

Reverse Engineering Malware Part 1

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This is First Part of 2 Part Series .This Malware Drops A File (All malwares do it usually)..So in This Part We will only Analyze Dropper and Next Part We will Analyze Dropped File.

Originally Sample is Downloaded from KernelMode.info ..It is very Good Place for Malware Samples and Reverse Engineering .I Uploaded the Sample to sendpace ..The Password to File is "infected"

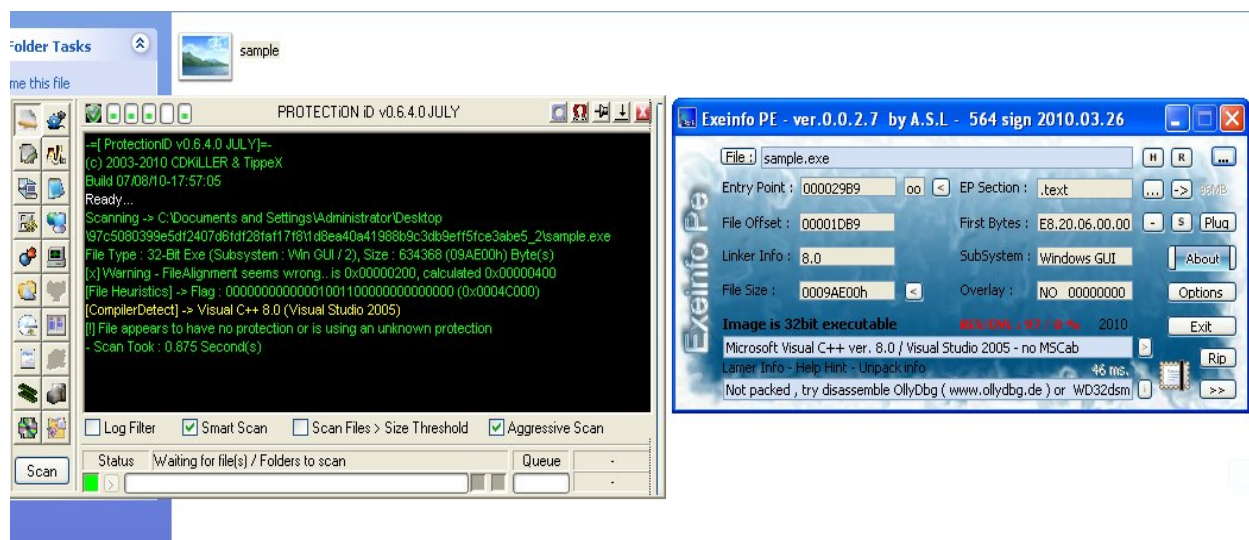
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<http://www.sendspace.com/file/to53wo>

Anyway Start With Basic Stuff..Check it with ExeInfo/Protection ID for Packer Detection or Compiler Detection .

NOTE: I Have Dedicated Virtual Machine For Malware Analysis .I recommend You to have same..

Here are Results From ExeInfo/Protection ID



So Sample is Not Packed .:D (Normally Malwares Are packed)

Compiler Detected : Visual C++ 2008

Fine Till Now

Visual C++ Targets are Kind of Ideal For Reversing ..Unlike Delphi Targets That Contain annoying Calls..VC++ Targets are Relatively Easier to Reverse .

Debugger /Disassembler we are going to use are

1)Ollydbg

2)IDA

I have a habit of Running Both IDA and Ollydbg parallely .IDA is very Powerful Due to Its Features Like Renaming the Variables, Functions ,Locations and Cross Reference etc ..Ollydbg is my Personal Favorite Debugger.

Also This Article is mainly to demonstrate Reverse Code Engineering ..I will try to Reverse Engineer Important parts of Malware .

Trace into Ollydbg Till WinMain = 00401648 or Use IDA ..IDA By default Start From WinMain

So lets start Analyzing from WinMain

```
00401648 /$ 8BFF      MOV EDI,EDI           //Do Nthing
0040164A |. 55          PUSH EBP             //Standard Function Start –Save Frame Pointer
0040164B |. 8BEC      MOV EBP,ESP         //Move Stack Pointer to EBP
0040164D |. 83EC 1C   SUB ESP,1C          //Allocate 1C (28) Bytes For Local Variables
00401650 |. 56          PUSH ESI            //Save Registers Before Calling
00401651 |. 57          PUSH EDI
00401652 |. E8 120D0000 CALL sample.00402369
```

Lets Trace Into This Call.. Disassembly Inside Call Looks Like This

```

- [CPU - main thread, module sample]
File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help Tools BreakPoint->
Paused
00402369 8BFF MOV EDI,EDI sample.00404C78
0040236B 55 PUSH EBP
0040236C 8BEC MOV EBP,ESP
0040236E 51 PUSH ECX
0040236F 51 PUSH ECX
00402370 53 PUSH EBX
00402371 56 PUSH ESI
00402372 6A 00 PUSH 0
00402374 FF15 14104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.GetModuleHandleW]
0040237A 8BF0 MOV ESI,EAX
0040237C 8B46 3C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+3C]
0040237F 8B9C30 800000 MOV EBX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ESI+80]
00402386 03DE ADD EBX,ESI
00402388 8B43 0C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+C]
0040238B 85C0 TEST EAX,EAX
0040238D 8975 F8 MOV [LOCAL.2],ESI
00402390 0F84 C0000000 JE sample.0040245E
00402396 57 PUSH EDI
00402397 03C6 ADD EAX,ESI
00402399 68 28134000 PUSH sample.00401328
0040239E 50 PUSH EAX
0040239F FF15 48114000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvrt._stricmp]
004023A5 85C0 TEST EAX,EAX
004023A7 59 POP ECX
004023A8 59 POP ECX
004023A9 0F85 A0000000 JNZ sample.0040244F
004023AF 8B3B MOV EDI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX]
004023B1 03FE ADD EDI,ESI
004023B3 8B73 10 MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+10]
004023B6 0375 F8 ADD ESI,[LOCAL.2]
004023B9 E9 84000000 JMP sample.00402442
004023BE 8B40 F8 MOV ECX,[LOCAL.2]
004023C1 8D4408 02 LEA EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ECX+2]
004023C5 68 14134000 PUSH sample.00401314
004023CA 50 PUSH EAX
004023CB FF15 48114000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvrt._stricmp]
004023D1 85C0 TEST EAX,EAX
004023D3 59 POP ECX
004023D4 59 POP ECX
004023D5 75 25 JNZ SHORT sample.004023FC
004023D7 8D45 FC LEA EAX,[LOCAL.1]
004023DA 50 PUSH EAX
004023DB 6A 40 PUSH 40
004023DD 6A 04 PUSH 4
004023DF 56 PUSH ESI
004023E0 FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualProtect]
004023E6 8D45 FC LEA EAX,[LOCAL.1]
004023E9 5A PUSH EBX

