

Overview

Everything compiled using **.NET Runtime 8.0.10 with SDK 8.0.403 (C#)**

Players can figure this out through this string in the binary:

.rdata:00007...	00000006	C	\nen-US
.rdata:00007...	00000017	C	*Microsoft Corporationi
.rdata:00007...	0000002C	C	Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
.rdata:00007...	00000048	C	8.0.1024.46610^8.0.10+81cabf2857a01351e5ab578947c7403a5b128ad1 Microsoft
.rdata:00007...	00000005	C	.NET
.rdata:00007...	0000002F	C	RepositoryUrlBhttps://github.com/dotnet/runtime
.rdata:00007...	0000000B	C	PreferInbox

Simple flag checker with Attack on titan references

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Java
using System;
using System.Security.Cryptography;
using System.Text;
using System.Linq;

namespace AOT
{
    class Program
    {
        // Hardcoded AES key and IV
        // Encrypted and XORed flag stored as a global variable
        static readonly byte[] encryptedFlag = new byte[]
        {
            0x9b, 0x36, 0xc0, 0xc3, 0x0a, 0x8f, 0xc1, 0xb5, 0xc1, 0xa8, 0x00, 0xdc, 0x75, 0x04, 0xb2, 0x6a, 0x9c, 0x4c, 0x40, 0x51, 0x
            2a, 0x05, 0xee, 0x32, 0xca, 0xc6, 0xdc, 0xe9, 0x0e, 0xe7, 0xf5, 0x95, 0xb1, 0x5d, 0x5c, 0x6f, 0xdf, 0x8e, 0xbf, 0x10, 0x1d
            , 0xfb, 0x3c, 0x79, 0x88, 0x2f, 0x83, 0x26, 0x2e, 0x34, 0xee, 0xc2, 0x11, 0x06, 0xe6, 0x78, 0x85, 0x60, 0x1b, 0x2c, 0xc2, 0
            xd8, 0x0e, 0x7a, 0x6c, 0xb8, 0x21, 0xad, 0x04, 0xa4, 0xc8, 0x58, 0x41, 0xf7, 0x7c, 0x03, 0x28, 0xab, 0x08, 0x64
        };

        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Enter the flag:");
            string userFlag = Console.ReadLine();

            // Process the user's input and compare to encryptedFlag
            if (CompareFlag(userFlag))
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Correct flag!");
            }
            else
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Incorrect flag.");
            }
        }

        static byte[] EncryptAndXorFlag(string flag)
        {

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        // Encrypt the flag with AES
        byte[] encryptedFlag = EncryptFlag(flag);

        byte[] xorPattern = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes("AttackOnTitan");

        // XOR the encrypted data with the repeating "AttackOnTitan" pattern
        for (int i = 0; i < encryptedFlag.Length; i++)
        {
            encryptedFlag[i] ^= xorPattern[i % xorPattern.Length];
        }

        return encryptedFlag;
    }

    static byte[] EncryptFlag(string flag)
    {
        using Aes aes = Aes.Create();
        aes.Key = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes("TheWorldIsCruelAndMerciless.....");
        aes.IV = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes("ButAlsoBeautiful");

        ICryptoTransform encryptor = aes.CreateEncryptor(aes.Key, aes.IV);

        using var msEncrypt = new System.IO.MemoryStream();
        using (var csEncrypt = new CryptoStream(msEncrypt, encryptor, CryptoStreamMode.Write))
        using (var swEncrypt = new System.IO.StreamWriter(csEncrypt))
        {
            swEncrypt.Write(flag);
            swEncrypt.Flush();
        }

        return msEncrypt.ToArray();
    }

    static bool CompareFlag(string userFlag)
    {
        byte[] userEncrypted = EncryptAndXorFlag(userFlag);

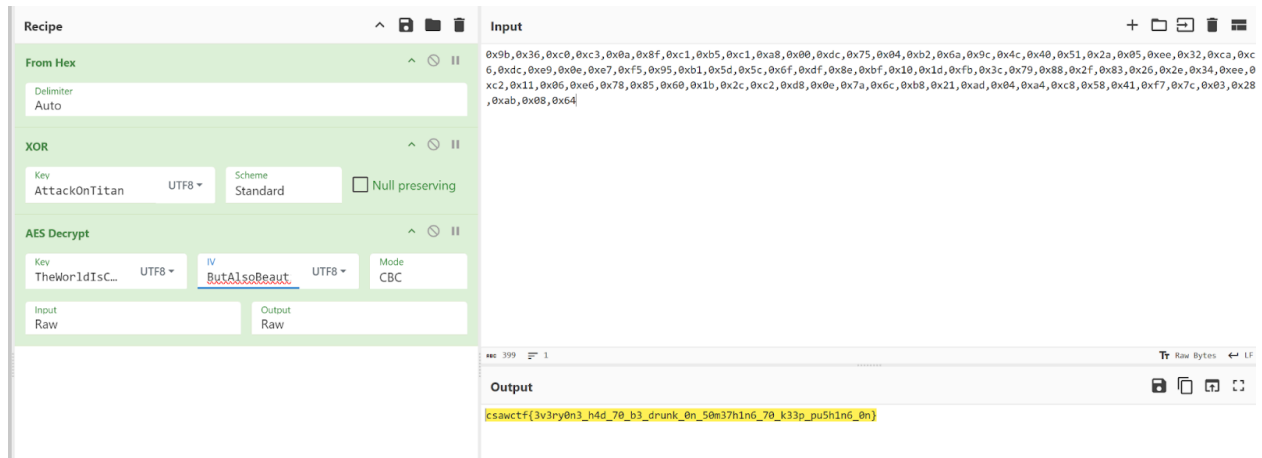
        // Compare each byte in the arrays
        if (userEncrypted.Length != encryptedFlag.Length)
            return false;

