TwistedTux's First keygenMe

The description for this crackme is:

```
My first KeygenMe so don't be rude :)
I had fun to write it and i think it's pretty easy.
Rules: no patching, write a keygen.
```

The crackme was written in C/C++ and compiled for nix. It is rated *2 - Needs a little brain (or luck).

Starting Point

I used IDA Pro to disassemble the crackme. The binary uses the default <u>_start</u> label as the entry point identifier::

```
.text:08048390
                                public start
.text:08048390 start
                                proc near
.text:08048390
                                        ebp, ebp
.text:08048392
                                pop
                                        esi
.text:08048393
                                mov
                                        ecx, esp
.text:08048395
                                and
                                        esp, 0FFFFFF0h
.text:08048398
                                push
                                        eax
.text:08048399
                                push
                                        esp
.text:0804839A
                                push
                                        edx
.text:0804839B
                                push
                                        offset sub_8048730
.text:080483A0
                                push
                                        offset sub_8048740
.text:080483A5
                                push
.text:080483A6
                                push
.text:080483A7
                                push
                                        offset sub_8048450
.text:080483AC
                                call
                                        ___libc_start_main
.text:080483B1
                                hlt
.text:080483B1 start
                                endp
```

The purpose of this snippet is to prepare all arguments for __libc_start_main, which performs all the necessary initialization before the main() routine of our C/C++-code is called. The prototype of

```
__libc_start_main is::
```

```
int __libc_start_main(
   int (*main) (int, char * *, char * *), /* address of main */
   int argc, /* number of arguments - argc */
   char **ubp_av, /* unbounded pointer to arguments - argv */
   ..., /* other arguments that we don't care about
  )
```

So we know that the main routine starts at offset 0x0848450::

```
; DATA XREF: start+170
.text:08048450 main
                               proc near
.text:08048450
                               = dword ptr 8
.text:08048450 argc
.text:08048450 argv
                               = dword ptr 0Ch
.text:08048450
                                        ebp
.text:08048450
                               push
.text:08048451
                               mov
                                        ebp, esp
.text:08048453
                               mov
                                        eax, [ebp+argc]
.text:08048456
                               cmp
                                        eax, 3
                                        short loc_8048485 ; branch if argc >= 3
.text:0804845B
                                jnb
.text:0804845D
                               mov
                                        esi, [ebp+argv]
.text:08048460
                               mov
                                        edi, [esi]
```

```
.text:08048462
                                         esp, 8
                                sub
                                         esi, offset format ; "Utilisation : %s <pseudo> <clef>
.text:08048468
                                mov
                                                          ; format
.text:0804846D
                                mov
                                         [esp], esi
.text:08048470
                                         [esp+4], edi
                                mov
.text:08048474
                                call
                                         _printf
```

I manually renamed the routine as main and gave the two function arguments the conventional names:

- argc the number of arguments
- argv the pointer to the arguments, where argv[0] is the name of the binary, and argv[1] is the first parameter passed to the crackme.

The snippet checks if there are at least three command line arguments (including the binary name). If not, it prints the usage statement:

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   if( argc < 3 )
       printf("Utilisation : %s <pseudo> <clef>\n");
   else
       goto loc_8048485;
}
```

If the program is called with both pseudo and clef arguments then we continue with offset loc_808485.

Length of the Key (Clef)

Here's offset 0x08048485:

```
.text:08048485 loc_8048485:
                                                         ; CODE XREF: main+Bj
.text:08048485
                                sub
                                        esp, OCh
.text:0804848B
                                        ebx, [ebp+argv]; ebx = argv
                                mov
.text:0804848E
                                        edx, ebx
                                mov
                                                         ; edx = &argv[1]
.text:08048490
                                        edx, 4
                                add
.text:08048496
                                        edx, [edx]
                                                         ; edx = argv[1] (= pseudo)
                                mov
.text:08048498
                                        [esp+4], edx
                                                         ; pseudo --> [esp+4]
                                mov
.text:0804849C
                                        edx, ebx
                                                         ; edx = argv
                                mov
.text:0804849E
                                        edx, 8
                                                         ; edx = &argv[2]
                                add
                                                         ; edx = argv[2] (= clef)
.text:080484A4
                                        edx, [edx]
                                mov
                                                         ; clef --> [esp+8]
.text:080484A6
                                        [esp+8], edx
                                mov
.text:080484AA
                                        esi, [esp+8]
                                                         ; esi = clef
                                mov
.text:080484AE
                                        esi
                                push
                                        _strlen
.text:080484AF
                                call
                                                         ; eax = strlen(clef)
                                                         ; caller cleanup
.text:080484B4
                                add
                                        esp, 4
.text:080484BA
                                cmp
                                        eax, 6
                                                         ; strlen(clef) == 6
.text:080484BF
                                jnz
                                        short loc_8048479
```

The snippet first creates a stack frame of 3 bytes, of which 2 bytes are used to store the command line parameters:

- the first parameter, pseudo, is stored at [esp+4]
- the second parameter, clef, is stored at [esp+8]

The snippet then calculates the length of clef with a call to the C library strlen, and checks if the length is 6 - if it isn't we jump to loc_8048479::

```
      .text:08048479 loc_8048479:
      ; CODE XREF: main+6Fj

      .text:08048479
      ; main+9Bj

      .text:0804847E
      mov
      eax, 1

      .text:08048483
      int
      80h
      ; status

      ; LINUX - sys_exit
```

This causes the program to exit with exit code 1, I therefore renamed this location as exit in IDA Pro. Exiting at this point probably means that the pseudo/clef combination is invalid, and we know that clef needs to have 6 letters.

Key's First Character

If the length of clef is 6 we continue here:

```
; edi = pseudo
.text:080484C1
                                mov
                                         edi, [esp+4]
.text:080484C5
                                push
                                         edi
                                                          ; S
                                         _strlen
                                                          ; strlen(pseudo)
.text:080484C6
                                call
.text:080484CB
                                add
                                         esp, 4
                                                          ; caller cleanup
                                mov
                                                          ; pseudo_length --> [esp]
.text:080484D1
                                         [esp], eax
.text:080484D4
                                         eax
                                push
.text:080484D5
                                call
                                         func_1
                                                          ; func_1(pseudo_length)
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnM\
.text:080484DA
                                mov
                                                          ; ebx = &hardcoded_str[func_1_rv]
                                         ebx, eax
.text:080484DF
                                add
                                                          ; dl = hardcoded_str[func_1_rv]
                                         dl, [ebx]
.text:080484E1
                                mov
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                                          ; edi = clef
.text:080484E3
                                mov
                                                          ; dh = clef[0]
.text:080484E7
                                mov
                                         dh, [edi]
                                         dl, dh
                                                          ; clef[0] == hardcoded_str[func_1_rv]
.text:080484E9
                                cmp
.text:080484EB
                                         short exit
                                jnz
                                                          ; if not equal then exit
```

The snippet translates to:

```
char hardcoded[] = "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnMVys5Xzvt0GJcYLU+4mjW6fxqZeF3Qa1rPhdKIouk";
char* pseudo = argv[1];
char* clef = argv[2];
int pseudo_length = strlen(pseudo);
int func_1_rv = func_1(pseudo_length);
if( clef[0] != hardcoded_str[func_1_rv] )
    exit(1); // we failed
```

So the we know that the first character of clef needs to be at position func_1_rv into hardcoded_str, where func_1_rv is the return value of func_1::

```
.text:080485CD func_1
                                proc near
                                                          ; CODE XREF: main+85p
.text:080485CD
                                = dword ptr 8
.text:080485CD pseudo_length
.text:080485CD
.text:080485CD
                                push
                                         ebp
                                         ebp, esp
.text:080485CE
                                mov
                                         eax, [ebp+pseudo_length]
.text:080485D0
                                mov
.text:080485D3
                                and
                                         eax, OFFh
.text:080485D8
                                         al, 3Bh
                                xor
.text:080485DA
                                         eax, 3Fh
                                and
.text:080485DF
                                leave
.text:080485E0
                                retn
                                         4
.text:080485E0 func_1
                                endp
```

This short function boils down to::

