

# My approach to solving Flare-on 2018 Challenge 3 – "Fleggo"

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# /usr/bin/whoami

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### What is The Flare On Challenge and why do it?

- Made by FireEye Labs Advanced Reverse Engineering Team - <a href="http://flare-on.com">http://flare-on.com</a>
- Reverse engineering challenge once a year
- Includes challenges of increasing difficulty
- Why would we do this?
  - Interesting and challenging problems
  - Introduce various reverse engineering tasks you may encounter in real malware
  - Practice
  - Fun

# Today: Challenge 3 – FLEGGO Walkthrough

- Fleggo arrives as a 7z zipped file with the password "infected"
- This unzips to a zip file which again unzips to 48 executable files all having the same size.
  - Is -l \*.exe | wc -l48
- Running linux /usr/bin/file on random members reveals windows pe32 executables
  - file u8mbl3GZ8WtwruEiFkll0UKxJS917407.exe
     u8mbl3GZ8WtwruEiFkll0UKxJS917407.exe: PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
  - Time to dust off the Windows

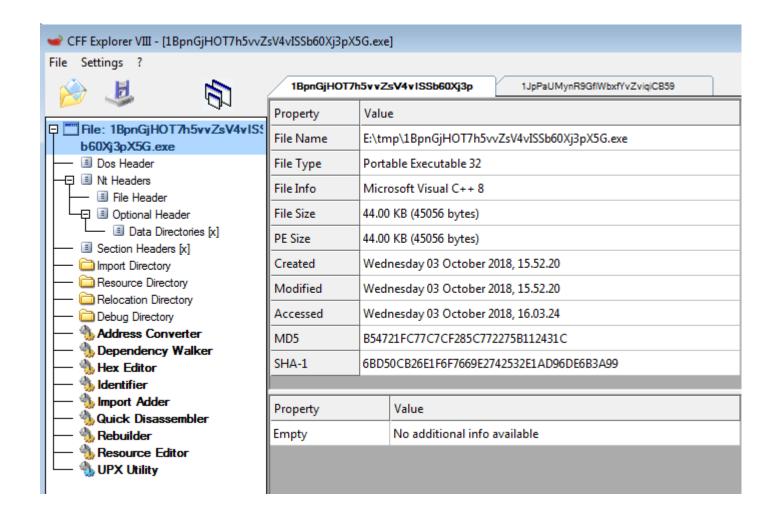
### **General Approach**

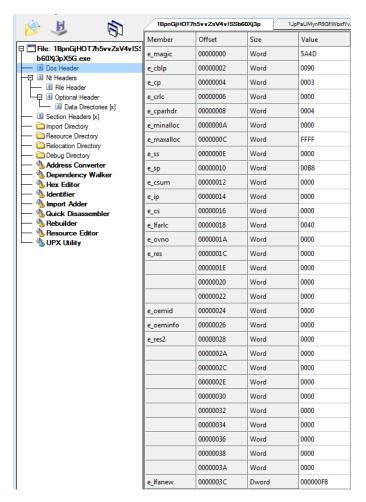
- Look at the windows executable PE Header
- In this case diff the files due to the file sizes
- Disassemble the file
- Dynamic analysis required?
- Execute the file or script the bits out we need
- Script a solution
  - Includes scripting a debugger if required

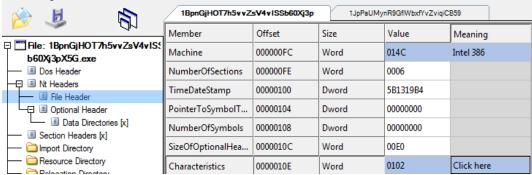
#### **Tools used**

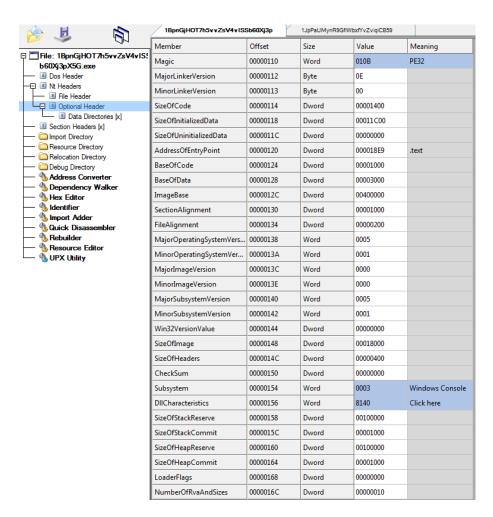
- CFF Explorer VIII
  - PE file analysis
- IDA Pro (Free version is up to version 7 now)
  - Or disassembler of choice
- 010 Editor
  - Hex editor including binary diff functionality
- Python or C or your favourite something
  - Speed things up and act as challenge documentation
- Windows Explorer
  - Turns out to be handy to view pictures quickly in the end

