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#### Abstract

In many software systems as modern web browsers the user and his sensitive data often interact with the untrusted outer world. This scenario can pose a serious threat to the user's private data and gives new relevance to an old story in computer science: providing controlled access to untrusted components, while preserving usability and ease of interaction. To address the threats of untrusted components, modern web browsers propose privilege-separated architectures, which isolate components that manage critical tasks and data from components which handle untrusted inputs. The former components are given strong permissions, possibly coinciding with the full set of permissions granted to the user, while the untrusted components are granted only limited privileges, to limit possible malicious behaviours: all the interactions between trusted and untrusted components is handled via message passing. In this thesis we introduce a formal semantics for privilege-separated architectures and we provide a general definition of privilege separation: we discuss how different privilege-separated architectures can be evaluated in our framework, identifying how different security threats can be avoided, mitigated or disregarded. Specifically, we evaluate in detail the existing Google Chrome Extension Architecture in our formal model and we discuss how its design can mitigate serious security risks, with only limited impact on the user experience.

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### Motivation

- 1.1 Privilege separation
- 1.2 Privilege escalation attacks

#### 1.3 Chrome extension architecture overview

Chrome by Google, as all actual-days browsers, provides a powerful extension framework. This gives to developers a huge architecture made explicitly to extend the core browser potentiality in order to build small programs that enhance user-experience. In Chrome web store there are lot of extensions with very various behaviors like security enhancers, theme changers, organizers or other utilities, multimedia visualizer, games and others. For example, AdBlock (one of the top downloaded) is an extension made to block all ads on websites; ShareMeNot "protects the user against being tracked from third-party social media buttons while still allowing it to use them" [4]. As we can notice extensions have different purposes, and many of them has to interact massively with web pages. This creates a very large attack surface for attackers and is a big threat for the user. Moreover many extensions are written by developers that are not security experts so, even if their behavior is not malign, the bugs that can appear in them can be easily exploited by attackers.

To mitigate this threat, as deeply discussed in [5], the extension framework is built to force programmers to adopt privilege separation, least privilege and strong isolation. Privilege separation, as explained before in 1.1, force the developer to split the application in components providing for the communication a message passing interface; least privilege gives to the app the least set of permission needed through the execution of the extension and the strong isolation separate the heaps of the various components of the extension running them in different processes in order to block any possible escalation and direct delegation.

More specifically, Google Chrome extension framework [2] splits the extension in two sets components: content scripts and background pages. The content scripts are injected in every page on which the extension is running using the same origin; they run with no privileges except the one used to send messages to the background and they cannot exchange pointers with the page except to the standard field of the DOM. Background

pages, instead, have only one instance for each extension, are totally separated from the opened pages, have the full set of privilege granted at install time and, if it is allowed from the manifest, they can inject new content scripts to pages, but they can communicate with the content scripts only via message passing.

#### 1.4 Chrome extension architecture weaknesses

### 1.5 Proposal

In this work do a study on Chrome Extensions identifying a possible weakness. We write a calcolus

## Background

#### 2.1 Chrome extension architecture details

As showed in [2] a Chrome Extension is an archive containing files of various kind like JavaScript, HTML, JSON, pages, images and other that extends the browser features. A basic extension contains a manifest file and one or more Javascript or Html files.

#### 2.1.1 Manifest

The manifest file manifest.json is a JSON-formatted file that with all the specification of the extension. It is the entry point of the extension and contain two mandatory fields: name and version containing the name and the version of the extension. Other important field are background, content\_scripts, permissions and we will explain here.

- background: has or a script field containing the source of the content script or a page field containing the source of an HTML page. If the script field is used the scripts are injected in a empty extension core page, while if is used page the HTML document with all his elements, including scripts, compose the extension core.
- content\_scripts: contains a list of content script objects. A content script object can contains field js that contain the list of Javascript files to be injected and other, and must contain field matches: a list of match patterns. Match patterns are explained below.
- permissions: contains a list of privileges that are requested by the extension. These can be either a host match pattern for XHR request to that host or the name of the API needed.

