

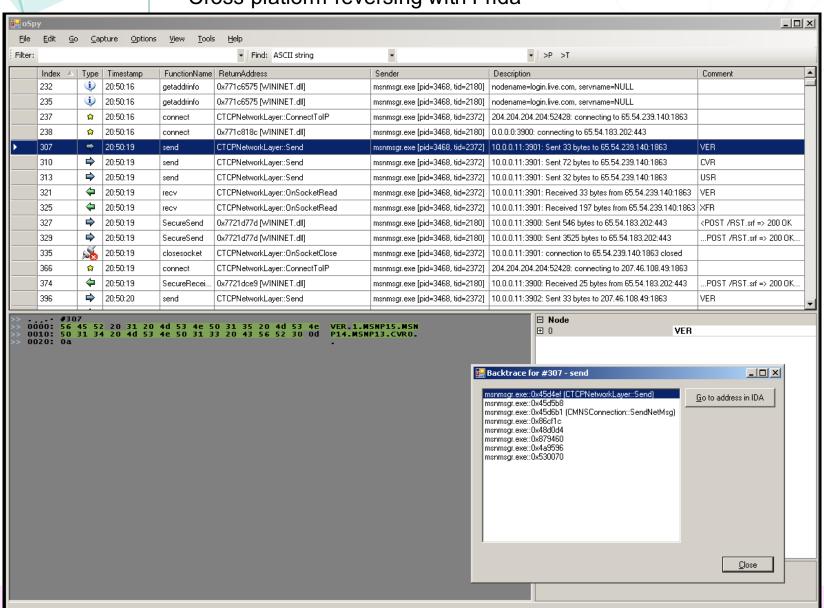


Motivation

- Existing tools often not a good fit for the task at hand
- Creating a new tool usually takes too much effort
- Short feedback loop: reversing is an iterative process
- Use one toolkit for multi-platform instrumentation
- Future remake of oSpy

