

Security patterns and secure systems design using UML

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About this tutorial

- Its objective is to provide an approach for designing secure systems using patterns
- Emphasis on important new developments: web services, standards, patterns, UML
- An engineering, not theoretical, approach.

Objectives

- To apply a systematic approach to secure systems development
- To get a panorama of security patterns and how to use them
- To be able to evaluate the security of a system (in a qualitative way)
- To get ideas for research

Outline I

- Security concepts and definitions
- The Internet
- Attacks
- The design of secure systems
- Security models
- Firewalls
- Operating systems

Outline II

- Web services
- Application security
- Distributed and web systems
- Security patterns
- Applying the patterns
- Conclusions

Security

- Objectives
- Countermeasures
- Security architecture
- An example

Value of information

- We rely on information for our credit, health, professional work, business, education
- Illegal access (reading or modification) to information can produce serious problems

Security objectives

- Confidentiality--no leakage of sensitive or private information
- Integrity-- no unauthorized modification or destruction of information
- Availability (No denial of service) -- annoying , costly
- Lack of accountability (Non-repudiation)-- legally significant

The meaning of security

- Security implies providing these objectives in the presence of attacks
- Security requires technical, managerial, and physical countermeasures (defenses)
- We only consider technical aspects here
- A related aspect is privacy, a legal and ethics concern

Countermeasures

- Identification and Authentication— first step
- Access control/ authorization --provide confidentiality and integrity
- Auditing-- basis for prosecution or improvements to the system
- Cryptography-- a mechanism to hide information and prove identity and rights
- Intrusion detection

Security architecture

- *Authorization rules* define what is allowed or not allowed (who can see what and how)
- The lower levels must enforce these rules
- *Assurance* is a measure of how well the lower levels enforce the rules

The Internet

- Basic architecture
- Documents
- New architectures

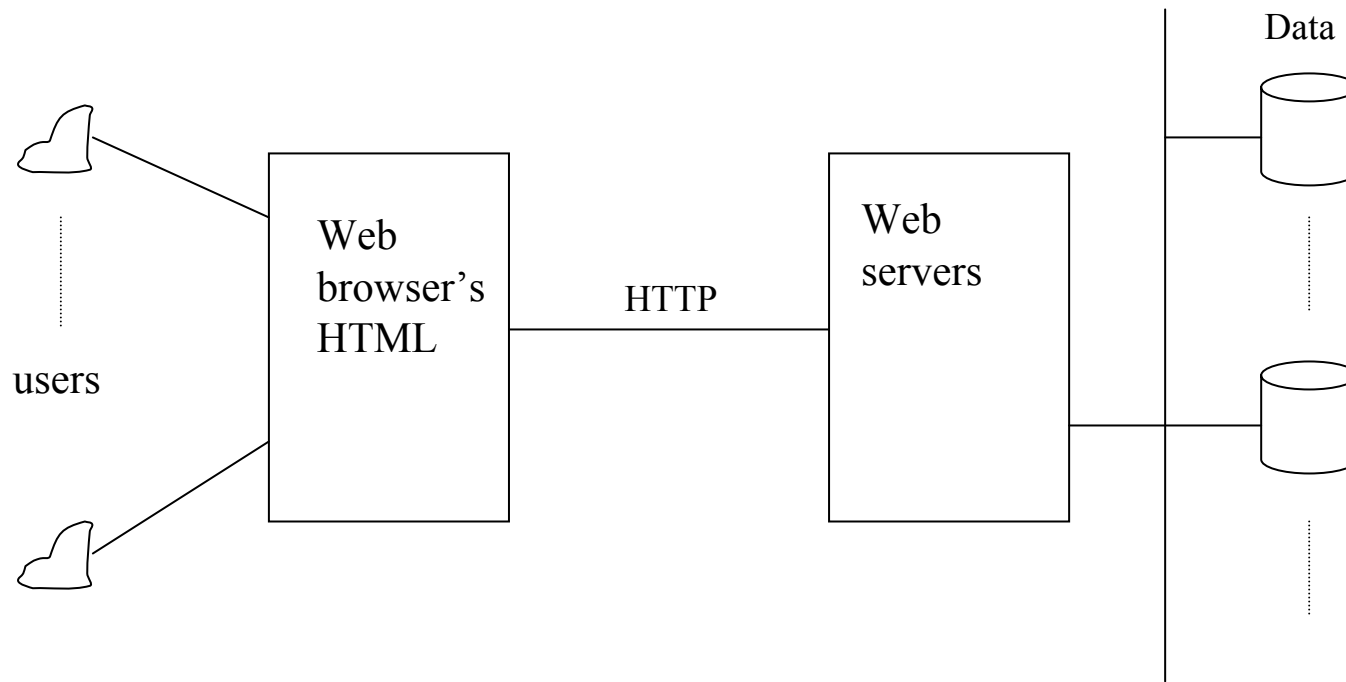
Architectures

- The **architecture** of a system defines the system in terms of components (units) and of interactions between these units. Architecture includes: system topology and organization, decomposition into components, assignment of functionality to components, component interactions, system properties (nonfunctional requirements, e.g. performance, security), correspondence between requirements and units.

Basic Architectural components

- Web browsers -- can request HTML documents, provide URL caching , support directories
- Web servers -- receive user requests , find and return documents
- Files or DBMS store documents
- Documents -- pages or sets of pages

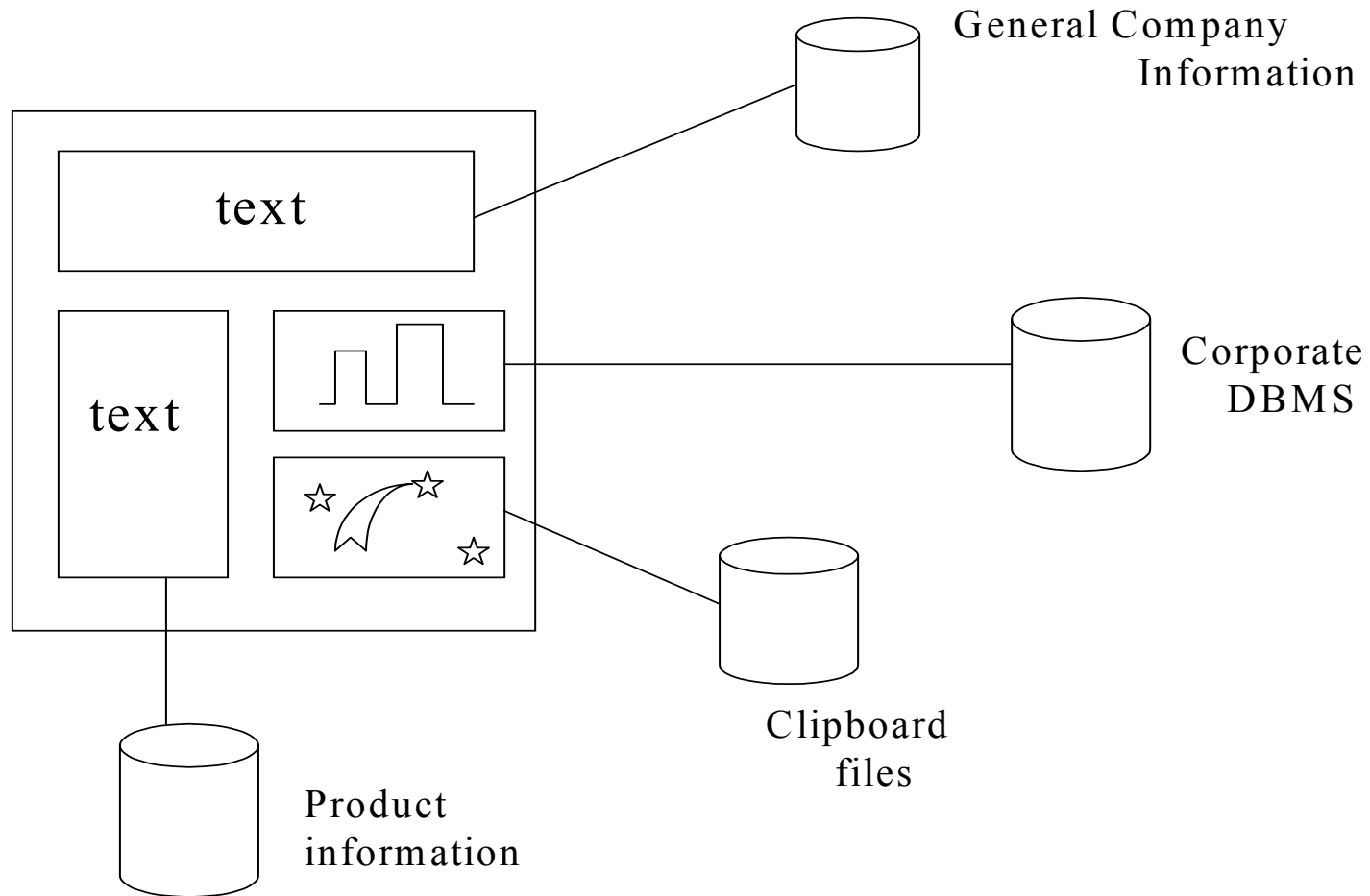
Basic Internet architecture



Web documents

- Hypertext /multimedia
- Passive or active (contain links to programs)
- Fixed or dynamic (assembled on request)
- Potentially all institution data can be considered documents

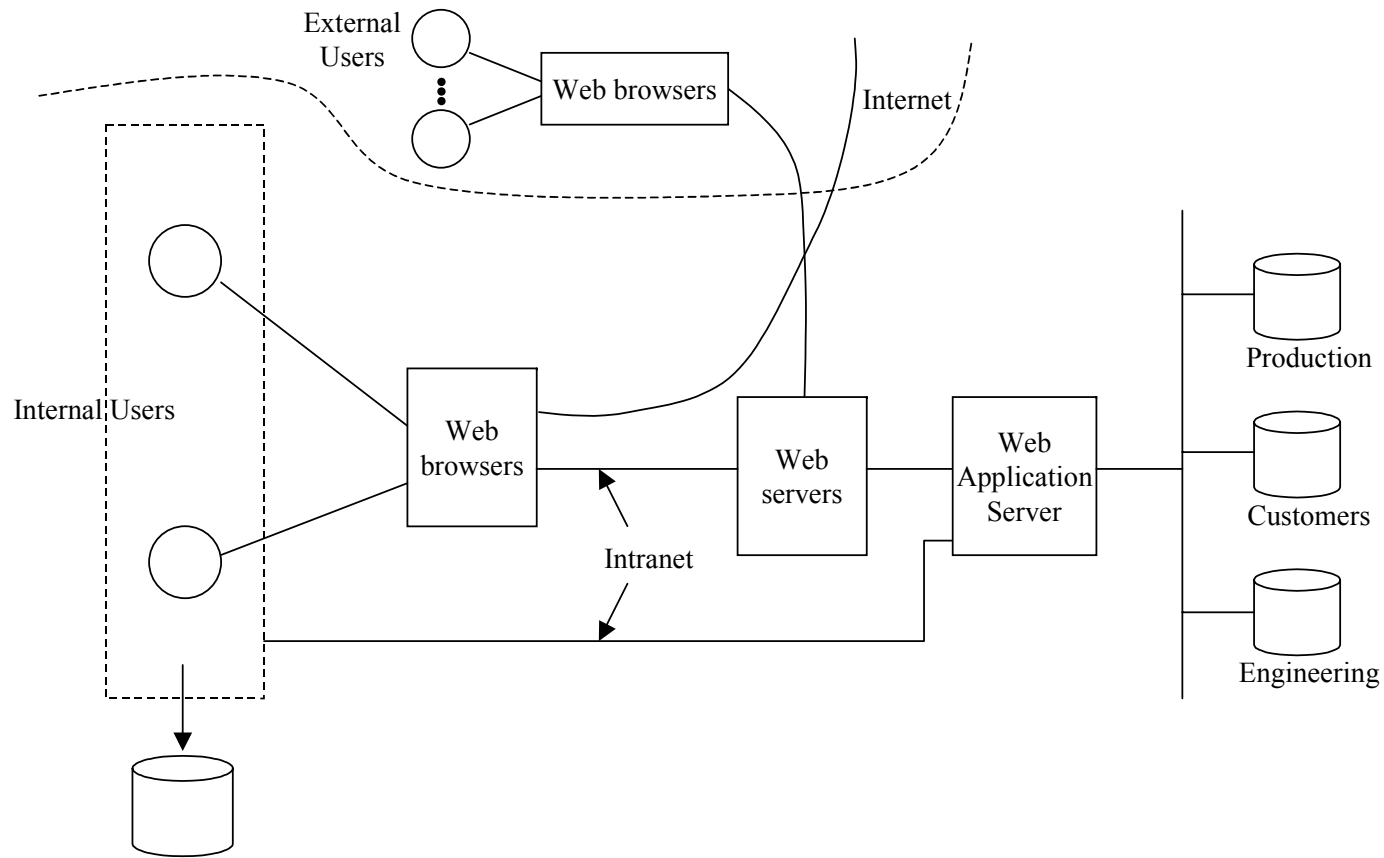
Example of a web page



XML

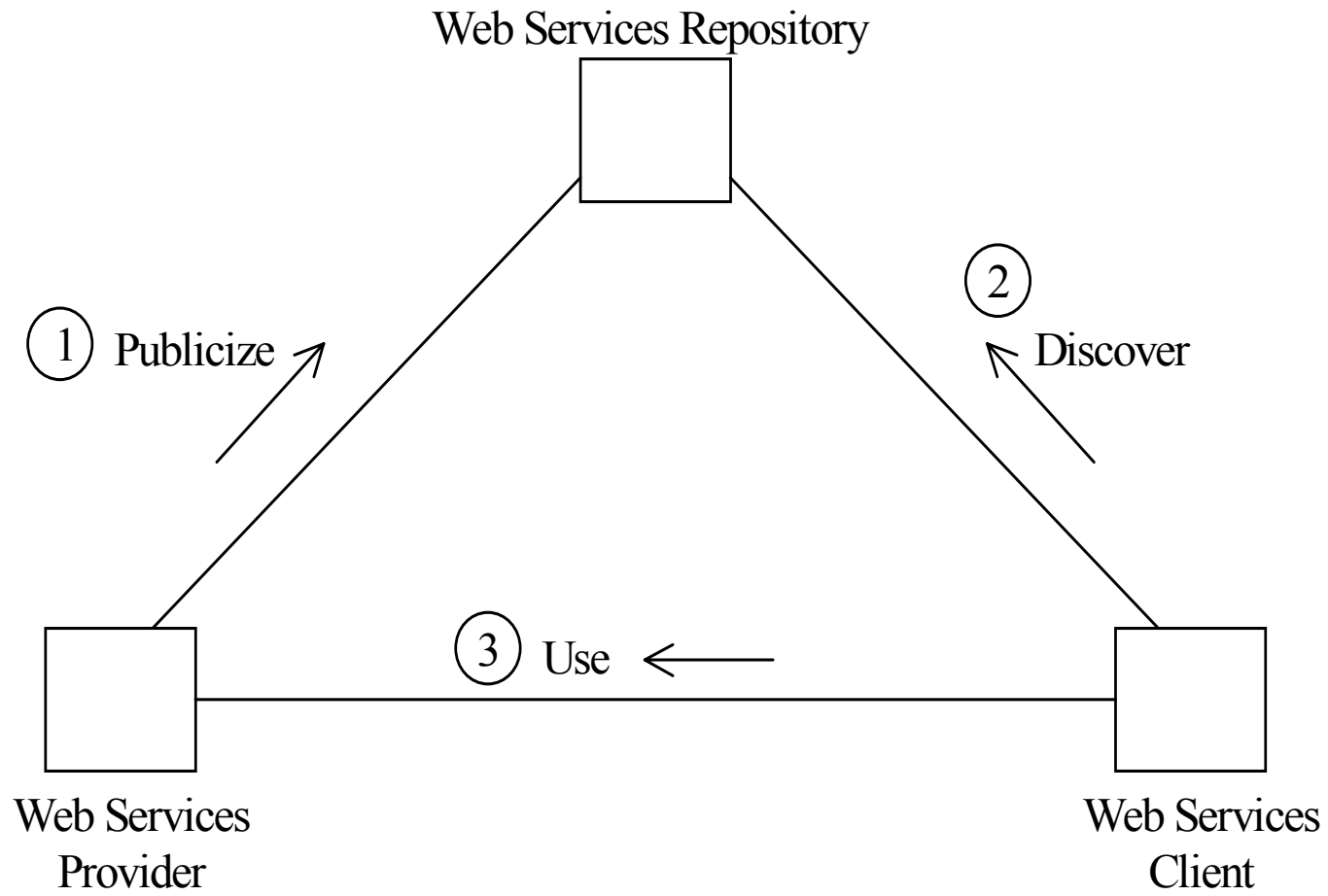
- XML is a metalanguage to define the meaning and structure of documents. A subset of SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language). Basic ideas: use tags in data items to define their meaning, relate data items through nesting and references.

Enterprise architectures



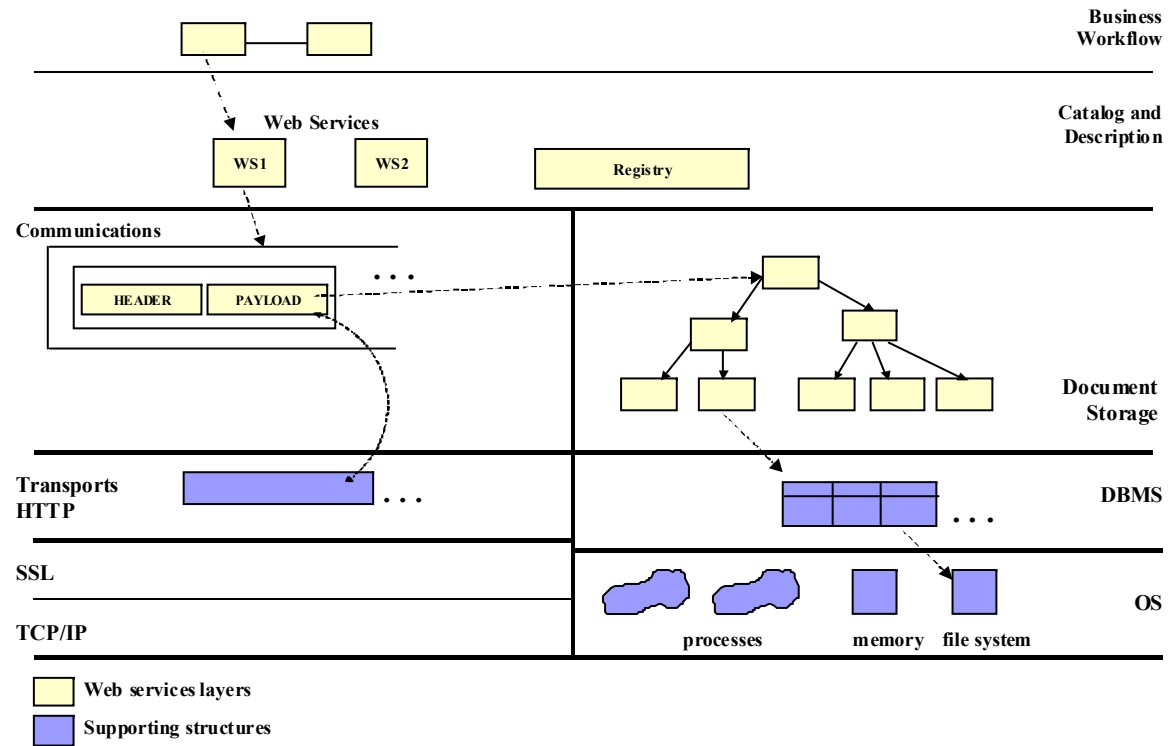
Web Services

- A Web Service is a type of component that is available on the web and can be incorporated in applications or used as a standalone service
- Require a standard supporting framework
- The web is becoming a marketplace of web services



Web services architectures

- Web services (eServices) are a part of the application layer
- Web services are built out of XML, a lower-level data layer
- A SOAP layer is used for XML message transmission
- Internet layers and web server layers provide support for these layers

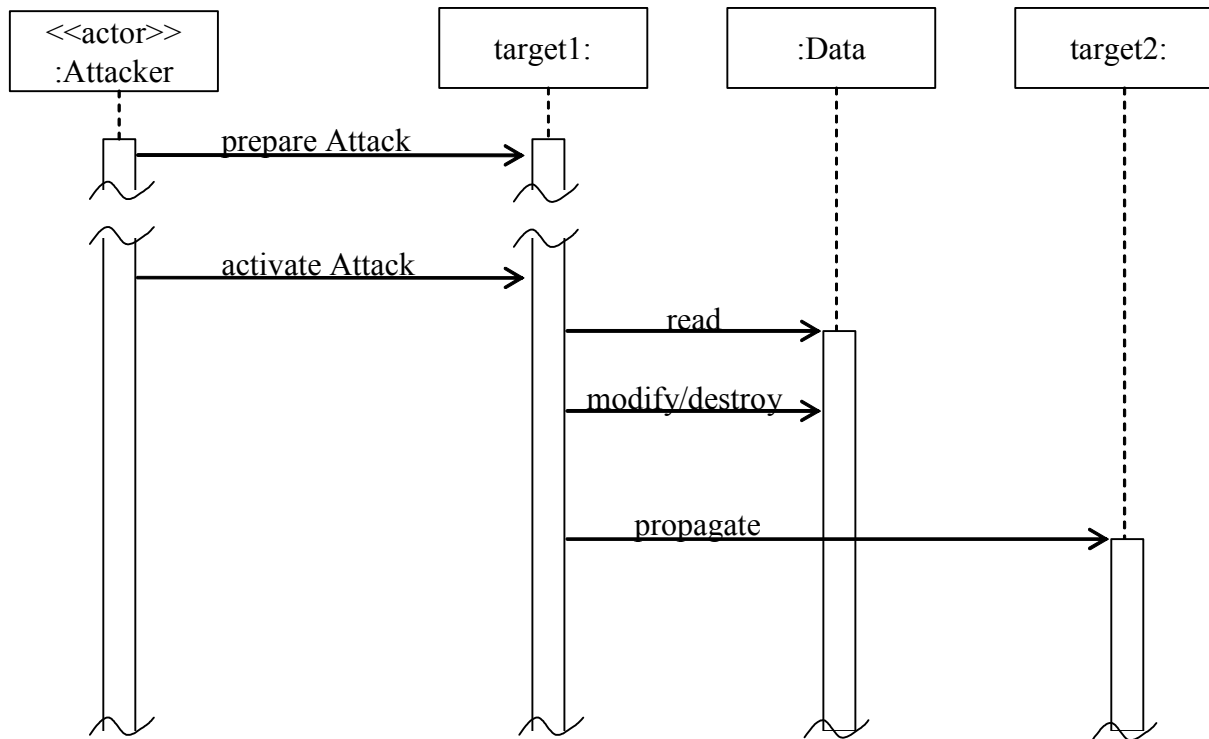


Attacks

- Methods
- Types

Attack methods

- Preparation—Information gathering, scanning, planting malicious code, masquerading (spoofing)
- Activation—perpetrator-controlled, timed, victim activated
- Mission—active (affects integrity and availability), and passive misuse (eavesdropping, inference), denial of service



Malicious code

- *Trojan Horses*—A Trojan Horse is an apparently useful program that has harmful hidden functions
- *Viruses* – A virus is a program that attaches itself to another program, propagates, and usually causes some data destruction.
- *Worms*—A worm is a program that propagates itself without infecting the host.

