

# Lab 9: Working with IDA

## Solutions

### Overview

Today we will practice advanced static analysis using IDA. The goal is to gain familiarity with IDA and advanced static analysis, not necessarily to perform a full analysis using IDA.

## Part 1: Crack the file(s) using the graph view!

1. Download the "IDA\_practice\_crackme.7z" archive from Canvas, move it to your Windows VM, and unzip it using "cse434" as the password.
2. For each of the files:
  - Run the program in the command-line. Explain what the program does.
  - Use IDA to analyze the executable and crack the password. (Note: you will need to download an older version of IDA to run on our Windows 7 VM. The older version (version 5.0) is available as a link from this post:  
<https://www.scummvm.org/news/20180331/> .)
  - Write abstract pseudocode to describe the program flow you identified.

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\* crackme-1.exe

1. It looks like a program with a password crack challenge.
2. The password is 'topsecret'
3. pseudocode

Main() {

    If there is no input parameter, then print 'Usage: crackme-123-1 password'  
    Check a user input param with the 'topsecret'

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```
    If succ, then print 'You found the password! Congratulations!'
    Else, then print 'Fail!'
}
```

\* crackme-2.exe

1. It looks like a program with a password crack challenge.
2. The password is 'alligator'
3. pseudocode

```
Main() {
    If there is no input parameter, then print 'Usage: crackme-123-2 password'
    Check a user input param with the 'alligator'
    If succ, then print 'You found the password! Congratulations!'
    Else, then print 'Fail!'
}
```

\* crackme-3.exe

1. It looks like a program with a password crack challenge.
2. You need to give two passwords in order. 'suffering' and 'succotash'. You need to give them in order.
3. pseudocode

```
Main() {
    If there are not 2 input parameters, then print 'Usage: crackme-123-3
password1 password2'
    Check user's first input param with the 'suffering'
    If first input param doesn't match, then print ' Fail! First word was wrong!'
    If second input param doesn't match, then print 'Fail! Second word was
wrong!'
    If two parameters are correct, then print 'Congratulations! You found the
passwords!'
}
```

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\* crackme-4.exe

1. It looks like a program with a password crack challenge.
2. The password is 'dromedary'. But before giving the password, you need to change the file name from 'crackme-4.exe' to 'game3.exe'
3. pseudocode

Main() {

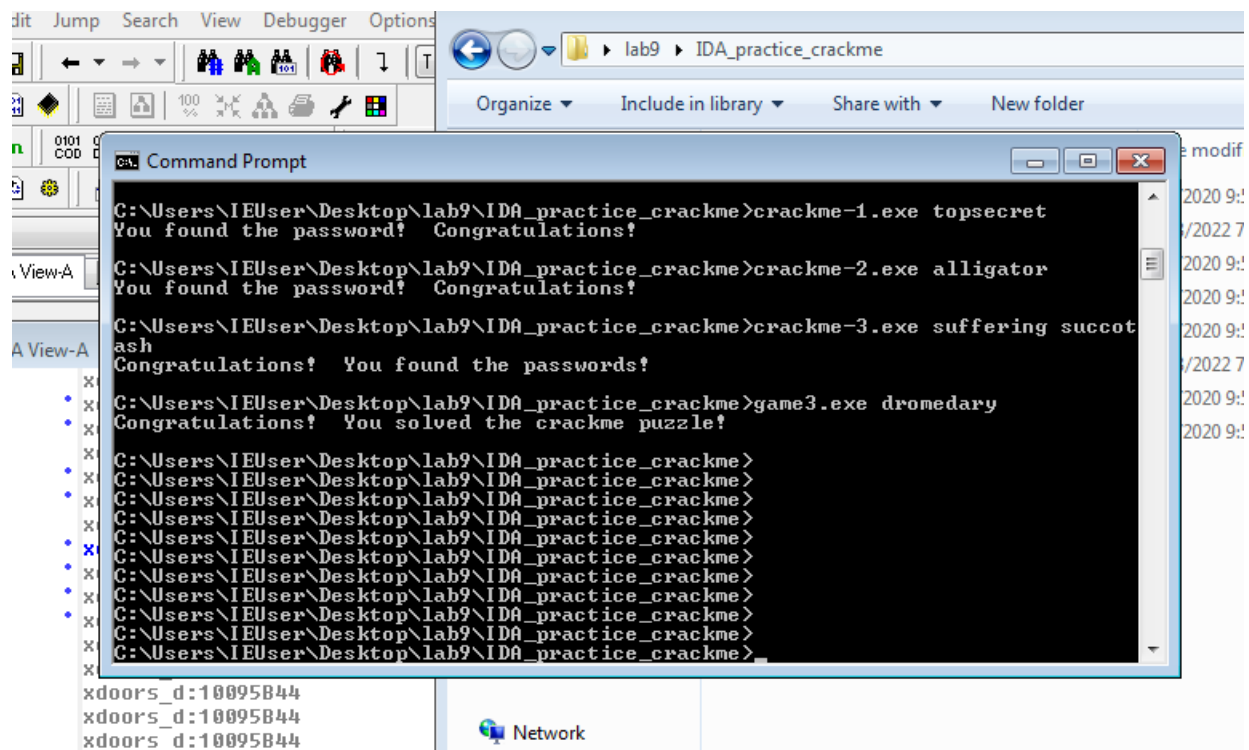
    If there is no input parameters, then print 'Usage: game3.exe password'

    Check execution file name and user's first input param.

    If execution file name is 'game3.exe' and the first parameter is 'dromedary',  
then print 'Congratulations! You solved the crackme puzzle!'

    Else print 'Fail!'

}



## Part 2: More IDA functionality

Download the "IDA\_practice\_malware.7z" archive from Canvas, move it to your Windows VM, and unzip it using "infected" as the password. This part of the lab is based on chapter 5 of "Practical Malware Analysis: The Hands-On Guide to Dissecting Malicious Software."

Launch IDA and open 'IDA\_practice\_malware.dll'. Make sure you're viewing the "IDA View-A" window. Press the spacebar to see the code.

Switch back to the "graph mode", and repeat the same steps to display this additional information in "graph mode".

Take a screenshot of what you see:

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파일 머신 보기 입력 장치 도움말

IDA - C:\Users\IEUser\Desktop\lab9\IDA\_practice\_malware\IDA-practice-malware.dll

File Edit Jump Search View Debugger Options Windows Help

Open enumerations window (Shift+F10)

IDA View-A

Names window

Strings window

Graph overview

