



Ghidra: a new player in the RE scene

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Many other interests: skiing, planes, climbing, reading and science.



So Ghidra is here?



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Segui

Here is a screen shot that proves RCE in the JDWP service when running Ghidra in debug mode. The issue is that the NSA left an asterisk * instead of something sane like "127.0.0.1" - exposing JDWP to all interfaces and allowing exploitation. It's not default, but a bugdoor.



SwiftOnSecurity @SwiftOnSecurity · 12 h

When they realize you'll run anything if it's hosted on Github and this was the secret all along

Traduci il Tweet



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Aaron Gallagher @aagallag · 21 h

Should government email + real names be shared with the world? #ghidra

Traduci il Tweet

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commit 6c909a46cdb9f56af0be73062852ccac79ee89a1
Author: Christopher Tubbs <christopher.l.tubbs.civ@mail.mil>
Date: Thu Feb 28 22:43:12 2019 -0500
```

Add skeleton repository files

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sghctoma @sghctoma · 1 h

it's Java.. so of course it's susceptible to XXE.. kids, don't accept #Ghidra projects from strangers!

Traduci il Tweet



Arrigo Triulzi @cynicalsecurity · 5 mar

If #Ghidra isn't set up as the largest covert RE data collection program ever I will be so disappointed.

Dreams of it leaking bits via unknown CPU side-channels then via DDIO straight off to the network...

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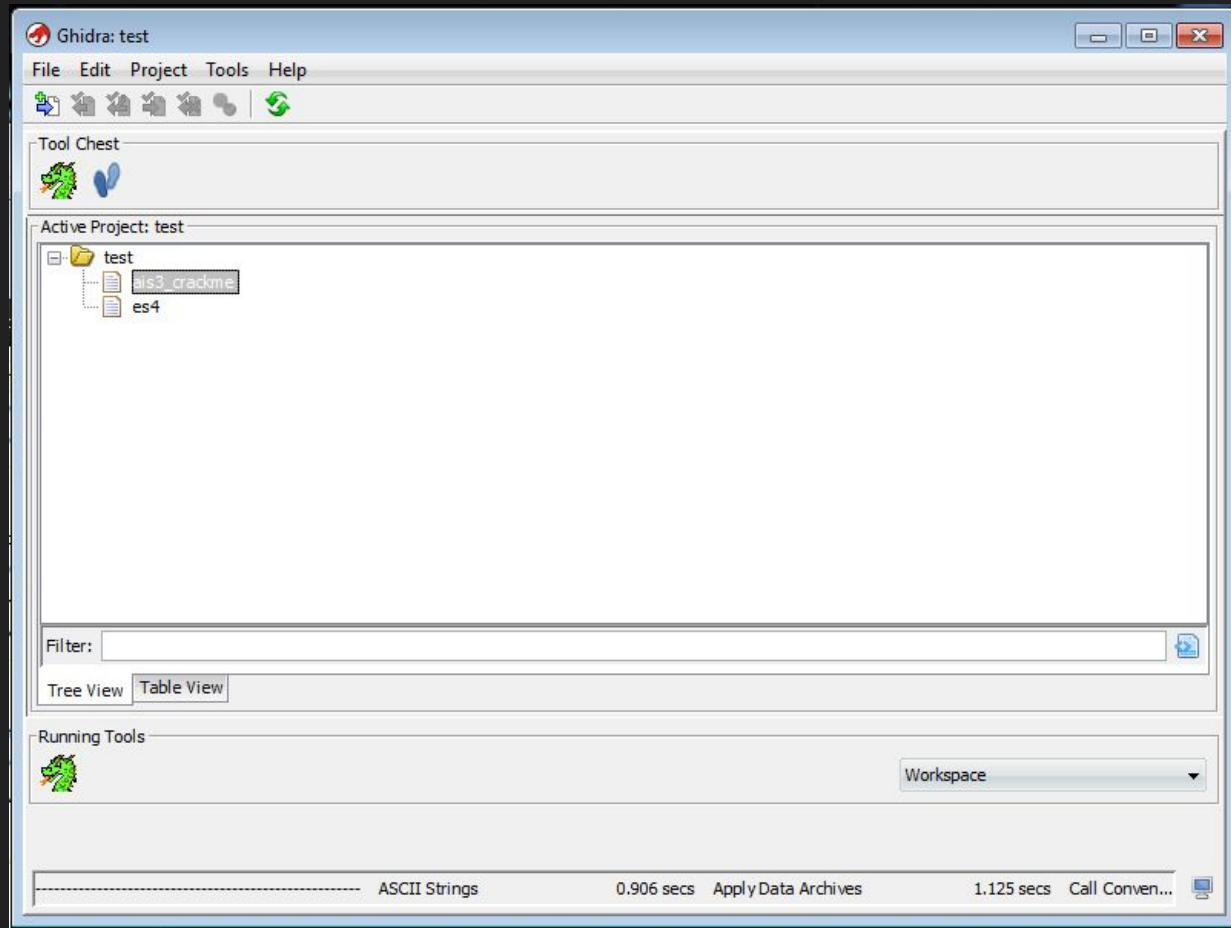
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Dragons



Project manager

- Everything is a project
- Built in version control
- Direct access to the decompiler



