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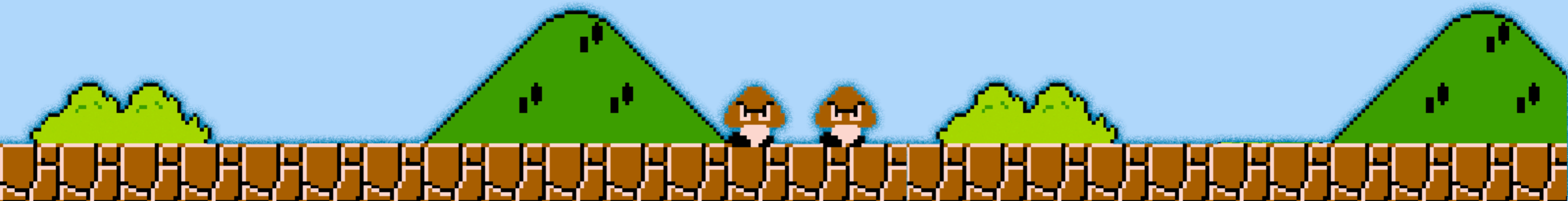
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About Me:

I'm a Ruby on Rails developer at Platform45 - we make web and iOS applications and games: http://www.platform45.com

Have been hacking games, off and on, since 2005.

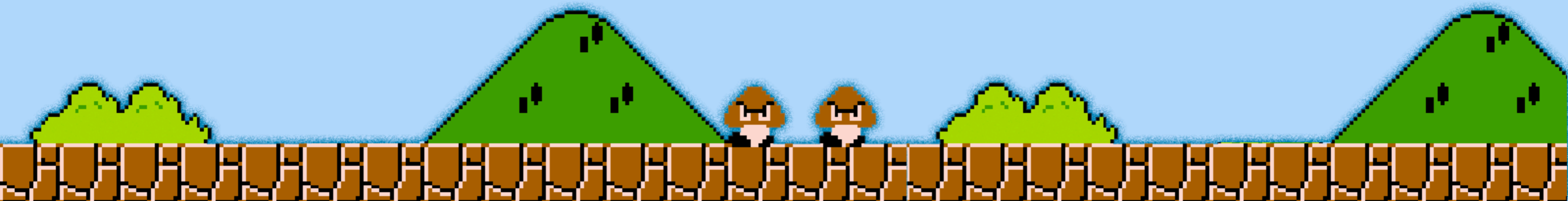Twitter: @hypn
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Not Covered:

- Latest games - I want to avoid lawsuits and "history repeats itself" (methods shown work for the latest games, eg: DotA 2)

- FPS (aim) Bots - typically require DirectX/OpenGL programming knowledge (and I have none)

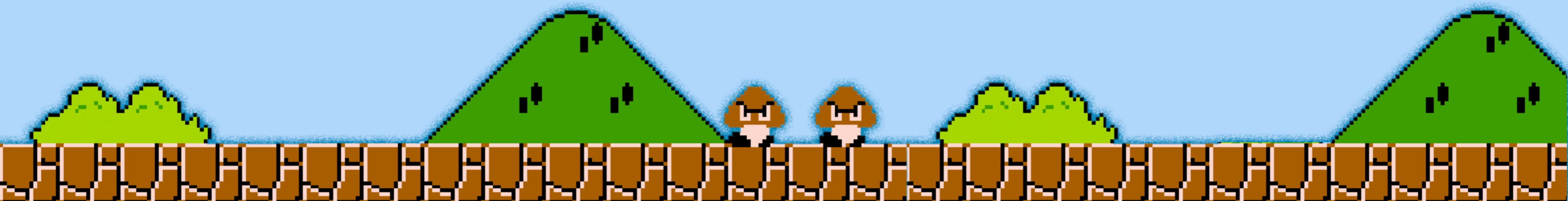- Android games - I'm an iPhone user, sorry!

GAME HACKING

DISCLAIMER:

The "Terms of Service" / "Terms and Conditions" of most games prevent you from decompiling or modifying game files, or intercepting and manipulating data traffic.

Hack creators have been sued for making hacks (under "copyright infringement").

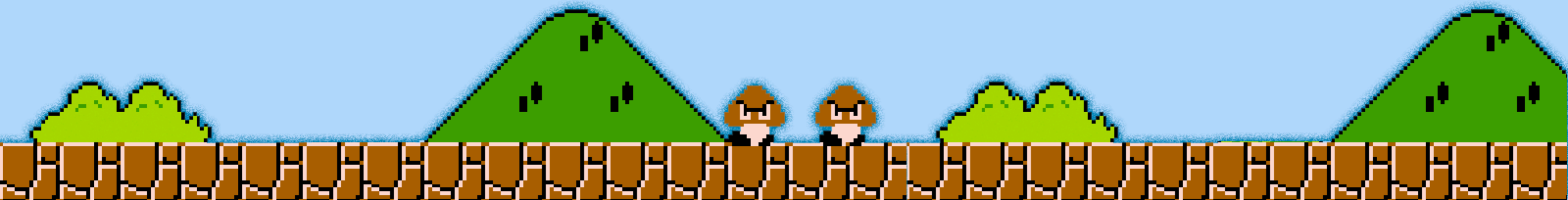You might get banned from your favourite game.

ZaCon 4 - Game Hacking

1. Console Games

   1.1. Game Genie and others

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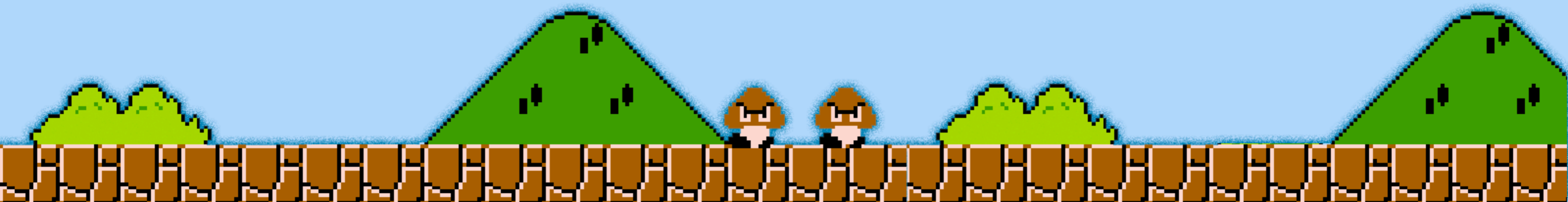User is prompted to enter codes, which ultimately overwrote game logic:

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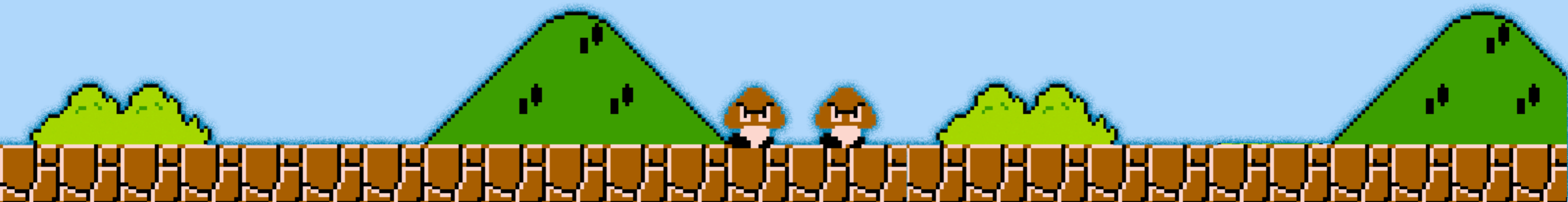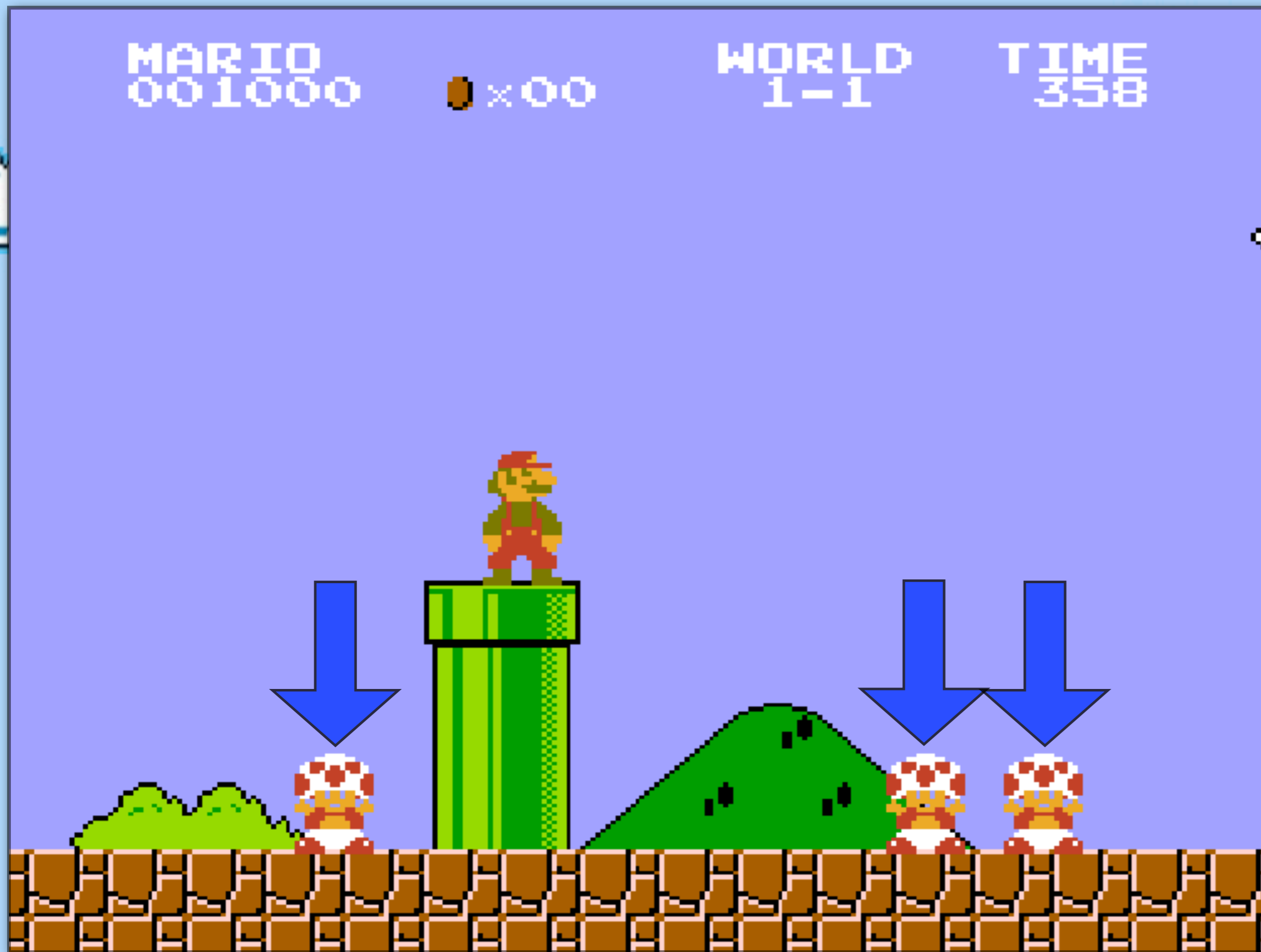   1-1   358

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    super powers

    kill Toad!
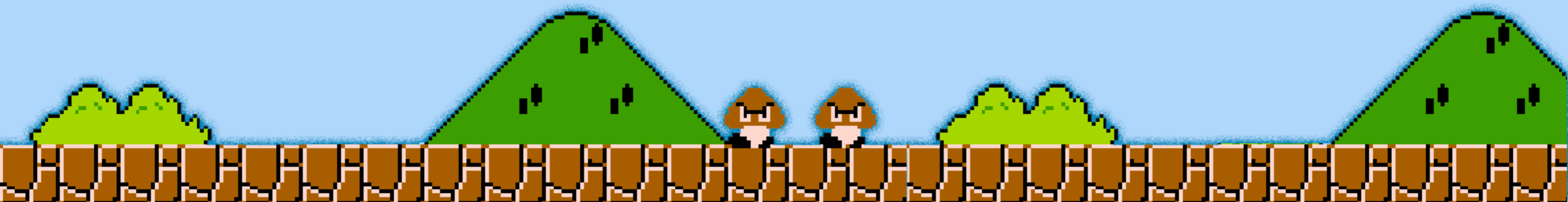   (change the game)

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Game Genie is available for multiple consoles.

Many similar devices and systems have been created, such as the GameShark.

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1. Console Games

2. DOS Games

   2.1. Memory Scanning

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Game Wizard 32 Shareware v3.0   (F1=Help)

Main Menu

Memory Address Search
Result of Memory Address Search
Table of Memory Locations
Edit Memory Contents
File Manager
Game Playing Speed
Picture Grabber (Capture Graphic Screen to Disk)
Boss Screen with Password Option
View Current Program Screen
Load Previous Saved Program From Disk
Save Current Program To Disk
Crash Back to Dos (Exit the Current Program)
Dos Shell

Esc=Quit   Registered to: Unregistered Version

Game Wizard 32 is a DOS memory scanner

GAME HACKING

Game Wizard 32 Shareware v3.0   (F1=Help)

Current Search Method
Basic (4MB)

Memory Search

1.

