

M2 Cybersecurity

Advanced Security

Practical exercises on binary code Reverse Engineering

Download the examples provided on the Moodle page for this Lab.
They consist in 4 « CTF like » challenges, sorted by increasing difficulty.

You can execute/solve them directly on the Ensimag machines using no more tools than objdump, gdb or Ghidra.

Chal1: crakme0 (x86) [very very easy]

The goal is to get a congratulation message ...

Easy to obtain if we decompile this code with Ghidra and look at the expected input string (available in plain text).

Chal2: crakme2 (x86) [similar to Chal2, but a bit more difficult]

The goal is to get a congratulation message ...

The expected input string is not readily available in plain text in the executable code but slightly transformed. Using Ghidra we can easily retrieve the transformation algorithm (and write a small program to reproduce its behavior).

Chal2: crackme1 (x86_64) [easy]

The goal is to get the magic word printed on the screen ...

Similar than crackme2, but the transformation algorithm is a bit more complex. You can skip this example if you are late ...

A break: foo (x86) [something different to take a break ...]

- Run this program
- Load it into gdb and put a breakpoint at function foo (b foo)
- run it and disassemble foo when the breakpoint is hit (disass)
- continue the execution (continue) until the breakpoint is hit again
- disassemble foo, what do you observe?

Chal4: crakme3 (x86) [difficult!!]

The goal is to find the correct password ...