

Bypassing Anti-Cheats & Hacking Competitive Games







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Outline

- 01 Cheats vs Anti-Cheats
- 02 Game Hacking Basics
- 03 Kernel Cheats
- 04 External Hardware Cheats
- 05 Demonstration

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What kind of Game Hacking?



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History of Game Hacking





1980 - Modding

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1995 – First Aimbot

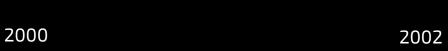


Early 2000 - Multiplayer Cheats



Early 2000 – AntiCheats







Popular Kernel AntiCheats









Anti-Cheats

Detect Cheats - Signatures

Discover Cheats - Reports, Manual

Prevent Cheats - Obfuscation, Sandbox



- Blocking / stripping of process handles in UM
- Detection of test signing
- Detection of usermode hooks
- Detection of injected modules
- Detection of manually mapped modules
- Detection of kernel drivers
- Detecting of traces of manually mapped drivers
- Detection of virtual machines and emulation



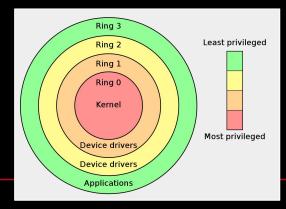
Kernel Mode

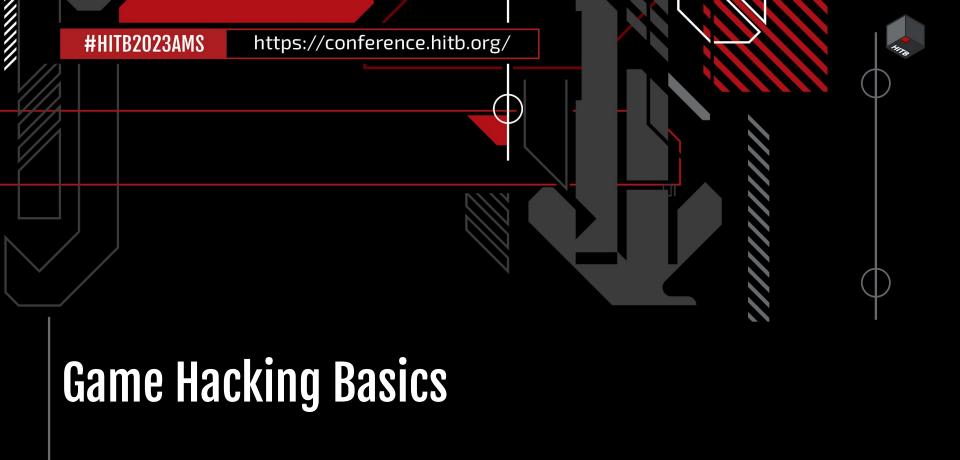
Restricted access to system resources

Private virtual space for each process

direct and unrestricted access to system resources

Single virtual space for whole kernel







Types of Cheats

Injected into the target process itself.

Complex to make(depends on engine)

Much Flexible and great performance

Prefered for Games with low-level or No AC

Have their own process that manipulates target process

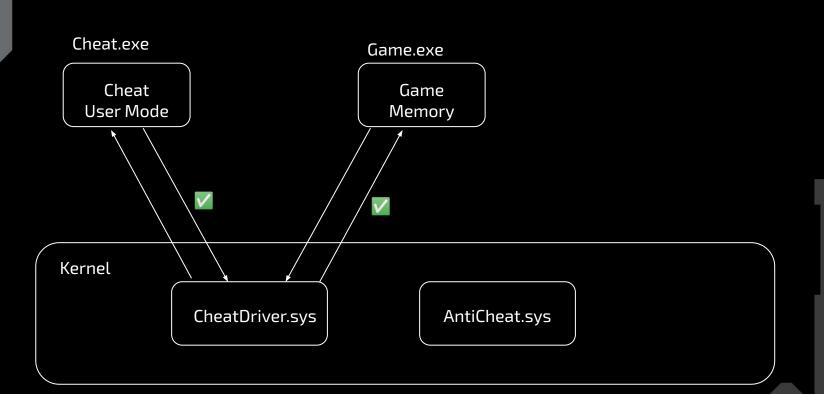
Easy to make(Any lang.)

