

Secure .NET programming

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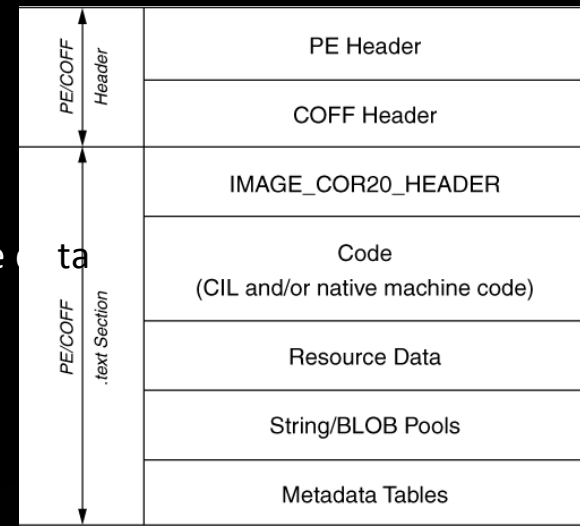
Agenda [Overview]

- .NET platform [intro (CLR, MSIL, JIT, PE/COFF..)]
- MSIL decompile/recompile (ILDasm/ILAsm).exe
- Guidelines for safer code[SecureString class, unsafe, checked keywords, 'foreign' delegates..]
- Underneath the ice: vulnerabilities
- WPF/WCF configuration files[(*.config), debug="true", deployment retail="true" ...]
- WCF communication (SOAP/xml, REST/json) – (HTTP/TCP vs. WS) vs. SSL, hashing, auth etc.
- Runtime security – CAS vs. RBS, stack walking, reflection, advance framework configuration
- Outro [conclusion]



.NET platform [intro (CLR, MSIL, JIT, PE/COFF..)]

- About .NET framework playground (1.0 - 4.0)
 - Bottom to top: from BCL (FCL) to Linq
- Common Language Runtime engine details
- .NET assembly structure
 - PE header, CLR header, CLR metadata, CLR IL code, Native
- MSIL compiling and metalanguage basics
- Metadata (.param, .assembly, .method...)
- .NET development technologies
 - (WPF/WinForms, WCF, ASP.NET, Silverlight...)
- Default .NET security measures (OOTB)
 - Buffer overruns (System.IndexOutOfRangeException)
 - Format strings `StringBuilder.AppendFormat` (%n prevention)
 - Arithmetic overflow (unsigned/signed mix error (cast ☺))
 - CS0123 error (f() pointer type check), `InvalidCastException` (base/derived)
- Source code manipulation?
- MSIL reversing (dll hijacking), IL ASM – speaking CLR's language..
 - Change the logic, add backdoors, kraak and smaak



MSIL decompile/recompile (ILDasm/ILAsm)

- Attacking executable files (!= attack on structures in memory / at runtime)
- Tools for decompilation (JetBrain dotPeek, Dis#, Salamander, .NET Reflector, IL Spy, Gray Wolf)
- ILAsm.exe/ILDasm.exe
- ILAsm basics (instruction set - Inside Microsoft .NET IL Assembler)
- Program logic → object control → access and value manipulation!!!
- Obfuscation/Deobfuscation (Salamander, Skater, Dotfuscator, Eazfuscator .NET...)
 - symbol renaming, overload and more...



.NET obfuscation example

symbol renaming with overload induction

- ```
private void IncreaseSalaries(EmployeeInfoCollection employees) {
 while (employees.HasMore()) {
 employee = employees.GetNext(true);
 employee.IncreaseSalary();
 NotifyEmployee(employee);
 }
}
```
- ```
private void a(a b) {  
    while (b.a()) {  
        a = b.a(true);  
        a.a();  
        a(a);  
    }  
}
```