```
int func_1(int pseudo_length)
{
   return (pseudo_length ^ 0x3B) & 0x3F;
}
```

Key's Second Character

Next follows disassembly that looks almost the same as the one from the previous section::

```
.text:080484ED
                                                          ; edi = pseudo_length
                                mov
                                         edi, [esp]
.text:080484F0
                                                          ; arg1 = pseudo_length
                                push
                                         edi
.text:080484F1
                                                          ; edi = pseudo
                                mov
                                         edi, [esp+8]
.text:080484F5
                                push
                                         edi
                                                          ; arg0 = pseudo
.text:080484F6
                                call
                                         func_2
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnM\
.text:080484FB
                                mov
                                                          ; ebx = &hardcoded_str[func_2_rv]
.text:08048500
                                add
                                         ebx, eax
.text:08048502
                                mov
                                         dl, [ebx]
                                                          ; dl = hardcoded_str[func_2_rv]
.text:08048504
                                mov
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                                          ; edi = clef
                                                          ; edi = \&clef[1]
.text:08048508
                                inc
                                         edi
                                         dh, [edi]
.text:08048509
                                                          ; dh = clef[1]
.text:0804850B
                                         dl, dh
                                                          ; clef[1] == hardcoded_str[func_2_rv]
                                cmp
.text:0804850D
                                         exit
                                                          ; if not equal then exit
                                jnz
```

The only differences are:

```
- a different subroutine gets called, I renamed it as ``func_2``. The first parameter to ``fu - the instruction ``inc edi`` makes ``edi`` reference ``clef[1]``.
```

There's one pitfall: Because of the preceeding push edi in the second line, [esp+8] points to pseudo, and not clef as you might expect. Be careful when interpreting stack references based on esp rather than ebp.

This is the C code for the snippet::

```
int func_2_rv = func_2(pseudo, pseudo_length);
if( clef[1] != hardcoded_str[func_2_rv] )
   exit(1); // we failed
```

The subroutine |func_2| looks as follows::

```
.text:080485E3 func_2
                                proc near
                                                          ; CODE XREF: main+A6p
.text:080485E3
.text:080485E3 pseudo
                                = dword ptr
.text:080485E3 pseudo_length
                                = dword ptr
.text:080485E3
.text:080485E3
                                 push
                                         ebp
.text:080485E4
                                 mov
                                         ebp, esp
.text:080485E6
                                 sub
                                         esp, 8
.text:080485EC
                                 mov
                                         ecx, [ebp+pseudo_length]
.text:080485EF
                                 mov
                                         esi, [ebp+pseudo]
.text:080485F2
                                 add
                                         esi, ecx
.text:080485F4
                                 xor
                                         eax, eax
.text:080485F6
                                 jmp
                                         loc_8048606
.text:080485FB
.text:080485FB
.text:080485FB loc_80485FB:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_2+2Aj
.text:080485FB
                                 dec
                                         esi
.text:080485FC
                                 mov
                                         dl, [esi]
```

```
.text:080485FE
                                 and
                                         edx, OFFh
.text:08048604
                                 add
                                         eax, edx
.text:08048606
.text:08048606 loc_8048606:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_2+13j
.text:08048606
                                 dec
                                         ecx
.text:08048607
                                         ecx, OFFFFFFFh
                                 cmp
                                         short loc_80485FB
.text:0804860D
                                 jnz
                                         al, 4Fh
.text:0804860F
                                 xor
                                         eax, 3Fh
.text:08048611
                                 and
.text:08048616
                                 leave
.text:08048617
                                         8
                                 retn
.text:08048617 func_2
                                 endp
```

Which represents the following loop::

```
int func_2(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
   int res = 0;
   for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)
      res += pseudo[i];
   return (res ^ 0x4F) & 0x3F;
}</pre>
```

Key's Third Character

The next lines again look almost like the checks in for the first two characters of clef::

