

Patchwork

Stitching against malware families with IDA Pro

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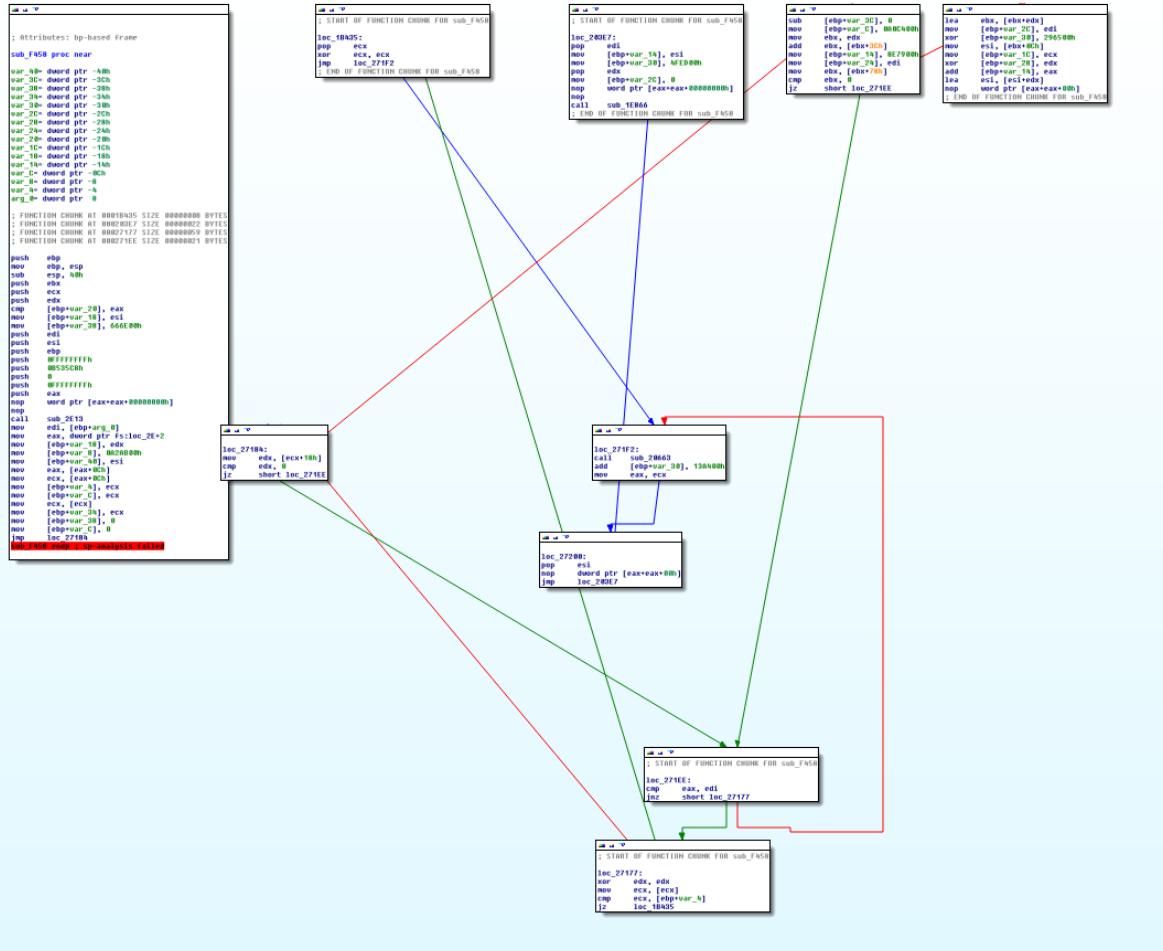
- Personal background
 - PhD student and researcher at University of Bonn & Fraunhofer FKIE
 - Research focus: Efficiency of Reverse Engineering
 - Work focus: malware analysis and botnet mitigation
- Related projects
 - [1] PyBox (python sandboxing toolkit)
 - [2] IDAscope (IDA Pro enhancements for malware RE)

[1] <http://code.google.com/p/pyboxed>

[2] <https://idascope.pnx.tf>

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Patchwork Motivation



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... in a nutshell

- Patchwork = refurbished (IDA)PyEmu [1] + set of convenience functions
- ⚠ Work in progress
- Driving ideas:
 - A flexible framework that allows data transformations aiding static analysis
 - Get away from the (throwaway-)snippets-per-case approach
- ❤ Sharing is caring!

[1] <https://github.com/codypierce/pyemu> (2009 / 2012)

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Wishlist

- Seamless integration with IDA
- Instrumentalization of analysis target's native code
 - But don't actually run code (= no debugging, AppCall, PIN, ...)
- Reusability / generalization

- Notable emulation solutions compatible with IDA:
 - [1] Ida-x86emu: standalone plugin, no extendability
 - [2] (IDA)PyEmu: python-based, fully scriptable
 - Incomplete (limited to most common opcodes)
 - Outdated (state of 2009)

