

### Option 1: SIFT Workstation VM Appliance

```
PS C:\Users\Lenovo legion 5\Downloads> Get-FileHash .\sift-22.04-20240201.ova -Algorithm MD5
```

Algorithm	Hash	Path
MD5	6D82C7287E15ECC0C4F90F74D629E282	C:\Users\Lenovo legion 5\Down..

Download the following sample to test. Using the file to check, we can see that this is a

32bit executable file, using Intel 80386, used to execute on the Windows operating system.

```
sansforensics@KhanhNNHE191159: ~
$
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$ sudo wget https://wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com/publicapi/test/pe
--2025-06-03 06:11:45-- https://wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com/publicapi/test/pe
Resolving wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com (wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com)... 35.247.145.234
Connecting to wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com (wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com)|35.247.145.234|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 55296 (54K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'pe'

pe 100%[=====] 54.00K 264KB/s in 0.2s

2025-06-03 06:11:48 (264 KB/s) - 'pe' saved [55296/55296]

sansforensics@KhanhNNHE191159: ~
$ file pe
pe: PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
sansforensics@KhanhNNHE191159: ~
$
```

## Option 2A: SIFT Easy Installation on Native Ubuntu System

### Download Cast into ubuntu

```
khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ sudo wget https://github.com/ekristen/cast/releases/download/v0.16.11/cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb
--2025-06-03 16:18:58-- https://github.com/ekristen/cast/releases/download/v0.16.11/cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 20.205.243.166
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|20.205.243.166|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://objects.githubusercontent.com/github-production-release-asset-2e65be/444453947/75a2f183-cb73-40c5-932b-25b3b7f37b60?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=releaseassetproduction%2F20250603%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20250603T161858Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Signature=2c843d80f905ed65407430d41e881d2054655b9029aa7a29a588851c72e00377&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&response-content-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dcast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream [following]
--2025-06-03 16:18:58-- https://objects.githubusercontent.com/github-production-release-asset-2e65be/444453947/75a2f183-cb73-40c5-932b-25b3b7f37b60?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=releaseassetproduction%2F20250603%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20250603T161858Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Signature=2c843d80f905ed65407430d41e881d2054655b9029aa7a29a588851c72e00377&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&response-content-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dcast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream
Resolving objects.githubusercontent.com (objects.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.111.133, 185.199.110.133, 185.199.108.133, ...
Connecting to objects.githubusercontent.com (objects.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.111.133|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 18156666 (17M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb'

cast-v0.16.11-linux 100%[=====] 17.32M 6.99MB/s in 2.5s

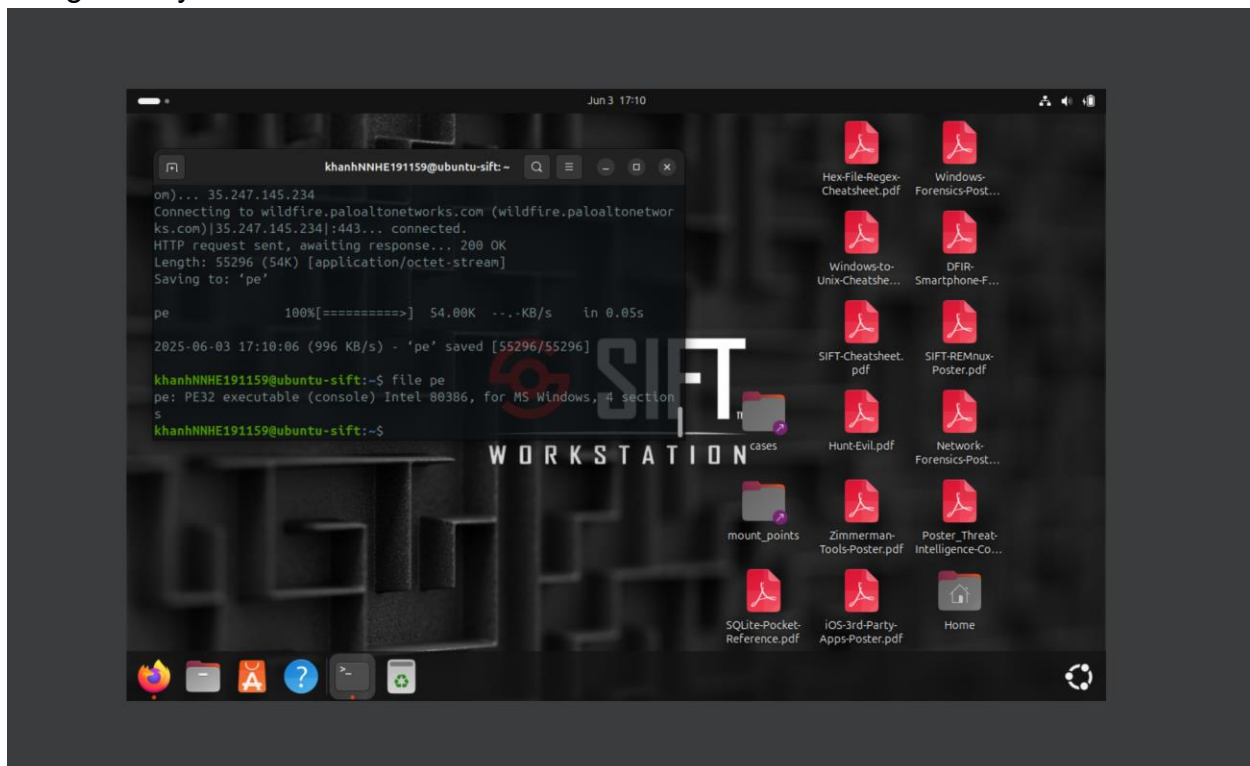
2025-06-03 16:19:01 (6.99 MB/s) - 'cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb' saved [18156666/18156666]

khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$
```

