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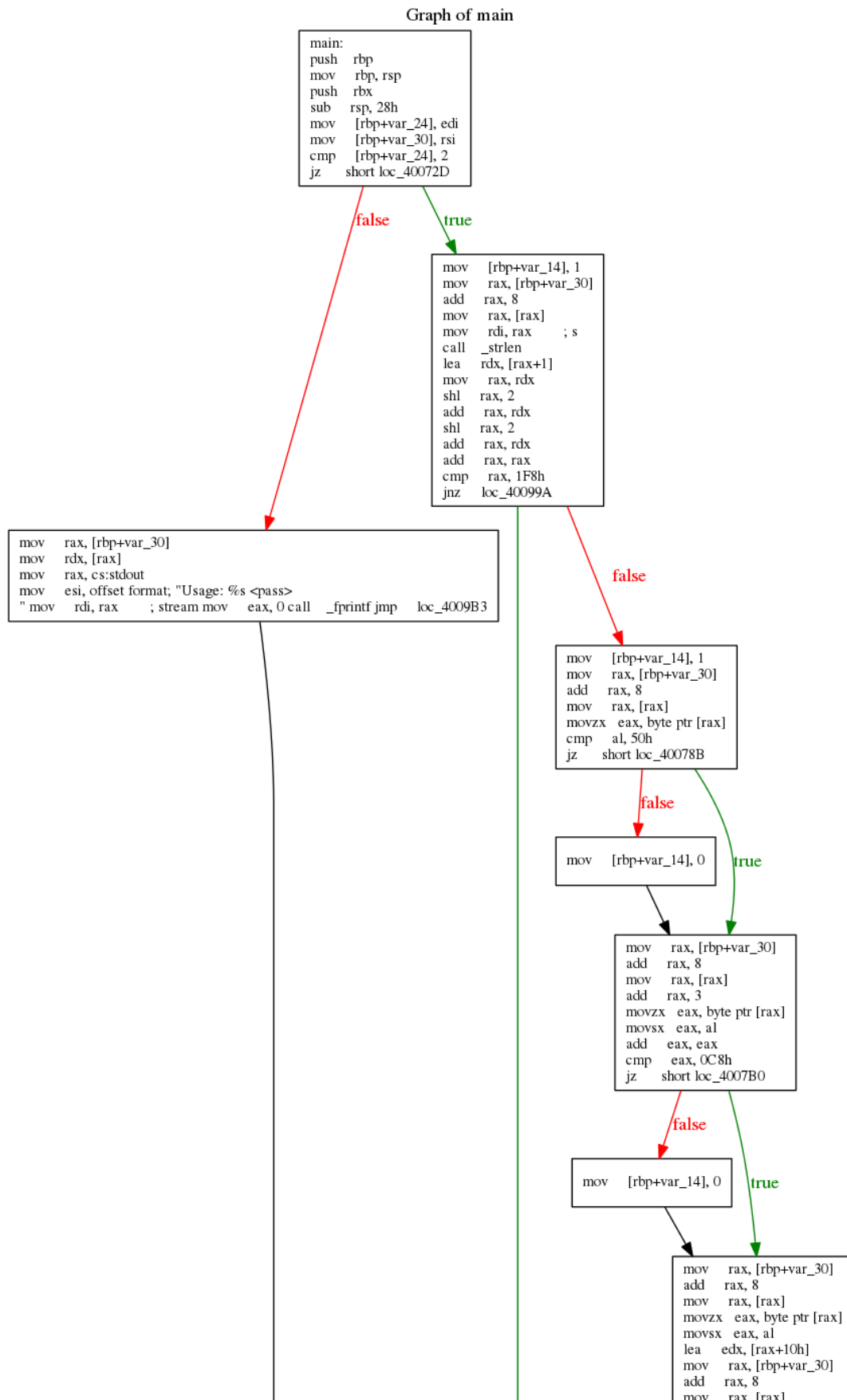
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## Keygenning with KLEE and Hex-Rays

First, we need to identify the code that handles validating passwords. Opening the binary in IDA Pro makes it quite easy to visualize the main function.

Understanding all of the instructions isn't required; it's clear that the left branch occurs (outputting `Usage: %s <pass>` ) when no input is give and the middle branch happens when an incorrect password is given (outputting `Try again...` ).



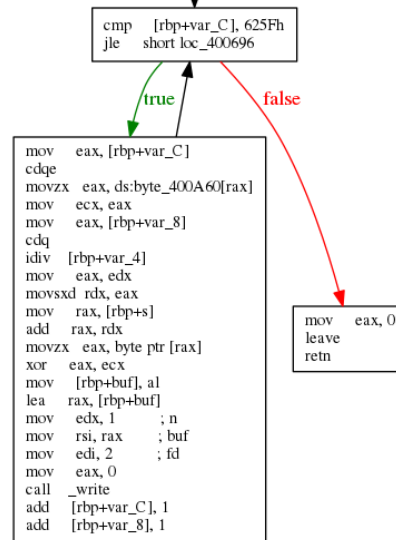
On the bottom right, there's a call to sub\_40064D that *should* be for the correct. That being said, I've seen some CTF challenges where there's actually no 'correct' password, so let's look at the function to make sure this isn't a trick.