```

Lets Start From Something Interesting.. We have A Call To API "GetModuleHandleW",the argument passed is 0 .

We All Know GetModuleHandleW(NULL)..Returns Imagebase of Currently Loaded Executable in EAX ..So This Call returns the Imagebase of sample.exe ..Next few Lines are Interesting

- 0040237A |. 8BF0 MOV ESI,EAX //Now ESI Contain Imagebase
- 0040237C |. 8B46 3C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+3C] //Get NT HEADER OFFSET
- 0040237F |. 8B9C30 800000 MOV EBX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ESI+80] //Image_import_Directory
- 00402386 |. 03DE ADD EBX,ESI //Address Of _IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR Structure
- 00402388 |. 8B43 0C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+C] //Point to Name Field of _IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR

To Understand Above Code ..You Need Some Basic Understanding of PE Format ...

First Here We Have = Imagebase+3c

In PE Format First We have IMAGE_DOS_HEADERLets Explore IMAGE_DOS_HEADER in Windbg

```
0:000> dt nt!_IMAGE_DOS_HEADER
ntdll!_IMAGE_DOS_HEADER
+0x000 e_magic          : Uint2B
+0x002 e_cblp          : Uint2B
+0x004 e_cp            : Uint2B
+0x006 e_crlc         : Uint2B
+0x008 e_cparhdr       : Uint2B
+0x00a e_minalloc      : Uint2B
+0x00c e_maxalloc      : Uint2B
+0x00e e_ss            : Uint2B
+0x010 e_sp            : Uint2B
+0x012 e_csum          : Uint2B
+0x014 e_ip            : Uint2B
+0x016 e_cs            : Uint2B
+0x018 e_lfarlc        : Uint2B
+0x01a e_ovno          : Uint2B
+0x01c e_res           : [4] Uint2B
+0x024 e_oemid         : Uint2B
+0x026 e_oeminfo       : Uint2B
+0x028 e_res2          : [10] Uint2B
+0x03c e_lfanew        : Int4B
```

Ignore Other Fields.. Here we have e_lfanew at offset 0x3C.

e_lfanew Actually Contains the offset to PE Header

```
MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+3C]
```

So above instruction is to get NT Header Offset

Imagebase is added as we are parsing the File in Memory ..Hope it is Clear Now

```
MOV EBX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ESI+80]
```

So What We have is Load value at Imagebase+NT_HEADER+0x80 into EBX ..

Each PE File Contains Array of IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY Structures .Lets Look Into IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY Structure

```

0:000> dt nt!_IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY
ntdll!_IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY
+0x000 VirtualAddress : Uint4B
+0x004 Size           : Uint4B

```

So Each IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY Contains Two Fields Virtual Address and Size

NT_HEADER+80 Points to Import_table_address .. The Values of that Directory are

```
00400170 D4320000 DD 000032D4 ; Import Table address = 32D4
```

```
00400174 78000000 DD 00000078 ; Import Table size = 78 (120.)
```

I Took these values from Memory Window of Ollydbg ..

So what above instruction doing is getting the import table address ..

*Import table is very important concept ..It basically contains the info about imported functions/DLLs

Add Imagebase with Import Table address as we are parsing file in memory

```
ADD EBX,ESI
```

Next Instruction is

```
MOV EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+C]
```

This is Interesting .. Import Table is actually a Array of IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR.. Each IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR Structure Contains a Info about Single DLL and Info about Functions imported from this DLL ..SO NO. of IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR= No. of DLLs

Lets Look Into IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR Closely

```

typedef struct _IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR {
    _ANONYMOUS_UNION union {
        DWORD Characteristics;
        DWORD OriginalFirstThunk;
    } DUMMYUNIONNAME;
    DWORD TimeDateStamp;
    DWORD ForwarderChain;
    DWORD Name; //Offset 0xC
    DWORD FirstThunk; // offset 0x10
} IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR, *PIMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR;

```

So in Above Instruction ESI is Pointing to Name From IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR

```
0040238D |. 8975 F8 MOV [LOCAL.2],ESI //Save ESI Into Local_var
```

So Next is Loop ..We Can Easily See this in our dear Ollydbg ..Lets Look Into Loop

```
00402397 |> /03C6      /ADD EAX,ESI           //Get Name of DLL In Memory
00402399 |. |68 28134000 |PUSH sample.00401328      ; /s2 = "user32.dll" //Constant String
0040239E |. |50          |PUSH EAX              ; |s1 = 000036E4 ??? /
0040239F |. |FF15 48114000 |CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt._stricmp>] ; \_stricmp
004023A5 |. |85C0      |TEST EAX,EAX
004023A7 |. |59          |POP ECX               ; sample.00404C78
004023A8 |. |59          |POP ECX               ; sample.00404C78
004023A9 |. |0F85 A0000000 |JNZ sample.0040244F
```

So what above instructions Doing are

- 1)Get Address of DLL_NAME in Memory
- 2) Compare the DLL_NAME with " user32.dll"
- 3) IF DLL_NAME != "user32.dll" then Go to NEXT IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR Structure
- 4)Go to Step 1

