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## INTRODUCTION

In this modern world, all information that flows in and out of the internet is having risk of being infected by malware or malicious viruses. This includes any type of file ranging from executable file to picture since these viruses can reside silently inside it. This is not only common in windows medium but also concerning Linux too. That's why analyzation of these suspicious type of file need to be pay attention to and every technician and programmer need to have set amount of analyze skills to make sure they can detect any skeptical piece of codes during the process of reverse-engineering. This is because any malicious code can be as perfect as possible to be hard to detect by anyone without the analysis skills needed.

Type of analysis can be divided into two types which are static analysis and dynamic analysis. Up until now, there's still an ongoing debate on which type is the best one. Truthfully, these two types of analysis have their own pros and cons as well as their own specific function as well. Static analysis is analysis of source code automatically without the execution of the application. Meanwhile, dynamic analysis is evaluation of program of a source code in real time. Even though the definition of these analysis is different, the main goals of these analysis are the same which are to identify or break down the source code to detect any malicious piece of code. Obviously, to perform any of this analysis, some software is needed such as Ghidra, IDA pro or EDB debugger. These is really recommended to use this as it is as easy as ABC to use and it's user-friendly.

In this report, we will break down two puzzle codes provided by our lecturer which are PE analysis and ELF analysis. By using the known reverse-engineering software such as Ghidra and others to solve the given puzzles. The information of the tools used, and the procedure used will be recorded below.

# PE ANALYSIS

## 1) Tools used for EXE analysis

- Ghidra

Ghidra for windows - A free and open-source reverse engineering (RE) tools developed by NSA's Research Directorate. The sources of tools were published GitHub. Its strength comes from decompiling program to C language useful for static malware analysis.

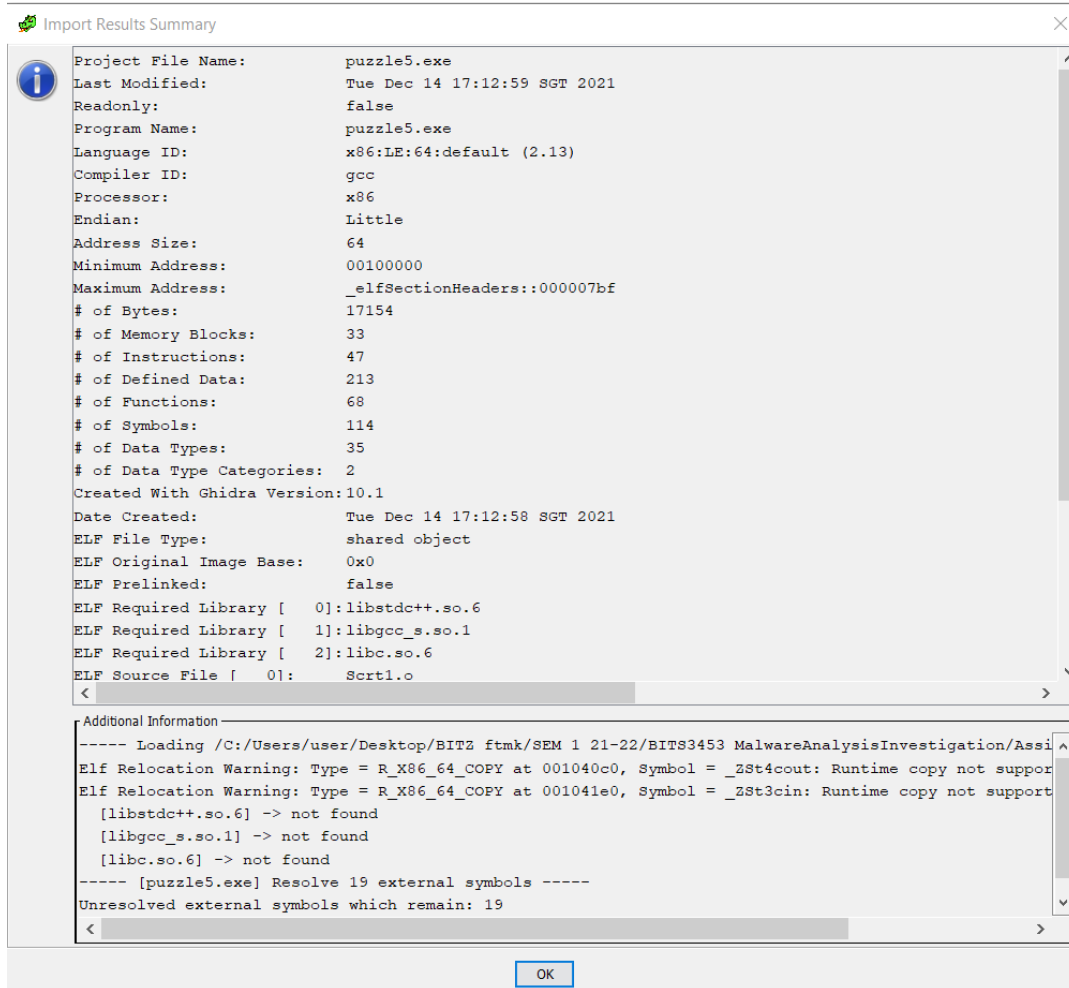
- WinDBG

A debugger for Microsoft Windows operating system computer distributed by Microsoft.

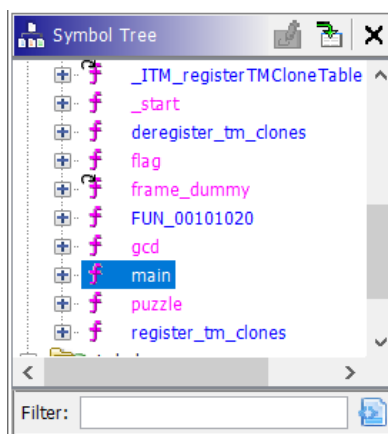
## 2) Step by step instructions

- Static Analysis

1. Run the Ghidra and create a new project. Import the puzzle5.exe into Ghidra and start analyzing the file. After importing the puzzle5.exe into Ghidra, it prompted us with Import Result summary which showed us some details of the imported file such as the Project File Name, Compiler ID, Last Modified date and some more.



