# CSE 321 Operating Systems Lab Assignment 4

**Total Marks: 10** 

# **Assignment Specification: Access Control Simulation**

## **Objective**

This assignment focuses on implementing and comparing two access control models:

Access Control List (ACL)
 Capability-Based Access Control (CBAC)

You will simulate how these models grant or deny permissions to users based on static access control data structures.

#### **Functions**

The program defines a set of users and resources and implements two methods to determine access:

- 1. Access Control List (ACL): Each resource maintains a list of users and their permissions.
- 2. Capability-Based Access Control (CBAC): Each user holds a list of resources they can access, with associated permissions.

Permissions are defined as:

- READ (1)
- WRITE (2)
- EXECUTE (4)

You will simulate access requests using hardcoded test cases and print whether each request is **GRANTED** or **DENIED**.

#### **Provided Code Structure**

#### **Data Types**

- **Permission**: Enum
- User, Resource:
  - o Name
- ACLEntry:
  - o Username
  - o Permissions (rwx bitmask)
- ACLControlledResource
  - o Resource
  - ACL Entry[MAX USERS]
  - o ACL Count
- Capability
  - o Resource Name
  - Permissions (bitmask)
- CapabilityUser:
  - o User
  - Capability[MAX RESOURCES]
  - o Capability Count

#### **Core Functions**

- printPermissions(int perm): Prints human-readable permission names (Ex: "Read", "Execute", "Write")
- hasPermission(int userPerm, int requiredPerm): Checks if a user has the required permissions
- checkACLAccess(...): Checks access via ACL
- checkCapabilityAccess(...): Checks access via CBAC

#### Sample Setup in main()

- Users: Alice, Bob, Charlie
- Resources: File1, File2, File3
- ACL permissions for File1
- Capabilities defined for each user
- Predefined access requests are checked using both models

## **Task Requirements**

You must complete the following:

#### 1. Understand the Permission Bitmask Logic

- Learn how permissions are combined using bitwise OR (|) and checked using bitwise AND (&).
- Understand how access is granted when the user's permissions include the requested permission.

### 2. Modify and Expand the Program

- Add at least two new resources and two new users.
- Assign both ACL and capability-based access for these new entities.
- Add at least **six new test cases** to simulate access requests using both models.

#### 3. Add New Functions (Optional Enhancement)

- addACLEntry(...): Dynamically add a new ACL entry.
- addCapability(...): Dynamically add a new capability to a user.
- Use these functions to make the system more dynamic and reduce hardcoded values in main().

## **Sample Output**

Your program should produce output like:

```
ACL Check: User Alice requests READ on File1: Access GRANTED
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ACL Check: User Bob requests WRITE on File1: Access DENIED

ACL Check: User Charlie has NO entry for resource File1: Access DENIED

Capability Check: User Alice requests WRITE on File1: Access GRANTED

Capability Check: User Bob requests WRITE on File1: Access DENIED

Capability Check: User Charlie has NO capability for File2: Access DENIED

# **Complete the Following code**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#define MAX USERS 3
#define MAX RESOURCES 3
#define MAX_NAME_LEN 20
typedef enum{
//to do
}Permission;
//User and Resource Definitions
typedef struct{
//to do
}User;
typedef struct{
//to do
}Resource;
//ACL Entry
typedef struct{
//to do
}ACLEntry;
typedef struct{
//to do
}ACLControlledResource;
//Capability Entry
typedef struct{
//to do
}Capability;
typedef struct{
//to do
}CapabilityUser;
//Utility Functions
void printPermissions(int perm){
//to do
```

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int hasPermission(int userPerm, int requiredPerm){
//to do
}
//ACL System
void checkACLAccess(ACLControlledResource *res, const char *userName, int
perm){
//to do
}
//Capability System
void checkCapabilityAccess(CapabilityUser *user, const char *resourceName,
int perm){
//to do
}
int main(){
//Sample users and resources
User users[MAX_USERS] = {{"Alice"}, {"Bob"}, {"Charlie"}};
Resource resources[MAX_RESOURCES] = {{"File1"}, {"File2"}, {"File3"}};
//ACL Setup
//to do
//Capability Setup
//to do
//Test ACL
//to do
//Test Capability
//to do
return 0;
```