Rego

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- Rego is a declarative language for defining policies
- In Rego, policies are expressed as predicates over structured data
  - This structured data is represented using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
- This training covers the basic Rego features needed to implement provenance policies

Rego Syntax

- In Rego, policies are defined in the form
  <head> { <expr 1; expr 2; …; expr n>}
- Head refers to the name of the policy
- The expressions 1 to n are evaluated to determine if the policy is true or false
- Policy1 is true if all of the expressions 1 to n are true

```
policy1 {
        expression 1
        expression 2
        …
        expression n
}
```

Rego Syntax: Expressions

- Rego offers a variety of operators seen in other languages
  - Arithmetic (+, -, etc.), assignment (:=), equality (==)
- Note that variables are immutable (cannot be changed after their initial assignment)

```
final_policy {
        # Comments appear after a pound symbol
        x := 1 + 1  # Assign 2 to variable x
        x == 2 #  Returns true if x is equal to 2
}
```

Rego Syntax: Policy Arguments

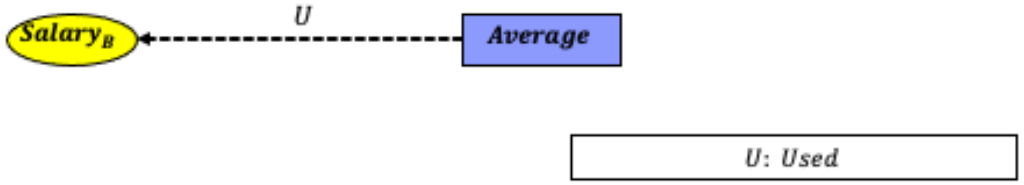
- In Rego, arguments may be passed to policies
  - The syntax is similar to functions in many other languages

```
final_policy {
        isZero(0)
        not isZero(1)
}

isZero(x){  # Returns true if x is 0
        x == 0
}
```

Rego Syntax: Input

- Uses JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format
- Provenance graphs can be defined as a set of vertices and edges
  - Each vertex contains a name and type
  - Each edge has a relation type, source, and destination




```
{
   "vertices":[
      {
         "name":"Average",
         "type":"activity"
      },
      {
         "name":"SalaryB",
         "type": "dataEntity"
      }
   ],
   "edges":[
      {
         "relation":"used",
         "source": "Average",
         "destination": "SalaryB"
      }
   ]
}
```

Rego Syntax: Input

- JSON data consists of a name and value
- Two key types: objects and arrays
  - {} defines an object, use . to access fields
  - [] defines an array, use [] to access elements
- The lists of vertices and edges are declared within an implicit 'input' object
  - The list of vertices can be accessed using the input keyword followed by a dot and then the vertices keyword
  - A specific vertex can be accessed by providing an index in this list. As shown on the right, we access the name of the first vertex using input.vertices[0].name

```
{
  "vertices":[
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      "type":"activity"
    },
    {
      "name":"SalaryB",
      "type": "dataEntity"
    }
  ],
  "edges":[
    {
      "relation":"used",
      "source": "Average",
      "destination": "SalaryB"
    }
  ]
}
```

Negation policy

- Asserts that an expression is not true
- A policy name may appear in a expression
  - These examples are equivalent

```
final_policy {
        x := 1 + 1
        not x == 2
}
```

```
final_policy {
        not xEquals2
}

xEquals2{
        x := 1 + 1
        x == 2
}
```

Conjunction Policy

- Also called AND
- Asserts that both expressions e_1 and expressions e_2 are true

```
final_policy {
        e1
        e2
}
```

Disjunction Policy

- Also called OR
- In Rego, implemented by creating two policies with the same name
  - If either policy is true (or both are true) then the policy evaluates to true
- In the example, final_policy evaluates to true if e1 or e2 are true

```
final_policy {
        e1
}

final_policy {
        e2
}
```

Existential Policy

- Asserts that an expression is true for some variable x. Variable x can be used in the expression

```
final_policy {
        some x
        # Use x in the expression, for example:
         input.vertices[x].name == “average”
}
# In English: there exists some vertex x named “average”
```

