

# Sh4ll8 crackme

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## Introduction

This is a write up for a simple crackme, you can download this crackme from here: <https://crackmes.one/crackme/5b506ba633c5d41c0b8ae522>.

## Code

Open the binary in IDA does not give anything, it's obviously packed. We have two options here, unpack it or run it and dump the memory, and in this post I just use the second method. But before we doing this let's see how program runs.

```

~/crackme/Sh4ll8$ ./Sh4ll8
Welcome to Sh4ll8! Now, can you give me the password please:
> abcdef
I can't let you in with this password!
~/crackme/Sh4ll8$

```

It is a very simple crackme, input a serial and check whether is correct. Before we dump it let's analyze it a bit more.

```

~/crackme/Sh4ll8$ ltrace ./Sh4ll8
Couldn't find .dynsym or .dynstr in "/proc/19634/exe"
~/crackme/Sh4ll8$ Welcome to Sh4ll8! Now, can you give me the password please:
> [SUCCESS] Y-That's impossible! You are so strong!

```

```

execve("./Sh4ll8", ["/Sh4ll8"], 0x7ffc30cb3440 /* 79 vars */) = 0
mmap(0x800000, 3791031, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE|PROT_EXEC, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, 0, 0) = 0x800000
readlink("/proc/self/exe", "/home/iceware/crackme/Sh4ll8/Sh4", 4096) = 35
mmap(0x400000, 3747840, PROT_NONE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x400000
mmap(0x400000, 1595335, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE|PROT_EXEC, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x400000
mprotect(0x400000, 1595335, PROT_READ|PROT_EXEC) = 0
mmap(0x705000, 36136, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0x105000) = 0x705000
mprotect(0x705000, 36136, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE) = 0
mmap(0x70e000, 17224, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE|MAP_FIXED|MAP_ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x70e000
munmap(0x801000, 3787735) = 0
uname({sysname="Linux", nodename="harbour", ...}) = 0
brk(NULL) = 0x1f41000
brk(0x1f42200) = 0x1f42200
arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, 0x1f410c0) = 0
readlink("/proc/self/exe", "/home/iceware/crackme/Sh4ll8/Sh4", 4096) = 35
brk(0x1f63200) = 0x1f63200
brk(0x1f64000) = 0x1f64000
access("/etc/ld.so.nohwcap", F_OK) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)

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So the crackme solved itself when we use `ltrace`? It seems that this crackme check one char at a time and only tell you wrong when you enter something wrong, for example if serial is abcdef and you enter abcd it will say you win. But I don't really check if this is true in code.

And program complains when we use `strace` in the second picture, we also find this crackme use `ptrace` which is a basic anti debug technique.

As we gether some basic information about this crackme, we can start solve it. I will unpack it, use Snowman to decompile it in IDA, find the algorithm about serial and the crack it.

First let `ptrace` return 1 to bypass the anti-debug. Run crackme in gdb.

