
WEBSITES SECURITY POLICIES IMPLEMENTATION USING ALLOY ANALYZER

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses in Policies for Websites. Through this paper a website security policy will try to explain the main components that are present in a website related to security. The approach introduces all the elements that are present in a website at the software and the hardware level. Additionally and to reflect website dynamic behaviors, we will present the elements that are present during a website session and interactions between a user and the website.

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1 Introduction

For my project in this class the purpose is to showcase website security policies using Alloy Analyzer for modeling these scenarios, there are many situations in which there is the need for companies to ensure that their operations are hundred percent reliable, nowadays most organization around the world depends on reliable web interactions between the different parties involved. It is crucial for an organization to ensure that a web site request to and from its premises is always reliable meaning it can ensure integrity, authenticity, reliability, and availability. Almost all companies around the world have a website which could be just menial information, or it could be extremely important information pertaining to the company. That is why is so important to have website security policies in place that ensure that these communications meet these requirements. Alloy Analyzer will help to model and test these critical scenarios that are present in a website.

There is a section in this final report were papers similar to my project are analyzed one of the model that this project tries to showcase is the that there is a known attack which is called cross site forgery, in this type of attacks a end user is forced or unseemly unaware to execute malicious code in the background, the user could be either authenticated or not.. This is an advances model but we have tried to show a basic scenario of this specific situation. In my case and given the main topic of my project, “Website Security Policies” some of the code examples that are described in sections below, are how the whole web request from the endpoint, client browser in my case, all the way to the response, in my case access to resources. Different constraints are described which are applied in this project: enforce an origin, require a response, request direction, and some other which can observed on the code.

*Renzo Carpio - Alloy Analyzer - Security Policies WebSite.)—

2 Web Policies Model

2.1 Model Entities

The Following entities are present in my model, Security Policies WebSite. The state of the model is determined by the relationships among objects and the membership of objects in sets these can change in time.

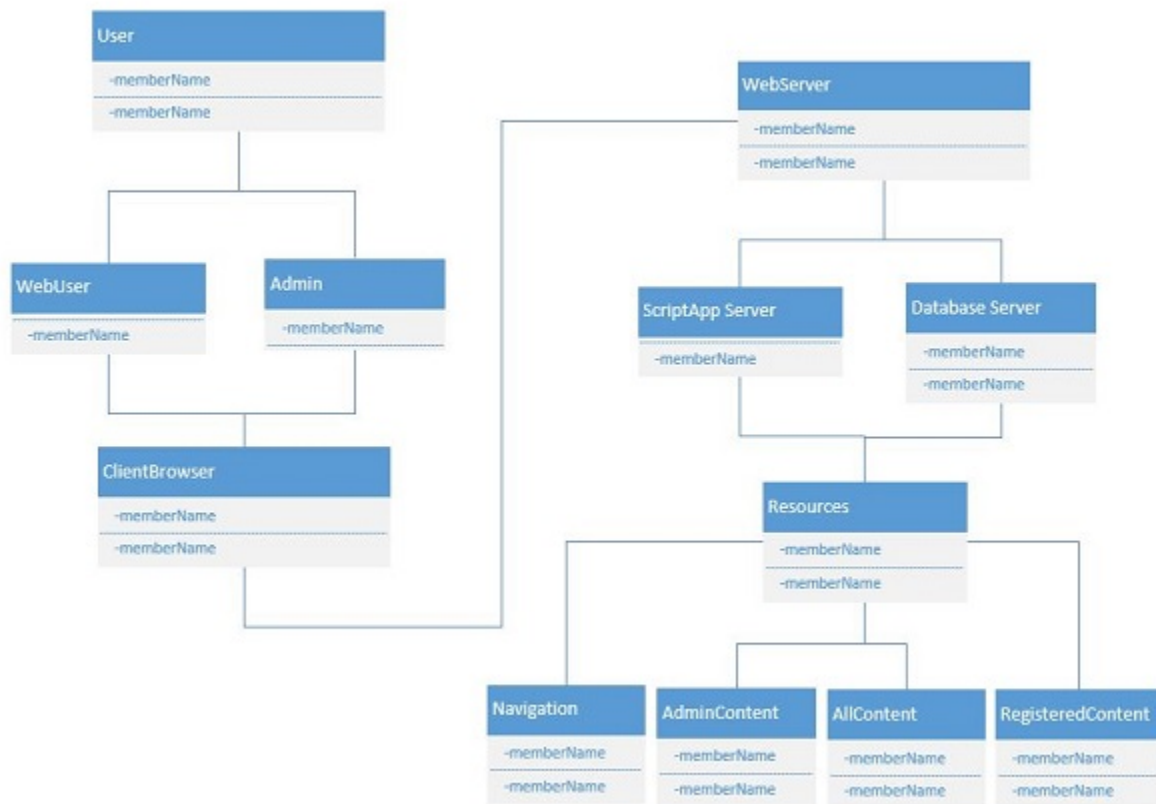
 Parse Tree

```

40 sigs
  sig this/T {this/T}
  sig this/Time {this/Time}
  sig this/Action {this/Action}
  sig this/Date {Int}
  sig this/DateTime {Int}
  sig this/Email {String}
  sig this/Password {String}
  sig this/LongString {String}
  sig this/Call {this/Call}
  sig this/State {this/State}
  sig this/Entity {this/Entity}
  sig this/NamedEntity {this/Entity}
  sig this/GenericUser {this/Entity}
  sig this/User {this/User}
  sig this/Admin {this/Admin}
  sig this/Endpoint {this/Endpoint}
  sig this/Client {this/Client}
  sig this/Server {this/Server}
  sig this/IISServer {this/IISServer}
  sig this/HackServer {this/HackServer}
  sig this/Browser {this/Browser}
  sig this/Resource {this/Resource}
  sig this/Document {this/Document}
  sig this/BannerComponent {this/BannerComponent}
  sig this/LoginComponent {this/LoginComponent}
  sig this/HttpPostRequestMessage {this/HttpPostRequestMessage}
  sig this/HttpGetRequestMessage {this/HttpGetRequestMessage}
  sig this/Protocol {this/Protocol}
  sig this/Port {this/Port}
  sig this/Path {this/Path}
  sig this/Url {this/Url}
  sig this/Domain {this/Domain}
  sig this/Cookie {this/Cookie}
  sig this/Dns {this/Dns}
  sig this/HttpRequest {this/HttpRequest}
  sig this/BrowserHttpRequest {this/BrowserHttpRequest}
  sig this/Script {this/Script}
  sig this/HackedScript {this/HackedScript}
  sig this/NoBrowserRequestHttpRequest {this/NoBrowserRequestHttpRequest}
  sig this/BrowserOp {this/BrowserOp}

```

2.2 Model Entities Schema



3 Alloy Analyzer - Code Policies for Websites

Listing 1: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //==== Syracuse University
4 //==== Assurance Foundations
5 //==== Alloy Model - Security Website Policies
6 //==== Renzo Carpio
7 //=====
8
9 module RenzoCarpioWebAlloySecurityPolicies [TParam]
10
11 open util/boolean
12 open util/relation as rel
13 open util/ordering[Time] as ord
14 open util/ordering[State]
15
16 sig Time {}
17 sig Action {}
18 sig Date = Int {}
19 sig DateTime = Int {}
20 sig Email = String {}
21 sig Password = String {}
22 sig LongString = String { }
23
24 abstract sig RequestCall { start, end: Time, from, to: TParam }
25
26 //Sig State Definition
27 sig State{
28   counter: Int,
29   startState: Int,
30   nextState: Int,
31   prevState: Int,
32   endState: Int,
33   nxt: lone State
34 }
35
36 //Generic Entity from which other Entities will extenend shared properties
37 abstract sig Entity {
38   name: lone String,
39   firstname: lone String,
40   lastname: lone String,
41   email: lone String,
42   owners: set Entity,
43   created: DateTime,
44   modified: DateTime,
45 }
46
47 //Extends from generic Entity / Users will extend from this entity to highlight
   the use of a common attribute as name
48 abstract sig NamedEntity extends Entity { } {
49   some name
50 }
51
52 //This Entity in the model represents a Generic User in the Website
53 abstract sig GenericUser extends NamedEntity {
54   suspended: Bool,
55   active: Bool,
56   visitor: Bool,
57   registeredEmail: disjoint Email,
58   password: Password,
59   dob: DateTime

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60 }
61
62 //This Entity extends from the "GenericUser" in the model represents a Regular
  User in the Website
63 sig User extends GenericUser {
64   userprofilename : lone LongString,
65   bio : lone LongString,
66   registered : Bool,
67   confirmedEmail : Bool,
68   getProfile : Bool
69   //groups = regulars.this
70 }
71
72 //This Entity extends from the "GenericUser" in the model represents a
  Administrator in the Website
73 sig Admin extends GenericUser {
74   userprofilename : lone LongString,
75   bio : lone LongString,
76   admin : Bool,
77   confirmedEmail : Bool,
78   registered : Bool,
79   getProfile : Bool
80 }
81
82 //A Website interaction has EndPoints
83 /*
84 -User enters a Website URL in any client (Phone, Table, Computer, etc.) this
  client uses a browser which could be Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.
85 -One that a URL is entered the browse sends a request to the specific web
  server that is trying to reach
86 -One that the server is reached then the server returns a response as a HTML
  page or if the request is not a regular HTTP request, then the result could
  be in any other format (xml, json, etc.)
87 -Once that the response is received then the browse renders the result in the
  user device
88 */
89 abstract sig Endpoint {}
90
91 /*This entity represents a Client which is an Endpoint starting a request - In
  this model a client starting this requests can be a User or an Admin */
92 abstract sig Client extends Endpoint {
93   browserusersession: set GenericUser,
94   browserClient : lone LongString
95 }
96
97 /*This entity represents a Server which is also part of and Endpoint a request
  */
98 abstract sig Server extends Endpoint {
99   nameServer: lone String,
100   typeServer: lone String,
101   resources: Path -> lone Resource
102 }
103
104 //Different type of Servers inheriting from Main entity Server
105 one sig IISServer, HackServer extends Server {
106   ipAddress: lone String
107 }
108
109 //Client starts a request using a Browser
110 sig Browser extends Client {
111   clientDocuments: Document -> Time,
112   clientCookies: Cookie -> Time
113 }
114

