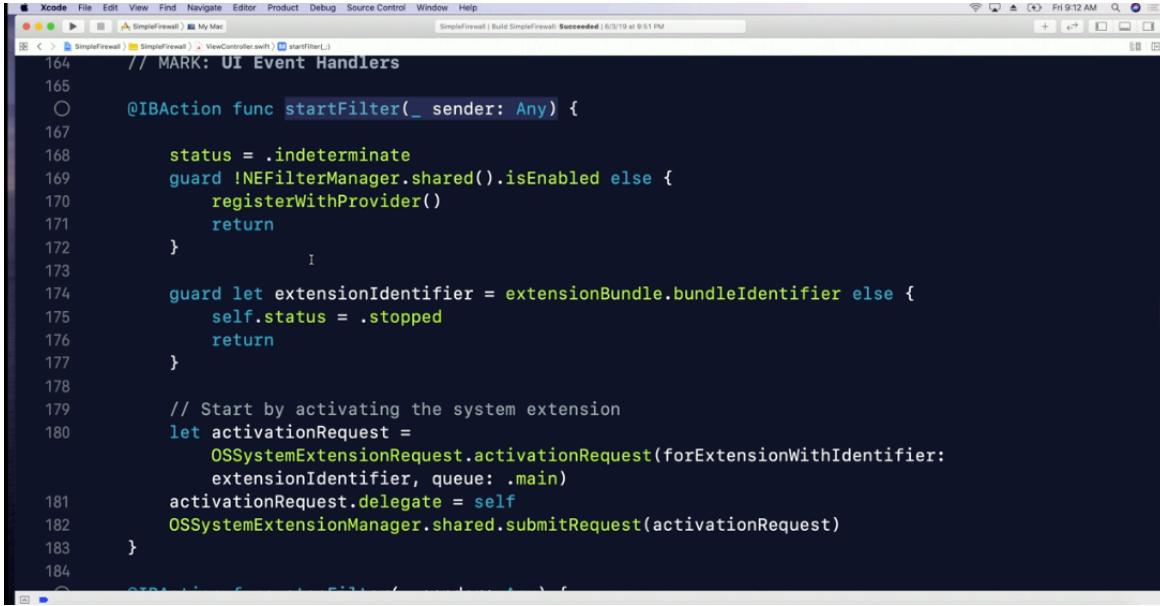


# Simple Firewall Tutorial

Start filter function;



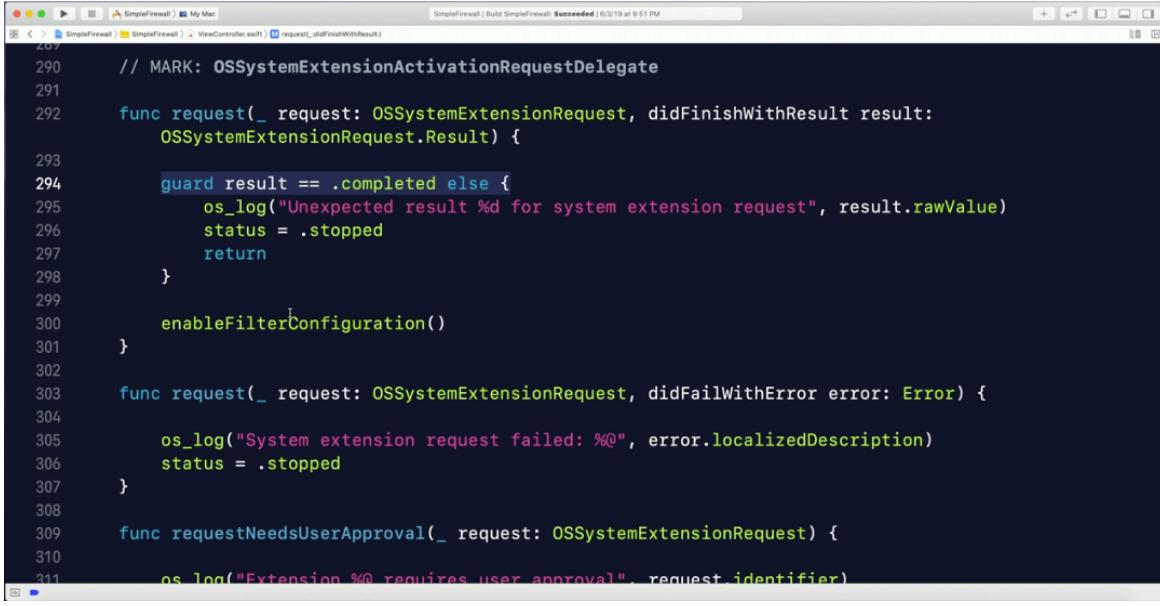
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164     // MARK: UI Event Handlers
165
166     @IBAction func startFilter(_ sender: Any) {
167
168         status = .indeterminate
169         guard !NEFilterManager.shared().isEnabled else {
170             registerWithProvider()
171             return
172         }
173
174         guard let extensionIdentifier = extensionBundle.bundleIdentifier else {
175             self.status = .stopped
176             return
177         }
178
179         // Start by activating the system extension
180         let activationRequest =
181             OSSystemExtensionRequest.activationRequest(forExtensionWithIdentifier:
182                 extensionIdentifier, queue: .main)
183         activationRequest.delegate = self
184         OSSystemExtensionManager.shared.submitRequest(activationRequest)
185     }
186

```

- requests System Extension

On completion of system extension request;



