

Crackmes.de – GordonBM's Reverse Keygenme

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This blog posts presents my solution to the *Reverse Keygen* by GordonBM's on the "reversers's playground" at [crackmes.de](#) ^[1]. I first used IDA Pro to disassembler to get the [CIL](#) ^[2] representation of the key generator. You can see the full listing of the key generator function here [here](#) ^[3].

The code responsible for generating the key is in the method `pump`. This function receives the message as the first argument. The function generates the key in either the simple or hard mode based on the checkbox status passed as the second argument. The function returns the key back to the caller, who simply displays the value by copying it to the message text box. These are the first few lines of `pump`:

```
3      .method public hidebysig instance string pump(string str, bool check)
4          // CODE XREF: button1_Click+25p
5      {
6      .maxstack 5
7      .locals init (char[] V0,
8                  string[] V1,
9                  string V2,
10                 int32 V3,
11                 string V4,
12                 bool V5)
13      nop
14      ldarg.1
15      callvirt instance char[] [mscorlib]System.String::ToCharArray()
16      stloc.0
17      ldloc.0
18      ldlen
19      conv.i4
20      newarr [mscorlib]System.String
21      stloc.1
22      ldstr ""
23      stloc.2
24      ldarg.2
25      ldc.i4.0
26      ceq
27      stloc.s 5
28      ldloc.s 5
29      brtrue.s loc_4A1          // branch if check is FALSE
30      nop
31      ldc.i4.0
32      stloc.3
33      br.s    loc_48F
```

The lines roughly translate to the following pseudo C# code:

```
1      string pump(string szMessage, bool bHardcoreMode) {
2          /* v0:  rgchMessage (char array representation of szMessage)
3             v1:  rgszResult (empty string array of same size as v0)
4             v2:  szResult (empty null-terminated string)
5             v3:  iIndex (index of char array)
6          */
7          char[] rgchMessage = szMessage.ToCharArray();
8          string[] rgszResult = new string[szMessage.Length];
9          string szResult = "";
10
11          if( bHardcoreMode ) {
12              // do hardcore mode
13          }
14          else {
15              // do simple mode at loc_4A1
16          }
17      }
```

The snippet converts the message string to an array of characters and stores the result in `rgchMessage`. It also initializes two results variables `szResult` (an empty string) and `rgszResult` (an empty array with same size as the message). After that, the code either continues with the hardcore keygenerator (when the checkbox is set) or jumps to simple mode key generating at `loc_4A1`. Let's start with the easy version.

Simple Mode

Let's first investigate the simple version, which starts at line `loc_4A1`

```
78  loc_4A1:                                // CODE XREF: pump+1Fj
79      nop
80      ldc.i4.0
81      stloc.3
82      br.s    loc_4C1
83
84  (...)
85
86  loc_4C1:                                // CODE XREF: pump+64j
87      ldloc.3
88      ldarg.1
89      callvirt instance int32 [mscorlib]System.String::get_Length()
90      clt
91      stloc.s 5
92      ldloc.s 5
93      brtrue.s loc_4A6
94      nop
95
96  loc_4D1:                                // CODE XREF: pump+5Fj
97      ldloc.2
98      stloc.s 4
99      br.s    loc_4D6
100
101  loc_4D6:
102      ldloc.s 4
103      ret
104  }
```

This snippet doesn't do much. We are probably looking at a `for` loop that iterates over all characters in `szMessage`. After the `for`-loop, the method `pump` returns the string in `szResult`. Here is the code in pseudo C#:

```
1  // loc_4A1:
2  int iIndex = 0           // in v3
3
4  // loc_4C1:
5  if( iIndex < szMessage.Length )
6      // jump to loc_4A6
7
8  return szResult;
```