More varieties

- Spyware—collect passwords, credit card numbers, or general info. (adware)
- Spam—wholesale sending of messages, can be used to propagate viruses
- Phishing messages—enticing users to disclose information

Current situation

- The Internet is an insecure place and attacks keep occurring
- One of the main reasons is the poor quality of the software used in operating systems and applications
- We need a systematic way to build secure software

The design of secure systems

- Security is a nonfunctional aspect that must be satisfied in addition to functional aspects
- We cannot show absence of security flaws
- We must use good development methods and hope for the best
- Add-on security is not the way

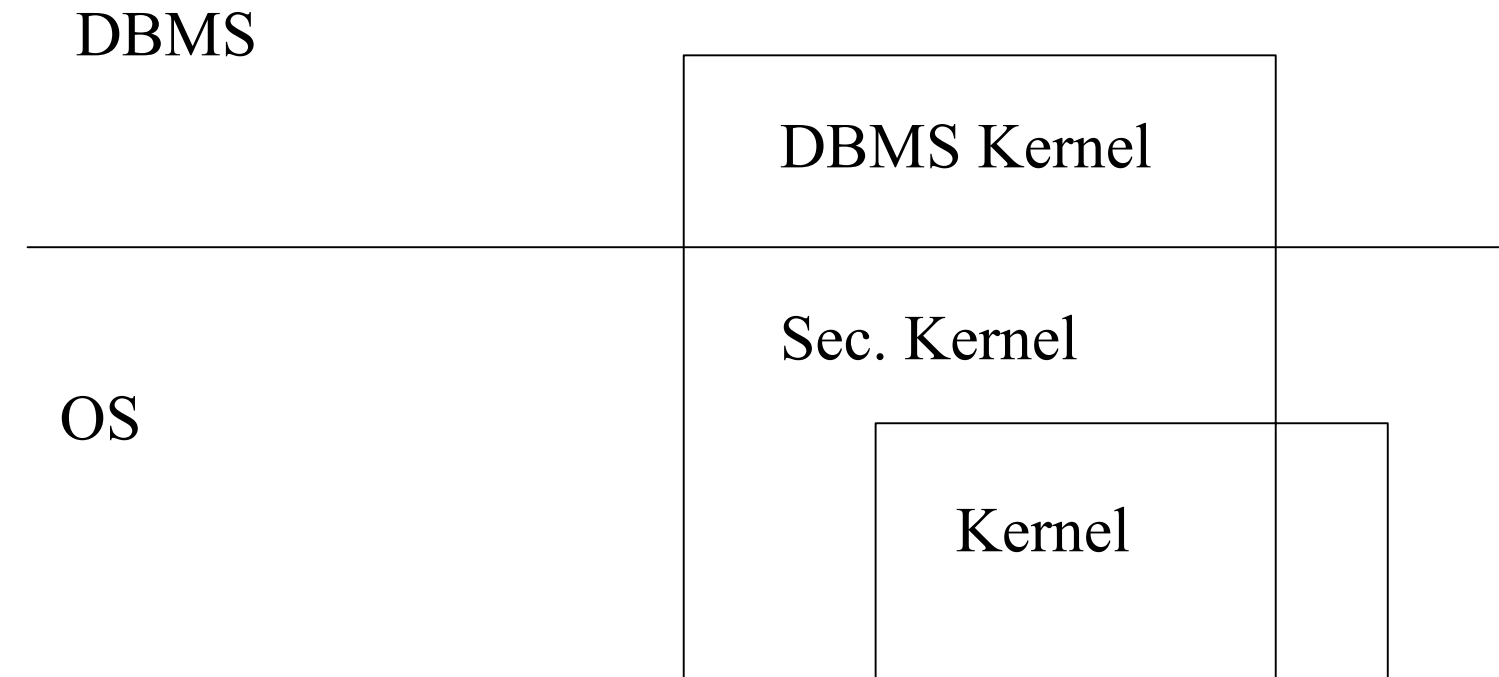
Principles of design for security

- Economy of mechanism
- Fail-safe defaults
- Complete mediation
- Open design
- Separation of privilege
- Least privilege
- Least common mechanism

Attempted approach

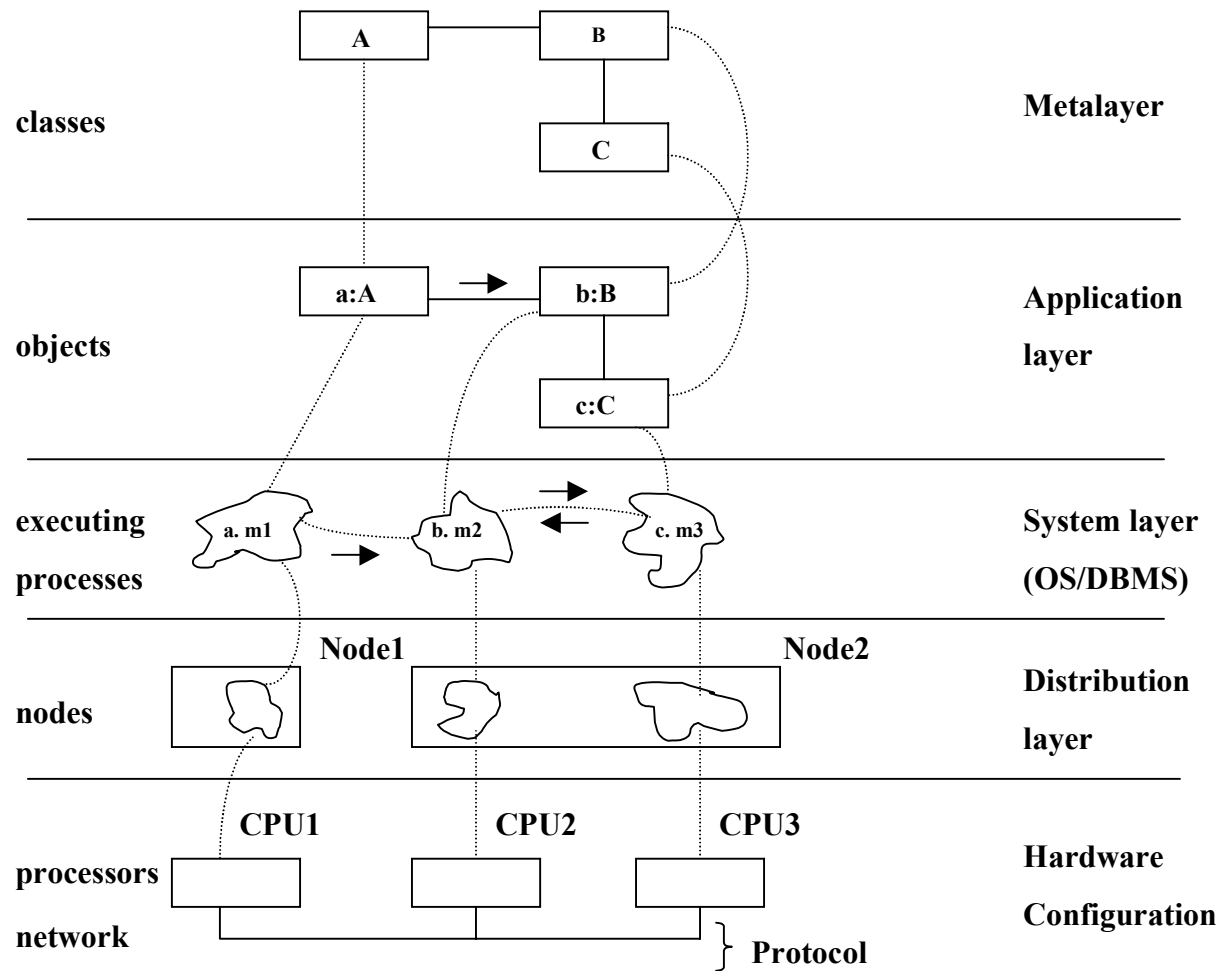
- Define a security kernel: includes all security-related functions
- Verify kernel: possible only for relatively simple systems
- Requires special languages and special operating systems
- Not practical for general systems

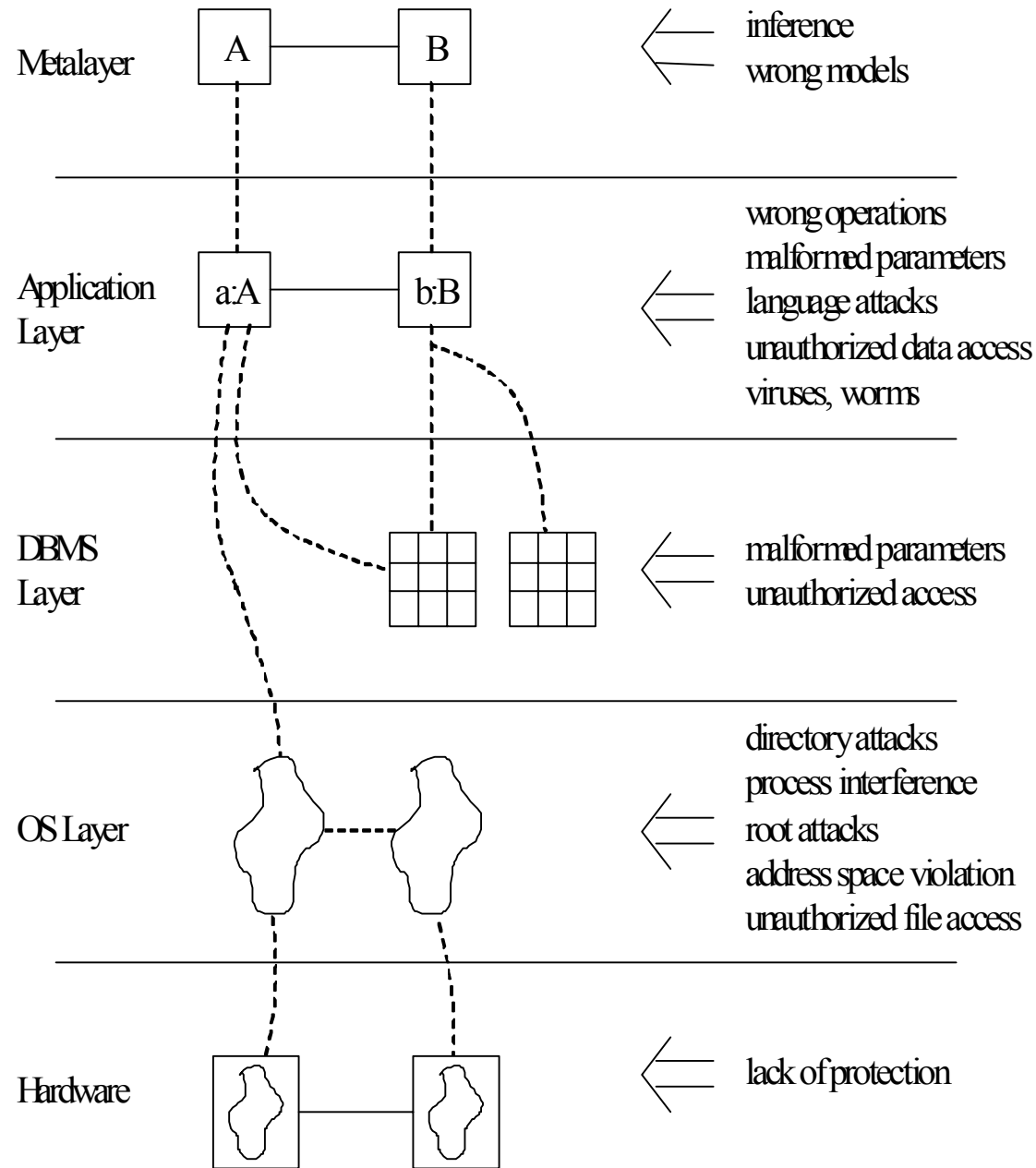
Use of kernels



Applying the principles

- Security should be applied where the application semantics is understood
- Security is an all-levels problem
- We should start from high-level policies and map them to the lower levels
- We need precise models to guide system development

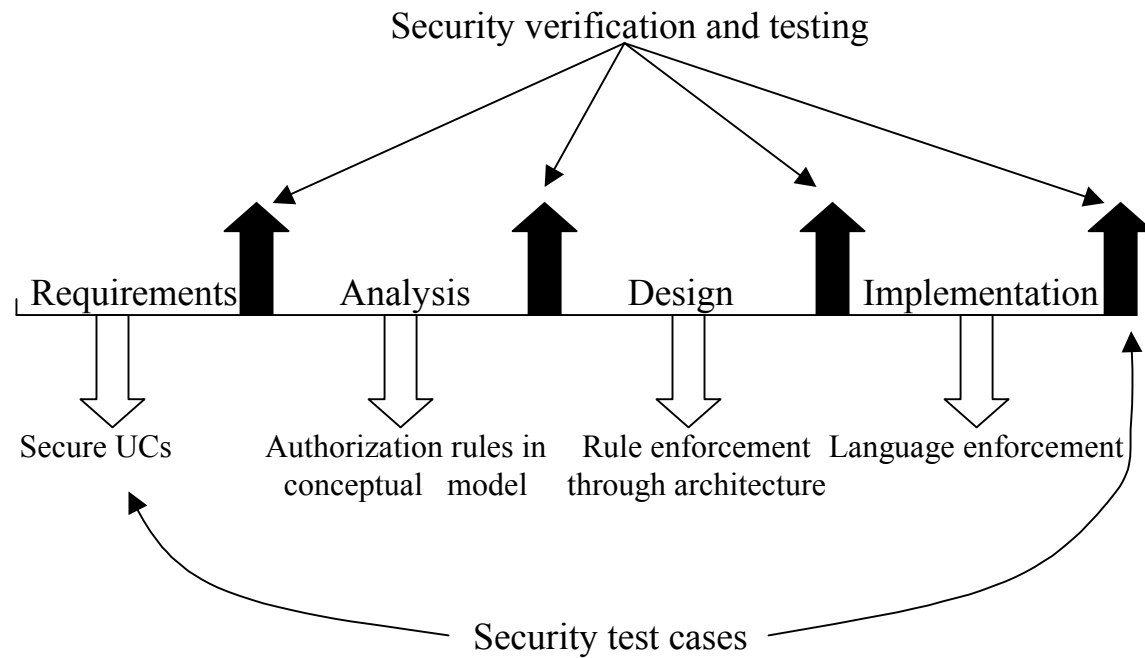




Secure systems development methodology

- Apply security principles throughout the whole software lifecycle
- Use of object-oriented design
- Use cases define rights for roles
- Patterns build a secure conceptual model
- Multilayer architecture extends the model to the lower architectural levels

Software lifecycle



Use of object-oriented modeling

- Strong conceptual modeling capability , applicable to hardware, software, applications, authorization rules
- Abstraction from irrelevant details
- Intuitive , graphic, semiformal approach
- Can be enhanced with formal specifications

OO and UML

- UML is an object-oriented language for specifying, constructing, visualizing, and documenting a software design.
- Basically a notation and its corresponding meaning , not a process.
- Combines OMT, Booch, and other ideas.
- OMG standard (www.omg.org)

Use of patterns

- A pattern is a recurring combination of meaningful units that occurs in some context
- Patterns embody experience and good design practices
- Prevent errors, save time
- A good catalog of patterns is needed

Security patterns

- Analysis and design patterns are well established
- There are many principles of good design that have been developed to build secure systems
- We have combined these two ideas showing that it is possible to develop a collection of patterns that can be used to build secure systems
- Now building a catalog of security patterns
- Security patterns page: www.securitypatterns.org

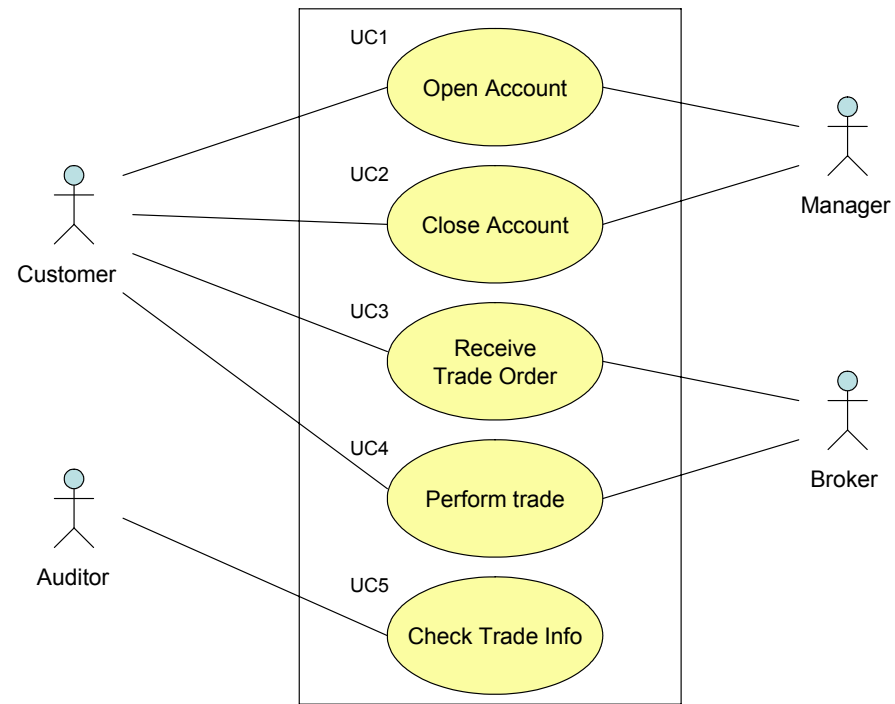
Use patterns at all levels

- Patterns for models define the highest level
- At each lower level we refine the model patterns to consider the specific aspects of each level
- Patterns for file systems, web documents, cryptography, distributed objects, J2EE components

Start from requirements

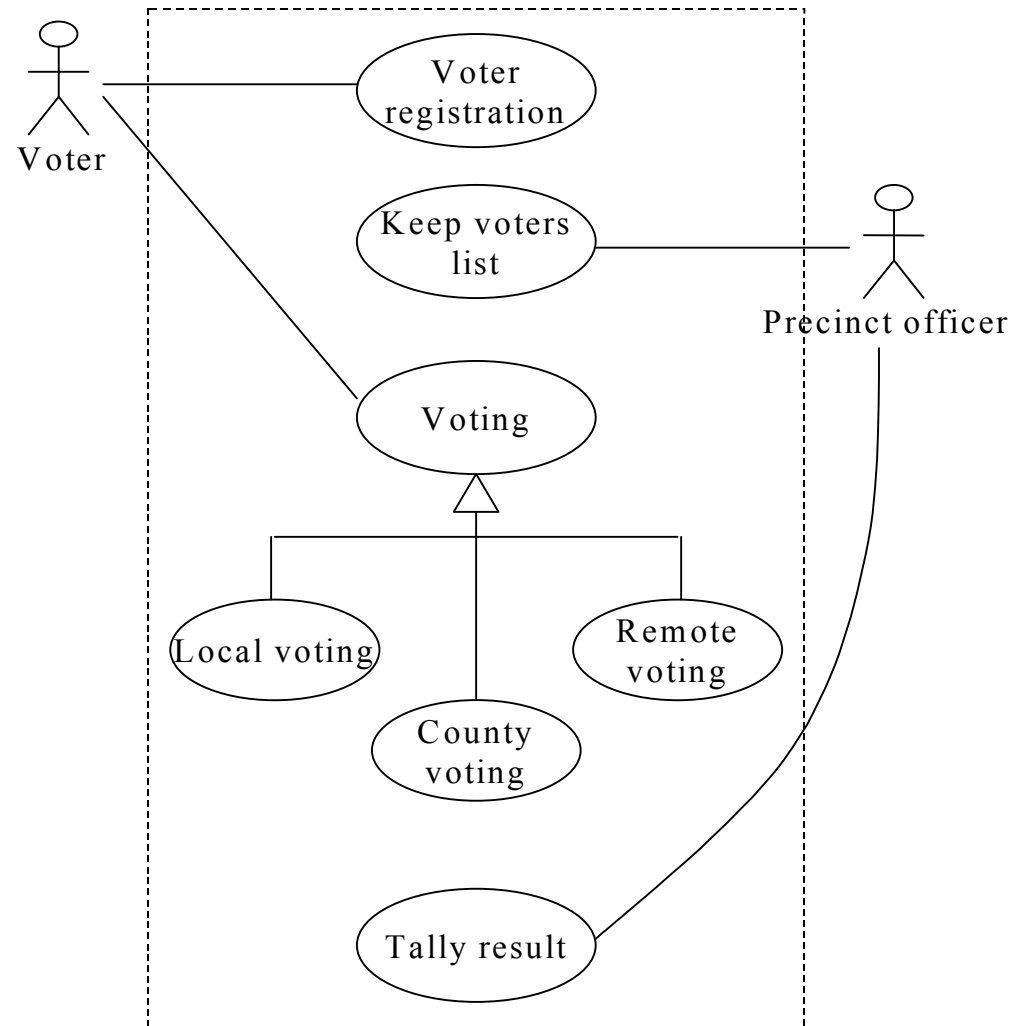
- Use cases define interactions with the system (Use case diagram)
- Use cases include several actions
- We look at the possible attacks to each action
- We can define needed rights for actors to perform the use cases

A financial institution



Attacks are related to use cases

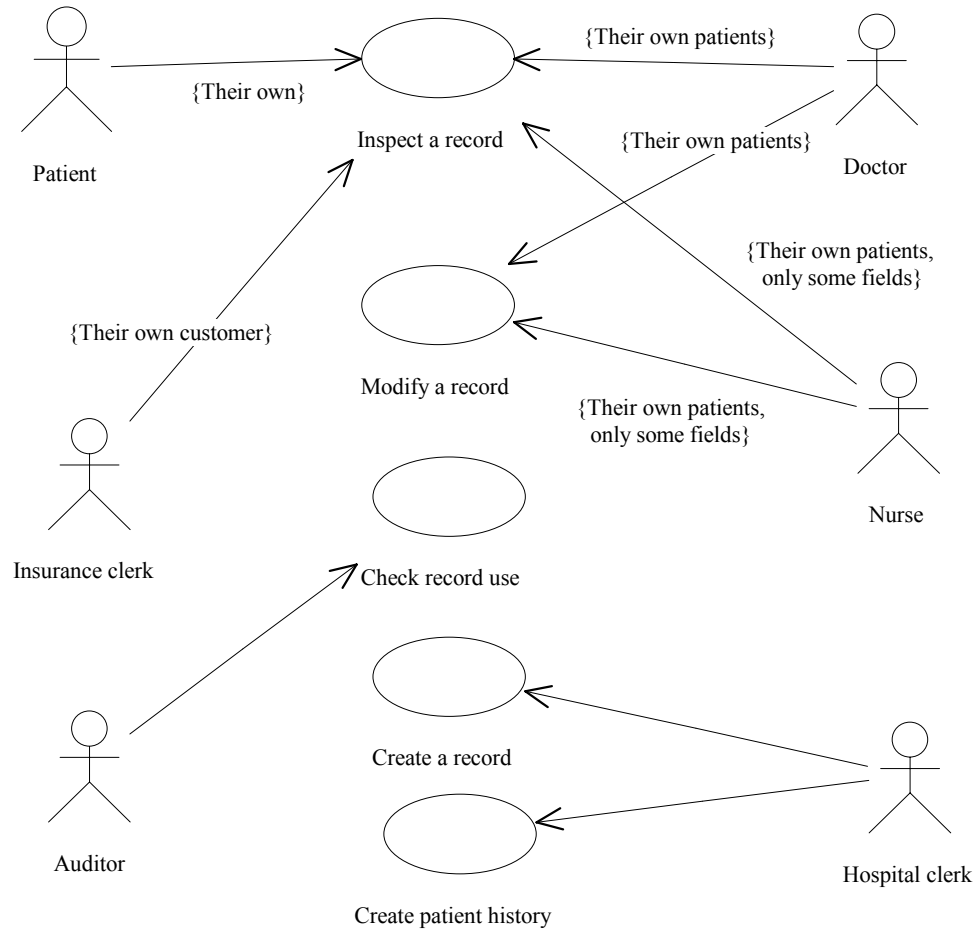
- Use Cases 1 and 2: Customer is an impostor. Possible confidentiality and integrity violations.
Manager impersonation. Can capture customer information. Confidentiality attack.
- Use Cases 3 and 4. Broker impersonation. Possible confidentiality violation.
Customer can deny giving a trade order. Repudiation.
Customer impersonation. Confidentiality or integrity attacks.
Stockbroker embezzling customer's money.
- Use Case 5. Impersonation of auditor. Confidentiality violation.



(3) Security model:

Access matrix (mandatory) → RBAC

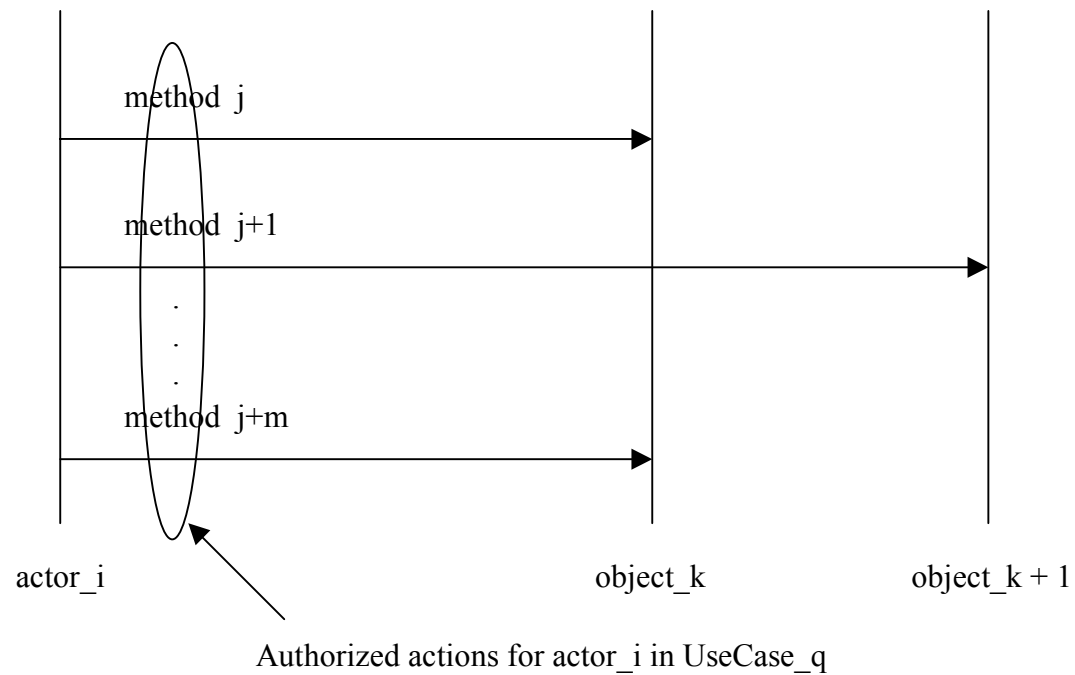
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Use cases to find role rights

- Application of Role-Based Access Control
- Use cases describe all possible uses of the system
- All use cases define all possible and legal accesses
- Each actor role can be given its needed rights

Scenarios to determine rights



Use cases as starting point

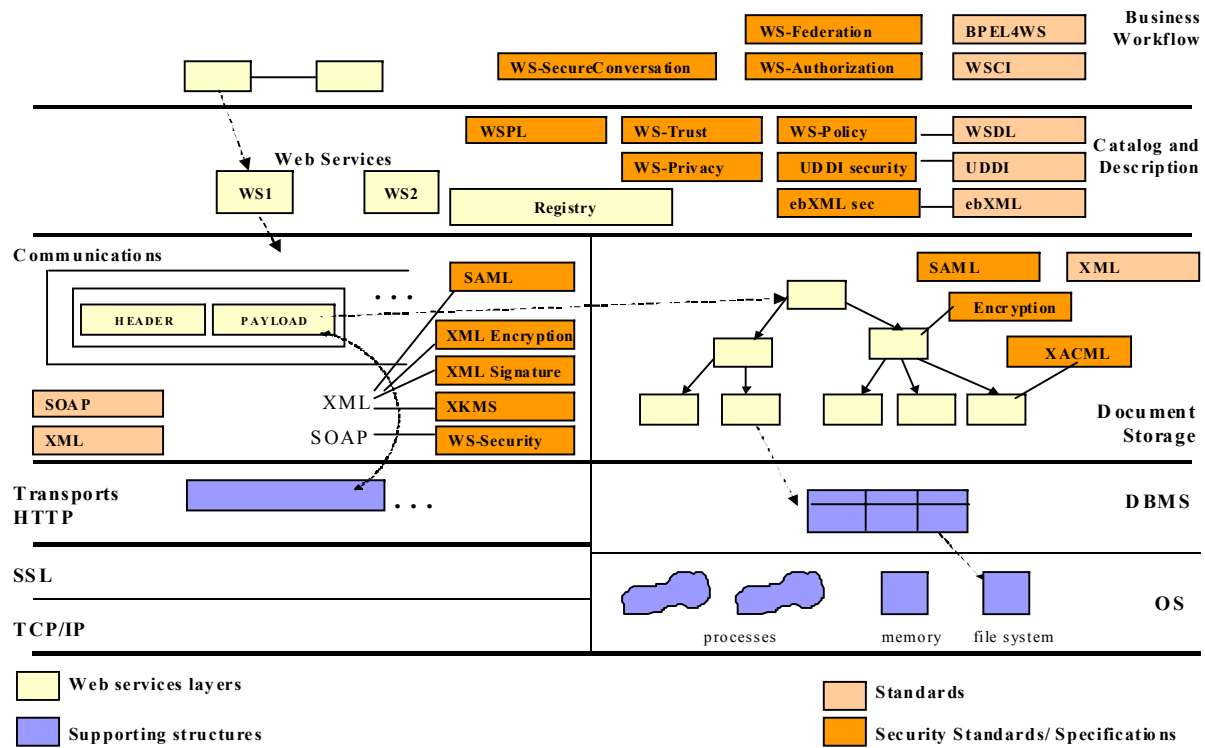
- Attacker is not interested in changing a few bits or destroying a message
- Attacker wants to accomplish some objective, e.g., steal money, steal identity
- This is applying the principle of defining security at the semantic levels
- We also need to comply with standards

Standards

- Orange Book
- Common Criteria (NIST)
- IEEE
- IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
- OASIS (Open Applications...)
- W3C
- Industry ad hoc groups: IBM, Microsoft,...