[1] <http://www.idabook.com/ida-x86emu>

[2] <https://github.com/codypierce/pyemu>

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(IDA)PyEmu

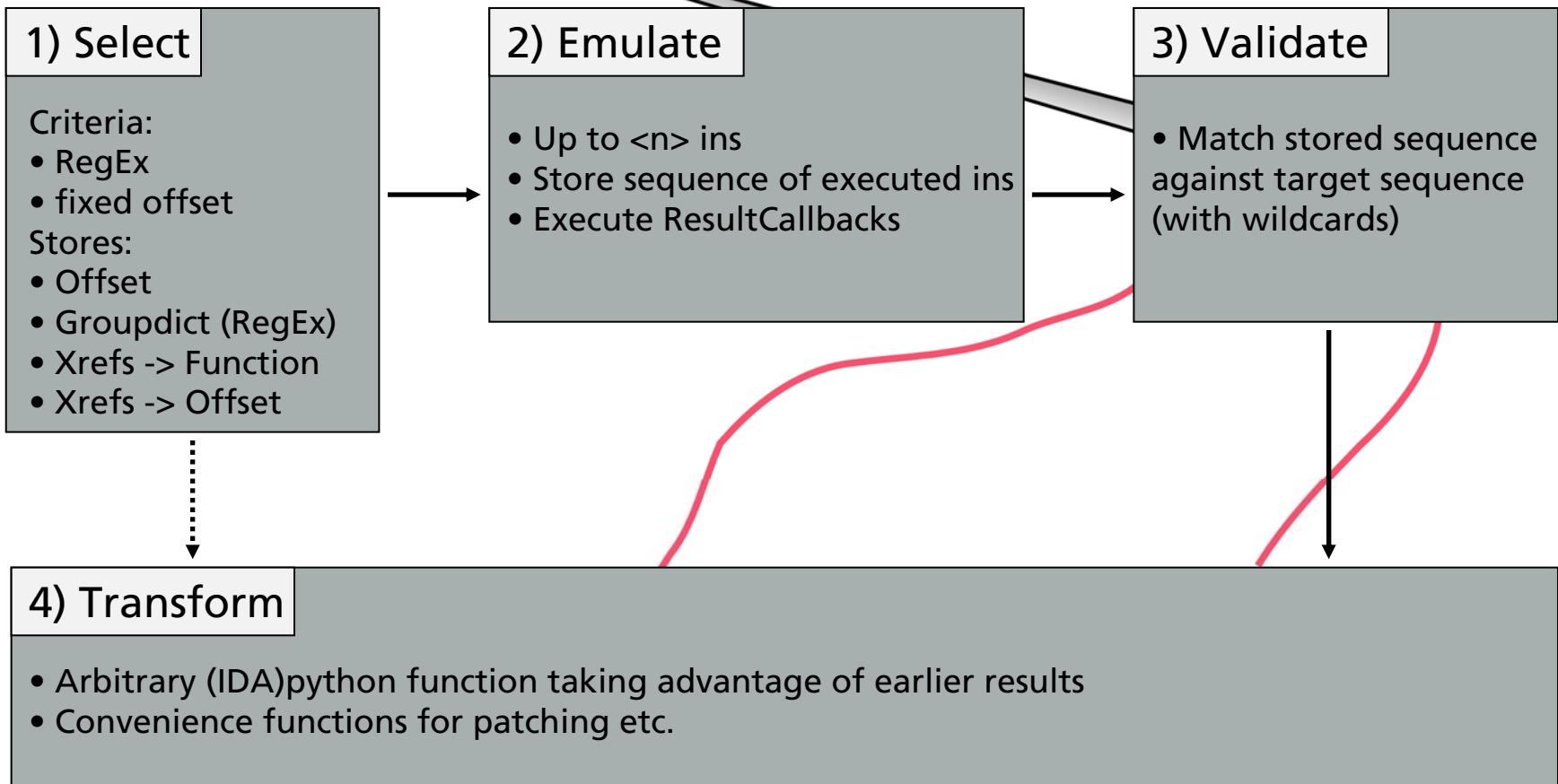
Workflow

- Pretty straight-forward :)
- Set initial emulation state
 - Allocate + fill virtual memory
 - Create context (stack / registers + EIP)
- Emulate step by step

Proceed with modified state (algorithmic results, transformed memory)

Patchwork Workflow

- A „stitch“:



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Example: Nymaim

- Dropper / Ransom malware family [1]
- Written in assembler, heavily obfuscated
 - Control flow obfuscation (call/jmp redirection)
 - Obfuscated stack/register usage (delegated to subfunction)
 - Obfuscated stack usage (introduction of many irrelevant fields)
 - Hashed API calls

[1] <http://www.welivesecurity.com/2013/08/26/nymaim-obfuscation-chronicles/>

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Example: Nymaim (Control Flow Obfuscation)

```
000BA2BB      push    eax
000BA2BC      push    0B0B48F89h
000BA2C1      push    4F4AD544h
000BA2C6      call    sub_9D009
000BA2CB      mov     eax, ebx
```

```
000BA2C3      nop
000BA2C4      nop
000BA2C5      nop
000BA2C6      call    sub_B0798
000BA2CB      mov     eax, ebx
```

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
sub_9D009 proc near
arg_0= dword ptr  8
arg_4= dword ptr  0Ch
arg_8= dword ptr  10h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 000B4327 SIZE 00000008 BYTES

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push    eax
mov     eax, [ebp+arg_4]
mov     [ebp+arg_8], eax
mov     eax, [ebp+arg_8]
add    eax, [ebp+arg_8]
jmp    loc_B4327
sub_9D009 endp
```

Arg_0: Displacement offset part 0 (0x4F4AD544)

Arg_4: Displacement offset part 1 (0xB0B48F89)

Arg_8: Placeholder for original return address

Function prologue

Save original return address

Calculate displacement

