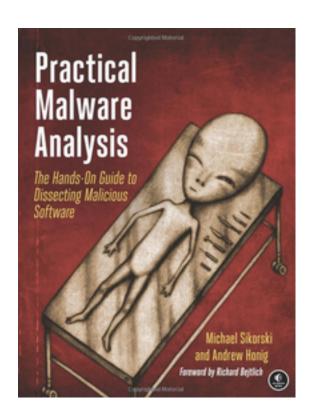
Practical Malware Analysis

Ch 9: OllyDbg



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History

- OllyDbg was developed more than a decade ago
- First used to crack software and to develop exploits
- The OllyDbg 1.1 source code was purchased by Immunity and rebranded as Immunity Debugger
- The two products are very similar

Loading Malware

Ways to Debug Malware

- You can load EXEs or DLLs directly into OllyDbg
- If the malware is already running, you can attach OllyDbg to the running process

Opening an EXE

- File, Open
- Add command-line arguments if needed
- OllyDbg will stop at the entry point,
 WinMain, if it can be determined
- Otherwise it will break at the entry point defined in the PE Header
 - Configurable in Options, Debugging Options

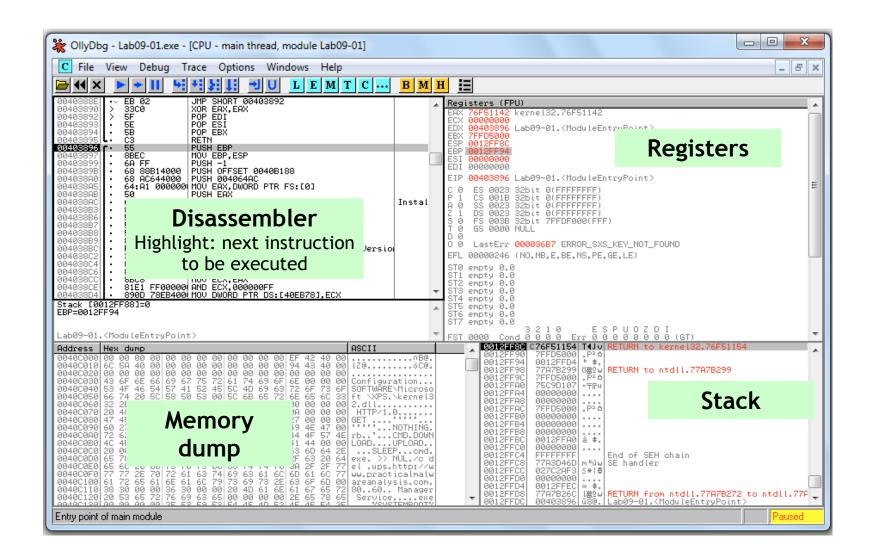
Attaching to a Running Process

- File, Attach
- OllyDbg breaks in and pauses the program and all threads
 - If you catch it in DLL, set a breakpoint on access to the entire code section to get to the interesting code

Reloading a File

- Ctrl+F2 reloads the current executable
- F2 sets a breakpoint

The OllyDbg Interface



Modifying Data

- Disassembler window
 - Press spacebar
- Registers or Stack
 - Right-click, modify
- Memory dump
 - Right-click, Binary, Edit
 - Ctrl+G to go to a memory location
 - Right-click a memory address in another pane and click "Follow in dump"

Memory Map

View, Memory Map

M Memo	ory map									
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- EXE and DLLs are identified
- Double-click any row to show a memory dump
- Right-click, View in Disassembler

Rebasing

- Rebasing occurs when a module is not loaded at its preferred base address
- PE files have a preferred base address
 - The *image base* in the PE header
 - Usually the file is loaded at that address
 - Most EXEs are designed to be loaded at 0x00400000
- EXEs that support Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) will often be relocated

DLL Rebasing

- DLLs are more commonly relocated
 - Because a single application may import many DLLs
 - Windows DLLs have different base addresses to avoid this
 - Third-party DLLs often have the same preferred base address

Absolute v. Relative Addresses

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Example 10-1. Assembly code that requires relocation

00401203 mov eax, [ebp+var_8]