Enough Flexibility and performance

Prefered for Games with Strong AC







Challenges

- 1. How to create driver?
- 2. How to load the driver into kernel?
- 3. How to communicate from user mode to kernel mode?
- 4. How I can make my driver Undetected?





Cheat Development

1. Reversing

Reversing Game to find the offsets for required cheat.

2. Hooking

Hooking to system call function and placing our shell code for establishing communication b/w UM & KM.

3. Creating Driver

Creating Custom Driver that read/write to game memory from kernel.

4. Loading Driver

Loading the Driver into Kernel.

5. Creating User Mode

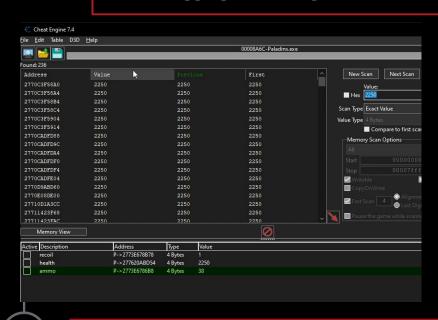
Creating User Mode that sends read/write request to kernel mode.

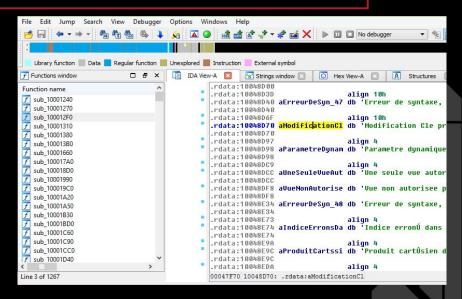


Reversing

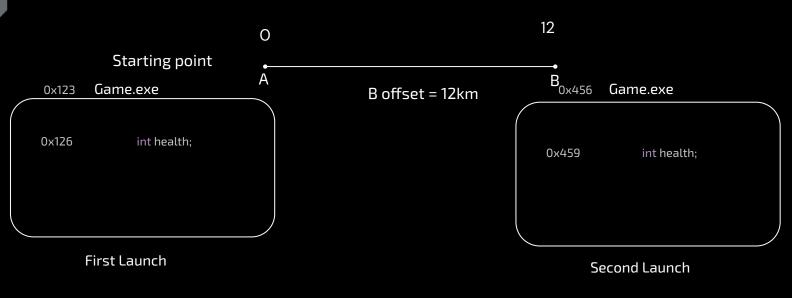


Disassembling(IDA pro)





What are offsets?



Health Offset from game.exe is same in both cases i.e. 0x3



What are offsets?

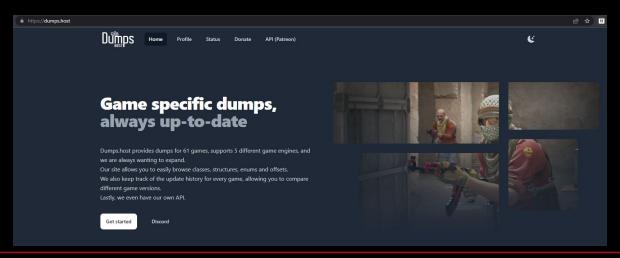
```
Game.exe
                                       0x0 0x10
struct enemy {
        int health;
                        //0x0
                        //0x4
        int ammo;
        float x;
                        //0x8
                        //0xC
        float y;
        float z;
                        //0x10
struct player {
                //0x10
        int health;
                        //0x0
                        //0x4
        int ammo;
        float x;
                        //0x8
        float y;
                        //0xC
        float z;
                        //0x10
```