So this Loop Continues Untill DLL NAME IS "user32.dll"

So lets Look What Happen When condition is True ..I mean DLL NAME == "user32.dll"

004023A9	59	JNZ	sample.0040244F	sample.00404C78
004023AF	8B3B	MOV	EDI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX]	
004023B1	03FE	ADD	EDI,ESI	sample.00400000
004023B3	8B73 10	MOV	ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+10]	
004023B6	0375 F8	ADD	ESI,[LOCAL.2]	sample.00400000
004023B9	E9 84000000	JMP	sample.00402442	
004023BE	8B4D F8	MOV	ECX,[LOCAL.2]	sample.00400000
004023C1	8D4408 02	LEA	EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ECX+2]	
004023C5	68 14134000	PUSH	sample.00401314	s2 = "RegisterClassExW"
004023CA	50	PUSH	EAX	s1 = NULL
004023CB	FF15 48114000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt._stricmp>	_stricmp
004023D1	85C0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
004023D3	59	POP	ECX	sample.00404C78
004023D4	59	POP	ECX	sample.00404C78
004023D5	75 25	JNZ	SHORT sample.004023FC	
004023D7	8D45 FC	LEA	EAX,[LOCAL.1]	
004023DA	50	PUSH	EAX	pOldProtect = NULL
004023DB	6A 40	PUSH	40	NewProtect = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
004023DD	6A 04	PUSH	4	Size = 4
004023DF	56	PUSH	ESI	Address = sample.00400000
004023E0	FF15 44104000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualProtect	VirtualProtect
004023E6	8D45 FC	LEA	EAX,[LOCAL.1]	
004023E9	50	PUSH	EAX	pOldProtect = NULL
004023EA	C706 EF194000	MOV	DWORD PTR DS:[ESI],sample.004019E1	NewProtect = PAGE_READONLY PAGE_WRITECOPY
004023F0	FF75 FC	PUSH	[LOCAL.1]	Size = 4
004023F3	6A 04	PUSH	4	Address = sample.00400000
004023F5	56	PUSH	ESI	VirtualProtect
004023F6	FF15 44104000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualProtect	VirtualProtect
004023FC	8B07	MOV	EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI]	
004023FE	8B4D F8	MOV	ECX,[LOCAL.2]	sample.00400000
00402401	8D4408 02	LEA	EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ECX+2]	
00402405	68 04134000	PUSH	sample.00401304	s2 = "CreateWindowExW"
0040240A	50	PUSH	EAX	s1 = NULL
0040240B	FF15 48114000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt._stricmp>	_stricmp
00402411	85C0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
00402413	59	POP	ECX	sample.00404C78
00402414	59	POP	ECX	sample.00404C78
00402415	75 25	JNZ	SHORT sample.0040243C	
00402417	8D45 FC	LEA	EAX,[LOCAL.1]	
0040241A	50	PUSH	EAX	pOldProtect = NULL
0040241B	6A 40	PUSH	40	NewProtect = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
0040241D	6A 04	PUSH	4	Size = 4
0040241F	56	PUSH	ESI	Address = sample.00400000
00402420	FF15 44104000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualProtect	VirtualProtect
00402426	8D45 FC	LEA	EAX,[LOCAL.1]	
00402429	50	PUSH	EAX	pOldProtect = NULL
0040242A	C706 28224000	MOV	DWORD PTR DS:[ESI],sample.00402222	NewProtect = PAGE_READONLY PAGE_WRITECOPY
00402430	FF75 FC	PUSH	[LOCAL.1]	Size = 4
00402433	6A 04	PUSH	4	Address = sample.00400000
00402435	56	PUSH	ESI	VirtualProtect
00402436	FF15 44104000	CALL	DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualProtect	VirtualProtect
0040243C	83C7 04	ADD	EDI,4	
0040243F	83C6 04	ADD	ESI,4	
00402442	8B07	MOV	EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI]	
00402444	85C0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
00402446	0F85 72FFFFFF	JNZ	sample.004023BF	

Jump AT 004023A9 is Conditional Jump ..That Not taken If DLL Name == "user32.dll" .So lets Look Into Code Below the conditional Jump when we Got a Match with DLL Name .

```

004023AF |. 8B3B    MOV EDI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX] //Get Address OF RVA of IAT in EDI
004023B1 |. 03FE    ADD EDI,ESI // Get In Memory Address
004023B3 |. 8B73 10  MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[EBX+10] // RVA of FirstThunk
004023B6 |. 0375 F8  ADD ESI,[LOCAL.2] // IN Memory Address of FirstThunk

```

So what Above Code Does is Get IN Memory Address(Virtual Address of FirstThunk)..

(Look into PE format to Know More About IAT)

This Whole Procedure is Actually to Parse the Names of APIs Imported By DLL.

```
004023BE |> /8B4D F8    MOV ECX,[LOCAL.2]
004023C1 |. |8D4408 02    LEA EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ECX+2] //Point To Name Of API
```

So finally Now it Point to Name of APIs Imported By User32.dll

```
004023BE |> /8B4D F8    MOV ECX,[LOCAL.2]           ; sample.00400000
004023C1 |. |8D4408 02    LEA EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[EAX+ECX+2]
004023C5 |. |68 14134000  PUSH sample.00401314       ; /s2 = "RegisterClassExW"
004023CA |. |50          PUSH EAX                   ; |s1 = "TranslateMessage"
004023CB |. |FF15 48114000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt._stricmp>] ; \_stricmp
```

Check If Current API Name == RegisterClassExW (here it is not equal as First API Imported is Translate Message).

```
004023D1 |. |85C0        TEST EAX,EAX                ; sample.004037D2
004023D3 |. |59          POP ECX                    ; sample.004037D2
004023D4 |. |59          POP ECX                    ; sample.004037D2
004023D5 |. |75 25       JNZ SHORT sample.004023FC
```

