Ontology-Based Privacy Compliance Checking for Clinical Workflows



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Problem Statement

A clinical workflow might be vulnerable to privacy violations due to sensitive patient data accessed by multiple healthcare providers. Our research aims to detect the possible privacy violations.

Privacy-aware Workflows are compliant with:

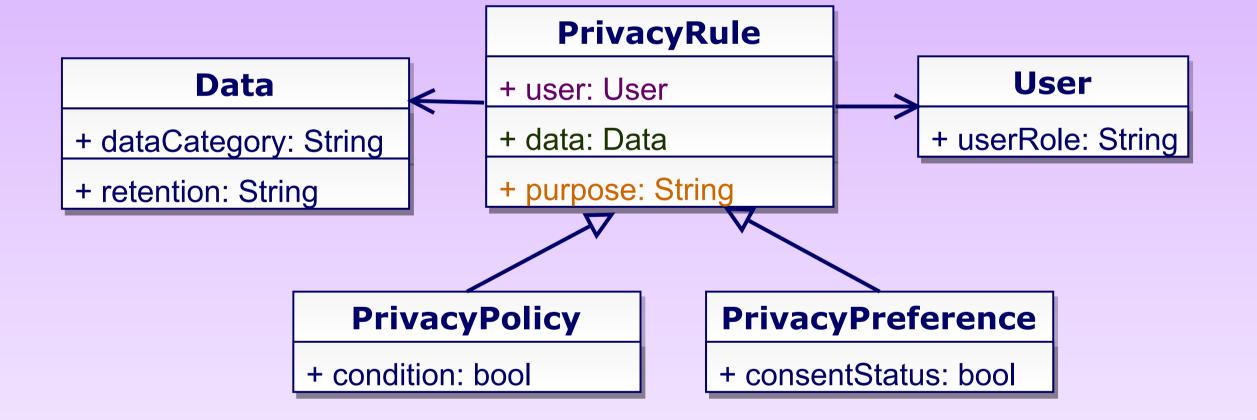
- privacy principles based on the European Union General Data Protection Regulation,
- privacy policies provided by healthcare providers, and
- privacy preferences of data subjects

Approach **Privacy Privacy Privacy Principle Policy Preference Clinical Workflow Ontology** (4) Check Privacy Compliance complaint or not (1) Build Ontology (2) Formalize Rules **Privacy BPMN** Privacy Rule purpose, data **Instances Clinical BPMN** (3) Parse & Create BPMNModel Model **Instance**

(I) Build Ontology

- generating the *Privacy Ontology* by examining privacy principles, privacy policies, and privacy preferences
- generating the *BPMN Ontology* by adapting the BPMN 2.0 Ontology¹ with new data-related concepts
- generating the *Clinical Ontology* by examining the clinical workflows
- mapping between Privacy, BPMN, and Clinical Ontologies
- creating Java Classes for each UML ontology class

Ontology for main components of privacy rules:



Mapping between privacy concepts and BPMN elements:



(2) Formalize Rules

- Privacy Rules: Natural language rules
 from privacy policies and privacy
 preferences
- generating PrivacyRule Java
 Instances from the Privacy Rules on top of the ontology

(3) Parse & Create BPMNModel

- parsing BPMN-based ClinicalWorkflow
- creating BPMNModel Java Instance on top of the ontology to prepare it for the privacy compliance check

(4) Check Privacy Compliance

- creating rules with Drools Rule
 Language (DRL) for each privacy
 principles proposed
- implementing Rule Engine by Drools
 Business Rule Engine for the privacy
 compliance check