

Hacking in Online Games: bypassing security to gain an unfair advantage

What I have done: in-depth analysis of the following topics:

Memory address scanning (dark souls/POE)

- Explanation of client – server model and why it's a bad idea to store things client side
- delve a little into how this is actually done
- vulnerable online games: DARK SOULS!!

DLL Injection (maple story/APB)

- Talk about what this is, explain how it works and why
- Explain its potential in hacking games
- Demonstrate on a game/explain how a specific one works

Use of VMs in hacking

- talk about cheat engine's DBVM and what it does, how it is useful

Hacking in online games on Consoles

- Discussion of how hacking online games changes on consoles, why DS people thought they were secure
- Examples from real life : D3 hacking on consoles more prevalent than on computers

Countermeasures (punkbuster/onlineonly/other services)

- Discussion of different methods to prevent hacking/history
- Ways these services protect a game
- Segway into next two sections: even the best protection can be circumvented

Botting (D3/POE)

- Bots give players unfair advantages in a way that is very difficult to detect from the game makers side
- Discussion of different bots, how they work, how they are detected

Exploits and Glitching in Online Games

- Breaking the intended use of the game without the assistance of code: exploits in game, Discuss gunz, assassination of lord british

Hacker Utilities/Sites

-wrap up with a discussion of hacker resources, tools, and sites

Questions:

Demo- is it worthwhile to write an address scanner/find a hack myself?

Length of the meeting next week- what will we talk about for 40 minutes?

My results will be powerpoint + word doc for slides + demo code if I have it. Is this good? Should I write a page on the wiki?

Overlap with botting project: I have a section on botting, is this okay?

Details on: http://cs166.cs.brown.edu/mediawiki/index.php/Online_Game_Hacks