

UMLSec

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Objective



- Overview of UMLSec
 - How UML has been extended with security construct
 - Some security constructs in UMLSec
 - Validation of design
- Acknowledgement: Courtesy of Jan Jurgens

Quality vs. cost



- Systems on which human life and commercial assets depend need **careful** development.
- Systems operating under possible system failure or attack need to be free from **weaknesses/flaws**
- **Correctness** in conflict with **cost**.
- Thorough methods of system design not used if too **expensive**.

Problems



- Many **flaws** found in designs of security-critical systems, sometimes years after publication or use.
- Spectacular Example (1997):
 - NSA hacker team breaks into U.S. Department of Defense computers and the U.S. Electric power grid system.
 - Simulates power outages and 911 emergency telephone overloads in Washington, D.C..

Causes I



- Designing secure systems correctly is **difficult**.
- Even experts may fail:
 - Needham-Schroeder protocol (1978)
 - attacks found 1981 (Denning, Sacco), 1995 (Lowe)
- Designers often **lack** background in security.
- Security as an **afterthought**.

Causes II



- “Blind” use of mechanisms:
 - Security often **compromised** by circumventing (rather than **breaking**) them.
 - Assumptions on system **context**, physical environment.

*“Those who think that their problem can be solved by simply applying cryptography don’t understand cryptography and don’t understand their problem”
(Lampson, Needham).*

Previous approaches



- “Penetrate-and-patch”: unsatisfactory.
 - insecure
 - damage until discovered
 - disruptive
 - distributing patches costs money, destroys confidence, annoys customers
- Traditional formal methods: expensive.
 - training people
 - constructing formal specifications.

Holistic view on Security



- Saltzer, Schroeder 1975:
 - “An expansive view of the problem is most appropriate to help ensure that no gaps appear in the strategy”
 - But “no complete method applicable to the construction of large general-purpose systems exists yet” (since 1975)

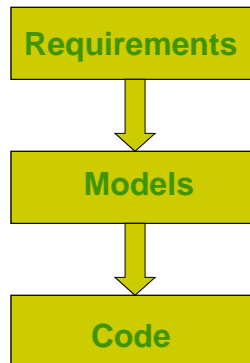
Model-based Security



- Goal:

- Make the **transition** from human **ideas** to executed systems easy
- Increase **quality/assurance** with bounded **time-to-market** and **cost**.

Relatively abstract



Goal: Secure by Design



Consider critical properties

- from very **early** stages
- within **development** context
- taking an **expansive** view
- **seamlessly** throughout the development lifecycle.

High Assurance/Secure design by **model analysis**.

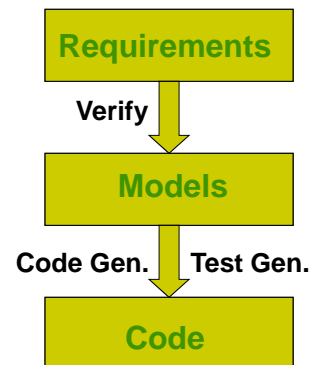
High Assurance/Secure implementation by **test generation**.

Model-based Security Engineering



Combined strategy:

- Verify models against requirements
- Generate code from models where reasonable
- Write code and generate test sequences



Secure by design



- Establish the system fulfills the security requirements
 - At the design level
 - By analyzing the model
- Make sure the code is secure
 - Generate test sequences from the model

Using UML



- UML
 - Provides opportunity for **high-quality** and **cost- and time-efficient** high-assurance systems development:
- De-facto **standard** in industrial modeling: large number of developers trained in UML.
- **Relatively precisely** defined
- Many **tools** (specifications, simulation, ...).

Challenges



- **Adapt** UML to critical system application domains.
- **Correct use** of UML in the application domains.
- Conflict between **flexibility** and **unambiguity** in the meaning of a notation.
- Improving **tool-support** for critical systems development with UML (analysis, ...).

Requirements on UML extension



Mandatory requirements:

- Provide basic **security requirements** such as secrecy/confidentiality and integrity.
- Allow considering different **threat scenarios** depending on adversary strengths.
- Allow including important **security concepts** (e.g. tamper-resistant hardware).
- Allow incorporating **security mechanisms** (e.g. access control).

Requirements on UML extension



- Provide **security primitives**
 - e.g. (a)symmetric encryption
- Allow considering underlying **physical security**.
- Allow addressing **security management**
 - e.g. secure workflow
- Optional requirements:
 - Include **domain-specific** security knowledge
 - Java, smart cards, CORBA, ...

UML Extension Goals



- Extensions for **high assurance systems** development.
 - evaluate UML specifications for **weaknesses** in design
 - encapsulate **established rules** of prudent critical/secure systems engineering as **checklist**
 - makes available to developers **not specialized** in critical systems
 - consider critical requirements from **early** design phases, in system context
 - make certification **cost-effective**

The High-assurance design UML profiles



- **Recurring** *critical security requirements*, **failure/adversary scenarios**, concepts offered as **stereotypes** with **tags** at component-level.
- Use associated **constraints** to **evaluate** specifications and indicate possible weaknesses.

UML Profile

 - Ensures that UML specification **provides** desired level of critical requirements.
- Link to code via test-sequence generation.

