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Part 1: Verisoft Part 2: Formalizing Input and Output



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Email Client

Our part: A Simple Email Client

- Send & receive email via SMTP
- Sign email & check signatures
- Text based (ASCII)
- No folders (not even an Inbox)

Email Client—Screenshot

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From: "Gerd Beuster" <qb@uni-koblenz.de>
To: "Bernhard Beckert" <beckert@uni-koblenz.de>
Message-ID: <8d6701c3db02$76191724$cb29c023@uni-koblenz.de>
Subject: Verisoft-Spezifikation
X-Signature: SDLJK489342HJFVSFKJWOUI89237CFSDKJOIO398LKSDFJSKLDJ
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2004 16:53:48 +0100
Hallo Bernhard,
wir sollten uns mal ueber die Spezifikation des Email-Clients
unterhalten, Wann hast Du Zeit?
Gruesse,
Gerd
Public Key: DLFJDLSDCMVCDZ53DFDFJL9087/LDIEHJSDLFDJIOEJKLDST/GHSB2SLJ
Private Key: FDSLJF403489VNV XCKLJN3457896T87HSFDJVNS943ZFHFDIUSFHLA8V
(s)end (p)oll | edit (m)ail p(u)b p(r)iv key | (a)dd (c)heck signature
Last Cmd: Check Signature | Result: Signature valid | Processing...
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Email Client—Methods & Tools

Specification:

- Semi-formal specification in UML
- Formal specification in HOL-OCL
- Proofs in Isabelle



Part 2: Formalizing Input and Output

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Software Attacks

- Locking screen & keyboard
- Providing information who locks the resource

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It is essential that only the operating system may change the area where this information is shown!

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- We will provide a methods for the formal specification of text based interactive applications, based on state charts.
- More email specific security issues will be addressed.