        for (int i = 0; i < userEncrypted.Length; i++)
        {
            if (userEncrypted[i] != encryptedFlag[i])
                return false;
        }

        return true;
    }
}

```

Summary of the challenge: The encrypted flag was encrypted using AES with hardcoded key "TheWorldIsCruelAndMerciless....." and IV "ButAlsoBeautiful" , then XORed with "AttackOnTitan". So, it can literally be solved with Cyberchef with the reverse of the operation:



The gist here is that it is **difficult** to know what is happening in the binary without debugging symbols.

Compiled using AOT

```
<Project Sdk="Microsoft.NET.Sdk">

  <PropertyGroup>
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>
    <TargetFramework>net8.0</TargetFramework>
    <PublishAot>true</PublishAot>
    <RuntimeIdentifier>win-x64</RuntimeIdentifier>
  </PropertyGroup>

</Project>
```

```
PS C:\Users\JiaYuChan\source\repos\AOTtest > dotnet publish -c Release -r win-x64 --self-contained
>>
Determining projects to restore...
Restored C:\Users\JiaYuChan\source\repos\AOTtest\AOTtest\AOTtest.csproj (in 372 ms).
AOTtest -> C:\Users\JiaYuChan\source\repos\AOTtest\AOTtest\bin\Release\net8.0\win-x64\AOTtest.dll
```

IDA does not recognize any .NET library functions at all, making static analysis really hard at this point.

```

2  {
3  int64 v4; // rax
4  int64 v5; // rax
5  int64 v6; // rcx
6  int64 v7; // rax
7  unsigned int v8; // ebx
8  int64 v10[4]; // [rsp+28h] [rbp-20h] BYREF
9
10 v10[0] = 0LL;
11 v10[1] = 0LL;
12 sub_140005E50(v10);
13 v4 = sub_1400027F0(&unk_14012B250);
14 *(_DWORD *) (v4 + 72) = -2146233088;
15 *(_QWORD *) (v4 + 8) = 0LL;
16 *(_DWORD *) (v4 + 72) = -2146233087;
17 *(_DWORD *) (v4 + 72) = -2147024882;
18 sub_140002A00(qword_1401E64B0 + 8, v4);
19 sub_1400C15A0();
20 sub_1400D77E0();
21 v5 = sub_1400027F0(&unk_140135680);
22 sub_140002A00(qword_1401E6750 + 24, v5);
23 sub_1400D5E20();
24 sub_1400CBCA0(a1, a2);
25 qword_1401E7B08 = sub_1400CC200(&unk_1401568C0);
26 v6 = *(_QWORD *) (sub_140001DA0() + 80);
27 if ( !v6 )
28     v6 = sub_14009B590();
29 sub_14009CAE0(v6, 1LL, 1LL);
30 sub_1400CB8E0();
31 v7 = sub_1400CBD50();
32 sub_140073030(v7);
33 sub_14009BE00();
34 sub_140077F20();
35 if ( *(_QWORD *) &unk_1401266D0 - 1 )
36     sub_14000101D();
37 v8 = unk_1401266D0;
38 sub_140005FB0(v10);
39 return v8;
40 }

```

We can follow this guide to help with analysis:

<https://harfanglab.io/insidethelab/reverse-engineering-ida-pro-aot-net/>

Basically, what we can do is generate our own IDA FLIRT signature file for IDA to recognize library functions through writing a program which implements as many dummy library functions as possible. We want to cover as many as we can, with the most important being Crypto functions, especially AES functions. We can give a hint to users saying Crypto libraries are used.

Java

```

using System.Net;
using System.Text;
using System.Security.Cryptography;
using System.IO.Compression;
using System.Text.RegularExpressions;
using System.Xml.Linq;
using System.Text.Json;
using System.Net.Http;
using System.IO;
using System.Linq;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System;

```

