

# REVERSE ENGINEERING 1 (STATIC ANALYSIS)

COMP 6016

Malware Analysis

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# ACTIVITY - 1

- Divide into small groups
- 5 minutes
- 3 questions:
  - What do you understand by reverse engineering?
  - Why use it?
  - Given an executable, how do we find out what it does?

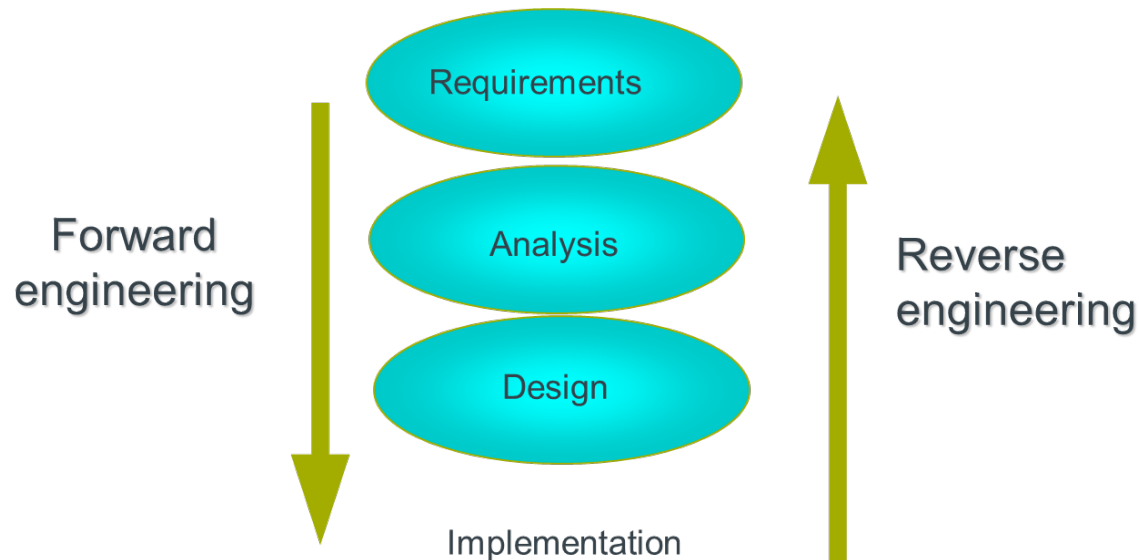
# WHAT WILL WE LEARN TODAY?

- What is Reverse Engineering?
- Static vs Dynamic analysis
- RE and Assembly
- Disassembly, Decompilers
- IDA PRO
- Cutter
- Key Fishing i.e. finding passwords
- Reversing and Patching Java Bytecode

- Given an executable, how do we find out what it does?
  - Find the program online.
    - Analyze source code to find clues.
    - Search for the name of the program.
  - **Perform source code review.**
  - Execute the program in a sandbox.
    - Some programs can break out of a sandbox / jail.
- Look for possible attacks: How?
  - **Denial of service:** initiate a memory leak, or infinite recursion, or infinite loop that will eventually cause the application to crash or hang.
  - **SPAM bot:** cause the application to start sending SPAM messages to remote hosts in the form of network packets.
  - **File modifier:** Add, delete, or replace files on the file system with malicious programs with the same file name.

# REVERSE ENGINEERING

- ‘Trying to figure out the structure and behaviour of existing software by building general-level static and dynamic models’



# STATIC VS DYNAMIC ANALYSIS- OVERVIEW

## ■ Static Analysis

- Looking at the code, figure things out
- Can be an easy way to find signatures –URLs, filenames, registry keys
- Examines malware without running it - Not running the code!
- A safer approach
- Tools: VirusTotal, strings, a disassembler like IDA Pro

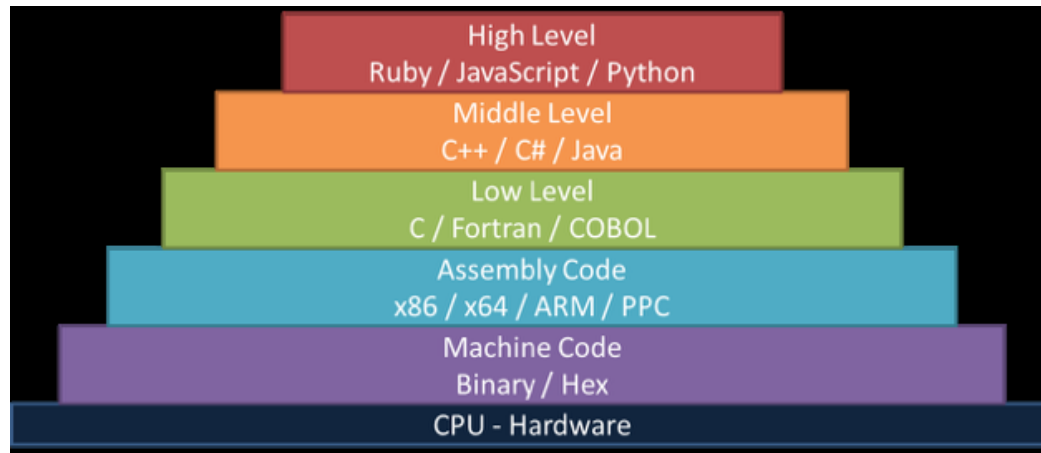
## ■ Dynamic Analysis

- Run the malware and monitor its effect - Examine the process during execution
- Find new files made, processes created, - websites contacted, files downloaded/ executed, etc
- Can see the values in real time
  - Registers, memory contents, etc.
- Allows manipulation of the process
- Shows you the effect the malware has on the system/network
- Use a virtual machine and take snapshots
- Tools: RegShot, Process Monitor, Process Hacker, CaptureBAT

Use Snapshots to  
save the state  
before detonating  
the malware in case  
it messes things up  
real bad!

# REVERSE ENGINEERING AND ASSEMBLY

- Assembly is (usually) the highest level abstraction layer that can be reliably and consistently recovered
- This is why understanding assembly is so important for a malware analyst
  - x86, x64, MIPS, ARM, PowerPC, etc.



# REVERSE ENGINEERING TOOLS (1)

## ■ Disassemblers are usually the tool of choice for static analysis

- Decodes binary machine code into a readable assembly language text
- IDA Pro, Cutter, objdump, etc.
- A good disassembler will have several useful features
  - Commenting
  - Renaming variables
  - Changing function prototypes
  - Coloring, grouping and renaming nodes

## ■ Decompilers

- Attempt to produce a high-level language source-code-like representation from a binary.
- Never completely possible because
  - The compiler removes some information,
  - The compiler optimizes the code.
  - .Net (ILDasm, Remotesoft Salamander, Reflector for .Net)
  - Java (JODE, JAD)



# REVERSE ENGINEERING TOOLS (2)

- Debuggers are used for dynamic analysis
  - Windows - WinDBG, Immunity, OllyDBG, IDA, Radare2
  - Linux – GDB, Radare2
  - A good debugger will have several useful features
    - Set breakpoints
    - Step into / over
    - Show loaded modules, SEH chain, etc.
    - Memory searching
- Hex Editor
  - To patch (make changes to) exe file

# BASIC VS ADVANCED ANALYSIS

## ■ Basic static analysis

- View malware without looking at instructions – (Names of functions especially API functions, specific data strings like Names of constant strings, Names of directories, Identification of compiler)
- Quick and easy but fails for advanced malware and can miss important behavior

