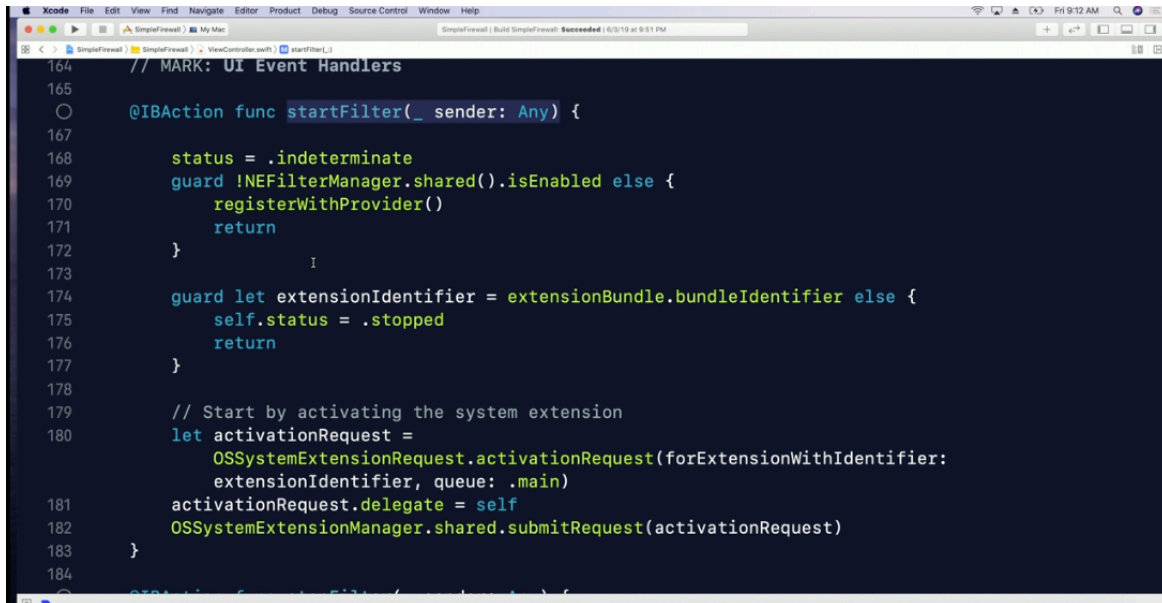


# Simple Firewall Tutorial

Start filter function;

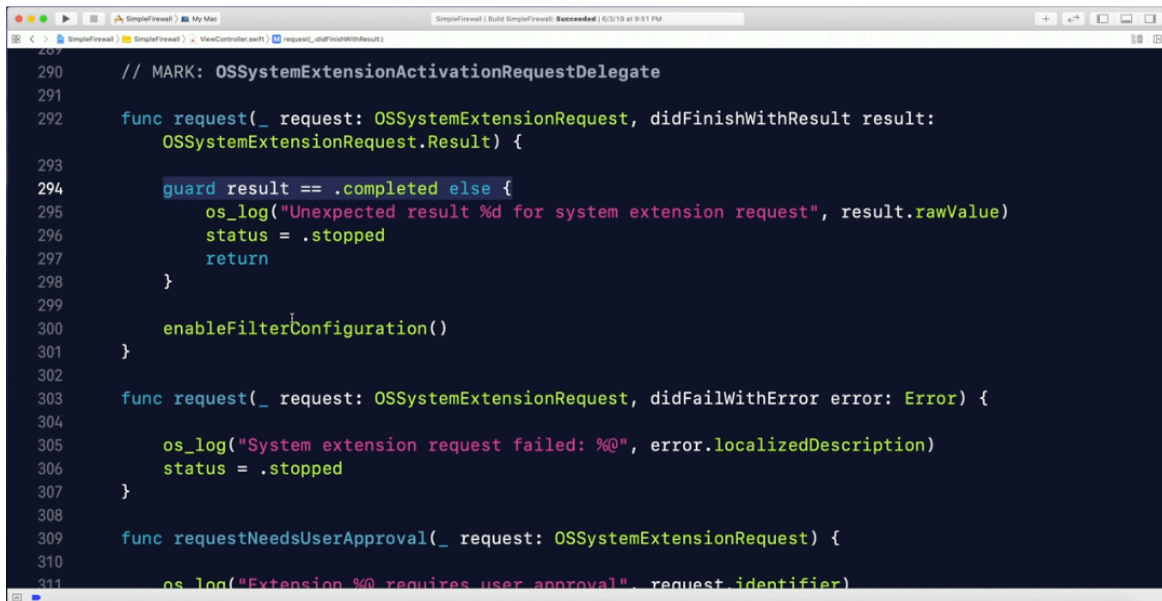


```

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 }
  