Search for: _

Ctrl-E=End Current Search   Ctrl-P=Previous Search   Esc=Main Menu

Game Wizard 32 is a DOS memory scanner

Search for a value (eg: health, ammo, money) in game

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Progress Report

15 % complete

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Keep searching for the value, as is it changes

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Result of Memory Address Search

Current Value Byte: **61**   Word: **16701**   Dword: **1262895421** | **15 Matches**

```
  1. 00034F32    65    61

* 2. 001A2A90    65    61

* 3. 001A2BAC    65    61

* 4. 001B9E98    65    61
```

↑↓ PgDn PgUp Home End A=Add Table Entry   Enter=Select Memory Address   Esc=Main

Game Wizard 32 is a DOS memory scanner

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Find the correct memory address (trial and error)

GAME HACKING

Table of Memory Locations
Table Created By: Unregistered Version

Freeze	Description	Size	X Address	Value
(•)	0. Health	BYTE	*001B9E98	= 100

This unregistered version only allows one entry in the Table Table of Memory Locations. Up to 90 entries can be entered; modified and freezed in Game Wizard 32 Pro and Game Wizard 32 Standard. To register, please complete the registration form provided and mail it along with the appropriate payment to the address below:

Enhanced Software Design Inc.
P.O. Box 92241
2900 Warden Ave.
Scarborough, ON
Canada M1W 3Y9
Call (416)492-0157 for credit card orders.

Enter=Edit Value E=Edit Entry F=(Un)Freeze Memory Ins/Del=Insert/Delete Entry
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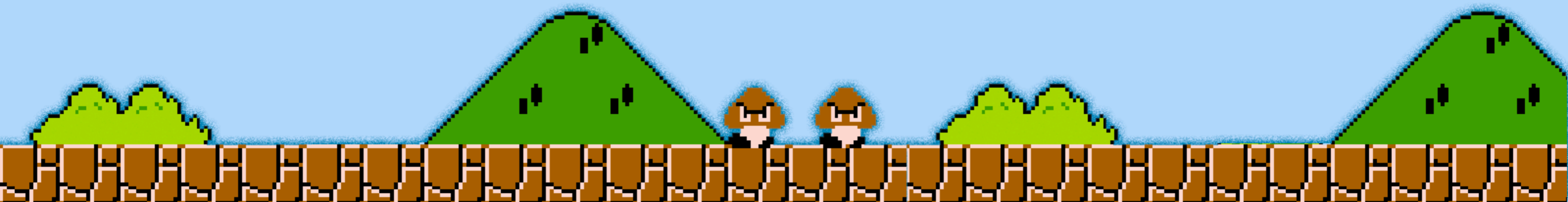# GAME HACKING

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God mode!

GAME HACKING

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   2.2. Hex Editing save games

GAME HACKING

Take note of the value (eg: health, ammo, money) in game to be changed, and create a save game

GAME HACKING


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SAVE1.SAV        ↓FRO        000001F4        ---------        383294 ‖ Hiew 6.50 (c)SEN
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00000120:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000130:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000140:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000150:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000160:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000170:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000180:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
00000190:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
000001A0:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
000001B0:  00 00 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
000001C0:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00
000001D0:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03
000001E0:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8
000001F0:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8
00000200:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-
00000210:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-
00000220:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-
00000230:  E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-
00000240:  00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-
00000250:  00 00 00 00-E8 03 00 00-
1Global 2FilBlk 3        4ReLoad 5                                  10Leave
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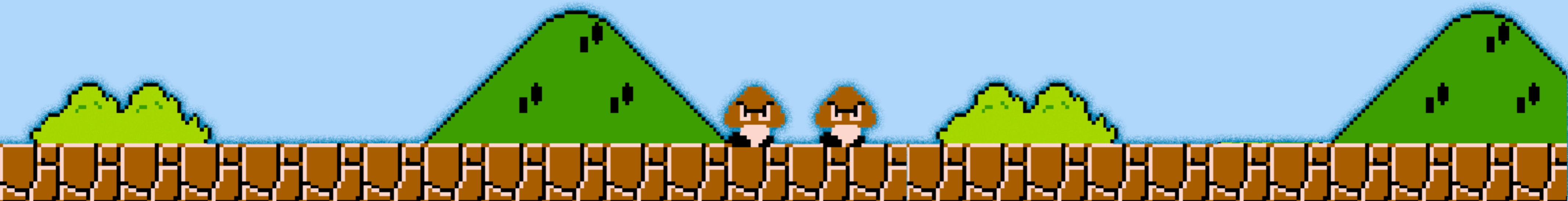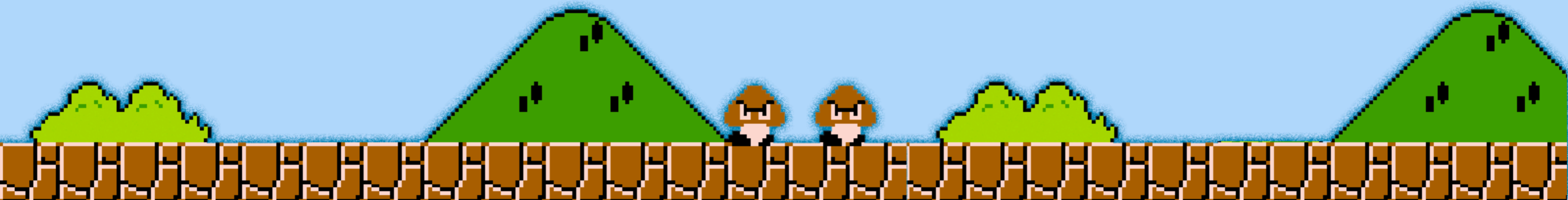
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 00000130:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
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 00000170:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
 00000180:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
 00000190:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
 000001A0:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
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 000001E0:   E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 000001F0:   E8 03 00 00-69 7A 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 00000200:   E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 00000210:   E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 00000220:   E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 00000230:   E8 03 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
 00000240:   00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00
 00000250:   00 00 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00-E8 03 00 00
 1      2       3       4       5                            10
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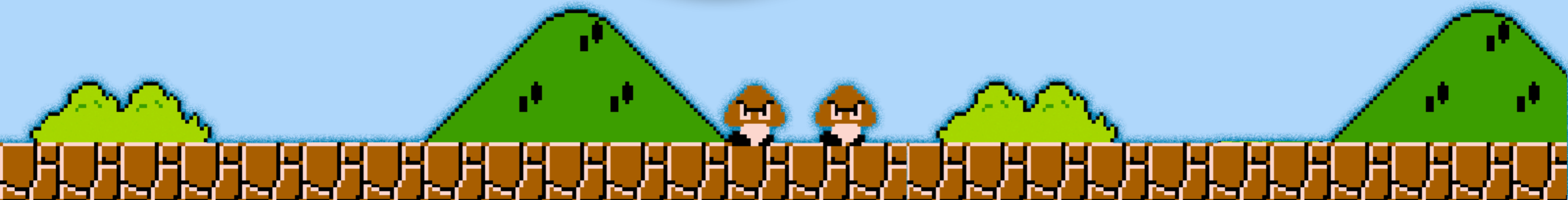31337 = 7A69 in hex

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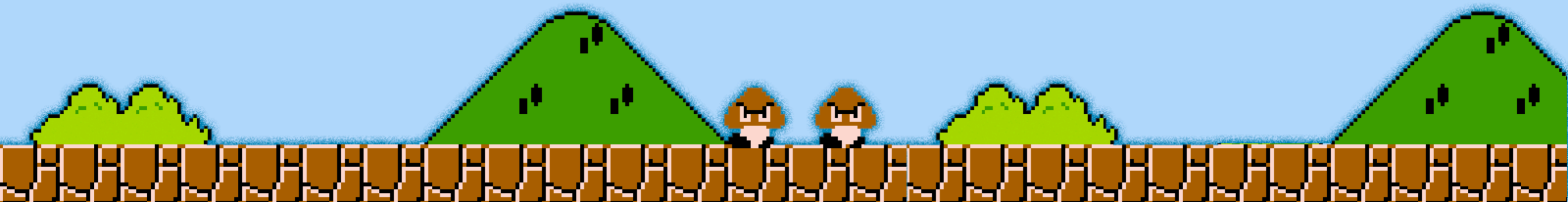
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GAME HACKING

L. Spiro   Memory Hacking Software

File   Search   Tools   Window   Help

Found Addresses   ×

Address	Value	Current Value

Description	Address	Current Value	Value When Locke

MHS ("Memory Hacking Software") is a great Windows memory scanner

GAME HACKING

WIRT THE PEG-LEGGED BOY

TALK TO WIRT

I HAVE SOMETHING FOR SALE,
BUT IT WILL COST 50 GOLD
JUST TO TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?
SAY GOODBYE

CHAR
QUESTS
MAP
MENU

INV
SPELLS

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GAME HACKING

I HAVE THIS ITEM FOR SALE :   YOUR GOLD : 50

CAPE OF HEALTH   330
  -1 DAMAGE FROM ENEMIES
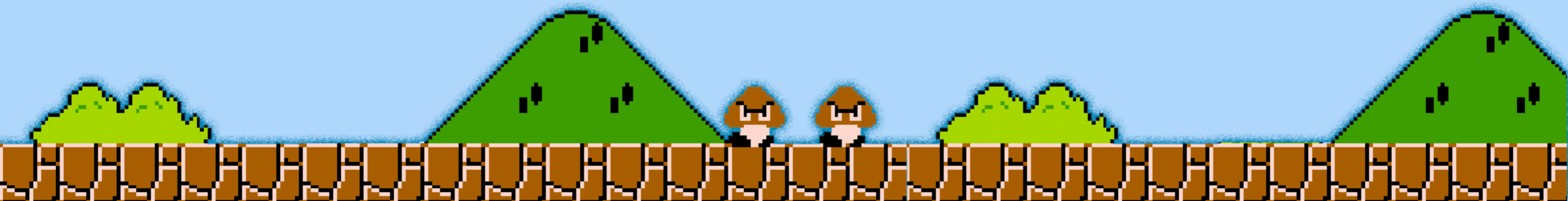 ARMOR: 2   DUR: 12/12, NO REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES

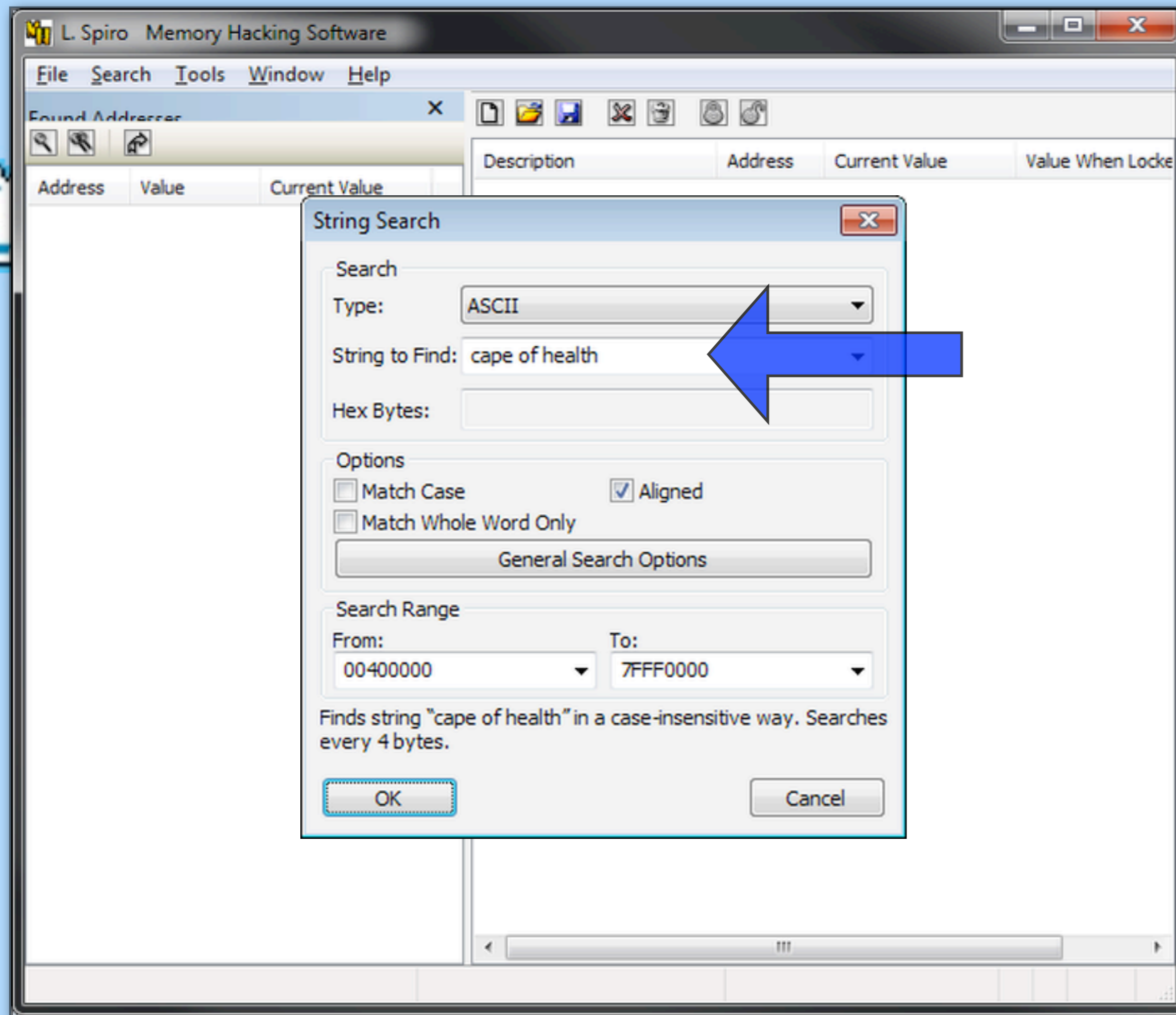LEAVE

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Address   Value   Current Value

Description   Address   Current Value   Value When Locked

String Search

Search

Type: ASCII

String to Find: cape of health

Hex Bytes:

Options
☐ Match Case   ☑ Aligned
☐ Match Whole Word Only

General Search Options

Search Range
From: To:
00400000   7FFF0000

Finds string "cape of health" in a case-insensitive way. Searches
every 4 bytes.