## ■ Advanced static analysis

- Reverse-engineering with a disassembler
  - Complex, requires understanding of assembly code
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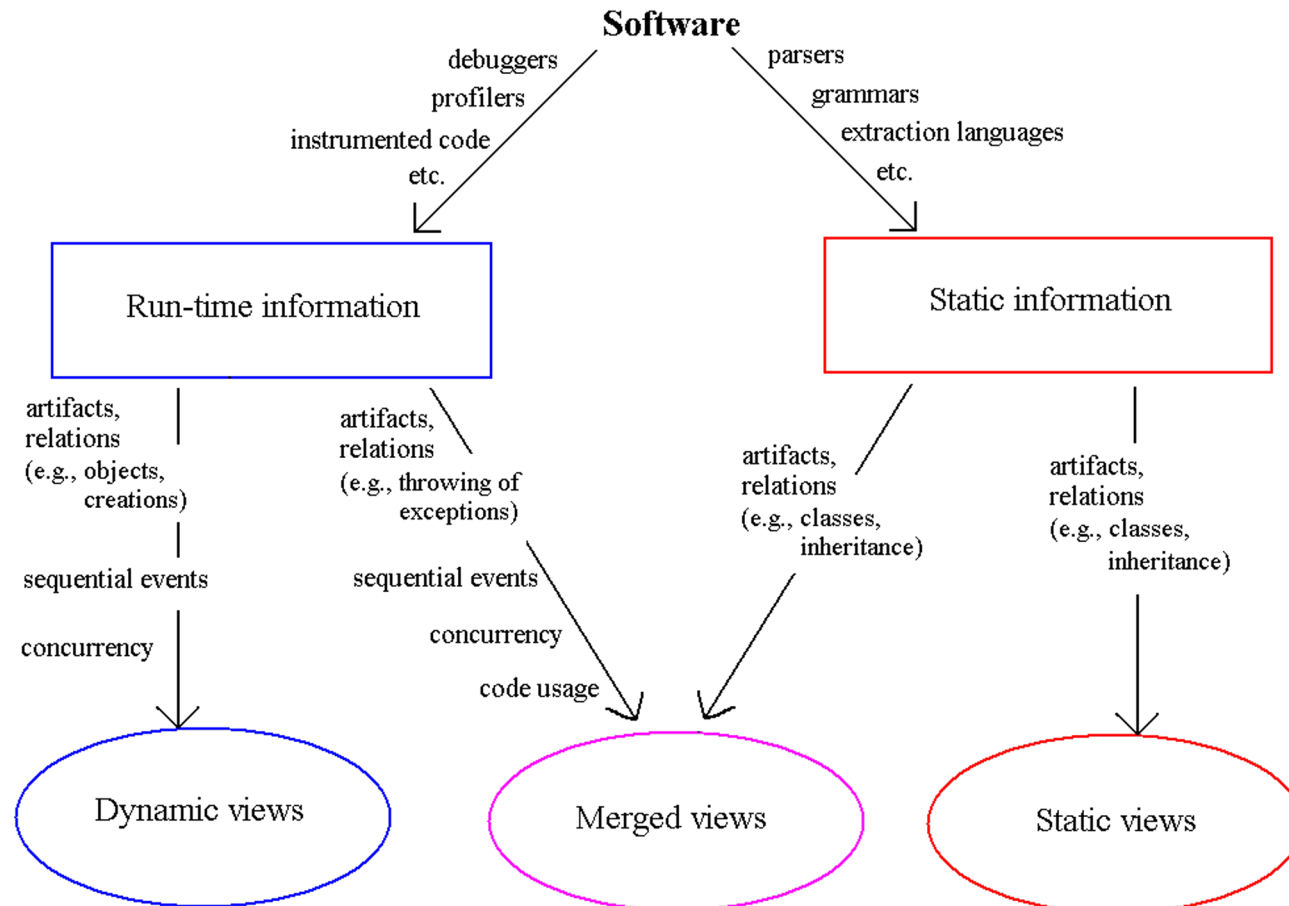
## ■ Basic dynamic analysis

- Easy but requires a safe test environment
- Not effective on all malware (Virus Total)

## ■ Advanced Dynamic Analysis

- Run code in a debugger
- Examines internal state of a running malicious executable

# STATIC AND DYNAMIC ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED



# DISASSEMBLY

- Malware on a disk is in **binary** form at the **machine code** level
- Disassembly converts the binary form to **assembly language**
- IDA Pro is the most popular disassembler (but is very expensive)
- Radare2 is an open source equivalent (but is complex to use)
- Cutter is a graphical wrapper to Radare2 (and is what we will use)

# IDA PRO - OVERVIEW

- IDA Pro was originally designed as a powerful disassembler
- Supports 30+ processors
- It has since been broadened to include a built in debugger
- Designed for reverse engineers with quickness and robustness in mind
  - This sometimes makes the learning curve steep
- Extensible plugin architecture and scripting language

# RADARE2- OVERVIEW

- Designed as an open source alternative to IDA Pro
- Runs on MS Windows, Linux, \*BSD, Mac OS X, Solaris, Haiku, Android, iOS . Supports x86, x64, MIPS and ARM.
- Designed for reverse engineers with quickness and robustness in mind
  - This sometimes makes the learning curve steep
- Extensible plugin architecture aided by very wide range of possible scripting languages (Python, Javascript, Go).
- Collaborative analysis supported by in built web server

# CUTTER - OVERVIEW

Cutter

File Edit View Windows Help

← → Type flag name or address here

Functions

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entry0	26
fcn.00402620	42
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sym__GetPEImageBase	39
sym__IsNonwritableInCurrentImage	124
sym__ValidatImageBase	18
sym__ValidatImageBase.part.0	30
sym__w64_mingwthr_add_key_dtor	132
sym__w64_mingwthr_remove_key_dtor	140
sym__dillonexit	6
sym__do_global_ctors	70
sym__do_global_dtors	44
sym__dyn_tls_init_12	126
sym__gcc_deregister_frame	5
sym__gcc_register_frame	20
sym__getmainargs	6
sym__main	28
sym__mingw_GetSectionCount	45

## OVERVIEW

### Info

File:	D:/GD/Teaching/P00501/malware.exe	FD:	3	Architecture:	x86
Format:	pe	Base addr:	0	Machine:	i386
Bits:	32	Virtual addr:	True	OS:	windows
Class:	PE32	Canary:	False	Subsystem:	Windows GUI
Mode:	!-x	Crypto:	False	Stripped:	True
Size:	338560	HX bit:	True	Relocs:	True
Type:	EXEC (Executable file)	PIC:	True	Endianness:	little
Language:		Static:	False	Compiled:	Sat Aug 27 03:01:52 2033
		Relro:			

### Hashes

MD5: 7e04b22417f6d9aad1280492e4d20aab

SHA1: 74776f44be7e0a61ce7c65bda6742f520b5968aa

Entropy: 5.056643

### Libraries

kernel32.dll
msvcrt.dll

Dashboard

Disassembly Graph (entry0) Hexdump Pseudocode Entry Points Strings Imports Symbols Notepad

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Entry Points

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Sections

Name	Size	Address	End Address
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.CRT	512	0x00407000	0x00408000
.data	512	0x00403000	0x00404000
.debug_abbrev	9216	0x00451000	0x00454000
.debug_aranges	1024	0x00409000	0x0040a000
.debug_frame	2048	0x00457000	0x00458000
.debug_info	290816	0x0040a000	0x00451000
.debug_line	9728	0x00454000	0x00457000
.debug_loc	3584	0x00459000	0x0045a000
.debug_ranges	512	0x0045a000	0x0045b000
.debug_str	2048	0x00458000	0x00459000
.idata	1536	0x00406000	0x00407000
.rdata	2048	0x00404000	0x00405000
.text	6144	0x00401000	0x00403000
.tls	512	0x00408000	0x00409000

Function: .text:entry0

#### Offset info:

STACKPTR	12
STACKOP	inc
FAMILY	cpu
STACK	inc
ESIL	12,esp,-,,\$0,of,=,\$\$,sf,=,\$z,tf,=,\$j
TYPE	sub
SIZE	3
REFPTR	0
VAL	0x0000000c
BYTES	83ec0c

#### Opcode description:

# sub: subtract src and dst, stores result on dst

#### X-Refs to current address:

Address	Instruction
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sym.__mingw_TLSCallback	220
sym.__mingw_enum_import_library_names	167
sym.__mingw_invalidParameterHandler	2
sym.__mingw_raise_mather	75
sym.__mingw_setusermather	14
sym.__mingwthr_run_key_dtors.part.0	109
sym.__report_error	96
sym.__report_gsfailure	211
sym.__security_init_cookie	172
sym.__set_app_type	6
sym.__setusermather	6
sym.__tregdtor	3
sym.__mainCRTStartup	874

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0x0040152f    nop
0x00401530    main:
0x00401530    (fcn) sym_main 128
0x00401530    : var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530    : var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530    : var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530    : var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530    : var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530    push ebp
0x00401531    mov ebp, esp
0x00401531    and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536    sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539    call sym.__main
0x0040153e    mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546    mov dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_description_key ; section.rdata ; [0x404000:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Your files have been encrypted
0x0040154d    call sym.puts
0x00401552    mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http://www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hac
0x00401559    call sym.puts
0x0040155e    lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562    mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566    mov dword [esp], 0x408083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "kd"
0x0040156d    call sym scanf
0x00401572    mov eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576    cmp dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a    jne 0x401594
0x0040157c    mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
0x00401583    call sym.puts
0x00401588    mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f    call sym_exit
0x00401594    mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_with_the_wrong_key_will_result_in_the_files_being_deleted ; [0x4040b0:4]=0x2079654b ;
0x0040159b    call sym.puts
0x004015a0    mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7    call sym_exit
0x004015ac    nop
0x004015ae    nop
0x004015b0    _mingw_onexit:
0x004015b0    push ebx
0x004015b1    sub esp, 0x28 ; '-'
0x004015b4    mov eax, dword [0x4053e4] ; [0x4053e4:4]=0
0x004015b9    mov dword [esp], eax
0x004015bc    call sym.__decode_pointer
0x004015c1    cmp eax, 0xffffffffffffffff
0x004015c4    mov dword [esp + 0x18], eax
0x004015c8    ret 0x18

