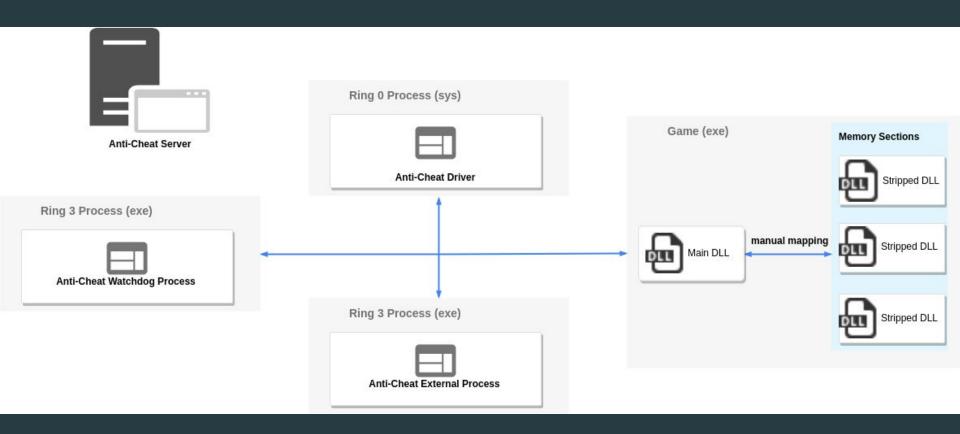




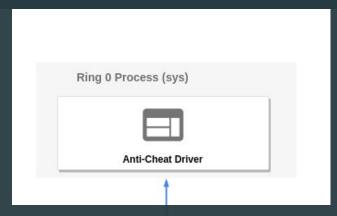




Anti-Cheat Components



Kernel Driver

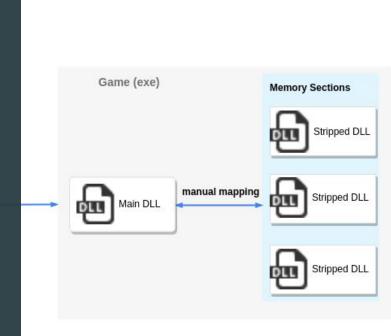


- Handle stripping/Access Control
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 Control
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- Register kernel callbacks
- Rejection of Kernel/User mode debugging

- Analysis of privileged process (Isass and csrss)
- ▶ Block blacklisted/unsigned drivers
- Monitoring of kernel function calls

DLL inside Games

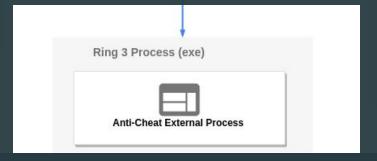
- Control of access flags to different sections
- [1] Identification of hooks
- Thread Hijacking
- DLL Injection
- Function signatures
- **▶ VEH/SEH modification**
- [] Game resources modification
- Detection of virtual environment



External Ring 3 Process

- Process/File Controls
- Blacklisted programs detection
- Manage logic from Driver

- Control of game client and DLL hashes
- Multi-client detection
- Program integrity controls





Cheats



Internal (DLL) vs External (Process)

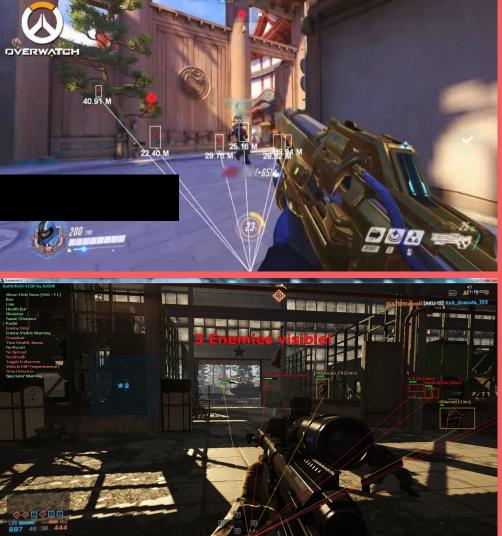
	Pros	Cons
External	 Quick for small patches Easy to master Can be closed in certain cases 	 Slow Easy to detect Limited potential Requires a Handle
Internal	 Great performance Direct access to memory Hard to detect if you are good enough 	[•] Hard to master [•] Easier to detect if you mess it up







Aimbots





Wallhack/ESP

Pro players getting caught? Why not



utomatizatio Utility

sell-bot gold-farmer exploits scripting multi-clent Auto-looting macros infinite-resources automatic-grinding stats invincible glitches unlimited-health lying teleport unlimited-mana

player-detection.

leveling unlimited-ammo

Motivation!