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115 //This entity represent a Generic entity for resource that need to be accessed
    in an interaction
116 sig Resource {
117     nameResource:    lone String,
118     typeResource:    lone String,
119     parent: lone Resource,
120     date : Date,
121     name : lone LongString,
122     descr : lone LongString
123 }
124
125 //This entity represents artifact that is present in the request
126 sig Document {
127     src: Url,
128     nameDocument:    lone String,
129     typeDocument:    lone String,
130     content: Resource -> Time,
131     domain: Domain -> Time
132 }
133
134 //When a request is created for a document / A example will be requesting a
    specific Banner for the Website
135 sig BannerComponent extends Document {
136
137 }
138
139 //When a request is created for a document / A example will be requesting a
    login component for the Website
140 sig LoginComponent extends Document {
141
142 }
143
144 //Entity that simulates a Post Request
145 sig HttpPostRequestMessage extends BrowserOp {
146     messageType: Resource,
147     targetInitialOrigin: HttpPostRequestMessage,
148     targetInitialDestination: HttpPostRequestMessage
149 }
150
151 //Entity that simulates a Get Request
152 sig HttpGetRequestMessage extends BrowserOp {
153     messageType: Resource,
154     targetInitialOrigin: HttpGetRequestMessage,
155     targetInitialDestination: HttpGetRequestMessage
156 }
157
158
159
160 //This entity represents the key components that need to be present in a
    request
161 /*
162 Protocol: http, https, ftp
163 Host: What domain is this resource hosted www.renzocarpio.com
164 Port: Port of communication http 80 / https 443
165 Path: This is the PATH of the request it could be a GET/ POST / UPDATE / DELETE
166 Ex. /Content/CIS634.html which is a request to get the following resource /
    Content/CIS634.html from the server.
167 */
168 sig Protocol, Port, Path {}
169 sig Url {
170     finalHost: Domain,
171     finalPort: lone Port,
172     selectedProtocol: Protocol,
173     selectedPath: Path
174 }

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175
176 //This entity represents a particular website domain /
177 sig Domain {
178   subsumes: set Domain
179 }
180
181 //This entity represent Cookies present in a Site Request
182 sig Cookie {
183   domains: set Domain
184 }
185
186 //Domain Name Server
187 /*
188 A DNS main purpose is to find a domain name, it will search for that domain
189   using the
190 IP address that was associated with the request, one that the IP is identified
191   then the
192 domain is found and a connection is established which will allow a users
193   browser and
194 a server to connect and request and transmit information.
195 */
196
197 one sig Dns {
198   map: Domain -> Server
199 }
200
201 //An entity that represent a HTTP Request
202 abstract sig HttpRequest extends RequestCall {
203   url: Url,
204   urlOriginin: Url,
205   urlDestination: Url,
206   body: lone Resource,
207   response: lone Resource,
208   sendSetCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
209   receiveStoredCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
210 }{
211   //from in Client
212   //to in Dns.map[url.host]
213 }
214
215 //A type of HTTP REQUEST generated from client browser
216 sig BrowserHttpRequest extends HttpRequest {
217   document: Document
218 }{
219   -- in This section the document contains wht to render when a request is
220     generated
221   clientDocuments.end = clientDocuments.start + from -> document
222   -- when a response is formed it contains all the content
223   content.end = content.start ++ document -> response
224   -- this particualr section section indicates document which has url domain of
225     its host
226   domain.end = domain.start ++ document -> url.finalHost
227   -- this particualr section indicates doc originating field of the request
228     from the User
229   document.src = url
230 }
231
232 //Entity that represents "Client-Site scripts" (Ex. Javascript files)
233 sig Script extends Client { context: Document }
234
235 //Different tye of script to access Documents and Resources
236 sig HackedScript extends Script {}

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234
235 //A type of HTTP REQUEST not generated from client browser / Ex (Program
    Requesting Information)
236 sig NoBrowserRequestHttpRequest extends HttpRequest {}{
237   noClientBrowserChange[start, end] and noDocumentResourcesChange[start, end]
238 }
239
240
241 abstract sig BrowserOp extends RequestCall { doc: Document }{
242   --noBrowserChange[start, end]
243 }
244
245 /* ASSERTIONS*/
246 check {
247   all resource1, resource2: HttpRequest | resource1.url = resource2.url
    implies resource1.response = resource2.response
248 } for 3
249
250 fact ServerAssumption {
251   all server1, server2: Server |
252     (some Dns.map.server1 & Dns.map.server2) implies server1.resources =
    server2.resources
253 }
254
255 fact singleUserPerBrowserSession{
256   //For each Uder 'u'
257   all u: GenericUser |
258     //there is exactly one Account 'a' per request
259     one a: Client |
260       //for which 'u' belongs to 'a' that specific client request
261       u in a.browserusersession
262 }
263
264 fact everyUserMustHaveUniqueName {
265   all disj a, b: GenericUser | a.name != b.name
266 }
267
268 fact noResourcesCycles{
269   //There is not Resource 'r' for which
270   no r: Resource |
271     // 'r' is in its own parent chain
272     r in r.^parent
273 }
274
275
276 fact noSelfLinks {
277   all x: HttpRequest | x.urlOriginin != x.urlDestination
278 }
279 /*
280 no links from a host to itself
281 fact noSelfLinks {all x: Link | x.from != x.to}
282 same as above
283 */
284
285 /*PRE-CONDITIONS*/
286 //Check that not Document have Changed time is implmented to check integrity of
    request, no attack has been performed
287
288 //Assertions
289 assert NoSharedBrowserSession{
290   //For every Resource 'r'
291   all r: GenericUser |
292     //There is exactly one Account 'a' for which
293     all a:Client |
294       // 'r' belongs tp 'a'

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295     r in a.browserusersession
296 }
297
298
299 pred noClientBrowserChange[startTime, endTime: Time] {
300     clientDocuments.endTime = clientDocuments.startTime and clientCookies.endTime
        = clientCookies.startTime
301 }
302 pred noDocumentResourcesChange[startTime, endTime: Time] {
303     content.endTime = content.startTime and domain.endTime = domain.startTime
304 }
305
306 run noClientBrowserChange
307 run noDocumentResourcesChange
308
309 //Check that there is at least one domain server available to establish
        communication
310 pred atLeastOneDomainServer{
311     one Dns
312 }
313
314 //At least one User during this Interaction
315 pred atLeastOneUserRequest{
316     one User && one HttpRequest
317 }
318
319
320
321
322 /*POST-CONDITONS*/
323 pred inv [u: User] {}
324
325 pred invAdmin [a: Admin] {}
326
327 pred invClientCurrentSessionn[c:Client]{}
328
329 pred invServerCurrentSessionn[c:HttpRequest]{}
330
331 //=====
332 //====  CRUD OPERATIONS
333 //====  User Create/Read/Update/Delete
334 //=====
335 pred addUser [u, u': User] {
336     u' = u
337 }
338
339 pred showUser [u, u': User] {
340     inv[u]
341     addUser[u, u']
342 }
343
344 pred removeUser [u, u': User] {
345     u = u'
346 }
347
348 pred updateUser [u', uu': User] {
349     u' = uu'
350 }
351
352 run addUser
353 run showUser
354 run removeUser
355 run updateUser
356 //=====
357

```

```

358
359 //=====
360 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
361 //==== Admin Create/Read/Update/Delete
362 //=====
363 pred addAdmin [a, a': Admin] {
364     a' = a
365 }
366
367 pred showAdmin [a, a': Admin] {
368     invAdmin[a]
369     addAdmin[a, a']
370 }
371
372 pred removeAdmin[a, a': Admin] {
373     a = a'
374 }
375
376 pred updateAdmin [a', aa': Admin] {
377     a' = aa'
378 }
379
380 run addAdmin
381 run showAdmin
382 run removeAdmin
383 run updateAdmin
384 //=====
385
386 //=====
387 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
388 //==== Client Request Create/Read/Update/Delete
389 //=====
390
391 pred addClient [c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {
392     c'.browserusersession = c.browserusersession + bus
393 }
394
395 pred showClientCurrentSession [c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser] {
396     invClientCurrentSessionn[c]
397     addClient[c, c', bus]
398 }
399
400 pred removeEndClient[c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {
401     c'.browserusersession = c.browserusersession - bus
402 }
403
404 pred updateClient[c', cc': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {
405     c'.browserusersession = cc'.browserusersession + bus
406 }
407
408 run addClient
409 run showClientCurrentSession
410 run removeEndClient
411 run updateClient
412 //=====
413
414 //=====
415 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
416 //==== HttpReques Request Create/Read/Update/Delete
417 //=====
418
419 pred addHttpRequest [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url] {
420     s'.url = s.url + res
421 }
422

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423 pred showHttpRequestCurrentSession [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url] {
424     invServerCurrentSessionn[s]
425     addHttpRequest[s, s', res]
426 }
427
428 pred removeHttpRequest[s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url ] {
429     s'.url = s.url - res
430 }
431
432 pred updateHttpRequest[s', ss': HttpRequest, res: Url ] {
433     s'.url = ss'.url + res
434 }
435
436 pred addUserHttpRequest [u,u':GenericUser, s, s': HttpRequest] {
437     s'.url = s.url + u
438 }
439
440 run addHttpRequest
441 run showHttpRequestCurrentSession
442 run removeHttpRequest
443 run updateHttpRequest
444 run addUserHttpRequest
445
446 //=====
447
448
449
450 //=====
451 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
452 //==== Cookies Create/Read/Update/Delete
453 //=====
454 pred addCookieHttpRequest [c, c': Cookie, s, s': HttpRequest, url: Url] {
455     s'.sendSetCookies = s.sendSetCookies
456 }
457
458 pred deleteCookieHttpRequest [c, c': Cookie, s, s': HttpRequest, url: Url] {
459     s.sendSetCookies = s'.sendSetCookies
460 }
461
462 pred updateCookieHttpRequest [c, c': Cookie, s', s'': HttpRequest, url: Url] {
463     s'.sendSetCookies = s''.sendSetCookies
464 }
465
466
467 run addCookieHttpRequest
468 run deleteCookieHttpRequest
469 run updateCookieHttpRequest
470
471 //=====
472
473 //=====
474 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
475 //==== DNS Create and Discard DNS RequestCall
476 //=====
477 pred addDNSCall [dns, dns': Dns, ser: Server ] {
478     dns'.map = dns.map
479 }
480
481 pred discardDNSCall [dns, dns': Dns, ser: Server ] {
482     dns.map = dns'.map
483 }
484
485
486 run addDNSCall
487 run discardDNSCall

```