Standards for web services

- A variety of standards to cover all levels
- May overlap or be in conflict
- XACML, WS-Security, SAML, SOAP security, privacy standards
- Confusing for vendors and users



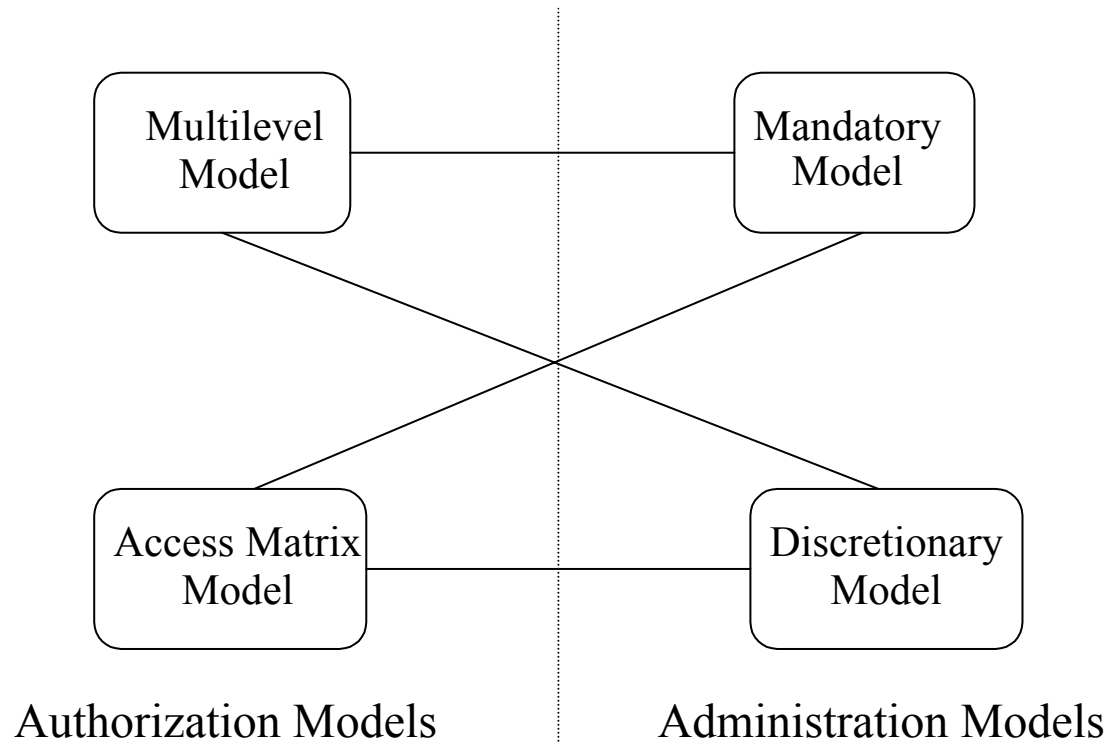
Security models

- Classification
- Access matrix
- Role-Based Access Control
- Multilevel security

Classification of security models

- Multilevel --users and data are assigned security levels
- Access matrix -- subject has specific type of access to data objects
- Mandatory --access rules defined only by administrators
- Discretionary -- users own data and can grant access to other users

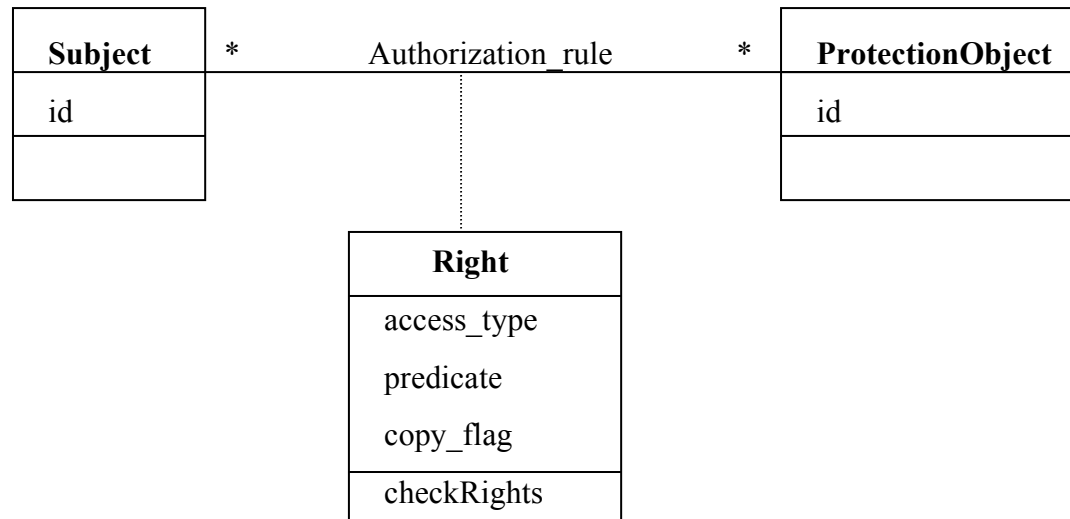
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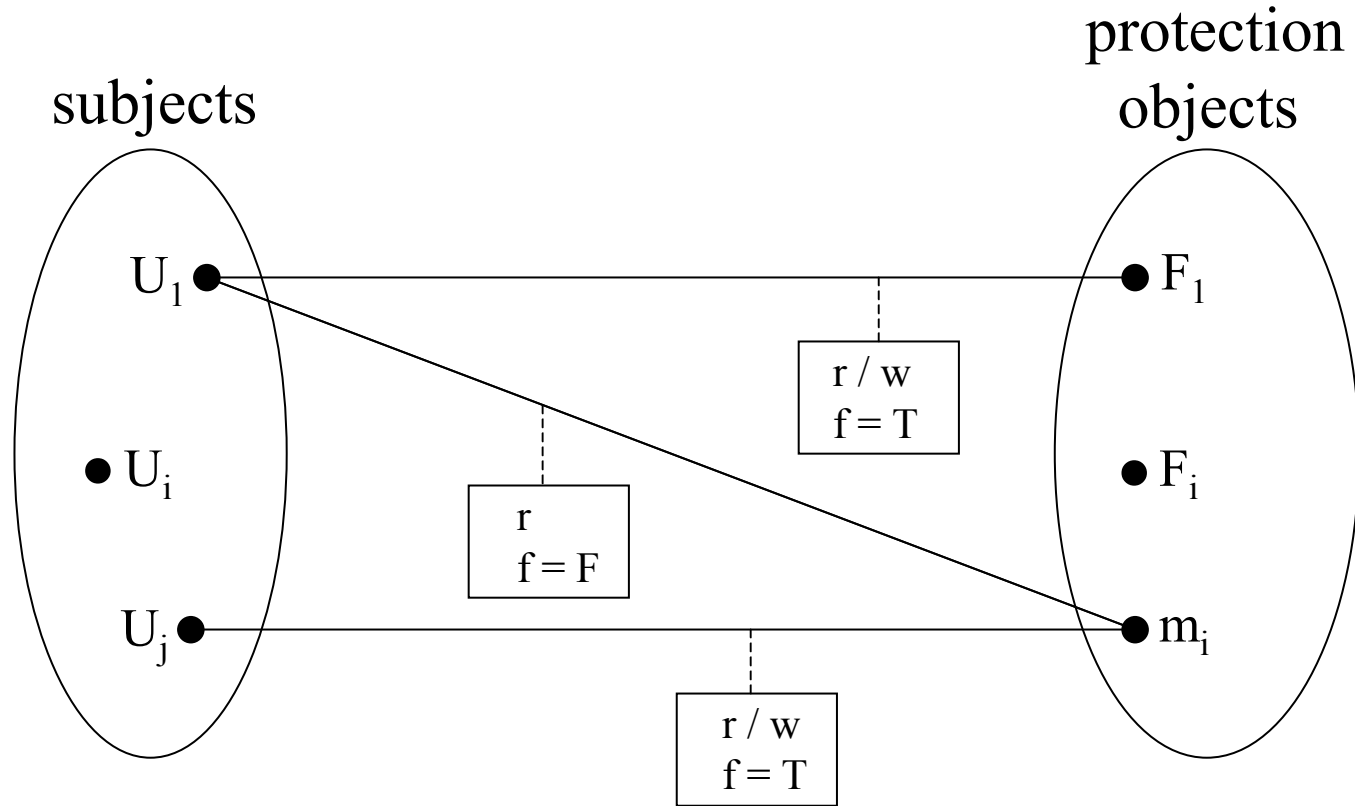
Access matrix authorization rules

- Basic rule (s, o, t), where s is a subject (active entity), t is an access type, and o is an object
- Extended rule (s, o, t, p, f), where p is a predicate (access condition or guard) and f is a copy flag
- This, and the other models, can be described by OO patterns

Authorization pattern



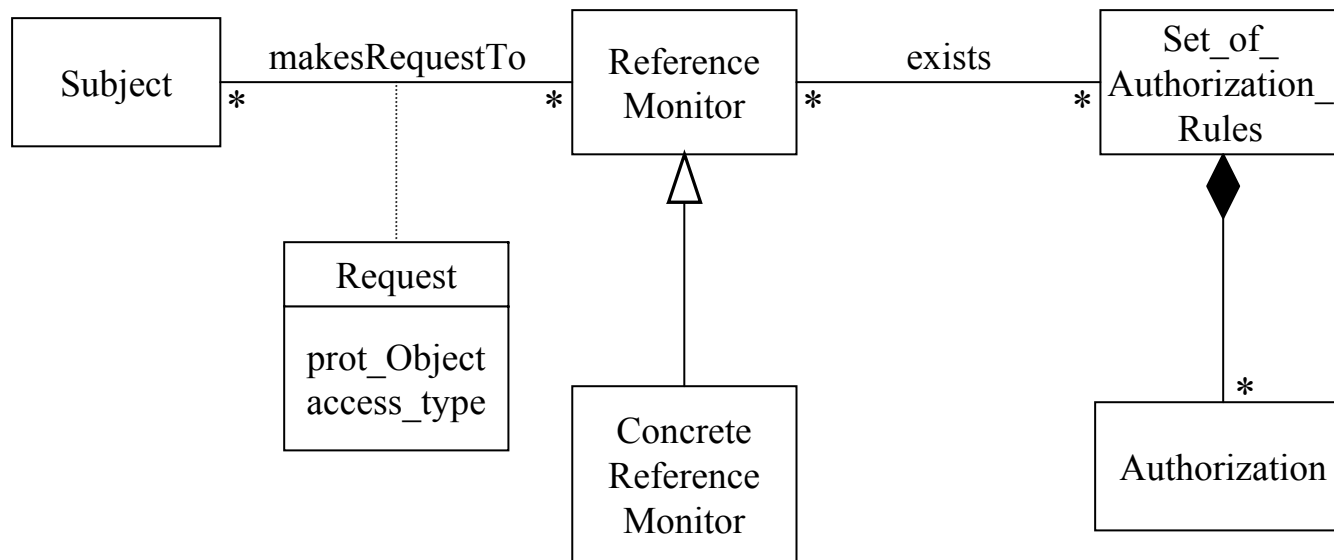
Authorization mapping



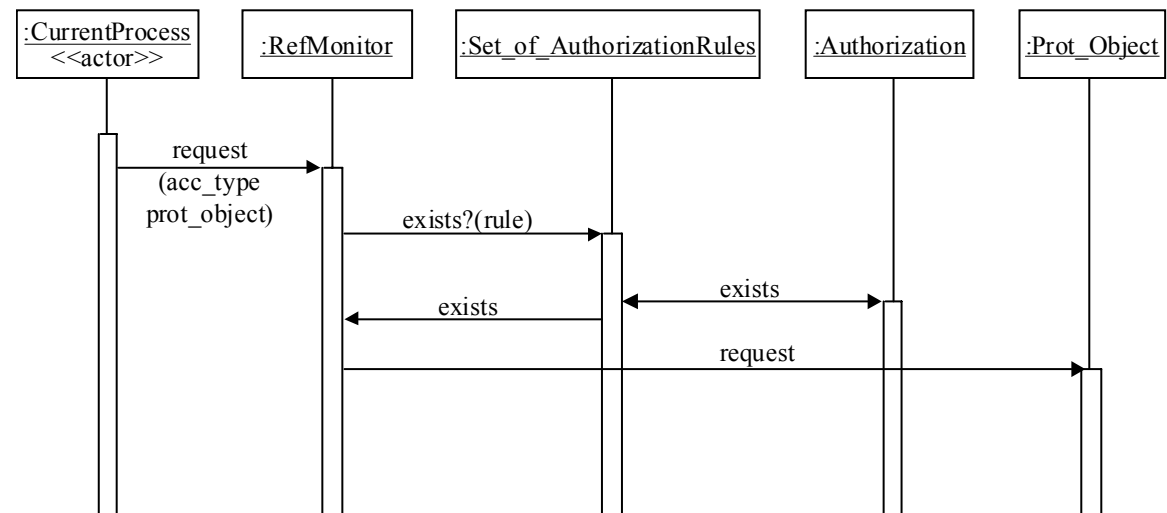
Reference Monitor

- Each request for resources must be intercepted and evaluated for authorized access
- Abstract concept, implemented as memory access manager, file permission checks, CORBA adapters, etc.

Reference monitor pattern



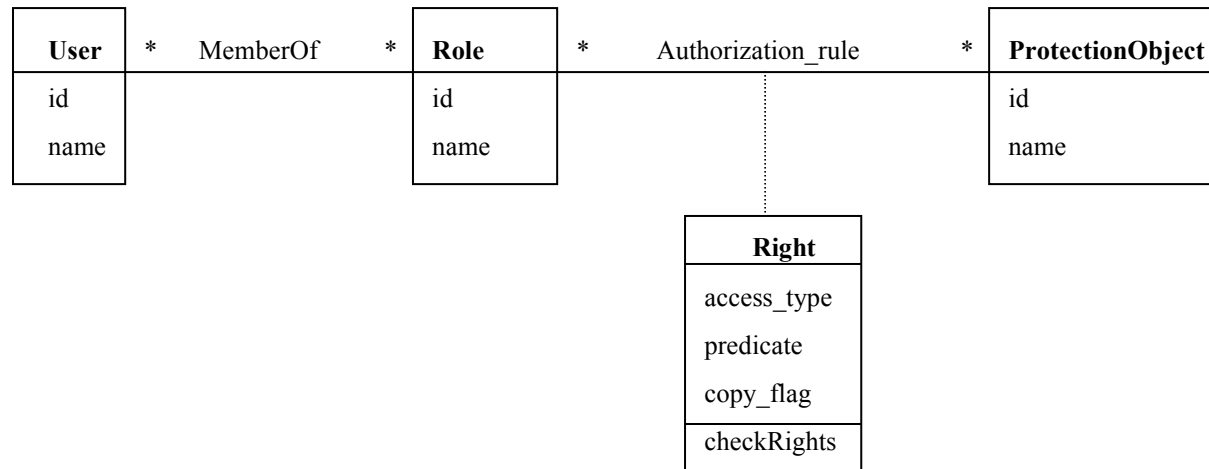
Enforcing access control



Role-Based Access Control

- Users are assigned roles according to their functions and given the needed rights (access types for specific objects)
- When users are assigned by administrators, this is a mandatory model
- Can implement least privilege and separation of duty policies

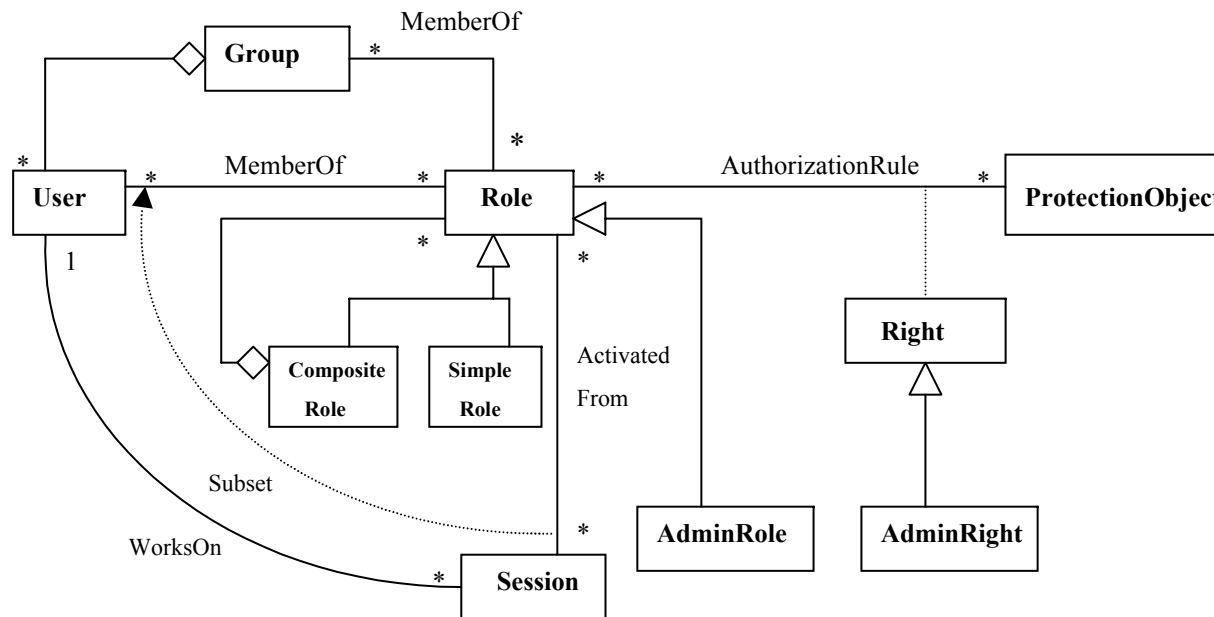
Basic RBAC pattern



Extended RBAC

- Concept of session
- Separation of administrative roles
- Composite roles
- Groups of users

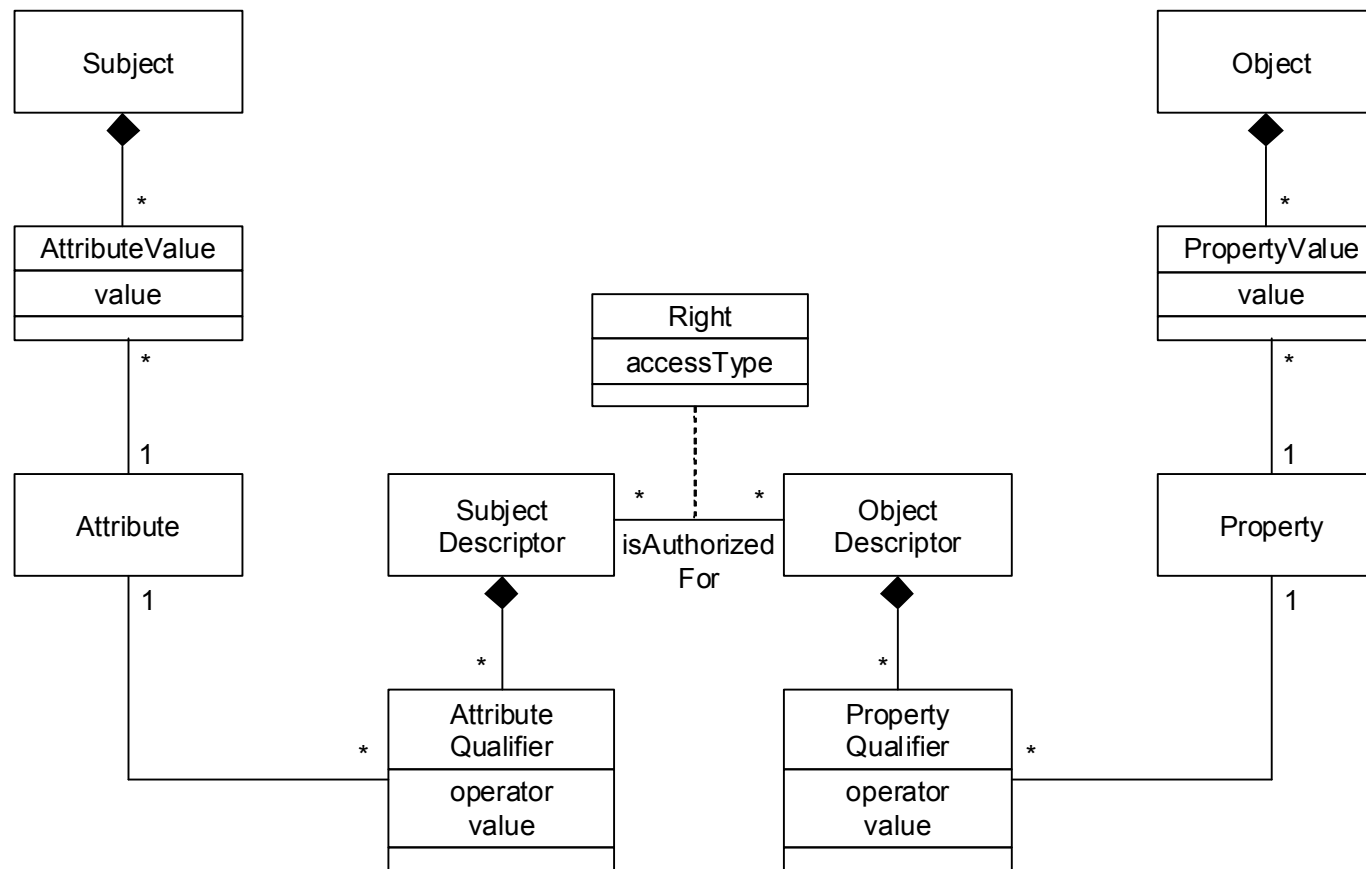
Extended RBAC pattern



Attribute-Based Access Control

- In the Internet we need to deal with non-registered users
- Determine effective subjects and objects based on attribute values

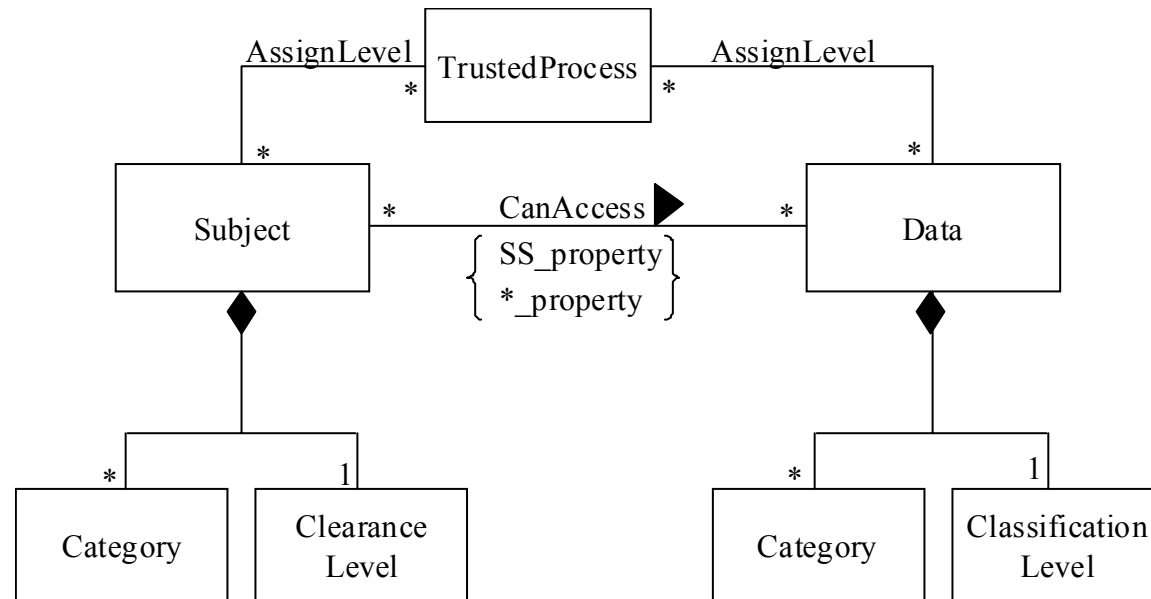
Metadata-based access control



Multilevel model

- In this model users and data are assigned classifications or clearances
- Classifications include levels (top secret, secret,...), and compartments (engDept, marketingDept,...)
- For confidentiality, access of users to data is based on rules defined by the Bell-LaPadula model, while for integrity, the rules are defined by Biba's model