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Function: .text:entry0

▼ Offset info:

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▼ Opcode description:

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subtract src and dst, stores result on dst

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0x00401566  mov dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
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0x00401588  mov dword [esp], 0
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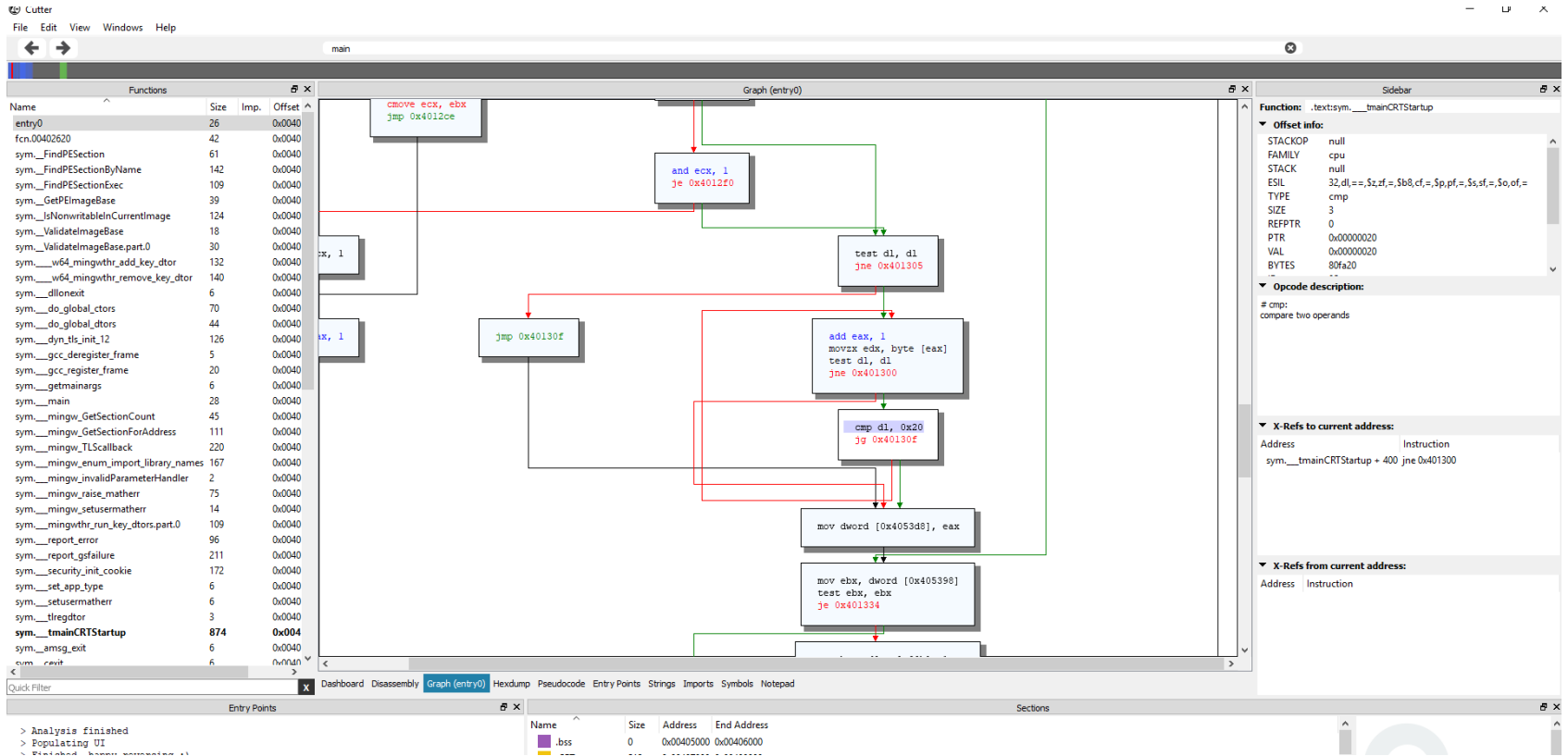
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0x004015a7  call sym.exit
0x004015ac  nop
0x004015ae  nop

```

Jump Line

Assembler

# CUTTER - GRAPH



## Colors

- Red
- Green
- Black

Conditional jump not taken

Conditional jump taken

Unconditional jump (or continuation)

# CUTTER – PSUEDO-CODE

Cutter

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Pseudocode

```
function sym__main () {
    // 3 basic blocks

    loc_0x401530:

        push ebp
        ebp = esp
        esp -= 0xffffffff
        esp -= 0x20 //sym__main

        dword [local_1ch] = 0x5330b02 : [0x5330b02:4]=-1
        dword [esp] = "Your files have been encrypted!\nPlease enter the decryption key" //section..rdata : [0x404000:4]=0x27256f59 ; str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted_Please

        int puts(const char * s : (*0x404000)0x00177fc8 = Your files have been encrypted!.Please enter the decryption key)
        dword [esp] = "Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us/" //[[0x404044:4]=0x2079654b ; str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http:_www.hackers.are.us/]

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        eax = [local_18h] //0x18 : 24
        dword [local_4h] = eax
        dword [esp] = 0x404083 //[[0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "Id"

        int scanf(const char * format : (*0x404083)0x00177fc4 = %d)
        eax = dword [local_18h] //[[0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
        var = dword [local_1ch] - eax //[[0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
        if (var) goto 0x401594 //unlikely

        {
            loc_0x401594:

                dword [esp] = "Key is incorrect, warning repeated attempts to decrypt with the wrong key will result in the files being deleted" //[[0x4040b0:4]=0x2079654b ; str.Key_is_incorrect_warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_with_the_wrong_key_will_result_in_the_files_being_deleted/]

                int puts(const char * s : (*0x4040b0)0x00178000 = Key is incorrect, warnin)
                dword [esp] = 0xffffffff //[[0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
                sym__exit () //sym__exit

            loc_0x40157c:

                dword [esp] = "Key is correct, beginning decryption" //[[0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; str.Key_is_correct_beginning_decryption