Universal Policy

- Asserts that an expression is true for every variable x. Variable x can be used in the expression
- Not explicitly supported by Rego

```
final_policy {
        not averageExists # For universal, create an existential, then negate it
} # In English: for all vertices x, x is not named “average”

averageExists {
        some x
        input.vertices[x].name == “average”
} # In English: there exists some vertex x named “average”
```

Edge policy

- Asserts that there is an edge between two vertices with a certain label or relation
- A label may any of the following: wasAttributedTo, wasDerivedFrom, wasGeneratedBy, used, actedOnBehalfOf, wasAssociatedWith, or wasInformedBy

```
final_policy {
        some x
        # Use x to define policy below, for example:
         input.edges[x].relation == “used”
         input.edges[x].source == “Average”
         input.edges[x].destination == “SalaryB”
}
```

Combining Existential and Universal

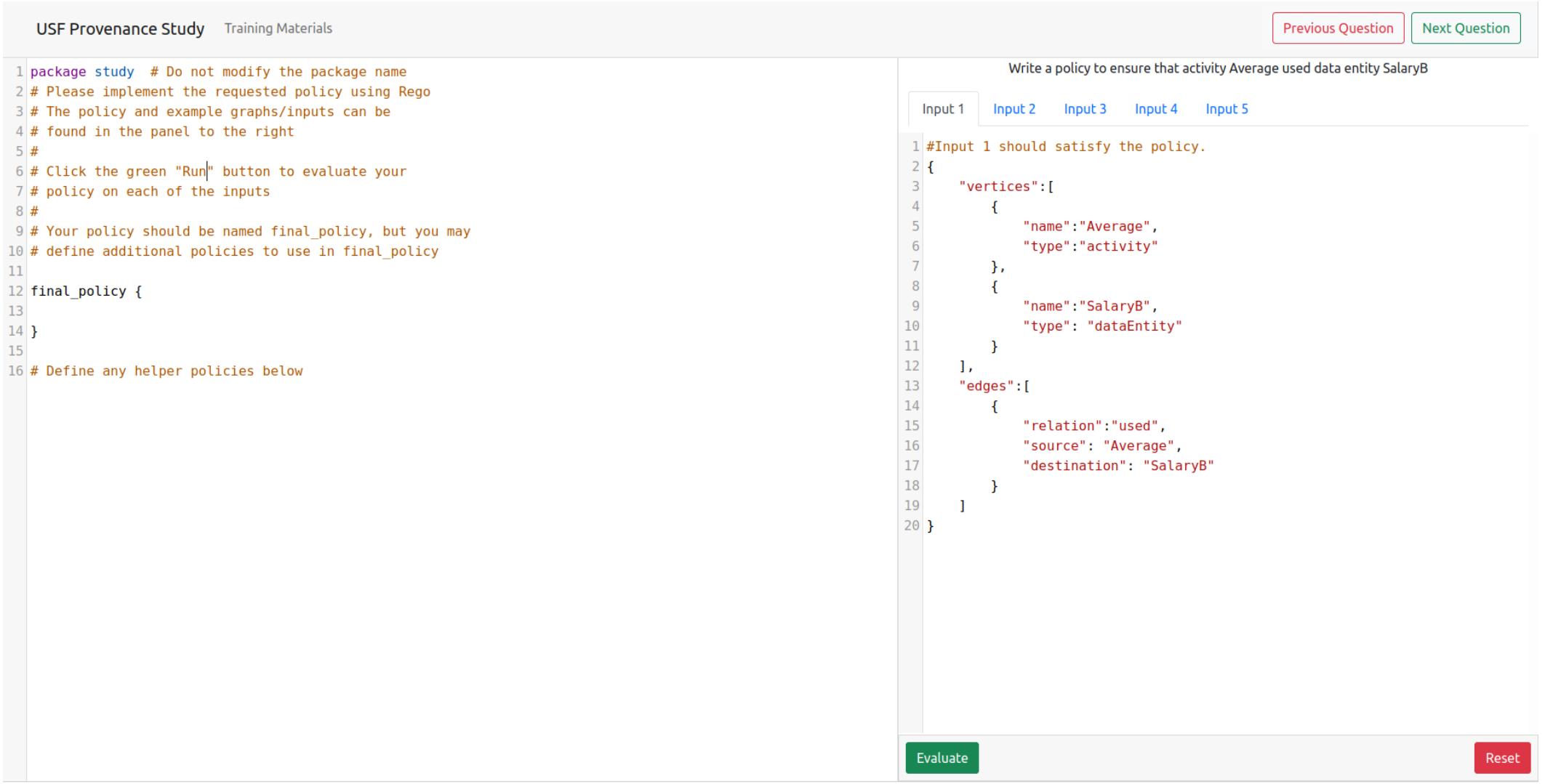
- To write a policy that combines the existential and universal policies in Rego, the policy argument feature is required.
- The following slide has an example

