

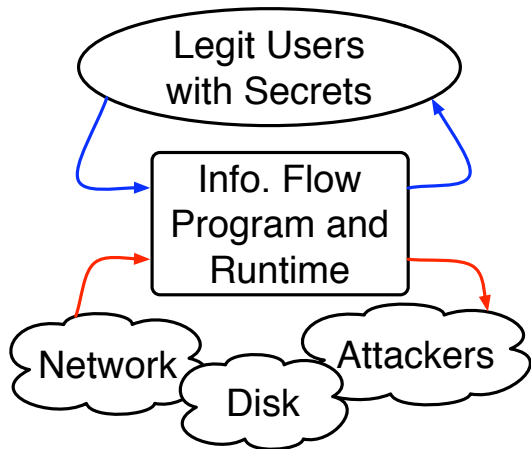
A Cryptographic Decentralized Label Model

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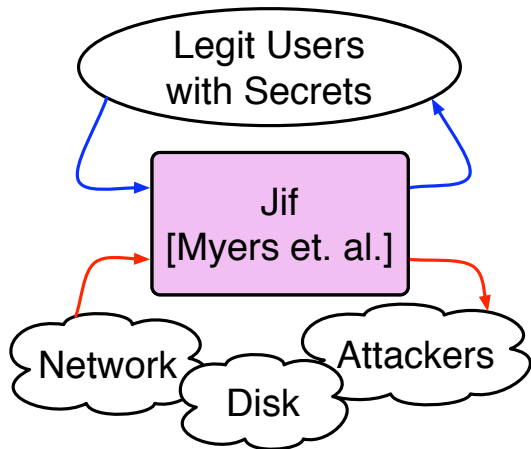
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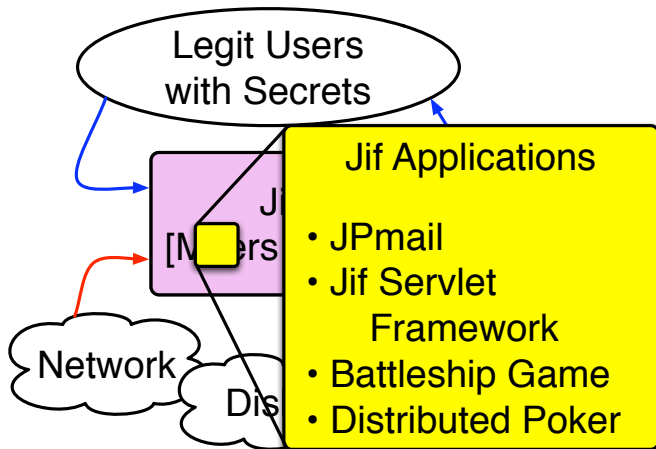
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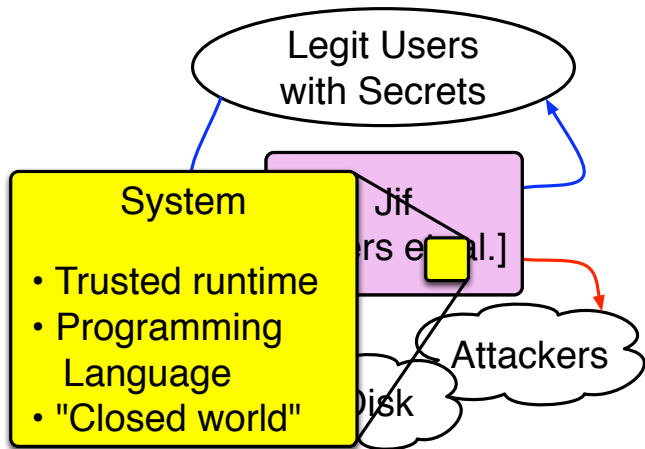