        }
    }
}
```

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Quick Filter

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Entry Points

Sections

Function: .text:sym\_\_main

Offset info:

Symbol	Value
STACKPTR	4
STACKOP	inc
FAMILY	cpu
STACK	inc
ESIL	ebp,4,esp,-,esp,[4]
TYPE	upush
SIZE	1
REFPTR	0
BYTES	55
ID	588

Opcode description:

# push:  
push word, doubleword or quadword onto the stack

X-Refs to current address:

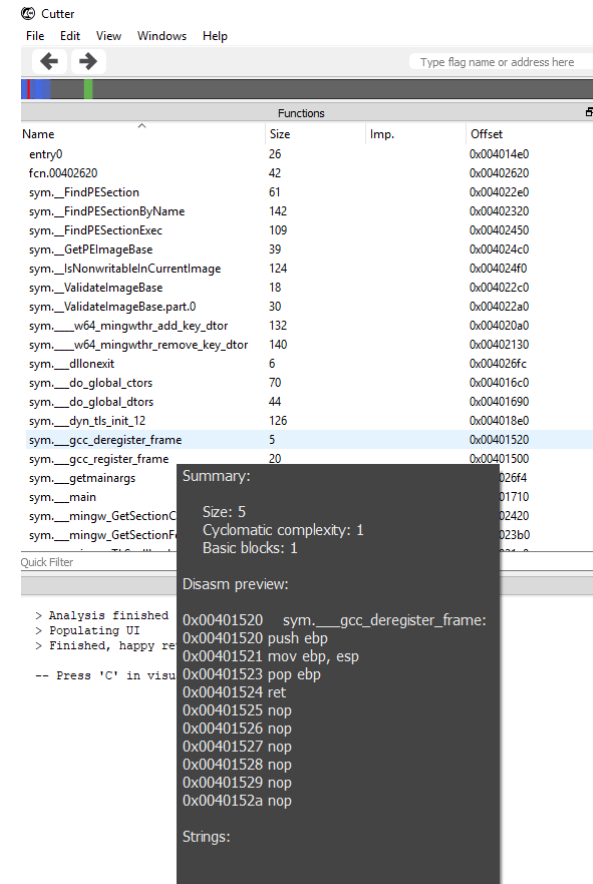
Address	Instruction
main	call sym__main

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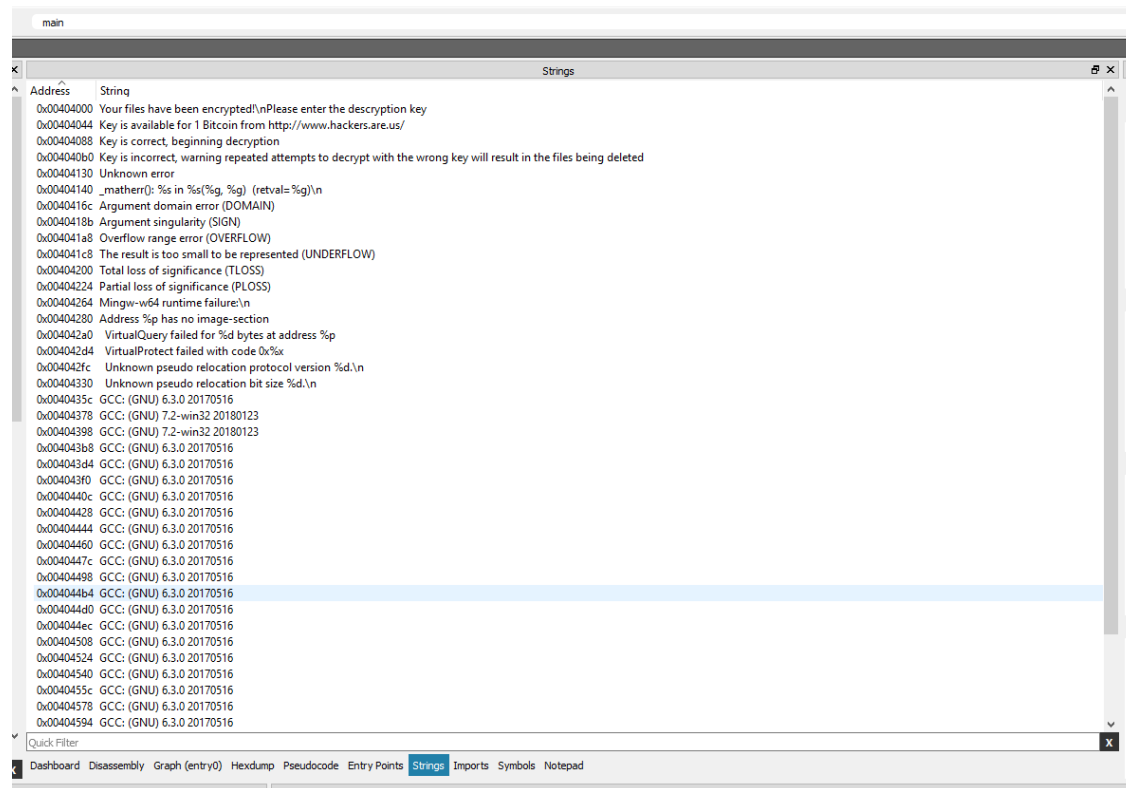
# CUTTER- USEFUL WINDOWS FOR ANALYSIS - FUNCTIONS

- Shows each function, size and offset
- Sortable
  - Large functions usually more important



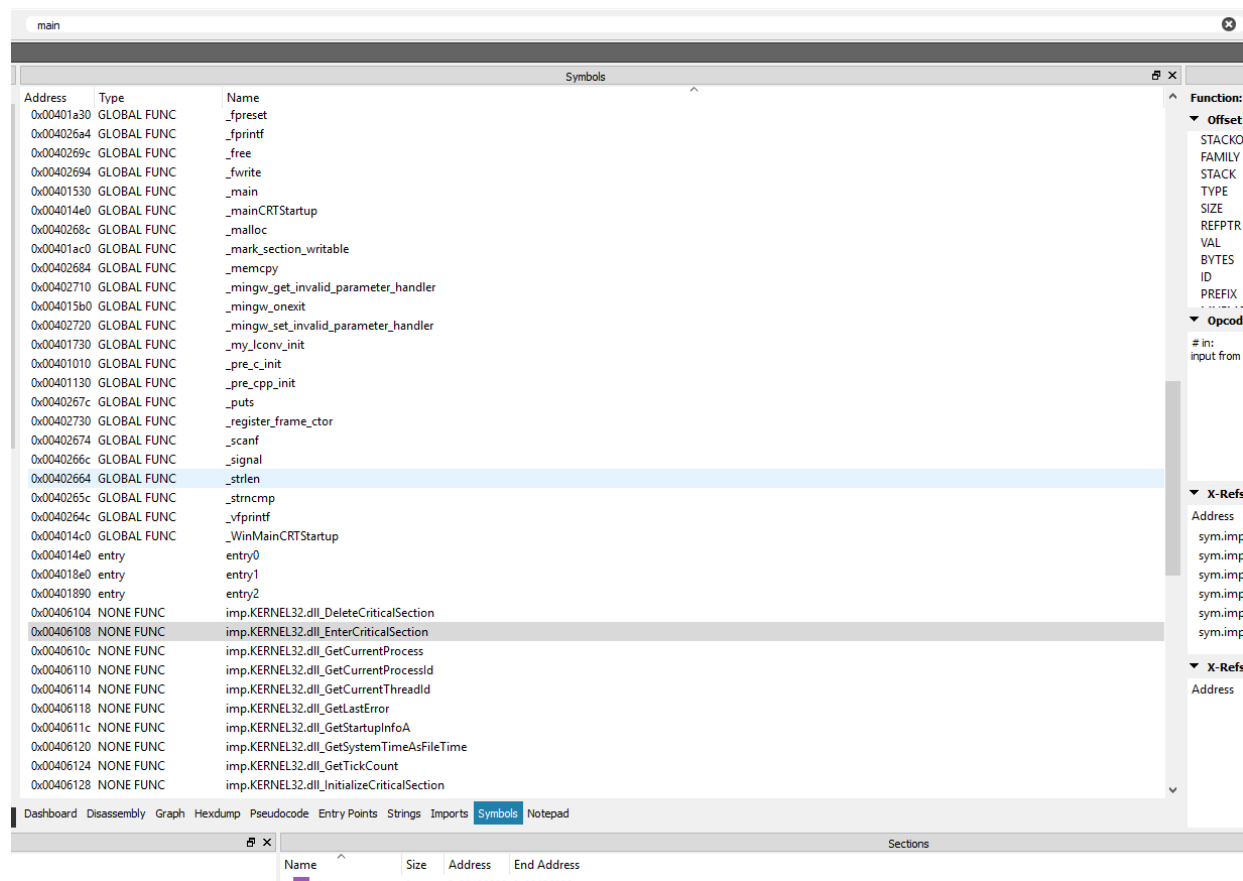
# CUTTER - USEFUL WINDOWS FOR ANALYSIS - STRINGS

- Any strings in your code



# CUTTER - USEFUL WINDOWS FOR ANALYSIS - SYMBOLS

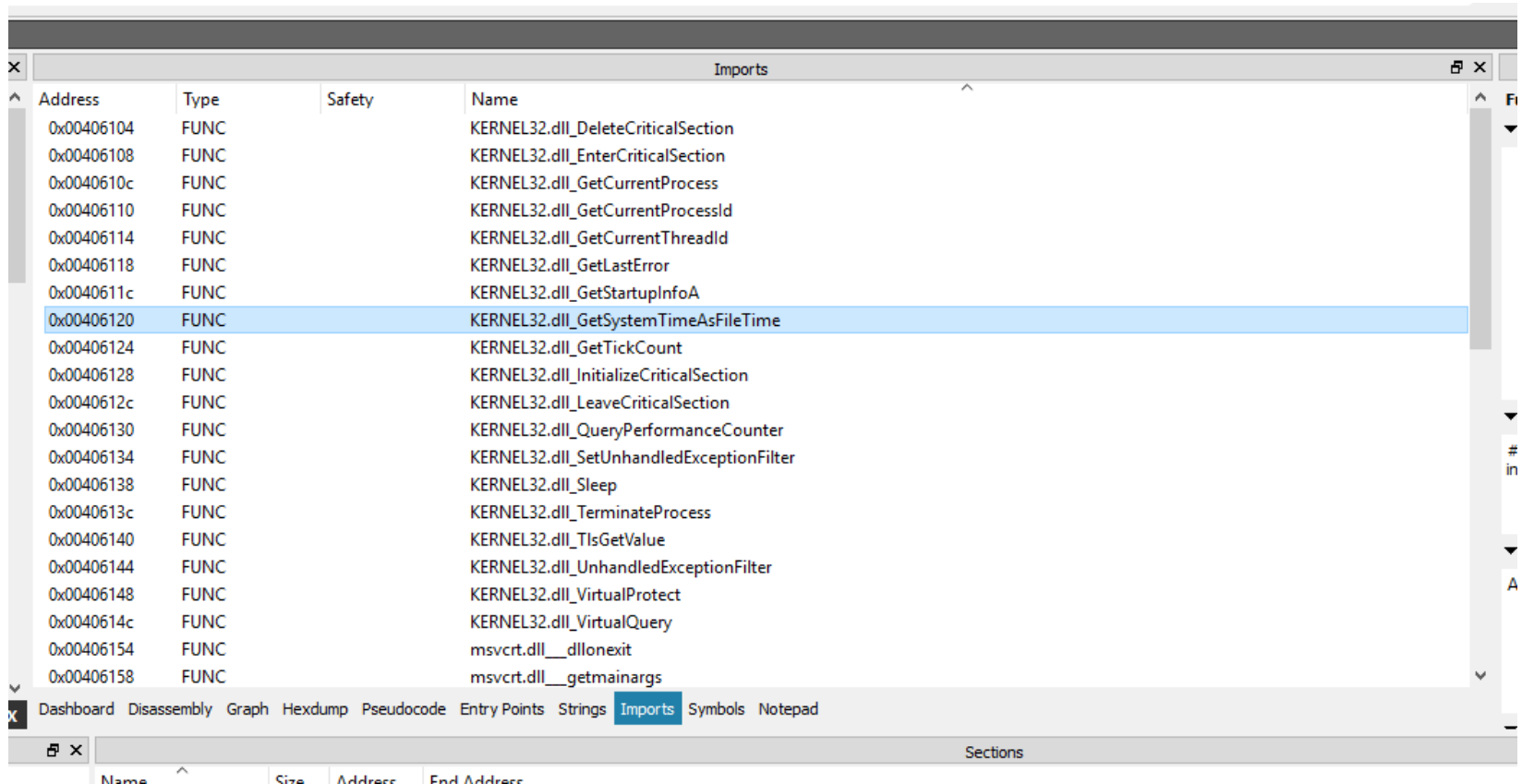
- Any key names in your code



# CUTTER- USEFUL WINDOWS FOR ANALYSIS

## - IMPORTS

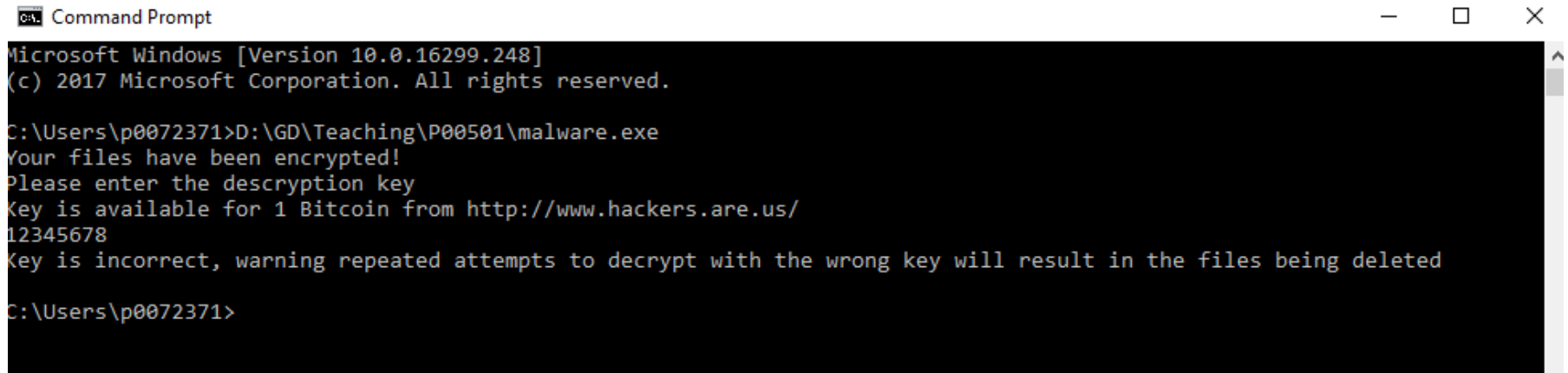
This shows the malware sample is not "packed", i.e. it calls external libraries. They're not part of the binary itself!



Imports are external functions used by the code (often libraries)

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

- Lets consider a simple example – Key Fishing
- This example only requires disassembler (cutter) and hex editor
  - disassembles to understand code and also patch the code
- For most real-world code, also need a debugger (SoftICE or OllyDbg)
- We have been the victim of ransomware
- Can we find the key to decrypt our disk?



A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar reads "C:\ Command Prompt". The window content shows the following text:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.248]
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C:\Users\p0072371>D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware.exe
Your files have been encrypted!
Please enter the decryption key
Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us/
12345678
Key is incorrect, warning repeated attempts to decrypt with the wrong key will result in the files being deleted

C:\Users\p0072371>
```



# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

## ■ Open the executable using Cutter

```

0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym._main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
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0x0040155e      lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
0x0040156d      call sym._scanf
0x00401572      mov eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      cmp dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
-< 0x0040157a      jne 0x401594
|
| 0x0040157c      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
| 0x00401583      call sym.puts
| 0x00401588      mov dword [esp], 0
| 0x0040158f      call sym._exit
|
-> 0x00401594      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_with_the_wrong_key_will_result_in_the_files_being_deleted ; [0x4040b0:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Key is incorrect. Warning: repeated attempts to decrypt with the wrong key will result in the files being deleted."
0x0040159b      call sym.puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

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0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym._main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546      mov dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [0x404000:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Your files have been encrypted. Please enter the decryption key"
0x0040154d      call sym.puts
0x00401552      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http_www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us"
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0x00401583      call sym.puts
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0x0040159b      call sym.puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

Looks like this is warning message, but how do we get to it?

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

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0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym._main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
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0x0040159b      call sym._puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

Here's our jump line – we need to follow it back

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

```

0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym_main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546      mov dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [0x404000:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Your files have been encrypted. Please enter the decryption key."
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0x0040155e      lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
0x0040156d      call sym._scanf
0x00401572      mov eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      cmp dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a      jne 0x401594
0x0040157c      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
0x00401583      call sym.puts
0x00401588      mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call sym._exit
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0x0040159b      call sym.puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

We jump if the last comparison is not equal to zero

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

```

0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym._main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
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0x00401559      call sym.puts
0x0040155e      lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
0x0040156d      call sym._scanf
0x00401572      mov eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      cmp dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a      jne 0x401594
0x0040157c      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
0x00401583      call sym.puts
0x00401588      mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call sym._exit
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0x0040159b      call sym.puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

local\_1ch is therefore likely to hold our key

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local\_1ch is defined here

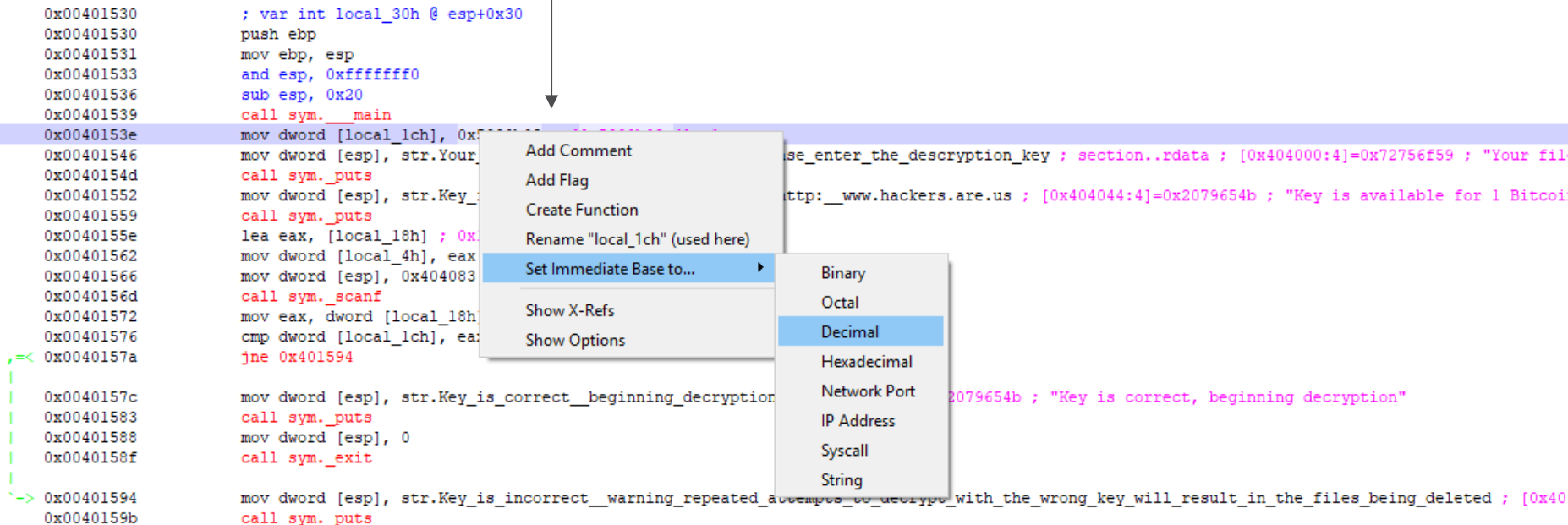
```

