

Runtime Scriptcalling; The gateway to gen IV Arbitrary Code Execution

Before reading this article; some very basic information.

Pal Park mode is enabled when entering map xFB or 251, and gives us two methods to call scripts through runtime.

The first uses the Pal Park menu, which has the RETIRE function. Unless the Great Marsh flag 0x967 is set, this runs 4th script in runtime.

The second uses the fact that encountertables are ignored now, and you can capture 6 migrated Pokémon. When all 6 are caught, it runs 3rd script in runtime.

By finally knowing where scripts through runtime are stored in RAM, and as extension knowing where RETIRE or Alt-RETIRE run scripts from when there are less than 4 or 3 scripts in runtime respectively, we now have a fairly viable Arbitrary Script Executing method in the works.

The moment a script is called through runtime, all scripts through runtime of a map are copied to ram. The location is based on a couple of variables, which are the following:

[base]

The base value is used to determine the Address Space Layout Randomisation, which 'shifts' portions of ram by a randomized value. The base address is located at:

EN 0x02106FC0
DE 0x02107100
FR 0x02107140
IT 0x021070A0
JP 0x02108818
KS 0x021045C0
ES 0x02107160

Example value: 0x0226D320

Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F
02106FC0	20	D3	26	02	81	00	E2	03	CC	6F	10	02	00	00	00	00

Runtime_ptr = [base] + 0x29574

Here we find a 4-byte value which when read as word, is the address for the first script in runtime.

Example: 0x0226D320 + 0x29574 = 0x0229 6894

4-byte value: 0x022968BC

Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F
02296870	00	00	00	00	5C	35	0F	02	D1	02	00	00	00	00	00	00
02296880	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	84	FC	2A	02
02296890	88	BC	2A	02	BC	68	29	02	EC	FC	28	02	52	46	00	00

Every script in runtime is a 4-byte value, which is used as a jump. I am using map 376, a map with 3 scripts. The blue section is the jump when the first script in runtime is ran, the green if the second In runtime is ran, orange if the third is ran.

Following this logic, even though there are only 3 scripts, when we press RETIRE, the purple section, 0x0002FD13, is used as a jump. FD13 sections off runtime and the scripts themselves, 0002 is actually a part of a script. The jump starts at the first byte after the script_ptr. So we add 4 bytes.

If we put this as a calculation, the script_ptr is located at $[Runtime_ptr] + 4 * (Scriptamount - 1)$
Example: $0x022968BC + 4 * 3 = 0x022968C8$

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Opcodes/Instructions and Paramaters

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	0010												
If	0011	1	0										
If2	0012	1	0	var	var	val	val						
	0013												
CallStandard	0014	1	0										
KillScript	0015	4	0	xx	yy								
Jump	0016	1	0										
	0017	6	0	js	js	js	js						
	0018												
	0019												
Call	001A												
Return	001B												
CompareLastResultJump	001C	1	0										
	001D	C	0	val	js	js	js	js					
ClearFlag	001E	1	0										
	001F	E	0	fid	fid								
SetFlag	001F	1	0										
	0020	F	0	fid	fid								
CheckFlag	0021												
	0022												
SetValue	0023	2	0										
	0023	3	0	??	??	??	??						

Multi2	0041												
TextScriptMulti	0042												
CloseMulti	0043												
Multi3	0044												
	0045												
TextMessageScriptMulti	0046												
	0047												
MultiRow	0048												
PlayFanfare	0049	4 9	0 0	sid	sid								
PlayFanfare2	004A												
WaitFanfare	004B												
PlayCry	004C	4 C	0 0	sp	sp								
WaitCry	004D	4 D	0 0										
PlaySound	004E												
FadeDefaultMusic	004F												
PlayMusic	0050												
StopMusic	0051	5 1	0 0										
RestartMusic	0052	5 2	0 0										
	0053												
SwitchMusic	0054												
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	0059												
SwitchMusic2	005A												
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	005C												
	005D												
ApplyMovement	005E	5 E	0 0	npc c	npc	mov	mov						

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