

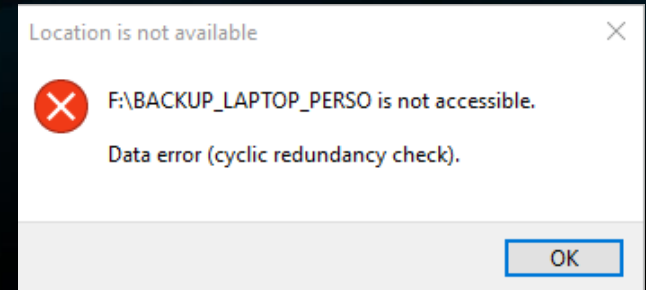
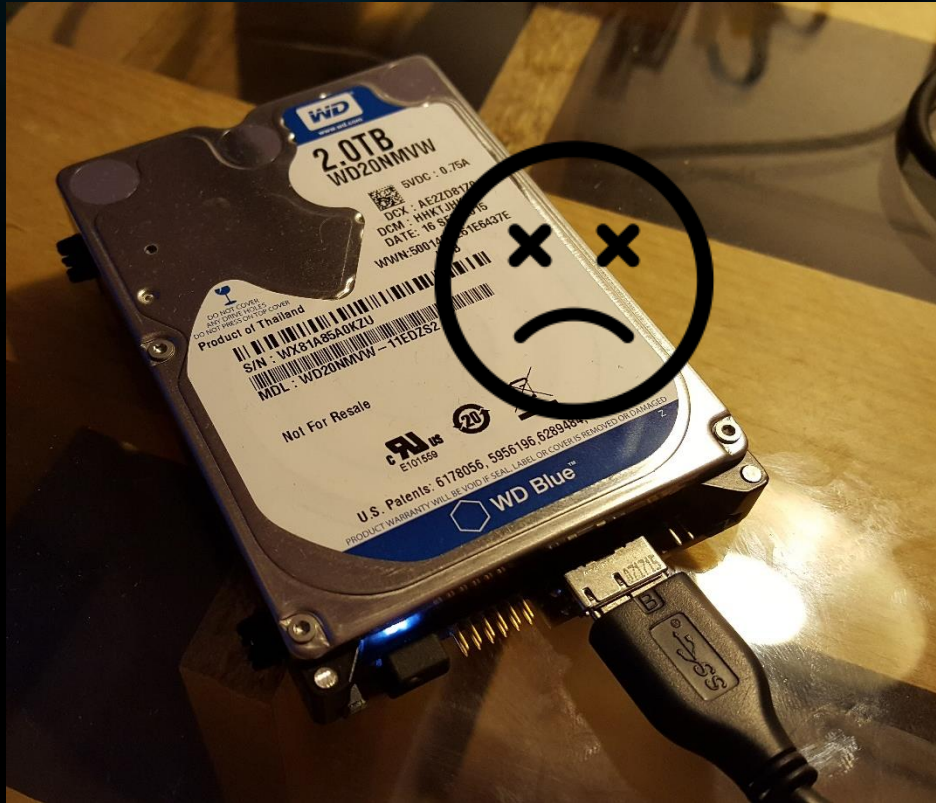


# CRACKING SOFTWARE

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# The beginning...

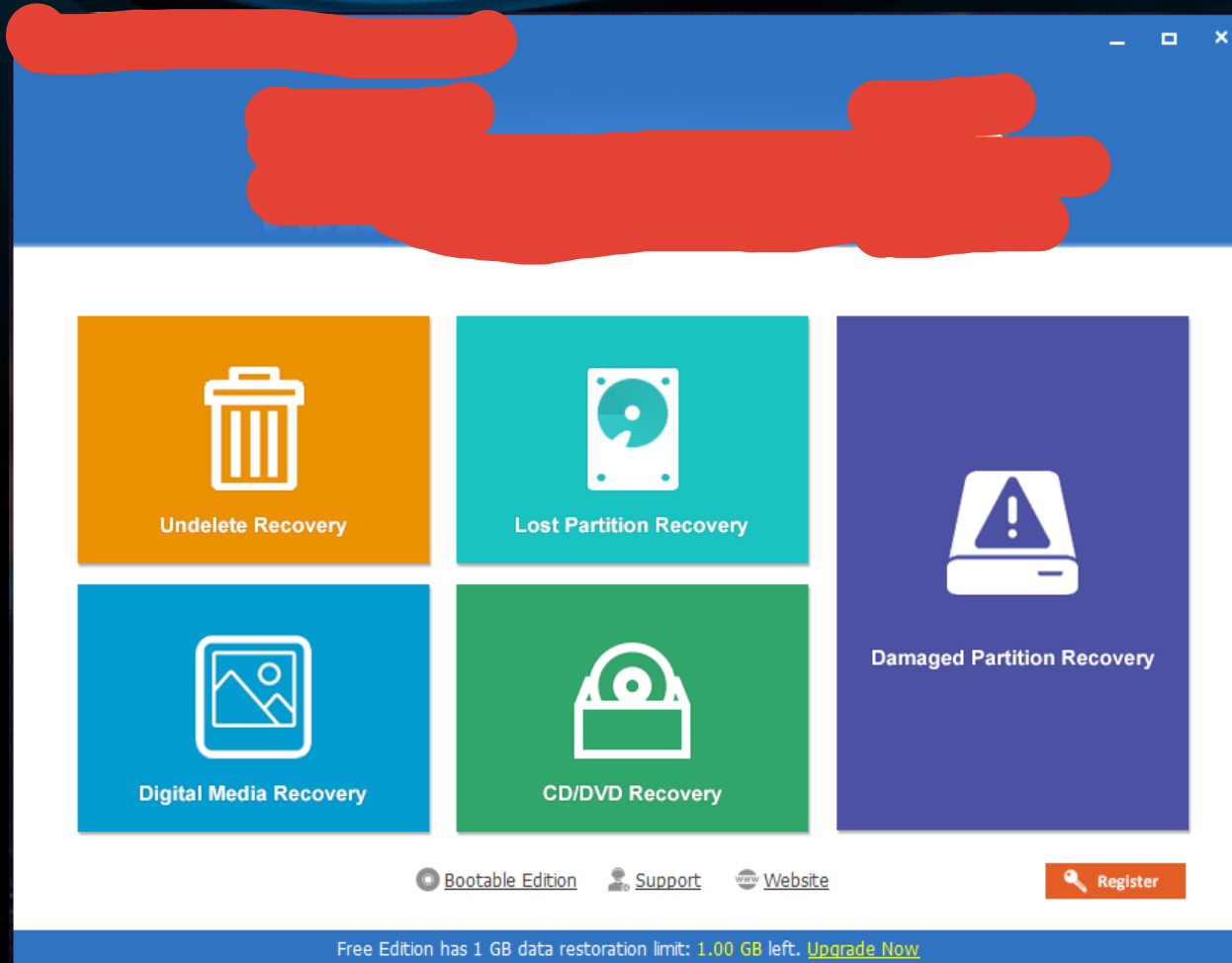


(almost) DEAD

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# 1> INTRO

# Working Software





# But...

The screenshot shows the 'Damaged Partition Recovery' application window. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Support, Bootable Media, and Register. Below this is a toolbar with icons for Preview, Find, Filter, and Export Scan Result. The main interface is divided into a left sidebar with a file tree and a central area. The file tree shows a list of files and folders under the path 'C:\', including Python27, binexport, binnavi-m..., apache-ant, avast! sa..., apache..., Perl64, python2..., System V..., Windows, Users, Program..., ProgramData, and Program... The central area displays a 'File Saving Limit' dialog box. The dialog box contains the following text: 'You have reached the file saving limit for the selected files.', 'File saving limit for Free Edition: 1 GB', 'Total recovered files: 0 B', 'Free quota left: 1.00 GB', and 'Current selected files: 42.69 GB'. There are 'Upgrade' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the dialog box. A red circle highlights the 'Upgrade' button. The status bar at the bottom of the application window shows a legend: 'x Deleted File', '? Lost File', '! Raw File', and 'NTFS Comp'. Below the legend, it states: 'Total 42.69 GB in 309008 files. Selected 42.69 GB in 309008 files'. At the very bottom, it says: 'Free Edition has 1 GB data restor'.

**Damaged Partition Recovery**

Home Support Bootable Media Register

Preview Find Filter Export Scan Result

Path Type

File Saving Limit:

You have reached the file saving limit for the selected files.

File saving limit for Free Edition: 1 GB

Total recovered files: 0 B

Free quota left: 1.00 GB

Current selected files: 42.69 GB

Upgrade Cancel

Legend: x Deleted File ? Lost File ! Raw File NTFS Comp

Total 42.69 GB in 309008 files. Selected 42.69 GB in 309008 files

Free Edition has 1 GB data restor

The screenshot shows a table with columns: Volume, Type, Capacity, and Information. The table contains the following data:

Volume	Type	Capacity	Information
Previous Scan Result of "Damaged Partition Recovery"	Scan Result		Result for Partition:"(C: NTFS)"
Recovery(NTFS)	Basic Partition	499.00 MB	VMware, VMware Virtual S
(FAT32)			
(Unidentified)			
(C: NTFS)			

A warning dialog box is overlaid on the table. It contains the following text: 'Free Edition does not support to load previous scan result. To use this function, please upgrade to advanced license.' There are 'Upgrade' and 'Later' buttons at the bottom of the dialog box. A red circle highlights the 'Upgrade' button.

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Upgrade Later

I NEED TO CRACK THIS SOFT



# The Tools

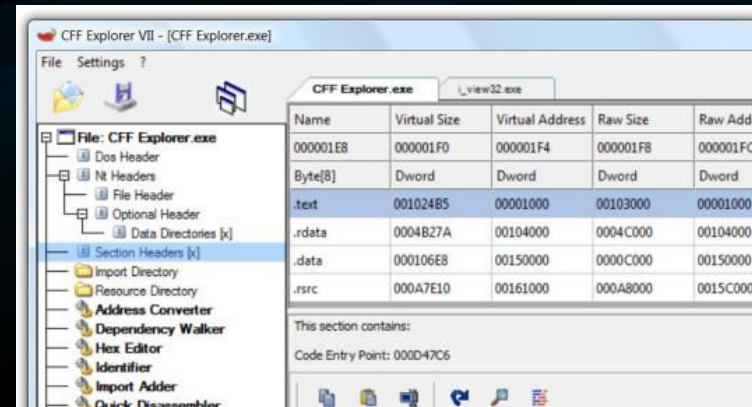
- Static Analysis: **IDA**

Last leak: IDA Pro 7.0.170914

(x86, x64, include Hex-Rays Decompiler)



- PE Viewer / Editor: **CFF Explorer**



<http://www.ntcore.com/exsuite.php>

- Debugger / Dynamic Analysis: **x64dbg**

## x64dbg

An open-source x64/x32 debugger for windows.