0x00401530      main:
0x00401530      eip:
0x00401530      (fcn) sym._main 128
0x00401530          ; var int local_4h @ esp+0x4
0x00401530          ; var int local_8h @ esp+0x8
0x00401530          ; var int local_18h @ esp+0x18
0x00401530          ; var int local_1ch @ esp+0x1c
0x00401530          ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x5330b02 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546      mov dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [0x404000:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Your files have been encrypted. Please enter the decryption key"
0x0040154d      call sym.puts
0x00401552      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http___www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us"
0x00401559      call sym.puts
0x0040155e      lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
0x0040156d      call sym._scanf
0x00401572      mov eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      cmp dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a      jne 0x401594
0x0040157c      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
0x00401583      call sym.puts
0x00401588      mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call sym._exit
0x00401594      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_with_the_wrong_key_will_result_in_the_files_being_deleted ; [0x4040b0:4]=0x72756f59 ; "Key is incorrect. Warning: repeated attempts to decrypt with the wrong key will result in the files being deleted."
0x0040159b      call sym.puts
0x004015a0      mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      call sym._exit
0x004015ac      nop
0x004015ae      nop

```

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

Lets make life easier and turn it to decimal



```

0x00401530      ; var int local_30h @ esp+0x30
0x00401530      push ebp
0x00401531      mov ebp, esp
0x00401533      and esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov dword [local_1ch], 0x404083
0x00401546      mov dword [esp], str.You_
0x0040154d      call sym.puts
0x00401552      mov dword [esp], str.Key_
0x00401559      call sym.puts
0x0040155e      lea eax, [local_18h] ; 0x404083
0x00401562      mov dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov dword [esp], 0x404083
0x0040156d      call sym scanf
0x00401572      mov eax, dword [local_18h]
0x00401576      cmp dword [local_1ch], eax
0x0040157a      jne 0x401594
0x0040157c      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption_
0x00401583      call sym.puts
0x00401588      mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call sym._exit
0x00401594      mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_
0x0040159b      call sym.puts

```

Context Menu Options:

- Add Comment
- Add Flag
- Create Function
- Rename "local\_1ch" (used here)
- Set Immediate Base to...**
  - Binary
  - Octal
  - Decimal**
  - Hexadecimal
  - Network Port
  - IP Address
  - Syscall
  - String
- Show X-Refs
- Show Options

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

Looks like the key is 87231234



```

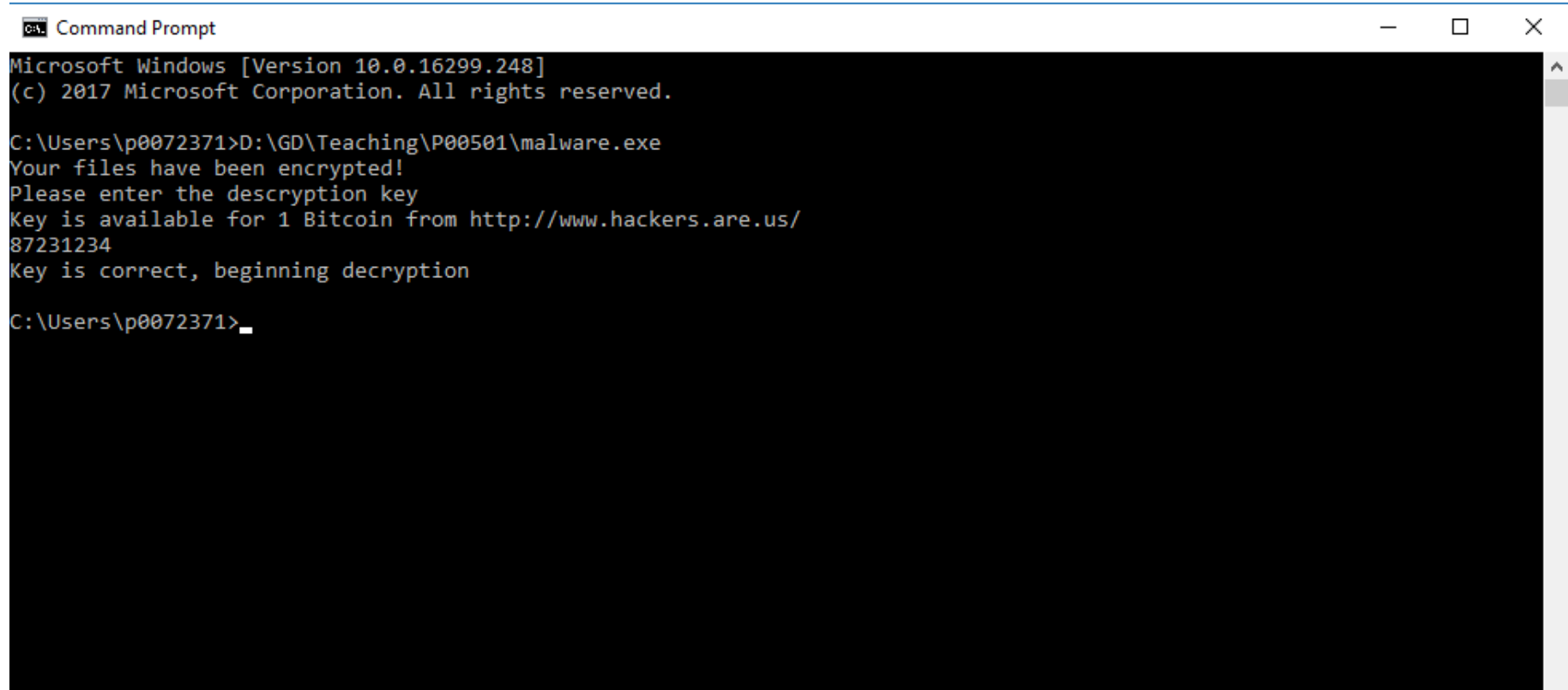
0x00401531      mov     ebp, esp
0x00401533      and     esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub     esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call    sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov     dword [local_1ch], 87231234 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546      mov     dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted___Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [
0x0040154d      call    sym.puts
0x00401552      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http___www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654
0x00401559      call    sym.puts
0x0040155e      lea     eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
0x00401562      mov     dword [local_4h], eax
0x00401566      mov     dword [esp], 0x404083 ; [0x404083:4]=0x6425 ; "%d"
0x0040156d      call    sym scanf
0x00401572      mov     eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      cmp     dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a      jne     0x401594
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0x0040157c      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct___beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, begi
0x00401583      call    sym.puts
0x00401588      mov     dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call    sym.exit

```



# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

## ■ Let's try it



The screenshot shows a Windows Command Prompt window titled "C:\ Command Prompt". The window displays the output of running a script at the path "D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware.exe". The script outputs a ransom message: "Your files have been encrypted! Please enter the decryption key". It then provides a URL for a Bitcoin payment: "Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us/87231234". Finally, it prompts for the key, and upon receiving "87231234", it outputs "Key is correct, beginning decryption". The command prompt shows the user's current directory as "C:\Users\p0072371\".

