Assignment #4

CPEN 442

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# Problem #1

**mypwd:co5916**

where co is the salt.

10^4 = 10,000

2^13 = 8192

2^14 = 16840

Exact Entropy: 13.287712

It is about 13~14 bits of entropy. I used john the ripper for this assignment. I was able to retrieve the first password in mere seconds running with 32 different forks. I found that ‘co’ is the salt.

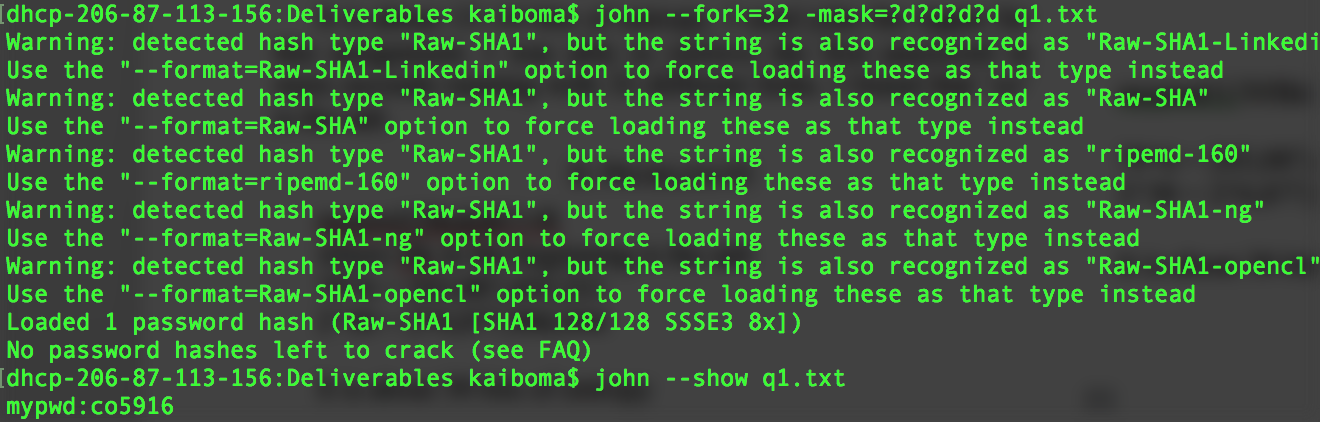


Fig 1. Result of JTR for Question 1.

# Problem #2

**mypwd:Dkqk&UvR**

where Dk in the beginning is the salt.

In the given set of potential values: I counted 79 different values. Thus:

76^6 = 192,699,928,576

2^38 = 137,438,953,472

It is about 38 bits of entropy. Exact entropy is log2(76^6) = 37.487565 bits of entropy.

Used the same program as question with 32 different forks and ran in mask mode. This specified the length and keyspace to narrow down the search. It took about 2 hours and 30 mins to complete on my Macbook. This would have been faster running off a GPU or a faster CPU.