00401206 cmp [ebp+var_4], 0

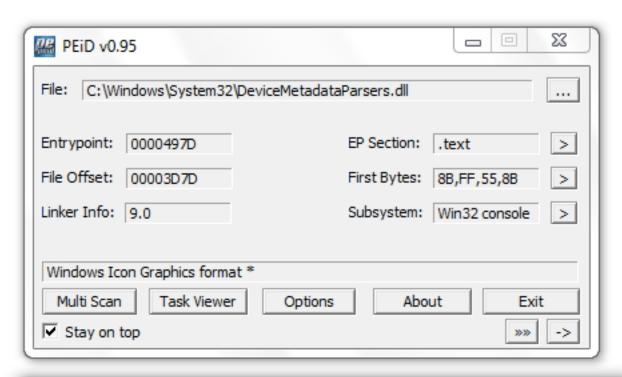
0040120a jnz loc_0040120

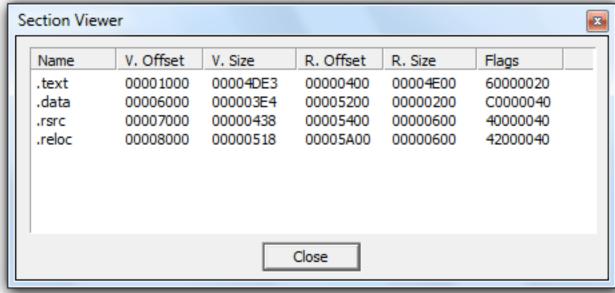
0040120c 1mov eax, dword_40CF60
```

- The first 3 instructions will work fine if relocated because they use relative addresses
- The last one has an absolute address that will be wrong if the code is relocated

Fix-up Locations

- Most DLLS have a list of fix-up locations in the .reloc section of the PE header
 - These are instructions that must be changed when code is relocated
- DLLs are loaded after the EXE and in any order
- You cannot predict where DLLs will be located in memory if they are rebased
- Example .reloc section on next slide





DLL Rebasing

- DLLS can have their .reloc removed
 - Such a DLL cannot be relocated
 - Must load at its preferred base address
- Relocating DLLs is bad for performance
 - Adds to load time
 - So good programmers specify non-default base addresses when compiling DLLs

Example of DLL Rebasing Olly Memory Map

 DLL-A and DLL-B prefer location 0x10000000

00340000 00341000 0034C000 0034F000 00350000 00401000 00411000 00417000 00417000 00419000 10000000 1000C000	00001000 00002000 00003000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000	EXE-1 EXE-1 DLL-A DLL-A DLL-A DLL-A	.text .rdata .data .rsrc .reloc .textbss .text .rdata .data .idata .rsrc .text .rdata	PE header code imports,exp data resources relocations PE header code SFX data imports resources PE header code imports,exp data	Imag Imag Imag Imag Imag Imag Imag Imag	***************************************	RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE RWE
1000C000	00003000	DLL-A	.data	data	Imag	R	RWE
1000F000	00001000		.rsrc	resources	Imag	R	RWE
10010000	00001000		.reloc	relocations	Imag	R	RWE

Figure 10-5. DLL-B is relocated into a different memory address from its requested location

IDA Pro

- IDA Pro is not attached to a real running process
- It doesn't know about rebasing
- If you use OllyDbg and IDA Pro at the same time, you may get different results
 - To avoid this, use the "Manual Load" option in IDA Pro
 - Specify the virtual base address manually

Viewing Threads and Stacks

- View, Threads
- Right-click a thread to "Open in CPU", kill it, etc.

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Ord Io	dent	Window's title	Last error		Entry	TIB	Suspend	Priority	User time	System time
2. 00 3. 00 4. 00 5. 00 6. 00	0000F34 0000488 00007C4 0000414 0000A80 000093C 00008C8	Cisco Packet Trac	ERROR_SUCCESS ERROR_SUCCESS	(00) (00) (00) (00)	7029345E 76E6EB16 76E6D34E 76E6D34E 768DC89D	7FFDD000 7FFDC000 7FFDB000 7FFDA000	0. 0. 0. 0.	Normal Normal Normal Normal Normal High	1.1544 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s	0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s 0.0000 s

Each Thread Has its Own Stack

Visible in Memory Map

M Memo	ory map						
Address	Size	Owner	Section	Contains	Type	Access	Initial
05050000	00800000				Priv	R₩	RW
05850000	00A80000				Priv		R₩
06820000	003FC000				Map	R	R
06D1D000					Priv	RM Gua:	
06D1F000				Stack of thread 2. (00000488)	Priv		RW
06E1D000				051	Priv		
06E1F000				Stack of thread 3. (000007C4)	Priv		RW
06F10000 07AD0000	00BBD000 006B5000				Priv Priv		RW RW
0828D000	00002000				Priv		