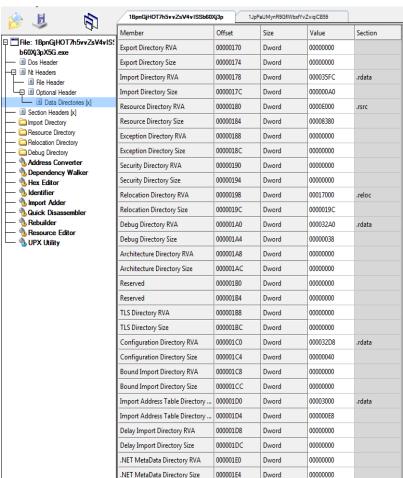
### First up: CFF Explorer



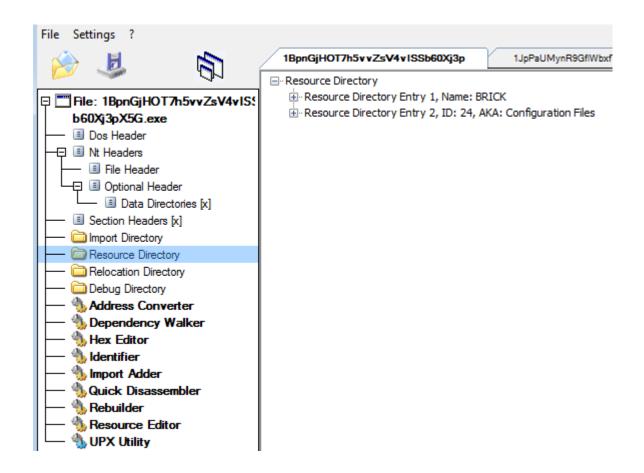


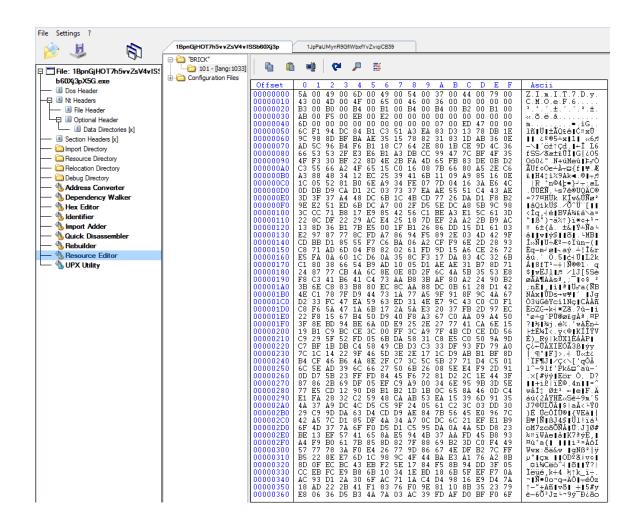


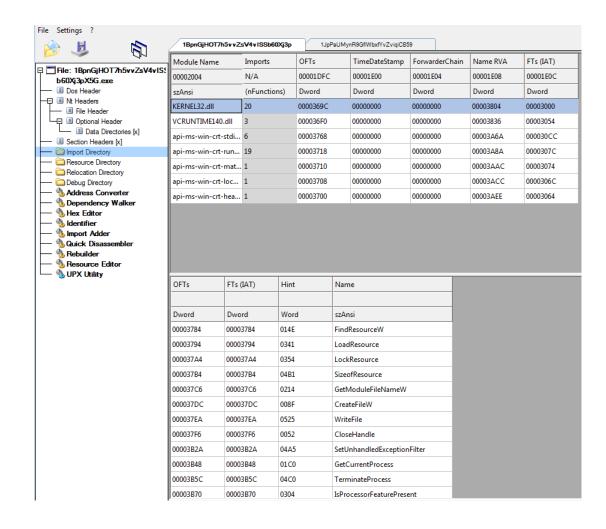




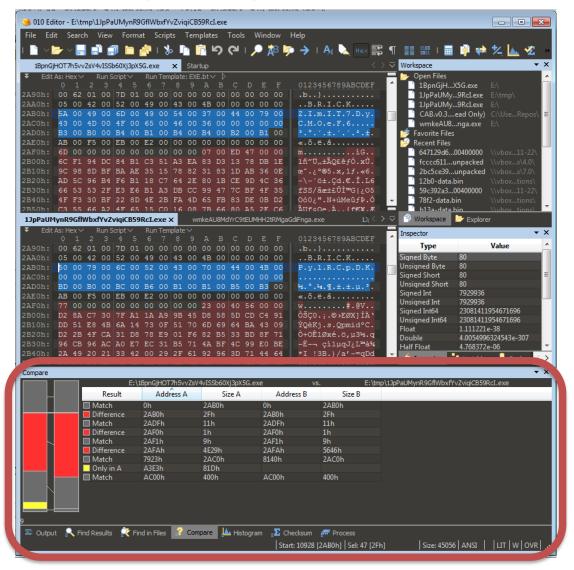
	1BpnGjHOT7h5vvZsV4vISSb60Xj3p 1JpPaUMynR9GflWbxfYvZviqiCB59					×				
	Name	Virtual Size	Virtual Address	Raw Size	Raw Address	Reloc Address	Linenumbers	Relocations N	Linenumbers	Characteristics
☐ File: 1BpnGjHOT7h5vvZsV4vIS: b60Xj3pX5G.exe										
B Dos Header	Byte[8]	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Dword	Word	Word	Dword
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□□ Optional Header	.rdata	00000C34	00003000	00000E00	00001800	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	40000040
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- Import Directory	.gfids	00000020	0000D000	00000200	00002800	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	40000040
Resource Directory	.rsrc	00008380	0000E000	00008400	00002A00	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	40000040
	.reloc	0000019C	00017000	00000200	0000AE00	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	42000040





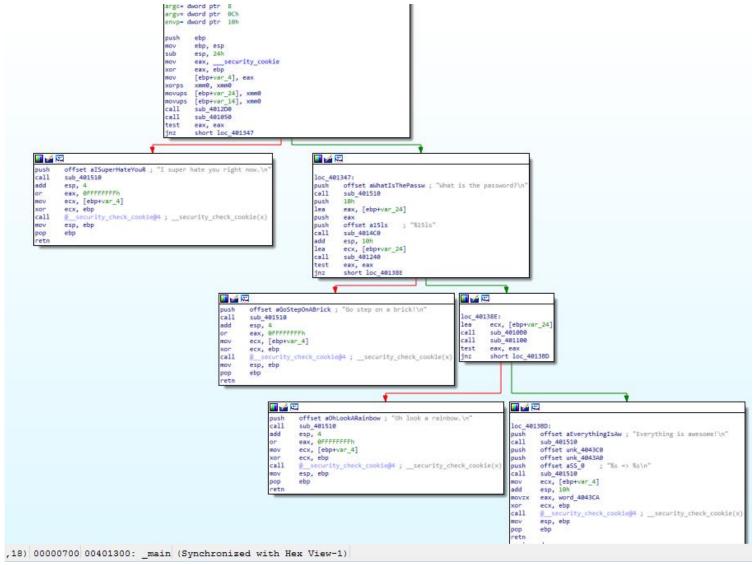


### **010 Editor Binary Comparison**



	1BpnGjHOT7h5vvZsV4vISSb60Xj3p 1JpPaUMynR9GflWbxfYvZviqiCB59					×				
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Debug Directory	.reloc	0000019C	00017000	00000200	0000AE00	00000000	00000000	0000	0000	42000040