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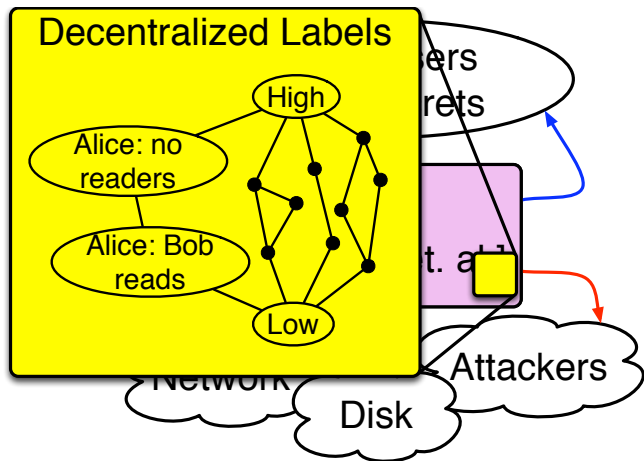
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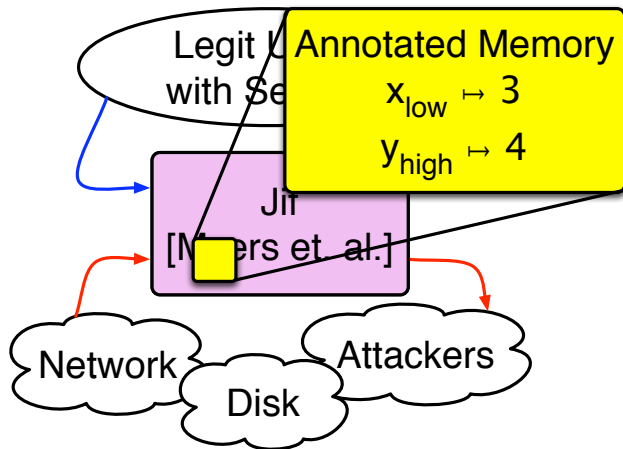
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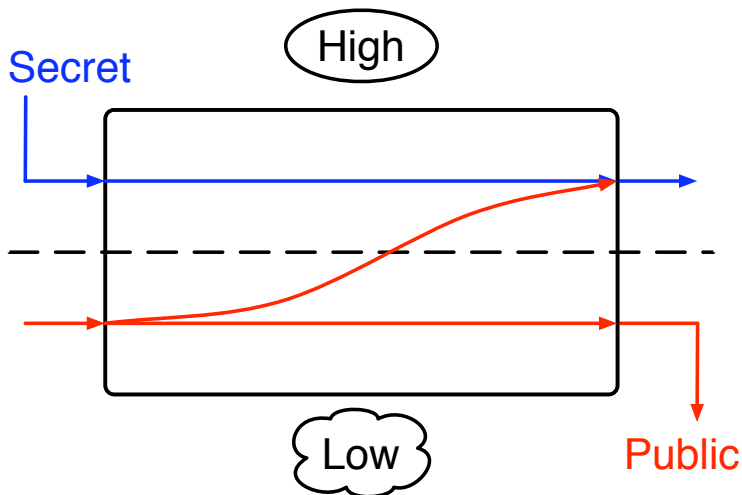
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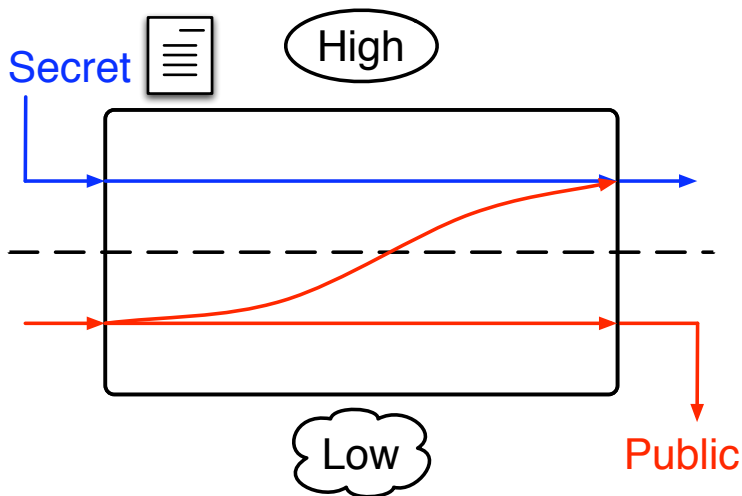