```

207
208     // MARK: OSSystemExtensionActivationRequestDelegate
209
210     func request(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest, didFinishWithResult result:
211         OSSystemExtensionRequest.Result) {
212
213         guard result == .completed else {
214             os_log("Unexpected result %d for system extension request", result.rawValue)
215             status = .stopped
216             return
217         }
218
219         enableFilterConfiguration()
220     }
221
222     func request(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest, didFailWithError error: Error) {
223
224         os_log("System extension request failed: %@", error.localizedDescription)
225         status = .stopped
226     }
227
228     func requestNeedsUserApproval(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest) {
229
230         os_log("Extension %@ requires user approval", request.identifier)
231     }
232

```

Create content filter config w/NEFilterManager after req succ;

```

234     func enableFilterConfiguration() {
235
236         let filterManager = NEFilterManager.shared()
237
238         guard !filterManager.isEnabled else {
239             registerWithProvider()
240             return
241         }
242
243         loadFilterConfiguration { success in
244
245             guard success else {
246                 self.status = .stopped
247                 return
248             }
249
250             if filterManager.providerConfiguration == nil {
251                 let providerConfiguration = NEFilterProviderConfiguration()
252                 providerConfiguration.filterSockets = true
253                 providerConfiguration.filterPackets = false
254                 filterManager.providerConfiguration = providerConfiguration
255                 if let appName = Bundle.main.infoDictionary?["CFBundleName"] as? String {
256                     filterManager.localizedDescription = appName
257                 }
258             }
259
260             filterManager.isEnabled = true
261
262             filterManager.saveToPreferences { saveError in

```

Set up details on config;

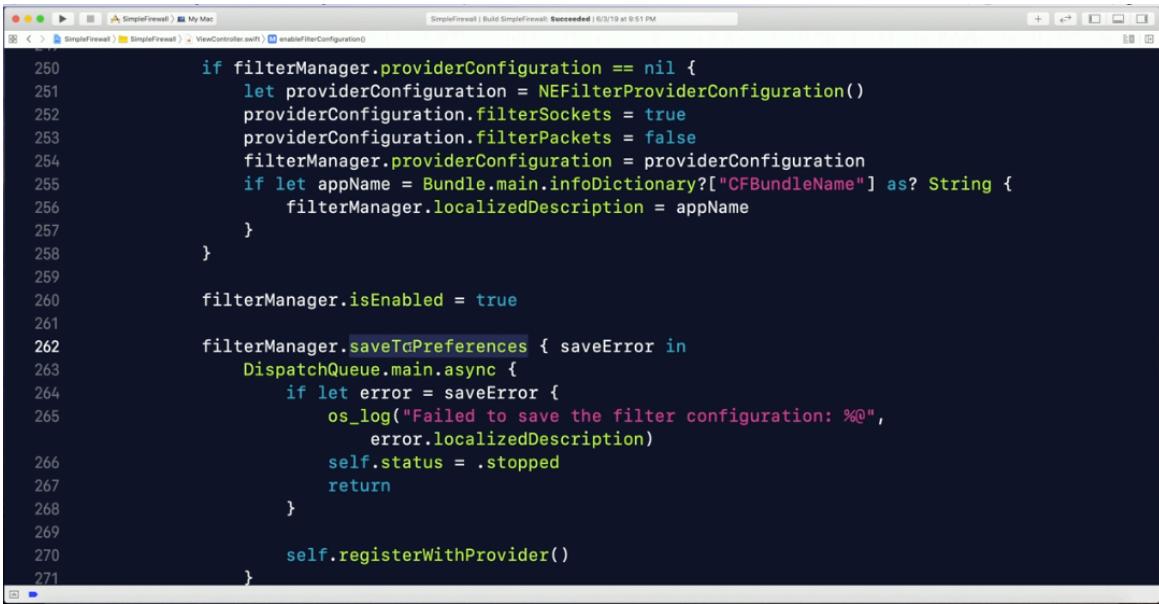
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239             filterManager.isEnabled = true
240
241             filterManager.saveToPreferences { saveError in