The body of the loop is at `loc_4A6`:

```
84  loc_4A6:                                // CODE XREF: pump+8Ej
85      nop
86      ldloc.1
87      ldloc.3
88      ldloc.0
89      ldloc.3
90      ldelem.u2
91      call string [mscorlib]System.Convert::ToString(int32)
92      stelem.ref
93      ldloc.2
94      ldloc.1
95      ldloc.3
96      ldelem.ref
97      call string [mscorlib]System.String::Concat(string, string)
98      stloc.2
99      nop
100     ldloc.3
101     ldc.i4.1
102     add
103     stloc.3
```

We can decompile it to the following pseudo C# code:

```
84  /* if rgchMessage = {'t', ...} then nCharacter = 116 and
85     szCharacterCode = "116" */
86  unsigned short nCharacter = rgchMessage[iIndex]; // ldelem.u2
87  string szCharacterCode = nCharacter.ToString();
88  rgszResult[iIndex] = szCharacterCode;
```

```

89  szResult = string.Concat(szResult, szCharacterCode);
90  iIndex++;
91  // continue at loc_4C1

```

Those few lines implement the whole magic of the simple encryption:

- They take the letter at `iIndex` into the message. For example, if the message is "test" and `iIndex` is 2, then the character would be `e`
- The character is implicitly converted to an unsigned short. By doing this we get the ASCII code of the letter. In our example for letter `e` we get 101.
- The integer code is then converted to a string, so 101 becomes "101"

Putting all parts together leads to the following key generation algorithm:

```

1  string pump(string szMessage, bool bHardcoreMode) {
2      /* v0:  rgchMessage (char array representation of szMessage)
3         v1:  rgszResult  (empty string array of same size as v0)
4         v2:  szResult   (empty null-terminated string)
5         v3:  iIndex     (index of char array)
6      */
7      char[] rgchMessage = szMessage.ToCharArray();
8      string[] rgszResult = new string[szMessage.Length];
9      string szResult = "";
10
11     if( bHardcoreMode ) {
12         // do hardcore mode
13     }
14     else {
15         // do simple mode
16         for( int iIndex = 0; iIndex < szMessage.Length; iIndex++ ) {
17             unsigned short nCharacter = rgchMessage[iIndex];
18             string szCharacterCode = nCharacter.ToString();
19             rgszResult[iIndex] = szCharacterCode;
20             szResult = string.Concat(szResult, szCharacterCode);
21         }
22         return szResult;
23     }
24 }

```

Reversing encrypted text is straightforward. The only tricky part is differentiating between the two digit ASCII codes and the three digits ones. The latter always start with 1, while the former never do (the ASCII codes 10 to 19 are not printable). The following Python script first tokenizes the key into ASCII codes, and then transforms those code back to characters:

```

1  import argparse
2  import re
3
4
5  def decrypt(message):
6      res = ""
7      for c in re.findall('([2-9]\d|1\d{2})', message):
8          res += chr(int(c))
9      return res
10
11  if __name__ == "__main__":
12      parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Simple Keygen")
13      parser.add_argument("encrypted")
14      args = parser.parse_args()
15      print(decrypt(args.encrypted))

```

Example:

```

1  $ python simple_keygen.py 84104105115327311532653284101115116
2  This Is A Test

```

Hardcore Mode

Decompiling the Algorithm

The hardcore mode starts right after the branch to the simple version:

```

35  nop
36  ldc.i4.0
37  stloc.3
38  br.s    loc_48F

```

```

39
40 (...)
41
42 loc_48F:                // CODE XREF: pump+24j
43     ldloc.3
44     ldarg.1
45     callvirt instance int32 [mscorlib]System.String::get_Length()
46     clt
47     stloc.s 5
48     ldloc.s 5
49     brtrue.s loc_466
50     nop
51     br.s     loc_4D1
52
53 (...)
54
55 loc_4D1:                // CODE XREF: pump+5Fj
56     ldloc.2
57     stloc.s 4
58     br.s     loc_4D6
59
60 loc_4D6:
61     ldloc.s 4
62     ret
63 }

```

This snippet translates to:

```

1  int iIndex = 0          // in v3
2
3  // loc_48F
4  if( iIndex < szMessage.Length )
5      // jump to loc_466
6
7  return szResult;