```
; START OF FUNCTION CHUNK FOR sub_9D009
loc_B4327:
add    [ebp+arg_4], eax
pop    eax
leave
ret   8
; END OF FUNCTION CHUNK FOR sub_9D009
```

Apply displacement to return address

Clean up and detour to displaced return address

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The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers with their current values.
- Stack:** Shows the stack contents at address 0008FEC4, which contains the placeholder assembly code: `push placeholder`, `for original`, and `return address`.
- Memory Dump:** Shows the memory dump from address 01004000 to 010040B0, highlighting the placeholder code.
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended CPU registers for 3DNow!, including MM0 through MM7, XM0 through XM7, and XMCSR.
- Call Stack:** Shows the call stack starting from the current instruction at 0008A2B8.

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- Registers (3DNow!):**
 - EAX 00000000
 - ECX 00A8FEC8
 - EDX 7C90E4F4 ntdll.KiFastSystemCallRet
 - EBX 00092A92
 - ESP 00A8FEC4
 - EBP 00A8FEE4
 - ESI 095C0003
 - EDI 7C9115EF ntdll.7C9115EF
 - EIP 000BA2BC
- Stack [000A8FEC0]=000A6F76**
- Imm=000A6F76**
- MXCSR 00001F80 F2 0 D2 0 Err 0 0 0 0 Rnd NEAR Mask 1 1 1 1 1 1**

Registers (3DNow!):

 - C 0 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)
 - P 1 CS 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)
 - A 0 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)
 - Z 1 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFFF)
 - S 0 FS 003B 32bit 7FFDD000(FFF)
 - T 0 GS 0000 NULL
 - D 0
 - O 0 LastErr 00000000 ERROR_SUCCESS
 - EFL 00000246 (N0,NB,E,BE,NS,PE,GE,LE)

- Memory Dump:**

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
01004000	70 75 73 68 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	push
01004010	64 69 73 70 6C 61 63 65 60 65 6E 74 20 20 20 20	displacement
01004020	5F 70 65 72 61 6E 64 72 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	operands
01004030	20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004060	00 00 00 00 40 BB 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
010040A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A8 1D 00 01	
010040B0	BF 44 FF FF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70	

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- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended registers for 3DNow!.
- Registers (MMX):** Shows extended registers for MMX.
- Registers (MXCSR):** Shows the MXCSR register.

Assembly code (CPU pane):

```
000BA2A1 8B50 10 MOV EBX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10]
000BA2A4 39C3 CMP EBX, EAX
000BA2A6 72 25 JB SHORT 000BA2CD
000BA2A8 89C3 MOV EBX, EAX
000BA2AA 6A 33 PUSH 33
000BA2AC E8 2861FEFF CALL 000A93D9
000BA2B1 6A 36 PUSH 36
000BA2B3 E8 2161FEFF CALL 000A93D9
000BA2B8 FF75 0C PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
000BA2BB 59 PUSH EBX
000BA2BC 68 89FB4B80 PUSH B0B48F89
000BA2C1 68 44D54A4F PUSH 4F44D544
000BA2C6 E8 3E2DFFE9 CALL 00090009
000BA2C8 8908 MOV EAX, EBX
000BA2C9 59 POP ECX
000BA2CE 5F POP EDI
000BA2CF SE POP ESI
000BA2D0 5A POP EDX
000BA2D1 5B POP EBX
000BA2D2 C9 LEAVE
000BA2D3 C2 0C00 RETN 0C
000BA2D6 8B45 0C MOV EAX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
000BA2D9 8B4D 08 MOV ECX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
000BA2DC ^ E9 EED1FFFF JMP 000B74CF
000BA2E1 55 PUSH EBP
000BA2E2 89E5 MOV EBP, ESP
000BA2E4 57 PUSH EDI
000BA2E5 83D0 31FA0C00 CMP DWORD PTR DS:[0CFA81],1
000BA2E9 ^ 0F84 D08CF0FF JE 00092FC2
000BA2F2 68 E8030000 PUSH 3E8
000BA2F7 6A 64 PUSH 64
000BA2F9 57 PUSH EDI
000BA2FA 68 15803229 PUSH 29328015
000BA2FF 68 93E33429 PUSH 2934E393
000BA394 E8 8CEBFFFF CALL 000B8E95
000BA399 ^ EB DA JMP SHORT 000BA2E5
000BA39A 8B4D EC MOVL ECX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-11]
```

Stack [000A8FEC4]=000A8FED4

Imm=4F44D544

Address Hex dump ASCII

01004000	70 75 73 68 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	push displacement operands
01004010	64 69 73 70 6C 61 63 65 60 65 6E 74 20 20 20 20	
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01004030	20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
010040A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A8 1D 00 01	
010040B0	BF 44 FF FF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70	

000A8FEC0 B0B48F89 8AH
000A8FEC4 00000000
000A8FEC8 7C9001FC ??E! RETURN to ntdll.ZwDelayExecution+0C
000A8FECB 7C9115EF n??!
000A8FED0 00000000
000A8FED4 00A8F700
000A8FED8 000007D0 ..*
000A8FEDC 095C8003 *`n?
000A8FEE0 00A8F4A4 ?`n?
000A8FEE4 00A8F708 ?`n?
000A8FEE8 000AD0E2 ??E!
000A8FEEC 7C9001F8 ??E! RETURN from 000908D7 to 000AD0E2
000A8FEE0 00000002 @
000A8FEE4 00A8F700 ??E!

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Example: Nymaim (Control Flow Obfuscation)

The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers with their current values.
- Stack Dump:** Displays the stack contents from C to T.
- Memory Dump:** Shows the memory dump starting at address 01004000, highlighting the detour function.
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended registers MM0-MM7 and XM0-XM7.
- MXCSR:** Shows the MXCSR register value 00001F80.
- Call Stack:** Shows the call stack with entries like nt!ZwDelayExecution+0C and nt!ZwDelayExecution.

Assembly View:

```
000BA2A1 8B50 10 MOU EBX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10]
000BA2A4 39C3 CMP EBX,EAX
000BA2A6 72 25 JB SHORT 000BA2CD
000BA2A8 89C3 MOU EBX,EAX
000BA2AA 6A 33 PUSH 33
000BA2AC E8 2861FEFF CALL 000A03D9
000BA2B1 6A 36 PUSH 36
000BA2B3 E8 2161FEFF CALL 000A03D9
000BA2B8 FF75 0C PUSH DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
000BA2BB 50 PUSH EAX
000BA2BC 68 89FB4B80 PUSH B0B4BF89
000BA2C1 68 44D54A4F PUSH 4F4AD544
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000BA2CB 8908 MOU ECX,EBX
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000BA2CE 5F POP EDI
000BA2CF SE POP ESI
000BA2D0 5A POP EDX
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000BA2E5 83D0 31FA0C00 CMP DWORD PTR DS:[0CFA031],1
000BA2EC ^0F84 D08CFDFE JE 00092FC2
000BA2F2 68 E8030000 PUSH 3E8
000BA2F7 6A 64 PUSH 64
000BA2F9 57 PUSH EDI
000BA2FA 68 15803229 PUSH 293820015
000BA2FB 68 93E33429 PUSH 2934E3393
000BA304 E8 8C0FFFFF CALL 000B8E95
000BA309 ^EB DA JMP SHORT 000BA2E5
000BA30B 8B4D EC MOU ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-41]
```

Dest: 00090009

Call Stack:

```
000A8FEBC 4F4AD544 D FJO
000A8FEC0 B0B4BF89 6A1E
000A8FEC4 00000000
000A8FEC8 7C9001FC "%T@! RETURN to ntdll.ZwDelayExecution+0C
000A8FECC 7C9115EF n3@!
000A8FED0 00000000
000A8FED4 00A8FF00 .c
000A8FED8 000007D0 ..n.
000A8FEE0 00A8FFA4 .d
000A8FEE4 00A8FF08 .d
000A8FEE8 000000E2 F#4
000A8FEEC 7C9001F0 5%T@! RETURN from 000900D7 to 000AD0E2
000A8FEE8 7C9001F0 5%T@! ntdll.ZwDelayExecution
000A8FEC8 00000000 .m
```

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Example: Nymaim (Control Flow Obfuscation)

The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** AX=00000000, ECX=00A8FEC8, EDX=7C90E4F4, EBX=00090000, ESP=00A8FEB8, EBP=00A8FEE4, ESI=005C0003, EDI=7C9115EF.
- EIP:** 0009D009.
- Stack:** Stack [00A8FEE4]=000007D0 (decimal 2000). EBP=00A8FEE4.
- Memory Dump:** Shows memory starting at address 01004000, displaying hex values and ASCII text. The ASCII text includes "function", "prologue", and several sequences of zeros.
- Registers (3DNow!):** MM0-MM7, XM0-XM7, XMCSR.
- Call Stack:** Shows the call history from 0009D009 to 000908D7, then to 000AD0E2, and finally to nt!ZwDelayExecution+0C.

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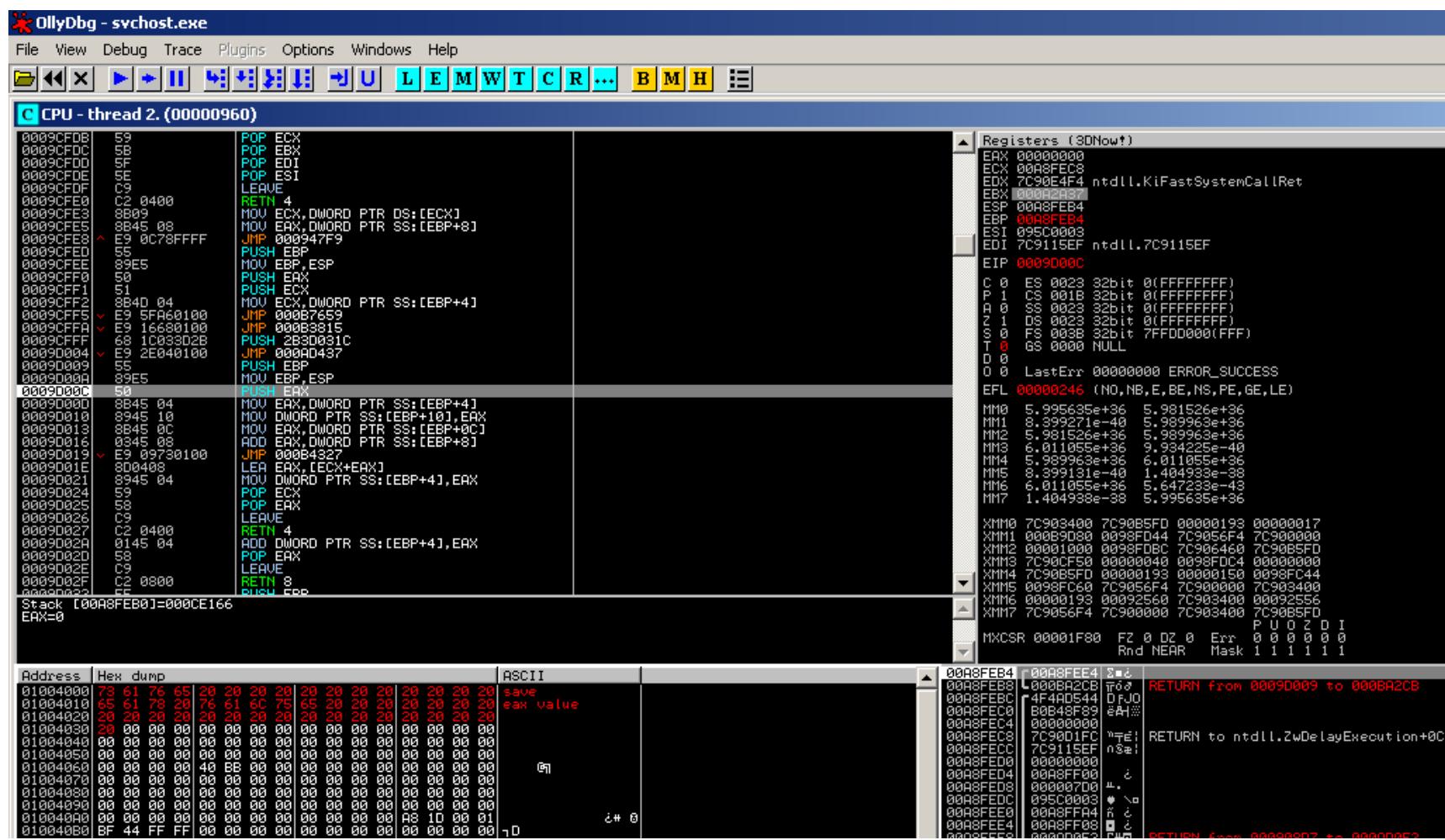
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The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following panes:

- Assembly pane:** Displays assembly code for the current thread (thread 2). The code includes various instructions like POP, MOV, PUSH, and RETN, along with some conditional jumps (JMP) and ADD/DWORD PTR operations.
- Registers pane:** Shows CPU registers (EAX, ECX, EDX, EBX, ESP, EBP, EDI, ESI, EIP) and their current values.
- Stack dump pane:** Shows the stack dump (CPU - thread 2) with memory addresses from 0009CFDB to 0009D0A9. It highlights certain bytes in red, such as 'function' and 'prologue'.
- Memory dump pane:** Shows the memory dump (CPU - thread 2) with memory addresses from 01004000 to 010040B0. It also highlights specific bytes in red.
- Registers pane (right):** Shows additional registers (MM0-MM7, XM0-XM7, MXCSR) and their floating-point values.
- Stack dump pane (right):** Shows the stack dump (CPU - thread 2) with memory addresses from 0009D0A9 to 00095FEC. It highlights specific bytes in red.

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The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers with their current values.
- Stack:** Shows the stack contents starting at address 000A8FE88, with the original return address at 000BA2CB.
- Memory Dump:** Shows the memory dump of the stack area, highlighting the save, original, and return address fields.
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended CPU registers for 3DNow!.
- Registers (MMX):** Shows extended CPU registers for MMX.
- Registers (MXCSR):** Shows the MXCSR register.

Assembly code (CPU - thread 2. (00000960)):

