

Honest Deputy

James thinks the answer to the compiler as confused deputy problem is relatively straightforward. Given a spec for the compiler, something like:

```
forall s : Object, calls compiler.compile(inName,outName) ->
  Next[ FileContents( outName ) == Compile( FileContents( inName ) ) ]
```

and for a billable service

```
forall s : Object, s calls billable(_) ->
  Next( FileContents ( BILLING ) == Prev(FileContents(BILLING)) ++ ThisBill )
```

or the Hoare logic versions, being a bit more picky:

```
ExistingFile(inName) && ValidFileName(outName)
{ compiler.compile(inName,outName) }
  FileContents( outName ) == Compile( FileContents( inName ) )

forall c = FileContents(BILLING)
{ compiler.compile(inName,outName) }
  FileContents (BILLING) == c ++ ThisBill
```

the point is that composing those specs together must lead to an unsatisfiable specification, because if you call the compiler with outName=BILLING, then the spec requires both billing data and compiled file contents to be in the BILLING file. To make it satisfiable, you need to add in a precondition e.g. that inFile != Billing...

We could also bound the authority of the deputy - this will manage the risk, but doesn't stop the classical confusion.

```
forall d : Deputy; forall f : File;
  d accesses f ->
    (f = BILLING) ||
    (Was( exists o : Object. o calls d(_) && o accesses f))
```