RUSHING BANYWAY, BLYAT!

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WHO R U MAN

- I do computer stuff!
- https://bananamafia.dev/tags/gamehacking/

MOTIVATION

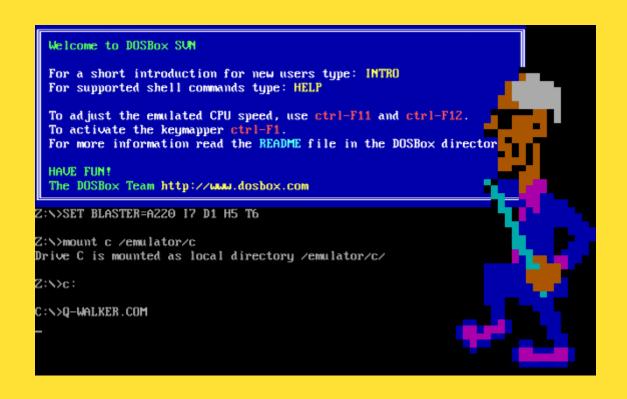




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TOOLING

- Visual Studio
- Debugger, e.g. x64dbg
- RE tool of choice, e.g. radare2/Cutter/Ghidra
- CheatEngine
 - Windows and Linux (ceserver)
 - Run as admin/root (yolo)

TYPES OF GAME HACKS

- Internal
- External
- (Instrumented?)

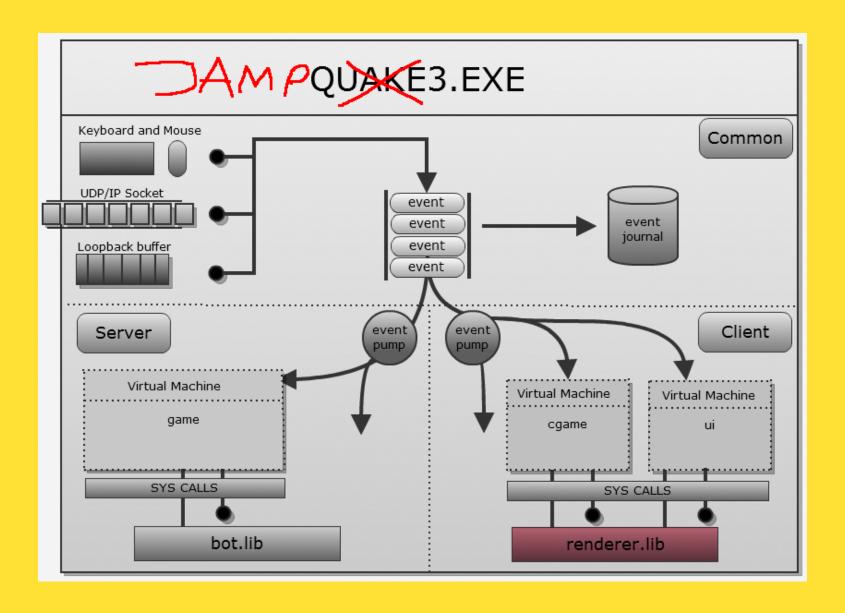
IDTECH3 ENGINE HACK

- "Quake3 Engine"
- For the game Star Wars: Jedi Knight Jedi Academy
- For Windows

CHECKING OUT THE GAME ENGINE

- Hacks are engine-specific
- Understand what's implemented where
- Understand the rough program flow

THE IDTECH3 ENGINE



QVMS

- cgame QVM predicts local player states
- ^ good target to hook
- In-depth architecture analysis found here
- It's good

CGAME QVM

- Implemented in separate DLL: cgamex86.dll
- With exactly two exports

cgamex86.dll EXPORTS

CGAMEX86.DLL EXPORTS: vmMain()

- Dispatcher from main executable (jamp.exe)
- Used for calls from jamp.exe -> cgamex86.dll
- Hooked to execute own code (e.g. Aimbots)
- Events: game load, frame drawn

```
vmMain(int command, int arg1, int arg2,int arg3,int arg4,int a
arg7,int arg8,int arg9,int arg10,int arg11,int arg12)
```

CGAMEX86.DLL EXPORTS: DLLENTRY()

- Callback from cgame QVM into jamp.exe
- Receives function pointer as parameter
- Hooked to manipulate existing code (e.g. for Wallhack)
- Events: Entity added, entity moves, game data received from server

```
Q_EXPORT void dllEntry(intptr_t (QDECL *syscallptr)( intptr_t
        Q_syscall = syscallptr;
        TranslateSyscalls();
}
```

HOW TO HOOK: EXAMPLE

- jamp.exe wants to call dllEntry() of cgamex86.dll
- 2. jamp.exe loads cgamex86.dll
- 3. jamp.exe calls GetProcAddress() for dllEntry()
- 4. jamp.exe executes dllEntry@Address

HOW TO HOOK: PLAN

- Hook GetProcAddress() for jamp.exe
- Replace returned function with own implementation
- Lastly call original function

DLL INJECTION

- Hack injects custom code into the game
- Easy method: DLL Injection
- Build loader and a DLL
- -> Internal hook based cheat

LOADER CODE

```
HANDLE procHandle = OpenProcess(
            PROCESS ALL ACCESS,
            FALSE,
            PID);
LPVOID loadFunctionAddress = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress(
            GetModuleHandle("kernel32.dll"),
            "LoadLibraryA");
LPVOID allocatedMem = LPVOID(VirtualAllocEx(
            procHandle,
            nullptr,
            MAX PATH,
            MEM RESERVE | MEM COMMIT,
```