0828F000				Stack of thread 4. (00000414)	Priv	RM GMa.	RW Gwa.
0838D000				30ack 01 0111eau 4. (00000414)	Priv	RW Gua:	
0838F000				Stack of thread 5. (00000A80)	Priv		RW
0848C000	00002000			0.400.00	Priv		
0848E000	00002000			Stack of thread 6. (0000093C)	Priv		RW
0858D000	00002000				Priv		
0858F000	00001000			Stack of thread 7. (000008C8)	Priv		R₩
08630000	00019000				Priv		RW
08670000					Map	RW	RW
088B0000					Priv		RW
00510000	aa1E6aaa				Poin	RM	RIJ

ASLR is Fading

- Address Space Layout Randomization
 - "ASLR is fundamentally flawed in sandboxed environments such as JavaScript and future defenses should not rely on randomized virtual addresses as a building block."
- https://www.theregister.com/ 2021/02/26/chrome_aslr_bypass/

Executing Code

Table 10-1. OllyDbg Code-Execution Options

Function	Menu	Hotkey	Button
Run/Play	Debug ► Run	F9	>
Pause	Debug ▶ Pause	F12	II
Run to selection	Breakpoint ► Run to Selection	F4	
Run until return	Debug ► Execute till Return	CTRL-F9	+1
Run until user code	Debug ► Execute till User Code	ALT-F9	
Single-step/step-into	Debug ► Step Into	F7	4
Step-over	Debug ► Step Over	F8	+

Run and Pause

- You could Run a program and click Pause when it's where you want it to be
- But that's sloppy and might leave you somewhere uninteresting, such as inside library code
- Setting breakpoints is much better

Run and Run to Selection

- Run is useful to resume execution after hitting a breakpoint
- Run to Selection will execute until just before the selected instruction is executed
 - If the selection is never executed, it will run indefinitely

Execute till Return

- Pauses execution until just before the current function is set to return
- Can be useful if you want to finish the current function and stop
- But if the function never ends, the program will continue to run indefinitely

Execute till User Code

- Useful if you get lost in library code during debugging
- Program will continue to run until it hit compiled malware code
 - Typically the .text section

Stepping Through Code

- F7 -- Single-step (also called step-into)
- F8 -- Step-over
 - Stepping-over means all the code is executed,
 but you don't see it happen
- Some malware is designed to fool you, by calling routines and never returning, so stepping over will miss the most important part



Breakpoints

Types of Breakpoints

- Software breakpoints
- Hardware breakpoints
- Conditional breakpoints
- Breakpoints on memory

• F2 - Add or remove a breakpoint

Viewing Active Breakpoints

View, Breakpoints, or click B icon on

toolbar

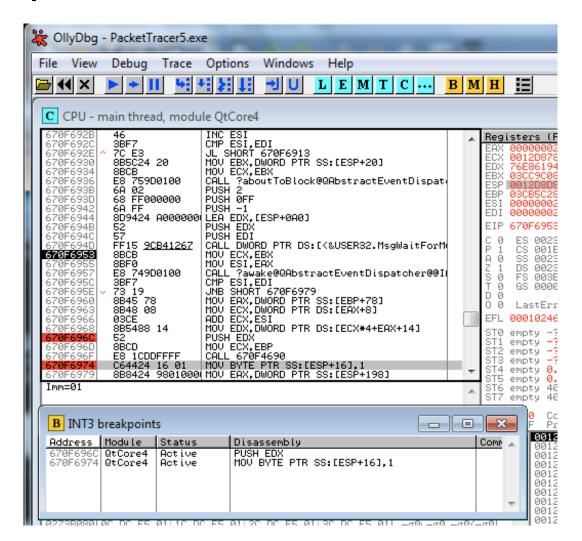


Table 10-2. OllyDbg Breakpoint Options

Function	Right-click menu selection	Hotkey
Software breakpoint	Breakpoint ► Toggle	F2
Conditional breakpoint	Breakpoint ► Conditional	SHIFT-F2
Hardware breakpoint	Breakpoint ► Hardware, on Execution	
Memory breakpoint on access (read, write, or execute)	Breakpoint ► Memory, on Access	F2 (select memory)
Memory breakpoint on write	Breakpoint ► Memory, on Write	

Saving Breakpoints

- When you close OllyDbg, it saves your breakpoints
- If you open the same file again, the breakpoints are still available

Software Breakpoints

- Useful for string decoders
- Malware authors often obfuscate strings
 - With a string decoder that is called before each string is used