If API Name Matched then DO not JUMP(Execute the Code Below) If Not Matched then JUMP

```
004023D7 |. |8D45 FC    LEA EAX,[LOCAL.1]
004023DA |. |50          PUSH EAX                   ; /pOldProtect = sample.004037D2
004023DB |. |6A 40      PUSH 40                   ; |NewProtect = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
004023DD |. |6A 04      PUSH 4                    ; |Size = 4
004023DF |. |56          PUSH ESI                   ; |Address = <&USER32.TranslateMessage>
```

```
004023E0 |. |FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualIP>; \VirtualProtect
```

```
004023E6 |. |8D45 FC LEA EAX,[LOCAL.1]
```

IF API NAME MATCHED THEN CHANGE THE PERMISSION FOR THAT ADDRESS (ESI POINT TO ADDRESS OF API) BY USING VirtualProtect

New Protect = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE

MAKE IT WRITABLE

Size= 4

HERE SIZE = 4 Bytes as Probably it Going to Overwrite the API Address (As we are on 32 bit Architecture so Address = 4bytes=32 bits)

Address = ESI (API ADDRESS) (Address of Target API)

```
004023E9 |. |50 PUSH EAX ; /pOldProtect = sample.004037D2
```

```
004023EA |. |C706 EF194000 MOV DWORD PTR DS:[ESI],sample.004019EF
```

OverWrite the API Address With 004019EF (Other Function Address)

```
004023F0 |. |FF75 FC PUSH [LOCAL.1] ; |NewProtect = PAGE_READONLY|PAGE_WRITECOPY
```

```
004023F3 |. |6A 04 PUSH 4 ; |Size = 4
```

```
004023F5 |. |56 PUSH ESI ; |Address = <&USER32.TranslateMessage>
```

```
004023F6 |. |FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.VirtualIP>; \VirtualProtect
```

Restore the Original Permission Using VirtualProtect

Same Is For Next Part Of LOOP .. it checks API Against "CreateWindowExW".If Name Matched then Use VirtualProtect to Make that Memory portion Writable .Then Change Address and Again Restore Permission

So let me Write A Pseudo Code To Describe what Just Happened in This LOOP

```
Parse IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR
```

```
If strcmp(Image_Import_descriptor->Name,"user32.dll) //Label2
```

```
{
```

```
Parse using FirstThunk ..Get API NAMES..
```

```
If strcmp(Current_API,"RegisterClassExW") //Label1
```

```
{
```

```
VirtualProtect(Address_of_API,Size(4Bytes), PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE,PoldProtec)
```

```
// Make it Writable
```

```
Address_of_API= 004019EF
```

```
VirtualProtect() //Restore original Permissions
```

```
}
```

```
Else if(Stricmp(Current API,"CreateWindowExW")
```

```
{
```

```
VirtualProtect(Address_of_API,Size(4Bytes), PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE,PoldProtec)
```

```
// Make it Writable
```

```
Address_of_API= 00402228
```

```
VirtualProtect() //Restore original Permissions
```

```
}
```

```
Else
```

```
{
```

```
Get Next API NAME
```

```
} //Start From Label 1
```

```
Else
```

```
{Get Next IMAGE_IMPORT_DESCRIPTOR TABLE
```

```
} //Start From Label 2 ..Once Two Functions are matched Loop Terminates
```

SO After End OF LOOP We have

Address_RegisterClassExW=004019EF

Address_CreateWindowEx=00402228

Finally Functions Ends and Return ...So main Motive is this Function to Make Some Modification in IAT

After Call ..There are some Calls to Resources..More Likely Fake Calls ..As Called Resource does not Exist

```
00401657 |. 8B7D 08   MOV EDI,[ARG.1]           // Move ImageBase Into EDI
0040165A |. 8B35 C8104000 MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[<&USER32.LoadStringW>] ; USER32.LoadStringW
00401660 |. 6A 64     PUSH 64                   ; /Count = 64 (100.)
00401662 |. 68 C04A4000 PUSH sample.00404AC0      ; |Buffer = sample.00404AC0
00401667 |. 6A 67     PUSH 67                   ; |RsrcID = 67 (103.) //It Actually Never Exist
00401669 |. 57       PUSH EDI                  ; |hInst = 00400000
0040166A |. FFD6     CALL ESI                  ; \LoadStringW
```

This ResourceID does not Exist .Check the GetLastError Field Under the ollydbg
ERROR_RESOURCE_TYPE_NOT_FOUND.So Look Like A Fake Call to make Program Look Legitimate(may be)

```
00401678 |. 57       PUSH EDI                  ; Arg1 = 00400000 // ImageBase As Parameter
00401679 |. E8 4DFFFFFF CALL sample.004015CB
```

Trace Into This Call... Again Few Call to ResourcesLoadIcon,LoadResouce ..Nthing Important

After that We See a call

I Checked this Function ..This internally Calls CRT function _vsnwprintf...Which is used For String Manipulation (String Formatting)..

First Call to this Function Returns =TMP1CDFEBF (It is Directory name..i know it as I analyzed it)

Second Call To This Function Returns a String =

C:\DOCUME~1\ADMINI~1\LOCALS~1\Temp\TMP1CDFEBF

This LookLike A Location To Drop A File

```
00401A7D |. 6A 00      PUSH 0                      ; /pSecurity = NULL
```

```
00401A7F |. 8D85 F4FDFFF LEA EAX,[LOCAL.131]        ; |
```

```
00401A85 |. 50          PUSH EAX                    ; |Path =  
"C:\DOCUME~1\ADMINI~1\LOCALS~1\Temp\TMP1CDFEBF"
```

```
00401A86 |. FF15 08104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.CreateDirectoryW>]
```

So Here it Creates A Directory ..Nthing to Explain..