CREATING THE DLL

- After CreateRemoteThread(), DllMain() gets called
- Not that stealthy though

```
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain (HMODULE hModule, DWORD ul_reason_for_ca

switch (ul_reason_for_call) {
    case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
        MessageBox(0, "EYO ITS WORKING", "DLL", 0);
        break;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
```

HOOK SETUP

Use hooking library, e.g. mhook

HOOK SETUP

Redirect into own dllEntry()

```
if (isSubstr(lpProcName, "dllEntry")) {
    return (PROC) hookDLLEntry;
}
return (FARPROC) originalGetProcAddress(hModule, lpProcName);
```

HOOK SETUP

Steal the parameter

```
void hookDLLEntry(int(QDECL *syscallptr)(int arg, ...)) {
    // steal original pointer
    syscall = syscallptr;
    // execute own function
    originalDLLEntry(syscall_hook);
}
```

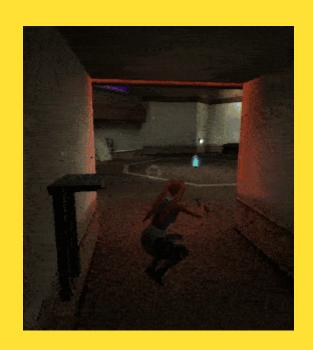
THE ACTUAL HACK

- Goal: Wallhack
- Intercept function that adds entities, e.g. players
- Tip: Integrate released SDK

DEPTHHACK

```
int syscall hook(int cmd, ...) {
    case CG R ADDREFENTITYTOSCENE: {
        refEntity t *ref = (refEntity t *)arg[0];
        ref->renderfx |= RF_DEPTHHACK;
       break;
    [...]
```

DEMO



CS:GO AIMBOT

- Source Engine
- For Linux

TOOLING

- CheatEngine
- /proc/pid/maps

HOW TO HACK

- Find own player struct in memory
- Find list of enemies in memory
- Get coordinates of enemies
- Get nearest enemy
- Adjust aim (using crazy math)

MEMORY ANALYSIS: STATIC POINTER

client_panorama_client.so

0×12	0×34	0×56
0×78	Static	
0×32	Pointer 0×13	0×37
UXJZ	UXIO	Ux3/

Game Memory

0×44	0×33	0×23
-	Start of something	start of player_base
[]	health	location

Offset: 0x214AEF0



MEMORY ANALYSIS: ENEMIES

```
| C acpp | C
```

NEAREST ENEMY

```
std::sqrt(
    std::pow(entity_x - own_x, 2) +
    std::pow(entity_y - own_y, 2) +
    std::pow(entity_z - own_z, 2)
);
```

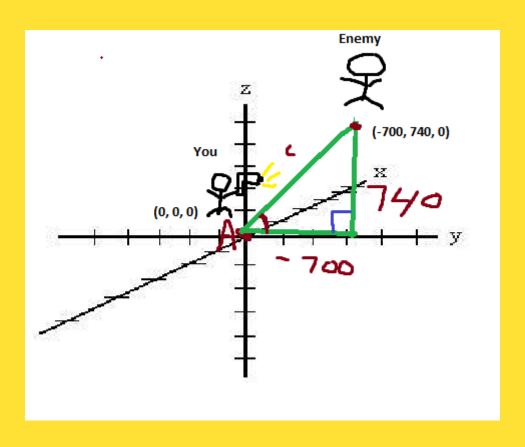
CALCULATING THE CAMERA ANGLE

LAST LISTING, I SWEAR

```
void CalcAngle(float *src, float *dst, float *angles) {
    double delta[3] = { (src[0] - dst[0]), (src[1] - dst[1]),
    double hyp = sqrt(delta[0] * delta[0] + delta[1] * delta[1]
    angles[0] = (float) (asinf(delta[2] / hyp) * 57.2957795130
    angles[1] = (float) (atanf(delta[1] / delta[0]) * 57.29577
    angles[2] = 0.0f;
    if(delta[0] >= 0.0) { angles[1] += 180.0f; }
}
```

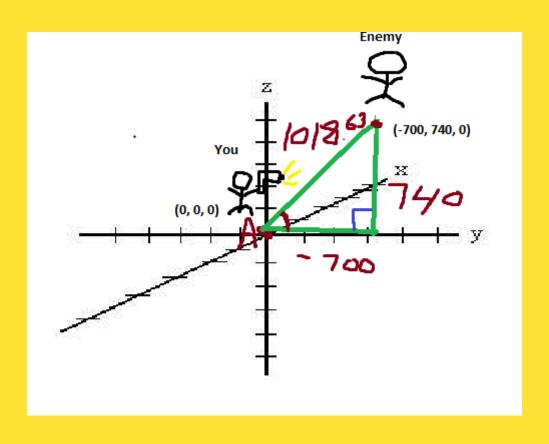


MAD MATH





MOAR MATH





SETTING THE CAMERA ANGLE

- cl_showpos 1
- CheatEngine: Freeze value
- Find correct address

DEMO



VAC DETECTION

- "VAC is a Joke"
- Uses signatures (among other things)
- Detects specific kinds of hooks
- Solution: Hook mid function
- Don't use public code
- Manual Mapping, Polymorphism and all that fancy malware stuff
- Check out my ROOTCON talk in October for moar on this!



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REFERENCES

- My Blog Posts
- Guided Hacking
- UnknownCheats
- idTech3 Engine Analysis
- Random Meme Sites