Ammo Offset = Game.exe + $0x10 \rightarrow 0x4$



Lazy Offsets

- https://dumps.host/
- https://www.unknowncheats.me/
- https://github.com/

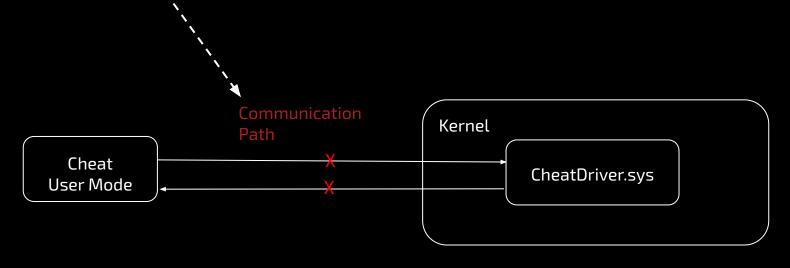




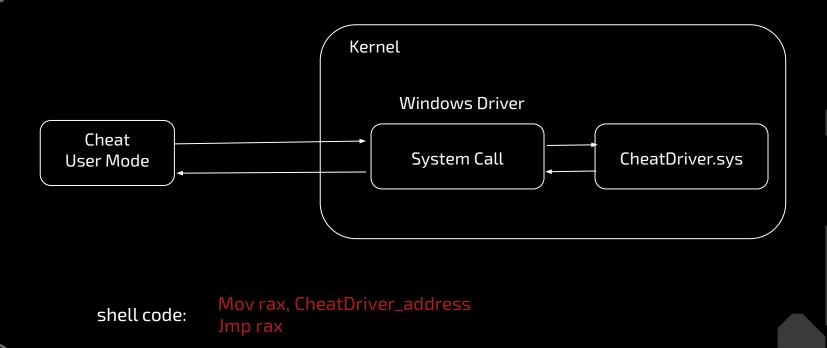
Requirements:

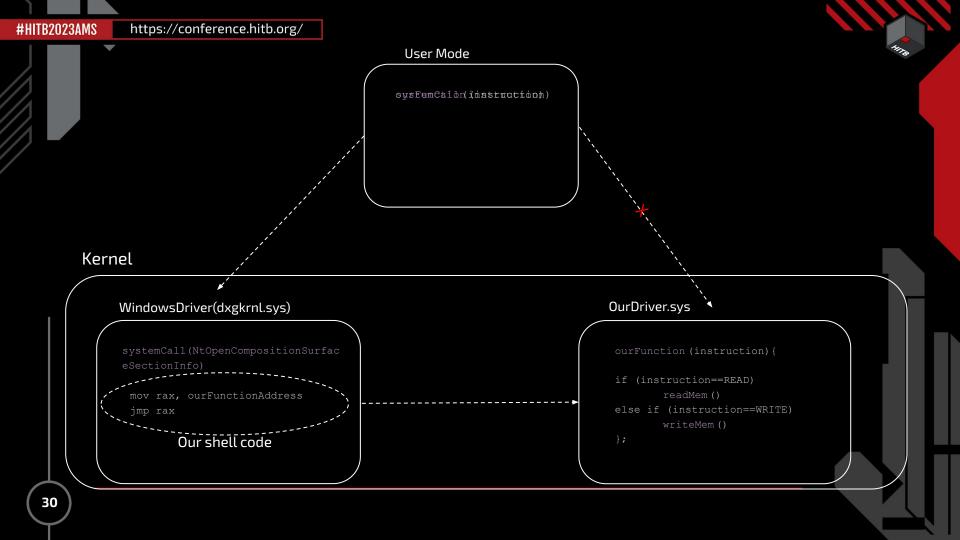
- 1. Visual Studio
- 2. Windows Driver Kit
- 3. WinDBG / DBGview

2. Hooking



2. Hooking





Till now

A basic hello world driver

Communication = Hooking

What else our driver needs to do?



What makes a Kernel Cheat Driver?