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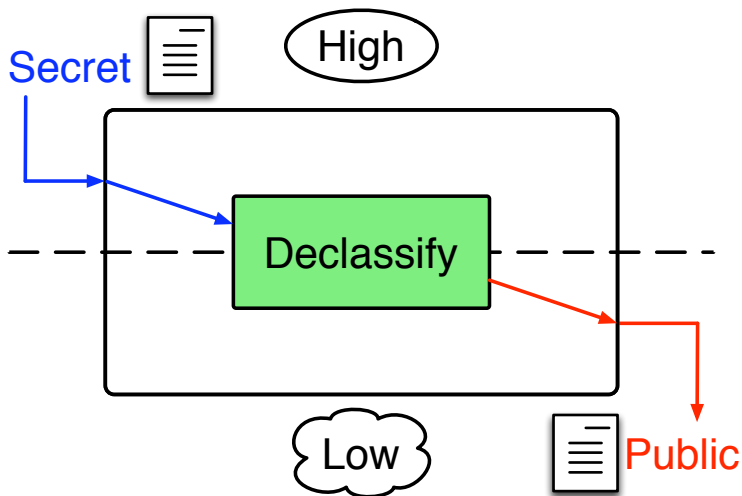
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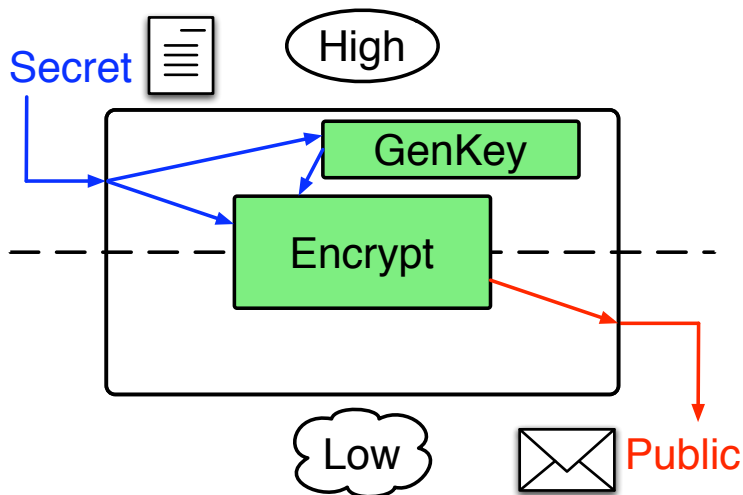
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Some programs need to violate noninterference.



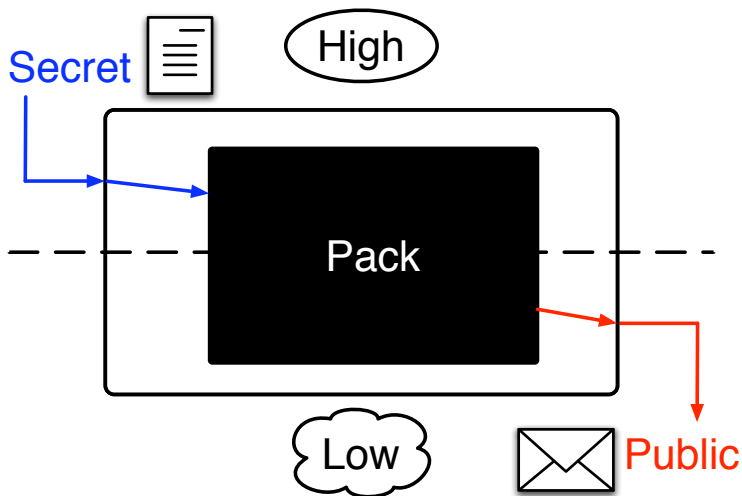
Satisfies (decentralized) robust declassification instead of noninterference [Myers & Chong CSFW '06].