Another possible field is optional\_permissions. It contains the list of optional permission that the extension could require and are used to restrict the privilege granted to the app. To use one of this permissions the background page has to require explicitly them and to release after use. Using the optional permission is possible to reduce the possible privileges escalated by an attacker, but are used rarely and are not in our interest.

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**Table 2.1** Url pattern syntax. Table taken from [1]

```
<url-pattern> := <scheme>://<host><path>
<scheme> := '*' | 'http' | 'https' | 'file' | 'ftp' | 'chrome-extension'
<host> := '*' | '*.' <any char except '/' and '*'>+
<path> := '/' <any chars>
```

#### Table 2.2 A manifest file

```
{
  "manifest_version": 2,
  "name": "Moodle expander",
  "description": "Download homework and uploads marks from a JSON
     string",
  "version":"1",
  "background": { "scripts": ["background.js"] },
  "permissions":
      "tabs",
      "downloads",
      "https://moodle.dsi.unive.it/*"
    ],
  "content_scripts":
    {
        "matches": ["https://moodle.dsi.unive.it/*"],
        "js": ["myscript.js"]
      }
    ]
}
```

A match pattern is a string composed of three parts: scheme, host and path. A part can contains a value or "\*" that means all possible values. In table 2.1 is shown the syntax of the URL patterns. For more details refer to [1]. As we can see we can decide to inject some content scripts on pages derived from a given match. This is used when the extension has to interact with only certain pages. For example "\*://\*/\*" means all pages; "https://\*.google.com/\*" means all HTTPS pages with google as host and with all path (e.g., mail.google.com, www.google.com, docs.google.com/mine).

In table 2.2 we can see a manifest of a simple Chrome extension that expands the feature of moodle. We can see that the extension has an empty background page on which is injected the file background.js an that has tabs, downloads permission and that can execute XHR to all path contained in https://moodle.dsi.unive.it/. It has also one content script that is injected in all subpages of https://moodle.dsi.unive.it/.

#### 2.1.2 Content script

Content script are Javascript source files that are automatically injected to the web page if this match with the pattern defined in the manifest. In the example of table 2.1 the file myscript.js is injected to all sub-pages of https://moodle.dsi.unive.it/. In the extension framework content scripts are designed to interact with the page. Since this interaction could be the entry point for an attacker, content scripts have no permissions except the one used to communicate with the extension core. In order to reduce injection of code in the content script from a malign page, there is a strong isolation between the heaps of these two. Content scripts of same extension are run together in their own address space, and the only way they have to interact with the page is via DOM API. As explained in [5] browser provide one common DOM element accessed via its API and all scripts both on the page or in the extension can modify it, but only changes of the standard DOM properties are shared, while other changes are kept locally.

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The message passing interface has crucial importance in this work since it is the only way for a content script to trigger execution of a privilege. We will discuss it later in 2.1.4.

#### 2.1.3 Extension core

The extension core is the most critical part of the application. It is executed in a unique origin like chrome-extension://hcdmlbjlcojpbbinplfgbjodclfijhce in order to prevent cross origin attacks, but can communicate with all origins that match with one of the host permission requested. In this environment are executed all scripts defined in the background field of the manifest. Since background pages can have remote object, they can also request to the web such resources, but this can be very dangerous because if the resources are on simple HTTP connections them can be altered by an attacker. In [6] is described how to enforce the security policy in order to avoid such possible weakness. As already said background pages can interact with content scripts via message passing.

### 2.1.4 Message passing API

Every content script of the extension can access chrome.runtime that is the object on wich the message passing interface is implemented (for more details refer to [3]).

The main method to send a message to the extension core is invoking the method chrome.runtime.sendMessage. Like all Chrome APIs even the message passing is asynchronous. As primary arguments it takes the message that can be of any kind and a callback function that is triggered if someone answer to the message. The message, before sending is marshaled using a JSON serializer. This prevent exchange of pointers or of functions, but limits the expressiveness of the prototype-based object-oriented feature of Javascript. It also fails in presence of recursive objects.

