

# Escaping The Sandbox

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# Who I am.

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- Kenshoto DefCon CTF organizers for a few years
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# What am I talkin' 'bout today?

## ★ Sandboxing Overview (very brief ;-)

- Goals, Sandbox Architecture (Chrome)

## ★ Sandboxes from a User-space Perspective

- Securable Objects and SID apertures
- Patches/Hooks/Interception
- user32 issues

## ★ Sandboxes from a Kernel-space Perspective

- Between User-space and Kernel-space
- Kernel supported "Quasi Securable Objects", Native API
- Job Objects handle the rest, or do they?

## ★ Tools/Techniques/Demos

- SandKit Toolkit (code injection, copymem, memdiff, hookfix, sa7shell, bincompare, dumptoken, tokenbrute, handlebrute)
- Using Sandbox PoC Project (from Google)
- Using kernel debugger while attacking Chrome
- Triggering Chrome Bugs and where to start

# Presentation Focus

- ★ Sandbox implementations are (by their nature) strongly coupled to the Operating System
- ★ This presentation focuses on Microsoft Windows Operating Systems and the NT Kernel (XP and Vista)
  - **Side Note:** Check out OSX's DAC/Sandbox. ("man sandbox-exec", "ls /usr/share/sandbox") It's pretty awesome! Scheme-like rules sent to a DAC engine with a Scheme-like interpreter in the Kernel! Nice idea!
- ★ This presentation uses Google Chromium because it's the most popular of the Sandbox implementations.
- ★ Focus on blackbox/reversing approach to sandboxing technologies (less source source audit of IPC mechanisms, etc). For that approach see Azimuth Security's excellent "The Chrome Sandbox" series)



# **Sandboxing Overview**

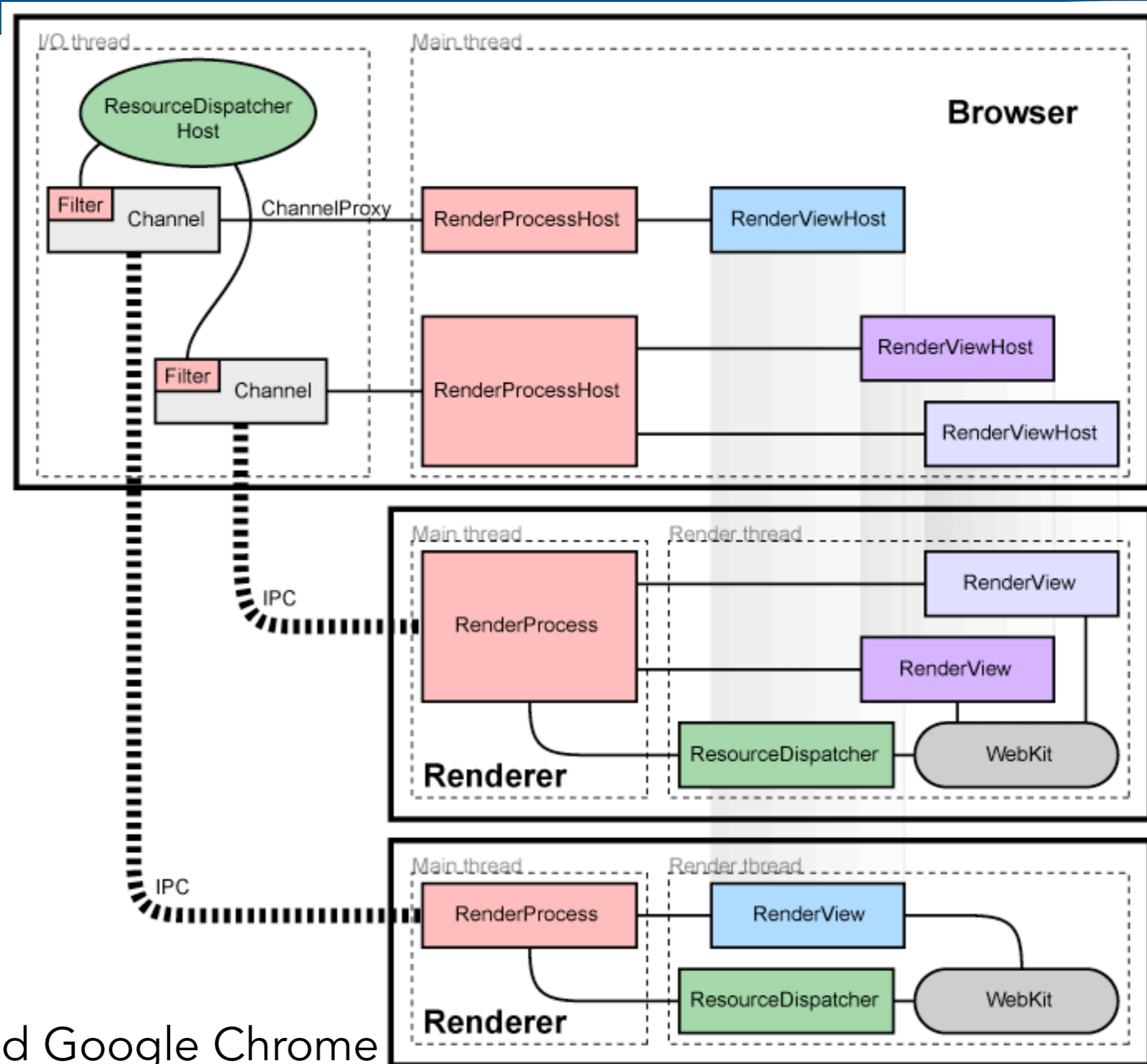
# The Goal of the Sandbox

- ★ Localize the damage by “containing” potentially malicious code
- ★ Trapping malicious code is nuanced and tough but from a high level it consists mostly of:
  - Locking down all IPC mechanisms
  - Perform process monitoring
  - Basically not trusting any code within the Sandbox to do anything on the system without it first being checked by some authority

# Chromium Sandbox Architecture

- A great number of resources currently exist on the architecture and design of sandboxes in general, especially for Google Chromium. Not going to echo-chamber.
- Mark Dowd and the team at Azimuth Security began releasing Sandboxing papers that happened to coincide with my talk and paper: <http://blog.azimuthsecurity.com/2010/05/chrome-sandbox-part-1-of-3-overview.html>
- Google Chrome Design Documents: <http://www.chromium.org/developers/design-documents>
- The Chromium Design Docs are all you really need, but other small bits can be gleaned from Infosec bloggers and research papers (Robert Hensing, David Leblanc, Nicolas Sylvain, and others). Not much \*actual\* code/tools/techniques/examples have been released though, this talk hopefully will help with this.

# Chromium Sandbox Architecture



Credit: Gartner and Google Chrome



# Locking down IPC and IO

- ★ The Operating System is what does all the “hard work” for permissions and restrictions. Developers don’t need to reinvent this technology these days.
- ★ In the NT Kernel this is handled by using the DACL system built into the **Object Manager** and **Security Reference Manager**
- ★ These two components of the NT kernel implement and enforce the permissions system for “NT Securable Objects” like:
  - Files
  - Processes
  - Shared Memory Regions
  - Lots more...

# Locking down IPC and IO

- ★ IO and IPC on Windows is performed predominantly using these NT Objects. I really realized this more, the more kernel stuff I began doing.
- ★ “Almost everything in userspace is an NT Object, or is at some point supported by one.”...but there are still gaps. “Quasi-securable Objects”
- ★ Most of the functionality for interfacing with/manipulating these NT Objects is implemented within the Native API
  - Think: OpenFile, OpenProcess, CreateFile, CreateProcess, CreateThread, or basically anything in ntdll or kernel32)
- ★ There are some other public techniques for performing faux-IPC. (we will review these and some less popular ideas/techniques)



# **Sandboxes from a User-space Perspective**

# As malicious code, what would you try first?

- ★ Accessing Out of Proc COM Servers?
- ★ Accessing WMI Interfaces?
- ★ Writeable locations on the disk?
- ★ Injecting into Other processes (reading/writing other process memory)?
- ★ Loading Drivers?
- ★ Accessing LPC/RPC/LRPC endpoints?
- ★ Accessing NamedPipes?
- ★ Accessing RunAs Service?
- ★ sending User32 messages?
- ★ ...lots of other stuff?
- ★ **Let's See Why Most of this Won't Work!**

# BLOCKED!

- ★ These things are all good places to start. In fact we will demonstrate a new tool in the SandKit that you can use to assist with these kinds of tests. In other implementations you will mostly likely find bugs here.
- ★ **HOWEVER**, virtually all of these operations under the hood are (or are supported by) Securable Objects which fall under the purview of the Object Manager and Security Reference Manager.
- ★ Therefore, the proper restrictions on security descriptors will kill access to these in one fell swoop!

# As malicious code, what would you try first?

- ★ ~~Accessing Out of Proc COM Servers?~~ **COM is NamedPipes**
- ★ ~~Accessing WMI Interfaces?~~ **WMI is COM which is LPC/NamedPipes**
- ★ ~~Writeable locations on the disk?~~ **Handles and IO objects are securable.**
- ★ ~~Injecting into Other processes (reading/writing other process memory)?~~ **Processes/Threads/IO objects are securable.**
- ★ ~~Loading Drivers?~~ **SCManager is all LPC/NamedPipes also  
"Load Driver" token perm covers it**
- ★ ~~Accessing LPC/RPC/LRPC endpoints?~~ **LPC/LRPC/RPC sit on NamedPipes**
- ★ ~~Accessing NamedPipes?~~ **NamedPipes are obviously securable**
- ★ ~~Accessing RunAs Service?~~ **ShellExecuteA("runas") is LPC/NamedPipe to LSASS**
- ★ ~~sending User32 messages?~~ **User32 partitioned by "Desktop" and user32 handles are restricted by Job Object (XP) UAC (Vista)**

# Bootstrapping the Sandbox

*"The beginning is a very delicate time..."*

Frank Herbert's Dune

- ★ The Broker starts all the Sandbox processes.
- ★ The "Broker" process is the Overseer, he starts the "Sandbox" processes.
- ★ The Broker performs "privileged" actions on behalf of Sandbox processes via code hooks and IPC mechanisms.
- ★ Let's review the steps the Broker goes through when bootstrapping the Sandbox.

# Bootstrapping the Sandbox

1. Before spawning Sandbox, the Broker process creates a restricted token using: `CreateRestrictedToken()` with the 'SidsToRestrict' array populated.
2. The Broker uses `CreateProcess()` with the `fdwCreate` argument set to `CREATE_SUSPENDED` and the restricted token to start sandbox "frozen".
3. It is during this suspended time that the Broker then further restricts the Sandbox process by:
  1. Installing hooks (we will review these shortly)
  2. Performing some other setup

*We'll see later that the Broker also continues to "debug" the Sandbox process, catching his exceptions! Annoying for your fuzzing huh? ;-)*



# Bootstrapping the Sandbox

4. The Broker further adjusts the Sandbox's Token with `AdjustTokenPrivileges()`
5. The Broker places the Sandbox into a very restrictive Job Object by setting restrictive members of `JOBOBJECT_BASIC_UI_RESTRICTIONS` when calling `SetInformationJobObject()`
6. The Broker can then place the Sandbox into its own Desktop (depending on which "type" of Sandboxed process it is) if XP, or on Vista set low integrity token and use User Interface Privilege Isolation (UIPI which is just "UAC" stuff)
7. The Broker does other stuff I probably didn't notice (or am forgetting ;-)) and then resumes the Sandbox's main thread.