```
class Program
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```

{
    static readonly HttpClient client = new HttpClient();

    static void Main()
    {
        // String manipulation
        string exampleString = "Hello World";
        string lowerString = exampleString.ToLower();
        string upperString = exampleString.ToUpper();
        string trimmedString = exampleString.Trim();
        bool containsHello = exampleString.Contains("Hello");
        string replacedString = exampleString.Replace("World", "Universe");

        // File operations
        string filePath = @"temp.txt";
        File.WriteAllText(filePath, exampleString);
        string readFile = File.ReadAllText(filePath);

        // Networking
        WebClient webClient = new WebClient();
        byte[] data = webClient.DownloadData("http://example.com");

        // Encoding
        string encodedString = System.Convert.ToBase64String(Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(exampleString));
        byte[] decodedBytes = System.Convert.FromBase64String(encodedString);
        string decodedString = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(decodedBytes);

        // LINQ and Collections
        System.Collections.Generic.List<int> numbers = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
        int maxNumber = numbers.Max();
        int minNumber = numbers.Min();
        IEnumerable<int> sortedNumbers = numbers.OrderBy(n => n);

        // Math operations
        double squareRoot = Math.Sqrt(25);
        double power = Math.Pow(2, 3);
        double absoluteValue = Math.Abs(-10.5);

        // Additional Networking Functions
        string url = "http://example.com";
        HttpRequest request = (HttpRequest)WebRequest.Create(url);
        HttpResponse response = (HttpResponse)request.GetResponse();
        Stream responseStream = response.GetResponseStream();
        StreamReader reader = new StreamReader(responseStream);
        string responseText = reader.ReadToEnd();

        // Cryptographic Functions
        // Simple MD5 hash
        using (MD5 md5 = MD5.Create())
        {
            byte[] inputBytes = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes("Hello World");
            byte[] hashBytes = md5.ComputeHash(inputBytes);
            string hash = BitConverter.ToString(hashBytes).Replace("-", "").ToLowerInvariant();
        }

        // RSA Encryption and Decryption
        string original = "Hello World!";
    }
}

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using (RSACryptoServiceProvider rsa = new RSACryptoServiceProvider())
{
    byte[] encryptedData = rsa.Encrypt(Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(original), true);
    byte[] decryptedData = rsa.Decrypt(encryptedData, true);
}

// AES Encryption and Decryption
string aesKey = "0123456789abcdef"; // 16-byte key for AES-128
string aesIv = "abcdef9876543210"; // 16-byte IV for AES-128
string plaintext = "This is a secret message";

string encryptedAes = EncryptAES(plaintext, aesKey, aesIv);
string decryptedAes = DecryptAES(encryptedAes, aesKey, aesIv);

Console.WriteLine($"Encrypted AES Text: {encryptedAes}");
Console.WriteLine($"Decrypted AES Text: {decryptedAes}");

// XML Parsing
string xmlString = "<root><element>Value</element></root>";
XDocument doc = XDocument.Parse(xmlString);
string elementValue = doc.Root.Element("element").Value;

// Json parsing
string jsonString = "{\"name\":\"John Doe\",\"age\":30}";
using (JsonDocument json_doc = JsonDocument.Parse(jsonString))
{
    JsonElement root = json_doc.RootElement;
    string name = root.GetProperty("name").GetString();
    int age = root.GetProperty("age").GetInt32();
    Console.WriteLine($"Name: {name}, Age: {age}");
}

// Regular Expressions
string data2 = "Example 123";
Match match = Regex.Match(data2, @"\d+");
string matchedNumber = match.Value;

// File Compression
string startPath = ".";
string zipPath = "output.zip";
ZipFile.CreateFromDirectory(startPath, zipPath);

// Environment Information
string osVersion = Environment.OSVersion.ToString();
int processorCount = Environment.ProcessorCount;

// Clean up
File.Delete(filePath);
}

// AES Encryption
private static string EncryptAES(string text, string key, string iv)
{
    using (Aes aesAlg = Aes.Create())
    {
        aesAlg.Key = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(key);
        aesAlg.IV = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(iv);
    }
}

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        ICryptoTransform encryptor = aesAlg.CreateEncryptor(aesAlg.Key, aesAlg.IV);