#### **IDA – Main Function ... Some handy strings**



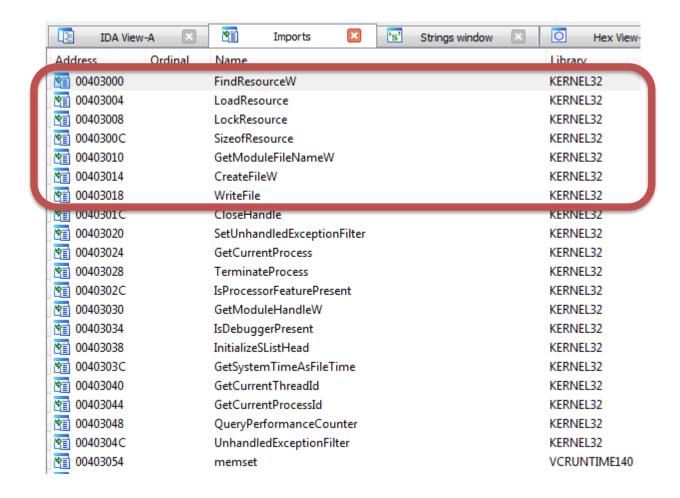
### **IDA** – Where are the strings??

```
.rdata:004033B0 00000009
                                             .CRT$XCZ
   .rdata:004033C4 00000009
                                             .CRT$XIA
   .rdata:004033D8 0000000A
                                             .CRT$XIAA
   .rdata:004033EC 0000000A
                                             .CRT$XIAC
   .rdata:00403400
                    00000009
                                             .CRT$XIZ
   .rdata:00403414
                   00000009
                                             .CRT$XPA
   .rdata:00403428
                    00000009
                                             .CRT$XPZ
   .rdata:0040343C
                                             .CRT$XTA
                   00000009
                                             .CRT$XTZ
   .rdata:00403450
                    00000009
   .rdata:00403464
                   00000007
   .rdata:00403474
                   0000000E
                                             .rdata$sxdata
   .rdata:0040348C 0000000E
                                             .rdata$zzzdbg
   .rdata:004034A4
                   00000009
                                             .rtc$IAA
   .rdata:004034B8 00000009
                                             .rtc$IZZ
   .rdata:004034CC 00000009
                                             .rtc$TAA
   .rdata:004034E0
                   00000009
                                             .rtc$TZZ
   .rdata:004034F4
                   00000009
                                             .xdata$x
   .rdata:00403508 00000009
                                             .idata$2
   .rdata:0040351C 00000009
                                             .idata$3
   .rdata:00403530
                   00000009
                                             .idata$4
   .rdata:00403544
                   00000009
                                             .idata$6
   .rdata:00403558
                   00000006
                                             .data
   .rdata:00403568
                    00000005
                                             .bss
   .rdata:00403578
                   00000009
                                             .gfids$y
   .rdata:0040358C 00000009
                                             .rsrc$01
   .rdata:004035A0 00000009
                                             .rsrc$02
's'
   .rdata:00403804
                    0000000D
                                             KERNEL32.dll
   .rdata:00403836 00000011
                                             VCRUNTIME140.dll
's'
   .rdata:00403A6A 00000020
                                             api-ms-win-crt-stdio-l1-1-0.dll
   .rdata:00403A8A 00000022
                                             api-ms-win-crt-runtime-l1-1-0.dll
   .rdata:00403AAC 0000001F
                                             api-ms-win-crt-math-l1-1-0.dll
   .rdata:00403ACC 00000021
                                     C
                                             api-ms-win-crt-locale-l1-1-0.dll
   .rdata:00403AEE 0000001F
                                             api-ms-win-crt-heap-l1-1-0.dll
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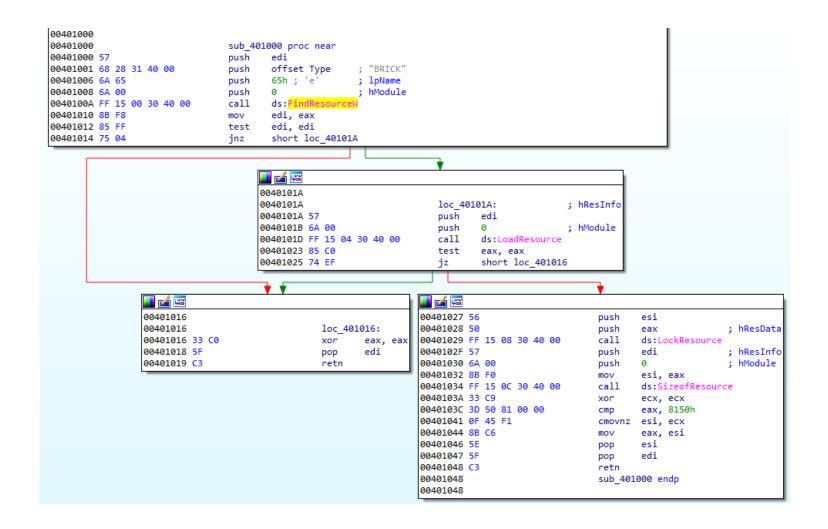
### IDA – They exist in the data section?

```
.rdata:0040311F
.rdata:00403120 ; struct EXCEPTION POINTERS ExceptionInfo
.rdata:00403120 ExceptionInfo EXCEPTION POINTERS <offset dword 404018, offset dword 404068>
                                                   ; DATA XREF: report gsfailure+ED1o
.rdata:00403120
.rdata:00403128 ; const WCHAR Type
.rdata:00403128 Type:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: sub 401000+11o
                             text "UTF-16LE", 'BRICK',0
.rdata:00403128
.rdata:00403134 aSS:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: sub_401100+AA1o
.rdata:00403134
                             text "UTF-16LE", '%s\%s',0
.rdata:00403140 aIronmansucks:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: sub 4012401o
                             text "UTF-16LE", 'IronManSucks',0
.rdata:00403140
.rdata:0040315A
                             align 4
.rdata:0040315C aOhHelloBatman:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: sub 401240+381o
                            text "UTF-16LE", 'Oh, hello Batman...',0Ah,0
.rdata:0040315C
.rdata:00403186
                             align 4
.rdata:00403188 aISuperHateYouR:
                                                 ; DATA XREF: main+291o
.rdata:00403188
                             text "UTF-16LE", 'I super hate you right now.',0Ah,0
.rdata:004031C2
                             align 4
.rdata:004031C4 aWhatIsThePassw:
                                                  ; DATA XREF: main:loc 401347<sup>†</sup>o
                          text "UTF-16LE", 'What is the password?',0Ah,0
.rdata:004031C4
.rdata:004031F2
                            align 4
.rdata:004031F4 a15ls:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: main+571o
                             text "UTF-16LE", '%15ls',0
.rdata:004031F4
.rdata:00403200 aGoStepOnABrick:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: main+701o
                            text "UTF-16LE", 'Go step on a brick!',0Ah,0
.rdata:00403200
.rdata:0040322A
                             align 4
.rdata:0040322C aOhLookARainbow:
                                                  ; DATA XREF: main+9F1o
.rdata:0040322C
                             text "UTF-16LE", 'Oh look a rainbow.',0Ah,0
.rdata:00403254 aEverythingIsAw:
                                                   ; DATA XREF: main:loc 4013BD1o
.rdata:00403254
                             text "UTF-16LE", 'Everything is awesome!',0Ah,0
.rdata:00403284 aSS 0:
                                                  ; DATA XREF: main+D11o
.rdata:00403284
                            text "UTF-16LE", '%s => %s',0Ah,0
```

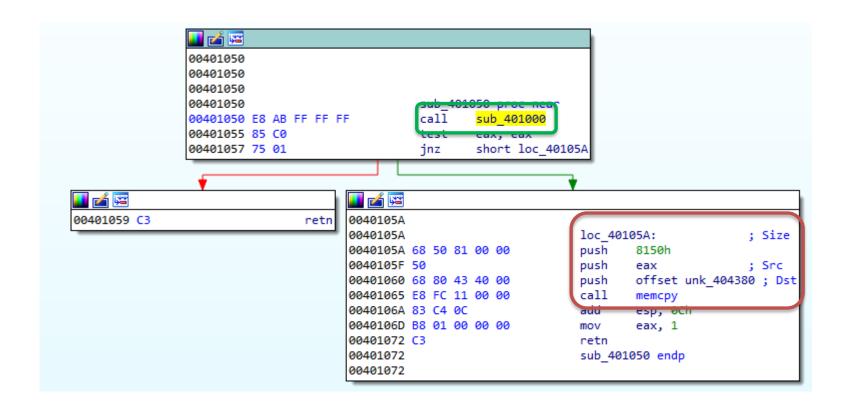
### **IDA** – Locate the interesting imports



#### **IDA** –Brick looking important



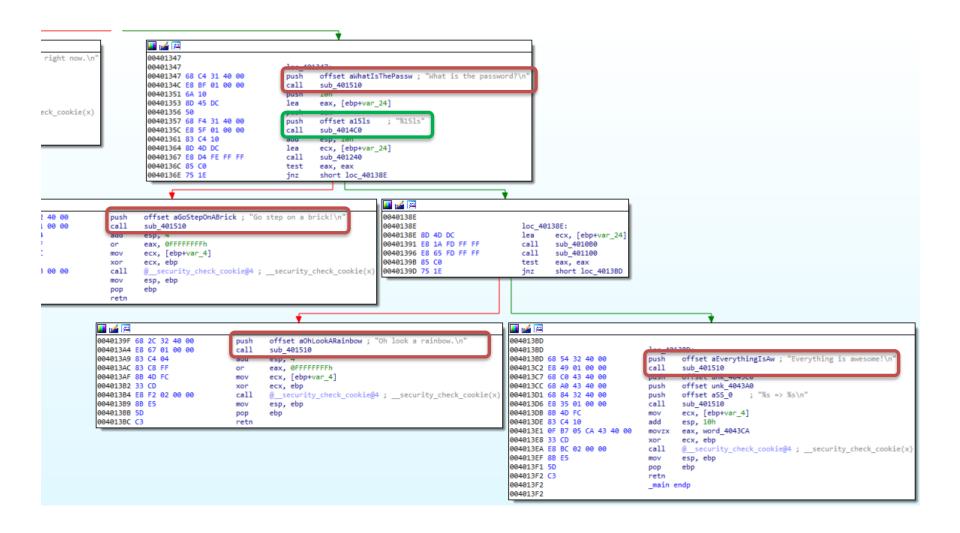
### **IDA – Stepping out - Brick copied local**



#### **IDA** – Resource loading is at the start of Main