# Bootstrapping the Sandbox

## ★ Example from "Sandbox PoC" in Chrome Source Code

(/home/chrome-svn/tarball/chromium/src/sandbox/sandbox\_poc/main\_ui\_window.cc)

```
508 sandbox::TargetPolicy* policy = broker_>CreatePolicy();
509 policy->SetJobLevel(sandbox::JOB_LOCKDOWN, 0);
510 policy->SetTokenLevel(sandbox::USER_RESTRICTED_SAME_ACCESS,
511                      sandbox::USER_LOCKDOWN);
512 policy->SetAlternateDesktop(true);
513 policy->SetDelayedIntegrityLevel(sandbox::INTEGRITY_LEVEL_LOW);
```

```
515 // Set the rule to allow the POC dll to be loaded by the target. Note that
516 // the rule allows 'all access' to the DLL, which could mean that the target
517 // could modify the DLL on disk.
```

```
518 policy->AddRule(sandbox::TargetPolicy::SUBSYS_FILES,
519               sandbox::TargetPolicy::FILES_ALLOW_ANY, dll_path_.c_str());
```

```
521 sandbox::ResultCode result = broker_>SpawnTarget(spawn_target_.c_str(),
522                                                  arguments, policy,
523                                                  &target_);
```

```
524
```

# Restricted Token

- ★ The restricted token pretty much will handle restricting the vast majority (~95%) of the things malicious code will try to do:
  - COM Interfaces
  - Files
  - Processes
  - Shared Memory Regions
  - Named Pipes
  - Load Drivers (access Drivers)
  - LPC/LRPC endpoints
- ★ When implementing a sandbox however, this doesn't mean all the work is done for you, you still have to build strong "filter" policies for the Policy Engine!
- ★ A hole in your SID filters and the whole sandbox falls apart!

# Restricted Token ::CreateRestrictedToken()

/home/chrome-svn/tarball/chromium/src/sandbox/src/restricted\_token\_utils.cc

```
53     case USER_NON_ADMIN: {
54         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinBuiltinUsersSid);
55         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinWorldSid);
56         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinInteractiveSid);
57         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinAuthenticatedUserSid);
58         privilege_exceptions.push_back(SE_CHANGE_NOTIFY_NAME);
59         break;
60     }
61     case USER_INTERACTIVE: {
62         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinBuiltinUsersSid);
63         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinWorldSid);
64         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinInteractiveSid);
65         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinAuthenticatedUserSid);
66         privilege_exceptions.push_back(SE_CHANGE_NOTIFY_NAME);
67         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinBuiltinUsersSid);
68         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinWorldSid);
69         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinRestrictedCodeSid);
70         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSidCurrentUser();
71         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSidLogonSession();
72         break;
73     }
74     case USER_LIMITED: {
75         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinBuiltinUsersSid);
76         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinWorldSid);
77         sid_exceptions.push_back(WinInteractiveSid);
78         privilege_exceptions.push_back(SE_CHANGE_NOTIFY_NAME);
79         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinBuiltinUsersSid);
80         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinWorldSid);
81         restricted_token.AddRestrictingSid(WinRestrictedCodeSid);
```

All these "SIDs" defined in:  
WELL\_KNOWN\_SID\_TYPE  
ENUM (see *MSDN* for more  
info)

# The Job Object: SetInformationJobObject()

★ The restrictions on the Job Object will generally handle restricting the "other" ~4.999% of things malicious code might try to do:

- Accessing/Writing Clipboard (JOB\_OBJECT\_UILIMIT\_READCLIPBOARD)
- Switching/Accessing other Desktops (JOB\_OBJECT\_UILIMIT\_DESKTOP)
- Accessing other USER32 Handles (JOB\_OBJECT\_UILIMIT\_HANDLES) This kills all user32 messaging basically and techniques: SetWindowsHookEx, OpenWindow(), PostMessage(), SendMessage(), PeekMessage()

★ The Job Object restrictions also breaks some less popular techniques:

- SendMessageCallback()
- GlobalAtom access (JOB\_OBJECT\_UILIMIT\_GLOBALATOMS)
- ChangeDisplaySettings()

# The Separate Desktop

- ★ Placing the sandboxed application on a separate desktop is mostly an "XP" (pre-UAC/UIPI technique)
- ★ On XP, user32 functions take only "window handles" as arguments.
- ★ Window Objects are grouped in "Desktops", so intra-Desktop messaging by Objects, was not possible w/out switching.
- ★ Vista UIPI/UAC fixes this

## SendMessage Function

Sends the specified message to a window or windows. The **SendMessage** function sends the message to the specified window and does not return until the window procedure returns.

To send a message and return immediately, use the **SendMessageTimeout** function. To send a message to a thread's message queue and return immediately, use the **PostMessage** function.

### Syntax

```
LPCTSTR lpszClassName,
__in HWND hWnd,
__in WPARAM wParam,
__in LPARAM lParam
);
```

# Atom Tables & GlobalAtoms

- ★ What is the deal with Atom Tables? (InitAtom(), AddAtom(), FindAtom(), etc)
- ★ Designed originally to support Microsoft DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange).
- ★ Essentially is a “kernel supported” key/value storage mechanism for simple primitives (strings and integers)
- ★ Atom Tables are generally stored on “per process” basis  
But you can create “Global Atoms” which are accessible by any process. (GlobalAddAtom(), GlobalFindAtom(), etc)

*Note: Sample code for Atoms included in SandKit*

# GlobalAtoms: (excerpt from Sandkit tool)

```
Mark C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49153 named: StdExit
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49154 named: StdNewDocument
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49155 named: StdOpenDocument
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49156 named: StdEditDocument
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49157 named: StdNewfromTemplate
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49158 named: StdCloseDocument
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49159 named: StdShowItem
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49160 named: StdDoVerbItem
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49161 named: System
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49162 named: OLEsystem
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49163 named: StdDocumentName
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49164 named: Protocols
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49165 named: Topics
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49166 named: Formats
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49167 named: Status
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49168 named: EditEnvItems
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49169 named: True
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49170 named: False
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49171 named: Change
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49172 named: Save
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49173 named: Close
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49174 named: MSDraw
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49175 named: CC32SubclassInfo
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49176 named: ThemePropScrollBarCtl
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49177 named: UxSubclassInfo
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49178 named: BltPropThisL
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49179 named: BltPropThisH
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49180 named: PROGMAN
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49182 named: ClipboardDataObjectInterface
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49183 named: OleDropTargetInterface
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49184 named: OleDropTargetMarshalHwnd
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49185 named: OleEndPointID
Found a GlobalAtom at ATOM: 49186 named: pszDesktopTitleW

Z:\data\CHECKOUTS\github\int3.cc\sandbox_research\sandkit\extras\globalatoms_test>
```



# GlobalAtoms

- ★ GlobalAtoms can thus be used a rudimentary form of IPC.
- ★ MANY standard Microsoft APIs and DLLs use Atom Tables.
- ★ How many Third Party applications misuse them?
- ★ Misuse of AtomTables is like the misuse of User32 WM\_USER: Insecure usage happens when developers use it as a form of "quick and dirty" IPC.

# The Lesson GlobalAtoms teach us:

- ★ While GlobalAtoms are a known technique with a known mitigation, the “pattern” is a lesson:
- ★ GlobalAtoms are essentially just Kernel/Native API supported storage mechanisms.
- ★ Are there more?
- ★ If so, they can probably be found anywhere there is something abstracted to be accessed via a “descriptor” from userland functions.
- ★ Places to start?
  - NTOSKRNL export “names” list in IDA,
  - MSUICHE’s MSDN (<http://msdn.msuiche.net>),
  - ReactOS, Third-Party Drivers
  - Ionescu’s “Native NT Toolkit code”
  - Gary Nebbett’s Native API Reference
  - Break on ObCreateObject() and see who dynamically creates objects.

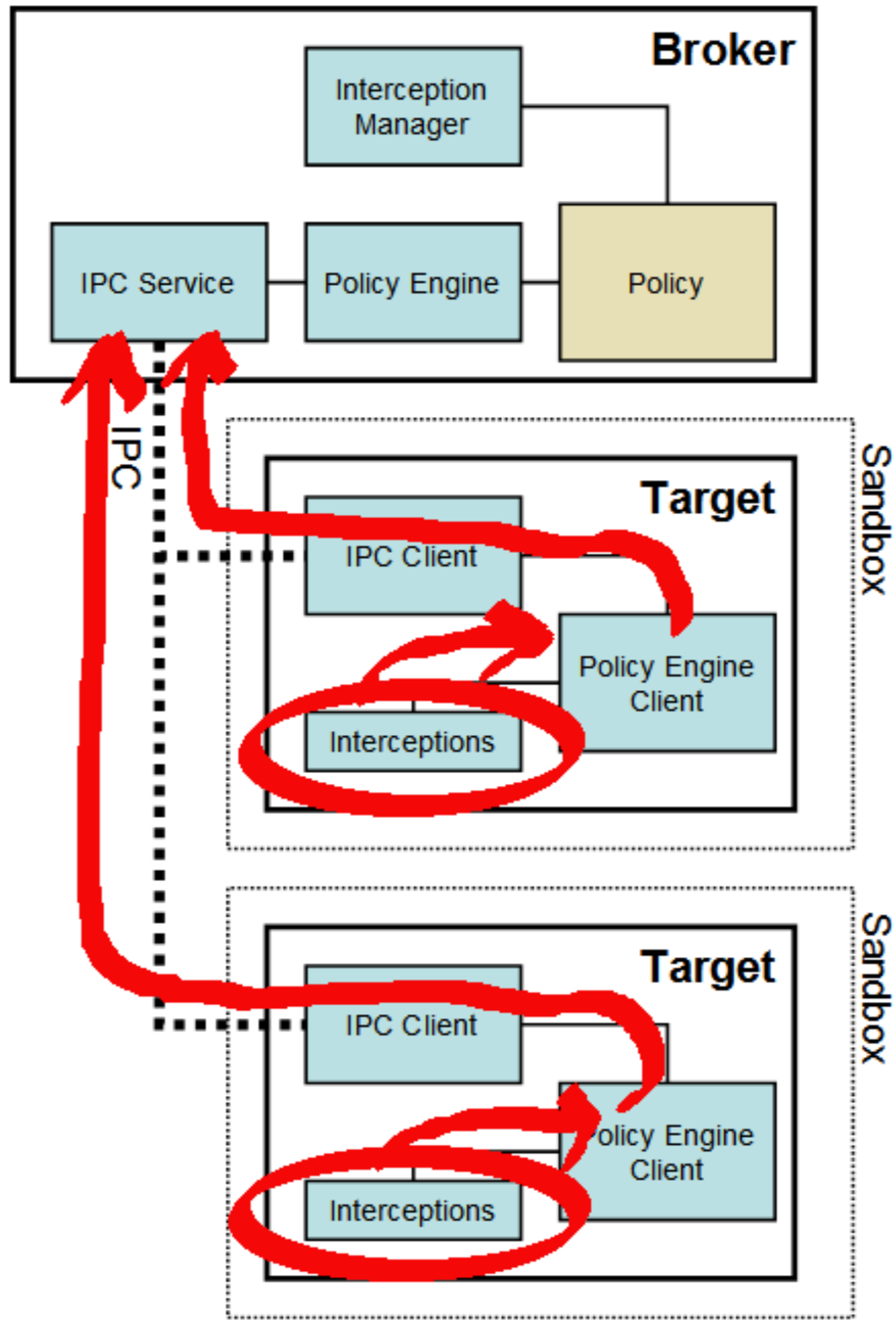
# The Hooks: Call Interceptions

*"- my one's and my two's got your whole town shook;  
You betta listen to your corner, and watch for the hook!"*