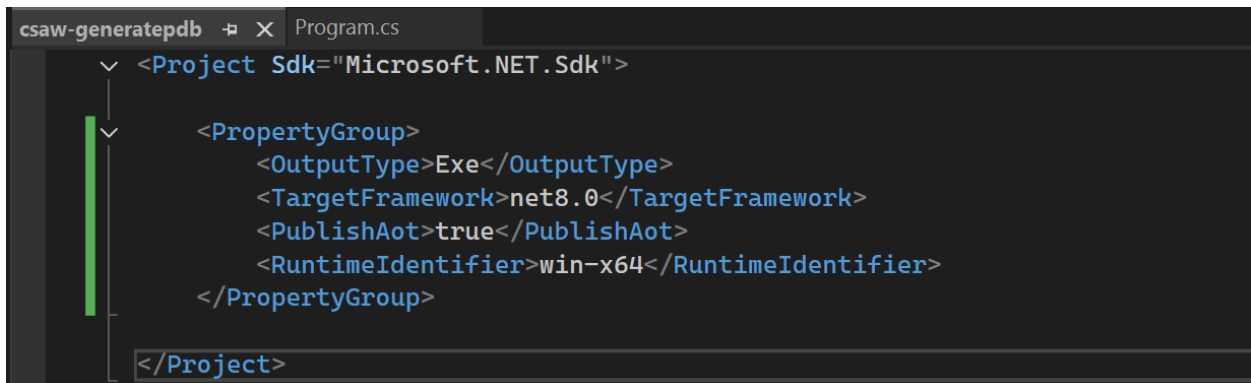
        using (MemoryStream msEncrypt = new MemoryStream())
        {
            using (CryptoStream csEncrypt = new CryptoStream(msEncrypt, encryptor,
                CryptoStreamMode.Write))
            {
                using (StreamWriter swEncrypt = new StreamWriter(csEncrypt))
                {
                    swEncrypt.Write(text);
                }
            }
            return Convert.ToBase64String(msEncrypt.ToArray());
        }
    }
}

// AES Decryption
private static string DecryptAES(string cipherText, string key, string iv)
{
    using (Aes aesAlg = Aes.Create())
    {
        aesAlg.Key = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(key);
        aesAlg.IV = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(iv);
        ICryptoTransform decryptor = aesAlg.CreateDecryptor(aesAlg.Key, aesAlg.IV);

        using (MemoryStream msDecrypt = new MemoryStream(Convert.FromBase64String(cipherText)))
        {
            using (CryptoStream csDecrypt = new CryptoStream(msDecrypt, decryptor,
                CryptoStreamMode.Read))
            {
                using (StreamReader srDecrypt = new StreamReader(csDecrypt))
                {
                    return srDecrypt.ReadToEnd();
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

Then, compile it into an AOT standalone binary:



```

csaw-generatepdb  X Program.cs
<Project Sdk="Microsoft.NET.Sdk">
  <PropertyGroup>
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>
    <TargetFramework>net8.0</TargetFramework>
    <PublishAot>true</PublishAot>
    <RuntimeIdentifier>win-x64</RuntimeIdentifier>
  </PropertyGroup>
</Project>

```

```

FLARE-VM 11/04/2024 21:24:46
PS C:\Users\JiaYuChan\source\repos\csaw-generatepdb > dotnet publish -c Release -r win-x64 --self-contained true /p:PublishAot=true
>>
Determining projects to restore...
All projects are up-to-date for restore.

```

This won't cover everything, but sufficient to move forward.

Then, load both the resulting EXE and PDB file into IDA, and once analysis finishes, run the `idb2pat.py` (<https://github.com/mandiant/flare-ida/blob/master/python/flare/idb2pat.py>) script in IDA to generate a PAT file. Then run `sigmake` on the PAT file and resolve any signature collisions (I am not sure if IDA free comes packaged with `flair83` utils, might need IDA Pro for that). Workflow will be different with Ghidra and BN. For those who says its pay2win, well, either pirate or drop the chal mate

After applying the signature file, we can start to see some AES functions. This particular subroutine (file offset 0x71710) takes in the user input and encrypts it using AES.

```

11  __int64 v10; // rdi
12  __int64 v11; // rbx
13
14  v2 = RhpNewFast(&unk_1401359D0);
15  System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_Aes___ctor(v2);
16  if ( (*qword_140126960 - 1) )
17      sub_1400017AC();
18  v3 = qword_1401E6678;
19  Bytes = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(
20      *(_QWORD *) (qword_1401E6678 + 8),
21      &unk_14011FFE8);
22  (*(void (__fastcall *))(__int64, __int64))(*(_QWORD *)v2 + 88LL)(v2, Bytes);
23  v5 = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(*(_QWORD *) (v3 + 8), &unk_1401159D0);
24  (*(void (__fastcall *))(__int64, __int64))(*(_QWORD *)v2 + 72LL)(v2, v5);
25  v6 = (*(__int64 (__fastcall *))(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v2 + 80LL)(v2);
26  v7 = (*(__int64 (__fastcall *))(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v2 + 64LL)(v2);
27  LODWORD(v6) = System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_AesImplementation_CreateEncryptor_0(
28      v2,
29      v6,
30      v7);
31
32  v8 = RhpNewFast(&unk_14012F898);
33  S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_MemoryStream___ctor_0(v8, 0LL);
34  v9 = RhpNewFast(&unk_140135880);
35  System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_CryptoStream___ctor_0(v9, v8, v6, 1, 0);
36  v10 = RhpNewFast(&unk_14012F8B0);
37  if ( (*qword_140126998 - 1) )
38      sub_14000180C();
39  S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter___ctor_2(v10, v9, *(_QWORD *) (qword_1401E6690 + 8), 1024, 0);
40  S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter_Write_3(v10, a1);
41  if ( (*(_DWORD *) (*(_QWORD *) (v10 + 72) + 52LL) & 0x16000000) == 0 )
42      sub_1400BB260();
43  sub_1400BB5A0(v10, 1LL, 1LL);
44  unk_140128110(v10);
45  unk_140128110(v9);
46  v11 = S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_MemoryStream_ToArray(v8);
47  unk_140128110(v8);
48  unk_140128110(v2);
49  return v11;

