

Certification of Python Programs on the Basis of Static Information Flow Analysis

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Abstract

In this thesis, we present our work on information flow analysis of python source code. Our platform takes source code and labels of all objects used in source code as input for static analysis of information flow throughout the program. We started with Denning's lattice model [1] for verification of secure information flow. In this model, every object is associated with its security class. To prevent unauthorized leak of information, the flow of information should be in one way – from less secure to more secure class. A lattice represents such information model very well, the upward direction in lattice represents secure information flow. Verification of information flow only on the basis of security class is not sufficient to make a secure system, who is allowed to execute particular code should be considered too, this could be any process or user, we termed it subject. Use of Reader Writer Flow model [1] with subjects makes this information flow analysis more secure and easy to process. We developed a script to track all possible information flow from a given source code of python and it generates constraints for secure flow of information. The second script takes these constraints and RWFM labels [2] for each object defined by the user as input and provides answers to various queries related to information flow security.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Data Security can be achieved using information flow policies. Execution of any action like copying of file, read operation on file or memory, write operation on file or memory, execution of statement etc may cause flow of information. Usually, information revealed that was unknown before execution of statement termed as information flow otherwise if it was known already then there will be no information flow. This thesis focuses on information flow between variables used in a python program irrespective of the amount of information flowing. There are two kinds of information flow among variables:

1. Explicit Information Flow

```
1  x = y
2  x = math.log(y)
```

Listing 1.1: Python example

these assignment operations are example of explicit flow because information related to variable y is flowing into x using data dependency in both cases.

2. Implicit Information Flow

```
1  if y == 1:
2      x = 1
3
```

Listing 1.2: Python example

```
1 while y < z:
2     x = 1
3     y += 1
```

Listing 1.3: Python example

in these examples value of x after execution of statements depends on the control path taken by the program, variable y and z used in choosing between two control path in while program, this involvement of y and z in making decision reduce the uncertainty of variables y and z . Whether $y < z$ or $y > z$ can be observed with help of final value of x after execution of given code in listing 1.3 . So there is indirect implicit flow from y to x in the first example and implicit flow from y and z to x in the second example[1].

```
1 x = 0
2 while y == 1:
3     pass
4 x = 1
```

Listing 1.4: Python example

Here assignment operation on x in Listing 1.4 is outside of while body but still information flowing from y to x because execution of $x = 1$ statement depends on termination of while loop, so you can know value of y by checking the value of x after execution of program, for example if value of x is 1 and program terminated then y must be other than 1, if while loop goes in infinite loop then y must be 1.

The first chapter describes python program certification with the help of Denning's Lattice Model. The lowest security class in this lattice assumed is Low everyone can read information from this class, the highest class in the lattice is High, information from all security classes can flow into it but no information can flow from this class to others. For Example certification of python code in Listing 1.5 needs to follow Denning's lattice and constraints written in figure 1.1, security class of variable var is denoted by var.

```
1 x = 0
2 z = 1
3 y = 0
4 if x :
5     while z :
6         y = 1
```

Listing 1.5: Python example

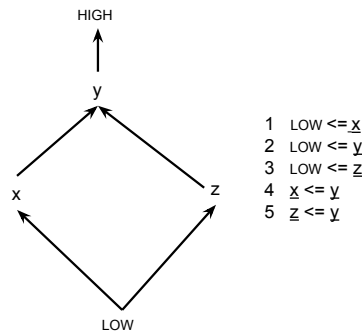


Figure 1.1: Lattice of Listing 1.5

Chapter 3 describes information flow by nonterminating while loop and how to certify program in such situation. Chapter 4 describes how information flows among thread in the multi-threaded program using semaphore. Chapter 5 presents a new approach to certifying a program using more sophisticated labels (RWFM label) and it also considers subjects for certification of the program.

Motivation

In the field of data security, there are a lot of approaches to prevent leak of information for example cryptography takes care of confidentiality and integrity while data is transmitting through less secure networks, access permission on files prevent unauthorized access to files in a system where users have different privileges. But at the time of execution of program, data used in the program is vulnerable to various attacks so to maintain security at the time of execution of program and processing of data, information flow policies are used. The subject is defined as an executing authority it can be a user or parent process, object can be a file, program variable, memory location etc. In a multilevel security system a subject has permission related to objects. Information flow verification of program only considering objects may seem to be secure but with a particular subject same program may be insecure, so we considered subjects in static analysis of python program.

Goals

To develop a platform that takes input a python program and labels of each variable used in the program, and provide answers to various queries regarding the security of information flow.

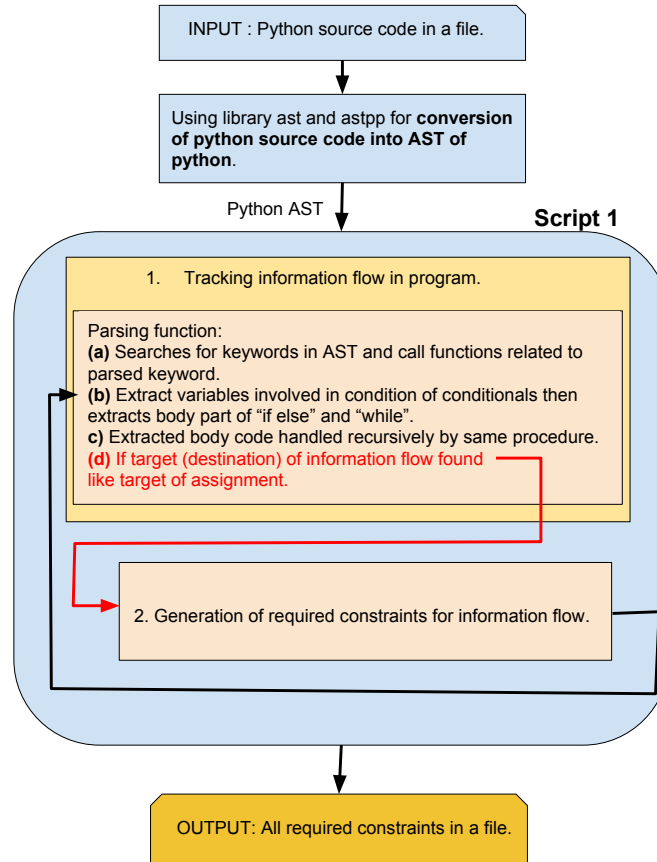


Figure 1.2: Block diagram of script1

Contributions

Subject considered with objects for certification of python program. Reader Writer Flow Model [2] used to verify information flows in python program.