Encryption can restore noninterference.

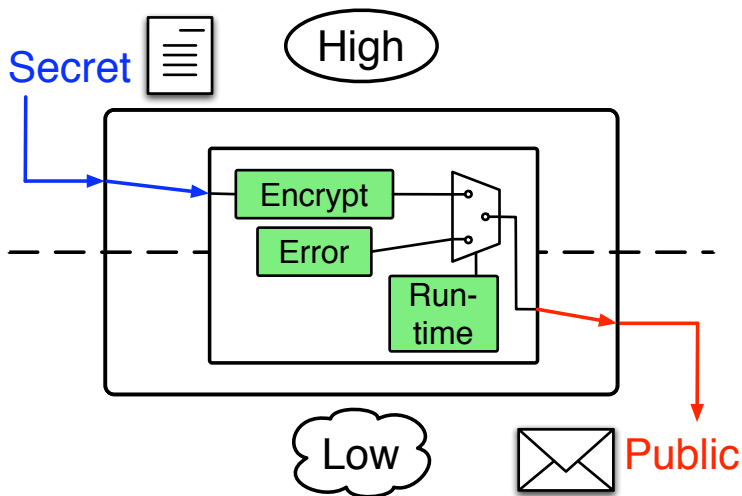


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Our solution: label directed implicit packing.

The Cryptographic Decentralized Label Model unifies

- a high-level, information-flow *language*,
- declarative *labels* that describe security policies,
- and cryptographic *packages* that implement policies.

Key notation

$$\begin{array}{rccccccc} \text{data} & + & \text{policies} & \Rightarrow & \text{package} \\ v & + & \ell & \Rightarrow & \langle v \rangle_{\ell} \end{array}$$

SImp language can pack and unpack labeled data.

Definition (SImp Syntax)

types	$\tau ::= \text{int} \mid \dots \mid \text{pkg}$	
values	$v ::= \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{1} \mid \dots$	
	$\mid \langle v \rangle_\ell$	package
expressions	$e ::= \dots$	
	$\mid \text{pack } e \text{ at } \ell$	package intro
	$\mid \text{unpack } e \text{ as } \tau\{\ell\}$	package elim

Packages may be constructed and analyzed according to ℓ .

Imp can implement a simple messaging system.

Example

```
text: string{high}      dest: string{low}
out:  pkg{low}          in:  pkg{low}
```

```
text := readLine()
match (pack text at {high}) with
  ok(p)  => out := p; send(out)
  error => skip
```

⋮

```
in := receive()
match (unpack in as text{high})
  ok(t) => text := t; printLine(text)
  error => skip
```


Pack succeeds iff runtime has sufficient authority.

The SImp runtime contains

- a memory, M , and
- an authority, \bar{p} .

Evaluation Model

$$\frac{\text{precondition}}{\text{runtime state} \vdash \text{from} \rightarrow \text{to}}$$

Definition (Pack Evaluation)

$$\frac{\bar{p} \text{ writes } \ell}{\bar{p}; M \vdash \text{pack } v \text{ at } \ell \rightarrow \text{ok}(\langle v \rangle_{\ell})} \text{E-PACK-OK}$$
$$\frac{\neg(\bar{p} \text{ writes } \ell)}{\bar{p}; M \vdash \text{pack } v \text{ at } \ell \rightarrow \text{error}} \text{E-PACK-FAIL}$$

Without enough keys, it is *infeasible* for the runtime to perform these operations.

