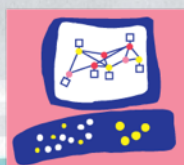
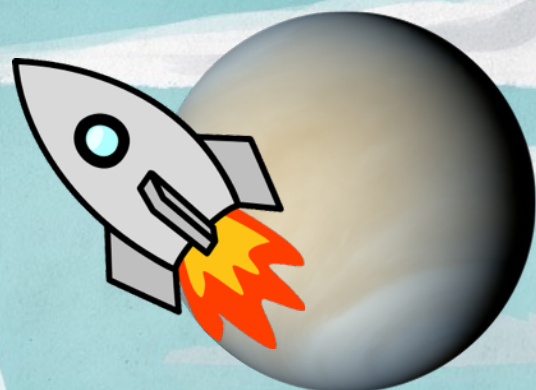


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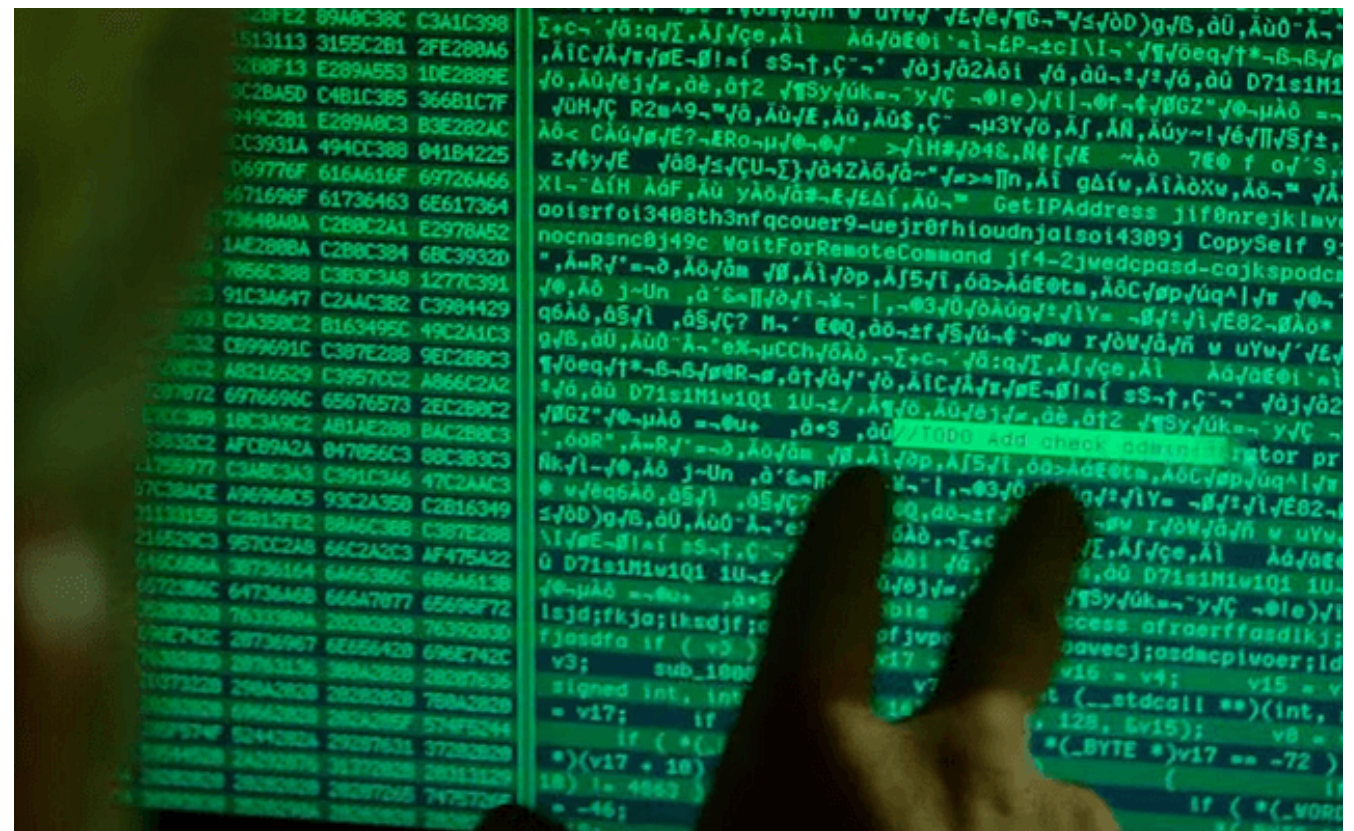


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# Who am I?