```
; BOOL __stdcall DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDLL,DWORD fdwReason,LPUVOID lpvReserved)
_DllMain@12 proc near

hinstDLL= dword ptr 4
fdwReason= dword ptr 8
lpvReserved= dword ptr 0Ch

mov     eax, [esp+fdwReason]
dec     eax
jnz     loc_1000D107

mov     eax, [esp+hinstDLL]
push    ebx
mov     ds:hModule, eax
mov     eax, off_10019044
push    esi
add     eax, 00h
```

100.00% (-303,-173) (34,68) 0000C42E 1000D02E: DllMain(x,x,x)

Executing function 'main'...

Compiling file 'C:\Program Files\IDA Free\idc\onload.idc'...

Executing function 'onLoad'...

IDA is analysing the input file...

You may start to explore the input file right now.

Can not set debug privilege!

Using FLIRT signature: Microsoft VisualC 2-8/net runtime

Propagating type information...

Function argument information is propagated

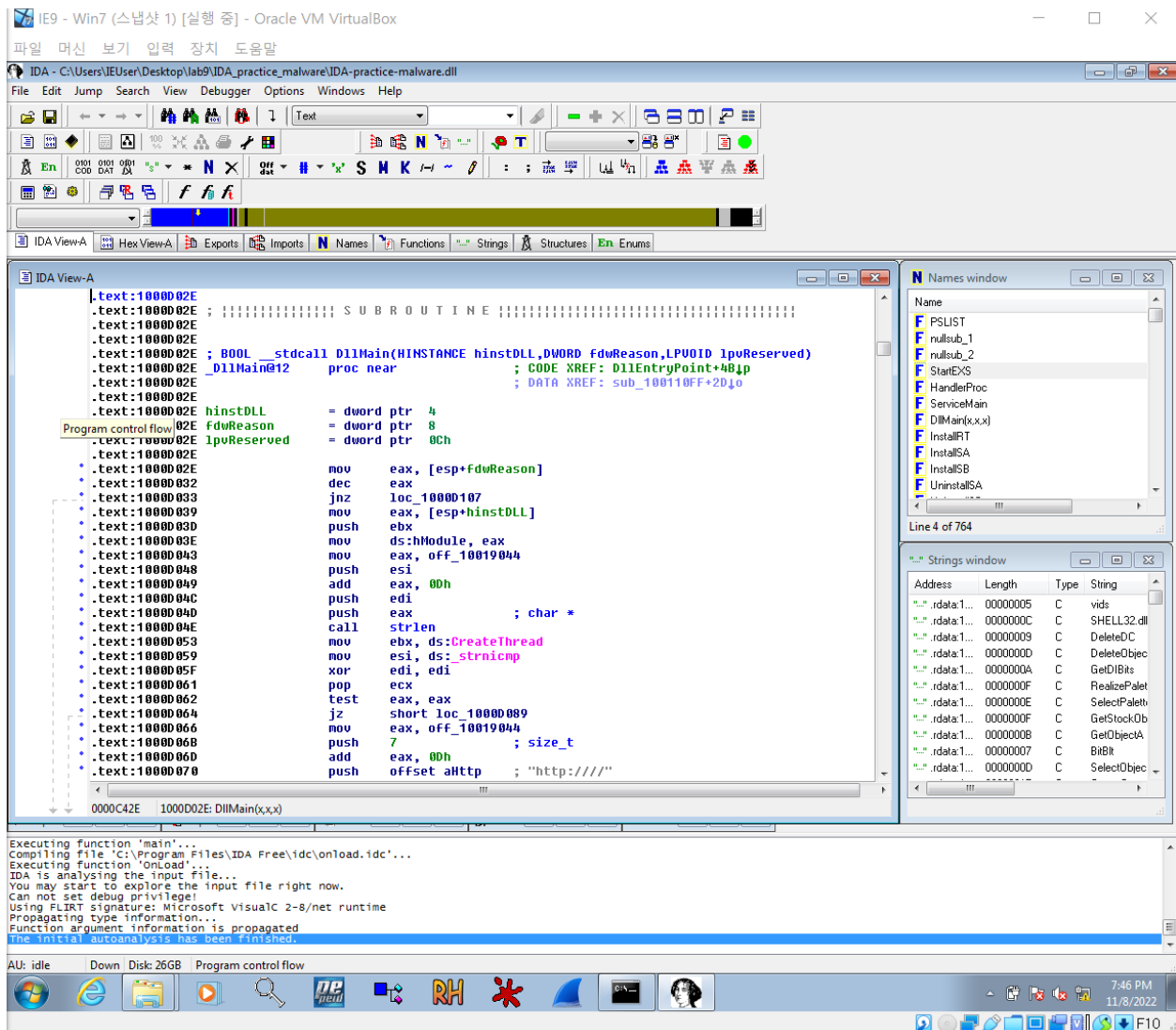
The initial autoanalysis has been finished.

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"Gethostbyname" is a [Windows API function](#) that can perform a DNS lookup. Switch to the "Imports" tab. Click the Name header to sort by name and find "gethostbyname". (Note that capital letters and lowercase letters sort into separate groups.)

Double-click gethostbyname.

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The code for the function opens in Text mode. Click `gethostbyname`. Yellow highlights appear on both occurrences of that name. Can you determine how many times this program is being called?

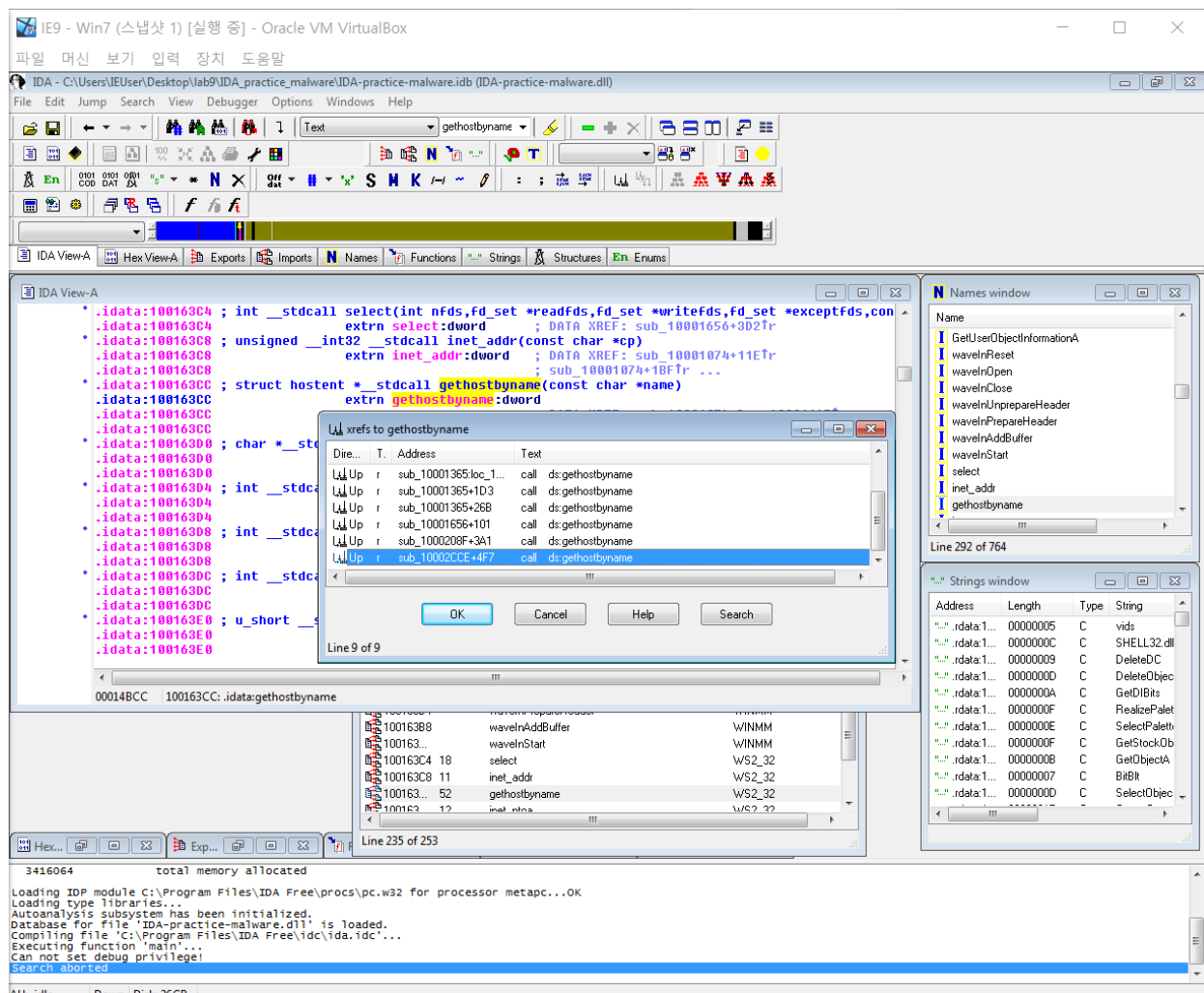
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The '`gethostbyname`' is called 9 times.

