

Windows Sockets 2

*A joint meeting of the
Operating Framework
and
Generic API Extensions
functionality groups*

December 12, 1994

Agenda

*9:00 - 9:30 Arrivals and Introductions
9:30 - 9:45 Meeting Objectives
9:45 - 10:00 Brief Historical Background
10:00 - 12:00 Technical Presentation
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:30 Technical Presentation
2:30 - 3:00 Next Steps
3:00 - ??? General Q&A / Feedback*

Technical Presentation Outline

- *Requirements Summary*
- *New Features by Category*
 - *Simultaneous access to multiple transport providers*
 - *Latency and throughput enhancements*
 - *Quality of Service*
 - *Generic functionality extensions*
- *Open Issues*

Meeting Objectives

- *Report on a joint effort to produce core elements of a strawman spec*
- *Answer questions and solicit feedback*
 - *Goal: API and SPI specs published by Christmas*
- *Refine the process for moving Winsock 2 forward*

A Brief Historical Perspective

- *How the strawman team came to be*
- *Motivations*
- *Work methods and time span*

Technical Presentation

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Operating Framework Requirements

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status</i>
1) Operating System versions - Windows 3.1, Windows 3.11, Windows 95, Windows NT	√
2) Architecture	√
3) Multiple protocol stacks on a single host via a single DLL	√
4) Mechanism for determining version of a specific Window Sockets DLL	Partial
5) Configuration	√
6) Clearinghouse for address family, protocol, socket type, and socket option ordinals	√

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Generic API Requirements

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status</i>
1) C++ class libraries	Deferred
2) Callbacks	√
3) Shared sockets	√
4) More socket types	√
5) Send and recv from preemptive context	√
6) Socket groups	√
7) User data exchange during conn setup	√
8) Apps can establish host name/addr	Disagree
9) Quality of service	√
10) Conditional acceptance	√
11) Allow optional winsock extensions	Partial

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Generic API Requirements (cont)

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Status</i>
12) Prevent reentrant msgs while blocking	blocking hook
13) Define std error text	pending
14) Define std debugging paradigm	needed?
15) Way to get DLL version	√
16) Asymmetric send / rcv msg size	pending
17) Scatter / gather [readv(), writev()]	needed?
18) Asynchronous (overlapped) I/O	√
19) Sock opts for send / rcv timeouts	event objects
20) Four byte per socket context value	disagree
21) Support for msg-oriented (partial) rcv	√
22) Re-enabling after error in FD_READ	needed?

Technical Presentation

Requirements Summary

➤ New Features by Category

⇒ Simultaneous access to multiple transport providers

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Open Issues

Simultaneous access to multiple transport providers

- *SP discovery and usage model*
- *Standardized Winsock2 DLLs*
- *Service Provider Interfaces (16 and 32 bit)*

Multiple Simultaneous Protocols: A Paradigm Shift

- *Old: well-known socket types and protocol values*
 - *Apps hard coded to certain protos because of their well-known attributes*
- *New: don't care about socket type and protocol value*
 - *Apps select protos on the basis of their attributes - need not be hard coded!*

Multiple Protocols from an Application's Perspective

➤ *Client / Server apps*

- *Servers listen on all suitable protocols*
- *Clients connect using any suitable protocol*
- *Address discovery via WS2 name resolution*

➤ *Peer to peer apps*

- *Address book contains typed addresses*
 - *Example: phone #, TCP/IP addr, ATM addr*
- *Use suitable protocols that match address type (i.e. address family)*

Choosing One or More Protocols

➤ **WSAEnumProtocols()**

- *Input: filter (optional), buffer, buffer length*
- *Output: filled in buffer, revised buffer length*

➤ **PROTOCOL_INFO** structs

- *One per protocol (usually)*
- *Describes protocol attributes and behavior*
- *Supplies all params needed for **socket()** or **WSASocket()***

Protocol Attributes

Service Flags

<i>Connectionless</i>	<i>Reliable</i>	<i>Guaranteed order</i>
<i>Message oriented</i>	<i>Pseudo stream</i>	<i>Graceful close</i>
<i>Expedited data</i>	<i>Connect data</i>	<i>Broadcast capable</i>
<i>Multicast capable</i>	<i>QOS supported</i>	<i>Encryption supported</i>
<i>Interrupt capable</i>	<i>Unidirectional send</i>	<i>Unidirectional rcv</i>

Lots of space reserved for future expansion

Protocol Attributes (cont.)