```
0009CFDB 59      POP ECX
0009CFDC 5B      POP EBX
0009CFDD 5F      POP EDI
0009CFDE 5E      POP ESI
0009CFDF C9      LEAVE
0009CFF0 C2 0400 RETN 4
0009CFF3 8B09    MOV ECX,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX]
0009CFF5 8B45 08 MOV EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
0009CFF8 ^ E9 0C78FFFF JMP 000947F9
0009CFFD 55      PUSH EBP
0009CFFE 89E5    MOV EBP,ESP
0009CFFF 50      PUSH ECX
0009CFF1 51      PUSH ECX
0009CFF2 8B4D 04 MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+4]
0009CFF5 ✓ E9 5FA60100 JMP 000B7659
0009CFFA ✓ E9 16680100 JMP 000B8815
0009CFFF 68 1C03302B PUSH 2B3D031C
0009D004 ✓ E9 2E040100 JMP 000A0437
0009D009 55      PUSH EBP
0009D00A 89E5    MOV EBP,ESP
0009D00C 50      PUSH ECX
0009D00D 8B45 04 MOV EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+4]
0009D010 8945 10 MOV EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10],EAх
0009D013 8B45 0C MOV EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+0C]
0009D016 0345 08 ADD EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
0009D019 ✓ E9 09730100 JMP 000B4327
0009D01E 8D9408 LEA EAх,[ECX+EAх]
0009D021 8945 04 MOV EAх,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+4],EAх
0009D024 59      POP ECX
0009D025 58      POP EAх
0009D026 C9      LEAVE
0009D027 C2 0400 RETN 4
0009D029 0145 04 ADD DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+4],EAх
0009D02D 58      POP EAх
0009D02E C9      LEAVE
0009D02F C2 0800 RETN 8
0009D032 FF      PUSH EBX
```

Stack [000A8FE88]=000BA2CB
EAX=0

Registers (3DNow!):

C 0	ES 0023 32bit	0(FFFFFFFF)
P 1	CS 001B 32bit	0(FFFFFFFF)
A 0	SS 0023 32bit	0(FFFFFFFF)
Z 1	DS 0023 32bit	0(FFFFFFFF)
S 0	FS 003B 32bit	7FFD0000(FFF)
T 0	GS 0000 NULL	
D 0		
O 0	LastErr 00000000	ERROR_SUCCESS
EFL 00000246	(No,NB,E,BE,NS,PE,GE,LE)	

Registers (MMX):

MM0	5.995635e+36	5.981526e+36
MM1	5.999271e-40	5.99963e+36
MM2	5.981526e+36	5.989963e+36
MM3	6.011055e+36	9.334225e-40
MM4	5.989963e+36	6.011055e+36
MM5	8.399131e-40	1.404933e-38
MM6	6.011055e+36	5.647233e-43
MM7	1.404938e-38	5.995635e+36

Registers (Registers (MMX)): XMM0-XMM7

Registers (MXCSR): MXCSR 00001F80 F2 0 D2 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0 Rnd NEAR Mask 1 1 1 1 1

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- Stack:** Shows the stack contents starting at address 0009D000, including the return address 0009D010 and other local variables.
- Memory Dump:** A hex dump of memory from address 01004000 to 010040B0, showing the original save file and the return address.
- Registers (3DNow!):** MM0 to MM7, XM0 to XM7, XMCSR.
- Registers (CPU):** AX, ECX, EDX, EBX, ESP, EBP, ESI, EDI, EIP, EFL, C, P, R, Z, S, T, D, O, LastErr, EFL, MM0 to MM7, XM0 to XM7, XMCSR.
- Registers (Thread 2):** AX, ECX, EDX, EBX, ESP, EBP, ESI, EDI, EIP, EFL, MM0 to MM7, XM0 to XM7, XMCSR.

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- Registers:** Shows CPU registers (EAX, ECX, EDX, EBX, ESP, EBP, ESI, EDI) and floating-point registers (MM0-MM7). Values are mostly zero or small floating-point numbers.