Short intro

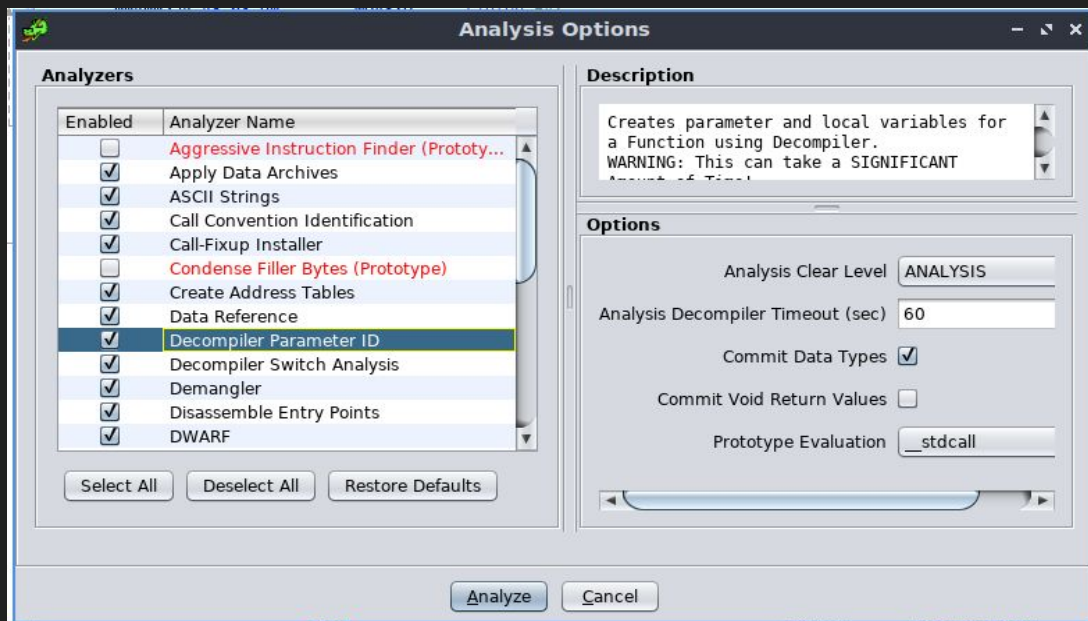
- Ghidra is organized as a collection of plugins which can be dynamically loaded
- A tool is just 1 (or more) plugin and their configuration
- Everyone can write his tool to extend Ghidra functionalities



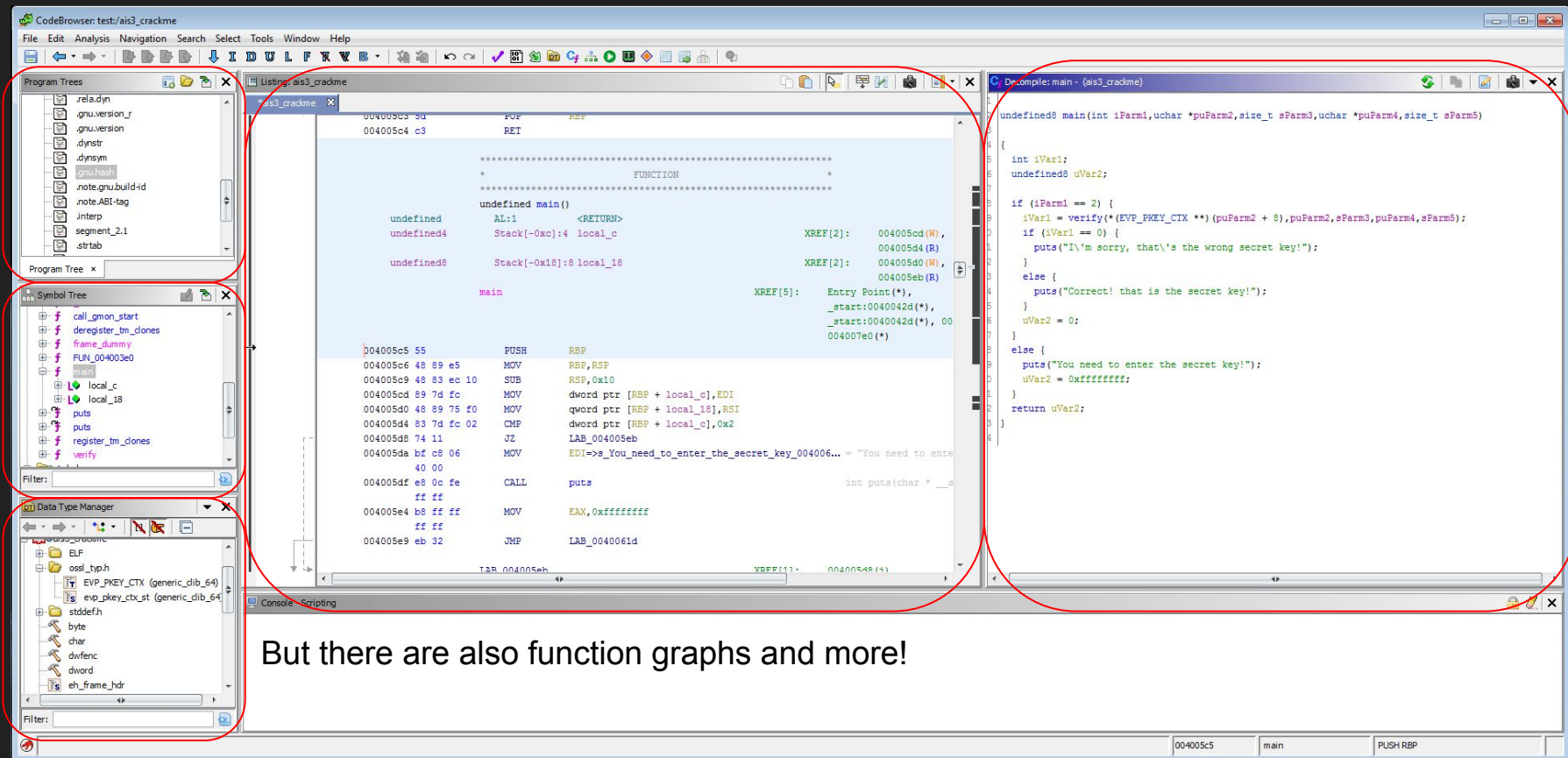
Auto analysis



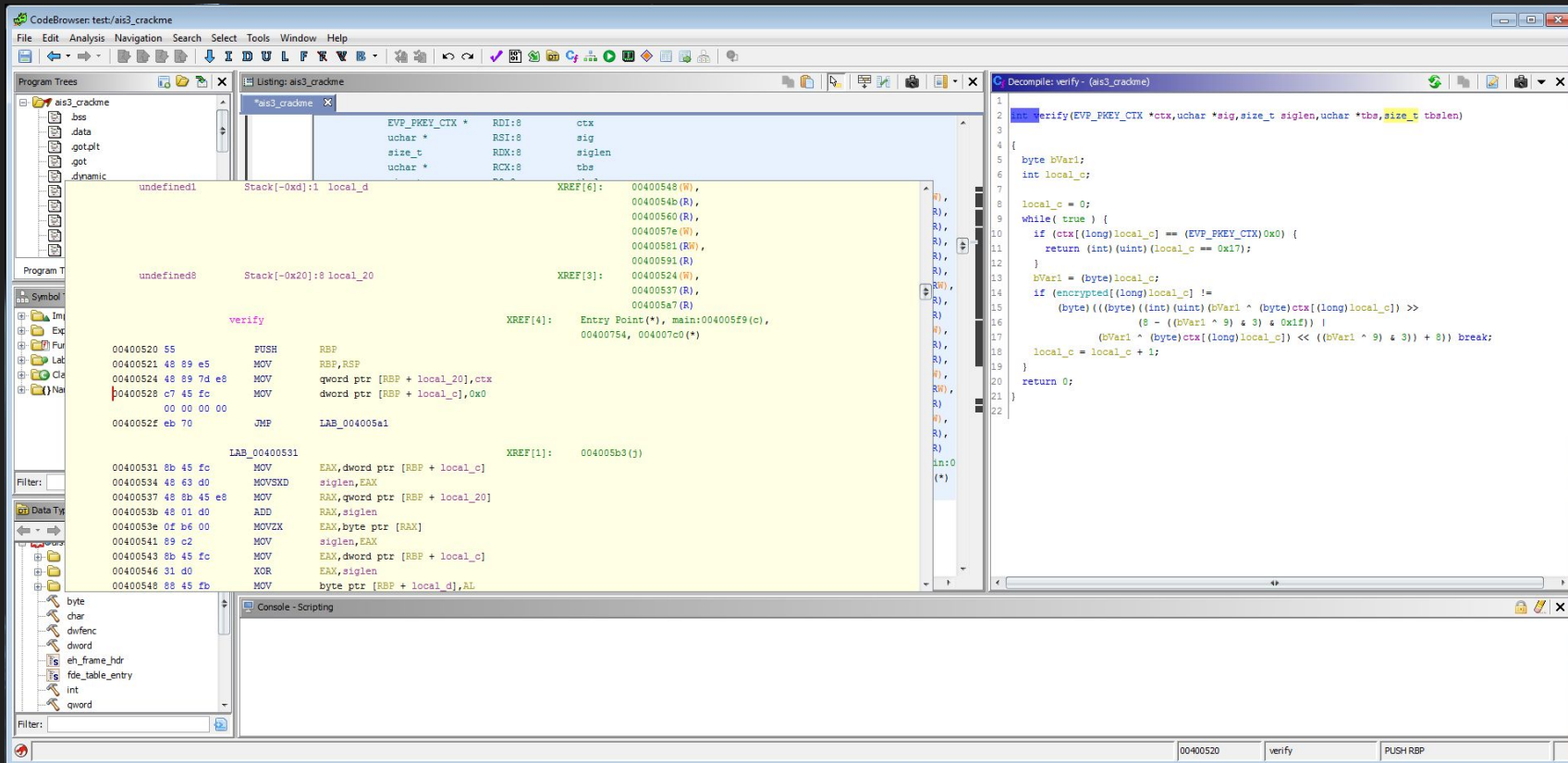
- The first and most interesting thing that you should run!
 - The usual magic here
- It can be run in multiple steps and can be “augmented” using custom plugins.



Main interface



Code navigation



Cheat Sheet

<https://ghidra-sre.org/CheatSheet.html>

Scripting

Ghidra can be extended in two main ways:

- Java (it is its main language)
- Python via the Jython implementation (py 2.7)
- The api is huge!

Nice framework to switch between IDA, Ghidra scripts and viceversa.

- <https://github.com/daenerys-sre/source>

Scripting (2)

