1. I start off this crack-me yet again with just playing around with it. I opened it up and sought to see what the task was:

- 2. Another serial based crack-mes. In the last Crack-Me, I chose to self-keygen (i.e. find just one solution), but for this Crack-Me, I will develop a program to generate keys for me.
- 3. Opening this up in OllyDBG, I find the area of immediate interest after searching for reference strings:

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4. With the above x86 code and a pencil and paper (left out OllyDBG comments this time, because it was faster), I mapped out the math behind using the name to generate the serial. The code is available on Github, but here is a screenshot:

```
int main() {
    char * name = "Qwertyuiop"; // Must be length 10 to work b/c loop below
    int serialNumber = 0;
    int sideNumber = 526489; //Obtains from crack-me binary in OllyDBG

for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++){
        serialNumber += (unsigned char) name[i];
        sideNumber += serialNumber;
    }

int sum = serialNumber + sideNumber;
    int halfSide = sideNumber / 2;
    serialNumber = ((sum << 2) + (sum << 1) + sum) - serialNumber + (halfSide << 3) + (halfSide << 2) + halfSide;
    serialNumber *= ((sum << 2) + (sum << 1) + sum);

if(serialNumber < 0){
        serialNumber -= serialNumber;
    }
    printf("%d", serialNumber);
}</pre>
```

5. For the username "Qwertyuiop" above, it generates a corresponding serial of "149632257" and allows me to finish this Crack-Me:

Finished.

Final Remarks:

I always get a thrill with finding the solution to these reverse engineering problems. Especially with the solution above, which can be used to generate any solution for any username (above 10 characters (see screenshot for details on this)), it was fun finding all the solutions and not just one like

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