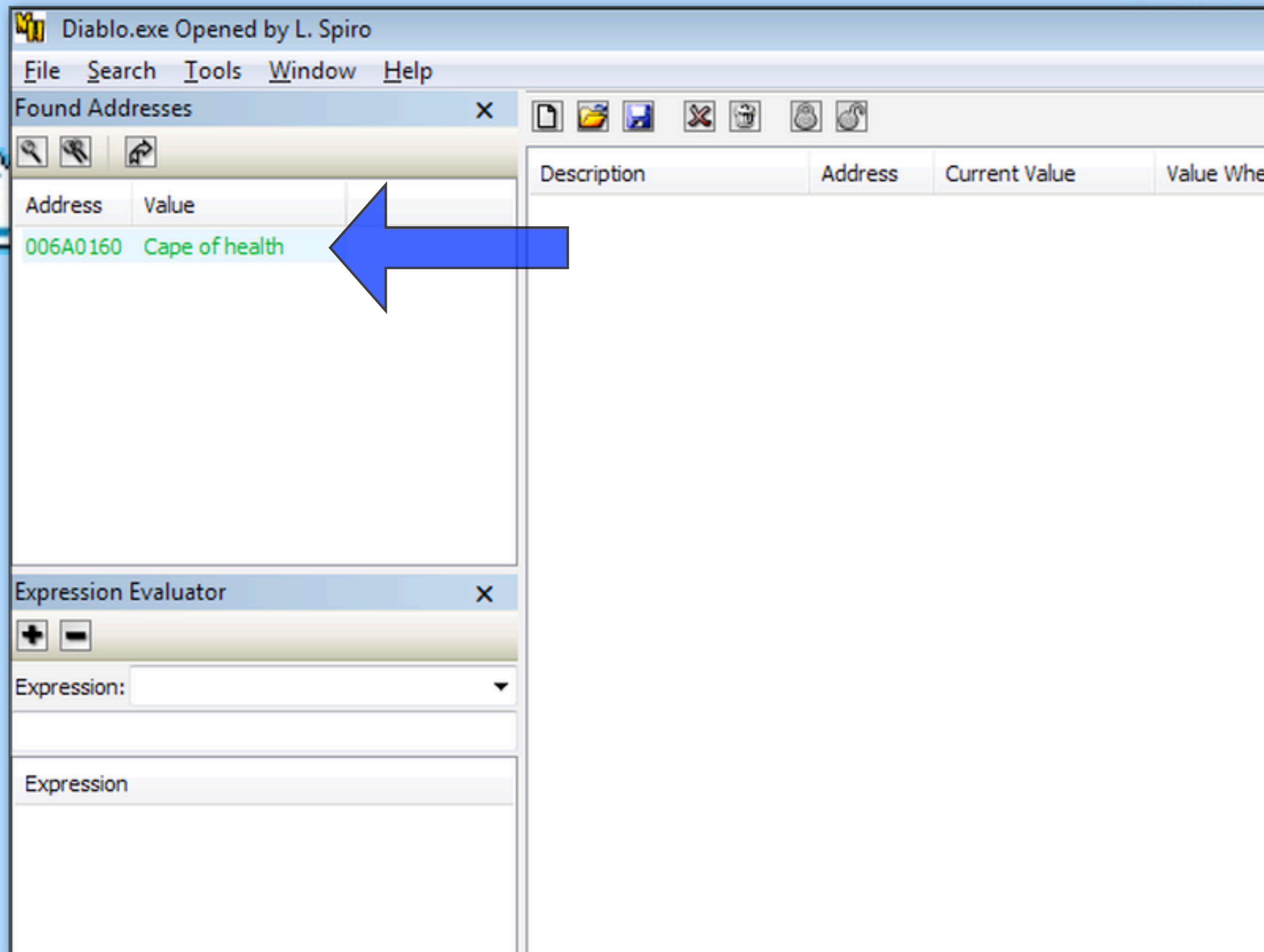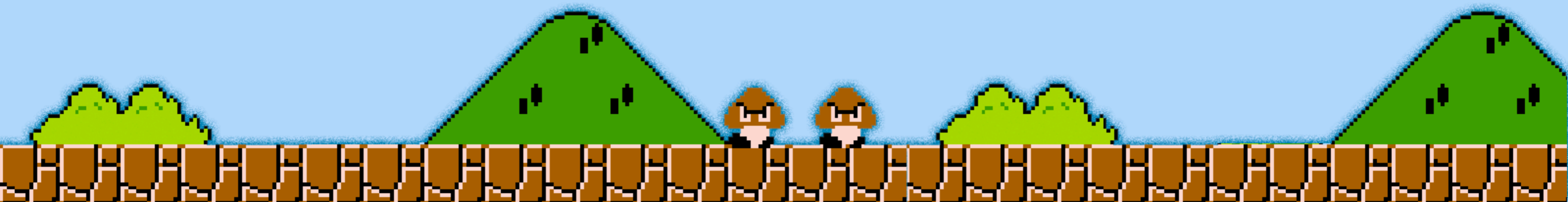OK   Cancel

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GAME HACKING

Diablo.exe Opened by L. Spiro

File   Search   Tools   Window   Help

Found Addresses   ✕

Address	Value
006A0160	Cape of health

Description	Address	Current Value	Value When

Expression Evaluator   ✕

➕ ➖

Expression: ▾

Expression

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Doing a "string" search for it in MHS... finds the address, which can be read in the future.

GAME HACKING

ZACON ITEM OF L33TN3SS
DAMAGE: 99-99   DUR: 99/99
NOT IDENTIFIED
REQUIRED: 18 STR

Diablo I had no multiplayer "state" checking

Game clients dictated the stats of their character to each other (peer to peer, via Battle.Net)

Character stats could be changed

Items could be exported, imported and modified

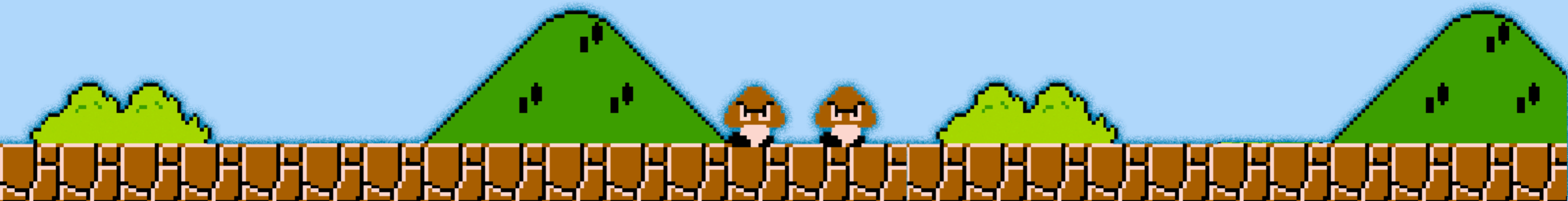Custom items could be created (eg: "Zacon Item of L33tn3ss")

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   3.2. StarCraft 1 map hack with OllyDbg (debugger)

GAME HACKING

Making of a StarCraft map hack:

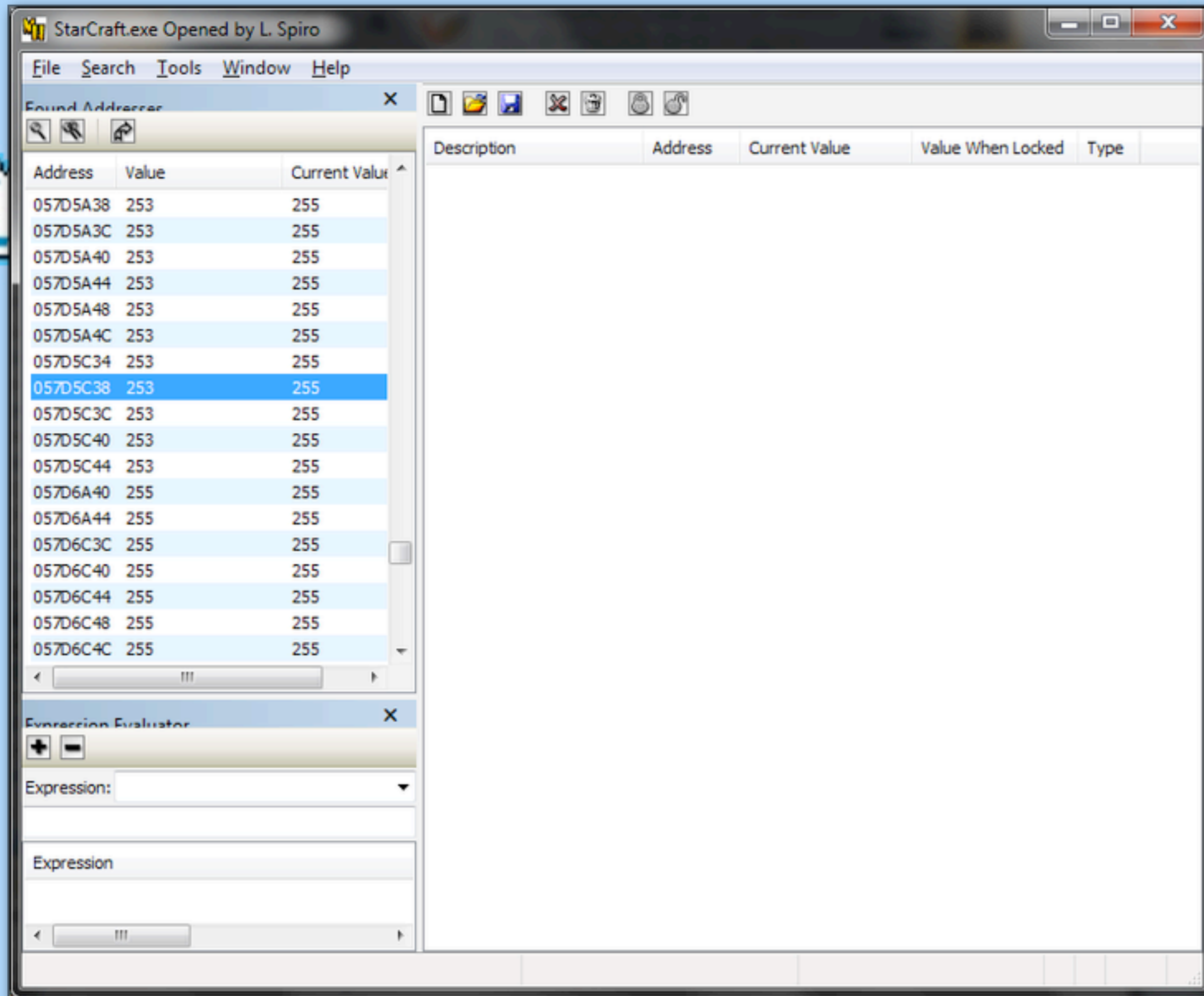1. explore a new area, and search for "unknown" data

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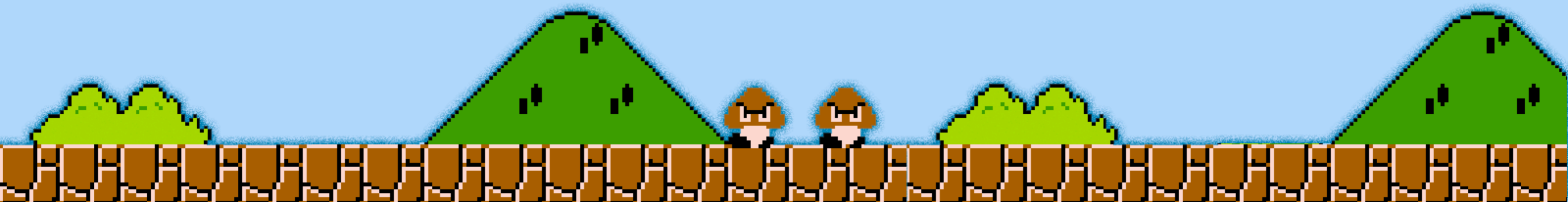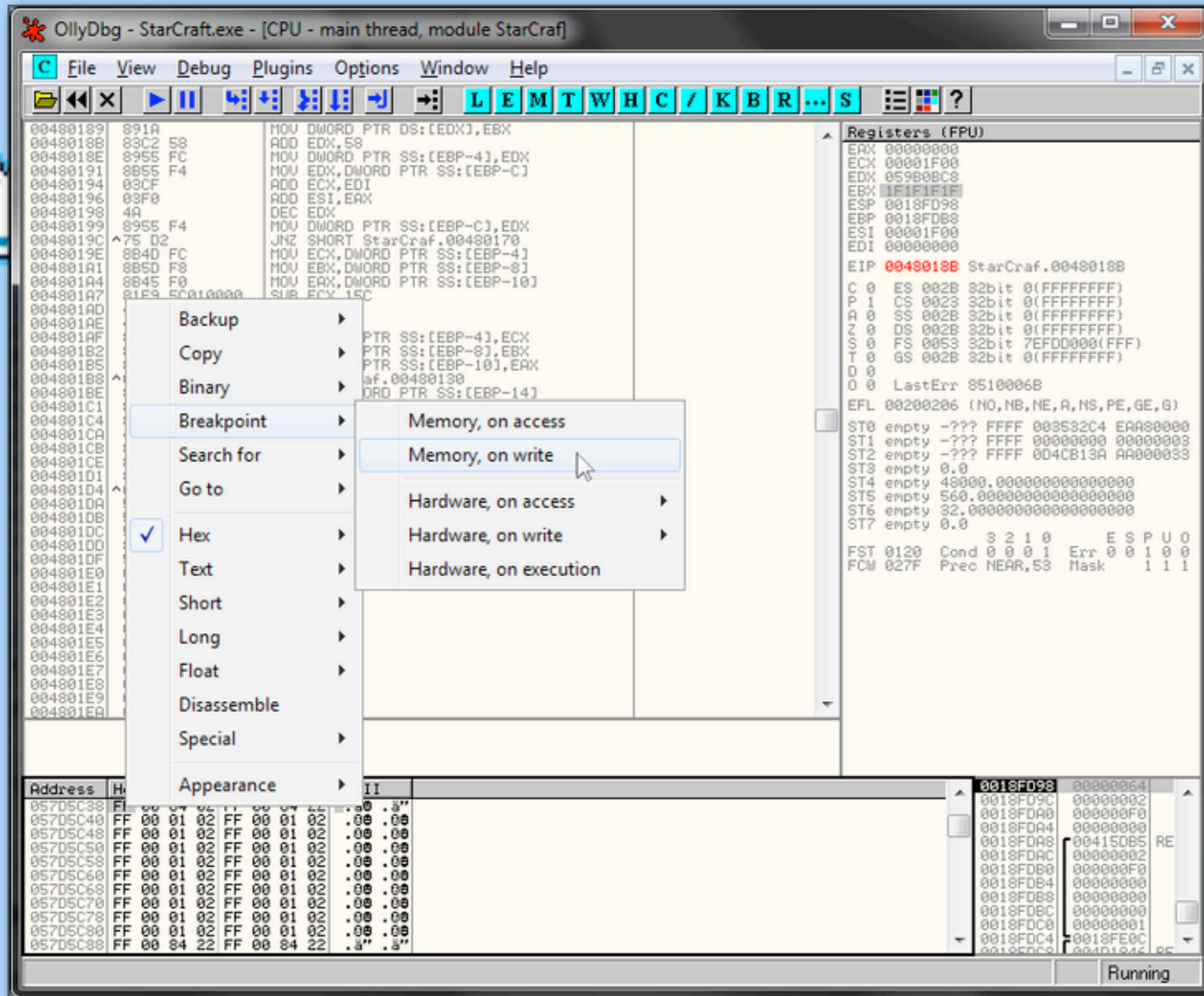
2. leave the area, and search again