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How did you find your answer? If you didn't use xrefs (by pressing 'x'), try it now. Take a screenshot of the window.

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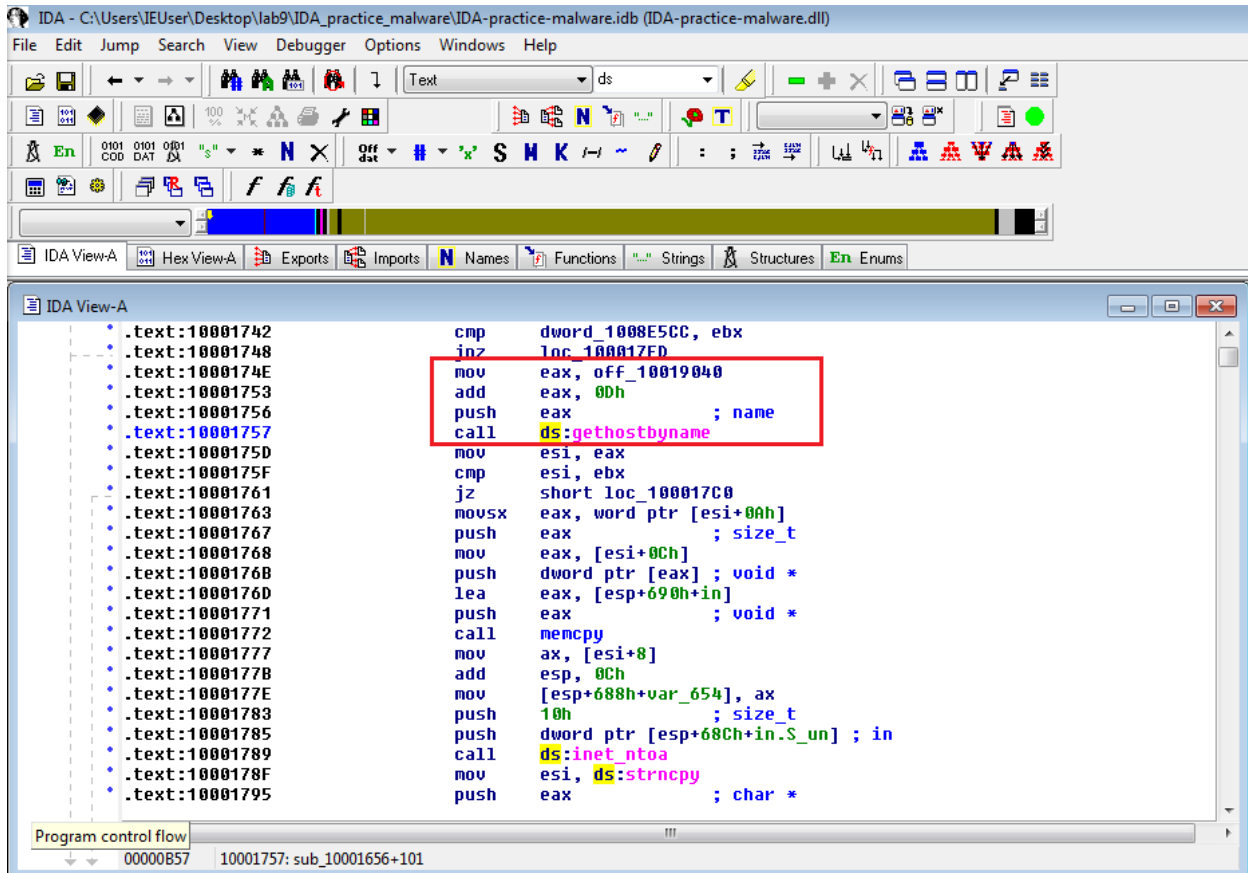


Double-click the line that has `1001656+101`.

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Now you are looking at a function. You can see that it loads an address named `off_10019040` into register `eax`, adds 13 to it, pushes that address onto the stack, and calls `gethostbyname`.

Take a screenshot of the function and make sure that the described operation is shown in your screenshot.

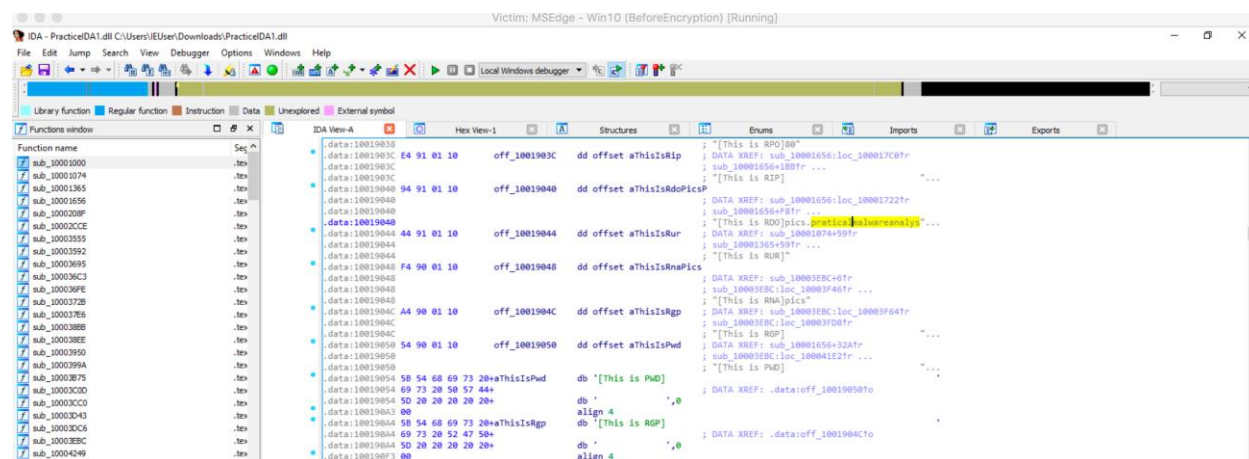


Double-click `off_10019040`.

The Text view shows that this location contains a pointer to a string containing "practicalmalwareanalys", as shown below.



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Choose "practicalmalwareanalysis" string, and click the "Hex View-A" tab.

The four bytes starting at 10019040 contain a 32-bit address in little-endian order. That address is 10019194. Find this address in the presented view, and report the domain name you found:

I found 'pics.practicalmalwareanalysis.com' at address '10019194'

This is the domain that will be resolved by calling gethostbyname. Do you understand why?

Open the Strings tab (View > Open subviews > Strings). Click the gray String column header to sort the data.

Scroll down about 3/4 of the way, and find the String "\\cmd.exe /c",

Double-click "\\cmd.exe /c", and now move to "IDA View-A" tab.

Take a screenshot of what you see.