```

- filterSockets true; specifies to filter network traffic at the flow layer
- filterPackets false; not filtering network traffic at packet layer.
- enable the config

Register config w/system by calling saveToPreferences;



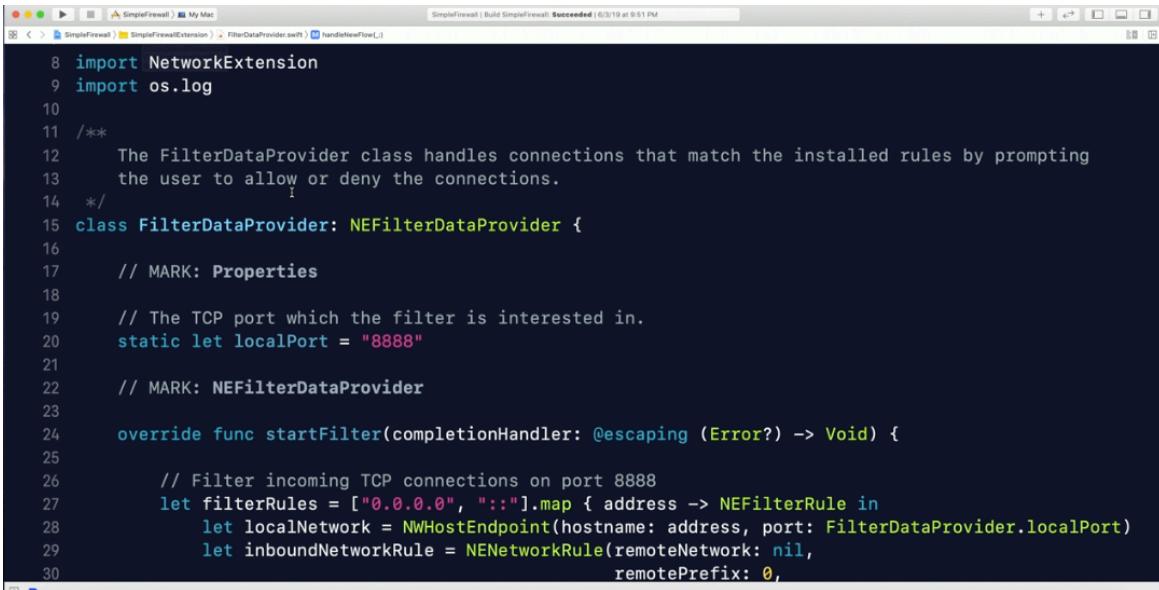
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250         if filterManager.providerConfiguration == nil {
251             let providerConfiguration = NEFilterProviderConfiguration()
252             providerConfiguration.filterSockets = true
253             providerConfiguration.filterPackets = false
254             filterManager.providerConfiguration = providerConfiguration
255             if let appName = Bundle.main.infoDictionary?["CFBundleName"] as? String {
256                 filterManager.localizedDescription = appName
257             }
258         }
259     }
260 
261     filterManager.isEnabled = true
262 
263     filterManager.saveToPreferences { saveError in
264         DispatchQueue.main.async {
265             if let error = saveError {
266                 os_log("Failed to save the filter configuration: %@", error.localizedDescription)
267                 self.status = .stopped
268             }
269         }
270     }
271 }

```

- Because it's enabled
- causes system to start the extension and filtering.

## NEFilterDataProviderSubclass



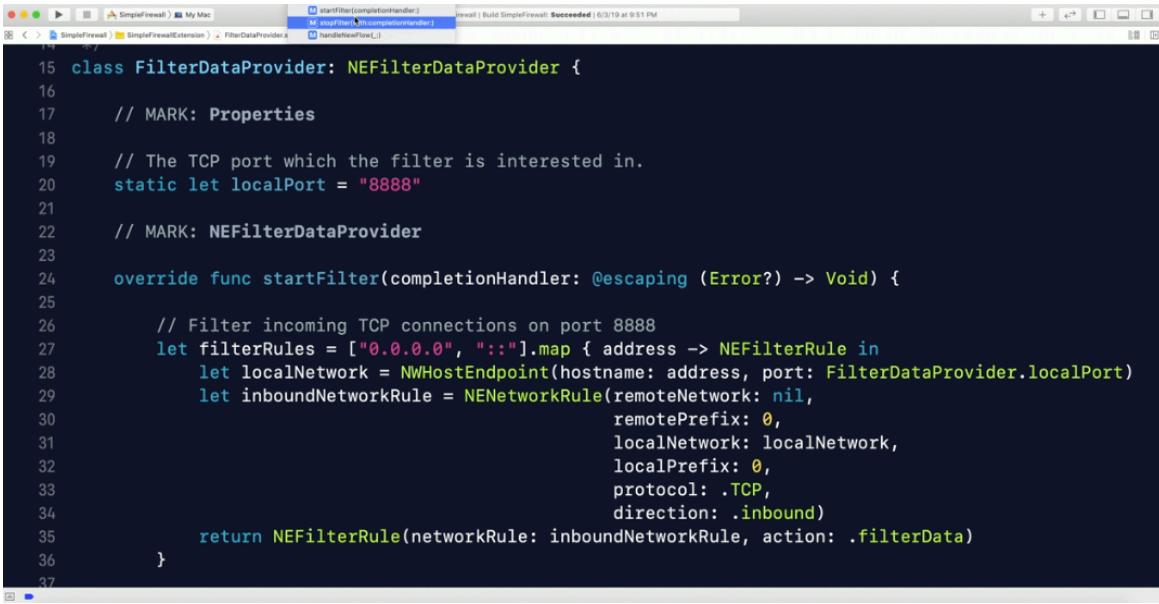
```

8 import NetworkExtension
9 import os.log
10 
11 /**
12     The FilterDataProvider class handles connections that match the installed rules by prompting
13     the user to allow or deny the connections.
14 */
15 class FilterDataProvider: NEFilterDataProvider {
16 
17     // MARK: Properties
18 
19     // The TCP port which the filter is interested in.
