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Programa: © 2010 Bracket Trader Software

Proteccion: Arnadillo 3.x

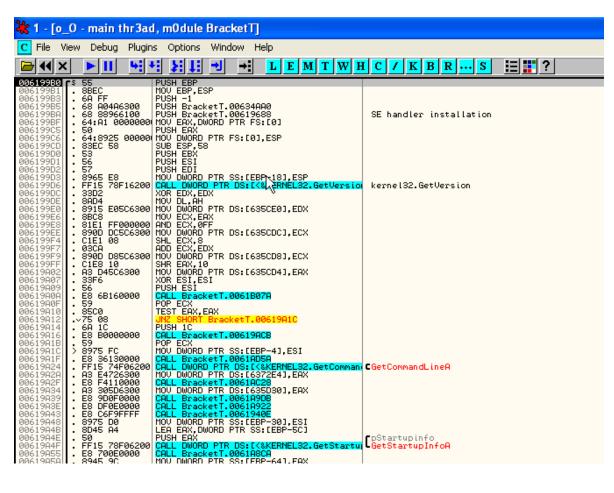
Herramientas:

Armaggedon, Armaridder, IDA, Ollydbg, API HELP (Armadillo v8 public version), VB decompiler SnD 7.6

Objetivo Reconocer el Packer, y si es posible, registrarnos y verlo funcional

Hace poco terminamos con el 8, como no vamos a poder con otro mas.

Comenzamos En el Entrypoint de esta aplicacion



Search all string

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### Right | Disasembly | Description | Descr
                    Address Disassembly
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Esto es un armadillo vease Armdebug y PDATA000, son tipicos en estas cosas

, ejecuto Armadillo Find Protect 2.0 by Vel

<- 19-10-2010 22:34:03 - [2.0] ->

C:\BracketTrader\BracketTrader.exe

Protected Armadillo

<-Find Protect

Protection system (Basic)

<Protection Options>

Standard protection or Minimum protection

<Backup Key Options>

Fixed Backup Keys

<Compression Options>

Better/Slower Compression

<Other Options>

Disable Monitoring Thread

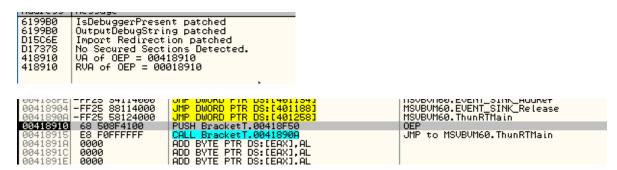
<-Find Version

Version 3.78 22Sep2004

<- Elapsed Time 00h 00m 03s 828ms ->

Como es version 3, intento si resultan mis script:

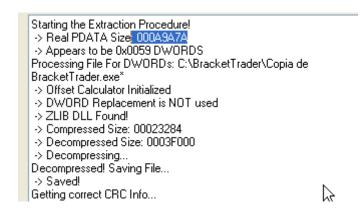
Ejecuto un script y selecciono version 3



Esto es el visualbasic version 6

O bien usar armaggedon para desempacar, y unpacked.tambien funciona,

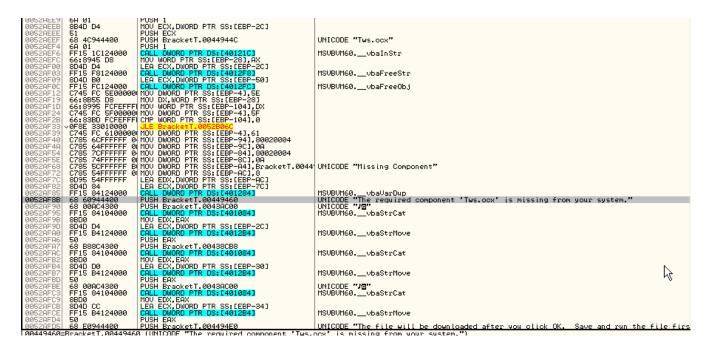
Si vamos por la dll interna:



Tambien la tenemos. Podemos parchar y hacer como se pueda porque podemos tener el unpacked y parchar inclusive la dll interna, pero muestra que necesita algo:

http://www.interactivebrokers.com/download/InstallAX_964.exe

busco la referencia, pues no me parece bajar por bajar cosas



Me indica que me falta un componente tws.ocx

O mas abajo el enlace que me indica, y mas abajo otro enlace,

http://individuals.interactivebrokers.com/en/p.php?f=programInterface&ib_entity=llc

Debo usar ademas internet explorer 6

```
H EDX
JNICODE "You need to install Internet Explorer 6.")
```

Y si no lo tengo debo ir a:

00448464=BracketT.00448464 (UNICODE

"http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=1e1550cb-5e5d-48f5-b02b-20b602228de6&Displa")

Buscando Los Export de Armadillo:

Luego busco un poco si hay alguna importacion con Dll Function call , pues hay una documentacion importante en cada api, y en esta aplicacion encuentro 3



```
UB UE
DB 00
DB 00
DB 00
ASCII "ArmAccess.DLL",0
DB 00
ASCII "Environ",0
DO unpacked.0043B644
DD unpacked.0043B658
DB 00
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ASCII "Environ"
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0043B66A
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0043B66B
0043B66C
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FFE0
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                                                           . FFE0
> 68 60864300
. 88 44854100
. FFE0
. FFE0
                                                                                                                                                            OUT EHA
PUSH unpacked.0043B660
MOV EAX,<JMP.&MSVBVM60.DllFunctionCall>
CALL EAX
JMP EAX
 0043B683
```

Coloco el significado o la importancia de las 3 en un anexo al final.

Me pongo a tracear un poco y encuentro esto

Esto es un codigo para chequear el USERNAME, en otras palabras un procedimiento para una lista negra o black list desde el usuario en armadillo



Esto es gracias a las llamadas de entorno que realiza armadillo

Ahora verifica unos nombres

```
ADD ESP,10
PUSH EAX
PUSH BracketT.0044975C
                  83C4 10
50
                  50
68 50974400
FFD7
8500
∨0F84 F3000000
0052BBF5
                                                                                                                              UNICODE "Thomas Tarr"
                 85C6

96F84 F300000

888D 58FFFFF

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68 78974400

FFD7

85C0

96F84 DD000000

8895 58FFFFF

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68 A0974400

FFD7

85C0

96F84 C7000000

8885 58FFFFF

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68 C4974400

FFD7

885C0
                                                  TEST EAX, EAX
                                                  MOV ECX, DWORD PTR SS: [EBP-A8]
                                                 PUSH ECX
PUSH BracketT.00449778
CALL EDI
TEST EAX, EAX
                                                                                                                               UNICODE "Jacqueline Hughes"
                                                  MOV EDX, DWORD PTR SS: [EBP-A8]
PUSH EDX
                                                 PUSH EDX
PUSH BracketT.004497A0
                                                                                                                               UNICODE "Matthew Hummel"
                                                  CALL EDI
TEST EAX,EAX
                                                  JE BracketT.00528CF7
MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-A8]
PUSH EAX
PUSH BracketT.004497C4
                                                                                                                               UNICODE "Roman Beran"
                                                  CALL EDI
TEST EAX,EAX
                  85C0
∨0F84 B1000000
8B8D 58FFFFFF
                                                  JE Bracket1.005280F7
MOV ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-A8]
PUSH ECX
PUSH BracketT.00449888
                  51
68 88984400
FFD7
                                                                                                                               UNICODE "Allan Pang"
                                                  TEST EAX,EAX
                   85CØ
                            A7010000
BC535D00
                  ØF85
                                                  CMP DWORD PTR DS:[5D53BC],ESI
```

