Privacy and Data Protection in Emerging Scenarios

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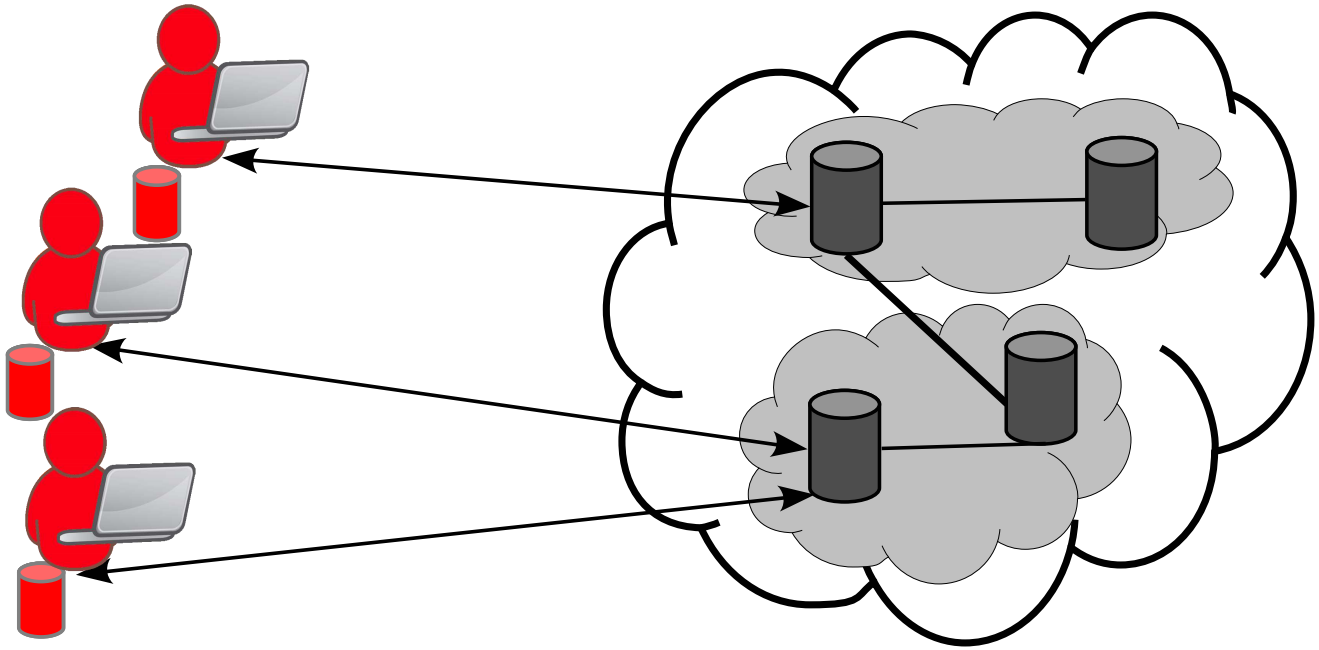

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Privacy of users' identities

Users may wish to remain anonymous or to not disclose much information about themselves when operating in the cloud

- Anonymous communication techniques (e.g., Mix networks, onion routing, Tor, Crowds)
- Privacy in location-based services [ACCDS-11, ALS-12]
- Attribute-based access control [ACCDS-11, BS-02, DFJPPS-12]
  - instead of declaring their identities, users prove they satisfy properties needed for the access
  - changes the way access control process works
- Support for user-privacy preferences in information disclosure [ACCM-12, ADFPS-10a, ADFPS-10b, ADFPS-12, CCKT-05, KOB-08, YFAR-08]

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Direct release – Several contributions (1)

The research community has been very active and produced several approaches for regulating interactions among unknown parties through the definition of attribute-based access control mechanisms

- What users can do depend on assertions (attributes) they can prove presenting certificates
- Access control does not return “yes/no” anymore, but responds with requirements that the requestor must satisfy to get access
- Not only the server needs to be protected . . .
  - clients want guarantees too (e.g., privacy)

    $\Longrightarrow$ some form of negotiation may be introduced

Direct release – Several contributions (2)

Large body of proposals (e.g., [BS-02; LWBW-08 WCJS-97, YWS-03]) addressing:

- credential/attribute-based policy specifications
- policy evaluation with partial information
- policy confidentiality support
- policy communication and dialog
- negotiation strategies and trust management
- evaluation of termination, correctness, no improper information disclosure in the negotiation

$\Longrightarrow$ typically using logic-based languages

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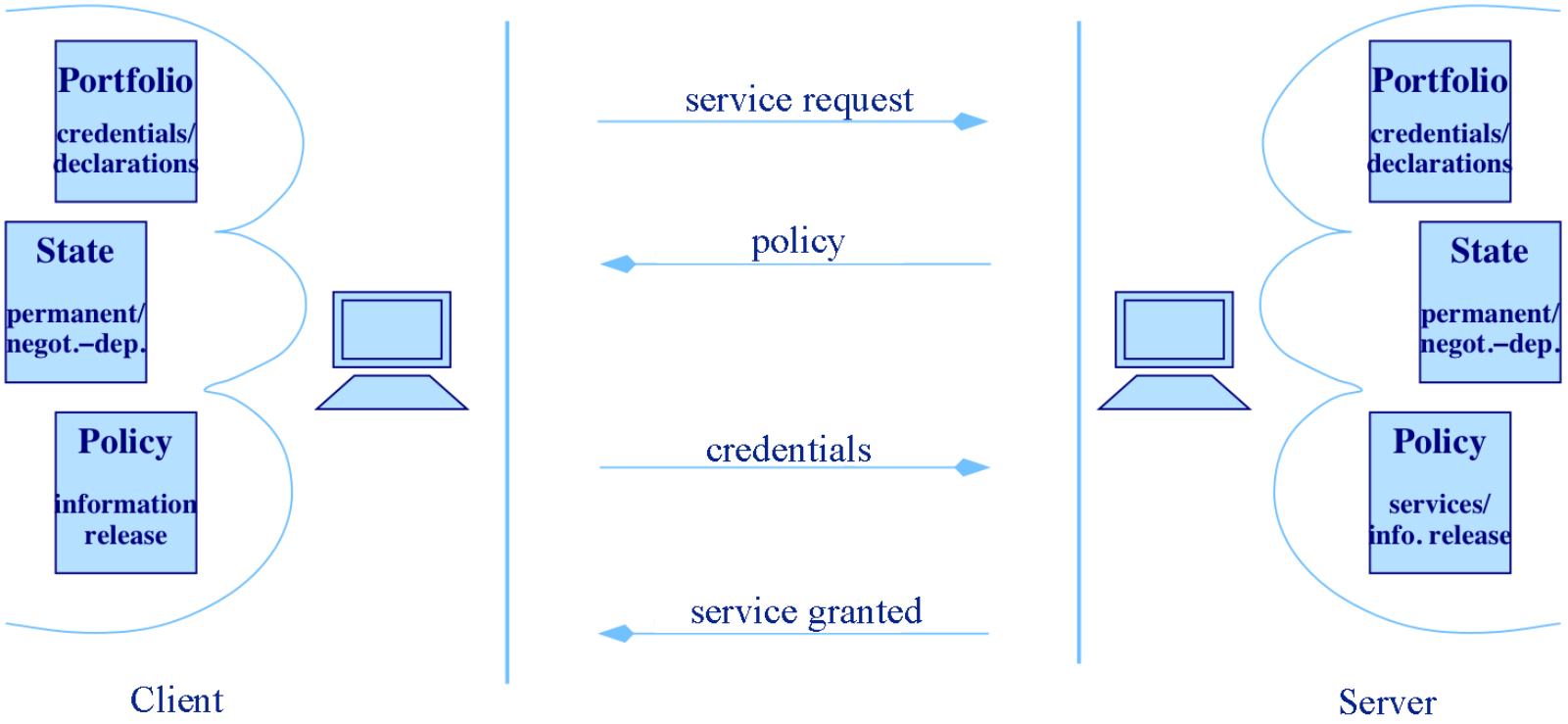