UML - Review



Unified Modeling Language (UML):

- **visual** modeling for OO systems
- different **views** on a system
- high degree of **abstraction** possible
- de-facto industry **standard** (OMG)
- standard **extension** mechanisms

Summary of UML Components



- Use case diagram
 - discuss requirements of the system
- Class diagram
 - data structure of the system
- Statechart diagram
 - dynamic component behavior
- Activity diagram
 - flow of control between components
- Sequence diagram
 - interaction by message exchange
- Deployment diagram
 - physical environment
- Package/Subsystem
 - collect diagrams for system part

Current: UML 1.5 (as of 210)
[<http://www.omg.org/spec/UML/2.3/>]



UML Extension mechanisms

- Stereotype
 - specialize model element using «label».
 - Adds security relevant information to model elements
- Tagged value
 - attach {tag=value} pair to stereotyped element
- Constraint
 - refine semantics of stereotyped element.
- Profile:
 - gather above information.



Stereotypes

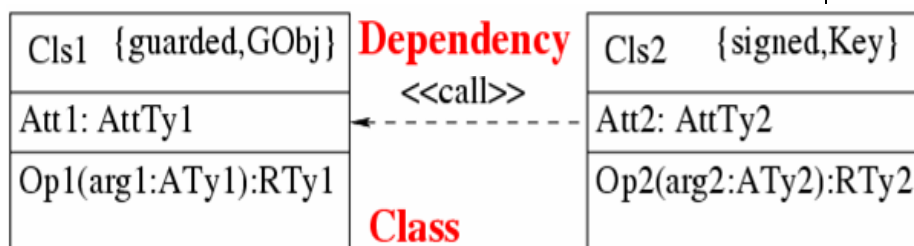
- Central idea – stereotypes
- Add security relevant information to model elements of three kinds
 - Security assumptions on the physical level of the systems: e.g., «Internet»
 - Security requirements on
 - the logical structure of the system, e.g., «secrecy» or
 - a specific data value, e.g., «critical»

Stereotypes



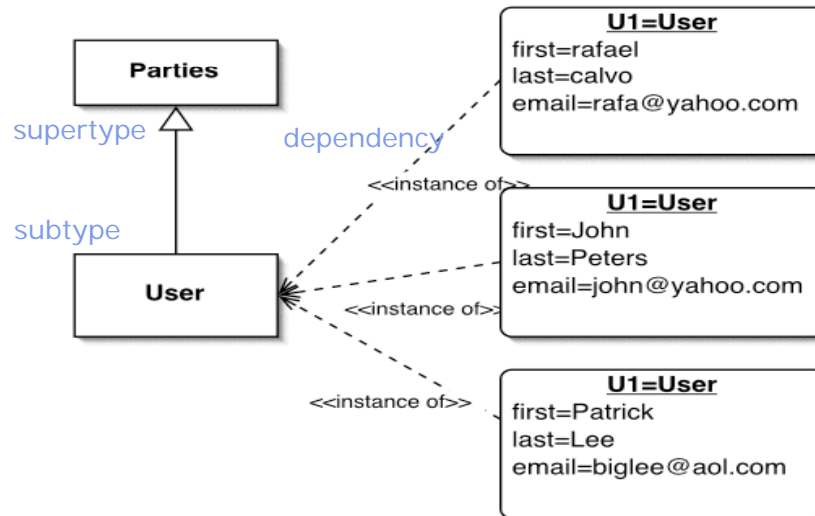
- Security policies that the system parts are supposed to obey; e.g.
 - «fair exchange», «secure links», «data security», «no down-flow»
- First two cases
 - Simply add some additional information to a model
- Third one
 - Constraints are associated that needs to be satisfied by the model

UML run-through: Class diagrams

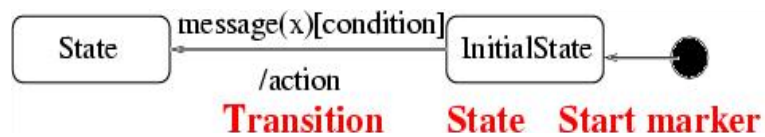


- Class structure of system.
- Classes with attributes and operations/signals;
 - relationships between classes.

UML run-through: Dependency



UML run-through: Statecharts

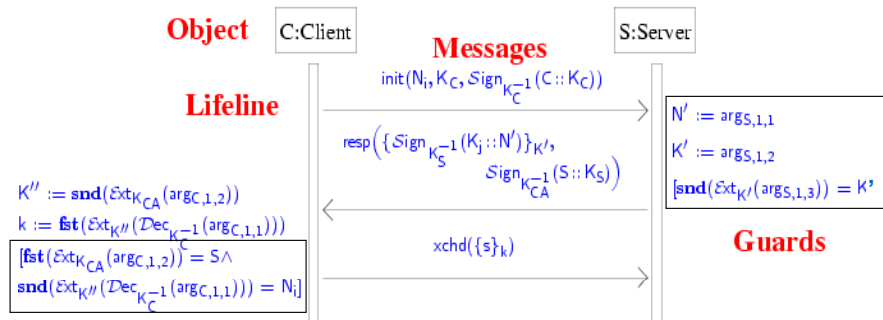


- **Dynamic behavior** of individual component.
- Input events cause state change and output actions.