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Rule: Unpack does not
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Conclusion: not a leak

Evaluation respects noninterference.

Property ($M_1 \cong_\ell M_2$)

Memories M_1 and M_2 are equivalent to an observer with power ℓ , if the observer cannot distinguish the memories.

Example

M_1
$x_{low} \mapsto 2$
$y_{low} \mapsto \langle 3 \rangle_{high}$
$z_{high} \mapsto 3$

M_2
$x_{low} \mapsto 2$
$y_{low} \mapsto \langle 4 \rangle_{high}$
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$$M_1 \cong_{low} M_2$$

$$M_1 \not\cong_{high} M_2$$

Property (Noninterference)

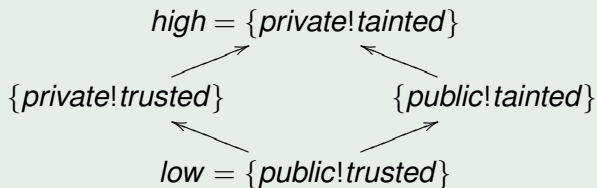


Slmp is parameterized by a *security lattice*.

Definition Fragment (Security lattice)

A lattice whose elements are composed of orthogonal confidentiality and integrity components is a security lattice.

Example



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Labels and packages need meaning outside of SImp.

- Cryptographic assumptions
 - Each principal is mapped to a well-known public key.
 - Cryptographic functions follow the Dolev-Yao model.
- Goals of interpretation
 - Package confidentiality protects data from eavesdroppers.
 - Package integrity protects the program from data.
 - Packages can be created and consumed offline.

Packages compile to cryptographic messages.

Example (Compile $\langle 42 \rangle_{\{Alice: Bob!\}}$)

1. Generate fresh key pairs (R^+, R^-) and (W^+, W^-) .
 2. Let $payload = sign(W^-, \{42\}_{R^+})$
 3. Let $seal = sign(Alice, ["\{Alice: Bob!\}", R^+, W^+, \{R^-\}_{K_{Alice}^+}, \{R^-\}_{K_{Bob}^+}, \{W^-\}_{K_{Alice}^+}])$
 4. Return $package = (seal, payload)$
- R^- is a read capability.
 - W^- is a write capability.

Package compilation is adequate.

Property ($m_1 \cong_\ell m_2$)

Say $m_1 \cong_\ell m_2$ when messages m_1 and m_2 reveal only equivalent information to Dolev-Yao observers weaker than ℓ .

Lemma (Adequacy for Values)

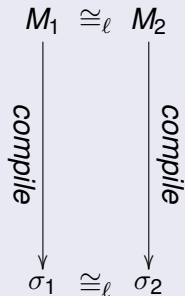
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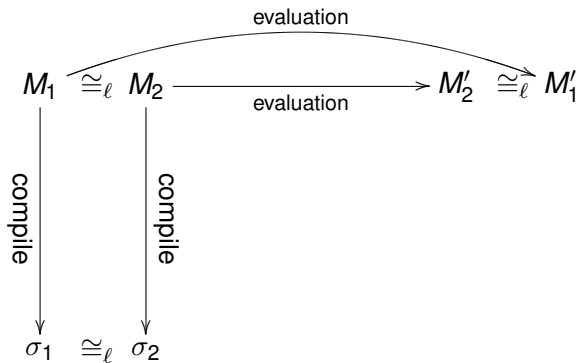
$$\text{compile}(v_1) \cong_\ell \text{compile}(v_2).$$

