

Typing Computationally Secure Information Flow in Jif

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Jif

- An extension of Java
- Extends types with **security labels**

$\text{int}\{A \rightarrow B; B \rightarrow A, C; A \leftarrow C, D\} x;$

- ◆ $B \rightarrow A, C$: B allows A and C (and B) to read the given data.
- ◆ $A \leftarrow C, D$: A thinks that only C and D (and A) can affect that data.
- Jif statically enforces those policies
 - ◆ Declassification and endorsement are possible
- **acts-for** hierarchy of principals. \top and \perp principal.
- Operations with principals:
 - ◆ Conjunction: $A \& B$ acts for both A and B
 - ◆ Disjunction: Both A and B act for A, B

A type system for CSIF

- Security types for a simple imperative language with key generation and symmetric encryption. [Laud&Vene, FCT 2005]
- The **information type** of a variable gives its potential dependencies of sensitive data
- Sensitive data — secrets **h** and key generations
 - ◆ \mathcal{G} — the set of all program points with key generations
 - ◆ $\mathcal{T}_0 = \{\mathbf{h}\} \cup \mathcal{G}$
 - ◆ $\mathcal{T}_1 = \{t_N \mid t \in \mathcal{T}_0, N \subseteq \mathcal{G}\} \quad t_N \leq t_{N'} \text{ iff } N \supseteq N'$
 - ◆ $\mathcal{T}_2 = \wp(\mathcal{T}_1) / \equiv$ information types
 - \equiv contains $\leq \cap \geq$
 - If $t_{N \cup \{i\}} \in T$ and $i_\emptyset \in T$ then $T \equiv T \cup \{t_N\}$
- The **usage type** of a variable is either Data or Key_N for $N \subseteq \mathcal{G}$.
 - ◆ $\langle T, \text{Data} \rangle \leq \langle T', \text{Data} \rangle$ if $T \leq T'$
 - ◆ $\langle T, \text{Key}_N \rangle \leq \langle T', \text{Key}_{N'} \rangle$ if $T \leq T'$ and $N \subseteq N'$
 - ◆ $\langle T, \text{Key}_N \rangle \leq \langle T \cup N, \text{Data} \rangle$ if $T \leq T'$

Typing constraints

- *if* $b \dots x := E(\dots, y, \dots)$
 - ◆ $\text{use}(\gamma(x)) = \text{Data}; \gamma(x) \geq \gamma(y); \gamma(x) \geq \gamma(b)$
- *if* $b \dots x := \text{keygen}^g$
 - ◆ $\gamma(x) \geq \langle \text{info}(\gamma_{\text{Data}}(b)), \text{Key}_{\{g\}} \rangle$
- *if* $b \dots x := y$
 - ◆ $\gamma(x) \geq \langle \text{info}(\gamma(y)) \cup \text{info}(\gamma_{\text{Data}}(b)), \text{use}(\gamma(y)) \rangle;$
- *if* $b \dots x := \text{enc}_k(y)$
 - ◆ let $\text{Key}_M = \text{use}(\gamma(k))$
 - ◆ let $T = \text{info}(\gamma_{\text{Data}}(y)) \cup \text{info}(\gamma(k))$
 - ◆ $\text{info}(\gamma(x)) \geq \{t_{N \cup \{i\}} \mid t_N \in T, i \in M\}$
 - ◆ $\gamma(x) \geq \gamma_{\text{Data}}(b)$
- The lub of information types of all public variables must not be $\geq h$.

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- A principal for each key generation.
- Use declassification to get the right result type of encryption.
- Define a Key-class.
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- Main difference between Jif's labels and CSIF type system's types:
 - ◆ types describe, how things are
 - ◆ labels describe, how things must be

Ideas, more precisely

- Principals G and \overline{G} for each key generation g .
 - ◆ G is allowed to know the keys generated at g .
 - ◆ \overline{G} surely does not know the keys generated at g .
 - ◆ $G \& \overline{G} \equiv \top$
- If x may be read by P and k is generated at g , then $\text{enc}_k(x)$ may be read by P, \overline{G} .
- At $k := \text{keygen}^g$, variable k may be read by \perp . But G will be stored in the created key object.
 - ◆ To use the value of the key, use a method `value()`. The label of the return value of this method is strengthened to include G .

The implementation

```
Class Key [covariant label l1, covariant label l2] {  
  final byte[ ] {this} key;  
  
  Key() {  
    this.key = real_keygen();  
  }  
  
  String {pt meet l2} encrypt {this} (principal p, String pt)  
    where {pt, this} ≤ {p → ⊤; p ← ⊤}, caller(p) {  
    String r = real_encrypt(key, pt);  
    return declassify(r, {pt meet l2; p ← ⊤});  
  }  
  
  String {this ; l1} value() {  
    return new String(key);  
  }  
}
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  }  
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    where { $pt, this$ }  $\leq$  { $p \rightarrow \top; p \leftarrow \top$ }, caller( $p$ ) {  
      String  $r$  = real_encrypt( $key, pt$ );  
      return declassify( $r, \{pt$  meet  $l2; p \leftarrow \top\}$ );  
    }  
  String{this ;  $l1$ } value() {  
    return new String( $key$ );  
  }  
}
```

$l1 \equiv \{p \rightarrow G_1 \& \dots \& G_n; p \leftarrow \top\}$
 $l2 \equiv \{p \rightarrow \overline{G}_1 \& \dots \& \overline{G}_n; p \leftarrow \top\}$