Combining Existential and Universal

- For all node agents, there exists some outgoing edge.

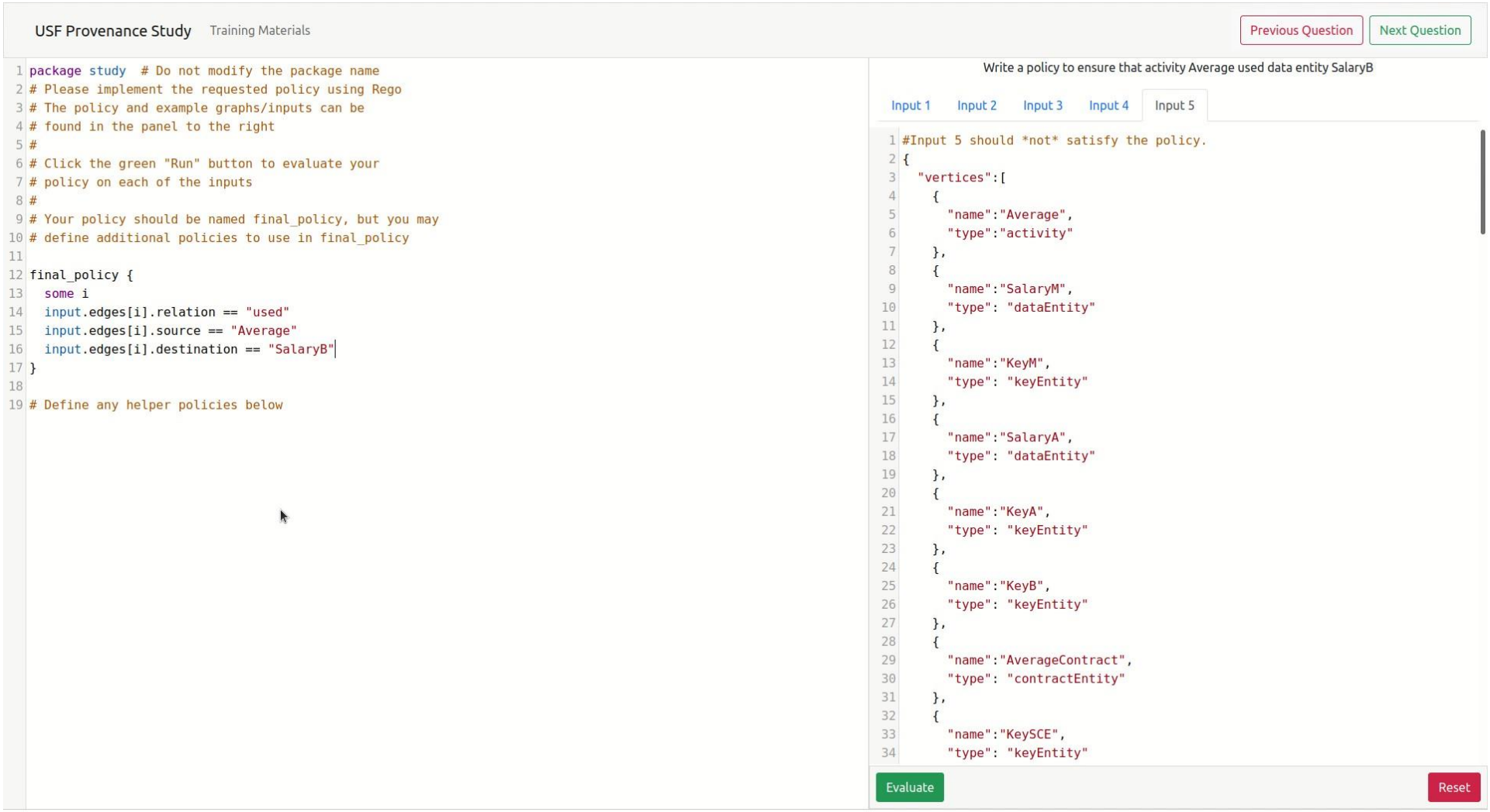
```
final_policy {
        not nodeNoEdge  # True if all agents have an outgoing edge
}
nodeNoEdge{   # True if there exists a nodeAgent without an outgoing edge
        some x
        input.vertices[x].type == “nodeAgent”
        not hasEdges(x)
}
hasEdges(x){     # True if vertex x has an outgoing edge
        some y
        input.vertices[x].name == input.edges[y].source
}
```