```

It's not obvious but when you think about AES, it uses a key and an IV to create an Encryptor object. The hardcoded key and IV are in the .hydrated section of the program (AOT feature), and will only be populated during runtime. So, running the program and breaking in the middle of the program, when we inspect the second argument to the UTF-8 GetBytes functions, we can see the Key and the IV in memory respectively.

Key:

hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF3	db 0	4	__int64 v3; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF4	db 54h; T	5	__int64 Bytes; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF5	db 0	6	__int64 v5; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF6	db 68h; h	7	__int64 v6; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF7	db 0	8	__int64 v7; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF8	db 65h; e	9	_QWORD *v8; // r14
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFF9	db 0	10	_QWORD *v9; // r15
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFA	db 57h; W	11	_QWORD *v10; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFB	db 0	12	__int64 v11; // rbx
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFC	db 6Fh; o	13	
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFD	db 0	14	v2 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F8459D0);
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFE	db 72h; r	15	System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_Aes____ctor(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F82FFFF	db 0	16	if (*(&qword_7FF73F836960 - 1))
hydrated:00007FF73F830000	db 6Ch; l	17	sub_7FF73F7117AC();
hydrated:00007FF73F830001	db 0	18	v3 = qword_7FF73F8F6678;
hydrated:00007FF73F830002	db 64h; d	19	Bytes = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(
hydrated:00007FF73F830003	db 0	20	*(_QWORD *)(&qword_7FF73F8F6678 + 8),
hydrated:00007FF73F830004	db 49h; I	21	&off_7FF73F82FFFE);
hydrated:00007FF73F830005	db 0	22	(*(&unk_7FF73F82FFFE) * __int64)(v2 + 88LL)(v2, Bytes);
hydrated:00007FF73F830006	db 73h; s	23	v5 = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(*(_QWORD *)(&v3 + 8), &off_7FF73F8259D0);
hydrated:00007FF73F830007	db 0	24	(*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 72LL)(v2, v5);
hydrated:00007FF73F830008	db 43h; C	25	v6 = (*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 80LL)(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F830009	db 0	26	v7 = (*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 64LL)(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F83000A	db 72h; r	27	LODWORD(v6) = System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_AesImplementation_CreateEncryptor_0(
hydrated:00007FF73F83000B	db 0	28	v2,
hydrated:00007FF73F83000C	db 75h; u	29	v6,
hydrated:00007FF73F83000D	db 0	30	v7);
hydrated:00007FF73F83000E	db 65h; e	31	v8 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F898);
hydrated:00007FF73F83000F	db 0	32	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_MemoryStream____ctor(v8, 0LL);
hydrated:00007FF73F830010	db 6Ch; l	33	v9 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F898);
hydrated:00007FF73F830011	db 0	34	System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_CryptoStream____ctor_0((__DWORD)v9, (__DWORD)v8, v6, 1, 0
hydrated:00007FF73F830012	db 41h; A	35	v10 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F8B0);
hydrated:00007FF73F830013	db 0	36	if (*(&qword_7FF73F836998 - 1))
hydrated:00007FF73F830014	db 6Eh; n	37	sub_7FF73F71180C();
hydrated:00007FF73F830015	db 0	38	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter____ctor_2((__DWORD)v10, (__DWORD)v9, *(_QWORD *)(&qword_7FF73F8F6690 + 8), 1024,
hydrated:00007FF73F830016	db 64h; d	39	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter_Write_3(v10, a1);
hydrated:00007FF73F830017	db 0	40	if ((*(_DWORD *)(&v10[9] + 52LL) & 0x16000000) == 0)
hydrated:00007FF73F830018	db 40h; M	41	sub_7FF73F7C8260();
hydrated:00007FF73F830019	db 0	42	sub_7FF73F7C85A0((__int64)v10, 1u, 1u);
hydrated:00007FF73F83001A	db 65h; e	43	unk_7FF73F838110(v10);
hydrated:00007FF73F83001B	db 0		unk_7FF73F838110(v9);