```
Example 10-2. A string decoding breakpoint

push offset "4NNpTNHLKIXoPm7iBhUAjvRKNaUVBlr"

call String_Decoder

...

push offset "ugKLdNlLT6emldCeZi72mUjieuBqdfZ"

call String_Decoder

...
```

String Decoders

- Put a breakpoint at the end of the decoder routine
- The string becomes readable on the stack Each time you press Play in OllyDbg, the program will execute and will break when a string is decoded for use
- This method will only reveal strings as they are used

Conditional Breakpoints

- Breaks only when a condition is true
- Ex: Poison Ivy backdoor
 - Poison Ivy allocates memory to house the shellcode it receives from Command and Control (C&C) servers
 - Most memory allocations are for other purposes and uninteresting
 - Set a conditional breakpoint at the VirtualAlloc function in Kernel32.dll

Normal Breakpoint

- Put a standard breakpoint at the start of the VirtualAlloc function
- Here's the stack when it hits, showing five items:
 - Return address
 - 4 parameters (Address, Size, AllocationType, Protect)

```
        Ø9CSFD89
        0095007C
        CALL to VirtualAlloc from 00950079

        00C3FDB4
        00000000
        Address = NULL

        00C3FDB8
        00000029
        Size = 29 (41.)

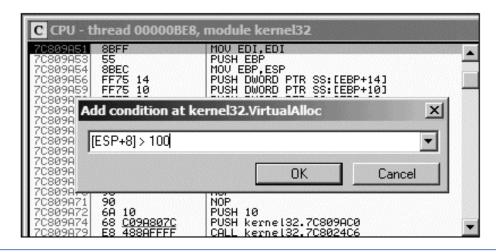
        00C3FDBC
        00001000
        AllocationType = MEM_COMMIT

