

Lab 10.2: Information Flow

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Introduction

We can use the Bell-LaPadula Model to organise our applications into areas of greater and lesser security levels. Then we plan the information flow of our application to ensure that information does not move from the higher security areas to lower security areas.

1 Order and payment processing

Suppose we are building an online retail application and we need to implement the order processing functions. We need to do the following:

1. Get the quantities and types of items ordered;
2. Determine total cost;
3. Get the customer's saved payment information;
4. Make a request of a payment processing service (this is an outside 3rd party service).
5. Record the order.

Using diagrams, identify the relative security levels of these functions and any data stores they access. Label flows of data between them and ensure that your model follows Bell-LaPadula principles.

2 Patient information

Consider this system to make and track appointments in a physicians' office:

1. Office staff can create and modify appointments for doctors.
2. Doctors record when they meet with patients and enter diagnostic and treatment information in patient medical records.
3. Billing staff receive information about appointments that have occurred so that they can issue invoices for payment.

Draw a diagram showing the relative security levels of these functions and track information flows to ensure that Bell-LaPadula principles are followed.

3 Twtter API

Suppose that we are building an API for a Twitter-like service. Authentication is handled in the following way:

1. End users log directly onto Twitter.
2. Users request an authentication token.
3. Users enter those tokens into their third-party apps.
4. The application accesses the users' Twitter feeds and timelines.

Diagram the security levels and information flows. Are Bell-LaPadula conditions satisfied?