Implementation Details

Prerequisite Third Party libraries:

1. ast python library (for conversion of python source code into abstract syntax tree)
2. astpp python library (for readability of of abstract syntax tree of python source code)

Subset of features of python language considered for analysis.

- Assignment operations : $x = y$
- Conditional statements : "if else", "elif".
- Iteration : "while".
- Semaphore operations : set(), wait(), clear(), initialization of semaphore.
- Global variables and local variable in a function.

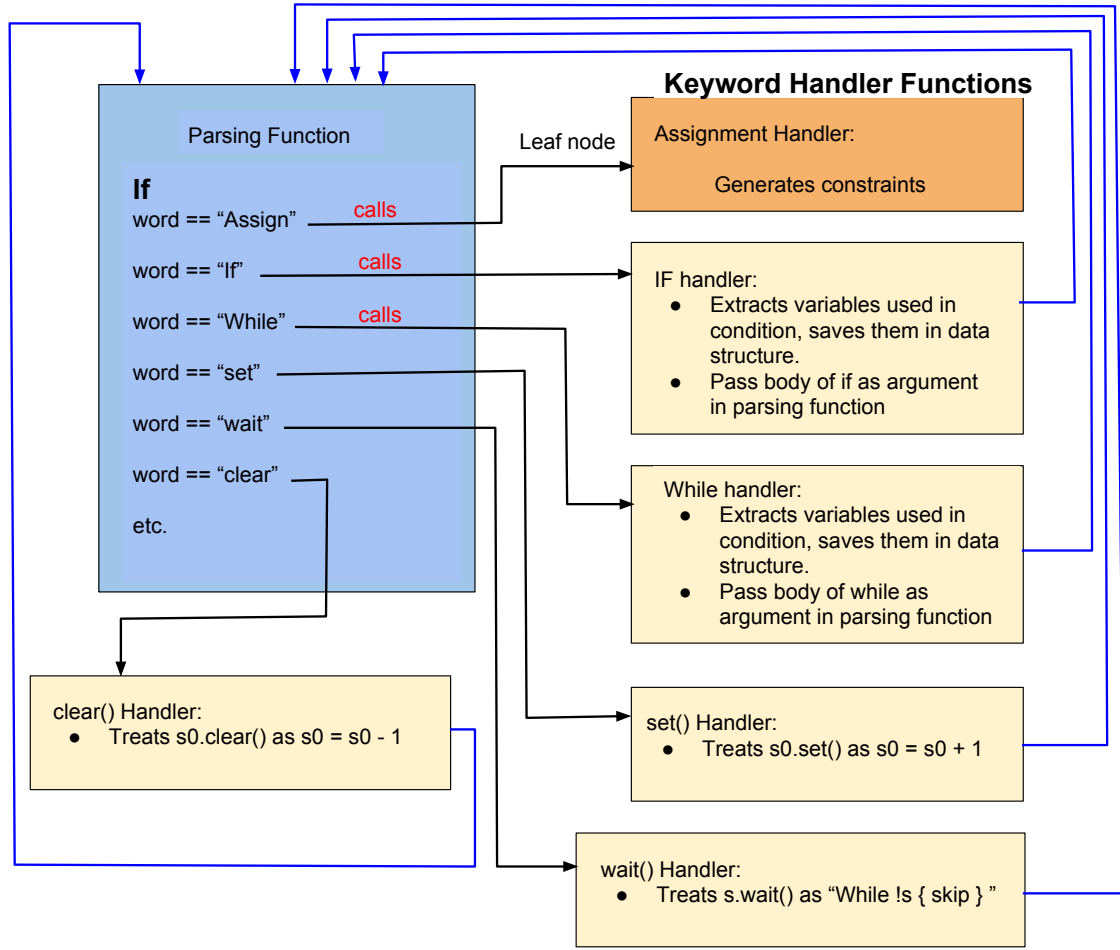


Figure 1.3: Block diagram of parsing function

I implemented fully automated certification platform for python source code using two python scripts, given in Appendix A and B. Block diagram in figure 1.2 shows modules of script1, first python source code is converted into abstract syntax tree (AST) with the help of ast library. The purpose of this step is to avoid tedious work of parsing of source code and comments. Figure 1.3 shows that parsing function reads AST word by word. If function finds any desired word it calls other handler functions to handle code related to particular word, for example: if "While" word is found, parsing function parses body of while and passes it as argument to while_handler(while_code) function. Handler function parses variables used in condition and passes the body part to parsing function again. Whenever parsing function finds assignment operation it generates constraint and goes to next word. The Block diagram for script 2 is given in figure 5.1 of chapter 5.

Chapter 2

Related work

There have been many studies on information flow control and all of them share some basic properties like information flow should be from less secure entity to more secure entity. Denning's book [1] has a chapter on information flow control, this chapter describes lattice model for information flow [3], this makes it easy to track information flow in a program using transitivity property. Analysis has been done on basic operations which involve information flow like assignment operation (explicit flow) based on data flow, conditional operations like if else, while etc. (implicit flows) based on control flow, information flow through covert channel based on traps and exception in programs. Here are some basic rules given in [1], (arrow \rightarrow denotes information flow).

- $x = y : y \rightarrow x$
- if e then $x = y : e \rightarrow x$
- while w if e then $x = y$ $w = \text{false} : w \oplus e \rightarrow x$
- infinite loop: while $w ; x = y :- w \rightarrow x$ etc.

Chen et al. [4](published in 2014) presented work on python byte-code and claimed that there was no work related to python at that time. They implemented information flow checker for python byte-code using static and dynamic analysis but their main focus is on information flow policies related to objects. Kumar et al. [2] introduce a new model to work with subjects and my work will be focused on this. Conti et al. [5] provide library support in python for information flow analysis in explicit flows only.

