

## Lab 5

For my Lab work I picked up a challenge from [hackthebox.eu/home/challenges/Reversing](https://hackthebox.eu/home/challenges/Reversing).

The name of the challenge was a “**Bypass**”. This is a CTF-like challenge that was released on the 6th of March 2020.

Description of the challenge is the following:

*The Client is in full control. Bypass the authentication and read the key to get the Flag.*

To decide what tools to use I referred to this write-up

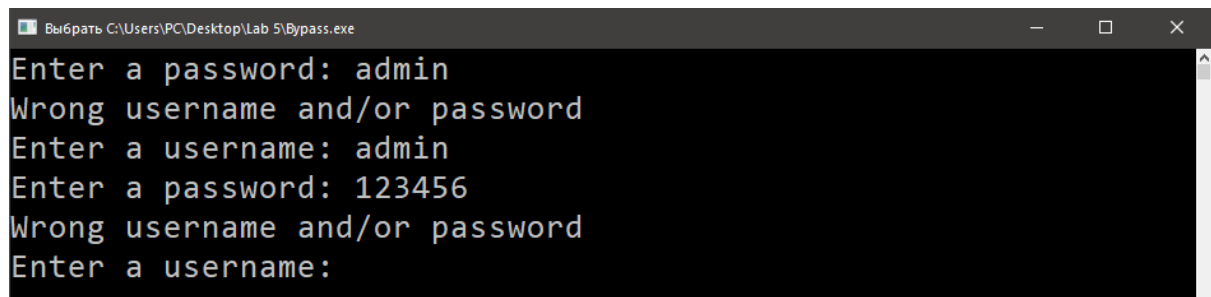
<https://medium.com/swlh/hack-the-boxdwriteup-rev-1-a94282cb0c63>

## Tools

1. ILSpy Decompiler <https://github.com/icsharpcode/ILSpy/>
2. Reflexil assembly editor, runs as a plugin for ILSpy <https://github.com/sailro/Reflexil>

## Solution

My first step was to execute the program



```
Выбрать C:\Users\PC\Desktop\Lab 5\Bypass.exe
Enter a password: admin
Wrong username and/or password
Enter a username: admin
Enter a password: 123456
Wrong username and/or password
Enter a username:
```

It seems like there is nothing to do in command prompt yet, let's try using our tools.

Run ILSpy and open the file **bypass.exe**.

I've analyzed the headers and the whole structure of this file and came to a conclusion that the part we need to work with is most probably in the “Module:0” section.

The function we seem to interact with is this one:

```
// 0
using System;

public static bool 1()
{
    Console.Write(5.1);
    string text = Console.ReadLine();
    Console.Write(5.2);
    string text2 = Console.ReadLine();
    return false;
}
```

Here, the console writes something and then takes the input (username), same for password, and then it returns boolean **false**. We can try to change **false** to **true**. For that we have to open a Reflexil plugin with a gearwheel button at the top of ILSpy.



We are interested in **ldc.i4.0** value, changing it to anything between **ldc.i4.1** and **ldc.i4.8** will work.

The screenshot shows the ILSpy interface with a list of IL instructions. Instruction 11 is selected, showing its OpCode as **ldc.i4.1**. A Reflexil plugin window is open, displaying the selected instruction's details: OpCode **ldc.i4.1**, Description "Pushes the integer value of 1 onto the evaluation stack as an int32.", Operand type **[None]**, and an empty Operand field. An "Update" button is visible in the plugin window.

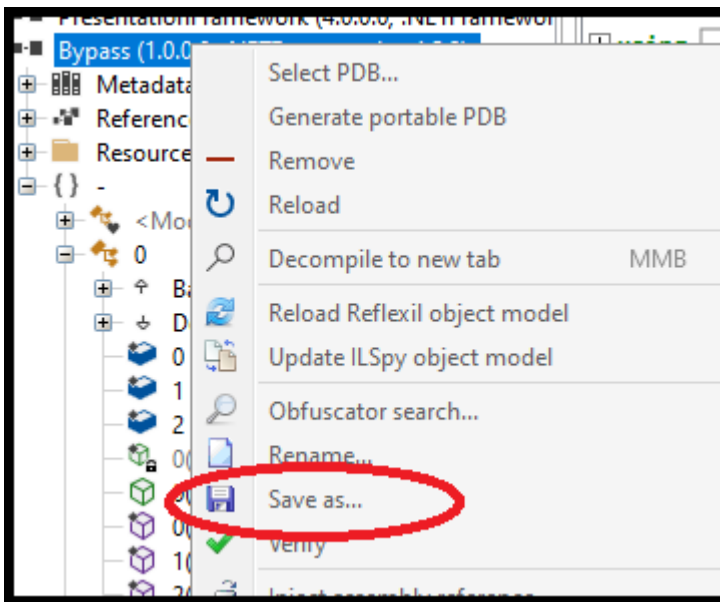
| Index | Offset | OpCode   | Operand  |
|-------|--------|----------|--|
| 07    | 23     | call     | System.Void System.Console::Write(System.String) |
| 08    | 28     | nop      |  |
| 09    | 29     | call     | System.String System.Console::ReadLine()         |
| 10    | 34     | stloc.1  |  |
| 11    | 35     | ldc.i4.1 |  |
| 12    | 36     | stloc.2  |  |

Now update the code, **return** value should now be **"true"**.