An element, to listen to inbound messages, has to register a function on the chrome.runtime.onMess event. This function will be triggered when a message arrives. Its arguments are the message (unmarshalled by the API), the sender and an optional callback used to send response to that message. The sender field is very important because is the only warranty about the sender. In fact the message may not be used to decide the sender, because it can be of every kind.

Table 2.3 Sending a message.

```
Sender
                                  Receiver
var info = "hello";
                                  var onMessage =
var callback =
                                    function (message, sender,
  function(response)
                                       sendResponse)
                                    {
    console.log("get response
                                      if (message = "hello")
       : " + response);
  };
                                          //compute message
                                        sendResponse("hi");
chrome.runtime.sendMessage(
   info, callback);
                                      }
                                      else
                                        console.log("connection
                                            refused from"+
                                           sender);
                                    };
                                  chrome.runtime.onMessage.
                                     addListener(onMessage);
```

Since content scripts are multiple and injected in various pages (tabs), the extension core for sending a message has to use the sendMessage method proper of the tab object to which the message has to be sent. Its behavior is the same of the chrome.runtime.sendMessage method.

In table 2.3 we can see how to use the simple message passing interface. A component simply sends the message and wait for a response. The other register onMessage function as event listener for messages. When it is triggered by an incoming message onMessage check the message and decide to compute something according to the request or to refuse the message.

Another way to communicate, that is more secure, is done using a channel as in table 2.4. In the message passing API there is a method called connect that takes as optional arguments a message to deliver when the corresponding event onConnect is triggered and that returns a port. Such object is a bidirectional channel that can be used to communicate and contains the methods postMessage, disconnect and the events onMessage and onDisconnect. Communication using ports instead of the classical chrome.runtime.sendMessage is more secure, because only who has the port endpoints can communicate. This grants the sender of the message.

### 2.1.5 Bundling

As seen in table 2.3 the choice taken by a component when a message is received can depend on various factors decided by the programmer.

Let us explain the example in 2.5: suppose to have three components Background, CS1 and CS2. CS1 can only send messages that has "getPasswd" as title and CS2 only

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#### Table 2.4 Port creation.

#### Port opening active

# var port = chrome.runtime. connect({name: "cs1"}); port.onMessage.addListener( onMessage) port.postMessage("hi")

#### Port opening passive

```
var scriptPort = null;
var onConnect =
  function(port)
    if (port.name = "cs1")
      scriptPort = port;
      port.onMessage.
         addListener(
         onMessage);
    }
    else
    {
      console.log("connection
          refused");
      port.disconnect();
    }
  };
chrome.runtime.onConnect.
   addListener(onConnect)
```

"executeXHR". Here the Background deduct the sender checking the title of the messages instead of of explicitly checking it, and according to this decide which privilege has to be executed. This practice is called bundling and is very dangerous because an attacker can compromise just one of the two content scripts and from that one can forge messages with any title escalating a permission that he does not have in the original setting.

To avoid such weakness is important to check the sender field of the onMessage function in order to be sure of the sender. This cannot be enough because, as discussed before, contents script that are injected on the same page share their memory, and the message passing interface are does not distinguish them. The fix of this weakness is to use ports instead of the chrome.runtime.sendMessage function in order to have different listener for each content script. In table ?? is showed an unbundled code.

### 2.2 Flow logic

#### Table 2.5 Bundled code.

Background

```
function onMessage(message, sender, response)
{
  switch (message.title) {
    /* Requests from content script 1 */
    case "getPasswd":
    // get passwords
    response (passwd)
    break;
    /* Requests from content script 2 */
    case "executeXHR":
    var host = message.host
    var m = message.content;
    // execute XHR on args
    break;
    default:
    throw "Invalid request from contentScript";
  }
}
Content script CS1
var mess = {title: "getPasswd"};
chrome.runtime.sendMessage(mess);
Content script CS2
var mess = {title: "executeXHR", host: "www.google.com",
   content: "hi there"};
chrome.runtime.sendMessage(mess);
```

#### Table 2.6 Unbundled code.

Background

```
function onMessage(message, sender, response)
  switch (sender) {
    /* Requests from content script 1 */
    case CS1:
    // get passwords
    response(passwd)
    break;
    /* Requests from content script 2 */
    case CS2:
    var host = message.host
    var m = message.content;
    // execute XHR on args
    break;
    default:
    throw "Invalid request from contentScript";
  }
}
```