20     static let localPort = "8888"
21 
22     // MARK: NEFilterDataProvider
23 
24     override func startFilter(completionHandler: @escaping (Error?) -> Void) {
25 
26         // Filter incoming TCP connections on port 8888
27         let filterRules = ["0.0.0.0", ":"].map { address -> NEFilterRule in
28             let localNetwork = NWHostEndpoint(hostname: address, port: FilterDataProvider.localPort)
29             let inboundNetworkRule = NENetworkRule(remoteNetwork: nil,
30                                                 remotePrefix: 0,
31                                                 ...
32         }
33     }
34 }

```

- Runs inside the system extension

**Class overrides three different methods (1. startFilter, 2. stopFilter 3. handleNewFlow)**



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23
24     override func startFilter(completionHandler: @escaping (Error?) -> Void) {
25
26         // Filter incoming TCP connections on port 8888
27         let filterRules = ["0.0.0.0", "::"].map { address -> NEFilterRule in
28             let localNetwork = NWHostEndpoint(hostname: address, port: FilterDataProvider.localPort)
29             let inboundNetworkRule = NENetworkRule(remoteNetwork: nil,
30                                                     remotePrefix: 0,
31                                                     localNetwork: localNetwork,
32                                                     localPrefix: 0,
33                                                     protocol: .TCP,
34                                                     direction: .inbound)
35             return NEFilterRule(networkRule: inboundNetworkRule, action: .filterData)
36         }
37     }

