

Problem 1:

Goal: print "You did it!"

Solution found: enter the two arguments, "deregister_tm_clones"

-First, I ran `objdump -s -j .rodata` to see the strings. I see that the string that we are trying to print is located at the address 8048788

-Then, I ran `objdump -M intel -d`, and found the main function. I then see that the string gets pushed at the address 80486ad.

-I see that the section starting at 080486a1 jumps to the address that we want if the `cmp` of the `dword ptr` (Which I labeled as `counter #2`) is equal to 2.

Looking before that, I can see that the counter is incremented each time

-Looking near the beginning of the code, I saw that there were two main branches: one, if two strings are entered, leads down the path that starts a loop

-Otherwise, the code just outputs "Try again"

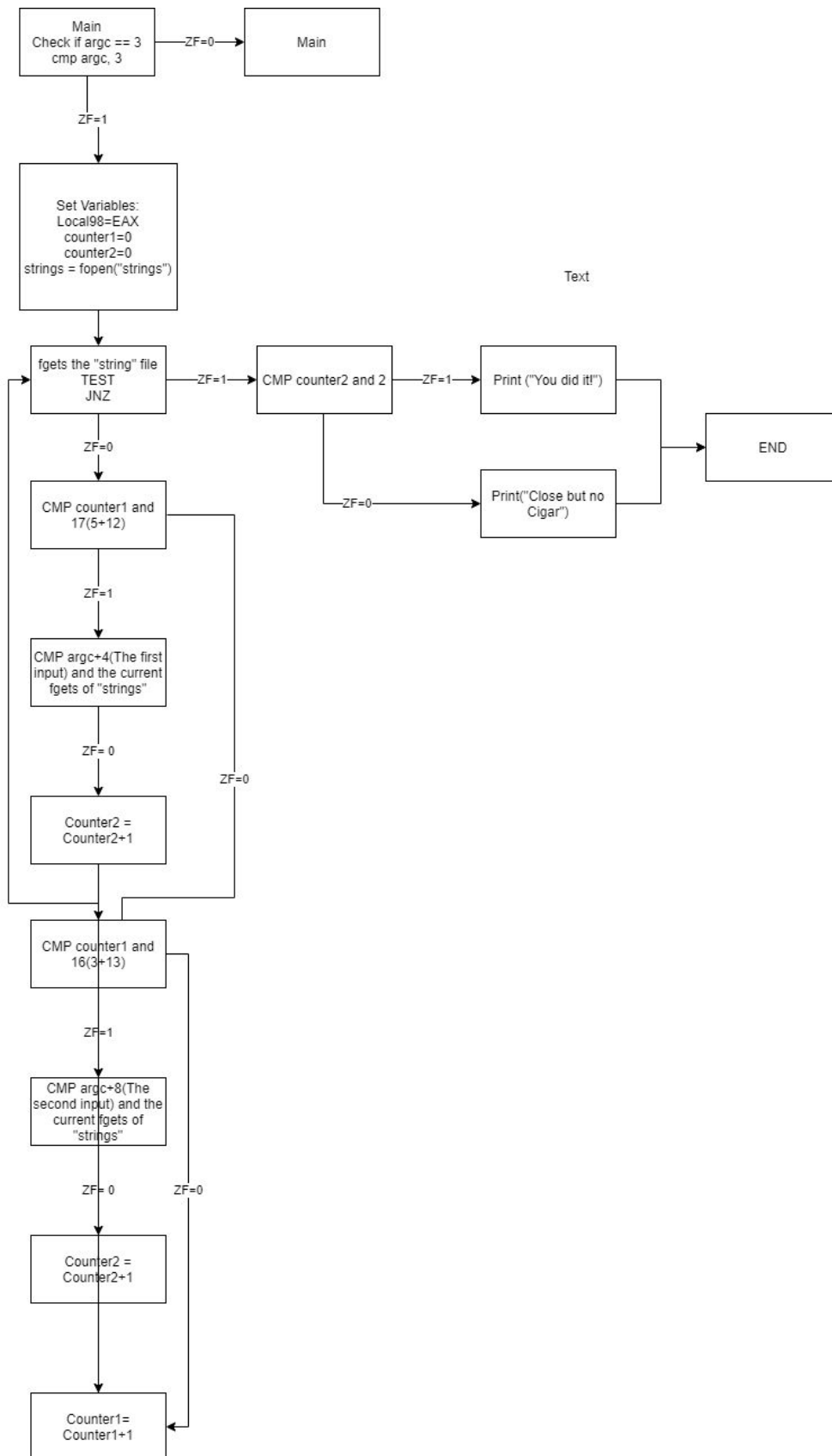
-The while loop branch only breaks when the result of the `fgets` on the file "String" returns 0, meaning it has reached the end of the file

-One of the counter increments each time the loop executes.

