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Language-based Information-Flow Security

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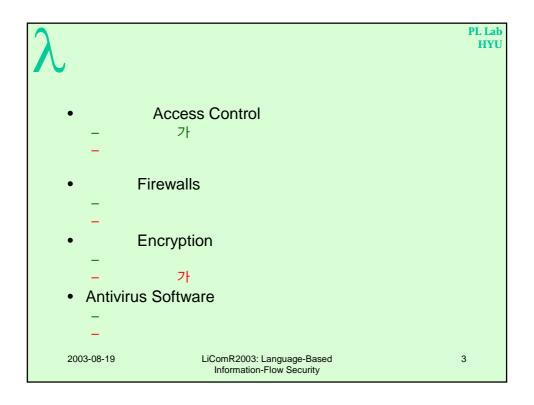
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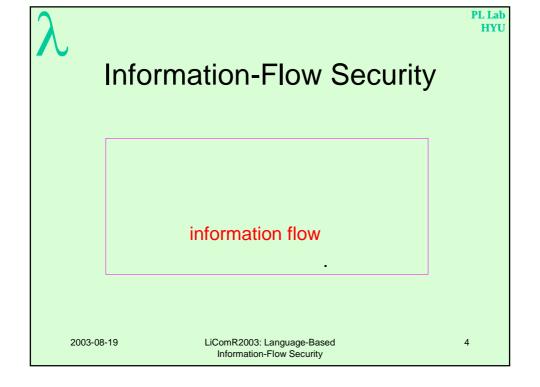
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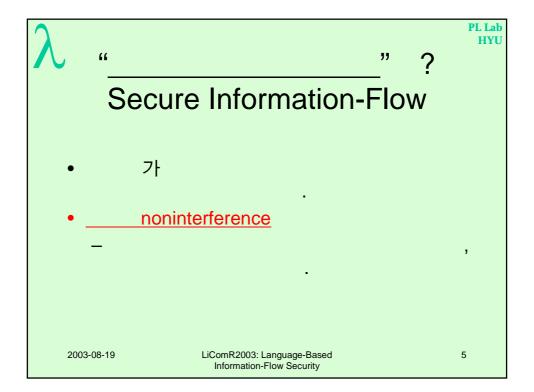
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- confidentiality
 security policies
 specify
 programming language
 - formal semantics
 - static analysis

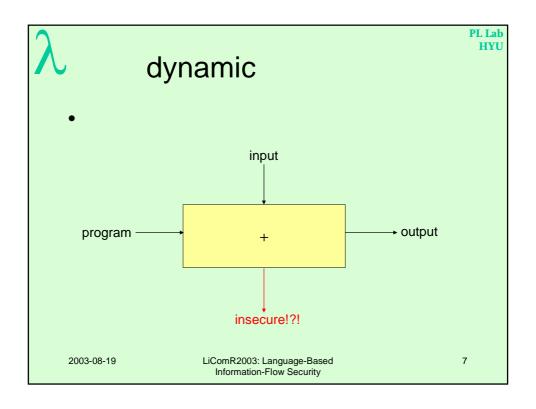
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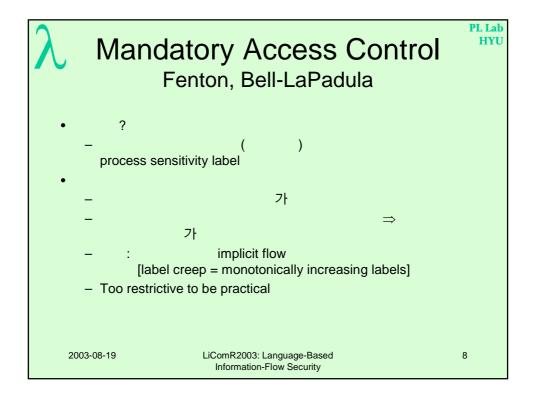