- Stack:** Stack pointer is at 0008FE00, containing the value 0008BA2CB.
- Memory Dump:** Shows memory starting at address 01004000. The first few bytes are 66 65 74 63, followed by a sequence of 20s. A cursor is at address 01004070, showing the byte 20. The ASCII column shows "fetch first displacement operand".
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows MM0-MM7 values.
- Registers (CPU):** Shows CPU register values.
- Registers (FPU):** Shows floating-point register values.
- Registers (MXCSR):** Shows MXCSR register value 00001F80.
- Registers (CPU):** Shows CPU register values again.
- Registers (FPU):** Shows floating-point register values again.
- Registers (MXCSR):** Shows MXCSR register value 00001F80.

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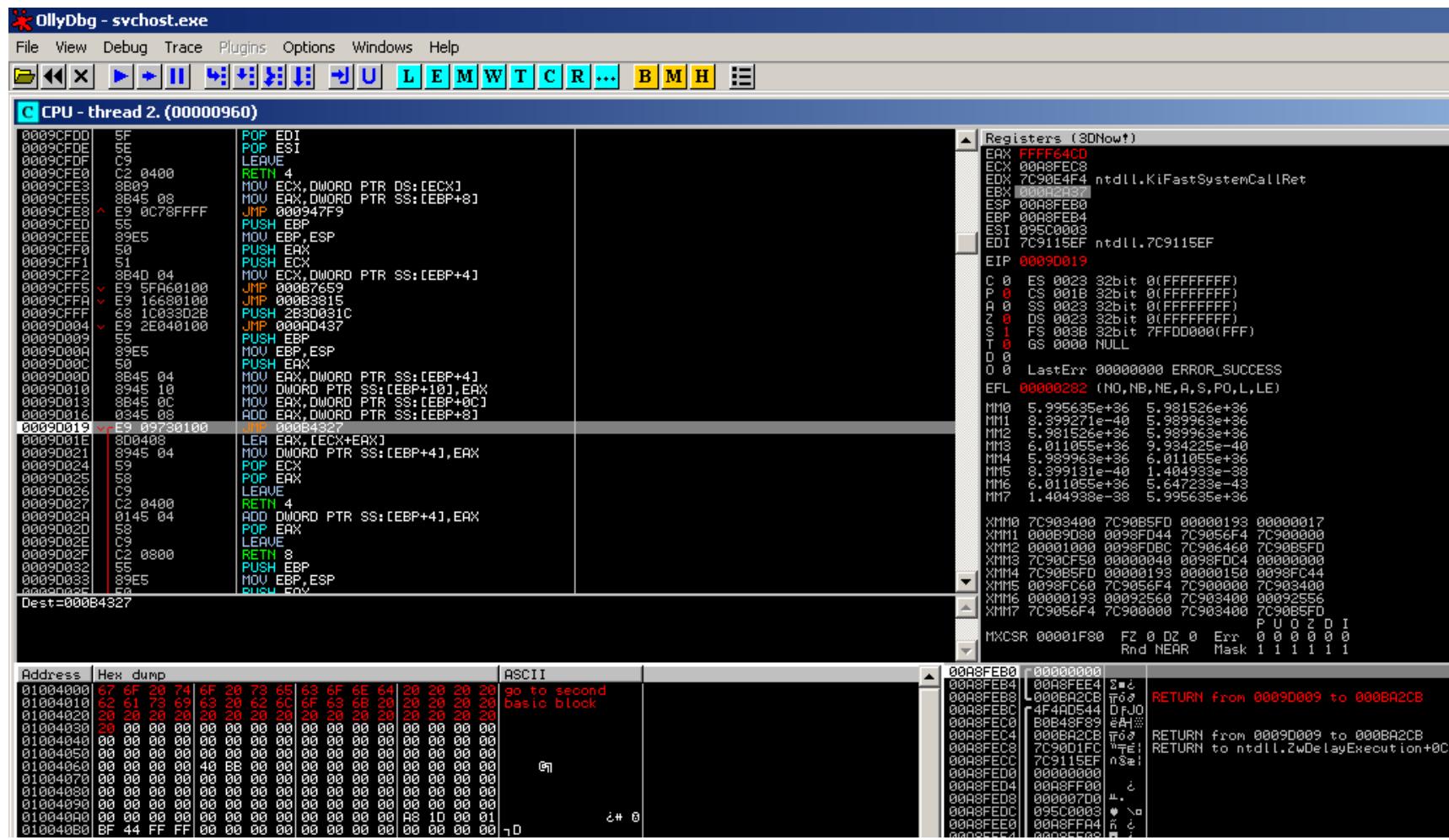
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- Assembly View:** Shows assembly code for thread 2 (00000960). The code includes various instructions like POP, MOV, RETN, and PUSH, with some addresses like 0009CFDD, 0009CFE0, and 0009D016 highlighted.
- Registers View:** Displays CPU registers in hex and decimal format. Key values include EAX: B0B48F89, ECX: 0009FE8C, and EIP: 0009D016.
- Registers View (continued):** Shows floating-point registers MM0-MM7 and XMM0-XMM7 with their corresponding values.
- Stack View:** Displays the stack contents starting at address 000A8FEBC, which contains the value 4F4AD544.
- Memory Dump View:** Shows a hex dump of memory from address 01004000 to 010040B0, with ASCII text "calculate displacement" visible.
- Call Stack View:** Shows the call stack with entries like RETURN from 0009D009 to 000BA2CB and RETURN to ntdll.ZwDelayExecution+0C.

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- Stack:** LastErr 00000000 ERROR_SUCCESS, EFL 00000282 (N0,NB,NE,A,S,P0,L,LE).
- Memory Dump:** Address 01004000 to 010040B0, showing hex and ASCII dump. The ASCII dump includes the string "add displacement" and "to return address".
- Registers (3DNow!):** MM0 to MM7, XM0 to XM7, XMCSR.
- Call Stack:** Shows the call chain from 000B4327 through various functions like KiFastSystemCallRet, ZwDelayExecution+0C, and 7C90E4F4.

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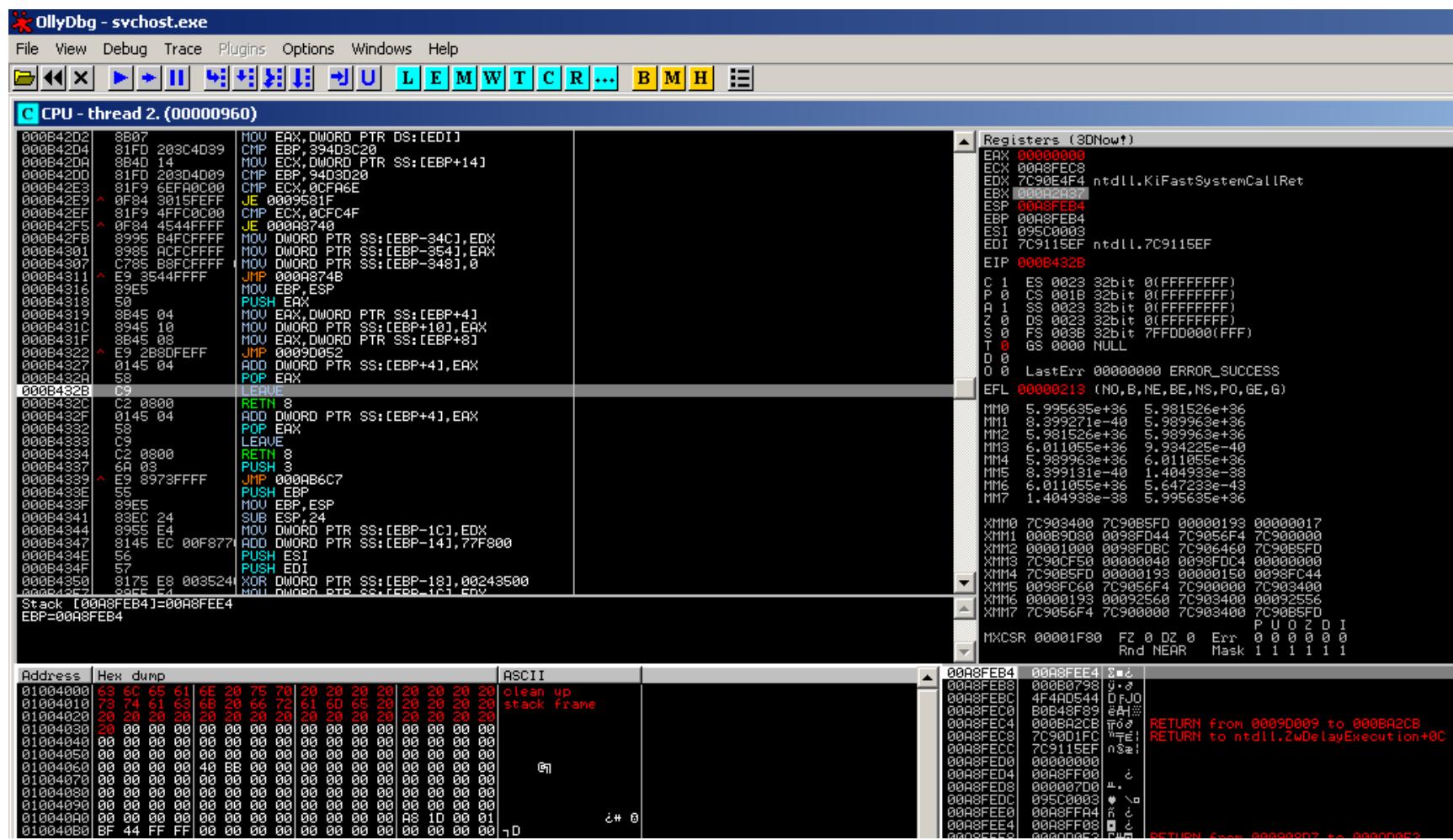
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- Stack:** Top of stack is at address `000A8FE80` with value `0`. Previous values show a sequence of zeros and some control characters like `\r`, `\n`, and `\0`.
- Memory Dump:** Shows memory dump from `01004000` to `010040B0`. The dump includes assembly instructions and their corresponding hex and ASCII representations.
- Registers pane:** Shows the assembly code for the current instruction at `EIP = 000B432A`. The code involves various `MOV`, `CMP`, and `JMP` instructions, including jumps to `00090D40` and `00090F54`.
- Registers pane (continued):** Shows the assembly code for the next instruction at `EIP = 000B432B`, which includes `LEAVE` and `RETN` instructions.
- Registers pane (final):** Shows the assembly code for the final instruction at `EIP = 000B432C`, which includes `RETN` and `ADD` instructions.