Si son esos usuarios

```
MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-54], EAX
MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-44], EAX
7098440 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-74], BracketT.0044 UNICODE "WARNING !"
                       8945 AC
8945 BC
C745 8C
895D 84
FFD7
0052BD18
0052BD1B
0052BD1E
                                          CALL EDI

LEA EDX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C]

LEA ECX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-2C]

0C98440 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-64], BracketT.0044 UNICODE "Bracket Trader cannot be used on this computer."

MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C], EBX
                       8D55 94
0052BD2A
                       8D55 94
8D4D D4
C745 9C
895D 94
FFD7
8D45 A4
50
8D4D B4
0052BD2D
0052BD30
                                                              MOU DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C],EBX
CALL EDI
LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-5C]
PUSH EAX
LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-4C]
PUSH ECX
LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-3C]
PUSH EDX
PUSH EDX
PUSH SØ
LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-2C]
PUSH EAX
CALL DWORD PTR DS:[4010E0]
0052BD40
0052BD43
0052BD44
                       51
8D55 C4
                       52
6A 30
8D45 D4
50
FF15 E0104000
8D4D A4
0052BD47
0052BD48
0052BD4A
                                                              CALL DWORD PTR DS:[4010E0]
                                                                                                                                                               MSUBUM60.rtcMsqBox
```

Ahora sigamos en las otras

5d09a0

```
        005AEF54 PUSH BracketT.0043ACEC
        UNICODE "Error"

        005AEF84 PUSH BracketT.0043SD10
        UNICODE "("

        005AEF81 PUSH BracketT.0045SDR
        UNICODE ") in procedure comboSymbol_Click of Form frmMain"

        005AEF81 PUSH BracketT.0045SDR
        UNICODE "omboSymbol_Click"

        005AEF86 HOU EDX, BracketT.0043SC658
        UNICODE "frmMain"

        005AF171 PUSH BracketT.0043SBR
        UNICODE "ExpIRED"

        005AF186 PUSH BracketT.0043SED70
        UNICODE "True"

        005AF278 PUSH BracketT.0045SE10
        UNICODE "Click Register Bracket Trader' in the Help menu to ger your key"

        005AF523 PUSH BracketT.0044377C
        UNICODE "MT"

        005AF523 PUSH BracketT.00443788
        UNICODE "SELL"

        005AF528 PUSH BracketT.0043BD84
        UNICODE "201012"

        005AF878 HOU EAX, BracketT.0043D930
        UNICODE "FALSE"

        005AF889 PUSH BracketT.0043D930
        UNICODE "STPLMT"
```

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004A590C PUSH BracketT.0043F7EC UNICODE "1.3000"
004A589C PUSH BracketT.0043F7EC UNICODE "Closing Feature Tester, wait..."
004A5835 PUSH BracketT.0043F964 UNICODE "Trying to Reconnect to IB"
004A658F MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-90], BracketT.0043I UNICODE "Error!"
004A658F MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-80], BracketT.0043I UNICODE "Registration Successful !!"
004A69F PUSH BracketT.0043F048 UNICODE "Registration Successful !!"
004A6921 PUSH BracketT.0043R000 UNICODE "Key is valid, and has been stored."
004A6921 PUSH BracketT.0043R000 UNICODE "Thank you for supporting Bracket Trader."
004A68B7 MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-90], BracketT.0043I UNICODE "Thank you entered does not appear to be valid. Please try 004A6EBE MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-80], BracketT.0043I UNICODE "The name/key you entered does not appear to be valid. Please try 004A6EBC MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-80], BracketT.0043I UNICODE "Move DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8
```

Y por ultimo veo los registrados

Y vemos la variables UsernaME y PAIDFOR

Osea tenemos 2 variables necesarias para el usuario registrado: Username y Paidfor