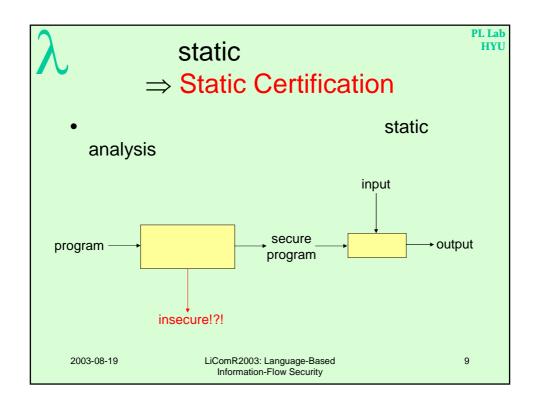


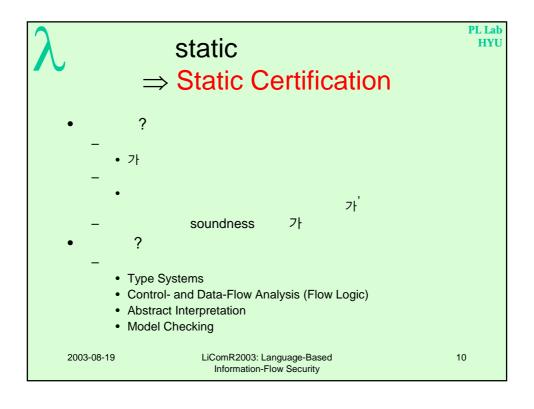


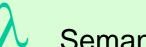
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         h:
         l:
                  explicit flow
          (l)=(h)
                  implicit flow
          h = h \mod 2;
          l = 0;
           if(h) == 1 then(l) = 1
                         else skip
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Semantics-based Security

• soundness ?

secureinsecuresecure.

• soundness ?

noninterference

formal semantics ()

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Noninterference

state : $s = (s_h, s_l) \in S$

meaning: $[[C]]: S S_{\perp}$

low input equivalence

$$s =_L s'$$
 iff $s_l = s_l'$

• low output (behavioral) equivalence

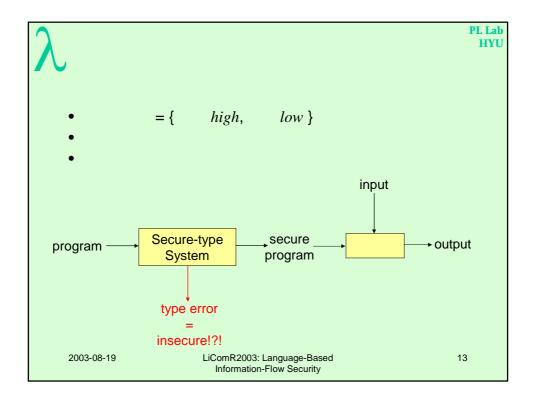
$$s \approx_L s'$$

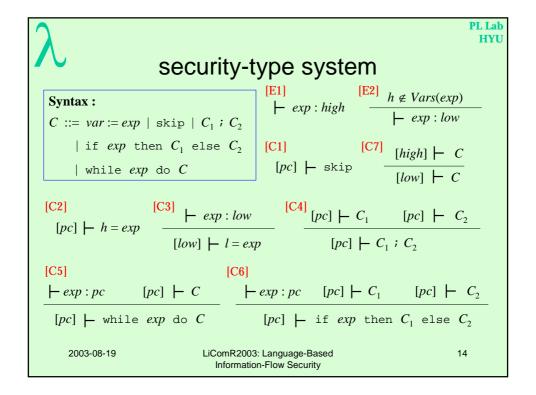
iff they are indistinguishable to the attacker