- ❖ Yaniv Balmas (@ynvb)
- ❖ Security Researcher @ Check Point Software Technologies
- ❖ Malware Research
- ❖ Vulnerability Research
- ❖ Spend most of my day staring at assembly code and binary files.



# What is the problem?

- ❖ Static analysis tools contain a lot of useful data about binary files.
- ❖ Dynamic analysis tools (e.g Debuggers) contain all execution flow related data.
- ❖ It seems trivial to bridge those two approaches.



“Well I wish you’d just tell me rather than try to engage my enthusiasm.”

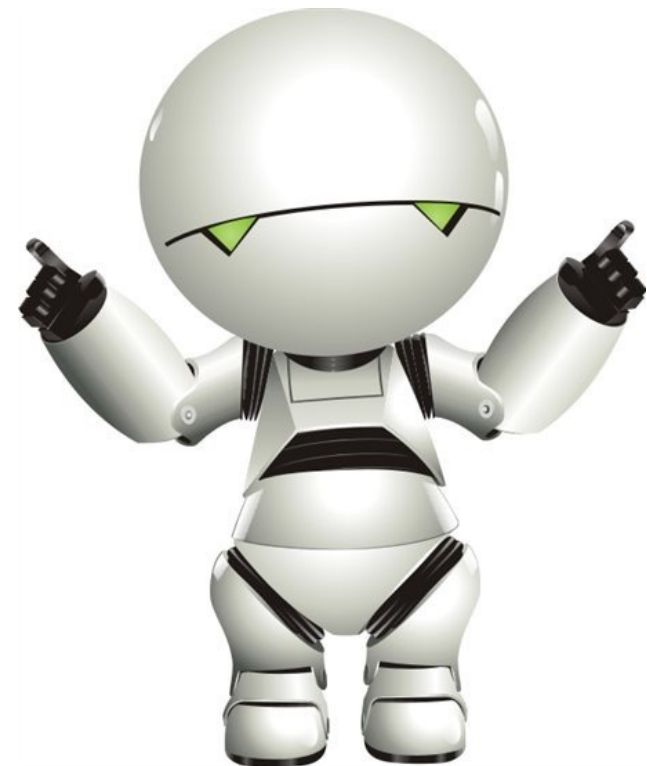
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# PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS



# IDA-Splode

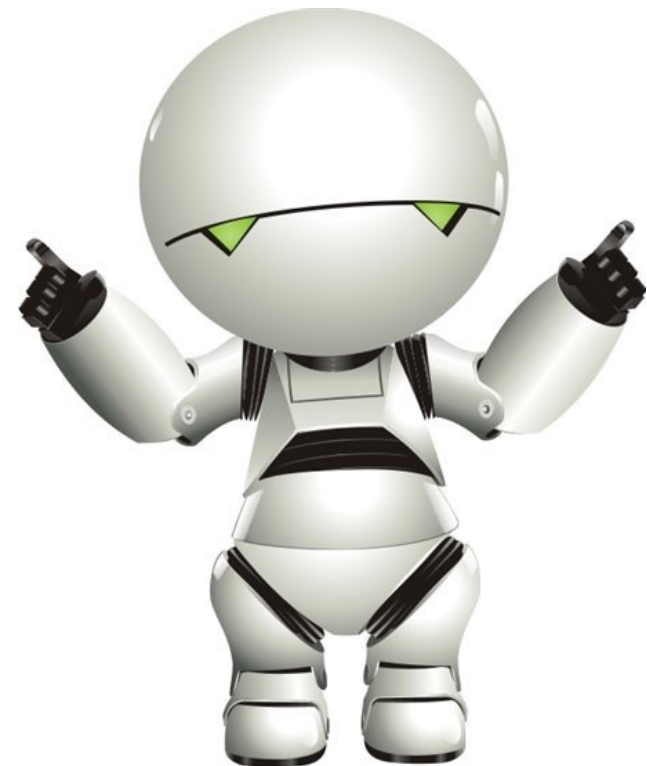
- ❖ 2014, Zach Riggle
- ❖ Uses Intel PIN framework
- ❖ Very extensive tracing
- ❖ Branch Statistics
- ❖ Data is stored as .IDB comments
- ❖ Only works on INTEL archs and is designed mainly for Windows.