        00C3FDC0
        00000040
        Protect = PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
```

Figure 10-7. Stack window at the start of VirtualAlloc

Conditional Breakpoint

- Right-click in the disassembler window on the first instruction of the function, and select **Breakpoint** ► **Conditional**. This brings up a dialog asking for the conditional expression.
- Set the expression and click **OK**. In this example, use [ESP+8]>100.
- 3. Click **Play** and wait for the code to break.



Hardware Breakpoints

- Don't alter code, stack, or any target resource
- Don't slow down execution
- But you can only set 4 at a time
- Click Breakpoint, "Hardware, on Execution"
- You can set OllyDbg to use hardware breakpoints by default in Debugging Options
 - Useful if malware uses anti-debugging techniques

Memory Breakpoints

- Code breaks on access to specified memory location
- OllyDbg supports software and hardware memory breakpoints
- Can break on read, write, execute, or any access
- Right-click memory location, click
 Breakpoint, "Memory, on Access"

Memory Breakpoints

- You can only set one memory breakpoint at a time
- OllyDbg implements memory breakpoints by changing the attributes of memory blocks
- This technique is not reliable and has considerable overhead
- Use memory breakpoints sparingly

When is a DLL Used?

- Bring up the Memory Map window and right-click the DLL's .text section (the section that contains the program's executable code).
- 2. Select **Set Memory Breakpoint on Access**.
- 3. Press F9 or click the play button to resume execution.

The program should break when execution ends up in the DLL's .text section.



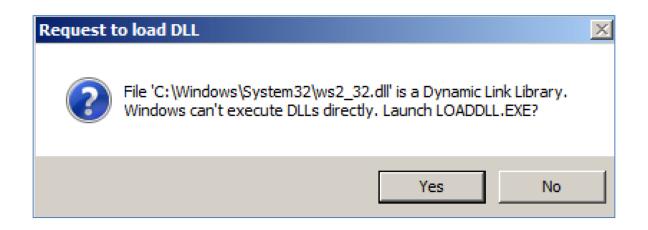
Loading DLLs

loaddll.exe

- DLLs cannot be executed directly
- OllyDbg uses a dummy loaddll.exe program to load them
- Breaks at the DLL entry point DLLMain once the DLL is loaded
- Press Play to run DLLMain and initialize the DLL for use

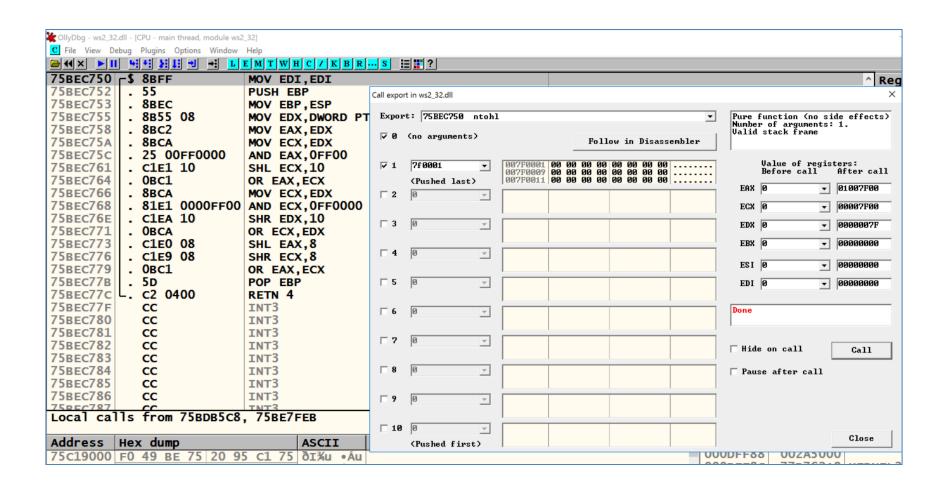
Demo

- Get OllyDbg 1.10, NOT 2.00 or 2.01
 - Link Ch 9a
- Use Win 2016 Server, 64 bit
- In OllyDbg, open
 - C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ws2_32.dll
- Click Yes at this box



Demo: Calling DLL Exports

- Click Debug, Call DLL Export it fails because DLLMain has not yet been run
- Reload the DLL (Ctrl+F2), click Run button once
- Click Debug, Call DLL Export now it works
 - Image on next slide



Demo: Running ntohl

- Converts a 32-bit number from network to host byte order
- Click argument 1, type in 7f000001
 - 127.0.0.1 in "network" byte order
- Click "Follow in Disassembler" to see the code
- Click "Call" to run the function
- Answer in EAX

Tracing

Tracing

- Powerful debugging technique
- Records detailed execution information
- Types of Tracing
 - Standard Back Trace
 - Call Stack Trace
 - Run Trace

Standard Back Trace

- You move through the disassembler with the Step Into and Step Over buttons
- OllyDbg is recording your movement
- Use minus key on keyboard to see previous instructions
 - But you won't see previous register values
- Plus key takes you forward
 - If you used Step Over, you cannot go back and decide to step into

Call Stack Trace

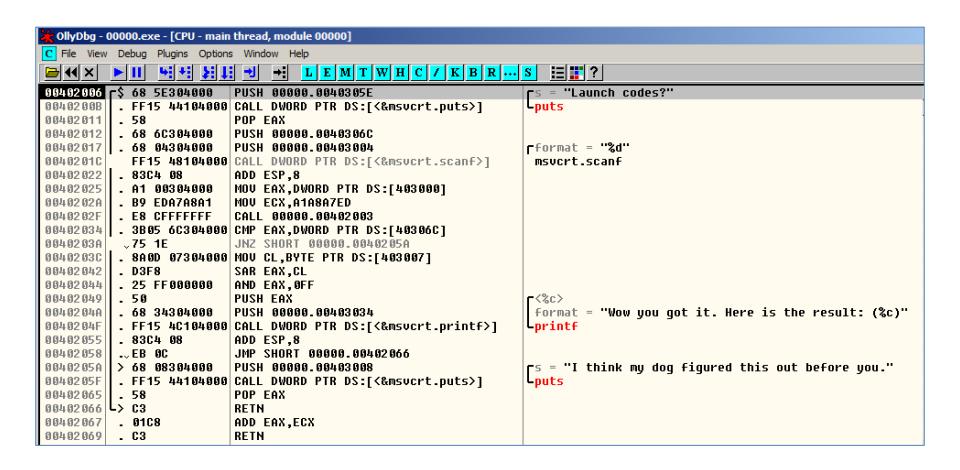
- Views the execution path to a given function
- Click View, Call Stack
- Displays the sequence of calls to reach your current location

Demo from PMA 401

- Simple guessing game
- Wrong answer produces an insult

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\easy\new>00000.exe
Launch codes?
1
I think my dog figured this out before you.
C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\easy\new>_
```

Entire main() in OllyDbg



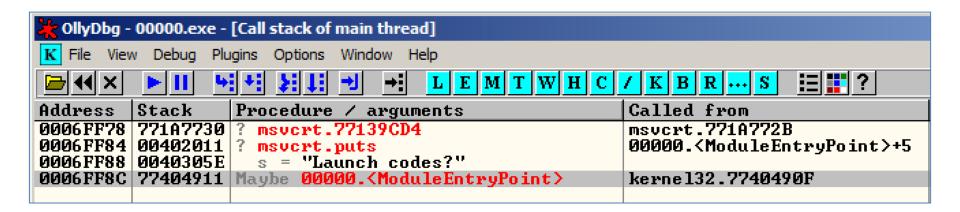
Step into puts

- Press F7 twice
- Click View, Call Stack



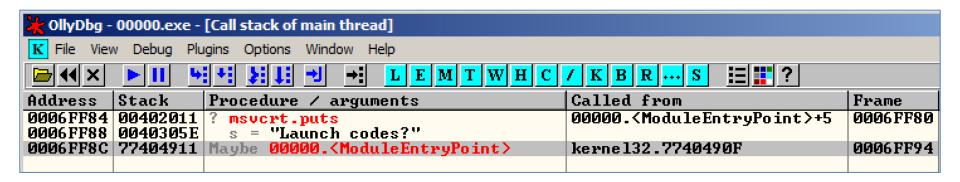
Step into again

- Click View, CPU
- Press F7 three times
- Click View, Call Stack
- New function appears at top