```

### startFilter (by default filters all tcp udp traffic)



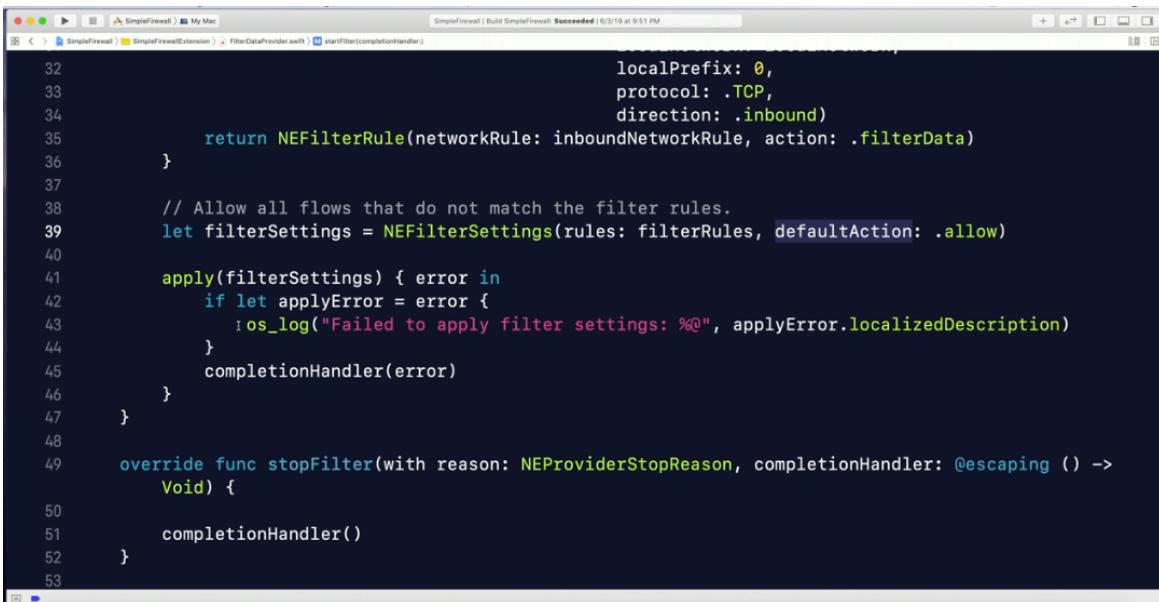
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23
24     override func startFilter(completionHandler: @escaping (Error?) -> Void) {
25
26         // Filter incoming TCP connections on port 8888
27         let filterRules = ["0.0.0.0", "::"].map { address -> NEFilterRule in
28             let localNetwork = NWHostEndpoint(hostname: address, port: FilterDataProvider.localPort)
29             let inboundNetworkRule = NENetworkRule(remoteNetwork: nil,
30                                                     remotePrefix: 0,
31                                                     localNetwork: localNetwork,
32                                                     localPrefix: 0,
33                                                     protocol: .TCP,
34                                                     direction: .inbound)
35             return NEFilterRule(networkRule: inboundNetworkRule, action: .filterData)
36         }
37
38         // Allow all flows that do not match the filter rules.
39         let filterSettings = NEFilterSettings(rules: filterRules, defaultAction: .allow)
40
41         apply(filterSettings) { error in
42             if let applyError = error {
43                 os_log("Failed to apply filter settings: %@", applyError.localizedDescription)
44             }
45             completionHandler(error)

```

- called when system starts the filter