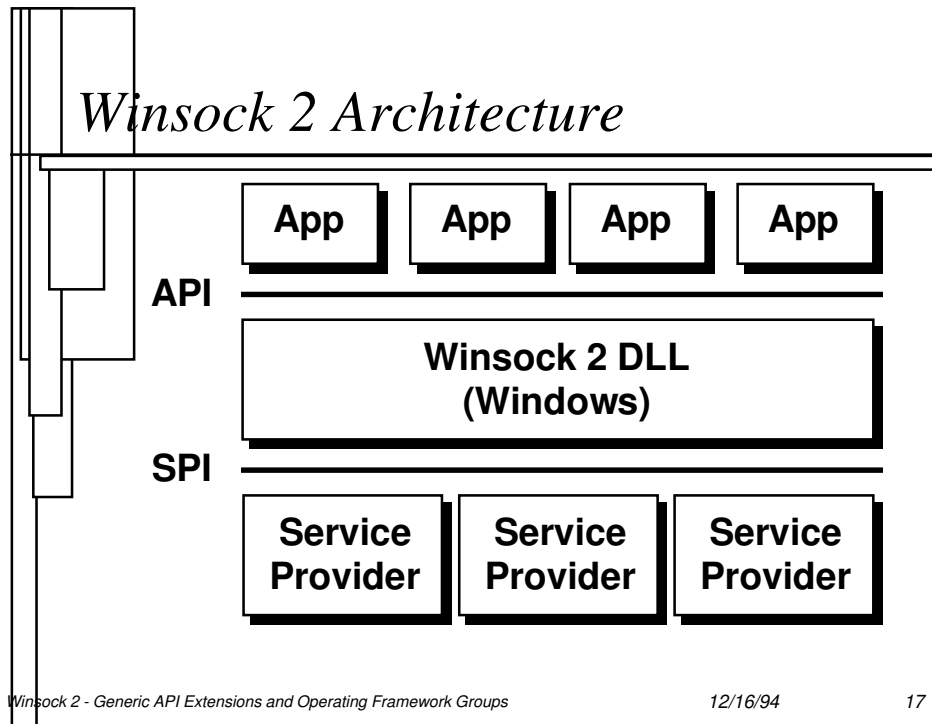
Parameter Values

<i>Address family</i>	<i>Address length</i>	<i>Socket type</i>
<i>Protocol value</i>	<i>Protocol name</i>	<i>Protocol version</i>
<i>Provider ID</i>	<i>Message Size</i>	<i>Name space IDs</i>

➤ ***Multi-behaviored Protocols***

- *One PROTOCOL_INFO entry per behavior*
- *All entries have same Protocol Value*
- *Socket type used to distinguish*

Winsock 2 Architecture



SPI Concepts (WS2SPI.DOC, section 1)

- *One winsock2 DLL per platform*
- *Thin winsock2 DLL routes to providers*
- *Architectural freedom for providers*
- *Provider IDs*
- *Provider handles any necessary buffering*

32-Bit vs. 16-Bit SPI

(WS2SPI.DOC, section 2.7)

- *Differences minimized; portability maximized*
- *Blocking models differ*
- *Handle management differs*

Installation APIs

(WS2SPI.DOC, section 5)

- *WPUInstallProvider()*
- *WPUDeinstallProvider()*
- *Do not install files; only inform winsock2 DLL.*
- *Abstract storage of config info*

Helper Upcalls (WS2SPI.DOC, section 4)

- *Thread Management*
 - *Thread ID*
 - *Queue APC/callback*
- *Handle Management*
 - *creation of unique socket handles*

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Latency and throughput enhancements

- *Overlapped socket operations*
- *Send and recv from within preemptive contexts*
- *More efficient notification: events, APCs, callbacks*

Overlapped I/O

- *Fewer data buffer copies*
- *Multiple simultaneous pending I/O requests per socket*
- *Thread-safe callback mechanism in preemptive environments*
- *Flexible notification options (APCs or event objects)*

Notification Mechanisms

- *select()*
- *WSAAsyncSelect()*
- *WSAEventSelect()*
- *APCs and event objects (overlapped i/o completion)*