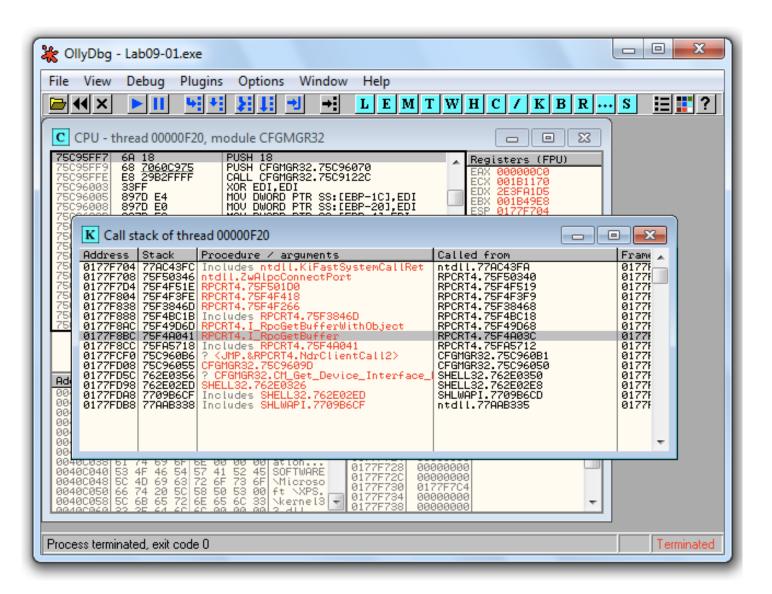


Return

- Click View, CPU
- Press F7 22 times, until the RETN and execute it
- Click View, Call Stack



A Deeper Call Stack



Run Trace

- Code runs, and OllyDbg saves every executed instruction and all changes to registers and flags
- Highlight code, right-click, Run Trace,
 Add Selection
- After code executes, View, Run Trace
 - To see instructions that were executed
 - + and keys to step forward and backwards

Demo: Run Trace of 00000.exe

Highlight code, right-click, Run Trace,
 Add Selection

```
CPU - main thread, module 00000]
C File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help
PUSH 00000.0040305E
                                                                           rs = "Launch codes?"
00402006 -$ 68 5E304000
0040200B
           . FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt.puts>]
                                                                           puts
00402011
            . 58
00402012
            . 68 6c304000
                              PUSH 00000.0040306C
                                                                           format = "%d"
00402017
            . 68 04304000
                              PUSH 00000.00403004
0040201c
           . FF15 48104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt.scanf>]
                                                                           Lscanf
00402022
            . 83C4 08
00402025
            . A1 00304000
                              MOV EAX, DWORD PTR DS: [403000]
0040202A
           . B9 EDA7A8A1
                              MOV ECX, A1A8A7ED
0040202F
           . E8 CFFFFFF
                              CALL 00000.00402003
00402034
              3B05
                                       )WORD PTR DS: [40306C]
0040203A
            <sub>~</sub>75 1
                                         00000.0040205A
                     Copy
0040203C
            . 8A0D
                                        TE PTR DS: [403007]
                     Binary
00402042
            . D3F8
                     Assemble
                                  Space
00402044
              25 F
                                       )FF
                     Label
00402049
            . 50
                     Comment
0040204A
                                       0.00403034
                                                                                       "Wow you got it. Here is the re
                     Breakpoint
                                       ND PTR DS:[<&msvcrt.printf>]
0040204F
            . FF15
                                                                           Lprintf
00402055
            . 83C4
                     Hit trace
00402058
            ... EB 0
                     Run trace
                                          Add selection
                                                                           rs = "I think my dog figured this out bef
           > 68 0
0040205A
                                          Add entries of all procedures
                                                                           puts
0040205F
            . FF15
                                                                 s>1
                                          Skip selection when tracing
                     Follow in Dump
00402065
              58
                                  Ctrl+K
                     View call tree
                                          Set condition
                                                            Ctrl+T
```