e[g]/a

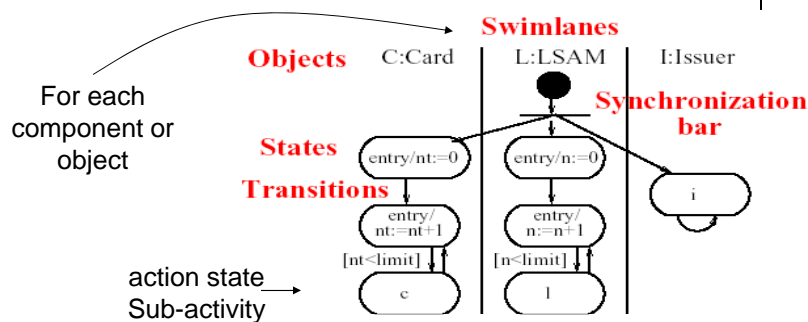
event[guard]/action

UML run-through: Sequence Diagrams



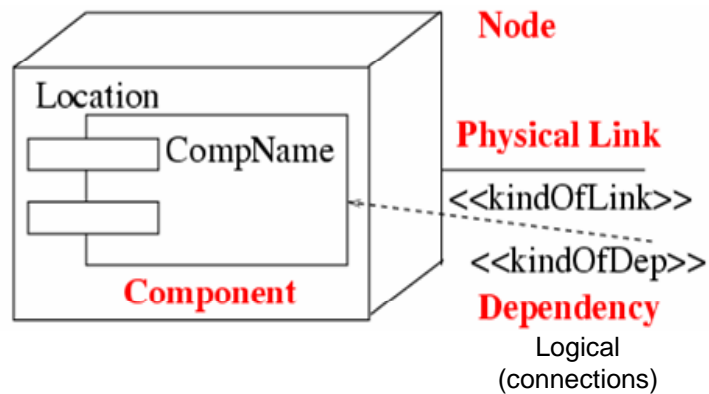
- Describe **interaction** between objects or components via **message exchange**.

UML run-through: Activity diagrams



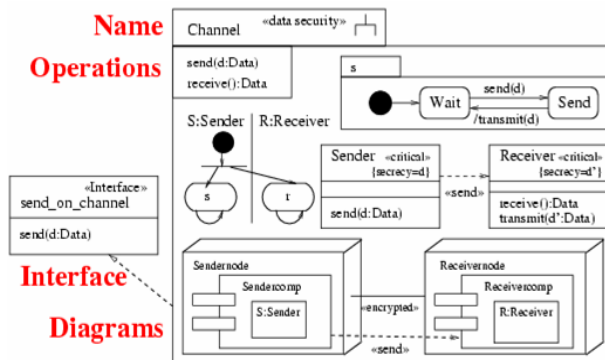
- Specify the **control flow** between components within the system, at higher degree of abstraction than state-charts and sequence diagrams.

UML Deployment diagrams



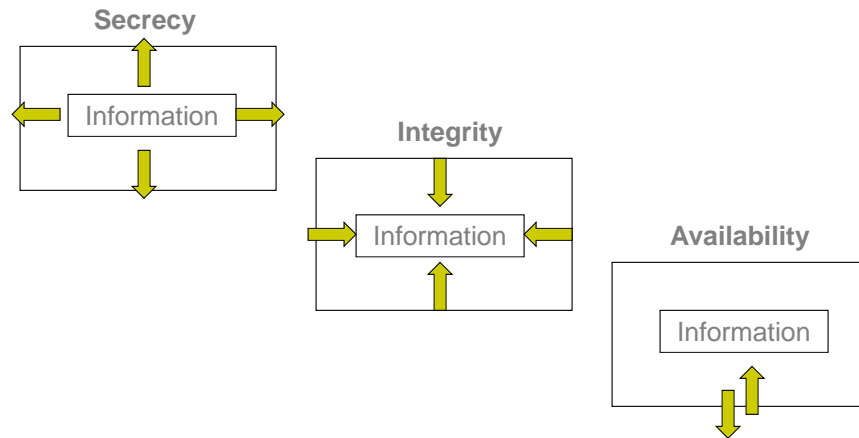
- Describe the **physical layer** on which the system is to be implemented.