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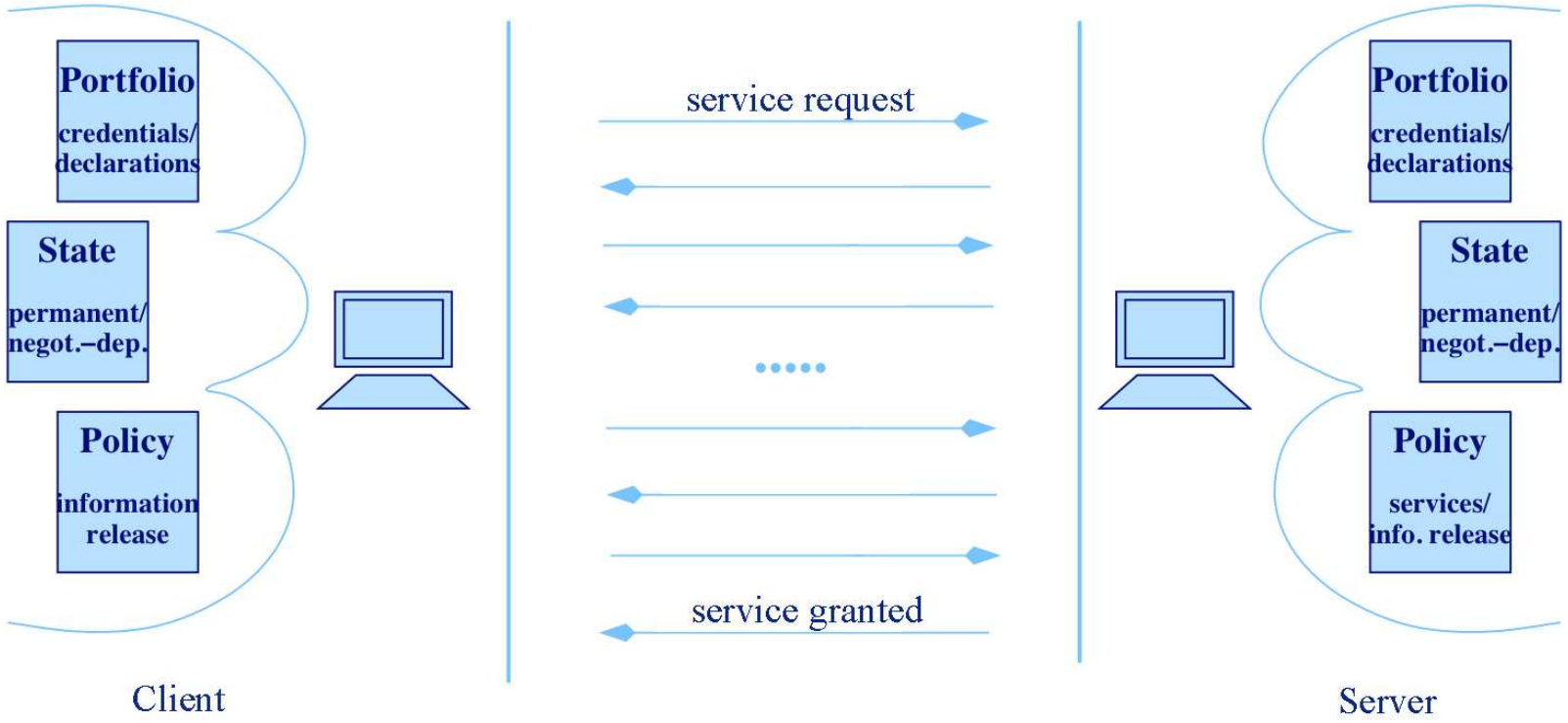