Multilevel security model



Layered architecture

- The lower layers implement concrete versions of these models and enforce them
- We will look at several of these layers
- First example is from the Boundary between the network layer and the Op. system

Firewalls

- Attacks
- Types of firewalls
- Network layer firewall
- Application layer firewall
- Stateful inspection firewall

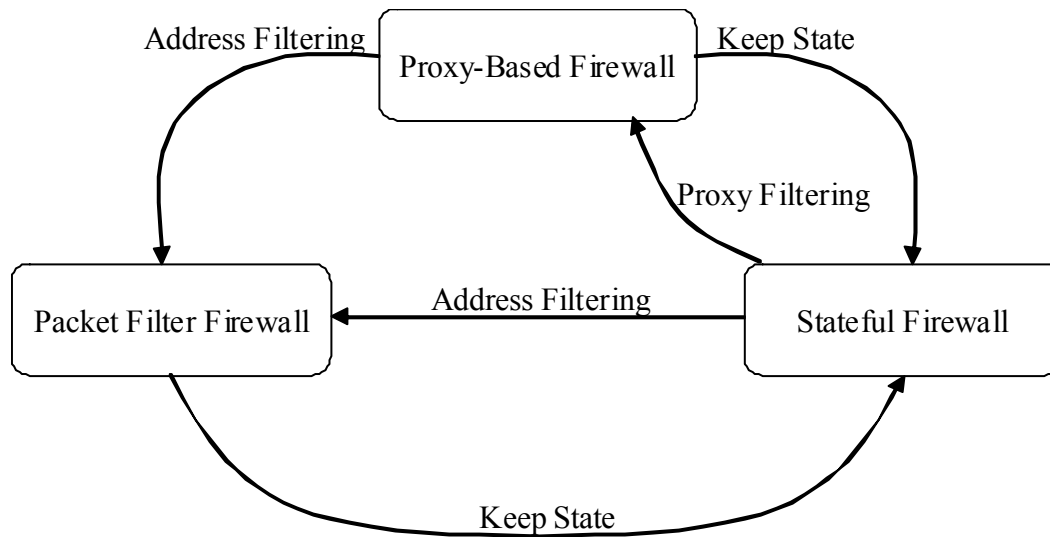
Firewall attacks

- Address spoofing
- Malformed packets
- Smuggling of attack code in packet body
- Distributed denial of service

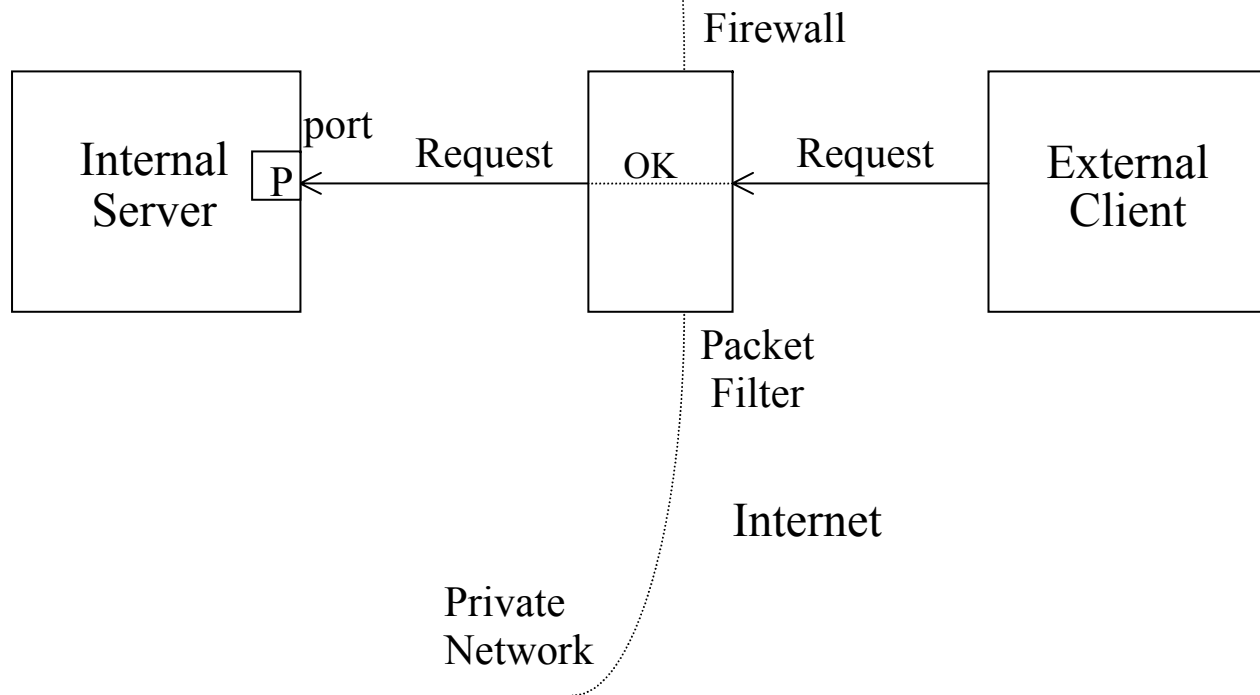
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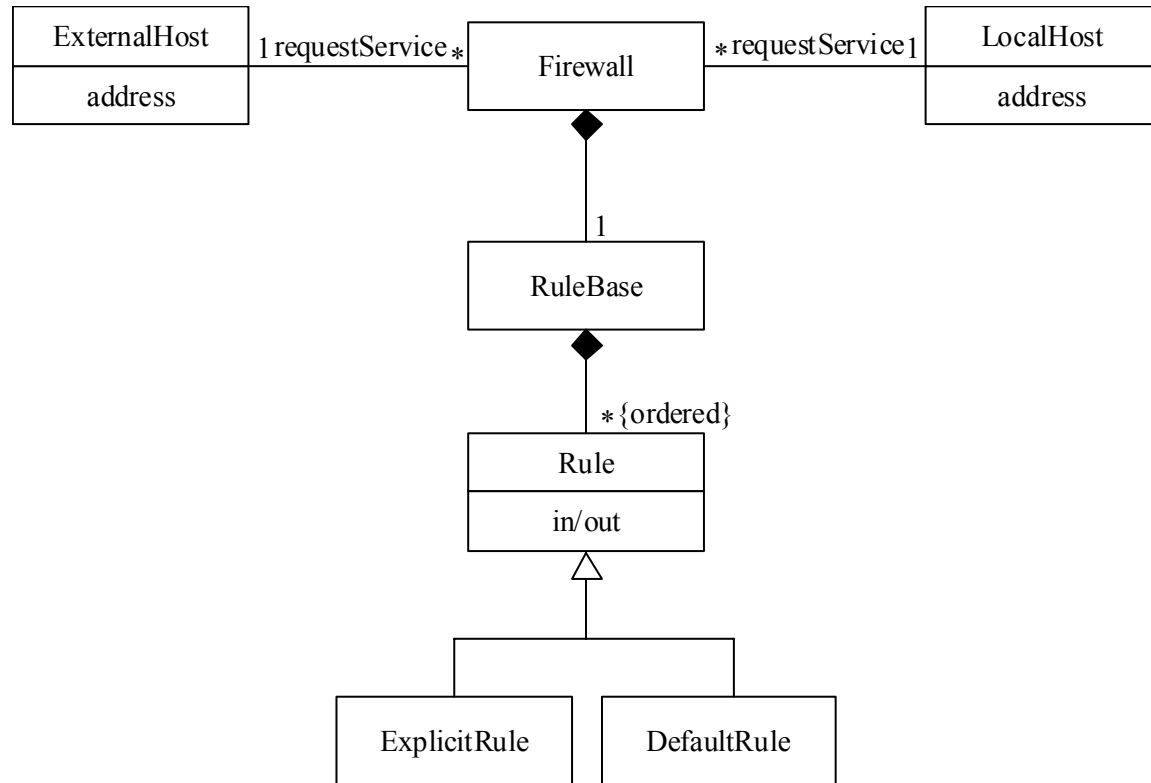
- Firewalls control access from networks to internal systems
- Network layer firewall --analyzes packets
- Application layer firewall -- uses application proxies ,supports authorization,may keep state
- Stateful inspection keeps the state of connections

Firewall patterns

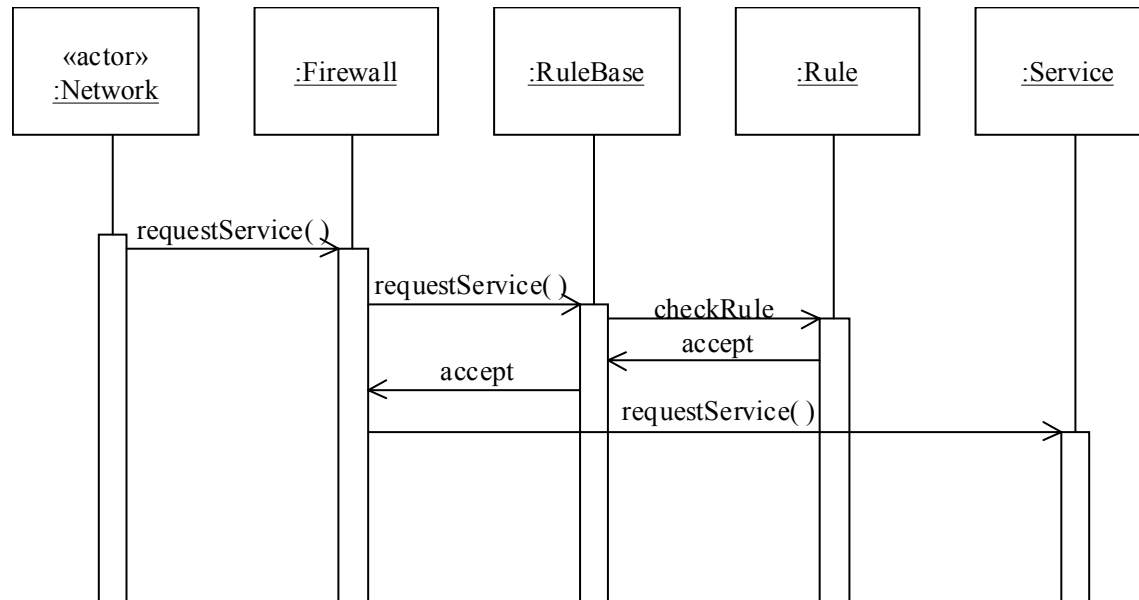


Network layer firewall





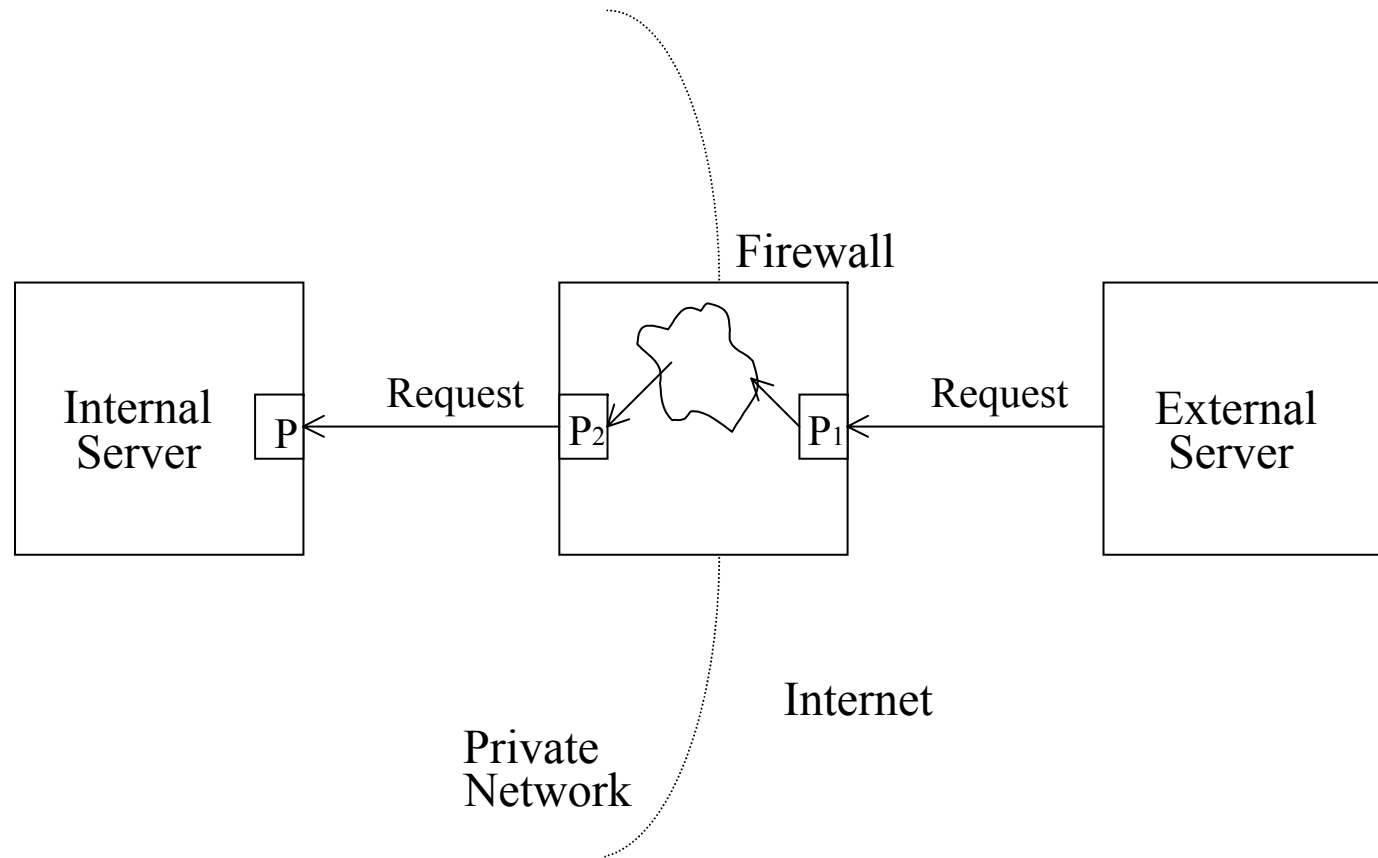
Filtering a request



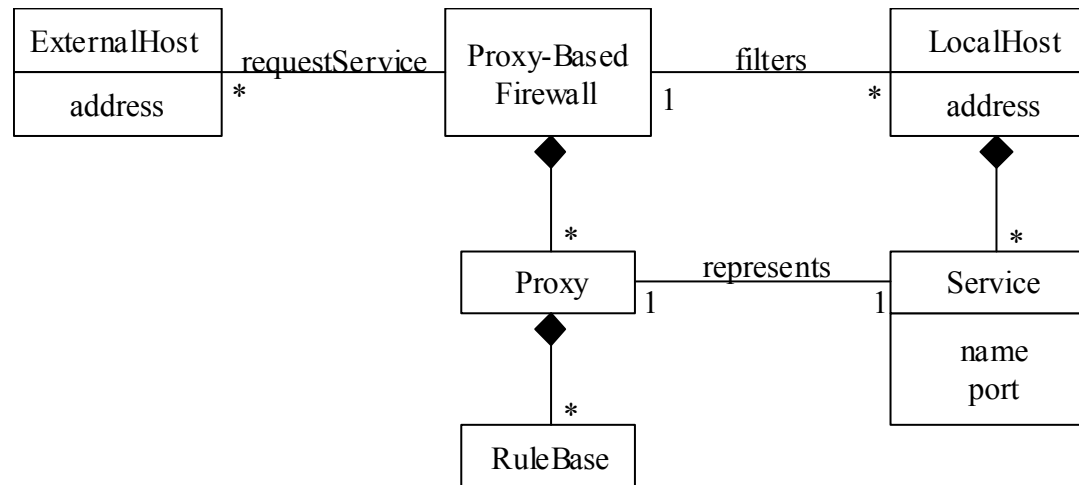
Application layer firewall

- Uses security proxies to represent services
- A variety of the Proxy pattern [GOF]
- Prevents direct access
- Analyzes application commands
- Keeps logs for later auditing
- Can keep state
- Poor scalability

Application layer firewall

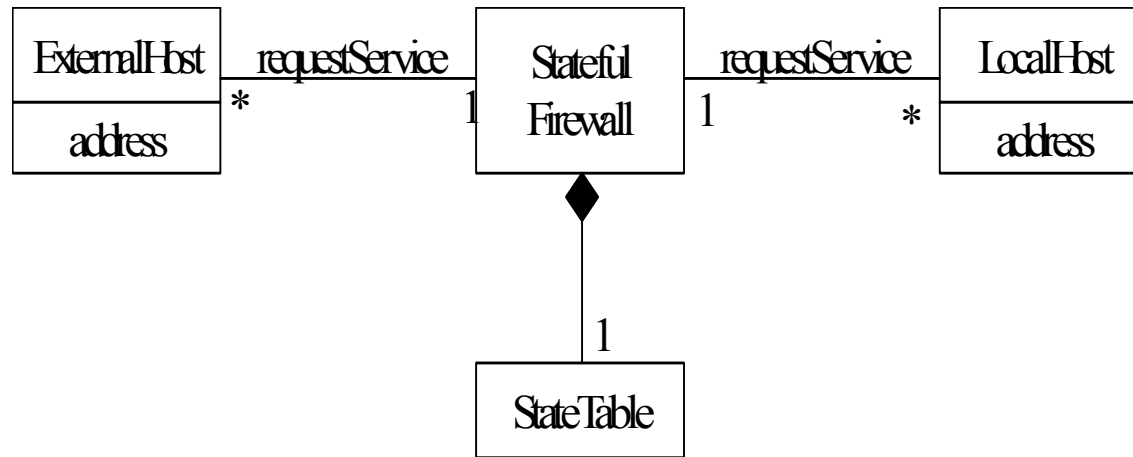


Proxy-based firewall



Stateful inspection firewall

- Based on inspection of packets
- Keeps dynamic state tables
- Can use information from the seven network layers
- Scalable
- Similar limitations about message and document contents



Operating systems

- Controls system resources
- In direct contact with hardware
- Process and processor management
- Memory management --executing programs
- Data management: persistent data
- I/O devices -- disks, communications ,...
- Controls login

OS attacks

- Remote login weaknesses
- Password guessing
- Bypass file permissions
- Scavenge memory
- Buffer overflow attacks
- Denial of service attacks (resource hogging)
- Privileged CGI scripts (in HTTP server OS)

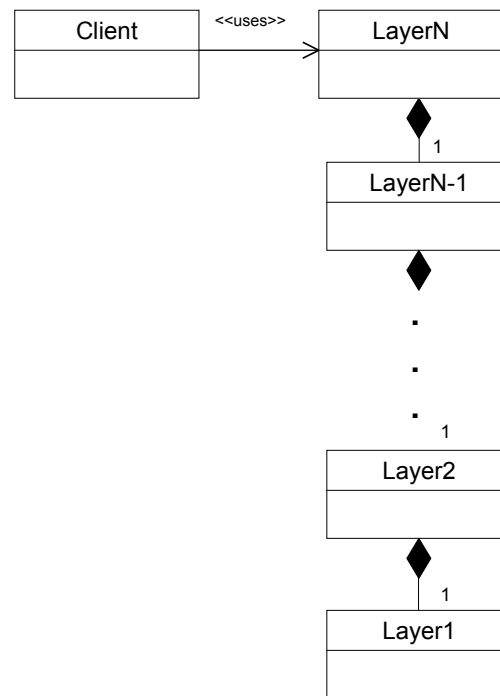
OS defenses

- Memory protection (supported by hardware)
- File protection
- Access control for I/O devices
- Requires good processor support for low overhead and to avoid bypassing of high-level mechanisms
- Capabilities and descriptors are effective mechanisms
- Firewalls to protect access to the system
- Authentication (part of login)
- A well-structured architecture