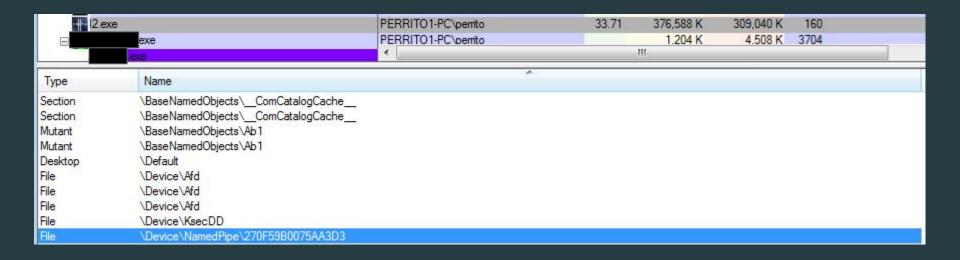
Let me tell you a story...

We decided to reverse a cheat for Lineage 2

Characteristics: Made in Russia, good bypasses for AC, Lineage 2

Extra Gold Coins for:

- Emiliano Del Peon
 (@Dolphin01684386)
- Lautaro Fain(@Lautaro Fain)



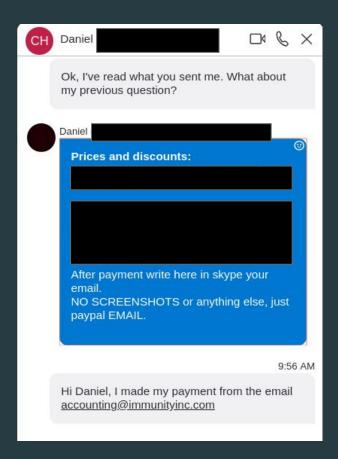
Let me tell you a story

```
[Game -> Bot] 030D000000
90
91
  [Game -> Bot] 010001B73943458DDA04B4C8279301A16C31970100000001000000
92
93
  [Game -> Bot]
  7000650072007200690074006F006F0000006E6C3F0E0000000000000000000005C000000100000079280100B1AAFDFF1304000000000000
  00000000000C1A70710C0A70710BDA70710BFA70710BEA70710B8A70710B9A70710B7A70710C2A70710BBA70710000000BCA70710000000B9A707100000
  000000000000000005E0300005E0300009C0300007D0300007D0300007309000067220000400500008F1600005B090000000009B16000000000006722
  94
95
  [Game -> Bot]
  010F00000003C00680074006D006C003E003C007400690074006C0065003E004300680061007200610063007400650072002000500069006E0063006F006400
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  6900740079003C002F0066006F006E0074003E003C006200720031003E000A003C0069006D00670020007300720063003D004C003200550049002E0053007100
```

Let me tell you a story

Old version is detected by ACs

The new version moved to a stealthier approach: **FileMapping**



Parallel Market

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Cheat Prices: U\$S 1 to U\$S25 Some up to U\$S500



Ex: 2500 paid members U\$S 10 * 2500 = U\$S25000

(150000 memberships)

U\$\$ 1,25 M
PER YEAR
(Wait... what?)

Are they fighting back?