```

488
489
490 //=====
491
492
493
494
495
496 //=====
497
498
499 //=====
500 //==== PARAMETRIC MODULE
501 //==== Open util/ordering
502 //=====
503 //Declared at the top of code
504 // module RenzoCarpioWebAlloySecurityPolicies[T]
505
506 //Utility being used for this sample predicate
507 //open util/relation as rel
508
509 //Cookies are consumed in 2 ways either User Client Browser is setting
510 //a cookie for the first time or if a cookie exists then that cookie is
511 //analyzed and updated accordingly this is an acyclic operation
512
513 pred setUpRetrievecookie[c: Cookie -> Cookie]{
514   rel/acyclic [c, Cookie]
515 }
516
517 run setUpRetrievecookie
518 //=====
519
520
521
522 //=====
523 //==== OPERATIONS ORDERING
524 //==== Open util/ordering
525 //=====
526
527 pred init(t: Time){
528   //All accounts have no resources at t=0
529   // #User > 0
530   // #Client.browserusersession > 0
531 }
532
533 //Fact that defines Adding and Removin a User Client Session
534 //Adding general traces
535
536 fact Trace{
537   init[first] //initilize userstate
538   all ug:GenericUser | all ht:HttpRequest |
539     let ug' = ug.next | let ht' = ht.next |
540     addUserHttpRequest[ug,ug', ht,ht' ]
541
542 }
543
544 fact AddingUserTraces{
545   init[first]
546   all u: User | let u' = u.next | {
547     addUser[u,u'] or removeUser[u,u']
548   }
549 }
550
551 //Fact that defines Adding and Removing a User Client Session
552 fact AddingUserClientTraces{

```

```

553 init[first]
554 all c: Client | let c' = c.next | {
555     some gu:GenericUser {
556         addClient[c,c',gu] or removeEndClient[c,c',gu]
557     }
558 }
559 }
560
561 run init
562
563 //=====
564
565 //=====
566 //==== OPERATIONS State
567 //==== open util/ordering[State]
568 //=====
569
570 //This PRED Initializes a State
571 pred InitialState [s:State]
572 {
573     one s.startState
574     no s.nextState
575 }
576
577 //This PRED Initializes a User Session
578 pred InitUserSession(s, s' : State, u: User){
579     s'.nextState = s.startState + u
580 }
581
582 //This PRED Terminated a User Session
583 pred TerminateUserSession(s, s' : State, u: User){
584     s.endState = s'.startState
585 }
586
587 //This PRED create a new HttpRequest where a HttpRequest is involved, a
588     resource and User
589 pred NewHttpRequest [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url, u: User] {
590     s'.url = s.url + res + u
591 }
592
593 pred trans[t,t': Time]{
594     (some u,u': GenericUser | addUser[u,u'] )
595     or
596     (some u,u': GenericUser | removeUser[u,u'] )
597     or
598     (some s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url | addHttpRequest[s,s', res] )
599     or
600     (some s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url | removeHttpRequest[s,s', res] )
601     or
602     (some dns, dns': Dns, ser: Server | addDNSCall[dns,dns', ser] )
603     or
604     (some dns, dns': Dns, ser: Server | discardDNSCall[dns,dns', ser] )
605     or
606     (some s, s': HttpRequest, cookie, cookie': Cookie, res: Url |
607         addCookieHttpRequest[cookie,cookie', s, s', res] )
608     or
609     (some s, s': HttpRequest, cookie, cookie': Cookie, res: Url |
610         deleteCookieHttpRequest[cookie,cookie', s, s', res] )
611     or
612     (some s, s': HttpRequest, cookie, cookie': Cookie, res: Url |
613         updateCookieHttpRequest[cookie,cookie', s, s', res] )

```

```

614
615
616 run InitialState
617 run InitUserSession
618 run TerminateUserSession
619 run NewHttpRequest
620 run trans
621
622
623
624
625 //=====
626 //==== OPERATIONS TIME
627 //==== Open util/ordering
628 //=====
629
630
631
632 pred createHttpPostRequestMessage [s, s': HttpPostRequestMessage, res: Url] {
633   s'.messageType = s.messageType + res
634   s'.targetInitialOrigin = s.targetInitialOrigin
635   s'.targetInitialDestination = s.targetInitialDestination
636 }
637
638 pred createHttpGetRequestMessage [s, s': HttpGetRequestMessage, res: Url] {
639   s'.messageType = s.messageType + res
640   s'.targetInitialOrigin = s.targetInitialOrigin
641   s'.targetInitialDestination = s.targetInitialDestination
642 }
643 }
644
645 run createHttpPostRequestMessage
646 run createHttpGetRequestMessage
647
648
649
650 //=====
651
652 //=====
653 //==== Time
654 //==== open util/ordering[State]
655 //=====
656 //Select 5 relations/operations in your project and make sure to inject Time
    entity
657 // Relations show as comments below but implemented in the code above
658
659 // 1) documents: Document -> Time,
660 // 2) cookies: Cookie -> Time
661 // 3) content: Resource -> Time,
662 // 4) domain: Domain -> Time
663 // 5) sendSetCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
664 // 6) receiveStoredCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
665
666
667
668 //=====
669
670
671
672 /*
673 pred example { }
674 run example for exactly 5 HttpRequest, 5 User
675 */
676
677 //=====

```

```
678 //==== Execution
679 //==== Generate 4 instances for every entity in the
680 //==== WebSite Security Policies Model
681 //=====
682 run {} for 4
```

4 Website Security Policies

4.1 Policy 1 - Session cannot be shared - Single User per Browser Session

For this example policy there is a check to prevent that two users share the same session, in this policy what the model is trying to emulate is how to prevent a man in the middle attack. This policy is a policy that forces that a single user has access to to a single browser session.

Listing 2: Alloy Code

```

1
2 // Assertions
3 assert NoSharedBrowserSession{
4   // For every Resource 'r'
5   all r: GenericUser |
6     // There is exactly one Account 'a' for which
7     all a: Client |
8       // 'r' belongs to 'a'
9       r in a.browserusersession
10 }
```

4.2 Policy 2 - Check Valid URL from Requests

For this example policy there is a check to see if a request is valid or not. Dns is involved to check if the URL exists and if the URL exists then the resource is available. The server will also send a response, which is a code from the server that the Browser will receive to see if the request was valid and successful.

Listing 3: Alloy Code

```

1
2 /* ASSERTIONS */
3 check {
4   all resource1, resource2: HttpRequest | resource1.url = resource2.url
5   implies resource1.response = resource2.response
6 } for 3
7 fact ServerAssumption {
8   all server1, server2: Server |
9     (some Dns.map.server1 & Dns.map.server2) implies server1.resources =
10    server2.resources
11 }
```


5 Website Security CRUD Operations

5.1 CRUD User Entity

Explanation

CRUD User Entity - Use Case - Users - Create, Read, Update and Delete

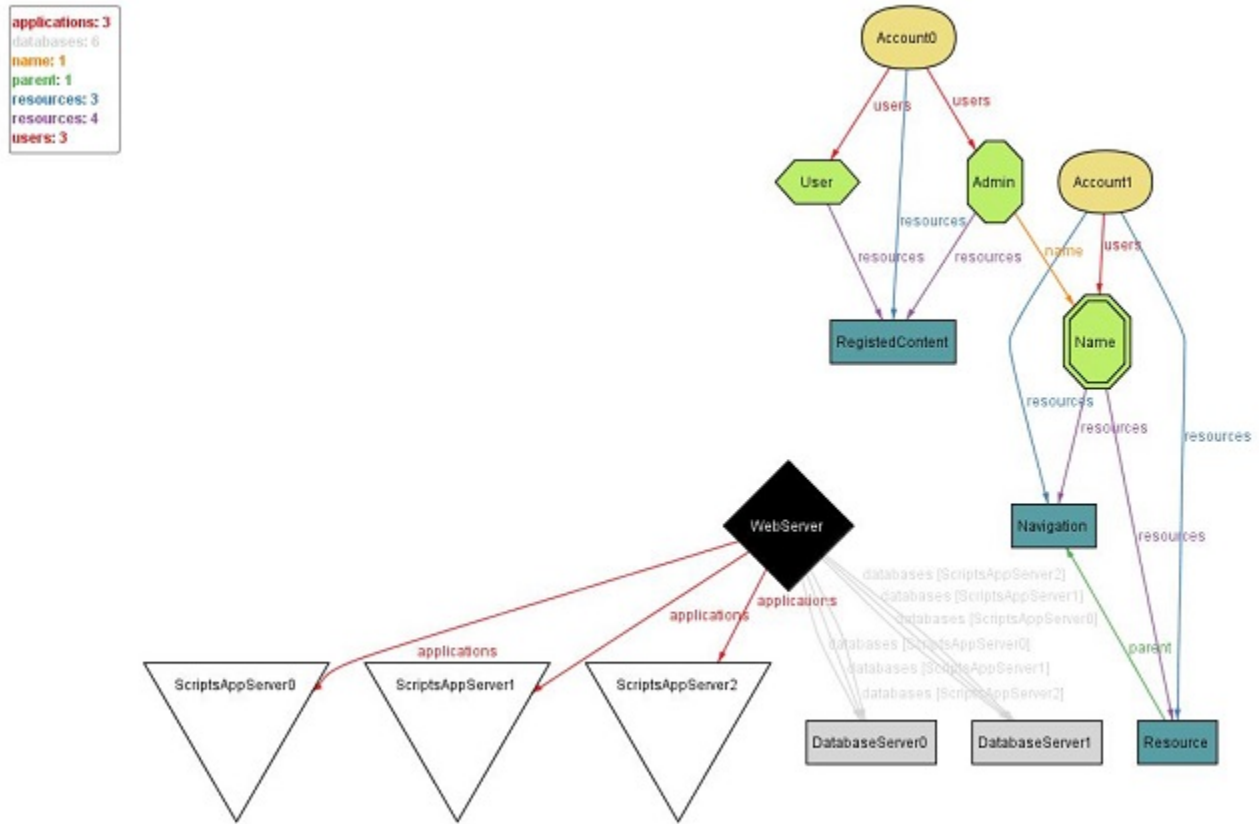
Listing 4: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //====  CRUD  OPERATIONS
4 //====  User  Create/Read/Update/Delete
5 //=====
6 pred addUser [u, u': User] {
7   u' = u
8 }
9
10 pred showUser [u, u': User] {
11   inv[u]
12   addUser[u, u']
13 }
14
15 pred removeUser [u, u': User] {
16   u = u'
17 }
18
19 pred updateUser [u', uu': User] {
20   u' = uu'
21 }
22
23 run addUser
24 run showUser
25 run removeUser
26 run updateUser
27 //=====

