Algorithm for securing a system using RWFM / Access rules in RWFM

Input:

S // set of subjects in the system

O // set of objects in the system

 λ : S \cup O \rightarrow L // labelling function that returns the current label of an entity

A: $L \rightarrow S$ // function that returns the first (administration) component of a label

R: $L\rightarrow 2^S$ // function that returns the second (readers) component of a label

W: L \rightarrow 2^S // function that returns the third (writers) component of a label

Access rule for *read*: subject $s \in S$ requests read access to object $o \in O$

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\begin{split} &\text{if } (s\!\in\!R(\lambda(o))) \text{ then} \\ &a = A(\lambda(s)) \\ &r = R(\lambda(s)) \cap R(\lambda(o)) \\ &w = W(\lambda(s)) \cup W(\lambda(o)) \\ &\lambda(s) = (a,r,w) \\ &\textbf{ALLOW} \\ &\text{else} \\ &\textbf{DENY} \end{split}
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Access rule for write: subject $s \in S$ requests write access to object $o \in O$

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\begin{array}{c} \text{if } (s\!\in\!W(\lambda(o)) \land R(\lambda(s))\!\!\supseteq\!\!R(\lambda(o)) \land W(\lambda(s))\!\!\subseteq\!\!W(\lambda(o))) \text{ then} \\ \textbf{ALLOW} \\ \text{else} \\ \textbf{DENY} \end{array}
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Access rule for *create*: subject $s \in S$ requests creation of an object

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new object o

O = O \cup \{o\}

a = s

r = R(\lambda(s))

w = W(\lambda(s)) \cup \{s\}

\lambda(o) = (a,r,w)
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Access rule for *downgrade*: subject $s \in S$ requests to downgrade object $o \in O$ to (a,r,w)

$$\begin{split} & \text{if } (a = A(\lambda(s)) = A(\lambda(o)) \wedge w = W(\lambda(s)) = W(\lambda(o)) \wedge R(\lambda(s)) = R(\lambda(o)) \wedge s \in R(\lambda(o)) \wedge \\ & (W(\lambda(o)) = \{s\} \vee (r \supseteq R(\lambda(o)) \wedge r - R(\lambda(o)) \subseteq W(\lambda(o))))) \text{ then} \\ & \lambda(o) = (a, r, w) \\ & \textbf{ALLOW} \\ & \text{else} \\ & \textbf{DENY} \end{split}$$

Access rule for *relabel*: subject $s \in S$ requests to relabel object $o \in O$ with (a,r,w)

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\begin{array}{l} if \ (a=A(\lambda(s))=A(\lambda(o)) \ \land \ W(\lambda(s)) \supseteq W(\lambda(o)) \ \land \ R(\lambda(s)) \subseteq R(\lambda(o)) \ \land \ s \in R(\lambda(o)) \ \land \\ w=W(\lambda(s)) \cup \{s\} \ \land \ r \subseteq R(\lambda(s))) \ then \\ \lambda(o)=(a,r,w) \\ \textbf{ALLOW} \\ else \\ \textbf{DENY} \end{array}
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