*--Cool Breeze/Goodie Mob/Outkast*

*"Watch For the Hook"*

- ★ Intended as a mechanism to assist the Broker/  
Sandbox Policy Engine **NOT** an enforcement  
mechanism itself (so they say).
- ★ In Chromium developer parlance the act of calling into  
the Broker via IPC mechanisms is called a "CrossCall".
- ★ All library hooks generally reroute to stubs that  
ultimately perform CrossCalls to the Broker
- ★ The code responsible for "interceptions" is  
implemented in the Interception Manager



# Identifying Hooks

- ★ Finding them is easy manually, but SandKit has tools to help you do it automated. "memdiff" in SandKit will compare the same region of memory in two separate processes and log differences.
- ★ Windbg .writemem command and simple Python/Ruby/whatever script can do this as well. Something like the following (in both the sandbox and broker Windbg sessions):

```
navi-two:sandbox_research s7ephen$ cat dump_memory_in_range.wds
lm #to find ranges of ntdll and kernel32
.writemem kernel32_broker.dmp 0x7c800000 0x7c8f6000
.writemem ntdll_broker.dmp 0x7c900000 0x7c9af000
navi-two:sandbox_research s7ephen$
```


# After diffing native library dumps you'll find hooks like:

## From NTDLL:

ZwCreateFile()  
NtOpenFile()  
ZwOpenProcess()  
ZwOpenProcessToken()  
ZwOpenProcessTokenEx()  
NtOpenThread()  
ZwOpenThreadToken()  
NtOpenThreadTokenEx()  
ZwQueryAttributesFile()  
ZwQueryFullAttributesFile()  
NtSetInformationFile()  
many many more

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0xd796
***** Files differ at byte: 0xd797
***** Files differ at byte: 0xd798 ZwQueryFullAttributesFile
***** Files differ at byte: 0xd799
***** Files differ at byte: 0xd79b
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x7b0b8 _NLG_Destination
***** Files differ at byte: 0x7b0b9
```



```
Command - Pid 192 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7
7c900000 7c9af000 ntdll (pdb symbols) c:\S
7c9c0000 7d1d7000 SHELL32 (deferred)
7e410000 7e4a1000 USER32 (deferred)
0:001> !vprot 7c97b0b8
BaseAddress: 7c97b000
AllocationBase: 7c900000
AllocationProtect: 00000080 PAGE_EXECUTE_WRITECOPY
RegionSize: 00003000
State: 00001000 MEM_COMMIT
Protect: 00000004 PAGE_READWRITE
Type: 01000000 MEM_IMAGE
0:001> !vprot 7c90d798
BaseAddress: 7c90d000
AllocationBase: 7c900000
AllocationProtect: 00000080 PAGE_EXECUTE_WRITECOPY
RegionSize: 0006e000
State: 00001000 MEM_COMMIT
Protect: 00000020 PAGE_EXECUTE_READ
Type: 01000000 MEM_IMAGE
```

Page permissions kinda imply PE section. We only care about .text

Many other libraries are hooked as well.

Command - Pid 3892 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

```
ModLoad: 71ab0000 71ac7000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\WS2_32.d
ModLoad: 71aa0000 71aa8000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\WS2HELP.
ModLoad: 64940000 64969000 C:\Documents and Settings\Ad
(f34.ffc): Break instruction exception - code 80000003 (f
eax=7ffdc000 ebx=00000001 ecx=00000002 edx=00000003 esi=0
eip=7c90120e esp=00ebffcc ebp=00ebfff4 iopl=0          nv
cs=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=0038  gs=0000
ntdll!DbgBreakPoint:
7c90120e cc                int     3
```

Disassembly - Pid 3892 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

```
Offset: ntdll!NtOpenFile
7c90d56f 90                nop
ntdll!ZwOpenEventPair:
7c90d570 b873000000        mov     eax,0x73
7c90d575 ba0003fe7f        mov     edx,0x7ffe0300
7c90d57a ff12              call   dword ptr [edx]
7c90d57c c20c00           nop
7c90d580 b874000000        mov     edx,0x150068
7c90d585 ba68001500        jmp    edx
7c90d58a ffe2              jmp    dword ptr [eax]
7c90d58c c21800           nop
7c90d58f 90                nop
ntdll!ZwOpenIoCompletion:
7c90d590 b875000000        mov     eax,0x75
```

on dll\_injector.py 3608 c:\windows\system32\pyloade
VirtualAlloc'd Location: 0xeb0000
LoadLibraryA() is @ : 0x7c801d7b

Pid 3892 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

Command - Pid 2776 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

```
eip=7c90120e esp=029dffcc ebp=029dfff4 iopl=0          nv
s=001b  ss=0023  ds=0023  es=0023  fs=0038  gs=0000
ntdll!DbgBreakPoint:
7c90120e cc                int     3
```

Disassembly - Pid 2776 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

```
Offset: ntdll!NtOpenFile
7c90d56c c20c00           nop
7c90d56f 90                nop
ntdll!ZwOpenEventPair:
7c90d570 b873000000        mov     eax,0x73
7c90d575 ba0003fe7f        mov     edx,0x7ffe0300
7c90d57a ff12              call   dword ptr [edx]
7c90d57c c20c00           nop
7c90d57f 90                nop
ntdll!NtOpenIoCompletion:
7c90d580 b874000000        mov     edx,0x7ffe0300
7c90d585 ba68001500        jmp    edx
7c90d58a ffe2              jmp    dword ptr [eax]
7c90d58c c21800           nop
7c90d58f 90                nop
ntdll!ZwOpenIoCompletion:
7c90d590 b875000000        mov     eax,0x75
7c90d595 ba0003fe7f        mov     edx,0x7ffe0300
```

Pid 2776 - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7

Sandbox pid(3892)

Broker pid(2776)

# The Hooks: In the source.

- ★ Although the Chrome Sandbox source (as a framework) is BSD licensed and open as are all the policies and rules used in the Chrome distribution.
- ★ It may not seem particularly evident when you look through source because you will probably only see references to Interception Manager in test code.

`/home/chrome-svn/tarball/chromium/src/sandbox/src/interception_unittest.cc`