```

which, as for the simple mode, is simply a loop over all characters. The body of the loop at `loc_466` reads as:

```

40 loc_466:                // CODE XREF: pump+5Cj
41     nop
42     ldloc.1
43     ldloc.3
44     ldloc.0
45     ldloc.3
46     ldelem.u2
47     conv.r8
48     ldarg.0
49     ldarg.1
50     callvirt instance int32 [mscorlib]System.String::get_Length()
51     call     instance float64 Encryptr.Goodies.Engine::ran(int32 l)
52     add
53     call     string [mscorlib]System.Convert::ToString(float64)
54     stelem.ref
55     ldloc.2
56     ldloc.1
57     ldloc.3
58     ldelem.ref
59     call     string [mscorlib]System.String::Concat(string, string)
60     stloc.2
61     nop
62     ldloc.3
63     ldc.i4.1
64     add
65     stloc.3
66
67 loc_48F:                // CODE XREF: pump+24j
68     ldloc.3
69     ldarg.1
70     callvirt instance int32 [mscorlib]System.String::get_Length()
71     clt
72     stloc.s 5
73     ldloc.s 5
74     brtrue.s loc_466
75     nop
76     br.s     loc_4D1

```

or in C#:

```
1    double dbCharacter = (double)rgchMessage[iIndex];
2    double dbRanResult = ran(szMessage.Length);
3    double dbSum = dbCharacter + dbRanResult;
4    string szSum = dbSum.ToString();
5    rgpszResult[iIndex] = szSum;
6    szResult = string.Concat(szResult, szSum);
7    iIndex++;
8    // continue loop at loc_48F
```

So the hardcore mode, just like the simple version, operates on the ASCII codes of the letters and concatenates the results. This time, however, there is an additional method `ran` whose return value is added to the ASCII character codes. Also the code uses double types instead of integers. Let's try to decompile `ran`:

```
125 .method private hidebysig instance float64 ran(int32 I) // CODE XREF: pump+34p
126 {
127     .maxstack 5
128     .locals init (float64 V0,
129                  int32 V1,
130                  float64 V2,
131                  bool V3)
132     nop
133     ldc.r8 0.0
134     stloc.0
135     ldc.i4.0
136     stloc.1
137     br.s   loc_53A
138
139 (...)
140
141 loc_53A: // CODE XREF: ran+Dj
142     ldloc.1
143     ldarg.1
144     ldc.i4.2
145     mul
146     clt
147     stloc.3
148     ldloc.3
149     brtrue.s loc_4EF
150     ldloc.0
151     stloc.2
152     br.s   loc_548
153
154 loc_548:
155     ldloc.2
156     ret
157 }
```

The function decompiles to:

```
1    double ran(int iStringLength) {
2        double dbV0 = 0.0;
3        int iCounter = 0; // in v1
4
5        // loc_53A:
6        double dbTemp = 2*iStringLength;
7        if( dbTemp > dbV0 )
8            // goto loc_4EF
9
10       return dbV0;
11    }
```

At `loc_4EF` we find:

```
139 loc_4EF: // CODE XREF: ran+62j
140     nop
141     ldloc.1
142     ldc.i4.2
143     rem
144     ldc.i4.0
145     ceq
146     ldc.i4.0
147     ceq
148     stloc.3
149     ldloc.3
```

```

150      brtrue.s loc_522
151      nop
152      ldloc.0
153      ldloc.0
154      ldc.r8  2.0
155      mul
156      ldarg.0
157      ldflld  class [mscorlib]System.Random Encrypter.Goodies.Engine::random
158      ldc.i4.0
159      ldc.i4.2
160      callvirt instance int32 [mscorlib]System.Random::Next(int32, int32)
161      ldloc.1
162      ldc.i4.6
163      xor
164      mul
165      conv.r8
166      add
167      add
168      stloc.0
169      nop
170      br.s    loc_535

