

## CMSC 491/691 Malware Analysis HW 3

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Hint: Chapters 4 and 6 of your Practical Malware Analysis textbook are very useful references!

### Part 1 (32 pts)

start:

```
PUSH    EBP                //Store base pointer
MOV     EBP, ESP           //Move the base pointer to new location
MOV     EDI, [EBP+arg_0]   //Move a variable into EDI
XOR     EAX, EAX           //Zero out EAX
MOV     ECX, 0xFFFFFFFF    //Put counter value of FFFFFFFF in to ECX
REPNE   SCASB             //Look through EDI (arg_0) for 0
NEG     ECX               //Two complement Negation making ECX the number of bytes
MOV     EAX, ECX          //Place the size found in to EAX
MOV     ESI, [EBP+arg_0]   //Place pointer arg_0 into ESI
MOV     EDI, [EBP+arg_4]   //Place pointer for arg_4 into EDI
REP     MOVSB             //Copy the bytes from ESI to EDI
MOV     ESP, EBP          //Return stack pointer to the original location
POP     EBP               //Return base pointer to original
RETN
```

#### **1.1) In a few sentences, explain what this function does. (10 pts)**

This function starts by storing the caller's stack locations via the CEDECL format. Then takes arg\_0 and finds the length of that variable. Once the variable length is found. The function copies arg\_0 to arg\_4. Then returns the original stack variables to the original locations

#### **1.2) Write a function in C that is equivalent to the assembly above. (10 pts)**

```
int func1(char* arg_0, char* arg_4) {
    arg_4 = arg_0;
    return (sizeof(arg_0)/sizeof(char*));
}
```

#### **1.3) Let arg\_0 be a pointer to the null-terminated string "C:\Windows\System32\" and let arg\_4 be a pointer to an empty buffer. What is the value of the buffer pointed to by arg\_4 when the function completes? What value does the function return? (12 pts)**

arg\_4 will be C:\Windows\System32\

The return will be: 20

## Part 2 (34 pts)

```
start:
    PUSH    EBP                //Store base pointer
    MOV     EBP, ESP           //Move base pointer to new base
    MOV     ECX, [EBP+arg_0]    //Place arg_0 into ECX
    MOV     ESI, [EBP+arg_4]    //Place arg_4 into ESI
    MOV     [EBP+var_1], 0      //Have a pointer that is 0
    JMP     loc_2              //move to loc_2
loc_1:
    MOV     EAX, [EBP+var_1]    //Place pointed variable to EAX
    ADD     EAX, ECX            //Add
    MOV     EDX, byte ptr [EAX] //Grab a one byte of EAX and place in EDX
    XOR     EDX, ESI           //XOR the byte with arg_4
    MOV     [EAX], DL          //Store back only the lower 8 byte
    ADD     [EBP+var_1], 0x1    //Add 1 to var_1
loc_2:
    MOV     EAX, [EBP+var_1]    //Move iterator
    CMP     byte ptr [ECX + EAX], 0 //See if ECX + EAX is pointing to 0
    JNZ     loc_1              //Check if ZF is cleared. If not go to
loc_1
    MOV     ESP, EBP           //Return stack pointer back to original
    POP     EBP               //Return base pointer to original
    RETN
```

### 2.1) In a few sentences, explain what this function does. (10 pts)

This function starts by storing the caller's stack locations via the CEDECL format. Then takes uses a variable var\_1 as a counter. A check is made to see if the zero flag is set, if not then the function does a for loop and takes the var\_1 and adds it with arg\_0. Then the character at arg\_0[x] is taken and xor'ed with arg\_4 and the lower 8 bytes of the result is taken and stored as the new arg\_0. Basically, this function is decrypting a byte string.

### 2.2) Write a function in C that is equivalent to the assembly above. (12 pts)

```
int func2(char* arg_0, int arg_4) {
    unsigned int x = 0;

    do{
        char temp = arg_0[x] ^ arg_4; //XOR
        temp = temp & 0xFF; //Get lower 8 bytes
        printf("%c", temp); //print out characters
        x++;
    }while(arg_0[x] != NULL);

    return x;
}
```

### 2.3) Let arg\_0 be a pointer to the null-terminated string

"\xa7\xa4\xe2\xaf\xcf\xd2\xc6\xf1\xe1\xe3\xf3\xcc\xaf\xd8\xef\xdb\xf1\xe1\xa3\xa7\xaf\xe6\xa1\xd7\xd7\xae\xff\xe5\xfc\xe4\xa0\xc5\xdb\xe1" and let arg\_4 be the integer 0x96. What is the value of the string pointed to by arg\_0 when the function completes? (Hint: It will decode to a bitcoin wallet) What value does the function return? (12 pts)

Value of string: 12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw

Function returns: 34

### Part 3 (34 pts)

```
start:
    push    ebp                //Place base pointer to stack
    mov     ebp,esp            //Move stack pointer to base
    sub     esp,0x10           //Subtract 16 from esp
    mov     eax,DWORD PTR [esp] //Place esp in eax (ignore this, compiler)
    add     eax,0x2e48          //Add 11848 to eax (ignore this, compiler)
mov     DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],0x30 //Place 48 as a local variable2
mov     DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],0x0 //Place 0 as a local variable1
jmp     loc_2                  //Go to loc_2

loc_1:
    mov     edx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4] //Move var1 in edx
    mov     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8] //Move arg0 in eax
    add     eax,edx               //Get the next char address
    movzx   eax,BYTE PTR [eax]    //Add 0 to the value of eax (0 ext)
    movsx   eax,al               //Take the lower byte and add 0s (sign ext)
                                //The mov's grabs the 1 char from string
    xor     DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8],eax //XOR var2 with the char at var1
    add     DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4],0x1 //Adds 1 to the value at var1

loc_2:
    mov     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x4] //Put var1 (starts at 0) in eax
    cmp     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0xc] //Compare var1 with arg_4 (0 < x)
    jl      loc_1                //Move to loc_1 if eax is less

loc_3:
    mov     eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x8] //Place var2 to eax
    leave   eax                  //Return the stack to original
    ret
```

#### 3.1) In a few sentences, explain what this function does. (10 pts)

This function takes a char string and an int value and goes through the string xor'ing the characters with the numbers to get a resulting int. Should result in a unique int value given a string and the size of the string.

#### 3.2) Write a function in C that is equivalent to the assembly above. (12 pts)

```
int func3(char* arg_0, int arg_4) {
    int var2 = 30;
    int var1 = 0;

    do{
        var2 = arg_0[var1] ^ var2;
        var1++;
    }while(var1 < arg_4);
}
```

```
        return var2;  
    }
```

- 3.3) Let arg\_0 be a pointer to the string "x64 is better than x86" and let arg\_4 be 22. What does the function return? (12 pts)**  
The function returns: 11