```
172  InterceptionManager interceptions(target, true);
173
174  // Any pointer will do for a function pointer.
175  void* function = &interceptions;
176  interceptions.AddToUnloadModules(L"some01.dll");
177  // We don't care about the interceptor id.
178  interceptions.AddToPatchedFunctions(L"ntdll.dll", "NtCreateFile",
179                                     INTERCEPTION_SERVICE_CALL, function,
180                                     OPEN_FILE_ID);
181  interceptions.AddToPatchedFunctions(L"kernel32.dll", "CreateFileEx",
182                                     INTERCEPTION_EAT, function, OPEN_FILE_ID);
183  interceptions.AddToUnloadModules(L"some02.dll");
184  interceptions.AddToPatchedFunctions(L"kernel32.dll", "SomeFileEx",
185                                     INTERCEPTION_SMART_SIDESTEP, function,
186                                     OPEN_FILE_ID);
```



# TANGENT: The Hook Catch22

★ Google Chromium Team has long asserted that hooks themselves are not to be relied upon a security enforcement mechanism. This shows they “get it”. Hooks can be unhooked.

★ **However** one thing to note is the effectiveness of the “VirtualProtect()/WriteProcessMemory() hook Catch 22” which is:

Malicious code executing in the sandbox would have to use GetCurrentProcess()/VirtualProtect()/WriteProcessMemory() to “unhook”.

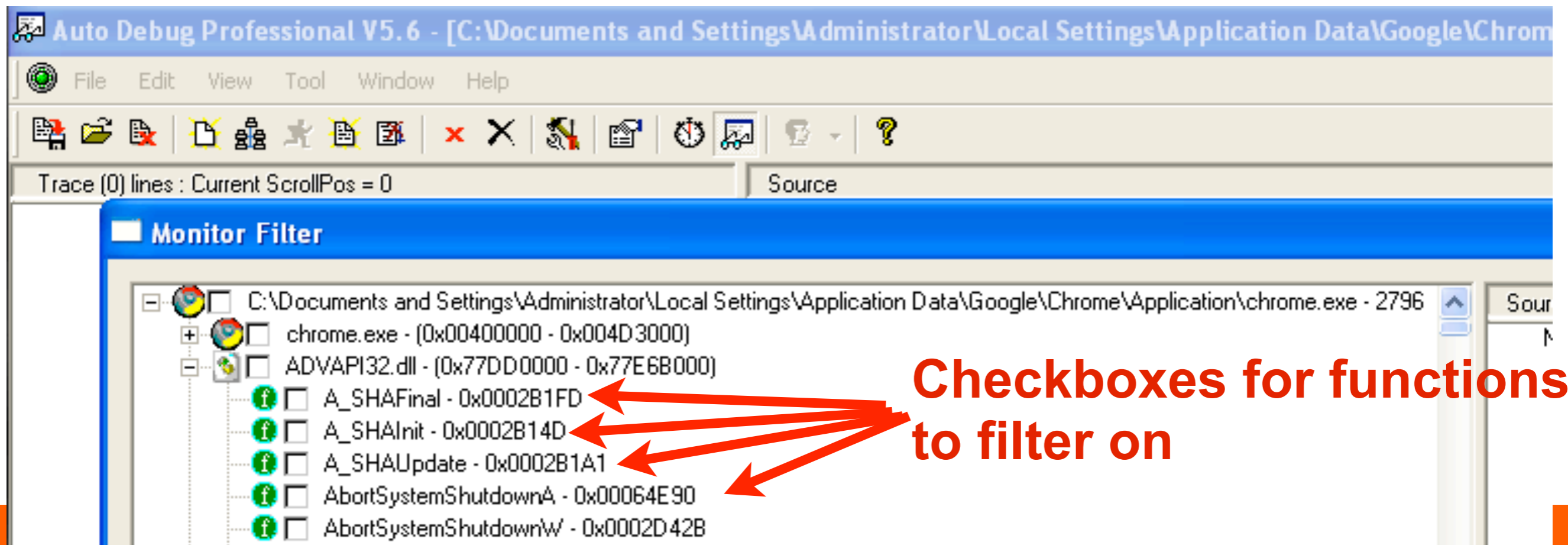
What if these functions are already hooked? In my opinion, this might be a significant hurdle to deter most exploit developers.

# TANGENT: The Hook Catch22

- ★ To circumvent the GetCurrentProcess()/VirtualProtect()/WriteProcessMemory() catch 22 a malware author **could** just use syscalls directly, and completely circumvent the library hooks
- ★ **FEATURE REQUEST?** Why doesn't Microsoft expose functionality for Syscall restriction/filtering on per-process bases? Other lesser sandbox technologies (like those for \*nixes and SandboxIE use this as the core)
  - Win7/Vista already kinda has some close with the less known EPROCESS.ProtectedProcess
- ★ Does EPROCESS.ProtectedProcess prevent: WriteProcessMemory(GetCurrentProcess()) ?

# Finding Hooks Via Call Traces

- ★ Although more annoying to do, you can find hooks using call tracing.
- ★ I do my kernel call-tracing using custom tools or in Windbg:  
    `bp /p <cid of target> kernel32!CreateFileW "du poi(@esp+4);.process;k;g"`  
Alternatively for Win7 targets you might have to: `.process /l /r <cid of target> THEN`  
    `bp kernel32!CreateFileW "du poi(@esp+4);.process;k;g"`
- ★ If you are in user-space and want a "point and click" call-tracer, I suggest the surprisingly unpopular but extremely powerful: **AutoDebugPro**



# Moving closer to kernel/user gap.

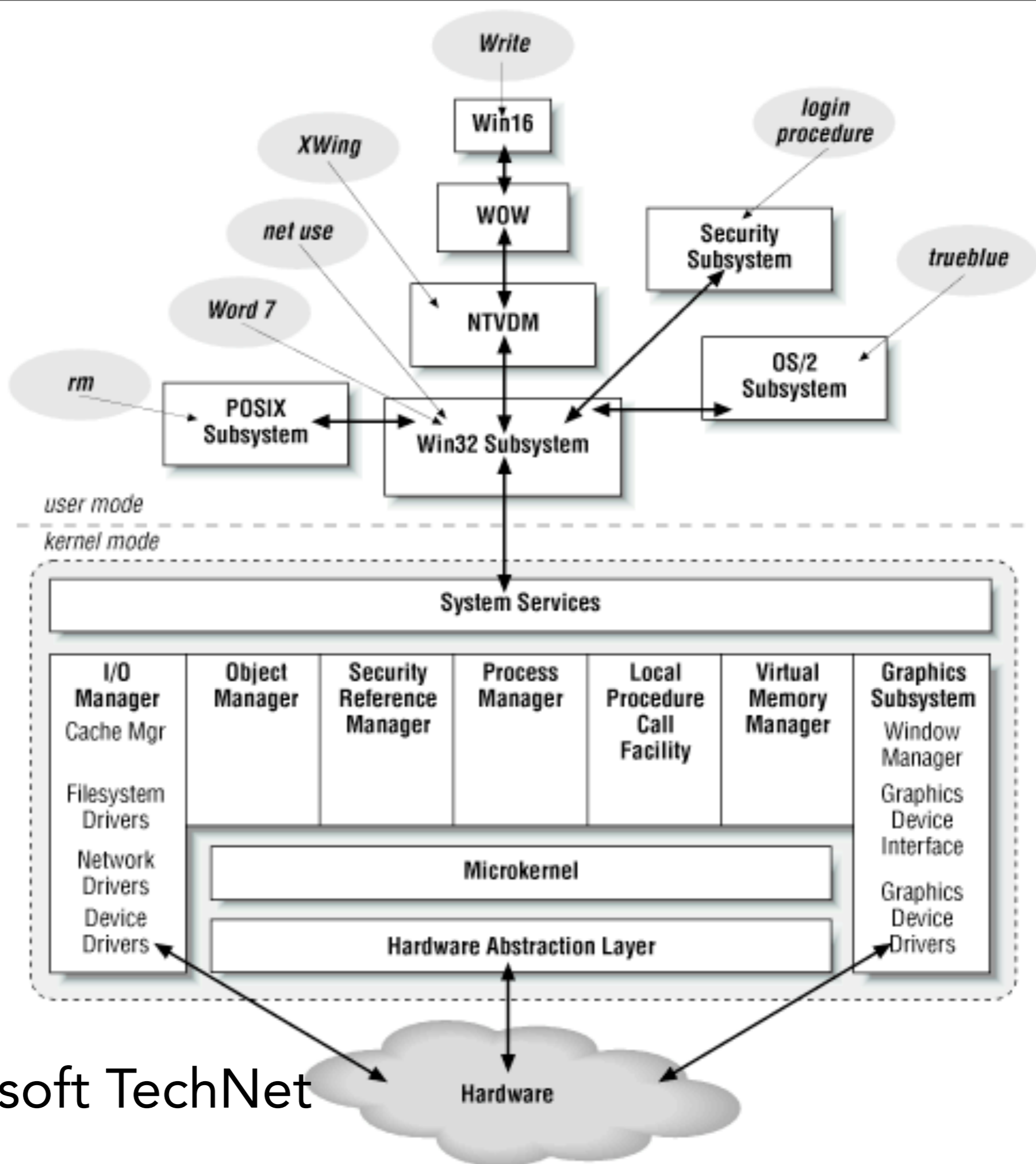
- ★ As we tunnel down to observe the Native API hooks put in place by the Broker we see that many of these are the Zw\* Nt\*
- ★ These are obviously the functions which are at the "edge of the precipice" between userland and kernel, one or two steps away from SysEnter/SysCall/INT 2e/call gate/etc
- ★ This is where things get interesting and is perfect segue into how we can investigate Sandboxes from up in the Kernel.  
*(Kernel space is so much more relaxing. Its "quieter".)*



# **Sandboxes from a Kernel-space Perspective**

# Why Look at Sandboxes from Kernel?

- ★ Perhaps investigating the relationship between Userspace/Kernelspace will reveal new attack surface.
- ★ It's so much "quieter" in the Kernel. It is a nice reprieve from the hustle and bustle of User-space.
- ★ More control: Pause execution and the whole box freezes. This means the Broker **AND** the Sandbox, no loss of "sync".
- ★ Windbg Kernel Debugger (Kd) has commands we can't use from User-space.
- ★ Virtually everything on Windows is performed predominantly using NT Objects, all inspectable from Kd.



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# Kernel Components (refresher!)

- ★ Object Manager (OB)
- ★ Security Reference Monitor (SE)
- ★ Process/Thread Management (PS)
- ★ Memory Manager (MM)
- ★ Cache Manager (CACHE)
- ★ Scheduler (KE)
- ★ I/O Manager, PnP, power, GUI (IO)
- ★ Devices, FS Volumes, Net (DRIVERS)
- ★ Lightweight Procedure Calls (LPC)
- ★ Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL)
- ★ Executive Functions (EX)
- ★ Run-Time Library (RTL)
- ★ Registry/Consistent Configuration (CONFIG)



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**For Sandboxing technologies, these are mostly what we care about.**

# Here's why OB/SE/IO matter most:

## Object Types and Defining Subsystems

Object Type	Represents	Defining Subsystem
Object type	Object type object	Object Manager
Directory	Object namespace	Object Manager
SymbolicLink	Object namespace	Object Manager
Event	Synchronization primitive	Executive
EventPair	Synchronization primitive	Executive
Mutant	Synchronization primitive	Executive
Semaphore	Synchronization primitive	Executive
Windows Station	Login session	Win32
Desktop	Windows desktop	Win32
Timer	Timer notifications	Executive
File	Tracks open files	I/O Manager
IoCompletion	Tracks I/O completion notifications	I/O Manager
Adapter	DMA resource	I/O Manager
Controller	DMA controller	I/O Manager
Device	Logical or physical device	I/O Manager
Driver	Device driver	I/O Manager
Key	Doorway to the Registry	Configuration Manager
Port	Communications channel	LPC Facility
Section	Memory mapping	Memory Manager
Process	Active process	Process Manager
Thread	Active thread	Process Manager
Token	Process security profile	Process Manager
Profile	Performance monitoring	Kernel

# The NT Object Manager (OB):

- ★ Provides underlying NT namespace
- ★ Unifies kernel data structure referencing
- ★ Unifies user-mode referencing via handles/descriptors
- ★ Central facility for security protection Provides device & I/O support
- ★ Important Note: Objects are extensible. You can build your own based on the primitives. Many kernel code does just this dynamically.

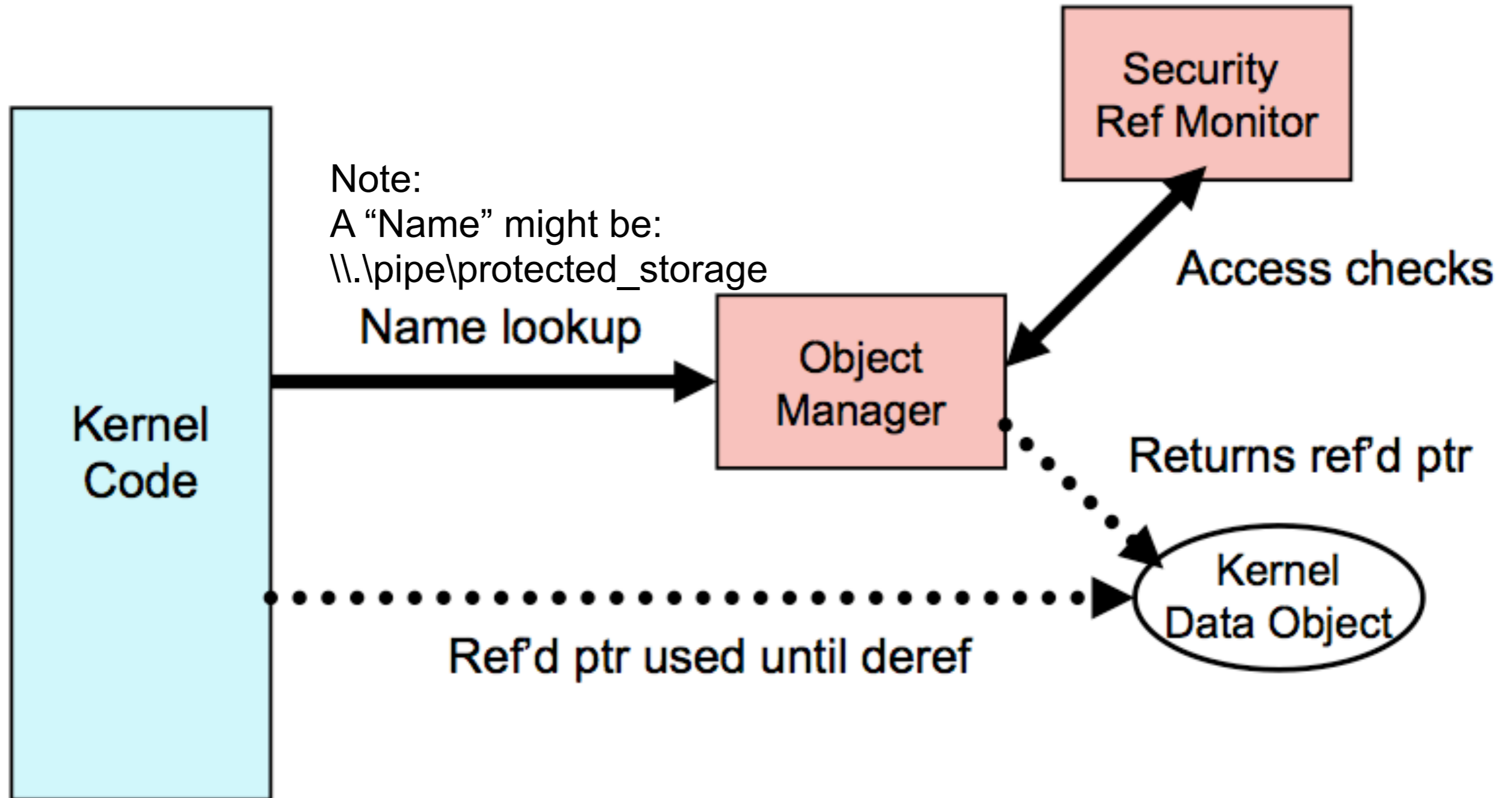
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# The Security Reference Monitor (SE):

- ★ Based on discretionary access controls
- ★ Single module for access checks (e.g. `SeAccessCheck()`)
- ★ Implements Security Descriptors, System and Discretionary ACLs, Privileges, and Tokens
- ★ Collaborates with Local Security Authority Service (LSASS) to obtain authenticated credentials
- ★ Provides auditing and fulfills other Common Criteria requirements