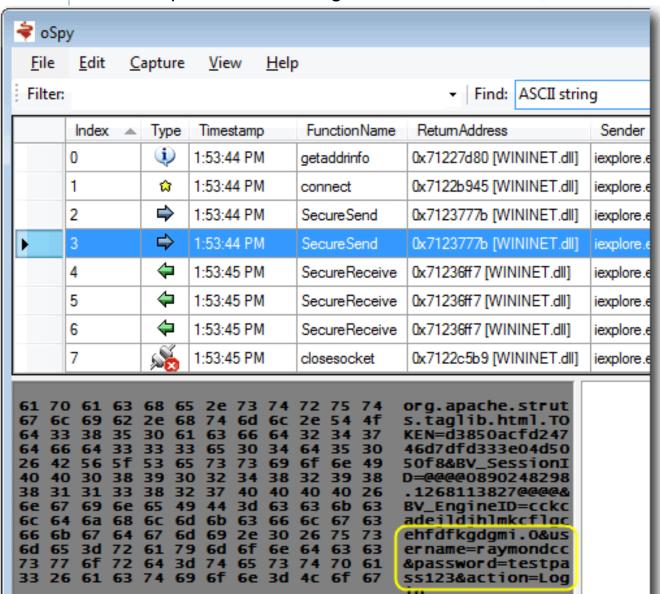


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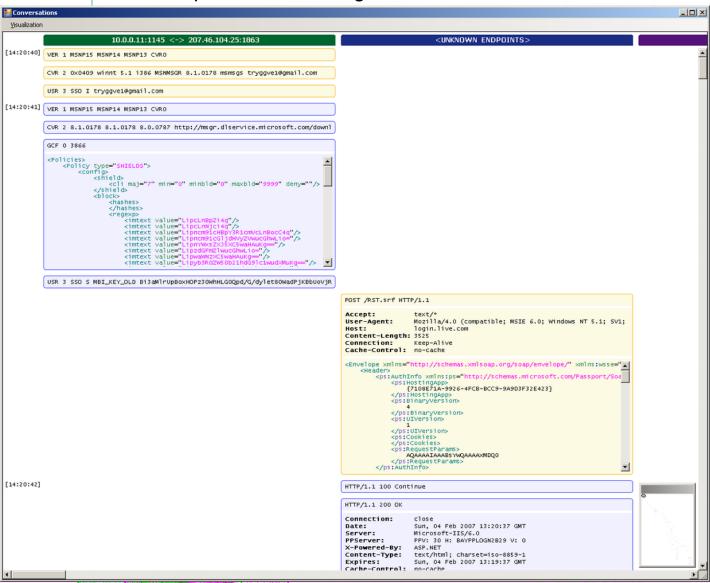
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Cross-platform reversing with Frida





What is Frida?

- Dynamic instrumentation toolkit
- Debug live processes
- Scriptable
 - Execute your own debug scripts inside another process
- Multi-platform
 - Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, QNX
- Open Source



Let's explore the basics

1) Build and run the test app that we will instrument:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
Void
f (int n)
 printf ("Number: %d\n", n);
Int
main ()
 int i = 0;
 printf ("f() is at %p\n", f);
 while (1)
    f (i++);
    sleep (1);
```

```
$ clang hello.c -o hello
$ ./hello
f() is at 0x106a81ec0
Number: 0
Number: 1
Number: 2
...
```



2) Make note of the address of f(), which is 0x106a81ec0 here.



Basics 1/7: Hooking f() from Node.js

```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach('hello');
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    script.events.listen('message', message => {
        console.log(message);
    });
    yield script.load();
});
```

```
$ # install Node.js 5.1
$ npm install co frida frida-load
$ node app.js
{ type: 'send', payload: 531 }
{ type: 'send', payload: 532 }
...
```

```
'use strict';
Interceptor.attach(ptr('0x106a81ec0'), {
  onEnter(args) {
    send(args[0].toInt32());
  }
});
```

```
Address of f() goes here
```



Basics 1/7: Hooking f() from Python

```
import frida
import sys

session = frida.attach("hello")
script = session.create_script("""
Interceptor.attach(ptr("0x106a81ec0"), {
   onEnter(args) {
      send(args[0].toInt32());
   }
});
""")
def on_message(message, data):
   print(message)
script.on('message', on_message)
script.load()
sys.stdin.read()
```



```
$ pip install frida
$ python app.py
{'type': 'send', 'payload': 531}
{'type': 'send', 'payload': 532}
...
```



Basics 2/7: Modifying function arguments

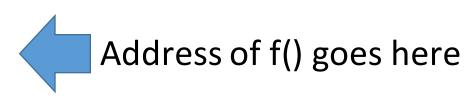
```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
   session = yield frida.attach('hello');
   const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
   script = yield session.createScript(source);
   yield script.load();
});
```

```
Number: 1281
Number: 1282
Number: 1337
Number: 1337
Number: 1337
Number: 1337
Number: 1296
Number: 1297
Number: 1298
...
Once we stop it
the target is back to
normal
...
```

```
'use strict';
Interceptor.attach(ptr('0x106a81ec0'), {
   onEnter(args) {
      args[0] = ptr("1337");
   }
});
```





Basics 3/7: Calling functions

```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

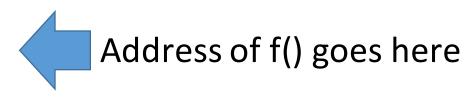
let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach('hello');
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    yield script.load();
    yield session.detach();
});
```

```
$ node app.js

Number: 1281
Number: 1282
Number: 1911
Number: 1911
Number: 1283
Number: 1284
Number: 1285
...
```

```
'use strict';

const f = new NativeFunction(
    ptr('0x10131fec0'), 'void', ['int']);
f(1911);
f(1911);
f(1911);
```





Basics 4/7: Sending messages

```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach('hello');
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    script.events.listen('message', message => {
        console.log(message);
    });
    yield script.load();
});
```

