

# Game Hacking: How to not be a script kiddie



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Write meeting flag on board

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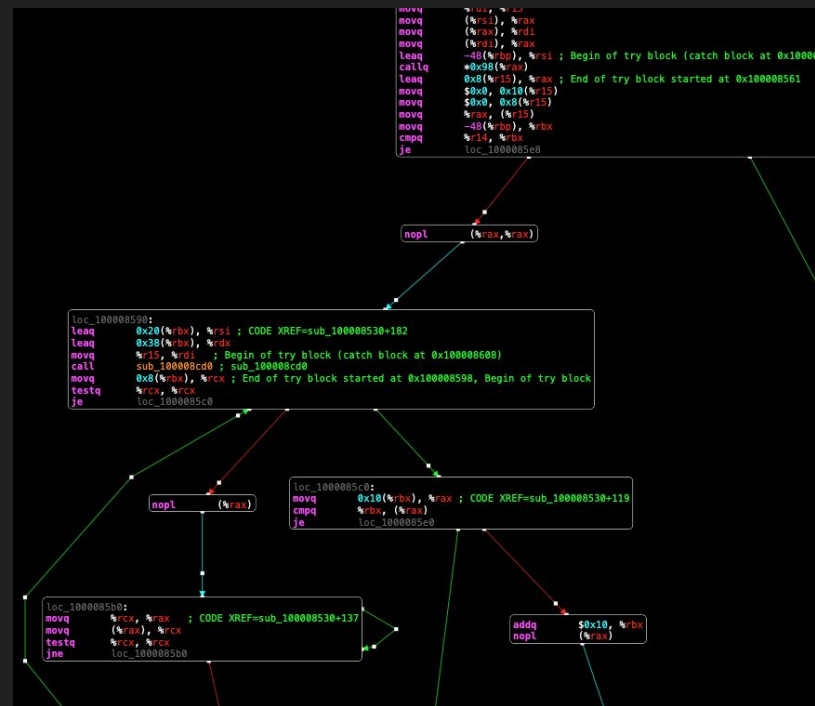
# Games are just code!

- Stack
- Heap
- Libc
- All reversing concepts apply

# Game Code VS Regular Application Code

## Assault Cube:

Spotify:



# Common Attack Vectors

- Exploit from within game
  - (teleport challenge)
- Recon/ social engineering
- Modify game state in memory
- Exploit bugs in game code- code execution?
- Code injection!

# Exploiting In-Game



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## Minecraft Duplication Glitch! EASY DIAMONDS!! DUPLICATE ANY RESOURCE ITEM! PS4/ Console Edition

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YOOO, What is up guys?? This is ThunderCat Gaming here today with another AWESOME Minecraft Duplication Glitch!



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# Recon/ Social Engineering



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# Modify Game Memory

- Must be done while game running
- Scan memory for known value
- Change value, rescan
- Eventually find where that value is stored
- ASLR? Never heard of it

# Modify Game Memory



# Exploit Bugs in Game Code

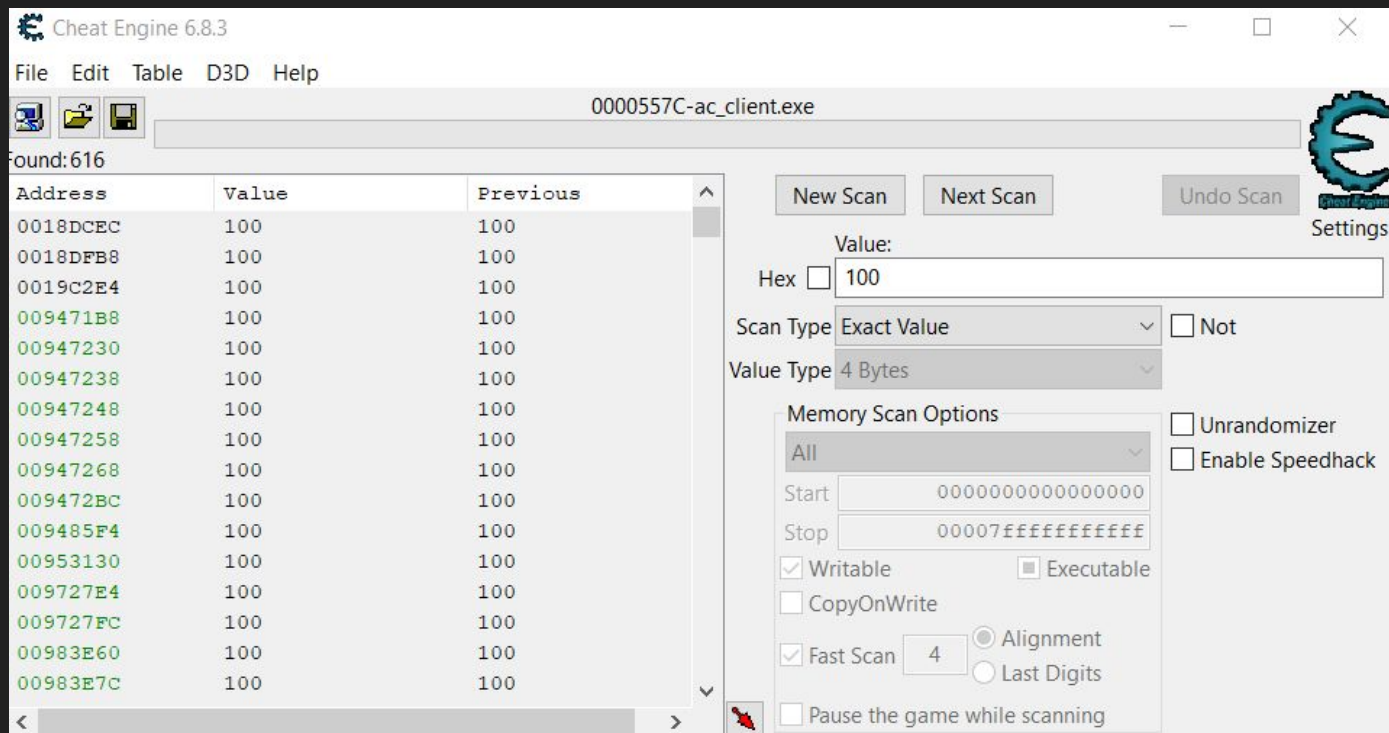
Example: Integer overflow/ underflow (Civilization)