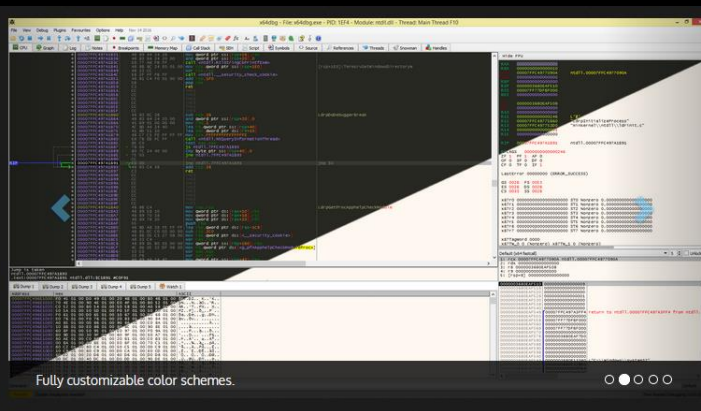
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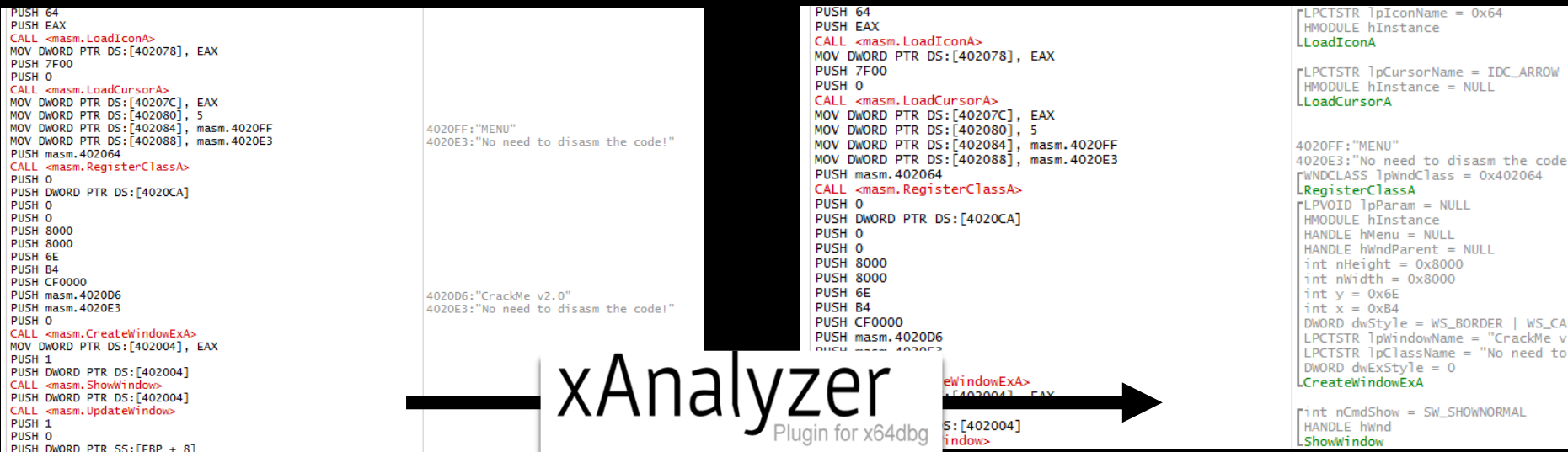
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<https://x64dbg.com/>

# x64dbg is awesome !

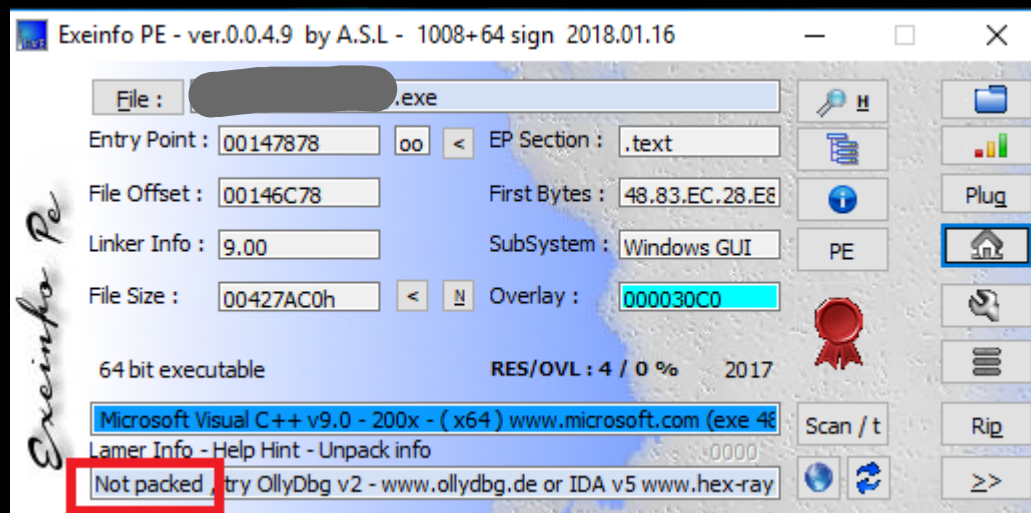
- Forget about *Ollydbg* and *Immunity Debugger*
  - No support for x64 / No recent upgrades
- *x64dbg* is fully living project with regular updates (see github)
  - Nice interface, customizable
  - Includes graph view
  - Many plugins available: <https://github.com/x64dbg/x64dbg/wiki/Plugins>





# Before all, check for binary protection

- Check for the use of known packers/protectors
  - **PEiD** is usually recommended, but not updated anymore !
- => **ExeInfo PE** has a large database of signatures and is still actively developed and maintained.
- For most common packers => tutorials available on the net.
  - Here, we are lucky, no packer is used ...

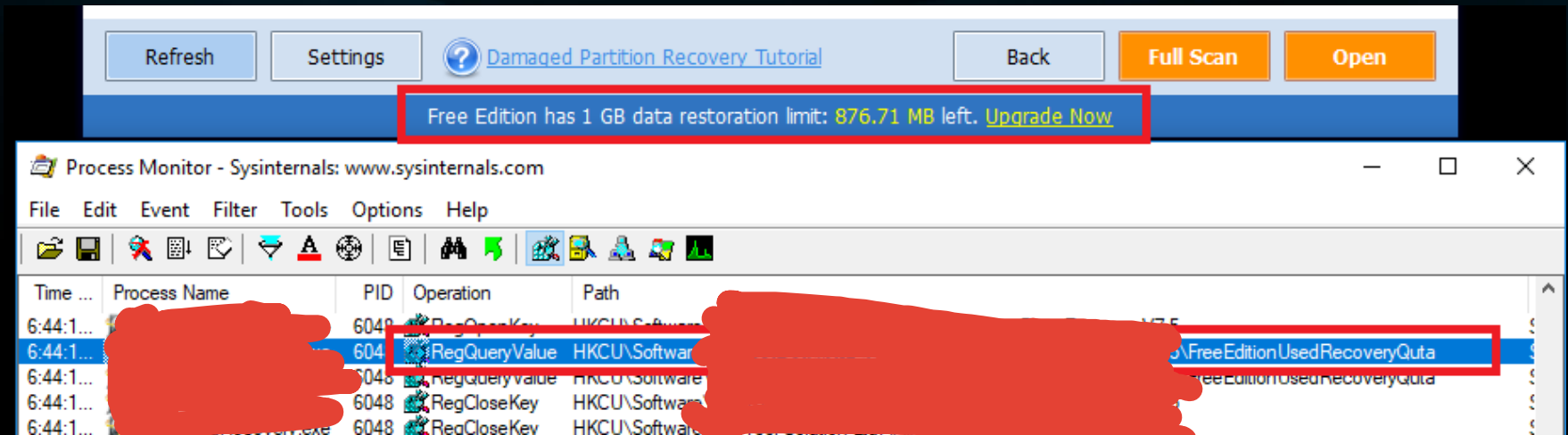


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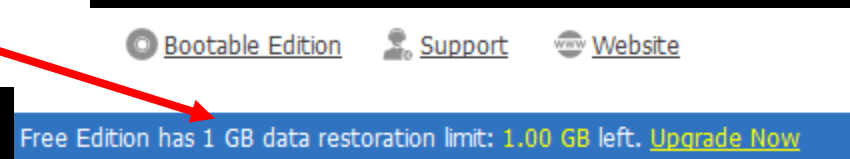
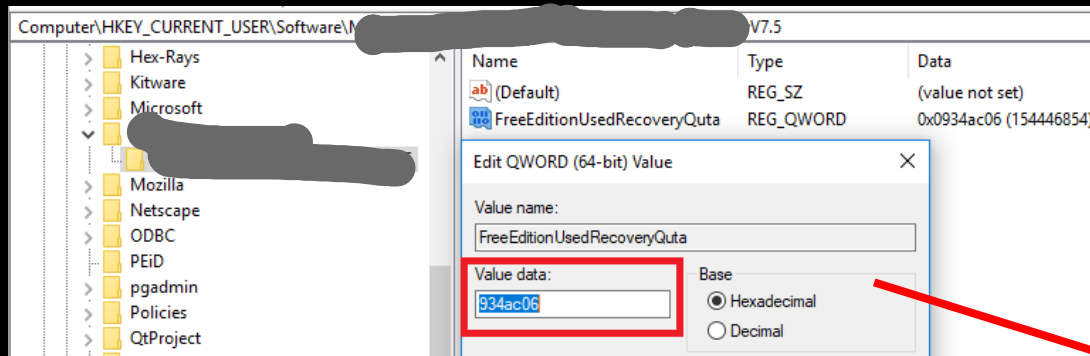
## 2> BASIC STUFF