UML Package



- May be used to organize model elements into groups within a physical system

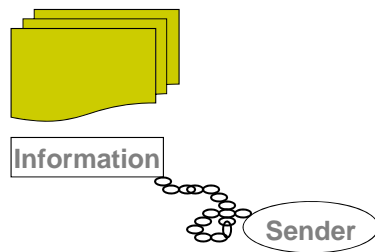
Basic Security Requirements



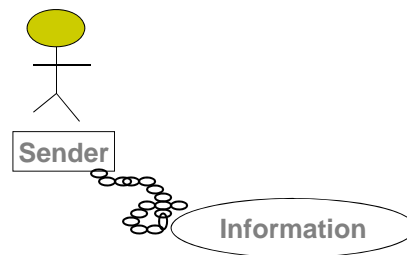
Basic Security Requirements II



Authenticity



Nonrepudiability



UMLsec profile

Stereotype	Base Class	Tags	Constraints	Description
fair exchange	subsystem	start, stop, adversary	after start eventually reach stop	enforce fair exchange
provable	subsystem	action, cert, adversary	action is non-deniable	non-repudiation requirement
rbac	subsystem	protected, role, right	only permitted activities executed	enforces role-based access control
Internet	link			Internet connection
encrypted	link			encrypted connection
LAN	link, node			LAN connection
wire	link			wire
smart card	node			smart card node
POS device	node			POS device
issuer node	node			issuer node
secrecy	dependency			assumes secrecy
integrity	dependency			assumes integrity
high	dependency			high sensitivity
critical	object, subsystem	secrecy, integrity, authenticity, high, fresh, adversary		critical object
secure links	subsystem		dependency security matched by links	enforces secure communication links
secure dependency	subsystem		«call», «send» respect data security	structural interaction data security
data security	subsystem	adversary, integ., auth.	provides secrecy, integrity, authenticity, freshness	basic data security requirements
no down-flow	subsystem		prevents down-flow	information flow condition
no up-flow	subsystem		prevents up-flow	information flow condition
guarded access	subsystem		guarded objects accessed through guards	access control using guard objects
guarded	object	guard		guarded object

Fig. 4.1. UMLsec stereotypes

UMLsec profile

Tag	Stereotype	Type	Multip.	Description
start	fair exchange	state	*	start states
stop	fair exchange	state	*	stop states
adversary	fair exchange	adversary model	1	adversary type
action	provable	state	*	provable action
cert	provable	expression	*	certificate
adversary	provable	adversary model	*	adversary type
protected	rbac	state	*	protected resources
role	rbac	(actor, role)	*	assign role to actor
right	rbac	(role, right)	*	assign right to role
secrecy	critical	data	*	secrecy of data
integrity	critical	(variable, expression)	*	integrity of data
authenticity	critical	(data, origin)	*	authenticity of data
high	critical	message	*	high-level message
fresh	critical	data	*	fresh data
adversary	secure links	adversary model	1	adversary type
adversary	data security	adversary model	1	adversary type
integrity	data security	(variable, expression)	*	integrity of data
authenticity	data security	(data, origin)	*	authenticity of data
guard	guarded	object name	1	guard object

Fig. 4.2. UMLsec tags

<<Internet>> , <<encrypted>> ,

...

- Kinds of communication **links** (resp. system **nodes**)
- For adversary type **A**, stereotype **s**, have
 - $Threats_A(s) \subseteq \{\text{delete, read, insert, access}\}$ of actions that adversaries are capable of.

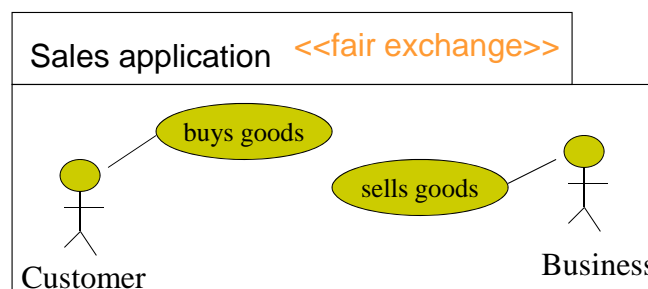
	Stereotype	Threats _{default()}
Default attacker →	•Internet	{delete, read, insert}
	•encrypted	{delete}
	•LAN	∅
	•smart card	∅

Insider
attacker?

Directly access
a physical node

For links

Requirements with use case diagrams



- Capture **security requirements** in **use case** diagrams.
- **Constraint**:
 - need to appear in corresponding activity diagram.

«fair exchange»

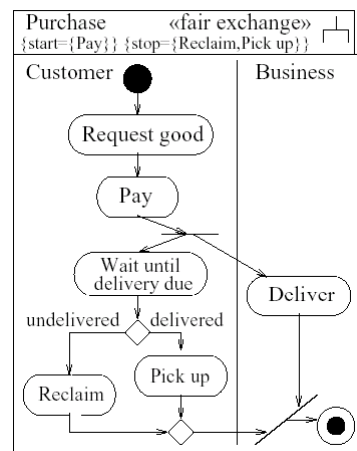
- Ensures generic **fair exchange** condition
 - Avoid cheating
- **Constraint:**
 - after a **{start}** state in activity diagram is reached, eventually reach **{stop}** state.
 - Cannot be ensured for systems that an attacker can stop completely.



«fair exchange»

- Customer buys a good from a business.
- **Fair exchange** means:
 - after payment, customer is eventually either **delivered** good or able to **reclaim** payment.

“Pay” may be «provable»



<<secure links>>

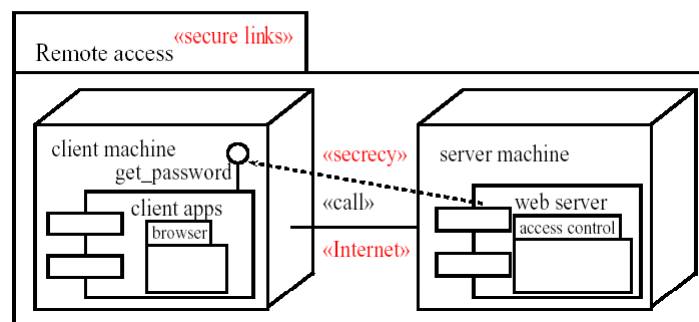
Example

- Ensures that physical layer meets security requirements on **communication**.
- Constraint:
 - for each dependency d with stereotype s in {**<<secrecy>>**, **<<integrity>>**, **<<high>>**} between components on nodes n , m , have a communication link l between n and m such that
 - if $s = \text{<<high>>}$: we have $\text{Threats}_A(l)$ is empty.
 - if $s = \text{<<secrecy>>}$: we have $\text{read} \notin \text{Threats}_A(l)$.
 - if $s = \text{<<integrity>>}$: we have $\text{insert} \notin \text{Threats}_A(l)$.