Corollary



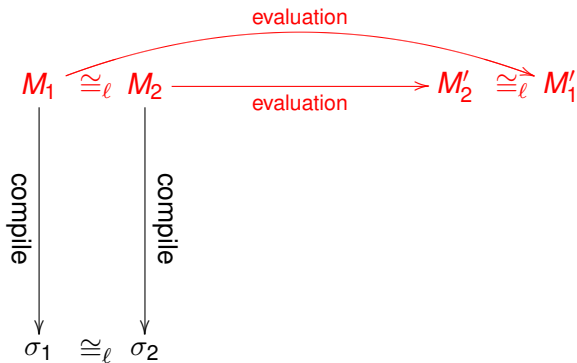
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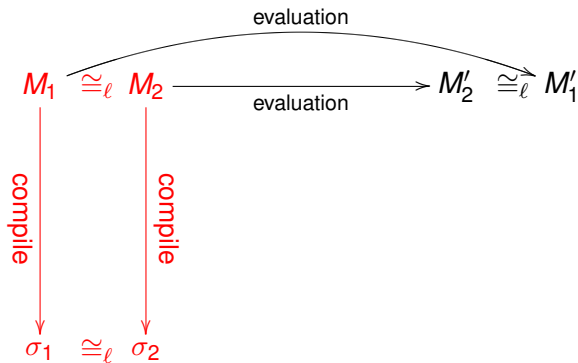
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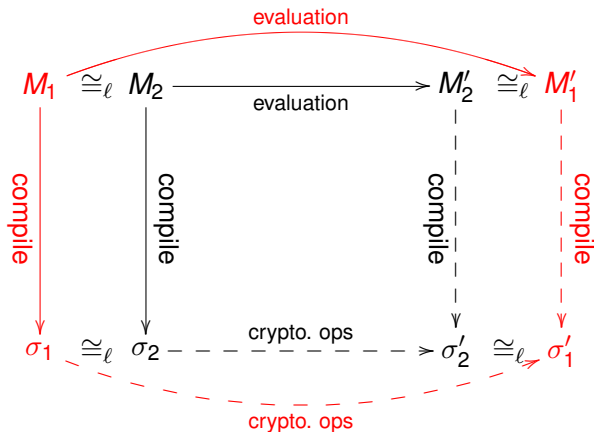
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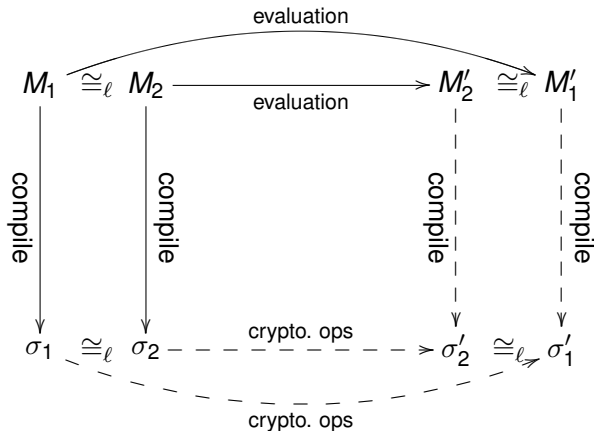
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Take home messages

SImp explores a new space in information flow languages with

- declarative policies implemented by a cryptographic mechanism,
- a strong noninterference property,
- and a rich, structural label language.

Appendix

- Typing Rules
- Future Work
- Package Uniqueness
- DLM Comparison
- Expression Noninterference Statement
- Command Noninterference Statement
- Adequacy Statements
- Feasibility Statement
- Cryptographic Operations

Pack provides a limited declassify, unpack an endorse.

Definition Fragment

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These rules are safe because of the dynamic checks.

This is just the beginning.

Further research questions:

- Can homomorphic encryption be used for computation within packages?
- How can we compile alternative label models?
 - “share semantics”
 - uniqueness labels
- How does package upgrading and downgrading interact with cryptography?

A explicit non-goal: package uniqueness.

- Replay attacks (vs. legitimate uses of persistence) are best detected at higher levels of abstraction.
- Uniqueness checks appear to require interactive protocols.
- Resolving these challenges would be interesting future work.

Our DLM is a variant of Myers and Liskov's original.

