

# DEFEATING ENCRYPTION BY USING UNICORN ENGINE WORKSHOP



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- Trainer of this course
- Originally from Hungary, living in London
- Over two decades of offensive security experience
- Started learning assembly at the age of 13
- Software Reverse Engineer
- 15 years of research and consultancy
- Certifications: OSCE, OSCP, OSWP; Prev: GIAC GPEN, CREST CCT Inf

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- Previously developed:
  - Exploits for Windows and Linux applications
  - Shellcode payloads for multiple architectures
  - Kernel driver exploits
- Frequent speaker on IT-Security conferences:
  - US - Washington DC, Atlanta, Honolulu
  - Europe - UK, Belgium, Norway, Austria, Hungary...
  - APAC - Australia, Singapore, Philippines



# BIO / BALÁZS BUCSAY

- Hobbies:
  - Travelling (been to 75+ countries)
  - Hiking, kayaking, cycling
  - IT Security
- Love to learn from others
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- Boutique consultancy approach
- Decades of experience and excellence
  - Training delivery ([Software Reverse Engineering training](#))
  - Cloud, CI/CD, Kubernetes reviews
  - Red Teaming, EASM, Infrastructure testing
  - Web application and API assessments
  - Reverse-engineering, embedded devices and exploit development
  - ...
- Full stack consultancy - from finding a bug until it gets fixed

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## GROUND RULES

- Please silence your phones
- Take phone calls outside of the room and preferably in breaks
- **Interaction is encouraged, please ask as many questions as you'd like**
- The workshop might be heavy at some points, let's stop and recap what is missing



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

- We are going to learn:
  - A bit of theory behind Unicorn Engine
  - How to script the API
  - How to execute code platform independently
  - How to map memory
  - How to pass parameters to functions
  - How to debug issues with our scripts



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

- Prerequisite
  - Proficiency in coding in a programming language
  - Familiarity with Assembly language
  - Competence in using Linux operating systems
  - A computer capable of x64 virtualization
  - VMWare Player installed on their computer





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# SOFTWARE REVERSE ENGINEER COURSES

- In case you are interested in the full training:
  - [Software Reverse Engineering training](#)
- Multiple courses (pick your level):
  - Day 01-03: Beginner level (from scratch)
  - Day 04-05: Intermediate level
  - Day 06-10: Advanced level
- Find me after the workshop



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# SETUP

- Install VMWare Player
  - Distributed with other materials
  - Next, next, finish - install MS VC Redistributable if required
  - Reboot if required
  - Select FREE option - Non-commercial use only
- Open Virtual Machine in VMWare Player
- Select Linux and click on "Play virtual machine"
- Make sure you have the slides in PDF format
- **Make sure you click on COPIED not moved if VMWare Player asks**



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## UBUNTU LINUX VM

- Ubuntu Desktop VM, FOSS
- All necessary tools installed for this workshop
- Challenges and solutions are also on the VM
- Feel free to use this VM after the course for as long as you want



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# VIRTUAL MACHINE SECURITY

- Credentials to log into the VMs:
  - Username: **training**
  - Password: **training**
- Feel free to change the password - make sure you remember it
- The network interface is set to NAT - no incoming connections
- Vanilla configuration, not hardened, might need security updates as well
- Please do not update during the workshop - could block you



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# UNDERSTANDING AND FOLLOWING THE MATERIAL

- Reverse Engineering is a complex skill that requires low-level knowledge
- Don't worry if you don't get everything for the first time
- Lots of back and forth
- Check the slides if you need to clear-up something
- Feel free to ask questions instead of lagging behind





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# UNICORN ENGINE

- Quick theory and then we start with the real deal
- Including:
  - Learning the capabilities of the Unicorn API (Python)
  - Loading and running code
  - Calling functions
  - Hooking execution
  - Passing function parameters
  - etc.