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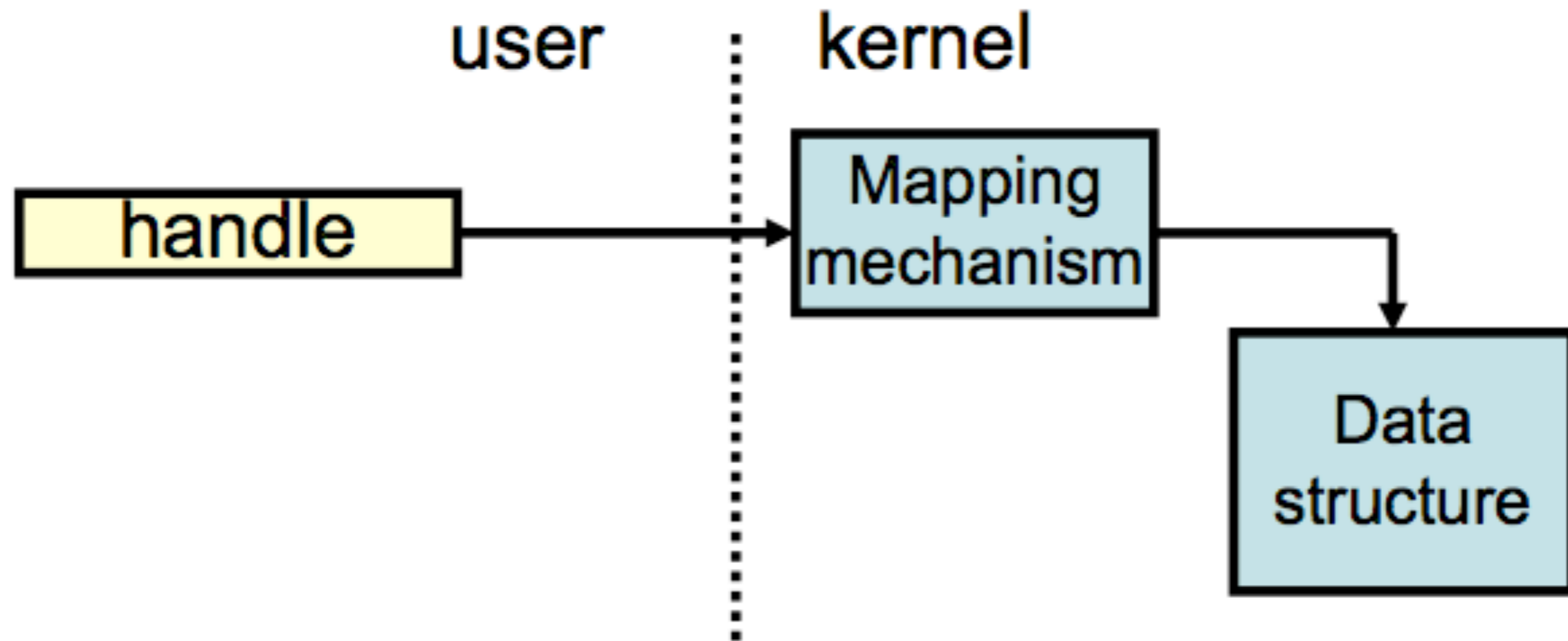
# How OB and SE interact:



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# Remember! Handles/Descriptors are just userland abstractions!



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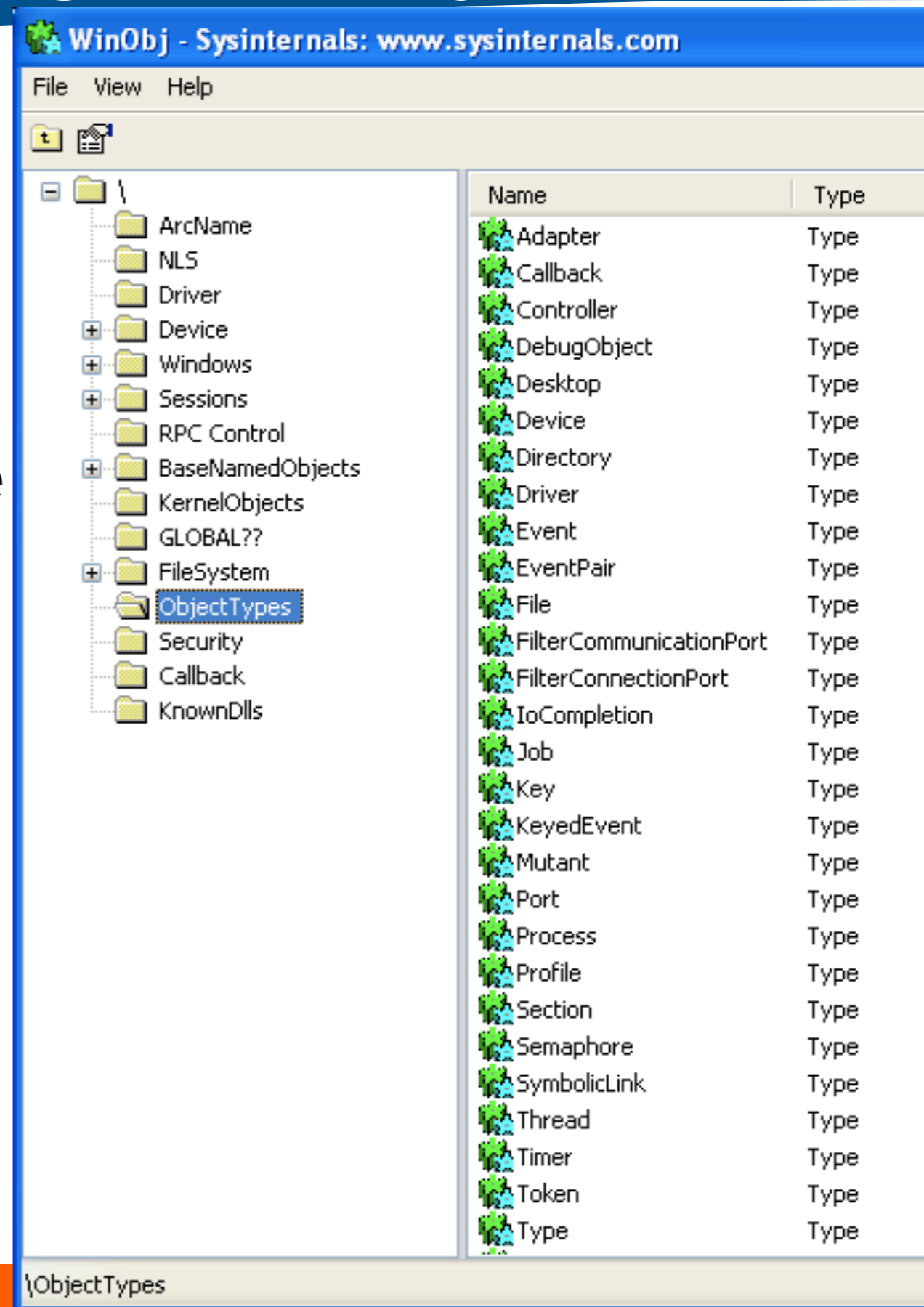
- Handles and Descriptors are just Userland abstractions to access Kernel structures.
- The functions you pass the Handles and Descriptors into (like `fopen()`) are userland "gateways" to the kernel

# NT Objects (the object "primitives")

Adapter	File	Semaphore
Callback	IoCompletion	SymbolicLink
Controller	Job	Thread
DebugObject	Key	Timer
Desktop	KeyedEvent	Token
Device	Mutant	Type
Directory	Port	Waitable Port
Driver	Process	WindowsStation
Event	Profile	WMIGuid
EventPair	Section	

# Listing/Investigating NT Objects

- ★ WinObj (SysInternals)
- ★ objdir.exe (DDK)
- ★ ntddk.h
- ★ Ob\*() exports of ntoskrnl.exe
- ★ "Undocumented Windows 2000 Secrets" Chapter 7 (w2k\_def.h)
- ★ dt nt!\_object\* (in Windbg (kd) )
- ★ !object \ (in Windbg (kd) )



WinObj - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File View Help

Tree view:

- \
- ArcName
- NLS
- Driver
- + Device
- + Windows
- + Sessions
- RPC Control
- + BaseNamedObjects
- KernelObjects
- GLOBAL??
- + FileSystem
- ObjectTypes
- Security
- Callback
- KnownDlls

Name	Type
Adapter	Type
Callback	Type
Controller	Type
DebugObject	Type
Desktop	Type
Device	Type
Directory	Type
Driver	Type
Event	Type
EventPair	Type
File	Type
FilterCommunicationPort	Type
FilterConnectionPort	Type
IoCompletion	Type
Job	Type
Key	Type
KeyedEvent	Type
Mutant	Type
Port	Type
Process	Type
Profile	Type
Section	Type
Semaphore	Type
SymbolicLink	Type
Thread	Type
Timer	Type
Token	Type
Type	Type

{ObjectTypes



# First things first...why go up here?

## ★ Reasons for using kernel debugger to assist us with investigating sandboxes:

1. Sandboxes use many NT Objects that have helpful Windbg commands that don't work from userspace:
  1. Jobs Objects for example! (!job)
  2. LPC inspection (!lpc)
  3. better handle/descriptor visibility/tracking (!htrace)
2. "System-Wide" breakpoints: Breaking on ntdll! NtOpenFile() will hit whenever **any** process on the system calls it!
3. There are also some other less popular benefits to using kernel debugger (will demonstrate these with Google Chrome later :-)

# Inspecting Securable Objects with Kernel Debugger

★ !process <cid>

★ !handle <cid>

★ !job

★ !token

★ !tokenfields

★ !object

★ !sd see "Determining the ACL of an Object" in the Windbg help for all the steps to obtaining a detailed security descriptor from an object

★ !acl

★ !sid

★ !lpc

**Side Note:** *Did you know you don't need to use gflags.exe to set pageheap/debugheaps? You can use Windbg's !gflag*

# Other useful commands

- ★ `.tlist` : This also lists processes but only by CID and not process identifier.
- ★ `!process 0 0` : List all cids/processes
- ★ `.process`
- ★ `.reload /user` :Reload userspace symbols
- ★ `.sympath symsrv*symsrv.dll*c:\\syms*http://msdl.microsoft.com/download/symbols`
  - Autodownload of symbols you dont have... VERY USEFUL!
- ★ `!m u` :list modules for userspace, needs a `.process`

# A Note on Observing Hooks from Kernel Debugger

- ★ Important to remember: in the kernel only “one copy” of libraries (like ntdll) ever get loaded.
- ★ The “differences” between processes is all done via the magic of Page Table Entries. You will probably not be able to see installed library hooks if you don’t do the following in Windbg:
  - use the /p switch with the .process command to force the debugger to update Page Table translation: `.process /p <eprocess|cid>`
- ★ This is done so that when you view the virtual address for NTDLL or Kernel32 or whatever, it correctly references the physical page, which differ because of the hooks.
- ★ *Note: you may also want to check out the Windbg .pagein command. You might have to use this command as another way to force Windbg to update PTE translation.*

# Observing Broker Behaviors

★ There are a number of functions critical to the operation of Sandbox child processes that are interesting and useful to observe the Broker calling. Here are some suggestions:

*Note: Most of these are “undocumented”.*

- Zw/NtDuplicateToken()
- Zw/NtCreateToken()
- Zw/NtSetInformationToken()
- Zw/NtOpenProcess()
- Zw/NtDuplicateObject()
- DuplicateHandle()
- Zw/NtCreateProcess()
- Zw/NtSetSecurityObject()
- NtQueryObject(), NtSetSecurityObject(), NtQuerySecurityObject()
- ExDupHandleTable()/ExDestroyHandleTable (process creation/destruction)
- ExCreateHandle(), ExDestroyHandle()
- user32!UserHandleGrantAccess()

# Observing Sandbox Behaviors

- ★ Because the Sandbox is restricted we care less about what he is doing, but there are a few interesting things to watch for. Here are some suggestions:

*Note: Most of these are “undocumented”.*

- ZwContinue(): the \_NTCONTINUE function that is often hooked by anti-debugging code (not that Chrome does it)
- ZwCreateFile()
- ZwWriteFile()

# A Neat thing about Kernel Debuggers

- ★ The kernel gets **ALL** exceptions first!
- ★ Like virtually all Windows functionality, Usermode debuggers rely heavily upon LPC messages.
- ★ “Debugger” processes talk to CSRSS via LPC
- ★ CSRSS receives all debug events for all processes from the kernel and handles dispatching them debugger processes.
- ★ When a Kernel debugger is attached, the Kernel never passes these exceptions on to CSRSS’s waiting LPC channel.
- ★ The most important thing however is that the Kernel gets **all** exceptions first, especially int 3, which is what Chrome sandbox uses to taddle-tell back to the Broker ;-)
- ★ In Vista/Win7 this is different: see ZwCreateDebugObject()

# TANGENT: Detecting Kernel Mode Debuggers from Userspace

- ★ Once you know about how Kernel mode debuggers get all exceptions first, the concept is simple:

Use RDTSC single-step detection technique with int3s in-between to detect kernel debugger exception handler timing.

- ★ Furthermore, int3s fired at the "wrong time" break things. See for yourself.
- ★ If you dig a bit under the hood to understand the process around ZwCreateDebugObject (XP+), how CSRSS passes debug info, and stuff like EPROCESS.DebugPort and \Windows\ApiPort you will probably find better ways to detect Kernel debuggers from userspace



# TANGENT: Detecting Kernel Mode Debuggers from Userspace

How it might look in C?