Example

$$\ell = \{\text{Alice: Charlie! } \emptyset; \text{ Bob: Dave! } \emptyset\}$$

- Here:

$$\vdash \{\text{Charlie, Dave}\} \text{ reads } \ell$$

- Myers and Liskov:

$$\not\vdash \{\text{Dave, Charlie}\} \text{ reads } \ell$$

We don't consider an explicit *acts-for-hierarchy*.

- It should work technically but is orthogonal.
- Intuitively, principal sets “act for” component principals.
- Key difference:
 - Myers and Liskov: Calculate readers, then close under acts-for.
 - Here: Close under acts-for, then calculate readers.

Theorem (Expression noninterference)

If

- $\Theta \vdash M_1 \text{ OK}, \Theta \vdash M_2 \text{ OK}$ and $\Theta \vdash M_1 \cong_\ell M_2$
- $\Theta; \cdot \vdash e_1 : \tau\{\ell_e\}$ and $e_1 \cong_\ell e_2$ where $\ell_e \leq \ell$
- $\bar{p}; M_1 \vdash e_1 \rightarrow^* v_1$ and $\bar{p}; M_2 \vdash e_2 \rightarrow^* v_2$

then $v_1 \cong_\ell v_2$.

Command evaluation respects noninterference.

Theorem (Command Noninterference)

If

- $\Theta \vdash M_1 \text{ OK}, \Theta \vdash M_2 \text{ OK}$ and $\Theta \vdash M_1 \cong_\ell M_2$
- $pc; \Theta; \cdot \vdash c_1$ and $c_1 \cong_\ell c_2$
- $\bar{p} \vdash \langle M_1, c_1 \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle M'_1, \text{skip} \rangle$ and
 $\bar{p} \vdash \langle M_2, c_2 \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle M'_2, \text{skip} \rangle$

then $\Theta \vdash M'_1 \cong_\ell M'_2$.

Adequacy theorems: compilation is secret preserving.

Lemma (Adequacy of Value Translation)

If $v_1 \cong_\ell v_2$ and $\bar{\kappa}$ is fresh then $v \llbracket v_1 \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}} \cong_\ell v \llbracket v_2 \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}}$.

Corollary (Adequacy of Memory Translation)

If $\Theta \vdash M_1 \cong_\ell M_2$ and $\bar{\kappa}$ is fresh then $M \llbracket M_1 \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}}^\Theta \cong_\ell M \llbracket M_2 \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}}^\Theta$.

Realizable operations simulate SImp evaluation.

Theorem (Feasibility)

If

- $\Theta \vdash M \text{ OK}$
- $pc; \Theta; \Gamma \vdash c$
- \bar{p} reads pc and \bar{p} writes pc ,
- $\bar{p} \vdash \langle M, c \rangle \rightarrow \langle M', c' \rangle$

then

$$\exists \bar{\kappa}_3, \bar{\kappa}_4. \vdash M \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}_1}^{\Theta} \cup \text{state}(\bar{\kappa}_2, \bar{p}, c) \rightarrow^* M \llbracket M' \rrbracket_{\bar{\kappa}_3}^{\Theta} \cup \text{state}(\bar{\kappa}_4, \bar{p}, c).$$

Only some operations are cryptographically realizable.

Definition

$$\frac{}{\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \sigma, \text{knows } (K_{\kappa}^+, K_{\kappa}^-)} \text{CS-FRESH} \quad \kappa \text{ fresh}$$

$$\frac{\text{CS-DERIVE} \quad \sigma \vdash_d m}{\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \sigma, \text{knows } m}$$

$$\frac{\text{CS-FORGET} \quad \sigma' \subseteq \sigma}{\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \sigma'}$$

$$\frac{\text{CS-COMPUTE} \quad \sigma \vdash_d "i_1" \quad \sigma \vdash_d "i_2"}{\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \sigma, "i_3"} \quad \text{where } i_3 = i_1 + i_2$$