2. Search for Main function, use the symbol tree located at the left side of the panel to ease your search. Click on it and it will direct you to the Main function in assembly language and C code.



```

*****
*
* FUNCTION
*****
undefined main()
AL:1 <RETURN>
undefined4 Stack[-0xc]:4 local_c XREF[2]: 00101a3e (*),
00101aa3 (R)
undefined4 Stack[-0x10]:4 local_10 XREF[2]: 00101a64 (*),
00101aa0 (R)
undefined4 Stack[-0x14]:4 local_14 XREF[2]: 00101a8a (*),
00101a9d (R)
main XREF[4]: Entry Point (*),
_start:0010114d(*), 0010220c,
001024ac(*)
00101a10 55 PUSH RBP

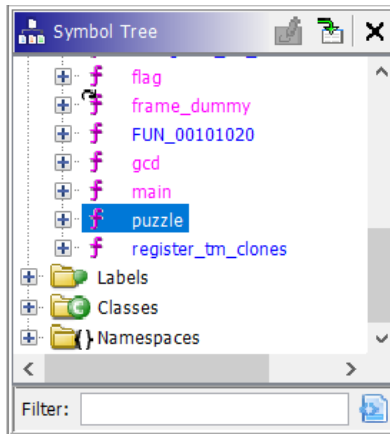
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```

Decompile: main - (puzzle5.exe)
1
2 undefined8 main(void)
3
4 {
5     char cVar1;
6     int local_14;
7     int local_10;
8     int local_c;
9
10    std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"This is a puzzle program\n");
11    std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"Please enter secret number 1 : ");
12    std::basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>>::operator>>
13        ((basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>> *)std::cin,&local_c);
14    std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"Please enter secret number 2 : ");
15    std::basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>>::operator>>
16        ((basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>> *)std::cin,&local_10);
17    std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"Please enter secret number 3 : ");
18    std::basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>>::operator>>
19        ((basic_istream<char,std::char_traits<char>> *)std::cin,&local_14);
20    cVar1 = puzzle(local_c,local_10,local_14);
21    if (cVar1 == 'x01') {
22        std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"Congratulation you guest the correct number !!!!!...
23        n"
24        );
25        flag();
26    }
27    else {
28        std::operator<<((basic_ostream *)std::cout,"Please try again !!!!!\n");
29    }
30    return 0;
31 }

```

- From the Main function we can see that it calls for a puzzle function. Go to the puzzle function, use the symbol tree again to ease your search and click on it. It will then prompt you with puzzle function in assembly language and C code.



```

*****
* puzzle(int, int, int)
*****
undefined __stdcall puzzle(int param_1, int param_2, in...
undefined    AL:1    <RETURN>
int          EDI:4    param_1
int          ESI:4    param_2
int          EDX:4    param_3
undefined4   Stack[-0xc]:4 local_c
                                         XREF[2]: 0010124c (W),
                                         00101258 (R)
undefined4   Stack[-0x10]:4 local_10
                                         XREF[2]: 0010124f (W),
                                         00101255 (R)
undefined4   Stack[-0x14]:4 local_14
                                         XREF[2]: 00101252 (W),
                                         00101264 (R)
                _26puzzleiii
                puzzle
                                         XREF[4]: Entry Point(*),
                                         main:00101aaa (c), 001021fc,
                                         00102440 (*)

00101244 55      PUSH      RBP

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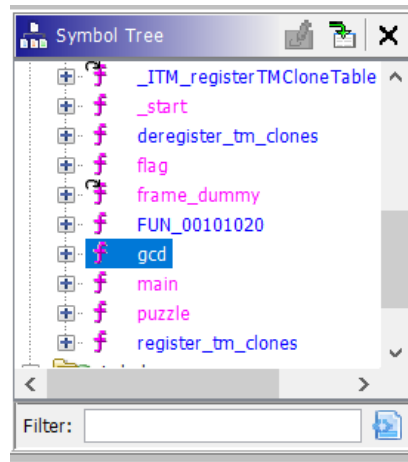
Decompile: puzzle - (puzzle5.exe)

```

1
2  /* puzzle(int, int, int) */
3
4  bool puzzle(int param_1, int param_2, int param_3)
5
6  {
7      int iVar1;
8
9      iVar1 = gcd(param_1, param_2);
10     return param_3 == iVar1;
11 }
12

```

- From the puzzle function, we can see that it uses the gcd which is the operation for finding the greatest common divisor. It basically finding the largest integer from two integers that can exactly divide both numbers without a remainder.



```
*****
* gcd(int, int)
*****
undefined __stdcall gcd(int param_1, int param_2)

undefined    AL:1    <RETURN>
int          EDI:4    param_1
int          ESI:4    param_2
undefined4   Stack[-0xc]:4 local_c

undefined4   Stack[-0x10]:4 local_10

_23gcdii
gcd

00101215 55    PUSH    RBP

XREF[3]: 0010121d(W),
          00101229(R),
          0010122e(R)
XREF[4]: 00101220(W),
          00101223(R),
          00101232(R),
          00101235(R)
XREF[5]: Entry Point(*), 0010123c(c),
          puzzle:0010125f(c), 001021f4,
          00102420(*)
```



```

Decompile: gcd - (puzzle5.exe)

