

WINAPI HOOKING WITH C++



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WINAPI

- **Definition:** The Windows API, informally WinAPI, is Microsoft's core set of application programming interfaces (APIs) available in the Microsoft Windows operating systems.(Wikipedia)
- Well-documented by Microsoft.
- `__stdcall` in x86
- `__fastcall` in x64



SOME USE-CASES

- Anti-Debugging & Anti-Anti-Debugging
 - CheckRemoteDebuggerPresent, NtQueryInformationProcess, GetTickCount, SeDebugPrivilege, IsDebuggerPresent...
- Malware Analysis
 - GetAsyncKeyState, InternetOpen, CreateRemoteThread, CreateProcess, CreateMutex, CreateFileA, RegCreateKeyA...
- Cheating & Anti-Cheating in Games
 - CreateToolhelp32Snapshot, Process32First, Process32Next, Module32First, Module32Next, CreateServiceA, GetModuleFileName...
- Packing & Unpacking
 - VirtualAlloc, VirtualProtect, LoadLibrary, GetProcAddress...



TRAMPOLINE HOOK IN THEORY



connect function

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The **connect** function establishes a connection to a specified socket.

Syntax

C++

```
int WINAPI connect(  
    SOCKET s,  
    const struct sockaddr *name,  
    int namelen  
);
```

Parameters

s

A descriptor identifying an unconnected socket.

name

A pointer to the [sockaddr](#) structure to which the connection should be established.

namelen

The length, in bytes, of the [sockaddr](#) structure pointed to by the *name* parameter.

Return value

If no error occurs, **connect** returns zero. Otherwise, it returns SOCKET_ERROR, and a specific error code can be retrieved by calling [WSAGetLastError](#).

CHECK THE DOCUMENTATION
IF IT EXISTS. KNOWING THE
FUNCTION SIGNATURE
WOULD HELP A LOT.



| Address | Bytes | Opcode | Comment |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| WS2_32.connect | | | |
| WS2_32.connect | 8B FF | mov edi,edi | |
| WS2_32.connect+2 | 55 | push ebp | |
| WS2_32.connect+3 | 8B EC | mov ebp,esp | |
| WS2_32.connect+5 | 83 EC 18 | sub esp,18 | 24 |
| WS2_32.connect+8 | 8D 45 F4 | lea eax,[ebp-0C] | |
| WS2_32.connect+B | 56 | push esi | |
| WS2_32.connect+C | 8B 35 00407675 | mov esi,[WS2_32.DLL+44000] | (7572E730) |
| WS2_32.connect+12 | 57 | push edi | |
| WS2_32.connect+13 | 50 | push eax | |
| WS2_32.connect+14 | 8D 45 F8 | lea eax,[ebp-08] | |
| WS2_32.connect+17 | 50 | push eax | |

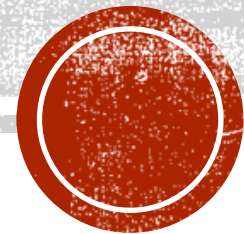
Determine how many instruction will be overridden by our detouring instruction(jmp), in this case, 3 instruction will be overridden but the first one has no point, so we can consider there are just 2 instructions.


```
__declspec(naked) int realConnect(SOCKET s, const sockaddr* name,int namelen)
{
    __asm
    {
        push ebp
        mov ebp,esp
        mov edx, connectAdr
        add edx, 5
        jmp edx
    }
}
```

DON'T FALL INTO YOUR OWN TRAP

```
__declspec(naked) void connectionHandlerWrapper(SOCKET s, const sockaddr* name, int namelen)
{
    __asm
    {
        push ebp
        mov ebp, esp
        pushad
        push namelen
        push name
        push s
        mov edx, [connectionHandler]
        call edx
        popad
        pop ebp
        ret 0xC
    }
}
```