```
1 catch syscall ptrace
```

```
1 gef> r
2 Starting program: ~/crackme/Sh4ll8/Sh4ll8
3 Welcome to Sh4ll8! Now, can you give me the password please:
4 > abcd
5 [ Legend: Modified register | Code | Heap | Stack | String ]
6 _____[ registers ]_____
7 $rax : 0xfffffffffffffffda
8 $rbx : 0x000000000400310 → 0x00c0c74808ec8348
9 $rcx : 0x00000000004f060e → 0x2a77ffff0003d48 ("H=?")
10 $rdx : 0x0000000000000001
11 $rsp : 0x00007ffffc7e8 → 0x000000000400ee0 → 0x84c0940ffff88348
12 $rbp : 0x00007ffffc7f0 → 0x00007ffffc950 → 0x00000000078c018 → 0x0000000004d18c0
13 $rsi : 0x0000000000000000
14 $rdi : 0x0000000000000000
15 $rip : 0x0000000004f060e → 0x2a77ffff0003d48 ("H=?")
16 $r8 : 0x00000000ffffffff
17 $r9 : 0x0000000000000000
18 $r10 : 0x0000000000000000
19 $r11 : 0x0000000000000282
20 $r12 : 0x000000000499200 → 0x00785980be415641
21 $r13 : 0x000000000499290 → 0x8148007859d8bb53
22 $r14 : 0x0000000000000000
23 $r15 : 0x00007ffffc7e8 → 0x00000000040000c → 0x003e00290c3050f
24 $eflags: [zero carry parity adjust SIGN trap INTERRUPT direction overflow resume virtualx86 id
25 $ds: 0x0000 $gs: 0x0000 $ss: 0x002b $cs: 0x0033 $fs: 0x0000 $es: 0x0000
26 _____[ stack ]_____
27 0x00007ffffc7e8|+0x00: 0x000000000400ee0 → 0x84c0940ffff88348 ← $rsp
28 0x00007ffffc7f0|+0x08: 0x00007ffffc950 → 0x00000000078c018 → 0x0000000004d18c0 →
29 0x00007ffffc7f8|+0x10: 0x000000000401459 → 0xc084c0940ffff883
30 0x00007ffffc800|+0x18: 0x000000000788720 → 0x0000000000000008
31 0x00007ffffc808|+0x20: 0x000000000045ad09 → 0x48595a1024448b48
32 0x00007ffffc810|+0x28: 0x00000000078fa60 → 0x000000000787080 → 0x000000000407730 →
33 0x00007ffffc818|+0x30: 0x00007ffffc820 → 0x0000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe
34 0x00007ffffc820|+0x38: 0x0000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe
35 _____[ code:i386:x86-64 ]_____
36 0x4f0603 cmova r10, rcx
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42      0x4f0619      js      0x4f0634
43      0x4f061b      cmp     r8d, 0x2
44      0x4f061f      ja      0x4f0634
45      _____ [ threads ] _____
46 [ #0] Id 1, Name: "Sh4ll8", stopped, reason: BREAKPOINT
47      _____ [ trace ] _____
48 [ #0] 0x4f060e → cmp rax, 0xffffffffffffff00
49 [ #1] 0x400ee0 → cmp rax, 0xffffffffffffff
50 [ #2] 0x7fffffff950 → sbb al, al
51 [ #3] 0x401459 → cmp eax, 0xffffffff
52 [ #4] 0x788720 → or BYTE PTR [rax], al
53 [ #5] 0x45ad09 → mov rax, QWORD PTR [rsp+0x10]
54 [ #6] 0x78fa60 → xor BYTE PTR [rax+0x78], 0x0
55 [ #7] 0x7fffffff820 → add BYTE PTR [rdi+0x7a], al
56 [ #8] 0x7a8700 → inc BYTE PTR [rdx]
57 [ #9] 0x7a8754 → add BYTE PTR [rax], al
58      _____
59
60 Catchpoint 1 (call to syscall ptrace), 0x0000000004f060e in ?? ()
61 gef➤

```

`ptrace` is called after we enter serial

```

1 ni
2 set $rax=1
3 ni

```

anti-debug is gone. We can dump the binary here.

```

1 gef➤ info proc mappings
2 Mapped address spaces:
3
4      Start Addr      End Addr      Size      Offset objfile
5      0x400000      0x586000      0x186000      0x0
6      0x586000      0x785000      0x1ff000      0x0
7      0x785000      0x7b6000      0x31000      0x0 [heap]
8      0x800000      0x801000      0x1000      0x0
9      0x7ffff7ffa000  0x7ffff7ffd000  0x3000      0x0 [vvar]
10     0x7ffff7ffd000  0x7ffff7fff000  0x2000      0x0 [vdso]
11     0x7ffff7fff000  0x7ffff7fff000  0x22000      0x0 [stack]
12     0xfffffffff60000 0xfffffffff601000 0x1000      0x0 [vsyscall]

```

Our current assembly code is in the first section, dump it

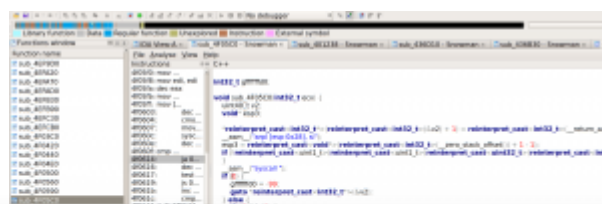
```