```

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5.2 CRUD Admin Entity

Explanation

CRUD Admin Entity - Use Case - Users - Create, Read, Update and Delete

Listing 5: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
4 //==== Admin Create/Read/Update/Delete
5 //=====
6 pred addAdmin [a, a': Admin] {
7   a' = a
8 }
9
10 pred showAdmin [a, a': Admin] {
11   invAdmin[a]
12   addAdmin[a, a']
13 }
14
15 pred removeAdmin[a, a': Admin] {
16   a = a'
17 }
18
19 pred updateAdmin [a', aa': Admin] {
20   a' = aa'
21 }
22

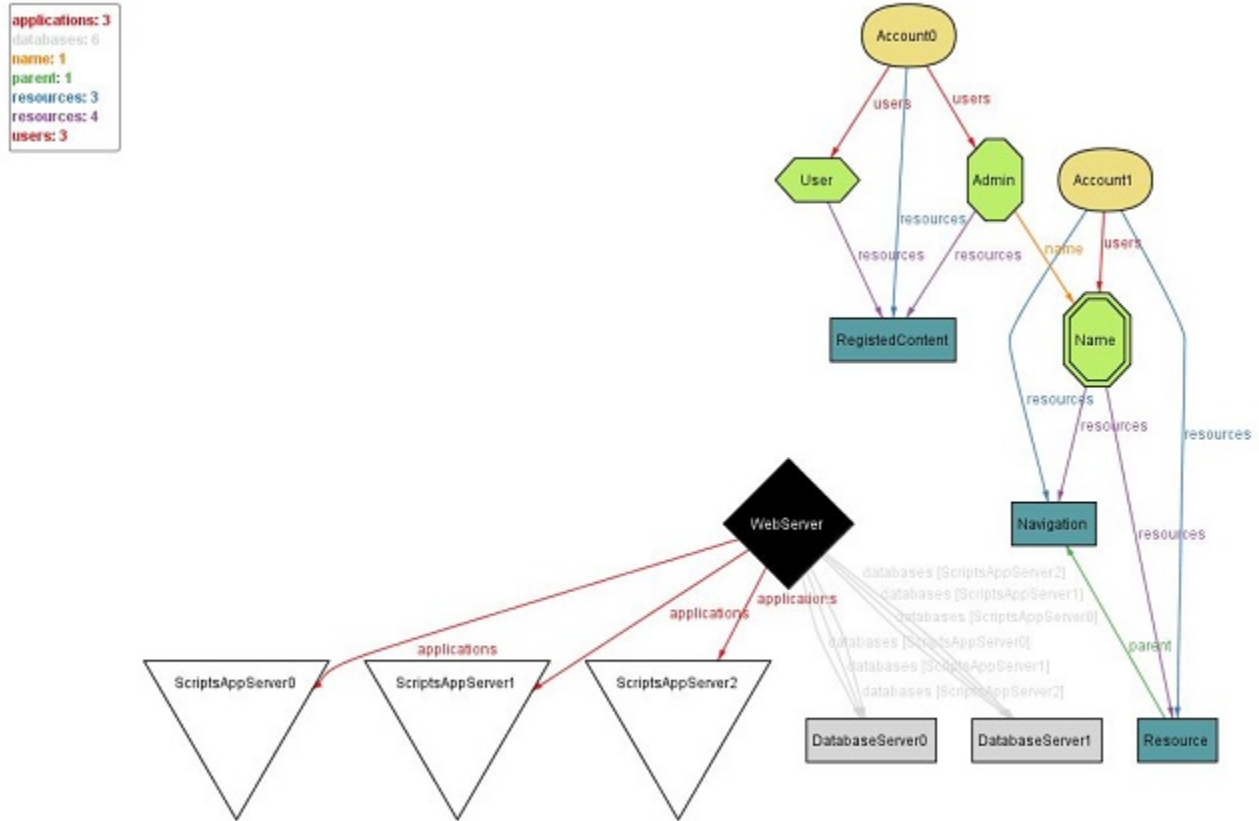
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```

23 run addAdmin
24 run showAdmin
25 run removeAdmin
26 run updateAdmin
27 //=====

```

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5.3 CRUD Client Request Entity

Explanation

CRUD Client Request Entity - Use Case - Users - Create, Read, Update and Delete

Listing 6: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
4 //==== Client Request Create/Read/Update/Delete
5 //=====
6 pred addClient [c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {
7   c'.browserusersession = c.browserusersession + bus
8 }
9
10 pred showClientCurrentSession [c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser] {
11   invClientCurrentSessionn[c]
12   addClient[c, c', bus]
13 }
14
15 pred removeEndClient[c, c': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {

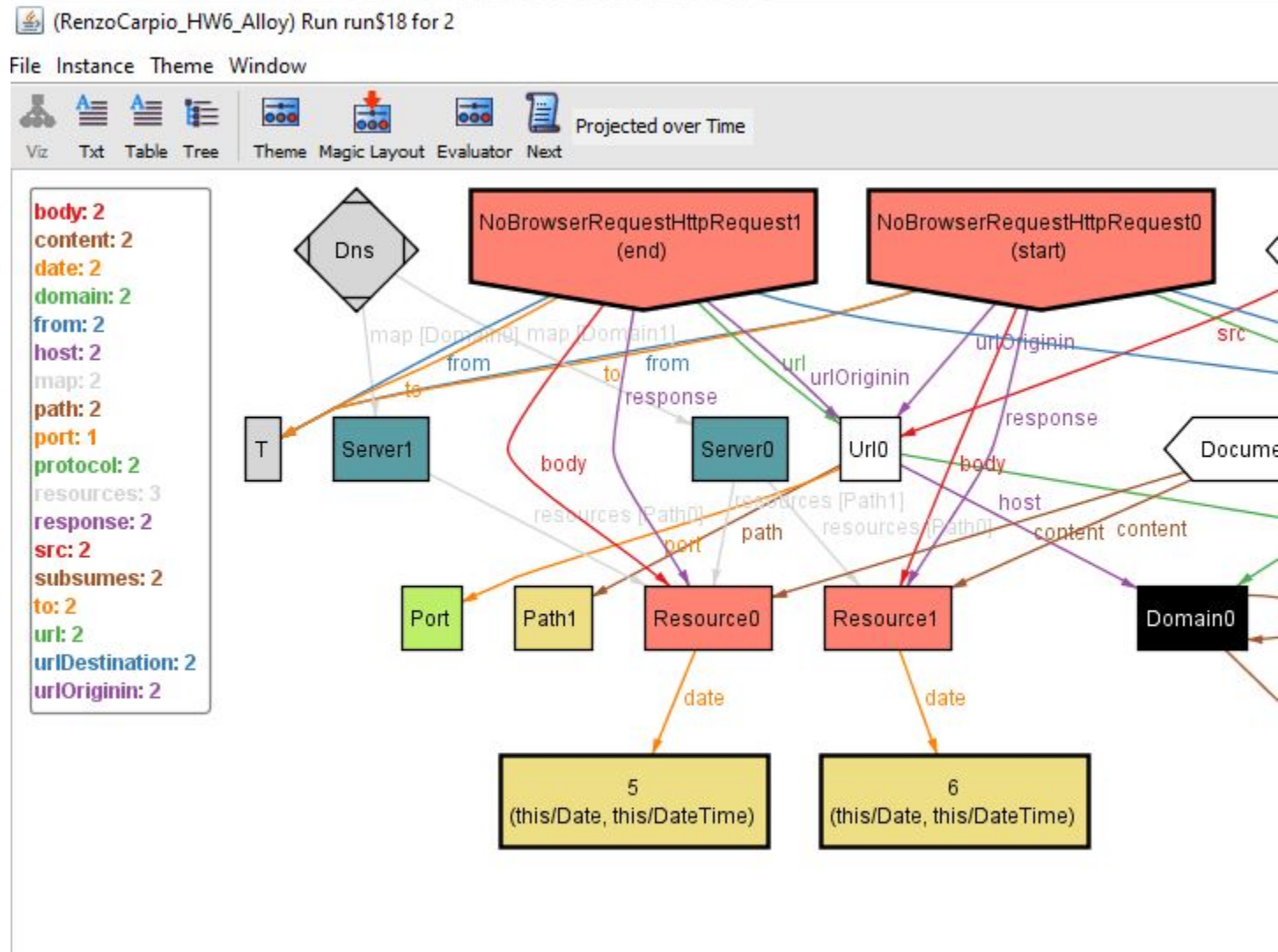
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```

16  c'.browserusersession = c.browserusersession - bus
17  }
18
19  pred updateClient[c', cc': Client, bus: GenericUser ] {
20    c'.browserusersession = cc'.browserusersession + bus
21  }
22
23  run addClient
24  run showClientCurrentSession
25  run removeEndClient
26  run updateClient
27  //=====