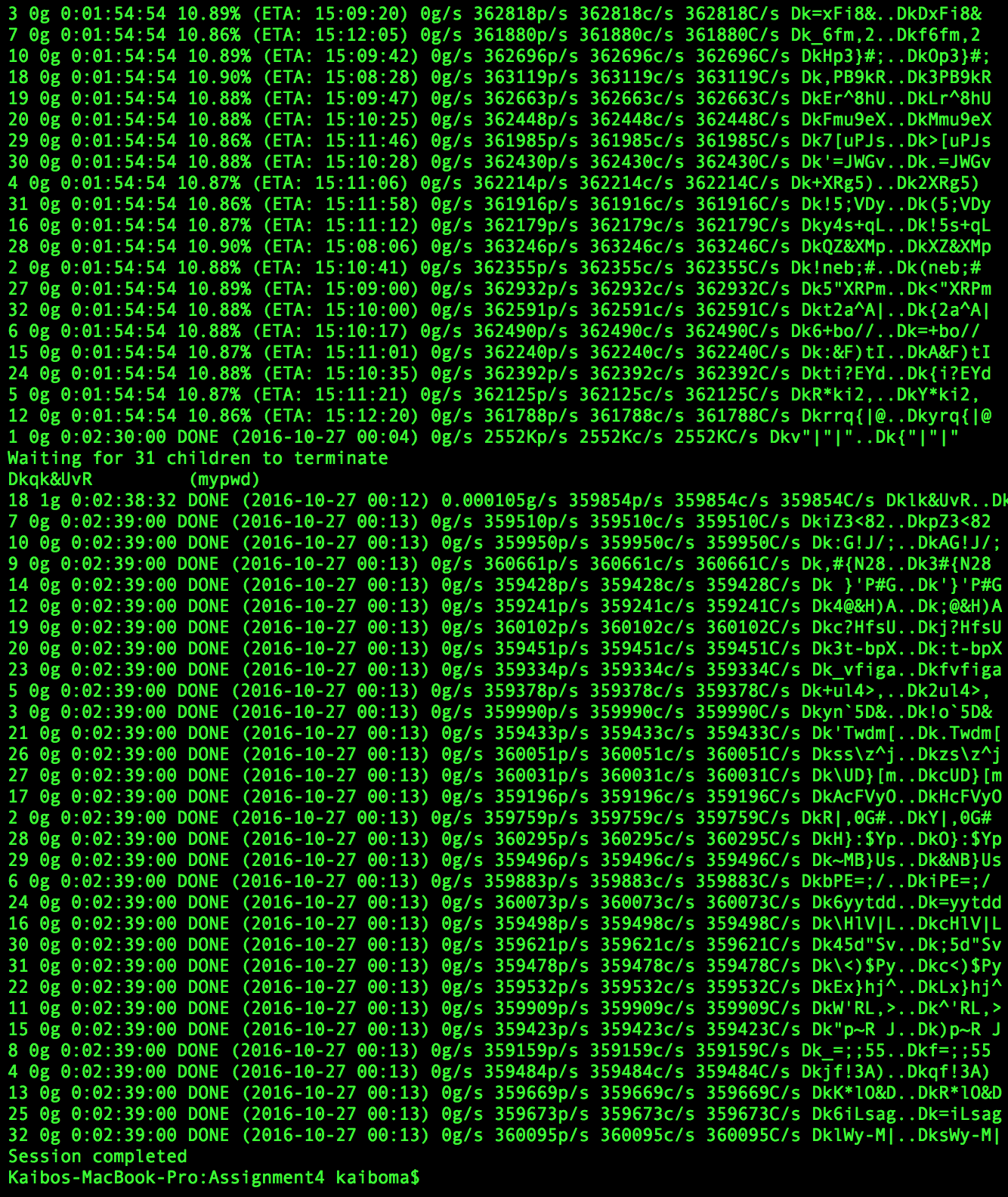


Fig 2. Result of JTR for Question 2.

# Problem #3

**mypwd:5Wo-u3ozhz8q1M^d**

76^16 = 1.2388464^30

2^100 = 1.2676506^30

Exact: 99.96684

#### It is about 100 bits of entropy. I obtained the password by looking at the main function assembly code. I realized that it checks if your input string is the same length as a hard coded length of 10h which is 16.

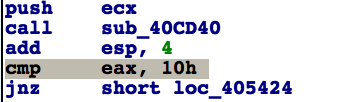


Fig 3. The string length comparison check

Then the code will check with a hard coded randomized string inside .rdata. It will compare a certain offset and match your input string with that string.