```
'use strict';
send({
   user: {
      name: 'john.doe'
   },
   key: '1234'
});
oops;
```

```
$ node app.js

{ type: 'send',
   payload: { user: { name: 'john.doe' }, key: '1234' } }

{ type: 'error',
   description: 'ReferenceError: oops is not defined',
   stack: 'ReferenceError: oops is not defined\n at Object.1
(agent.js:10:1)\n at s (../../node_modules/browser-
pack/_prelude.js:1:1)\n at e (../../node_modules/browser-
pack/_prelude.js:1:1)\n at ../../node_modules/browser-
pack/_prelude.js:1:1',
   fileName: 'agent.js',
   lineNumber: 10,
   columnNumber: 1
}
```



Basics 5/7: Receiving messages

```
const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');
let session, script;
co(function *() {
 session = yield frida.attach('hello');
 const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
 script = yield session.createScript(source);
 script.events.listen('message', message => {
   console.log(message);
 });
 yield script.load();
 yield script.postMessage({ magic: 21 });
 yield script.postMessage({ magic: 12 });
```

```
$ node app.js
{ type: 'send', payload: 42 }
{ type: 'send', payload: 36 }
```

```
'use strict';

let i = 2;
function handleMessage(message) {
   send(message.magic * i);
   i++;
   recv(handleMessage);
}
recv(handleMessage);
```



Basics 6/7: Blocking receives

```
'use strict';

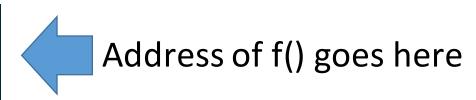
const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach('hello');
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    script.events.listen('message', message => {
        const number = message.payload.number;
        script.postMessage({ number: number * 2 });
    });
    yield script.load();
});
```

```
Number: 2183
Number: 2184
Number: 4370
Number: 4372
Number: 4376
Number: 4378
Number: 2190
Number: 2191
Number: 2192
...

Once we stop it the target is back to normal
...
```

```
'use strict';
Interceptor.attach(ptr('0x106a81ec0'), {
  onEnter(args) {
    send({ number: args[0].toInt32() });
    const op = recv(reply => {
       args[0] = ptr(reply.number);
    });
    op.wait();
}
});
```





Basics 7/7: RPC

```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach('hello');
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    yield script.load();
    const api = yield script.getExports();
    const result = yield api.disassemble('0x106a81ec0');
    console.log(result);
    yield session.detach();
});
```

```
'use strict';

rpc.exports = {
   disassemble(address) {
     return Instruction.parse(ptr(address)).toString();
   }
};
```

```
$ node app.js
push rbp
$
```

Address of f() goes here



Launch and spy on iOS app

```
$ node app.js
{ type: 'send', payload: { event: 'call', name: 'CC_MD5' } }
{ type: 'send', payload: { event: 'call', name: 'CCDigest' } }
{ type: 'send', payload: { event: 'call', name: 'CNEncode' } }
...
```



But there's an app for that

```
$ sudo easy_install frida
$ frida-trace -U -f com.apple.AppStore -I libcommonCrypto.dylib
```

```
Started tracing 209 functions. Press Ctrl+C to stop.
           /* TID 0x907 */
   159 ms CC_MD5()
   159 ms
              | CCDigest()
   160 ms CNEncode()
              | CNEncoderCreate()
   160 ms
              | CNEncoderUpdate()
   160 ms
              I CNEncoderFinal()
   161 ms
              | CNEncoderRelease()
   161 ms
   172 ms CC_MD5()
   172 ms
              | CCDigest()
   173 ms CNEncode()
              | CNEncoderCreate()
   173 ms
   173 ms
              | CNEncoderUpdate()
   173 ms
              | CNEncoderFinal()
   173 ms
              | CNEncoderRelease()
   200 ms CC_MD5()
   200 ms
              | CCDigest()
   200 ms CNEncode()
   200 ms
              | CNEncoderCreate()
              | CNEncoderUpdate()
   201 ms
   201 ms
              | CNEncoderFinal()
              | CNEncoderRelease()
   201 ms
   205 ms CC_MD5()
   205 ms
              | CCDigest()
```



Dump iOS UI

Cross-platform reversing with Frida