```
10 DWORD timea = 0;
11 DWORD timeb = 0;
12 DWORD time_delta = 0;
13
14 void start(){
15     timea = GetTickCount();
16 };
17
18 void stop(){
19     timeb = GetTickCount();
20 };
21
22 DWORD checktime(){
23     time_delta = timeb - timea;
24     printf("%d\n", timea);
25     printf("%d\n", timeb);
26     return time_delta;
27 };
28
29 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
30     start();
31     __asm { //exception they have to j
32         int 3
33     }
34     stop();
35     if (BeingDebugged()) {
36         MessageBox(NULL, "Don't be debugging me!?", "WTF!?", MB_OK);
37         ExitProcess(0);
38     } else {
39         if (checktime() > 1){
40             MessageBox(NULL, "Hah! I can still see you are debugging me!", "WTF!?", MB_OK);
41             ExitProcess(0);
42         }
43         ExitProcess(0);
44     }
45 };
```

How it might look in ASM?

```
1 rdtsc
2 mov ecx, eax
3 int 3
4 rdtsc
5 sub eax, ecx
6 cmp eax, 0x1000
7 ja kernel_debugger_detected
```

If you fuzzed sandboxed processes and had “success” you’ve probably seen this (I call it “Chrome Mr. Yuck”):



**Aw, Snap!**

Something went wrong while displaying this webpage. To continue, press Reload or go to another page.

[Learn more](#)

**but when you attach your user-space debugger...nothing.  
That’s because the Broker catches sandbox exceptions  
and breakpoints first!**

# Google being snide about Broker-handled Sandbox exceptions...

On the Chromium website, down in some documentation Google mentions this:

## Miscellaneous

- [Application Verifier](#) is a free tool from Microsoft. For the tool to run, you must disable the sandbox (`--no-sandbox`) and run all `app-verified` processes in a debugger. This means that you must run the renderer and plugin processes in a debugger or they will fail in mysterious ways. Use any of the methods mentioned above to attach to the renderer processes when they run.

This is no mystery at all when you realize that the Sandbox (the debuggee) is coded to intentionally whine to the Broker by throwing exceptions which the Broker (as the debugger) then "handles".

**GOOGLE DOES NOT USE THE OS'S CRASH REPORTING MECHANISMS (like WER in Windows or Crash Reporter in OSX). It uses it's own custom one called BreakPad.**

*Pro-tip: If fuzzing Chrome, be sure to set your ZoneAlarm/LittleSnitch/whatever to disallow Chrome outbound. Or better yet, disable the NIC entirely for that VM ;-)*

# Example of Remotely Triggered (client side) overflow (handled)

The screenshot displays the WinDbg 6.5.0003.7 interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Debug, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various debugging tools. The main window is titled 'Kernel 'com:port=\\.\com1,baud=115200' - WinDbg:6.5.0003.7'. The 'Memory' window shows a dump of memory starting at 0x12ef2c, with a display format of Long Hex. The dump shows a sequence of memory addresses and their corresponding values. The 'Command' window shows the following commands and output:

```
kd> g
chrome_1c30000!ChromeMain
001b:
kd> k
ChildEBP RetAddr
WARNING: Stack unwind information not available. Followin
0012ef54 chrome_1c30000!ChromeMain+
0012ef88 02468373 chrome_1c30000!ChromeMain+
00849ec4 00d00129 chrome_1c30000
```

The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, the current application 'Kernel 'com:port=\\.\...', and 'Debugging Tools for ...'. The system tray on the right shows the time as 4:03 PM.

# Tools & Techniques: Introducing The SandKit



# The SandKit

## A Collection of tools to assist with the investigation and testing of Sandboxes.

(Also intended to give ideas about tools you might want to write yourself.)

- Code Injection Techniques (vanilla dll injection, reflective dll injection, kernel-to-userspace dll injection?)
- CopyMem
- MemDiff
- DumpMem
- HookFix
- Sa7Shell
- BinCompare
- DumpToken Redux
- TokenBrute/HandleBrute
- Sandbox\_Poc (Google Chrome source "sub-project")
  - [Download the Chrome source and find it in:](#)
  - [/home/chrome-svn/tarball/chromium/src/sandbox/sandbox\\_poc/](/home/chrome-svn/tarball/chromium/src/sandbox/sandbox_poc/)
  - [It comes with visual studio solution and everything!](#)

# Code Injection

- ★ Sandkit implements “Vanilla DLL injection” to inject a DLL into a target process.
  - This injection technique is the VERY common: `OpenProcess()/VirtualAllocEx()/CreateRemoteThread()->LoadLibraryA()` technique.
- ★ Reflective DLL injection
  - for “harder” injection targets such as restricted processes or heavily hooked executables.
  - some minimal unhooking would still necessary
  - Sandkit may eventually include this.
- ★ Kernel-to-userspace Injection?
  - Use documented APC Injection/Thread Notifier technique to have kernel injected code run in a usermode Thread’s context
  - Combine this with basic Reflective DLL injection technique
  - MANY caveats: accounting for PTE changes when injected code executes (hooks still in place), modifying PTE for usermode context, etc.

# CopyMem

- ★ Copy memory from one process into another. This tool is the basis for the HookFix application

```
...ooo000 Welcome to 000ooo...
      SandKit
...ooo00000000000000000000ooo...

SandKit>> ps chrome
Pids of processes with names matching 'chrome':
1864 : chrome.exe
2376 : chrome.exe
SandKit>> copymem 2376 0x7c885000 5 1864 0x7c885000
Attached to PID: 2376
Attached to PID: 1864
-----
MEMORY FROM SOURCE PID: 2376 @0x7C885000
-----
00000000:  54 01 56 01 B4                                !T.U..!
-----
MEMORY FROM DEST PID 1864 @0x7C885000 <before>
-----
00000000:  DE 00 E0 00 B4                                !.....!
-----
Wrote 5 bytes to PID 1864 at 0x7c885000
Attached to PID: 1864
-----
MEMORY FROM DEST PID 1864 @0x7C885000 <after>
-----
00000000:  54 01 56 01 B4                                !T.U..!
-----
Detached from PID: 2376
Detached from PID: 1864
Detached from PID: 1864
SandKit>>
```



# MemDiff

- ★ Take a look into memory in two different processes and compare it. Log where the two regions of memory begin to differ.
- ★ Simple but time-saving tool for the detection of hooks

```
SandKit>> help
...ooo000 SandKit Command 000ooo...
<for help, type: help <command>>

EOF      dumpmem  help  hook_fix  memdiff  pythonshell  sa7shell
copy_mem exit    hist  injectdll ps        readmem

SandKit>> help memdiff

Compare two regions of memory in two different processes
and report where these regions of memory differ.