```
005D0AB8
                                                                                                                  MSVBVM60.__vbaFreeObj
005D0AC5
                                                                                                                  UNICODE "PAIDFOR"
005D0ACA
005D0ACD
                                                                                                                  MSUBUM60.___vbaStrToAnsi
005D0AD4
005D0AD5
aasnaana
005D0ADC
005D0ADF
                                                                                                                  MSVBVM60.__vbaStrMove
MSVBVM60.__vbaSetSystemError
005D0AE5
005D0AEB
            . 52
. 8D45 D0
. 50
005D0AEE
005D0AEF
                                   PUSH EDX
LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-30]
            . 8045 D0
. 50
. FF15 A4114000
. 50
. 68 28474500
. FF15 7C114000
. 8BF8
. F7DF
                                                                                                                 MSUBUM60.__vbaStrToUnic\de
                                  PUSH EAX
CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<dword_62F1A4>]
PUSH EAX
005D0AF2
005D0AF9
005D0AFA
                                                                                                                  UNICODE "Beta"
                                   PUSH unpacked.00454728
                                   CALL DWORD
MOV EDI,EAX
                                                      DS:[<dword_62F17C>]
005D00FF
                                                                                                                  MSVBVM60.__vbaStrCmp
                                  NEG EDI
SRR EDI EDI
```

Vamos a los help: no conozco este productor de pdf, pero igual es llamativo los botones y el productor de pdf

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PDF Producer: wPDF3 by WPCubed GmbH
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Luego decompilo, pues mas comentarios no puedo hacer

Para crear un map luego de desempacado:

Herramientas:

->producir IDC

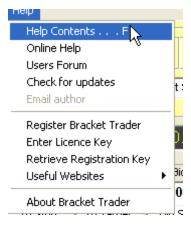
IDA 5.X->cargar IDC y exportar como map

Olly 1.1+>Plugin para importar los map.

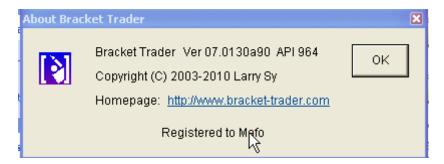
Sigamos

Bajado el active x, que pide, al colocar about en el original:





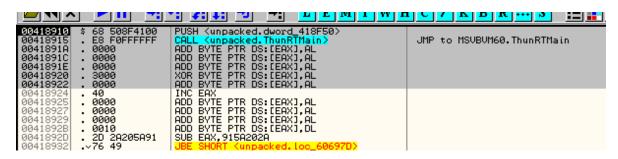
El desempacado con la dll de armadillo v8



Pero coloco la opcion de tools y me muestra que esto es trial:



Ahora en el desempacado tengo



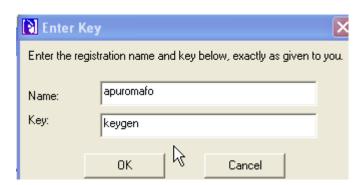
Coloco go to GetEnvironmentVariableA

Coloco bp y vemos:, este no proviene de armadillo

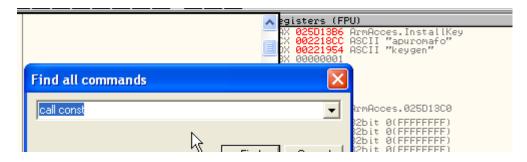
Este tampoco

0011F810 0011F814 0011F818 0011F81C 0011F820	025D17CC 0018E22C 0011F824 0000FFFF 0012FAFF4
0011F810	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F814	0018E22C VarName = "USERNAME"
0011F74C	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F750	0018E22C VarName = "USERNAME"
0011F810	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F814	0018E22C VarName = "Systemroot"
0011F71C	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F720	001C2D2C VarName = "PAIDFOR"
0011F680	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F684	001C2D2C VarName = "windir"
0011F680	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F684	001C575C VarName = "windir"
0011F680	025D17CC /CALL to GetEnvironmentVariableA from ArmAcces.025D17C6
0011F684	001C2D7C VarName = "windir"

O bien coloco el add, y vere esto:



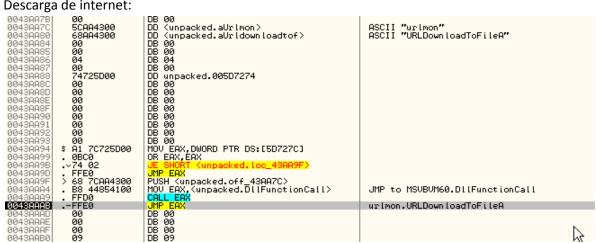
Y voy a la dll...



Y entre depuracion el valor de al, es importante, si al es 1, muestra que es valido y puedes seguir, pero..si reinicias la aplicacion, denuevo es la misma realidad, no se puede usar full, asi que los registros de armadillos pueden ser engañados, pero al reinicio verificara denuevo..

Al iniciar comienzo a analizar un poco el DLL FUnction call y veo que descarga de internet:

Descarga de internet:



Y la variable:

0012F6FC 0018E31C ASCII "http://www.bracket-trader.com/vercheck20070130a90.htm"

0012F700 0018E254 ASCII "\version.htm"

Y tiene tambien mensajes de corruptos:

0052AD69	68 08934400	PUSH unpacked.00449308 PUSH unpacked.0043AC00	UNICODE "WARNING: This copy of Bracket							
0052AD6E	68 00AC4300	PUSH unpacked.0043AC00	UNICODE "') O"							
0052AD73	FF15 78114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUBUM60	MSVBVM60vbaStrCat							
0052AD79	8BD0	MOV EDX,EAX	_							
0052AD7B	8D4D D4	LEA ECX.DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-2C]								
0052AD7E	FF15 94114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSVBVM60vbaStrM	MSVBVM60vbaStrMove							
0052AD84	50	PUSH EAX	_							
0052AD85	68 B88C4300	PUSH unpacked.00438CB8								
0052AD8A	FF15 78114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUBUM60vbaStrC	MSVBVM60vbaStrCat							
0052AD90	8BD0	MOV EDX,EAX								
0052AD92	8D4D D0	LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-30]								
0052AD95	8BD0 8D4D D0 FF15 94114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSUBUM60vbaStrM	MSVBVM60vbaStrMove							
0052AD9B	50	PUSH EAX								
0052AD9C	68 00AC4300	PUSH unpacked.0043AC00	UNICODE "'/o"							
0052ADA1	FF15 78114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSVBVM60vbaStrC	MSVBVM60vbaStrCat							
0052ADA7	8BD0	MOV EDX,EAX								
0052ADA9	8D4D CC	LEA ECX, DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-34]								
0052ADAC	FF15 94114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<&MSVBVM60vbaStrM	MSVBVM60vbaStrMove							
0052ADB2	50	PUSH EAX								
0052ADB3	68 F4934400	PUSH unpacked.004493F4 PUSH unpacked.004493F4 CALL DWORD PTR DS:[kmSUBUM60 vbaStrC. MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-64],EAX MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-66],8	UNICODE "The program will end after you							
0052ADB8	FF15 78114000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[<%MSVBVM60vbaStrC	MSVBVM60vbaStrCat							
0052ADBE	8945 9C	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-64],EAX								
0052ADC1	C745 94 0800000	MOV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C],8								
0052ADC8	0000 046666	LEH EHA,DWORD FIR 33:LEDF-3CJ								
0052ADCE	50	PUSH_EAX								
0052ADCF	8D8D 74FFFFFF	LEA ECX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-8C]								
0052ADD5	51	PUSH_ECX_								
0052ADD6	51 8D55 84 52	LEA EDX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-7C]								
0052ADD9	52	PUSH EDX								
0052HDDH]	6H 30	PUSH 30								
0052ADDC	8D45 94	LEA EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP-6C]								
00449308=unpacked.00449308 (UNICODE "WARNING: This copy of Bracket Trader is corrupt. Reinstall with a										
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- 1->sin dll de armadillo
- 2->sin poder acceder al internet explorer 6
- 3->Missing Component

Inyeccion de variables y con eso deberia ejecutar como registrado:

- 1) agregamos una seccion con topo (crackerskit) y cambiamos para que coloque 00 y no Nop, creando una nueva seccion, haciendolo escribible, de tamaño 1000, y luego al abrir haremos saltar al OEP, desde la seccion, injertamos la variable con otra tool
- 2) agregamos las variables con MultimateAssembler 1.2 -> http://rammichael.com/

Y tenemos

<707000>

PUSHAD

PUSHFD

MOV EBX,kernel32.SetEnvironmentVariableA

PUSH @apuromafo

PUSH @apuromafo2

CALL EBX

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PUSH @apuromafo4
       CALL EBX
....push 5 /6 call ebx..
       POPFD
       POPAD
       JMP 00418910 //lugar donde retorna
Y las variables como sigue
       @apuromafo: "key"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo2: "USERKEY"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo4: "VERSION"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo5: "True"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo6: "PAIDFOR"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo8: "KEYCREATED"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo10:"V8"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
       @apuromafo12:
                           "EXTRAINFO"
       @apuromafo14:
                           "ALTUSERNAME"
       ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL
              @apuromafo15: "Apuromafo CLS"
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ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL

ADD BYTE PTR DS:[EAX],AL

@apuromafo16:

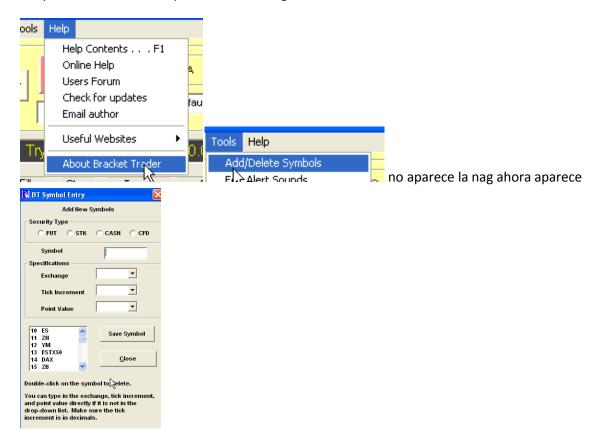
PUSH @apuromafo3

Asi que usamos MulimateAssembler y ensamblamos en el lugar, pero como somos mas ordenados

"USERNAME"



Y al pulsar los botones no pide una nueva registracion Y ahora el menu lateral



Y si quiero colocar un mail de soporte aprovecha la version, y mi nombre en el asunto

Para:	support@bracket-tra	der.com	9-				,
to cc:							
Asunto:	=== Bracket Trader	Ver 07.0130a90	API 964 Q	uestion or Comm	ent from Apuron	nafo CLS ===	
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Question or Comment:							

Por lo que damos fin a este escrito, no olviden leer el anexo, puede ser de ayuda.

Saludos Apuromafo

Leo las apis en armadillo 8 y lo coloco como anexo:

InstallKey

Purpose:

Checks a name/key pair, and (if valid and not already expired) stores it as the new key.

Declarations:

C/C++:

typedef bool (__stdcall *InstallKeyFn)(const char *name, const char *code);

Delphi:

Function InstallKey (name,code:PAnsiChar) : Boolean; stdcall; external 'armaccess.dll';

Visual BASIC:

Declare Function InstallKey Lib "ArmAccess.DLL" (ByVal Name\$, ByVal Code\$) as Byte

FoxPro:

DECLARE INTEGER InstallKey IN ArmAccess.DLL STRING Name, STRING Code

Parameters:

name: The "name" the key is made for. This can be blank (an empty string) only for nameless keys. The name must use 8-bit ASCII encoding. Do not pass a name that uses

- Unicode or UTF-8 encoding.
- code: The key to install.

Returns:

Returns non-zero if the key is valid and installed (see notes below for expired-key exception), or zero if it isn't.

Notes:

When this function was called with an expired key in versions prior to 4.01, it still returned non-zero but the key was never installed. You had to check the EXPIRED environment variable to see whether it was correctly installed or not. Now this function returns zero any time the key is not installed, for any reason.

If the program attempts to (re)install the currently-installed key, it is ignored, and the function simply returns non-zero to say that it's valid.

This function is not intended for use with client/server keys. To install client/server keys, your users must use the SERVER REGISTER command-line option.