```

C:\ Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.248]
(c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\p0072371>D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware.exe
Your files have been encrypted!
Please enter the decryption key
Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us/
87231234
Key is correct, beginning decryption

C:\Users\p0072371>_
  
```

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0x00401531      mov     ebp, esp
0x00401533      and     esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub     esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call    sym.__main
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0x00401546      mov     dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [
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0x00401552      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http:__www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654
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0x00401572      mov     eax, dword [local_18h] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
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0x0040157a      jne     0x401594
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0x0040157c      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, begi
0x00401583      call    sym.puts
0x00401588      mov     dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call    sym.exit

```



Ideally, we want to patch our code to ignore this jump

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

```

0x00401531      mov     ebp, esp
0x00401533      and     esp, 0xffffffff
0x00401536      sub     esp, 0x20
0x00401539      call    sym.__main
0x0040153e      mov     dword [local_1ch], 87231234 ; [0x5330b02:4]=-1
0x00401546      mov     dword [esp], str>Your_files_have_been_encrypted__Please_enter_the_descryption_key ; section..rdata ; [
0x0040154d      call    sym.puts
0x00401552      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_available_for_1_Bitcoin_from_http:__www.hackers.are.us ; [0x404044:4]=0x2079654
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0x0040155e      lea     eax, [local_18h] ; 0x18 ; 24
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0x00401576      cmp     dword [local_1ch], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
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0x0040157c      mov     dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, begi
0x00401583      call    sym.puts
0x00401588      mov     dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      call    sym.exit

```

Look up this address in the hexdump

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE

```

0x0040157a    jne 0x401594
0x0040157c    mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is correct, beginning decryption"
0x00401583    call sym._puts
0x00401588    mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f    call sym._exit
0x00401594    mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decrypt_with_the_wrong_key_will_result_in_the_files_being_deleted ; [0x404088:4]=0x2079654b ; "Key is incorrect, warning repeated attempts to decrypt with the wrong key will result in the files being deleted"
0x0040159b    call sym._puts
0x004015a0    mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7    call sym._exit
0x004015ac    nop
0x004015ae    nop
0x004015b0    _mingw_onexit:
0x004015b0    push ebx
0x004015b1    sub esp, 0x28 ; '('

```

Look up this address in the hexdump

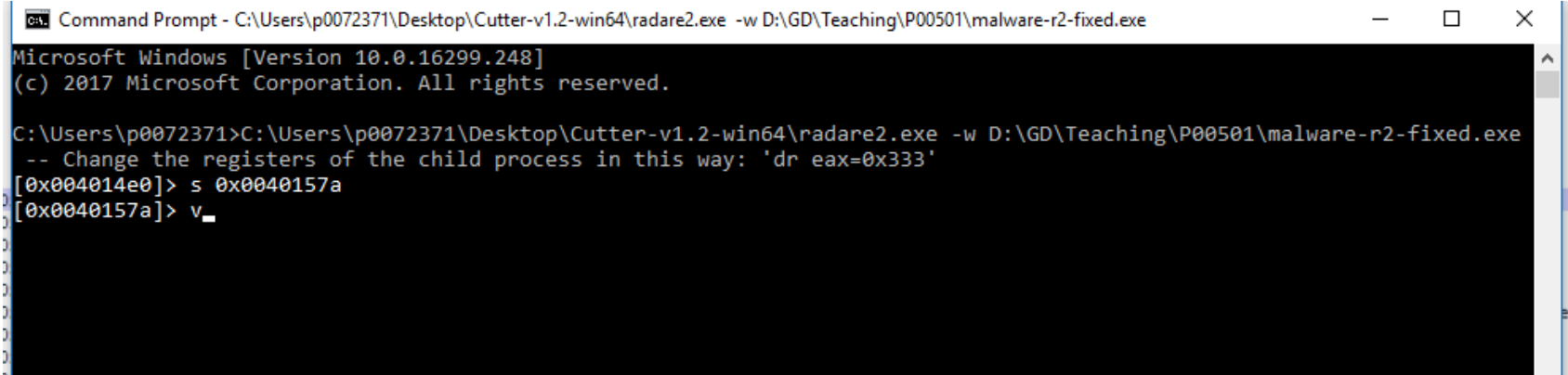
If we could replace our JNE with a NOP,

we would always go to the decryption routine!

Unfortunately, Cutter doesn't support editing files

Or we could  
convert it into  
a JMP, delete  
it...

# REVERSE ENGINEERING EXAMPLE



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C:\Users\p0072371\Desktop\Cutter-v1.2-win64\radare2.exe -w D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware-r2-fixed.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.248]
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C:\Users\p0072371>C:\Users\p0072371\Desktop\Cutter-v1.2-win64\radare2.exe -w D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware-r2-fixed.exe
-- Change the registers of the child process in this way: 'dr eax=0x333'
[0x004014e0]> s 0x0040157a
[0x0040157a]> v _

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- Cutter doesn't support easy editing, but cutter is a front end to radare2 and that does support editing
- The command `s <address>` will take us to that part of the code
- The command `v` will enter visual mode

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[0x0040157a 0% 1624 D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware-r2-fixed.exe]> xc
- offset - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F 0123456789ABCDEF comment
0x0040157a 7518 c704 2488 4040 00e8 f410 0000 c704 u...$.@.....
0x0040158a 2400 0000 00e8 1811 0000 c704 24b0 4040 $.@.....$.@
0x0040159a 00e8 dc10 0000 c704 24ff ffff ffe8 0011 .....$.@.....
0x004015aa 0000 6690 6690 5383 ec28 a1e4 5340 0089 ..f.f.S..(..S@..
0x004015ba 0424 e87f 0400 0083 f8ff 8944 2418 0f84 ..$.@.....D$.@..
0x004015ca 8200 0000 c704 2408 0000 00e8 ea10 0000 .....$.@.....
0x004015da a1e4 5340 0089 0424 e859 0400 0089 4424 ..S@...$.Y...D$
0x004015ea 18a1 e053 4000 8904 24e8 4804 0000 8944 ...S@...$.H...D
0x004015fa 241c 8d44 241c 8944 2408 8d44 2418 8944 $.D$.D$.D$.D$.D
0x0040160a 2404 8b44 2430 8904 24e8 e410 0000 89c3 $.D$.D$.D$.D$.D
0x0040161a 8b44 2418 8904 24e8 2a04 0000 a3e4 5340 ..D$.D$.D$.D$.D
0x0040162a 008b 4424 1c89 0424 e819 0400 00c7 0424 ..D$.D$.D$.D$.D
0x0040163a 0800 0000 a3e0 5340 00e8 7410 0000 83c4 .....S@...t....
0x0040164a 2889 d85b c390 8b44 2430 8904 24ff 1588 ([...D$.D$.D$.D
0x0040165a 6140 0083 c428 89c3 89d8 5bc3 8d76 008d a@...([...v...
0x0040166a bc27 0000 0000 83ec 1c8b 4424 2089 0424 ..'.@.....D$.D$.D
0x0040167a e831 ffff ff85 c00f 94c0 83c4 1c0f b6c0 ..1.....D$.D$.D
0x0040168a f7d8 c390 9090 a104 3040 008b 0085 c074 .....@@...t....
0x0040169a 1f83 ec0c 6690 ffd0 a104 3040 008d 5004 ....f.....@@...P.
0x004016aa 8b40 0489 1504 3040 0085 c075 e983 c40c ..@....@@...u....
0x004016ba f3c3 8d74 2600 5383 ec18 8b1d 4027 4000 ...t&S.....@'@.
0x004016ca 83fb ff74 2185 db74 0c ff 149d 4027 4000 ...t!..t....@'@.
0x004016da 83eb 0175 f4c7 0424 9016 4000 e885 ffff ...u...$.@.....
0x004016ea ff83 c418 5bc3 31db eb02 89c3 8d43 018b ....[.1.....C..
0x004016fa 1485 4027 4000 85d2 75f0 ebc9 8d76 008d ..@'@...u....v...
0x0040170a bc27 0000 0000 a11c 5040 0085 c074 07f3 ..'.@.....P@...t..
0x0040171a c390 8d74 2600 c705 1c50 4000 0100 0000 ...t&....P@....
0x0040172a eh94 9090 9090 ff25 6051 4000 9090 9090 ...%`a@

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Useful keys –

- c – switch to cursor mode
- hjkl – move
- i – insert mode
- q – quit

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We've replace the JNE with NOP  
(Pressing A will show us the updated assembler)

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Command Prompt - C:\Users\p0072371\Desktop\Cutter-v1.2-win64\radare2.exe -w D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware-r2-fixed.exe
rite some x86-32 assembly...