Usage:
    memdiff <pid-one> <address> <length in bytes> <pid-two> <address>

SandKit>> ps chrome
Pids of processes with names matching 'chrome':
2288 : chrome.exe
1840 : chrome.exe
SandKit>> memdiff 2288 0x7c885000 20 1840 0x7c885000
Attached to PID: 2288
Attached to PID: 1840
==> Sizes of files are the same (20 bytes), a good start!
***** Files differ at byte: 0x0
***** Files differ at byte: 0x1
***** Files differ at byte: 0x2
***** Files differ at byte: 0x3
SandKit>>
```

# DumpMem

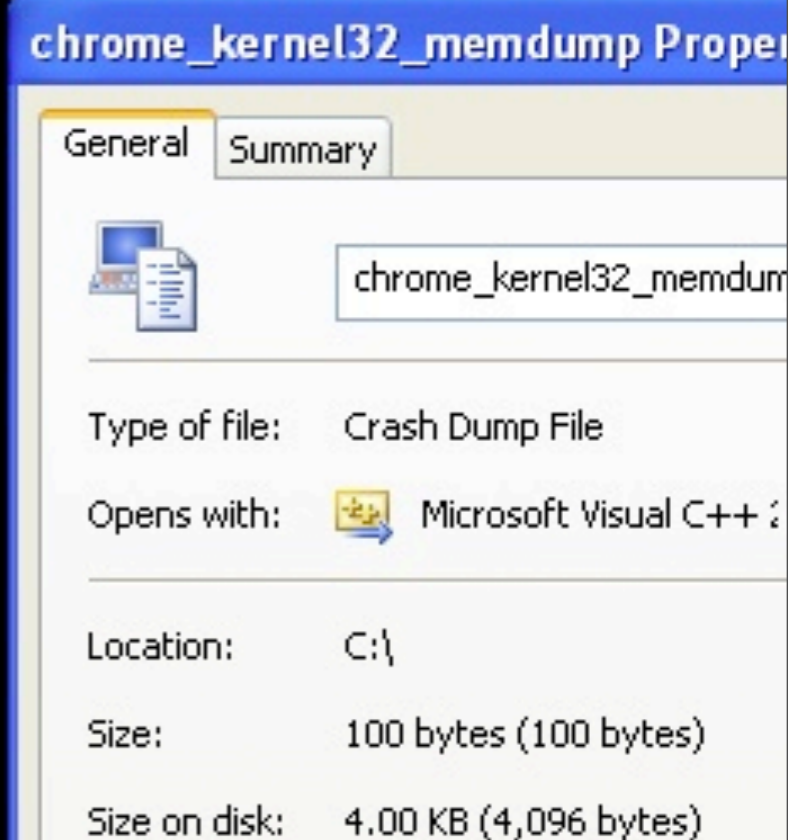
- ★ Similar to the .writemem command in Windbg. Just write raw memory from a process to a file

```
SandKit>> memdiff 2288 0x7c885000 100 c:\chrome_kernel32_memdump.dmp
Incorrect number of arguments.
SandKit>> help dumpmem

Read memory from a process and write it to a file.

Usage:
    dumpmem <pid> <address> <length in bytes> <file to dump to>

SandKit>> ps chrome
Pids of processes with names matching 'chrome':
2288 : chrome.exe
1840 : chrome.exe
SandKit>> memdump 2288 0x7c885000 100 c:\chrome_kernel32_memdump.dmp
Bad command or filename.'
SandKit>> dumpmem 2288 0x7c885000 100 c:\chrome_kernel32_memdump.dmp
Attached to PID: 2288
Wrote 100 bytes to file 'c:\chrome_kernel32_memdump.dmp'.
SandKit>>
```



chrome\_kernel32\_memdump Properties

General Summary

chrome\_kernel32\_memdump.dmp

Type of file: Crash Dump File

Opens with: Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 x86 User Interface Driver Framework for .NET

Location: C:\

Size: 100 bytes (100 bytes)

Size on disk: 4.00 KB (4,096 bytes)

# WriteMem

- ★ Write a string or character array directly to the memory of a process.

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - "c:\Python24\python.exe" SandKit.py

SandKit
...ooo00000000000000000000ooo...

SandKit>> ps notepad
Pids of processes with names matching 'notepad':
3760 : notepad.exe
SandKit>> help writemem

Write a character array to a location in a process's memory.
The SandKit "ps" command will list pids/processes.
The SandKit "readmem" command can be used to display the memory regi
on
before and after.

Usage:
writemem <pid> <address> <string to write to memory>

Example:
writemem 2764 0x7c900000 "\x90\x90\x90\x90"
or
writemem 2764 0x7c900000 "This is a test."

Note: Please do "all or nothing". In other words, please
don't mix and match escaped bytes with non-escaped
bytes in the string like: "\x90ABCDEF\x90"

SandKit>> writemem 3760 0x7c885000 "\x90\x90\x90\x90"
Attached to PID: 3760
-----
MEMORY BEFORE CHANGES:
-----
00000000: 44 00 46 00                                !D.F.!

Detached from PID: 3760
Attached to PID: 3760
Wrote 4 bytes to PID 3760 at 0x7c885000
Detached from PID: 3760
Attached to PID: 3760
-----
MEMORY AFTER CHANGES:
-----
00000000: 90 90 90 90                                !....!

Detached from PID: 3760
SandKit>>
```

# HookFix

- ★ HookFix just uses CopyMem to fix the specific hooks put in placed into the Sandbox by the Broker.
- ★ There is no magic here, we just:
  1. Borrow the .text region of a “normal” process with our module loaded (in this case the Broker).
  2. Locate the differences between the “normal” and modified .text regions within the Sandbox
  3. Save the Sandbox modules .text region first (for restoration).
  4. Overwrite the Sandbox module’s .text region

Note: We have to just be careful to not to borrow stuff outside of .text, because there are “process specific” variables in the address space of dlls like ntdll.

Such as:

ntdll!\_\_security\_cookie

# Sa7Shell

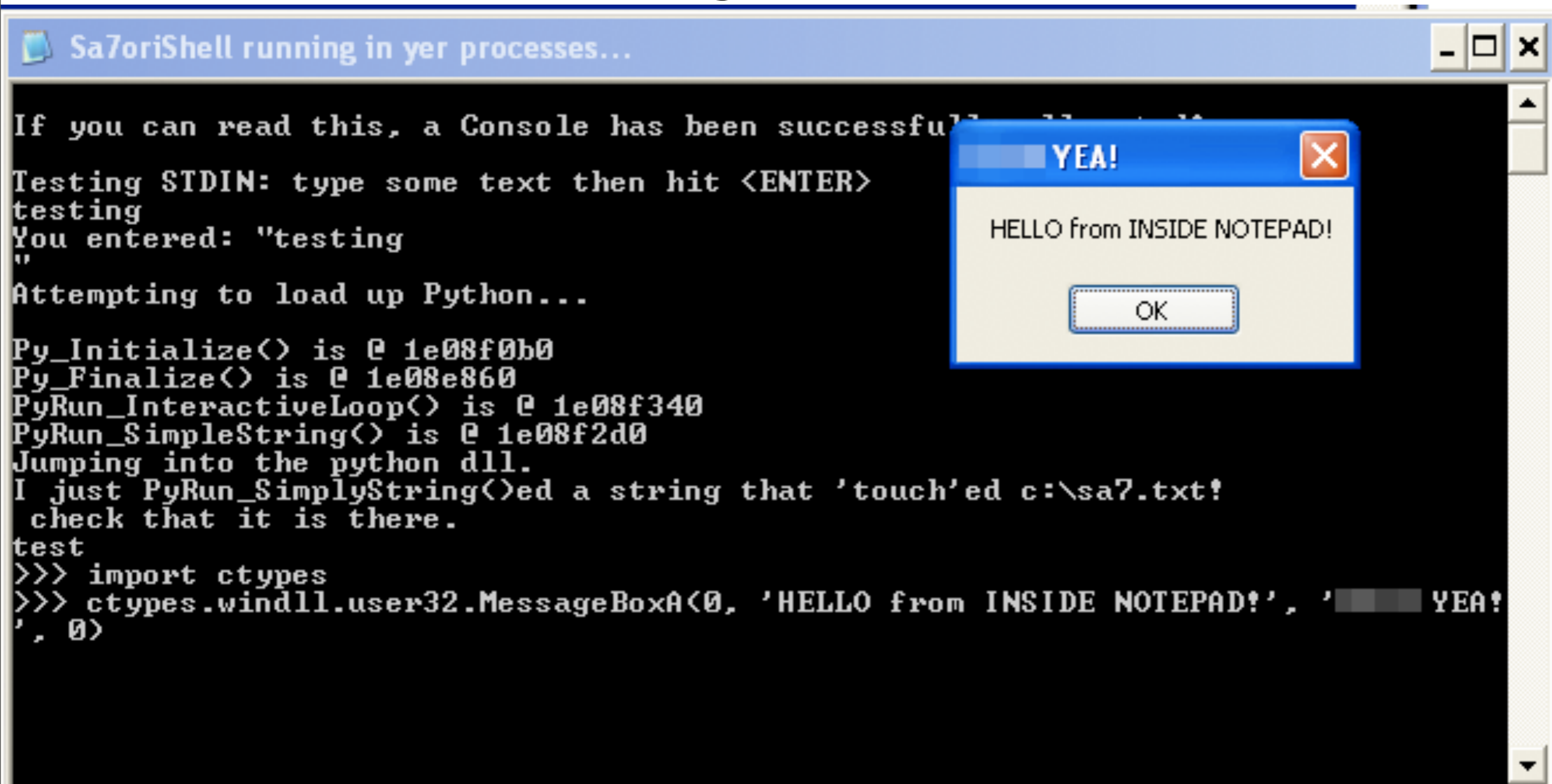
After using the Sandkit DLL injector, you get a console window!

```
790 loader_working_on_w LoadLibraryA() is @ : 0x7c801d7b
pythonloaderdll Launching Sa7oriShell interactive from remote process
pythonloadtest C:\pythonloaderdll>
remote_console
rubyloadtest
560 test.dll
test_dll
248 testloader.exe
,950 bytes
,336 bytes free
```

```
Sa7oriShell running in yer processes...
If you can read this, a Console has been successfully allocated!
Testing STDIN: type some text then hit <ENTER>
testing
You entered: "testing
"
Py_Initialize() is @ 1e08f0b0
Py_Finalize() is @ 1e08e860
PyRun_InteractiveLoop() is @ 1e08f340
PyRun_SimpleString() is @ 1e08f2d0
Jumping into the python dll.
This is a test print() from inside python.
Attempting to enter interactive mode of python...
sa7>>>help
Type help() for interactive help, or help(object) for help about object.
sa7>>>dir()
['__builtins__', '__doc__', '__name__', 'sys']
sa7>>>
```