For Delphi versions prior to Delphi 2009, you may need to make the following adjustment to ensure compatibility: Change all PAnsiChar types to PChar.

This function is operationally identical to the older **CheckCode** function.

ShowReminderMessage

Purpose:

Displays (or redisplays) the configured show-before Reminder Message for the current certificate.

Declarations:

C/C++:

typedef void (__stdcall *ShowReminderMessageFn)(HWND parent);

Delphi:

Procedure ShowReminderMessage(parent:HWND); stdcall; external 'armaccess.dll';

Visual BASIC:

Declare Sub ShowReminderMessage lib "ArmAccess.DLL" (ByVal ParentWindow as Long)

FoxPro:

DECLARE INTEGER ShowReminderMessage IN ArmAccess.DLL INTEGER ParentWindowHandle

Parameters:

parent: The handle (HWND) of the window to use as the parent window for the new
window. This parameter can be zero if no parent window is required.

Returns:

Nothing.

Notes:

If the show-before Reminder Message is not configured for this certificate, this function does nothing.

/Environment -> GetEnvironmentVariable -> Using with Visual BASIC /

The easiest way to retrieve environment variables in Visual BASIC 5.0 or later is to use SoftwarePassport/Armadillo's ArmEnviron\$ function. You can also do it by way of the Windows API function GetEnvironmentVariable, but we no longer recommend that; ArmEnviron\$ is much easier to deal with and has no conversion and comparison problems.

To make Visual BASIC programs work with SoftwarePassport/Armadillo's ArmEnviron\$ function, rather than the Environ\$ function built into Visual BASIC itself (which cannot access the SoftwarePassport/Armadillo-generated environment variables), add the following line to any module file:

Public Declare Function ArmEnviron Lib "ArmAccess.DLL" Alias "Environ" (ByVal Name\$) As String

Then use ArmEnviron\$ in place of Environ\$. For more information on retrieving environment variables, please refer to the Visual BASIC documentation.

Possible Problems

One possible problem is caused by setting Intercept None. SoftwarePassport/Armadillo must intercept the MSVBVM?0.DLL file appropriate to your version of VB (MSVBVM50.DLL or MSVBVM60.DLL) to provide access to the virtual ArmAccess.DLL's functions. If you set it to Intercept None, or remove those entries from the default interception list, then it won't be able to.

If you continue to have problems, please check the version of the MSVBVM60.DLL file that the affected customer is using. The version that ships with Windows Millennium (marked 6.0.84.95 or 6.00.8495, with a comment of "May 10, 1999") has issues with SoftwarePassport/Armadillo. Version 6.0.92.37 (or 6.0.9237), with a comment of "May 29, 2001", works. Some versions of installation programs (such as Wise Install v7) won't always update files properly -- we're told that the current version (at the time of this writing, Wise Install v9) works as it should.

If all else fails, you can select the "Store Environment Variables Externally" option, and use VB's built-in Environ\$ command. You may not be able to update the variables after your program starts, and they'll be visible to anyone with the right tools, but it will work.

Example

The following example simply retrieves the USERNAME environment variable, and stores it in the User variable. To retrieve a different variable, simply replace the name.

Public Declare Function ArmEnviron Lib "ArmAccess.DLL" Alias "Environ" (ByVal Name\$) As String
Dim User as String

User = ArmEnviron\$("USERNAME")