1
2 /* gcd(int, int) */
3
4 ulong gcd(int param_1,int param_2)
5
6 {
7     ulong uVar1;
8
9     if (param_2 == 0) {
10         uVar1 = (ulong) (uint)param_1;
11     }
12     else {
13         uVar1 = gcd(param_2,param_1 % param_2);
14     }
15     return uVar1;
16 }
17

```

5. From the above, we understand that this puzzle wants us to enter 3 numbers and the third numbers will be compared with the gcd of first and second numbers. The puzzle is solved if the 3<sup>rd</sup> numbers are the same as the gcd of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> numbers.

- Dynamic Analysis

1. Open EDB debugger and open the puzzle5.exe program, press start once, this is the main function

rax	0000561b:a2986a10	55	push rbp	
	0000561b:a2986a11	48 89 e5	mov rbp, rsp	
	0000561b:a2986a14	48 83 ec 10	sub rsp, 0x10	
	0000561b:a2986a18	48 8d 35 83 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba29870a2]	ASCII "This is a puzzle program\n"
	0000561b:a2986a1f	48 8d 3d 9a 26 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
	0000561b:a2986a26	e8 65 f6 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
	0000561b:a2986a2b	48 8d 35 8e 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba29870c0]	ASCII "Please enter secret number 1 : "
	0000561b:a2986a32	48 8d 3d 87 26 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
	0000561b:a2986a39	e8 52 f6 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
	0000561b:a2986a3e	48 8d 45 fc	lea rax, [rbp-4]	
	0000561b:a2986a42	48 89 c6	mov rsi, rax	
	0000561b:a2986a45	48 8d 3d 94 27 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29891e0]	
	0000561b:a2986a4c	e8 ff f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::istream::operator>>(int&...	
	0000561b:a2986a51	48 8d 35 88 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba29870e0]	ASCII "Please enter secret number 2 : "
	0000561b:a2986a58	48 8d 3d 61 26 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
	0000561b:a2986a5f	e8 2c f6 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
	0000561b:a2986a64	48 8d 45 f8	lea rax, [rbp-8]	
	0000561b:a2986a68	48 89 c6	mov rsi, rax	
	0000561b:a2986a6b	48 8d 3d 6e 27 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29891e0]	
	0000561b:a2986a72	e8 d9 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::istream::operator>>(int&...	
	0000561b:a2986a77	48 8d 35 82 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba2987100]	ASCII "Please enter secret number 3 : "
	0000561b:a2986a7e	48 8d 3d 3b 26 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
	0000561b:a2986a85	e8 06 f6 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
	0000561b:a2986a8a	48 8d 45 f4	lea rax, [rbp-0xc]	
	0000561b:a2986a8e	48 89 c6	mov rsi, rax	
	0000561b:a2986a91	48 8d 3d 48 27 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29891e0]	

## 2. Put breakpoints on puzzle function and flag function

0000561b:a2986aaa	e8 95 f7 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!puzzle(int, int, int)	
0000561b:a2986aaf	0f b6 c0	movzx eax, al	
0000561b:a2986ab2	83 f8 01	cmp eax, 1	
0000561b:a2986ab5	0f 94 c0	sete al	
0000561b:a2986ab8	84 c0	test al, al	
0000561b:a2986aba	74 1a	je 0x561ba2986ad6	
0000561b:a2986abc	48 8d 35 5d 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba2987120]	ASCII "Congratulation you gquest the correct number !!!!!\n"
0000561b:a2986ac3	48 8d 3d f6 25 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
0000561b:a2986aca	e8 c1 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
0000561b:a2986acf	e8 a8 f7 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!flag()	
0000561b:a2986ad4	eb 13	jmp 0x561ba2986ae9	
0000561b:a2986ad6	48 8d 35 76 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba2987153]	ASCII "Please try again !!!!!\n"
0000561b:a2986add	48 8d 3d dc 25 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]	
0000561b:a2986ae4	e8 a7 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...	
0000561b:a2986ae9	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0	
0000561b:a2986aee	c9	leave	
0000561b:a2986aef	c3	ret	
0000561b:a2986af8	55	push_rbp	

## 3. Continue the program as usual and input any number