```

which in C# is:

```

1  if( iCounter % 2 )
2      // goto loc_522
3  else
4      double mul = dbV0*2.0
5      Random rnd = new Random();
6      int nRandZeroOrOne = rnd.Next(0, 2);
7      int iXOR = iCounter ^ 6;
8      double mul2 = (double) iXOR * nRandZeroOrOne;
9      mul2 = mul2 + mul;
10     dbV0 = mul2 + dbV0;
11     // go to loc_535

```

If the `iCounter` is odd, the snippet at `loc_522` gets executed:

```

172  loc_522:                                // CODE XREF: ran+1Bj
173      nop
174      ldloc.0
175      ldloc.0
176      ldc.r8  2.0
177      mul
178      ldc.i4.0
179      conv.r8
180      add
181      add
182      stloc.0
183      nop
184
185  loc_535:
186  (...)

```

which translates to the following C# pseudo code:

```

1  double mul = 2.0 * dbV0;
2  double res = mul + 0.0;
3  res = res + dbV0;
4  dbV0 = res

```

We can further simplify this to:

```

1  dbV0 = 3.0*dbV0;

```

After the two cases for `iCounter` even and odd follows line `loc_535`:

```

185  loc_535:                                // CODE XREF: ran+40j
186
187      nop
188      ldloc.1
189      ldc.i4.1
190      add
191      stloc.1

```

These lines just increment the `iCounter` variable:

```
1 iCounter++;
```

So to summarize all parts, this is the whole `ran` method:

```
1 double ran(int iStringLength) {
2     double dbV0 = 0.0;
3
4     for(int iCounter = 0; iCounter < 2.0*iStringLength; iCounter++ ) {
5         if( iCounter % 2 )
6             dbV0 = 3.0*dbV0;
7         else
8             double mul = dbV0*2.0
9             Random rnd = new Random();
10            int nRandZeroOrOne = rnd.Next(0, 2);
11            int iXOR = iCounter ^ 6;
12            double mul2 = (double) iXOR * nRandZeroOrOne;
13            mul2 = mul2 + mul;
14            dbV0 = mul2 + dbV0;
15        }
16
17    return dbV0;
18 }
```

We can simplify this code by unrolling the even and odd case:

```
1 double ran(int iStringLength) {
2     double dbV0 = 0.0;
3
4     for(int iCounter = 0; iCounter < iStringLength; iCounter++ ) {
5         double mul = dbV0*2.0
6         Random rnd = new Random();
7         int nRandZeroOrOne = rnd.Next(0, 2);
8         int iXOR = (2*iCounter) ^ 6;
9         double mul2 = (double) iXOR * nRandZeroOrOne;
10        mul2 = mul2 + mul;
11        dbV0 = mul2 + dbV0;
12        dbV0 = 3.0*dbV0;
13    }
14
15    return dbV0;
16 }
```

Putting all calculations in one line leads to:

```
1 double ran(int iStringLength) {
2     Random rnd = new Random();
3     double dbV0 = 0.0;
4
5     for(int iCounter = 0; iCounter < iStringLength; iCounter++ ) {
6         result += 3*( ((2*iCounter) ^ 6) * rnd.Next(0, 2) + dbV0*3)
7
8     return dbV0;
```

So to summarize: The hardcore mode also iterates over all characters and takes the ASCII codes. But then it adds random noise with the function `ran`. The hardest part about reversing this key generation algorithm is definitely the uncertainty of this noise. The next section investigates this noise in more detail.

Learning about the Noise

Strings of Length 1

Let's start with the easiest case – strings of length 1. The for loop is executed exactly once. The expression $(2*iCounter) \wedge 6$ evaluates to 6. The random function `rnd.Next(0, 2)` either evaluates to 0 or to 1. This means the result of `ran` is either 0 or 18.