Graph of sub\_40064D

```

sub_40064D:
push    rbp
mov     rbp, rsp
sub     rsp, 20h
mov     [rbp+s], rdi
mov     rax, cs:stdout
mov     rcx, rax          ; s
mov     edx, 0Bh          ; n
mov     esi, 1            ; size
mov     edi, offset aGoodGood; "Good good!"
" call  _fwrite mov     [rbp+var_C], 0 mov     [rbp+var_8], 0 mov     rax, [rbp+s] mov     rdi, rax          ; s call  _strlen mov     [rbp+var_4], eax jmp     short loc_4006E2

```



Lucky for us, there's no tricks. Using Hex-Rays Decompiler on main results in extremely readable C.

```

int __fastcall main(int a1, char **a2, char **a3)
{
    int result; // eax@2
    __int64 v4; // rbx@10
    signed int v5; // [sp+1Ch] [bp-14h]@4

    if ( a1 == 2 )
    {
        if ( 42 * (strlen(a2[1]) + 1) != 504 )
            goto LABEL_31;
        v5 = 1;
        if ( *a2[1] != 80 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( 2 * a2[1][3] != 200 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( *a2[1] + 16 != a2[1][6] - 16 )
            v5 = 0;
        v4 = a2[1][5];
        if ( v4 != 9 * strlen(a2[1]) - 4 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][7] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][10] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] - 17 != *a2[1] )
            v5 = 0;
    }
}

```

```
    if ( a2[1][3] != a2[1][9] )
        v5 = 0;
    if ( a2[1][4] != 105 )
        v5 = 0;
    if ( a2[1][2] - a2[1][1] != 13 )
        v5 = 0;
    if ( a2[1][8] - a2[1][7] != 13 )
        v5 = 0;
    if ( v5 )
        result = sub_40064D(a2[1]);
    else
LABEL_31:
        result = fprintf(stdout, "Try again...\n", a2);
}
else
{
    result = fprintf(stdout, "Usage: %s <pass>\n", *a2, a2);
}
return result;
}
```

At this point, you can solve the equations by hand in a minute or two by looking up all the ASCII values. However, I decided that wouldn't be a very fun learning experience, and decide to automate the process.

First, main.c needs to be adjusted slightly to be able to be recompiled. Only 2 lines were added and 7 changed.

```
#include "defs.h" // Take from IDA's plugins/
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int a1, char **a2, char **a3)
{
    __int64 v4; // rbx@10
    signed int v5; // [sp+1Ch] [bp-14h]@4

    if ( a1 == 2 )
    {
        if ( 42 * (strlen(a2[1]) + 1) != 504 )
            goto LABEL_31;
        v5 = 1;
        if ( *a2[1] != 80 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( 2 * a2[1][3] != 200 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( *a2[1] + 16 != a2[1][6] - 16 )
            v5 = 0;
        v4 = a2[1][5];
        if ( v4 != 9 * strlen(a2[1]) - 4 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][7] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][10] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] - 17 != *a2[1] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][3] != a2[1][9] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][4] != 105 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][2] - a2[1][1] != 13 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][8] - a2[1][7] != 13 )
```

```
        v5 = 0;
    if ( v5 )
        printf("Good good!\n");
    else
LABEL_31:
        printf("Try again...\n");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Usage: %s <pass>\n", *a2);
    }
}
```

To solve the program, we can use KLEE (which is a symbolic virtual machine). I opted to use the [Docker image of KLEE](#) to avoid building it.

```
sudo docker pull klee/klee
sudo docker run -v /mnt/hgfs/stage2:/home/klee/stage2 --rm -ti --ulimit='stack=-1:-1' klee/klee # Adjust -v
```

To flag to KLEE when we've reached the state we want, `klee_assert(0)` has to be added (which will flag it down as an error when it occurs).

```
#include "defs.h" // Take from IDA's plugins/
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <klee/klee.h>

int main(int a1, char **a2, char **a3)
{
    __int64 v4; // rbx@10
    signed int v5; // [sp+1Ch] [bp-14h]@4

    if ( a1 == 2 )
    {
        if ( 42 * (strlen(a2[1]) + 1) != 504 )
            goto LABEL_31;
        v5 = 1;
        if ( *a2[1] != 80 )
            v5 = 0;
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        if ( v4 != 9 * strlen(a2[1]) - 4 )
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        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][7] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] != a2[1][10] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][1] - 17 != *a2[1] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][3] != a2[1][9] )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][4] != 105 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][2] - a2[1][1] != 13 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( a2[1][8] - a2[1][7] != 13 )
            v5 = 0;
        if ( v5 ) {
```

## Onto compiling!

```
clang -I ~/klee_src/include/ -emit-llvm -g -o main.ll -c main.
```

Now, here's the magic of KLEE. Running `klee --optimize --libc=uclibc --posix-runtime main.ll --sym-arg 100` will look for all possible solutions that are under 100 chars. After a mere few seconds (on an ancient mobile i3 CPU), the entire process is done. In this binary there's one `*.err` file since there's only one solution.

```
klee@4a860a030d10:~/stage2$ ls klee-last/*err  
klee-last/test000025.assert.err  
  
klee@4a860a030d10:~/stage2$ ktest-tool klee-last/test000025.ktest  
ktest file : 'klee-last/test000025.ktest'  
args       : ['main.ll', '--sym-arg', '100']  
num objects: 2  
object     0: name: b'arg0'  
object     0: size: 101  
object     0: data: b'\x00\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\x01'  
object     1: name: b'model_version'  
object     1: size: 4  
object     1: data: b'\x01\x00\x00\x00'
```

We can see that the input Pandi\_panda (followed by a null byte) is the correct password.

## References

- <https://doar-e.github.io/blog/2015/08/18/keygenning-with-klee/>
- <https://klee.github.io/tutorials/testing-function/>
- <https://klee.github.io/tutorials/testing-coreutils/>
- <https://www.cs.umd.edu/~mwh/se-tutorial/>
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