```

IDA View-A
* xdoors_d:10095B10 ; void aExit
xdoors_d:10095B10 aExit db 'exit',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+38Df0
* xdoors_d:10095B15 align 4
* xdoors_d:10095B18 ; void aQuit
xdoors_d:10095B18 aQuit db 'quit',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+36Ff0
* xdoors_d:10095B1D align 10h
* xdoors_d:10095B20 ; char aCommand_exeC[]
xdoors_d:10095B20 aCommand_exeC db '\command.exe /c ',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58:loc_100101D7f0
* xdoors_d:10095B31 align 4
* xdoors_d:10095B34 aCmd_exeC db '\cmd.exe /c ',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+278f0
* xdoors_d:10095B41 align 4
* xdoors_d:10095B44 ; char aHiMasterDDDDDD[]
xdoors_d:10095B44 aHiMasterDDDDDD db 'Hi,Master [%d/%d/%d %d:%d:%d]',0Dh,0Ah ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+145f0
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'Welcome Back...Are You Enjoying Today?',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'Machine UpTime [%-.2d Days %-.2d Hours %-.2d Minutes %-.2d Secon'
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'ds]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'Machine IdleTime [%-.2d Days %-.2d Hours %-.2d Minutes %-.2d Seco'
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'nds]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 'Encrypt Magic Number For This Remote Shell Session [0x%02x]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095B44 db 0Dh,0Ah,0
xdoors_d:10095C5C ; char asc_10095C5C[]
xdoors_d:10095C5C asc_10095C5C: ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+48f0
xdoors_d:10095C5C ; sub_1000FF58+3E1f0
* xdoors_d:10095C5C dw 3Eh
xdoors_d:10095C5C unicode 0, <>,0
* xdoors_d:10095C60 align 200h
xdoors_d:10095C60 xdoors_d ends
xdoors_d:10095C60
xdoors_d:10095C60
xdoors_d:10095C60 end DllEntryPoint

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The string appears in text mode. Click in the word `cmd` so it's highlighted and press `x`. A "xrefs to aCmd\_exeC" box appears.

In the "xrefs to aCmd\_exeC" box, double-click sub\_1000FF58+278.

You see the code that uses this string. There are two boxes of code, one that starts a string with "cmd.exe -c" and the other that starts it with "command.exe /c".