Apex claims:

- More than 770k players banned
- Over 300K account creations blocked
- [•] Over than 4k cheat sellers accounts (spammers) banned in 20 days

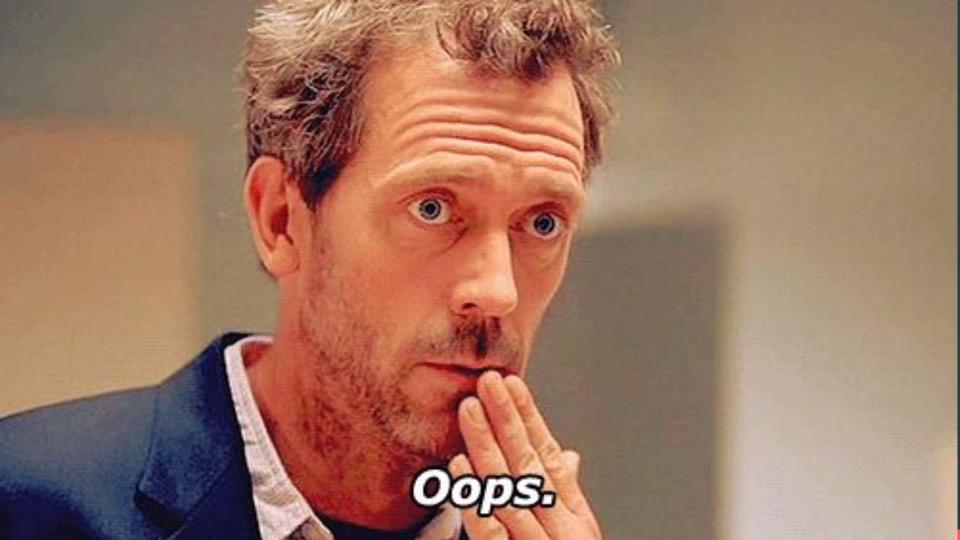
Temporary EAC Bypass

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Navigate to game folder (Origin Games\Apex)

- Rename EasyAntiCheat_launcher.exe to EasyAntiCheat_launcher.back
- Rename r5apex.exe to EasyAntiCheat_launcher.exe

Have some luls while it lasts.



Analyzing Anti-Cheats

Methodology

Goal:

- Read/Write/Alloc Memory (Internal & External)
- Run Code inside Game's Process
- Be as **stealthy** as possible

Hijacking Techniques

AC usually control/block/reject new HANDLEs to the game process:

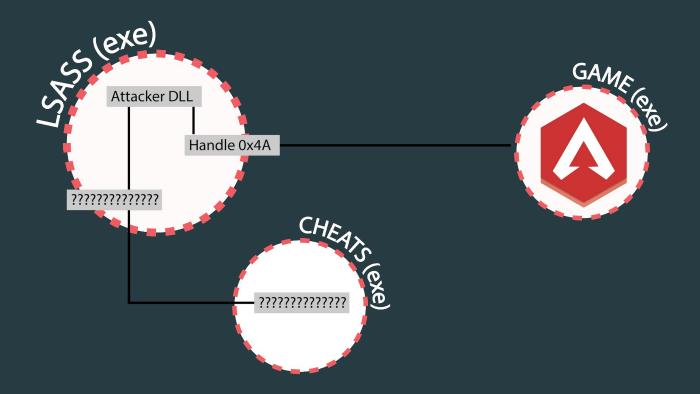
Driver that protects game and AC processes

Some process need to be whitelisted: Isass, csrss, AC

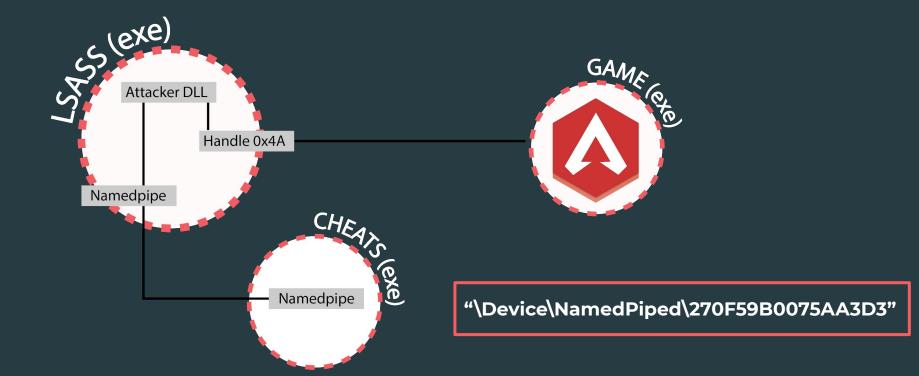
Hijacking techniques come to our rescue:

- [•] Handle Hijacking
- Stealth Handle Hijacking
- [•] Hooking

Hijacking Techniques



Hijacking Techniques - NamedPipe



BLACK DESERT - 326971 **> 0 (0.0%) 30/30** 8 0/0 (0.00%) Process Explorer - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com [NIE\Niemand] File Options View Process Find Handle Users Help 150 / 150 0.000% 100/100 Process CPU Private By... Working S... Description ■ Isass.exe 928 18.97 9.456 K 18.584 K Local Security Authorit. Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Co... conhost.exe < [+] Sending Msg: [+] action: 5 Type Handle Name handle: 0x00000000000015FC 0xC0C \Device\NamedPipe\driverbypass File address: 0x58a60000 [+] size: 6 [+] buffer: 54 54 54 54 35 0 CPU Usage: 92.75% Commit Charge: 66.83% Processes: 250 Physical Usage: 51.78% [+] Success writing. [+] Waiting for message. [+] Status: Successful ≤Explorador≥ [+] ZwReadVirtualMemory Edan [+] Sending Msg: [+] action: 6 [+] handle: 0x00000000000015FC [+] address: 0x58a60000 [+] size: 6 [+] buffer: 0 0 0 0 0 0 Amkmkmk [+] Success writing. [+] Waiting for message. Mimimiss [+] Status: Successful [+] bytesRead: 6 [+] buffer: 54 54 54 54 35 0 ZwWriteVirtualMemory [+] Sending Msg: [+] action: 7 [+] handle: 0x000000000000015FC [+] address: 0x58a60000 [+] size: 6 buffer: 54 54 54 54 37 0

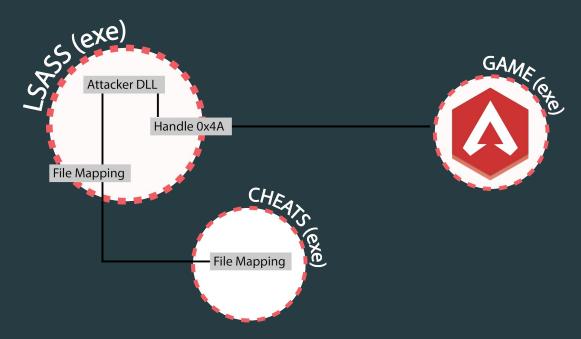
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Thread with suspicious context

Imagine a world where our shared memory does not leave an open HANDLE and we can cover better our tracks.



"File mapping object does not close until all references to it are released"

```
HANDLE CreateFileMappingA(
HANDLE hFile,
LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpFileMappingAttributes,
DWORD flProtect,
DWORD dwMaximumSizeHigh,
DWORD dwMaximumSizeLow,
LPCSTR lpName
);
```

```
BOOL UnmapViewOfFile(
   LPCVOID lpBaseAddress
);
```

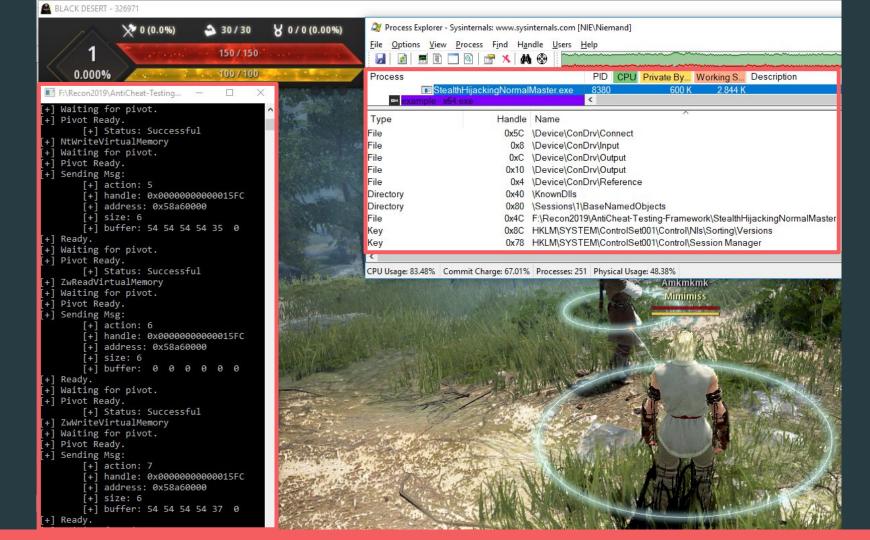
We can call CloseHandle without calling to UnmapViewOfFile.