```
import subprocess
import tempfile
import os
import csv
from ghidra.program.model.listing import CodeUnit

def add_bookmark_comment(addr, text):
    cu = currentProgram.getListing().getCodeUnitAt(addr)
    createBookmark(addr, "binwalk", text)
    cu.setComment(CodeUnit.EOL_COMMENT, text)

file_location = currentProgram.getDomainFile().getMetadata()["Executable
Location"]
_, result_file = tempfile.mkstemp()
```

Scripting (3)

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try:
    subprocess.call(["binwalk", "-c", "-f", result_file, file_location])
    with open(result_file) as csvfile:
        reader = csv.reader(csvfile, delimiter=',', quotechar='"')
        for row in reader:
            try:
                addr = currentProgram.minAddress.add(int(row[0]))
            except:
                continue

            text = row[2]
            add_bookmark_comment(addr, text)
except Exception as e:
    print("Failed")
    print(e)

os.unlink(result_file)
```

A small and unfair comparison

- **Ghidra (vs IDA and redare)**
 - has Ctrl+z
 - no debugger, sorry :(
 - collaborative projects
 - free and (not yet) open
 - looks like it can easily handle large files
 - is new but is almost as mature as IDA

DEMO

References

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- <http://0xeb.net/2019/03/ghidra-a-quick-overview>
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