```

- requests System Extension

On completion of system extension request;



```

290 // MARK: OSSystemExtensionActivationRequestDelegate
291
292 func request(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest, didFinishWithResult result:
293     OSSystemExtensionRequest.Result) {
294
295     guard result == .completed else {
296         os_log("Unexpected result %d for system extension request", result.rawValue)
297         status = .stopped
298         return
299     }
300
301     enableFilterConfiguration()
302 }
303
304 func request(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest, didFailWithError error: Error) {
305
306     os_log("System extension request failed: %@", error.localizedDescription)
307     status = .stopped
308 }
309
310 func requestNeedsUserApproval(_ request: OSSystemExtensionRequest) {
311
312     os_log("Extension %@ requires user approval", request.identifier)
313 }
  
```

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

```

Set up details on config;

```

257     }
258 }
259
260 filterManager.isEnabled = true
261
262 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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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
263         DispatchQueue.main.async {
264             if let error = saveError {
265                 os_log("Failed to save the filter configuration: %@",
266                     error.localizedDescription)
267                 self.status = .stopped
268                 return
269             }
270             self.registerWithProvider()
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,

```

- Runs inside the system extension

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

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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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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)
46

```

- 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;

```

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.

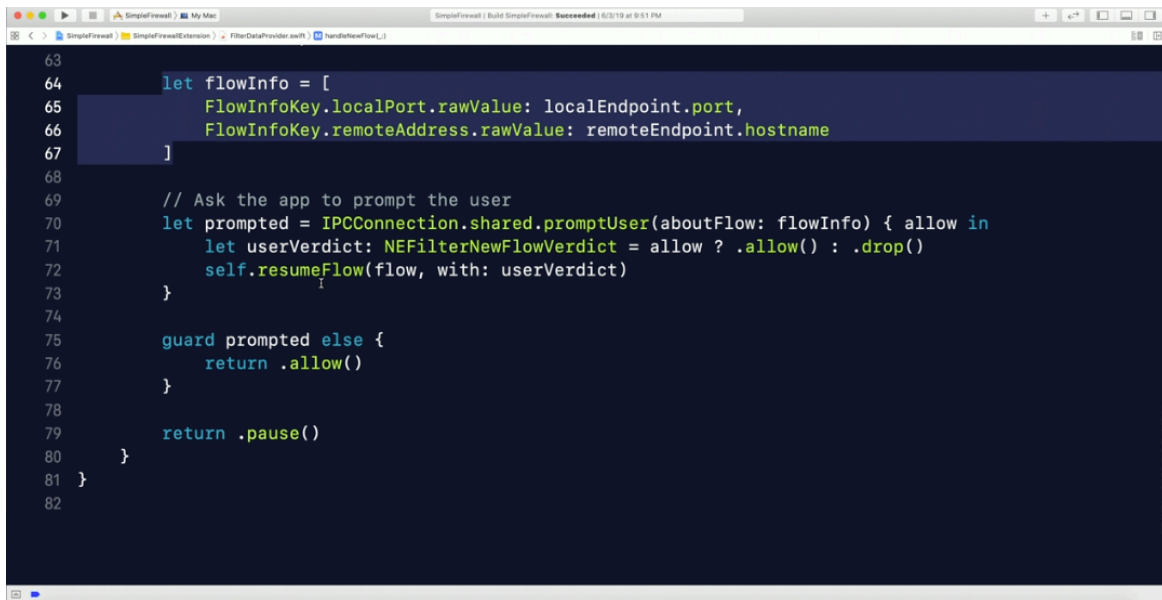
```

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:** Packages 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)

A screenshot of a code editor window titled "Proton Docs Editor". The editor shows a Swift file with the following code:

```
63
64     let flowInfo = [
65         FlowInfoKey.localPort.rawValue: localEndpoint.port,
66         FlowInfoKey.remoteAddress.rawValue: remoteEndpoint.hostname
67     ]
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69     // Ask the app to prompt the user
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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 }
```

The code is written in Swift and appears to be part of a larger function or class. It defines a `flowInfo` array, prompts the user for permission to resume a flow, and then either allows or pauses the flow based on the user's verdict. The editor has a dark theme and shows line numbers on the left side of the code.