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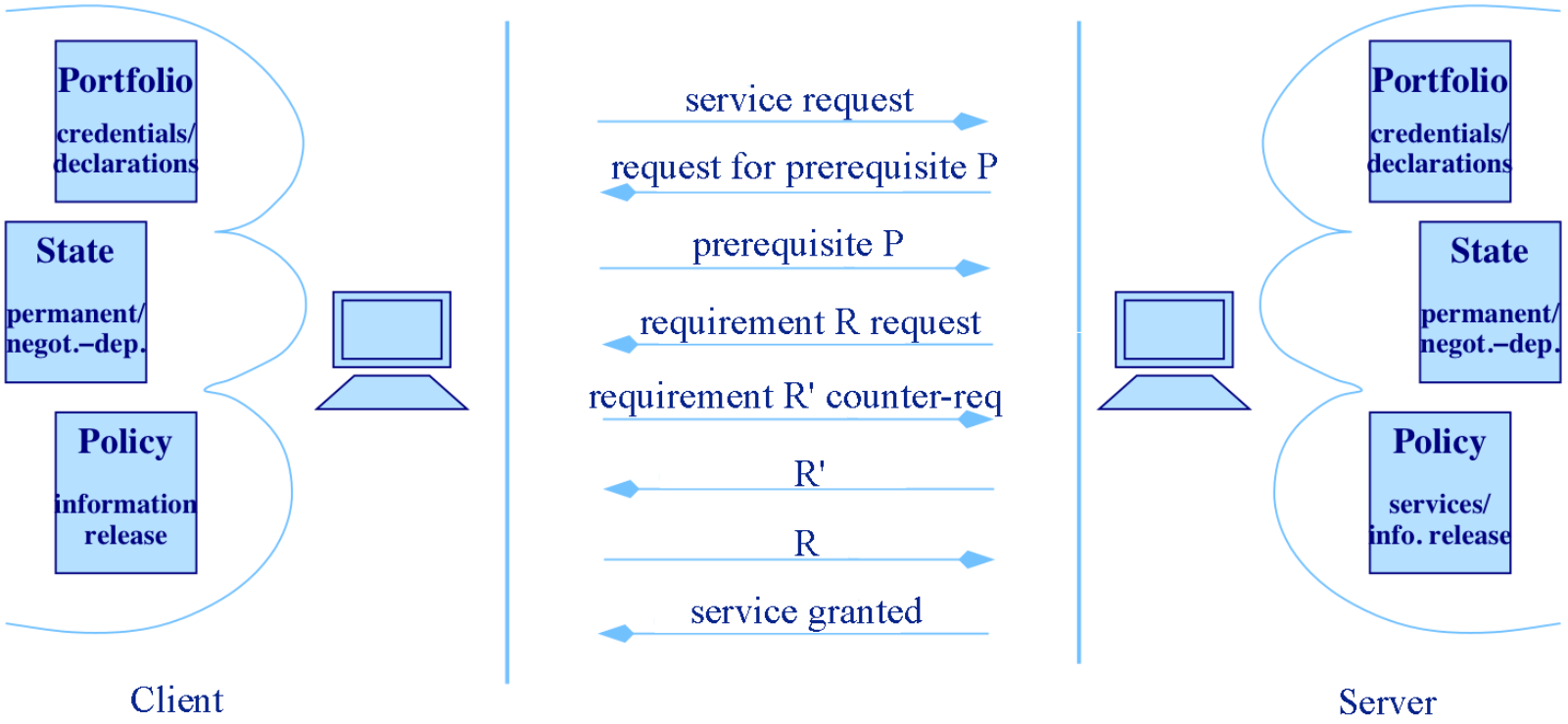

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- Multi-step negotiation
- Two-step interaction

Existing/emerging technologies supporting ABAC

- U-Prove/Idemix: provide advance credential management technologies (selective release, proof of possession, ...)
- XACML: standard today for interoperation of access control policies
  - expressive but with limited features for reasoning about digital certificates (e.g., attribute nationality should be certified by a passport) or policy dialog

User privacy preferences

Access control specifications do not always fit well with the problem at the client (user) side

- + they are expressive and powerful
- + they allow users to specify whether some information can be or cannot be released
- − they do not allow users to express the fact that they might prefer to release some information over other when given the choice

  $\Longrightarrow$ Need to provide users with means to effectively define privacy preferences on the release of their information

User privacy preferences: Desiderata – 1

- Context-based preferences
  - e.g., “I want to disclose my credit card to financial servers in the context of payment transactions only”
- Forbidden disclosures
  - e.g., “I do not want to release both my name and my nickname”
- Sensitive associations
  - e.g., “The association between my zip code and my date of birth is more sensitive than the two pieces of information singularly taken”
- Limited disclosure
  - e.g., “I do not mind saying that I am older than 30 but I do not want to release my age”

User privacy preferences: Desiderata – 2

- Instance-based preferences
  - e.g., “I prefer to release my credit card over my bank account if the credit card expires in less than one year”
- History-based preferences
  - e.g., “I prefer to release my county over my phone if you already have my zip code”
- Proof-based preferences
  - e.g., “I prefer to release the proof that I have an Italian passport rather than releasing the passport itself”
- Non-linkability preferences
  - e.g., “I prefer to release the piece of information that, merged with the other party knowledge, identifies me the less”
- . . .