Provenance policy examples



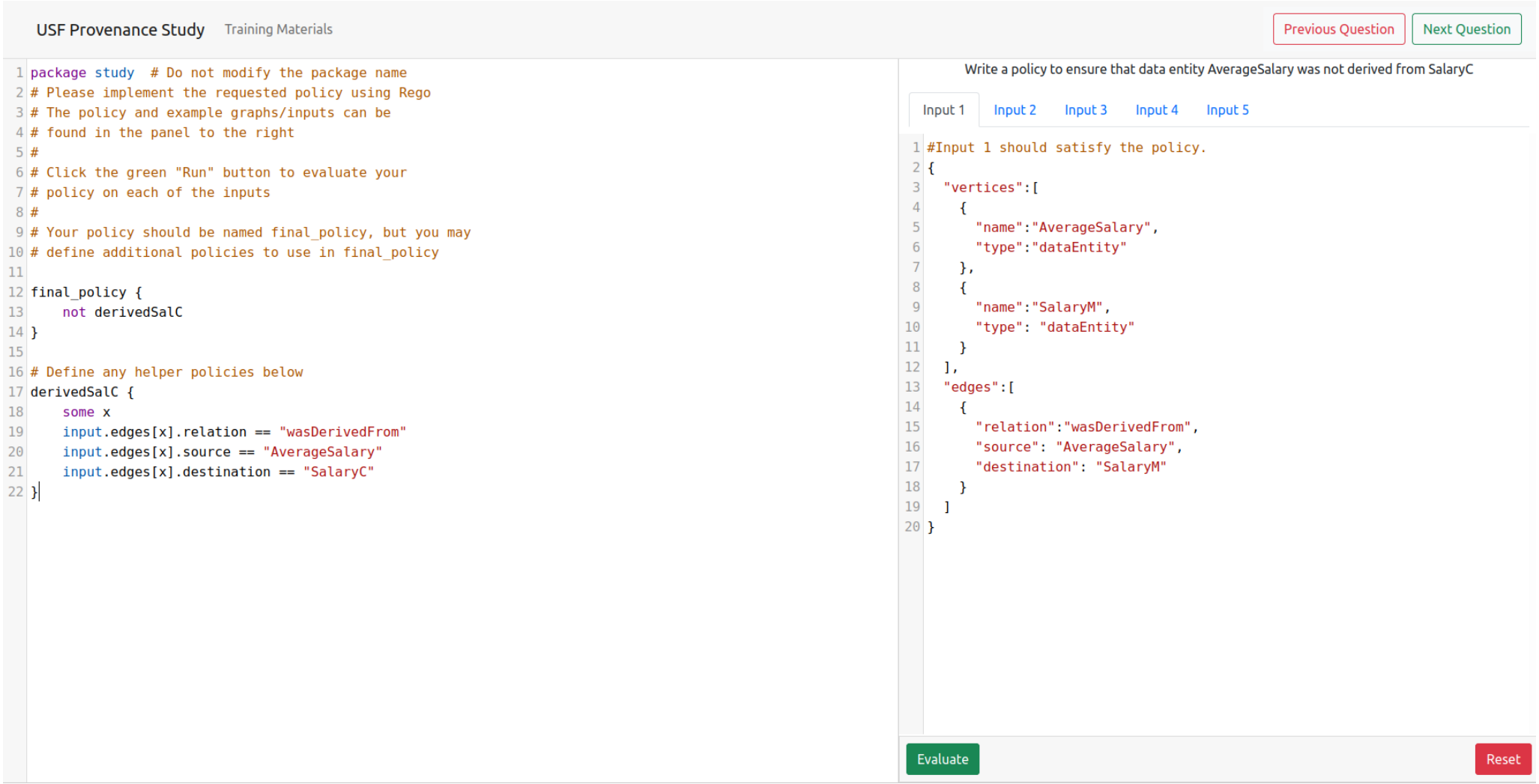
Provenance policy examples

- Write a policy to ensure that activity *Average* used data entity *SalaryB*



Provenance policy examples

- Write a policy to ensure that data entity *AverageSalary* was not derived from *SalaryC*