```
.text:08048513
                                         edi, [esp]
                                 mov
.text:08048516
                                 push
                                         edi
.text:08048517
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                 mov
.text:0804851B
                                         edi
                                 push
.text:0804851C
                                 call
                                         func_3
.text:08048521
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw871NS0E9B2TibgpnM\
                                 mov
.text:08048526
                                 add
                                         ebx, eax
.text:08048528
                                 mov
                                         dl, [ebx]
.text:0804852A
                                 mov
                                         edi, [esp+8]
.text:0804852E
                                 add
                                         edi, 2
.text:08048534
                                 mov
                                         dh, [edi]
                                                           ; clef[2] == hardcoded_str[func_3_rv]
.text:08048536
                                 cmp
                                         dl, dh
.text:08048538
                                 jnz
                                         exit
```

The only difference being the new subroutine func 3 and the reference to the third character of clef::

```
int func_3_rv = func_3(pseudo, pseudo_length);
if( clef[2] != hardcoded_str[func_3_rv] )
   exit(1); // we failed
```

This is func_3::

```
.text:0804861A func_3
                                proc near
                                                         ; CODE XREF: main+CCp
.text:0804861A
.text:0804861A pseudo
                                = dword ptr
.text:0804861A pseudo_length
                                = dword ptr
                                             0Ch
.text:0804861A
.text:0804861A
                                push
                                        ebp
.text:0804861B
                                mov
                                        ebp, esp
.text:0804861D
                                mov
                                        eax, 1
.text:08048622
                                mov
                                        esi, [ebp+pseudo]
.text:08048625
                                mov
                                        ecx, [ebp+pseudo_length]
```

```
.text:08048628
                                 jmp
                                         loc_804863C
.text:0804862D
.text:0804862D
.text:0804862D loc_804862D:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_3+29j
.text:0804862D
                                xor
                                         ebx, ebx
.text:0804862F
                                 mov
                                         bl, [esi]
.text:08048631
                                 and
                                         bl, OFFh
.text:08048634
                                 mul
                                         ebx
                                         eax, OFFh
.text:08048636
                                 and
.text:0804863B
                                 inc
                                         esi
.text:0804863C
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_3+Ej
.text:0804863C loc_804863C:
.text:0804863C
                                 dec
                                         ecx
                                         ecx, OFFFFFFFh
.text:0804863D
                                 cmp
                                         short loc_804862D
.text:08048643
                                 jnz
.text:08048645
                                 xor
                                         al, 55h
.text:08048647
                                 and
                                         eax, 3Fh
.text:0804864C
                                 leave
.text:0804864D
                                 retn
.text:0804864D func_3
                                 endp
```

Again we loop over all characters in pseudo, this time multiplying the ASCII codes rather than adding them up as in func_2::

```
int func_3(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
   int res = 1;
   for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)
      res *= pseudo[i];
   return (res ^ 0x55) & 0x3F;
}</pre>
```

Key's Fourth Character

Next in our main routine follows more of the same::

```
.text:0804853E
                                         edi, [esp]
.text:08048541
                                 push
                                         edi
.text:08048542
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                 mov
.text:08048546
                                         edi
                                 push
.text:08048547
                                         func_4
                                 call
.text:0804854C
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw871NS0E9B2TibgpnM\
                                 mov
.text:08048551
                                         ebx, eax
                                 add
.text:08048553
                                         dl, [ebx]
                                 mov
.text:08048555
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                 mov
.text:08048559
                                 add
                                         edi, 3
.text:0804855F
                                         dh, [edi]
                                 mov
.text:08048561
                                 cmp
                                         dl, dh
                                                           ; clef[3] == hardcoded_str[func_4_rv]
.text:08048563
                                 jnz
                                         exit
```

or in C:

```
int func_4_rv = func_4(pseudo, pseudo_length);
if( clef[3] != hardcoded_str[func_4_rv] )
   exit(1); // we failed
```

The subroutine func_4 is::