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- System.Net.NetworkInformation
- System.Net.Security
- System.Net.Sockets
- System.Runtime.InteropServices
- System.Runtime.InteropServices.ComTypes
- System.Security.AccessControl
- System.Security.Authentication
- System.Security.Authentication.ExtendedProtection
- System.Security.Authentication.ExtendedProtection.Configuration
- System.Security.Cryptography
- System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates
- System.Security.Permissions
- System.Text.RegularExpressions
- System.Threading
- System.Timers
- System.Web
- Resources
- System.Xml
- System.Xml.dll
- Resources
- System.Data
- System.Web
- System.Drawing
- System.Windows.Forms
- System.Core
- System.ServiceModel
- System.Workflow.ComponentModel
- System.Workflow.Runtime
- System.Workflow.Activities
- WindowsBase
- PresentationCore
- PresentationFramework
- UPSdetekcija
- UPSdetekcija.exe
- References
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- UPSdetekcija
- ACLLineStatus
- App
- BatteryFlag
- MainWindow
- PowerState
- UPSdetekcija.Properties
- Resources

```

public class MainWindow : Window, IComponentConnector
{
    // Fields
    private bool _contentLoaded;
    internal Button btnIzlaz;
    internal CheckBox cbDojava;
    private int interval = 5;
    internal Label lblDetekcija;
    internal Label lblDojava;
    internal Label lblK32;
    internal Label lblKako;
    internal Label lblPokrenut;
    internal Label lblUps;
    internal Label lblVrijeme;
    private DispatcherTimer timerUredjaj;
    internal TextBox txtDump;

    // Methods
    public MainWindow()
    {
        this.InitializeComponent();
        this.lblVrijeme.Content = DateTime.Now;
        this.cbDojava.IsChecked = true;
    }

    private void btnIzlaz_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
    {
        Application.Current.Shutdown();
    }

    [DebuggerNonUserCode]
    public void InitializeComponent()
    {
        if (!this._contentLoaded)
        {
            this._contentLoaded = true;
            Uri resourceLocator = new Uri("/UPSdetekcija;component/mainwindow.xaml", UriKind.Relative);
            Application.LoadComponent(this, resourceLocator);
        }
    }

    [DebuggerNonUserCode, EditorBrowsable(EditorBrowsableState.Never)]
    void IComponentConnector.Connect(int connectionId, object target)
    {
        switch (connectionId)
        {
            case 1:
                ((MainWindow) target).Loaded += new RoutedEventHandler(this.Window_Loaded);
                break;

            case 2:
                this.lblDetekcija = (Label) target;
                break;

            case 3:
                this.btnIzlaz = (Button) target;
                this.btnIzlaz.Click += new RoutedEventHandler(this.btnIzlaz_Click);
                break;
        }
    }
}
    
```

```

public class MainWindow : Window, IComponentConnector
Name: UPSdetekcija.MainWindow
Assembly: UPSdetekcija, Version=1.0.0.0
    
```

```

UPSdetekcija.App
  .class public auto ansi beforefieldinit
  extends [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Application
  .ctor : void()
  InitializeComponent : void()
  Main : void()

UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  .class enum public auto ansi sealed
  extends [mscorlib]System.Enum
  Charging : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  Critical : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  High : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  Low : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  NoSystemBattery : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  Unknown : public static literal valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  value__ : public specialname rtspecialname uint8

UPSdetekcija.MainWindow
  .class public auto ansi beforefieldinit
  extends [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Window
  implements [WindowsBase]System.Windows.Markup.IComponentConnector
  _contentLoaded : private bool
  btnIzlaz : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Button
  cbDojava : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.CheckBox
  interval : private int32
  lblDetekcija : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblDojava : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblK32 : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblKako : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblPokrenut : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblUps : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  lblVrijeme : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.Label
  timerUredjaj : private class [WindowsBase]System.Windows.Threading.DispatcherTimer
  txtDump : assembly class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.TextBox
  .ctor : void()
  InitializeComponent : void()
  System.Windows.Markup.IComponentConnector.Connect : void(int32, object)
  Window_Loaded : void(object, class [PresentationCore]System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs)
  btnIzlaz_Click : void(object, class [PresentationCore]System.Windows.RoutedEventArgs)
  tajmer_stuff : void()
  timerUredjaj_Tick : void(object, class [mscorlib]System.EventArgs)

UPSdetekcija.PowerState
  .class public auto ansi beforefieldinit
  ALineStatus : public valuetype UPSdetekcija.ALineStatus
  BatteryFlag : public valuetype UPSdetekcija.BatteryFlag
  BatteryFullLifeTime : public int32
  BatteryLifePercent : public uint8
  BatteryLifeTime : public int32
  Reserved1 : public uint8
  .ctor : void()
  GetPowerState : class UPSdetekcija.PowerState()
  GetSystemPowerStatusRef : bool(class UPSdetekcija.PowerState)