# **Formalization**

- Threat Model 3.1
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- 3.4.1 Abstract succinct

Abstract cache  $\hat{C}: \mathcal{L} \to \hat{V}$ Abstract variable environment  $\hat{\Gamma}: \mathcal{V} \to \hat{V}$ 

Abstract memory  $\hat{\mu}: \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{P} \to \hat{V}$ Abstract permission cache  $\hat{P}: \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{P}$ 

```
(\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} c : \hat{v} \text{ iff } \{d_c\} \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE-Val]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} x : \hat{v} \text{ iff } \hat{\Gamma}(x) \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE-Var]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \lambda x.e : \hat{v} \text{ iff } \{\lambda x.e\} \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE-Lambda]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \{\overrightarrow{str_i : e_i}\} : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
[PE-Obj]
                                                       \forall i : (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_i : \hat{v}_i \gg \rho_i \land
                                                               \{\overrightarrow{str_i:\hat{v_i}}\}\subseteq \hat{v} \wedge
                                                               \rho_i \sqsubseteq \rho
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{let} \ \overrightarrow{x_i = e_i} \ \mathbf{in} \ e' : \hat{v} \gg \rho \ \mathrm{iff}
[PE-Let]
                                                        (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e' : \hat{v} \gg \rho' \wedge
                                                        \rho' \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        \forall i:
                                                               (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_i : \hat{v}_i \gg \rho_i \wedge
                                                               \hat{v}_i \subseteq \Gamma(x_i) \land
                                                               \rho_i \sqsubseteq \rho
[PE-App]
                                                 (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 e_2 : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge
                                                        \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        \forall (\lambda x.e_0) \in \hat{v}_1:
                                                               \hat{v}_2 \subseteq \Gamma(x) \wedge
                                                               (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_0 : \hat{v}_0 \gg \rho_0 \wedge
                                                               \rho_0 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                               \hat{v}_0 \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE-Op]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} op(\overrightarrow{e_i}) : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
                                                               (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_i : \hat{v}_i \gg \rho_i \wedge

\begin{array}{c}
\rho_i \sqsubseteq \rho \land \\
\widehat{op}(\overrightarrow{\hat{v}_i}) \subseteq \widehat{v}
\end{array}

[PE-Cond]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{if} (e_0) \{ e_1 \} \mathbf{else} \{ e_2 \} : \hat{v} \gg \rho \mathbf{iff}
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_0 : \hat{v}_0 \gg \rho_0 \wedge
                                                        \rho_0 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        \mathbf{true} \in \hat{v}_0 \Rightarrow
                                                                (\dot{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge \hat{v}_1 \subseteq \hat{v} \wedge \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \wedge
                                                        false \in \hat{v}_0 \Rightarrow
                                                               (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge \hat{v}_2 \subseteq \hat{v} \wedge \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho
[PE-While]
                                                 (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{while} (e_1) \{ e_2 \} : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                        \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        true \in \hat{v}_1 \Rightarrow
                                                               (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge \hat{v}_2 \subseteq \hat{v} \wedge \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \wedge
                                                        false \in \hat{v}_1 \Rightarrow
                                                               undefined \subseteq \hat{v}
                                                (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1[e_2] : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
[PE-GetField]
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge_{16}
                                                        \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge
                                                        \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                        get(\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2) \subseteq \hat{v}
```

```
(\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_0[e_1] = e2 : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
[PE-SetField]
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_0 : \hat{v}_0 \gg \rho_0 \wedge
                                                             \rho_0 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                             \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             (\Gamma, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge
                                                             \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             set(\hat{v}_0, \hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2) \subseteq \hat{v}
                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{delete} \ e_1[e_2] : \hat{v} \gg \rho \ \mathrm{iff}
[PE-DelField]
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                             \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge
                                                             \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             del(\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2) \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE-Ref]
                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{ref}_{r,\rho_r} \ e : \{r\} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e : \hat{v} \gg \rho \wedge
                                                             \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s \Rightarrow \hat{v} \subseteq \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r)
                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} \mathbf{deref} \ e : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
[PE-DeRef]
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                             \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             \forall r \in \hat{v}_1 : \forall \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s : \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r) \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE\text{-}SetRef]
                                              (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_1 = e_2 : \hat{v} \gg \rho \text{ iff}
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e : \hat{v}_1 \gg \rho_1 \wedge
                                                             \rho_1 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             (\hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}) \models_{\rho_s} e_2 : \hat{v}_2 \gg \rho_2 \wedge
                                                             \rho_2 \sqsubseteq \rho \land
                                                             \forall r \in \hat{v}_1 : \forall \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s :
                                                                   \hat{v}_2 \subseteq \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r) \wedge
                                                                   \hat{v}_2 \subseteq \hat{v}
[PE\text{-}Send]
                                              . . .
[PE-Err]
                                              . . .
[PE-Exercise]
```