<<secure links>>

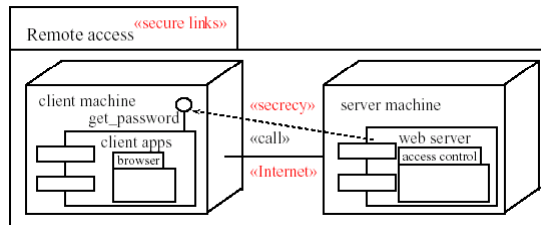
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- Given **default** adversary type, is **<<secure links>>** provided ?



<<secure links>> Example



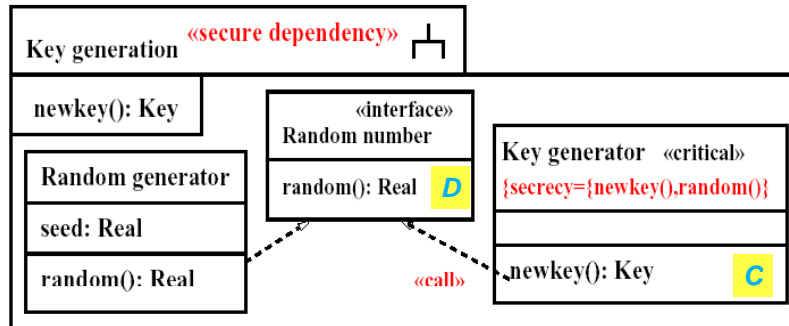
- Given **default** adversary type, constraint for stereotype **<<secure links>>** **violated**:
 - According to the **Threats_{default}(Internet)** scenario
 - ($\text{read} \in \text{Threats}_{\text{default}}(\text{Internet})$),
 - <<Internet>>** link does not provide secrecy against default adversary.

<<secure dependency>>



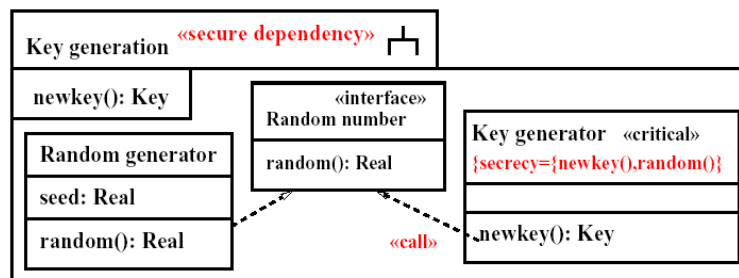
- Ensure that **<<call>>** and **<<send>>** dependencies between components **respect** security requirements on communicated data given by tags **{secrecy}**, **{integrity}** and **{high}**.
- Constraint:
 - for **<<call>>** or **<<send>>** dependency from **C** to **D** (for **{secrecy}**):
 - Msg in **D** is in tag **{secrecy}** in **C** if and only if also in **D**.
 - If msg in **D** is in tag **{secrecy}** in **C**, dependency is stereotyped **<<secrecy>>**.

Example <<secure dependency>>



<<secure dependency>> provided ?

Example <<secure dependency>>



Violates <<secure dependency>> : Random generator and <<call>> dependency do not give security level for random().

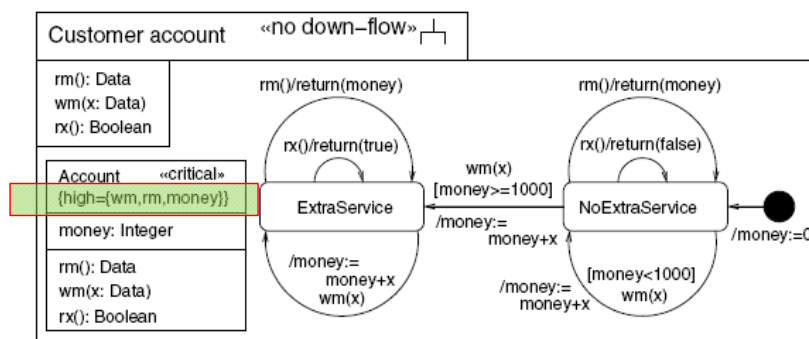
<<no down-flow>>

- Enforce secure **information flow**.
- Constraint:
 - Value of any data specified in **{high}** may influence **only** the values of data also specified in **{high}**.

Formalize by referring to formal behavioral semantics.



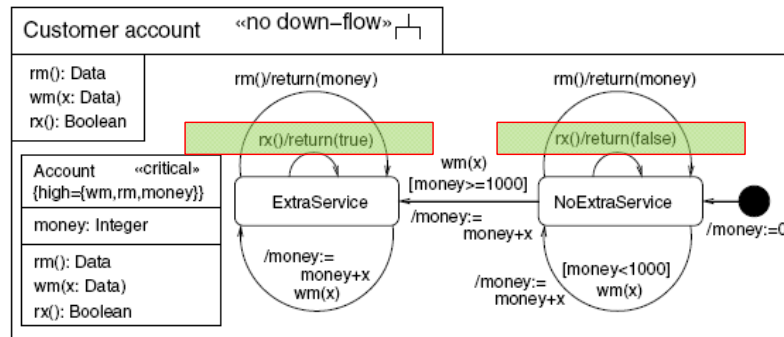
Example <<no down-flow>>



<<no down-flow>> provided ?



