

WinTar-Remote tut!

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Program: WinTar-Remote

Version: 2.2.1

URL: <http://www.spiralcomm.com>

Description: i know shit about this program i picked up cause of the  
size

Operating System: Windows

Cracker: nlabl [Me'97]

Level: Intermediate

Tools: SoftICE, W32Dasm, a Hex Editor.

Protection Type: 30 day trial

Encrypted/DLL: No

Method: Dissasemble

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1.- Intro:

Hello, ok here again on another tut for C4N, this time i am goin to talk about Time Trials  
Even tough they are easy a lot of ppl still don't get it so this is why this tut is gone  
(hopefully) teach you, also i will teach some of nag remove and bmp (splash) screens :-)

ok, the program had to be a time trial (of course) but we need it a not to big program but  
one

that had some potencial in it or i could have used Rhino 3d wich is not small and does not  
have any teaching potential (u changed one byte and it's cracked) so ok with the help of a  
friend Griml0ck we decided to get this program is called WinTAR-Remote by SpiralCom  
Communications Inc. what this program does is not important to us we wil crack it and  
delted it for educational purpose ONLY :-).

In this tut i will asume u know how to use all of the tools i will use here else please get  
other

tuts that do explain how to use them (TKC's, Edison's, josephCo's and others)

## 2.- What We need (tools):

W32dasm (used mostly)

SoftIce

Any Hexeditor

a patch maker (if we want to release our crack), i recomen Gpatch by jes and patchit by Qapla

gpatch i like better cause of ease of use and does some good patches on the other hand patchit

gives u the source of the patch in C :-), other wiseuse Pascal or C and do ur own patch (not

explained in this tut sorry).

## 3.- Let's Crack the splash screen:

ok once d/l the program u run it add se a nasty splash that says Thanks for trying WinTar  
blah

blah,blah after some secs it shows u a license aggrement (ewww), now we don't like those  
2 things

so let's start by taking them away we enter softice and set a bpx on LoadBitmapA once we  
do this

we run the program again and boom u in Softice cause of one of the bpx u seted b4 now  
we can see

this (from the w32dasm dissaemble) :

\* Reference To: USER32.SetTimer, Ord:01FEh ; set time the splash screen is goin to  
show

```
          |
:0040F5F4 FF15F0C64200      Call dword ptr [0042C6F0]
:0040F5FA E92D010000      jmp 0040F72C
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

|:0040F6FF(C)

```
          |
:0040F5FF 6A67                push 00000067 ; hmm nice push here (does nothing good)
:0040F601 A124A54200          mov eax, dword ptr [0042A524]
:0040F606 50                push eax
```

\* Reference To: USER32.LoadBitmapA, Ord:0165h ; this is where u land

```
          |
:0040F607 FF15D0C64200      Call dword ptr [0042C6D0]
:0040F60D 8945DC          mov dword ptr [ebp-24], eax
:0040F610 8D859CFEFFFF      lea eax, dword ptr [ebp+FFFFFE9C]
:0040F616 50                push eax
:0040F617 8B4508          mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:0040F61A 50                push eax
```

\* Reference To: USER32.BeginPaint, Ord:0009h ; begin the painting of the splash

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      |
:0040F61B FF1574C64200      Call dword ptr [0042C674]
:0040F621 8945F8           mov dword ptr [ebp-08], eax
:0040F624 8B45F8           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-08]
:0040F627 50               push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.CreateCompatibleDC, Ord:001Fh

```
      |
:0040F628 FF1590C44200      Call dword ptr [0042C490]
:0040F62E 8945FC           mov dword ptr [ebp-04], eax
:0040F631 8B45DC           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-24]
:0040F634 50               push eax
:0040F635 8B45FC           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-04]
:0040F638 50               push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.SelectObject, Ord:013Ch

```
      |
:0040F639 FF15B0C44200      Call dword ptr [0042C4B0]
:0040F63F 8D45E0           lea eax, dword ptr [ebp-20]
:0040F642 50               push eax
:0040F643 6A18             push 00000018
:0040F645 8B45DC           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-24]
:0040F648 50               push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.GetObjectA, Ord:00DEh