1. System Call Addr.

We need the address of system module & function in order to place our hook

3. Hook Handler

Handler that handles the instructions from User mode, executes and response back.

2. Hooking

Placing our shellcode into hook function to jump to our driver in kernel

4. Clearing Traces

Clearing our loaded driver traces from PiDDBCacheTable & MmUnloadedDrivers.



Detection vectors while using hook

1. Hook Function

Almost all public system calls are sigged by AntiCheats ex:
NtOpenCompositionSurfaceSectionInfo.
Find your own system call that you can hook to.

2. Shell Code

mov rax, xxx & jmp rax is a classic hook shell code which is well known and sigged by AntiCheats. Create your own Shell Code that prefers mid function hooking.



Test Mode	Pay to load	Exploit	
Only good for testing our Priver	Get your driver signed by Microsoft by paying.	Exploit official signed to load our driver.	d driver
oesn't work with Modern Inti-Cheats	Can be revoked easily if gets reported	Easy pzzz	-



KDMapper

https://github.com/TheCruZ/kdmapper

Exploits iqvw64e.sys Intel driver CVE-2015-229 to manually map non-signed drivers in kernel memory.

Automatically clears major Traces such as MmUnloadedDrivers, PiDDBCacheTable & g_KernelHashBucketList but not all like PoolBigPageTable.

Loading driver is easy: kdmapper.exe driver.sys



More Vuln Drivers?

https://github.com/hfiref0x/KDU

https://github.com/eclypsium/Screwed-Drivers

https://guidedhacking.com/threads/vulnerable-kernel-drivers-for-exploitation.15979/

https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvekey.cgi?keyword=driver

Exploit drivers on your own



5. Creating User Mode

1. Call Hooked Function

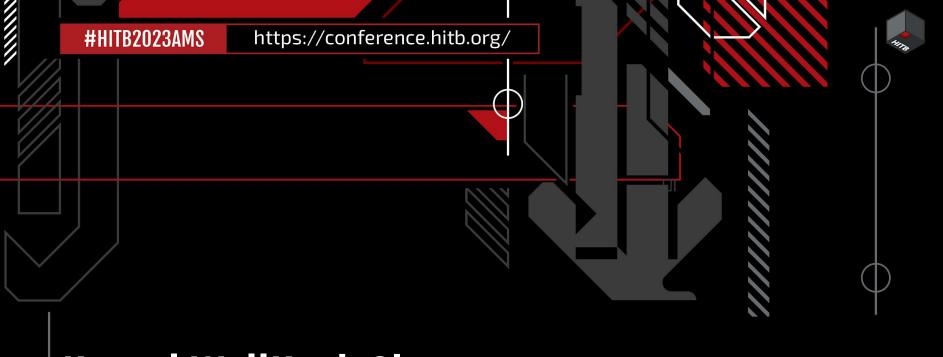
Call the hooked function or system call with our shell code

2. Prepare Instruction

Construct the instruction according to your needs for sending to the hooked function

3. Handle the cheat logic

Aimbot, ESP, etc.



Kernel WallHack Showcase



Moving onto Ext. Hardware Cheat

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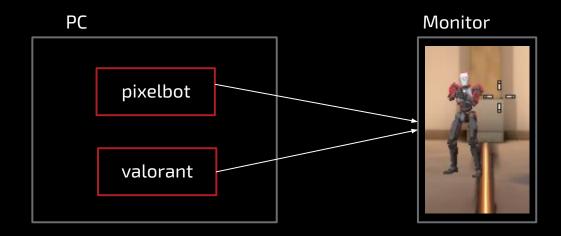
Pixelbots

Color based aimbots

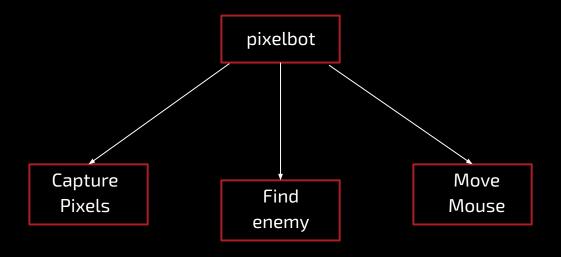




How do these work?



