

HW6

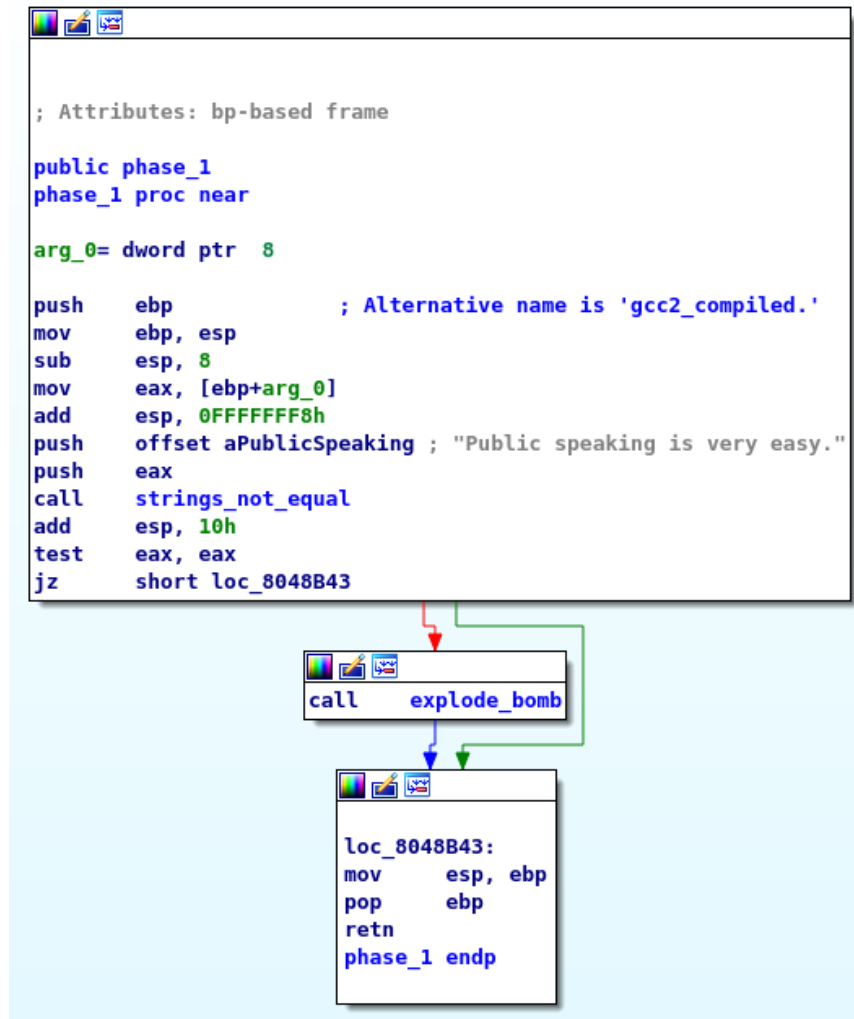
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1 Phase 1

This phase simply does only simple string compare.



2 Phase 2

This phase reads in six numbers and checks the values.

We can easily see that the first number has to be one. The following code checks in a loop that the next number is equal to its index plus one, multiplied by the last index.

That means that the second number has to be $2 * 1 = 2$, then $3 * 2 = 6$, $4 * 6 = 24$, etc.

This yields the solution 1 2 6 24 120 720.

```
push    eax
call    read_six_numbers
add     esp, 10h
cmp     [ebp+numbers], 1
jz      short loc_8048B6E
```

```
call    explode_bomb
```

```
loc_8048B6E:
mov     ebx, 1
lea     esi, [ebp+numbers]
```

```
loc_8048B76:
lea     eax, [ebx+1]
imul    eax, [esi+ebx*4-4]
cmp     [esi+ebx*4], eax
jz      short loc_8048B88
```

```
call    explode_bomb
```

```
loc_8048B88:
inc     ebx
cmp     ebx, 5
jle     short loc_8048B76
```