# QEMU



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- QEMU is a generic and open-source machine emulator and virtualizer
- Stands for Quick EMUlator
- It is capable to emulate multiple other architectures including:
  - x86/x64
  - ARM
  - PowerPC
  - RISC-V
  - ...
- User-mode emulation: runs a binary, emulates with minimal environment
- System emulation: emulates a whole system including peripherals
- Supports Windows, macOS, Linux and other UNIX operating systems



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# UNICORN ENGINE

- Next Generation CPU Emulator
- Based on QEMU
- It is capable to emulate code (multiple architecture)
- Provides an API for programming languages to create an environment and run code
  - Supports: C, Python, Java, Go, .NET, Rust, ...
- Easy way to execute and debug code



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## UNICORN ENGINE AS A SOLUTION

- Think of a scenario where you have a specific machine code
- This might be part of a program or just a snippet of code
- Without having the right hardware, how would you execute it?
- Without having a skeleton program, how would you execute it?
- Unicorn Engine allows to execute snippets on *\*any\** architecture



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## TOOLS TO USE:

- Text editor (recommended [Sublime](#))
- Terminal (recommended [Terminator](#))
- Disassembler/Decompiler (recommended [Ghidra](#))
  
- That is all we need





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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Execute the script: `python3 ~/training/00start/00start.py`
- Read the code in Sublime
- It creates an x86 environment and executes two instructions
- At the end, it prints the register values
- Let's take a look line by line



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Imports Unicorn Engine and x86 constants

```
from unicorn import *  
from unicorn.x86_const import *
```



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Creates a binary string with two bytes
- These two bytes are x86 (Intel/AMD) machine code
- INC ECX and DEC EDX

```
X86_CODE32 = b"\x41\x4a" # INC ecx; DEC edx
```



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Creates a variable, which will be used later as base address

```
ADDRESS = 0x1000000
```

- Just a "random" address



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- This is where the interesting part starts
- x86 architecture emulation is initialised
- 2 Megabyte memory is mapped at base address

```
uc = Uc(UC_ARCH_X86, UC_MODE_32)  
uc.mem_map(ADDRESS, 2 * 1024 * 1024)
```





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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- The two instructions are written to the base address
- ECX register is set to 0x1234
- EDX register is set to 0x7890

```
uc.mem_write(ADDRESS, X86_CODE32)

uc.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_ECX, 0x1234)
uc.reg_write(UC_X86_REG_EDX, 0x7890)
```



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Emulation starts at base address

```
uc.emu_start(ADDRESS, ADDRESS + len(X86_CODE32))
```

- Emulation stops at the end of the code (2 bytes later)



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- Registers are saved and printed in Python

```
r_ecx = uc.reg_read(UC_X86_REG_ECX)
r_edx = uc.reg_read(UC_X86_REG_EDX)

print(">>> ECX = 0x%x" %r_ecx)
print(">>> EDX = 0x%x" %r_edx)
```



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## UNICORN ENGINE INTRO

- The two instructions executed
- The results were printed
- It did not need a skeleton program to execute the instructions
- We could write machine code directly in Python and execute it right away
- This might not seem to be useful, but Unicorn can do so much more!



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Execute `~/training/01caesar/01caesar`
- It prints the original and encoded string
- Use Ghidra to take a look at the decompiled code
  - Execute: `~/training/tools/ghidra_11.1.2_PUBLIC/ghidraRun`
- Option 1: You could RE the `caesar_cipher()` function
- Option 2: You could look up what Caesar cipher is (and you should)
- Option 3: You could execute this function via Unicorn engine
- Let's go for the option 3