Demo: Run Trace of 00000.exe

- Run code
- Step back with and forward with +

```
CollyDbg - 00000.exe - [CPU - Run trace 4. steps back, module 00000]
C File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help
E M T W H C / K B R ... S Ⅲ ?
                                                                      s = "Launch codes?"
puts
00402006 - $ 68 5E304000
                            PUSH 00000.0040305E
0040200B
             FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt.puts>]
00402011
                            POP EAX
                            PUSH 00000.0040306C
             68 6C304000
00402012
                                                                       =format = "%d"
00402017
             68 04304000
                            PUSH 00000.00403004
0040201c
             FF15 48104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS: [<&msvcrt.scanf>]
                                                                       scanf
00402022
             83C4 08
                            ADD ESP,8
             A1 00304000
                            MOV EAX, DWORD PTR DS: [403000]
00402025
             B9 EDA7A8A1
                            MOV ECX, A1A8A7ED
0040202F
          . E8 CFFFFFF
                            CALL 00000.00402003
             3B05 6C304000 CMP EAX, DWORD PTR DS: [40306C]
00402034
            .75 1E
                            JNZ SHORT 00000.0040205A
          8A0D 07304000 MOV CL,BYTE PTR DS: [403007]
0040203C
             D3F8
                            SAR EAX.CL
00402044
             25 FF000000
                            AND EAX, OFF
00402049
             50
                            PUSH EAX
                                                                       format = "Wow you got it. Here is the re
             68 34304000
                            PUSH 00000.00403034
             FF15 4C104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS: [<&msvcrt.printf>]
0040204F
                                                                       printf
00402055
             83C4 08
                            ADD ESP.8
           . ∠EB OC
                            JMP SHORT 00000.00402066
00402058
           > 68 08304000
                                                                       rs = "I think my dog figured this out bef
0040205A
                            PUSH 00000.00403008
                                                                      puts
          . FF15 44104000 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&msvcrt.puts>]
. 58 POP EAX
00402065
00402066 L> c3
                            RETN
          . 01c8
00402067
                            ADD EAX, ECX
00402069
                            RETN
```

Trace Into and Trace Over

- Buttons below "Options"
- Easier to use than Add Selection
- If you don't set breakpoints, OllyDbg will attempt to trace the entire program, which could take a long time and a lot of memory

Debug, Set Condition

- Traces until a condition hits
- This condition catches Poison Ivy shellcode, which places code in dynamically allocated memory below 0x400000