```
.text:08048650 func_4
                                 proc near
                                                           ; CODE XREF: main+F7p
.text:08048650
.text:08048650 pseudo
                                 = dword ptr
.text:08048650 pseudo_length
                                 = dword ptr
                                              0Ch
.text:08048650
.text:08048650
                                 push
                                         ebp
.text:08048651
                                 mov
                                         ebp, esp
.text:08048653
                                 sub
                                         esp, 4
.text:08048659
                                         esi, [ebp+pseudo]
                                 mov
.text:0804865C
                                         al, [esi]
                                 mov
.text:0804865E
                                         ecx, [ebp+pseudo_length]
                                 mov
.text:08048661
                                         loc_804866F
                                 jmp
.text:08048666
.text:08048666
.text:08048666 loc_8048666:
                                                           ; CODE XREF: func_4+26j
.text:08048666
                                 inc
                                         esi
.text:08048667
                                 mov
                                         bl, [esi]
.text:08048669
                                 cmp
                                         bl, al
.text:0804866B
                                 jbe
                                         short loc_804866F
.text:0804866D
                                 mov
                                         al, bl
.text:0804866F
.text:0804866F loc_804866F:
                                                           ; CODE XREF: func_4+11j
.text:0804866F
                                                           ; func_4+1Bj
.text:0804866F
                                 dec
                                         ecx
                                         ecx, OFFFFFFFh
.text:08048670
                                 cmp
                                         short loc_8048666
.text:08048676
                                 jnz
.text:08048678
                                 xor
                                         al, OEh
.text:0804867A
                                 push
                                         eax
                                                           ; seed
.text:0804867B
                                 call
                                         _srand
.text:08048680
                                 call
                                         _rand
.text:08048685
                                 and
                                         eax, 3Fh
.text:0804868A
                                 leave
.text:0804868B
                                 retn
                                         8
.text:0804868B func_4
                                 endp
```

It contains two library calls that IDA identifies as _srand and _rand. The former initializes the random number generator, the latter generates a random integer between 0 and RAND_MAX. This is the func_4 in C++::

```
#include <stdlib.h> /* for srand and rand */
int func_4(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
   int res = pseudo[0];
   for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)
        if(pseudo[i] > res)
        res = pseudo[i];
   srand(res ^0xE);
   return rand() & 0x3F;
}
```

Key's Fifth Character

The next block still offers nothing new::

```
.text:08048569
                                         edi, [esp]
                                 mov
.text:0804856C
                                 push
                                         edi
.text:0804856D
                                         edi, [esp+8]
                                 mov
.text:08048571
                                 push
                                         edi
.text:08048572
                                         func_5
                                 call
.text:08048577
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnM\
                                 mov
.text:0804857C
                                 add
                                         ebx, eax
.text:0804857E
                                         dl, [ebx]
                                 mov
```

```
.text:08048580 mov edi, [esp+8]
.text:08048584 add edi, 4
.text:0804858A mov dh, [edi]
.text:0804858C cmp dl, dh
.text:0804858E jnz exit
```

It's yet another one of our checks::

```
int func_5_rv = func_5(pseudo, pseudo_length);
if( clef[4] != hardcoded_str[func_5_rv] )
   exit(1); // we failed
```

The routine func_5 is::

```
.text:0804868E func_5
                                proc near
                                                          ; CODE XREF: main+122p
.text:0804868E
.text:0804868E pseudo
                                = dword ptr
.text:0804868E pseudo_length
                                = dword ptr
                                              0Ch
.text:0804868E
.text:0804868E
                                 push
                                         ebp
.text:0804868F
                                 mov
                                         ebp, esp
.text:08048691
                                 xor
                                         ebx, ebx
.text:08048693
                                 mov
                                         esi, [ebp+pseudo]
.text:08048696
                                 mov
                                         ecx, [ebp+pseudo_length]
.text:08048699
                                 dec
                                         есх
.text:0804869A
                                 jmp
                                         loc_80486BC
.text:0804869F
.text:0804869F
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_5+34j
.text:0804869F loc_804869F:
.text:0804869F
                                         edx, edx
                                 xor
.text:080486A1
                                         dl, [esi]
                                 mov
.text:080486A3
                                 push
                                         ecx
.text:080486A4
                                         ebx
                                 push
                                         2
.text:080486A5
                                 push
.text:080486AA
                                         edx
                                 push
.text:080486AB
                                         sub_8048708
                                 call
.text:080486B0
                                 pop
                                         ebx
.text:080486B1
                                 pop
                                         ecx
.text:080486B2
                                 add
                                         ebx, eax
                                         ebx, OFFh
.text:080486B4
                                 and
.text:080486BA
                                 inc
                                         esi
.text:080486BB
                                 dec
                                         ecx
.text:080486BC
.text:080486BC loc_80486BC:
                                                           ; CODE XREF: func_5+Cj
.text:080486BC
                                         ecx, OFFFFFFFh
                                 cmp
                                         short loc_804869F
.text:080486C2
                                 jnz
.text:080486C4
                                         eax, ebx
                                 mov
                                         al, 0EFh
.text:080486C6
                                 xor
.text:080486C8
                                         eax, 3Fh
                                 and
.text:080486CD
                                 leave
.text:080486CE
                                 retn
                                         8
.text:080486CE func_5
                                 endp
```

With another call to a subroutine sub_8048708::