#### 3.4.2 Compositional Verbose

$$[CV-Val] \qquad (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \vDash_{cp} (c)^{\ell} \text{ iff } \{d_{c}\} \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)$$

$$[CV-Var] \qquad (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \vDash_{cp} (x)^{\ell} \text{ iff } \hat{\Gamma}(x) \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)$$

$$[CV-Lambda] \qquad (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \vDash_{cp} (\lambda x.c_{0}^{t_{0}})^{\ell} \text{ iff }$$

$$\{\lambda x.c_{0}^{t_{0}}\} \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell) \wedge$$

$$(\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \vDash_{cp} (\delta C)^{\ell}$$

$$(\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma},$$

```
[CV\text{-}GetField] \quad (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} (e_1^{\ell_1}[e_2^{\ell_2}])^{\ell} \text{ iff}
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                    (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_2^{\ell_2} \wedge
                                                                    \hat{P}(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   \widehat{get}(\hat{C}(\ell_1),\hat{C}(\ell_2)) \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)
                                                  (\hat{C},\hat{\Gamma},\hat{\mu},\hat{P})\models_{c\rho_s}(e_0{}^{\ell_0}[e_1{}^{\ell_1}]=e_2{}^{\ell_2})^{\ell} \text{ iff }
[CV	ext{-}SetField]
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_0^{\ell_0} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_0) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                    \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_2^{\ell_2} \wedge
                                                                    \hat{P}(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   \widehat{set}(\hat{C}(\ell_0), \hat{C}(\ell_1), \hat{C}(\ell_2)) \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)
                                                  (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} (\mathbf{delete} \ e_1^{\ell_1}[e_2^{\ell_2}])^{\ell}  iff
[CV-DelField]
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_2^{\ell_2} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   \widehat{del}(\widehat{C}(\ell_1), \widehat{C}(\ell_2)) \subseteq \widehat{C}(\ell)
                                                  (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} (\mathbf{ref}_{r,\rho_r} \ e_1^{\ell_1})^{\ell} \text{ iff}
[CV-Ref]
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                    \{r\} \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell) \land
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge

\rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s \Rightarrow \hat{C}(\ell_1) \subseteq \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r)

                                                  (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} (\mathbf{deref} \ e_1^{\ell_1})^{\ell}  iff
[CV-DeRef]
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   \forall r \in \hat{C}(\ell_1) : \forall \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s :
                                                                          \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r) \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)
                                                  (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} (e_1^{\ell_1} = e_2^{\ell_2})^{\ell} iff
[CV	ext{-}SetRef]
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_1^{\ell_1} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                   (\hat{C}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\mu}, \hat{P}) \models_{c\rho_s} e_2^{\ell_2} \wedge
                                                                   \hat{P}(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell) \wedge
                                                                  \forall r \in \hat{C}(\ell_1) : \forall \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s :
                                                                          C(\ell_2) \subseteq \hat{\mu}(r, \rho_r) \wedge
                                                                   \hat{C}(\ell_2) \subseteq \hat{C}(\ell)
[PE\text{-}Send]
[PE-Err]
[PE-Exercise]
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- 3.5 Theorem
- 3.6 Requirements for correctness

### **Abstract Domains**

### 4.1 Abstract domains choice

$$R_1 = \{\overrightarrow{\widehat{str_i}} : \widehat{v_i}\} \sqsubseteq \{\overrightarrow{\widehat{str_j}} : \widehat{v_j}\} = R_2 \text{ sse:}$$

- 1.  $R_1$  ha meno campi di  $R_2$
- 2. ogni campo di  $R_1$  e' piu' preciso del **corrispondente** campo di  $R_2$

$$\forall i, \exists j : \widehat{str_i} \sqsubseteq \widehat{str_j}$$
 
$$\forall i, \exists j : \widehat{str_i} \sqsubseteq \widehat{str_j} \Rightarrow \widehat{v_i} \sqsubseteq \widehat{v_j}$$
 Set:

- Exact
  - $-\exists \rightarrow Union$
  - $\not \exists \rightarrow addinprefix$
- Prefix
  - aggiungo in \*