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
01004000	72 65 73 74 6F 72 65 20 65 61 78 20 20 20 20 20	restore eax
01004010	20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	
01004020	20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	
01004030	20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
01004090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
010040A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A8 1D 00 01	
010040B0	BF 44 FF FF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	70

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Example: Nymaim (Control Flow Obfuscation)



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The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers with their current values.
- Stack Dump:** Shows the top of the stack at address 00A8FEB8, containing the value 000B0798.
- Memory Dump:** Shows memory dump starting at address 01004000, where the value 72 65 74 75 is present, followed by the ASCII string "return to detoured address".
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended CPU registers for 3DNow!, including MM0 through MM7.
- Registers (MMX):** Shows extended CPU registers for MMX, including XM0 through XM7.
- Registers (MXCSR):** Shows the MXCSR register with its current value 00001F80.
- Registers (FPU):** Shows the FPU register with its current value F0 0 D2 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0.
- Registers (RND):** Shows the RND register with its current value Mask 1 1 1 1 1 1.

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The screenshot shows the OllyDbg debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers with their current values.
- Stack:** Shows the stack contents starting at address 000A8FEC0, which contains the current return address (7C9003400) and the original return address (7C90B5FD).
- Memory Dump:** Shows the memory dump for the stack area, highlighting the original return address (7C90B5FD) and the current return address (7C9003400).
- Registers (3DNow!):** Shows extended registers for 3DNow!, including MM0 through MM7, XMM0 through XMM7, and YMM0 through YMM7.
- Registers (AMD64):** Shows extended registers for AMD64, including MM0 through MM7, XMM0 through XMM7, YMM0 through YMM7, and ZMM0 through ZMM7.
- Registers (IA32):** Shows extended registers for IA32, including MM0 through MM7, XMM0 through XMM7, YMM0 through YMM7, and ZMM0 through ZMM7.

The assembly code window displays a heavily obfuscated control flow. It includes multiple RETN instructions, PUSH EBP/PUSH ECX/PUSH EBX, MOV EBP/ESP, and ADD DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+4], EAX instructions. The original return address (7C90B5FD) is present at various points, while the current return address (7C9003400) is used as the destination for several jumps and returns. The code is highly packed and uses various techniques to confuse static analysis tools.

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Example: Nymaim (Deobfuscation)

- Select:

```
58      push    eax
68 89 8F B4 B0 push    0B0B48F89h
68 44 D5 4A 4F push    4F4AD544h
E8 3E 2D FE FF call    sub_9D009
89 D8      mov     eax, ebx
```

```
push_push_call_regex = (
    r"\x68(?P<operand_1>[S\s]{4})"
    r"\x68(?P<operand_2>[S\s]{4})"
    r"\xE8"
)
```

- Emulate:

Until first ret / retn instruction

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Example: Nymaim (Deobfuscation)

- Validate:

```
ppc_validators = {
    "call_detour": [
        'push dword',
        'push dword',
        'push ebp',
        'mov ebp,esp',
        'push eax',
        'mov eax,[ebp+0x4]',
        'mov [ebp+0x10],eax',
        'mov eax,[ebp+0xc]',
        ", # contains the operand -> add, sub, xor",
        'add [ebp+0x4],eax',
        'pop eax',
        'leave'],
}
```

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Example: Nymaim (Deobfuscation)

■ Transform:

```
def _deobfuscate_call_detour(self, validation):
    obf_start_addr = validation.selection.selectionOffset
    call_offset = validation.emulation.cbResult - (obf_start_addr + 10 + 5)
    deobf_call = "\x90" * 10 + "\xE8" + struct.pack("I", (call_offset) & 0xffffffff)
    ida_lib.patch_bytes(obf_start_addr, deobf_call)
    self.updateCallXref(obf_start_addr + 10, validation.emulation.cbResult)
```

000BA2BB	push	eax
000BA2BC	push	0B 0B48F89h
000BA2C1	push	4F4AD544h
000BA2C6	call	sub_9D 009
000BA2CB	mov	eax, ebx



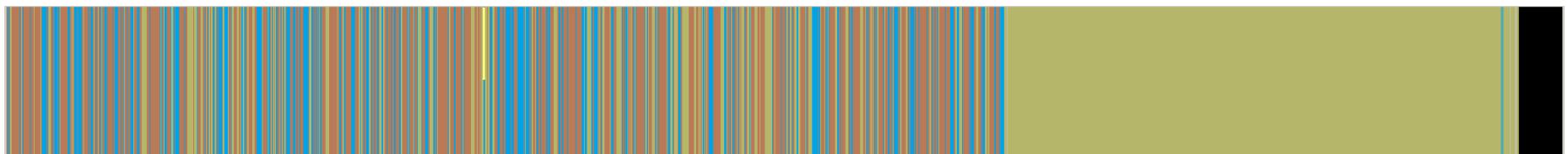
000BA2C3	nop	
000BA2C4	nop	
000BA2C5	nop	
000BA2C6	call	sub_B0798
000BA2CB	mov	eax, ebx

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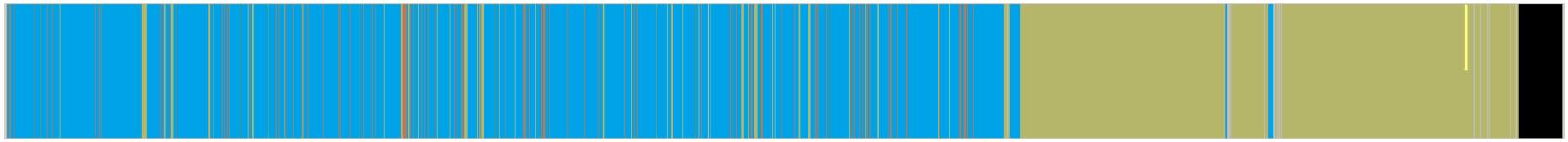
Example: Nymaim (Deobfuscation)

- Applying all deobfuscations:
 - ~2 min run time
 - 4443 transformations
 - Functions recognition: 463 -> 920

Before:



After:



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Future plans

- Looking at more use cases
 - Memory usage analysis (deobfuscate Nymaim's blown up stack)
 - KINS BaseConfig (VM-based) decryption
 - Import reconstruction
- Extend / patch PyEmu
 - Change disassembly engine to IDA / capstone
 - Increase coverage of opcodes

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Conclusion

- Give it a try :)
 - Repository at <http://patchwork.pnx.tf>
 - (points to: https://bitbucket.org/daniel_plohmann/idapatchwork)
- Send **feedback** or **ideas** for improvement!
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