Execute Cast tools to automatically install latest version of SIFT on Github.

```
khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ ls
cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb  Documents  Music      Public  Templates
Desktop                        Downloads  Pictures   snap    Videos
khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ sudo dpkg -i cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb
Selecting previously unselected package cast.
(Reading database ... 149156 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking cast (0.16.11) ...
Setting up cast (0.16.11) ...
khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ ls
cast-v0.16.11-linux-amd64.deb  Documents  Music      Public  Templates
Desktop                        Downloads  Pictures   snap    Videos
khanhNNHE191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ sudo cast install teamdfir/sift
WARN[0000] using unauthenticated github client, could result in API rate limiting
INFO[0003] checking operating system support      component=distro owner=teamdfir repo=sift-saltstack
INFO[0003] operating system is supported          component=distro owner=teamdfir repo=sift-saltstack
INFO[0003] rendering manifest                    component=distro owner=teamdfir repo=sift-saltstack
INFO[0003] distro validated successfully          command=install
INFO[0003] downloading archive file              component=distro owner=teamdfir repo=sift-saltstack version=v20
25.06.03
INFO[0007] downloading release file              component=distro filename=checksums.txt owner=teamdfir repo=sif
t-saltstack
INFO[0007] downloading release file              component=distro filename=checksums.txt.sig owner=teamdfir repo
=sift-saltstack
INFO[0008] downloading release file              component=distro filename=cosign.pub owner=teamdfir repo=sift-s
altstack
INFO[0009] downloading release file              component=distro filename=manifest.yml owner=teamdfir repo=sift
-saltstack
INFO[0011] signatures verified                   component=cosign
INFO[0011] validating checksums                  component=distro handler=validateChecksums owner=teamdfir repo=
sift-saltstack
```

Congrats -- you now have a SIFT workstation!



Install for yourself(<https://github.com/sans-dfir/sift-cli#instructions>)

(Download SIFT manually)

