

Reverse engineering challenge

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I wrote a C++ code. The code takes one integer and a string.

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

bool checkPass(string myString) {
    if (myString.length() != 32) {
        return false;
    }
    unsigned char buffer[32];
    std::copy(myString.begin(), myString.end(), buffer);

    int x[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 };

    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        x[i] = (buffer[i * 4] << 24) | (buffer[i * 4 + 1] << 16) | (buffer[i * 4 + 2] <<
8) | (buffer[i * 4 + 3]);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        cout << x[i] << "\n";
    }
    cout << "\n";
    bool y[8] = { (x[0] == 1751478885), (x[1] == 1598649439), (x[2] == 1769154085), (x[3] ==
1601777712), (x[4] == 1970429803), (x[5] == 1702453108), (x[6] == 1868527153), (x[7] ==
859189802) };
    return y[0] & y[1] & y[2] & y[3] & y[4] & y[5] & y[6] & y[7];

    cout << "HeyHey\n";

    return false;
}

int main() {

    int room_number;
    cout << "Hello My Friend\n";
    cout << "What's Your Room Number:\n";
    cin >> room_number;

    if ((room_number/84 + 5 > 22) || (room_number/84 + 5 < 20)) {
        cout << "See you later.\n";
    }
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        return 0;
    }
    string phrase;
    cout << "Say the phrase:\n ";
    cin >> phrase;

    if (checkPass(phrase)) {
        cout << "Welcome TO Your Vault\n";
    }
    else {
        cout << "Goodbye\n";
    }

    return 0;
}

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The integer should be in a given range. The string is scrambled, and each 4 character of the string is converted to an integer and compared with a given value.

I build the project.

The binary file can be opened in Ghidra. It is not difficult to know the input types and the range for the integer. For the string, a python script can show the output.

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x =[0] * 8
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x[0] = 1751478885
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x[1] = 1598649439
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x[2] = 1769154085
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x[3] = 1601777712
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x[4] = 1970429803
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x[5] = 1702453108
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x[6] = 1868527153
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x[7] = 859189802
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ch = [None] * 4
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buffer = ""
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for i in range(0,8):
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    tmp = str(bin(x[i]))[2:].zfill(32))
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    ch[0] = chr(int(hex(int(tmp[:8], 2)), 16))
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    ch[1] = chr(int(hex(int(tmp[8:16], 2)), 16))
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ch[2] = chr(int(hex(int(tmp[16:24], 2)), 16))
ch[3] = chr(int(hex(int(tmp[24:32], 2)), 16))
buffer += ch[0] + ch[1] + ch[2] + ch[3]

print(buffer)
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The flag is here_It_is&_%_y00ur_key_to_v1362*.

For making more complicated, the code for scrambling can be stored within the binary, obfuscated. There should be a reference to some data label in whatever decompiler you are using. In other words, there should be a reference to a long block of data that gets put into memory (using a cousin of alloc), de-obfuscated, and then ran as code using the pointer to where the data was put into memory.