Chapter 3

Information Flow Analysis using Denning's Lattice Model

Analysis In Local Scope

We started certification of python code at local scope initially. In figure 3.1 we considered

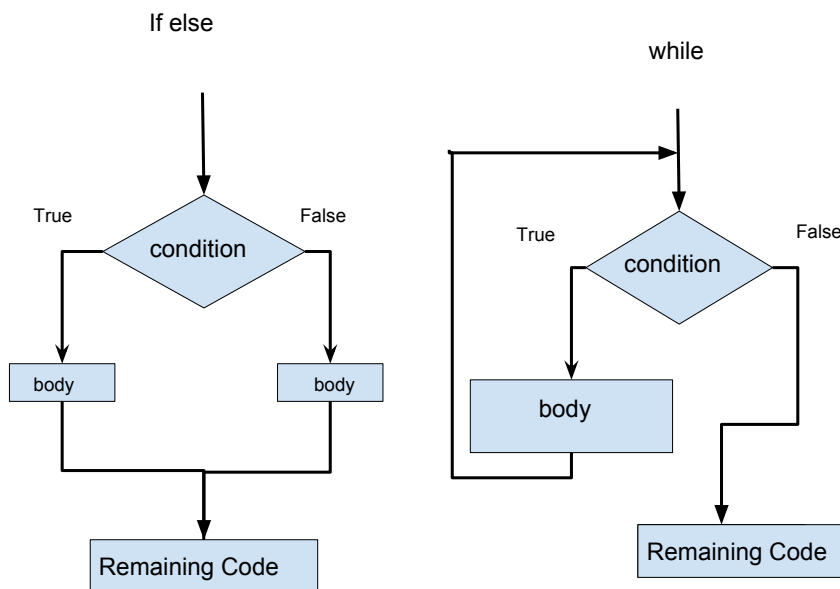


Figure 3.1: Control flow graph of If else and while loop

information flowing from variables used in condition to targets of assignment operation in body code only. Further analysis will be dealing with information flows to targets of assignment in

remaining code. Now a program with if else and terminating loops can be certified to be secure (no information leaks) by using basic rules of information theory implemented in my script.

Fifth chapter of Denning's book[1] used six examples to describe how can information flow through different ways in the program. We used python version of these examples as benchmark.

Benchmarking of Certification Script using Denning's Examples [1]

```

1 #Procedure copy1
2 x = 0
3 z = 0
4 y = 0
5 if x == 0:
6     z=1
7 if z == 0:
8     y=1

```

Listing 3.1: Python version of copy1 example in [1]. goal: information flow from x to y

Constraints for program in 3.1 generated by our script are:

1. $\text{low} \leq \underline{x}$
2. $\text{low} \leq \underline{z}$
3. $\text{low} \leq \underline{y}$
4. $\text{low} \leq \underline{y}$
5. $\underline{x} \leq \underline{z}$
6. $\underline{z} \leq \underline{y}$

Program in listing 3.1 shows how information can flow indirectly from x to y, for secure information flow $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$ must be true. Constraint 5 ($\underline{x} \leq \underline{z}$) and constraint 6 ($\underline{z} \leq \underline{y}$) with transitivity property of lattice model satisfies $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$.

```

1 # Procedure copy2
2 x = 0
3 z = 1
4 y = -1
5 while z == 1:
6     y = y + 1
7     if y == 0:
8         z = x
9     else:

```

```
10 z = 0
```

Listing 3.2: Python version of copy2 example in [1]. goal: information flow from x to y

Constraints of program in Listing 3.2 generated by our script are:

1. $\text{low} \leq \underline{x}$
2. $\text{low} \leq \underline{z}$
3. $\text{low} \leq \underline{y}$
4. $\underline{y} \oplus \underline{z} \leq \underline{y}$
5. $\underline{y} \oplus \underline{x} \oplus \underline{z} \leq \underline{z}$

Information flows from x to y using iteration of the while loop in listing 3.2. One iteration of while loop changes the value of y to -1 to 0 by incrementing it by 1, and two iteration of same while loop changes the value of y to -1 to 1. Number of iterations of while loop depends on value of x so this program is transmitting information from x to y indirectly using both explicit and implicit information flows.

Proof:

$\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$ must be true for secure information flow. This can be proved using constraint 4 ($\underline{y} \oplus \underline{z} \leq \underline{y}$) and constraint 5 ($\underline{y} \oplus \underline{x} \oplus \underline{z} \leq \underline{z}$) in two ways. First: $\underline{z} \leq \underline{y}$ is given in constraint 4 and $\underline{y} \leq \underline{z}$ is given in constraint 5 so \underline{y} must be equal to \underline{z} using this new constraint ($\underline{y} \equiv \underline{z}$) and reduced constraint 5 ($\underline{x} \leq \underline{z}$) desired constraint $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$ is proved.

Further analysis: considering global influence of while

A program either terminates after a finite period of time or executes for an infinite period of time. The latter can be achieved through while loop and for loop. Such a non-terminating loop influences variables within the body of the loop as well as after the body of loop.

```
1 x = 0
2 z = True
3 y = 0
4 while z :
5     y = 5
6 x = 5
7
```

Listing 3.3: Non terminating while.

In listing 3.3 execution of last statement $x = 5$ is conditioned on "while z" statement similar to "if" branching but "if" has limited body but in this case every statement that comes after "while z" share fate with $x = 5$, because of this property of "while" it is very crucial to know whether

loop is terminating or nonterminating, so either there should be a mechanism to determine to terminating and nonterminating nature of loop or treat all while loop as nonterminating, latter approach is imprecise but secure, for now we are using this approach to handle while loops.

Benchmarking of Certification Script using Denning's Examples [1]

```

1 #Procedure copy5
2 y = 0
3 while x==0 :
4     pass
5 y = 1

```

Listing 3.4: Python version of copy5 example in [1]. goal: information flow from x to y

Constraints generated by our script:

1. $\text{low} \leq \underline{y}$
2. $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$

so here our script able to track information flow from x to y and generating constraint $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$ for verification.

```

1 #Procedure copy4
2 import thread
3 import time
4 import threading
5
6 def thread1():
7     global x
8     global e0
9     global e1
10    if x==0:
11        e0 = False
12    else:
13        e1 = False
14
15    def thread2():
16        global e0
17        global e1
18        global y
19        while e0
20            pass
21    y = 1
22    e1 = False
23

```



```

24 def thread3():
25     global e1
26     global e0
27     global y
28     while e1:
29         pass
30     y = 0
31     e0 = False
32
33 thread.start_new_thread(thread1,())
34 thread.start_new_thread(thread2,())
35 thread.start_new_thread(thread3,())

```

Listing 3.5: Python version of copy4 example in [1]. goal: information flow from x to y

Constraints generated by our script for program in listing 3.5 are:

1. $\underline{x} \leq \underline{e0}$
 2. $\underline{x} \leq \underline{e1}$
 3. $\underline{e0} \leq \underline{y}$
 4. $\underline{e0} \leq \underline{e1}$
 5. $\underline{e1} \leq \underline{y}$
 6. $\underline{e1} \leq \underline{e0}$
- $$(\underline{x} \leq \underline{e0}) \text{ and } (\underline{e0} \leq \underline{y}) \quad \equiv \quad \underline{x} \leq \underline{y} \text{ (transitivity)}$$
- $$(\underline{x} \leq \underline{e1}) \text{ and } (\underline{e1} \leq \underline{y}) \quad \equiv \quad \underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$$

So script able to track hidden information flow from x to y and generating constraint for this flow $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$ by using transitivity.

