

# WinDbg: User & Kernel Mode Debugging



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# Course Introduction

# Course Objective

- Learn user and kernel mode debugging with WinDbg
- Examine CPU state, memory, program disassembly, data etc.
- Understand Windows Internals, kernel data structures, device drivers, crash analysis

# Usefulness in Infosec?

- Exploit Research
- Reverse Engineering
- Malware Analysis
- Windows Internals and Rootkits

# Course Outline

- Lab Setup
- WinDbg Basics
- Understanding Processes and Threads
- Debugging Multi-processor systems
- Symbols and Symbol Servers
- Debugging
  - With source
  - Without source

# Course Outline (contd.)

- User Mode Debugging
  - Breakpoints
  - Watches
  - Examining CPU
  - Examining Memory – Stack, Heap, Code
  - Threads and associated storage
  - Modifying registers, data etc.
  - Disassembling

# Course Outline (contd.)

- Kernel Mode Debugging
  - Kernel debug setup
  - Windows Internals basics
  - Device Driver basics
  - Kernel data structures
  - Process and Thread data structures
  - Interesting APIs and Subsystems
  - Rootkit analysis

# Course Outline (contd.)

- Case Studies:
  - Buffer Overflows
  - Malicious programs
    - Local
    - Network based communication
    - Rootkits and Kernel mode backdoors

# Lab Setup

- Windows 8.1 x86\_64
- Windows 10 x86\_64
  - Technical or Insider preview
- Visual Studio 2013 / 2015 Professional
  - 90 day trial will do
  - Windows SDK
  - Windows DDK
  - Installing Help locally