```
.text:08048708 sub_8048708
                                                         ; CODE XREF: func_5+1Dp
                               proc near
.text:08048708
                               = dword ptr 8
.text:08048708 arg_0
                               = dword ptr 0Ch
.text:08048708 arg_4
.text:08048708
.text:08048708
                               push
                                        ebp
.text:08048709
                               mov
                                        ebp, esp
.text:0804870B
                               mov
                                        ecx, [ebp+arg_4]
```

```
.text:0804870E
                                         eax, 1
                                mov
.text:08048713
                                         ecx, 0
                                cmp
.text:08048719
                                         short locret_804872A
                                jΖ
.text:0804871B
                                         ebx, [ebp+arg_0]
                                mov
.text:0804871E
                                mul
                                         ebx
.text:08048720
                                         loc_8048727
                                jmp
.text:08048725
.text:08048725
.text:08048725 loc_8048725:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: sub_8048708+20j
.text:08048725
                                mul
                                         ebx
.text:08048727
.text:08048727 loc_8048727:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: sub_8048708+18j
.text:08048727
                                dec
                                         ecx
.text:08048728
                                         short loc_8048725
                                jnz
.text:0804872A
.text:0804872A locret_804872A:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: sub_8048708+11j
.text:0804872A
                                leave
                                         8
.text:0804872B
                                retn
.text:0804872B sub_8048708
                                endp
```

This second subroutine returns arg_0 raised to the power of arg_4::

```
sub_8048708(arg_0, arg_4) = pow(arg_0, arg_4); // arg_0 ** arg_4
```

So func_5 translates to the following C code::

```
int func_5(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
   int res = 0;
   for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)
   {
      res += pseudo[i]*pseudo[i]; // sub_8048708(pseudo[i], 2)
   }
   return (res ^ 0xEF) & 0x3F;
}</pre>
```

Key's Sixth Character

Finally we get a snippet that looks slightly different::

```
.text:08048594
                                                           ; edi = pseudo
                                 mov
                                         edi, [esp+4]
.text:08048598
                                 xor
                                         edx, edx
                                                           ; edx = 0
                                         dl, [edi]
.text:0804859A
                                 mov
                                                           ; dl = pseudo[0]
.text:0804859C
                                 push
                                         edx
                                                           ; arg0 = pseudo[0]
.text:0804859D
                                 call
                                         func_6
                                         ebx, offset hardcoded_str ; "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnM\
.text:080485A2
                                 mov
.text:080485A7
                                 add
                                         ebx, eax
.text:080485A9
                                 mov
                                         dl, [ebx]
.text:080485AB
                                 mov
                                         edi, [esp+8]
.text:080485AF
                                         edi, 5
                                 add
.text:080485B5
                                         dh, [edi]
.text:080485B7
                                 cmp
                                         dl, dh
                                                           ; clef[5] == hardcoded_str[func_6_rv]
.text:080485B9
                                 jnz
                                         exit
```

This time the subroutine func_6 takes the first character of pseudo as the only parameter::

```
int func_6_rv = func_6(pseudo[0]);
if( clef[5] != hardcoded_str[func_6_rv] )
    exit(1); // we failed
```

Here's func_6::