Chapter 4

Analysis of Multi-threaded Programs

In a multi-threaded program, information flows among threads because of communication and synchronization among them. There are two types of semaphores — counting and binary, for synchronization among threads. For now, our script handles binary semaphores only.

Handling Information flow due to WAIT and SIGNAL operations

Traditional operations related to binary semaphore are WAIT and SIGNAL. SIGNAL operation changes the value of semaphore 0 to 1 and WAIT operation wait for an infinite time if the current value of the semaphore is 0 otherwise it changes value 1 to 0 and allows control flow forward. There are three operations related to the binary semaphore in python language wait(), set() and clear(). Traditional WAIT operation can be simulated using python wait() followed by clear() operation, SIGNAL is equivalent to set().

```
1  s = threading.Event()  
2  s.wait()  
3  x = 1  
4  
5
```

Listing 4.1: Example of wait() operation on binary semaphore. Info Flow: $s \rightarrow x$

```
1  y = 0  
2  while x:  
3      pass  
4  y = 1  
5
```

Listing 4.2: Infinite while loop, Information Flow: $x \rightarrow y$

Listing 4.1 and Listing 4.2 show that control flow of wait() is similar to infinite while loop so we treat wait() in a similar way. All statements which use global variables as a target of assignment and are preceded by wait() may transmit information to other threads. So information flows

from semaphore s_0 to targets of assignment operations which follows $s_0.\text{wait}()$ statement. All semaphore operations simplified into normal operations.

- $s.\text{set}()$ treated as $s = s + 1$.
- $s.\text{clear}()$ treated as $s = s - 1$.
- Listing 4.1 and 4.2 shows $s.\text{wait}()$ equivalent to **while(s == 0) { skip }**.

Benchmarking of Certification Script using Denning's Example [1]

```

1 #Procedure copy3
2 import thread
3 import time
4 import threading
5 s0 = threading.Event()
6 s1 = threading.Event()
7
8 def thread1():
9     global x
10    if x==0:
11        s0.set()
12    else:
13        s1.set()
14
15 def thread2():
16     global y
17     s0.wait()
18     s0.clear()
19     y=1
20     s1.set()
21
22 def thread3():
23     global y
24     s1.wait()
25     s1.clear()
26     y=0
27     s0.set()
28
29 thread.start_new_thread(thread1,())
30 thread.start_new_thread(thread2,())
31 thread.start_new_thread(thread3,())

```

Listing 4.3: Python version of copy3 example in [1]. goal: information flow from x to y

To certify the multi-threaded program in Listing 4.3 correctly our script must track information flow from x to y ($x \rightarrow y$) and must generate constraints accordingly.

Constraints generated by our script for program in Listing 4.3 are:

1. $\underline{x} \oplus \underline{s0} \leq \underline{s0}$
2. $\underline{x} \oplus \underline{s1} \leq \underline{s1}$
3. $\underline{s0} \leq \underline{s0}$
4. $\underline{s0} \leq \underline{y}$
5. $\underline{s1} \oplus \underline{s0} \leq \underline{s1}$
6. $\underline{s1} \leq \underline{s1}$
7. $\underline{s1} \leq \underline{y}$
8. $\underline{s1} \oplus \underline{s0} \leq \underline{s0}$

constraint 1 ($\underline{x} \oplus \underline{s0} \leq \underline{s0}$) and constraint 4 ($\underline{s0} \leq \underline{y}$) $\equiv \underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$.

constraint 2 ($\underline{x} \oplus \underline{s1} \leq \underline{s1}$) and constraint 7 ($\underline{s1} \leq \underline{y}$) $\equiv \underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$.

Hence script is able to generate correct constraints in multi-threaded program too.

Chapter 5

Constraint Verification with RWFM Labels

Information flow policies require some data related to objects and subjects to enforce any security protocol on them. Each object and subject needs to specify information related to permission like who can read, who can write etc. Label or security class is a way to represent this information. Information flow policies add some prerequisite condition with each operation on objects based on labels of objects and subject.

RWFM label [2]

Reader Writer Flow Model label has three tuple (s, R, W) the first s is a subject, R is a set of subjects allowed to read object, W is a set of subjects allowed to write and subjects who influenced this object so far.

Secure Information Flow

All information flow security models follow property of lattice because, for secure flow, information must flow from less secure class or label to more secure class or label, any reverse flow is a violation of security. So each information flow model redefines \leq operator to check validity of flow.

Label1 = (s_1, R_1, W_2) , **Label2** = (s_2, R_2, W_2)

information can flow from Label1 to Label2 if and only if $R_1 \supseteq R_2$ and $W_1 \subseteq W_2$.

Definition of Join and Meet operations [2]

Join: $\text{Label1} \oplus \text{Label2} = (s_3, R_1 \cap R_2, W_1 \cup W_2)$

Meet: $\text{Label1} \otimes \text{Label2} = (s_3, R_1 \cup R_2, W_1 \cap W_2)$

Create, Read and Write operations on objects with RWFM label [2]

If a subject $s^{(s, R_1, W_1)}$ creates object o , o will be assigned a default label derived from subject is $(s, R_1, W_1 \cup \{s\})$. Clearance of subject s is assumed (s, R_s, W_s) , clearance is used to set an upper bound on labels of a subject.

Read: A subject $s^{(s_1, R_1, W_1)}$ can read object $o^{(s_2, R_2, W_2)}$ if and only if $s \in R_2$ and $(R_1 \cap R_2) \supseteq R_s \wedge (W_1 \cup W_2) \subseteq W_s$. after read operation label of subject s changes into $(s_1, R_1 \cap R_2, W_1 \cup W_2)$

Write: A subject $s^{(s_1, R_1, W_1)}$ can read object $o^{(s_2, R_2, W_2)}$ if and only if $s \in W_2$ and $R_1 \supseteq R_2 \wedge W_1 \subseteq W_2$.