Strings of Length 2

The `for`-loop gets executed twice for two letter words. After the first pass, `dbV0` holds either 0 or 18 as seen before. For the next iteration $(2*iCounter) \wedge 6$ evaluates to 4. The random function `rnd.Next(0, 2)` again is 0 or 1. So if `dbV0` was 0 after the first iteration, we get either 0 or 4. If, on the other hand, `dbV0` was 18, we get the value 162 or 174.

Strings of Length n

The following recursive Python function generates all possible noise values for a given length:

```
1 def ran_values(length, values=None, pos=0, val=0):
2     """get all potential random values for length as list """
3
4     if values is None:
5         values = set()
6     if pos == length:
7         values.add(val)
8     else:
9         xor = (2*pos) ^ 6
10        pos += 1
11
12        # case 1: rand is 0
13        next_val = 9*val
14        ran_values(length, values, pos, next_val)
15
16        # case 2: rand is 1
17        next_val = 3*(val*3 + xor)
18        ran_values(length, values, pos, next_val)
19
20    return sorted(values)
21
22 if __name__ == "__main__":
23     for i in range(1,7):
24         tmp = "<tr><td>{</td><td>{</td></tr>"
25         print(tmp.format(i, ', '.join([str(x) for x in ran_values(i)])))
```

Running it yields these values:

iStringLength	noise values
1	0, 18
2	0, 12, 162, 174
3	0, 6, 108, 114, 1458, 1464, 1566, 1572
4	0, 54, 972, 1026, 13122, 13176, 14094, 14148
5	0, 42, 486, 528, 8748, 8790, 9234, 9276, 118098, 118140, 118584, 118626, 126846, 126888, 127332, 127374
6	0, 36, 378, 414, 4374, 4410, 4752, 4788, 78732, 78768, 79110, 79146, 83106, 83142, 83484, 83520, 1062882, 1062918, 1063260, 1063296, 1067256, 1067292, 1067634, 1067670, 1141614, 1141650, 1141992, 1142028, 1145988, 1146024, 1146366, 1146402

The number of noise values doubles for each extra letter. The only exception is the step from 3 to 4 characters which both lead to 8 noise values. This anomaly is due to the XOR expression that becomes zero for `iCounter = 3`.

Not only do the number of potential noise values increase, the number of digits also varies more and more. For 6 letter strings, for example, the noise could be 0 up to the 7 digit variable 1146402. So an additional problem is to know how many characters the message has. The next section examines the mean key length for different message sizes.

Average Key Length

To guess how many characters were in the message, we need to have a statistic for the average key length given a certain message length. The following Python script simply generates all potential noise values with the method `ran_values` shown above. It then adds the average ASCII code value. For the average ASCII code, I'm assuming the characters of the message are within the range 32 to 126. This range includes all printable characters. The mean character would therefore have a code of 79. This is, of course, a very rough estimate. Better algorithms would determine the mean based on average messages. But to just guess the string length it should be fine. Here's a script that lists the average length of the key for different message lengths up to 14:

```
1 from noise_overview import ran_values
2
3 ASCII_RANGE = [32, 126]
4
5 def generate_len_db(limit):
6     """generate a list of mean key lengths for all msg lengths
7
8     Args:
9         limit: up to which msg length should the mean be calculated
10
11     Returns:
12         a list of mean key lengths, index i corresponds to msg length i
13     """
14     len_db = []
15     noise_values = set()
16     mean_off = sum(ASCII_RANGE)/float(2)
```



```

16     for i in range(0,limit):
17         noise_values = ran_values(i)
18         mean_val = 0
19         for noise in noise_values:
20             char = noise + mean_off
21             mean_val += len(str(char))
22         mean_val *= i
23         mean_val /= len(noise_values)
24         len_db.append(mean_val)
25     return len_db
26
27 for i,l in enumerate(generate_len_db(15)):
28     print("<tr><td>{</td><td>{</td></tr>".format(i, l))

```

Note that the code takes a while to complete. But the values need to be computed only once and can later be hard coded into the reverse key generator.

message length avg. key length

0	0
1	2
2	5
3	9
4	16
5	23
6	33
7	44
8	56
9	72
10	90
11	110
12	132
13	156
14	182

Given the average key length we can estimate the length of the message.