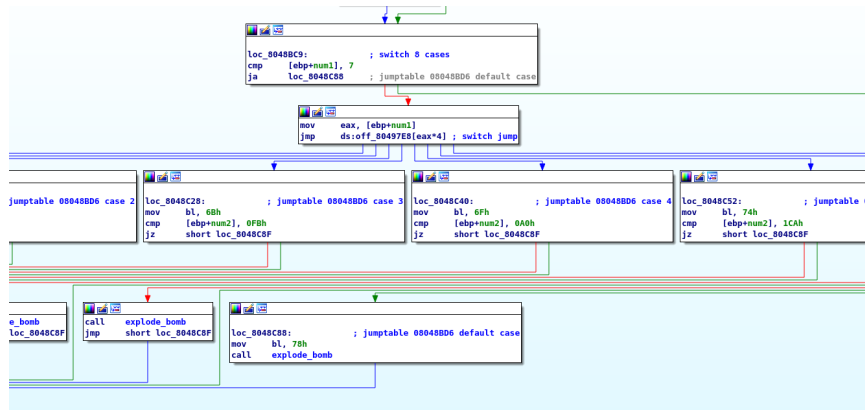
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3 Phase 3

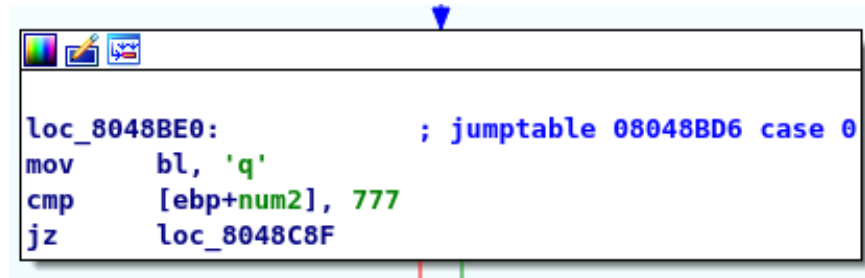
This phase reads in two numbers and a character.

The first number is indexed into a jump table with 8 cases, exploding if out of range.

Each target of the jump table compares the second number with a required value, and loads a required value for the char to be compared with.



We can just pick the first one, from which we can see the solution is 0 q 777.



4 Phase 4

This phase reads in a single number that must be greater than zero, calls a function, and explodes unless the return value is 55.


```
push    eax
push    offset aD          ; "%d"
push    edx
call    _scanf
add     esp, 10h
cmp     eax, 1
jnz     short loc_8048D09
```



```
cmp     [ebp+buffer], 0
jg      short loc_8048D0E
```



```
loc_8048D09:
call    explode_bomb
```



```
loc_8048D0E:
add     esp, 0FFFFFFF4h
mov     eax, [ebp+buffer]
push    eax
call    func4
add     esp, 10h
cmp     eax, 37h
jz      short loc_8048D27
```

This function can be summarized as:

```
def func4(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return func4(n - 1) + func4(n - 2)
```

Which clearly computes fibonacci numbers.

Thus, the required input to get 55 is 9.

```
public func4
func4 proc near

number= dword ptr 8

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, 10h
push    esi
push    ebx
mov     ebx, [ebp+number]
cmp     ebx, 1
jle     short loc_8048CD0
```

```
add     esp, 0FFFFFFF4h
lea     eax, [ebx-1]
push    eax
call    func4
mov     esi, eax
add     esp, 0FFFFFFF4h
lea     eax, [ebx-2]
push    eax
call    func4
add     eax, esi
jmp     short loc_8048CD5
```

```
loc_8048CD0:
mov     eax, 1
```

```
loc_8048CD5:
lea     esp, [ebp-18h]
pop     ebx
pop     esi
mov     esp, ebp
pop     ebp
retn
func4 endp
```

5 Phase 5




This phase reads in a string of 6 characters.




It translates the input string into a new buffer, comparing it with the string "giants".




The function takes the lower 4 bits of each input character, indexing it into a table to get the resulting character.