Constraint Verification

First of all constraint checker script processes inputs and populate data structures. Inputs are two files, one has all constraints generated by our constraint generator script, other has labels of each object provided by user. Figure 5.1 shows modules of script2 with flow of control. After preprocessing of given constraints and labels, script provides answer to following queries.

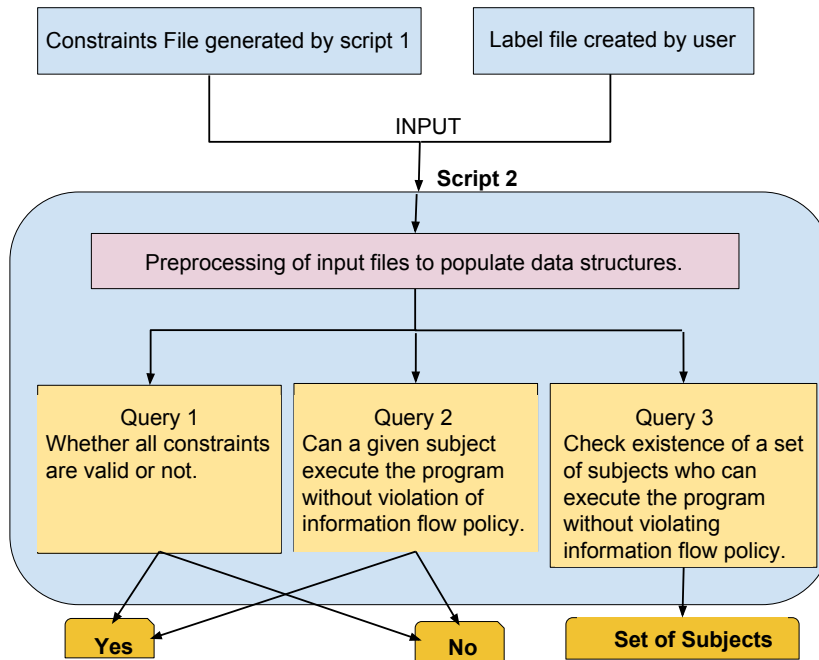


Figure 5.1: Block diagram of script2

1. Whether all constraints are valid or not.

Constraint format in input file : $\underline{x} \leq \underline{y}$.

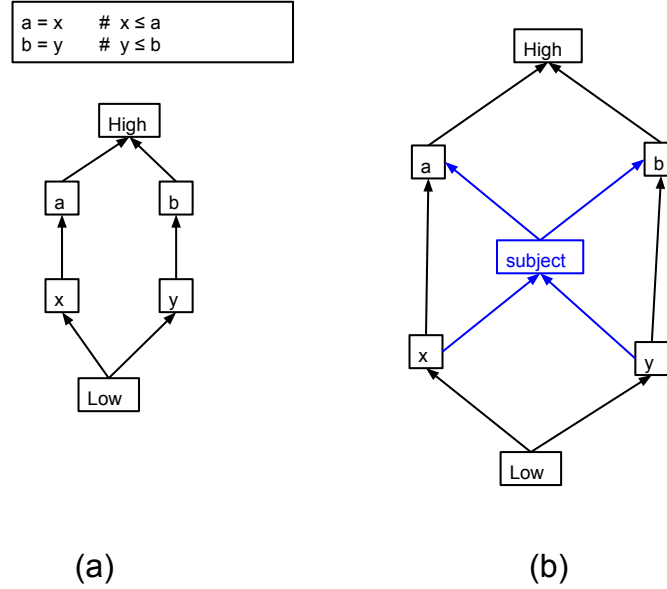


Figure 5.2: Lattice for information flow in $a = x$ and $y = b$, (a) without subject (b) with subject.

Format of RWFM labels : $\text{label}(x) (s_1, R_1, W_1)$

$\text{label}(y) (s_2, R_2, W_2)$

Definition of \leq_{RWFM} operator in RWFM model : $\text{label}(x) \leq_{RWFM} \text{label}(y)$ if only if $R_1 \supseteq R_2$ and $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ [2]

Script reads all constraints from input file one by one then converts all objects involved in constraint into RWFM label and checks whether they follow \leq_{RWFM} , if any constraint fails to follow \leq_{RWFM} then returns false otherwise true.

2. **Can a given subject execute the program without violation of information flow policy.**

In the previous case, we are checking constraints without considering the subject, but now a subject is given as input and we have to check whether given subject has all required permissions to execute all statements without violation of information flow policy. Figure 5.2 shows that subject needs to read x and write a in order to execute $a = x$, so it must follow $\text{label}(x) \leq_{RWFM} \text{label}(\text{subject})$ and $\text{label}(\text{subject}) \leq_{RWFM} \text{label}(a)$ to maintain secure information flow. If the subject does not have required permissions for any statement then script returns false otherwise true.

3. **Check existence of a set of subjects who can execute the program without violating**

information flow policy.

In this case, we need to find a maximal set of those subjects who can pass 2nd case. A naive way to implement it: for each subject run the 2nd test and if it passes, add it in a set; after checking all subjects this set will be desired output. There is an efficient way to do it, any subject can pass 2nd test if and only if it is present in reader set of all objects which lie on the left side of \leq operator in constraints and it is present in writer set of all objects which lie on the right side of \leq operator in constraints. So we take the stepwise intersection of all reader sets of objects tht lie in left side of \leq operator in constraints and writer sets of all objects that lie on the right side of \leq operator in constraints.

Example: constraint is given in equation 5.1

Conversion of security class of objects into RWFM labels: $x^{(s,R_1,W_1)}, y^{(s,R_2,W_2)}, z^{(s,R_3,W_3)}$.

Output of script: $R_1 \cap R_2 \cap W_3$

$$\underline{x} \oplus \underline{y} \leq \underline{z} \quad (5.1)$$

Chapter 6

Conclusion & Future work

We have implemented python scripts to track and certify(for secure flow) information flow in a given python source code with new concept RWFM labels[2]. We considered the subject in information flow analysis, it helps to deal with real world problems related with information flow.

Future work

We will implement the following for completion of information flow analysis in python.