# The n00bz method

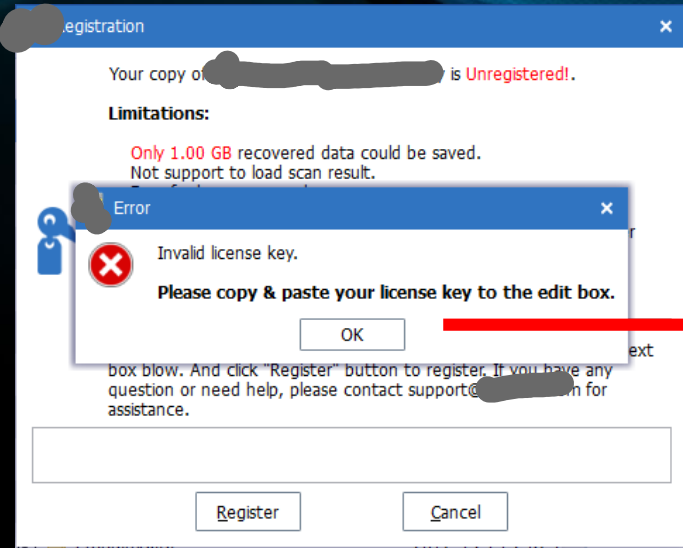
- Run the Free version & Monitor Registry activity with **ProcMon**:



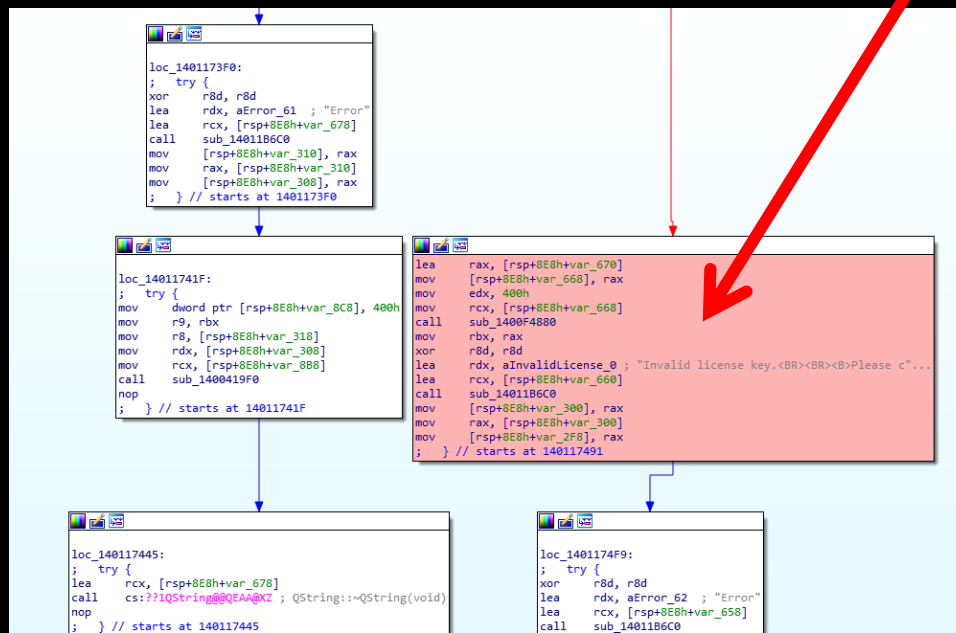
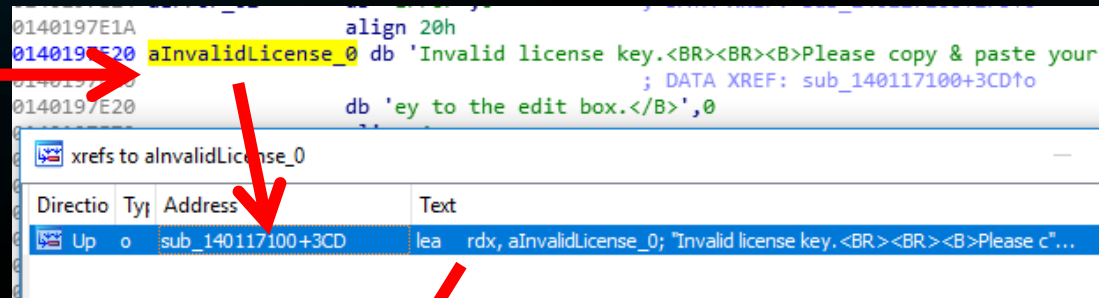
- Just replace the registry value by 0 to re-initialize the counter:



# Locate the license key check routine



Search for string in IDA, go to XREF





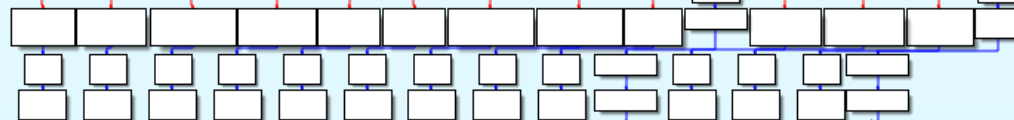
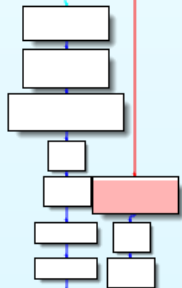
# DeZoom



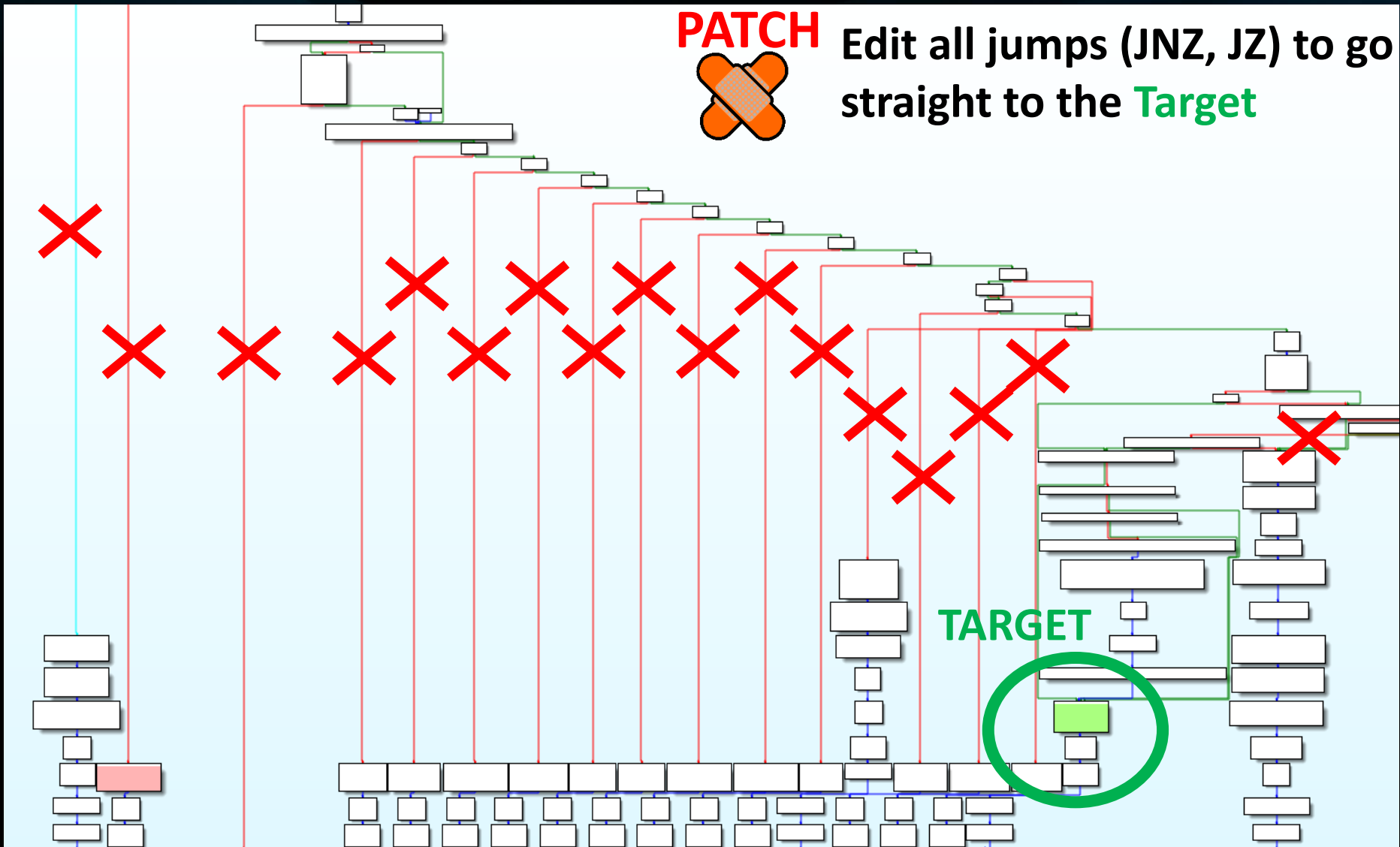
```
loc_140118930:  
lea     rax, [rsp+8E8h+var_3A8]  
mov     [rsp+8E8h+var_3A0], rax  
mov     edx, 400h  
mov     rcx, [rsp+8E8h+var_3A0]  
call    sub_1400F4880  
mov     rbx, rax  
xor     r8d, r8d  
  
lea     rdx, aThankYouForYou ; "Thank you for your registration!"  
lea     rax, [rsp+8E8h+var_308]  
call    sub_1401186C0  
mov     [rsp+8E8h+var_30], rax  
mov     rax, [rsp+8E8h+var_30]  
mov     [rsp+8E8h+var_28], rax  
; } // starts at 140118922
```

```
loc_1401177BF:  
; try {  
cmp     [rsp+8E8h+var_8A8], 66h  
jnz     loc_1401178A9
```