IV:

hydrated:00007FF73F8259CF	db 0	4	__int64 v3; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D0	off_7FF73F8259D0 dq offset unk_7FF	5	__int64 Bytes; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D1	db 10h	6	__int64 v5; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D2	db 0	7	__int64 v6; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D3	db 0	8	__int64 v7; // rax
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D4	db 0	9	_QWORD *v8; // r14
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D5	db 0	10	_QWORD *v9; // r15
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D6	db 42h; B	11	_QWORD *v10; // rdi
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D7	db 0	12	__int64 v11; // rbx
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D8	db 75h; u	13	
hydrated:00007FF73F8259D9	db 0	14	v2 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F8459D0);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DA	db 74h; t	15	System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_Aes____ctor(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DB	db 0	16	if (*(&qword_7FF73F836960 - 1))
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DC	db 41h; A	17	sub_7FF73F7117AC();
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DD	db 0	18	v3 = qword_7FF73F8F6678;
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DE	db 6Ch; l	19	Bytes = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(
hydrated:00007FF73F8259DF	db 0	20	*(_QWORD *)(&qword_7FF73F8F6678 + 8),
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E0	db 73h; s	21	&off_7FF73F82FFFE);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E1	db 0	22	(*(&unk_7FF73F82FFFE) * __int64)(v2 + 88LL)(v2, Bytes);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E2	db 6Fh; o	23	v5 = S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed_GetBytes(*(_QWORD *)(&v3 + 8), &off_7FF73F8259D0);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E3	db 0	24	(*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 72LL)(v2, v5);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E4	db 42h; B	25	v6 = (*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 80LL)(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E5	db 0	26	v7 = (*(&unk_7FF73F8259D0) * __int64)(v2 + 64LL)(v2);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E6	db 65h; e	27	LODWORD(v6) = System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_AesImplementation_CreateEncryptor_0(
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E7	db 0	28	v2,
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E8	db 61h; a	29	v6,
hydrated:00007FF73F8259E9	db 0	30	v7);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259EA	db 75h; u	31	v8 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F898);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259EB	db 0	32	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_MemoryStream____ctor(v8, 0LL);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259EC	db 74h; t	33	v9 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F898);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259ED	db 0	34	System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_CryptoStream____ctor_0((__DWORD)v9, (__DWORD)v8, v6, 1, 0
hydrated:00007FF73F8259EE	db 69h; i	35	v10 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83F8B0);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259EF	db 0	36	if (*(&qword_7FF73F836998 - 1))
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F0	db 66h; f	37	sub_7FF73F71180C();
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F1	db 75h; u	38	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter____ctor_2((__DWORD)v10, (__DWORD)v9, *(_QWORD *)(&qword_7FF73F8F6690 + 8), 1024,
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F2	db 0	39	S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_StreamWriter_Write_3(v10, a1);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F3	db 6Ch; l	40	if ((*(_DWORD *)(&v10[9] + 52LL) & 0x16000000) == 0)
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F4	db 0	41	sub_7FF73F7C8260();
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F5	db 0	42	sub_7FF73F7C85A0((__int64)v10, 1u, 1u);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F6	db 0	43	unk_7FF73F838110(v10);
hydrated:00007FF73F8259F7	db 0		unk_7FF73F838110(v9);

We can confirm by stepping into the call at [rax+58h] and [rax+48h], which are setter functions for the key and IV.

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.managed:00007FF73F783158      mov     rcx, [rdi+8]
.managed:00007FF73F78315C      lea     rdx, off_7FF73F82FFE8
.managed:00007FF73F783163      cmp     [rcx], ecx
.managed:00007FF73F783165      call    S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed__GetBytes
.managed:00007FF73F78316A      mov     rdx, rax
.managed:00007FF73F78316D      mov     rcx, rsi
.managed:00007FF73F783170      mov     rax, [rsi]
.managed:00007FF73F783173      call    qword ptr [rax+58h]
.managed:00007FF73F783176      mov     rcx, [rdi+8]
.managed:00007FF73F78317A      lea     rdx, off_7FF73F8259D0
.managed:00007FF73F783181      cmp     [rcx], ecx
.managed:00007FF73F783183      call    S_P_CoreLib_System_Text_UTF8Encoding_UTF8EncodingSealed__GetBytes
.managed:00007FF73F783188      mov     rdx, rax
.managed:00007FF73F78318B      mov     rcx, rsi
.managed:00007FF73F78318E      mov     rax, [rsi]
.managed:00007FF73F783191      call    qword ptr [rax+48h]
.managed:00007FF73F783194      mov     rcx, rsi
.managed:00007FF73F783197      mov     rax, [rsi]
.managed:00007FF73F78319A      call    qword ptr [rax+50h]