```
100401300
                                          ; int cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
         00401300
                                          main proc near
         00401300
         00401300
                                          var 24= xmmword ptr -24h
         00401300
                                          var 14= xmmword ptr -14h
         00401300
                                          var 4= dword ptr -4
         00401300
                                          argc= dword ptr 8
         00401300
                                          argv= dword ptr 0Ch
         00401300
                                          envp= dword ptr 10h
         00401300
         00401300 55
                                                  ebp
         00401301 8B EC
                                                   ebp, esp
         00401303 83 EC 24
                                          sub
                                                  esp, 24h
         00401306 A1 04 40 40 00
                                          mov
                                                  eax, ___security_cookie
         0040130B 33 C5
                                          xor
                                                   eax, ebp
         0040130D 89 45 FC
                                                   [ebp+var_4], eax
                                          mov
         00401310 OF 57 CO
                                          xorps
                                                  xmm0, xmm0
         00401313 0F 11 45 DC
                                          movups
                                                   [ebp+var 24], xmm0
                                                   [ebp+var_14], xmm0
         00401317 OF 11 45 EC
                                          movups
         0040131B E8 B0 FF FF FF
         00401320 E8 2B FD FF FF
                                          call
                                                   sub 401050
         00401325 85 C0
                                                  short loc 401347
         00401327 75 1E
                                           inz
fset aISuperHateYouR ; "I super hate you right now.\n
                                                                   00401347
ıb 401510
                                                                   00401347
                                                                   00401347 68 C4 31 40 00
                                                                                                            offset aWhatIsThePassw ; "What is the password?\n'
ix, 0FFFFFFFh
                                                                   0040134C E8 BF 01 00 00
                                                                                                    call
                                                                                                            sub 401510
x, [ebp+var 4]
                                                                   00401351 6A 10
                                                                   00401353 8D 45 DC
                                                                                                            eax, [ebp+var 24]
                                                                                                    lea
security check cookie@4 ; security check cookie(x)
                                                                   00401356 50
                                                                                                    push
                                                                                                            offset a15ls ; "%15ls"
p, ebp
                                                                   00401357 68 F4 31 40 00
                                                                                                    push
                                                                   0040135C E8 5F 01 00 00
                                                                                                    call
                                                                                                            sub_4014C0
                                                                                                            esp, 10h
                                                                   00401361 83 C4 10
                                                                                                    add
                                                                   00401364 8D 4D DC
                                                                                                    lea
                                                                                                            ecx, [ebp+var_24]
                                                                   00401367 E8 D4 FE FF FF
                                                                                                    call
                                                                                                            sub 401240
                                                                   0040136C 85 C0
                                                                                                    test
                                                                                                            eax, eax
                                                                   0040136E 75 1E
                                                                                                            short loc 40138E
```

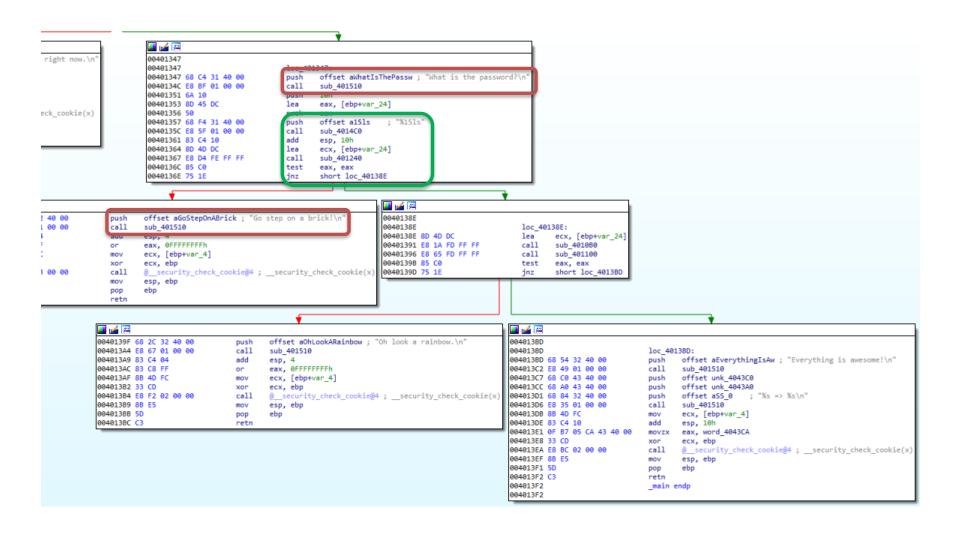
#### **IDA – Main Continued**



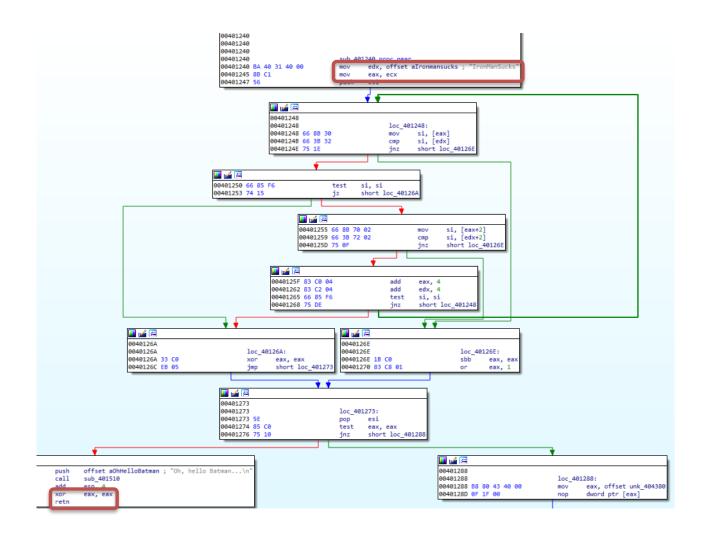
### Ok – Why not run one?

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
E:\tmp>B10Iv51T6wkpUCuy7jtcva7qka8WtLYY.exe
What is the password?
I have no idea!
Go step on a brick!
E:\tmp>
```