We can inspect the table to figure out that the required byte sequence get "giants" is 1111, 0000, 0101, 1011, 1101, 0001. Cross referencing this with a binary ascii table, one possible input string that produces this sequence is "0@EKMA".


```
mov     ebx, [ebp+input]
add     esp, 0FFFFFFF4h
push    ebx
call    string_length
add     esp, 10h
cmp     eax, 6
jz      short loc_8048D4D
```

  
call explode_bomb

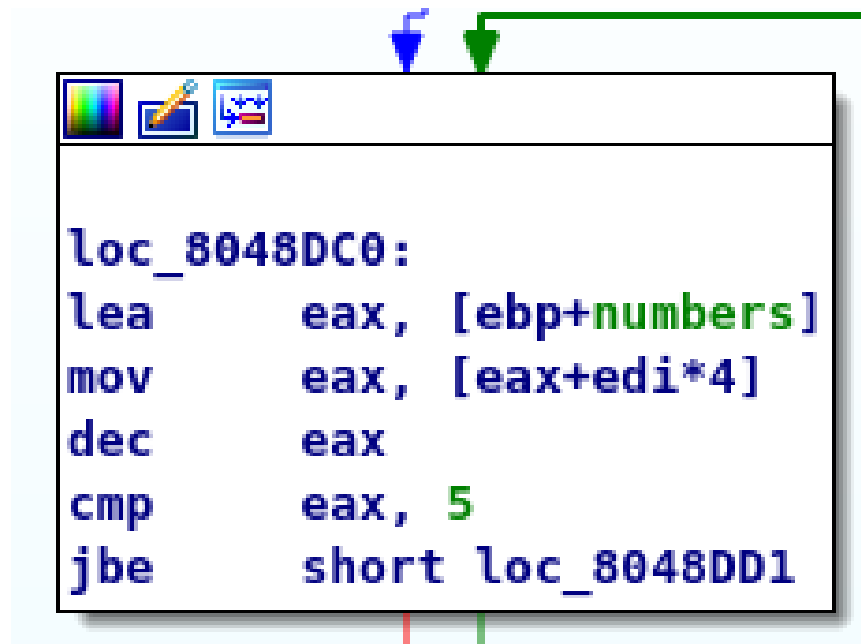
  
loc_8048D4D:
xor edx, edx
lea ecx, [ebp+var_8]
mov esi, offset array_123

  
loc_8048D57:
mov al, [edx+ebx]
and al, 0Fh
movsx eax, al
mov al, [eax+esi]
mov [edx+ecx], al
inc edx
cmp edx, 5
jle short loc_8048D57

