



Understanding arbitrary code execution: a case study

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GitHub repository:

<https://github.com/Fireblast9/ACE>



Project activities

- 1) Explanation of what Arbitrary Code Execution (ACE) is
Definition, Vulnerabilities examples, Possible threats
- 2) Analysis of the case study (Pokémon Emerald, 2004)
“Pomeg glitch”, Study of the consequences (analysis of decompiled code)
- 3) Discussion about advancements in protections against ACE
Recent scenarios analysis, Current “State of the art” protection against ACE



Schedule

Week 1-2: finish ACE definition (project activity 1) and start analyzing the decompiled code to prepare the case study section (<https://github.com/pret/pokeemerald>) + study and learn Assembly

Week 3-7: complete the case study (project activity 2): explain what happens when the “pomeg glitch” occurs, understand and show off what exactly happens on a code level, analyze the risks on the market perspective (exploits, dangers, etc.)

Week 8-11: examine what is considered a “state of the art” protection against ACE with recent papers and studies, elaborate on what can, should and has to be done to prevent ACE and ACE-like attacks (project activity 3)

Week 11-12: reviews and corrections