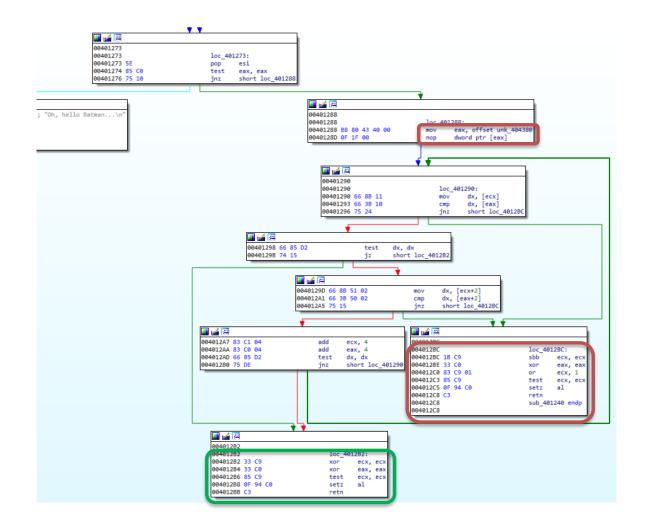
#### **IDA – Main Continued – return 0 steps on bricks**



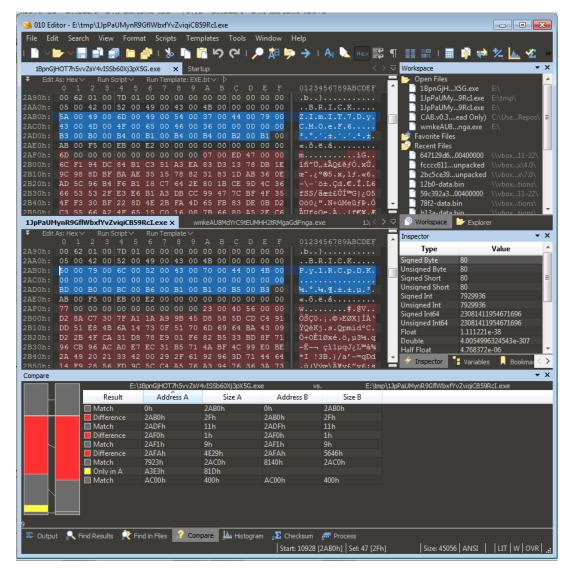
### IDA - Check the users input - False Lead



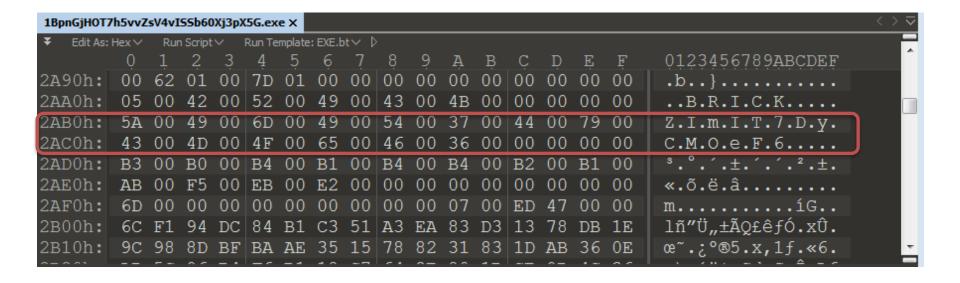
#### IDA - Now check against the loaded resource



#### Refresh –Password seems to be at resource start



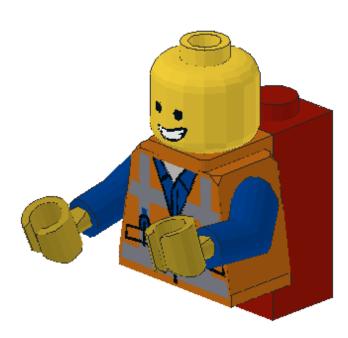
#### Refresh –Password seems to be at resource start