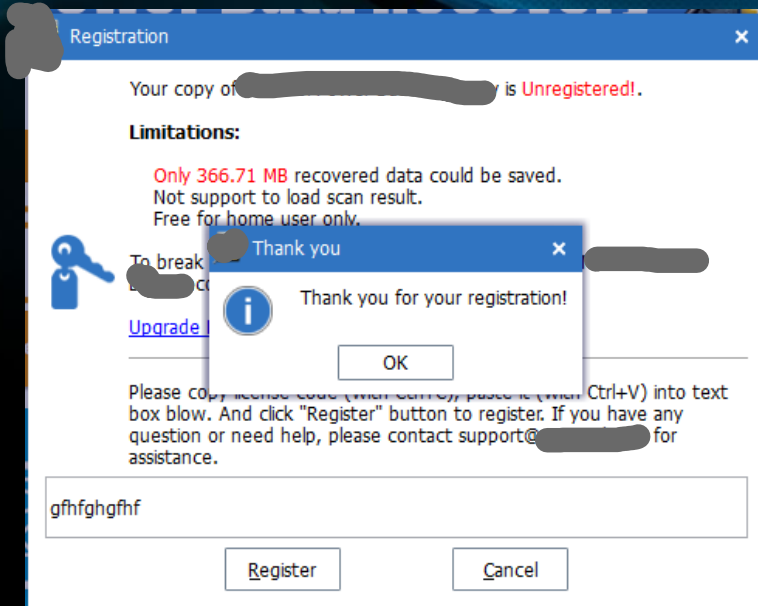
```
loc_1401178A9:  
; try {  
cmp     [rsp+8E8h+var_8A8], 67h  
jnz     loc_140117993
```



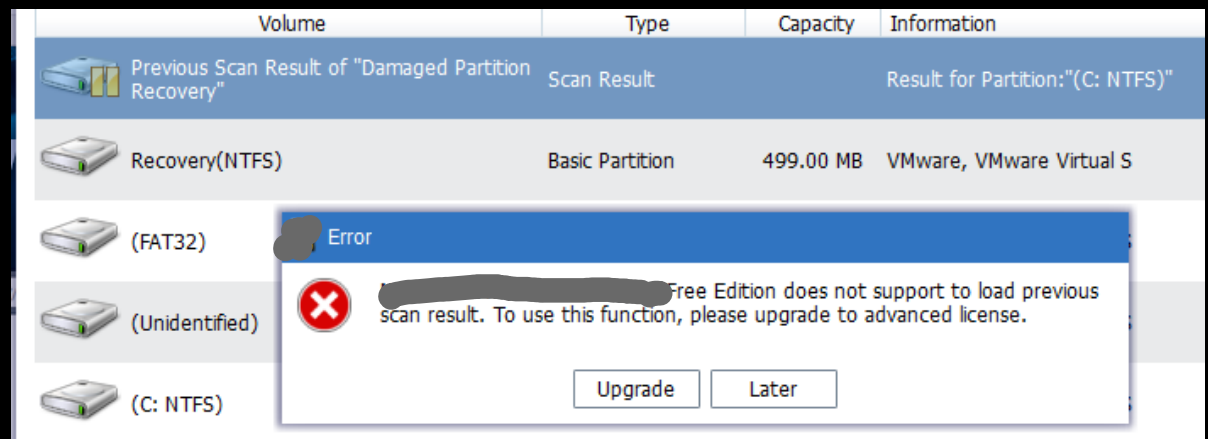
# Patch the routine



# Fail #1



But...





3> LET'S GO DEEPER



# What about licenses ?

https://w[redacted]

For Personal Users   For Business Users

Standard	Deluxe	Enterprise	Technician
★★★★★ Customer Reviews	★★★★★ Customer Reviews	★★★★★ Customer Reviews	★★★★★ Customer Reviews
Single license for 1 PC	Single license for 1 PC	Single license for 99 PCs	Single license for 299 PCs
1 Year Free Upgrade Service	Snap-in WinPE Bootable Builder	Snap-in WinPE Bootable Builder	Snap-in WinPE Bootable Builder
Commercial Use	Free life time Upgrade Service	1 Year Free Upgrade Service	1 Year Free Upgrade Service
Support Windows Server OS	Commercial Use	Commercial Use	Commercial Use
Support Windows Server OS	Support Windows Server OS	Support Windows Server OS	Support Windows Server OS
<b>U.S.\$119.00</b>	<b>U.S.\$199.00</b>	<b>U.S.\$399.00</b>	<b>U.S.\$499.00</b>
Buy Now	Buy Now	Buy Now	Buy Now

Different license types

⇒ Check strings references in IDA again:

“Technician”, “Deluxe” ...



# Locate the license type retrieval

```
.rdata:000000014018B768 aBusinessStanda db 'Business Standard',0
.rdata:000000014018B768
.rdata:000000014018B77A align 20h
.rdata:000000014018B780 aBusinessDeluxe db 'Business Deluxe',0
.rdata:000000014018B790 aBusinessEnterp db 'Business Enterprise'
.rdata:000000014018B790
.rdata:000000014018B7A4 align 8
.rdata:000000014018B7A8 aBusinessTechni db 'Business Technician'
.rdata:000000014018B7A8
.rdata:000000014018B7B0 align 20h
```

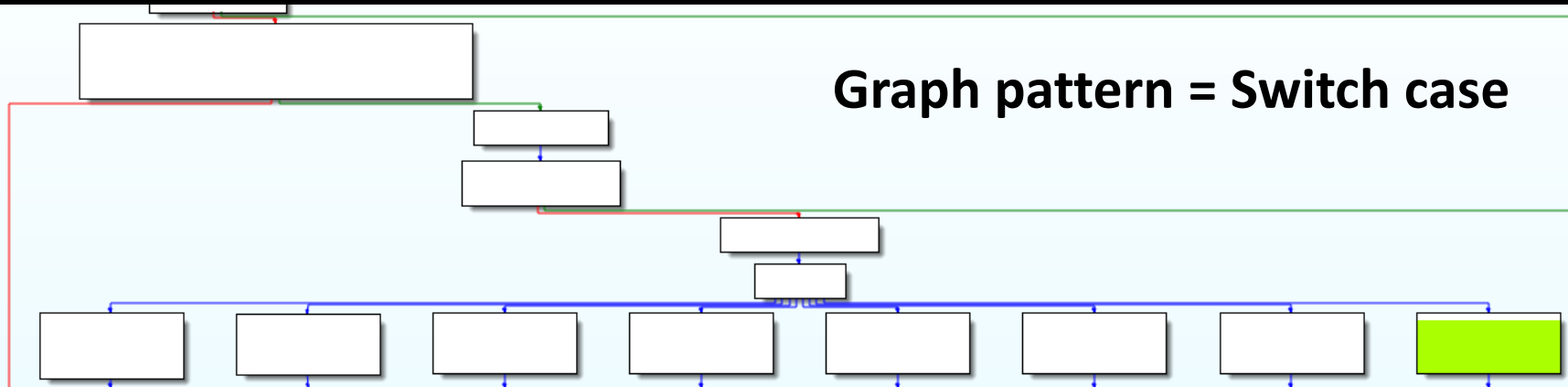
xrefs to aBusinessTechni

Direction	Type	Address	Text
Up	o	sub_1400C2820+507	lea rdx, aBusinessTechni; "Business Technician"

We locate the function which maps license information to the corresponding name.



Graph pattern = Switch case



# Patching the function used to check for license

Switch is made upon the value returned by function *sub\_14002F0E*:

```
mov     rcx, [rsp+2B8h+arg_0]
call    cs:parent@QObject@@QEBAPEAV1@XZ ; QObject::parent(void)
mov     rcx, rax
call    sub_140017440
mov     [rsp+2B8h+var_270], rax
call    sub_1400307E0
call    ?_GetNumberOfVirtualProcessors@_CurrentScheduler@details@Concurrency@@SAIXZ ; 
mov     [rsp+2B8h+var_260], eax
call    sub_1400307E0
call    sub_14002F0E0
movzx   eax, al
test    eax, eax
jnz     loc_1400C2A8D
```

License “Business Technician” corresponds to value = 7

```
sub_14002F0E0 proc near
var_18= qword ptr -18h

sub     rsp, 38h
call    sub_140030830
mov     [rsp+38h+var_18], rax
mov     rax, [rsp+38h+var_18]
mov     rax, [rax]
mov     rcx, [rsp+38h+var_18]
call    qword ptr [rax+8]
add     rsp, 38h
retn
sub_14002F0E0 endp
```

**PATCH**

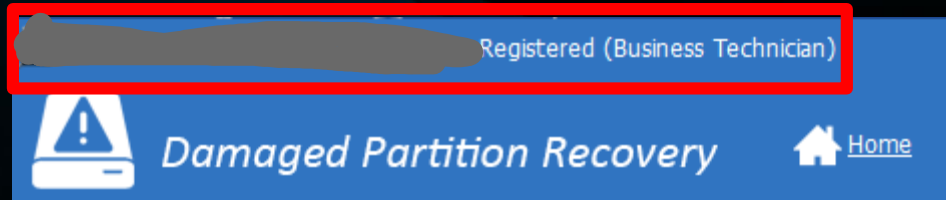


```
licence_checker proc near
var_18= qword ptr -18h

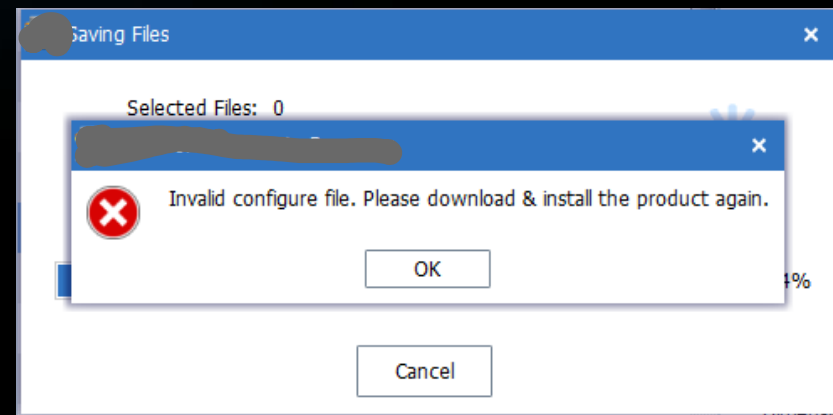
sub     rsp, 38h
nop
nop
nop
nop
nop
nop
nop
mov     eax, 7
nop
add     rsp, 38h
retn
licence_checker endp
```

We make this  
function always  
returning  
**value = 7**

## Fail #2 ?



But, when saving files...



Features like accessing previously scanned device (not available in Free edition) are however working.