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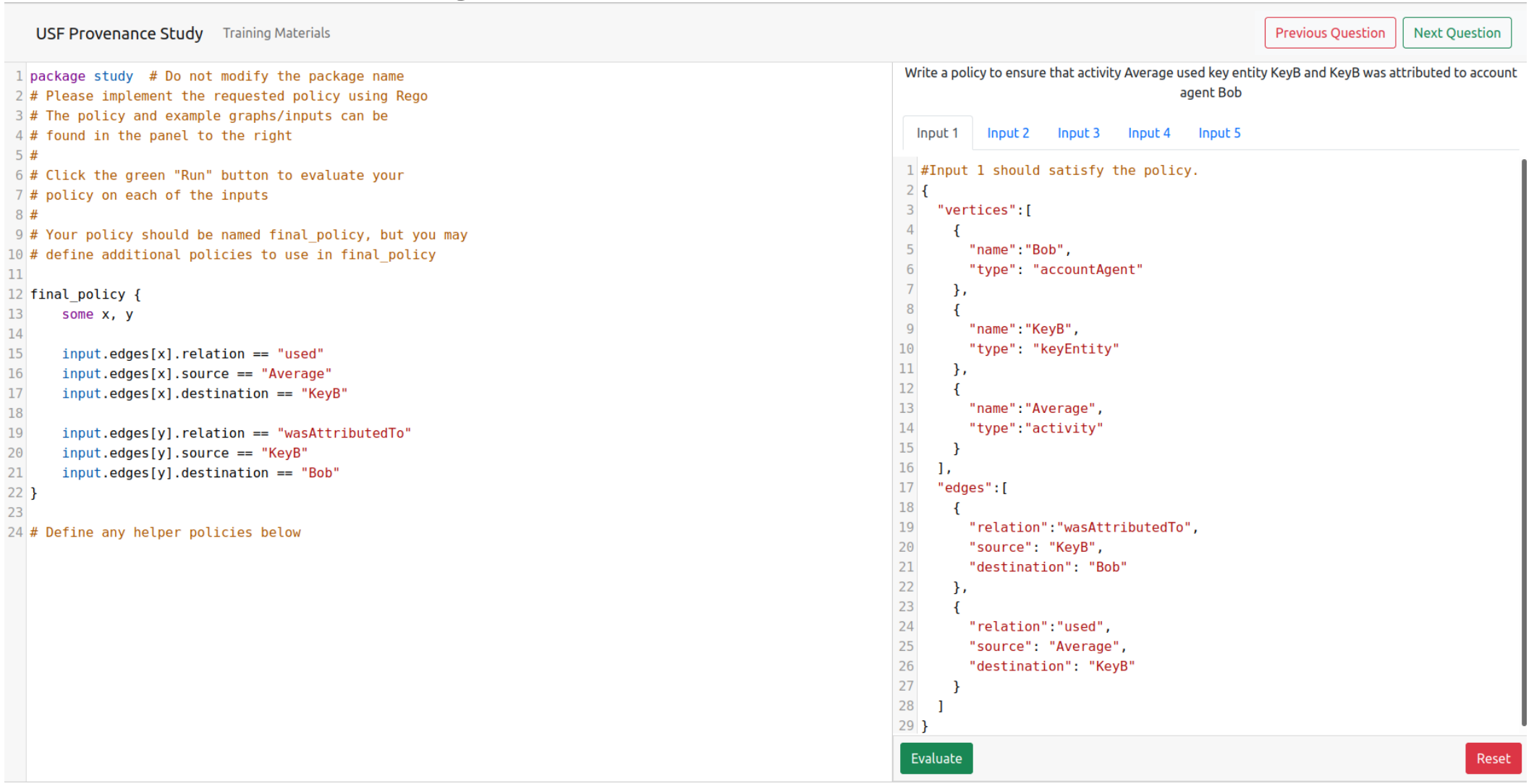
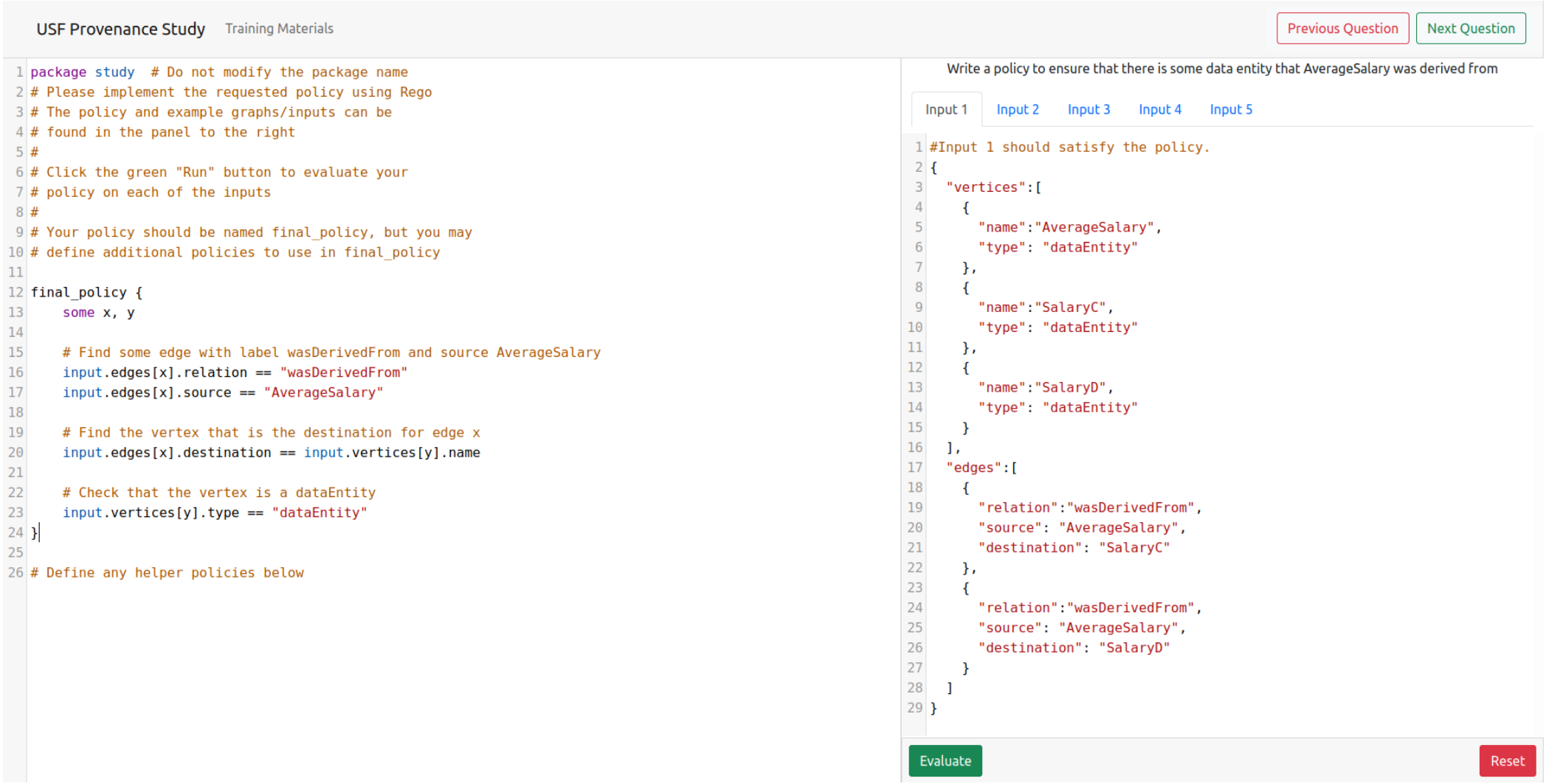
- Write a policy to ensure that activity *Average* used key entity *KeyB* and *KeyB* was attributed to account agent *Bob*