0>

0x0040156a      40      inc eax
0x0040156b      40      inc eax
0x0040156c      00e8    add al, ch
0x0040156e      0211    add dl, byte [ecx]
0x00401570      0000    add byte [eax], al
0x00401572      8b442418 mov eax, dword [esp + 0x18] ; [0x18:4]=-1 ; 24
0x00401576      3944241c cmp dword [esp + 0x1c], eax ; [0x13:4]=-1 ; 19
0x0040157a      6690    nop
0x0040157c      c70424884040. mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_correct__beginning_decryption ; [0x404088:
0x00401583      e8f4100000 call sym._puts ;[1]
0x00401588      c70424000000. mov dword [esp], 0
0x0040158f      e818110000 call sym._exit ;[2]
0x00401594      c70424b04040. mov dword [esp], str.Key_is_incorrect__warning_repeated_attempts_to_decry
0x0040159b      e8dc100000 call sym._puts ;[1]
0x004015a0      c70424ffffff. mov dword [esp], 0xffffffff ; [0xffffffff:4]=-1 ; -1
0x004015a7      e800110000 call sym._exit ;[2]
0x004015ac      6690    nop
0x004015ae      6690    nop
;-- _mingw_onexit:
0x004015b0      53      push ebx
```



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```

C:\Users\p0072371>D:\GD\Teaching\P00501\malware-r2-fixed.exe
Your files have been encrypted!
Please enter the decryption key
Key is available for 1 Bitcoin from http://www.hackers.are.us/
1
Key is correct, beginning decryption
C:\Users\p0072371>_

```

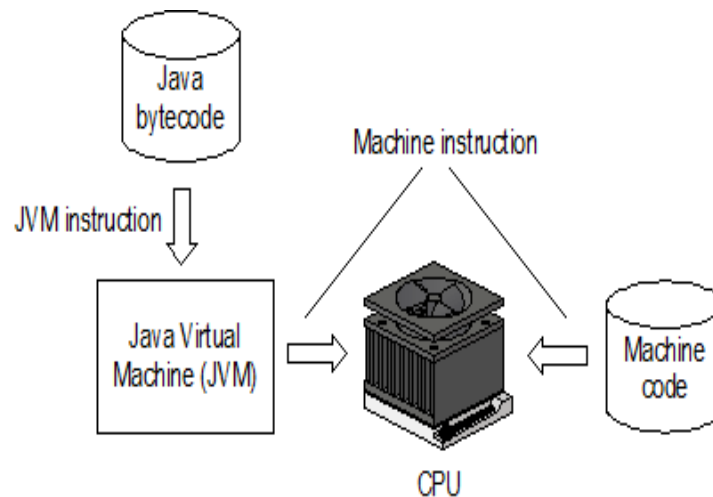
Now it doesn't matter what the key the user types in!

# BOOMERANG – DECOMPILER

Original source code	Disassembled binary code	Decompiled source code
<pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt; int a[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};  int main() {      int sum = 0;     int i;     for (i=0; i &lt; 10; i++) {          sum += a[i];      }      printf("Sum is %d\n", sum);      return 0; }</pre>	<pre>8049460 01000000 02000000 03000000 04000000 8049470 05000000 06000000 07000000 08000000 8049480 09000000 0a000000 8048328: push %ebp 8048329: mov %esp,%ebp 804832b: sub \$0x8,%esp 804832e: and \$0xffffffff,%esp 8048331: mov \$0x0,%eax 8048336: sub %eax,%esp 8048338: movl \$0x0,0xffffffff(%ebp) 804833f: movl \$0x0,0xffffffff8(%ebp) 8048346: cmpl \$0x9,0xffffffff8(%ebp) 804834a: jle 804834e &lt;main+0x26&gt; 804834c: jmp 8048364 &lt;main+0x3c&gt;  804834e: mov 0xffffffff8(%ebp),%eax 8048351: mov 0x8049460(,%eax,4),%edx 8048358: lea 0xffffffffc(%ebp),%eax 804835b: add %edx,(%eax) 804835d: lea 0xffffffff8(%ebp),%eax 8048360: incl (%eax) 8048362: jmp 8048346 &lt;main+0x1e&gt;  8048364: sub \$0x8,%esp 8048367: pushl 0xffffffffc(%ebp) 804836a: push \$0x804842c 804836f: call 8048268 &lt;printf@plt&gt; 8048374: add \$0x10,%esp 8048377: mov \$0x0,%eax 804837c: leave 804837d: ret 804842c 53756d20 69732025 Sum is % 8048434 640a00 d..</pre>	<pre>int a[10] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 };  int main(int argc, char** argv, char** envp) {     int local1; // m[r28{0} - 8] // sum     int local2; // m[r28{0} - 12] // i      local1 = 0;     local2 = 0;     while (local2 &lt;= 9) {          local1 += a[local2]; // sum += a[i]          local2++; // i++      }      printf("Sum is %d\n", local1);      return 0; }</pre>

# REVERSING AND PATCHING JAVA BYTECODE

- The following formal definitions of machine code and Java bytecode apply:
  - **Machine code:** “Machine code or machine language is a system of instructions and data executed directly by a computer's central processing unit”. Machine code contains the platform-specific machine instructions to execute on the target processor.
  - **Java bytecode:** “Bytecode is the intermediate representation of Java programs just as assembler is the intermediate representation of C or C++ programs”. Java bytecode contains platform-independent instructions that are translated to platform-specific instructions by a Java Virtual Machine.



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- Good-quality Java source can often be generated from Java bytecode with little difficulty due to certain characteristics of bytecode:
  - Platform-independent (consistent) instruction set and layout/format.
  - Very rich, well-structured metadata about Classes, Methods, and Variables:
    - names and datatypes (e.g., String personName, Map personRecord).
    - Method signatures (includes Constructors).
- Generating HLL source (e.g., C/C++) from machine code is challenging due to high variation in the output of compilers on different platforms and unavoidable loss of information that occurs when compiling a HLL down to machine code.

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- Machine code is stored in files with varying extensions (\*.exe, \*.dll, ...)
  - extensions are dependent upon the operating system.
- On the contrary...
  - Java bytecode is *always* stored in files that have a \*.class extension.
- The Java Language Specification allows at most one top-level public class to be defined per \*.java source file and requires that the bytecode be stored in a file whose name matches the pattern *TopLevelClassName.class*.
- Collections of Java classes, such as those for an application or class library, are stored together in an archive file with a \*.jar extension.

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## DECOMPILING AND DISASSEMBLING JAVA BYTECODE

- Bytecode is stored in a binary format that is not human-readable and therefore must be “disassembled” in order to be read.
- Oracle’s Java Development Toolkit (JDK) comes with **javap**, a command-line tool for “disassembling” Java bytecode.
- javap disassembles bytecode – not entirely true
  - the output of javap is unstructured text which cannot be compiled back to bytecode.
  - The assumption is you already have the \*.class file.
- The output of javap is nonetheless useful as a debugging and performance tuning aid since one can see which JVM instructions are generated from high- level Java language statements.

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## DECOMPILING AND DISASSEMBLING JAVA BYTECODE

- A better way to disassemble Java bytecode is to use the commercial product IntelliJ by Jet Brains
- The community version (free version) can disassemble but the commercial version (free to students) lets you do more to patch
- To use IntelliJ as a disassembler, just open the class/jar file instead of the source file

# C TO ASSEMBLY (1)

```
int a = 0;
int b = 1;
a = a + 11;
a = a - b;
a--;
b++;
b = a % 3;
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00401006	mov [ebp+var_4], 0
0040100D	mov [ebp+var_8], 1
00401014	mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
00401017	add eax, 0Bh
0040101A	mov [ebp+var_4], eax
0040101D	mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]
00401020	sub ecx, [ebp+var_8]
00401023	mov [ebp+var_4], ecx
00401026	mov edx, [ebp+var_4]
00401029	sub edx, 1
0040102C	mov [ebp+var_4], edx
0040102F	mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
00401032	add eax, 1
00401035	mov [ebp+var_8], eax
00401038	mov eax, [ebp+var_4]
0040103B	cdq
0040103C	mov ecx, 3
00401041	idiv ecx
00401043	mov [ebp+var_8], edx



# C TO ASSEMBLY (2)

int x = 1;	00401006	mov [ebp+var_8], 1
int y = 2;	0040100D	mov [ebp+var_4], 2
	00401014	mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
	00401017	cmp eax, [ebp+var_4] <input type="checkbox"/>
if(x == y)	0040101A	<b>jnz short loc_40102B</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
{	0040101C	push offset aXEqualsY_ ; "x
printf("x equals y.\n");		equals y.\n"
}	00401021	call printf
	00401026	add esp, 4
else	00401029	jmp short loc_401038 <input type="checkbox"/>
{	0040102B	loc_40102B:
printf("x is not equal	0040102B	push offset aXIsNotEqualToY ;
to y.\n");		"x is not equal to y.\n"
}	00401030	call printf

# WHAT DID WE LEARN TODAY?

- What is Reverse Engineering?
- Static vs dynamic analysis
- RE and Assembly
- Disassembly, Decompilers
- Radare2 & Cutter
- Ransomware protection
- Reversing and Patching Java Bytecode

Practical today will try out some of these tools discussed.

Next week we will learn about Dynamic Analysis