- Use of dynamic labels.
- Handling of control flows of functions.
- Implementation of steps to determine terminating condition of loops, to handle terminating and non-terminating loops differently.
- Tracking of information flow through covert channels.
- Information flow analysis on python data structures list, dictionary etc.
- Information flow analysis related to dynamic types and objects in python.

Appendices

Appendix A

Python Script 1: Constraint Generator

```
1 import sys
2 import re
3 import shutil
4
5 line = 0
6
7 class const:
8     otime = "*" # u"\u2295"
9     oplus = "+" # u"\u2297"
10    lt = "<=" # u"\u2264"
11
12 def make_lub_string(llist): # assumption list containing string elemnts
13     if len(llist) == 0:
14         return 0
15     if len(llist) == 1:
16         return llist[0]
17     tmp = set(llist)
18     uniq_list = list(tmp)
19     if len(uniq_list) == 1:
20         return str(uniq_list[0])
21     ret = ""
22     ret += uniq_list[0]
23     i = 1
24     while i < len(uniq_list):
25         ret += " " + const.oplus + " "
26         ret += uniq_list[i]
27         i = i + 1
28     return ret
```

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29
30
31 def make_glb_string(llist): # assumption list containing string elemnts
32     # type: (list) -> string
33     if len(llist) == 0:
34         return 0
35     if len(llist) == 1:
36         return llist[0]
37     tmp = set(llist)
38     uniq_list = list(tmp)
39     if len(uniq_list) == 1:
40         return uniq_list[0]
41     ret = ""
42     ret += uniq_list[0]
43     i = 1
44     while i < len(uniq_list):
45         ret += " " + const.oplus + " "
46         ret += uniq_list[i]
47         i = i + 1
48     return ret
49
50
51 def split_through_orelse(if_str):
52     # find first body word
53     i = if_str.find("body=[")
54     i = parse_square_br(i + 5, if_str)[1] + 1
55     return "[" + if_str[1:i] + "]", if_str[i + 7:]
56
57 def parse_keyword(i, data):
58     if i + 4 < len(data) and data[i:i + 5] == 'Expr(':
59         return "Expr("
60     if i + 9 < len(data) - 1 and data[i:i + 9] == 'AugAssign':
61         return "AugAssign"
62     if i + 6 < len(data) - 1 and data[i:i + 6] == 'Assign':
63         return "Assign"
64     if i + 2 < len(data) - 1 and data[i:i + 2] == 'If':
65         return "If"
66     if i + 5 < len(data) - 1 and data[i:i + 5] == 'While':
67         return "While"
68     if i + 11 < len(data) - 1 and data[i:i + 11] == 'FunctionDef':
69         return "FunctionDef"
70     return "none"

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71
72
73 def parse_square_br(i, data):
74     if data[i] != '[':
75         print "Error: [ is missing"
76         return []
77     ret = "["
78     count = 1
79     i += 1
80     while count > 0 and i < len(data) - 1:
81         if data[i] == '[':
82             count += 1
83         if data[i] == ']':
84             count -= 1
85         ret += data[i]
86         i += 1
87     return [ret, i]
88
89
90 def parse_parenthesis(i, data):
91     # type: (int, string) -> string
92     if data[i] != '(':
93         print "Error: ( is missing"
94         return []
95     ret = "("
96     count = 1
97     i += 1
98     while count > 0 and i < len(data) - 1:
99         if data[i] == '(':
100             count += 1
101         if data[i] == ')':
102             count -= 1
103         ret += data[i]
104         i += 1
105     return [ret, i]
106
107
108 def extract_variavle_name(startpos, line):
109     # string -> string
110     var = ""
111     while line[startpos] != "'":
112         var += line[startpos]
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113     startpos = startpos + 1
114     return var
115
116
117 def target_of_assignment(str): # find all targets
118     # string -> list
119     targets_ptrn = r"targets = \[.*?\]"
120     ctargets_ptrn = re.compile(targets_ptrn)
121     temp_list = ctargets_ptrn.findall(str)
122     ret = ''.join(temp_list) # converting to string
123     return ret
124
125
126 def parse_variables(line):
127     # type: (string) -> list
128     id_index = [m.start() for m in re.finditer('id=', line)]
129     var_list = []
130     for it in id_index:
131         vname = extract_variavle_name(it + 4, line)
132         if vname == "False" or vname == "True":
133             continue
134         var_list.append(vname)
135     return var_list
136
137
138 def multiple_assign(parent_list, global_while_list, assign_str,
139                     target_id_index):
140     global line
141     tmp = assign_str.split("value", 1)
142     rvalue = parse_variables(tmp[0])
143     lvalue = parse_variables(tmp[1])
144
145     # printing denning's rule
146     for it in rvalue:
147         if len(lvalue) == 0:
148             print "low " + const.lt + " " + it
149             line += 1
150         else:
151             print make_lub_string(lvalue), const.lt, it
152             line += 1
153

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154 def assign_denning(parent_list , global_while_list , called_by_fun ,
    fun_global , assign_str): # applying dennig's model on assignments
155     global line
156     ss = assign_str.split("value")
157     target_id_index = [m.start() for m in re.finditer('id=', ss[0])]
158
159     if len(target_id_index) > 1:
160         multiple_assign(parent_list , global_while_list , assign_str ,
    target_id_index)
161         return 0
162
163     if "id=" in ss[0]:
164         left = extract_variavle_name(0, ss[0].split("id=")[1])
165         # print "lvalue", left , " ",
166     else:
167         left = ['const']
168     id_index = [m.start() for m in
169                 re.finditer('id=', ss[1])] # list of starting index of
    variables in right part of string
170     rvalue = []
171     if len(id_index) == 0:
172         # rvalue.append("low")
173         pass
174     else:
175         for it in id_index:
176             startpos = it + 4
177             vname = extract_variavle_name(startpos , ss[1])
178             """Exclusion of False keyword"""
179             if vname == "False" or vname == "True":
180                 continue
181             rvalue.append(vname)
182
183     """Update local parent_list """
184     parent_list += rvalue
185
186     """Printing denning rules for stmts"""
187
188     # print "= rvalues", rvalue , "parent_list", parent_list
189     """Renaming all local variable of function"""
190     mod_parent_list = []
191     if called_by_fun != "":
192         if left not in fun_global:

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193         left += "_" + called_by_fun
194     for it in parent_list:
195         if it not in fun_global:
196             it += "_" + called_by_fun
197             mod_parent_list.append(it)
198     if called_by_fun != "" and len(mod_parent_list) > 0:
199         parent_list = mod_parent_list
200
201     ret = ""
202     if len(parent_list + global_while_list) == 0 :
203         ret = "low" + " " + const.lt + " " + left
204     else:
205         ret = make_lub_string(parent_list + global_while_list)
206         ret += " " + const.lt + " " + left
207     print ret
208     line += 1
209
210 def augAssign_denning(parent_list , global_while_list , called_by_fun ,
    fun_global , augAssign_str):
211     i = augAssign_str.find("id=")
212     var_name = extract_variavle_name(i + 4, augAssign_str)
213     parent_list.append(var_name)
214     assign_denning(parent_list[:], global_while_list , called_by_fun ,
    fun_global , augAssign_str)
215
216
217 def track_while(while_str):
218     while_list = []
219     while_index = [m.start() for m in re.finditer("While", while_str)]
220     for it in while_index:
221         count = 0
222         i = it
223         while count < 2 :
224             if while_str[i] == "(":
225                 count += 1
226                 i += 1
227             i -= 1
228             test_str = parse_parenthesis(i, while_str)[0]
229             while_list += parse_variables(test_str)
230     return while_list
231
232 def if_denning(parent_list , global_while_list , called_by_fun , fun_global ,

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if_str):
233 # type: (list, list, string, dict, string) -> print rules
234 if "orelse=" not in if_str:
235     # print "termination",if_str
236     if if_str[0:2] == "[]": # absence of else part
237         return []
238     else: # handling else part
239         else_str = if_str
240         continuous_parse(parent_list[:], global_while_list,
called_by_fun, fun_global, else_str)
241         return []
242
243 tmp = split_through_orelse(if_str)
244 if_half = tmp[0]
245 ladder = tmp[1]
246
247 if if_str[1:5] != "test":
248     print "Error test not found in if"
249
250 """extract test=...() from if_half"""
251 i = if_half.find("(")
252 tmp = parse_parenthesis(i, if_half)
253 test_str = tmp[0]
254 parent_list += parse_variables(test_str)
255 i = tmp[1]
256
257 """then extract body part and process like normal AST text """
258 # body processing
259 body_onward_str = if_half[i:] ### Asumption : Compare string always
followed by body=[...] imediatly
260 # setting i to location of [ in body_str: ,body=[..
261 i = body_onward_str.find("[")
262 body_str = parse_square_br(i, body_onward_str)[0]
263
264 continuous_parse(parent_list[:], global_while_list, called_by_fun,
fun_global, body_str)
265 continuous_parse(parent_list[:], global_while_list, called_by_fun,
fun_global, ladder)
266
267 def while_denning(parent_list, global_while_list, called_by_fun, fun_global
, while_str):
268     compare = "()"

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269     if while_str[6:10] == "Name":
270         tmp = parse_parenthesis(10, while_str)
271         compare = tmp[0]
272         i = tmp[1]
273     elif while_str[6:10] == "Comp":
274         tmp = parse_parenthesis(13, while_str)
275         compare = tmp[0]
276         i = tmp[1]
277
278     parent_list += parse_variables(compare)
279     global_while_list += parse_variables(compare)
280
281     # body processing
282     body_onward_str = while_str[i:]    ### Assumption : Compare string always
followed by body=[...] immediatly
283     # setting i to location of [ in body_str: ,body=[..
284     i = body_onward_str.find("[")
285     body_str = parse_square_br(i, body_onward_str)[0]
286
287     continuous_parse(parent_list[:], global_while_list, called_by_fun,
fun_global, body_str)
288
289 def set_clear_denning(parent_list, global_while_list, called_by_fun,
fun_global, expr_str):
290     global line
291     i = expr_str.find("Call(")
292     i += 4
293     call_str = parse_parenthesis(i, expr_str)[0]
294     i = call_str.find("Attribute(")
295     i += 9
296     attribute_str = parse_parenthesis(i, call_str)[0]
297     i = attribute_str.find("Name(")
298     i += 4
299     # name_str = parse_parenthesis(i, attribute_str)[0]
300     i = attribute_str.find("id=")
301     var_name = extract_variavle_name(i + 4, attribute_str)
302     """Renaming local var"""
303     if var_name not in fun_global:
304         var_name += "_" + called_by_fun
305     i = attribute_str.find("attr=")
306     attr = extract_variavle_name(i + 6, attribute_str)
307     if attr == "set":