```
.text:080486D1 func_6
                                                          ; CODE XREF: main+14Dp
                                proc near
.text:080486D1
                                = dword ptr 8
.text:080486D1 pseudo_0
.text:080486D1
.text:080486D1
                                push
                                         ebp
.text:080486D2
                                         ebp, esp
                                mov
.text:080486D4
                                xor
                                         eax, eax
.text:080486D6
                                        esi, [ebp+pseudo_0]
                                mov
.text:080486D9
                                        esi, 0
                                cmp
.text:080486DF
                                        short loc_80486FF
                                jΖ
.text:080486E1
                                        _{\rm rand}
                                call
.text:080486E6
                                mov
                                        ecx, [ebp+pseudo_0]
.text:080486E9
                                jmp
                                        loc_80486F5
.text:080486EE
.text:080486EE
.text:080486EE loc_80486EE:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_6+25j
.text:080486EE
                                push
                                        ecx
.text:080486EF
                                call
                                         _rand
.text:080486F4
                                         есх
                                pop
.text:080486F5
.text:080486F5 loc_80486F5:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_6+18j
.text:080486F5
                                dec
                                         ecx
.text:080486F6
                                        short loc_80486EE
                                jnz
.text:080486F8
                                and
                                         eax, OFFh
.text:080486FD
                                xor
                                        al, 0E5h
.text:080486FF
.text:080486FF loc_80486FF:
                                                          ; CODE XREF: func_6+Ej
.text:080486FF
                                and
                                         eax, 3Fh
.text:08048704
                                leave
.text:08048705
                                retn
                                         4
.text:08048705 func_6
                                endp
```

The snippet just takes n random numbers and returns the last one, where n is the ASCII code of our letter pseudo[0]::

```
int func_6(char pseudo0)
{
    int res = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo0; i++)
        res = rand();
    return (res ^ 0xE5) & 0x3F;
}</pre>
```

The Goodboy Message

If we passed all 6 tests for the characters in clef we get to this snippet::

```
.text:080485BF
                                        offset aBravo
                                                          ; "Bravo !!\n"
                                push
                                         _printf
.text:080485C4
                                call
.text:080485C9
                                xor
                                         eax, eax
.text:080485CB
                                leave
.text:080485CC
                                retn
.text:080485CC main
                                endp; sp-analysis failed
```

Which is prints the Bravo !!\n goodboy message before returning 0::

```
printf("Bravo !!\n")
return 0;
```

The Keygen

Putting together all six tests we obtain our keygenerator::

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <cstring>
#include <stdlib.h>
int func_1(int pseudo_length)
{
    return (pseudo_length ^ 0x3B) & 0x3F;
}
int func_2(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
    int res = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)</pre>
        res += pseudo[i];
    return (res ^ 0x4F) & 0x3F;
}
int func_3(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
    int res = 1;
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)</pre>
        res *= pseudo[i];
    return (res ^ 0x55) & 0x3F;
}
int func_4(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
    int res = pseudo[0];
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)</pre>
        if(pseudo[i] > res)
            res = pseudo[i];
    srand(res ^0xE);
    return rand() & 0x3F;
}
int func_5(char* pseudo, int pseudo_length)
{
    int res = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo_length; i++)</pre>
        res += pseudo[i]*pseudo[i];
    return (res ^ 0xEF) & 0x3F;
}
int func_6(char pseudo0)
{
    int res = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < pseudo0; i++)
        res = rand();
    return (res ^ 0xE5) & 0x3F;
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    if( argc != 2 )
        printf("usage: keygen <pseudo>\n");
```

```
char hardcoded[] = "A-CHRDw87lNS0E9B2TibgpnMVys5Xzvt0GJcYLU+4mjW6fxqZeF3Qa1rPhdKIouk";
    char* pseudo = argv[1];
    char clef[7];
    int pseudo_length = strlen(pseudo);
    clef[0] = hardcoded[func_1(pseudo_length)];
    clef[1] = hardcoded[func_2(pseudo, pseudo_length)];
    clef[2] = hardcoded[func_3(pseudo, pseudo_length)];
    clef[3] = hardcoded[func_4(pseudo, pseudo_length)];
    clef[4] = hardcoded[func_5(pseudo, pseudo_length)];
    clef[5] = hardcoded[func_6(pseudo[0])];
    clef[6] = 0;
    printf("pseudo: %s\n", pseudo);
    printf("clef: %s\n", clef);
}
```