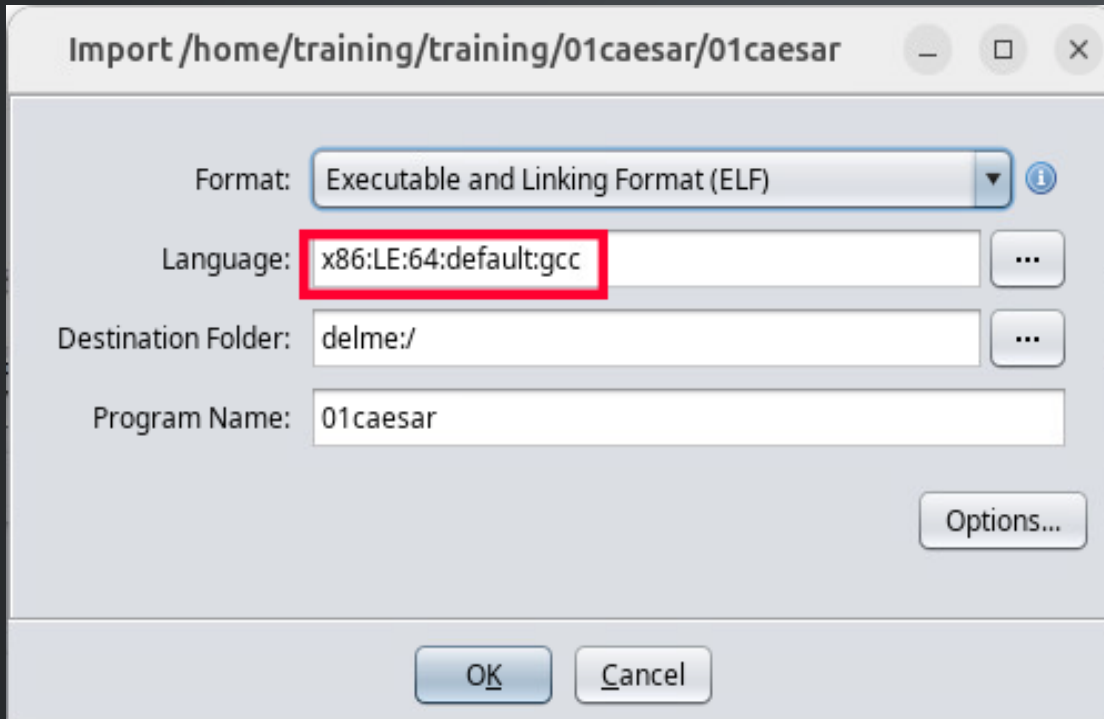


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- Open the binary in Ghidra



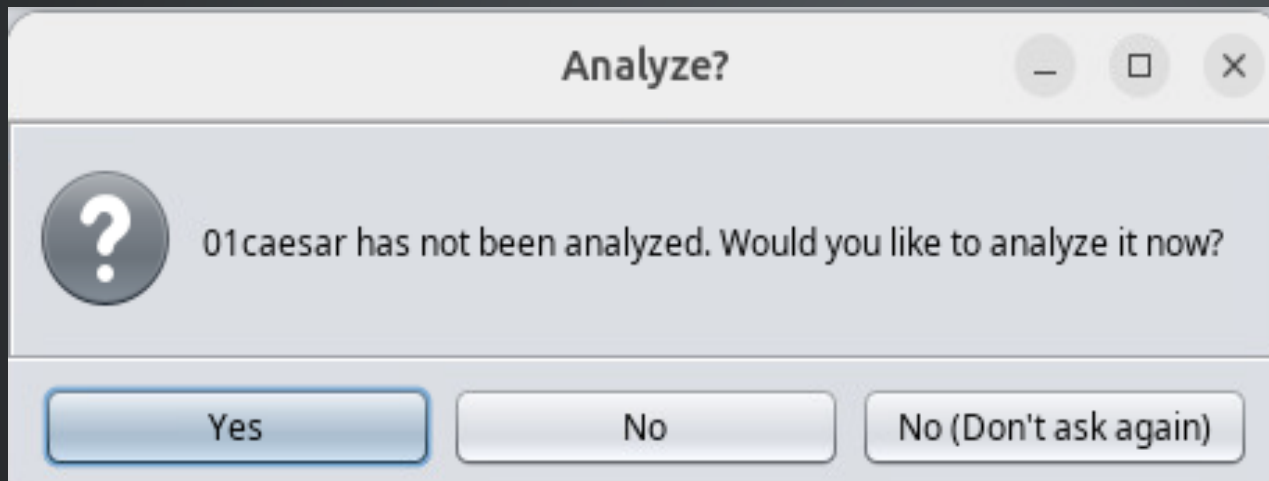
- Architecture: AMD64/Intel x64



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Analyze the code with Ghidra



# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR



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- Find the function and check the decompiled code:

```
Decompile: caesar_cipher - (01caesar)
1
2 void caesar_cipher(long param_1,int param_2,int param_3)
3
4 {
5     int iVar1;
6     int local_c;
7
8     for (local_c = 0; local_c < param_3; local_c = local_c + 1) {
9         if ((*char*)(param_1 + local_c) < 'A' || ('Z' < *(char*)(param_1 + local_c))) {
10            if (('`' < *(char*)(param_1 + local_c)) && (*(char*)(param_1 + local_c) < '{')) {
11                iVar1 = param_2 + *(char*)(param_1 + local_c) + -0x61;
12                *(char*)(param_1 + local_c) = (char)iVar1 + (char)(iVar1 / 0x1a) * -0x1a + 'a';
13            }
14        }
15        else {
16            iVar1 = param_2 + *(char*)(param_1 + local_c) + -0x41;
17            *(char*)(param_1 + local_c) = (char)iVar1 + (char)(iVar1 / 0x1a) * -0x1a + 'A';
18        }
19    }
20    return;
21 }
22
```

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- Compare it to the source code [~/training/01caesar/01caesar.c](#)

```
17 void caesar_cipher(char *str, int offset, int length)
18 {
19     for (int i = 0; i < length; ++i)
20     {
21         if (str[i] >= 'A' && str[i] <= 'Z')
22         {
23             str[i] = (str[i] - 'A' + offset) % 26 + 'A';
24         }
25         else if (str[i] >= 'a' && str[i] <= 'z')
26         {
27             str[i] = (str[i] - 'a' + offset) % 26 + 'a';
28         }
29     }
30 }
```

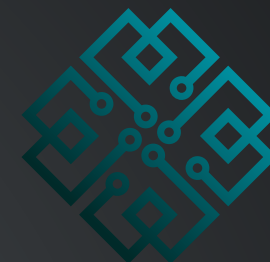


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- Finally, check the assembly code. Make a note of the function's address.

```
caesar_cipher
00101189 f3 0f 1e fa    ENDBR64
0010118d 55            PUSH    RBP
0010118e 48 89 e5      MOV     RBP,RSP
00101191 48 89 7d e8   MOV     qword ptr [RBP + local_20],RDI
00101195 89 75 e4      MOV     dword ptr [RBP + local_24],ESI
00101198 89 55 e0      MOV     dword ptr [RBP + local_28],EDX
0010119b c7 45 fc      MOV     dword ptr [RBP + local_c],0x0
          00 00 00 00
001011a2 e9 f6 00      JMP     LAB_0010129d
          00 00
```

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- Make a note of the function's end address:

```
00101299 83 45 fc 01      ADD      dword ptr [RBP + local_c],0x1
                                     LAB_0010129d
0010129d 8b 45 fc          MOV      EAX,dword ptr [RBP + local_c]
001012a0 3b 45 e0          CMP      EAX,dword ptr [RBP + local_28]
001012a3 0f 8c fe          JL       LAB_001011a7
                                     fe ff ff
001012a9 90                NOP
001012aa 90                NOP
001012ab 5d                POP      RBP
001012ac c3                RET
```





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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Open the following source in Sublime: [~/training/01caesar/01skeleton.py](#)
- Identify the [\[HERE\]](#) insertion points that you need to figure out
- When properly configured, the code will run and print the same as the program does
- You can execute the script by: `python3 ~/training/01caesar/01skeleton.py`

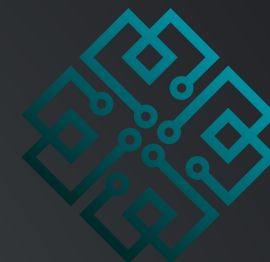


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- The insertion points should be filled out in logical order
- This might not be sequential at all
- First the binary needs to be read into memory
  - The path of the binary needs to be specified at [line 6](#)
- Then set a base address at [line 10](#)
  - This address can be anything, but it's better to have space before and after
  - Let's stick to [0x100000](#)

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- Let's think about the memory layout
- We need to load the executable into memory
  - How big is the program?
  - Make a note of the size in Kb
- We need some memory for stack operations
  - Do we need a stack?
  - Check Ghidra, does the assembly interact with the stack?
  - Any ESP/RSP references? PUSH/POP?
- We need some memory for heap
  - We need to pass a pointer to the function
  - The pointer should point to a string in memory
  - Where do you want to put that string?



