

Reverse Engineering Course

Static Analysis

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Lesson 1 – Assembly to C Code

Hex View

- <http://data.cyber.org.il/reversing/BreakMe.exe>
- Open BreakMe exercise with Hex View
 - Neo Hex Editor
 - HXD
 - Etc
- Study as much as you can
 - Code / Data / Imports sections
 - Strings

IDA- Basic

- Interactive Dis-Assembly
- Basic operations:
 - Sections
 - Memory / Graph views
 - Strings view
 - Show machine code
 - Click / Esc
 - Change names
 - Insert comments
 - Convert string -> data -> string

BreakMe



Riddle1

- <https://data.cyber.org.il/reversing/riddles.zip>
- Convert riddle1.exe to C

Reversing Techniques

- Focus on the important things- attempting to figure every line is wasteful
- Three steps:
 - 1: Identify main
 - 2: Disregard compiler stuff
 - 3: Identify signatures of functions

Step 1 - Tactics for finding Main

- Use functions graph
- One step before exit routines
- Look for unique argv-argc-envp sequence
- Xref to strings, then go up
- Recognize the compiler 😊
- Find main (riddle 1)

Step 2 - Canary

- Compilers add instructions to verify the stack is untouched
 - Push value and pop it before return
 - Make sure ESP untouched
- Identify by finding matching patterns at func start/end

```
mov    eax, __security_cookie
xor    eax, ebp
mov    [ebp+var_4], eax
```

```
mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
xor    ecx, ebp
call   j_@__security_check_cookie@4
```

Step 2 - Other Distractions

- Storing / restoring registers
- Initialization functions
 - CPU information
 - Thread information

Step 3 – Function Signatures

- Args – passed to the func
- Vars – locals
- Who clears the stack?
- Increase our knowledge over time

Practice

- Finish converting riddle 1 to C code

Practice

- Convert riddle2.exe to C

Homework

- Riddle 3, 4, 5

Lesson 2 – Patching, Practice

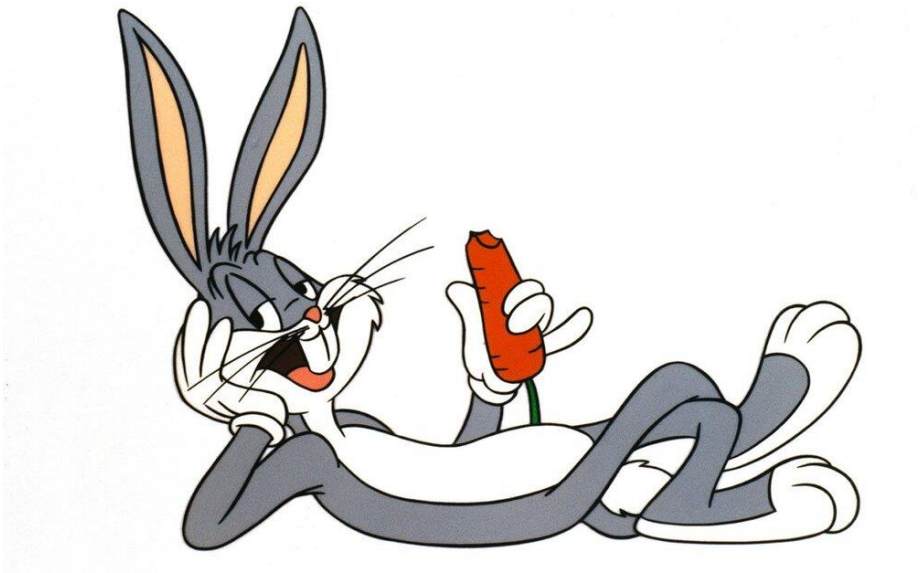
IDA – Play with Patching

- Patch and apply patches to BreakMe.exe:
 - Step 1: Accept all but correct password
 - Step 2: Accept all passwords
 - Step 3: Don't even ask for a password
 - Hint: Rename memory location



Practice

- Carrot.exe



Homework

- Pixies.exe
- Vegas.exe