```
      |
:0040F649 FF1598C44200      Call dword ptr [0042C498]
:0040F64F 682000CC00       push 00CC0020
:0040F654 6A00             push 00000000
:0040F656 6A00             push 00000000
:0040F658 8B45FC           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-04]
:0040F65B 50               push eax
:0040F65C 8B45E8           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-18]
:0040F65F 50               push eax
:0040F660 8B45E4           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-1C]
:0040F663 50               push eax
:0040F664 6A00             push 00000000
:0040F666 6A00             push 00000000
:0040F668 8B45F8           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-08]
:0040F66B 50               push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.BitBlt, Ord:000Ah

```
      |
:0040F66C FF1588C44200      Call dword ptr [0042C488]
:0040F672 8B45FC           mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-04]
:0040F675 50               push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.DeleteDC, Ord:0043h

```
      |
:0040F676 FF1584C44200      Call dword ptr [0042C484]
:0040F67C 8B45DC          mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-24]
:0040F67F 50                push eax
```

\* Reference To: GDI32.DeleteObject, Ord:0046h

```
      |
:0040F680 FF158CC44200      Call dword ptr [0042C48C]
:0040F686 8D859CFEFFFF      lea eax, dword ptr [ebp+FFFFFFE9C]
:0040F68C 50                push eax
:0040F68D 8B4508          mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:0040F690 50                push eax
```

\* Reference To: USER32.EndPaint, Ord:00AFh

```
      |
:0040F691 FF1570C64200      Call dword ptr [0042C670]
:0040F697 B801000000      mov eax, 00000001
:0040F69C E992000000      jmp 0040F733
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

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|:0040F721(C)
|
:0040F6A1 8B4510          mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+10]
:0040F6A4 50                push eax
:0040F6A5 8B4508          mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:0040F6A8 50                push eax
```

\* Reference To: USER32.KillTimer, Ord:0162h ; kill the timer set b4 to show the splash

```
      |
:0040F6A9 FF15F4C64200      Call dword ptr [0042C6F4]
```

ok u can see here one thing the line that contains push 00000067 in 40f5ff does nothing so to crack the splash screen we chage this

```
:0040F5FF 6A67          push 00000067 ; hmm nice push here (does nothing good)
to this
:0040F5FF E9A5000000      JMP 0040F6A9 ; Nice jump, kills the timer and the
splash
```

so here the splash screen is disabled and we can continue cracking.

4.- Lic. screen removal:

ok this par needs some zen cracking :- ) this is part of the dissemble in w32dasm :

```

:004094DD 813D3C5A420000010000  cmp dword ptr [00425A3C], 00000100
:004094E7 0F8533000000          jne 00409520
:004094ED 8B4508                mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:004094F0 50                    push eax
:004094F1 E80AEFFFFFFF          call 00408400 ; call the lic screen(how did i got here ?
; like i said zen cracking :-)
:004094F6 83C404                add esp, 00000004
:004094F9 85C0                  test eax, eax
:004094FB 0F851F000000          jne 00409520
:00409501 C705105C420001000000  mov dword ptr [00425C10], 00000001
:0040950B 6A00                  push 00000000
:0040950D 6A00                  push 00000000
:0040950F 6A10                  push 00000010
:00409511 8B4508                mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:00409514 50                    push eax

```

this is what the call to the lic screen is :

\* Referenced by a CALL at Address:

|:004094F1

|

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:00408400 55                    push ebp ; this code is only checking if the file is not
; delted or something like that
:00408401 8BEC                  mov ebp, esp
:00408403 83EC08                sub esp, 00000008
:00408406 53                    push ebx
:00408407 56                    push esi
:00408408 57                    push edi
:00408409 C745F867844000        mov [ebp-08], 00408467
:00408410 6A00                  push 00000000
:00408412 8B45F8                mov eax, dword ptr [ebp-08]
:00408415 50                    push eax
:00408416 8B4508                mov eax, dword ptr [ebp+08]
:00408419 50                    push eax
:0040841A 6A66                  push 00000066
:0040841C A124A54200            mov eax, dword ptr [0042A524]
:00408421 50                    push eax

