

# Secure Information Flow Analysis using KeY

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# Secure Information Flow Overview

## Definition

The attacker cannot learn about **initial** value of **high** variable  $h$  from **final** value of **low** variable  $l$ . (*confidentiality*)

## Example

<i>program</i>	<i>secure?</i>
<code>h=1;</code>	Yes
<code>l=6;</code>	Yes
<code>l=h; l=l-h;</code>	Yes (though insecure parts)
<code>l=h;</code>	No (direct flow)
<code>if(h&gt;=0) l=1; else l=0;</code>	No (indirect flow)

**Equivalent** A variation of **high** input does not cause a variation of **low** output. (*non-interference*)

## Previous Work in KeY

"a variation of **high** input does not cause a variation of **low** output"

$$\forall l, l'. \exists h. \forall h'. (l \doteq l' \rightarrow \langle \{p(l, h); p(l', h')\} \rangle l \doteq l')$$

### Problems:

- doubled program size
- instances of  $h$  might need other variables

### New approach:

- Do not double the program but need to record final state of  $l$ .
- Symbolically execute program until the final value for  $l$  is obvious.
- Using the idea from previous approach, derive a second proof obligation from information of open goals .

# Formalizing Secure Information Flow in KeY

- Definition in .key

```
sorts {
  TermList;
}

functions { //a list for arbitrary terms
  TermList nil;
  Termlist cons(TermList, any);
}

predicates { //to hold final value of low variables
  secure(TermList);
}
```

- Proof obligation

$$\langle \{ \alpha \} \rangle \text{ secure}(L)$$

where  $L$  is the complete TermList of *prog vars* that are supposed to be low

# Verifying Secure Information Flow in KeY I

- If  $\alpha$  terminates properly (not abruptly), after symbolically executing program or applying induction rules correctly on loops we get open goals:

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma_0 \Rightarrow \Delta_{0, \text{secure}} ( \text{cons} \dots ( \text{cons} ( \text{cons} ( \text{nil}, t_{00} ), t_{01} ), \dots t_{0m} ) ) \\ \dots \qquad \qquad \qquad \dots \\ \Gamma_i \Rightarrow \Delta_{i, \text{secure}} ( \text{cons} \dots ( \text{cons} ( \text{cons} ( \text{nil}, t_{i0} ), t_{i1} ), \dots t_{im} ) ) \\ \dots \qquad \qquad \qquad \dots \\ \Gamma_n \Rightarrow \Delta_{n, \text{secure}} ( \text{cons} \dots ( \text{cons} ( \text{cons} ( \text{nil}, t_{n0} ), t_{n1} ), \dots t_{nm} ) ) \end{array}$$

- Each column represents the final values for a low variable.

$$fin(l_j) = \begin{cases} t_{0j} & \text{iff } \Theta_0 \\ \dots & \dots \\ t_{ij} & \text{iff } \Theta_i \\ \dots & \dots \\ t_{nj} & \text{iff } \Theta_n \end{cases}$$

where  $j \in \{0..m\}$      $fin(v) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{final value of } v$      $\Theta_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\bigwedge \Gamma_i) \wedge \neg(\bigvee \Delta_i)$

## Verifying Secure Information Flow in KeY II

- Derive a function from open goals for each  $l_j$ . KeY uses *conditional term* "if ( $\epsilon$ ) ( $t_{then}$ ) ( $t_{else}$ )"

$$\begin{aligned} fin(l_j) = & \text{if } (\Theta_0) (t_{0j}) ( \\ & \dots \\ & \text{if } (\Theta_i) (t_{ij}) ( \\ & \dots \\ & \text{if } (\Theta_n) (t_{nj}) (\text{defaultTerm}) \dots ) \dots ) \end{aligned}$$

*defaultTerm* can be any term; may use  $t_{nj}$  to make proof simpler.

- "a variation of *high* input does not cause a variation of *low* output"

$$\forall \bar{H}. \forall \bar{H}'. \bigwedge_{0 \leq j \leq m} (fin(l_j) = fin(l'_j))$$

$$\bar{H} \stackrel{def}{=} h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k \quad \bar{H}' \stackrel{def}{=} h'_1, h'_2, \dots, h'_k \quad fin(l'_j) \stackrel{def}{=} fin(l_j)[\bar{H}/\bar{H}']$$

## Example(1) I

*program* "if (h>0) l=1; else l=0;" (l - low, h - high)

- Create .key file:

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program {  
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## Example(1) II

- After symbolically run proof in KeY it stops with two open goals:

```
==> 0 < h, secure(cons(nil, 0))
      0 < h ==> secure(cons(nil, 1))
```

- To continue proof
  - 1 Click button "Extract security proof" in Toolbar.
  - 2 Select the variables that are supposed to be secret (In this case, h).
- A new proof is generated:

```
==>
all h1:int. all h2:int.
  ({h:=h1} if (!0 < h) (0)
    (if (0 < h) (1) (1)))
= ({h:=h2} if (!0 < h) (0)
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```



## Example(1) III

- Run prover, proof stops with two open goals:

$$0 < h2 ==> 0 < h1$$

$$0 < h1 ==> 0 < h2$$

- Conclusion: *program* "if (h>0) l=1; else l=0;" leaks information of the sign of high variable h

# Abstracting Programs

Motivation: Sometime computation that program performs is not really interesting for us, such as in Secure Information Flow Analysis study.

## Example

$$h = l + +; \quad (1)$$

$$h = x/y; \quad (2)$$

$l, x, y$  — low,  $h$  — high

**Idea:** Remove unnecessary knowledge about program state (values of variables). (*Abstraction*)

eg. *Example* (1)

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- $E_i$  — exception classes that may be thrown in the execution of  $\alpha$
- $\psi_i$  — condition to throw  $E_i$
- $\nu_i$  — update which occurs before  $E_i$  is thrown but after  $E_{i-1}$  is thrown (if there are any)
- $\nu$  — update which occurs when no exception is thrown

# Taclet

```
schema variables {
  program statement #concreteStatement;
  formula post;
}

rules {
  abstract {
    find ( <{.. #concreteStatement ...}> post)
    varcond ( #concreteStatement isAbstractable )
    replacewith ( #abstract(<{.. ...}> post) )
  };
}
```

Only certain statements can be treated so far, so we use `varcond` to identify here.



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