```
edb output
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1 : 1
Please enter secret number 2 : 2
Please enter secret number 3 : 3
█
```

## 4. Step into puzzle function

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⏏ ⏮ ⏭ ⏪ ⏩ ⏴ ⏵ ⏶ ⏷			
	0000561b:a2986a8a	48 8d 45 f4	lea rax, [rbp-0xc]
	0000561b:a2986a8e	48 89 c6	mov rsi, rax
	0000561b:a2986a91	48 8d 3d 48 27 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29891e0]
	0000561b:a2986a98	e8 b3 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::istream::operator>>(int&...)
	0000561b:a2986a9d	8b 55 f4	mov edx, [rbp-0xc]
	0000561b:a2986aa0	8b 4d f8	mov ecx, [rbp-8]
	0000561b:a2986aa3	8b 45 fc	mov eax, [rbp-4]
	0000561b:a2986aa6	89 ce	mov esi, ecx
	0000561b:a2986aa8	89 c7	mov edi, eax
	0000561b:a2986aaa	e8 95 f7 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!puzzle(int, int, int)
	0000561b:a2986aaf	0f b6 c0	movzx eax, al
	0000561b:a2986ab2	83 f8 01	cmp eax, 1
	0000561b:a2986ab5	0f 94 c0	sete al
	0000561b:a2986ab8	84 c0	test al, al
	0000561b:a2986aba	74 1a	je 0x561ba2986ad6
	0000561b:a2986abc	48 8d 35 5d 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x561ba2987120]
	0000561b:a2986ac3	48 8d 3d f6 25 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x561ba29890c0]
	0000561b:a2986aca	e8 c1 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...
	0000561b:a2986acf	e8 a8 f7 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!flag()
	0000561b:a2986ad4	eb 13	jmp 0x561ba2986ae9

5. This is inside puzzle function.

→ 0000561b:a2986244	55	push rbp
0000561b:a2986245	48 89 e5	mov rbp, rsp
0000561b:a2986248	48 83 ec 10	sub rsp, 0x10
0000561b:a298624c	89 7d fc	mov [rbp-4], edi
0000561b:a298624f	89 75 f8	mov [rbp-8], esi
0000561b:a2986252	89 55 f4	mov [rbp-0xc], edx
0000561b:a2986255	8b 55 f8	mov edx, [rbp-8]
0000561b:a2986258	8b 45 fc	mov eax, [rbp-4]
0000561b:a298625b	89 d6	mov esi, edx
0000561b:a298625d	89 c7	mov edi, eax
0000561b:a298625f	e8 b1 ff ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!gcd(int, int)
0000561b:a2986264	39 45 f4	cmp [rbp-0xc], eax
0000561b:a2986267	0f 94 c0	sete al
0000561b:a298626a	84 c0	test al, al
0000561b:a298626c	74 07	je 0x561ba2986275
0000561b:a298626e	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0000561b:a2986273	eb 05	jmp 0x561ba298627a
0000561b:a2986275	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
0000561b:a298627a	c9	leave
0000561b:a298627b	c3	ret
0000561b:a298627c	55	push rbp
0000561b:a298627d	48 89 e5	mov rbp, rsp
0000561b:a2986280	41 55	push r13
0000561b:a2986282	41 54	push r12
0000561b:a2986284	55	push rbp

6. Continue to step into instructions one by one until arrive at cmp instruction

→ 0000561b:a2986264	39 45 f4	cmp [rbp-0xc], eax
0000561b:a2986267	0f 94 c0	sete al
● 0000561b:a298626a	84 c0	test al, al
-- 0000561b:a298626c	74 07	je 0x561ba2986275
0000561b:a298626e	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0000561b:a2986273	eb 05	jmp 0x561ba298627a
→ 0000561b:a2986275	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
→ 0000561b:a298627a	c9	leave
0000561b:a298627b	c3	ret

7. We can see the program is trying to make a comparison between the value rbp-0xc and eax

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dword ptr [rbp - 0xc] = [0x00007ffcf2da80b4] = 0x00000003
eax = 0x00000001

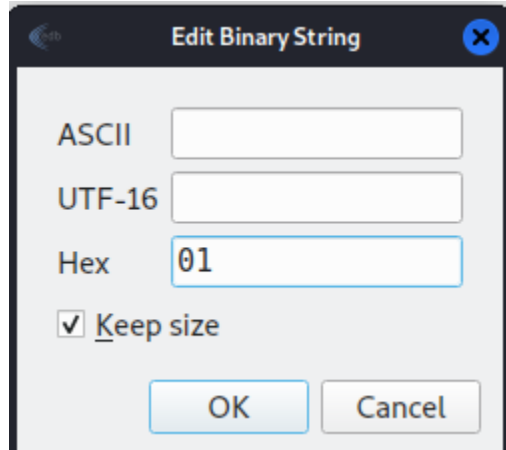
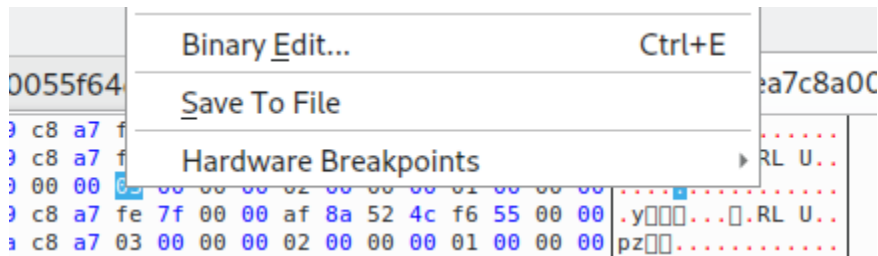
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## 8. Follow the RBP register to registry dump

Registers	
RBX	0000000000000000
RSP	00007ffea7c87950
RBP	00007ffea7c87960
RSI	0000000000000000
RDI	0000000000000001
R8	000000000000000a
R9	000055f64c52b1f0
R10	00007ffa44c4b5f3 ASCII "_ZNKSt
R11	00000000000000246
R12	000055f64c528130
R13	0000000000000000
R14	0000000000000000
R15	0000000000000000
RIP	000055f64c528264 <puzzle5.exe!p
C 0	ES 0000
P 1	CS 0033
A 0	SS 002b
Z 1	DS 0000
S 0	FS 0000 (00007ffa448ca140)
T 0	GS 0000 (0000000000000000)
D 0	

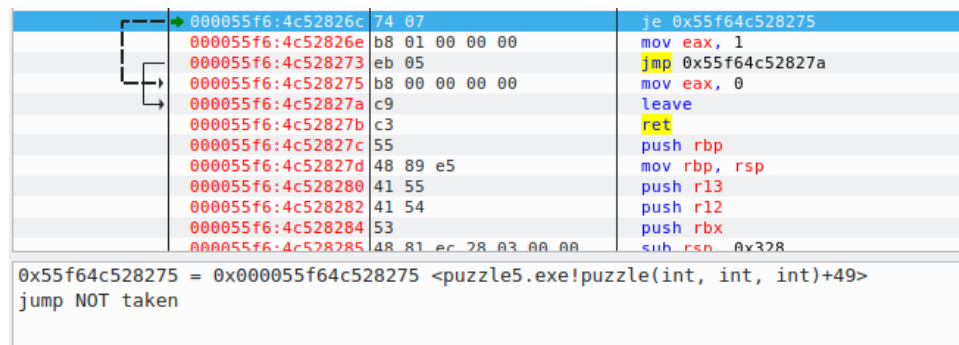
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00007ffe:a7c87930	44 79 c8 a7 fe 7f 00 00 02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00	Dy	...
00007ffe:a7c87940	60 79 c8 a7 fe 7f 00 00 64 82 52 4c f6 55 00 00	`y	...d.RL U..
00007ffe:a7c87950	00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00	...	...
00007ffe:a7c87960	80 79 c8 a7 fe 7f 00 00 af 8a 52 4c f6 55 00 00	.y	...RL U..
00007ffe:a7c87970	70 7a c8 a7 03 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00	pz	...RL U..
00007ffe:a7c87980	e0 8e 52 4c f6 55 00 00 4a 7e a3 44 fa 7f 00 00	c.RL U..J~D	...
00007ffe:a7c87990	78 7a c8 a7 fe 7f 00 00 bf 11 00 00 01 00 00 00	xz	...RL U..
00007ffe:a7c879a0	10 8a 52 4c f6 55 00 00 f0 20 d6 44 fa 7f 00 00	..RL U..	...
00007ffe:a7c879b0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7b 03 0b 01 9d 1f 86 2d	.....{.	...
00007ffe:a7c879c0	30 81 52 4c f6 55 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0.RL U..	...
00007ffe:a7c879d0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	...
00007ffe:a7c879e0	7b 03 eb ef a8 c8 97 79 7b 03 cd e0 7e 0e 9e 79	{. .y{. ~.y	...
00007ffe:a7c879f0	00 00 00 00 fa 7f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	...

9. We can edit the value of the hex to make them equal, which is in this case hex 01



10. Now the instruction compares two same values.