Then Again it Call to 401952(String Formatting) to Generate File Path ..output is

C:\DOCUME~1\ADMINI~1\LOCALS~1\Temp\TMP1CDFEBF\sample.exe

So finally this is Path to Drop File

```
00401A84 |. 83C4 14     ADD ESP,14  
00401A87 |. 6A 00      PUSH 0  
00401A89 |. 56         PUSH ESI  
00401A8A |. 68 A0484000 PUSH sample.004048A0  
00401A8F |. FF15 04104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.CopyFileW]  
00401A85 |. 8B4D FC     MOV ECX, [LOCAL.1]  
00401A88 |. 5F         POP EDI  
00401A89 |. 33C0      XOR EAX, EAX  
00401A8B |. 5E         POP ESI  
00401A8C |. 33CD      XOR ECX, EBP  
00401A8E |. 40        INC EAX  
00401A8F |. 5B         POP EBX  
00401A90 |. E8 030F0000 CALL sample.004029C8  
00401AC5 |. C9        LEAVE  
00401AC6 |. C2 0400   RETN 4
```

As Shown in Pic ..then Finally there is call to CopyFileW ..So finally it Drops File to Location Mentioned above..It Actually Copy/Drop the Same File That is being Executed ..

So After Dropping A File Our Function Ends ..

```
IDA - C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\197c5080399e5df2407d6fdf28faf17f811d8ea
File Edit Jump Search View Debugger Options Windows Help
Windbg debugger
IDA View-EIP, General registers
Structures
IDA View-EIP
00401652 call sub_402369
00401657 mov edi, [ebp+hInstance]
0040165A mov esi, ds:LoadStringW
00401660 push 64h ; cchBufferMax
00401662 push offset WindowName ; lpBuffer
00401667 push 67h ; uID
00401669 push edi ; hInstance
0040166A call esi ; LoadStringW
0040166C push 64h ; cchBufferMax
0040166E push offset ClassName ; lpBuffer
00401673 push 6Dh ; uID
00401675 push edi ; hInstance
00401676 call esi ; LoadStringW
00401678 push edi ; hInstance
00401679 call RegisterClassExW_0 ; DROP A FILE
0040167E push [ebp+nCmdShow] ; nCmdShow
00401681 push edi ; hInstance
00401682 call CreateWindowEx_MOD
00401687 test eax, eax
00401689 jz short loc_4016D8
```

So Till Now We Analyzed the RegisterClassExW_0 Function ... Now Trace Into CreateWindowEx_MOD(Modified CreateWindowEx)...I Call this Function CreateWindowEx_MOD as it internally Calles Modified CreateWindowExW API..

Lets Trace Into This

```

IDA - C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\197c5080399e5df2407d6fdf28faf17f8\1d8ea40a4198
File Edit Jump Search View Debugger Options Windows Help
Windbg debugger
IDA View-EIP, General registers
Structures
IDA View-EIP
00401488 mov ebp, esp
0040148A mov eax, [ebp+hInstance]
0040148D push esi
0040148E push edi
0040148F xor esi, esi
00401491 push esi ; lpParam
00401492 push eax ; hInstance
00401493 push esi ; hMenu
00401494 push esi ; hWndParent
00401495 push esi ; nHeight
00401496 mov hInstance, eax
0040149B mov eax, 80000000h
004014A0 push eax ; nWidth
004014A1 push esi ; Y
004014A2 push eax ; X
004014A3 push 0CF0000h ; dwStyle
004014A8 push offset WindowName ; lpWindowName
004014AD push offset ClassName ; lpClassName
004014B2 push esi ; dwExStyle
004014B3 call ds:CreateWindowExW
004014B9 mov edi, eax

```

All Parameters Original/Necessary are passed to CreateWindowEx to make it Look genuine ..Now Step Into CreateWindowExW

So inside CreateWindowExW(that actually is Function 00402228)..We can See some Interesting API Calls Such As CreateProcessW,GetThreadContext,SetThreadContext, ,WriteProcessMemory...Lets Check what They Exactly Doing ..

Then we have a call to CreateProcessW(W in the end is to indicate a Unicode Version)... CreateProcessW in simple words used to Create a Process ...check MSDN For Other info

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms682425%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