Request / Response Structure

Manual spinlocks to avoid mutex/semaphores HANDLEs

Shared Memory We can make it even better by **delaying the execution**

Spinlock



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Hijacking Techniques - Bypass Hooks

EAC also hook functions on **Isass.exe**:

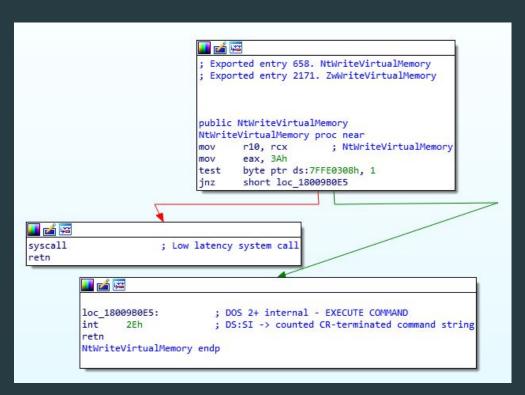
```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe[928] @ C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL[ntdll.dll!NtAllocateVirtualMemory]
C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe[928] @ C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL[ntdll.dll!NtReadVirtualMemory]
C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe[928] @ C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll[ntdll.dll!NtReadVirtualMemory]
C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe[928] @ C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll[ntdll.dll!NtWriteVirtualMemory]
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[7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b22b8] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b22b8] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b2480] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b22b8] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll [7ffe3b0b20d4] C:\WINDOWS\system32\eac_usermode_466512274840.dll

Why?

- Validate/Control/Track each action done against the game

Hijacking Techniques - Bypass Hooks