```
dword ptr [rbp - 0xc] = [0x00007ffea7c87954] = 0x00000001
eax = 0x00000001
```



11. eax receives the value 1 and returns to main function

000055f6:4c52826e	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
000055f6:4c528273	eb 05	jmp 0x55f64c52827a
000055f6:4c528275	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
000055f6:4c52827a	c9	leave
000055f6:4c52827b	c3	ret
000055f6:4c52827c	55	push rbp
000055f6:4c52827d	48 89 e5	mov rbp, rsp
000055f6:4c528280	41 55	push r13
000055f6:4c528282	41 54	push r12
000055f6:4c528284	53	push rbx
000055f6:4c528285	48 81 ec 28 03 00 00	sub rsp, 0x328

eax = 0x00000001

12. The program will call the flag function and the flag will be printed.

000055f6:4c528acf	e8 a8 f7 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!flag()
000055f6:4c528ad4	eb 13	jmp 0x55f64c528ae9
000055f6:4c528ad6	48 8d 35 76 06 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x55f64c529153]
000055f6:4c528add	48 8d 3d dc 25 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x55f64c52b0c0]
000055f6:4c528ae4	e8 a7 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::basic_ostream<char, std::...>::operator<< (this, rsi, rdi)
000055f6:4c528ae9	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
000055f6:4c528aee	c9	leave
000055f6:4c528aef	c3	ret
000055f6:4c528af0	55	push rbp
000055f6:4c528af1	48 89 e5	mov rbp, rsp
000055f6:4c528af4	48 83 ec 10	sub rsp, 0x10
000055f6:4c528af8	89 7d fc	mov [rbp-4], edi
000055f6:4c528afb	89 75 f8	mov [rbp-8], esi
000055f6:4c528afe	83 7d fc 01	cmp dword [rbp-4], 1
000055f6:4c528b02	75 32	jne 0x55f64c528b36
000055f6:4c528b04	81 7d f8 ff ff 00 00	cmp dword [rbp-8], 0xffff
000055f6:4c528b0b	75 29	jne 0x55f64c528b36
000055f6:4c528b14	48 8d 3d e5 27 00 00	lea rdi, [rel 0x55f64c52b2f9]
000055f6:4c528b1d	e8 d7 f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!std::ios_base::Init::Init()@p...
000055f6:4c528b19	48 8d 15 78 25 00 00	lea rdx, [rel 0x55f64c52b098]
000055f6:4c528b20	48 8d 35 d2 27 00 00	lea rsi, [rel 0x55f64c52b2f9]
000055f6:4c528b27	48 8b 05 ca 24 00 00	mov rax, [rel 0x55f64c52aff8]
000055f6:4c528b2e	48 89 c7	mov rdi, rax
000055f6:4c528b31	e8 4a f5 ff ff	call puzzle5.exe!_cxa_atexit@plt
000055f6:4c528b36	90	nop
000055f6:4c528b37	c9	leave
000055f6:4c528b38	c3	ret

```

edb output
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1 : 1
Please enter secret number 2 : 2
Please enter secret number 3 : 3
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1 : 1
Please enter secret number 2 : 2
Please enter secret number 3 : 3
Congratulation you guest the correct number !!!!
flag_bits3453_yougotme

```

# ELF ANALYSIS

## 1) Tools used for ELF Analysis:

- Ghidra

Ghidra is a free and open-source reverse engineering tool by NSA's Research Directorate. The sources of tools were published on GitHub. Ghidra strength comes from decompiling program to C language.

- EDB Debugger

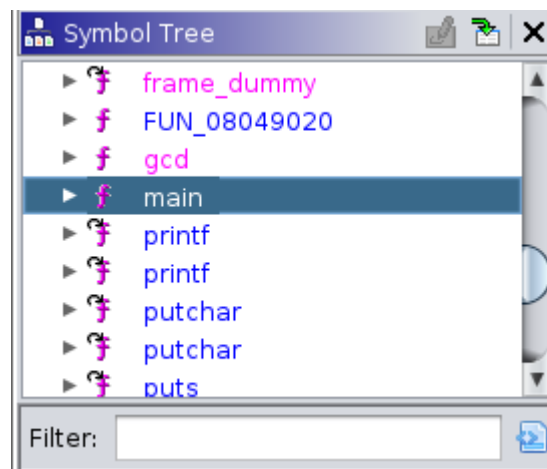
EDB is a graphical cross platform x86/x86-64 debugger.

## 2) Static Analysis:

1. After importing the puzzle file into Ghidra, Ghidra will display the summary information of the file in a detailed manner. This includes the name of the file, the last time the file is modified, the address and many others. This information can be handy to make sure we choose the right file to be analyze with.



- Find the main function of the source code of the puzzle. It should have keyword 'main' in it. We can detect the main function search at the Symbol Tree.