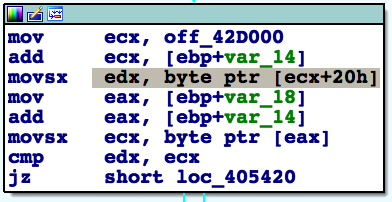


Fig 4. The offset for comparison string

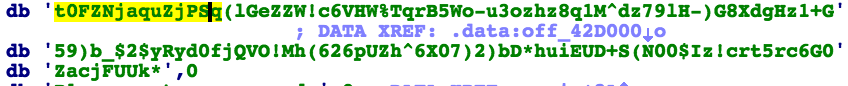
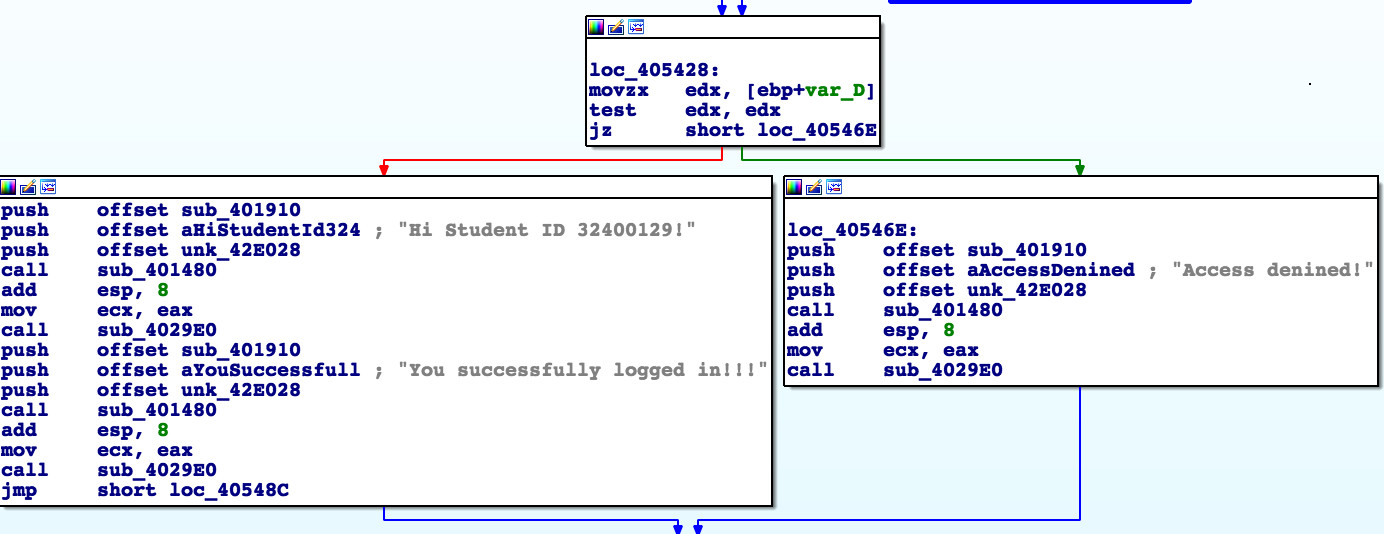


Fig 5. The whole comparison string where my password resides.

I used a script I created to help me find my password inside the string (attached findpw.py).

#### I noticed in the assembly that there is a “test” opcode followed by a “jz”. I knew that it would either pass or fail. Hence I made the “jz” opcode to “nop” which would skip the jump and proceed with logging in successfully.



#### Fig 6. The checking condition for pass or fail

#### This is the .dif file I created with IDA:

This difference file has been created by IDA

32400129.program1.exe

0000482E: 74 90

# Problem #4

**mypwd:U3H$ki**

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It is about 38 bits of entropy. Exact entropy is log2(76^6) = 37.487565 bits of entropy.

This is the .dif file I created with IDA:

This difference file has been created by IDA

32400129.program2.exe

00004859: 74 90

#### Unlike Question 3 this programs password is encrypted with SHA-1. I noticed from the assembly that it will check byte by byte in a lookup table imported by libeay32.dll. The password starts at the address referenced by ‘byte\_41F234’ at address 41F234. Then in a counter loop of 20 times (this gave away that it was SHA1as it takes 20 bytes). In the following diagram, this is my SHA1 hashed password in the .rdata.

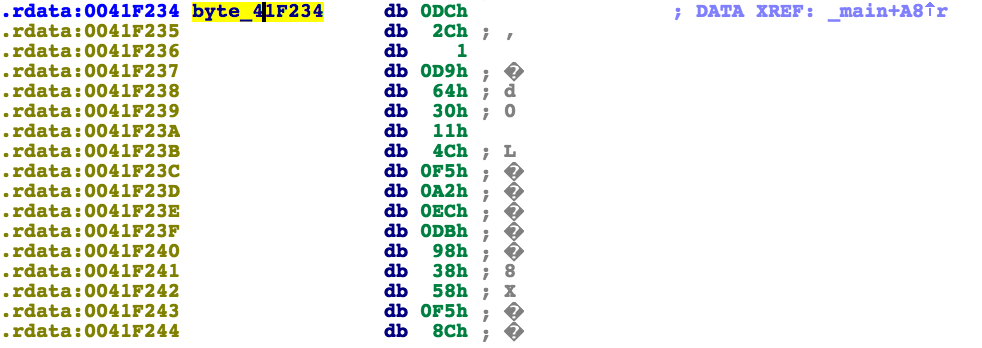


Fig 7. The hashed password value.