Install 3 package • sift-cli-linux • sift-cli-linux.sig • sift-cli.pubm of SIFT

```
Activities XTerm Jun 4 02:09
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift: ~/Downloads

1/sift-cli-linux
[sudo] password for khanhnnhe191159:
--2025-06-04 02:07:03-- https://github.com/teamdfir/sift-cli/releases/tag/v1.14.0-rc1/sift-cli-linux
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 20.205.243.166
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|20.205.243.166|443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [text/html]
Saving to: 'sift-cli-linux'

sift-cli-linux [ <> ] 173.93K --KB/s in 0.1s

2025-06-04 02:07:04 (1.26 MB/s) - 'sift-cli-linux' saved [178100]

khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ ls
sift-cli-linux
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo wget https://github.com/teamdfir/sift-cli/releases/tag/v1.14.0-rc1/sift-cli-linux.sig
--2025-06-04 02:07:17-- https://github.com/teamdfir/sift-cli/releases/tag/v1.14.0-rc1/sift-cli-linux.sig
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 20.205.243.166
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|20.205.243.166|443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [text/html]
Saving to: 'sift-cli-linux.sig'

sift-cli-linux.sig [ <> ] 173.96K --KB/s in 0.1s

2025-06-04 02:07:18 (1.16 MB/s) - 'sift-cli-linux.sig' saved [178140]

khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo wget https://github.com/teamdfir/sift-cli/releases/tag/v1.14.0-rc1/sift-cli.pub
--2025-06-04 02:07:26-- https://github.com/teamdfir/sift-cli/releases/tag/v1.14.0-rc1/sift-cli.pub
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 20.205.243.166
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|20.205.243.166|443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [text/html]
Saving to: 'sift-cli.pub'

sift-cli.pub [ <> ] 173.91K 1.05MB/s in 0.2s

2025-06-04 02:07:26 (1.05 MB/s) - 'sift-cli.pub' saved [178081]

khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ ls
sift-cli-linux sift-cli-linux.sig sift-cli.pub
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo wget https://dl.google.com/go/go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz
--2025-06-04 02:08:35-- https://dl.google.com/go/go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz
Resolving dl.google.com (dl.google.com)... 142.250.136.230, 2404:6800:4006:80a1:200e
Connecting to dl.google.com (dl.google.com)|142.250.136.230|443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 129044044 (123M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: 'go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz'

go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz 100%[=====] 123.07M 4.67MB/s in 27s

2025-06-04 02:09:03 (4.50 MB/s) - 'go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz' saved [129044044]

khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$
```

Download Golang and setup Go environment for supported tools such as Cosign, SIFT

```
go/test/uintptrescapes.dir/a.go
go/test/uintptrescapes.dir/main.go
go/test/uintptrescapes.go
go/test/uintptrescapes2.go
go/test/uintptrescapes3.go
go/test/undef.go
go/test/utf.go
go/test/varerr.go
go/test/varinit.go
go/test/winbatch.go
go/test/writebarrier.go
go/test/zerodivide.go
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo mv go /usr/local/
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$

khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ mkdir -p $HOME/Labs/Lab5
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ ls
go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz sift-cli-linux sift-cli-linux.sig sift-cli.pub
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ cd ..
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Labs Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~$ cd Downloads/
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ export GOROOT=/usr/local/go
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ export GOPATH=$HOME/Labs/Lab5
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ export PATH=$GOPATH/bin:$GOROOT/bin:$PATH
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$
```



Install and setup Cosign to check public key (sift-cli.pub) and verify signature (sift-cli-linux.sig) of SIFT

```
3.133.193.133/...  
Connecting to objects.githubusercontent.com (objects.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.111.133|:443... connected.  
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK  
Length: 91163965 (87M) [application/octet-stream]  
Saving to: 'cosign-linux-amd64'  
  
cosign-linux-amd64      100%[=====>] 86.94M  2.12MB/s   in 26s  
  
2025-06-04 02:17:19 (3.37 MB/s) - 'cosign-linux-amd64' saved [91163965/91163965]  
  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ ls  
cosign-linux-amd64  go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz  sift-cli-linux  sift-cli-linux.sig  sift-cli.pub  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo mv cosign-linux-amd64 /usr/local/bin/cosign  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ chmod +x /usr/local/bin/cosign  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ █  
Length: 91163965 (87M) [application/octet-stream]
```

Verified successfully!

```
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ ls  
go1.16.4.linux-amd64.tar.gz  sift-cli-linux  sift-cli-linux.sig  sift-cli.pub  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ cosign verify-blob --key sift-cli.pub --signature sift-cli-linux.sig s  
ift-cli-linux  
Verified OK  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ █
```

Afer verifying, transfer SIFT file to Go environment, and setup permission to install.

