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Subject: Re: I keep getting the same "cannot open exe for writing" error...

Posted by [peterh](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 08:01:10 GMT

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Hi,

I do not know how Windows terminates a process.

I have however done WIN32 programming years ago before, even Kernel debugging. (Debugging a kernel mode driver)

So I have ideas about it.

Windows might inject an ExitProcess call into the code of the process in order to terminate it with the least damage possible.

This would not work, if the process doesn't run (e.g. hangs in blocking IO in kernel mode).

Also this can be delayed, if heavy background activity happens, e.g. swapping and it could be necessary to swap portions of the debugged process in.

In these cases I can imagine, TerminateProcess would need time or might be impossible.

All the best,

Peter

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