

# How to implement the callback to application functions in a driver

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Suppose I have the following data structure:

```
typedef struct {
void* data_ptr;
void* notify_param;
void (*notify_func)(void* param);
} ExampleStructure;
```

Here is what the application looks like:

```
void notification(void* param)
{
/* Does not have to be free(), user can specify the parameter and do
whatever he wants */
free(param);
}

void main()
{
void* data_ptr = malloc(1024);
ExampleStructure example = {data_ptr, data_ptr, notification};
DeviceIoControl(hDevice, &example);
while (1) {}
}
```

In the driver, I use `GetOwnerProcess()` and `MapPtrToProcess()` to map the `example.data_ptr`, and then do something with the data pointed by that pointer. When done, I call the `example.notification` (the address is also mapped) to notify the application that I'm done and let application do whatever it needs, usually a `free()`. However, what I've experienced is that if I do something as simple as operating the local variables in the notification function, it works, however, if I put a call to `free()` or access any global variable of the application, it generates data abort exception. Does anyone know how to solve this? Thanks a bunch!!!

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