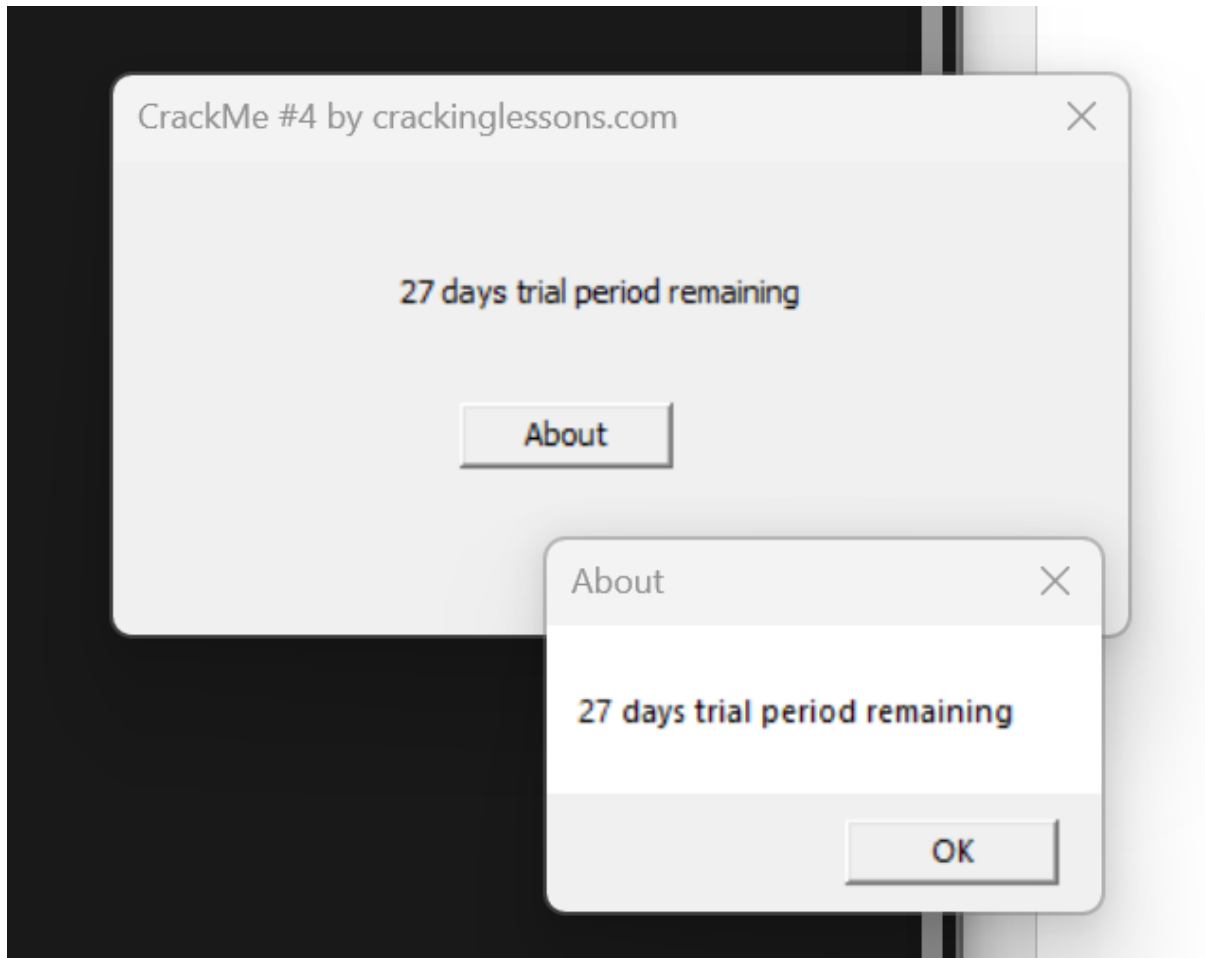
```
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo mv sift-cli-linux /usr/local/bin/sift  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/sift  
khanhnnhe191159@ubuntu-sift:~/Downloads$ sudo sift install  
> sift-cli@1.14.0-rc1+0-g0582d2b  
  
invalid OS, unable to determine ubuntu version  
Error: invalid OS, unable to determine ubuntu version  
    at validOS (/snapshot/sift-cli/sift-cli.js:176:11)  
    at run (/snapshot/sift-cli/sift-cli.js:688:9)  
    at async main (/snapshot/sift-cli/sift-cli.js:795:5)
```

Notice: when install SIFT manually, i got stuck in invalid OS version error and trying change many version 22.04, 24.04 and having same error. So i inspected to source code of SIFT on Github and found that the code only checks 3 versions of Ubuntu: bionic (18.04), focal (20.04), and hirsute (21.04 not support). Other versions (such as jammy - 22.04, or noble - 24.04) are not tested, resulting in an invalid OS error, unable to determine ubuntu version if the user runs on these versions. Hence, if i change version to exact 2 of them, i may have install SIFT manual successfully. But at this time, It's not a big matter, I reached to the last step of lab with 3 option of setup SIFT. Thanks for read this report.