**MAKE YOUR
PLAYGROUND
COMFORTABLE**



```
int WINAPI connectionHandler(SOCKET s, const sockaddr* name, int namelen)
{
    SHORT PORT;
    BYTE IP[4];
    u_long iMode = 0, iResult;

    memcpy(IP, name->sa_data + 2, 4); // read the ip

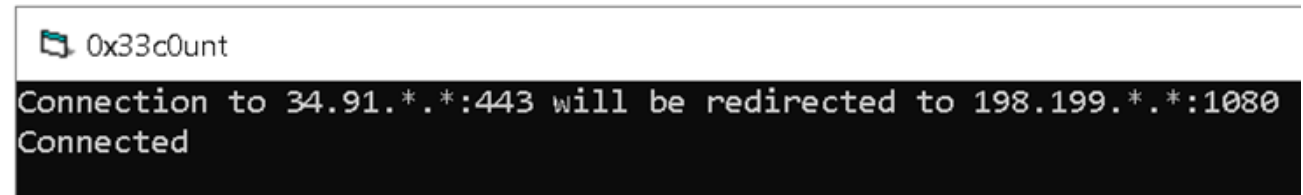
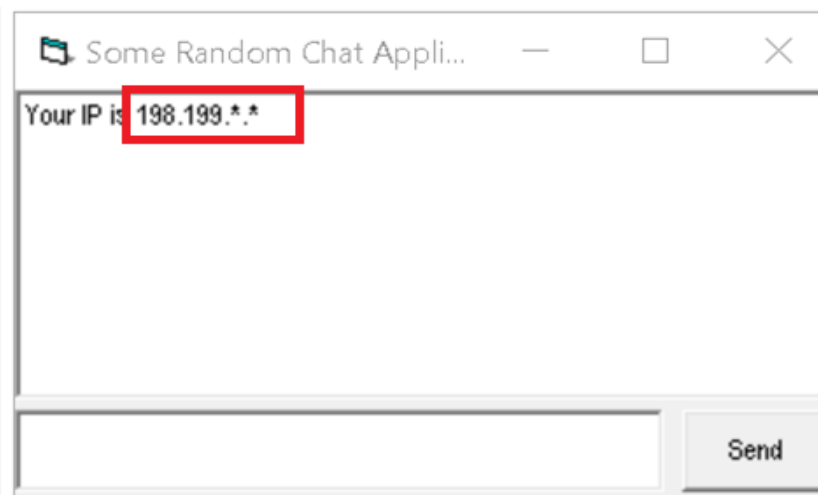
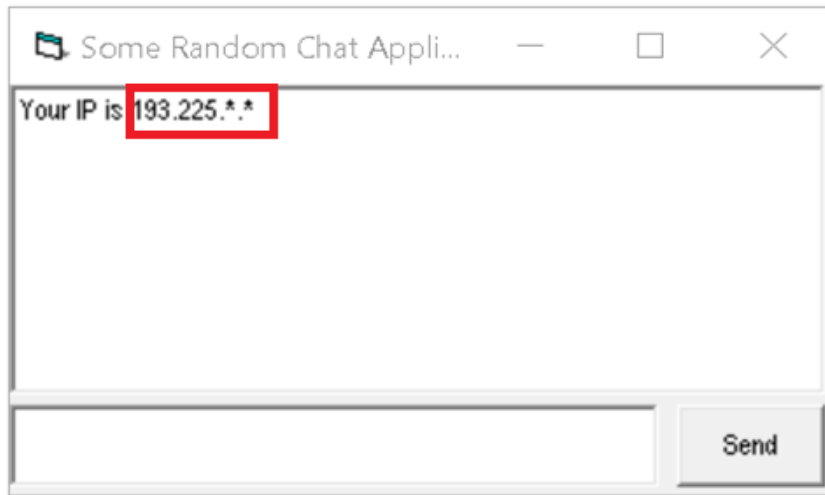
    memcpy((void*)(name->sa_data + 2), IPArr, 4); // change the ip

    *(BYTE*)&PORT = *(BYTE*)(name->sa_data+1); // read...
    *(BYTE*)((DWORD)&PORT+1) = *(BYTE*)name->sa_data; // the port

    *(BYTE*)(name->sa_data + 1) = *(BYTE*)&port; // change
    *(BYTE*)(name->sa_data) = *(BYTE*)((DWORD)&port + 1); // the port
}
```

**ACCESS, MODIFY
PARAMETERS,
CHANGE THE
IMPLEMENTATION**





- See the effect, in this case we implemented a process-based proxy redirection and tested on a dumb chat application



TRAMPOLINE HOOK IN PRACTICE

<https://github.com/0x33c0unt/process-based-proxy-redirection>



ALTERNATIVES FOR TRAMPOLINE

- Hardware Breakpoints (Limited)
 - Debug Registers, DR0-3
- IAT/EAT Hooking (Not everybody relies on IAT)
 - Import Address Table
- Triggerring an exception (Slow)
 - `AddVectoredExceptionHandler`, `SetUnhandledExceptionFilter`



■ QUESTIONS