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Filesize to be loaded

```
training@unicorn:~/training/01caesar$ ls -la
total 36
drwxrwxr-x 2 training training 4096 Oct  1 15:01 .
drwxrwxr-x 8 training training 4096 Sep  8 19:42 ..
-rwxrwxr-x 1 training training 16088 Sep  8 17:40 01caesar
-rw-rw-r-- 1 training training 1097 Sep  6 11:12 01caesar.c
-rw-rw-r-- 1 training training 1340 Sep  6 11:14 01skeleton.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 training training  28 Sep  8 17:49 secret.txt
```



# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Stack usage (POP/PUSH; RSP, RBP references)

```
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00101198 89 55 e0 MOV dword ptr [RBP + local_28],EDX
0010119b c7 45 fc MOV dword ptr [RBP + local_c],0x0
00 00 00 00
```

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- The memory layout that we build, should look like something like this.

Address	Region
0x0100000	Program code starts
[...]	
0x0103FFF	Program ends starts
0x0104000	Heap* starts
[...]	
0x0104FFF	Heap* ends
0x0105000	Stack starts
[...]	
0x0105FFF	Stack ends





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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Allocate/map more memory than you need ([line 16](#))
  - Calculate it in bytes, 2Mb should be enough
- Write the **string argument** to the **heap**, calculate address ([line 25](#))
- Use the **same address** to read at the end of the program ([line 37](#))
- Look up the corresponding calling convention
  - What is used for the **first argument**? ([line 26](#))
  - What is used for the **second argument**? ([line 27](#))
  - What is used for the **third argument**? ([line 28](#))
- Set the arguments (pointer for string, value for integers) ([line 26, 27, 28](#))



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Calling Convention: System V AMD64 ABI

**Argument register overview**

Argument type	Registers
Integer/pointer arguments 1-6	RDI, RSI, RDX, RCX, R8, R9
Floating point arguments 1-8	XMM0 - XMM7
Excess arguments	Stack
Static chain pointer	R10



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Calculate the address for **stack** and set the right register (**line 30**)
- Look up the start and end addresses from Ghidra
  - Find the **first instruction** of the function (**line 34**)
  - Find the **last instruction** of the function (**line 34**)
- **Note:** Stack grows and shrinks by instruction
  - It might happen that a reference points outside of stack (eg. EBP-0x10)
- **Protip:** Set ESP/RSP in the middle of the stack memory range



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- Run your script, did it print the right string?
- Change your input string to something else
- You can run the function standalone without modifying the binary!
- This comes really handy if you do not want to reimplement the code



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 01CAESAR

- All done? Well done!

```
training@unicorn:~/training/01caesar$ python3 01caesar.py
Encoded string: Khoor Xqlfrug!
training@unicorn:~/training/01caesar$ cat secret.txt
Jxkqox Fkclojxqflk Pbzrofqv
```

- Now, try to decode the content of `secret.txt`
- Any issues? Let's solve them together!



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# UNICORN ENGINE ERRORS

- Unicorn Engine might throw an error depending the issue we have
- In case we dereference memory that was not mapped to the application:
  - Invalid memory write (`UC_ERR_WRITE_UNMAPPED`)
  - Invalid memory read (`UC_ERR_READ_UNMAPPED`)
  - Invalid memory fetch (`UC_ERR_FETCH_UNMAPPED`)
- Make sure:
  - Enough memory was mapped
  - Right address was used





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# UNICORN ENGINE HOOKS

- Hooks are special functions that can be registered before execution
- These functions are called at different scenarios:
  - **UC\_HOOK\_CODE** - Every instruction in a range
  - **UC\_HOOK\_MEM\_\*** - Memory related action
  - **UC\_HOOK\_BLOCK** - New block
  - **UC\_HOOK\_INSN** - Particular instruction
  - **UC\_HOOK\_INTR** - Interrupts and syscalls