Example <<no down-flow>>



- <<no down-flow>> violated: partial information on input of high **wm()** returned by non-high **rx()**.

<<data security>>

- Behavior of Subsystem with this tag respects
 - Security requirements of data marked <<critical>> enforced against A from deployment diagram.
- Constraints:
 - Secrecy {secrecy} of data preserved against A
 - Integrity {integrity} of (v, E) preserved against A
 - Authenticity {authenticity} of (a, o) preserved against A
 - Freshness {fresh} : data in Data U I fresh

Default (E is not mentioned):
A should not be able to make the variable v take on a value previously known only to him

Assumption: A does not know data being protected

Notation

- $_ :: _$ (concatenation)
- $\text{head}(_)$ and $\text{tail}(_)$ (head and tail of a concatenation)
- $\{_\}__$ (encryption)
- $\text{Dec}__$ (decryption)
- $\text{Sign}__$ (signing)
- $\text{Ext}__$ (extracting from signature)
- $\text{Hash}(_)$ (hashing)

by factoring out the equations:

- $\text{Dec}_{K^{-1}}(\{E\}_K) = E$ (for all $E \in \mathbf{Exp}$ and $K \in \mathbf{Keys}$)
- $\text{Ext}_K(\text{Sign}_{K^{-1}}(E)) = E$ (for all $E \in \mathbf{Exp}$ and $K \in \mathbf{Keys}$)
- and the usual laws regarding concatenation, $\text{head}()$, and $\text{tail}()$:
 - $(E_1 :: E_2) :: E_3 = E_1 :: (E_2 :: E_3)$ (for all $E_1, E_2, E_3 \in \mathbf{Exp}$)
 - $\text{head}(E_1 :: E_2) = E_1$ (for all expressions $E_1, E_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}$) and
 - $\text{tail}(E_1 :: E_2) = E_2$ (for all expressions $E_1, E_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}$ such that there exist no E, E' with $E_1 = E :: E'$). For all other cases, $\text{head}()$ and $\text{tail}()$ are undefined.

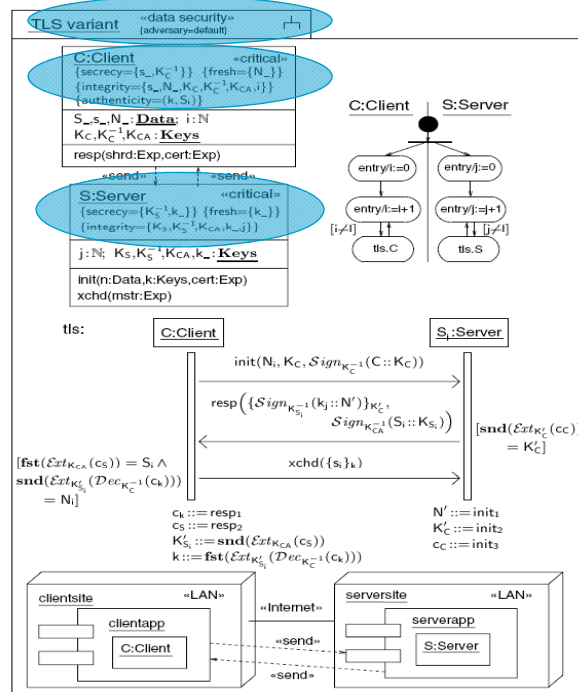
For each $E \in \mathbf{Exp}$, we use the following abbreviations:

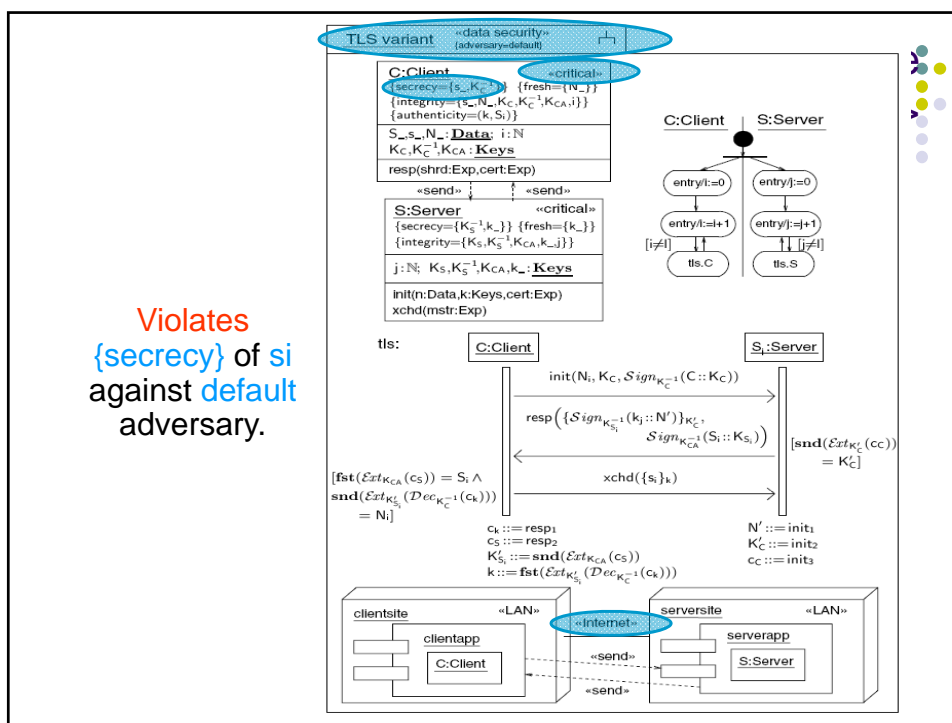
- $\text{fst}(E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{head}(E)$
- $\text{snd}(E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{head}(\text{tail}(E))$
- $\text{thd}(E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{head}(\text{tail}(\text{tail}(E)))$.