GAME HACKING

Making of a StarCraft map hack:

1. explore a new area, and search for "unknown" data

2. leave the area, and search again

3. repeat until "suspicious" results are found (lots of addresses changing between two values, in order)
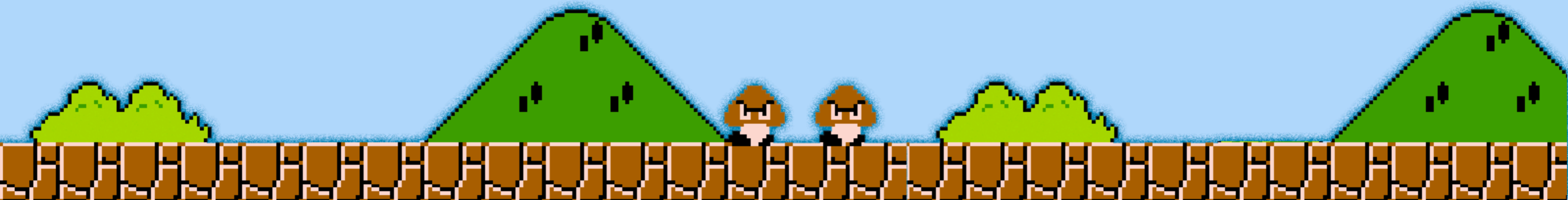
4. copy one of these addresses

GAME HACKING

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Map hack!
(in multiplayer)

GAME HACKING

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... (flawed) game logic has to be exploited

"The Zerg Mineral Hack works by sending a command that tells a larva to morph into an invalid unit, which is worth 564 minerals. Then, the morphing auto-cancels (it's a feature of the hack, not the exploit) and the player receives 514 extra minerals." - Zynastor

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1600 minerals, seconds in to the game, and counting!

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Sometimes "restricted" Spell IDs are found, and used, by non-GameMasters, resulting in mass (in-game) death

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   3.4. Kartograph

GAME HACKING

"Kartograph", shown at Defcon 18, takes an interesting approach to game hacks:

Game memory is monitored

GAME HACKING

"Kartograph", shown at Defcon 18, takes an interesting approach to game hacks:

Game memory is monitored, and shown as a "heat map", making identifying data, and making (especially map) hacks, much quicker and easier

I can't do them enough justice in these slides, visit http://elie.im/talks/kartograph to learn more about it!

GAME HACKING

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   3.5. Ultima Online "POL" server exploitation with W32Dasm

GAME HACKING


```
pcs.txt - Notepad
File   Edit   Format   View   Help
        Tactics 1001140
        Meditation        1000590
        Poisoning         1000000
        Archery 1000000
        Mining  1000000
        Stealing          1000000
        Tailoring         1000000
        Thaumaturgy       148
        Swordsmanship     1000000
        Macefighting      1001320
        Fencing 1000000
        Wrestling         1000000
}
Character
{
        Account hypn
        CharIdx 0
        Name    hypn
        Serial  0x6
        ObjType 0x190
        Graphic 0x190
        Color   0x3ea
        X       1401
        Y       1626
        Z       28
        Facing  6
        CProp   logontime i3923
        CProp   onlineime i3923
        TrueColor         0x3ea
        TrueObjtype       0x190
        Gender  0
        STR     24576
        INT     2048
        DEX     2048
        HITS    45
        MANA    10
        STAM    10
        HitsRegenRate     100
        ManaRegenRate     100
        Tactics 100
```

"POL", an Ultima Online server emulator, stores it's data in key-value based text files.

An advisory was mailed out, suggesting that if someone where to insert a "newline" character additional properties could be inserted.

Luckily this was deemed impossible ;)

So I set out to do it...

GAME HACKING

Game clients often restrict input, but we can put in "markers" (the third "A" in this case)

GAME HACKING

L. Spiro   Memory Hacking Software

File   Search   Tools   Window   Help

Found Addresses   ×

Address   Value   Current Value

Description   Address   Current Value   Value When Locke

Data-Type Search

Search

Data Type
Byte

Evaluation Type
Exact Value

Value to Find:
65   500

Options
☑ Aligned
☐ Enable "Same as Original" Sub Search

General Search Options

Search Range
From: To:
00400000   7FFF0000

Find Byte (0 to 255) values equal to 65. Searches every byte.

OK   Cancel

Game clients often restrict input, but we can put in "markers" (the third "A" in this case), and then search for it's hex value in memory...

GAME HACKING

Ultima Online - admin (My Shard)

Quit

CHARACTER NAME

A ABCmd Level test

My UO

Account

Mail

Hair Style
Short

Facial Hair Style
NONE

Skin Tone

Shirt Color

Pants Color

Hair Color

Facial Hair Color

CREDITS

HELP

MALE

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Address   Value   Current Value

Description   Address   Current Value   Value When Locke

Sub Search   ✕

Information
Previous Type: Data Type (Byte, Exact Value)

Previous Results: 3276555

Sub Search

Search Type: Exact Value ▼

Value to Find:
66 ▼   2000 ▼

Within the previous results, find 66.

OK   Cancel

Game clients often restrict input, but we can put in "markers" (the third "A" in this case), and then search for it's hex value in memory...

(changing it, and searching for it's new value, until we find it)

GAME HACKING

Modify Address

| Main | Normal Address | Script Address | Script Lock | Hotkeys | Auto-Assemble |

General

Description: Undescribed ☐ Add Array Indices to Multiple Items

Value

Cur Value: 10

(This value will be written in the target process once when you hit OK.)

Type: Byte ☐ Show as Unicode ☐ Show as Hex

Lock

Lock Type: Exact ☐ Locked (Intermediate Check Leaves Item Locks As They Are)

Value When Locked

Exact Value: Invalid
66

Miscellaneous

Base: 0x25130C2A   Final: 0x25130C2A

Module:

OK   Cancel

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... and then replacing it with something like, like a newline

GAME HACKING

CHARACTER NAME

A A

Quit

My UO

Account

Mail

Hair Style
Short

Facial Hair Style
NONE

Skin Tone

Shirt Color

Pants Color

Hair Color

Facial Hair Color

CREDITS

HELP

MALE

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GAME HACKING

Ultima Online - admin (My Shard)

Quit

My UO

Account

Mail

Unacceptable name.

CREDITS

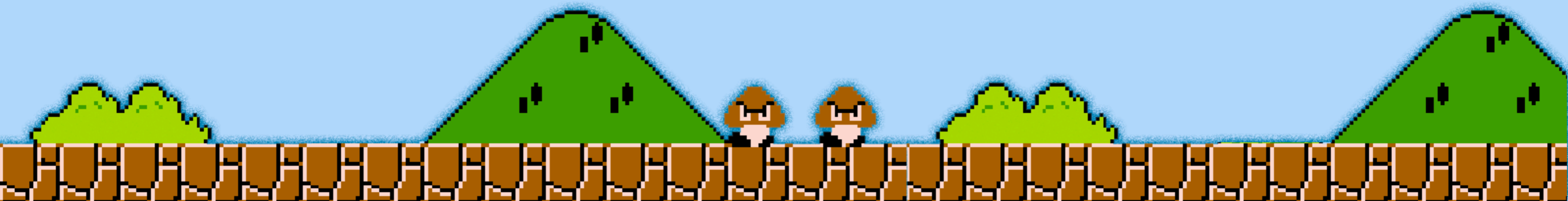HELP

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... and then replacing it with something like, like a newline (or something else more malicious?)

Game clients don't always like us doing that... BUT...

GAME HACKING

W32Dasm (aka WinDasm) is a decompiler which can find text strings in an application

GAME HACKING


```
URSoft W32Dasm Ver 8.93 Program Disassembler/Debugger

Disassembler  Project  Debug  Search  Goto  Execute Text  Functions  HexData  Refs  Help

* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:
|:0041EC75(C)
|
:0041EC9D 52                      push edx
:0041EC9E E8EDB90500              call 00472690
:0041ECA3 83C404                  add esp, ...
:0041ECA6 85C0
:0041ECA8 742C
:0041ECAA 6A00
:0041ECAC 6A00             |:0041EC75(C)
:0041ECAE 6A01
:0041ECB0 53                      push ebx

* Possible StringData Ref from Data Obj ->"Unacceptable name."
                                  |
:0041ECB1 682C934F00              push 004F932C
:0041ECB6 C7436C00000000          mov [ebx+6C], 00000000
:0041ECBD E86E700300              call 00455D30
:0041ECC2 83C414                  add esp, 00000014
:0041ECC5 5F                      pop edi
:0041ECC6 5B                      pop ebx
:0041ECC7 8B4C2404                mov ecx, dword ptr [esp+04]
:0041ECCB 64890D00000000          mov dword ptr fs:[00000000], ecx
:0041ECD2 83C410                  add esp, 00000010
:0041ECD5 C3                      ret


* Referenced by a (U)nconditional or (C)onditional Jump at Address:
|:0041ECA8(C)
|

Line:53771 Pg 1076 and 1077 of 8406 File:D:\Games\UO2\client_1.26.4.exe
```
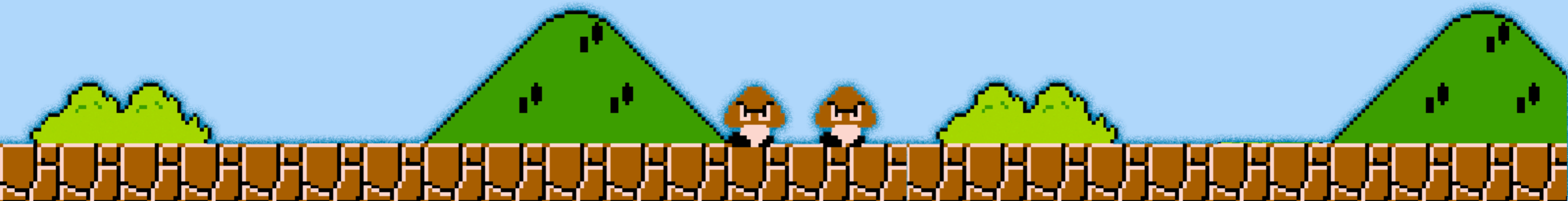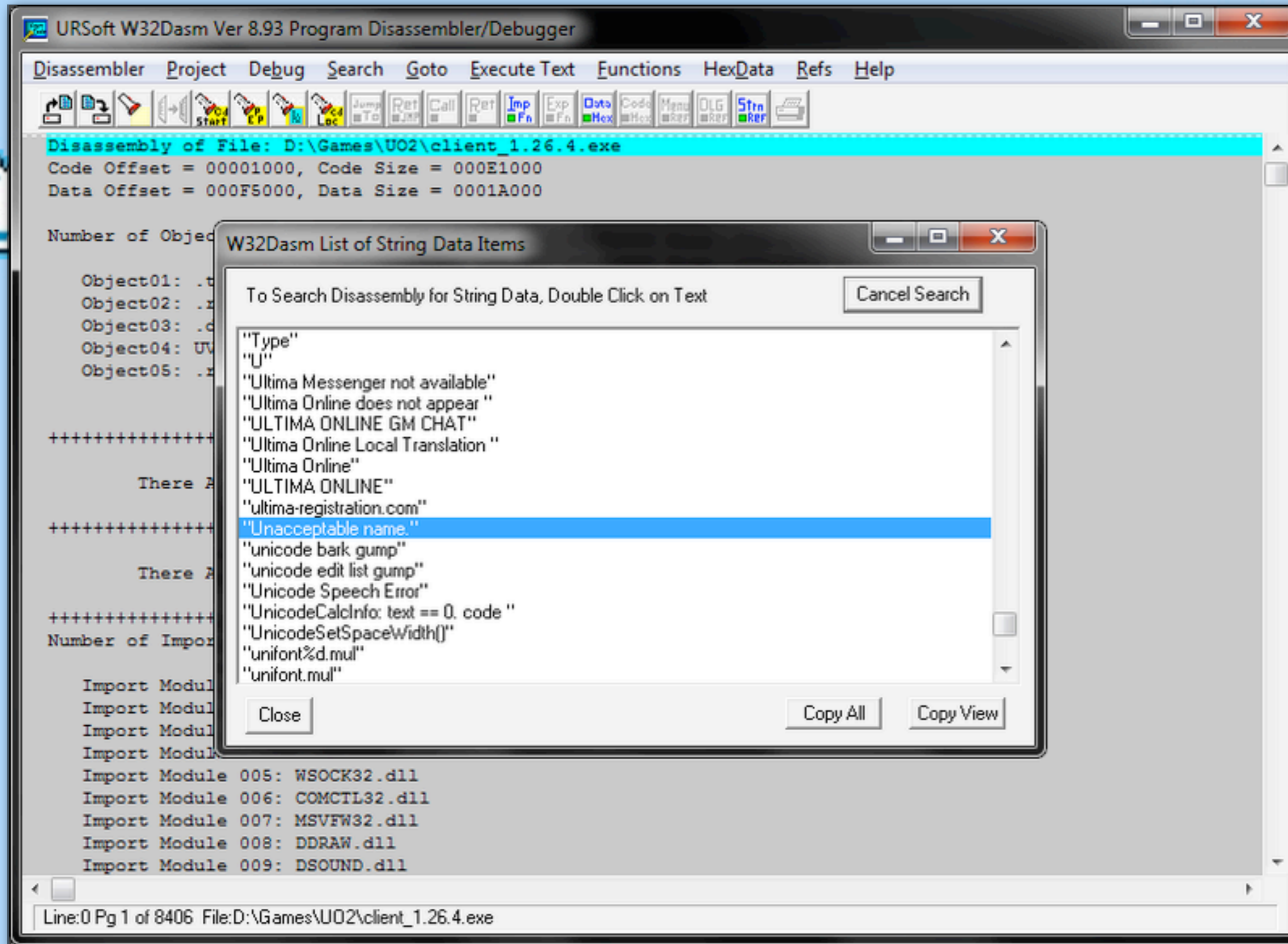
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In this case there's a "Conditional" jump from 0041EC75