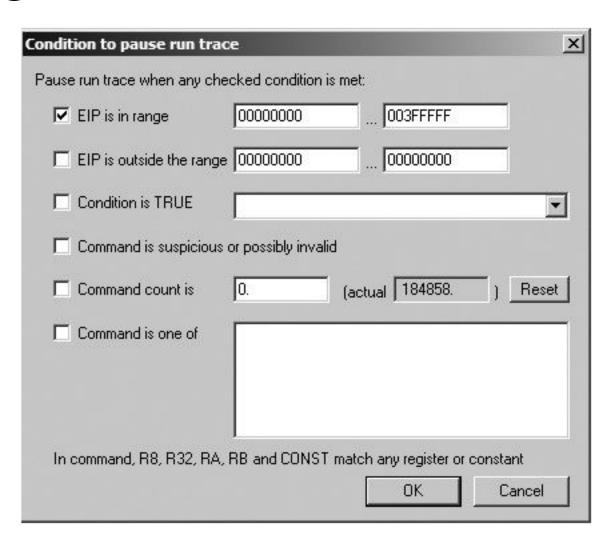


Figure 10-11. Conditional tracing

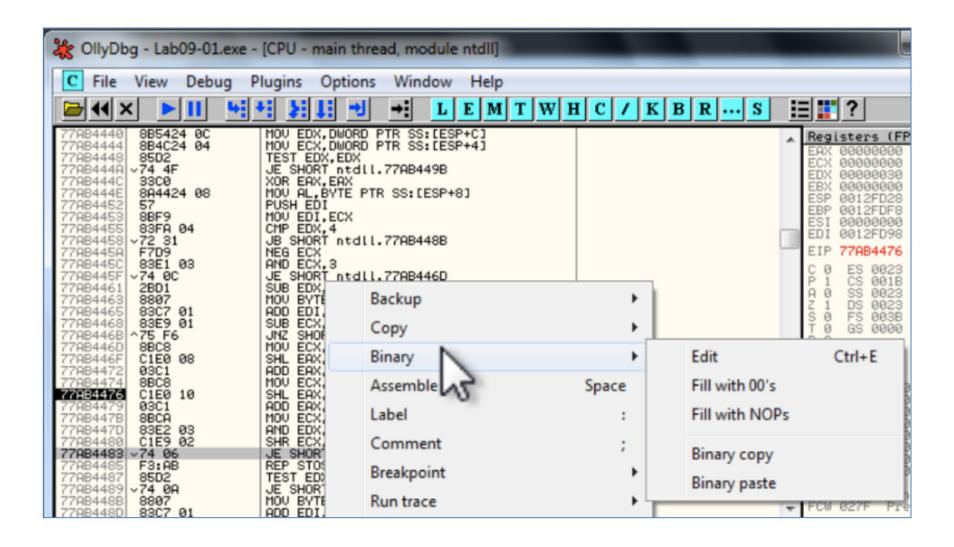
Exception Handling

When an Exception Occurs

- OllyDbg will stop the program
- You have these options to pass the exception into the program:
 - Shift+F7 Step into exception
 - Shift+F8: Step over exception
 - Shift+F9: Run exception handler
- Often you just ignore all exceptions in malware analysis
 - We aren't trying to fix problems in code

Patching

Binary Edit



Fill

- Fill with 00
- Fill with NOP (0x90)
 - Used to skip instructions
 - e.g. to force a branch

Saving Patched Code

- Right-click disassembler window after patching
 - Copy To Executable, All Modifications, Save File
 - Copy All
- Right-click in new window
 - Save File

Analyzing Shellcode

Undocumented technique

Easy Way to Analyze Shellcode

- Copy shellcode from a hex editor to clipboard
- Within memory map, select a region of type "Priv" (Private memory)
- Double-click rows in memory map to show a hex dump
 - Find a region of hundreds of consecutive zeroes
- Right-click chosen region in Memory Map,
 Set Access, Full Access (to clear NX bit)

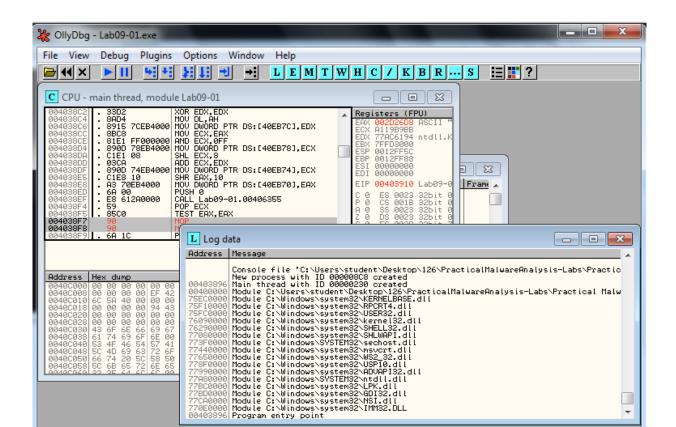
Analyzing Shellcode

- Highlight a region of zeroes, Binary, Binary Paste
- Set EIP to location of shellcode
 - Right-click first instruction, New Origin Here

Assistance Features

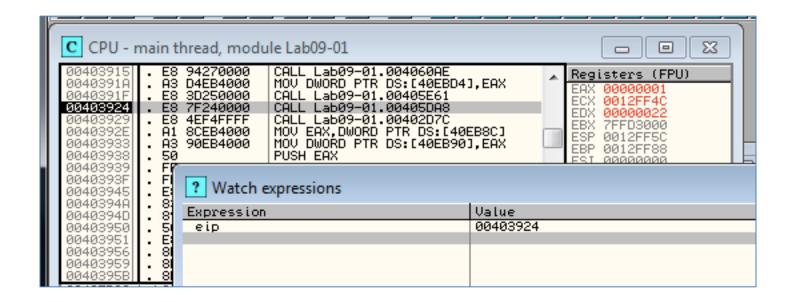
Log

- View, Log
 - Shows steps to reach here



Watches Window

- View, Watches
 - Watch the value of an expression
 - Press SPACEBAR to set expression
 - OllyDbg Help, Contents
 - Instructions for Evaluation of Expressions



Labeling

- Label subroutines and loops
 - Right-click an address, Label

Plug-ins

Recommended Plugins

- OllyDump
 - Dumps debugged process to a PE file
 - Used for unpacking
- Hide Debugger
 - Hides OllyDbg from debugger detection
- Command Line
 - Control OllyDbg from the command line
 - Simpler to just use WinDbg
- Bookmarks
 - Included by default in OllyDbg
 - Bookmarks memory locations

Scriptable Debugging

Immunity Debugger (ImmDbg)

- Unlike OllyDbg, ImmDbg employs Python scripts and has an easy-to-use API
- Scripts are located in the PyCommands subdirectory under the install directory of ImmDbg
- Easy to create custom scripts for ImmDbg