- **filterSettings:** Creates the NEFilterSettings object passing in the filter rules.
- creates NEFiltersSetting object to inform the system what it wants to see and thus filter.
- filterRules; creates wildcard ipv4 & ipv6 addresses.
- NENetworkRule;
  - **remoteNetwork: nil;** (*filter rule will match traffic coming from anywhere*)
  - **remotePrefix: 0;** (*filter rule will match traffic coming from anywhere*)
  - **localNetwork: localNetwork;** (*Uses NWHostEndpoint to accept from local port 8.8.8.8*)
  - **localPrefix: 0;**
  - **protocol: .TCP;**
- - **direction: .inbound;**

Call apply to apply filter settings to the system;

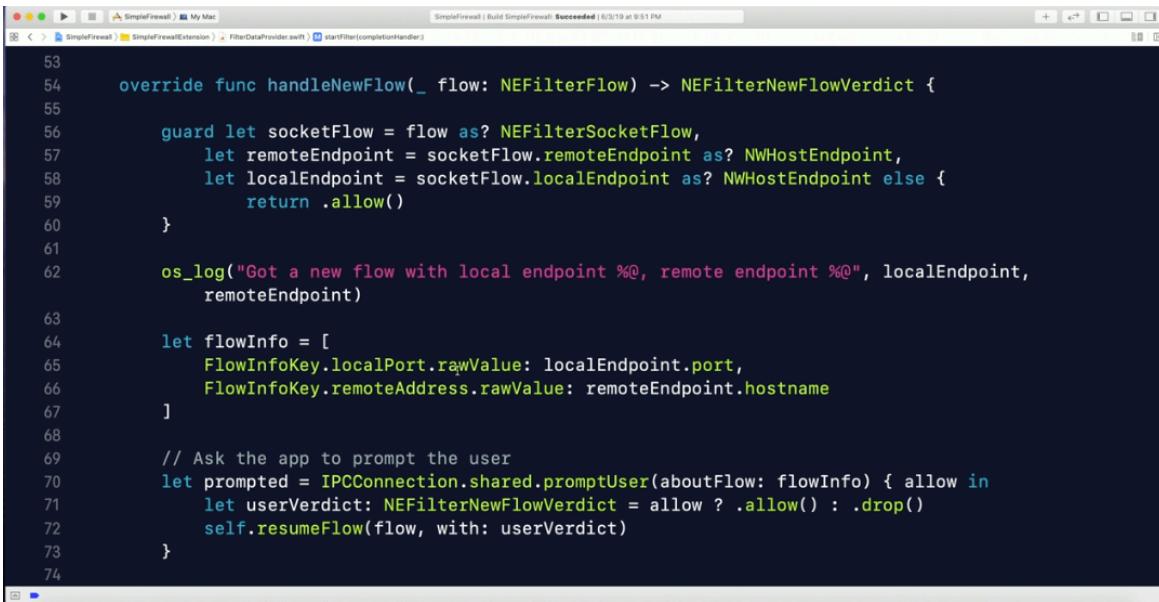


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32             localPrefix: 0,
33             protocol: .TCP,
34             direction: .inbound)
35         return NEFilterRule(networkRule: inboundNetworkRule, action: .filterData)
36     }
37
38     // Allow all flows that do not match the filter rules.
39     let filterSettings = NEFilterSettings(rules: filterRules, defaultAction: .allow)
40
41     apply(filterSettings) { error in
42         if let applyError = error {
43             os_log("Failed to apply filter settings: %@", applyError.localizedDescription)
44         }
45         completionHandler(error)
46     }
47 }
48
49 override func stopFilter(with reason: NEProviderStopReason, completionHandler: @escaping () ->
50     Void) {
51     completionHandler()
52 }
53