GAME HACKING

URSoft W32Dasm Ver 8.93 Program Disassembler/Debugger

Disassembler Project Debug Search Goto Execute Text Functions HexData Refs Help

```
:0041EC75 7326                    jnb 0041EC9D
:0041EC77 50                      push eax
:0041EC78 50                      push eax
:0041EC79 6A01                    push 00000001
:0041EC7B 6A

* Possibl                                      is too short."

:0041EC7C C                       push
:0041EC81 89436C                  mov dword ptr [ebx+6C], eax
:0041EC84 E8A7700300              call 00455D30
:0041EC89 83C414                  add esp, 00000014
:0041EC8C 5F                      pop edi
:0041EC8D 5B                      pop ebx
:0041EC8E 8B4C2404                mov ecx, dword ptr [esp+04]
:0041EC92 64890D00000000          mov dword ptr fs:[00000000], ecx
:0041EC99 83C410                  add esp, 00000010
:0041EC9C C3                      ret


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|:0041EC75(C)
|
:0041EC9D 52                      push edx
:0041EC9E E8EDB90500              call 0047A690
:0041ECA3 83C404                  add esp, 00000004
:0041ECA6 85C0                    test eax, eax
:0041ECA8 742C                    je 0041ECD6
:0041ECAA 6A00                    push 00000000
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:0041ECAE 6A01                    push 00000001
:0041ECB0 53                      push ebx
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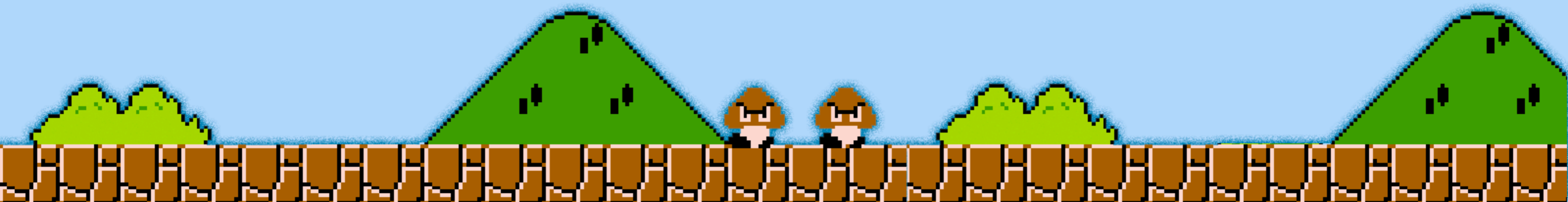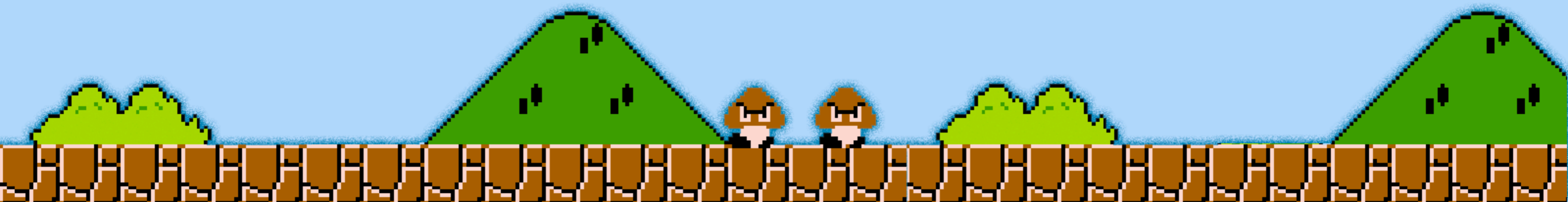
:0041EC75 7326

Line:53752 Pg 1076 of 8406 Code Data @:0041EC75 @Offset 0001EC75h in File:D:\Games\UO2\client_1.26.4.exe

W32Dasm (aka WinDasm) is a decompiler which can find text strings in an application, and show us the code around them

In this case there's a "Conditional" jump from 0041EC75

Which performs some kind of checking, and then jumps to the code with the string in, if the condition is met.

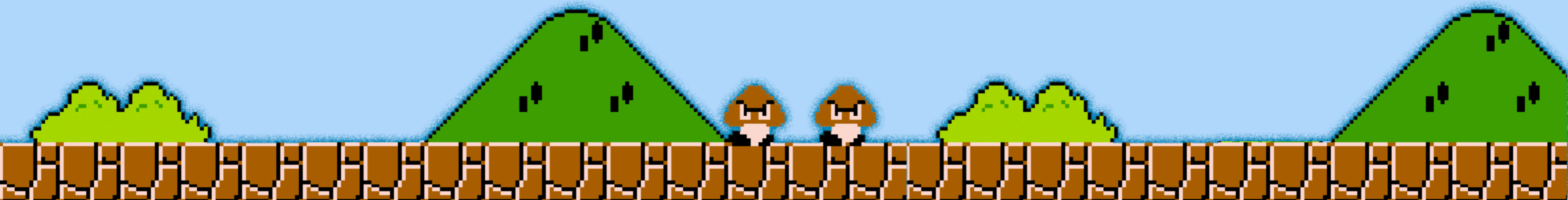We can make note of the offset (0001EC75)...

GAME HACKING

File   Edit   Search   Help

01EBB0	EB 15 33 D2 66 8B 50 0A F7 DA 52 8B 50 04 8A 00	..3.f.P...R.P...
01EBC0	52 50 E8 C9 C6 08 00 8B 8E B8 00 00 00 8B 81 D4	RP..............
01EBD0	00 00 00 85 C0 75 BC E8 24 CB 08 00 8B 8E C8 00	.....u..$......^.
01EBE0	00 00 6A 01 6A 00 E8 E5 3F 00 00 5E C3 90 90 90	..j.j...?..^....
01EBF0	83 EC 10 8D 54 24 00 56 8B F1 6A 00 6A 00 8B 46	....T$.V..j.j..F
01EC00	38 6A 00 6A 05 8B 48 7C 51 52 E8 61 99 07 00 8B	8j.j..H|QR.a....
01EC10	0D 50 18 C8 00 83 C4 18 8D 44 24 04 50 E8 3E 8E	.P.......D$.P.>.
01EC20	09 00 8B 4E 38 6A 00 6A 00 6A 00 6A 05 E8 EE 0D	...N8j.j.j.j....
01EC30	06 00 8B CE E8 17 E1 01 00 5E 83 C4 10 C3 90 90	.........^....
01EC40	6A FF 68 3B BF 4D 00 64 A1 00 00 00 00 50 64 89	j.h;.M.d.....Pd.
01EC50	25 00 00 00 00 51 53 8B D9 57 83 C9 FF 8B 83 B0	%....QS..W......
01EC60	00 00 00 8D 90 F8 00 00 00 33 C0 8B FA F2 AE F7	.........3......
01EC70	D1 49 83 F9 02 **90 90** 50 50 6A 01 53 68 40 93 4F	.I.....PPj.Sh@.O
01EC80	00 89 43 6C E8 A7 70 03 00 83 C4 14 5F 5B 8B 4C	..Cl..p....._[.L
01EC90	24 04 64 89 0D 00 00 00 00 83 C4 10 C3 52 E8 ED	$.d..........R..
01ECA0	B9 05 00 83 C4 04 85 C0 7.	.........t,.j.j.
01ECB0	53 68 2C 93 4F 00 C7 43 6.	Sh,.O..Cl.....np
01ECC0	03 00 83 C4 14 5F 5B 8B 4.	....._[.L$.d....
01ECD0	00 00 83 C4 10 C3 8B BB B.	....
01ECE0	C7 F8 00 00 00 33 C0 C7 4.	.....3..Cl....U.
01ECF0	AE F7 D1 2B F9 8B C1 8B F7 BF 48 16 C8 00 C1 E9	...+......H.....
01ED00	02 F3 A5 8B C8 A1 E4 2B B2 00 83 E1 03 F3 A4 85	.......+........
01ED10	C0 5E 75 55 68 18 01 00 00 E8 5B 13 0B 00 83 C4	.^uUh.....[.....
01ED20	04 89 44 24 08 85 C0 C7 44 24 14 00 00 00 00 74	..D$....D$.....t

Current position: 126071 / 01EC77   HEX-H]

90   90

... and open the file, going to that location, in a hexeditor
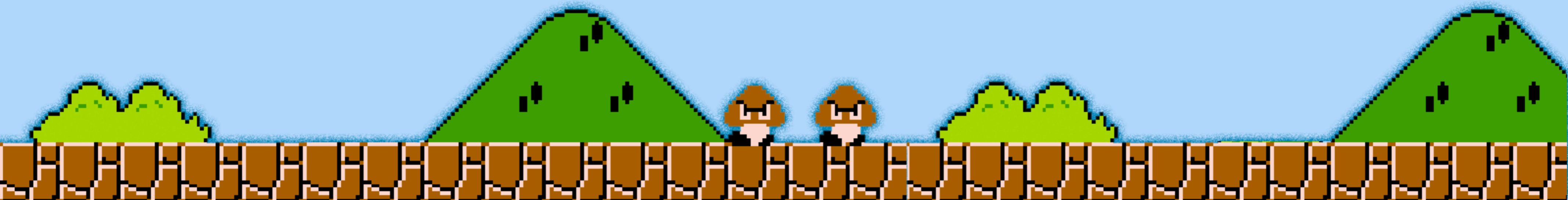
Where we see the same hex codes

Changing them to "90"s...

GAME HACKING


```
URSoft W32Dasm Ver 8.93 Program Disassembler/Debugger

Disassembler  Project  Debug  Search  Goto  Execute Text  Functions  HexData  Refs  Help

:0041EC75 90                        nop
:0041EC76                           nop
:0041EC77
:0041EC78
:0041EC79
:0041EC7B

:0041EC75  90
:0041EC76  90

* Possible                          character name is too short."

