

# **Applying Process Observation Techniques**

## **Lab Manual**

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## Lab specific intro

In this lab we will explore the Immunity Debugger further, and demonstrate soft and hard hooking techniques. Read the Grey Hat Python book, chapter 6.1, which describes soft hooking with PyDbg debugger. In our first problem, we will place soft hook in Firefox.

The PyCommands are found in:

“/c/Program Files/Immunity Inc/Immunity Debugger/PyCommands”

To be able to edit files at that location, start your code editor (e.g., emacs) with admin privileges.

## Problem 1

The task is to intercept non-encrypted login and passwords in Firefox. We will access encrypted web

page at <https://itss.biomea.com/login.html> [replace with sait local website]. The page requests user id and a password, and the Firefox browser sends this information encrypted over the internet. We want to exploit the username and password information, before it is encrypted and sent to the server. The general concept follows the chapter 6.1 in the Grey Hat Python book, however, you will write the exploit as Immunity Debugger PyCommand script, named **m08p01.py**. The result should be plaintext username and password in the Immunity Debugger log file (right click the Log window, choose Log to File, enter filename **m08p01.log** at the appropriate module 8 location within your git repository).

### Hints:

The dll where **PR\_Write()** function lives is called **nss3.dll**, and is part of the Firefox distribution. There are several very useful functions within the Immunity Debugger libraries:

```
callStack()  
getProcedure()  
getStackDump()  
readMemory()  
getAllModules()  
getName()  
setLoggingBreakpoint()  
getAllSymbolsFromModule()
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## Problem 2

Study the Grey Hat chapter 6.2 in detail. Implement the code **hippie\_easy.py** and observe its behaviour. Answer the following questions and submit your answers in file m08lab02.txt:

1. What is the difference between `STDCALLFastLogHook()` and `FastLogHook()`
2. What does function `imm.getKnowledge()` return? (is it an integer, a string, a dictionary...?)
3. What is the second parameter to function `imm.disasmBackward()` ?