```

**handleNewFlow:** function called when new flow is created matching filter rules.



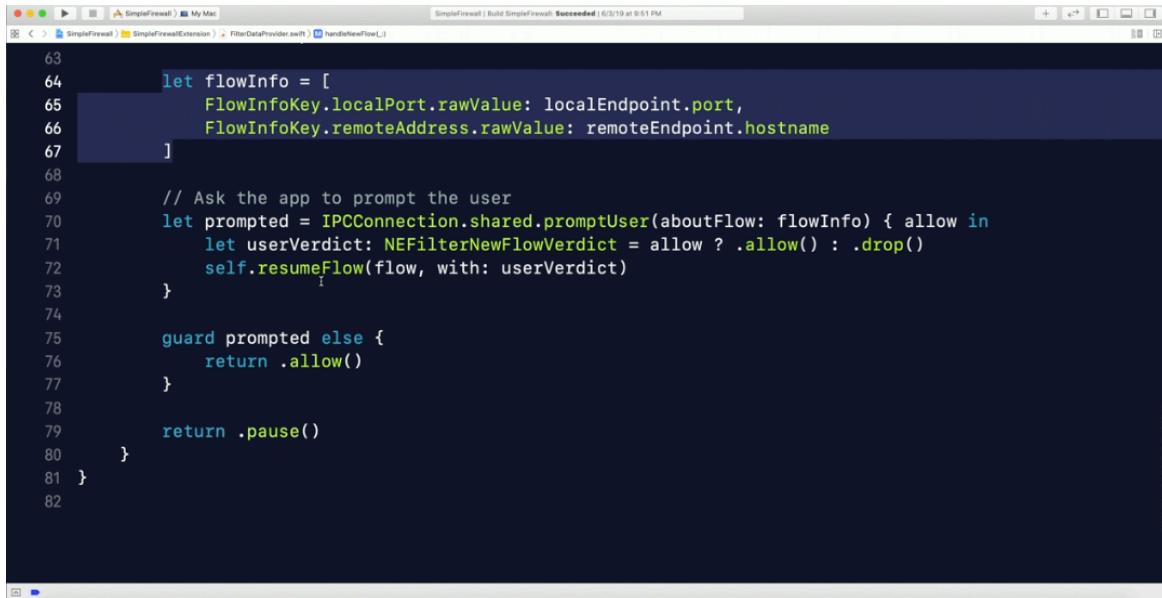
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53
54     override func handleNewFlow(_ flow: NEFilterFlow) -> NEFilterNewFlowVerdict {
55
56         guard let socketFlow = flow as? NEFilterSocketFlow,
57             let remoteEndpoint = socketFlow.remoteEndpoint as? NWHostEndpoint,
58             let localEndpoint = socketFlow.localEndpoint as? NWHostEndpoint else {
59             return .allow()
60         }
61
62         os_log("Got a new flow with local endpoint %@, remote endpoint %@", localEndpoint,
63             remoteEndpoint)
64
65         let flowInfo = [
66             FlowInfoKey.localPort.rawValue: localEndpoint.port,
67             FlowInfoKey.remoteAddress.rawValue: remoteEndpoint.hostname
68         ]
69
70         // Ask the app to prompt the user
71         let prompted = IPCCConnection.shared.promptUser(aboutFlow: flowInfo) { allow in
72             let userVerdict: NEFilterNewFlowVerdict = allow ? .allow() : .drop()
73             self.resumeFlow(flow, with: userVerdict)
74         }
75

```

- Accepts **NEFilterFlow** object as argument
- Returns **NEFilterNewFlowVerdict**
- **flowInfo:** Packags up some flow details in a dictionary.
- **prompted:** Sends flowInfo details to ui to prompt user for permission.
- **return .pause():** pauses app while waiting for user to grant permission.

**handleNewFlow:** (second half)



The screenshot shows a macOS Xcode interface with the title bar "SimpleFirewall | Build SimpleFirewall: Succeeded | 8/3/19 at 9:51 PM". The main window displays a Swift file named "FilterDataProvider.swift". The code handles a new flow event by creating a flow info object, prompting the user via IPCConnection, and then resuming or pausing the flow based on the user's verdict.

```
63
64     let flowInfo = [
65         FlowInfoKey.localPort.rawValue: localEndpoint.port,
66         FlowInfoKey.remoteAddress.rawValue: remoteEndpoint.hostname
67     ]
68
69     // Ask the app to prompt the user
70     let prompted = IPCConnection.shared.promptUser(aboutFlow: flowInfo) { allow in
71         let userVerdict: NEFilterNewFlowVerdict = allow ? .allow() : .drop()
72         self.resumeFlow(flow, with: userVerdict)
73     }
74
75     guard prompted else {
76         return .allow()
77     }
78
79     return .pause()
80 }
81 }
82 }
```