

# Implementation Example: Network.framework on macOS and iOS

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# Network.framework

Public framework available on iOS 12 and macOS Mojave betas

Preconnection objects:

`NWEndpoint`

`NWParameters (ProtocolStack, NWProtocol.Options)`

Active objects:

`NWConnection`

`NWListener`

`NWPathMonitor`

Introspection objects:

`NWPath`

`NWProtocol.Metadata`

# Connection Establishment

```
let dest = NWEndpoint.hostPort(host: "www.example.com", port:.https)
let connection = NWConnection(to: dest, using:.tls)
connection.stateUpdateHandler = { [weak self] (newState) in
    switch (newState) {
    case .ready:
        // Handle connection established
    case .waiting(let error):
        // Handle network availability error
    case .failed(let error):
        // Handle error
    default:
        break
    }
}
connection.start(queue: .main)
```

# Sending

## *Basic sends*

```
let data = "Hello".data(using: .utf8)
connection.send(content: data, completion: .contentProcessed({ (error) in
    if let error = error {
        print("Send Error \(error)")
    }
}))
```

## *Batch sends*

```
connection.batch {
    for datagram in datagrams {
        connection.send(content: datagram,
            completion: .contentProcessed( { (error) in
                // Handle send error
            })
        }
    }
}
```

# Receiving

## *Receive Message*

```
connection.receive { (content, context, isComplete, error) in
    // Handle inbound message
}
```

## *Receive Partial Message*

```
connection.receive(minimumIncompleteLength: 1, maxLength: 1024)
{ (content, context, isComplete, error) in
    // Handle inbound data
}
```

# Message Contexts

## *Custom send contexts*

```
let sendContext = NWConnection.ContentContext(identifier: "hello",  
                                              expiration: 1000,  
                                              isFinal: false,  
                                              antecedent: nil,  
                                              metadata: [ datagramSettings ])
```

## *Convenience send contexts*

```
let sendContext = NWConnection.ContentContext.defaultMessage
```

```
let sendContext = NWConnection.ContentContext.finalMessage
```

```
let sendContext = NWConnection.ContentContext.defaultStream
```

# Candidate Gathering

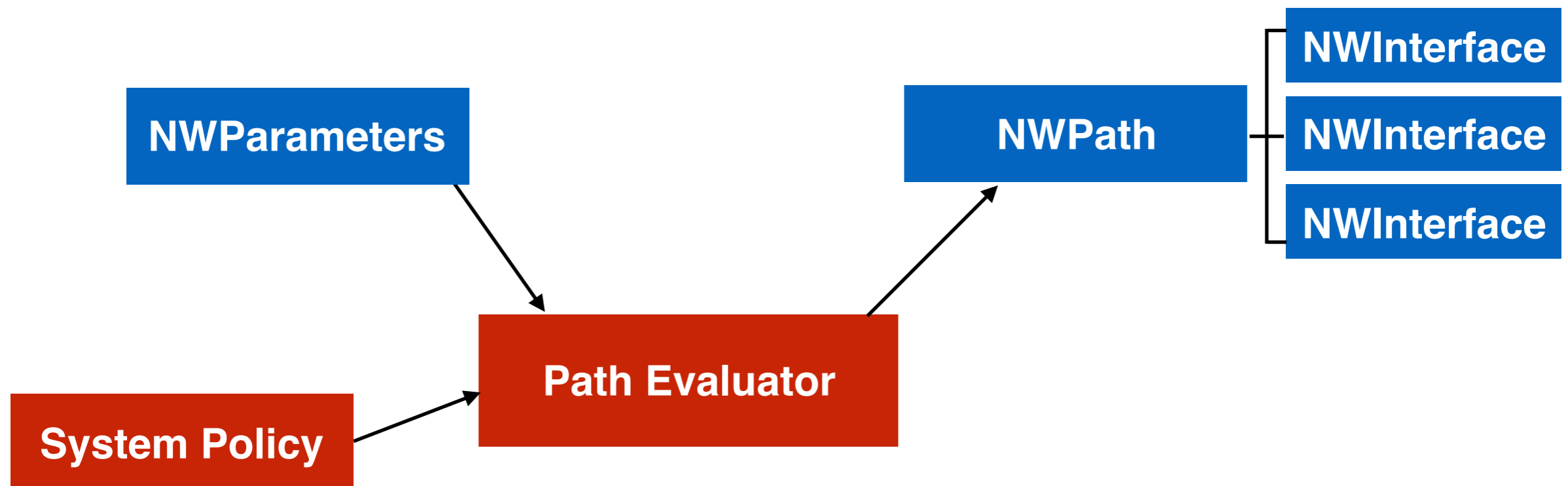
## Path Selection

Applications can constrain the paths:

```
parameters.requiredInterfaceType = .wifi
```

```
parameters.prohibitedInterfaceTypes = [ .cellular ]
```

The system uses constraints to determine set of available paths



# Candidate Gathering

## System Policy

System configuration determines a ranked list of interfaces or paths for default application use

Extended policies are determined by per-application settings

- Interfaces or interface types may be prohibited or required by the system

- Certain application parameters can be matched to also influence connection path

Path includes protocol settings, such as ECN and TFO support and predicted RTT



# Candidate Gathering

## Protocol Selection

Currently determined fairly statically in a “default stack”:

```
let transportOptions = NWProtocolTCP.Options()  
transportOptions.enableKeepalive = true  
parameters.defaultProtocolStack.transportProtocol = transportOptions
```

Adding an array of protocol stacks (composed of options) would allow explicit protocol racing

Conveniences create common stacks for TCP, UDP, TLS/TCP, DTLS/UDP

New conveniences could cover combinations of equivalent protocols (such as QUIC | HTTP/2 | TLS)

# Connection Lifetime

## State Diagram