$$\hat{v} \sqsubseteq \hat{v}' \text{ iff } \forall \widehat{u}_i \in \hat{v}, \exists \widehat{u}_j \in \hat{v}' : \widehat{u}_i \sqsubseteq \widehat{u}_j.$$
If Galois connection then
$$\hat{v} \sqsubseteq \hat{v}' \text{ iff } \gamma(\hat{v}) \subseteq \gamma(\hat{v}')$$

where  $\gamma: \widehat{V} \to P(V)$  is the concretisation function.

$$\gamma_p: \widehat{PV} \to P(V)$$

$$\gamma(\widehat{v}) = \bigcup_{\widehat{u}_i \in \widehat{v}} \gamma_p(\widehat{u}_i)$$

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\widehat{pre_{bool}} = \widehat{true}|\widehat{false}|
 \widehat{u_{bool}} = \{\widehat{pre_{bool}}\}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \subseteq
\widehat{pre_{int}} = \oplus |0| \ominus
\widehat{u_{int}} = \{\overline{\widehat{pre_{int}}}\}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \subseteq
\widehat{pre_{string}} = s|s*
\widehat{u_{string}} = \{ \overrightarrow{pre_{string}} \}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \subseteq
                                                                                                                                                                                   — Giulia's spec. is more tricky than \subseteq
\widehat{pre_{ref}} = r
\widehat{u_{ref}} = \{\overrightarrow{\widehat{pre_{ref}}}\}
\widehat{pre_{\lambda}} = \underline{\lambda}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \subseteq
\widehat{u_{\lambda}} = \{\overrightarrow{\widehat{pre_{\lambda}}}\}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \subseteq
\widehat{pre_{rec}} = \{\widehat{str}_i : \hat{v}_i'\}
\widehat{u_{rec}} = \widehat{pre_{rec}}
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \sqsubseteq = \widehat{u_{rec}}_{\sqsubseteq}
\widehat{\boldsymbol{v}} = (\widehat{u_{bool}}, \widehat{u_{int}}, \widehat{u_{string}}, \widehat{u_{ref}}, \widehat{u_{\lambda}}, \widehat{u_{rec}}, \{\widehat{Null}\}, \{\widehat{Undef}\})
                                                                                                                                                                                   with \hat{v} \sqsubseteq \hat{v}' iff
                                                                                                                                                                                 \widehat{u_{bool}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{bool}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                 \widehat{u_{int}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{int}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                \widehat{u_{string}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{string}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                \widehat{u_{ref}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{ref}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                \widehat{u_{\lambda}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{\lambda}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                \widehat{u_{rec}} \sqsubseteq \widehat{u_{rec}}' \wedge
                                                                                                                                                                                 \widehat{Null} \not\in \hat{v}' \lor \widehat{Null} \in \hat{v} \land \widehat{Null} \in \hat{v}' \land
                                                                                                                                                                                \widehat{Undef} \notin \hat{v}' \vee \widehat{Undef} \in \hat{v} \wedge \widehat{Undef} \in \hat{v}'
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### 4.2 Abstract operations

### 4.3 Requirements verification

# Implementation

### 5.1 Constraint generation

Constraint elements: E.

 $\begin{array}{llll} \textit{Cache element} & \mathsf{C}(\ell) & : & \mathcal{L} \to \hat{V} \\ \textit{Var element} & \mathsf{\Gamma}(x) & : & \mathcal{V} \to \hat{V} \\ \textit{State element} & \mathsf{M}(\mathcal{P}, ref) & : & \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{P} \to \hat{V} \\ \end{array}$ 

Permission Element:  $P(\ell): \mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{P}$ 

Constraint form.

Misc:

 $r_*$  is the set of all references of the program;  $lambda_*$  is the set of all lambdas of the program;

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[CG-Val]
                                                                                                \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[\![(c)^\ell]\!] = \{d_c\} \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)
 [CG-Var]
                                                                                                \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (x)^\ell \rrbracket = \Gamma(x) \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)
                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s}[(\lambda x.e_0^{\ell_0})^{\ell}] =
 [CG-Lambda]
                                                                                                                \{\{\lambda x.e_0^{\ell_0}\}\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\}\cup