```

*****
*
* FUNCTION
*
*****
undefined main(undefined1 param_1)
    AL:1 <RETURN>
    Stack[0x4]:1 param_1
    Stack[0x0]:4 local_res0
    Stack[-0x10]:1 local_10
    Stack[-0x14]:4 local_14
    Stack[-0x18]:4 local_18
    Stack[-0x1c]:4 local_1c
    main
XREF[1]: 080491a2(*)
XREF[1]: 080491a9(R)
XREF[1]: 08049294(*)
XREF[2]: 080491e6(*),
0804924f(R)
XREF[2]: 0804920e(*),
0804924c(R)
XREF[2]: 08049236(*),
08049249(R)
XREF[5]: Entry Point(*),
_start:080490b6(*),
_start:080490bc(*), 0804a1a0,
0804a264(*)
080491a2 8d 4c 24 04 LEA ECX=>param_1,[ESP + 0x4]

```

3. After decompile the source code into C language, we can see the main function clearly understandable and much more easy to read.

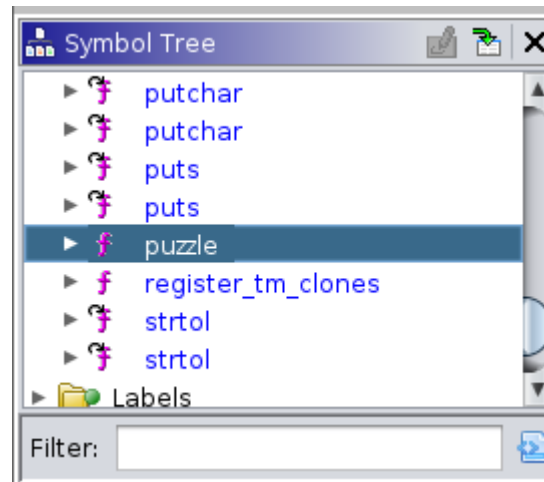


```

Decompile: main - (puzzle5)
1
2 /* WARNING: Function: __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx replaced with injection: g
3
4 Undefined4 main(void)
5
6 {
7     char cVar1;
8     undefined4 local_1c;
9     undefined4 local_18;
10    undefined4 local_14;
11    undefined *local_10;
12
13    local_10 = &stack0x00000004;
14    puts("This is a puzzle program");
15    printf("Please enter secret number 1: ");
16    __isoc99_scanf(&DAT_0804a0db,&local_14);
17    printf("Please enter secret number 2: ");
18    __isoc99_scanf(&DAT_0804a0db,&local_18);
19    printf("Please enter secret number 3: ");
20    __isoc99_scanf(&DAT_0804a0db,&local_1c);
21    cVar1 = puzzle(local_14,local_18,local_1c);
22    if (cVar1 == '\0') {
23        puts("Please try again !!!!!");
24    }
25    else {
26        puts("Congratulation you guest the correct number !!!!!");
27        flag();
28    }
29    return 0;
30 }
31

```

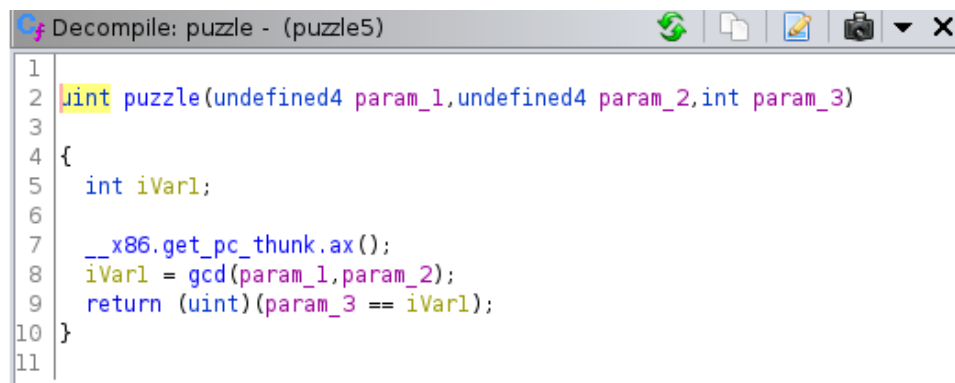
4. From the Main function, it redirects us to puzzle function source code. We can also search up the puzzle function from the Symbol Tree. The puzzle function acts as backbone of the source code and the pattern of the puzzle can be found in this puzzle function.



```
*****
*                               FUNCTION                               *
*****
undefined4 puzzle(undefined4 param_1, undefined4 param_2,...
    AL:1      <RETURN>
    Stack[0x4]:4 param_1      XREF[1]: 080492e9(R)
    Stack[0x8]:4 param_2      XREF[1]: 080492e6(R)
    Stack[0xc]:4 param_3      XREF[1]: 080492f4(R)
    puzzle      XREF[4]: Entry Point(*), main:08049258(c),
                                0804a1b0, 0804a2b8(*)

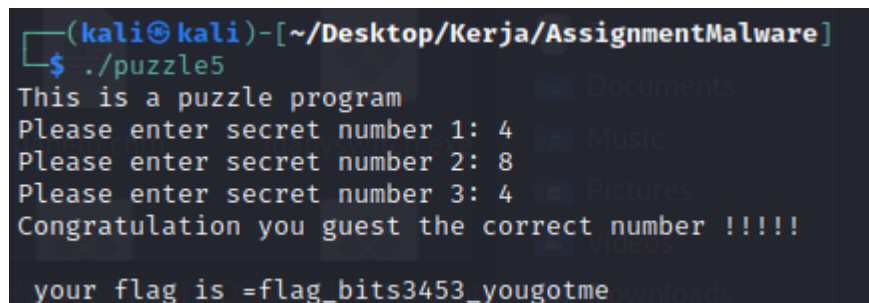
080492d3 55      PUSH      EBP
```

5. After decompiling the puzzle function, the C language version of this function is displayed which is more understandable. From the C language, it crystal clear display the operation happens inside the puzzle function which is GCD which is stands for Great Common Divisor. The pattern reveals that the puzzle requires us two input three numbers and this function will find GCD of first and second number then compare the result with the third number. If the number result of GCD same as the third number, the puzzle will return true and the puzzle is solved.