Average Key Length

The example key given by the GordonBM is 9247109931023928283286380308924708453882326686447837 and has 52 characters. The closest value in the above table is 56 which corresponds to a message length of 8. The real message "GordonBM" indeed has 8 characters. The following Python snippet returns the best guess for the message length based on the hardcoded results from the previous section:

```

1 def guess_length(key):
2     """get the best guess for the length of the message based on hardcoded
3     mean key lengths"""
4
5     len_db = [0,2,5,9,16,23,33,44,56,72,90,110,132,156,182]
6     len_msg = len(key)
7     diffs = [abs(c-len_msg) for c in len_db]
8     val, idx = min((val, idx) for (idx, val) in enumerate(diffs))
9     return (idx, val)

```

With the above code we can guess the expected length of the message. Given this information we can then calculate the noise values. The "only" remaining part is to actually crack the key. I'm doing this with brute force.

Brute-Forcing the Message

With the length information of the message and, more importantly, the resulting noise values, we can brute force the message. The following algorithm starts at the beginning of the key and iterates over all potential noise values. It then checks if any character from the `ASCII_RANGE = [32, 126]` could have produced the key at hand. If yes, the algorithm advances the resulting number of digits and repeats the procedure. If it manages to reach the end of the key with all valid message characters (meaning they are in the `ASCII_RANGE`), then the function tests if the length of the message checks out and simply prints the message to stdout:

```

1 ASCII_RANGE = [32, 126]
2
3 def brute_force(crypt, msg_len, noises, pos=0, res=""):

```

```

4  """brute-force potential messages
5
6  Prints all potential messages (characters in ASCII_RANGE)
7
8  Args:
9      crypt: the key that should be reverse
10     msg_len: the length of the message
11     noises: the list of potential noise values for the given length
12
13  Returns:
14      nothing, prints all strings to stdout
15  """
16  for noise in noises:
17      low, upp = (tmp + noise for tmp in ASCII_RANGE)
18      for span in range(len(str(low)), len(str(upp))+1):
19          digits = crypt[pos:pos+span]
20          code = int(digits)
21          if low <= code <= upp:
22              msg_char = chr(code - noise)
23              concat = res + msg_char
24              if pos+span >= len(crypt):
25                  if len(concat) == msg_len:
26                      print(concat)
27                  else:
28                      pass # string does not match expected nr of chars
29              else:
30                  brute_force(crypt, msg_len, noises, pos+span, concat)

```

Putting all together

The entire reverse key generators looks as follows:

```

1  """Reverse key generator for GordonBM's Reverse Keygenme
2  see http://www.crackmes.de/users/gordonbm/reverse\_keygenme/
3  (hardcore mode)"""
4  import argparse
5
6  ASCII_RANGE = [32, 126]
7
8  def ran_values(length, values=None, pos=0, val=0):
9      """get all potential random values for length as list """
10
11     if values is None:
12         values = set()
13     if pos == length:
14         values.add(val)
15     else:
16         xor = (2*pos) ^ 6
17         pos += 1
18
19         # case 1: rand is 0
20         next_val = 9*val
21         ran_values(length, values, pos, next_val)
22
23         # case 2: rand is 1
24         next_val = 3*(val*3 + xor)
25         ran_values(length, values, pos, next_val)
26
27     return sorted(values)
28
29 def guess_length(key):
30     """get the best guess for the length of the message based on hardcoded
31     mean key lengths"""
32
33     len_db = [0,2,5,9,16,23,33,44,56,72,90,110,132,156,182]
34     len_msg = len(key)
35     diffs = [abs(c-len_msg) for c in len_db]
36     val, idx = min((val, idx) for (idx, val) in enumerate(diffs))
37     return (idx, val)
38
39
40 def brute_force(crypt, msg_len, noises, pos=0, res=""):
41     """brute-force potential messages
42
43     Prints all potential messages (characters in ASCII_RANGE)
44
45     Args:
46         crypt: the key that should be reverse