Lets Check the Paramters Passed to CreateProcessW

```

00402266 |. 50      PUSH EAX                ; /pProcessInfo = 0006FB90
00402267 |. 8D85 D8FCFFFF LEA EAX,[LOCAL.202]    ; |
0040226D |. 50      PUSH EAX                ; |pStartupInfo = 0006FB90

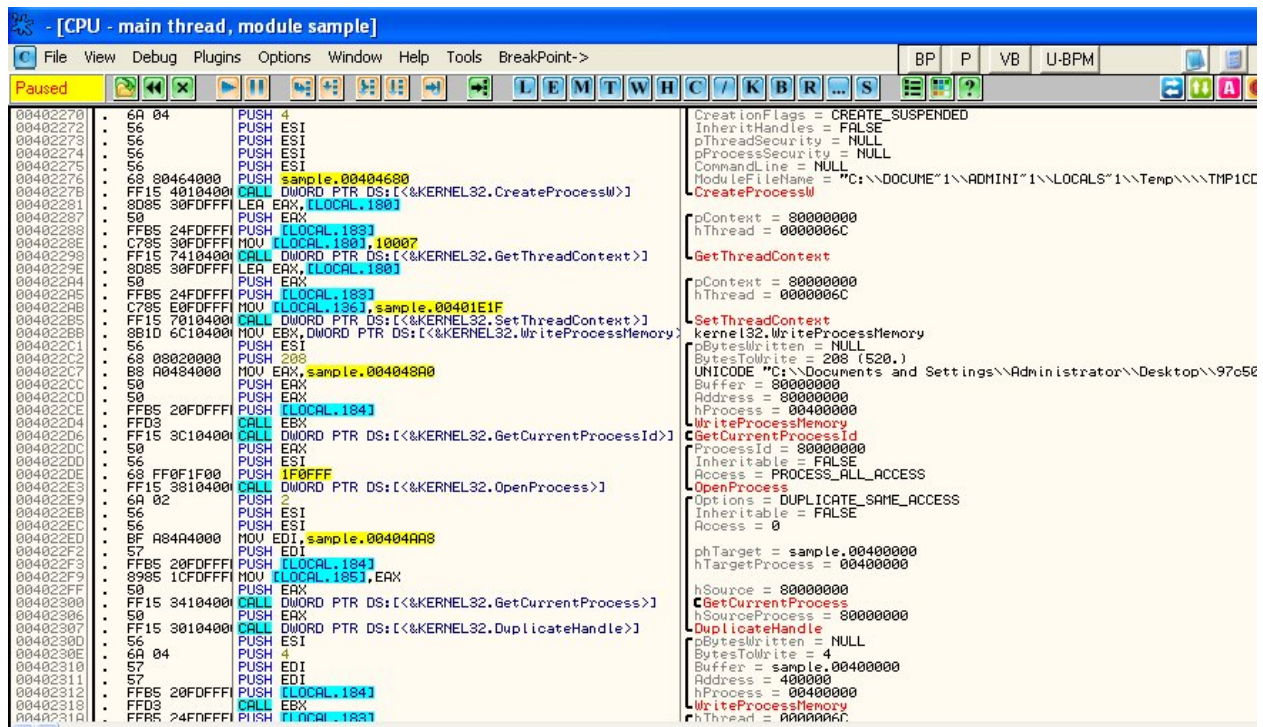
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```

0040226E |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |CurrentDir = NULL
0040226F |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |pEnvironment = NULL
00402270 |. 6A 04    PUSH 4        ; |CreationFlags = CREATE_SUSPENDED
00402272 |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |InheritHandles = FALSE
00402273 |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |pThreadSecurity = NULL
00402274 |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |pProcessSecurity = NULL
00402275 |. 56      PUSH ESI      ; |CommandLine = NULL
00402276 |. 68 80464000 PUSH sample.00404680 ; |ModuleFileName =
"C:\DOCUMENT~1\ADMINI~1\LOCALS~1\Temp\TMP1CDFEBF\sample.exe"
0040227B |. FF15 40104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.CreateProcessW>] ; \CreateProcessW

```



The Paramters Highlighted in Red Color are Important ...Let me explain it

```

00402270 |. 6A 04    PUSH 4        ; |CreationFlags = CREATE_SUSPENDED

```

Acc. To MSDN

CREATE_SUSPENDED

0x00000004

The primary thread of the new process is created in a suspended state, and does not run until the ResumeThread function is called.

Hope it is Clear Now....In Case of Malware if Process is created in SUSPENDED mode then it Most probably means it will be modified

Other interesting Paramter is

```
00402276 |. 68 80464000 PUSH sample.00404680 ; |ModuleFileName =  
"C:\\DOCUME~1\\ADMINI~1\\LOCALS~1\\Temp\\\\TMP1CDFDEBF\\sample.exe"
```

So this mean our sample file starts the dropped file into SUSPENDED Mode ...

*Also u can think like that ...what is meaning of dropping Duplicate/Same File and then Run it ..Does not making sense ..Dropping File and then run it ..then again the file will do same (Off course u can think that file can check its running location and can change its behavior acc. To it but it is not in this case..)....So it will be kind of very Stupid malware that Just Drops itself and do nthing ...:P.. so this Philosophy also provide some hint that there will be some modification in the Dropped File Process..Also We can See Some APIs Like WriteProcessMemory

WriteProcessMemory is basically used for InterProcess Communication ...to Write the Given Data in Desired Location in Remote Process.

So All this make Sense that Our malware will make Some Modification in its child Process i.e Dropped File Process .Lets Continue Analyzing

```
00402287 |. 50 PUSH EAX ; /pContext = 0006FBE8
```

```
00402288 |. FFB5 24FDFFFF PUSH [LOCAL.183] ; |hThread = 00000048 (window)
```

```
0040228E |. C785 30FDFFFF>MOV [LOCAL.180],10007 ; |
```

```
00402298 |. FF15 74104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.GetThreadContext>] ; \GetThreadContext
```

GetThreadContext = Retrieves the context of the specified thread (Simple and smart Defination from MSDN)

pContext = Holds the CONEXT Structre..I.e it Value Of registers obtained ..Here it is 0006FBE8

hThread =Handle of thread....Here in this Case it Contains the Handle of main thread of Dropped File Process(I will call it Dropped Process)

Check Context Structre in Windbg ..Windbg is Pretty Handy Tool to Examine the Data Structres in Windows ..also Shows Offsets ...that's Really Useful...

```
0:000> dt nt!_CONTEXT
ntdll!_CONTEXT
+0x000 ContextFlags      : Uint4B
+0x004 Dr0               : Uint4B
+0x008 Dr1               : Uint4B
+0x00c Dr2               : Uint4B
+0x010 Dr3               : Uint4B
+0x014 Dr6               : Uint4B
+0x018 Dr7               : Uint4B
+0x01c FloatSave        : _FLOATING_SAVE_AREA
+0x08c SegGs             : Uint4B
+0x090 SegFs             : Uint4B
+0x094 SegEs             : Uint4B
+0x098 SegDs             : Uint4B
+0x09c Edi               : Uint4B
+0x0a0 Esi               : Uint4B
+0x0a4 Ebx               : Uint4B
+0x0a8 Edx               : Uint4B
+0x0ac Ecx               : Uint4B
+0x0b0 Eax               : Uint4B
+0x0b4 Ebp               : Uint4B
+0x0b8 Eip               : Uint4B
+0x0bc SegCs             : Uint4B
+0x0c0 EFlags            : Uint4B
+0x0c4 Esp               : Uint4B
+0x0c8 SegSs             : Uint4B
+0x0cc ExtendedRegisters : [512] UChar
```

As You can See EAX is at offset 0xB0 ..