```
ZwReadWriteVM.asm + X StealthHijackingNormalMaster.cpp + X
           .code
           ZwWriteVM proc
               mov r10, rcx
               mov eax, 3Ah
               syscall
               ret
           ZwWriteVM endp
           ZwReadVM proc
     11
               mov r10, rcx
               mov eax, 3Fh
               syscall
               ret
           ZwReadVM endp
           end
```

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Hooking

Cheats usually **hook** functions from Graphic Engines:

[1] IAT hooking, JMPs on Prolog functions, etc.

But AC usually control this.

Inside their own game is easy, but what about trusted external libraries?

- Steam Overlay
- Open Broadcaster Software (OBS)

Steam Overlay

	00007FFF27D2506F	CC	int3
	00007FFF27D25070	E9 1EBE3A01	jmp 7FFF290D0E93
	00007FFF27D25075	48:897424 20	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp+20],rsi
	00007FFF27D2507A	55	push rbp
	00007FFF27D2507B	57	push rdi
	00007FFF27D2507C	41:56	push r14
0	00007FFF27D2507E	48:8D6C24 90	lea rbp,qword ptr ss:[rsp-70]
	00007FFF27D25083	48:81EC 70010000	sub rsp,170
	00007FFF27D2508A	48:8B05 77120900	<pre>mov rax,qword ptr ds:[<security_cookie>]</security_cookie></pre>

Jump is taken 00007FFF290D0E93

Redirects execution to gameoverlayrenderer64.dll:\$8A480

.text:00007FFF27D25070 dxgi.dll:\$5070 #4470 <CDXGISwapChain::Present>

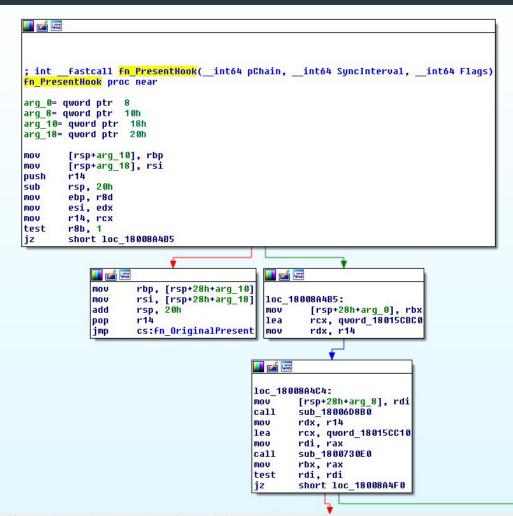
Open Broadcaster Software

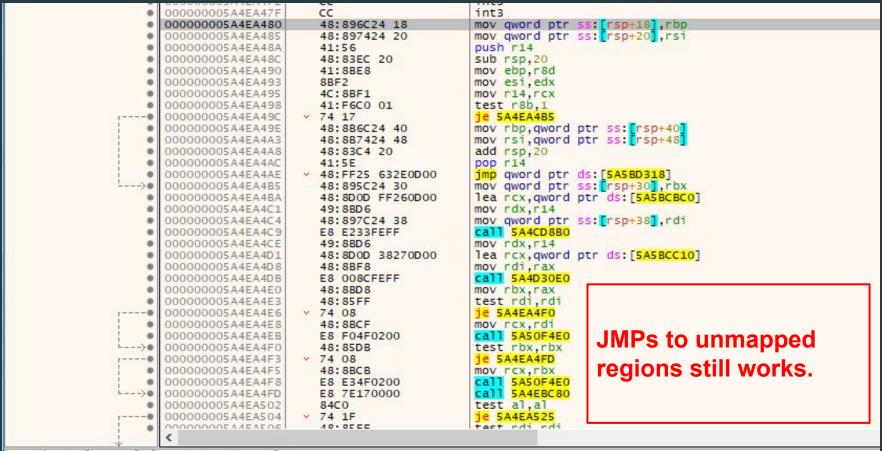
0	00007FFF27D25070	^ E9 5B94A891	jmp graphics-hook64.7FFEB97AE4D0
0	00007FFF27D25075	48:897424 20	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp+20],rsi
0	00007FFF27D2507A	55	push rbp
0	00007FFF27D2507B	57	push rdi
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Jump is taken graphics-hook64.00007FFEB97AE4D0

Redirects to graphics-hook64.7FFEB97AE4D0

.text:00007FFF27D25070 dxgi.dll:\$5070 #4470 <CDXGISwapChain::Present>





qword ptr [rsp+18]=[000000000014E800]=0 rbp=00000000014E990

Hooking - Code Caves and NamedPipes?