```

\* Reference To: USER32.DialogBoxParamA, Ord:008Ah

```

|
:00408422 FF15C8C64200          Call dword ptr [0042C6C8]
:00408428 8945FC                mov dword ptr [ebp-04], eax
:0040842B 837DFC02              cmp dword ptr [ebp-04], 00000002
:0040842F 0F8512000000          jne 00408447

```

\* Possible Reference to String Resource ID=03302: "The licence agreement file is missing  
or

corrupted. Please "  
; as u can see here if u delete the  
; licence.txt u get this msg

ok what we can do here is this since none of the checking of calling is done AFTER the call once it finds a ret the program says ok this guy pushed the i agree button, continue, so what we can do here is give the program a ret, whe change this :

```
:00408400 55          push ebp  
to this  
:00408400 C3          ret  
the program calls the screen but a ret(return from call) is there so it returns to the program.
```

5.- The 1s part of the time trial:

ok now once we dissabled all of the nag's and nasty stuff we need to take the 30 day trial we try and find something on the nag box in w32dasm what we find is just a lot of garbage in this nag (not gabage but dificult to follow) how about something else ? hmm the .ini ? ok let's try we search for it and land here :

\* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"wintar.ini"

```
      |  
:00409275 A1485A4200      mov eax, dword ptr [00425A48]  
:0040927A 50          push eax  
:0040927B 6A00        push 00000000
```

\* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"Validate"

```
      |  
:0040927D 68405C4200      push 00425C40
```

\* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"UserOpt"

```
      |  
:00409282 684C5C4200      push 00425C4C
```

\* Reference To: KERNEL32.GetPrivateProfileIntA, Ord:00F9h

```
      |  
:00409287 FF152CC54200      Call dword ptr [0042C52C]  
:0040928D 8985F4FEFFFF      mov dword ptr [ebp+FFFFFFE4], eax  
:00409293 E91A000000        jmp 004092B2
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:  
|:0040926F(C)

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|
:00409298 6A00          push 00000000
```

\* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"Validate"

```
|
:0040929A 68545C4200       push 00425C54
```

\* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"UserOpt"

```
|
:0040929F 68605C4200       push 00425C60
:004092A4 E896E2FFFF       call 0040753F          ; if you follow in SI here u will
                                ; find that this call does
                                ; does something strange so we
                                ; go to the call
:004092A9 83C40C          add esp, 0000000C
:004092AC 8985F4FEFFFF       mov dword ptr [ebp+FFFFFFF4], eax
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

```
|:00409293(U)
|
:004092B2 83BDF4FEFFFF00    cmp dword ptr [ebp+FFFFFFF4], 00000000
:004092B9 0F850D000000       jne 004092CC
:004092BF E89CE8FFFF         call 00407B60          ; take a deep look :-)
:004092C4 85C0               test eax, eax
:004092C6 0F849B000000       je 00409367
```

this is what we get by the call at 4092A4

\* Referenced by a CALL at Addresses:

```
|:004092A4 , :00410C4F , :00410C7F , :00410C98 , :00410CB1
|:00410CCA , :00410CE3 , :00410CFC , :00410D15 , :00410D2E
|:00410D47 , :00410D60 , :00410D80 , :00410D99 , :00410DB2
|:00410DCB , :00410DE4 , :00410DFD , :00410E16 , :00411304
|:0041131D , :00416C74 , :00416C8F , :00416CAA , :00416F4F
|:00416F6A , :00416F85 , :00417415 , :00417622 , :004177C1
|:004177E2 , :0041788D , :00417961 , :00417982 , :004179A3
|
```

; WOW this part sure does get called !