```

```

[assembly UPSdetekcija]
{
  .ver 1:0:0:0
}

```

```

.method public hidebysig static void Main() cil managed
{
  .entrypoint
  .custom instance void [mscorlib]System.STAThreadAttribute::.ctor() = ( 01 00
  .custom instance void [mscorlib]System.Diagnostics.DebuggerNonUserCodeAttribute::.ctor() = ( 01 00
  // Code size 22 (0x16)
  .maxstack 1
  .locals init ([0] class UPSdetekcija.App app)
  IL_0000: nop
  IL_0001: newobj instance void UPSdetekcija.App::.ctor()
  IL_0006: stloc.0
  IL_0007: ldloc.0
  IL_0008: callvirt instance void UPSdetekcija.App::InitializeComponent()
  IL_000d: nop
  IL_000e: ldloc.0
  IL_000f: callvirt instance int32 [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Ap
  IL_0014: pop
  IL_0015: ret
} // end of method App::Main

```

```

.method public hidebysig specialname rtspecialname
instance void .ctor() cil managed
{
  // Code size 64 (0x40)
  .maxstack 3
  IL_0000: ldarg.0
  IL_0001: ldc.i4.5
  IL_0002: stfld int32 UPSdetekcija.MainWindow::interval
  IL_0007: ldarg.0
  IL_0008: call instance void [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.W
  IL_000d: nop
  IL_000e: nop
  IL_000f: ldarg.0
  IL_0010: call instance void UPSdetekcija.MainWindow::InitializeComp
  IL_0015: nop
  IL_0016: ldarg.0
  IL_0017: ldfld class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.I
  IL_001c: call valuetype [mscorlib]System.DateTime [mscorlib]System.I
  IL_0021: box [mscorlib]System.DateTime
  IL_0026: callvirt instance void [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.C
  IL_002b: nop
  IL_002c: ldarg.0
  IL_002d: ldfld class [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.Controls.I
  IL_0032: ldc.i4.1
  IL_0033: newobj instance void valuetype [mscorlib]System.Nullable`1<bo
  IL_0038: callvirt instance void [PresentationFramework]System.Windows.C
  IL_003d: nop
  IL_003e: nop
  IL_003f: ret
} // end of method MainWindow::.ctor

```

Guidelines for safer code[SecureString class, unsafe, checked keywords, delegates...]

- Memory dumping (SecureString mandatory!!)
- Unmanaged code (when and where go 'unsafe?')
 - `int* p = stackalloc int[32];`
- Checked keyword in practice (OverflowException)
- Assert usage? (CAS classes, PermissionSet class)
- Security of delegates “from outside”
 - `SecurityPermission(SecurityPermissionFlag.Execution).PermitOnly();`
 - AllowPartiallyTrustedCallersAttribute
- Input validation (SQL..), hardcoding, exception throwing, assemblies, privileges, crypto...
- Code signing (GAC)
 - Authenticode (chaining certificates), Strong Names (PKI)
 - MakeCat , SignTool, Strong Name Tool (sn.exe)



Guidelines for safer code[SecureString class, unsafe, checked keywords, delegates...]

- Memory dumping (SecureString mandatory!!)
- Unmanaged code (when and where go 'unsafe?')
 - `int* p = stackalloc(int, 3);`
`System.Security.SecureString X = new System.Security.SecureString();`
`secString.AppendChar(p);`
- Checked keyword in practice (OverflowException)
- Assert usage?
`IntPtr p = System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.SecureStringToBSTR(X);`
`string dekript = System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.PtrToStringUni(p);`
- Security of delegates "from outside"
`secString.Dispose();`
 - `SecurityPermission(SecurityPermissionFlag.Execution).PermitOnly();`
 - `AllowPartiallyTrustedCallersAttribute`
- Input validation (SQL..), hardcoding, exception throwing, assemblies, privileges, crypto...
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Underneath the ice: vulnerabilities

- Web vulnerabilities as we know them (XSS, SQL injection, CSRF, Response splitting (CRLF injection), SOAP injection, HPP, Xpath injection, File upload/download, directory traversal ...)
- Using technologies like LINQ/Entity framework as SQL query language for data sanitization
- ValidateRequest="true" inside Machine.config
- Compare validator <asp:CompareValidator >, htmlEncode
- Games without frontiers: Oracle Padding (CBC), Object parsing, Direct Object Reference, Error handling, GV DataKeys.....
- TFS – Check-in/Get latest version sniffing?
 - WYSIWYG on the wire/air (POST/gzip mess-up)
 - Always HTTPS for Team Explorer



Expect: 100-continue

HTTP/1.1 100 Continue

-----8e5m2D615Q4h6
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="item"