```
CC
                             00007FFEE50B1091
                                                                        int3
                             00007FFEE50B1092
                                                  CC
                                                                        int3
                            00007FFEE50B1093
                                                                        add byte ptr ds:[rax],a]
                                                  0000
                            00007FFEE50B1095
                                                                        add byte ptr ds: [rax], al
                                                  0000
                                                                        add byte ptr ds:[rax],al
                            00007FFEE50B1097
                                                  0000
                                                                        add byte ptr ds:[rax],al
                                                  0000
                                                                        add byte ptr ds:[rax],al
                             00007FFEE50B109B
                                                  0000
                            00007FFEE50B109D
                                                                        add byte ptr ds: [rax], al
                                                  0000
byte ptr [rax]=[0]=???
a1=0
.text:00007FFEE50B1093 graphics-hook64.dll:$71093 #70493
```

Black Black	Desert 64.exe	5.70	2,044,896 K	1,580,380 K	10392				
	- A.I	_	00.040.14	00.0011/	40000 0 (0)	-			
Туре	Name	111	^						
File	\Device\Named	\Device\NamedPipe\{AE2298A9-A4BF-47c0-A20E-5962EEBE90B6}							
File	\Device\Named	\Device\NamedPipe\{C9A11FED-C3C4-4cac-989C-0022AA3AF9AC}							
File	\Device\Named	Pipe\CaptureH	Hook_Pipe10392						
File	\Device\Named	Pipe\GraphicH	lookGfx.Niemand	I.MSI					
File	\Device\Named	Pipe\NvMessa	ageBusBroadcast						

Refresher- Bypass Hooks

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Moving to kernel...Drivers

Drivers

Cheat developers also develop their own to fight inside the kernel.

Loading a Driver:

- [] Test Mode
- Sign your own Driver (\$\$\$\$\$\$\$)
- Abuse of another driver

EAC downgrading the HANDLE

sass.exe	940	< 0.01 9.436 K 18.076 K Local	Security Authority Proc	Microsoft Corporation	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	C:\W
fontdrvhost.exe	604	11.148 K 2.624 K Usem	ode Font Driver Host	Microsoft Corporation	Font Driver Host\UMFD-0	"fonto
csrss.exe	<			700 C		
Туре	Handle	Name	Access	Decoded Access		
Process	0x9A8	ServiceHub.DataWarehouseHost.exe(10652)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x146C	sedsvc.exe(7312)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x14B8	SearchUl.exe(10180)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0xE10	SearchIndexer.exe(7108)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x1B5C	ScriptedSandbox64.exe(15372)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x1840	SCM.exe(6204)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x186C	RuntimeBroker.exe(7604)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x15A0	RuntimeBroker.exe(12244)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x14FC	RuntimeBroker.exe(10640)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x1B54	r5apex.exe(6048)	0x00001440	DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFORMATION	QUERY_LIMITED_INFORMATION	