```

screenshot



5.4 CRUD HttpRequest Request Entity

Explanation

CRUD HttpRequest Request Entity - Use Case - Users - Create, Read, Update and Delete

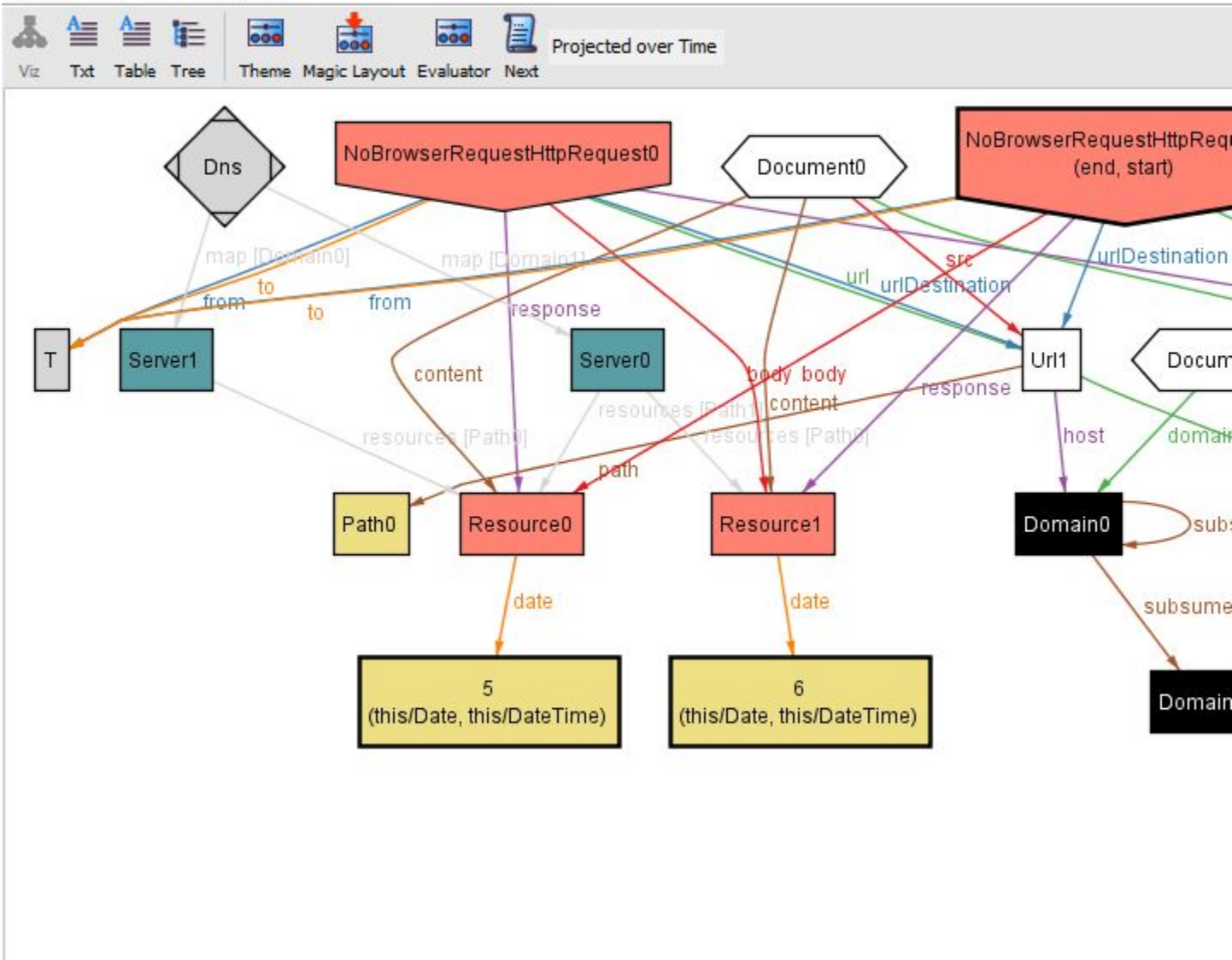
Listing 7: Alloy Code

```
1
2 //=====
3 //==== CRUD OPERATIONS
4 //==== HttpRequest Request Create/Read/Update/Delete
5 //=====
6 pred addHttpRequest [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url] {
7   s'.url = s.url + res
8 }
9
10 pred showHttpRequestCurrentSession [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url] {
11   invServerCurrentSessionn[s]
12   addHttpRequest[s, s', res]
13 }
14
15 pred removeHttpRequest[s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url ] {
16   s'.url = s.url - res
17 }
18
19 pred updateHttpRequest[s', ss': HttpRequest, res: Url ] {
20   s'.url = ss'.url + res
21 }
22
23 run addHttpRequest
24 run showHttpRequestCurrentSession
25 run removeHttpRequest
26 run updateHttpRequest
27
28 //=====
```

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(RenzoCarpio_HW6_Alloy) Run run\$18 for 2

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6 Website Security - Transitions and Time Components

6.1 Parametric Module

Explanation

For this section, it can be observed below the usage of the Parametric module for my model
There is also a predicate that is used for setting and retrieving a cookie an acyclic operation

Listing 8: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //==== PARAMETRIC MODULE
4 //==== Open util/ordering
5 //=====

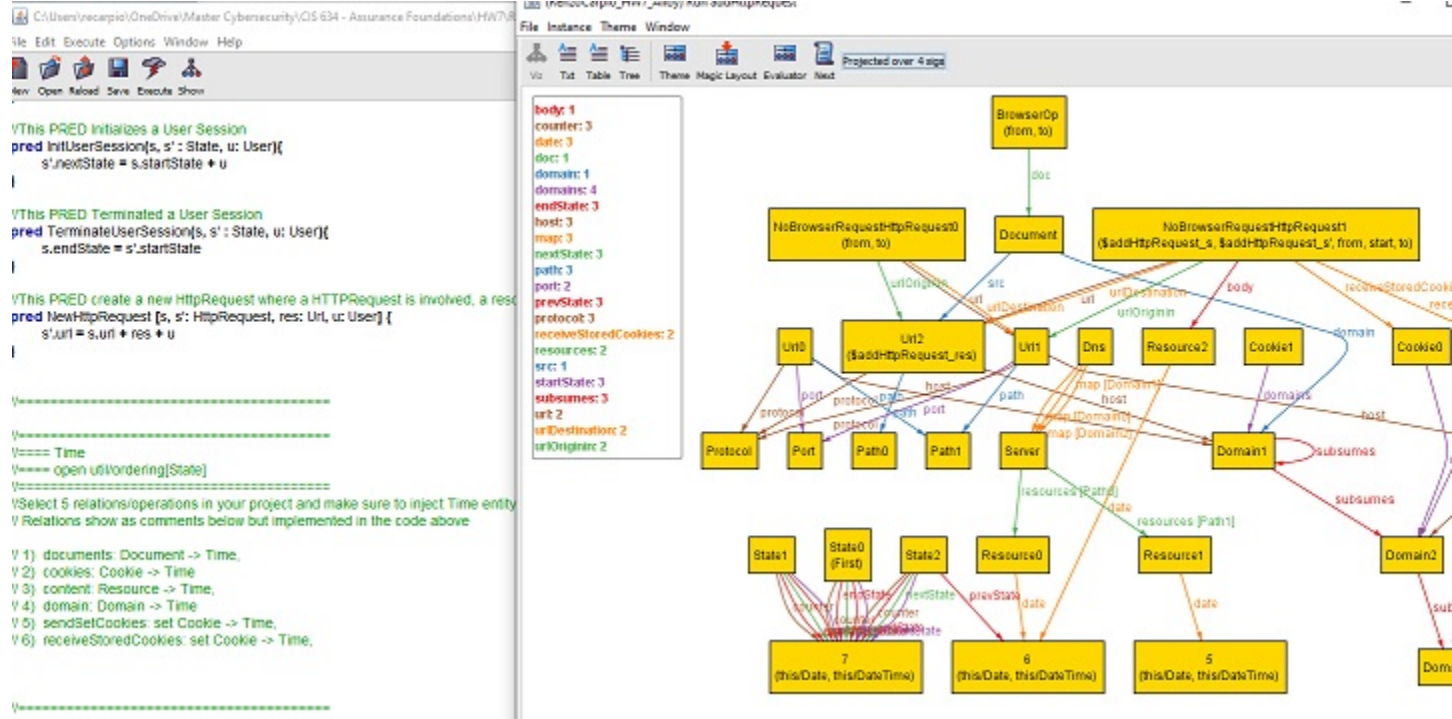
```

```

6 //Declared at the top of code
7 // module RenzoCarpioWebAlloySecurityPolicies[T]
8
9 //Utility being used for this sample predicate
10 //open util/relation as rel
11
12 //Cookies are consumed in 2 ways either User Client Browser is setting
13 //a cookie for the first time or if a cookie exists then that cookie is
14 //analyzed and updated accordingly this is an acyclic operation
15
16 pred setUpRetrievecookie[c: Cookie -> Cookie]{
17   rel/acyclic [c, Cookie]
18 }

```

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6.2 State Modules

Explanation

For this section, it can be observed below the usage of the state modules for my model

There is an initial state that is defined and then 2 states are created one for initializing a UserSession

Another predicate is created to terminate a user session, changing a state from current session to next state terminated

Then a predicate is created to create a New HttpRequest, changing a request state, involving HttpRequest, Url and User

Listing 9: Alloy Code