# Funcap

- ❖ 2013, Andrzej Derezowski
- ❖ Uses IDA Debugging API
- ❖ Very intuitive solution
- ❖ Parses ASCII\Unicode string values
- ❖ New threads are not being followed
- ❖ Argument offsets are calculated “manually”



# What is missing?

- ❖ The extracted dynamic data is not indexed and searching through it can be a \*pain\*.
- ❖ Entry level for adding custom functionality is relatively high.

**NO REFERENCE TO VALUE TYPES!!**

**DON'T  
PANIC**

*( And Prepare to DIE... )*



# Howto DIE?

- ❖ DIE - “Dynamic IDA Enrichment”
- ❖ Collect context from function calls & returns only.
- ❖ Parse argument values and present them in a “Human Readable” format.
- ❖ Smart interaction between static & dynamic data.
- ❖ Use as much IDA-API Magic as possible.

# Implementation Challenges

- ❖ How can we query IDA for function argument types?
- ❖ Once we have the argument values, how do we parse them? which values should we parse?
- ❖ How do we parse complex data types? (structs, unions, pointers, etc)?

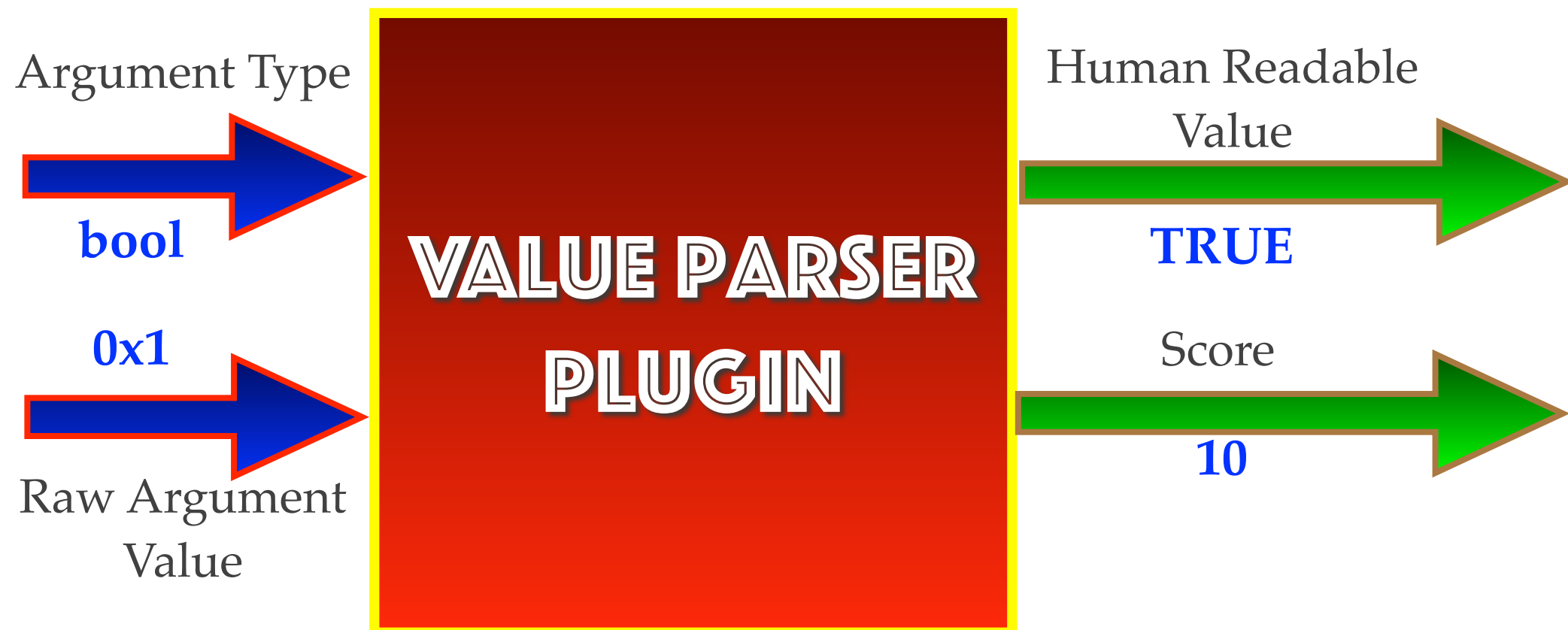
# Function Arguments

- ❖ After hours of fun reading IDA-API, it turns out there are some objects we can actually use.
- ❖ `tinfo_t` objects holds a ridiculous amount of information about data types.
- ❖ Digging even deeper into `tinfo_t` object reveals the `func_type_data_t`, `func_arg_t` and `arg_loc_t` objects which store everything we need to parse function arguments.



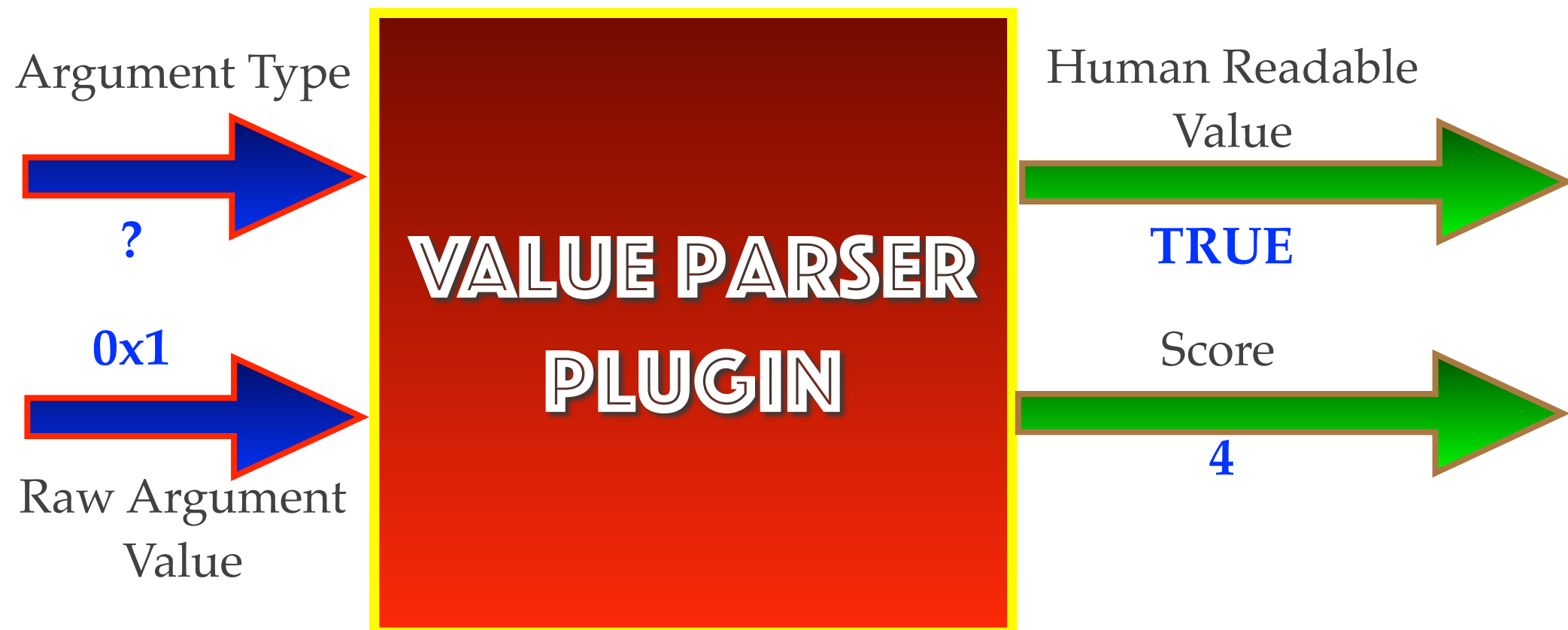
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# Complex Data Types