Example

```
public static void main $\{p \leftarrow \top\}$ (principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )  
    where caller( $p$ ) {  
        PrintStream $\{p \rightarrow \overline{G_1}; p \leftarrow \top\}$   $out = \dots$ ;  
        Key $\{p \rightarrow G_1; p \leftarrow \top\}, \{p \rightarrow \overline{G_1}; p \leftarrow \top\}$   $k =$   
            new Key $\{p \rightarrow G_1; p \leftarrow \top\}, \{p \rightarrow \overline{G_1}; p \leftarrow \top\}$ (new);  
        String $\{p \rightarrow H; p \leftarrow \top\}$   $pt = \dots$ ;  
        String  $x = k.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;  
         $out.println(x)$ ;  
    }
```

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```
public static void main( $\{p \leftarrow \top\}$ (principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
    where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{p \rightarrow \overline{G}_1; p \leftarrow \top\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{p \rightarrow G_1; p \leftarrow \top\}, \{p \rightarrow \overline{G}_1; p \leftarrow \top\}$ ]  $k =$ 
        new Key[ $\{p \rightarrow G_1; p \leftarrow \top\}, \{p \rightarrow \overline{G}_1; p \leftarrow \top\}$ ]();
    String[ $\{p \rightarrow H; p \leftarrow \top\}$ ]  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
     $out.println(x)$ ;
}
```

Denote $p \rightarrow P; p \leftarrow \top$ with \mathbf{P} .

Example

```
public static void main{ $p \leftarrow \top$ }(principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
  where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $k = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]();
    String[ $\{H\}$ ]  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
     $out.println(x)$ ;
  }
```

- Label at the declaration of out must be of the form $\{G_{i_1} \& \dots \& G_{i_k} \& \overline{G_{j_1}} \& \dots \& \overline{G_{j_l}}\}$ with $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \cap \{j_1, \dots, j_l\} = \emptyset$.
- The form of key classes must be $\text{Key}[\{G_{i_1} \& \dots \& G_{i_k}\}, \{\overline{G_{i_1}} \& \dots \& \overline{G_{i_k}}\}]$ with $k \geq 1$.

These are simple syntactic checks.

Example 2

```
public static void main{ $p \leftarrow \top$ }(principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
  where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{\overline{G_1 \& G_2}\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $k_1 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]  $k_2 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]();
    String{ $H$ }  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k_1.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
    String  $y = k_2.encrypt(p, k_1.value())$ ;
     $out.println(x + " " + y)$ ;
  }
```

Example 3

```
public static void main{ $p \leftarrow \top$ }(principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
  where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{G_1 \& \overline{G_2}\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $k_1 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]  $k_2 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]();
    String{ $H$ }  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k_1.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
    String  $y = k_2.encrypt(p, x)$ ;
     $out.println(x + " " + k_1.value())$ ;
  }
```

Example 4

```
public static void main{ $p \leftarrow \top$ }(principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
  where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{\overline{G_1 \& G_2}\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $k_1 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]  $k_2 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_1 \& G_2\}, \{\overline{G_1 \& G_2}\}$ ]  $k_3 = low ? k_1 : k_2$ ;
    String{ $H$ }  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k_3.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
     $out.println(x)$ ;
  }
```

Failing Example

```
public static void main{ $p \leftarrow \top$ }(principal  $p$ , String  $args[]$ )
  where caller( $p$ ) {
    PrintStream[ $\{\overline{G_1 \& G_2}\}$ ]  $out = \dots$ ;
    Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]  $k_1 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_1\}, \{\overline{G_1}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]  $k_2 = \mathbf{new}$  Key[ $\{G_2\}, \{\overline{G_2}\}$ ]();
    Key[ $\{G_1 \& G_2\}, \{\overline{G_1 \& G_2}\}$ ]  $k_3 = \mathit{high} ? k_1 : k_2$ ;
    String{ $H$ }  $pt = \dots$ ;
    String  $x = k_3.encrypt(p, pt)$ ;
     $out.println(x)$ ;
  }
```

- CSIF type system accepts this example.
- At $x = y.m(\dots)$, Jif generates the constraint $\{x\} \geq \{y\}$.

Static method for encryption

```
Class Key [covariant label l1, covariant label l2] {  
    final byte[ ] {this} key;  
  
    String {pt meet l2} encrypt {this} (principal p, String pt)  
        where {pt, this} ≤ {p → ⊤; p ← ⊤}, caller(p) {  
        String r = real_encrypt(key, pt);  
        return declassify(r, {pt meet l2; p ← ⊤});  
    }  
  
    static String {pt meet l2; k meet l2} sencrypt {this}  
        (principal p, Key[l1, l2] k, String pt) throws NullPointerException  
        where {pt, k} ≤ {p → ⊤; p ← ⊤}, caller(p) {  
        byte[ ] kv = declassify(k, k meet l2).key;  
        String r = real_encrypt(kv, pt);  
        return declassify(r, {pt meet l2; k meet l2; p ← ⊤});  
    }  
}
```

Future work

- Implement the CSIF type system “properly”, by modifying Jif and increasing the expressiveness of its policies.
 - ◆ Then the [encryption cycles](#) could be modelled, too.
- Study the information flow in a language with both declassification / endorsement and encryption.