noninterference

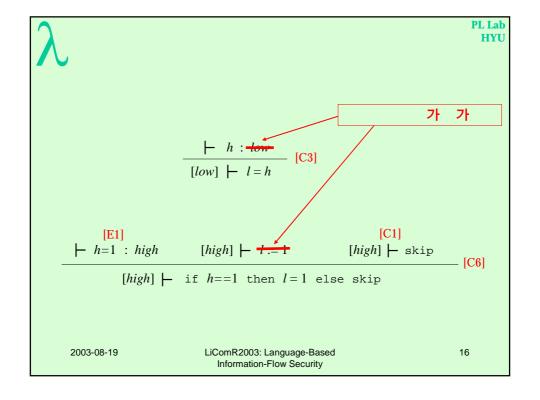
C is secure iff

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \in S. \quad s_1 \ =_L \ s_2 \ \Rightarrow [[C]] \ s_1 \approx_L [[C]] s_2$$





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                                         h \notin Vars(l-5)
                                                           [E2]
                                         \vdash l - 5 : low
                [C2]
           [low] \vdash h = l + 4 [low] \vdash l = l - 5
                                                             [C4]
                     [low] \vdash h = l + 4; l = l - 5
                                                       [C1]
                               [C2]
     [E1]
\vdash h=1: high [high] \vdash h=h+4 [high] \vdash \text{skip}
                                                                      _ [C6]
         [high] \vdash if h==1 then h=h+4 else skip
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Research Trends

- Enriching Language Expressiveness
- Exploring Concurrency
- Analyzing Covert Channels
- Refining Security Policies

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Language Expressiveness

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- Security type systems
 - a while language with 1st order procedures
 - a functional language with first-class functions (SLam calculus)
 - a first-class continuation, state and references
 - exceptions
 - objects (JFlow)





Nondeterminism

- the observable behavior of a program is the set of its possible results
- · Possibilistic generalizations of noninterference
- · Example:

$$h = h \mod 2;$$

 $(l = h \parallel (l = 0 \parallel l = 1));$

the final value of l reveals the least significant bit of h with the probability 0.5 + 0.5 * 0.5 = 0.75

- · Solutions:
 - Analysis tracking dependencies between variables
 - Leino-Joshi's approach based on equational security condition
 - Sabelfeld-Sands generalizes it using PERs

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Concurrency

Multithreaded programs on a single processor

Thread 1 Thread 2 h = 0; h = h'; l = h

Timing- and probability-sensitive security

(if h == 1 then C_{long} else skip); $l = 1 \parallel l = 0$) needs scheduler-independent security

Concurrent languages with secure type systems



Covert Channels

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implicit flow

termination channels

timing channels

probability channels

resource exhaustion channels

power channels

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Termination Channels

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while
$$(h == 1)$$
 skip ;

• Termination-sensitive noninterference

C is secure iff

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \in S. \quad s_1 =_L s_2 \implies [[C]] \ s_1 \approx_L [[C]] s_2$$
 where $s \approx_L s'$ iff either $s, s' \in S. \quad s =_L s'$

or
$$s = s' = \bot$$

- Solution
 - Disallows high loops
 - Requires high conditionals have no loops in the branches



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Timing Channels

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(if
$$h == 1$$
 then C_{long} else skip); $l = 1 \parallel l = 0$)

• Timing-sensitive noninterference

C is secure iff

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \in S$$
. $s_1 =_L s_2 \Rightarrow [[C]] s_1 \approx_L [[C]] s_2$
where $s \approx_L s$ iff both diverge or both terminate in the same number of execution steps in low-equal final states

- A Solution
 - Requires high conditionals have no loops in the branches
 - Wraps each high conditional in a protect statement whose execution is atomic
- · Another Solution
 - Closes timing leaks by program transformation

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Security Policies

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- Decentralized Model
 - Selective declassification of security labels is permitted
- Spi Calculus
 - a calculus of cryptographic protocols
 - Type systems that guarantee confidentiality (Abadi)

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Future Directions

· system-wide security

- certifying compilation (in the Trusted Computed Base)
 - Java bytecode verification
 - typed assembly language
 - proof-carrying code

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- Security-type inference system

- precision 가

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Discussions