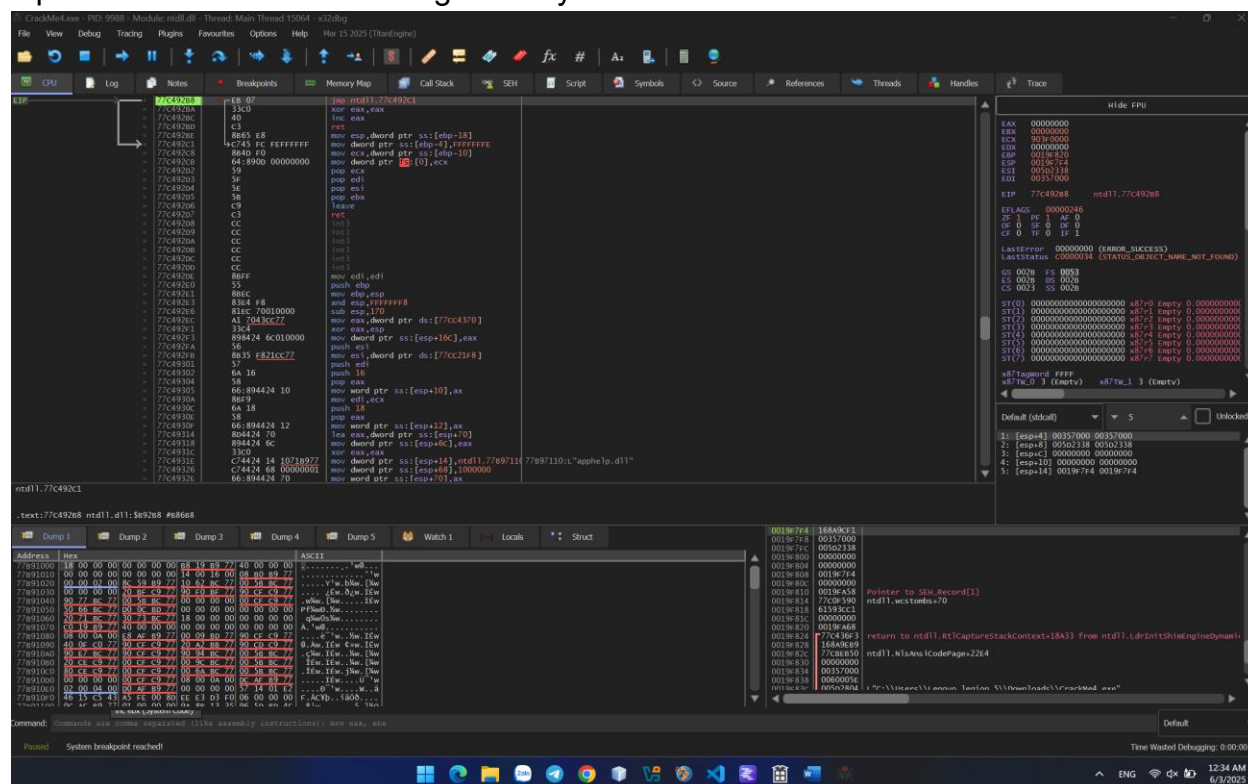
```
1 const validOS = async () => {
2   try {
3     const contents = fs.readFileSync(releaseFile, 'utf8')
4
5     if (contents.indexOf('UBUNTU_CODENAME=bionic') !== -1) {
6       osVersion = '18.04'
7       osCodename = 'bionic'
8       unsupportedOS = false
9       return true
10    }
11
12    if (contents.indexOf('UBUNTU_CODENAME=focal') !== -1) {
13      osVersion = '20.04'
14      osCodename = 'focal'
15      unsupportedOS = false
16      return true
17    }
18
19    if (contents.indexOf('UBUNTU_CODENAME=hirsute') !== -1) {
20      osVersion = '21.04'
21      osCodename = 'hirsute'
22      unsupportedOS = true
23      return true
24    }
25
26    throw new Error('invalid OS, unable to determine ubuntu version')
27  } catch (err) {
28    if (err && err.code === 'ENOENT') {
29      throw new Error(`invalid OS, missing ${releaseFile}`)
30    }
31  }
32}
```

## CRACK ME 4

1. Crack it to extend beyond 30 days
2. In the About screen – also extend it to beyond 30 days



Open CrackMe4.exe in x32dbg to analyze.