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-----8e5m2D615Q4h6
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="wsname"

████████████████████ ← domain computer name

-----8e5m2D615Q4h6
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="wsowner"

████████████████████ ← domain username

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="filelength"

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="hash"

3mTbEmr7xSfRu0mYGZ65TQ==

-----8e5m2D615Q4h6
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="range"

bytes=0-1198/1199

-----8e5m2D615Q4h6
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="content"; filename="item"
Content-Type: application/gzip

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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2011 12:12:12 GMT
Server: Microsoft-IIS/6.0
{-Powered-By: ASP.NET
{-AspNet-Version: 2.0.50727
Cache-Control: private
Content-Length: 0

```
<Button Height="23" Margin="10,130,90,0"  
Name="btnPromjeni" VerticalAlignment="Top"  
Click="btnPromjeni_Click">Spremi</Button>
```

POST /VersionControl/v1.0/upload.aspx HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Team Foundation (devenu.exe, 10.0.31118.1)

Don't do this at home (or work)



The bad, the bad and the ugly

Real-world examples:

the bad ones



Bad practice No.1

binding ConnString to Cb control

- ```
ddlServer.DataSource = sc.DohvatiServere();
ddlServer.DataTextField=ServerName";
ddlServer.DataValueField=ConnString";
ddlServer.DataBind();
```

```
ConnectionString = "DataSource=10.10.10.2\DB1;Initial
Catalog=Database_1;Persist Security Info=True;User
ID=korisnik1;Password=123#pass"
```



# Bad practice No.2

## ad hoc SQL query – passing input

- protected void btn1\_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)  
{  
    string dbcon =  
    "Server=(local);Database=Northwind;Integrated  
    Security=SSPI";  
    string cmdStr = "insert into Korisnici (ImePrez, Telefon)  
    values ('" + txtIme.Text + "', '" + txtTel.Text + "')";  
    using (SqlConnection konekcija = new  
    SqlConnection(dbcon)) = new SqlCommand(cmdStr, conn)  
    { conn.Open(); cmd.ExecuteNonQuery(); }  
    using (SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(cmdStr,  
    konekcija)) { konekcija.Open(); cmd.ExecuteNonQuery(); }  
}



MANIFEST

- Administracija
  - Administracija.Admin
  - Administracija.Maps
  - Administracija.Properties
    - Administracija.Properties.Resources
      - .class private auto ansi beforefieldinit
      - .custom instance void [System]System.CodeDom.Co
      - .custom instance void [mscorlib]System.Runtime.Cor
      - .custom instance void [mscorlib]System.Diagnostics.I
      - resourceCulture : private static class [mscorlib]Syste
      - resourceMan : private static class [mscorlib]System.F
      - .ctor : void()
      - get\_Culture : class [mscorlib]System.Globalization.Cu
      - get\_ResourceManager : class [mscorlib]System.Reso
      - set\_Culture : void(class [mscorlib]System.Globalizati
      - Culture : class [mscorlib]System.Globalization.Culture
      - ResourceManager : class [mscorlib]System.Resource
    - Administracija.Properties.Settings
      - .class private auto ansi sealed beforefieldinit
      - extends [System]System.Configuration.ApplicationSettingsBase
      - .custom instance void [S
      - .custom instance void [m
      - defaultInstance : private
      - .ctor : void()
      - .ctor : void()
      - get\_Default : class Admin
      - get\_bojaPutanje : class [
      - get\_centar : string()
      - get\_debljinaPutanje : int
      - get\_visinaliste : float64()
      - get\_vrstamape : valuety
      - get\_zoom : int32()
      - set\_bojaPutanje : void(c
      - set\_centar : void(string)
      - set\_debljinaPutanje : voi
      - set\_visinaliste : void(flo
      - set\_vrstamape : void(va
      - set\_zoom : void(int32)
      - Default : class Administra
      - bojaPutanje : instance cl
      - centar : instance string()
      - connection : instance str
      - debljinaPutanje : instanc
      - visinaliste : instance float64()
      - vrstamape : instance valuetype [GMap.NET.Core]GMap.NET.MapType()
      - zoom : instance int32()

```
Administracija.Properties.Settings::get_connection : string()
Find Find Next
.method public hidebysig specialname instance string
 get_connection() cil managed
{
 // Code size 22 (0x16)
 .maxstack 2
 .locals init (string V_0)
 IL_0000: nop
 IL_0001: ldarg.0
 IL_0002: ldstr "connection"
 IL_0007: callvirt instance object [System]System.Configuration.SettingsBase::get_Item(string)
 IL_000c: castclass [mscorlib]System.String
 IL_0011: stloc.0
 IL_0012: br.s IL_0014
 IL_0014: ldloc.0
 IL_0015: ret
} // end of method Settings::get_connection
```

```
Administracija.Properties.Settings::connection : instance string()
Find Find Next
ation.SpecialSettingAttribute::.ctor(valuetype [System]System.Configuration.SpecialSetting) = (01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00)
ation.DefaultSettingValueAttribute::.ctor(string) = (01 00 00 01 04 01 74 01 08 10 0F 75 72 03 05 3D //Data Source=
01 39 32 2E 01 36 38 2E 32 32 32 2E 36 5C 58 01 // 192.168.27.1\Va
09 07 72 01 04 38 49 6E 09 76 09 01 00 78 43 // 192.168.27.1\Va
01 76 01 00 0F 67 3D 58 52 0F 00 05 54 0E 49 08 // atalog=192.168.27.1
01 52 00 00 05 00 01 3B 58 01 72 73 09 73 74 28 // 192.168.27.1\Va
09 05 00 75 72 09 76 78 08 0F 0F 00 00 5A 72 // Security Info=Tr
01 65 00 55 73 05 72 28 09 44 00 78 01 76 69 07 // ue;User 192.168.27.1
01 61 04 00 58 61 73 73 77 0F 72 04 00 78 34 7A // 192.168.27.1\Va;Password=192.168.27.1
31 07 72 36 04 00 00) // 192.168.27.1
ation.ApplicationScopedSettingAttribute::.ctor() = (01 00 00 00)
tics.DebuggerNonUserCodeAttribute::.ctor() = (01 00 00 00)
s.Settings::get_connection()
```