We have Context Structre Starting at 006FBE8

Context.EAX in Memory = 006FBE8+B0=006FC98

Why EAX is So Important ... in Case of SUSPENDED Process EAX Always Point To Entry Point

After Executing GetThreadContext

```
:tack address=0006FBE8
:RX=00000001
```

address	Hex dump
006FC98	B9 29 40 00 00 00 00 00
006FC98	00 02 00 00 FC FF 06 00
006FC98	4F 00 43 00 55 00 40 00

We Have Value of Context.Eax

We have 006Fc98 = 004029B9 ..As Described Earlier it is Entry Point of Dropped Process

Now Examine Next Few Intersting Lines

```
004022A4 |. 50      PUSH EAX                               ; /pContext = 0006FBE8
004022A5 |. FFB5 24FDFFFF PUSH [LOCAL.183]                 ; |hThread = 00000048 (window) //Dropped Process thread
004022AB |. C785 E0FDFFFF>MOV [LOCAL.136],sample.00401E1F      //OverWrite EAX
004022B5 |. FF15 70104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.SetThreadContext>]
```

SetThreadContext= Sets the context for the specified thread...

As You Can See it Points to Same Address 0006FBE8

Check the Highlighted... Here LOCAL.136 = 006Fc98 ..So what this instruction doing is Overwriting the value at Location 006Fc98 with 00401E1F..

And Then We have a call to SetThreadContext...

So all this to change the Entry Point of Dropped Process By Overwriting the Eax in Context Structre.

Check the Below Snapshot to get things more Clear way ...IDA's naming feature make this tool ideal for reversing .

```
00402288 push [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread] ; hThread
0040228E mov [ebp+Context.ContextFlags], CONTEXT_FULL
00402298 call ds:GetThreadContext
0040229E lea eax, [ebp+Context]
004022A4 push eax ; lpContext
004022A5 push [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread] ; hThread
004022AB mov [ebp+Context._Eax], 401E1Fh ; NEW_ENTRY_POINT |
004022B5 call ds:SetThreadContext
```

So Entry Point is Changed ...Lets see what happened Next..Lets Analyze what happen Next

```
004022C1 |. 56      PUSH ESI                               ; /pBytesWritten = NULL
004022C2 |. 68 08020000 PUSH 208                               ; |BytesToWrite = 208 (520.)
004022C7 |. B8 A0484000 MOV EAX,sample.004048A0                ; |UNICODE "C:\\Documents and Settings\\Administrator\\Desktop\\97c5080399e5df2407d6dfd28faf17f8\\1d8ea40a41988b9c3db"
```

```

004022CC |. 50      PUSH EAX                ; |Buffer = sample.004048A0
004022CD |. 50      PUSH EAX                ; |Address = 4048A0
004022CE |. FF B5 20 FD FFFF PUSH [LOCAL.184]      |hProcess = 00000044 //Handle of Dropped Process
004022D4 |. FF D3    CALL EBX                 ; \WriteProcessMemory

```

As I commented hProcess is Handle of Dropped Process...So what WriteProcessMemory Here Doing is Copying the Original Path of Sample To Dropped Process.(4048A0 contains path of Current Executable).You will come to know why this is copied to dropped process

```

IDA View-EIP
.text:004022D4 call    ebx ; WriteProcessMemory
.text:004022D6 call    ds:GetCurrentProcessId
.text:004022D8 push    eax ; dwProcessId
.text:004022DA push    esi ; bInheritHandle
.text:004022DC push    1F0FFF ; dwDesiredAccess
.text:004022DE call    ds:OpenProcess
.text:004022E0 push    2 ; dwOptions
.text:004022E2 push    esi ; bInheritHandle
.text:004022E4 push    esi ; dwDesiredAccess
.text:004022E6 mov     edi, offset hHandle
.text:004022E8 push    edi ; lpTargetHandle
.text:004022EA push    [ebp+ProcessInformation.hProcess] ; hTargetProcessHandle
.text:004022EC mov     [ebp+hObject], eax
.text:004022EE push    eax ; hSourceHandle
.text:004022F0 call    ds:GetCurrentProcess
.text:004022F2 push    eax ; hSourceProcessHandle
.text:004022F4 call    ds:DuplicateHandle
.text:004022F6 push    esi ; lpNumberOfBytesWritten
.text:004022F8 push    4 ; nSize
.text:004022FA push    edi ; lpBuffer
.text:004022FC push    edi ; lpBaseAddress
.text:004022FE push    [ebp+ProcessInformation.hProcess] ; hProcess
.text:00402300 call    ebx ; WriteProcessMemory
.text:00402302 push    [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread] ; hThread

000016DE 004022DE: sub 402228+B6

```

Call to GetCurrentProcessId = This Returns the Process ID of Current Process in Eax

Next , OpenProcess API is called and ProcessID of Current Process is Passed a Parameter..This Means OpenProcess Attempt to Currently Executing Process with PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS (Red mark 1F0FFF=PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS)...If Everything Fine then OpenProcess Will Return A handle to Local Process Object.

Next We Have a Call to DuplicateHandle...This is Best Explained in MSDN ..Read it

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms724251%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

Then we have a call to WriteProcessMemory...In this call..we are Passing the Real Handle Obtained By Using DuplicateHandle to Dropped Process.. We Write The Handle at =404AA8 (Keep this in Mind)

If u read the MSDN ..then the Purpose of this WriteProcessMemory will be Clear to You ..

Then We have a call to Resume Thread

```
0040231A |. FFB5 24FDFFFF PUSH [LOCAL.183] ;/hThread = 00000048 //Dropped Process
```

```
00402320 |. FF15 1C104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&KERNEL32.ResumeThread>]
```

So Finally After making all the Necessary Changes in Dropped Process ...It Resumes The Dropped Process and then Dropped Process Start Executing ..

I did not execute ResumeThread Till Now ...All I want is to attach Ollydbg to to dropped process..

Here is a way how to do it ..

We have entry point of Dropped Process =401E1F h

So what we are Going to do is to trap the the Dropped Process in Infinite Loop...