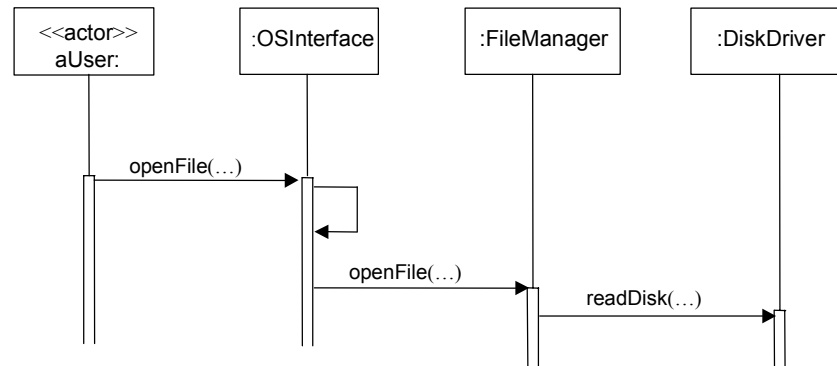
Patterns for secure architectures

- Layered OS
- Microkernel
- Virtual machine OS

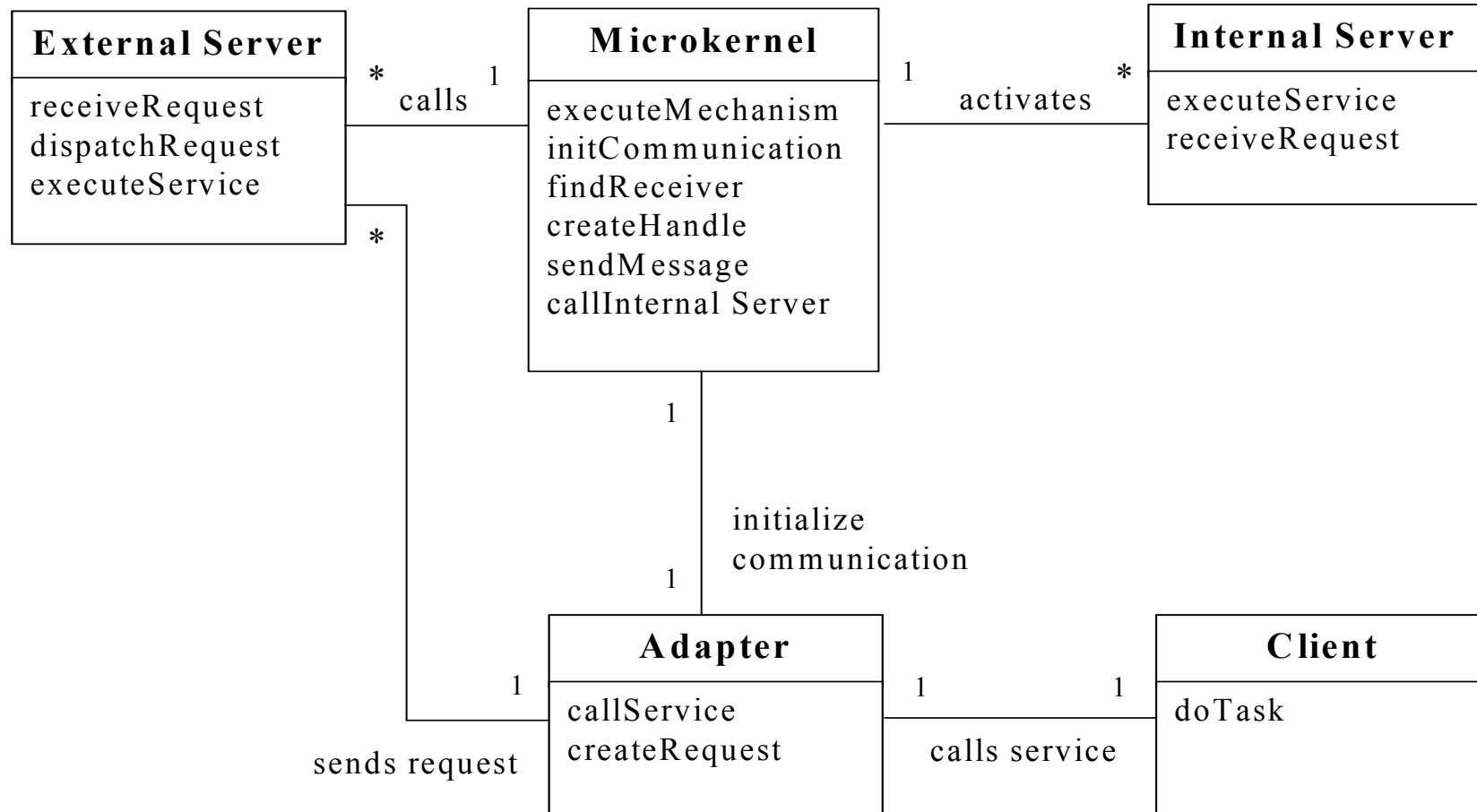
Layered OS



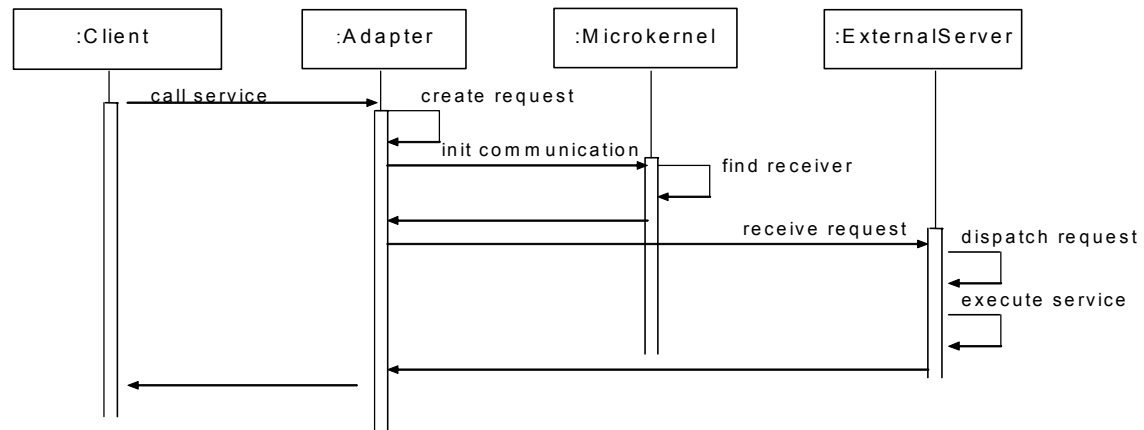
Requesting a service



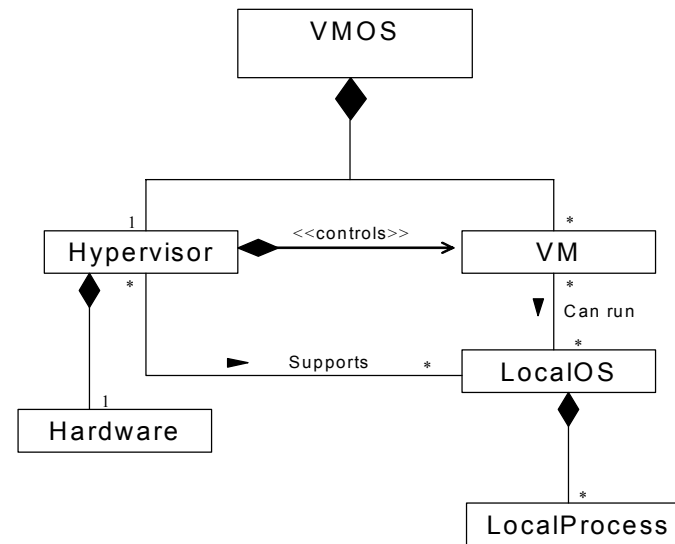
Microkernel



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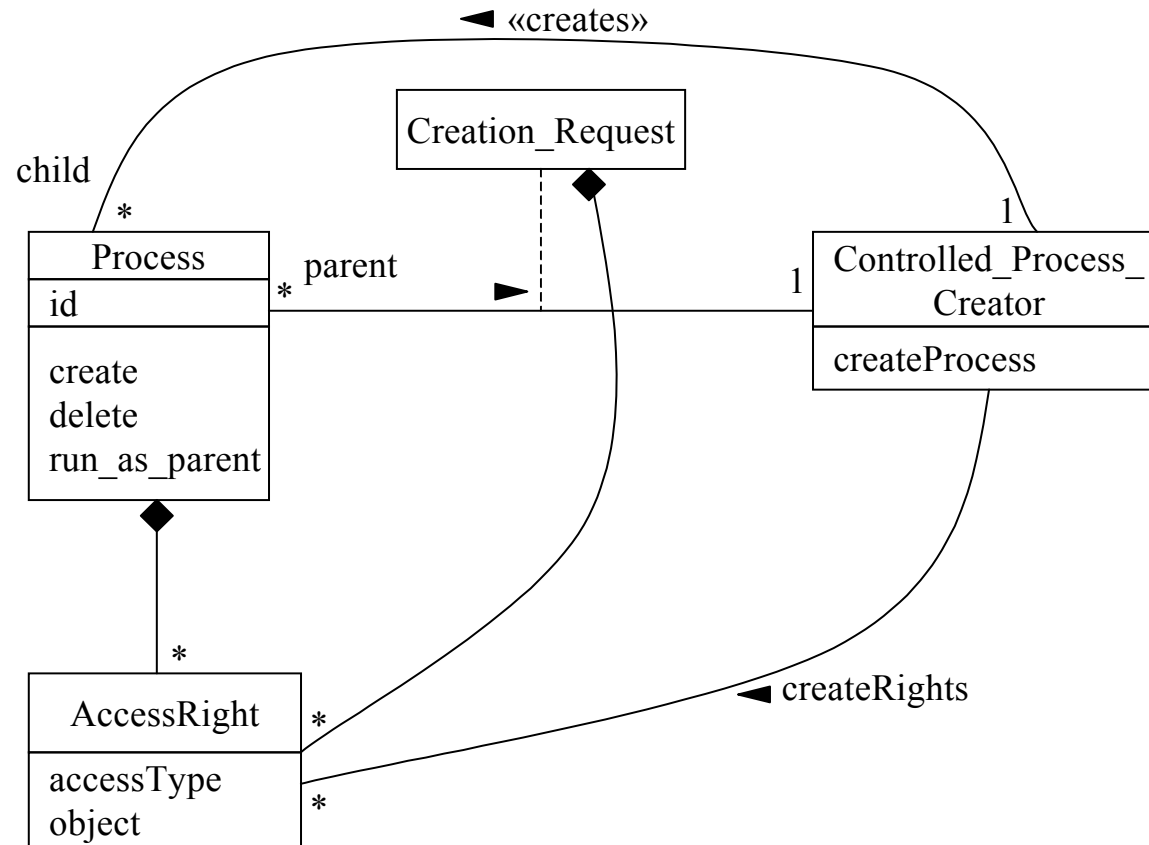
Virtual Machine OS



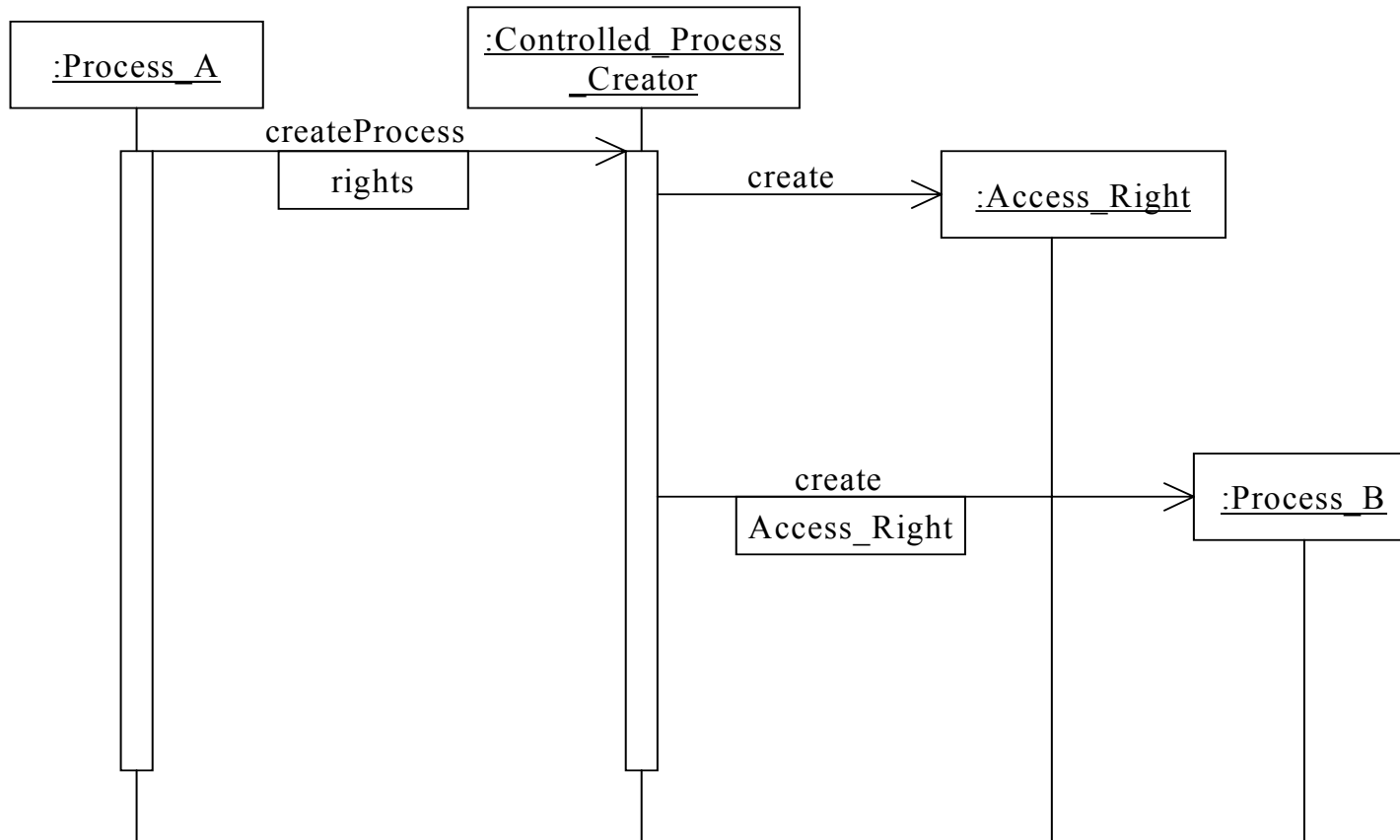
Patterns for operating systems security

- Controlled process creation
- Controlled object creation
- Authentication
- Controlled object access (reference monitor)
- File access control
- Controlled execution environment

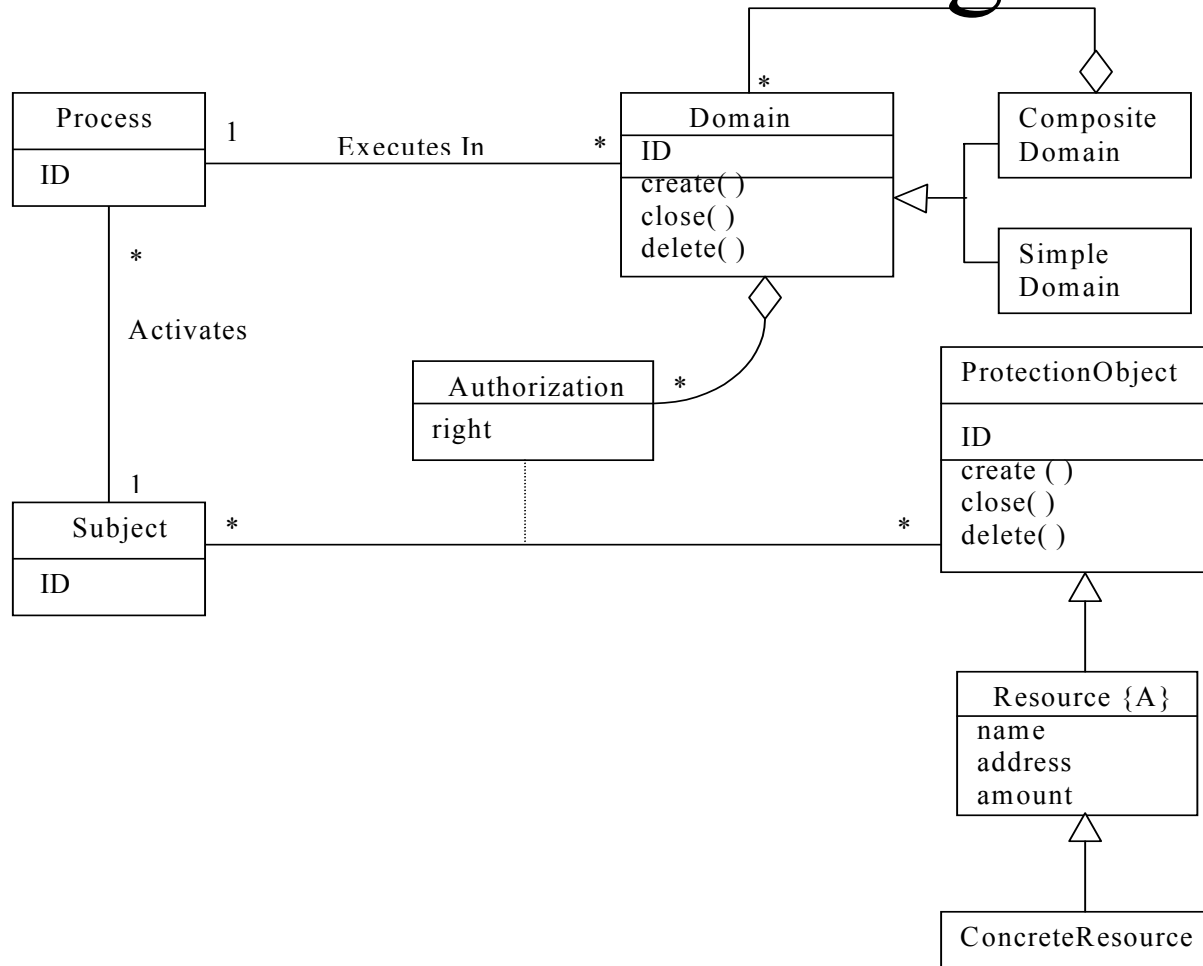
Controlled-Process Creator



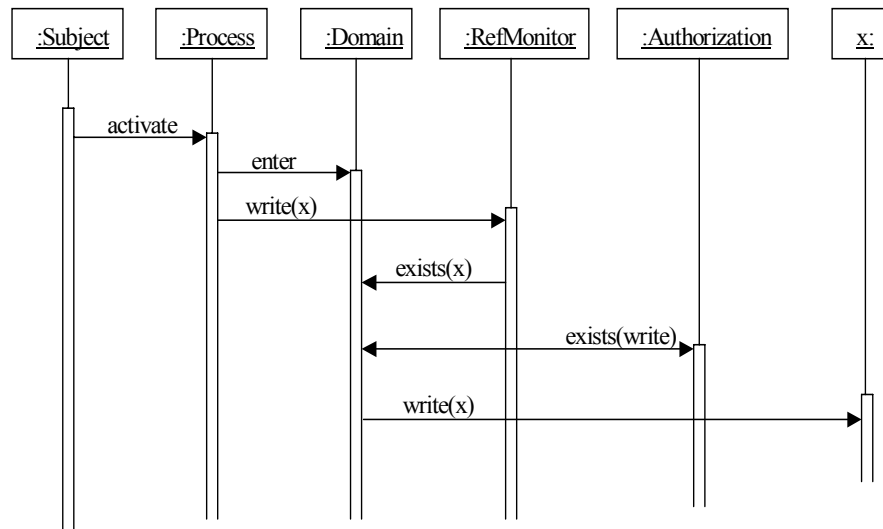
Process creation dynamics



Process/domain rights



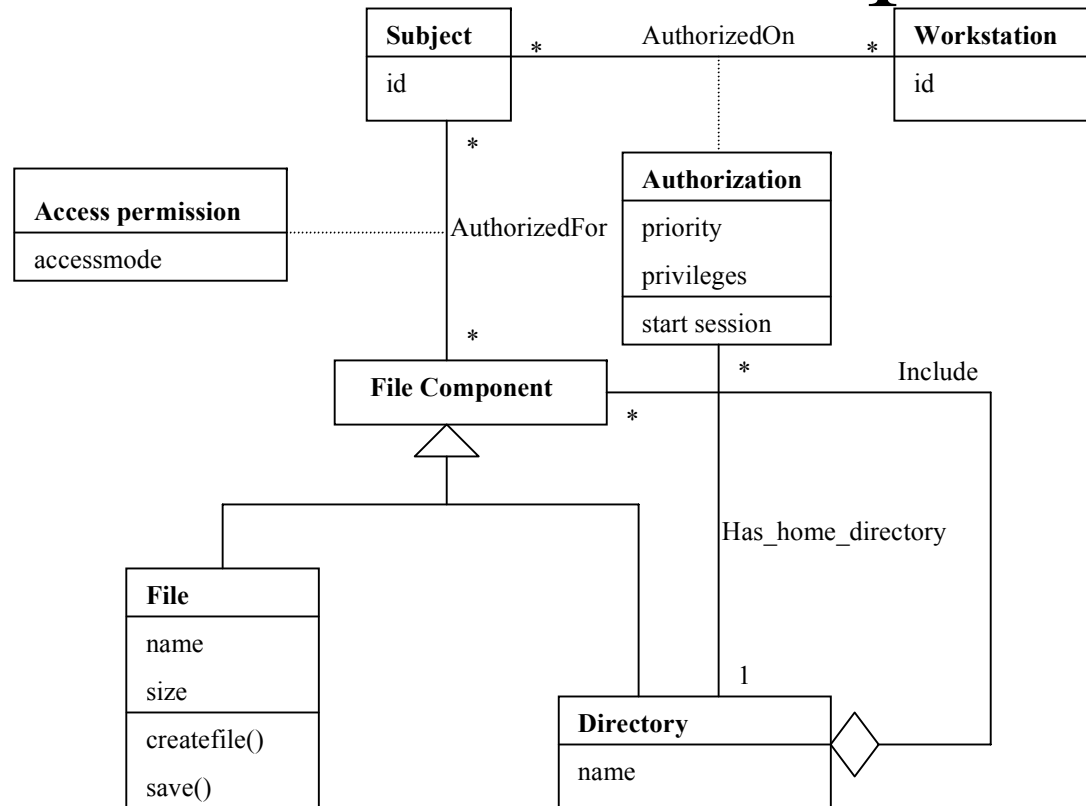
Entering a domain



Forces of file pattern

- There may be different categories of subjects, e.g., users, roles, and groups
- Subjects may be authorized to access files, directories, and workstations
- A subject has a home directory for each authorized workstation, but the same home directory can be shared among several workstation or among several subjects
- Users may be grouped for access
- Some systems may use roles instead or in addition to users as subjects
- There are many different implementations

A file authorization pattern



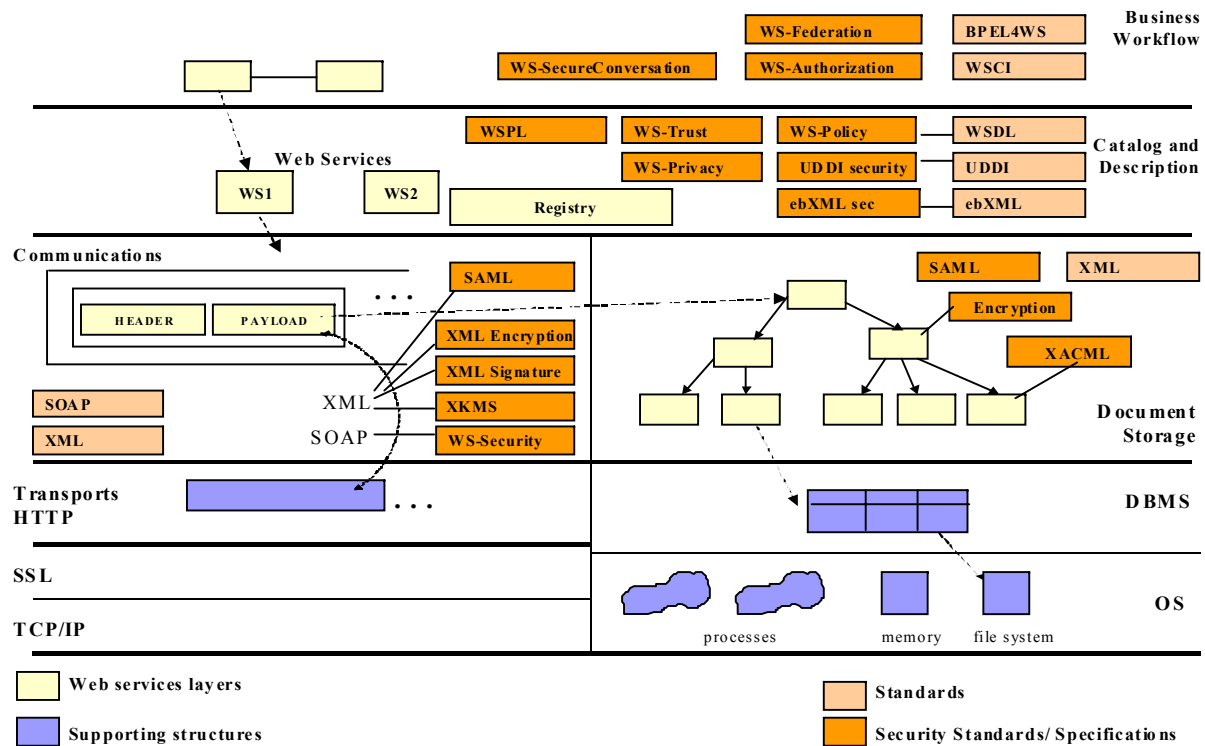
Use of subpatterns

- This pattern uses two instances of the Authorization Rule pattern
- Also uses the Composite pattern (GOF)
- A higher-level authorization rule that uses objects included in specific files can be mapped to this level for enforcement

Patterns for web services

- SAML
- XACML
- XML Firewall

Patterns can be used to compare or understand standards



Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)

- Part of XML-based Security Services
- XML framework for exchanging authentication and authorization information
- SAML information can be added to XML messages

Three types of assertions

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Attributes (groups, roles,...)

Assertion Coordinator pattern

- How to apply assertions across the Internet
- Most important use is Single Sign On (SSO)
- We find classes using CRC (Class-Responsibility-Collaboration) cards

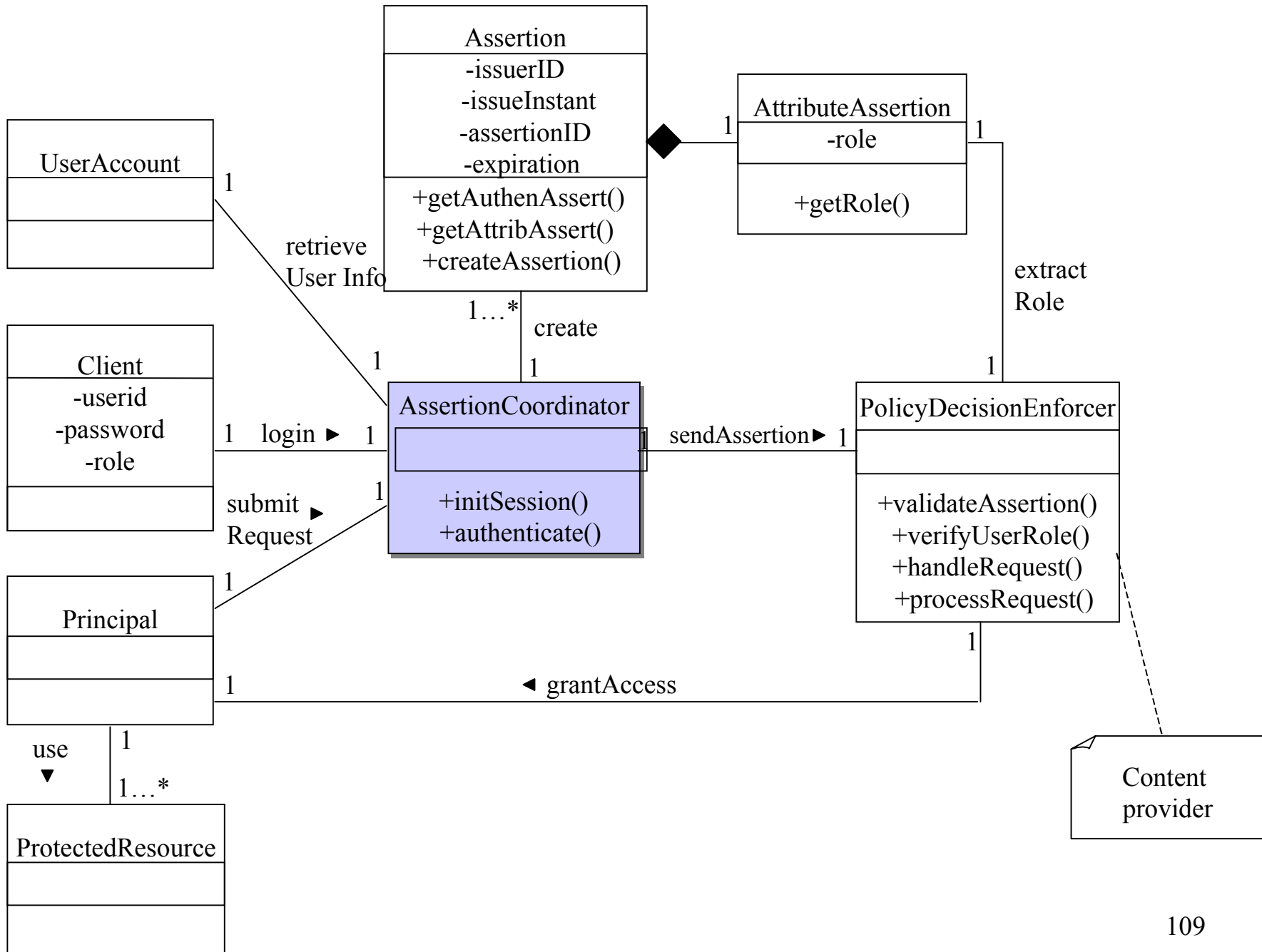
Class AssertionCoordinator	Collaborator •Assertion •Client •Principal •UserAccount •PolicyDecisionEnforcer
Responsibility •Authenticate users •Initiate session •Invoke creation of artifact and assertion for current user	