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# UNICORN ENGINE HOOKS

- Hooks need to be added before `emu_start()` is called
- Every hook has a specific format:
  - `UC_HOOK_BLOCK` and `UC_HOOK_CODE`:

```
def hook_func(uc, address, size, user_data)
```

- Where:
  - `uc`: initialized instance
  - `address`: current address
  - `size`: instruction or data size
  - `user_data`: optional user data



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# UNICORN ENGINE HOOKS

- Memory hooking format:
  - **UC\_HOOK\_MEM\_\***:

```
def hook_mem_access(uc, access, address, size, value, user_data)
```

- Where:
  - ...
  - **access**: access type (READ/WRITE/...)
  - **value**: data value



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE MEMORY HOOK

- Let's add a memory hook that prints the access type and address
- Add this code before emulation starts:

```
uc.hook_add(UC_HOOK_MEM_WRITE, hook_mem_access)  
uc.hook_add(UC_HOOK_MEM_READ, hook_mem_access)
```

- Add this function to the beginning of the file:

```
def hook_mem_access(uc, access, address, size, value, user_data):  
    print("[*] Memory access: {} at 0x{}, data size = {}, data value = 0x{}"  
          .format(access, address, size, value))
```



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE MEMORY HOOK

- Output:

```
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1064973, data size = 1, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069044, data size = 4, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069024, data size = 8, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1064973, data size = 1, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069044, data size = 4, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 17 at 0x1069044, data size = 4, data value = 0x14
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069044, data size = 4, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069016, data size = 4, data value = 0x0
[*] Memory access: 16 at 0x1069048, data size = 8, data value = 0x0
Encoded string: KhooR Xqlfruq!
training@re-training-linux:~/labs/day08/lab$
```



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE CODE HOOK

- Let's add a code hook that prints the EIP/RIP at every instruction
- Add this code before emulation starts:

```
uc.hook_add(UC_HOOK_CODE, hook_code, None,  
            ADDRESS + 0x1189, ADDRESS + 0x12AC)
```

- Add this function to the beginning of the file:

```
def hook_code(uc, address, size, user_data):  
    print("[*] Current RIP: 0x{}, instruction size = 0x{}"  
          .format(address, size))
```





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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE CODE HOOK

- Output:

```
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053230, instruction size = 0x3
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053233, instruction size = 0x2
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053235, instruction size = 0x2
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053337, instruction size = 0x4
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053341, instruction size = 0x3
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053344, instruction size = 0x3
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053347, instruction size = 0x6
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053353, instruction size = 0x1
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053354, instruction size = 0x1
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053355, instruction size = 0x1
Encoded string: Khor Xqlfruq!
training@re-training-linux:~/labs/day08/lab$
```



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE BASICS

- We are capable to:
  - Create a Python script to use Unicorn Engine
  - Set and read registers values
  - Execute selected parts of code
  - Hook the code
  - Debug our own script



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 02CIPHER

- Let's tackle a new challenge!
- This time, it's a substitution cipher
- Execute the binary: `~/training/02cipher/02cipher`
- Load it into Ghidra and analyze it!
- If you're curious, check out the source code: `~/training/02cipher/02cipher.c`



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 02CIPHER

- Find and decompile the `main()` function
- Retype `uStack_78` (name might differ) to `char[100]`
- Make a note of the strings and copy them



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 02CIPHER

- Find the `substitutionCiper()` function
  - How many arguments does it have?
  - What is the start and end address?
  - Does it use stack? Heap?
- Repeat this for the `substitutionDecipher()` as well



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 02CIPHER

- Now that we have all the details we need, try to:
  - create a script for `substitutionCipher()` and the first string
  - print the output and compare it to the binary's output
  - create another script for `substitutionDecipher()` and 2nd string
- Feel free to use [02skeleton.py](#)!



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 03ENCRYPT

- Let's tackle another new challenge!
- This time, it's AES encryption (OpenSSL)
- Execute the binary: `~/training/03encrypt/03encrypt testfile`
- It generated and printed its AES key and created the following file:
  - `output_file.encrypted`
  - Check its content with `xxd`!