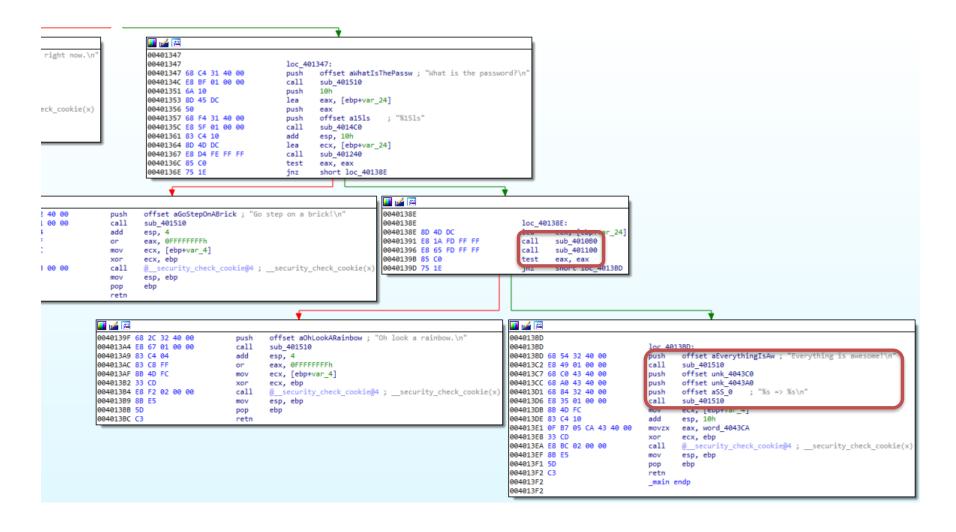
### Try it out

```
Select C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
E:\tmp>1BpnGjHOT7h5vvZsV4vISSb6ØXj3pX5G.exe
What is the password?
ZImIT7DyCM0eF6
Everything is awesome!
65141174.png => w
E:\tmp>dir *.PNG
Volume in drive E is VBOX_share
Volume Serial Number is 0000-0802
 Directory of E:\tmp
10/04/2018 03:19 PM
                      E:\tmp>
```

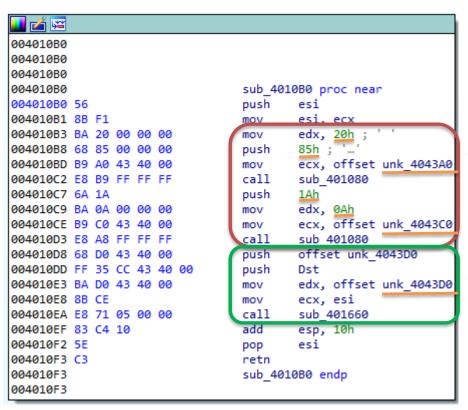
# 65141174.png



#### IDA – Everything is awesome! – We have a file?



### IDA – Lets decrypt stuff – 0x404380 is resource

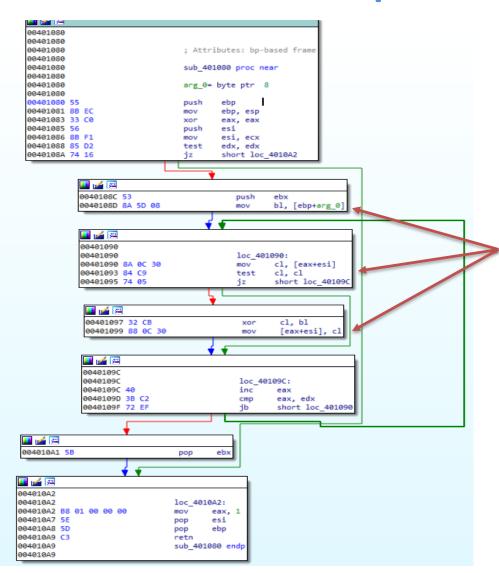


This address is 32 bytes from the start of the resource

ecx, offset unk 404300 This address is 64 bytes from the start of the resource

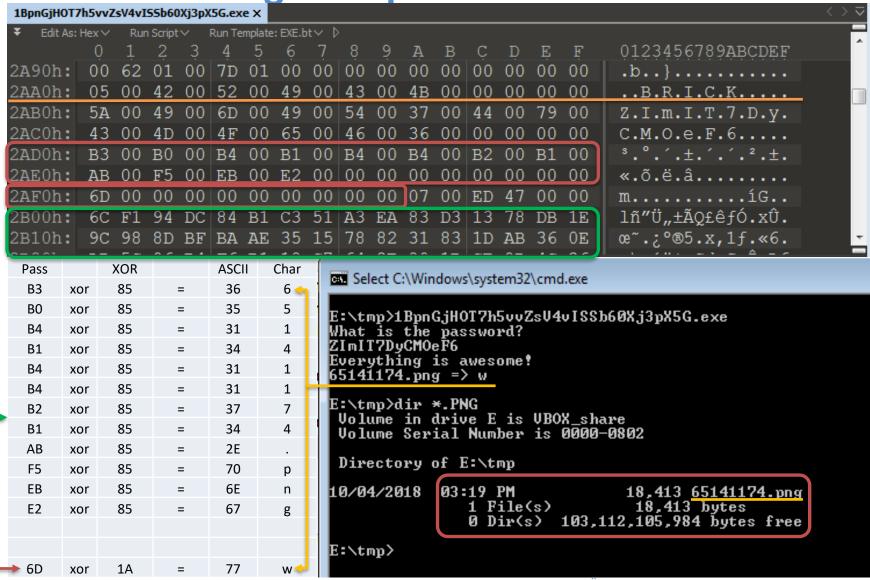
This address is 80 bytes from the start of the resource

#### IDA - 0x401080 - Simple XOR with a loop



Decrypt in place and using arg\_0

#### Refresh – This gives up the filename and letter



#### IDA - Look mum, no hands and no extra input

```
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004010B0
004010B0
004010B0
004010B0
                                  sub 4010B0 proc near
004010B0 56
                                           esi
                                  push
                                           esi, ecx
004010B1 8B F1
                                          edx, 20h;
004010B3 BA 20 00 00
                                          85h ; ...
004010B8 68 85 00 00
                                  push
                                          ecx, offset unk 4043A0
004010BD B9 A0 43 40 00
                                  mov
                                           sub 401080
004010C2 E8 B9 FF FF FF
                                  call
                                          1Ah
004010C7 6A 1A
                                  push
                                          edx, 0Ah
004010C9 BA 0A 00 00 00
                                  mov
004010CE B9 C0 43 40 00
                                  mov
                                          sub 401080
004010D3 E8 A8 FF FF FF
                                  call
                                          offset unk 4043D0
004010D8 68 D0 43 40 00
                                  push
004010DD FF 35 CC 43 40 00
                                  push
                                           Dst
004010E3 BA D0 43 40 00
                                           edx, offset unk 4043D0
                                  mov
                                          ecx, esi
004010E8 8B CE
                                  mov
                                          sub 401660
004010EA E8 71 05 00 00
                                  call
                                          esp, 10h
004010EF 83 C4 10
                                  add
                                           esi
004010F2 5E
                                  pop
004010F3 C3
                                  retn
                                  sub 4010B0 endp
004010F3
004010F3
```