```
use strict';
const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');
let session, script;
co(function *() {
 const device = yield frida.getUsbDevice();
 const app = yield device.getFrontmostApplication();
 if (app === null)
   throw new Error("No app in foreground");
 session = yield device.attach(app.pid);
 const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
 script = yield session.createScript(source);
 script.events.listen('message', message => {
   console.log(message.payload.ui);
   session.detach();
 });
 yield script.load();
```

```
'use strict';

ObjC.schedule(ObjC.mainQueue, () => {
  const window = ObjC.classes.UIWindow.keyWindow();
  const ui = window.recursiveDescription().toString();
  send({ ui: ui });
});
```



Hold on a sec, what if I have many phones connected?

```
2. bash
Oles-MacBook:~ oleavr$ frida-ls-devices
                                        Type
                                                Name
                                        local Local System
local
f4c5ba319e6df557eeb1f3736904585801a2dfe7 tether iPhone
                                        remote Local TCP
Oles-MacBook:~ oleavr$ frida-ps -D local | head -5
  PID Name
67711 1Password mini
  568 AirPlayUIAgent
54853 BezelUIServer
Oles-MacBook:~ oleavr$ frida-ps -D f4c5ba319e6df557eeb1f3736904585801a2dfe7 | he
ad -5
 PID Name
6258 Cydia
5250 EasyPark
2006 Hangouts
Oles-MacBook:~ oleavr$
```



Which apps are installed?

		2. bash
Oles-	MacBook:~ oleavr\$ frid	a-ps -Uai
PID	Name	Identifier
6258	Cydia	com.saurik.Cydia
	EasyPark	net.easypark.app
	Hangouts	com.google.hangouts
	I R C Cloud	com.irccloud.IRCCloud
	LinkedIn	com.linkedin.LinkedIn
	Mail	com.apple.mobilemail
	Messenger	com.facebook.Messenger
	Safari	com.apple.mobilesafari
	Settings Slack	com.apple.Preferences
		com.tinyspeck.chatlyio
	Snapchat	com.toyopagroup.picaboo
	WhatsApp	net.whatsapp.WhatsApp
	1Password	com.agilebits.onepassword-ios
	Activity	com.apple.Fitness
-	Afterlight	com.simonfilip.AfterGlow
-	Airbnb	com.airbnb.app
-	App Store	com.apple.AppStore
-	Authenticator	com.google.Authenticator
-	BMSSM	com.cactosapp.aai
-	BankID	no.bankid.client
_	BensinPris	no.bitfactory.BensinPris.Release
_	Big Day	com.whatisid.bigday



Speaking of apps, we also have a REPL:

```
1. Python
Oles-MacBook:~ oleavr$ frida Twitter
             Frida 6.0.1 - A world-class dynamic instrumentation framework
    11-11
             Commands:
                           -> Displays the help system
                 help
                 object?
                           -> Display information about 'object'
                 exit/quit -> Exit
             More info at http://www.frida.re/docs/home/
[Local::ProcName::Twitter]-> ObjC.classes.
            ABActiveTextRanges
            ABBackgroundProxy
            ABCAAnimationCallbackDelegate
            ABFileManager
            ABFlavoredRange
            ABGPS
            ABGPSRequestInfo
            ABGroupedRowView
            ABHTTPMultipartFormData
```

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The REPL is your best friend for prototyping scripts

