

# 15-612 Operating System Practicum

KDD (Windows Debugger Stub) enhancements

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# Xen

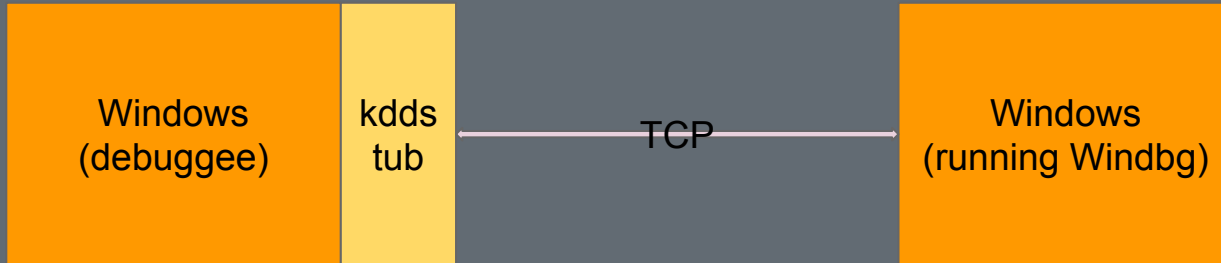
- Type-1 hypervisor
- Supports paravirtualization and hardware-assisted virtualization on x86 mainly



# Project Idea

- Want to debug Windows Kernel using WinDbg without enabling debugger enabled mode (without letting kernel know it is being debugged) in Windows kernel while booting
  
- Add support for Windows 8.1 and later

XEN



# Current Status

- Supposedly works up to Windows 7 SP 1
- 1,700 lines of kdd stub code which hasn't been touched in a long time (like 9 years)

| <a href="#">[xen.git]</a> / <a href="#">tools / debugger / kdd /</a> |                       |  |   |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| 2018-10-15   | Ian Jackson           | <b>tools/debugger/kdd: Install as `xen-kdd`, not just...</b>     | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2018-08-20   | Wei Liu               | <b>tools/kdd: work around gcc 8.1 bug</b>                        | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2018-05-29   | Marek Marczykowski... | <b>tools/kdd: alternative way of muting spurious gcc warning</b> | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2018-04-06   | Marek Marczykowski... | <b>tools/kdd: mute spurious gcc warning</b>                      | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2017-09-07   | Ian Jackson           | <b>DEPS handling: Use DEPS_RM everywhere</b>                     | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2017-07-28   | Petre Pircalabu       | <b>Makefile: Fix uninstall target</b>                            | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2017-03-15   | Tim Deegan            | <b>tools/kdd: don't use a pointer to an unaligned field.</b>     | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2016-04-27   | Andrew Cooper         | <b>tools/kdd: Fix uninitialised variable warning</b>             | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2016-01-25   | Ian Campbell          | <b>kdd: build using Werror</b>                                   | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2016-01-25   | Ian Campbell          | <b>kdd: Opt in to libxc compat xc_map_foreign_* interfaces.</b>  | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2015-05-21   | Olaf Hering           | <b>tools: replace private SBINDIR with automake sbindir</b>      | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2015-01-27   | Wei Liu               | <b>tools: fix "make distclean"</b>                               | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2014-04-23   | Olaf Hering           | <b>tools/debugger: append APPEND_LDFLAGS to link command</b>     | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2013-09-13   | Jan Beulich           | <b>Merge.</b>  | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2013-09-13   | Matthew Daley         | <b>kdd: fix free of array-typed value</b>                        | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2013-05-08   | Daniel Kiper          | <b>tools/debugger/kdd: Remove dependencies files during...</b>   | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2013-02-13   | Michael Young         | <b>tools: Fix memset(&amp;p,0,sizeof(p)) idiom in several...</b> | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2011-03-31   | Ian Campbell          | <b>tools: Remove \$(CFLAGS) from links lines.</b>                | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2011-03-17   | Keir Fraser           | <b>build: Make XEN_ROOT an absolute path.</b>                    | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2010-10-26   | Ian Jackson           | <b>Merge</b>   | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |
| 2010-10-26   | Tim Deegan            | <b>"kdd" Windows debugger stub.</b>                              | <a href="#">tree</a>   <a href="#">commitdiff</a> |

Xen (staging and unstable) mirror

# What we want future to look like?

- Support for Windows 8.1 and 10 (x86 and x86\_64) to kdd
- Support for Windows Server 2012 to kdd
- kdd allows WinDbg to write out usable Windows memory dumps for all supported versions
- Provide user guide for kdd on Xen wiki
- Other surprises

# Who is working on having similar future?

- qemu (at least one guy is)
- Wireshark Dissector of KD Protocol
- Radare2 debugger
- Vmware



# Lines of Code

Currently:

/xen/tools/debugger/kdd.c: ~ 1,100 lines

/xen/tools/debugger/xen-kdd.c: ~650 lines

- Most will still be useful, ~1,500 lines

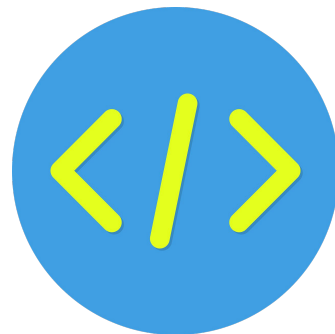
Expecting to add:

/xen/tools/debugger/kdd.c: ~ 1,000 lines

/xen/tools/debugger/xen-kdd.c: ~ 700 lines

Qemu WIP:

3,600 lines of code (including headers and Makefile)





# Resources

- QEMU WIP for Windbg
  - <https://github.com/patchew-project/qemu/compare/80422b0...fe77421>
- Radare2 WIP for Windbg
  - [https://github.com/radareorg/radare2/issues/1246?fbclid=IwAR3TaRogVIZKVcUjtfk-MXtUGyAxCZ1hZ\\_Pj\\_MDg03UGDTnicTLBQ52Cm0](https://github.com/radareorg/radare2/issues/1246?fbclid=IwAR3TaRogVIZKVcUjtfk-MXtUGyAxCZ1hZ_Pj_MDg03UGDTnicTLBQ52Cm0)
- Wireshark dissector for KD Protocol
  - <https://github.com/Lekensteyn/kdnet>



Xvilka commented on Aug 27, 2015

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@Manouchehri and a bit more links:

You can find Windbg protocol description in this BlackHat paper

<https://www.blackhat.com/presentations/bh-usa-07/Stewart/Presentation/bh-usa-07-stewart.pdf>

See also VirtualKD program <http://virtualkd.sysprogs.org/>

Sources [http://virtualkd.sysprogs.org/download\\_source/](http://virtualkd.sysprogs.org/download_source/)

And KD protocol description <http://articles.sysprogs.org/kdvmware/kdcom/>

Packet log [http://virtualkd.sysprogs.org/kd\\_VMXPPRO/](http://virtualkd.sysprogs.org/kd_VMXPPRO/)

WinDbg protocol sniffer - <https://code.google.com/p/windbgshark/>

<http://www.msuiche.net/2014/01/12/extengcpp-part-1/>

<http://www.msuiche.net/2014/01/15/developing-windbg-extengcpp-extension-in-c-com-interface/>

<http://www.msuiche.net/2014/01/20/developing-windbg-extengcpp-extension-in-c-memory-debugger-markup-language-dml-part-3/>

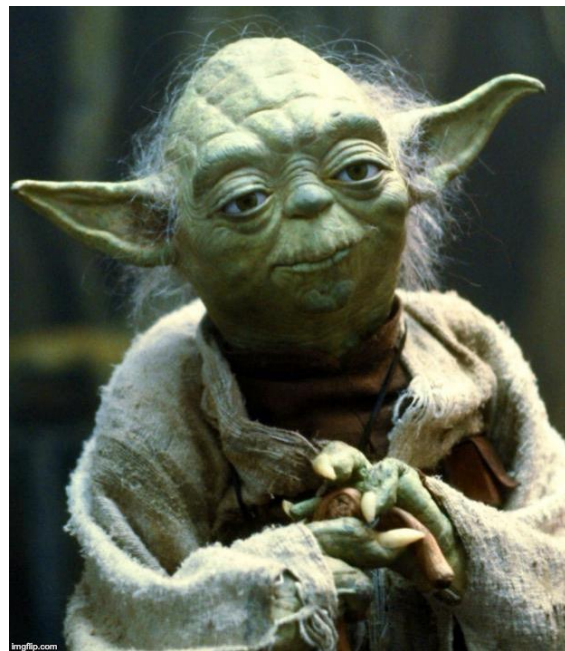
<http://www.msuiche.net/2014/04/28/developing-windbg-extengcpp-extension-in-c-symbols-part-4/>

# Point of Contacts

- Paul Durrant - Coordinator for this GSoC project
  - Our main contact currently
- Tim Deegan - Wrote Original KDD implementation
- XVilka - Worked on supporting KD protocol in Radare



xvilka is a nice guy



# Licenses

- Xen: GPLv2
- Qemu: GPLv2
- Radare2: GPLv3
- Windbg: Just don't reverse it or distribute it
- kd dll/kd Protocol: Not quite sure, but there is a lot of research that has examined it



# Standard Acceptance Process

1. Submit a patch. Follow these instructions: [https://wiki.xenproject.org/wiki/Submitting\\_Xen\\_Project\\_Patches](https://wiki.xenproject.org/wiki/Submitting_Xen_Project_Patches)
2. Make sure to CC the maintainer, in our case it is: Tim Deegan
3. Assuming working code, maintainer will request some small fixes such as variable names, and formatting.
4. Get accepted.