:0041EC7C 6840934F00                push 004F9340
:0041EC81 89436C                    mov dword ptr [ebx+6C], eax
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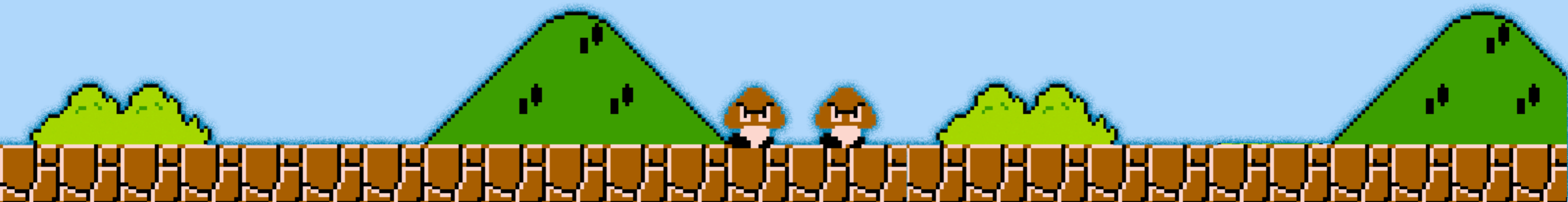
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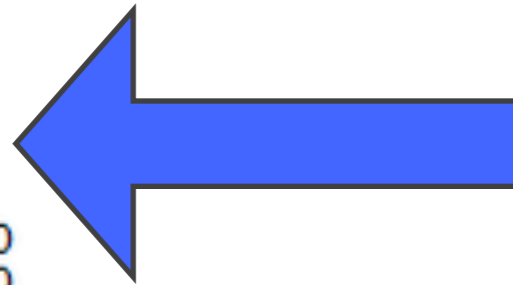
Changing them to "90"s... "nop"s them out

"nop"s basically mean "do nothing" ("No Operation") - in this case, never error on invalid characters

GAME HACKING

```
pcs.txt - Notepad
File  Edit  Format  View  Help
        Tactics 1001140
        Meditation          1000590
        Poisoning           1000000
        Archery 1000000
        Mining  1000000
        Stealing            1000000
        Tailoring           1000000
        Thaumaturgy         148
        Swordsmanship       1000000
        Macefighting        1001320
        Fencing 1000000
        Wrestling           1000000
}
Character
{
        Account hypn
        CharIdx 0
        Name    AA
CmdLevel test
        Serial  0x6
        ObjType 0x190
        Graphic 0x190
        Color   0x3ea
        X       1401
        Y       1626
        Z       28
        Facing  6
        CProp   logontime i3923
        CProp   onlineime i3923
        TrueColor           0x3ea
        TrueObjtype         0x190
        Gender  0
        STR     24576
        INT     2048
        DEX     2048
        HITS    45
        MANA    10
        STAM    10
        HitsRegenRate       100
        ManaRegenRate       100
```
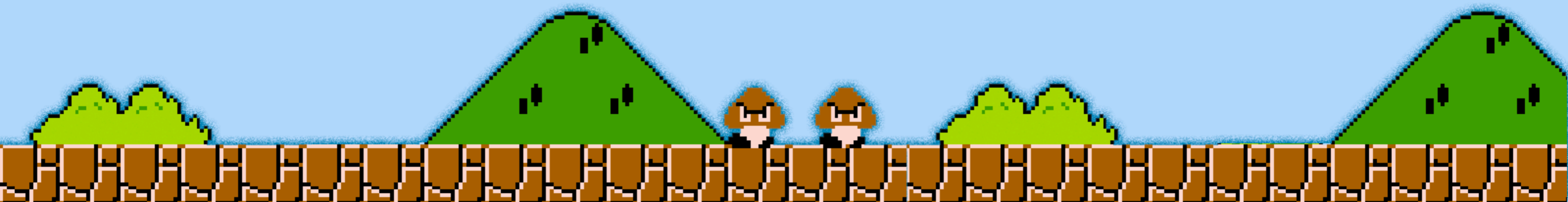
The "CmdLevel test" payload after our marker would give your character GameMaster powers.

This has been fixed in more recent POL versions - for character names, but theoretically every text input (such as naming pets) may still be vulnerable

ZaCon 4 - Game Hacking

1. Console Games

2. DOS Games

3. Windows Games

4. iPhone / iPad Games

   4.1. Non-Jailbroken hacks - modifying "plist" and other config files

GAME HACKING

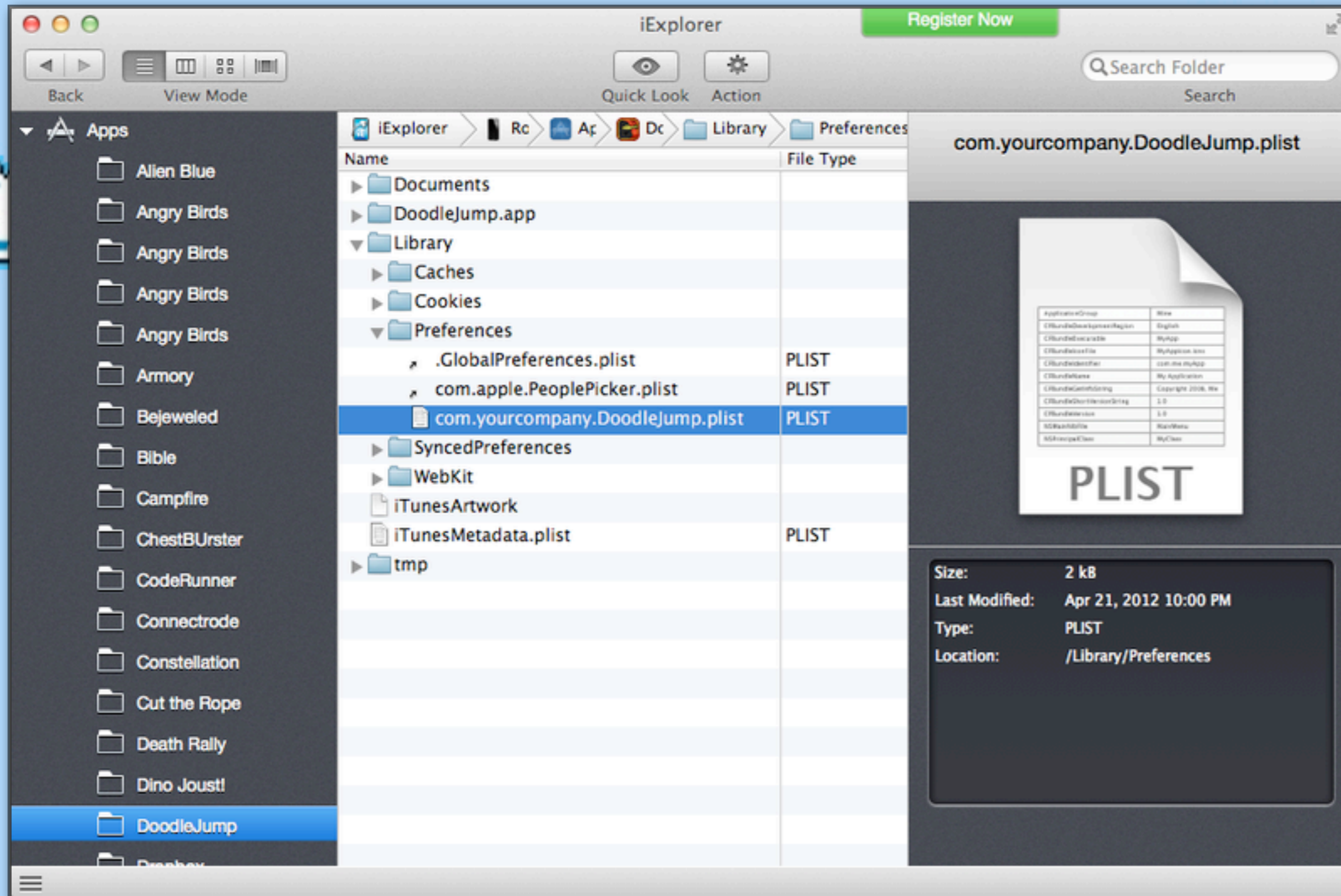## doodle jump
scores, stats & achievements

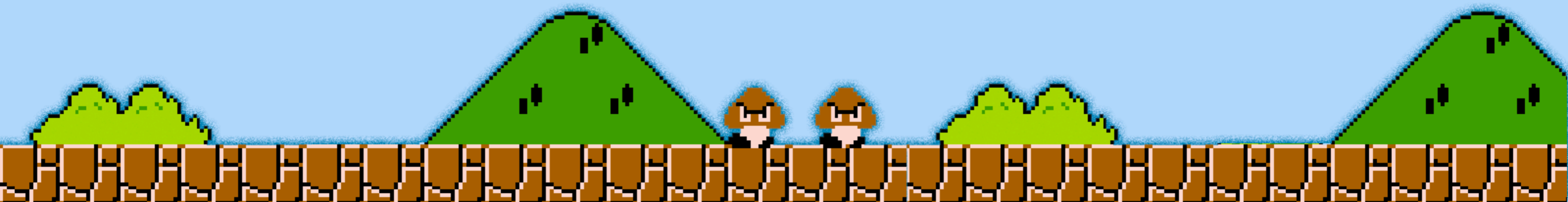| scores	stats	achievements
1. HypnZA		13 854
		March 31, 2012
2. HypnZA-l33t		13 370
		September 26, 2011
3. HypnZA		13 371
		September 26, 2011
4. HypnZA		11 876
		April 1, 2012
5. HypnZA		9 842

local | friends | global

menu

iPhone games can be hacked, to some degree, without jailbreaking

GAME HACKING

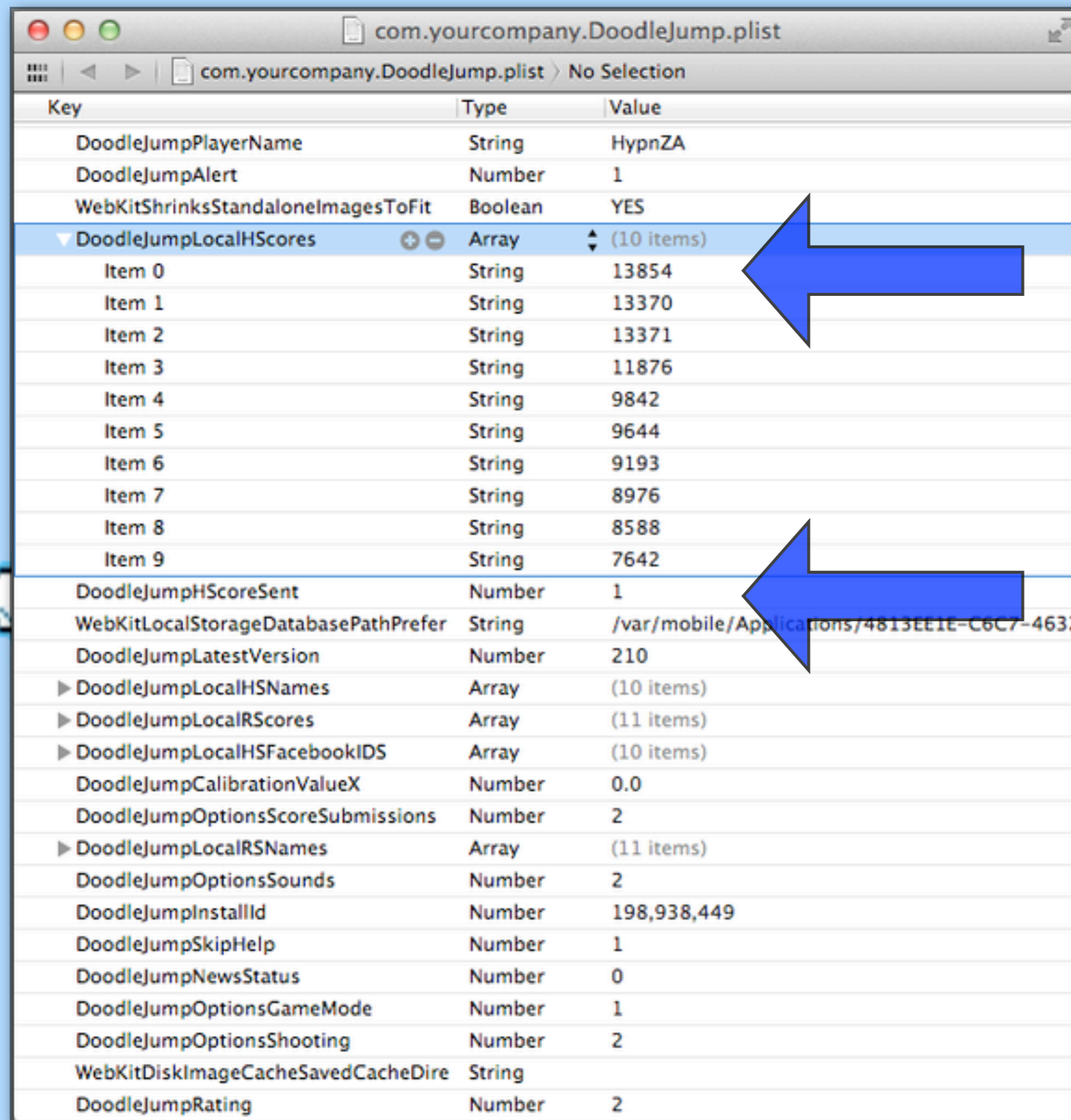

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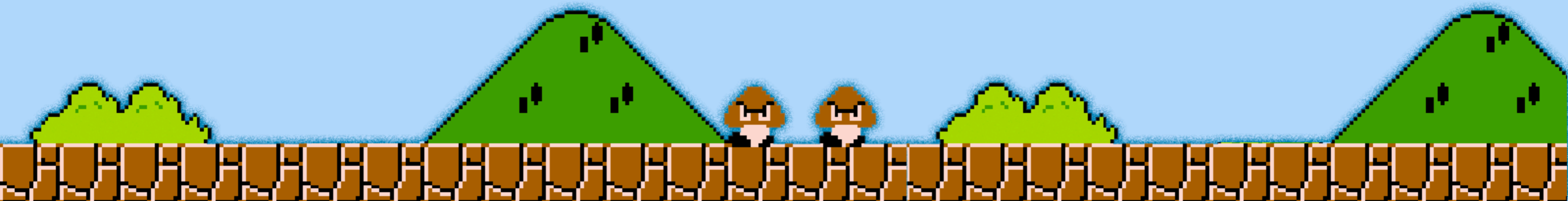Using a program like "iExplorer" game files can be accessed