```

```

47     msg_len: the length of the message
48     noises: the list of potential noise values for the given length
49
50     Returns:
51         nothing, prints all strings to stdout
52     """
53     for noise in noises:
54         low, upp = (tmp + noise for tmp in ASCII_RANGE)
55         for span in range(len(str(low)), len(str(upp))+1):
56             digits = crypt[pos:pos+span]
57             code = int(digits)
58             if low <= code <= upp:
59                 msg_char = chr(code - noise)
60                 concat = res + msg_char
61                 if pos+span >= len(crypt):
62                     if len(concat) == msg_len:
63                         print(concat)
64                     else:
65                         pass # string does not match expected nr of chars
66             else:
67                 brute_force(crypt, msg_len, noises, pos+span, concat)
68
69 def crack(key):
70     """crack the key"""
71     msg_len, error = guess_length(key)
72     print("message length is probably {}, (delta {})".format(msg_len, error))
73     noise = ran_values(msg_len)
74     print("there are {} different noise values".format(len(noise)))
75     print("potential messages are:")
76     brute_force(key, msg_len, noise)
77
78 if __name__ == "__main__":
79     """ reverses keys like:
80         142641551691142
81         9247109931023928283286380308924708453882326686447837
82     """
83     parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Hardcore Reverse Keygen")
84     parser.add_argument('key', help="the key to be reversed")
85     args = parser.parse_args()
86     crack(args.key)

```

Let's test it with the key 142641551691142 which was produced entering the message "test":

```

1 $ python hardcore_keygen.py 142641551691142
2 message length is probably 4, (delta 1)
3 there are 8 different noise values
4 potential messages are:
5 test

```

Nice! It found the message. Now let's try the longer example key
9247109931023928283286380308924708453882326686447837:

```

1 $ python hardcore_keygen.py 9247109931023928283286380308924708453882326686447837
2 message length is probably 8, (delta 4)
3 there are 128 different noise values
4 potential messages are:
5 _ordonBe
6 _ordonBM
7 _ordon*e
8 _ordon*M
9 _ordWnBe
10 _ordWnBM
11 _ordWn*e
12 _ordWn*M
13 _orLonBe
14 _orLonBM
15 _orLon*e
16 _orLon*M
17 _orLWnBe
18 _orLWnBM
19 _orLWn*e
20 _orLWn*M
21 _oZdonBe
22 _oZdonBM
23 _oZdon*e
24 _oZdon*M
25

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26 _oZdWnBe
27 _oZdWnBM
28 _oZdWn*e
29 _oZdWn*M
30 _oZLonBe
31 _oZLonBM
32 _oZLon*e
33 _oZLon*M
34 _oZLWnBe
35 _oZLWnBM
36 _oZLWn*e
37 _oZLWn*M
38 GordonBe
39 GordonBM
40 Gordon*e
41 Gordon*M
42 GordWnBe
43 GordWnBM
44 GordWn*e
45 GordWn*M
46 GorLonBe
47 GorLonBM
48 GorLon*e
49 GorLon*M
50 GorLWnBe
51 GorLWnBM
52 GorLWn*e
53 GorLWn*M
54 GoZdonBe
55 GoZdonBM
56 GoZdon*e
57 GoZdon*M
58 GoZdWnBe
59 GoZdWnBM
60 GoZdWn*e
61 GoZdWn*M
62 GoZLonBe
63 GoZLonBM
64 GoZLon*e
65 GoZLon*M
66 GoZLWnBe
67 GoZLWnBM
68 GoZLWn*e
GoZLWn*M

Because the message is longer (and therefore also the potential noise values), we get not just one message back but 64 slightly different ones. Among those values is also the original message "GordonBM". But without additional knowledge about the message we can't do better than provide the extensive list of potential message.

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