Press F9 to run until the box of “27 days trial period remaining” displays.

Choose Search for > Current Module > typing “27 days trial period remaining” and find related strings.

Address	Disassembly	String Address	String
00401036	movzx eax,word ptr ds:[4142EE]	004142EE	&??
0040104E	push crackme4.411AE8	00411AE8	"Trial Period has expired"
00401056	push crackme4.411B04	00411B04	"%d days trial period remaining\n"
0040105B	push crackme4.4142A8	004142A8	"27 days trial period remaining\n"
00401069	push crackme4.4142A8	004142A8	"27 days trial period remaining\n"
0040110D	push crackme4.411B24	00411B24	"About"
0040111A	push crackme4.411B2C	00411B2C	"Trial Period Has Expired"
0040112C	push crackme4.4142A8	004142A8	"27 days trial period remaining\n"
00401A8C	cmp eax,106C0	000106C0	"??"
00401DDE	cmp dword ptr ds:[40DA38],0	0040DA38	"<,@"
00401DE7	push crackme4.40DA38	0040DA38	"<,@"
00401DF8	mov esi,dword ptr ds:[40DA38]	0040DA38	"<,@"
004022C5	mov ebx,dword ptr ds:[ebx*4+40D188]	0040D188	&L"api-ms-win-core-fibers-l1-1-1"
004022ED	push crackme4.40D220	0040D220	L"api-ms-"
00402301	push crackme4.40D230	0040D230	L"ext-ms-"
004023D0	push crackme4.40D248	0040D248	"FlsAlloc"
004023DA	push crackme4.40D248	0040D248	"FlsAlloc"
0040240B	push crackme4.40D25C	0040D25C	"FlsFree"
00402415	push crackme4.40D25C	0040D25C	"FlsFree"
00402446	push crackme4.40D26C	0040D26C	"FlsSetValue"
00402450	push crackme4.40D26C	0040D26C	"FlsSetValue"
00402484	push crackme4.40D280	0040D280	"InitializeCriticalSectionEx"

Notice the string "%d days trial period remaining\n" and inspect to the assembly code of these string.



Analyze above and below code of this string.

00401017	FF15 20D14000	push dword ptr ds:[4142A0]	
0040101D	6A 01	call dword ptr ds:[<CreateDialogParamA>]	
0040101F	50	push 1	
00401020	A3 A424100	push eax	
00401025	FF15 0CD14000	mov dword ptr ds:[4142A4],eax	
0040102B	68 E8424100	call dword ptr ds:[<ShowWindow>]	
00401030	FF15 00D04000	push crackme4.4142E8	
00401036	0FB705 EE424100	call dword ptr ds:[<GetLocalTime>]	004142EE:&"????????????????????????????????"
0040103D	B9 1E000000	movzx eax,word ptr ds:[4142EE]	
00401042	2BC8	mov ecx,1E	
00401044	890D A0424100	sub ecx,eax	
0040104A	85C9	mov dword ptr ds:[4142A0],ecx	
0040104C	7F 07	test ecx,ecx	
0040104E	68 E81A4100	jg crackme4.401055	
00401053	EB 19	push crackme4.411AE8	411AE8:"Trial Period has expired"
00401055	51	jmp crackme4.40106E	
00401056	68 041B4100	push ecx	411B04:"%d days trial period remaining\n"
0040105B	68 A8424100	push crackme4.4142A8	4142A8:"27 days trial period remaining\n"
00401060	FF15 08D14000	call dword ptr ds:[<wsprintfA>]	
00401066	83C4 0C	add esp,C	
00401069	68 A8424100	push crackme4.4142A8	4142A8:"27 days trial period remaining\n"
0040106E	6A FF	push FFFFFFFF	
00401070	FF35 A4424100	push dword ptr ds:[4142A4]	
00401076	FF15 1CD14000	call dword ptr ds:[<SetDlgItemTextA>]	
0040107C	56	push esi	
0040107D	8B35 14D14000	mov esi,dword ptr ds:[<GetMessageA>]	

Notice these some line of code.

```

call dword ptr ds:[<GetLocalTime>]
movzx eax,word ptr ds:[4142EE]
mov ecx,1E
sub ecx,eax
mov dword ptr ds:[4142A0],ecx
test ecx,ecx
jg crackme4.401055
push crackme4.411AE8
jmp crackme4.40106E
push ecx
push crackme4.411B04
push crackme4.4142A8

```

Function GetLocalTime get time of system and move to EAX.