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308     # treat it like AugAssign s0 += 1
309     print make_lub_string(parent_list + [var_name] + global_while_list)
    + " <= " + var_name
310     line += 1
311 elif attr == "clear":
312     # treat it like AugAssign s0 -= 1
313     print make_lub_string(parent_list + [var_name] + global_while_list)
    + " <= " + var_name
314     line += 1
315 elif attr == "wait":
316     global_while_list.append(var_name)
317
318 def extract_Globals(fun_str):
319     global_index = [m.start() for m in re.finditer("Global\\(", fun_str)]
320     globals = {}
321     for it in global_index:
322         global_str = parse_parenthesis(it + 6, fun_str)[0]
323         sq_str = parse_square_br(global_str.find("[", global_str)[0]
324         ss = sq_str.strip("[").strip("]")
325         sslist = ss.split(",")
326         for it in sslist:
327             if it == '':
328                 continue
329             globals[(it.strip("'"))] = 1
330     return globals
331
332
333 def fun_denning(global_while_list, fun_str):
334     fun_name = extract_variavle_name(fun_str.find("name=") + 6, fun_str)
335     fun_globals = extract_Globals(fun_str)
336     fun_globals.update(supreme_global)
337     fun_global_while = []
338     continuous_parse(global_while_list, fun_global_while, fun_name,
    fun_globals, fun_str)
339
340
341 # global var for counting
342 ww = ww1 = ww2 = 1
343 nested_while = 0
344 supreme_global = {}
345
346 def continuous_parse(parent_list, global_while_list, called_by_fun,

```

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fun_global , data):
347 # type: (object , object) -> object
348 length = len(data)
349 i = 0
350 while i < length - 1:
351     # checking for keyword
352     if parse_keyword(i , data) == "FunctionDef":
353         i += 11
354         tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
355         fun_str = tmp[0]
356         i = tmp[1]
357         global_while_list = []
358         fun_denning( global_while_list , fun_str)
359         if parse_keyword(i , data) == "Expr(": #NEED
generlization
360             i += 4
361             tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
362             expr_str = tmp[0]
363             i = tmp[1]
364             set_clear_denning( parent_list[:], global_while_list ,
called_by_fun , fun_global , expr_str)
365             if parse_keyword(i , data) == "AugAssign":
366                 i += 9
367                 tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
368                 augAssign_str = tmp[0]
369                 i = tmp[1]
370                 augAssign_denning( parent_list[:], global_while_list ,
called_by_fun , fun_global , augAssign_str)
371             if parse_keyword(i , data) == "Assign":
372                 global ww
373                 # print "Assign found",ww
374                 ww += 1
375                 i += 6
376                 tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
377                 assign_str = tmp[0]
378                 i = tmp[1]
379                 if "value=Name(id='threading'" in assign_str:
380                     var_name = parse_variables(target_of_assignment(assign_str)
)[0]
381                     supreme_global[ var_name] = 1
382                     continue
383                     assign_denning( parent_list[:], global_while_list , called_by_fun

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, fun_global , assign_str)
384     elif parse_keyword(i , data) == "If":
385         global ww1
386         # print "If found", ww1
387         ww1 += 1
388         i += 2
389         tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
390         if_str = tmp[0]
391         i = tmp[1]
392         if_denning(parent_list[:], global_while_list , called_by_fun ,
fun_global , if_str)
393     elif parse_keyword(i , data) == "While":
394         global ww2
395         global nested_while
396         # print "while found", ww2
397         ww2 += 1
398         i += 5
399         tmp = parse_parenthesis(i , data)
400         while_str = tmp[0]
401         i = tmp[1]
402         if nested_while == 0:
403             global_while_list += track_while(while_str)
404             nested_while += 1
405             while_denning(parent_list[:], global_while_list , called_by_fun ,
fun_global , while_str)
406             nested_while -= 1
407         i += 1
408
409
410 ##### main #####
411 with open(sys.argv[1], "r") as inputfile:
412     # data = inputfile.read().replace('\n', '').replace(' ', '')
413     data = "".join(inputfile.read().split())
414 orig_stdout = sys.stdout
415 f = file('tmp_constraints.txt', 'w')
416 sys.stdout = f
417 llist = []
418 dummy = []
419 outside_while_list = []
420 continuous_parse(llist[:], outside_while_list , "", dummy, data)
421
422 sys.stdout = orig_stdout

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423 f.close()
424
425 from_file = open('tmp_constraints.txt','r')
426 to_file = open('constraints.txt','w')
427 to_file.write(str(line)+"\n")
428 shutil.copyfileobj(from_file, to_file)
429
430 # print "#while: ",ww2-1
431 # print "#assign: ",ww-1
```

Appendix B

Python Script 2: Constraint Checker

```
1 """It takes two files as input First: constraint file Second: label file
   """
2 """Format of constraint file : no of constraint
3                               x + y <= z
4                               a <= b
5                               ...
6                               """
7 """Format of label file : u = [['s1'],[x,y,...],[a,b,...]] single quote '
   are optional
8                               v = [['s2'],[x,y,...],[a,b,...]]
9   """
10
11 import sys
12
13 if len(sys.argv) != 3:
14     print "Error: wrong parameter (constraint file labelfile)"
15     exit(0)
16
17 def process_constraint_file():
18     cons = []
19     with open(sys.argv[1], "r") as inputfile:
20         i = 1
21         constraints = -1
22         for line in inputfile:
23             line = "".join(line.split())
24             if line == "":
25                 break
26             if i == 1:
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27         constraints = int(line)
28         i+=1
29         continue
30     tmp = line.split("<=")
31     left = tmp[0]
32     right = tmp[1]
33     left_list = left.split("+")
34     cons.append([left_list, right])
35 return cons
36
37 def process_label_file():
38     labels = {}
39     with open(sys.argv[2], "r") as inputfile:
40         for line in inputfile:
41             line = "".join(line.split())
42             line = "".join(line.split(" "))
43             if line == "":
44                 break
45             tmp = line.split("=")
46             left = tmp[0]
47             right = tmp[1]
48             tmp_s = right.strip("[").strip("]").split(",")
49             owner = tmp_s[0]
50             first_list = tmp_s[1].split(",")
51             second_list = tmp_s[2].split(",")
52             labels[left] = [set(first_list), set(second_list), owner]
53 return labels
54
55
56 def join(label1, label2):
57     R = label1[0].intersection(label2[0])
58     W = label1[1] | label2[0]
59     return [R,W]
60
61 def can_flow(label1, label2):
62     return label1[0].issuperset(label2[0]) and label1[1].issubset(label2
63 [1])
64
65 def sat(cons, labels):
66     for constraint in cons:
67         tmp = set(constraint[0])
68         left_list = list(tmp)

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68         right = constraint[1]
69         for it in left_list:
70             if not can_flow(labels[it], labels[right]):
71                 return False
72         return True
73
74 def can_perform(subject, constraint, labels):
75     if subject not in labels[constraint[1]][1]:
76         return False
77     tmp = set(constraint[0])
78     left_list = list(tmp)
79     for it in left_list:
80         if subject not in labels[it][0]:
81             return False
82     return True
83
84 def can_perform_set(cons, labels):
85     # type: (list, dict{set, set, "str"}) -> set
86     s = labels[cons[0][1]][1]
87     for constraint in cons:
88         tmp = set(constraint[0])
89         left_list = list(tmp)
90         right = constraint[1]
91         for it in left_list:
92             s = s.intersection(labels[it][0])
93             if len(s) == 0:
94                 return s
95         s = s.intersection(labels[right][1])
96     return s
97
98 def can_perform_all(subject, cons, labels):
99     for constraint in cons:
100         if can_perform(subject, constraint, labels) == False:
101             return False
102     return True
103
104 ##### main #####
105 print """Enter Choice
106     1.Satisfied or not
107     2.Can given subject perform all constraints
108     3.Checking existance of subjects who follows constraints"""
109 choice = raw_input()

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110
111 cons = process_constraint_file()
112 labels = process_label_file()
113
114 if choice == '1':
115     print sat(cons, labels)
116 elif choice == '2':
117     print "Enter subject"
118     subject = raw_input()
119     print can_perform_all(subject, cons, labels)
120 elif choice == '3':
121     print can_perform_set(cons, labels)
```

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