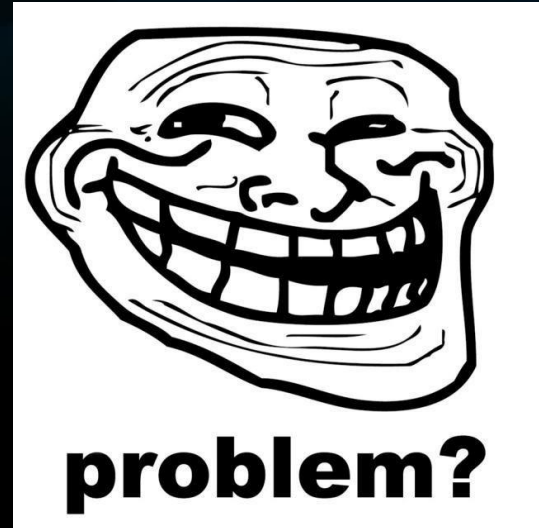
... BTW

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Rohit says

December 30, 2017 at 5:09 pm

I installed the software and I took the crack (1) for my version and everything was alright until I found out that it says this error when I try to recover any file ... Error- "Invalid Configure file. Please download and install the product again"

HELP ME OUTTTTT PLEASEEEE

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# 4> TRACING

# Instructions tracing

Idea: Run instructions tracing on suspected area (yellow block) with Free edition and our current Crack and make a **diff**.

Note: patching the jump (JZ) does not solve the problem => The copy takes place somewhere into the functions called from yellow block

Branch taken in our current cracked version

```
loc_7FF680FB4353:
; try {
call     display_file_tree
mov     rcx, rax
call     offset_1304
mov     [rsp+728h+var_c0], rax
mov     rax, [rax]
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_c0]
call     qword ptr [rax+32]
mov     [rsp+728h+var_6C0], rax
call     sub_7FF680F007E0
lea     r8, [rsp+728h+var_6A0]
mov     edx, 8
lea     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_6C0]
call     call_check_mfh_file
lea     rax, [rsp+728h+var_368]
mov     [rsp+728h+var_360], rax
lea     rdx, [rsp+728h+str1] ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_360] ; void *
call     cs:770C8000@@QZBAHXZ ; QString::QString(QString const &)
mov     [rsp+728h+var_B8], rax
mov     r8, [rsp+728h+var_B8]
lea     rdx, [rsp+728h+var_6A0]
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_0]
call     change_val_offset144
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_0]
call     return_val_arg_plus_144
movzx   eax, al
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_7FF680FB4552 ; problem: eax!=0
```

```
lea     rax, [rsp+728h+var_350]
mov     [rsp+728h+var_350], rax
mov     edx, 400h
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_350]
call     copy_pointers
mov     rbx, rax
xor     r8d, r8d
lea     rdx, aInvalidConfig ; "Invalid configure file. Please download"...
lea     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_348]
call     string_format
mov     [rsp+728h+var_B0], rax
mov     rax, [rsp+728h+var_B0]
mov     [rsp+728h+var_A8], rax
; } // starts at 7FF680FB4353
```

```
loc_7FF680FB4552:
; try {
mov     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_0]
call     cs:770C8000@@QZBAHXZ ; QDialog::result(void)
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_7FF680FB4809
```

```
lea     rax, [rsp+728h+var_328]
mov     [rsp+728h+var_320], rax
mov     dl, 20h
lea     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_2FE]
call     char_to_byte
movzx   edx, byte ptr [rax]
lea     rcx, [rsp+728h+var_300]
call     cs:770C8000@@QZBAHXZ ; QChar::QChar(QLatin1Char)
```

# Trace into

Config x64dbg to “Trace into”  
(follow function calls) BUT **only**  
**inside the main binary** (do NOT  
trace into DLLs)



Trace into...

Break Condition:

Log Text:

Log Condition:

Command Text:

Command Condition:

Maximum trace count:

Switch Condition:

Hint: History is available in every text field with the Up/Down arrows!

dis.isbranch(cip) &&

[redacted].EntryPoint != mod.entry(dis.branchdest(cip))

1	00007FF67FDC4388	4C 8D 84 24 88 00 00 00	LEA R8, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 88]
2	00007FF67FDC4390	BA 08 00 00 00 00	MOV EDX, 8
3	00007FF67FDC4395	48 8D 4C 24 68	LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 68]
4	00007FF67FDC439A	E8 A1 AD F4 FF	CALL [redacted]7FF67FD0F140
5	00007FF67FD0F140	4C 89 44 24 18	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 18], R8
6	00007FF67FD0F145	89 54 24 10	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 10], EDX
7	00007FF67FD0F149	48 89 4C 24 08	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 8], RCX
8	00007FF67FD0F14E	53	PUSH RBX
9	00007FF67FD0F14F	48 83 EC 70	SUB RSP, 70
10	00007FF67FD0F153	48 C7 44 24 58 FE FF FF	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 58], FFFFFFFF
11	00007FF67FD0F15C	48 8B 05 C5 D8 3A 00	MOV RAX, QWORD PTR DS:[7FF6800B7F28]
12	00007FF67FD0F163	48 33 C4	XOR RAX, RSP
13	00007FF67FD0F166	48 89 44 24 68	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 68], RAX
14	00007FF67FD0F16B	48 8D 4C 24 28	LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 28]
15	00007FF67FD0F170	FF 15 F2 70 14 00	CALL QWORD PTR DS:[<std::basic_string<
16	00007FF67FD0F176	90	NOP
17	00007FF67FD0F177	4C 8D 44 24 28	LEA R8, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 28]
18	00007FF67FD0F17C	8B 94 24 88 00 00 00	MOV EDX, DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 88]
19	00007FF67FD0F183	48 8B 8C 24 80 00 00 00	MOV RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 80]
20	00007FF67FD0F18B	E8 D0 C8 FF FF	CALL [redacted]7FF67FD0BA60
21	00007FF67FD0BA60	4C 89 44 24 18	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 18], R8
22	00007FF67FD0BA65	89 54 24 10	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 10], EDX
23	00007FF67FD0BA69	48 89 4C 24 08	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 8], RCX
24	00007FF67FD0BA6E	53	PUSH RBX
25	00007FF67FD0BA6F	57	PUSH RDI
26	00007FF67FD0BA70	48 81 EC C8 01 00 00	SUB RSP, 1C8
27	00007FF67FD0BA77	48 C7 84 24 18 01 00 00	MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 118], FFFFFFFF
28	00007FF67FD0BA83	48 83 BC 24 E0 01 00 00	CMP QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 1E0], 0
29	00007FF67FD0BA8C	74 0A	JL [redacted]7FF67FD0BA98
30	00007FF67FD0BA8E	83 BC 24 E8 01 00 00 00	CMP DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 1E8], 0
31	00007FF67FD0BA96	7F 07	CMQ [redacted]7FF67FD0BA9F
32	00007FF67FD0BA9F	48 8D 4C 24 68	LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 68]
33	00007FF67FD0BAA4	E8 77 43 00 00	CALL [redacted]7FD0FE20

[...]

[...]

zZzZzzzzZZ



More than 100 000 instructions !!  
(including many loops and function  
calls)

=> Will take too much time to diff &  
analyze



# Basic block tracing

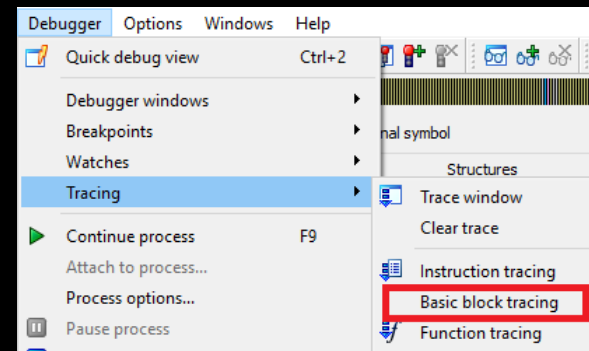
- **Basic block:** straight-line code sequence with no branches (no jumps) in except to the entry and no branches (no jumps) out except at the exit.
- Tools:
  - **BinNavi** (<https://github.com/google/binnavi>): Old and IDA exporter not working on IDA 7.x
  - **IDA Plugin MyNav** (<https://github.com/joxeankoret/mynav>): Really great, might be useful to find code path between 2 locations (see <http://joxeankoret.com/blog/2010/05/02/mynav-a-python-plugin-for-ida-pro>)
  - **IDA** feature:

***Debugger > Tracing > Basic block tracing***

(on newer versions of **IDA**)

Use “Local Windows Debugger” to make it working.

[https://www.hex-rays.com/products/ida/support/tutorials/replayer/trace\\_replayer.pdf](https://www.hex-rays.com/products/ida/support/tutorials/replayer/trace_replayer.pdf)



# Basic block tracing Diff with IDA

Current  
Cracked  
Version

```
var_48= qword ptr -48h
var_38= dword ptr -38h
var_30= qword ptr -30h
var_28= byte ptr -28h
var_20= qword ptr -20h
var_18= qword ptr -18h
var_10= qword ptr -10h
arg_0= qword ptr 8
arg_8= qword ptr 10h
arg_10= qword ptr 18h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 00007FF68103F940 SIZE 00000019 BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 00007FF68103F960 SIZE 0000001C BYTES

mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     [rsp+arg_8], rdx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx
sub     rsp, 58h
mov     [rsp+58h+var_18], 0FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFh
```

```
sub     rsp, 20h
mov     rbp, rdx
mov     rcx, [rbp+
call    cs:??1QStr
add     rsp, 20h
pop     rbp
retn
; END OF FUNCTION
```

```
loc_7FF680FEE46C:
mov     [rsp+58h+var_38], 8
mov     rax, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
mov     byte ptr [rax+90h], 0
call    sub_7FF680F007E0
lea     r8, [rsp+58h+var_38]
lea     rdx, [rsp+58h+var_30]
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_8]
call    sub_7FF680EFF220
movzx   eax, al
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_7FF680FEE489
```

```
mov     rax, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
mov     byte ptr [rax+90h], 1
```

```
loc_7FF680FEE489:
lea     rax, [rsp+58h+var_28]
mov     [rsp+58h+var_20], rax
mov     rdx, [rsp+58h+arg_10] ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+var_28] ; void *
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::QString(QS
mov     [rsp+58h+var_10], rax
mov     r8, [rsp+58h+var_10]
mov     rdx, [rsp+58h+var_30]
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
call    sub_7FF680FEE510
nop
```

```
loc_7FF680FEE4AC:      ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_10]
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::QString(void)
jmp     short loc_7FF680FEE4FB
```

```
loc_7FF680FEE4ED:      ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_10]
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::Q
```