TLS goals: Secure channel between client and server

-Secrecy and Server Authenticity

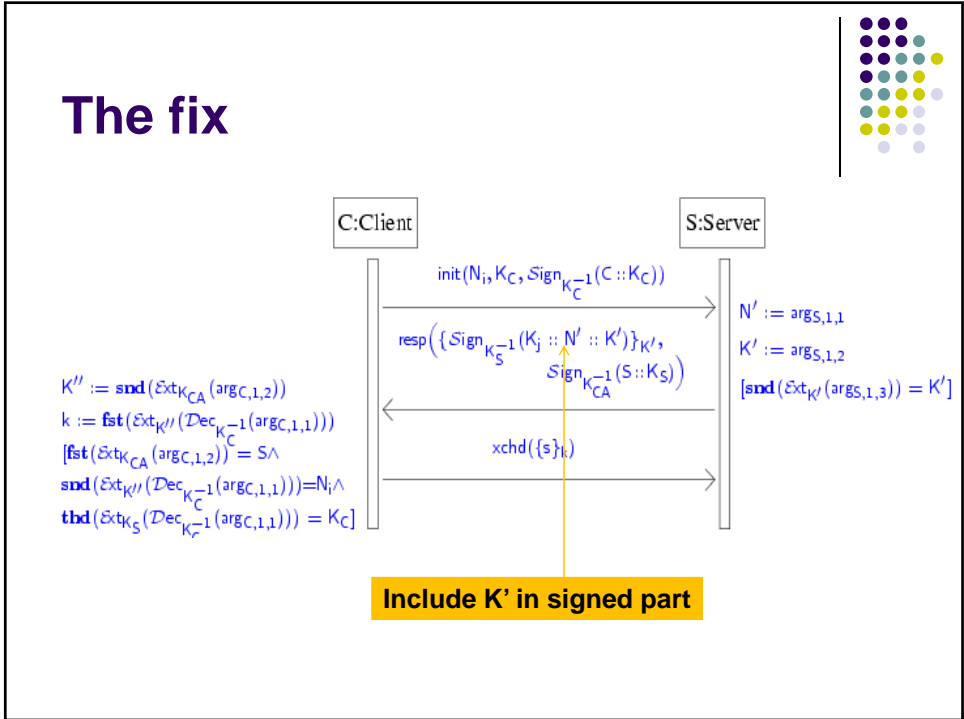
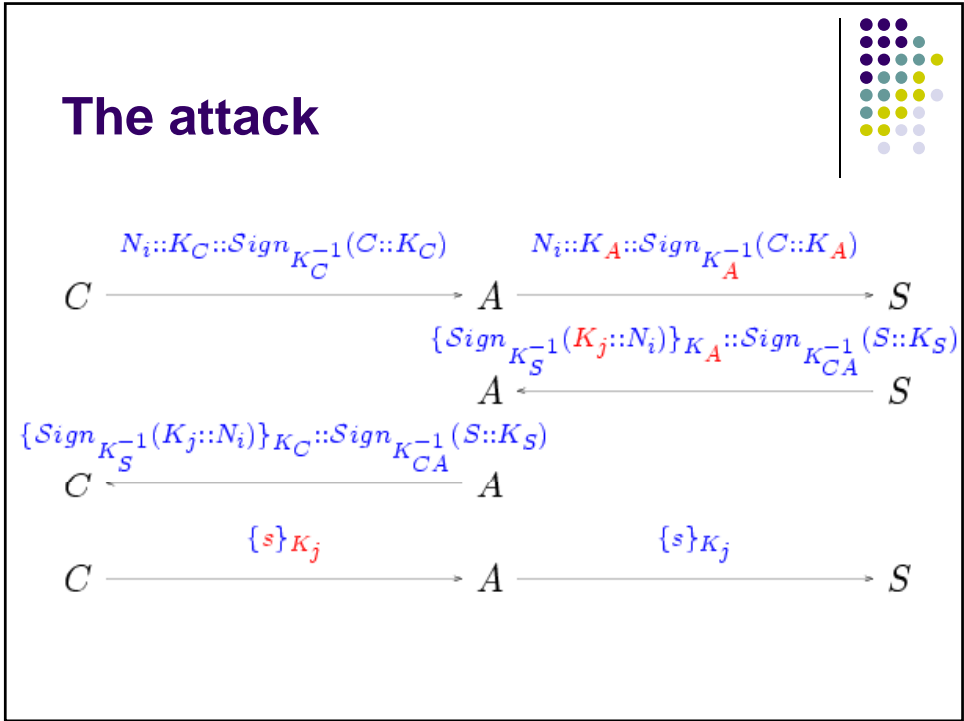
Variant of TLS (INFOCOM'99):
 <<data security>>
 against default adversary provided ?