# WPF/WCF configuration files[(\*.config), debug="true", deployment retail="true" ...]

- Default .NET configuration files
  - **enterprisesec.config** - enterprise-level security policies
  - **security.config** - machine-level security
  - **machine.config** - .NET environment installation settings
  - **web.config / app.config** – default settings
- Compilation debug="true" problem
  - Runtime mem, batch optimization ...
- Deployment retail="true" as a solution
- Max message size value ("2147483647")
- Encryption of configuration files
  - Command line tools / inside code



# WPF/WCF configuration files>(\* .config), debug="true", deployment retail="true" ...]

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## • Compilation debug="true" problem

- Runtime merge

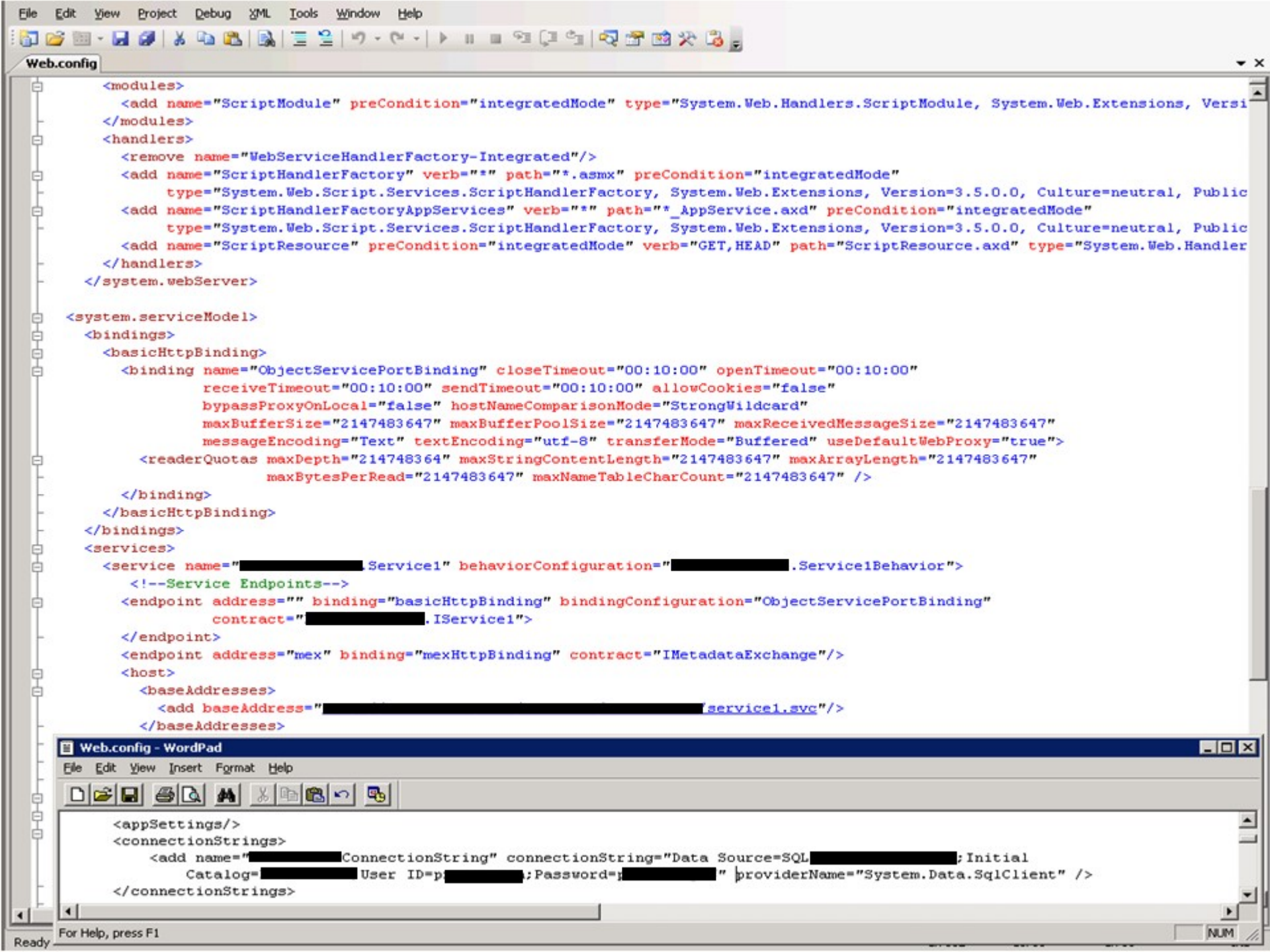
## • Deployment retail

## • Max message size

## • Encryption of config

- Command line

```
protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
 Configuration config; ConfigurationSection configSection;
 config = WebConfigurationManager.OpenWebConfiguration
 (Request.ApplicationPath); configSection = config.GetSection("
 connectionStrings");
 if (configSection != null)
 { if (!(configSection.SectionInformation.IsLocked))
 { configSection.SectionInformation.ProtectSection
 ("DataProtectionConfigurationProvider"); config.Save(); } } }
```



# WCF communication (SOAP/xml, REST/json) - (basicHTTP vs. WS) vs. SSL, hashing, auth etc.

- WCF in details (rolling in the deep)
- SOAP vs. REST inside MS service
- Bindings and their security (basic, ws, web, nettcp, custom...) – transport, encoding & protocol