Free  
Edition

```
var_48= qword ptr -48h
var_38= dword ptr -38h
var_30= qword ptr -30h
var_28= byte ptr -28h
var_20= qword ptr -20h
var_18= qword ptr -18h
var_10= qword ptr -10h
arg_0= qword ptr 8
arg_8= qword ptr 10h
arg_10= qword ptr 18h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 00007FF65F5DF940 SIZE 00000019 BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT 00007FF65F5DF960 SIZE 0000001C BYTES
```

```
mov     [rsp+arg_10], r8
mov     [rsp+arg_8], rdx
mov     [rsp+arg_0], rcx
sub     rsp, 58h
mov     [rsp+58h+var_18], 0FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFh
```

```
sub     rsp, 20h
mov     rbp, rdx
mov     rcx, [rbp+
call    cs:??1QStr
add     rsp, 20h
pop     rbp
retn
; END OF FUNCTION
```

```
loc_7FF65F58E46C:
mov     [rsp+58h+var_38], 8
mov     rax, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
mov     byte ptr [rax+90h], 0
call    sub_7FF65F4A07E0
lea     r8, [rsp+58h+var_38]
lea     rdx, [rsp+58h+var_30]
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_8]
call    sub_7FF65F49F220
movzx   eax, al
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_7FF65F58E489
```

```
mov     rax, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
mov     byte ptr [rax+90h], 1
```

```
loc_7FF65F58E489:
lea     rax, [rsp+58h+var_28]
mov     [rsp+58h+var_20], rax
mov     rdx, [rsp+58h+arg_10] ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+var_28] ; void *
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::QString(QS
mov     [rsp+58h+var_10], rax
mov     r8, [rsp+58h+var_10]
mov     rdx, [rsp+58h+var_30]
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_0]
call    sub_7FF65F58E510
nop
```

```
loc_7FF65F58E4AC:      ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_10]
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::~QString(void)
jmp     short loc_7FF65F58E4FB
```

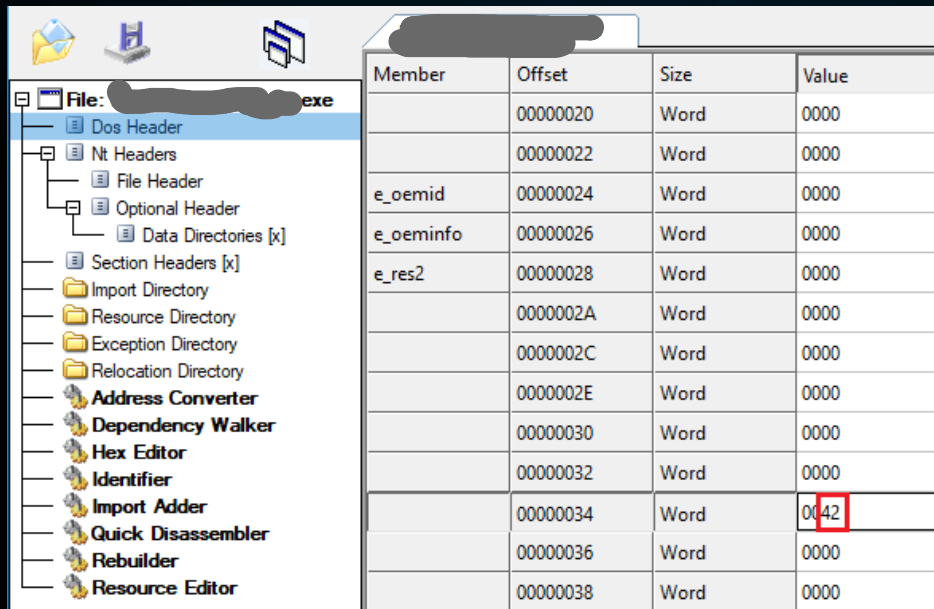
```
loc_7FF65F58E4ED:      ; void *
mov     rcx, [rsp+58h+arg_10]
call    cs:??1QString@QEA@AEBV00Z ; QString::Q
```



# 5> PROTECTION IDENTIFICATION

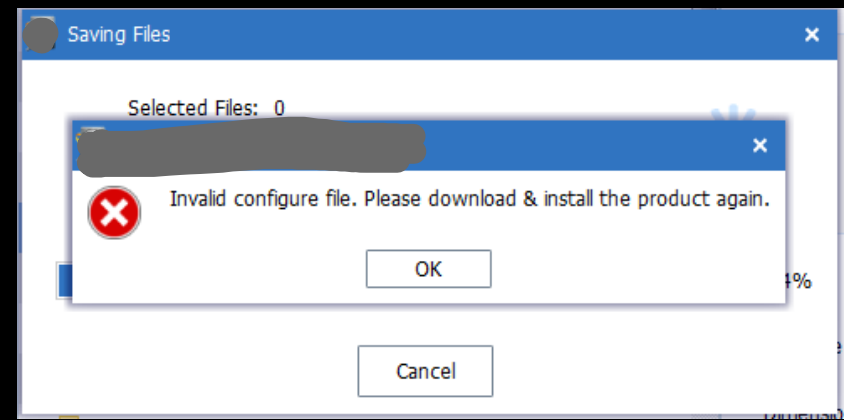
# A little test

We take original version and just change 1 (useless) byte inside PE header:



Member	Offset	Size	Value
	00000020	Word	0000
	00000022	Word	0000
e_oemid	00000024	Word	0000
e_oeminfo	00000026	Word	0000
e_res2	00000028	Word	0042
	0000002A	Word	0000
	0000002C	Word	0000
	0000002E	Word	0000
	00000030	Word	0000
	00000032	Word	0000
	00000034	Word	0042
	00000036	Word	0000
	00000038	Word	0000

And then we run again the soft, and check the “Saving Files” feature => Same error message as in our current crack

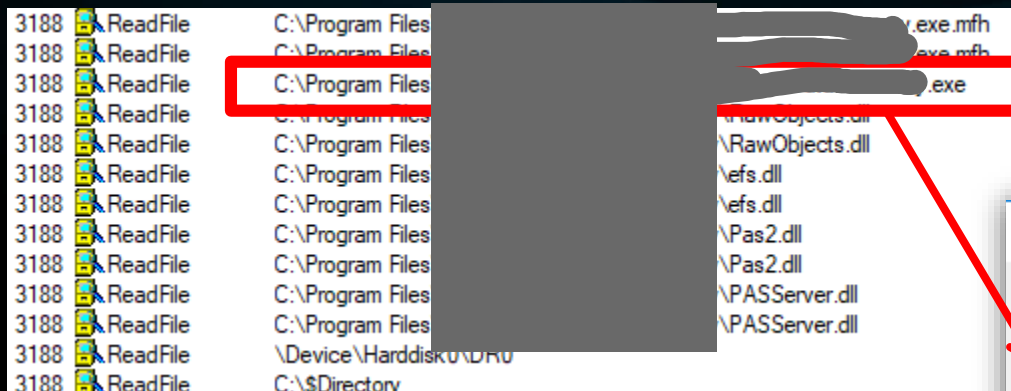


=> There must be a Binary Integrity Check implemented inside the soft !

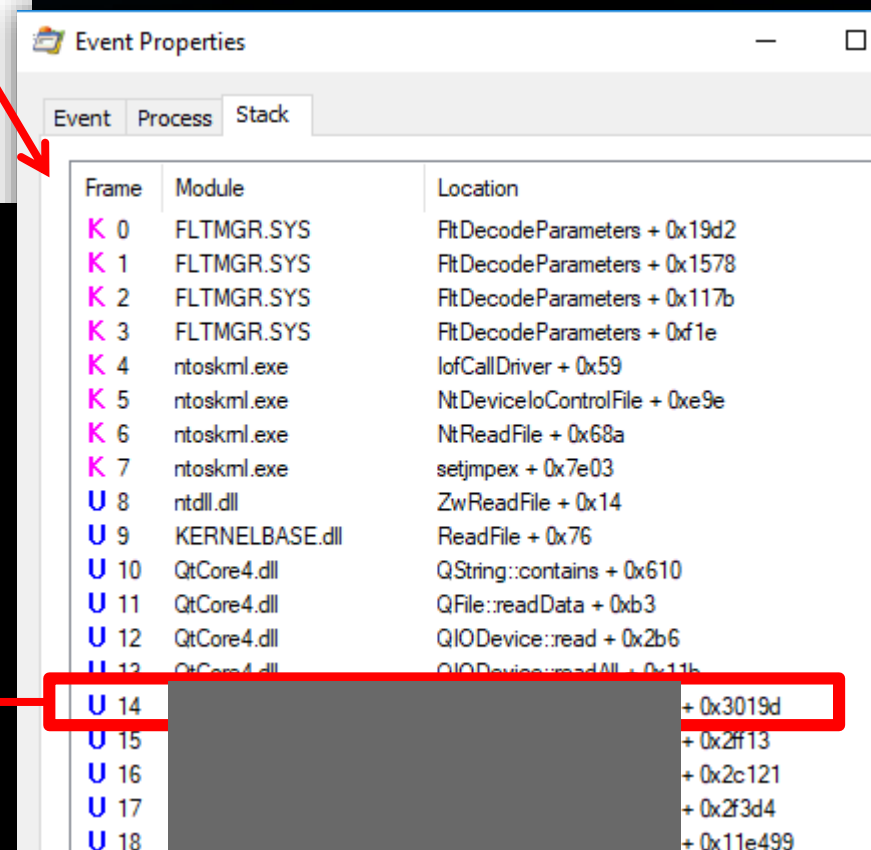


# Finding where the integrity check occurs

We run ProcMon on file system activity, just before the error message is displayed:



Call Stack:



It reads the content of the main binary (.exe) and of 4 DLLs.

We check this last occurrence into the main .exe, in x64dbg



## Call responsible for binary reading

```
QByteArray QIODevice::readAll()
```

This function has no way of reporting errors; returning an empty `QByteArray` can mean either that no data was currently available for reading, or that an error occurred.