GAME HACKING

com.yourcompany.DoodleJump.plist

com.yourcompany.DoodleJump.plist > No Selection

Key	Type	Value
DoodleJumpPlayerName	String	HypnZA
DoodleJumpAlert	Number	1
WebKitShrinksStandaloneImagesToFit	Boolean	YES
▼ DoodleJumpLocalHScores	Array	(10 items)
Item 0	String	13854
Item 1	String	13370
Item 2	String	13371
Item 3	String	11876
Item 4	String	9842
Item 5	String	9644
Item 6	String	9193
Item 7	String	8976
Item 8	String	8588
Item 9	String	7642
DoodleJumpHScoreSent	Number	1
WebKitLocalStorageDatabasePathPrefer	String	/var/mobile/Applications/4813EE1E-C6C7-4632
DoodleJumpLatestVersion	Number	210
▶ DoodleJumpLocalHSNames	Array	(10 items)
▶ DoodleJumpLocalRScores	Array	(11 items)
▶ DoodleJumpLocalHSFacebookIDS	Array	(10 items)
DoodleJumpCalibrationValueX	Number	0.0
DoodleJumpOptionsScoreSubmissions	Number	2
▶ DoodleJumpLocalRSNames	Array	(11 items)
DoodleJumpOptionsSounds	Number	2
DoodleJumpInstallId	Number	198,938,449
DoodleJumpSkipHelp	Number	1
DoodleJumpNewsStatus	Number	0
DoodleJumpOptionsGameMode	Number	1
DoodleJumpOptionsShooting	Number	2
WebKitDiskImageCacheSavedCacheDire	String	
DoodleJumpRating	Number	2

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GAME HACKING

doodle jump
scores, stats
& achievements

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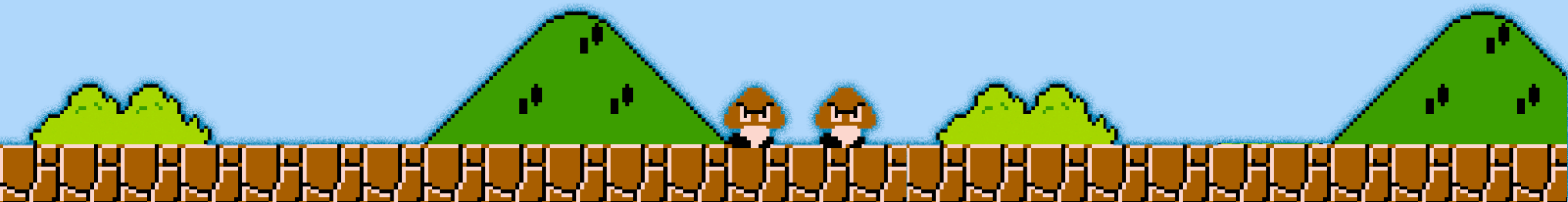
The next time the game is run, the scores are updated!

Select a Plague Type

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Most common cause of Plague. Unlimited potential

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A rapidly mutating pathogen which is extremely hard to control

Fungus

Fungal spores struggle to travel long distances without special effort

Parasite

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Bio-Weapon

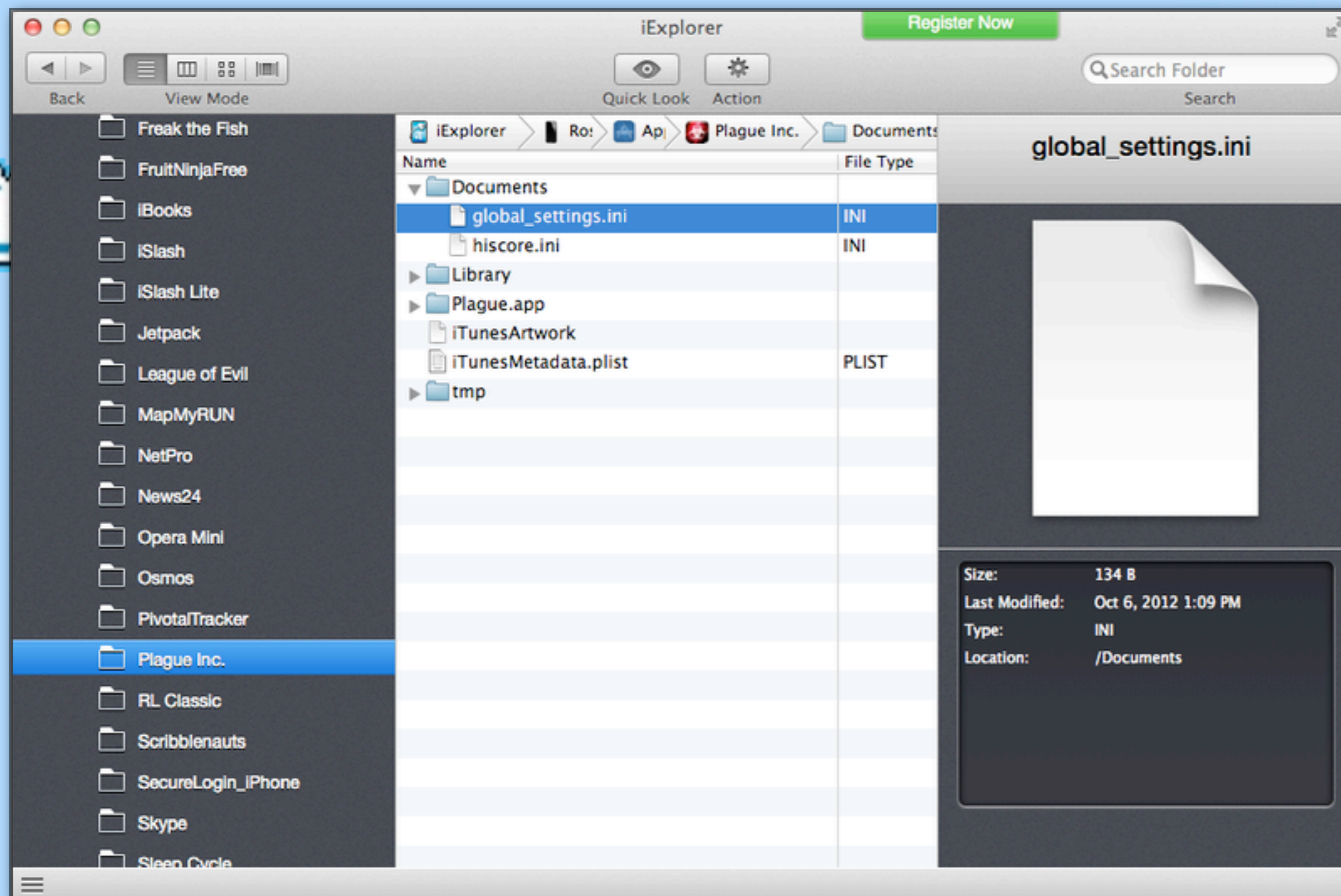Exceptionally lethal pathogen that kills everything it touches

UNLOCK

SPECIAL

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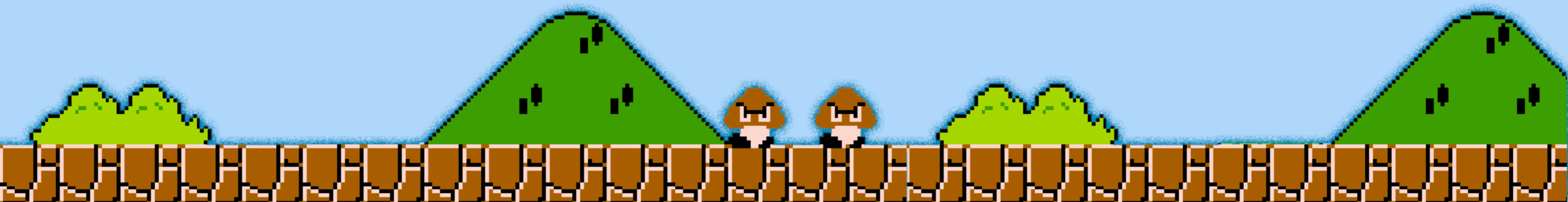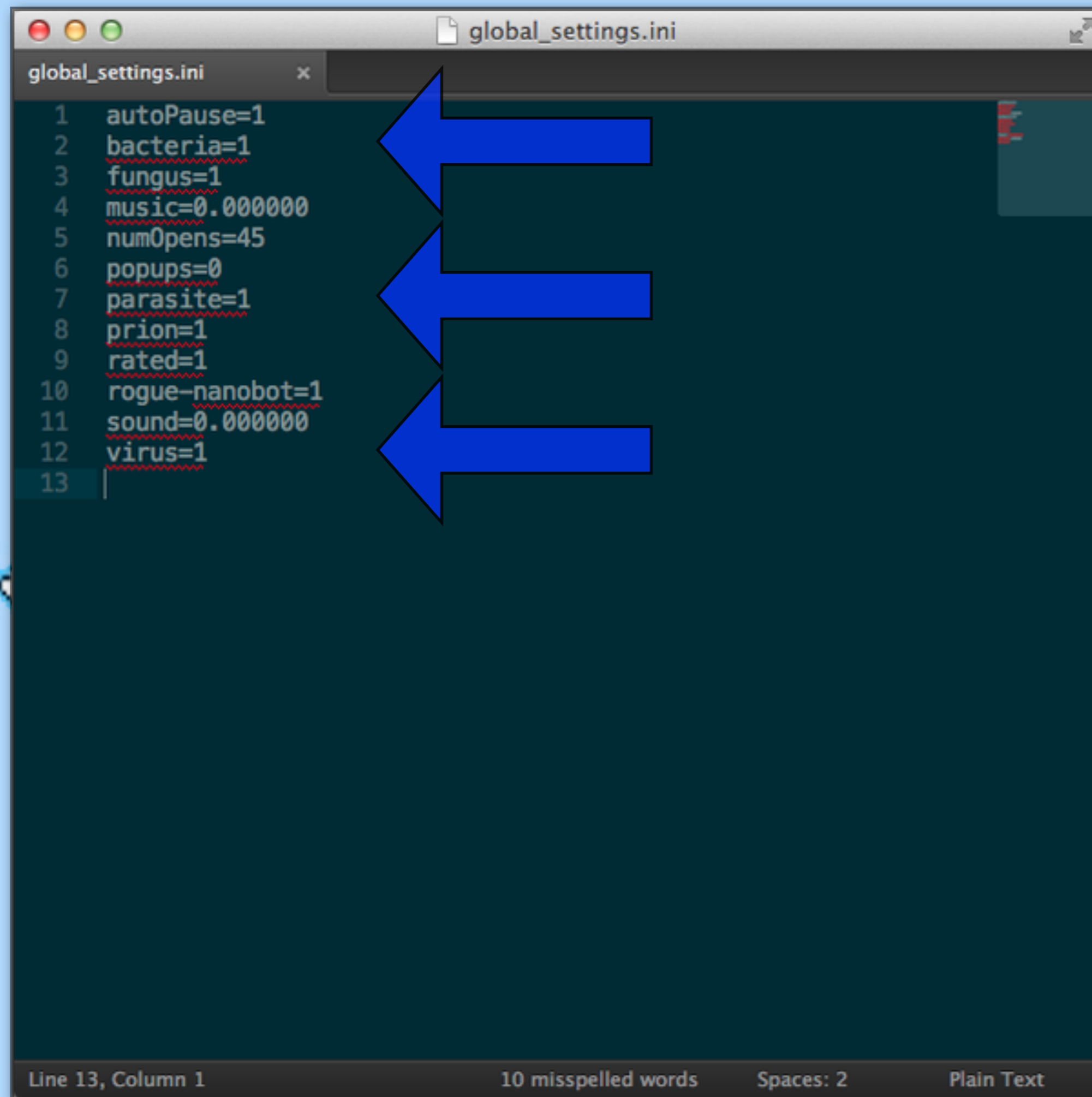
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GAME HACKING

```
global_settings.ini
global_settings.ini        ×
 1    autoPause=1
 2    bacteria=1
 3    fungus=1
 4    music=0.000000
 5    numOpens=45
 6    popups=0
 7    parasite=1
 8    prion=1
 9    rated=1
10    rogue-nanobot=1
11    sound=0.000000
12    virus=1
13
```
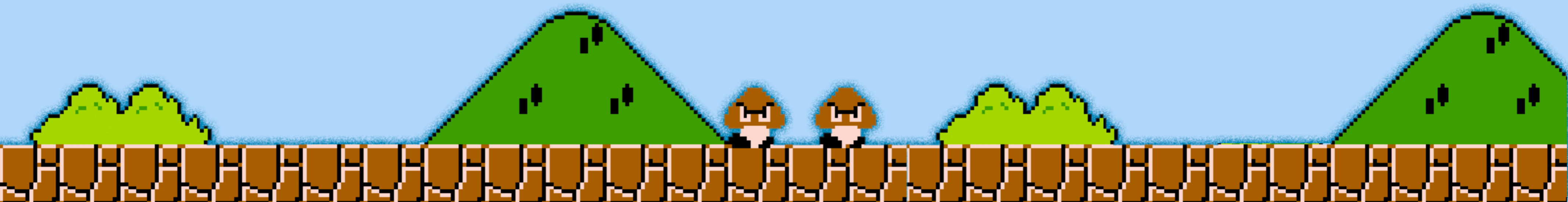
Line 13, Column 1   10 misspelled words   Spaces: 2   Plain Text

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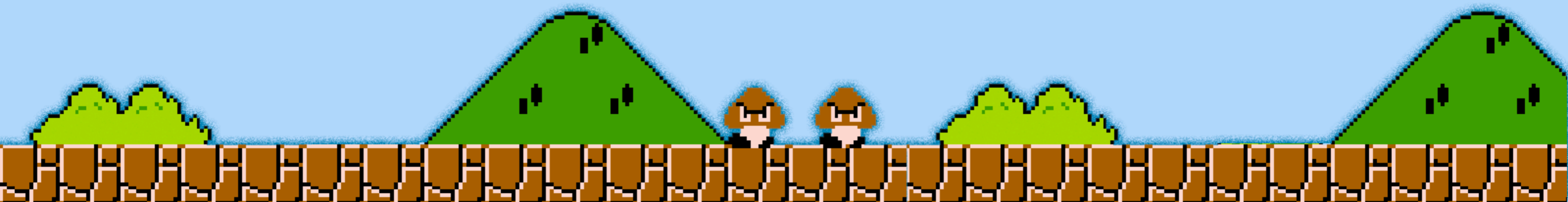Exceptionally lethal pathogen that kills everything it touches

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Unlocked!