```

1
2
3
4 //=====
5 //==== OPERATIONS State
6 //==== open util/ordering[State]
7 //=====
8
9 //This PRED Initializes a State

```

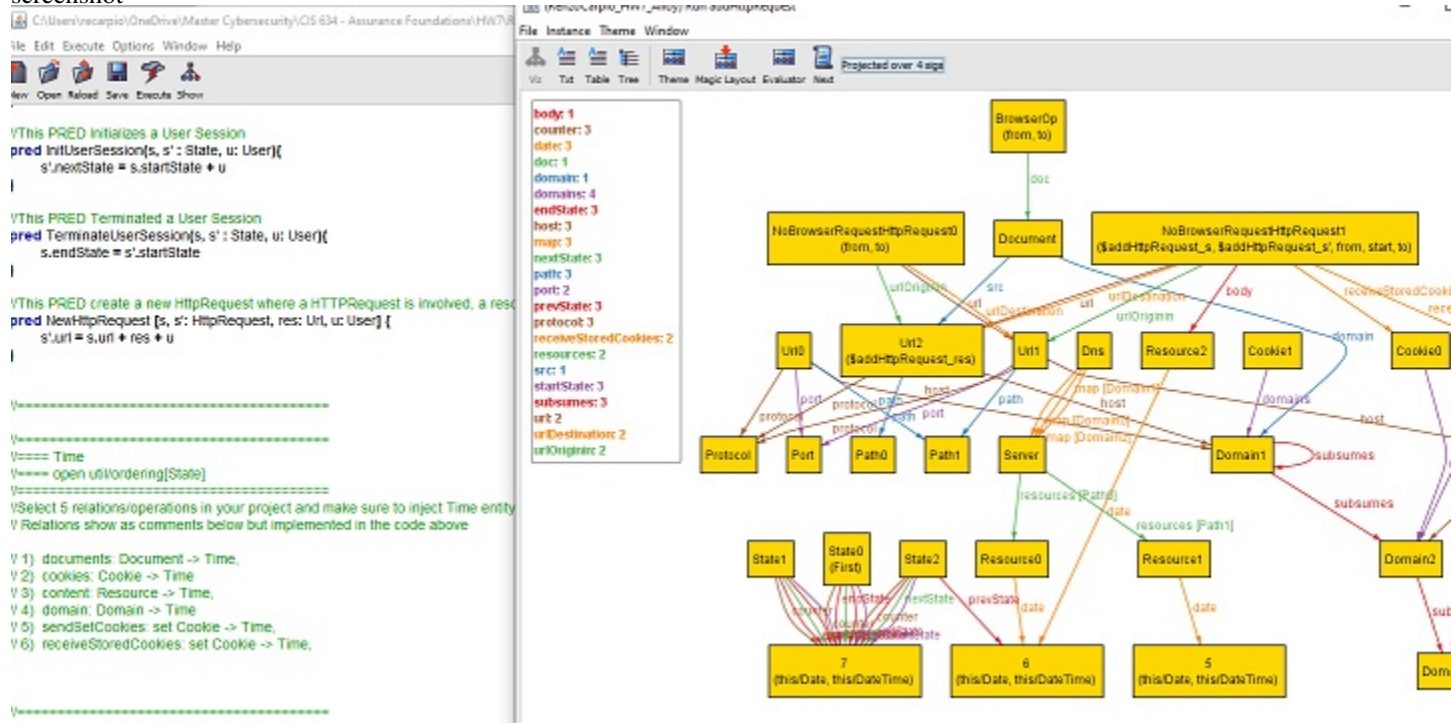


```

10 pred InitialState [s:State]
11 {
12     one s.startState
13     no s.nextState
14 }
15
16 //This PRED Initializes a User Session
17 pred InitUserSession(s, s' : State, u: User){
18     s'.nextState = s.startState + u
19 }
20
21 //This PRED Terminated a User Session
22 pred TerminateUserSession(s, s' : State, u: User){
23     s.endState = s'.startState
24 }
25
26 //This PRED create a new HttpRequest where a HttpRequest is involved, a
    resource and User
27 pred NewHttpRequest [s, s': HttpRequest, res: Url, u: User] {
28     s'.url = s.url + res + u
29 }
30
31
32 //=====

```

screenshot



6.3 Ordering Module

Explanation

For this section, it can be observed below the usage of the ordering module for my model

Traces were used to use CRUD operations for example to add or remove a user

a trace was also used to add or remove a user from a client session

As it can be seen, the required items for this assignment were also used in the modules below pred init, fact trace, pred trans.

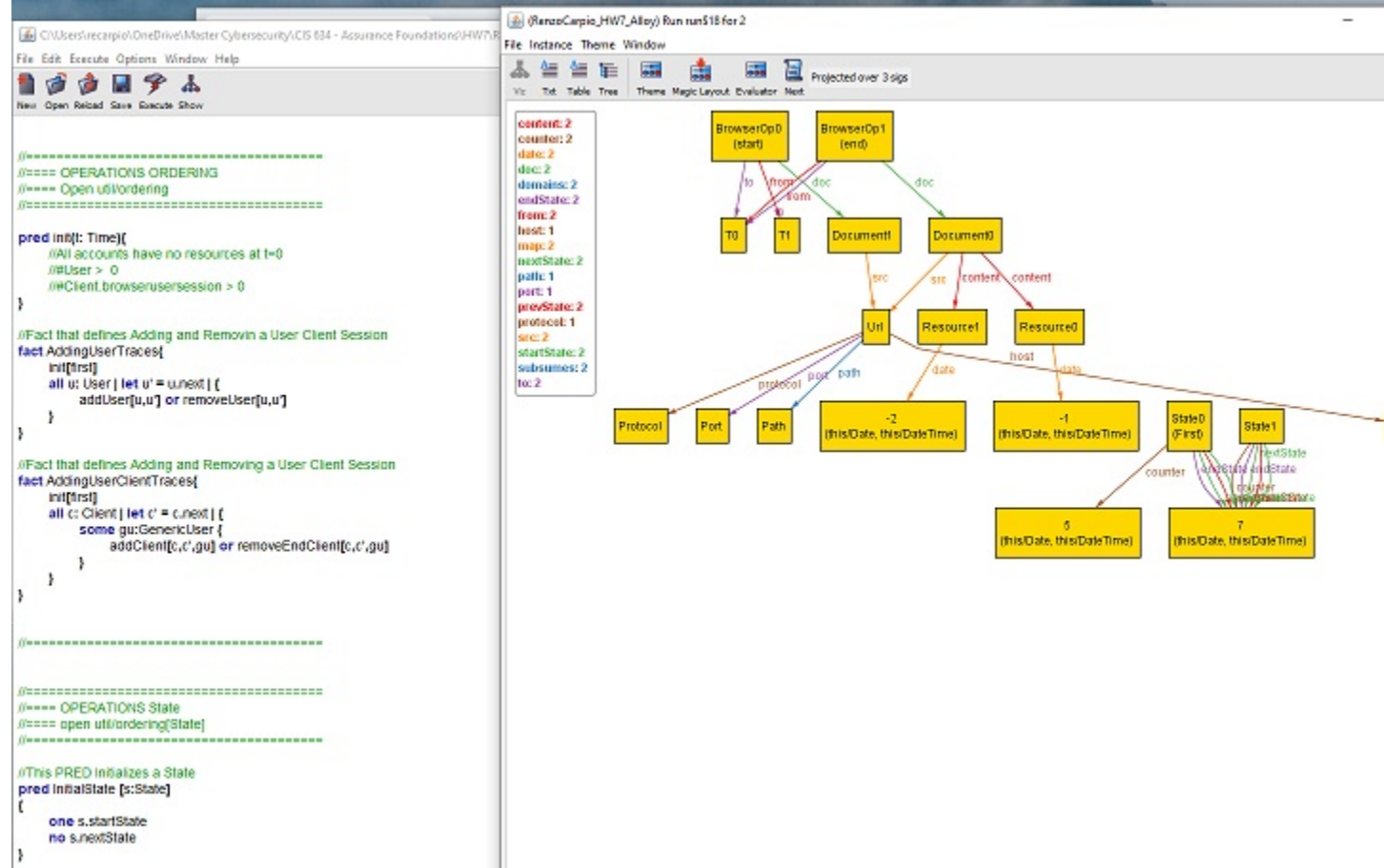
Listing 10: Alloy Code

```

1
2
3
4 //=====
5 //==== OPERATIONS ORDERING
6 //==== Open util/ordering
7 //=====
8
9 pred init(t: Time){
10   //All accounts have no resources at t=0
11   // #User > 0
12   // #Client.browsersession > 0
13 }
14
15 //Fact that defines Adding and Removin a User Client Session
16 fact AddingUserTraces{
17   init[first]
18   all u: User | let u' = u.next | {
19     addUser[u,u'] or removeUser[u,u']
20   }
21 }
22
23 //Fact that defines Adding and Removing a User Client Session
24 fact AddingUserClientTraces{
25   init[first]
26   all c: Client | let c' = c.next | {
27     some gu:GenericUser {
28       addClient[c,c',gu] or removeEndClient[c,c',gu]
29     }
30   }
31 }
32
33
34 //=====

```

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6.4 Time Entity Relationships

Explanation

The following time entities relationships are present for my model in Alloy Analyzer Relationships below are present in the code - module //

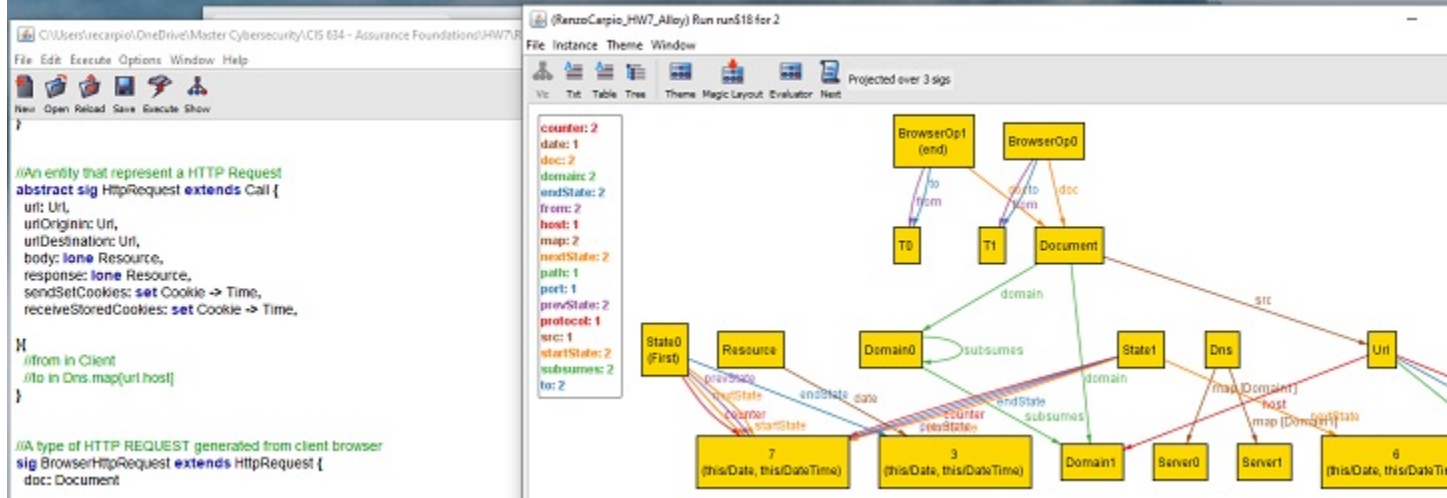
Listing 11: Alloy Code