Once obtaining this value and copying it over to a .txt file I ran john the ripper on 32 forks. As a result, I obtained my password: U3H$ki which tested perfectly into the program provided. The brute force search took about5 hours and 25 minutes to complete.

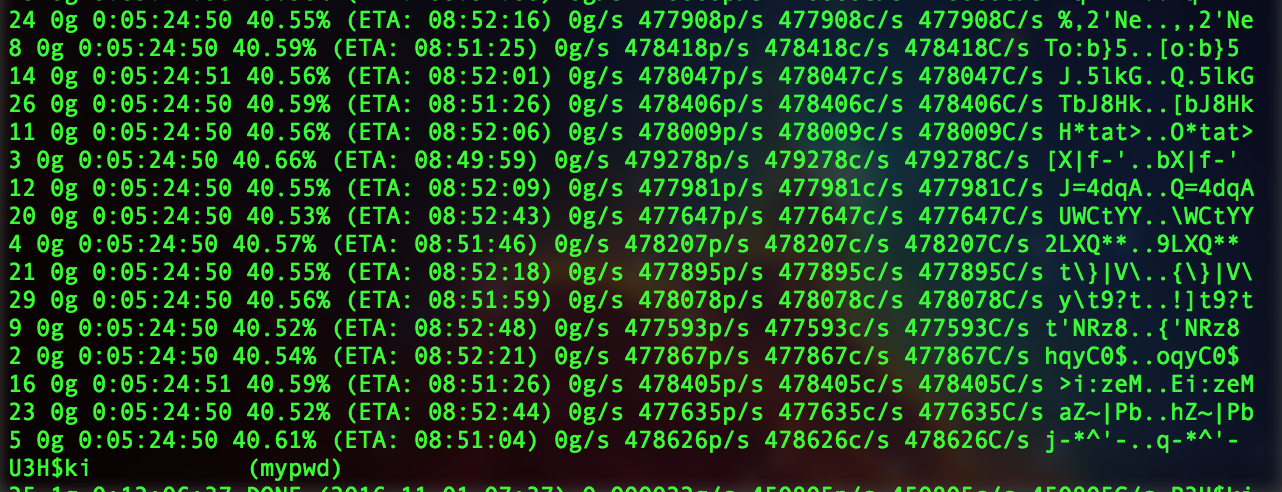


Fig 8. The resulting brute force search on the password.

#### Similar to question 3, the same ‘test’ and ‘jz’ functions are called. This allowed me to just take ‘jz’ written in 74h and change to 90h which is ‘nop’.

#### To write a patch file to make our .exe file accept and password we desire. I created a python script that seeks out the correct address offset of the beginning of where the SHA1 password is stored. Then it will take the arguments you run with the python script and hash that value and overwrite the address location that contains the previous values. Image below shows how I run my script with argument ‘qwerty’ that patches the .exe file and use the new ‘qwerty’ password as input to .exe. The .exe accepts the new password:

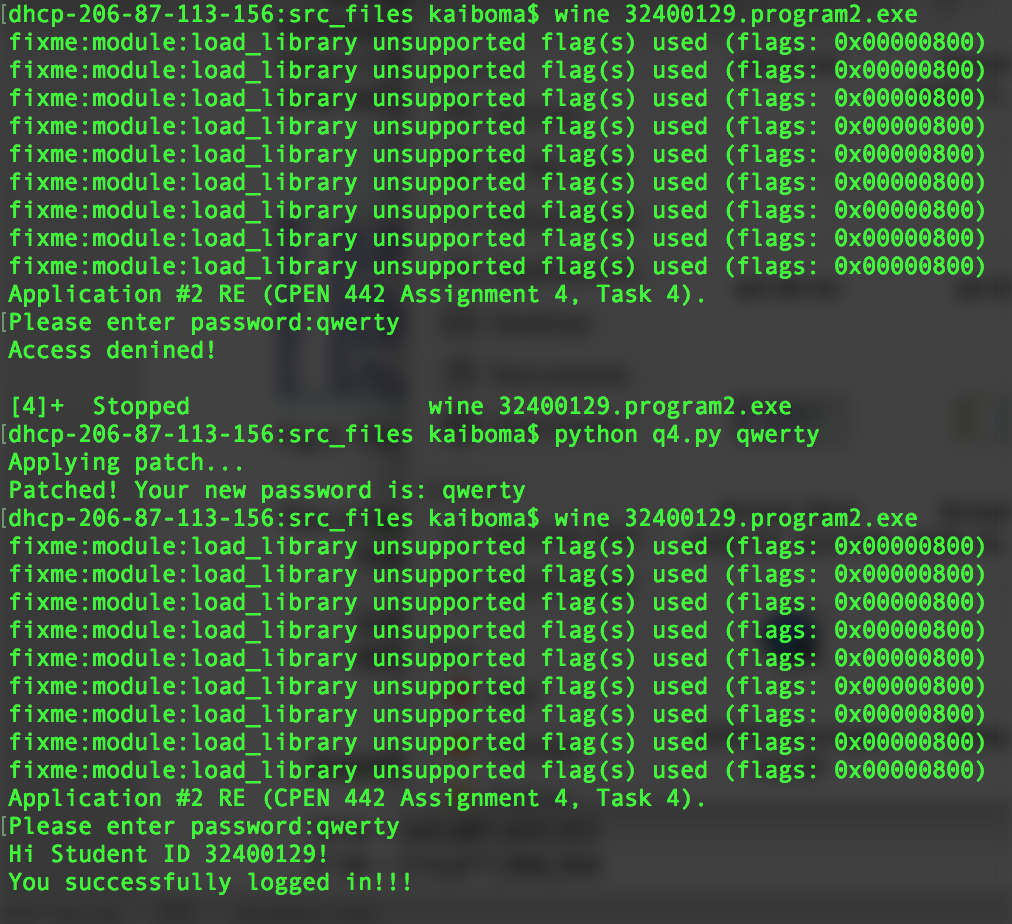


Fig 9. Successful usage of q4.py script that patches the .exe

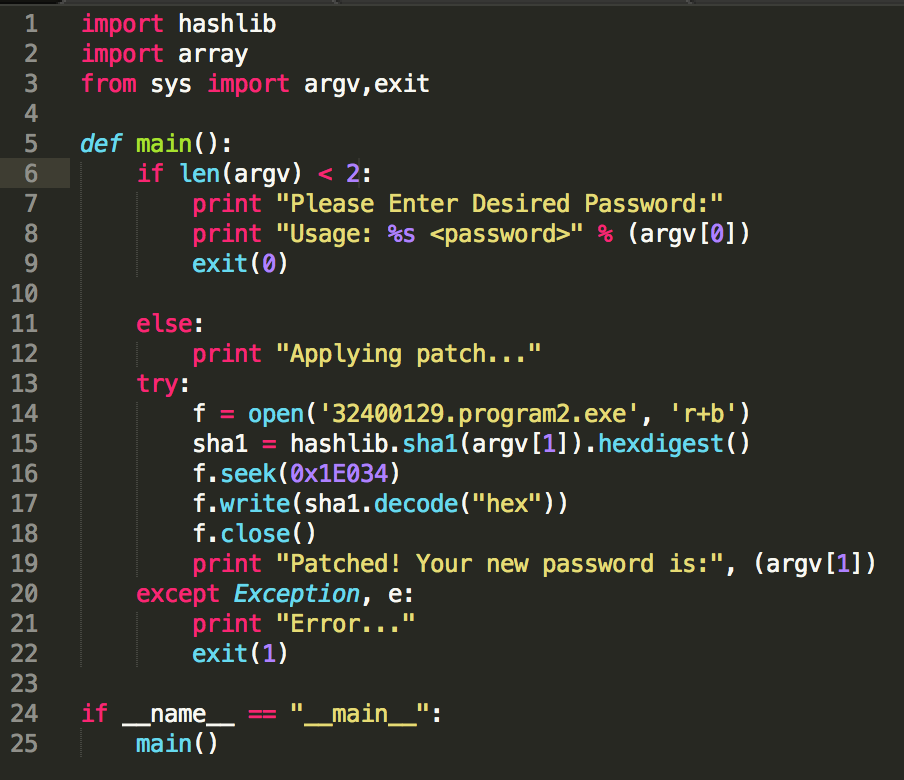


Fig 10. My python script that patches the program to any password you want.

I have also attached q4.py along with the email.