```
Decompile: puzzle - (puzzle5)
1
2 uint puzzle(undefined4 param_1,undefined4 param_2,int param_3)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6
7     __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax();
8     iVar1 = gcd(param_1,param_2);
9     return (uint)(param_3 == iVar1);
10 }
11
```

6. For example, if we input three numbers which is 4, 8 and 4 respectively, the puzzle will find the GCD of 4 and 8. The answer is 4. This answer than compared to the third number which is 4 as well and automatically it will result in correct numbers as the pattern described in the puzzle function of the source code.



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Kerja/AssignmentMalware]
$ ./puzzle5
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1: 4
Please enter secret number 2: 8
Please enter secret number 3: 4
Congratulation you guest the correct number !!!!

your flag is =flag_bits3453_yougotme
```

### 3) Dynamic Analysis:

1. Open EDB debugger and open the puzzle5 program, press start once

0004:9108	50		push eax
0804:91db	e8 50 fe ff ff		call puzzle5!printf@plt
0804:91e0	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
0804:91e3	83 ec 08		sub esp, 8
0804:91e6	8d 45 f4		lea eax, [ebp-0xc]
0804:91e9	50		push eax
0804:91ea	8d 83 db e0 ff ff		lea eax, [ebx-0x1f25]
0804:91f0	50		push eax
0804:91f1	e8 7a fe ff ff		call puzzle5!__isoc99_scanf@plt
0804:91f6	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
0804:91f9	83 ec 0c		sub esp, 0xc
0804:91fc	8d 83 e0 e0 ff ff		lea eax, [ebx-0x1f20]
0804:9202	50		push eax
0804:9203	e8 28 fe ff ff		call puzzle5!printf@plt
0804:9208	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
0804:920b	83 ec 08		sub esp, 8
0804:920e	8d 45 f0		lea eax, [ebp-0x10]
0804:9211	50		push eax
0804:9212	8d 83 db e0 ff ff		lea eax, [ebx-0x1f25]
0804:9218	50		push eax
0804:9219	e8 52 fe ff ff		call puzzle5!__isoc99_scanf@plt
0804:921e	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
0804:9221	83 ec 0c		sub esp, 0xc
0804:9224	8d 83 00 e1 ff ff		lea eax, [ebx-0x1f00]
0804:922a	50		push eax
0804:922b	e8 00 fe ff ff		call puzzle5!printf@plt
0804:9230	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10

Instructions in main function, containing 3 scan calls

2. Toggle breakpoints on points of interests, such as puzzle function and flag function.

● 0804:9258	e8 76 00 00 00		call puzzle5!puzzle
0804:925d	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
● 0804:9260	84 c0		test al, al
0804:9262	74 19		je 0x804927d
0804:9264	83 ec 0c		sub esp, 0xc
0804:9267	8d 83 20 e1 ff ff		lea eax, [ebx-0x1ee0]
0804:926d	50		push eax
0804:926e	e8 cd fd ff ff		call puzzle5!puts@plt
0804:9273	83 c4 10		add esp, 0x10
● 0804:9276	e8 8c 00 00 00		call puzzle5!flag

Breakpoints toggled for functions

- Enter number input in terminal to proceed with the program.

```

edb output
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1: 4
Please enter secret number 2: 5
Please enter secret number 3: 5

```

- Step into puzzle function. Continue stepping into instructions one by one and keep note of registry values, mainly ebp, esp, and eax.

0804:92c9	e8 d0 ff ff ff	call puzzle5!gcd
0804:92ce	83 c4 10	add esp, 0x10
0804:92d1	c9	leave
0804:92d2	c3	ret
0804:92d3	55	push ebp
0804:92d4	89 e5	mov ebp, esp
0804:92d6	83 ec 08	sub esp, 8
0804:92d9	e8 ba 00 00 00	call puzzle5!_x86.get_pc_thunk.ax
0804:92de	05 22 2d 00 00	add eax, 0x2d22
0804:92e3	83 ec 08	sub esp, 8
0804:92e6	ff 75 0c	push dword [ebp+0xc]
0804:92e9	ff 75 08	push dword [ebp+8]
0804:92ec	e8 ad ff ff ff	call puzzle5!gcd
0804:92f1	83 c4 10	add esp, 0x10
0804:92f4	39 45 10	cmp [ebp+0x10], eax
0804:92f7	75 07	jne 0x8049300
0804:92f9	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0804:92fe	eb 05	jmp 0x8049305
0804:9300	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
0804:9305	c9	leave

- Note that the program calls gcd function then made a comparison between two values. gcd function takes two values and calculate the biggest divisor of the two.

0804:92ec	e8 ad ff ff ff	call puzzle5!gcd
0804:92f1	83 c4 10	add esp, 0x10
0804:92f4	39 45 10	cmp [ebp+0x10], eax
0804:92f7	75 07	jne 0x8049300
0804:92f9	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0804:92fe	eb 05	jmp 0x8049305
0804:9300	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
0804:9305	c9	leave

The program calling gcd function

- Here, the program is trying to compare the value of `ebp+0x10` (our biggest divisor) and `eax` (the third value), if they are the same, return 1 and if not, return 0.