-I saw that in the loop there are two `if` cases, one if the counter equals 16, and one if it equals 17. This would mean that the `fgets` variable would be currently equal to the strings at lines 17 and 18, since the counter starts at 0. Because of the `strncmps`, I assumed that the strings on those lines were the strings that would result in the correct output.

-Since the string at line 17 was compared to the user input+8, I knew that it was the second string input and that the first string was at line 18.

-Therefore, the correct input was "deregister_tm_clones __JCR_LIST__"

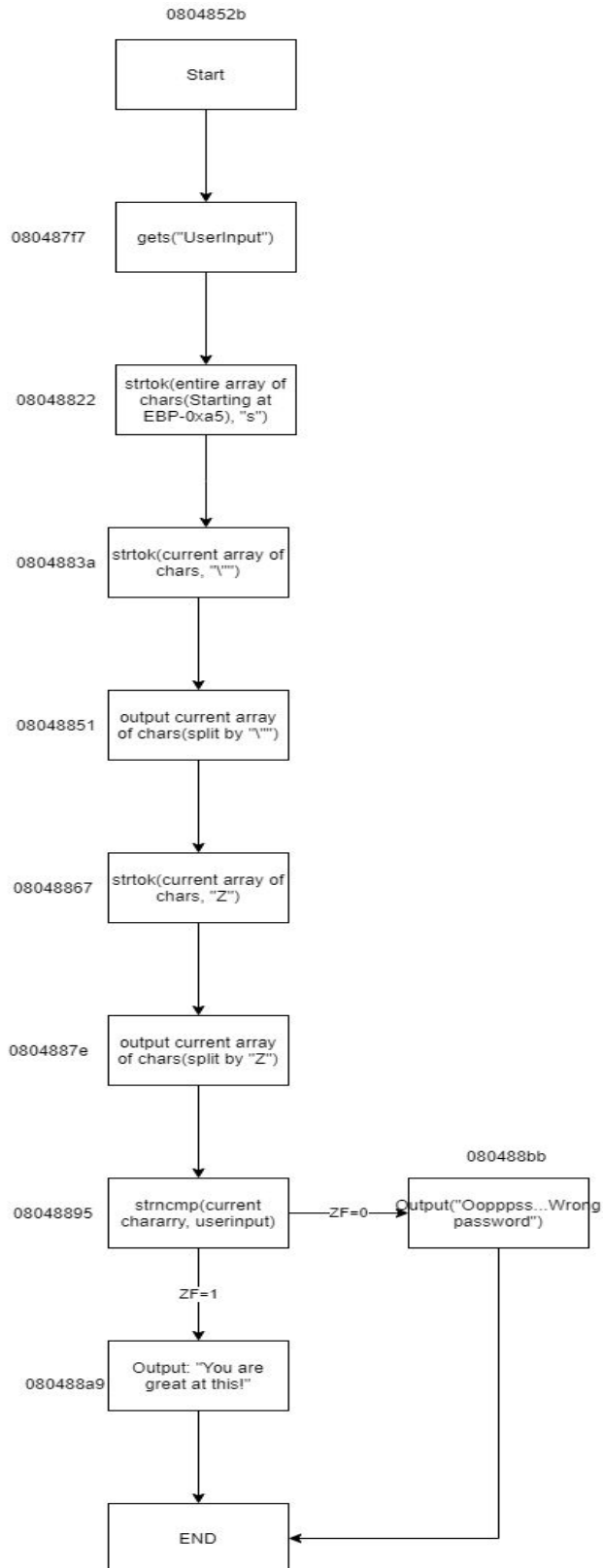


Problem 2:

Goal: print "You are great at this :)"

Answer:"yagababa"

- The first thing I did was run the program and entering "a" as the password
- Once I saw the output, I decided to test each string as the password, just in case it was similar to the previous problem. I turned out that the second string displayed was the correct password.
- Upon looking at the binary code, I saw that the outputs were the result of parsing a long string multiple times until it results in the password, which is then compared to the user's input.



Problem 3:

Goal: Guess Flag (or hidden value...)

-As usual, the first thing I did was simply run the code. When I did this a line stated "The answer: 1", while another line stated "Maybe it's this:5"

-Keeping these in mind, I uploaded the code to ghidra, to see the binary code.

-I noted the array named 1c(located at stack-1c), which is made up of the characters: "A553", and then a similar array, 18(located at stack-18), which is made of the characters:"Mb1Y"

-I tried to input the full string "A553Mb1Y", and the program output the desired message:

"You are amazing!!"