1 dump binary memory a 0x400000 0x586000

```

Use IDA to open the file and it will complain what you select do not have valid header, just ignore it.

I use Snowman to decompile the code, so the function will be different from IDA commercial decompile result.



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Continue run the code and after several return, we reach here



and if you playing around the `while` loop you will find out that `eax14` is point to the serial we enter. As `eax14` is compared with `eax13`, this should be the correct serial we are looking for, and you can see what `eax12` is in gdb

	[ Legend: Modified register   Code   Heap   Stack   String ]	
1		
2		
3	\$rax : 0x00007fffffff820 → 0x0000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe	
4	\$rbx : 0x0000000000000000	
5	\$rcx : 0x00000000004f060e → 0x2a77ffff0003d48 ("H=?")	
6	\$rdx : 0x0000000000000000	
7	\$rsp : 0x00007fffffff800 → 0x0000000000788720 → 0x0000000000000008	
8	\$rbp : 0x00007fffffff8c950 → 0x000000000078c018 → 0x00000000004d18c0 → 0x4ffa8348c0ef0f	
9	\$rsi : 0x0000000000000000	
10	\$rdi : 0x00007fffffff820 → 0x00000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe	
11	\$rip : 0x00000000004014cf → 0x83008b0000050ce8	
12	\$r8 : 0x00000000ffffffff	
13	\$r9 : 0x0000000000000000	
14	\$r10 : 0x0000000000000000	
15	\$r11 : 0x00000000000000282	
16	\$r12 : 0x0000000000499200 → 0x00785980be415641	
17	\$r13 : 0x0000000000499290 → 0x8148007859d8bb53	
18	\$r14 : 0x0000000000000000	
19	\$r15 : 0x00007fffffffce78 → 0x000000000040000c → 0x003e000290c3050f	
20	\$eflags: [zero carry parity adjust sign trap INTERRUPT direction overflow resume virtualx86 id	
21	\$gs: 0x0000 \$cs: 0x0033 \$ds: 0x0000 \$es: 0x0000 \$fs: 0x0000 \$ss: 0x002b	
22		
23	0x00007fffffff800 +0x00: 0x0000000000788720 → 0x0000000000000008 ← \$rsp	
24	0x00007fffffff808 +0x08: 0x000000000045ad09 → 0x48595a1024448b48	
25	0x00007fffffff810 +0x10: 0x000000000078fa60 → 0x0000000000787080 → 0x0000000000407730 →	
26	0x00007fffffff818 +0x18: 0x00007fffffff820 → 0x00000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe	
27	0x00007fffffff820 +0x20: 0x00000000007a8700 → 0x000002f7000002fe ← \$rax, \$rdi	
28	0x00007fffffff828 +0x28: 0x00000000007a8754 → 0x0000000000000000	
29	0x00007fffffff830 +0x30: 0x00000000007a8780 → 0x0000000000000000	
30	0x00007fffffff838 +0x38: 0x000000000078f4a0 → 0x00000000007875e8 → 0x00000000004076e0 →	
31		
32	0x4014c2	lea rax, [rbp-0x130]
33	0x4014c9	mov rsi, rdx
34	0x4014cc	mov rdi, rax
35	→ 0x4014cf	call 0x4019e0
36	↳ 0x4019e0	push rbp
37	0x4019e1	mov rbp, rsp
38	0x4019e4	mov QWORD PTR [rbp-0x8], rdi
39	0x4019e8	mov QWORD PTR [rbp-0x10], rsi

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45  $rsi = 0x0000000000000000,
46  $rdx = 0x0000000000000000
47  )
48
49  [#0] Id 1, Name: "Sh4ll8", stopped, reason: BREAKPOINT
50
51  [#0] 0x4014cf → call 0x4019e0
52  [#1] 0x788720 → or BYTE PTR [rax], al
53  [#2] 0x45ad09 → mov rax, QWORD PTR [rsp+0x10]
54  [#3] 0x78fa60 → xor BYTE PTR [rax+0x78], 0x0
55  [#4] 0x7fffffff820 → add BYTE PTR [rdi+0x7a], al
56  [#5] 0x7a8700 → inc BYTE PTR [rdx]
57  [#6] 0x7a8754 → add BYTE PTR [rax], al
58  [#7] 0x7a8780 → add BYTE PTR [rax], al
59  [#8] 0x78f4a0 → call 0x796d1a
60  [#9] 0x7a8160 → outs dx, BYTE PTR ds:[rsi]
61
62
63  Breakpoint 2, 0x00000000004014cf in ?? ()
64  gef> x/30xw 7a8700
65  Invalid number "7a8700".
66  gef> x/30xw 0x7a8700
67  0x7a8700: 0x000002fe 0x000002f7 0x000002fe 0x000002f7
68  0x7a8710: 0x000002f8 0x000002c9 0x000002c8 0x000002fd
69  0x7a8720: 0x000002c8 0x000002f3 0x000002c6 0x000002fc
70  0x7a8730: 0x000002fe 0x000002c9 0x000002fc 0x000002cd
71  0x7a8740: 0x000002fe 0x000002fc 0x000002f4 0x000002ca
72  0x7a8750: 0x000002f2 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
73  0x7a8760: 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000
74  0x7a8770: 0x00000000 0x00000000

```

Now we only need to decrypt it. Don't forget these are int vars.

```

1  ta=[0x000002fe,0x000002f7,0x000002fe,0x000002f7,0x000002f8,0x000002c9,
2  0x000002c8, 0x000002fd, 0x000002c8, 0x000002f3, 0x000002c6, 0x000002fc,
3  0x000002fe, 0x000002c9, 0x000002fc, 0x000002cd,
4  0x000002fe, 0x000002fc, 0x000002f4, 0x000002ca, 0x000002f2]
5
6  for i in range(0,len(ta)):
7      print(chr((((ta[i]^0xffffffff)+0xc)&0xff),end=' '))

```

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1 a h a h _ n o b o d y c a n c r a c k m e
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