```
:0040753F 55              push ebp
:00407540 8BEC           mov ebp, esp
:00407542 81EC14010000   sub esp, 00000114
:00407548 53            push ebx
:00407549 56            push esi
:0040754A 57            push edi
:0040754B C745F404010000 mov [ebp-0C], 00000104
:00407552 833D3856420000 cmp dword ptr [00425638], 00000000 ; is the flag Zero
?
:00407559 0F8507000000   jne 00407566          ; no then bug off
```

```
:0040755F 33C0          xor eax, eax
:00407561 E9A0000000        jmp 00407606
```

what we can do here is simple we look at our Registers and check if EAX is zero because it is called this part..... we check and see that it is zero so this is getting better :) what we do here is simple ok remember the license removal part how the call only wanted a return? ok so this is equal change this:

```
:0040753F 55          push ebp
to this
:0040753F C3          RET
```

there now the MARKER (if you set the time ahead or by 30 days) is removed.

6.- The 2nd part of the time trial:

ok now we need to remove the 30 day check this will ALSO require more zen (this is probably a zen tutorial and not a time trial :) ) but not many zen if you are a good hacker you can see this call after the check mark call :

```
:004092BF E89CE8FFFF        call 00407B60 ; this is our check our time call :-)
```

unlucky for you you can't do the RET trick here :( so we go deep inside the call and find this:

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

|:00407CA1(C)

```
|
:00407CB1 833DB457420000    cmp dword ptr [004257B4], 00000000 ; check the flag
to zero
```

```
:00407CB8 0F850A000000      jne 00407CC8          ; no? the bug off
:00407CBE B801000000        mov eax, 00000001     ; and move EAX to 1
; wich 1 = bad time
```

```
:00407CC3 E902000000        jmp 00407CCA          ; jump to return
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

|:00407CB8(C)

```
|
:00407CC8 33C0          xor eax, eax
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:

|:00407CC3(U)

```
|
:00407CCA E900000000        jmp 00407CCF
```

\* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Addresses:

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|:00407BA4(U), :00407BBA(U), :00407BE6(U), :00407C1A(U), :00407C65(U)
|:00407CCA(U)
|
:00407CCF 5F          pop edi
:00407CD0 5E          pop esi
:00407CD1 5B          pop ebx
:00407CD2 C9          leave
:00407CD3 C3          ret

```

ok now here the program is looking for something, what could it be ?.....  
ok if we continue with eax in 1 we get the sorry screen and a help file opens and our program terminates, we don't like this so we go back here and check again, ok i got it it checks if eax is ZERO if it is then the guy is still on the 30 day limit, so we change this :

```

:00407CBE B801000000      mov eax, 00000001      ; and move EAX to 1
to this
:00407CBE B800000000      mov eax, 00000000      ; and move EAX to 0

```

now the program even if you are on the 30 day limit it will let you use it for the rest of your life :-).

#### 7.-Last Notes:

ok now to finally do our crack we enter a hexeditor and search for the opcodes and change them (like,i said at the beggining i assume you allready know this).

#### 8.-Notes:

You could search for the text UNREGISTERED and changed to anything u like like CrackedVer.  
ans search for the string Days left and change it to anything as well i will not explain this because i think AT least the programmers deserve that since u cracking the software :-).

#### 9.-Thak you's:

Ok thaks go to the follwing persons:  
JosephCo: keep up the good work d00d  
mpbaer: ha Rebirth ROX !!!!! :)))  
Razzi: ur tuts rule !!!  
^pain^: cause u cool :)  
tHATDUDE: he inspired me to become a cracker :-)  
Fant0m : damm ur coding is good  
GThorne: haha this guy rox the world !  
Tgunner: 10x for everything

lgb: 10q as well for all the help and support :)  
blorht: the only female i seen (err on irc) that can do a lot of stuff ! u rule babe :-)  
Griml0ck: he inspired me and asked me to this tut :-) ok d00d for you here it goes.  
TeRaphY: this guy is kewl as well :)  
Krazy\_N: he is not crazy but he is kewl :)  
all the regulars of #cracking4newbies thanks that shows us that we growing ! :-)  
#cracking all of the guys in it aswell retf in especial :-P  
#revolt bring up the warez ! :)  
cat|man: thanks for those sites :)  
if i forgot anyone please let me know i will respond ahh ok 10q :)  
oh and also all of the ppl that shows some cracking teaching or explaining !!

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