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1 void __fastcall System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_SymmetricAlgorithm_set_Key(
2     unsigned __int64 *a1,
3     __int64 a2)
4 {
5     __int64 v4; // rdi
6     unsigned __int64 v5; // rbp
7     __int64 v6; // rax
8     unsigned __int64 v7; // rax
9     _QWORD *v8; // rbx
10    char v9[40]; // [rsp+20h] [rbp-28h] BYREF
11
12    if ( !a2 )
13        sub_7FF73F790F70(&off_7FF73F834108);
14    v4 = 8LL * *(unsigned int *) (a2 + 8);
15    if ( v4 > 0x7FFFFFFF
16        || (v5 = *a1, (v6 = (__int64 (__fastcall **)(unsigned __int64 *))(*a1 + 112))(a1)) == 0
17        || !(unsigned int)System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_KeySizeHelpers__IsLegalSize_2(
18            (unsigned int)v4,
19            v6,
20            v9) )
21    {
22        v8 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83C0B8);
23        S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_InvalidDataException__ctor_0(v8, &off_7FF73F82BFF0);
24        RhpThrowEx(v8);
25    }
26    (*(void (__fastcall **)(unsigned __int64 *, _QWORD))(v5 + 104))(a1, (unsigned int)v4);
27    v7 = System_Security_Cryptography_Internal_Cryptography_Helpers__CloneByteArray(a2);
28    RhpAssignRefAVLocation(a1 + 1, v7);
29 }

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1 void __fastcall System_Security_Cryptography_System_Security_Cryptography_SymmetricAlgorithm_set_IV(
2     unsigned __int64 *a1,
3     __int64 a2)
4 {
5     int v4; // edi
6     unsigned __int64 v5; // rax
7     _QWORD *v6; // rbx
8
9     if ( !a2 )
10        sub_7FF73F790F70(&off_7FF73F834108);
11    v4 = *(_DWORD *) (a2 + 8);
12    if ( v4 != (*(int (__fastcall **)(unsigned __int64 *))(*a1 + 56))(a1) / 8 )
13    {
14        v6 = RhpNewFast((__int64)&unk_7FF73F83C0B8);
15        S_P_CoreLib_System_IO_InvalidDataException__ctor_0(v6, &off_7FF73F82BF28);
16        RhpThrowEx(v6);
17    }
18    v5 = System_Security_Cryptography_Internal_Cryptography_Helpers__CloneByteArray(a2);
19    RhpAssignRefAVLocation(a1 + 2, v5);
20 }

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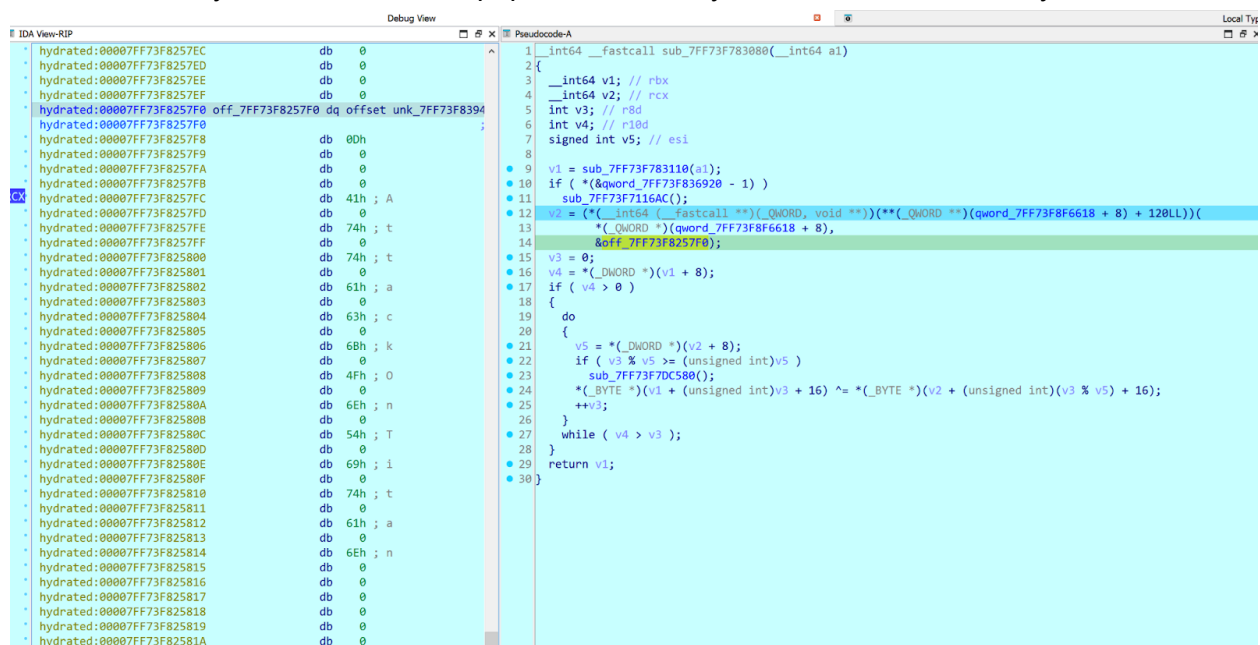
After the encryption, the output looks like it's being XORed with v2 incrementally.