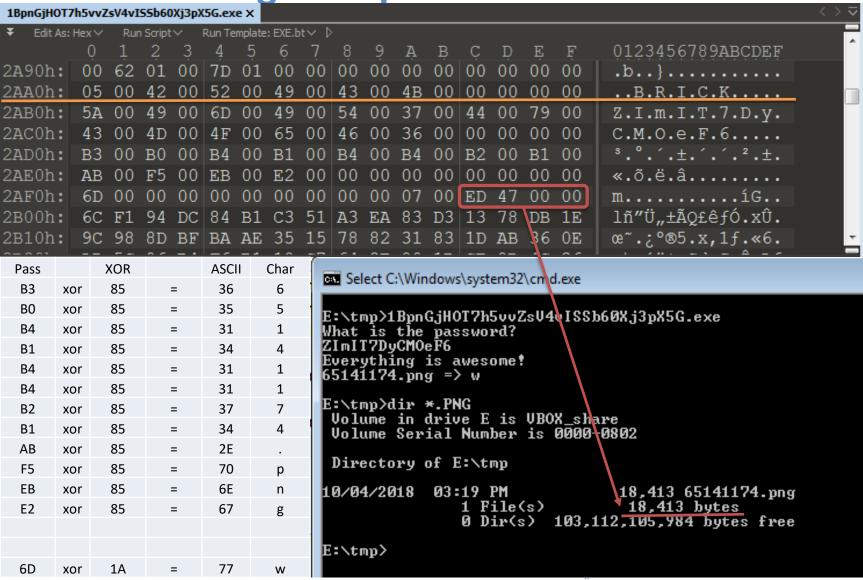
This address is 32 bytes from the start of the resource

ecx, offset unk 404300 This address is 64 bytes from the start of the resource

This address is 80 bytes from the start of the resource

Dst is actually address 0x4043CC Unhelpfully mislabeled by IDA and4 bytes before 0x4043D0

Refresh – This gives up the filename and letter



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#### Automate for understanding and reproduction

```
import sys
import io
import os
from subprocess import Popen, PIPE, STDOUT
allFiles = os.listdir(".")
cwd = os.getcwd()
picArray = []
for currentFile in allFiles:
    if currentFile.endswith("exe"):
        # Open the current file
        with open(currentFile, mode='rb') as file:
            fileContent = file.read()
            index = 0x2ab0
            # Collect the embedded password stopping at a null
            password = ''
            while ord(fileContent[index]) > 0:
                password += fileContent[index]
                index += 2
            p = Popen(['%s/%s' % (cwd, currentFile)], stdout=PIPE, stdin=PIPE, stderr=PIPE)
            stdout data = p.communicate(input=password)[0]
            # Add the filename and letter to its own array and print
            picArray.append(stdout data.splitlines()[2])
            print '%s (%s) => %s' % (currentFile, password, stdout_data.splitlines()[2])
 Print just the file and corresponding letter sorted to make it easier
print "\n"
picArray.sort()
for entry in picArray:
    print entry
```

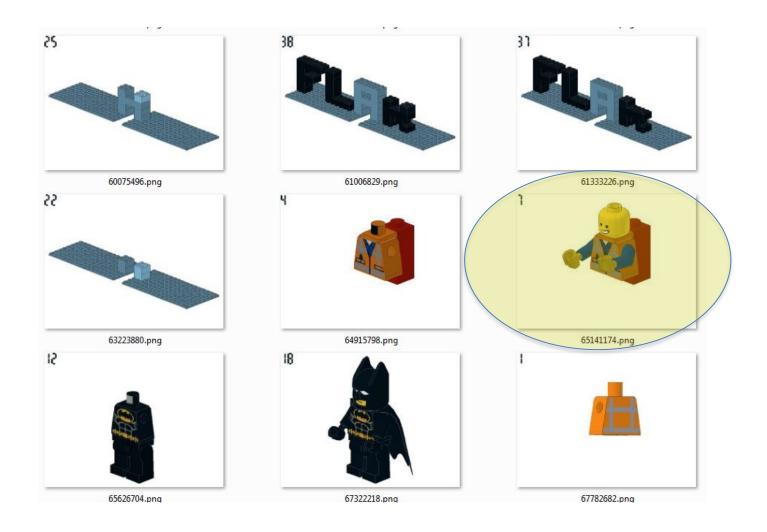
- 1. Iterate through directory
- 2. Offset to resource data
- 3. Read password from resource
- 4. Execute passing password
- 5. Collect filename and letter
- 6. Print sorted filenames

#### Script output complete with pictures (Of Text)

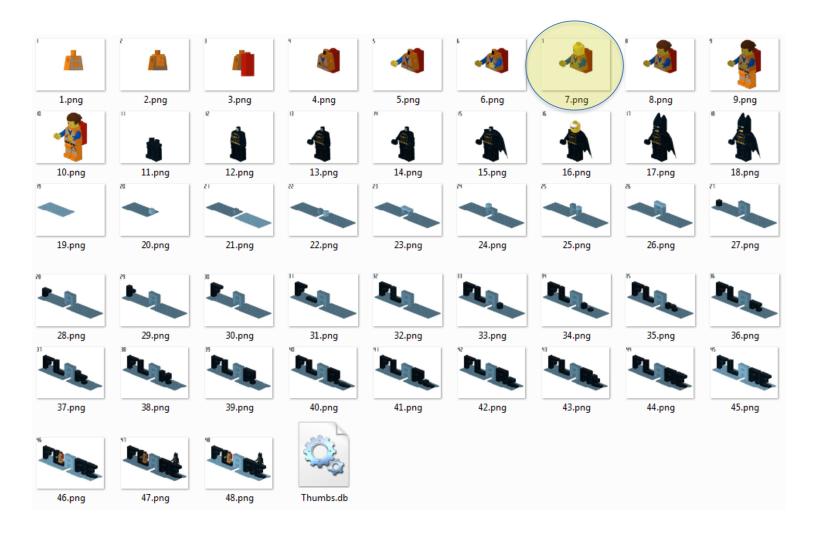
```
Select C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
 E:\tmp>python test.py
B10Iv51T6wkpUCuy7jtcva7qka8WtLYY.exe (uLKEIRAEn) => 36870498.png => m
Ew93SSPDbgiQYo4E4035A16MJUxXegDW.exe (eoneTNuryZ3eF) => 42255131.png => t
```

```
12268605.png =>
13147895.png =>
13147895.png =>
15566524.png =>
                       =>
=>
16295588.png
16544936.png
16785906.png
                        =>
18309310.png
                            e
18376743.png
19343964.png
                       =>
=>
30171375.png
33098947.png
33662866.png
                       =>
33718379.png
36494753.png
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                       =>
36870498.png
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37723511.png
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42255131.png
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44958449.png
47202222.png
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=>
47893007.png
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52817899.png
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61006829.png
61333226.png
                       =>
63223880.png
                       =>
64915798.png
64915798.png =>
65141174.png =>
65626704.png =>
67322218.png =>
67782682.png =>
70037217.png =>
71290032.png =>
72263993.png =>
72501159.png =>
72562746.png =>
                            72562746.png
73903128.png
                       =>
75765120.png
75072258.png
79545849.png
                       =>
=>
                            S
803333569.png
82100368.png
82236857.png
                       =>
85934406.png
87730986.png
88763595.png
                       =>
 39295012.png => 0
```