                                                                                                              C_{*\rho_s}[(e_0^{\ell_0})]
                                                                                                \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (\{\overline{str_i : e_i^{\ell_i}}\})^{\ell} \rrbracket =
[CG-Obj]
                                                                                                                \bigcup_{i} (\mathcal{C}_{*\rho_{s}} \llbracket (e_{i}^{\ell_{i}}) \rrbracket \cup
                                                                                                                                \{\mathsf{P}(\ell_i) \sqsubseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell)\}) \cup
                                                                                                                \{\{\overrightarrow{str_i}: C(\ell_i)\}\subseteq C(\ell)\}
                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s}[\![(\mathbf{let}\ \overrightarrow{x_i = e_i^{\ell_i}}\ \mathbf{in}\ e'^{\ell'})^{\ell}]\!] =
[CG-Let]
                                                                                                                \bigcup_{i} (\mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (e_i^{\ell_i}) \rrbracket \cup
                                                                                                                                \{\mathsf{C}(\ell_i)\subseteq\mathsf{\Gamma}(x_i)\}\cup
                                                                                                                                \{P(\ell_i) \subseteq P(\ell)\}) \cup
                                                                                                              \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}\llbracket(e'^{\ell'})\rrbracket\cup
                                                                                                                 \{P(\ell') \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                 \{C(\ell') \subseteq C(\ell)\}
                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (e_1^{\ell_1} e_2^{\ell_2})^{\ell} \rrbracket =
[CG-App]
                                                                                                               \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[\![(e_1^{\ell_1})]\!] \cup \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[\![(e_2^{\ell_2})]\!] \cup
                                                                                                                 \{\mathsf{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell)\} \cup \{\mathsf{P}(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                 \{\{t\}\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell_1)\Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_2)\subseteq \mathsf{\Gamma}(x)
                                                                                                                                |t = (\lambda x.e_0^{\ell_0}) \in lambda_*\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\{t\}\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell_1)\Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_0)\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\}
                                                                                                                                |t = (\lambda x. e_0^{\ell_0}) \in lambda_* \} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\{t\}\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell_1)\Rightarrow \mathsf{P}(\ell_0)\sqsubseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell)\}
                                                                                                                               |t = (\lambda x.e_0^{\ell_0}) \in lambda_*\} \cup
                                                                                                \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (op(\overrightarrow{e_i^{\ell_i}}))^{\ell} \rrbracket =
[CG-Op]
                                                                                                               \bigcup_{i}(\mathcal{C}_{*\rho_{s}}\llbracket(e_{i}^{\ell_{i}})\rrbracket \cup \{\mathsf{P}(\ell_{i})\sqsubseteq\mathsf{P}(\ell)\}) \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\widehat{op}(\mathsf{C}(\ell_i))\subseteq\mathsf{C}(\ell)\}\
                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s} [(\mathbf{if} (e_0^{\ell_0}) \{ e_1^{\ell_1} \} \mathbf{else} \{ e_2^{\ell_2} \})^{\ell}] =
[CG-Cond]
                                                                                                               C_{*\rho_s}[(e_0^{\ell_0})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_2^{\ell_2})] \cup
                                                                                                                 \{\hat{P}(\ell_0) \sqsubseteq \hat{P}(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\widehat{\mathbf{true}} \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_0) \Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{ \widehat{\mathbf{true}} \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_0) \Rightarrow \mathsf{P}(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell) \} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{ \mathbf{false} \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_0) \Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_2) \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell) \} \cup \{ \mathsf{C}(\ell_0) \} \cup \{ \mathsf{C}(\ell_0)