I am going to Use PUPE Suite .. And Chaned First Two Bytes at 401E1F to EB FE (Write Down Orginal Bytes Before Changing Orginal Ones)

Check my previous post where i use same method if you are not getting it

<https://reverse2learn.wordpress.com/2011/09/01/unprotecting-the-crypter/>

So Now Execute ResumeThread.Now Dropped Process is Trapped in Infinite Loop..Attach Ollydbg to it ..Replace EB FE with Orginal Bytes (orginal Bytes : 8B FF)..

*I Recommend to DUMP the Process at this point as I include all the changes made by parent process..we are going to analyze this dumped process in next part of this series

So Finally What we have is Two Instances of Ollydbg one Debugging sample and other Debugging Dropped Process.

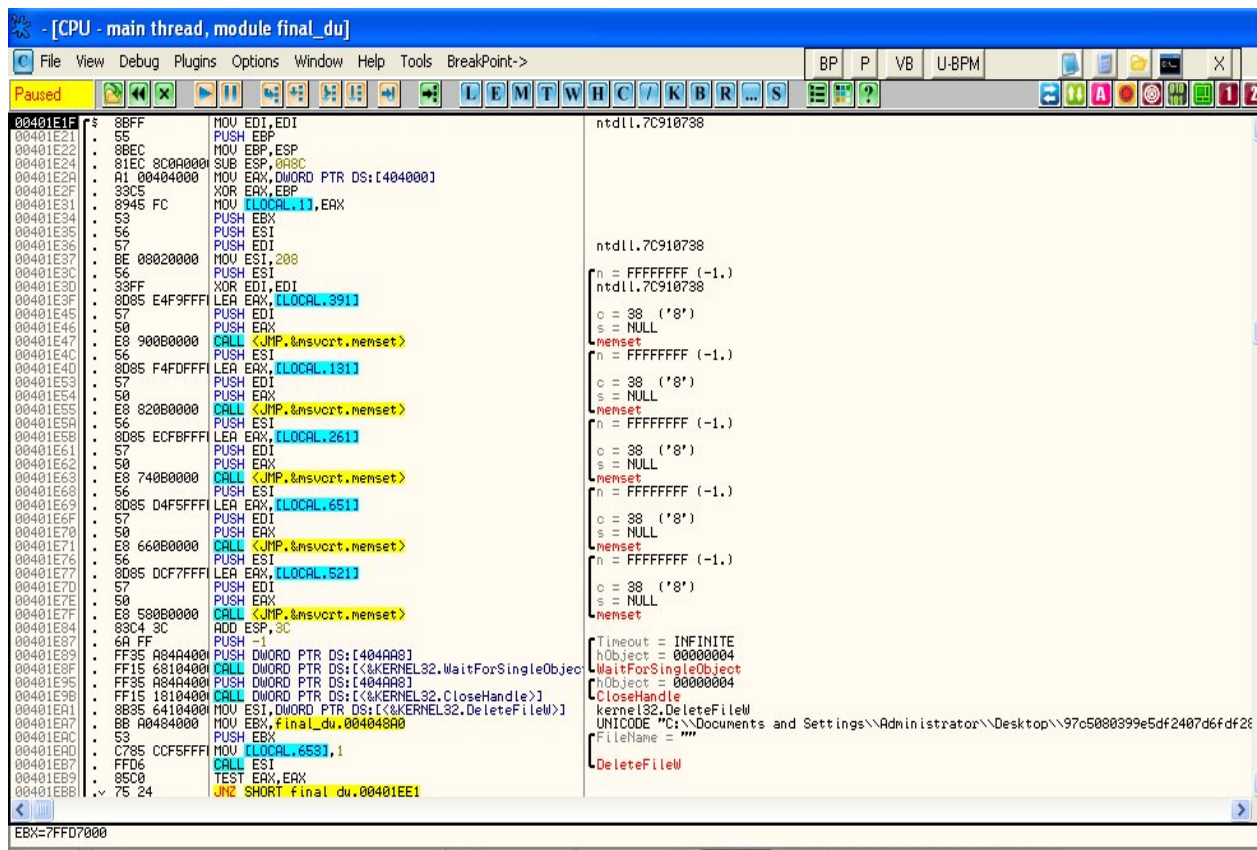
This is What We have in Sample Process...After Resuming Main Thread of Dropped Process ...it closes Hanldes and Finally Exits

```

.text:0040231A push [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread] ; hThread
.text:00402320 call ds:ResumeThread
.text:00402326 push [ebp+hObject] ; hObject
.text:0040232C mov edi, ds:CloseHandle
.text:00402332 call edi ; CloseHandle
.text:00402334 push [ebp+ProcessInformation.hProcess] ; hObject
.text:0040233A call edi ; CloseHandle
.text:0040233C push [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread] ; hObject
.text:00402342 call edi ; CloseHandle
.text:00402344 push esi ; uExitCode
.text:00402345 call ds:GetCurrentProcess
.text:0040234B push eax ; hProcess
.text:0040234C call ds:TerminateProcess

```

Look at Code From Dropped Process



So What We have Calls To Memset ..After Memset Calls We have Very Interesting API Call

WaitForSingleObject (hObject, TimeOut)

hObject=404AA8 (Remember 2nd WriteProcessMemory Call ,Where we Write the handle obtained from DuplicateHandle at 404AA8 of Dropped Process)

TimeOut = INFINITE // Wait Until Object is Signaled

And After that Handle is Closed by Using CloseHandle

Then We Have a Call to DeleteFileW ...The Filename passed is Location of Sample Process

***Remember when we passed the location/path of sample Executable using first WriteProcessMemory Call**

So I think Now it is clear how this implement Self Delete(Melt Feature)/Drop File ...

Dropped Process Wait for the Event From Sample Process ...When it is Signaled it go ahead and delete that file.

So First Part Ends Here ...In Next Part We Will Analyze the Dropped Process(I Dumped it when I restore the original Bytes after attaching Ollydbg to it).

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