- ❖ What do we do when we encounter a complex data type?
- ❖ Simple. Break it up until we reach the simple types.

## STRUCTS \ UNIONS

```
udt = udt_idaapi.udt_type_data_t  
type_info.get_udt_details(udt)
```

## ARRAYS

```
arr = idaapi.array_type_data_t()  
type_info.get_array_details(arr)
```

## REFERENCES

```
type_info.get_pointed_object()
```



# D.I.E



CORE

VALUE PARSERS



DIE DB



IDA API

DISSASSEMBLER

DEBUGGER

```
__cdecl main (int argc, char **argv)
proc near
```

```
push    1
lea     eax, ds:string ; "Str1"
push    eax
call    func_1
add     esp, 8
lea     eax, ds:string ; "Str1"
push    eax
call    unknown
```

# D.I.E



CORE

VALUE PARSERS

"Str1"

DIE DB



0x1



IDA API

DISSASSEMBLER

DEBUGGER

```
; bool __cdecl func_1(char *a, int b)
```

```
proc near
```

CHAR \*a

int b

```
push    ebp
mov     esp, ebp
sub     esp, 0C0h
mov     eax, [ebp+name]
push    eax
call    _strcmp
ret
```



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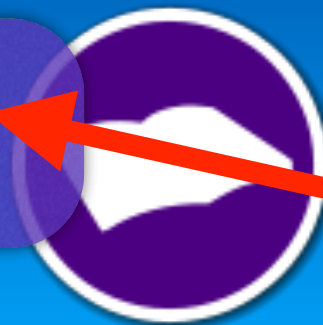
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__cdecl main (int argc, char **argv)  
proc near
```

```
push    1  
lea     eax, ds:string ; "Str1"  
push    eax
```

```
● call   func_1
```

```
add     esp, 8  
lea     bool eax, ds:string ; "Str1"
```

```
push    eax
```

```
● call   unknown
```





# D.I.E



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VALUE PARSERS



"Str1"

0x401234

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IDA API

DISSASSEMBLER

DEBUGGER

```
; int __cdecl unknown(int)
```

```
proc near
```

int

```
push ebp
```

```
mov esp, ebp
```

```
sub esp, 0C0h
```

```
mov ebx, edx
```

```
mov [ebp+var_4], ecx
```

```
push esi
```

```
xor esi, esi
```

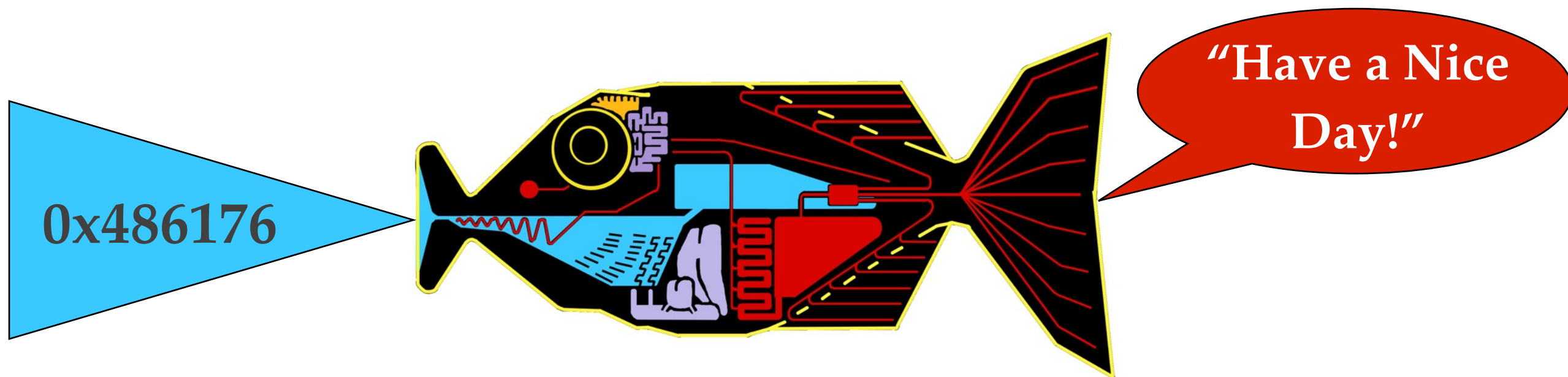
```
cmp ebx, esi
```