# Windows Explorer – Icons reveal number in all

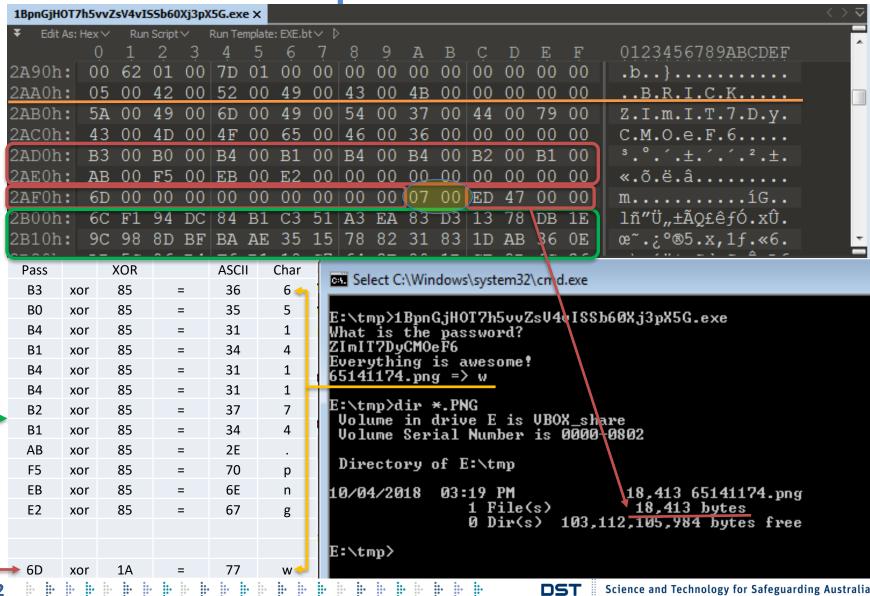


## And the (F)Lego renamed tells a story – Order!

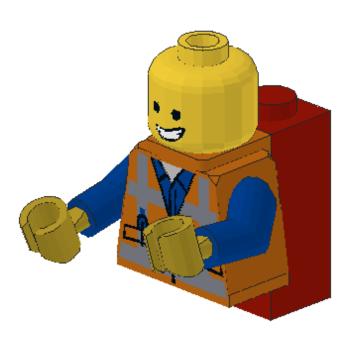




#### Refresh – The one part of the resource not used



# 65141174.png



## A quick improvement to the script

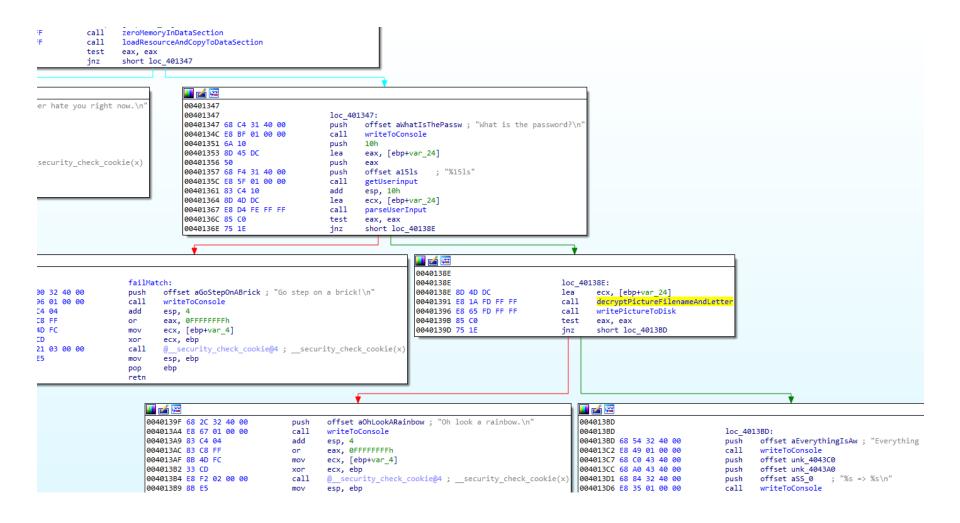
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index = 0x2ab0
            orderIndex = index + 0x4A
            # Collect the embedded password stopping at a null
            password = ''
            while ord(fileContent[index]) > 0:
                password += fileContent[index]
                index += 2
            # Run the subprocess, stdin the password and let it unencrypt the picture
            p = Popen(['%s/%s' % (cwd, currentFile)], stdout=PIPE, stdin=PIPE, stderr=PIPE)
            stdout data = p.communicate(input=password)[0]
            # Add the filename and letter to its own array
            picArray.append((stdout_data.splitlines()[2], ord(fileContent[orderIndex])))
            # Print our progress with the extracted passwords
            print '%s (%s) => %s' % (currentFile, password, stdout data.splitlines()[2])
 Print just the file and corresponding letter sorted to make it easier
 And gather the corect order to sort
print "\n"
flagDict = {}
picArray.sort()
for entry in picArray:
    print '%s at position %d' % (entry[0], entry[1])
    flagDict[entry[1]] = entry[0][-1]
 Now sort and print the flag
flag = ''
orderedList = flagDict.keys()
orderedList.sort()
for entry in orderedList:
    flag += flagDict[entry]
print "\n%s" % flag
```

- 1. Iterate through directory
- 2. Offset to resource data
- 3. Read password from resource
- 4. Read order index from resource
- Execute passing password
  - Not needed anymore
- 6. Collect name, letter and order
- 7. Print name, password and letter
- 8. Print sorted names at positions
- 9. Work out the flag
- 10. Reveal the flag

## Keep calm and submit it

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58770751.png => o at position 47
60075496.png => s at position 25
61006829.png => 1 at position 38
61333226.png => f at position 37
63223880.png => a at position 22
64915798.png => 3 at position 4
65141174.png => w at position 7
65626704.png => 3 at position 12
67322218.png => _ at position 18
67782682.png => m at position 18
70037217.png => m at position 11
71290032.png => a at position 11
71290032.png => a at position 19
72263993.png => h at position 19
72263993.png => h at position 46
72562746.png => - at position 42
73903128.png => u at position 34
75072258.png => r at position 34
75072258.png => r at position 3
8230333569.png => o at position 2
82100368.png => m at position 2
82236857.png => e at position 35
87730986.png => m at position 26
88763595.png => e at position 28
89295012.png => 0 at position 28
       mor3_awes0m3_th4n_an_awes0me_p0ssum@flare-on.com
       E:\tmp>
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#### **IDA** – Functions renamed to wrap up



## **Questions**



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