Process	0x1910	QHSafeTray.exe(14228)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0xD6C	QHActiveDefense.exe(3496)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x17C4	procexp64.exe(4928)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0xAD0	PerfWatson2.exe(3880)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION
Process	0x1B04	PerfWatson2.exe(12088)	0x00001478	VM_OPERATION VM_READ VM_WRI	TE DUP_HANDLE QUERY_INFOR	MATION

We need to find a different approach.

Driver - Synapse (CVE-2017-9769)

[•] IOCTL gives us access to ZwOpenProcess

If AC control the access at kernel level it won't work :(

[•] We need a better approach

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
.1 ZwWPMBuffer TTTT7
   targetProc BlackDesert64.exe
  privotProc r5apex.exe
  namedPipeName \\.\\pipe\\driverbypass
   fileMapName Global\StealthHijacking
   driverName \\ \GIO
  Waiting for target process
+1 Process Found!
  PID: 0x14304
  Target process PID: 37e0
  Target handle: 88
   RPM
+] ReadProcessMemory:
       83 36 53 9e e5 28
+1 WPM
+] WriteProcessMemory:
       54 54 54 54 32 0
+] NtReadVirtualMemory
+] NtReadVirtualMemory:
       54 54 54 54 32 0
+ | NtWriteVirtualMemory
+ | NtWriteVirtualMemory:
       54 54 54 54 35 0
+ ] ZwReadVirtualMemory
+1 ZwReadVirtualMemory:
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+ ] ZwWriteVirtualMemory
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       54 54 54 54 37 0
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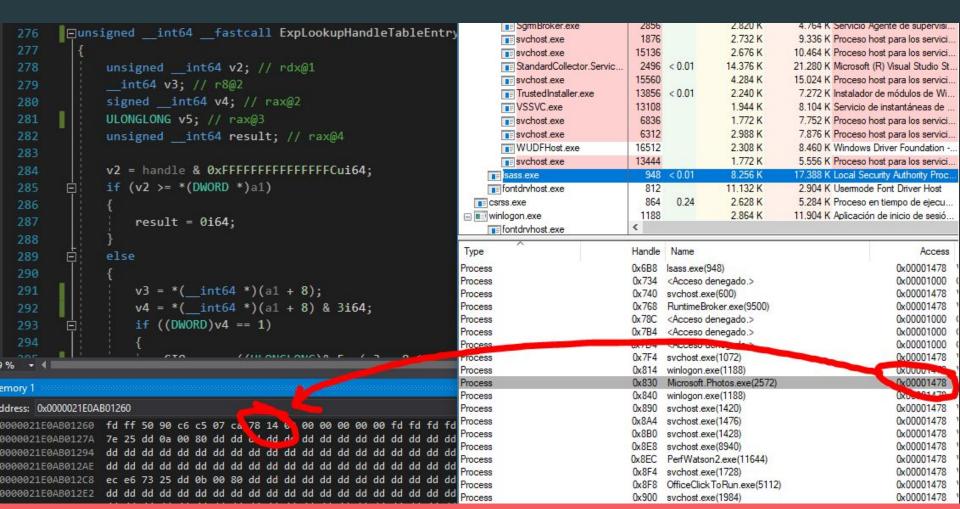
Driver - GIGABYTE Drivers

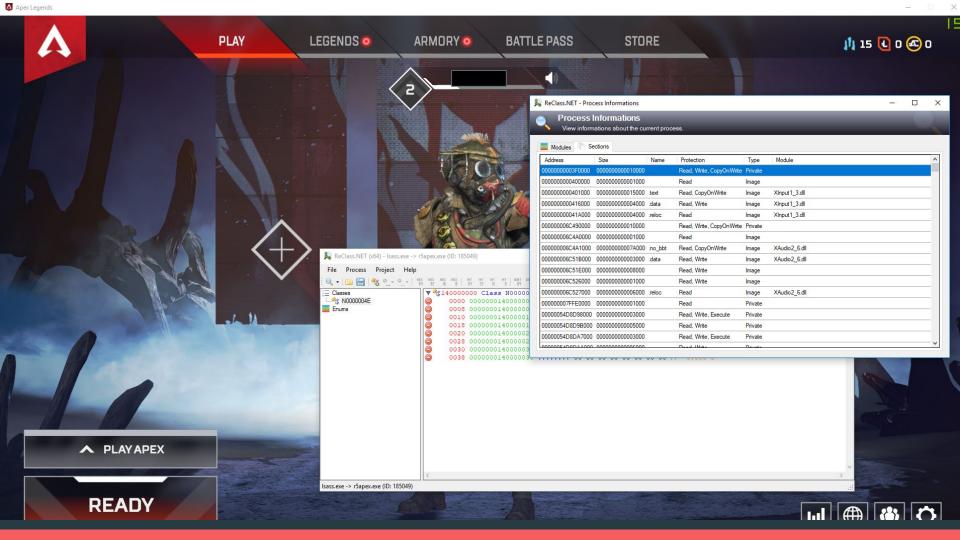
- [] CVE-2018-19320 (ring0 memcpy with VA)
- CVE-2018-19321 (read/write arbitrary physical memory)

- [•] Non-privileged user processes are able to get a HANDLE and issue IOCTL codes
- How could we use this?

Driver - DKOM

- Load the vulnerable Driver and get a HANDLE (open DACL)
- 2) Search for EPROCESS Struct in kernel
 typedef struct { CHAR ImageFileName[15]; DWORD PriorityClass; }
- Obtain the ObjectTable (HANDLE_TABLE)
- 4) Use ExpLookupHandleTableEntry(HandleTable, Handle)
- 5) Retrieve HANDLE
- 6) Modify GrantedAccess
- 7) Overwrite kernel memory
- 8) Profit





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Conclusions

- Fight at kernel level
- [•] It could be trivial
- Blacklisting all drivers is impossible
- [] Compatibility with Windows and 3rd applications is a problem

Conclusions

AntiCheat-Testing-Framework

- [•] CheatHelper & DriverHelper
- DriverDisabler
- [1] HandleHijackingDLL and HandleHijackingMaster
- [] StealthHijackingDLL and StealthHijackingMaster
- [1] WinApi Hooking Bypass (Direct call to syscalls)
- Lua Hooking (with pattern scanning)
- Synapse Driver exploit (Razer)
- [1] Handle Elevation (Gigabyte Driver)

Github:niemand-sec/AntiCheat-Testing-Framework

THANK YOU!



More information at niemand.com.ar