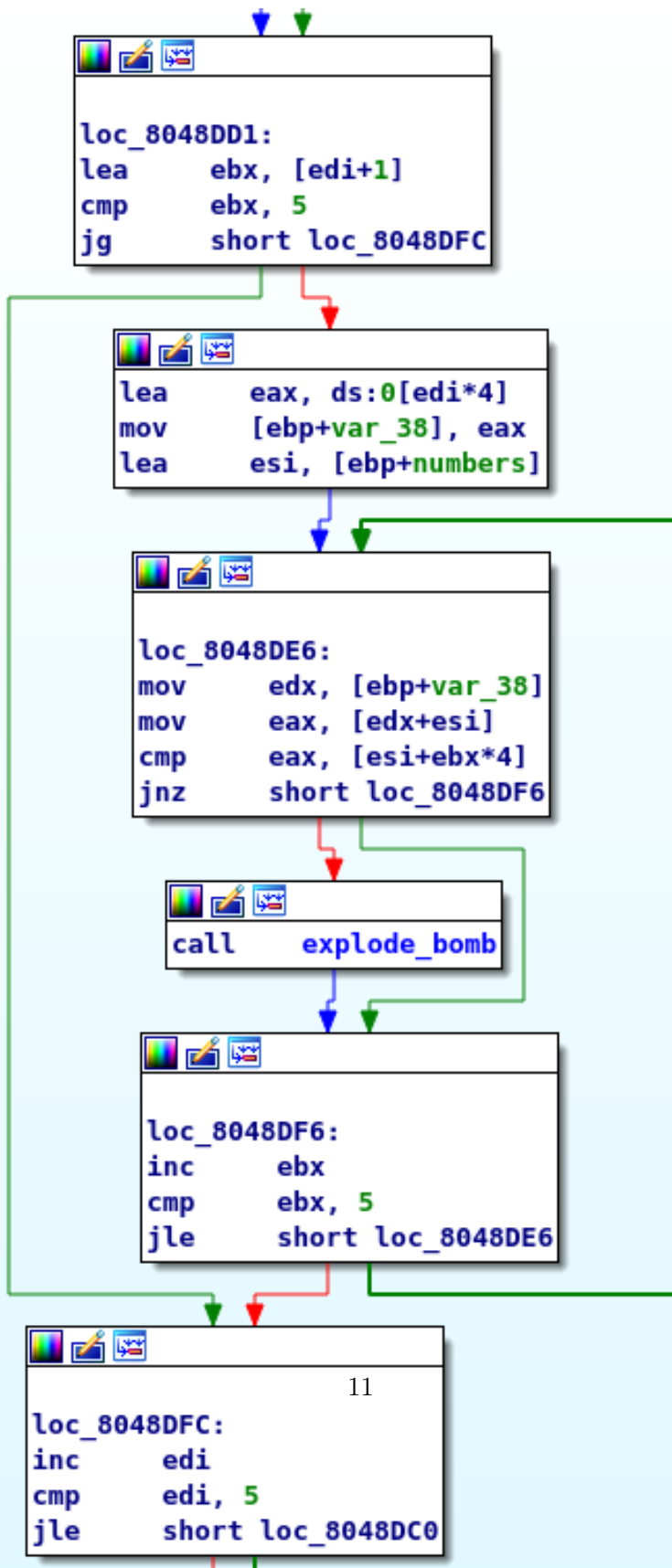
6 Phase 6

This phase again reads in six numbers.

The function first makes sure all numbers are ≤ 6 .



Then it starts a nested loop, comparing each number with every other number. The bomb explodes if any two are the same.

