

### **Deliverable #1:**

After examining the x86 assembly language provided, the code looks to potentially resemble an application related to an IRC (Internet Relay Chat) forum (*potentially*).

There is what looks to be some login text and functionality displayed in the code ("Enter password: " and "ThisPasswordSux!"), as well as "*This week's IRC info:* " that helps with this theory. With that, we can also assume that a schedule is embedded/displays from the program showing the IRC info.

A few of the calls found throughout the program: \_setmode, signal, putchar, printf, puts, strlen, getchar, fgets, VirtualProtect, memcpy, EnterCriticalSection, LeaveCriticalSection

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### **Deliverable #2:**

After running the program and entering the password (ThisPasswordSux!) the program outputted the following:

*This week's IRC info: irc.somber.net #ghost*  
*Press [Enter] to continue:*

Afterward the process is then terminated.

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### **Deliverable #3:**

After joining the IRC server '*irc.somber.net*' and the channel '*#ghost*' under the NICK '*red\_cloud*', I observed an interesting and suspicious ongoing conversation. Below is every message I encountered after joining (with usernames):

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<@mama> it's possible  
< f8> I wipe the computer anyway?  
<@mama> *Russian text?* IDIOT you ruin the market!!! No  
< f8> what will be next target? Chicago Lncd n Park payd LOL  
<@mama> maybe something for the same price  
< f8> $50k in bitcoin?  
<@mama> it's possible
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I ran the commands /WHO and /WHOIS but nothing displayed (not sure if this was internally figured or if I did this incorrectly), but I did notice at the top the only users were myself (red\_cloud), @mama, and f8. The top area also displayed a section that said 'Total of 3 nicks [1 ops, 0 halfops, 0 voices, 2 normal]. After a quick google search, 'OPS' basically denotes Op status which gives you control over the channel and users on it - so one of @mama or f8 were in charge of the channel.

Going back to the conversation between @mama and f8, it was definitely about something devious and related to a targeted attack on 'Chicago Lncd n Park payd' and holding something of theirs for ransom (potentially). As for the 'I wipe the computer anyway?' and '... you ruin the market' comments - I believe this is in reference to another malicious activity involving a computer that is either being held for ransom or something that they have undetected backdoor access to.