The screenshot shows the ILSpy interface with a context menu open for the function **10: bool 20: v**. The menu options include: Rename..., Delete, Decompile, Copy FQ Name, Search Microsoft Docs..., Decompile to new tab (MMB), Analyze (Ctrl+R), **Update ILSpy object model** (highlighted with a red circle), and Open Containing Folder.

```
public static bool 1()
{
    Console.Write(5.1);
    string text = Console.ReadLine();
    Console.Write(5.2);
    string text2 = Console.ReadLine();
    return true;
}
```

We can now save our program with the update code and run it.



```
C:\Users\PC\Desktop\Lab 5\Bypass.Patched.exe

Enter a username: qwerty
Enter a password: qwerty
Please Enter the secret Key: secretkey
Wrong Key
Please Enter the secret Key: :(
Wrong Key
Please Enter the secret Key:
```

Now our program asks us to enter a secret key, so let's continue changing the code.

```
// 0
using System;

public static void 2()
{
    string = 5.3;
    Console.Write(5.4);
    string b = Console.ReadLine();
    if ( == b)
    {
        Console.Write(5.5 + global::0.2 + 5.6);
        return;
    }
    Console.WriteLine(5.7);
    2();
}
```

I'm sure there are different ways around, but here's mine.  
The code lines before change:

|    |    |               |  |
|----|----|---------------|--|
| 12 | 32 | if (b == 5.3) |  |
| 13 | 33 | brfalse.s     | -> (23) nop  |
| 14 | 35 | nop           |  |
| 15 | 36 | ldsfld        | System.String 5::5   |
| 16 | 41 | ldsfld        | System.String 0::2   |
| 17 | 46 | ldsfld        | System.String 5::6   |
| 18 | 51 | call          | System.String System.String::Concat(System.String, System.String, System.String) |
| 19 | 56 | call          | System.Void System.Console::Write(System.String)                                 |
| 20 | 61 | nop           |  |
| 21 | 62 | nop           |  |
| 22 | 65 | br.s          | -> (30) ret  |
| 23 | 65 | nop           |  |
| 24 | 66 | ldsfld        | System.String 5::7   |
| 25 | 71 | call          | System.Void System.Console::WriteLine(System.String)                             |
| 26 | 76 | nop           |  |
| 27 | 77 | call          | System.Void 0::2()   |
| 28 | 82 | nop           |  |

This line indicates "if" statement, if false, then go to line 23

After the change:

|    |    |           |  |
|----|----|-----------|--|
| 13 | 33 | brfalse.s | -> (20) nop  |
| 14 | 35 | nop       |  |
| 15 | 36 | ldsfld    | System.String 5::7   |
| 16 | 41 | call      | System.Void System.Console::WriteLine(System.String)                             |
| 17 | 46 | nop       |  |
| 18 | 47 | nop       |  |
| 19 | 48 | br.s      | -> (30) ret  |
| 20 | 50 | nop       |  |
| 21 | 51 | nop       |  |
| 22 | 52 | ldsfld    | System.String 5::5   |
| 23 | 57 | ldsfld    | System.String 0::2   |
| 24 | 62 | ldsfld    | System.String 5::6   |
| 25 | 67 | call      | System.String System.String::Concat(System.String, System.String, System.String) |
| 26 | 72 | call      | System.Void System.Console::Write(System.String)                                 |
| 27 | 77 | call      | System.Void 0::2()   |

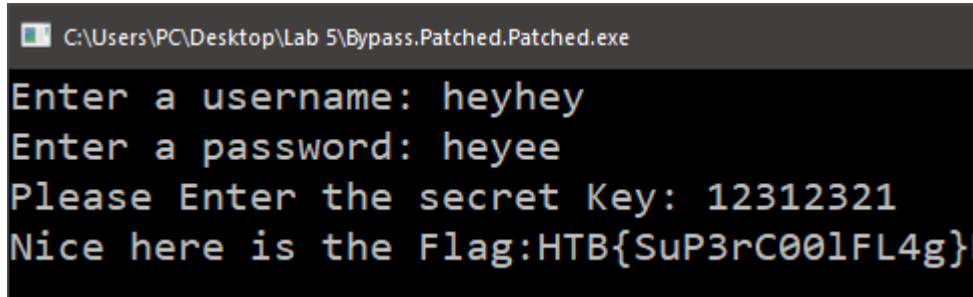
CODE WE NEED TO BE EXECUTED

Basically I moved our desired code out of the "if" statement and replaced it with the code we don't need.

Updated code looks like this now.

```
public static void 2()
{
    string = 5.3;
    Console.Write(5.4);
    string b = Console.ReadLine();
    if ( == b)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(5.7);
        return;
    }
    Console.Write(5.5 + global::0.2 + 5.6);
    2();
}
```

Now save the program and execute it.

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar at the top shows the file path "C:\Users\PC\Desktop\Lab 5\Bypass.Patched.Patched.exe". The command prompt displays the following text: "Enter a username: heyhey", "Enter a password: heyee", "Please Enter the secret Key: 12312321", and "Nice here is the Flag:HTB{SuP3rC001FL4g}!".

```
C:\Users\PC\Desktop\Lab 5\Bypass.Patched.Patched.exe
Enter a username: heyhey
Enter a password: heyee
Please Enter the secret Key: 12312321
Nice here is the Flag:HTB{SuP3rC001FL4g}!
```

Challenge is resolved, flag is captured.

File link:

[https://mega.nz/file/MloRgQSb#8-co\\_Aca8DAiatNGSpU\\_imVkJQktMrqb0BFkM0Kxi78](https://mega.nz/file/MloRgQSb#8-co_Aca8DAiatNGSpU_imVkJQktMrqb0BFkM0Kxi78)