

EXECUTION MONITOR  
AS PROGRAMMING  
LANGUAGE PRIMITIVE



# Access Control Lists

```
type acl = Empty  
          | AC of string * acl;;  
(* Access control lists *)
```

```
let rec emCheck alist op =  
  match alist with  
  | Empty    -> false  
  | AC(aop, als)-> if op = aop then true else emCheck als op;;
```

## Interpreter: OCAML code (eval)

$$\frac{env(x) = v}{env \triangleright Den\ x \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{env \triangleright e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, env \triangleright e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{env \triangleright Sum(e_1, e_2) \Rightarrow v_1 + v_2}$$

eval Den x, env -> lookup x env

eval Sum(e1, e2) env ->  
eval e1 env + eval e2 env

## Wrapped Interpreter: eval env acl

$$\frac{env(x) = v}{env\ acl \triangleright Den\ x \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\frac{add \in al\ env \triangleright e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, env \triangleright e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{env\ acl \triangleright Sum(e_1, e_2) \Rightarrow v_1 + v_2}$$

```
eval Den x, env, al -> lookup x env
```

```
eval Sum(e1, e2) env al ->  
  if (emCheck alist "add")  
  then (eval e1 env al) + (eval e2 env al)  
  else failwith("Sum not allowed")
```

## The OCAML code

```
let rec eval exp env (alist:acl) = match exp with
| Eint(n) -> n
| Den x -> lookup env x
| Let(i,e1,e2) -> let v1 = eval e1 env acl in eval e2 (bind env i v1) acl
| Sum(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "add")
    then (eval e1 env alist) + (eval e2 env alist)
    else failwith("Sum not allowed")
| Times(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "prod")
    then (eval e1 env alist) * (eval e2 env alist)
    else failwith("times not allowed")
| Minus(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "sub")
    then (eval e1 env alist) - (eval e2 env alist)
    else failwith("Minus not allowed");;
```

# ACL as local Policies within Execution Monitor. #take 1

letEM  $x = e_1$  with  $a_1$  in  $e_2$

Add a local access policy for the evaluation of  $e_1$

# FUN+EM

OCAML type for arithmetic expressions with variables and execution monitor

```
type ide = string
```

```
type iexp =
```

```
  | Eint of int
```

```
  | Let of string * iexp * iexp
```

```
  | Den of ide
```

```
  | Sum of iexp * iexp
```

```
  | Times of iexp * iexp
```

```
  | Minus of iexp * iexp
```

```
  | LetEM of string * iexp * acl * iexp;;
```

## Extending access control lists

```
let rec extend al1 al2 =  
  match al2 with  
  | Empty -> al1  
  | AC(aop, als) -> AC(aop, (extend al1 als));;
```



# From Operational semantics to OCAML Code

$$\frac{env\ acl[al] \triangleright e1 \Rightarrow v1 \quad env[x = v1], acl \triangleright e2 \Rightarrow v}{env, acl \triangleright LetEM\ x = e1\ with\ al\ in\ e2 \Rightarrow v}$$

LetEM(i,e1,al,e2) ->

let newal = (extend alist al) in

let v = (eval e1 env newal) in

(eval e2 (bind env i v) alist)

# The OCAML code

**let rec eval iexp env (alist:acl) = match iexp with**

**| Eint(n) -> n**

**| Den x -> lookup env x**

**| Sum(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "add")  
then (eval e1 env alist) + (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Sum not allowed")**

**| Times(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "prod")  
then (eval e1 env alist) \* (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("times not allowed")**

**| Minus(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "sub")  
then (eval e1 env alist) - (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Minus not allowed")**

**| LetEM(i,e1,al,e2) -> let newal = (extend alist al) in  
let v = (eval e1 env newal)  
in (eval e2 (bind env i v) alist)**

## Execution Monitor take 2

letEM  $x = e_1$  with  $a_1$  in  $e_2$

Add a local access policy for the evaluation of  $e_2$

# The OCAML code

**let rec eval iexp env (alist:acl) = match iexp with**

**| Eint(n) -> n**

**| Den x -> lookup env x**

**| Sum(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "add")  
then (eval e1 env alist) + (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Sum not allowed")**

**| Times(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "prod")  
then (eval e1 env alist) \* (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("times not allowed")**

**| Minus(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "sub")  
then (eval e1 env alist) - (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Minus not allowed")**

**| LetEM(i,e1,a1,e2) -> let v = (eval e1 env acl) in  
let newal = (extend alist a1) in  
in (eval e2 (bind env i v) newal)**

## Execution Monitor take 3

letEM  $x = e_1$  with  $a_1$  in  $e_2$

Add a local access policy for the evaluation of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$

# The OCAML code

**let rec eval iexp env (alist:acl) = match iexp with**

**| Eint(n) -> n**

**| Den x -> lookup env x**

**| Sum(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "add")  
then (eval e1 env alist) + (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Sum not allowed")**

**| Times(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "prod")  
then (eval e1 env alist) \* (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("times not allowed")**

**| Minus(e1,e2) -> if (emCheck alist "sub")  
then (eval e1 env alist) - (eval e2 env alist)  
else failwith("Minus not allowed")**

**| LetEM(i,e1,a1,e2) -> let newal = (extend alist a1) in  
let v = (eval e1 env newal) in  
(eval e2 (bind env i v) newal)**

# Discussion

**Simple Access Control Policies are just Automata**



... but EM

- Performs arbitrary computation to decide whether to allow event or halt
  - Can have side effects
  - Can change program flow



# Exercise

1. Extend the simple language with execution monitor to include functions and function calls
2. Extend the language to include a variety of security policies rather than ACL.