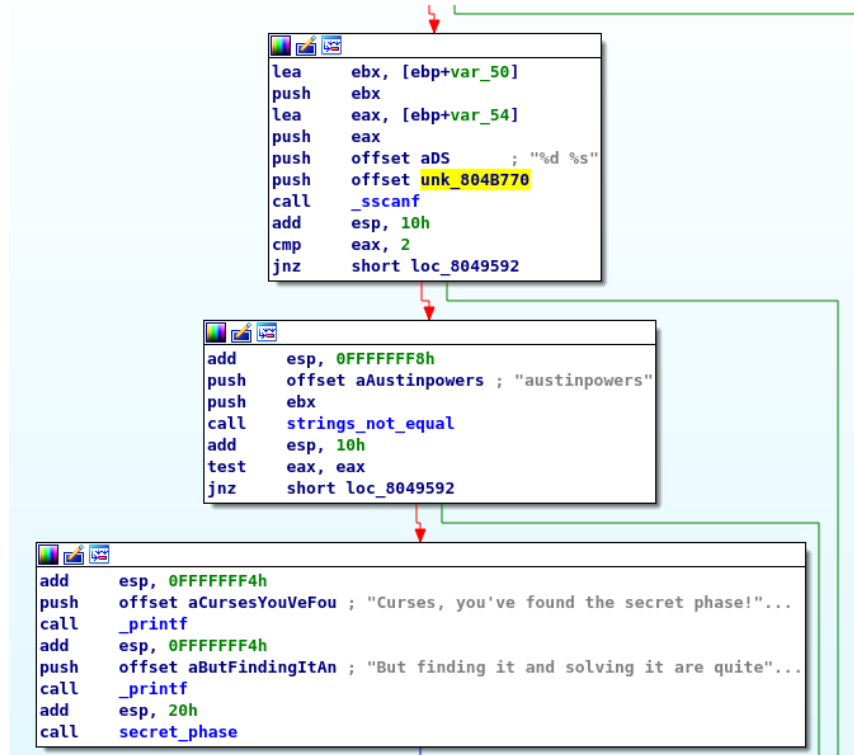


We see that structures in the data segment are indexed based on the numbers. Each successive compare must be less than the previous. Inspecting these values, we clearly see a linked list of values, and sorting them in decreasing order yields the solution 4 2 6 3 1 5.

```
.data:0804B230      public node6
.data:0804B230 node6      dd 1B0h
.data:0804B234      dd 6
.data:0804B238      dd 0
.data:0804B23C      public node5
.data:0804B23C node5      dd 0D4h
.data:0804B240      dd 5
.data:0804B244      dd offset node6
.data:0804B248      public node4
.data:0804B248 node4      dd 3E5h
.data:0804B24C      dd 4
.data:0804B250      dd offset node5
.data:0804B254      public node3
.data:0804B254 node3      dd 12Dh
.data:0804B258      dd 3
.data:0804B25C      dd offset node4
.data:0804B260      public node2
.data:0804B260 node2      dd 2D5h
.data:0804B264      dd 2
.data:0804B268      dd offset node3
.data:0804B26C      public node1
.data:0804B26C node1      dd 0FDh
.data:0804B270      dd 1
.data:0804B274      dd offset node2
```

7 Secret Phase

The bomb also contains a secret phase. It is called by the `phase_defused` method after phase 4 is solved, and scans for the string "austinpowers" in addition to the integer solution.



The phase reads in another integer, making sure it is less than or equal to 1001.




It then calls a new function with another data segment structure, and explodes unless the result is 7.

```
public secret_phase
secret_phase proc near

var_18= dword ptr -18h

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, 14h
push    ebx
call    read_line
push    0
push    0Ah
push    0
push    eax
call    __strtol_internal
add     esp, 10h
mov     ebx, eax
lea     eax, [ebx-1]
cmp     eax, 3E8h
jbe     short loc_8048F14
```

  
call explode_bomb

  
loc_8048F14:
add esp, 0FFFFFFF8h

Looking at this structure, it's clearly a binary tree.

```

.data:00000000      uu 0
.data:0804B2B4      public n47
.data:0804B2B4      dd 63h           ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B2DC10
.data:0804B2B8      dd 0
.data:0804B2BC      dd 0
.data:0804B2C0      public n41
.data:0804B2C0      dd 1           ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B2E810
.data:0804B2C4      dd 0
.data:0804B2C8      dd 0
.data:0804B2CC      public n45
.data:0804B2CC      dd 28h         ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B2F410
.data:0804B2D0      dd 0
.data:0804B2D4      dd 0
.data:0804B2D8      public n34
.data:0804B2D8      dd 68h         ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B31010
.data:0804B2DC      dd offset n47
.data:0804B2E0      dd offset n48
.data:0804B2E4      public n31
.data:0804B2E4      dd 6           ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B31810
.data:0804B2E8      dd offset n41
.data:0804B2EC      dd offset n42
.data:0804B2F0      public n33
.data:0804B2F0      dd 2Dh         ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B30C10
.data:0804B2F4      dd offset n45
.data:0804B2F8      dd offset n46
.data:0804B2FC      public n32
.data:0804B2FC      dd 16h         ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B31C10
.data:0804B300      dd offset n43
.data:0804B304      dd offset n44
.data:0804B308      public n22
.data:0804B308      dd 32h         ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B32810
.data:0804B30C      dd offset n33
.data:0804B310      dd offset n34
.data:0804B314      public n21
.data:0804B314      dd 8           ; DATA XREF: .data:0804B32410
.data:0804B318      dd offset n31
.data:0804B31C      dd offset n32
.data:0804B320      public n1
.data:0804B320      dd 24h         ; DATA XREF: secret_phase+3010
.data:0804B324      dd offset n21
.data:0804B328      dd offset n22

```

If the passed tree node's value is zero, the function returns -1. If the node's value is less than the input, it returns twice the result of recursing with the left child, and the same input. Otherwise, it returns twice the result plus one of recursing with the right child, and the same input.

In order to solve this, we must find a path down the tree where the result is multiplied and added to get 7.

Tracing out the call structure, we find that the input 1001 is required, defusing the secret phase.