                                                                                                                  \{false \in C(\ell_0) \Rightarrow P(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq P(\ell) \}
                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s}[(\mathbf{while}\ (e_1^{\ell_1})\ \{\ e_2^{\ell_2}\ \})^{\ell}]] =
[CG-While]
                                                                                                                C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_2^{\ell_2})] \cup
                                                                                                                 \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\widehat{\mathbf{true}} \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_2) \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{\widehat{\mathbf{true}} \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \Rightarrow \mathsf{P}(\ell_2) \subseteq \mathsf{P}(\ell)\} \cup
                                                                                                                  \{false \in C(\ell_1) \Rightarrow undefined \subseteq C(\ell)\}
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[CG\text{-}GetField] \quad \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[[(e_1^{\ell_1}[e_2^{\ell_2}])^{\ell}]] =
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_2^{\ell_2})] \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                      \{P(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                      \widehat{qet}(\mathsf{C}(\ell_1),\mathsf{C}(\ell_2))\subset\mathsf{C}(\ell)
                                        C_{*\rho_s} \llbracket (e_0^{\ell_0} [e_1^{\ell_1}] = e_2^{\ell_2}) \rrbracket =
[CG	ext{-}SetField]
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[(e_0^{\ell_0})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})^{\ell}] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_2^{\ell_2})] \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_3) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                      \widehat{set}(\mathsf{C}(\ell_1),\mathsf{C}(\ell_2),\mathsf{C}(\ell_2))\subseteq\mathsf{C}(\ell)
[CG-DelField]
                                         \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[\![(\mathbf{delete}\ e_1^{\ell_1}[e_2^{\ell_2}])^{\ell}]\!] =
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[[(e_1^{\ell_1})]] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[[(e_2^{\ell_2})]] \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                      del(C(\ell_1), C(\ell_2)) \subseteq C(\ell)
[CG-Ref]
                                         C_{*\rho_s}[\![(\mathbf{ref}_{r,\rho_r} e_1^{\ell_1})^{\ell}]\!] =
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[\![(e_1^{\ell_1})]\!] \cup
                                                       \{\{r\}\subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\}\cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                      \{\rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s \Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \subseteq \mathsf{M}(r,\rho_r)\}
                                        \mathcal{C}_{*\rho_s}[\![(\mathbf{deref}\ e_1^{\ell_1})^\ell]\!] =
[CG-DeRef]
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})] \cup
                                                      \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{r \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \Rightarrow \mathsf{M}(r, \rho_r) \subseteq \mathsf{C}(\ell)\}
                                                           \mid r \in r_*, \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s \}
                                        C_{*o_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1} = e_2^{\ell_2})^{\ell}] =
[CG	ext{-}SetRef]
                                                      C_{*\rho_s}[(e_1^{\ell_1})] \cup C_{*\rho_s}[(e_2^{\ell_2})] \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_1) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{P(\ell_2) \sqsubseteq P(\ell)\} \cup
                                                       \{r \in \mathsf{C}(\ell_1) \Rightarrow \mathsf{C}(\ell_2) \subseteq \mathsf{M}(r, \rho_r)\}
                                                           | r \in r_*, \rho_r \sqsubseteq \rho_s \} \cup
                                                       \{C(\ell_2) \subseteq C(\ell)\}
[PE\text{-}Send]
[PE-Err]
[PE-Exercise]
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### 5.2 Constraint solving

### 5.3 Implementation-specific details

# Experiments

- 6.1 Findings
- 6.2 Performance

SLOW... Very SLOW!!!

# Conclusion

- 7.1 Conclusions
- 7.2 Future works (unbundling)

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