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Quality of Service

- *Flow specs*
- *Socket groups*
- *Socket prioritization*

Flow Spec

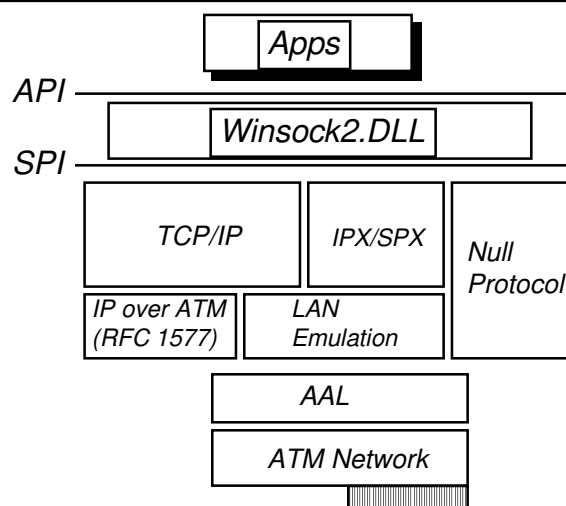
- *Usage Model*
 - *characteristics of a uni-directional flow*
 - *apps request and networks respond*
 - *map QOS Name to Flow Spec*
 - *coincident on connection set-up time*
 - *query established Flow Spec*
 - *get notified for any changes*

Flow Spec (continued)

➤ Categories of Flow Spec parameters

- Bandwidth (peak, average, burst length)
- Latency (end-to-end delay, delay variation)
- Level of service guarantee
- Cost
- Provider-specific parameter

Example: Winsock 2.0 over ATM



Socket Groups

- *Establish relationship for a particular set of sockets*
- *Socket group created/joined at connection set-up time*
- *Group QOS maps to the underlying call*
- *Relative priorities among sockets within a group*

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Generic functionality extensions

- *Shared sockets*
- *Connection establishment*
 - *Conditional Acceptance*
 - *Exchange of user to user data*
- *Bi-directional flags parameter in receive functions*

Shared Sockets

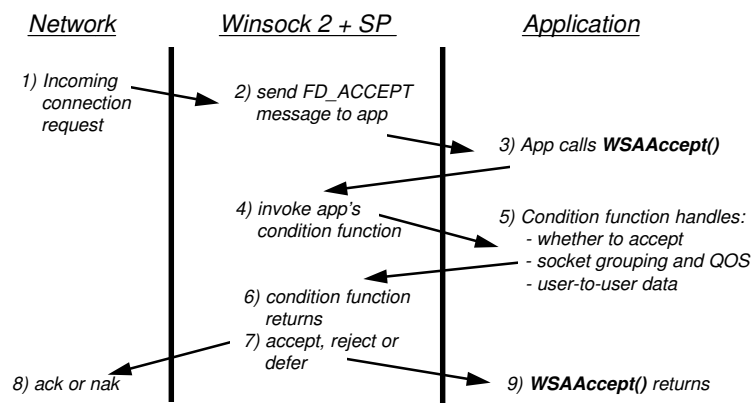
- *Single socket with multiple handles*
 - *Use **WSADuplicateSocket()** to create*
 - *Parameters:*
 - *source socket handle*
 - *destination task handle*
 - *Returns: socket handle valid only in context of destination task*
 - *IPC needed to get destination task handle and to supply new socket handle*

Shared Sockets (cont)

- I/O must be coordinated by apps
- Notification is **independent** to each handle
- Socket options and ioctl's are common

Conditional Acceptance

➤ **WSAAccept()** condition function



Exchanging Connect Data

- *Support for user data exchange during connect sequence*
 - *Initiator uses **WSAConnect()***
 - *supplies buffers for inbound and outbound data*
 - *inbound buffer only valid after FD_CONNECT*
 - *Listener uses **WSAAccept()***
 - *condition function used to get/supply buffers*
 - *Only works if supported by protocol*

Making recv flags IN OUT

- *Use of 'MORE' flag by some protocols*
- *Winsock 1.1 **recv()** and **recvfrom()** have flags parameter as INPUT only*
- ***WSARecv()** and **WSARecvFrom()***
 - *flags parameter is IN OUT*
 - *useable by both overlapped and regular sockets*

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- *Do we need scatter/gather?*
- *Should **WSASocket()** take a **PROTOCOL_INFO** struct as input?*
- *Do we need independent notification on shared sockets?*

Open Issues (cont)

- *Should our two groups be merged?*

Next Steps

- *Collect your comments and feedback*
- *Update the API and SPI docs*
 - *close as many "opens" as possible*
- *Publish docs, slides, meeting minutes*
 - *via anonymous ftp and the web*
 - *done by Christmas*
- *Prepare for presentation to WS2*
- Review Boards in January*

Q&A / Feedback



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