Surprise

- Add $knows(K_S) \wedge knows(K_A) \wedge knows(K_A^{-1})$ (general previous knowledge of own keys).
- Then can derive $knows(s_i)$ (!).
- That is: $C||S$ does not preserve secrecy of s against adversaries whose initial knowledge contains K_A, K_S, K_A^{-1}
- Man-in-the-middle attack.



<<guarded access>>



- Ensures that in Java, <<guarded>> classes only accessed through {guard} classes.
- Constraints:
 - References of <<guarded>> objects remain secret.
 - Each <<guarded>> class has {guard} class.

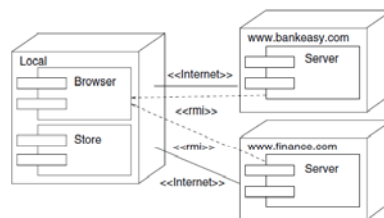
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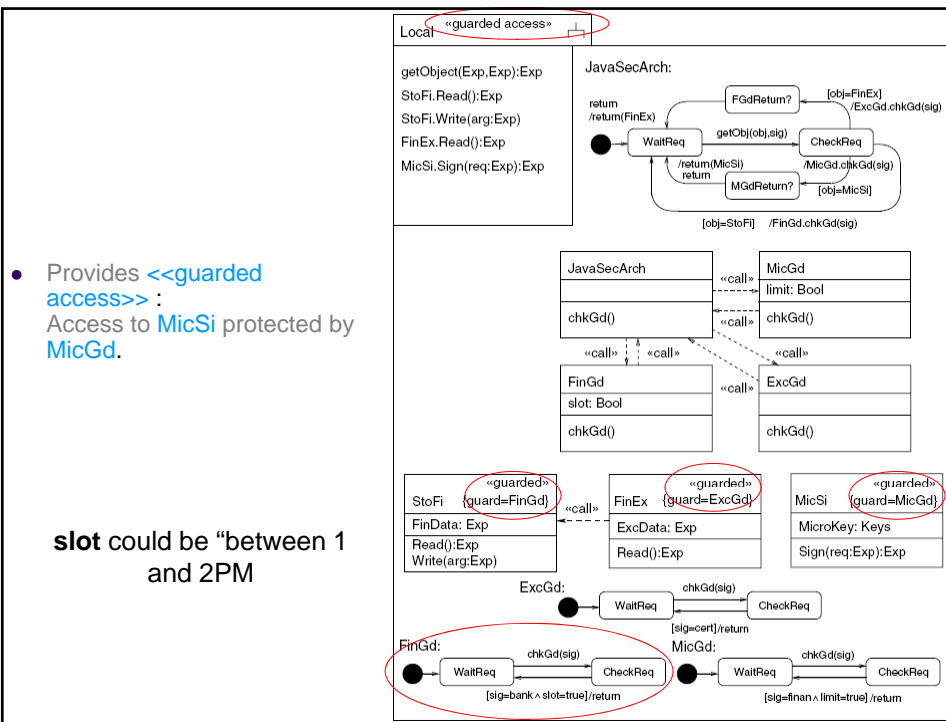


- Web-based financial application
 - Internet Bank: BankEasy &
 - Financial advisor: Finance
- A local client needs to provide applets from these certain privileges
 - Access to local financial data: using GuardedObjects
 - Guarded objects: StoFi, FinEx, MicSi
 - Guard object: FinGd, ExpGd, MicGd

Example: applets that are signed by the bank can read and write the financial data stored in local database, but only between 1 – 2PM

- Enforced by FinGd guard object:
 - Slot is fulfilled iff time is 1-2PM





Does UMLsec meet requirements?

- Security requirements: <<secrecy>> ,...
- Threat scenarios: Use $\text{Threats}_{\text{adv}}(\text{ster})$.
- Security concepts: e.g. <<smart card>> .
- Security mechanisms: e.g. <<guarded access>>.
- Security primitives: Encryption built in.
- Physical security: Given in deployment diagrams.
- Security management: Use activity diagrams.
- Technology specific: Java, CORBA security.

Design Principles



- How principles can be enforced using UMLSec
 - Economy of mechanism
 - Guidance on employment of sec mechanisms to developers – use simple mechanism where appropriate
 - Fails-safe defaults
 - Check on relevant invariants – e.g., when interrupted
 - Complete mediation
 - E.g., guarded access
 - Open design
 - Approach does not use secrecy of design

Design Principles



- Separation of privilege
 - E.g. guarded objects that check for two signatures
- Least privilege
 - Basically meet the functional requirements as specified; includes an algorithm to determine least privilege given a functional specification
- Least Common Mechanism
 - Based on the object oriented approach
- Psychological acceptability
 - Emphasis on ease of development through a standard tool extension

Summary



- UMLSec extension to incorporate security specification
- Threat modeling can be done
- Tool can be used to validate