# Sa7Shell

Messing around inside the process (notepad.exe)  
like Message Box popups!



```
Sa7oriShell running in yer processes...

If you can read this, a Console has been successfully created.

Testing STDIN: type some text then hit <ENTER>
testing
You entered: "testing"
Attempting to load up Python...

Py_Initialize() is @ 1e08f0b0
Py_Finalize() is @ 1e08e860
PyRun_InteractiveLoop() is @ 1e08f340
PyRun_SimpleString() is @ 1e08f2d0
Jumping into the python dll.
I just PyRun_SimpleString()ed a string that 'touch'ed c:\sa7.txt!
check that it is there.
test
>>> import ctypes
>>> ctypes.windll.user32.MessageBoxA(0, 'HELLO from INSIDE NOTEPAD!', 'YEA!', 0)
```

# Sa7Shell: How does it work?

## ★ Inject the full Python interpreter into a target process, and mess around with it internally!

- This may sound trivial to do with vanilla DLL injection and it (for the most part is).
- However you have to handle special cases like: If your injected DLL does printf(s), where does STDOUT go in a GUI app?
- Answer: AllocateConsole() and then my "handle shenanigans"

```
87 //Ok, this is a lame trick but it seems to work! From testing, it looks like
88 //GetConsoleTitle() is a cheap way to detect whether an app even has a
89 //Console created, it also seems to adequately test whether an app even has
90 //console capabilities. I tested this by injecting into a bunch of different apps
91 //and it seems to be reliable.
92 thang = (LPTSTR)GlobalAlloc(GMEM_ZEROINIT, 2000);
93 if (GetConsoleTitle(thang,1999) == 0) //Console window does not exist
94     //so we have to create one.
95     MessageBox(NULL, "No Console Window exists. Creating one.", "!", MB_OK);
96 else
97     MessageBox(NULL, pName, "A Console already exists. ", MB_OK);
98
99 if (!AllocConsole()){
100     MessageBox(NULL, "Can not AllocConsole()!", "!", MB_OK);
101 //     return TRUE;
102 } else {
103     MessageBox(NULL, "AllocConsole() successful!", "!", MB_OK);
104     SetConsoleTitle("Sa7oriShell running in yer processes...");
105 }
```

# Sa7Shell: Handle Shenanigans

```
114 lStdHandle = (long)GetStdHandle(STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE);
115 if (lStdHandle == (long)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE)
116     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not get STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
117 //The next line causes process to exit with no exceptions when injected
118 //into remote process.
119 hConHandle = _open_osfhandle(lStdHandle, _O_TEXT); // _O_TEXT defined in
120                                                    //#include <fcntl.h> and _open_osfhandle in io.h
121 if (hConHandle == -1)
122     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not open STD_INPUT_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
123 fp = _fdopen( hConHandle, "w" );
124 *stdout = *fp;
125 setvbuf( stdout, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );
126
127 // redirect unbuffered STDIN to the console
128 lStdHandle = (long)GetStdHandle(STD_INPUT_HANDLE);
129 if (lStdHandle == (long)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE)
130     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not get STD_INPUT_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
131 hConHandle = _open_osfhandle(lStdHandle, _O_TEXT);
132 if (hConHandle == -1)
133     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not open STD_INPUT_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
134 fp = _fdopen( hConHandle, "r" );
135 *stdin = *fp;
136 setvbuf( stdin, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );
137
138 // redirect unbuffered STDERR to the console
139 lStdHandle = (long)GetStdHandle(STD_ERROR_HANDLE);
140 if (lStdHandle == (long)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE)
141     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not get STD_ERROR_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
142 hConHandle = _open_osfhandle(lStdHandle, _O_TEXT);
143 if (hConHandle == -1)
144     MessageBox(NULL, "Could not open STD_ERROR_HANDLE", "!", MB_OK);
145 fp = _fdopen( hConHandle, "w" );
146 *stderr = *fp;
147 setvbuf( stderr, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );
```



# PythonShell command in Sandkit

Drop directly into a python shell from Sandkit to fiddle:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - c:\Python24\python.exe SandKit.py
Z:\data\CHECKOUTS\github\SandKit>c:\Python24\python.exe SandKit.py

...ooo000 Welcome to 000ooo...

      SandKit

...ooo00000000000000000000ooo...

SandKit>> help pythonshell

      Use this to drop BACK to an interactive python shell.
      This can be used to then enter python code or import python
      modules as you would with the normal python interactive shell.

SandKit>> pythonshell

*** Welcome to SandKit Interactive Python Console ***
Break out with CTRL-Z.
>>> import bincompare as bc
>>> import litedbg
>>> litedbg.hexdump("Booyah Grandma!")
00000000:  42 6F 6F 79 61 68 20 47 72 61 6E 64 6D 61 21      !Booyah Grandma!!

>>> bc.compare("Booyah Grandma!", "BooYah Grandma!?", 0)
=>      Sizes of files differ by 1 bytes.
***** Files differ at byte: 0x3
>>> ^Z

SandKit>> help

...ooo000 SandKit Command 000ooo...
<for help, type: help <command>>

EOF      dumpmem  help  hook_fix  memdiff  pythonshell  sa7shell
copy_mem  exit    hist  injectdll  ps        readmem

SandKit>>
```

# BinCompare (stand-alone)

- ★ A standalone tool that does the same thing that memdiff does but specifically for files instead of just memory.
- ★ One of those stupidly simple things that is massively useful.

```
navi-two:sandbox_research s7ephen$ ./bincompare.py --help
```

```
BinCompare
```

```
Compare two files starting at the first byte.
```

```
./bincompare.py <file1> <file2> tolerance
```

```
tolerance: the number of first "differences" to ignore.  
if 0, dont stop until end of file.
```

```
navi-two:sandbox_research s7ephen$ cat dump_memory_in_range.wds
```

```
lm #to find ranges of ntdll and kernel32
```

```
.writemem kernel32_broker.dmp 0x7c800000 0x7c8f6000
```

```
.writemem ntdll_broker.dmp 0x7c900000 0x7c9af000
```

```
navi-two:sandbox_research s7ephen$ ./bincompare.py kernel32_broker.dmp kernel32_sandbox.dmp
```

```
==> Sizes of files are the same (1007616 bytes), a good start!
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85000
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85001
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85002
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85003
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85024
```

```
***** Files differ at byte: 0x85048
```

# DumpToken Redux

★ A Dll'd and .h'd version of Matt Conover's DumpToken tool with additional native API helpers such as NtQueryObject and ObjectTypeInfoInformation

★ The .h and .dll make it easily reusable in your injectable code.

```
DUMPING Process primary token
This is a restricted token
Token type: primary
Token ID: ██████████
Authentication ID: ██████████
Token's owner: STEPHEN-DD45233\Administrator (
Token's source: User32 (0x12db3)
Token's user: STEPHEN-DD45233\Administrator (us
Token's primary group: STEPHEN-DD45233\None (gr
Default DACL (84 bytes):
ACE count: 3
ACE 0:
  Applies to: NT AUTHORITY\RESTRICTED (unknown)
  ACE inherited by: not inheritable
  Access permission mask = 0x10000000
  Access mode: grant access
ACE 1:
  Applies to: STEPHEN-DD45233\Administrator (ur
  ACE inherited by: not inheritable
  Access permission mask = 0x10000000
  Access mode: grant access
ACE 2:
  Applies to: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM (unknown)
  ACE inherited by: not inheritable
  Access permission mask = 0x10000000
  Access mode: grant access
Token's privileges (1 total):
  SeChangeNotifyPrivilege (0x17) = [enabled by
Restricted SIDs (3 total):
  [0] BUILTIN\Users (alias)
  [0] Group is: [enabled by default] [mandatory
  [1] \Everyone (well-known group)
  [1] Group is: [enabled by default] [mandatory
  [2] NT AUTHORITY\RESTRICTED (well-known group)
  [2] Group is: [enabled by default] [mandatory
```

**This screenshot is from code that has been injected into an app using Sandbox\_PoC from Google Chrome.**

# TokenBrute/HandleBrute: A Token/ Handle Sniper

- ★ Inspired by a part of Cesar Cerrudo's (MS04-044) PoC
- ★ a Dll'd and .h'd tool that "snipes" or "steals" tokens granted into a process by brute forcing token handles
- ★ Not magic. surprisingly simple actually. Iterates 0 to MAX\_HANDLES (10,000 on XP) in separate thread.
- ★ Also uses DumpToken Redux to display info if token is found.

```
Success getting Thread handle...
Starting Token handle search...
Found A TOKEN that let us SetThreadToken() on it!
Token was at handle: ██████████ This is a unrestricted token
Token type: impersonation
Impersonation level: identification
Token ID: ██████████
Authentication ID: ██████████
```

**This is just "identification" but you get the concept ;-)**



Where do I get all this stuff?

How can I follow up after this talk?

# Where to get it?

- ★ Sandkit and this presentation is here:

[http://s7ephen.github.com/  
SandKit](http://s7ephen.github.com/SandKit)

- ★ Get these slides there.
- ★ Follow on Github for updates. (As I package/sanitize my private tools for public release I will be adding them to the SandKit project.)



# In a nutshell:

For Bug Hunters:  
Things to look into.

For Sandbox Developers:  
Things to look out for.

# Notes for Sandbox Developers

- ★ Auditing sandboxes is entirely a “configuration” audit game.
- ★ Applications written without sandboxing in mind have the worst trouble shoe-horning into a sandbox
- ★ Exhaustively check everything from the inside of the Sandbox out. Try to make these test cases integral parts of your build/release process.
- ★ Don’t “cheat” and pass tokens/handles/etc into the sandbox! Even for a “quick moment”.
- ★ Merely having the sandbox doesn’t secure you. You must should how to configure it (build PolicyFilters, install your own Intercepts even!)



# Notes for Sandbox Pen-testers/ Reversers

- ★ **There are really two audits: Audit of the "Sandbox" itself and Audit of the "Sandbox implementation"**
  - "Sandbox" bugs will be where the Sandbox meets the OS/Kernel or the IPC channels back into the "Broker". These are harder and higher value ;-)
  - "Sandbox implementation" bugs will be where the Sandbox meets the application's requirements. These are specific to the app.
- ★ **Applications written without sandboxing from the ground up will have difficulty shoe-horning into a sandbox**
  - The larger the application, the higher probability **something** (a legacy library, thread, etc) will require lax token restrictions and SID filters.
- ★ **If you have code execution inside the sandbox, don't be afraid to have your code "wait patiently" for the proper execution environment.**

# Do you need any work like this?

- ★ Software Reverse Engineering?
- ★ Penetration Testing?
- ★ Source Code Auditing?
- ★ Security Architecture Analysis?
- ★ Embedded System Security?
- ★ Security Consultation?
- ★ Cryptography Implementations?
- ★ Blackbox auditing of software/hardware?
- ★ Whitebox auditing of software/hardware?
- ★ Web application penetration testing?

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