Address	Hex	ASCII
0000000010523040	01 00 00 00 C0 7A 42 00	AzB AzB
0000000010523044	58 30 52 10 4D 5A 90 03	KOR. MZ...
0000000010523048	04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00	yy
000000001052304C	40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...
0000000010523050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...
0000000010523054	00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00	...
0000000010523058	21 B8 01 4C CD 21 54 68	...LI!This progr
000000001052305C	61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F	am cannot be run
0000000010523060	20 69 6E 20 44 4F 53 20	in DOS mode....
0000000010523064	24 00 00 00 D6 6F AB 74	...00x...A'
0000000010523068	92 0E C5 27 92 0E C5 27	...A'...A'pEE'...A'
000000001052306C	8C 5C 41 27 97 0E C5 27	...A'...A'/AS'...A'
0000000010523070	9B 76 50 27 90 0E C5 27	...VP'...A'...vF'...A'
0000000010523074	B5 C8 A8 27 93 0E C5 27	...E'...A'pE%...A'
0000000010523078	9B 76 56 27 81 0E C5 27	...vV'...A'...A'C.A'
000000001052307C	9B 76 41 27 22 0E C5 27	...vA'...A'...Q'...A'
0000000010523080	9B 76 54 27 93 0E C5 27	...vT'...A'Rich...A'
0000000010523084	00 00 00 00 50 45 00 00	...PE d..
0000000010523088	1B 80 CD 59 00 00 00 00	...IY...d "
000000001052308C	0B 02 09 00 00 50 17 00	...P...+
0000000010523090	78 78 14 00 00 10 00 00	...ex...@.
0000000010523094	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...
0000000010523098	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...
000000001052309C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...pB...

# Integrity Checks implementation

We put a breakpoint on previous function call, and then run *x64dbg* step by step (F8) to begin analysis of integrity checks:

<pre>CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QByteArray::begin&gt;] MOV RDX, RAX MOV EAX, DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 68] IMUL EAX, DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 20] CDQE ADD RDX, RAX MOV R8D, DWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 20] LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 78] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QByteArray::fromRawData&gt;] NOP</pre>	<p><b>Read 0x6A5E0 (=435680) bytes from the binary (will loop over it)</b></p> <p>QByteArray QByteArray::fromRawData(Buffer, 0x6A5E0)</p>
<pre>MOV R8D, 1 LEA RDX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 78] LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + D0] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QCryptographicHash::hash&gt;] MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 120], RAX</pre>	<p><b>Hash #1</b></p> <p>MD5(partial_binary)</p>
<pre>MOV RAX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 130] MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 138], RAX MOV R8D, 2 MOV RDX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 138] LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 70] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QCryptographicHash::hash&gt;] NOP</pre>	<p><b>Hash #2</b></p> <p>SHA1(MD5(partial_binary))</p>
<pre>LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + D0] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QByteArray::~QByteArray&gt;] LEA RDX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 70] LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 50] CALL 7FF7CA1F0AD0 NOP LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 70] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QByteArray::~QByteArray&gt;] NOP LEA RCX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 78] CALL QWORD PTR DS:[&lt;&amp;QByteArray::~QByteArray&gt;]</pre>	<p><b>Additional processing on hashes ... (continue in the code with many functions and sub-functions called after)</b></p>

Constant	Value	Description
QCryptographicHash::Md4	0	Generate an MD4 hash sum
QCryptographicHash::Md5	1	Generate an MD5 hash sum
QCryptographicHash::Sha1	2	Generate an SHA-1 hash sum

# Let's make a step back

One of the calling function (higher in call stack) returns what looks like the concatenation of several pseudo-hashes:

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with the following components:

- Assembly View:** Shows instructions starting with `CALL` and `MOV QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 178], RAX`. The instruction `CALL 00007FF7CA1EC121` is highlighted.
- Registers View:** Shows the `RAX` register containing the value `000000000DFACD0`.
- Memory Dumps:** Shows a list of memory dumps (Dump 1 to Dump 5) and a watch window. The watch window shows the value `000000000DFACD0` for the variable `rax`.
- Memory Dump:** A table showing memory addresses, hex values, and ASCII representations. The address `000000000DFACD0` is highlighted.

Annotations:

- A red arrow points from the `RAX` register value to the memory address `000000000DFACD0` in the dump.
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Address	Hex	ASCII
0000000006D57360	01 00 00 00 F0 00 00 00 A0 00 00 00 0D F0 AD BA	. . . . . . . . . .
0000000006D57370	7A 73 D5 06 00 00 00 00 00 F0 61 00 39 00 66 00	zs0. . . . . . . .
0000000006D57380	31 00 30 00 63 00 65 00 61 00 36 00 39 00 37 00	1 0 c e a 6 9 7 .
0000000006D57390	31 00 30 00 66 00 65 00 38 00 38 00 65 00 38 00	1 0 f e 8 8 e 8 .
0000000006D573A0	39 00 64 00 33 00 31 00 33 00 39 00 33 00 34 00	9 d 3 1 3 9 3 4 .
0000000006D573B0	36 00 63 00 36 00 34 00 66 00 34 00 30 00 65 00	6 c 6 4 f 4 0 e .
0000000006D573C0	61 00 62 00 39 00 61 00 38 00 32 00 39 00 63 00	a b 9 a 8 2 9 c .
0000000006D573D0	31 00 39 00 39 00 66 00 37 00 65 00 34 00 30 00	1 9 9 f 7 e 4 0 .
0000000006D573E0	35 00 35 00 37 00 31 00 61 00 66 00 39 00 62 00	5 5 7 1 a f 9 b .
0000000006D573F0	37 00 61 00 65 00 64 00 32 00 63 00 61 00 63 00	7 a e d 2 c a c .
0000000006D57400	32 00 38 00 64 00 36 00 36 00 34 00 33 00 32 00	2 8 d 6 6 4 3 2 .
0000000006D57410	36 00 33 00 34 00 34 00 35 00 65 00 61 00 32 00	6 3 4 5 e a 2 f .
0000000006D57420	65 00 65 00 63 00 33 00 38 00 62 00 65 00 32 00	e e c 3 8 b e 2 .
0000000006D57430	38 00 36 00 66 00 31 00 63 00 33 00 39 00 65 00	8 6 f 1 c 3 9 e .
0000000006D57440	37 00 62 00 31 00 65 00 37 00 65 00 30 00 37 00	7 b 1 e 7 e 0 7 .
0000000006D57450	65 00 65 00 30 00 34 00 38 00 63 00 61 00 34 00	e e 0 4 8 c a 4 .
0000000006D57460	38 00 61 00 65 00 35 00 33 00 61 00 35 00 34 00	8 a e 5 3 a 5 4 .
0000000006D57470	65 00 31 00 35 00 35 00 35 00 39 00 34 00 34 00	e 1 5 5 5 9 4 4 .
0000000006D57480	61 00 35 00 34 00 37 00 39 00 61 00 31 00 37 00	a 5 4 7 9 a 1 7 .
0000000006D57490	32 00 39 00 63 00 38 00 34 00 34 00 35 00 66 00	2 9 c 8 4 4 5 f .
0000000006D574A0	31 00 30 00 61 00 63 00 37 00 32 00 61 00 61 00	1 0 a c 7 2 a a .
0000000006D574B0	32 00 32 00 30 00 36 00 66 00 00 00 0D F0 AD BA	2 2 0 6 f . . . .
0000000006D574C0	0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA	. . . . . . . . .

Annotations:

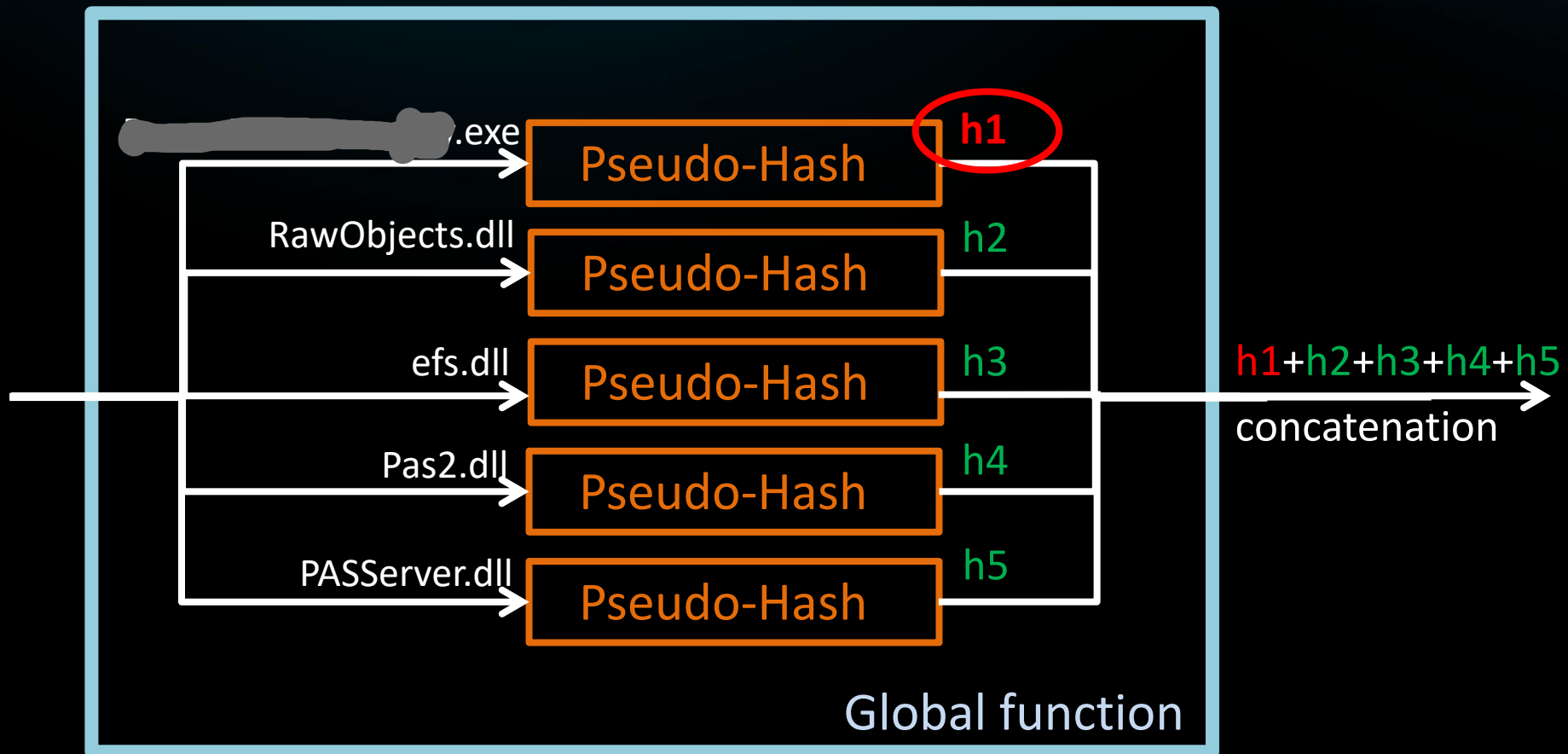
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Return in current crack

Return in original version

# Summary

Because we edited [REDACTED].exe, the corresponding pseudo-hash differs => If we edit it in memory while debugging, no error message is displayed anymore !



