Network Programming Project 4 - SOCKS 4

NP TA

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1 Introduction

In this project, you are going to implement the SOCKS 4/4A protocol in the application layer of the OSI model.

SOCKS is similar to a proxy (i.e., intermediary-program) that acts as both server and client for the purpose of making requests on behalf of other clients. Because the SOCKS protocol is independent of application protocols, it can be used for many different services: telnet, ftp, WWW, etc.

There are two types of the SOCKS operations, namely CONNECT and BIND. You have to implement both of them in this project. We will use **Boost.Asio** library to accomplish this project.

2 SOCKS 4 Implementation

After the SOCKS server starts listening, if a SOCKS client connects, use **fork()** to tackle with it. Each child process will do:

- 1. Receive SOCKS4_REQUEST from the SOCKS client
- 2. Get the destination IP and port from SOCKS4_REQUEST
- 3. Check the firewall (socks.conf), and send SOCKS4_REPLY to the SOCKS client if rejected
- 4. Check CD value and choose one of the operations
 - (a) CONNECT (CD=1)
 - i. Connect to the destination
 - ii. Send SOCKS4_REPLY to the SOCKS client
 - iii. Start relaying traffic on both directions
 - (b) BIND (CD=2)
 - i. Bind and listen a port
 - ii. Send SOCKS4_REPLY to SOCKS client to tell which port to connect
 - iii. (SOCKS client tells destination to connect to SOCKS server)
 - iv. Accept connection from destination and send another SOCKS4_REPLY to SOCKS client
 - v. Start relaying traffic on both directions

If the SOCKS server decides to reject a request from a SOCKS client, the connection will be closed immediately.

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SOCKS4_REQUEST packet (VN=4, CD=1 or 2)
Type 1: CONNECT
   DSTIP
                          - 1
   | VN | CD | DSTPORT |
                              USERID
   +---+---+---+....+---+
                     4
                              variable
bytes:
Type 2: BIND (SOCKS 4A)
   | VN | CD | DSTPORT | DSTIP(0.0.0.x) | USERID
                                   |NULL| DOMAIN NAME |NULL|
   +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+....+----+
                     4
                              variable 1 variable 1
bytes: 1 1
e.g.
DSTIP=140.113.1.2
DSPPORT=1234 (hint: 1234 = 4*256 + 210 = DSTPORT[0]*256 + DSTPORT[1])
USERID=MOZ
   +---+---+---+
   | 4 | 1 | 4 | 210 | 140 | 113 | 1 | 2 | M | 0 | Z |
   +---+
               4
                          - 1
bytes: 1 | 1 |
            2
                             variable | 1
SOCKS4_REPLY packet (VN=0, CD=90(accepted) or 91(rejected or failed))
   +---+
   | VN | CD | DSTPORT |
                   DSTIP
   +---+
bytes: 1
            2
        1
```

Please refer to these webpages for more detailed SOCKS 4 specification.

- SOCKS 4
- SOCKS 4A

3 Requirements

- Part I: SOCKS 4 Server Connect Operation
 - Open your browser and connect to any webpages.
 - Turn on and set your SOCKS server, then
 - * Be able to connect any webpages on Google Search.
 - * Your SOCKS server need to show messages below:

<S_IP>: source ip <S_PORT>: source port <D_IP>: destination ip <D_PORT>: destination port <Command>: CONNECT or BIND <Reply>: Accept or Reject

- Part II: SOCKS 4 Server Bind Operation
 - FlashFXP settings:
 - * Set your SOCKS server
 - * Connection type is **FTP** (cannot be SFTP)
 - * Data connection mode is **Active Mode (PORT)**
 - Connect to FTP server, and upload/download files larger than 1GB completely.
 e.g., Ubuntu 20.04 ISO image (download link)
 - * Upload a file and download a file.
 - * Check whether the SOCKS server's output message shows that BIND operation is used.
- Part III: CGI Proxy
 - Modify console.cgi in Project 3 to implement SOCKS client mode
 - * Accept SocksIP and SocksPort parameters in QUERY_STRING as sh and sp, respectively
 - * Use SocksIP and SocksPort to connect to your SOCKS server (by CONNECT operation)
 - * Rename console.cgi into hw4.cgi in Makefile
 - Clear browser's proxy setting

Open your http server, connect to panel_socks.cgi

Key in IP, port, filename, SocksIP, SocksPort

Connect to 5 ras/rwg servers through SOCKS server and check the output Test Case (same as Project 3, no hidden test case) t1.txt-t5.txt

• Firewall

 You only need to implement a simple firewall. List permitted destination IPs into socks.conf (deny all traffic by default)

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e.g.,
permit c 140.114.*.*  # permit NTHU IP for Connect operation
permit c 140.113.*.*  # permit NCTU IP for Connect operation
permit b *.*.*.*  # permit all IP for Bind operation
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- Be able to change firewall rules **without** restarting the SOCKS server.

• Specification

- Port number of SOCKS server is specified by the first argument: ./socks_server [port]
- You can only use **C/C++** to implement this project. Except for **Boost**, other third-party libraries are **NOT** allowed.
- Every function that touches network operations (e.g., DNS query, connect, accept, send, receive)
 MUST be implemented using the library Boost.Asio.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous functions can be used. Notice that some situations only work with non-blocking operations. Be thoughtful when using synchronous ones.

4 About Submission

1. E3

(a) Create a directory named your student ID, put your files in the same directory layer.

- (b) You must provide a Makefile, which compiles your source code into two executables named hw4.cgi(modified from Project 3) and socks_server. The executables should be under the same directory as the source codes. We will use these executables for demo.
- (c) Upload **only** your code and Makefile. (e.g., **console.cpp**, **socks_server.cpp**...) **Do not** upload anything else (e.g., **http_server.cpp**, **panel_socks.cgi**...)
- (d) **zip** the directory and upload the .zip file to the E3 platform **Attention!!** we only accept .zip format

2. Bitbucket:

(a) Create a **private** repository: \${your_student_ID}_np_project4 inside the **nctu_np_2020** team, under **np_project4**.

Set the ownership to nctu_np_2020

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e.g. 0756000_np_project4
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- (b) For each project, you need to commit on bitbucket for at least 5 times.
- (c) You can push anything you need onto bitbucket as long as the size of the file is reasonable.
- 3. We take plagiarism seriously.

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