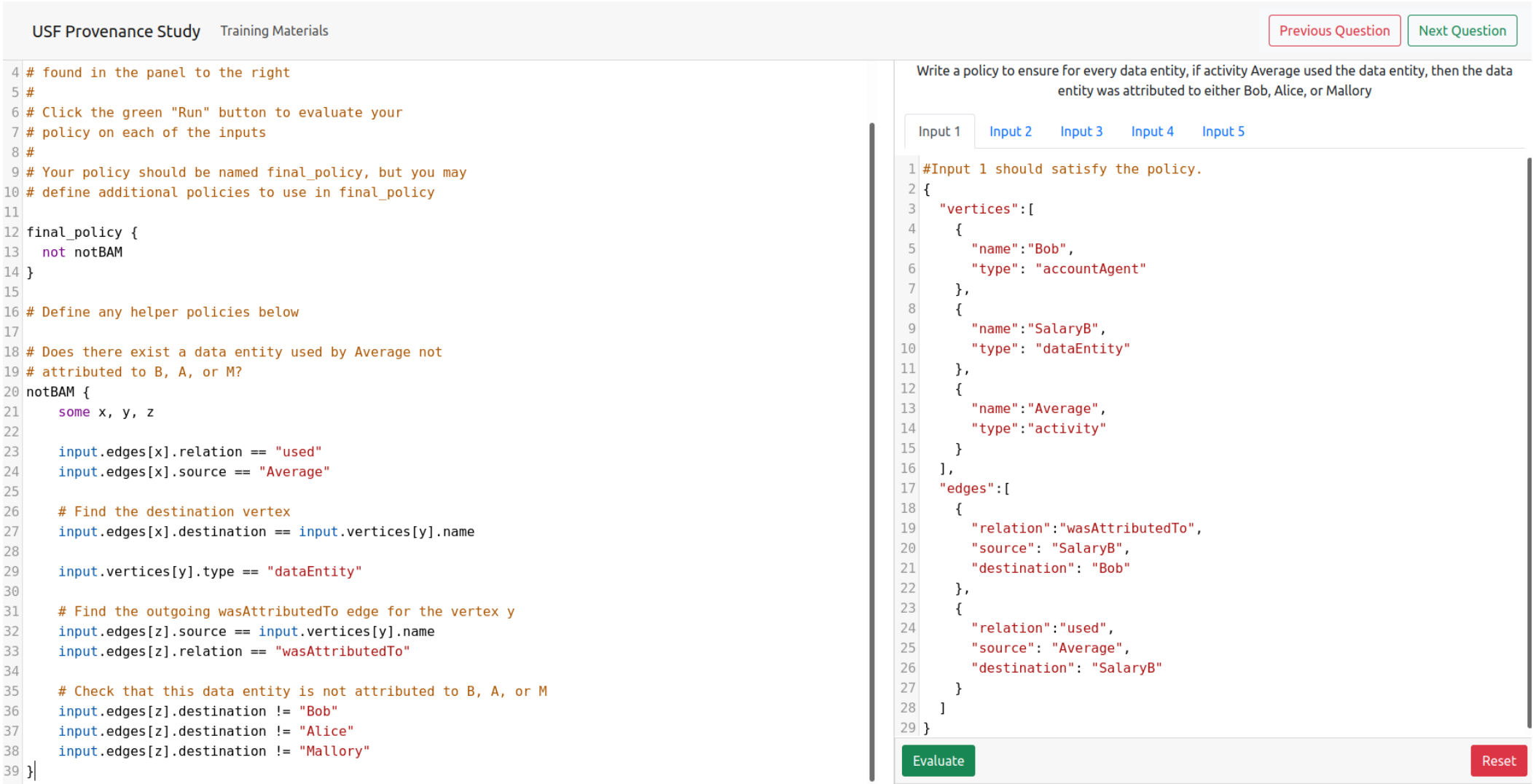
Provenance policy examples

- Write a policy to ensure that there is some data entity that *AverageSalary* was derived from