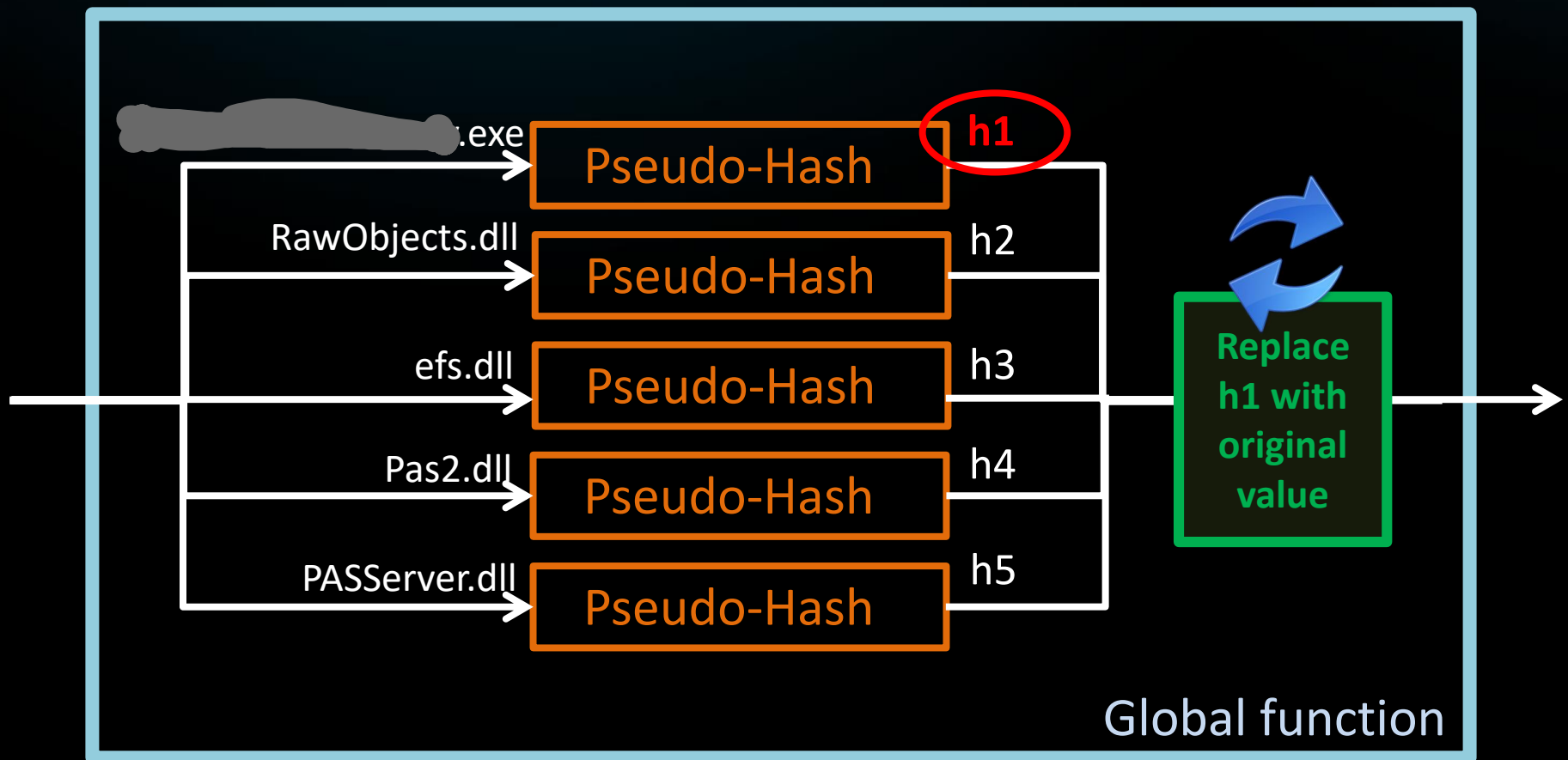




# 6> PROTECTION BYPASS

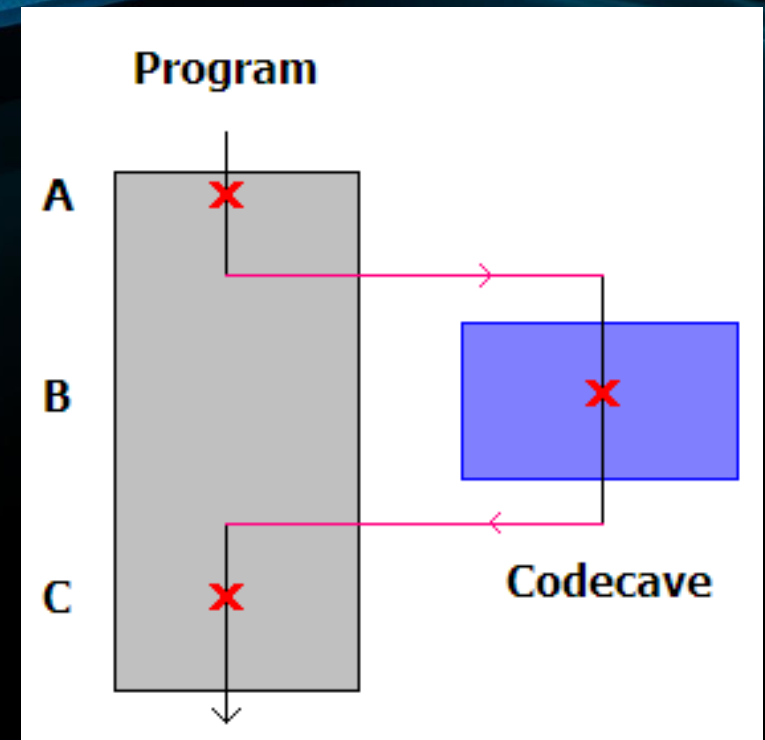


# Making the change permanent



# Code Cave (1/2)

- We will insert ASM code (“Code Cave”) that will change the pseudo-hash h1 with its original value.
- A Jump to this “Code Cave” is added at the end of the “Global function”
- Empty code at the end of binary where we can host the “Code Cave”:



00007FF7D1175FAF	CC	INT3
00007FF7D1175FB0	48 8D 0D D1 1F 26	LEA RCX, QWORD PTR DS:[7FF7D13D7F88]
00007FF7D1175FB7	48 FF 25 72 05 00	JMP QWORD PTR DS:[<&VariantClear>]
00007FF7D1175FBE	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FC0	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FC2	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FC4	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FC6	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FC8	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FCA	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FCC	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FCE	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FD0	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FD2	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF7D1175FD4	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL

# Code Cave (2/2)

00007FF61FF6FF60	FF 15 C2 72 14 00	CALL QWORD PTR DS:[<QString::~QString>]
00007FF61FF6FF66	48 8B 44 24 78	MOV RAX, QWORD PTR SS:[RSP + 78]
00007FF61FF6FF68	E9 50 60 14 00	JMP 7FF6200B5FC0
00007FF61FF6FF70	48 83 C4 68	ADD RSP, 68
00007FF61FF6FF74	C3	RET
00007FF61FF6FF75	CC	INT3
00007FF61FF6FF76	CC	INT3

JUMP to Code Cave

00007FF6200B5FAF	CC	INT3
00007FF6200B5FB0	48 8D 0D D1 1F 26	LEA RCX, QWORD PTR DS:[7FF620317F88]
00007FF6200B5FB7	48 FF 25 72 05 00	JMP QWORD PTR DS:[<&VariantClear>]
00007FF6200B5FBE	00 00	ADD BYTE PTR DS:[RAX], AL
00007FF6200B5FC0	52	PUSH RDX
00007FF6200B5FC1	56	PUSH RSI
00007FF6200B5FC2	57	PUSH RDI
00007FF6200B5FC3	53	PUSH RBX
00007FF6200B5FC4	48 8B 38	MOV RDI, QWORD PTR DS:[RAX]
00007FF6200B5FC7	48 83 C7 1A	ADD RDI, 1A
00007FF6200B5FCB	48 8D 35 8C EE 25	LEA RSI, QWORD PTR DS:[7FF620314E5E]
00007FF6200B5FD2	48 C7 C2 00 00 00	MOV RDX, 0
00007FF6200B5FD9	8B 1C 16	MOV EBX, DWORD PTR DS:[RSI + RDX]
00007FF6200B5FDC	89 1C 17	MOV DWORD PTR DS:[RDI + RDX], EBX
00007FF6200B5FDF	48 83 C2 04	ADD RDX, 4
00007FF6200B5FE3	48 83 FA 40	CMP RDX, 40
00007FF6200B5FE7	75 F0	JNE 7FF6200B5FD9
00007FF6200B5FE9	5B	POP RBX
00007FF6200B5FEA	5F	POP RDI
00007FF6200B5FEB	5E	POP RSI
00007FF6200B5FEC	5A	POP RDX
00007FF6200B5FED	E9 7E 9F EB FF	JMP 7FF61FF6FF70
00007FF6200B5FF2	90	NOP
00007FF6200B5FF3	90	NOP

ss	Hex	ASCII
FF620314E5E	30 00 34 00 35 00 36 00 36 00 66 00 66 00 37 00	0.4.5.6.6.f.f.7.
FF620314E6E	64 00 38 00 65 00 35 00 31 00 65 00 31 00 36 00	d.8.e.5.1.e.1.6.
FF620314E7E	65 00 63 00 64 00 31 00 33 00 39 00 62 00 36 00	e.c.d.1.3.9.b.6.
FF620314E8E	64 00 66 00 37 00 32 00 38 00 38 00 61 00 37 00	d.f.7.2.8.8.a.7.

Original value of pseudo-hash for [redacted].exe



WIN