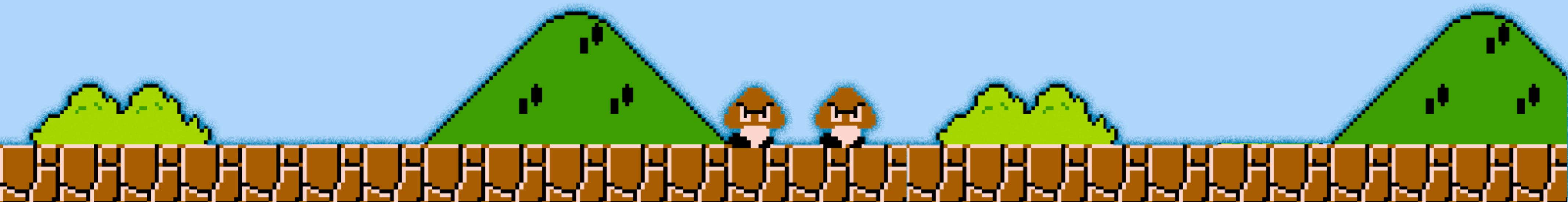# GAME HACKING

mitmproxy — mitmproxy — Python — 129×39

>> POST http://req.appads.com/scripts/ConfirmDownload.aspx
    ← 200 text/html 20B
GET http://asotrack1.fluentmobile.com/20069/ios/com.ea.simpsonssocial.inc2/event?appid=497595276&event=Launch&udid=c7a946cc0f6
    700cd75b5ea4e617f0cb949d0e428&device=iPhone%204&app_version=3.0.0&app_name=Tapped%20Out&system_name=iPhone%20OS&system_ver
    sion=5.1.1&country=ZA&lang=en&timezone=Africa/Johannesburg&gmtoffset=7200&s9=1
    ← 200 text/html 20B
GET https://synergy.eamobile.com/director/api/iphone/getDirectionByBundle?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&apiVer=1.1.3&deviceString=iP
    hone3,1&bundleId=com.ea.simpsonssocial.inc2&sdkVer=4.4.1&sdkCfg=DL&serverEnvironment=live&uid=26323296
    ← 302 [empty content]
GET https://p26-buy.itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZFinance.woa/wa/inAppCheckDownloadQueue?guid=c7a946cc0f6700cd75b5ea4e617f0cb9
    49d0e428&bvrs=3.0.0&appAdamId=497595276&bid=com.ea.simpsonssocial.inc2&appExtVrsId=11097854
    ← 200 text/xml 324B
GET https://syn-dir.sn.eamobile.com/director/api/iphone/getDirectionByBundle?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&apiVer=1.1.3&deviceString
    =iPhone3,1&bundleId=com.ea.simpsonssocial.inc2&sdkVer=4.4.1&sdkCfg=DL&serverEnvironment=live&uid=26323296
    ← 200 application/json 1.21kB
GET https://p26-buy.itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZFinance.woa/wa/inAppCheckRecurringDownloadQueue?guid=c7a946cc0f6700cd75b5ea4
    e617f0cb949d0e428&bvrs=3.0.0&appAdamId=497595276&bid=com.ea.simpsonssocial.inc2&appExtVrsId=11097854
    ← 200 text/xml 324B
GET http://syntrack.aws.eamobile.com/tracking/api/core/getSellIdStatus?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&hwId=2368&apiVer=1.0.0&sellId=8
    51766
    ← 200 application/json 102B
GET https://synergy.eamobile.com/director/api/core/getSwitchesBasedOnSellId?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&hwId=2368&apiVer=1.1.3&sel
    lId=851766
    ← 302 [empty content]
GET https://syn-s2s.sn.eamobile.com/s2s/api/core/getEventPostingRules?hwId=2368&apiVer=1.0.0&sellId=851766
    ← 200 application/json 86B
GET https://syn-dir.sn.eamobile.com/director/api/core/getSwitchesBasedOnSellId?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&hwId=2368&apiVer=1.1.3&
    sellId=851766
    ← 200 application/json 148B
GET http://cdn.skum.eamobile.com/skumasset/gameasset/simpsons4/dlc/DLCIndex.zip
    ← 200 application/zip 871B
GET https://synergy.eamobile.com/user/api/iphone/getLatestUid?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en&hwId=2368&apiVer=1.0.0&udid=c7a946cc0f67
    00cd75b5ea4e617f0cb949d0e428
    ← 200 application/json 87B
GET http://cdn.skum.eamobile.com/skumasset/gameasset/simpsons4/dlc/DLCIndex-v3_0_30_treehouse.zip
    ← 200 application/zip 4.41kB
POST http://syntrack.aws.eamobile.com/tracking/api/core/logEvent?appVer=3.0.0&appLang=en
[17]   ?:help [*:8080]

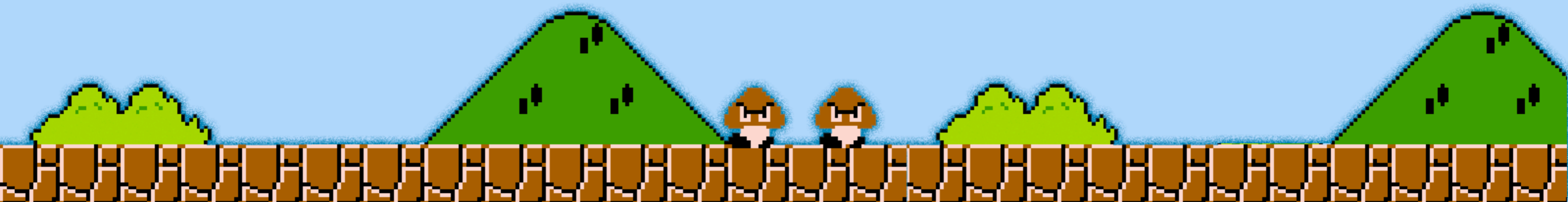Tools like Burp Suite, and mitmproxy, can be used to intercept game traffic

GAME HACKING

```python
1   # mitmproxy script for "The Simpsons - Tapped Out" iPhone game
2   #
3   # Usage: mitmproxy -s Simpsons-TappedOut.py
4   #
5   # Version: 1.00 (10 March 2012)
6
7   def request(context, flow):
8     # disable gzip encoding for the (donuts) currency check
9     if (flow.request.host.find('simpsons.sn.eamobile.com') > -1 and flow.request.path.find('games/bg
10      flow.request.headers['Accept-Encoding'] = [''];
11
12    # find and replace the "money" value being sent to the server
13    if (flow.request.host.find('simpsons.sn.eamobile.com') > -1 and flow.request.path.find('games/bg
14      start = flow.request.content.find(' money="') + 8
15      end = flow.request.content.find('"', start)
16      to_replace = flow.request.content[start:end]
17      new_content = flow.request.content[:start] + '99999' + flow.request.content[end:]
18      flow.request.content = new_content
19
20   def response(context, flow):
21     # forge a new response, of 999 donuts, for the currency check
22     if (flow.response.request.host.find('simpsons.sn.eamobile.com') > -1 and flow.response.request.p
23       flow.response.content = '<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>\n<Currency vcBalance="999"/>'
```

Line 23, Column 98   17 misspelled words   Spaces: 2   Python

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And re-write values, such as XP, gold, scores, or "premium" (paid-for) credits

mitmproxy lets you write scripts to do this automatically

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1. Console Games

2. DOS Games

3. Windows Games

4. iPhone / iPad Games

   4.2. Jailbroken hacks - decompiling with IDA Pro

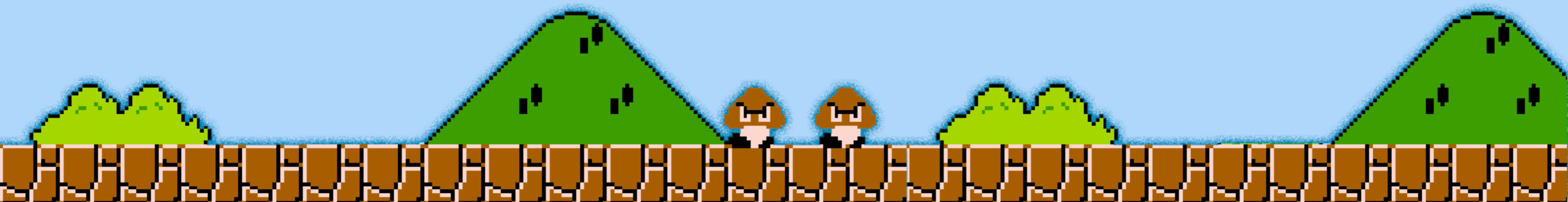# GAME HACKING


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                    ssh root@192.168.1.89 — root@192.168.1.89 — ssh — 129×39
Rosss-iPhone-4:~ root# clutch
usage: clutch [application name] [...]
Applications available: AlienBlue AngryBirds AngryBirdsHalloween AngryBirdsRioFree AngryBirdsSpace-iPhone Armory BadPiggies Bejew
eled Bible Campfire chestburster CodeRunner Connectrode Constellation CutTheRope Death Rally dinojoust DoodleJump Dropbox Earthwo
rmfree Facebook FindMyiPhone FlightControl Freak the Fish FruitNinjaLite GoodMorning iBooks iMapMyRun IncredibleMachine iSlash iS
lash Lite jetpack League-Of-Evil midomi-free NetPro OperaMini Osmos PivotalTracker Plague PvZ RL Classic ScribiPhone SecureLogin_
iPhone Skype SpeedTest Tapped Out TeamViewer Tiny Wings Twitter VNC WordsWithFriendsFree
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iOS games are encrypted when downloaded from the App Store

Calculating offsets, using "gdb" to dump memory, and trial and error byte switching can decrypt apps... OR...

A jailbroken app called "clutch" can be used to decrypt them quickly and easily

GAME HACKING

Load a new file

Load file /Users/hypn/Desktop/iOS/PvZ as

Mach-O file (EXECUTE). ARMv7 [macho.lmc]

Processor type

✓ ARM processors: ARM
  ARM processors: ARMB
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80286p
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80286r
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80386p
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80386r
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80486p
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80486r
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80586p
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80586r
  Intel 80x86 processors: 80686p
  Intel 80x86 processors: 8086
  Intel 80x86 processors: athlon
  Intel 80x86 processors: k62
  Intel 80x86 processors: metapc
  Intel 80x86 processors: p2
  Intel 80x86 processors: p3
  Intel 80x86 processors: p4

Set

ed
tor enabled

s 1

s 2

ons

DLL directory c:\windows

Help   Cancel   OK

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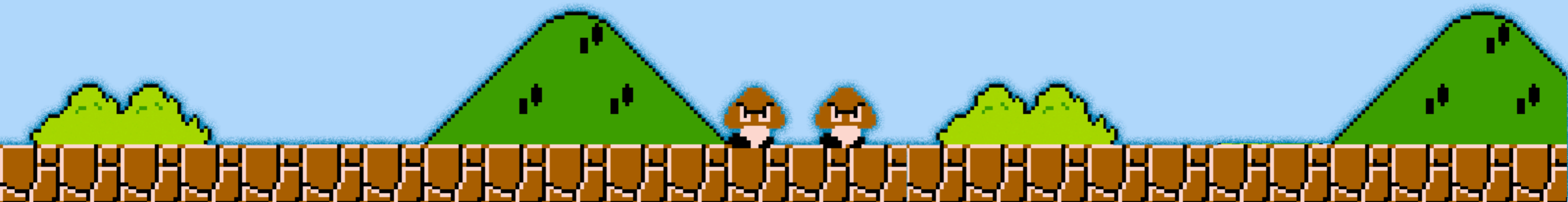
(00's work as NOPs in ARM)

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```
ssh root@192.168.1.89 — root@192.168.1.89 — ssh — 128×39
Rosss-iPhone-4:/private/var/mobile/Applications/805D7182-3B6A-45DE-8BD1-4AD4C20F9D35/PvZ.app root# ldone PvZ -s
Rosss-iPhone-4:/private/var/mobile/Applications/805D7182-3B6A-45DE-8BD1-4AD4C20F9D35/PvZ.app root# reboot
Rosss-iPhone-4:/private/var/mobile/Applications/805D7182-3B6A-45DE-8BD1-4AD4C20F9D35/PvZ.app root#
```

root# ldone PvZ -s
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... which could be set to always return true - the server, and other clients, don't seem to care!

GAME HACKING

Recommended Reading:

1. "Exploiting Online Games: Cheating Massively Distributed Systems" - Greg Hoglund & Gary McGraw

2. "Hacking and Securing iOS Applications" - Jonathan Zdziarski

3. Forums:
   http://www.blizzhackers.cc & http://www.mpgh.net/forum/

Real world concerns?

1. Bypass string terminators in saved games to buffer overflow and root devices? (eg: PSP - http://pspslimhacks.com/psp-6-20-save-data-exploit-released-hello-world-6-20/)

2. Send malicious (code execution?) instructions to multiplayer clients (eg: Starcraft forced map download hack)

3. Send XSS or SQL injection to "high score" severs not checking or filtering input

Thanks!

Questions?