Provenance policy examples

- Write a policy to ensure for every data entity, if activity *Average* used the data entity, then the data entity was attributed to either Bob, Alice, or Mallory



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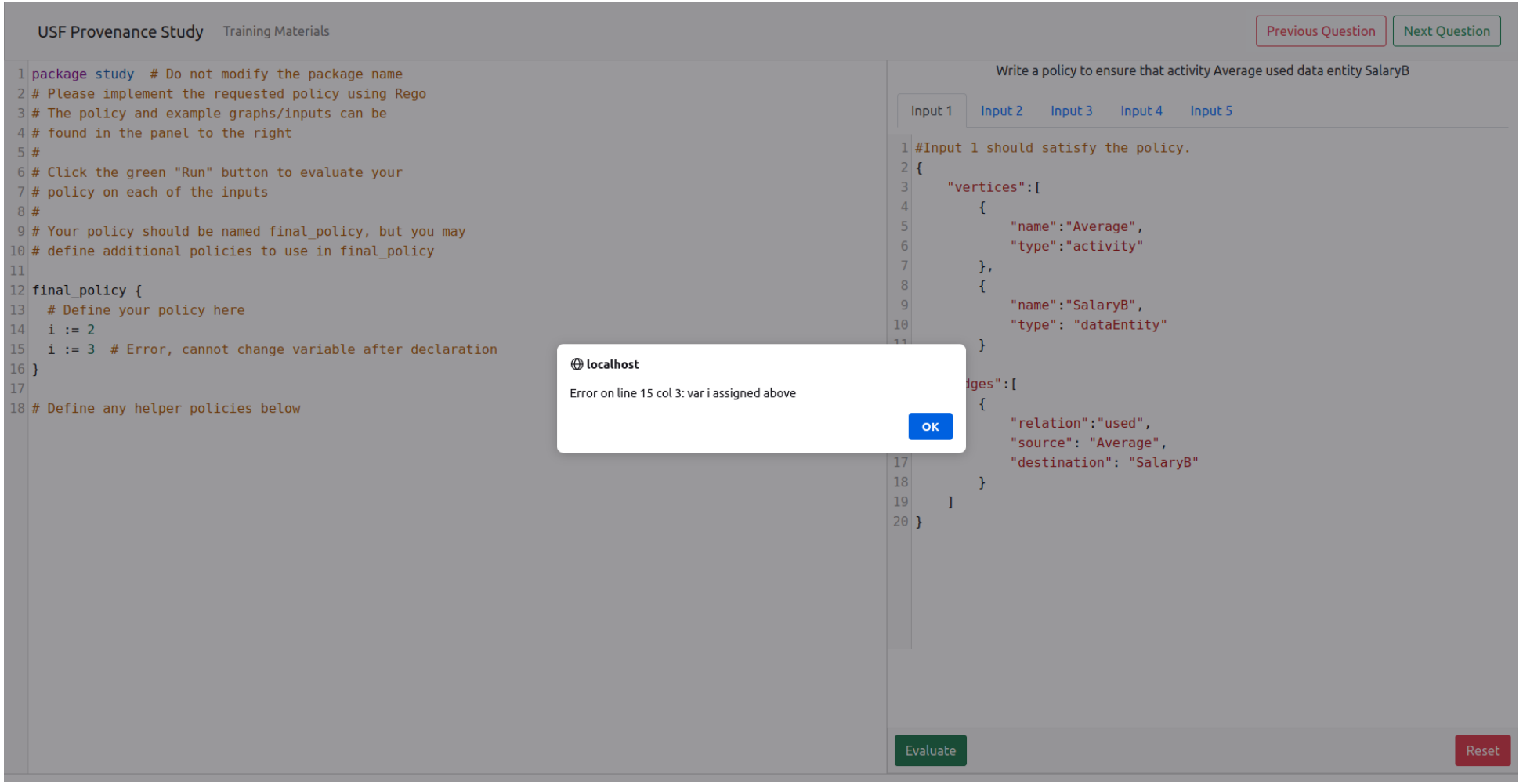

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