Take a screenshot of what you see.

```

.text:100101B8      push     eax                ; lpBuffer
.text:100101BB      mov     [ebp+StartupInfo.dwFlags], 101h
.text:100101C2      call    ds:GetSystemDirectory
.text:100101C8      cmp     dword_1008E5C4, ebx
.text:100101CE      jz      short loc_100101D7
.text:100101D0      push    offset aCmd_exeC ; "\\cmd.exe /c "
.text:100101D5      jmp     short loc_100101DC

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loc_100101D7:      ; CODE XREF: sub_1000FF58+276↑j
.text:100101D7      push    offset aCommand_exeC ; "\\command.exe /c "
.text:100101D7      ;
.text:100101D7      loc_100101DC:      ; CODE XREF: sub_1000FF58+27D↑j
.text:100101DC      lea     eax, [ebp+CommandLine]
.text:100101DC      push    eax                ; char *
.text:100101E2      call    strcat
.text:100101E3      pop     ecx
.text:100101E8      lea     eax, [ebp+var_5C0]
.text:100101EF      pop     ecx
.text:100101F0      push    0FFh               ; size_t
.text:100101F5      push    ebx                ; int
.text:100101F6      push    eax                ; void *
.text:100101F7      call    memset
.text:100101FC      add     esp, 0Ch
.text:100101FF      loc_100101FF:      ; CODE XREF: sub_1000FF58+2FA↓j
.text:100101FF      xor     edi, edi
.text:10010201      loc_10010201:      ; CODE XREF: sub_1000FF58+303↓j
.text:10010201      push    ebx                ; flags
.text:10010201      lea     eax, [ebp+buf]
.text:10010202      push    1                  ; len
.text:10010205      push    eax                ; buf
.text:10010207      push    [ebp+s]            ; s

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This looks like a remote shell, executing commands from the botmaster for either a 32-bit or 16-bit system.

Drag the code boxes down to see the module containing "Hi, Master".

Hover the mouse over aHiMasterDDDDDD to see more of the referenced strings.

This looks like a message the bot sends to the botmaster, further confirming that this is a RAT (Remote Administration Tool / Remote Access Trojan).

Take a screenshot of what you see.

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```

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* xdoors_d:10095815 align 4
xdoors_d:10095818 ; void aQuit
xdoors_d:10095818 aQuit db 'quit',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+36Ff0
* xdoors_d:1009581D align 10h
* xdoors_d:10095820 ; char aCommand_exeC[]
xdoors_d:10095820 aCommand_exeC db '\command.exe /c ',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58:loc_100101D7f0
* xdoors_d:10095831 align 4
* xdoors_d:10095834 aCmd_exeC db '\cmd.exe /c ',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+278f0
* xdoors_d:10095841 align 4
* xdoors_d:10095844 ; char aHiMasterDDDDDD[]
xdoors_d:10095844 aHiMasterDDDDDD db 'Hi,Master [%d/%d/%d %d:%d:%d]',0Dh,0Ah
* xdoors_d:10095844 ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+145f0
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'WelCome Back...Are You Enjoying Today?',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'Machine UpTime [%-.2d Days %-.2d Hours %-.2d Minutes %-.2d Secon'
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'ds]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'Machine IdleTime [%-.2d Days %-.2d Hours %-.2d Minutes %-.2d Seco'
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'nds]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 'Encrypt Magic Number For This Remote Shell Session [0x%02x]',0Dh,0Ah
xdoors_d:10095844 db 0Dh,0Ah,0
xdoors_d:10095C5C ; char asc_10095C5C[]
xdoors_d:10095C5C asc_10095C5C: ; DATA XREF: sub_1000FF58+48f0
xdoors_d:10095C5C ; sub_1000FF58+3E1f0
* xdoors_d:10095C5C dw 3Eh
xdoors_d:10095C5C unicode 0, <>,0
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xdoors_d:10095C60 xdoors_d ends
xdoors_d:10095C60
xdoors_d:10095C60
xdoors_d:10095C60 end DllEntryPoint

```

## Part 3 - Check your understanding

The .dll you analyzed in Part 2 is Lab05-01.dll provided by the book. Go over the Lab questions on page 107, and try to answer them. The book provides answers, so you can verify you can check your answers as needed. This part is optional, and no submission is required.