Mov ecx,1E => ECX is assigned 1E (equal decimal 30).

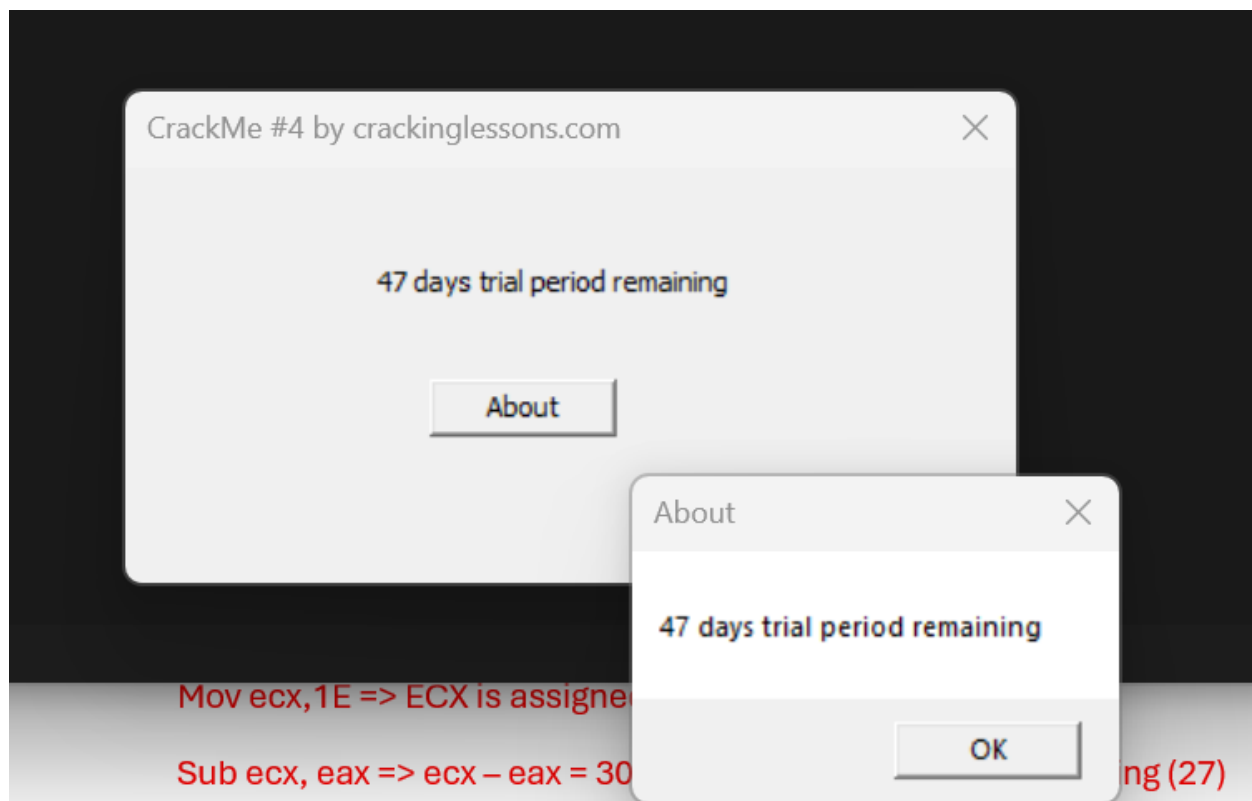
Sub ecx, eax => ecx – eax = 30 – system time(3) = time remaining (27)

It means replacing value in ECX greater than 30(d) to crack extending beyond 30 days.

Decision change it to another value greater than 1E, such 32 (50 in decimal).

0FB705 EE424100	movzx eax,word ptr ds:[4142EE]
B9 32000000	mov ecx,32
2BC8	sub ecx,eax

Patch it and run to check the result.



It means replacing value in ECX greater than 30(d) to crack extending b

Explain: because the time of doing this lesson is 3rd of June, 2025. Hence, when changing ECX to 50 decimal, we could receive 47 days trial period remaining.

Done!