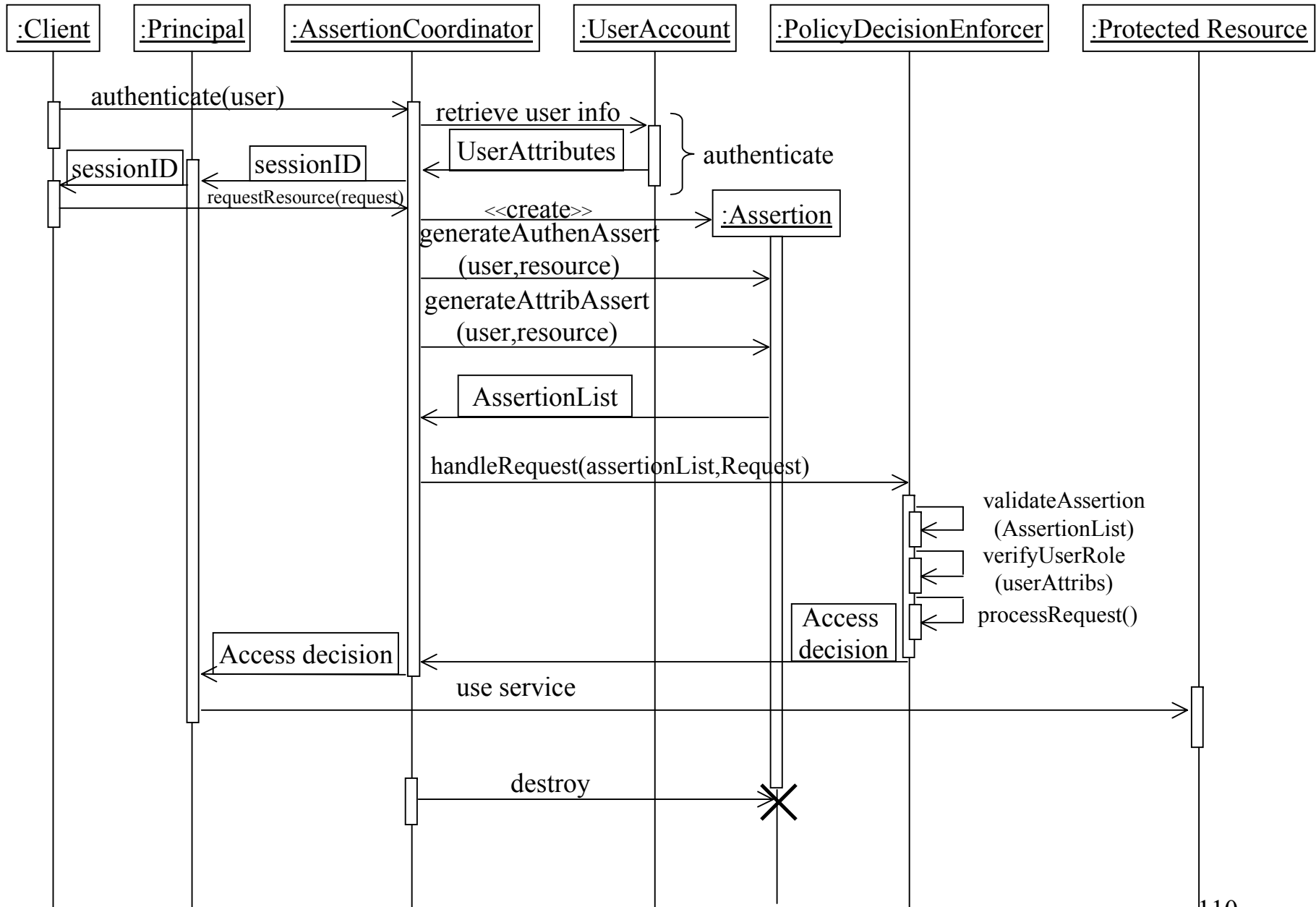
Class UserAccount	Collaborator •AssertionCoordinator
Responsibility •Keep user security Information	

Class PolicyDecisionEnforcer	Collaborator •AssertionCoordinator •Assertion •AttributeAssertion
Responsibility •Provide content to authenticated users with the appropriate Attributes	

Class Assertion	Collaborator •AttributeAssertion •AssertionCoordinator
Responsibility •Represents user security data in XML form •Categorizes data in the form of authentication or attribute assertions	

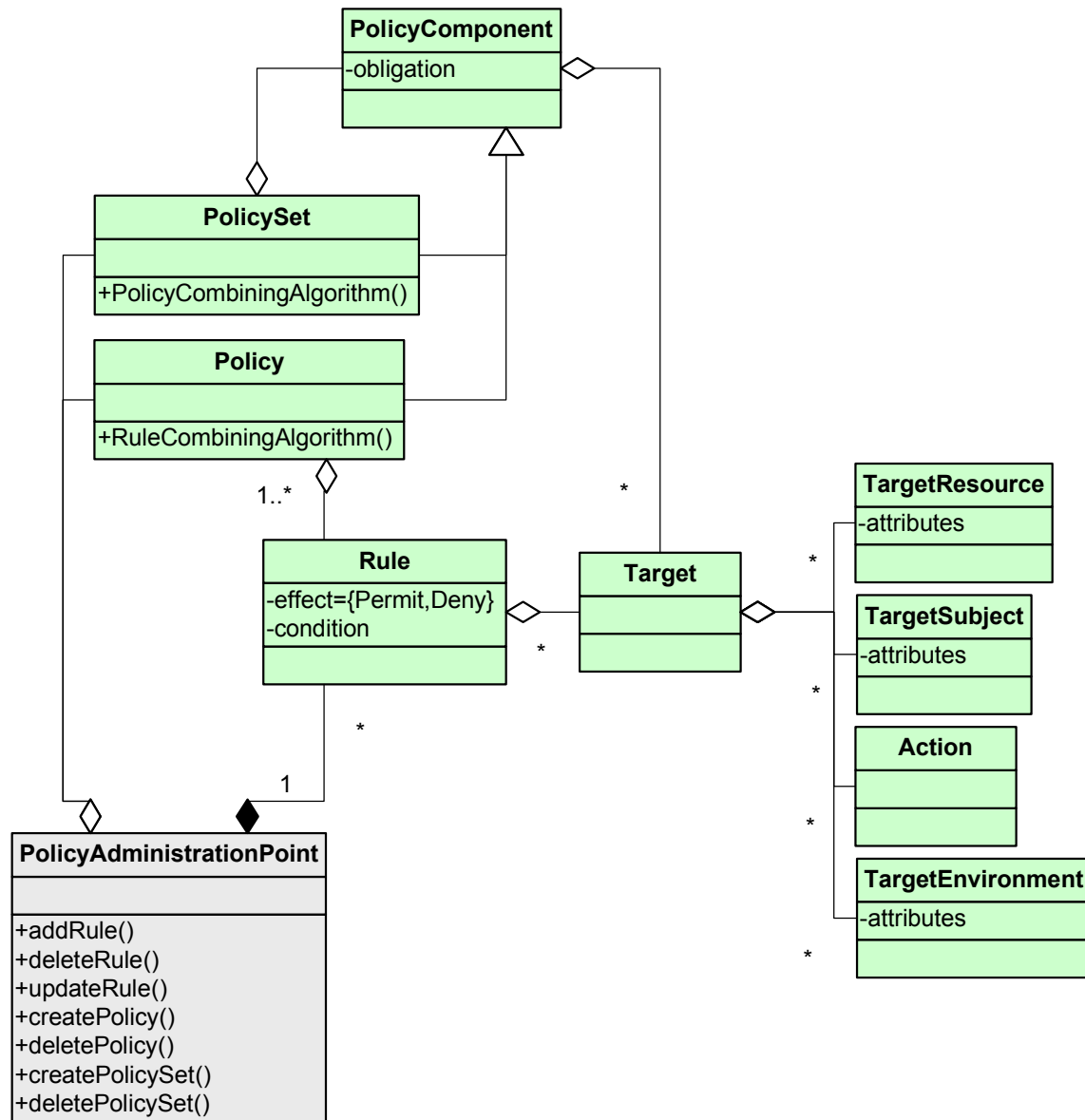
Class Principal	Collaborator •AssertionCoordinator •PolicyDecisionEnforcer •ProtectedResource
Responsibility •Identify clients authenticated by the AssertionCoordinator •Request protected resources •Fill order requests	

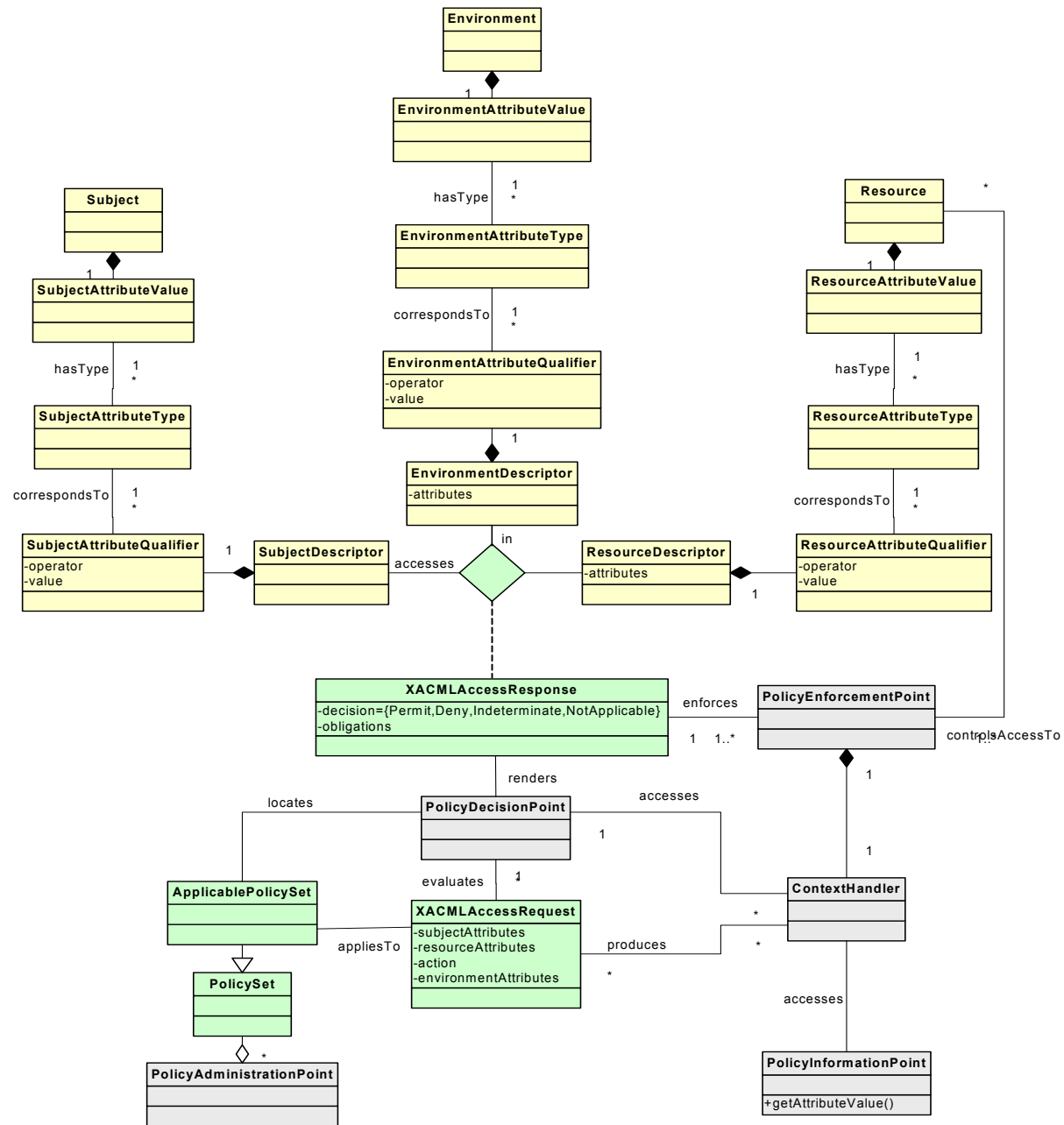




XACML

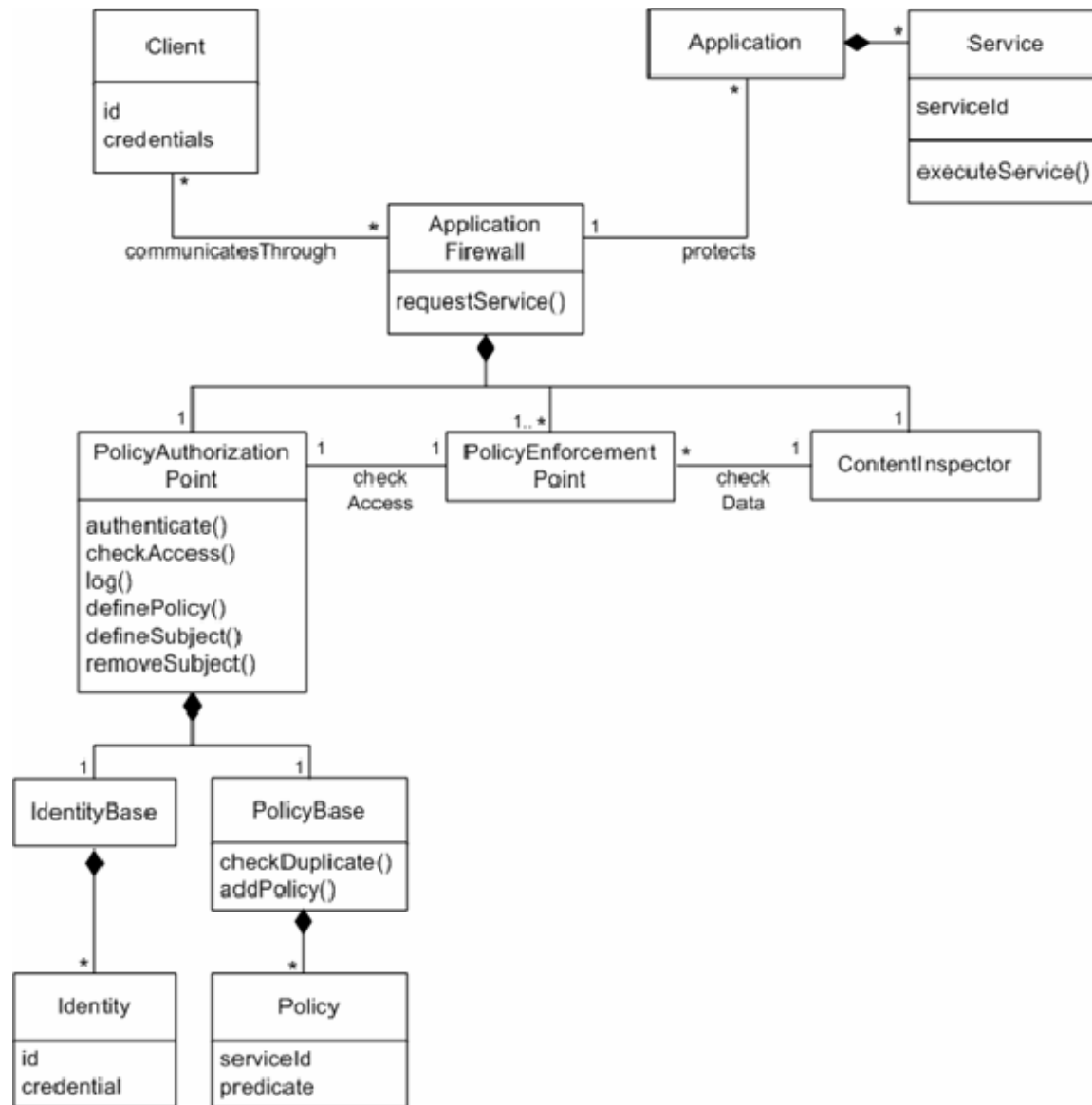
- Special technical committee of OASIS
- Specification of policies for information access over the Internet and their enforcement
- Combines work of IBM Tokyo and University of Milano, Italy.
- Implemented by Sun in early 2003

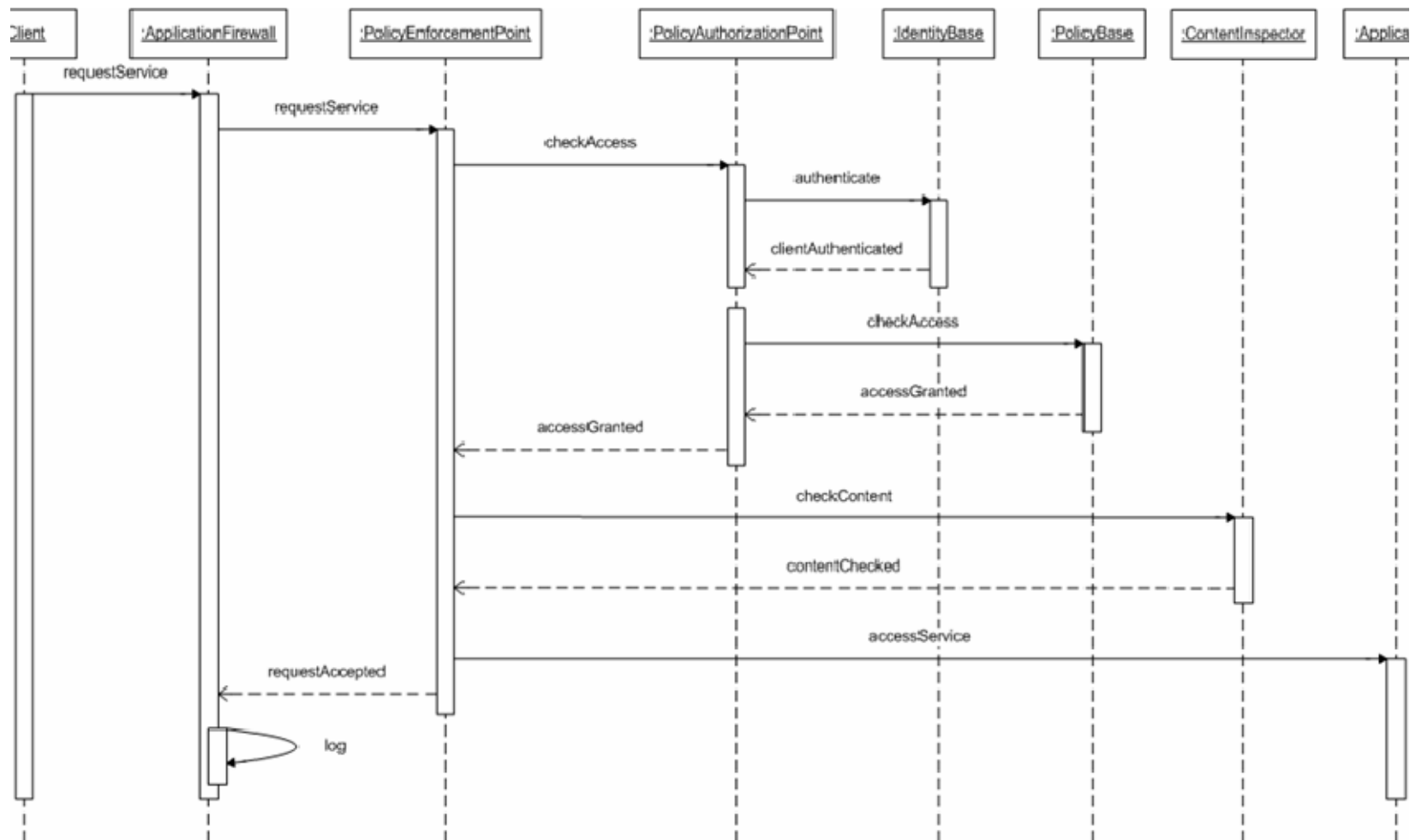




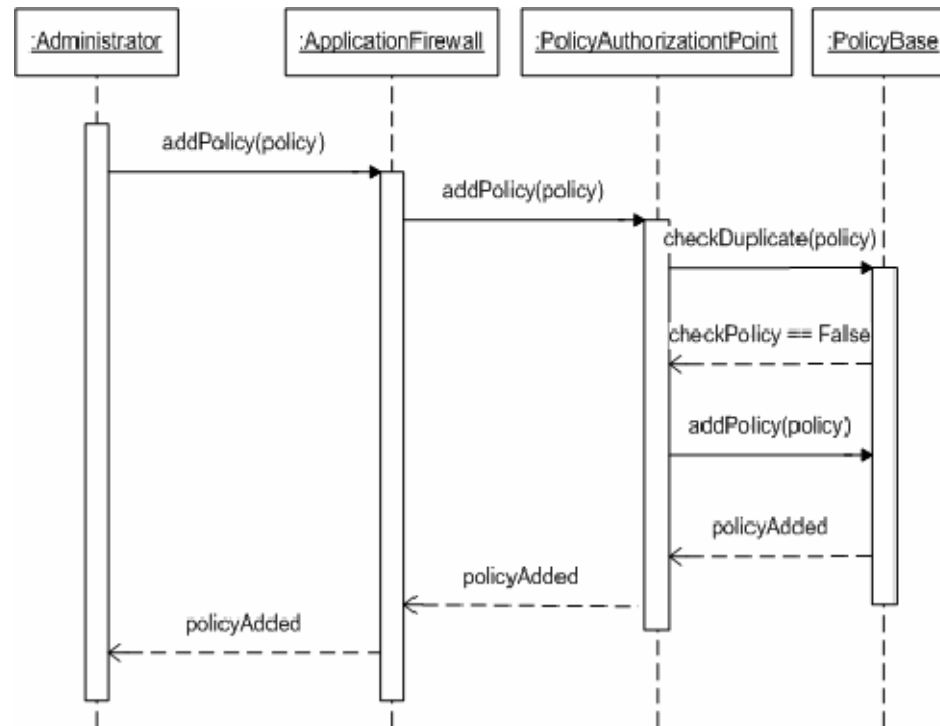
Application firewall

- XML firewall is a special case of it
- Controls input/output from distributed applications
- Can filter wrong commands, wrong type or length parameters, wrong sequences



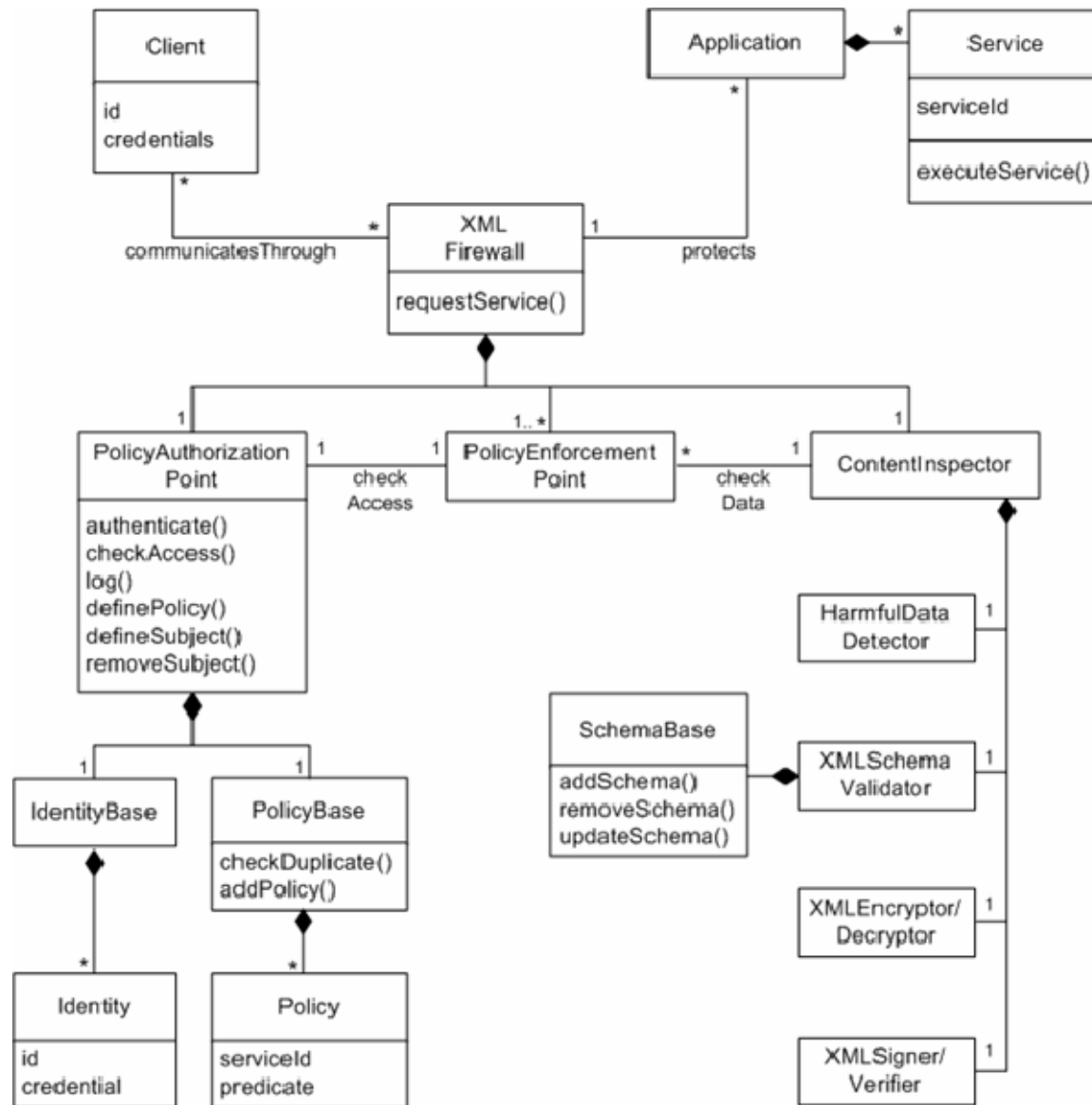


Adding a new rule



XML firewall

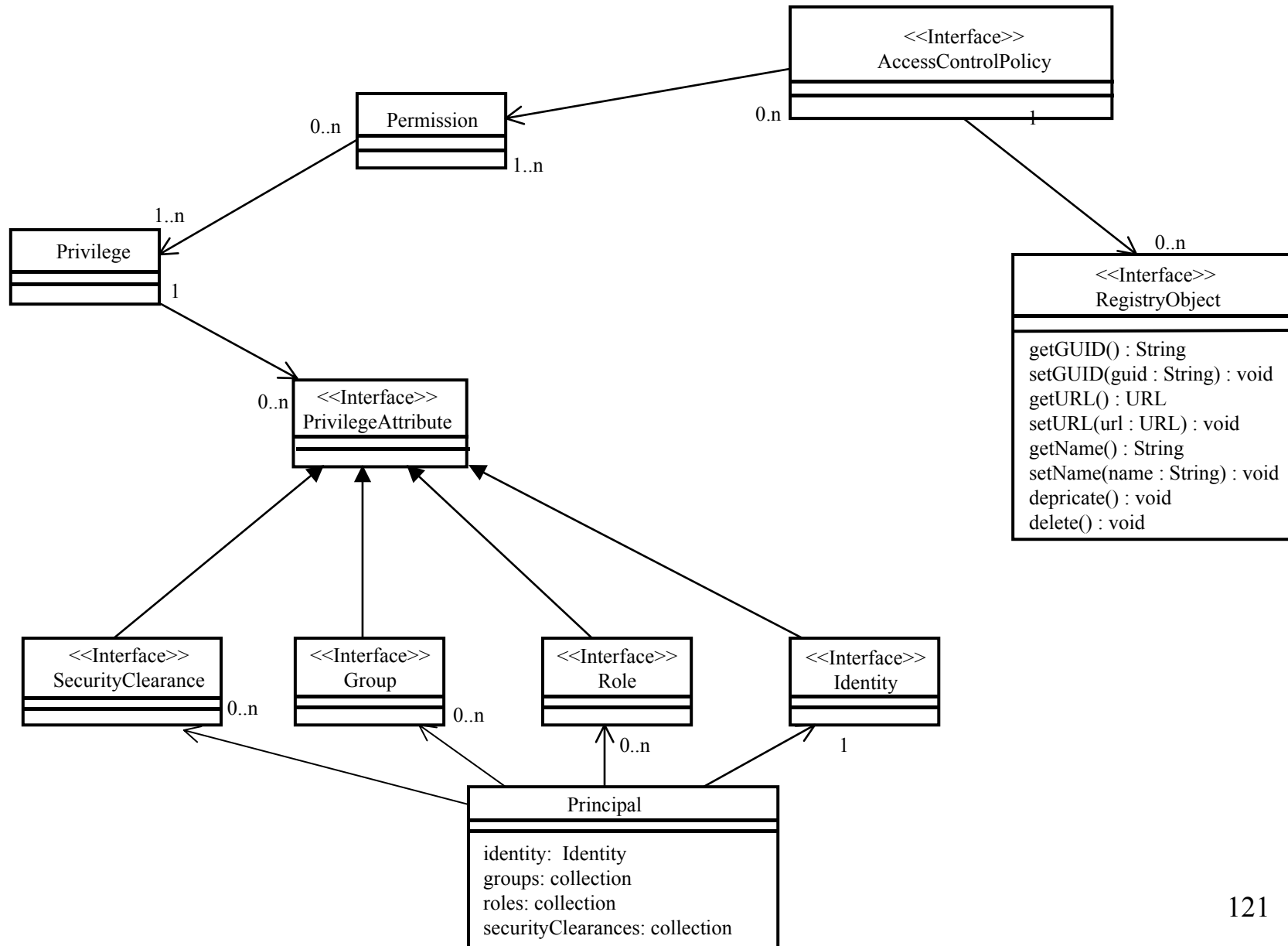
- Controls input/output of XML applications
- Well-formed documents (schema as reference)
- Harmful data (wrong type or length)
- Encryption/decryption
- Signed documents



