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HW3 Part 1

Problem 2

I used the OllyDbg tools to set/remove breakpoints, step through/over, and run/pause. Using these tools helped me find the following sections that test and calculate input and output. From the previous problem I saw that the main driver code was at 00401223

00401223	. 83F8 00	CMP EAX,0
00401226	. ^74 BE	JE SHORT CRACKME.004011E6
00401228	. 68 8E214000	PUSH CRACKME.0040218E
0040122D	. E8 4C010000	CALL CRACKME.0040137E
00401232	. 50	PUSH EAX
00401233	. 68 7E214000	PUSH CRACKME.0040217E
00401238	. E8 9B010000	CALL CRACKME.004013D8
0040123D	. 83C4 04	ADD ESP,4
00401240	. 58	POP EAX
00401241	. 3BC3	CMP EAX,EBX
00401243	. ^74 07	JE SHORT CRACKME.0040124C

CMP EAX,EBX is checking to see whether the user inputted the calculated serial.

0040137E	. \$ 8B7424 04	MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[ESP+4]
00401382	. 56	PUSH ESI
00401383	. > 8A06	MOV AL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
00401385	. 84C0	TEST AL,AL
00401387	. ^74 13	JE SHORT CRACKME.0040139C
00401389	. 3C 41	CMP AL,41
0040138B	. ^72 1F	JB SHORT CRACKME.004013AC
0040138D	. 3C 5A	CMP AL,5A
0040138F	. ^73 03	JNB SHORT CRACKME.00401394
00401391	. 46	INC ESI
00401392	. ^EB EF	JMP SHORT CRACKME.00401383
00401394	. > E8 39000000	CALL CRACKME.004013D2
00401399	. 46	INC ESI
0040139A	. ^EB E7	JMP SHORT CRACKME.00401383

This section checks whether this input name is valid, all letters between A and Z. The call at 00401394 jumps to 004013D2

004013D2	. \$ 2C 20	SUB AL,20
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This converts all lowercase letters to uppercase letters.

004013C2	[\$ 33FF	XOR EDI,EDI
004013C4	. 33DB	XOR EBX,EBX
004013C6	> 8A1E	MOV BL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
004013C8	. 84DB	TEST BL,BL
004013CA	.~74 05	JE SHORT CRACKME.004013D1
004013CC	. 03FB	ADD EDI,EBX
004013CE	. 46	INC ESI
004013CF	.^EB F5	JMP SHORT CRACKME.004013C6

This is the code that creates the serial number for each valid name entered. It loops through and sums the hex values of each character, creating the serial number.

For my name: LIZ = 4C + 49 + 5A = EF

Then this value is XOR-d with 5678 as shown below.

EF XOR 5678 = 5697

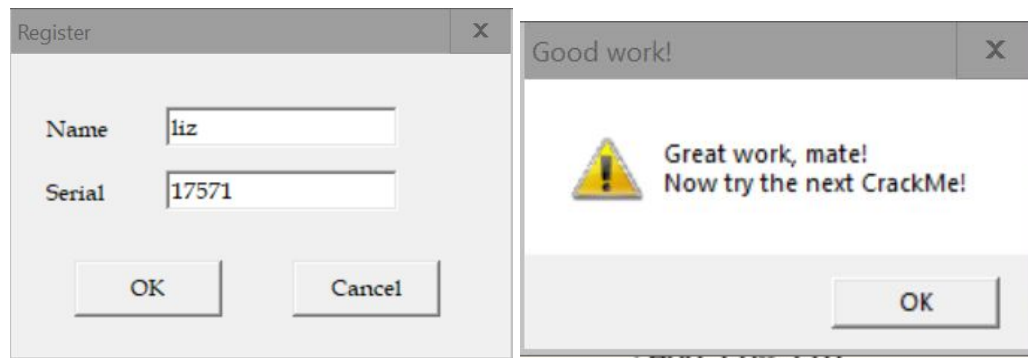
004013A2	. 81F7 78560000	XOR EDI,5678
004013A8	. 8BC7	MOV EAX,EDI

004013D8	[\$ 33C0	XOR EAX,EAX
004013DA	. 33FF	XOR EDI,EDI
004013DC	. 33DB	XOR EBX,EBX
004013DE	. 8B7424 04	MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[ESP+4]
004013E2	> B0 0A	MOV AL,0A
004013E4	. 8A1E	MOV BL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
004013E6	. 84DB	TEST BL,BL
004013E8	.~74 0B	JE SHORT CRACKME.004013F5
004013EA	. 80EB 30	SUB BL,30
004013ED	. 0FAFF8	IMUL EDI,EAX
004013F0	. 03FB	ADD EDI,EBX
004013F2	. 46	INC ESI
004013F3	.^EB ED	JMP SHORT CRACKME.004013E2
004013F5	> 81F7 34120000	XOR EDI,1234
004013FB	. 8BDF	MOV EBX,EDI
004013FD	. C3	RETN

This call to 004013D8 is the part that converts the entered serial number (in decimal) to hexadecimal. This result, XOR-d with 1234 should equal 5697, the calculated value. We can reverse engineer this using the properties of XOR to find the solution:

5697 XOR 1234 = 44A3 -> 17571

This worked!



This method can be used for any name, to find its corresponding serial number.