```
1. Python
Oles-MacBook: 7-repl oleavr$ frida -n Twitter -l agent.js
             Frida 6.0.1 - A world-class dynamic instrumentation framework
             Commands:
                          -> Displays the help system
                 help
                 object? -> Display information about 'object'
                 exit/quit -> Exit
            More info at http://www.frida.re/docs/home/
Attaching...
Agent running on darwin/x64
[Local::ProcName::Twitter]-> stats()
App has 6330 classes loaded!
undefined
[Local::ProcName::Twitter]-> %reload
Agent running on darwin/x64
[Local::ProcName::Twitter]-> stats()
Twitter has 6330 classes loaded!
undefined
[loca] ··ProcName··Twitter]->
```



Uninstall iOS app

Cross-platform reversing with Frida

```
'use strict';

const LSApplicationWorkspace = ObjC.classes.LSApplicationWorkspace;

const onProgress = new ObjC.Block({
  retType: 'void',
   argTypes: ['object'],
   implementation: (progress) => {
     console.log('onProgress: ' + progress);
   }
});

function uninstall(appId) {
  const workspace = LSApplicationWorkspace.defaultWorkspace();
  return workspace.uninstallApplication_withOptions_usingBlock_(appId, null, onProgress);
}
```

\$ frida -U SpringBoard -l agent.js



Interacting with Objective-C

- ObjC.available is the runtime present?
- new ObjC.Object(ptr('0x1234')) interact with object at 0x1234
- ObjC.classes all loaded classes
 - Object.keys(ObjC.classes) to list all names
 - if ('UIView' in ObjC.classes) to check for class presence
- ObjC.protocols all loaded protocols
- [NSURL URLWithString:foo relativeToURL:bar] translates to ObjC.classes.NSURL.URLWithString_relativeToURL_(foo, bar)
- NSURL['- setResourceValues:error:'] to access instance methods from its class
- Assign to .implementation to replace a method
- ObjC.choose() scan heap looking for Objective-C instances



Hooking Objective-C methods

The swizzling way:

```
const method = ObjC.classes.AVAudioSession['- setCategory:error:'];
const originalImpl = method.implementation;
method.implementation = ObjC.implement(method, function (self, sel, category, error) {
    return originalImpl(self, self, category, error);
});
```

The low-level way:

```
const method = ObjC.classes.AVAudioSession['- setCategory:error:'];
Interceptor.attach(method.implementation, {
  onEnter(args) {
    },
    onLeave(retval) {
    }
});
```

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Android instrumentation Cross-platform reversing with Frida

```
use strict';
const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');
let session, script;
co(function *() {
 const device = yield frida.getUsbDevice();
 session = yield device.attach('re.frida.helloworld');
 const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
 script = yield session.createScript(source);
 script.events.listen('message', message => {
   console.log(message);
 });
 yield script.load();
```

```
'use strict';
Dalvik.perform(() => {
 const MainActivity = Dalvik.use(
      're.frida.helloworld.MainActivity');
 MainActivity.isRegistered.implementation = () => {
   console.log('isRegistered() w00t');
   return true;
```





Interacting with Java

- Java.available is the runtime present?
- Java.perform(fn) interact with the Java VM from the given callback
- Java.cast(ptr('0x1234'), Java.use("android.os.Handler")) interact with object at 0x1234
- Constructors are exposed as \$new(), and overloads can be selected as with any methods:
 - Handler.\$new.overload("android.os.Looper").call(Handler, looper)
- Java.enumerateLoadedClasses() all loaded classes
- Assign to .implementation to replace a method
- Java.choose() scan heap looking for Java instances



Hooking Java methods

```
const Handler = classFactory.use("android.os.Handler");
Handler.dispatchMessage.implementation = function (msg) {
    // Chain up to the original implementation
    this.dispatchMessage(msg);
};
```



Early instrumentation

- pid = frida.spawn(["/bin/ls"])
- 2. session = frida.attach(pid)
- 3. script = session.create_script("your script")
- 4. <apply instrumentation> recommend RPC for this: script.exports.init()
- 5. frida.resume(pid) application's main thread will enter main()

For mobile apps specify its identifier: spawn(["com.apple.AppStore"])
Forgot what it was? Use frida-ps-ai



How about implicitly spawned processes? Enter spawn gating!

- 1. device.on('spawned', on_spawned)
- device.enable_spawn_gating()
- device.enumerate_pending_spawns()

Examples:

https://gist.github.com/oleavr/ae7bcbbb9179852a4731

Only implemented for iOS and Android.



Backtraces