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Benefits?

Very hard to detect

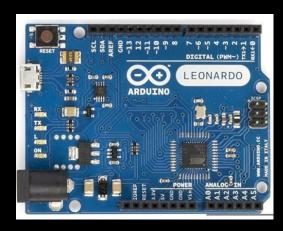
Easy & Works on almost all games

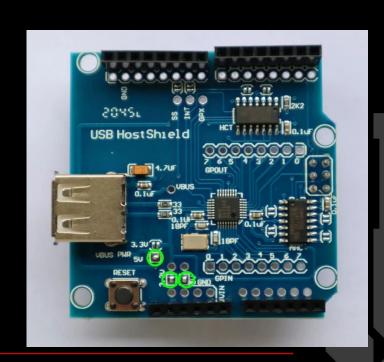
Good code = Good aimbot

Tools required

Arduino Leonardo

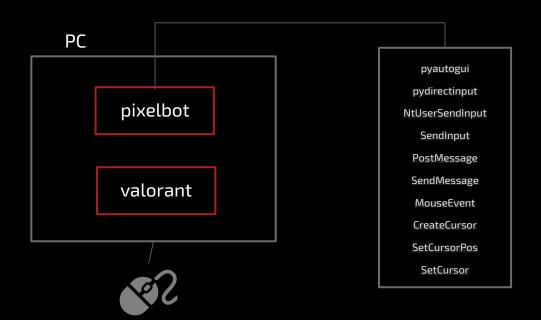
USB host shield soldered



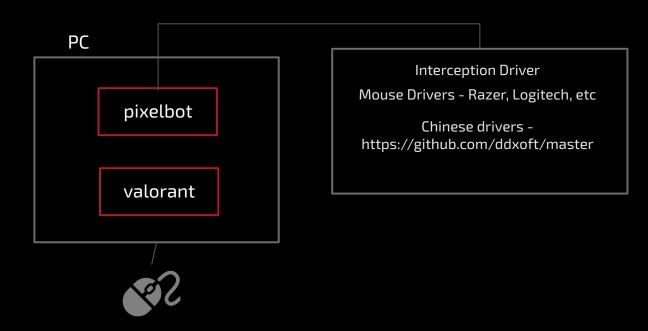


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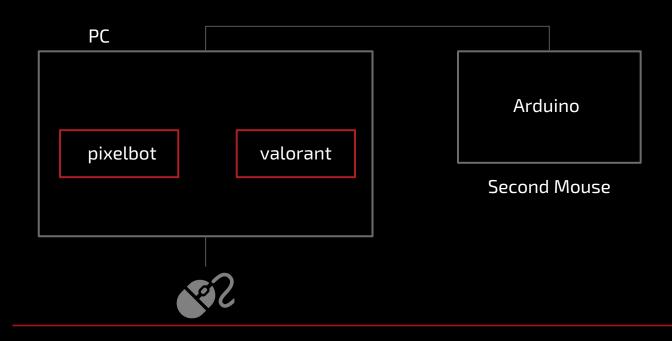
Pixelbots Gen-1 Mouse Mov.





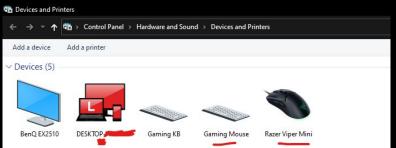


Pixelbots Gen-3 Mouse Mov.