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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 03ENCRYPT

- Our task is to decrypt the `secret.enc` file
- To speed up the process:
  - We can read the encryptor's source: `03encrypt.c`
  - We can modify the `03skeleton.py` source (generate key)
  - We can modify the `03decrypt-skeleton.c` source (decrypt file)



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## LAB: UNICORN ENGINE 03ENCRYPT

- The encrypted file's content looks like this:
  - byte 0..7 - seed
  - byte 8..X - encrypted content
- The seed is used to generate the key
- Let's find the key generation function



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- Make a note of the IV:

```
argc_local = argc;  
argv_local = argv;  
local_20 = *(long *) (in_FS_OFFSET + 0x28);  
keySize = 0x10;  
iv = "AAAABBBECCCCDDDD";  
local_38 = 0x1;
```



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- Function used to generate the key:

```
puVar3 = aesKey;  
keySize_00 = keySize;  
seed = seed_00;  
*(undefined8 *)((long)pppcVar10 + -0x18) = 0x10184a;  
generateAESKey(seed_00, puVar3, keySize_00);  
*(undefined8 *)((long)pppcVar10 + -0x18) = 0x10185e;  
printf("Generated AES Key: ");
```



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- Find the `generateAESKey()` function
  - How many arguments does it have?
  - What is the start and end address?
  - Does it use stack? Heap?
- What is the size of the binary?



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- Now that we have all the details we need, try to:
  - use skeleton script for `generateAESKey()`
  - `seed` should come from the encrypted file
  - print the `key` after the function returned



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- After the key is generated:
  - use the `03decrypt-skeleton.c` source to write your decryptor
  - specify the IV and the key in the source
  - compile it according to the instruction in the file header

```
// compile: gcc 03decrypt-skeleton.c -o 03decrypt -lssl -lcrypto
```





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## FURTHER READING AND RESOURCES

- [Tutorial for Unicorn](#)
- [Unicorn Engine Notes](#)
- [Unicorn Engine tutorial](#)
- [Unicorn Engine Reference \(Unofficial\)](#)



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## AFTER THE WORKSHOP

- Well done! You've successfully covered the workshop material
- If you'd like to take your learning further:
  - Continue with the following slides and explore more challenges
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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE + CAPSTONE DISASSEMBLER

- Can you create a disassembler?
- Sounds more complex than it is
- Capstone is a lightweight multi-architecture disassembly framework
- API for C, Python, Java, PowerShell, Rust, etc...
- Combining it with Unicorn Engine makes it really powerful
- Use [01caesar](#) and [01caesar.py](#) for this



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE + CAPSTONE DISASSEMBLER

- First capstone needs to be imported:

```
from capstone import *
```

- A Capstone instance needs to be created:

```
capmd = Cs(CS_ARCH_X86, CS_MODE_64)
```



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# LAB: UNICORN ENGINE + CAPSTONE DISASSEMBLER

- The following function needs to be added and the hook replaced:

```
def disas_single(data, address):  
    for i in capmd.disasm(data, address):  
        print("0x%x:\t%s\t%s" % (i.address, i.mnemonic, i.op_str))  
  
def hook_code(uc, address, size, user_data):  
    print("[*] Current RIP: 0x{}, instruction size = 0x{}".  
          format(address, size))  
    mem = uc.mem_read(address, size)  
    disas_single(bytes(mem), address)
```



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- Output:

```
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053217, instruction size = 0x3
0x101221:      mov     eax, dword ptr [rbp - 4]
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053220, instruction size = 0x3
0x101224:      movsxd rdx, eax
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053223, instruction size = 0x4
0x101227:      mov     rax, qword ptr [rbp - 0x18]
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053227, instruction size = 0x3
0x10122b:      add     rax, rdx
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053230, instruction size = 0x3
0x10122e:      movzx  eax, byte ptr [rax]
[*] Current RIP: 0x1053233, instruction size = 0x2
```



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## LAB: OBFUSCATED CIPHER: UNICORN

- Find your target under: [~/training/extra/05cipher-unicorn/05cipher-unicorn](#)
- Executable deciphers a ciphered message
- Create a Unicorn script that deciphers the message from [decipher.this](#)
- External function might cause an issue
- Patch them from Unicorn!
- Use [mem\\_write\(\)](#) and assemblers to create machine code





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