0804:92f4	39 45 10	<code>cmp [ebp+0x10], eax</code>
0804:92f7	75 07	<code>jne 0x08049300</code>
0804:92f9	b8 01 00 00 00	<code>mov eax, 1</code>
0804:92fe	eb 05	<code>jmp 0x08049305</code>
0804:9300	b8 00 00 00 00	<code>mov eax, 0</code>
0804:9305	c9	<code>leave</code>
0804:9306	c3	<code>ret</code>
0804:9307	55	<code>push ebp</code>
0804:9308	89 e5	<code>mov ebp, esp</code>
0804:930a	57	<code>push edi</code>
0804:930b	56	<code>push esi</code>
0804:930c	53	<code>push ebx</code>
0804:930d	83 ec 6c	<code>sub esp, 0x6c</code>
0804:9310	e8 cb fd ff ff	<code>call puzzle5!_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx</code>
0804:9315	81 c3 eb 2c 00 00	<code>add ebx, 0x2ceb</code>

dword ptr [ebp + 0x10] = [0xffb060d8] = 0x00000005  
 eax = 0x00000004  
 possible jump from 0x080492ea

- We can follow the `ebp+0x10` value on the registry dump and see the value here

	0x08049000-0x0804a000	0xffae6000-0xffb07000
ffb0:60c8	f8 60 b0 ff 5d 92 04 08 04 00 00 00 04 00 00 00	
ffb0:60d8	05 00 00 00 b9 91 04 08 01 00 00 00 05 00 00 00	
ffb0:60e8	04 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 10 61 b0 ff 00 00 00 00	
ffb0:60f8	00 00 00 00 d6 9f db f7 00 50 f8 f7 00 50 f8 f7	
ffb0:6108	00 00 00 00 d6 9f db f7 01 00 00 00 b4 61 b0 ff	
ffb0:6110	b0 c1 b0 ff 44 c1 b0 ff 54 c1 b0 ff 60 b0 fd f7	

- Edit the binary string to 04 to match with `eax`

Edit Binary String

ASCII

UTF-16

Hex

04

☒ Keep size

OK

Cancel

0804:92f4	39 45 10	cmp [ebp+0x10], eax
0804:92f7	75 07	jne 0x8049300
0804:92f9	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0804:92fe	eb 05	jmp 0x8049305
0804:9300	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
0804:9305	c9	leave
0804:9306	c3	ret
0804:9307	55	push ebp
0804:9308	89 e5	mov ebp, esp
0804:930a	57	push edi
0804:930b	56	push esi
0804:930c	53	push ebx
0804:930d	83 ec 6c	sub esp, 0x6c
0804:9310	e8 cb fd ff ff	call puzzle5!_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
0804:9315	81 c3 eb 2c 00 00	add ebx, 0x2ceb

dword ptr [ebp + 0x10] = [0xffb060d8] = 0x00000004  
 eax = 0x00000004  
 possible jump from 0x080492ea

ebp+0x10 and eax now has the same dword value

9. Here the program will not jump, eax will receive the value 1 and returned to main.

0804:92f4	39 45 10	cmp [ebp+0x10], eax
0804:92f7	75 07	jne 0x8049300
0804:92f9	b8 01 00 00 00	mov eax, 1
0804:92fe	eb 05	jmp 0x8049305
0804:9300	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
0804:9305	c9	leave
0804:9306	c3	ret
0804:9307	55	push ebp
0804:9308	89 e5	mov ebp, esp
0804:930a	57	push edi
0804:930b	56	push esi
0804:930c	53	push ebx
0804:930d	83 ec 6c	sub esp, 0x6c
0804:9310	e8 cb fd ff ff	call puzzle5!_x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
0804:9315	81 c3 eb 2c 00 00	add ebx, 0x2ceb

0x8049300 = 0x08049300 <puzzle5!puzzle+45>  
 jump NOT taken

10. The problem will then call the flag function and print out the flag.

	0804:9276	e8 8c 00 00 00	call puzzle5!flag
	0804:927b	eb 12	jmp 0x804928f
	0804:927d	83 ec 0c	sub esp, 0xc
	0804:9280	8d 83 52 e1 ff ff	lea eax, [ebx-0x1eae]
	0804:9286	50	push eax
	0804:9287	e8 b4 fd ff ff	call puzzle5!puts@plt
	0804:928c	83 c4 10	add esp, 0x10
	0804:928f	b8 00 00 00 00	mov eax, 0
	0804:9294	8d 65 f8	lea esp, [ebp-8]
	0804:9297	59	pop ecx
	0804:9298	5b	pop ebx
	0804:9299	5d	pop ebp
	0804:929a	8d 61 fc	lea esp, [ecx-4]
	0804:929d	c3	ret
	0804:929e	55	push ebp
	0804:929f	89 e5	mov ebp, esp
	0804:92a1	83 ec 08	sub esp, 8
	0804:92a4	e8 ef 00 00 00	call puzzle5!__x86.get_pc_thunk.ax
	0804:92a9	05 57 2d 00 00	add eax, 0x2d57
	0804:92ae	83 7d 0c 00	cmp dword [ebp+0xc], 0
	0804:92b2	75 05	jne 0x80492b9
	0804:92b4	8b 45 08	mov eax, [ebp+8]
	0804:92b7	eb 18	jmp 0x80492d1
	0804:92b9	8b 45 08	mov eax, [ebp+8]
	0804:92bc	99	cdq
	0804:92bd	f7 7d 0c	idiv dword [ebp+0xc]
	0804:92c0	89 d0	mov eax, edx

```
This is a puzzle program
Please enter secret number 1: 4
Please enter secret number 2: 4
Please enter secret number 3: 5
Congratulation you guest the correct number !!!!!

your flag is =flag_bits3453_yougotme
```

The flag function printed out the flag



## CONCLUSION

In closing of curtain of this discussion, analysis skills are extremely important. It does not matter which type of analysis we excel in whether it is static analysis or dynamic analysis. Both can be used to analyze any source code to detect any malicious code proven from this discussion report. From this report, we can see both analysis types will result in successful solutions for both puzzles. It doesn't matter what kind of puzzle we need to solve, if we have a basic skill of analyzing and excel in either one of the types of analysis, we can solve any type of puzzle provided. Not only that, but basic programming skills are also needed in order to understand the source code plus with the decompiled version of the code. This clearly states that analyzing a file is harder than it seems. It requires a lot of technical skills such as programming, analyzing skills, problem solving skills and many more. This is requiring more if we are in a more professional business world which involves big companies as one small mistake can result in a big failure of the company. Therefore, every layer of IT individuals needs to pay attention to the world of analyzation, and it's recommended for each one of these individuals to have basic skills of analyzation in order to produce a well-verse of IT society for the future.