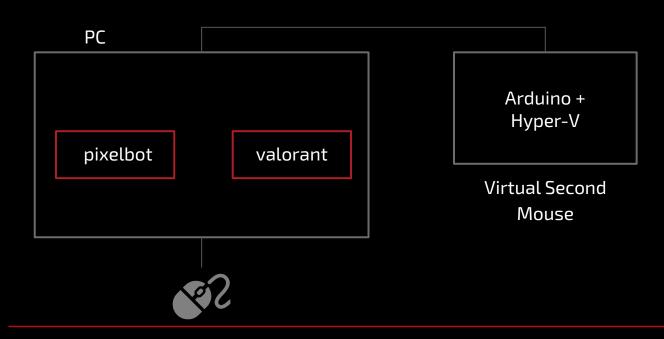






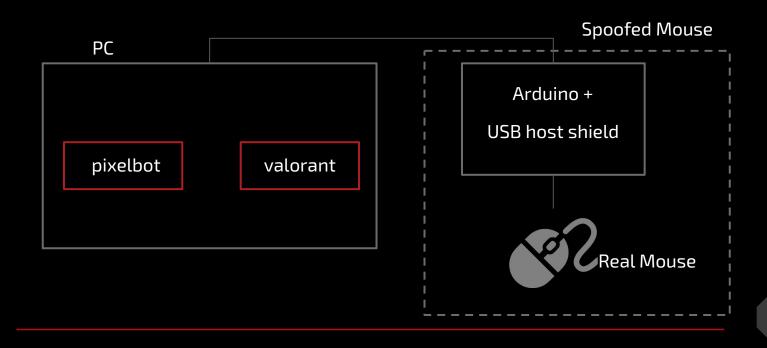


Pixelbots Gen-4 Mouse Mov.

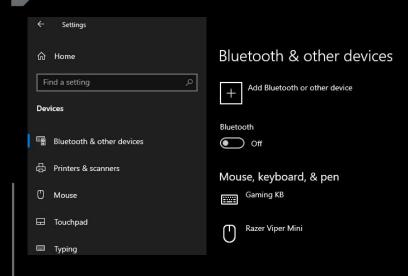


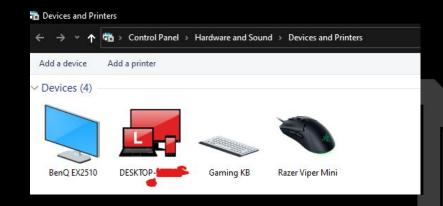
https://conference.hitb.org/

Pixelbots Gen-5 Mouse Mov.

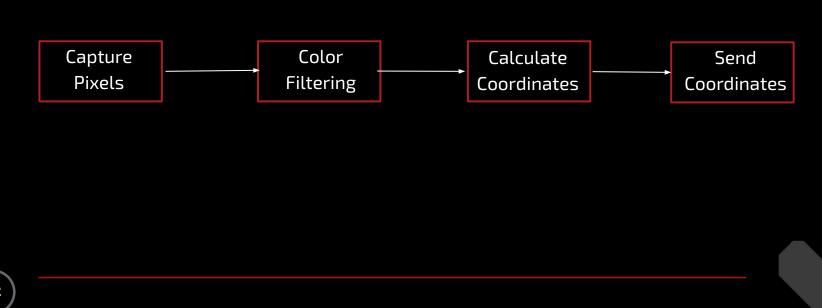








Pixelbot Code



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Challenge

Actually aim on enemy and not other things with similar color



Finding Color Range using OpenCV





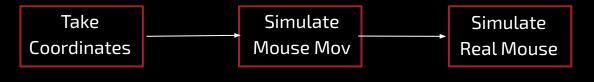


Finding Color Range using OpenCV

```
import cv2
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import numpy as np
   image = cv2.imread('media/astra.jpg')
   # Converting the image to hsv
   hsv = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR BGR2HSV)
   # define range of purple color in HSV
   lower purple = np.array([160,50,50])
12 upper purple = np.array([180,255,255])
   # Threshold the HSV image using inRange function to get only purple colors
   mask = cv2.inRange(hsv, lower purple, upper purple)
   plt.
          gure(figsize=[13,13])
   plt.subplot(121);plt.imshow(image[:,:,::-1]);plt.title("Original Image",fontdict={'fontsize': 25});plt.axis('off');
   plt.
        wbplot(122);plt.imshow(mask, cmap='gray');plt.title("Mask of purple Color",fontdict={'fontsize': 25});plt.axis('off');
```

https://cvexplained.wordpress.com/2020/04/28/color-detection-hsv/

Arduino code





Different arduino communication methods

Serial Comm

Web server

Wireless transmitter

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Serial getting monitored by vgc