```
'use strict';
Interceptor.attach(Module.findExportByName('libSystem.B.dylib', 'connect'), {
  onEnter() {
    console.log('connect called from:\n\t'+
        Thread.backtrace(this.context, Backtracer.ACCURATE).join('\n\t'));
  }
});
```



Backtraces with debug symbols



Best practices

- Use Node.js bindings to frida-load your agent.js so you can:
 - Split your script into multiple files
 - Use Frida modules from the community
 - Reuse thousands of modules from npm
- Use ES6 features to write modern JavaScript Frida support it
- REPL is great for prototyping with -I and %reload



Injecting errors

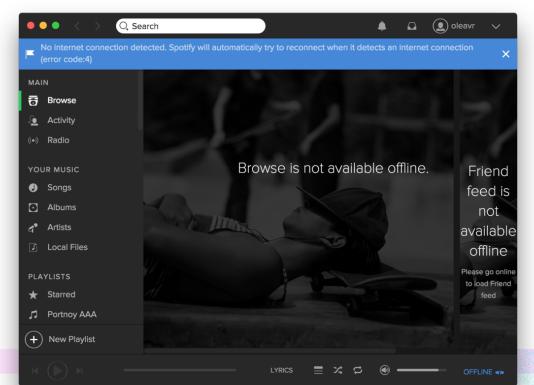
```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

let session, script;
co(function *() {
    session = yield frida.attach(process.argv[2]);
    const source = yield load(require.resolve('./agent.js'));
    script = yield session.createScript(source);
    script.events.listen('message', message => {
        console.log(message);
    });
    yield script.load();
})
.catch(console.error);
```

```
Interceptor.replace(connect,
    new NativeCallback((socket, address, addressLen) => {
...
    if (port === 80 || port === 443 || port === 4070) {
        this.errno = ECONNREFUSED;
        return -1;
    } else {
        return connect(socket, address, addressLen);
    }
});
```

```
$ node app.js Spotify
connect() family=2 ip=78.31.9.101 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=193.182.7.242 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.4 port=443 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.4 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.212 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.196 port=4070 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=193.182.7.226 port=443 blocking!
```



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All calls between two recv() calls

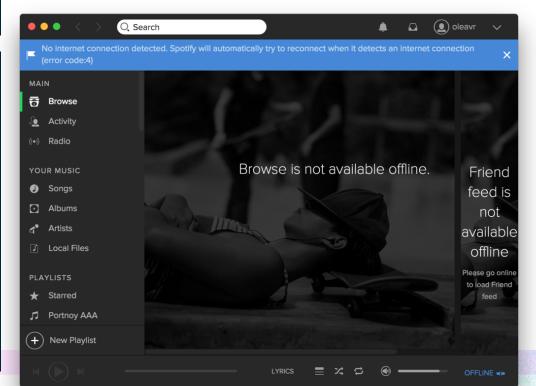
```
'use strict';

const co = require('co');
const frida = require('frida');
const load = require('frida-load');

co(function *() {
    ...
    yield script.load();
});
```

```
'use strict';
...
Stalker.follow({
  events: {
    call: true
  },
  onReceive(events) {
    blobs.push(events);
    if (state === COLLECTING) {
       sendResult();
       state = DONE;
    }
});
...
```

```
$ node app.js Spotify
connect() family=2 ip=78.31.9.101 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=193.182.7.242 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.4 port=443 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.4 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.212 port=80 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=194.132.162.196 port=4070 blocking!
connect() family=2 ip=193.182.7.226 port=443 blocking!
```



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