```
jle loc_XXXXXX
```

```
ret
```



# VALUE PARSERS



# Simple Value Parsers

## STRING PARSER

Uses `idc.GetString` to parse ASCII, Unicode, Pascal and other strings

## BOOL PARSER

Returns `TRUE` for `0x1` and `FALSE` for `0x0`. (Duh!)

## FUNCTION PARSER

Returns the referenced function name.

## MODULE PARSER

Returns the referenced module name.



# Advanced Parser – Handles

- ❖ Works on Windows systems with local debugger (currently).
- ❖ Uses DuplicateHandle() to duplicate the handle associated with the raw value from the current running process.
- ❖ Uses NtQueryObject() on the local handle to retrieve the handles details.
- ❖ Returns the handle name and type.

# Advanced Parser – STD String

```
0:000:x86> dt str1a+4 std::_String_val<std::_Simple_types<char> >::_Bxty
BasicString!std::_String_val<std::_Simple_types<char> >::_Bxty
+0x000 _Buf          : [16] "Hello "
+0x000 _Ptr          : 0x6c6c6548 "--- memory read error at address 0x6c6c6548 ---"
+0x000 _Alias        : [16] "Hello "
0:000:x86>
0:000:x86>
0:000:x86>
0:000:x86> dt test+4 std::_String_val<std::_Simple_types<char> >::_Bxty
BasicString!std::_String_val<std::_Simple_types<char> >::_Bxty
+0x000 _Buf          : [16] "P???"
+0x000 _Ptr          : 0x00669d50 "I am the king of the world!!!"
+0x000 _Alias        : [16] "P???"
```

- ❖ Great example of an ad-hoc parser.
- ❖ Check if the value pointed by offset 4 of raw address is either a string or references a string.
- ❖ Also, make sure raw value is not a string.

# DEMO TIME



“Demos, don't talk to me  
about demos...”

*-Marvin*

# Bypass Password Protection

[Watch The DEMO](#)

## YOUR ORDERS:

Assigned By:



Agent M

### Target Application:

ATEN Firmware Upgrade Utility

### Mission:

Bypass password protection

**Quickly!**



# Defeat C++ Code

## YOUR ORDERS:

[Watch The DEMO](#)

Assigned By:



Agent M

### Target Application:

7zip cli (32-bit version)

### Mission:

Get a complete code analysis

**Quickly!**

# String De-Obfuscation

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## YOUR ORDERS:

Assigned By:



Agent M

### Target Application:

Explosive Trojan

### Mission:

Find the string de-obfuscation  
function

**Quickly!**

# #TODO

- ❖ Thunk Functions
- ❖ Complex function parsers
- ❖ Better GUI
- ❖ (Much) Better DB
- ❖ Solve (very) dramatic crashes



# Looks cool, Can I have it?

- ❖ Yes.
- ❖ DIE is an open source tool.
- ❖ <https://github.com/ynvb/DIE>
- ❖ If you like it, contribute.



# SARK

IDA Python Made Easy

- Simple
- Intuitive
- Object Oriented API



- Docs: [sark.rtf.d.org](http://sark.rtf.d.org)
- Code: [github.com / tmr232 / sark](https://github.com/tmr232/sark)
- Written by Tamir Bahar @tmr232



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