Still u can hide the coordinates inside garbage

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17:47:	vgc.exe	9704	RegSetInfoKey	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\COM3
7:47:	vgc.exe	9704	RegQueryValue	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\COM3\Com+Enabled
17:47:	vgc.exe	9704	RegCloseKey	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\COM3
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Spoofing arduino

C:\Program Files
(x86)\Arduino\hardware\arduino\avr\boar
ds.txt

https://the-sz.com/products/usbid/index.p hp



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leonardo.name=Arduino Leonardo
leonardo.vid.0=0x2341
leonardo.pid.0=0x0036
leonardo.vid.1=0x2341
leonardo.pid.1=0x8036
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leonardo.pid.2=0x0036
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leonardo.bootloader.lock bits=0x2F
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External Hardware Aimbot Showcase



What valorant can do?

Remove outlines?

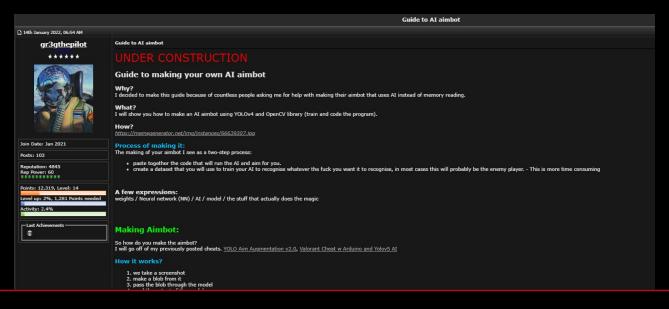
GAMEPLAY SYSTEMS UPDATES

- Added the ability to hide Agent outlines and fresnel (the color outline on Agents)
 - •/ Go to Settings >> General >> Under "Other", there is an option to toggle "Hide Outlines and Fresnel".

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YOLO AI

https://www.unknowncheats.me/forum/general-programming-and-reversing/485725-guide-ai-aimbot.html





https://github.com/nahoragg/KernelDriver

https://github.com/nahoragg/Arduino

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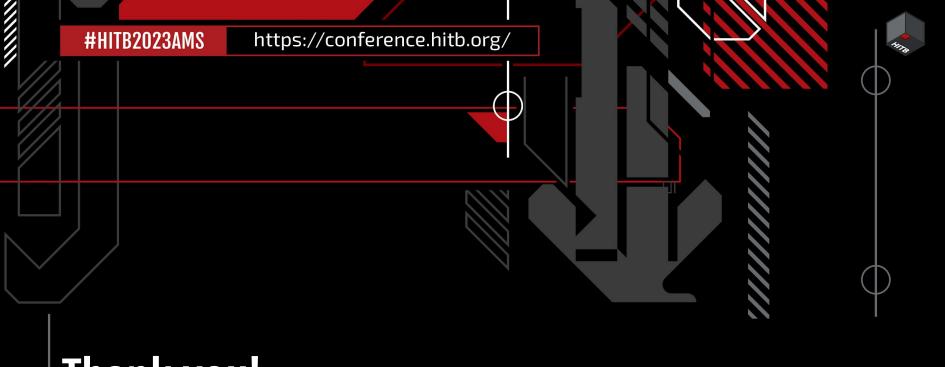
https://www.unknowncheats.me/

https://www.youtube.com/c/NullTerminator

Conclusion

JK





Thank you!

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