HTB Reverse Engineering Shuffleme

Tools: Ghidra, GDB, CyberChef

For this challenge we are mostly going to use the GDB debugger upgraded to PWNDBG.

Starting off in Ghidra we can go straight to the GO function and read what it does.

```
extract_blob((long)key_blob,0x20,(long)local_88);
extract_blob((long)data_blob,0x50,(long)local_68);
pEVar1 = EVP_aes_256_cbc();
```

This is the main info we need. We can see that the key\_blob is 32 bytes (0x20) and that data\_blob is 80 bytes (0x50). Also that it is being encrypted with AES 256 CBC.

```
00 00
00100f7f 48 8d 3d
                                     RDI,[key_blob]
                         LEA
         da 12 20 00
00100f86 e8 7a 00
                                     extract blob
                         CALL
         00 00
00100f8b 48 8d 45 a0
                         LEA
                                     RAX = > local 68, [RBP + -0x60]
00100f8f 48 89 c2
                         MOV
                                     RDX, RAX
00100f92 be 50 00
                                     ESI, 0x50
                         MOV
         00 00
00100f97 48 8d 3d
                         LEA
                                     RDI,[data blob]
         82 11 20 00
00100f9e e8 62 00
                         CALL
                                     extract blob
         00 00
00100fa3 48 8b 85
                                     RAX, gword ptr [RBP + local
                         MOV
         78 ff ff ff
00100faa 48 89 c7
                         MOV
                                     RDI, RAX
00100fad e8 de fc
                                     <EXTERNAL>::EVP_aes_256_cbc
                         CALL
```

Now in order to get the data from the key\_blob and data\_blob we need to debug them and extract the bytes. So we are going to go into GDB and make our way to the GO function and set our break points at the call for extract\_blob and instruction just after so we can get the correct bytes.(Note: extracting the bytes before navigating to the extract\_blob will not yield correct data and therefore you cannot get the flag.)

```
pwndbg> starti
pwndbg> break *go+52
Breakpoint 1 at 0x555555400f86
pwndbg> break *go+57
Breakpoint 2 at 0x555555400f8b
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pwndbg> break \*go+76 Breakpoint 3 at 0x555555400f9e pwndbg> break \*go+81 Breakpoint 4 at 0x55555400fa3 pwndbg> run 2

#the parameter after run should not matter. 2 was my choice since I needed a parameter so the program wouldn't crash/exit.

```
► 0x555555400f86 <go+52> call oolextracts blob MOV RDX.RAX<extract_blob>

: frame_ordi: 0x555555602260 (key_blob) 92 ← 0x524celee1193d36a 1.0x50

ooloof97 48 8d 3d LEA RDI.[data_blob]

rdx: 0x7ffffffdeb0 ← 0x0 82 11 20 00

rcx: 0x7ffffa00 CALL extract_blob
```

Now we can see the memory address at rdx that is holding our bytes. (Note:RDX is the address of the buffer holding the extracted data.) Since this is for the key\_blob we will need 32 bytes by running the command x/32x 0x7ffffffdeb0.

## pwndbg> c pwndbg> x/32x 0x7ffffffdeb0

```
ndbg> x/32bx 0x7fffffffdeb0
0x7ffffffffdeb0: 0x6a
                                0xe8
                                        0xd3
                                                 0xe7
                                                         0x2a
                                                                 0x14
                                                                         0xbc
                        0xee
0x7fffffffdeb8: 0x0d
                        0x28
                                0x56
                                        0x2f
                                                 0x9d
                                                         0x1c
                                                                 0xdb
                                                                         0xea
0x7ffffffffdec0: 0x38
                        0xcd
                                0x70
                                        0xd7
                                                0xba
                                                         0x6e
                                                                 0x40
                                                                         0x0e
0x7ffffffffdec8: 0xa2
                        0x8e
                                0x76
                                        0xc7
                                                0x13
                                                         0x45
                                                                 0xc3
                                                                         0x0c
```

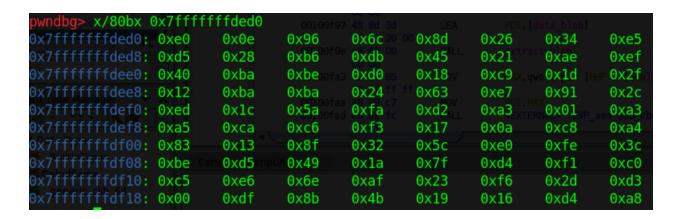
Great now we have our key! Save that for later and lets get the data for the flag.

## pwndbg> c

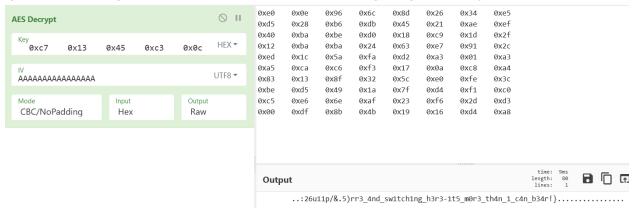
```
► 0x555555400f9e <go+76>
    call on extract_blob
    call on extract_
```

Again we can see our memory address for RDX holding the data we need. And this time we need 80 bytes.

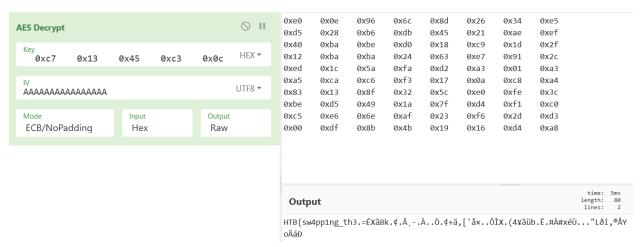
```
pwndbg> c
pwndbg> x/80bx 0x7ffffffded0
```



Now that we have both the key\_blob and data\_blob bytes we can take these values into cyberchef to finally decipher the code. So head to <a href="https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/">https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/</a>



Even though we did everything we only got half the flag but after trying out ECB/Nopadding we can get the rest.



BOOM! There is the whole flag put together as HTB{sw4pp1ng\_th3r3\_4nd\_sw1tch1ng\_h3r3-1t5\_m0r3\_th4n\_1\_c4n\_b34r!}

Summary: I had some help with this one and learned a lot more about debugging. Specifically about how RDX works and why the data was stored there for our flag. This may not be the actual way to achieve this flag since using cyberchef needed CBC and ECB to fully decipher but it is still a path to the goal. Until someone solves it another way I will stick with this method.