Security in ebXML

- Proposal for registry security (May 2001)
- Requirements for authentication, integrity, and confidentiality
- Each request must be authenticated
- Policy: any known entity can publish and anyone can view
- UML model for registry security

ebXML Registry Security model

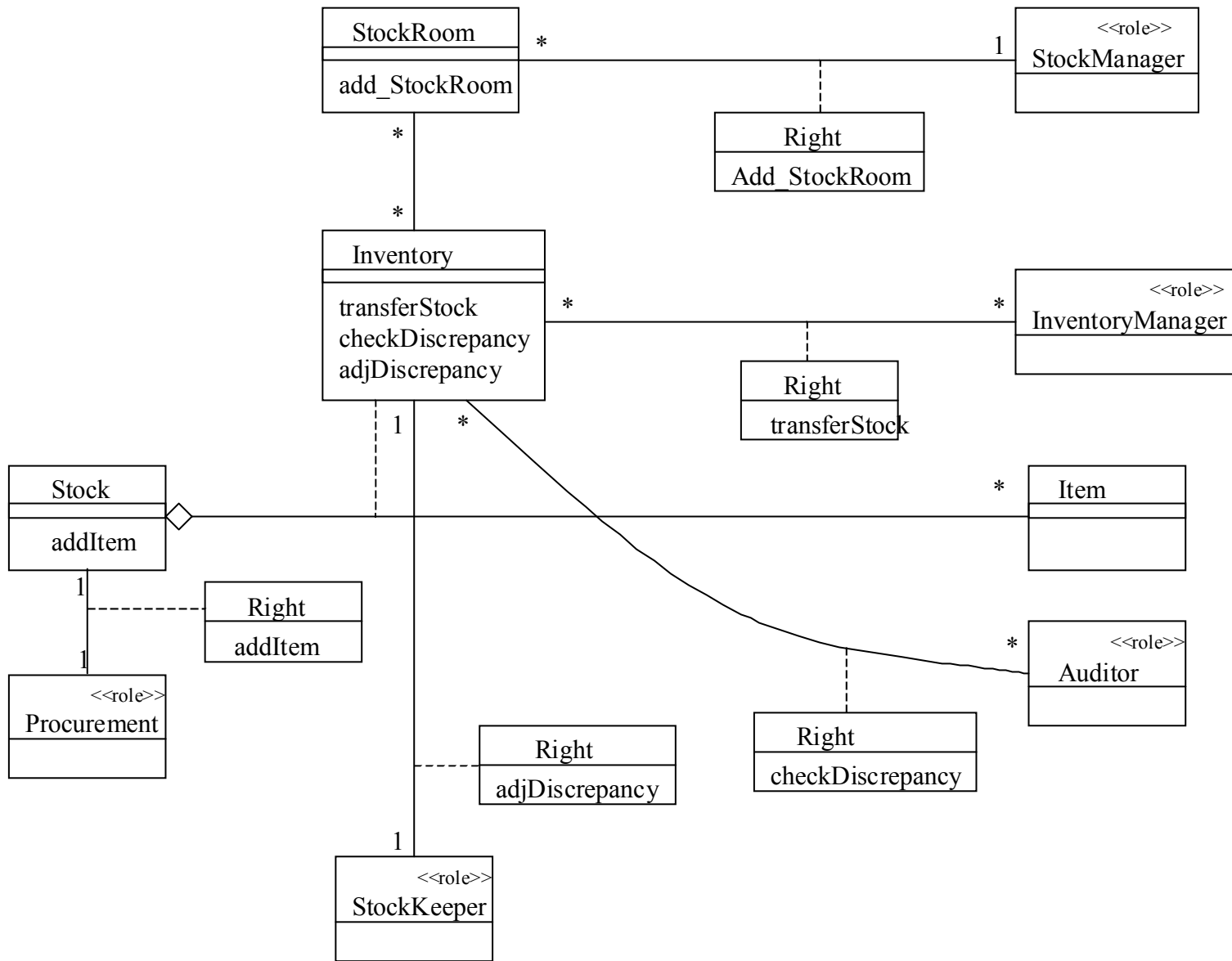


Application security

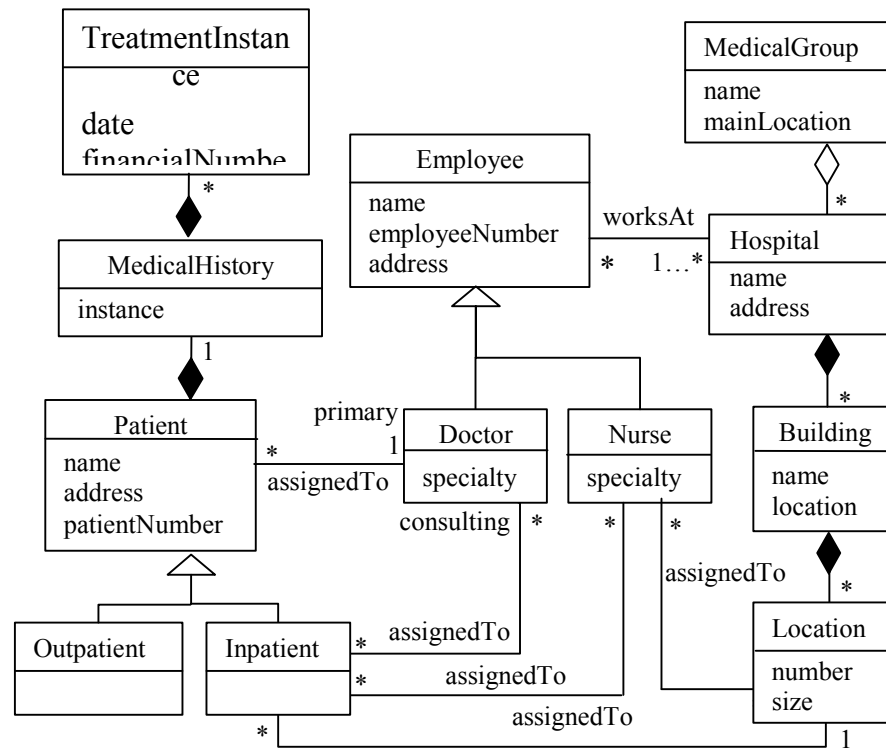
- Secure analysis patterns
- Stock manager
- Patient records
- Medical information

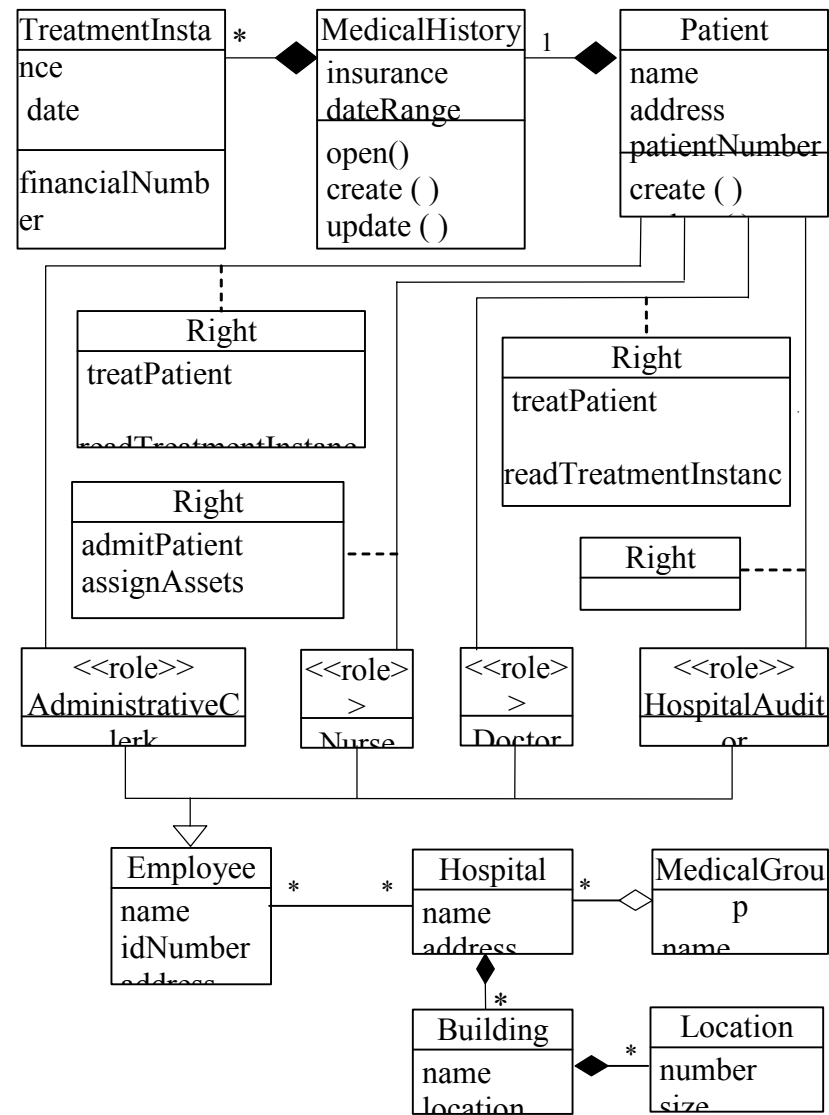
Secure analysis patterns

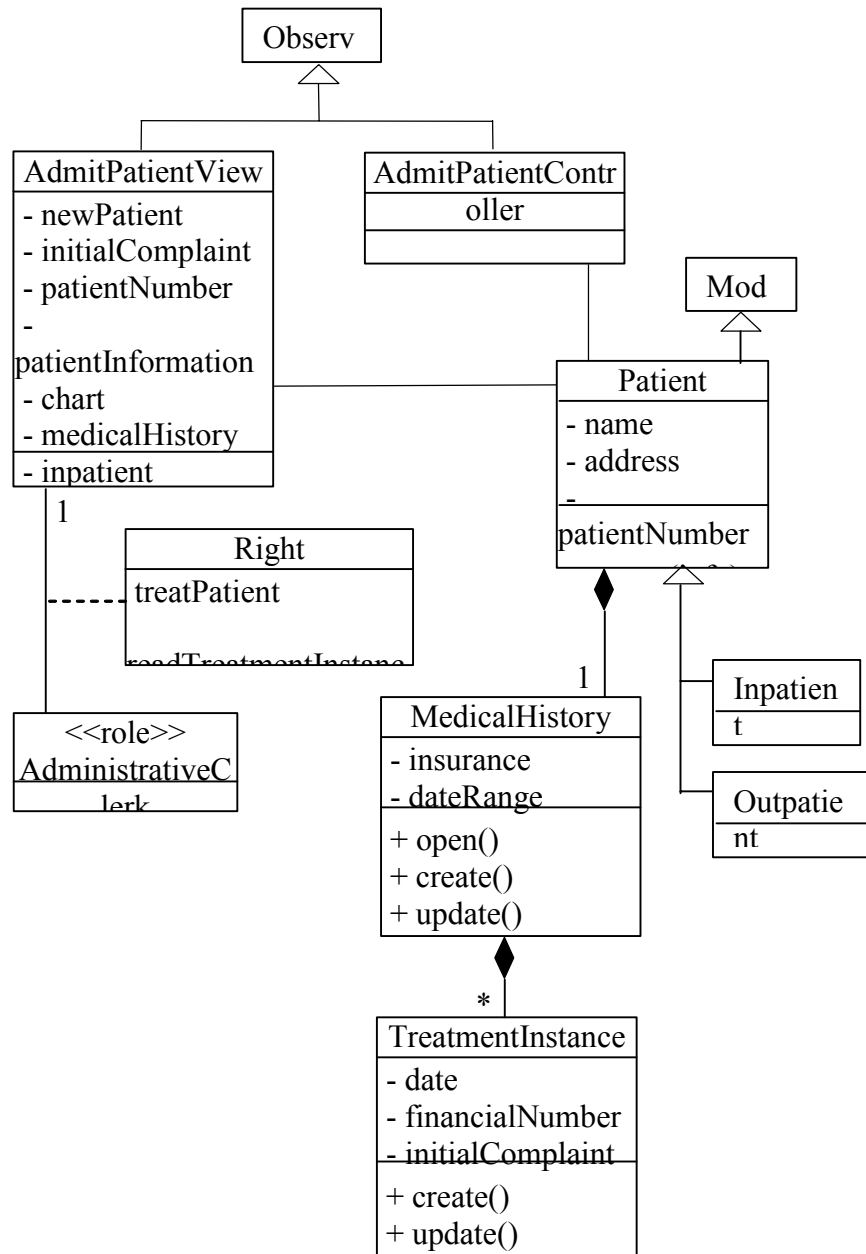
- A Semantic Analysis Pattern (SAP) describes a semantic unit
- We can combine a SAP with security patterns to get a secure semantic unit
- Can be used to build secure applications
- Example: authorized inventory system



Patient records

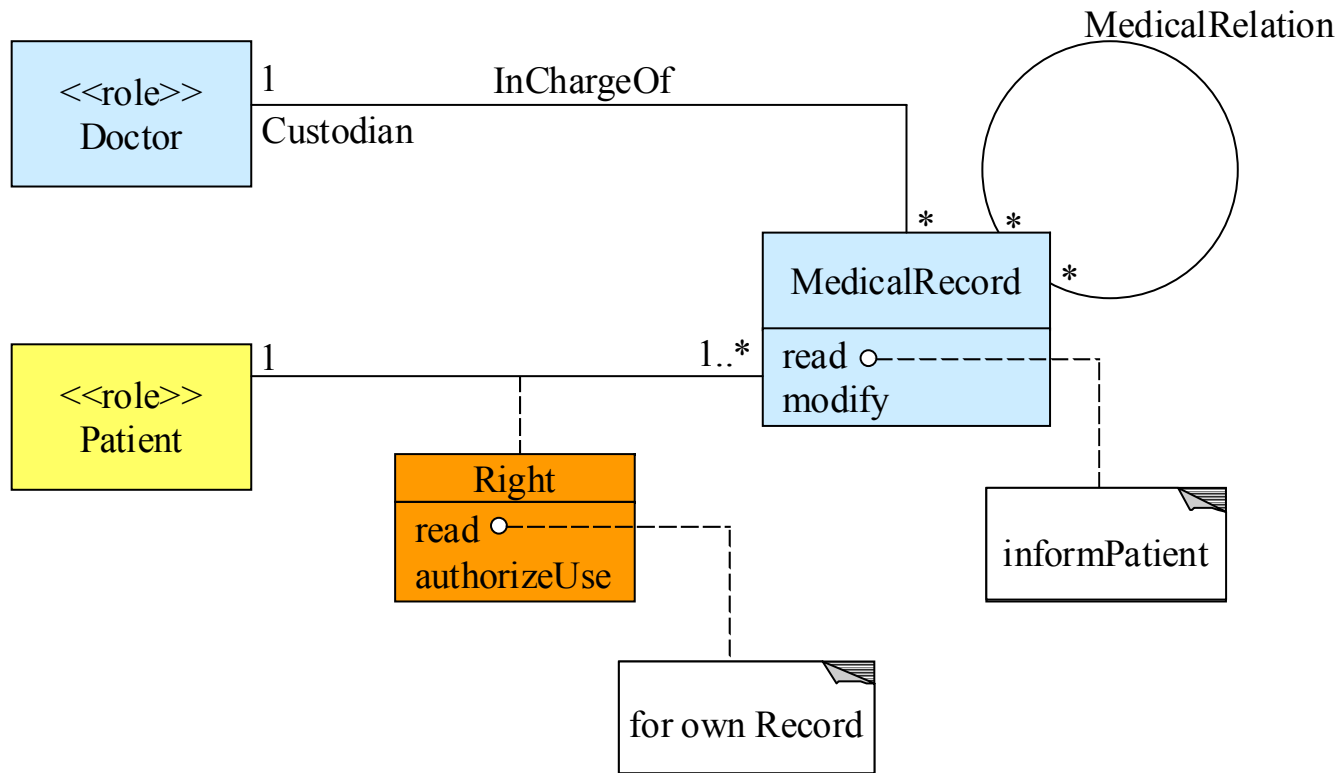






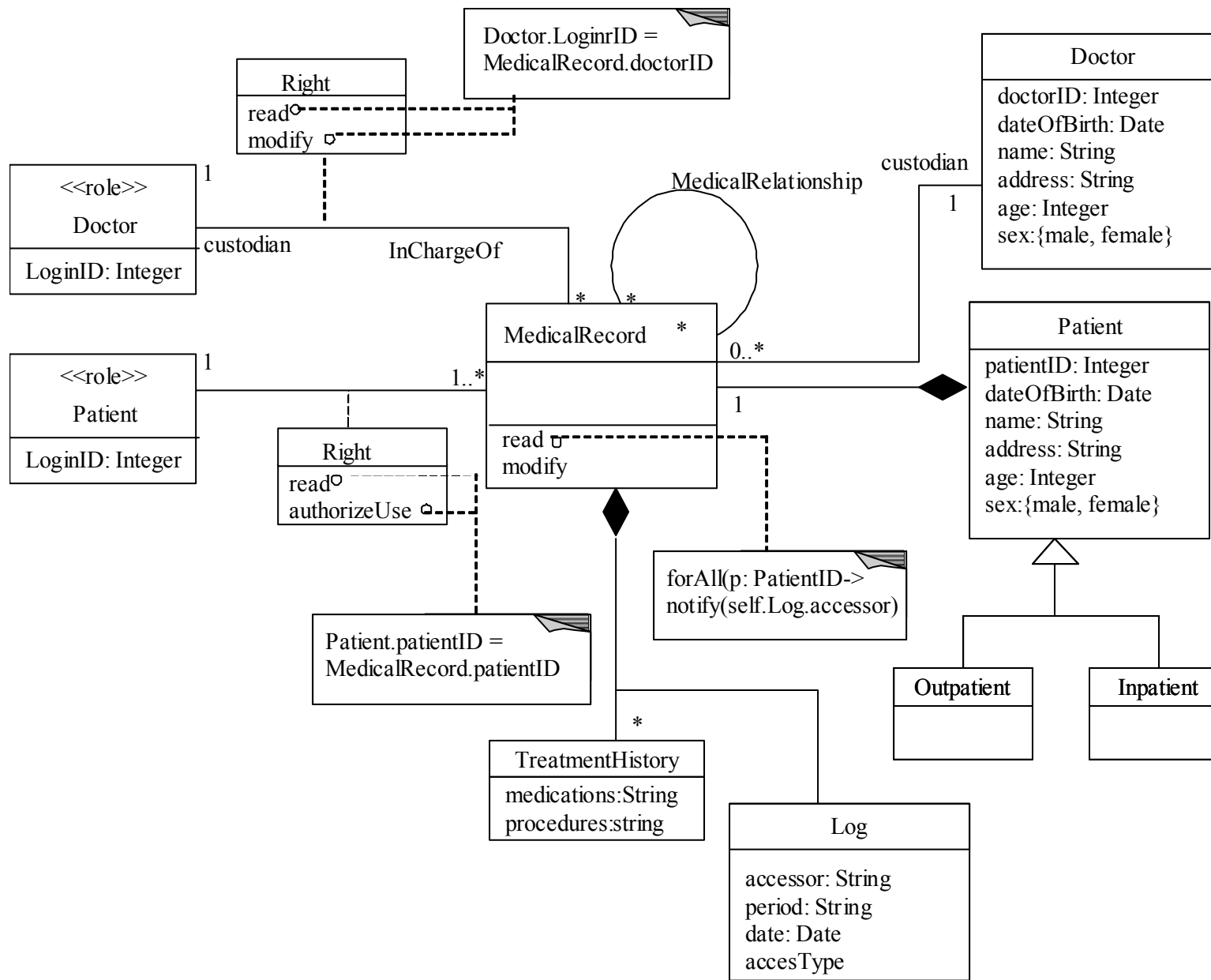
Some policies for medical information

- Patients can see their records, consent to their use, must be informed of their use
- A doctor or other medical employee is responsible for use of record (custodian)
- Records of patients with genetic or infectious diseases must be related



OCL (Object Constraint Language)

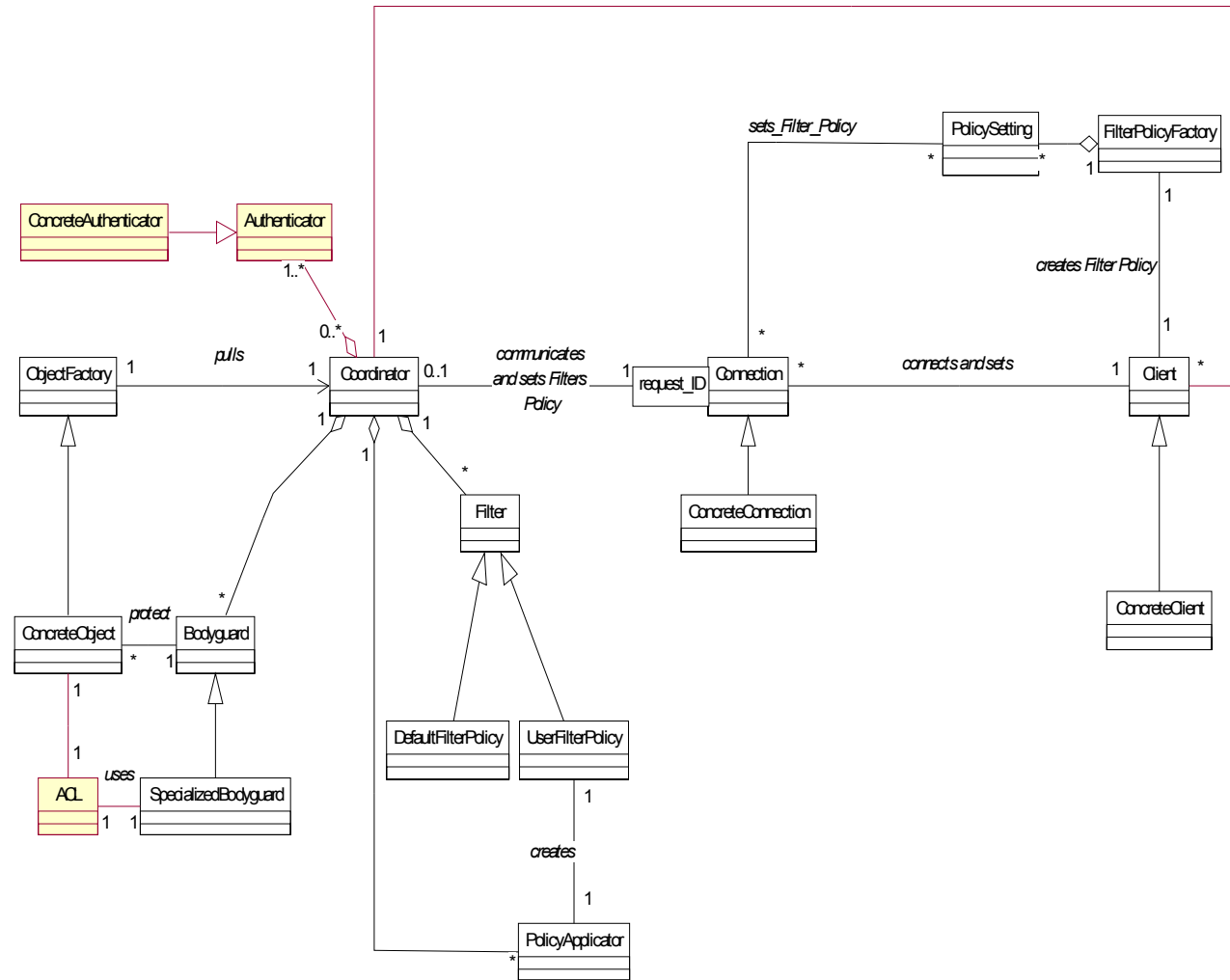
- Similar to Z and SQL, 1st order predicate calculus
- Adds precision to UML constraints
- Implementation oriented