# Code Injection

- The crown jewel of game hacking
- Layer escalation: low level (C++) -> C# (.NET)
- Unmanaged: C++/ Machine Code
- Managed: C#/ IL/ CLR

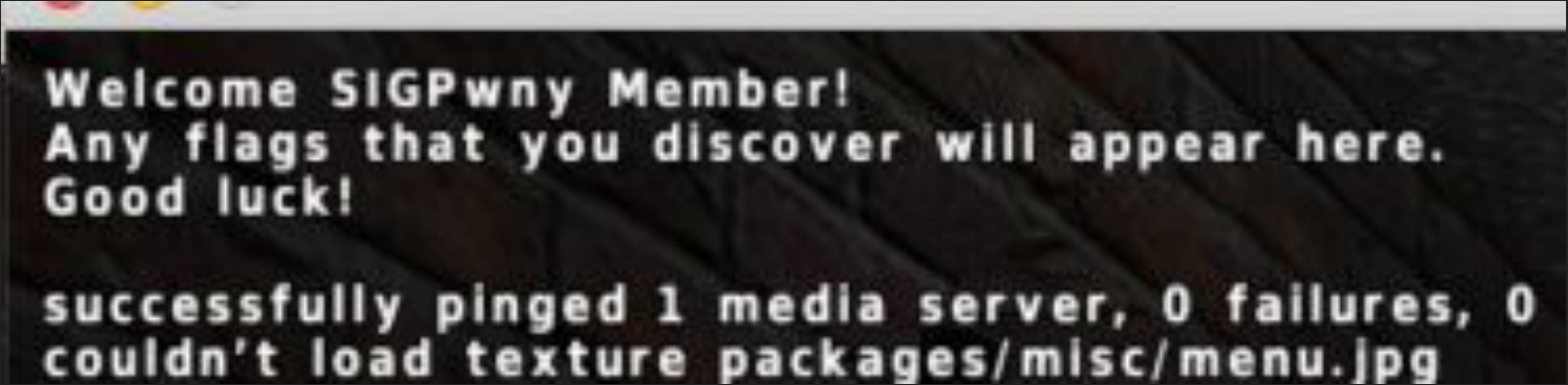
# Cheat Engine



# The Target: AssaultCube

Flags will be reported to the console in the top left!

To exit the game, type 'exit' into the chat (open chat with 'T')

A screenshot of the AssaultCube game's console window. The window has a dark, textured background and a white border. The text is displayed in a white, monospaced font. The first three lines are a welcome message, and the last two lines are a status report.

**Welcome SIGPwny Member!**  
**Any flags that you discover will appear here.**  
**Good luck!**

**successfully pinged 1 media server, 0 failures, 0**  
**couldn't load texture packages/misc/menu.jpg**

Challenge 1

Set your ammo to a  
very large value!

## Challenge 2

Set your X coordinate  
to > 1000 for a flag!



## Challenge 3

Disable the part of  
the code that causes  
health to decrease.

## Challenge 4

Use static analysis to  
find a hidden flag in  
the binary!

## Challenge 5: Buffer Overflow

Goal: Overwrite a stack variable to a desired value

## Challenge 5: Buffer Overflow

Input Vector: the chat field!

To try this, send a message  
where the first character is

`\x00`

# Challenge 5: Buffer Overflow

Called every time a message is sent where the first character is '%':

```
void sigPwny_vulnerable_buffer_1 (char* buf) {
    int canary = 0xDEADBEEF;
    char local_buffer[4];
    int length = 0;
    char* cursor = buf;
    while (*(cursor++)) { length++; }

    length = (length > sizeof(local_buffer) + 4) ? sizeof(local_buffer) + 4 : length;

    memcpy(local_buffer, buf, length);

    conoutf("The canary is: %x", canary);

    if (canary == 0x78786168) {
        conoutf("sigpwny{xxxxxxxxxx}");
    }
}
```

## Challenge 6: Format String Attack

Goal: Leak a variable from the stack.

## Challenge 6: Format String Attack

The variable is of the form:

**0x50XXXX50** and is on the stack  
near the problematic call.

## Challenge 6: Format String Attack

To try it, send a message where the first character is ``#'`. The output in the top is the result of your format string.



## Challenge 6: Format String Attack

When you have the variable, convert it from ASCII and send the 4-character message (without a # sign) .

# Creative 🙌 Challenge 🙌

- Create the best hacked client you can!
- Work alone or with a partner
- Post a cheats montage á la 2009 to Youtube
- Coolest hacks win lots of pwnypoints!