```

1
2 //=====
3 //===== Time
4 //===== open util/ordering[State]
5 //=====
6 //Select 5 relations/operations in your project and make sure to inject Time
  entity
7 // Relations show as comments below but implemented in the code above
8
9 // 1) documents: Document -> Time,
10 // 2) cookies: Cookie -> Time
11 // 3) content: Resource -> Time,
12 // 4) domain: Domain -> Time
13 // 5) sendSetCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
14 // 6) receiveStoredCookies: set Cookie -> Time,
15
16
17
18 //=====

```

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7 Research Papers Related Work

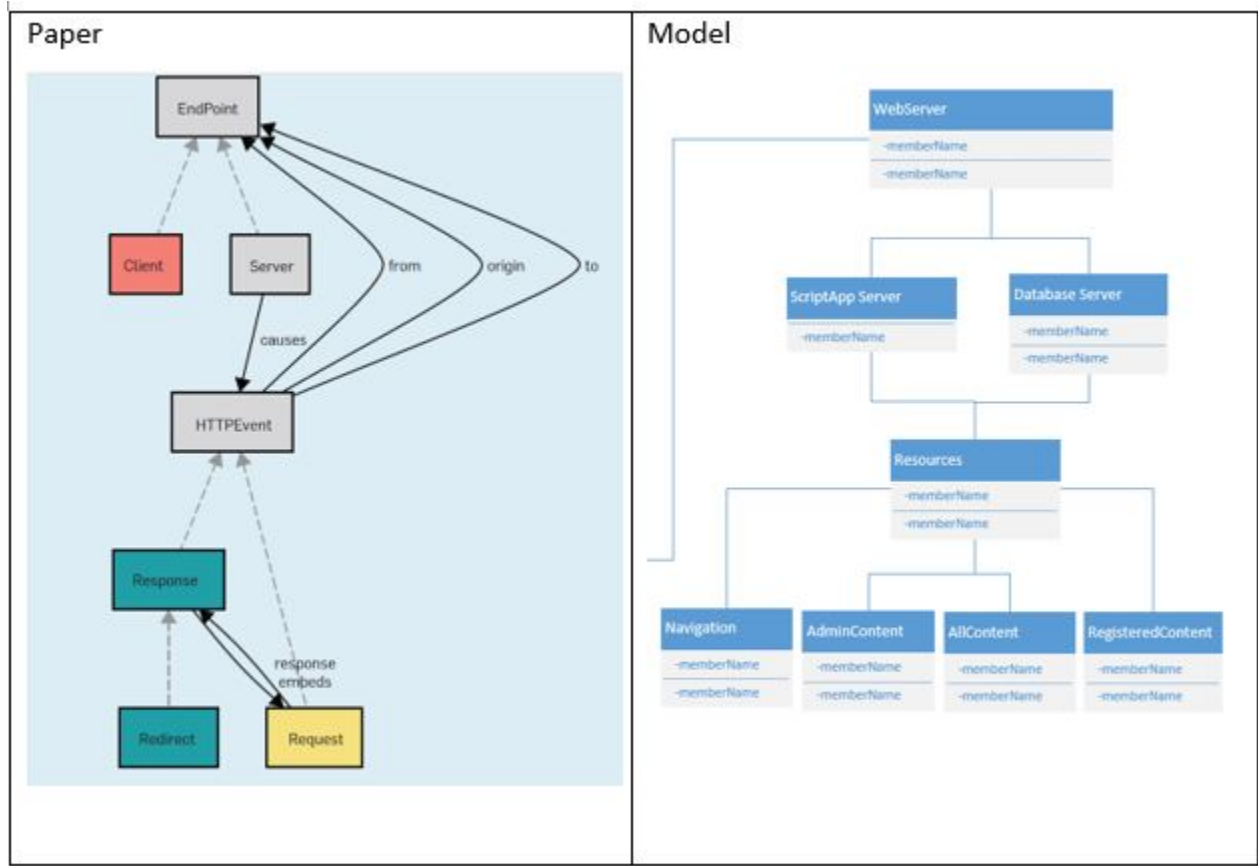
7.1 Paper 1 - Alloy: a language and tool for exploring software designs.

<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3338843>

This paper starts analyzing and describing the purpose of Alloy, in this specific paper it is mentioned that Alloy is a language and a set of tools that allows the exploration of many software designs and inside of these designs the many structures that are part of the model either seen as a static model or as a dynamic model given the rules to which the model needs to comply. This paper focus in the advantages of modeling and designing software in an agile way. In each iteration of the software design, it is very helpful to have a representation and a way to analyze the different constraints and rules that need to be enforced and that only pertain to that software. Also, this article describes the tools that were used before Alloy when trying to analyze and model a software design problem, the two tools that this article describe are the Theorem Provers and Model Checkers. Based on the limitation of these previous tools for modeling design, Alloy was born and the core advantages that Alloy had compared with the other tools was that Alloy approached the problem using: Relational logic, models have entities, and these entities have relationships among them. Small scope analysis, where analysis perform in software is no longer a competitive advantage in the long term but a major investment beyond modeling which is crucial nowadays when creating software. Translation to SAT, Alloy uses tactics used by SAT to reduce problem solving by adding constraints in a model and by trying to break the symmetry in some models which could lead to foresee problems in the design of software development.

Comparison to my model “Alloy – Website Security Policies” This paper describes an example of a known attack which is called cross site forgery, in this type of attacks a end user is forced or unseemly unaware to execute malicious code in the background, the user could be either authenticated or not.

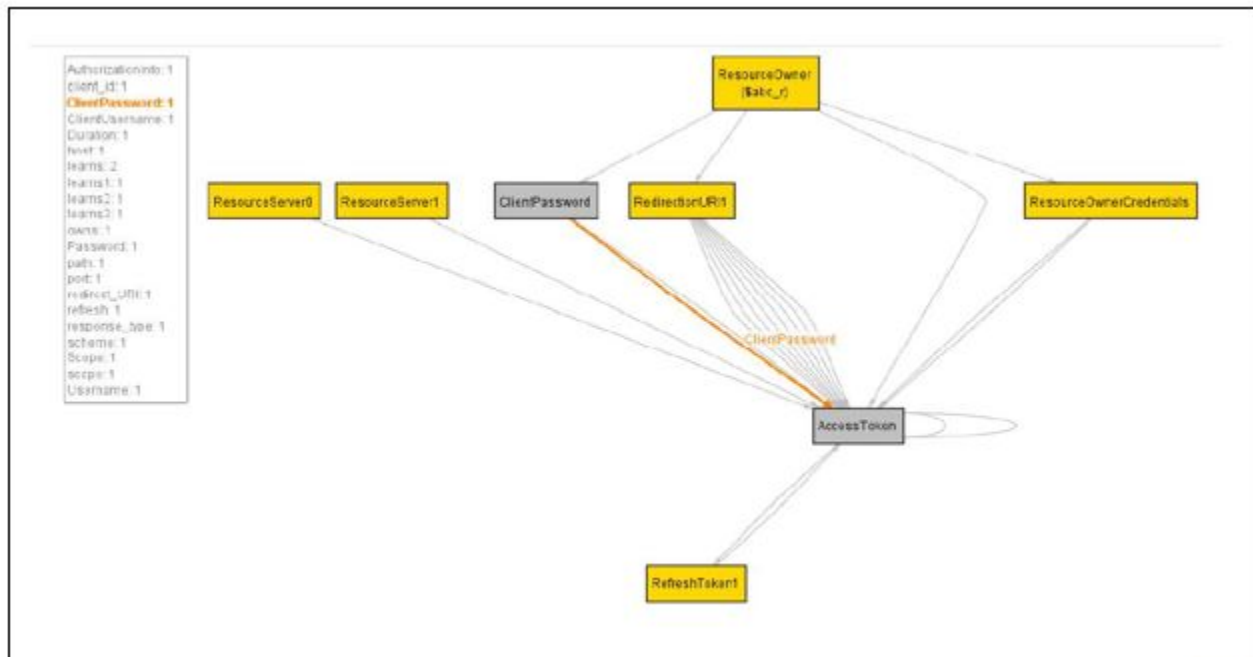
As it can be seen in the graphic above, the left side of the table contains a scenario showing the interaction of a web request, in the paper it highlights what entities are present in the model and it also shows the interaction between these entities. A web request could possess a flaw and be exposed to a CSRF exploitation. In this case the paper showcases different checks using Alloy to try to prevent this scenario. In my case and given my project, “Website Security Policies” some of these examples can be applied to my project, in reality the whole web request from the endpoint, client browser in my case, all the way to the response, in my case access to resources. Different constraints are described in the paper that could be applied to my project: enforce an origin, require a response, request direction, etc.



7.2 Paper 2 - Formal Verification of OAuth 2.0 using Alloy Framework.

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/5966531>

The purpose of this paper is to explain the use of OAuth 2.0 protocol and how to successfully discover any vulnerabilities that could be hidden using Alloy Analyzer. As an introduction this paper explains in general terms the term OAuth, this protocol can be defined as the de facto protocol that aims to create a secure method without using a user/service account password. Before explaining how Alloy is used in this project the paper tries to explain the functionality and flow of OAuth protocol. There are 4 parts involved: Resource Owner: which is the entity that has the right to provide permissions to certain resources for which it has access. Resource Server: which is the unit in charge to protect resources. It also controls the access to these resources using tokens. Client: which is the entity to makes the request to the resources. Authorization Server: which is the entity in charge of granting tokens to the clients after a successfully authentication. In this paper, Alloy Analyzer is used to show the security vulnerability that OAuth could have when the client password lives in client desktop app which can be vulnerable to attacks by using reverse engineering and later using the compromised secret client credential to create a malicious application that uses this hacked credential.



Comparison to my model “Alloy – Website Security Policies” Similar to the first paper that was summarized in the previous section, this paper is very useful in my current project. Most websites have authentication modules for users. We have 3 entities: regular users, registered/authenticated users and administrators. While modeling and creating policies for websites it is especially important to pay attention in the authentication module which is crucial to keep resources safe, and only to provide right access to authenticated users. In this paper a possible flow was found in the process for OAuth authentication protocol which can be observed in the previous graphic. A counter example, in the Alloy Analyzer mode, was found using the entities explained previously. In which a resource can be accessed using a clients secret key but the protocol tries to prevent the access to these resources.

7.3 Paper 3 - Design and validation of a general security model with the alloy analyzer.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228577321_Design_and_validation_of_a_general_security_model_with_the_alloy_analyzer

This paper touches a broader topic in regards security of an application in general, Alloy model in this paper tries to analyze the security of various network protocols, but it can be easily applied to a web request and the different requirements that are needed to provide security to a web application. This paper explains different topics regarding security and how those topics can be modelled using Alloy Analyzer. The Alloy models created in this paper are quite extensive and show different constraints, pre-conditions, post-conditions, etc. The examples provided in this paper are quite advanced in terms of Alloy modeling some models in the paper even include the use of Time entity to present security vulnerabilities in certain “projections” in time of the model. In this paper different logical systems of security were used to define the security model: BAN Logic, Knowledge Logic S5, Communication Models. And Alloy was used to validate all the definition of security and the computability among them. The security model presented in this paper has 3 main entities: Processes- which are the agents in the model. Formula- which is the data. Policy- which defines if the process entity has access to the formula entity.