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9  v1 = sub_7FF73F783110(a1);
10 if ( (&qword_7FF73F836920 - 1) )
11     sub_7FF73F7116AC();
12 v2 = (*(__int64 (__fastcall **)(_QWORD, void **)))(**(_QWORD **)(qword_7FF73F8F6618 + 8) + 120LL))(
13     *(_QWORD *)(qword_7FF73F8F6618 + 8),
14     &off_7FF73F8257F0);
15 v3 = 0;
16 v4 = *(_DWORD *) (v1 + 8);
17 if ( v4 > 0 )
18 {
19     do
20     {
21         v5 = *(_DWORD *) (v2 + 8);
22         if ( v3 % v5 >= (unsigned int)v5 )
23             sub_7FF73F7DC580();
24         *(_BYTE *) (v1 + (unsigned int)v3 + 16) ^= *(_BYTE *) (v2 + (unsigned int)(v3 % v5) + 16);
25         ++v3;
26     }
27     while ( v4 > v3 );
28 }
29 return v1;
30 }

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If you step into the function which stores its return value into v2, you will notice that it is dealing with some sort of ASCII encoding. And by inspecting the second argument to the call, we can see the XOR key “AttackOnTitan” is populated in the hydrated section in memory.



After the encrypted user input is XORed, it's returned to its calling function.

Where it does a final comparison with the encrypted flag. (encrypted user input at [rax+r10+16], encrypted flag at [r11+r10+16]).

.managed:00007FF73F7833C2	retn		__int64 __fastcall sub_7FF73F7833A0(__int64 a1)
.managed:00007FF73F7833C3			{
.managed:00007FF73F7833C3			__int64 v1; // rax
.managed:00007FF73F7833C3	loc_7FF73F7833C3:	; CODE XREF: sub_7F	unsigned int v3; // r8d
.managed:00007FF73F7833C3	xor	r8d, r8d	
.managed:00007FF73F7833C6	test	ecx, ecx	v1 = sub_7FF73F783080(a1);
.managed:00007FF73F7833C8	jle	short loc_7FF73F7833F0	if ((*(_DWORD *) (v1 + 8)) != 80)
.managed:00007FF73F7833CA	mov	r10d, [rdx+8]	return 0LL;
.managed:00007FF73F7833CE			v3 = 0;
.managed:00007FF73F7833CE	loc_7FF73F7833CE:	; CODE XREF: sub_7F	while (1)
.managed:00007FF73F7833CE	mov	r10d, r8d	{
.managed:00007FF73F7833D1	movzx	r9d, byte ptr [rax+r10+10h]	if (v3 >= 80)
.managed:00007FF73F7833D7	mov	r11, [rdx+8]	sub_7FF73F7DC580();
.managed:00007FF73F7833D8	cmp	r8d, 50h ; 'p'	if ((*(_BYTE *) (v3 + 16)) != (*(_BYTE *) (qword_7FF73F8F6488 + 8) + 16LL))
.managed:00007FF73F7833DF	jnb	short loc_7FF73F783401	break;
.managed:00007FF73F7833E1	cmp	r9b, [r11+r10+10h]	if ((int)++v3 >= 80)
.managed:00007FF73F7833E6	jnz	short loc_7FF73F7833FA	return 1LL;
.managed:00007FF73F7833E8	inc	r8d	}
.managed:00007FF73F7833E8	cmp	ecx, r8d	return 0LL;
.managed:00007FF73F7833EE	jg	short loc_7FF73F7833CE	}
.managed:00007FF73F7833E9			

Encrypted flag in memory

hydrated:00007FF73F7833E1	db	9Bh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF0	db	36h ; 6
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF1	db	0C0h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF3	db	0C3h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF4	db	0Ah
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF5	db	8Fh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF6	db	0C1h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF7	db	0B5h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF8	db	0C1h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DF9	db	0A8h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFA	db	0
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFB	db	0DCh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFC	db	75h ; u
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFD	db	4
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFE	db	0B2h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833DFF	db	6Ah ; j
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E00	db	9Ch
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E01	db	4Ch ; L
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E02	db	40h ; @
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E03	db	51h ; Q
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E04	db	2Ah ; *
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E05	db	5
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E06	db	0EEh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E07	db	32h ; 2
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E08	db	0CAh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E09	db	0C6h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0A	db	0DCh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0B	db	0E9h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0C	db	0Eh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0D	db	0E7h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0E	db	0F5h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E0F	db	95h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E10	db	0B1h
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E11	db	5Dh ;]
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E12	db	5Ch ; \
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E13	db	6Fh ; o
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E14	db	0DFh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E15	db	8Eh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E16	db	0BFh
hydrated:00007FF73F7833E17	db	10h