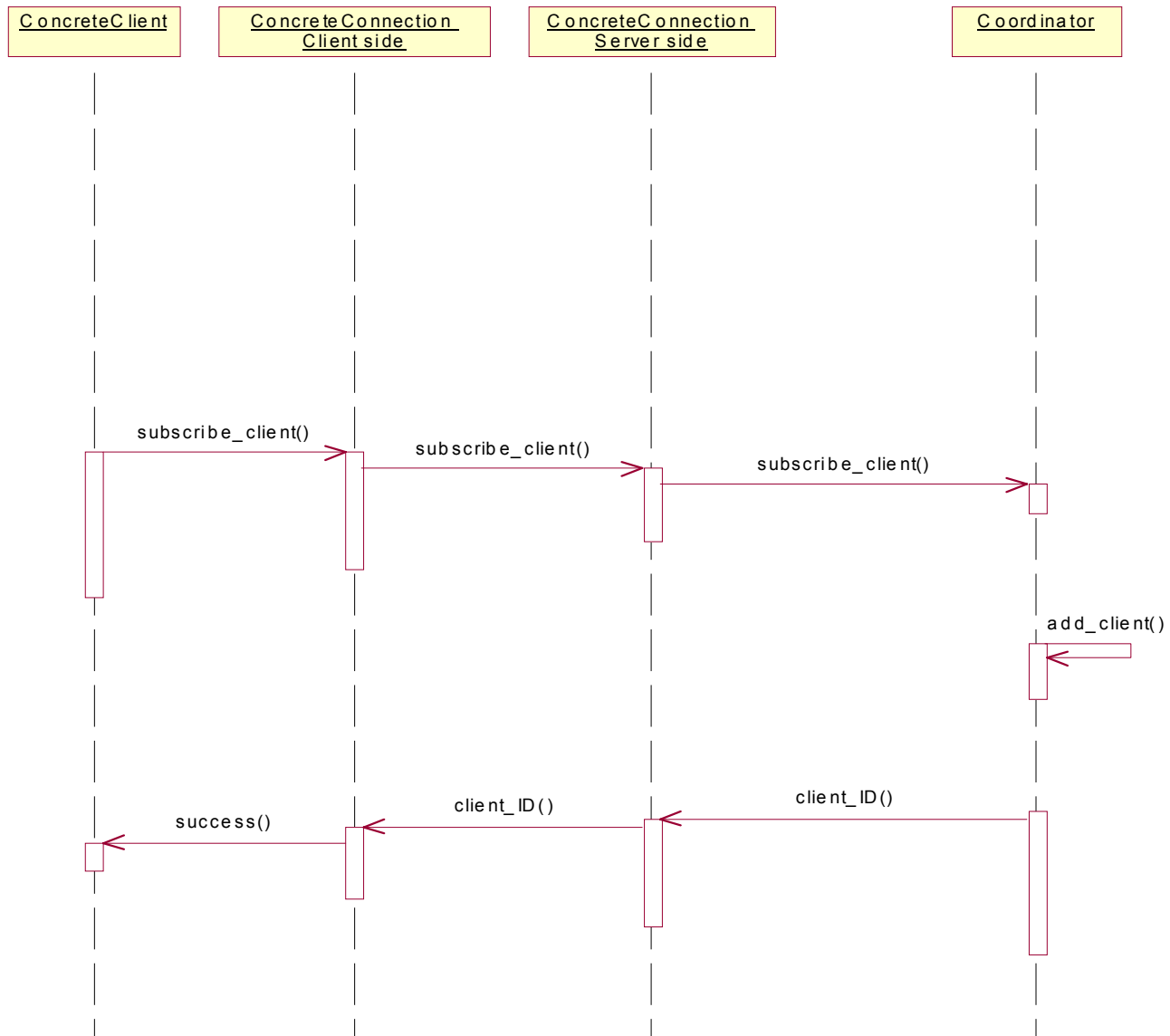


Distributed systems and web applications

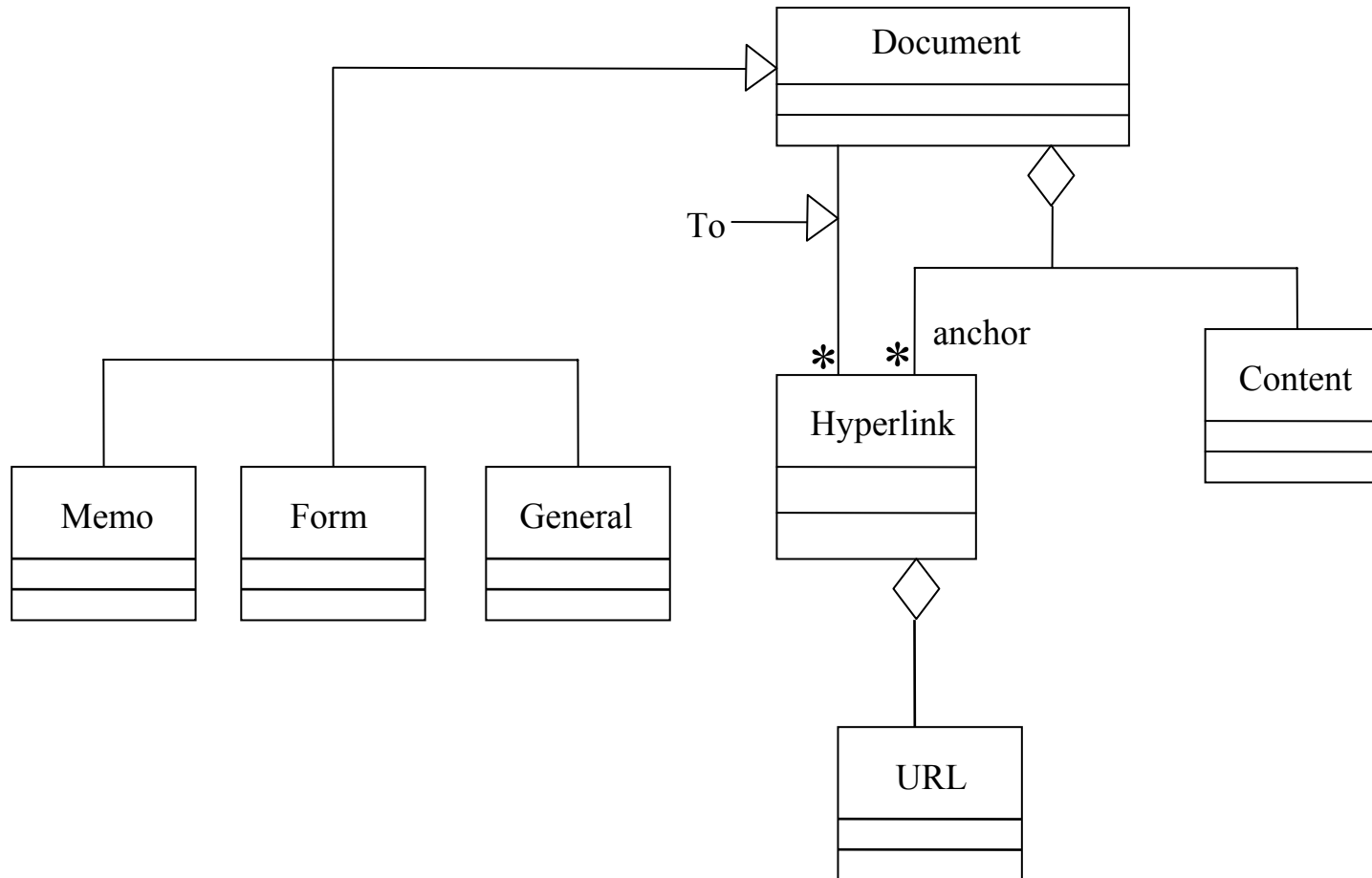
- Framework for filtering, access control, establish connection
- Shows combination of distribution and security patterns

A secure framework registers

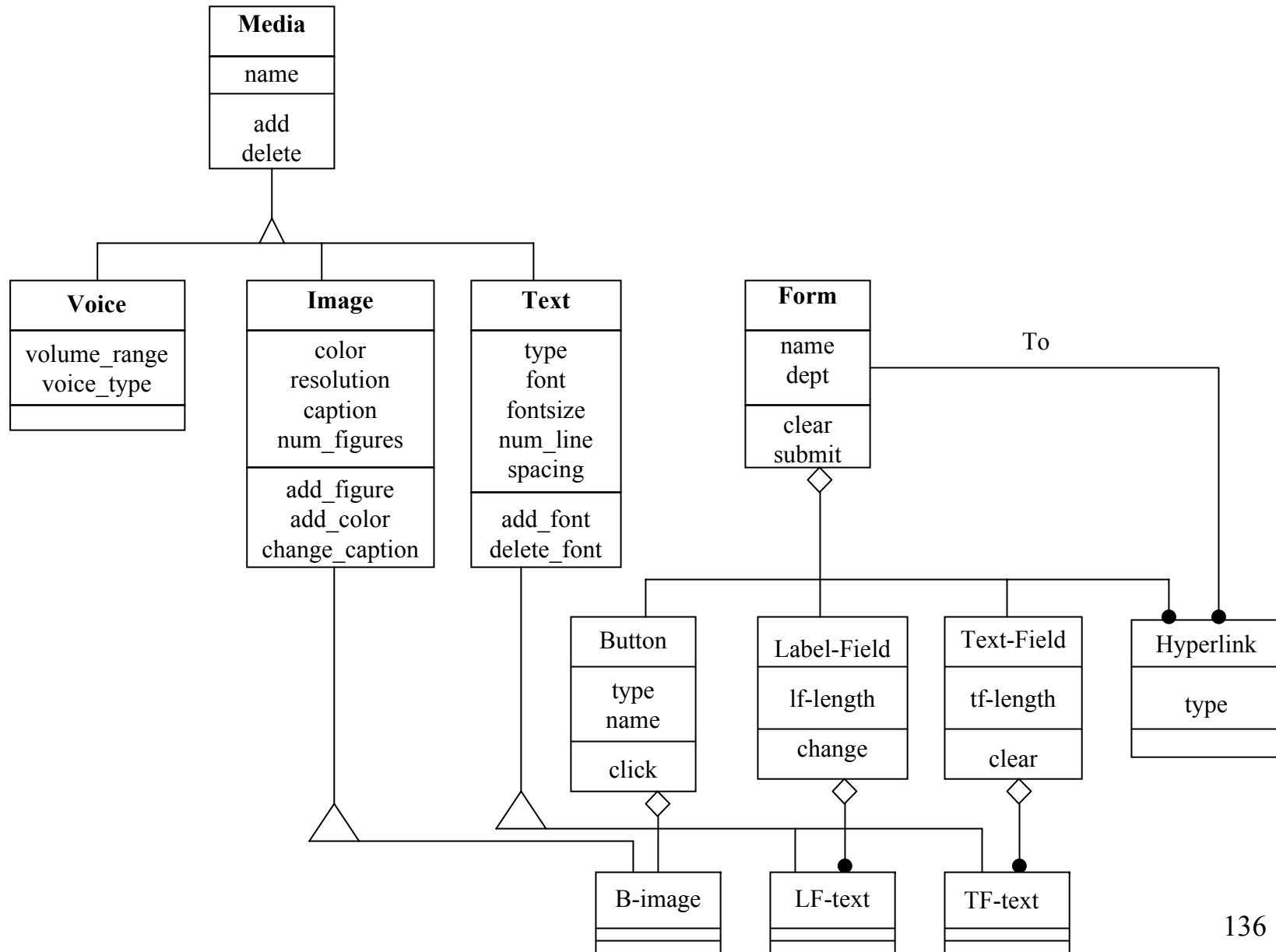




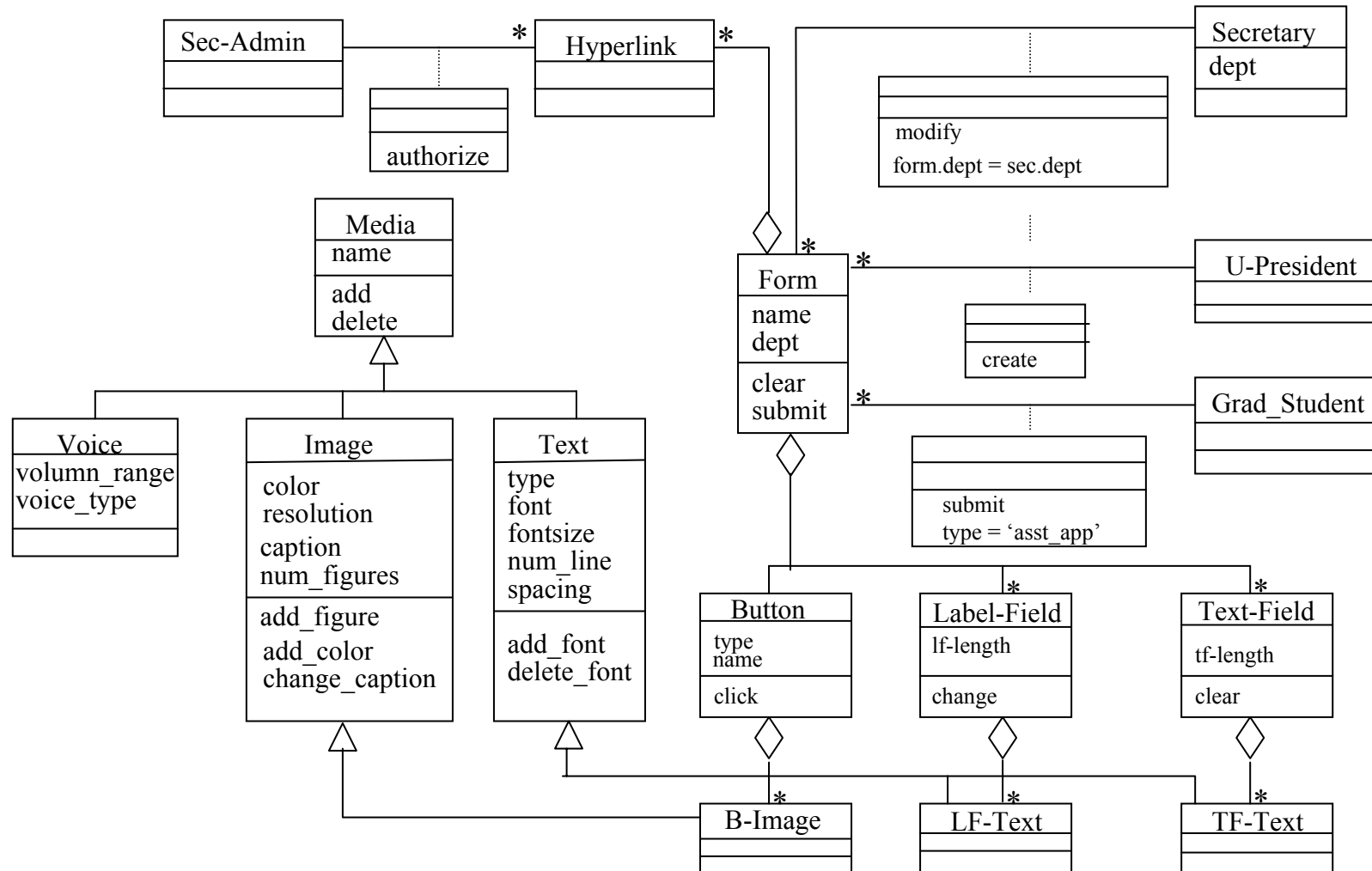
Web Documents



Example -- Form



OO models of web documents



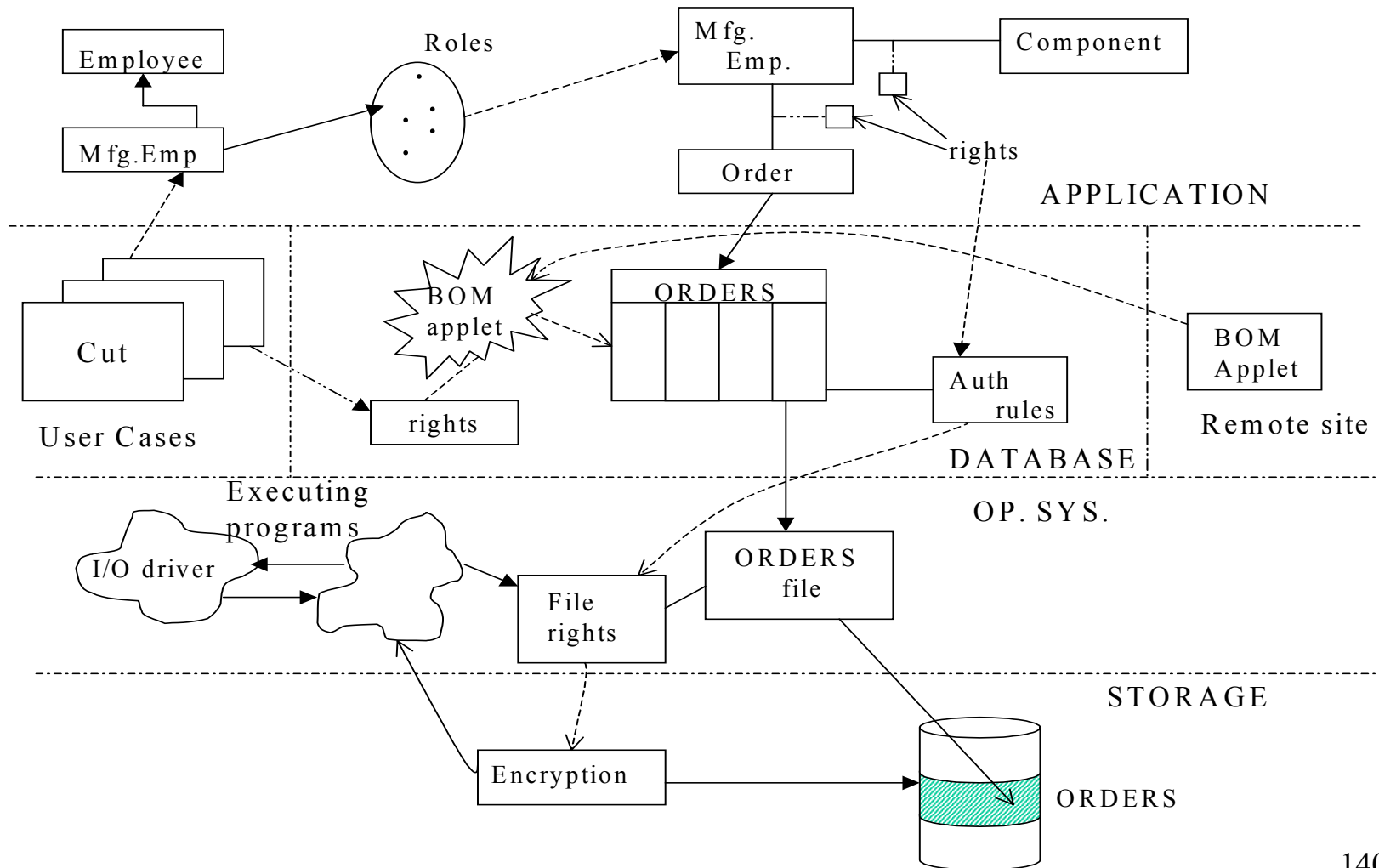
Other security patterns

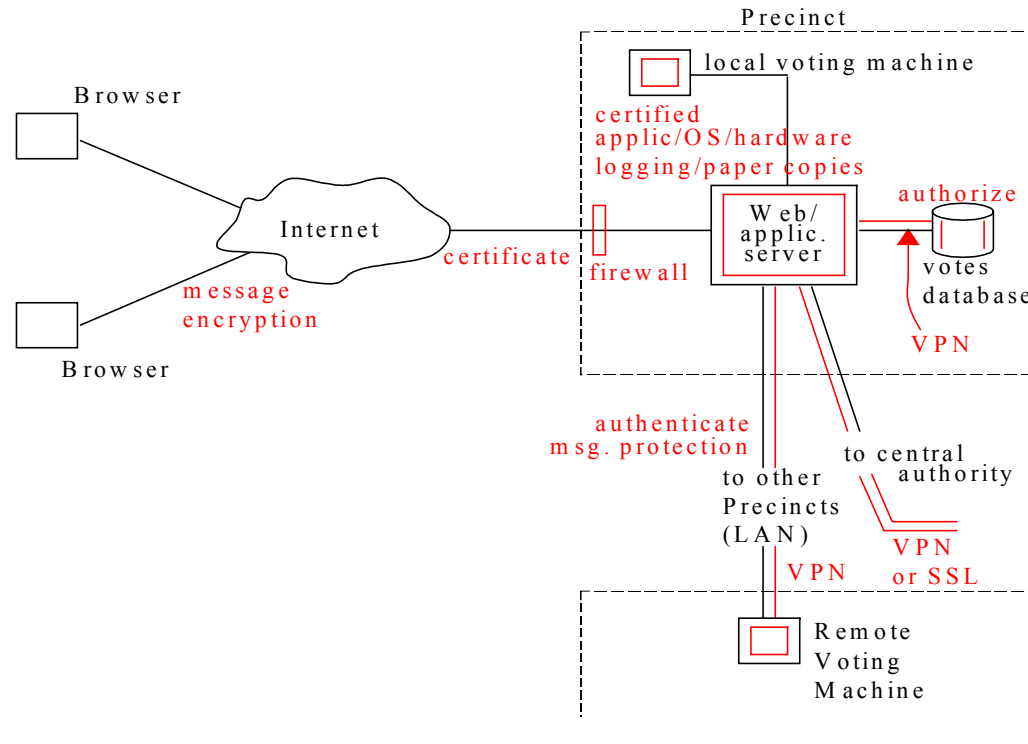
- Patterns for RBAC implementation
- Cryptographic patterns
- Java security patterns
- Single Point of Access (Joe Yoder)
- M. Schumacher, E.B.Fernandez, D. Hybertson, F. Buschmann, and P. Sommerlad (Eds.), *Security Patterns*, Wiley 2005 (to appear).

Secure architectures

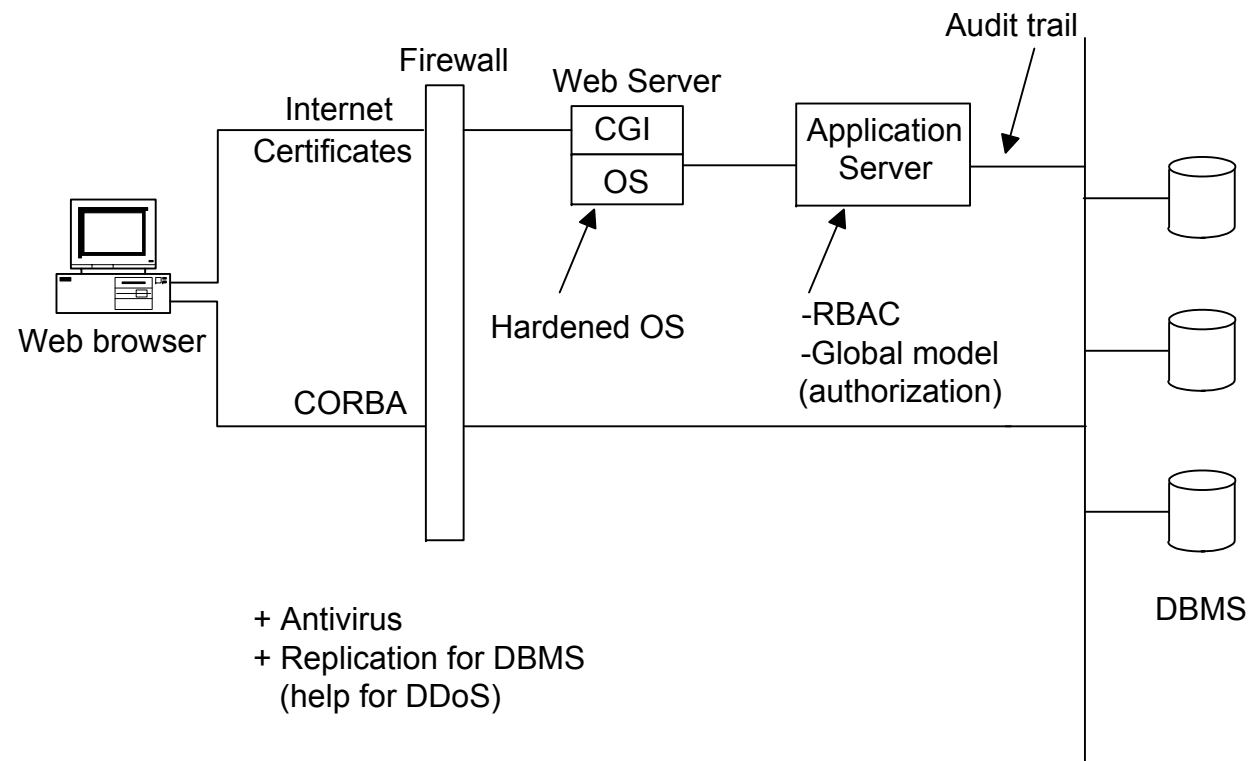
- Apply patterns at each level according to attacks
- Determine appropriate security mechanisms from patterns

Mapping of authorization rules





(4) Implementation



Conclusions and future work

- Internet-based systems are very flexible, but also very complex and changing
- Currently security is rather poor
- We must design new systems or improve existing systems in a systematic way
- Proposed methodology is a good step to build secure systems

Future work

- Patterns for web services standards
- Patterns for database systems
- Build a systematic catalog of security patterns
- Define precise mappings between levels
- Refine the development method:
components, distribution