Some of the security definitions tested with the Alloy model were: Confidentiality only people with the proper access will have access to the data. Integrity check that the request to access the data is valid. Authenticity if there is a valid request check level of access to the protected resource. The model created in Alloy and which is explained in this paper tries to prevent some of the obstacles that are usually exposed for the entities explained before. Eavesdropping a process entity is listening to the contents of a protected message even though this entity did not have access to that specific resource content. Corruption some process which does not have write access to an assigned resource. Spoofing a particular process is not the real source of origin of a protected message. In the model that was created in Alloy, the paper presented different instances to validate the obstacles of security mentioned before. The model was able to also

generate some instances where some violations were generated for certain security definitions.

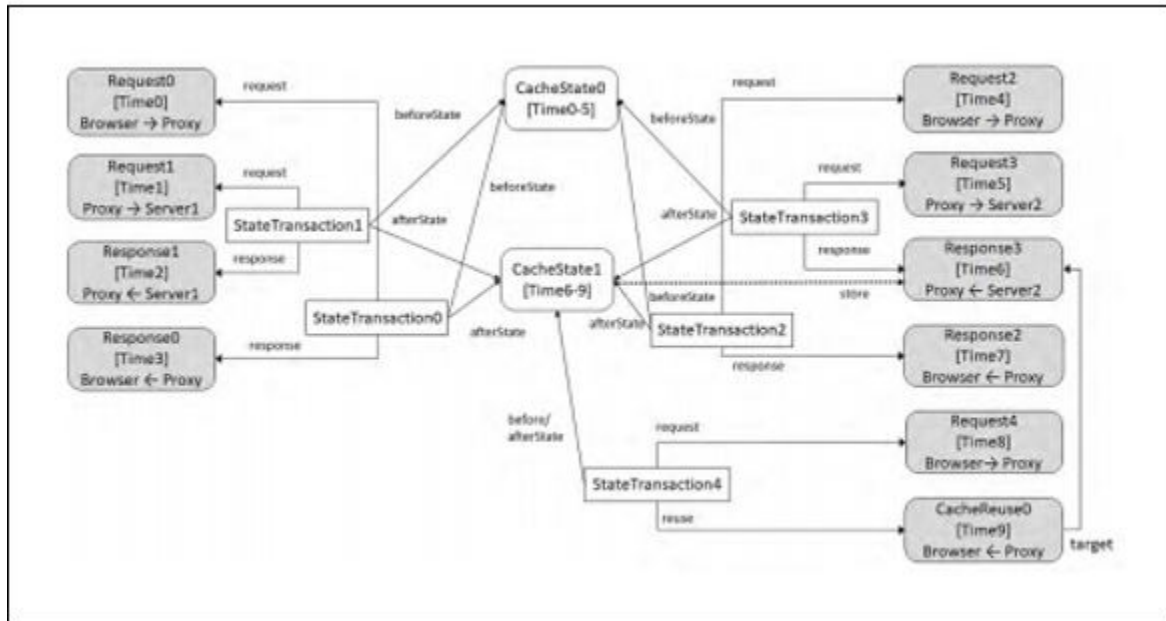
Comparison to my model “Alloy – Website Security Policies” The main contribution of this paper in general for any project that we are discussing this term in our class are the different security definitions that are included and are tackle inside Alloy Analyzer model, that is presented in this paper. In my particular scenario for “Website Security Policies” there are many constrains, pre-conditions, post-conditions, etc.; that can be used to create a model which will prevent many security flaws in a website. For example, the check for eavesdropping is crucial when talking about security policies. This instance should be covered when trying to model security policies in a website. In my model there can be check of Confidentiality in a web request, which is been shown in this paper. When a user starts a request to access a resource in the website that user request has to be validated in its integrity to avoid some of the security flaws explained before. In this case this model uses 3 main entities as explained before. Processes, Formula and Policy. In my case it can be the equivalent of ClientBrowser, WebServer and Resource which are the entities in Alloy model.

7.4 Paper 4 - Towards Further Formal Foundation of Web Security: Expression of Temporal Logic in Alloy and Its Application to a Security Model With Cacher.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228577321_Design_and_validation_of_a_general_security_model_with_the_alloy_analyzer

This paper explains some formal methods to conduct security analysis on websites. What is particularly interesting in this paper is that it presents a new web security model. Current models have some limitations while trying to express parallel communication and storage needs such as caches of the sites. Currently Alloy Models do not have a way to present or create a model which has a temporal logic”. This paper tries to overcome this problem with a proposition where time and parallel access are taken in consideration to be able to be applied to a security model that allows the modeling of different security scenarios that cannot be contemplated using other more complicated techniques. This proposed new technique/model that can be used on Alloy takes in consideration not only time but also multiple access to the same resource at the same time. And in the paper the author coined the terms Temporal Logic to analyze security scenarios where a model needs to test the access of multiple sessions in parallel to access the same or different services. Temporal logic is a limitation of Alloy Analyzer, but this paper proposed an addition to Alloy analyzer for these situations. This new syntax allows testing different security models that uses cache, time, and parallel access. In this case the paper tries to explain some behaviors of the cache and how the cache can be misused for certain attacks. The Alloy Analyzer model extension as explained previously allows to take in consideration different factors that traditional models in Alloy do not contemplate. Some of the case of studies that are approached in the paper to model cache security and events to prevent flaws and attacks that uses cache and cookies are the following: Reuse of stored responses- how cache and cookies are present in a web request and the different states that each goes through during the different times in the request, Alloy model tries to illustrate and prevent this types of attacks. Verification Stored Responses- This is the response from a server, a server provides cache result or a new result, this response could be subject to an attacker in a given window of time, paper tries to model how to prevent this attack. Same origin attack which are most know as cache poisoning attack. The Alloy model presented for this topic tries to prevent same-origin browser cache poisoning, a man in the middle attack, eavesdropping information or tampering information for attacking purposes. The model shows the different transitions of a requests and also the states of the request. Other attacks that are approached in this paper are: forgery attacks, cross site bad requests, cross origin browser cache and phishing attacks

Comparison to my model “Alloy – Website Security Policies” As it was explained this extension of Alloy, this new syntax, allows the creation of a model to perform a security investigation of the web given different scenarios where time, state, parallelism are involved. In the case of my model this is an advanced topic but to extend the case study of my model this will be a great starting point because based in the previous description it will allow the creation of a stronger model which has in consideration multiple scenarios with the characteristics mentioned before. My model could easily use this new syntax while creating a security policy to check the security for a possible “cross-origin browser cache poisoning attack”.



7.5 Paper 5 - Role-Based Access Control Modeling and Validation.

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=6754925>

This paper tries to explain role based access control, some examples are used to describe different security models to check consistencies and inconsistencies that are present in the model. The core components that are present in this paper and the model that it describes are subjects (users, processes) and objects (data, programs) and how is the interaction between subject and objects while taking in consideration a defined set of rules which defines the model security policies. The security model that is present in this paper tries to create a model that will allow the creation of consistent system when role base access control is needed. To explain Role-Based access control this paper uses 3 rules: Role assignment, Role Authorization and Transaction Authorization. This paper present two tables the first table has the different roles of the system and the second table contains the different transactions that can be performed by each role. The model in this paper has 4 main sections. The first section defines all the roles and the transactions. The second section define table number two which contains all the transactions available. And the section number three of the model specifies all the tasks that can be performed by a specific role. Section 4 creates different rules in the model based in details of section 3. Once that all these sections have been implemented in Alloy, the paper shows a final model which helps with checking the system validity taking in consideration different roles and the actions that can or cannot perform based in the policies defined by the model.

Comparison to my model “Alloy – Website Security Policies” Some predicates can be used from this paper in my model to check access for certain users to some restricted contents based on their role. For example, my model contains an Admin entity which is the only entity that has access to Admin content. This role-based access control paper can help create some constrains based in the role of the users.

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