- SSL tunneling or secure binding (WS – SCT/RSTR)? – Transport vs. Message level, in-transit vs. Processing
- Filtering remote access to WCF services (IP)
- Message integrity check – Hashing xml/json messages (HMAC, SHA1..)
- Custom authorization for service access – SOAP header based, method argument, WCF session...
- Request load-balancing (WCF throttling) – Setting maxConcurrent(Calls (16),Sessions (10),Instances)



# Runtime security – CAS vs. RBS, stack walking, reflection, advance framework configuration

- RBS - Role-Based Security
- CAS - Code-Access Security (evidence based permissions)
  - Evaluate Assembly
- Stack walking? Method access grant..
- LinkDemand vs. stack walk (Luring Attacks)
  - Immediate caller vs. all callers
- Garbage collector
- Reflection (ReflectionPermission (CAS))
  - Reflection.Emit – create assembly
  - System.Reflection.Assembly.Load
  - System.Reflection.MethodInfo.Invoke

• Configuring framework (tuning settings)



# Outro [conclusion]

- Microsoft .NET platform == secure env. ???
  - This is the world as we know it: brainless development
- Stay tuned and up2date: “Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer.” Sun Tzu
- Make safest possible .NET environment (CAS, RBS..)
- Constrain and sanitize all input data
- Encrypt your config’s (Triple DES)
- WCF wargames (“You have all the weapons you need... now fight!”)
  - Encrypt, authenticate, check integrity, authorization
  - DPAPI for sensitive data (protected registry key)
- Secure assemblies (obfuscate, pack, request minimum)
  - .NETZ compressor (OSS), .netshrink (LZMA alg. + pass)..



thank you for your attention

questions and comments



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