User privacy preferences: Some approaches

- Cost-sensitive trust negotiation
- Point-based trust management model
- Logic-based minimal credential disclosure
- Privacy preferences in credential-based interactions

Cost-Sensitive Trust Negotiation

W. Chen, L. Clarke, J. Kurose, D. Towsley, “Optimizing Cost-Sensitive Trust-Negotiation Protocols,” in *Proc. of INFOCOM*, Miami, FL, USA, March 2005.

Cost-sensitive trust negotiation – 1

- Two parties (client and server) interact with each other to establish mutual trust by the exchange of credentials

  $\Longrightarrow$ trust negotiation protocol

- The disclosure of a credential is regulated by a policy that specifies the prerequisite conditions that must be satisfied to disclose the credential

- Credentials and policies are associated with a cost

  $\Longrightarrow$ more sensitive credentials/policies have higher cost

- The goal is to minimize the total sensitivity cost of credentials and policies disclosed during a trust negotiation

Cost-sensitive trust negotiation – 2

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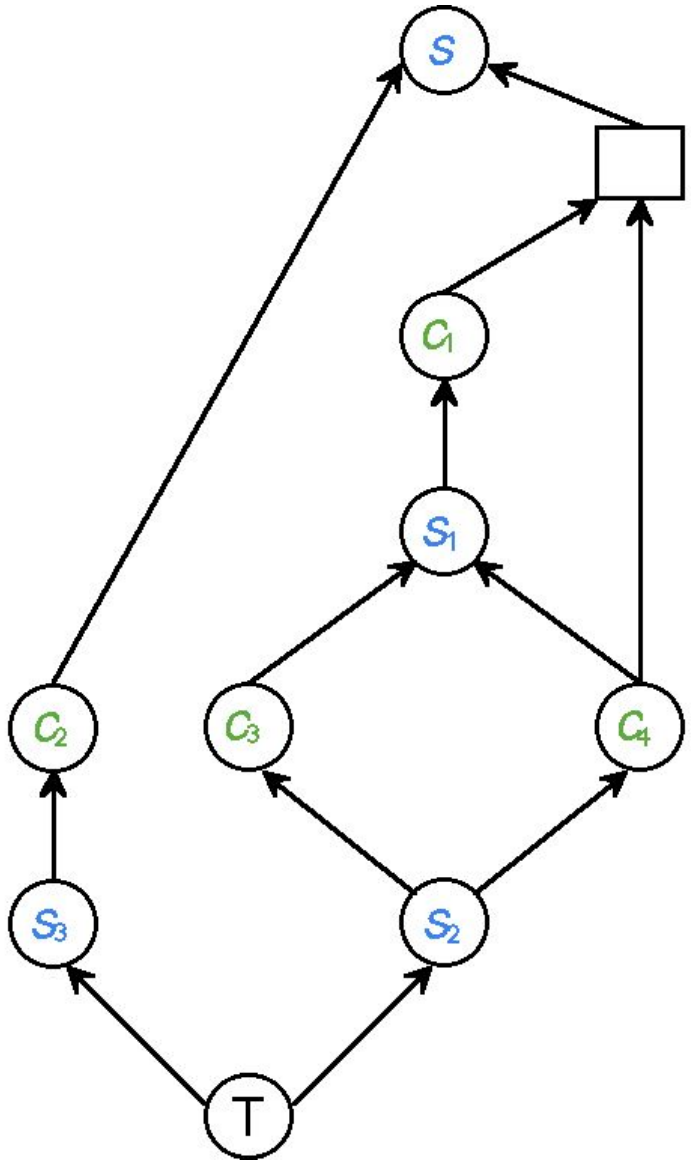

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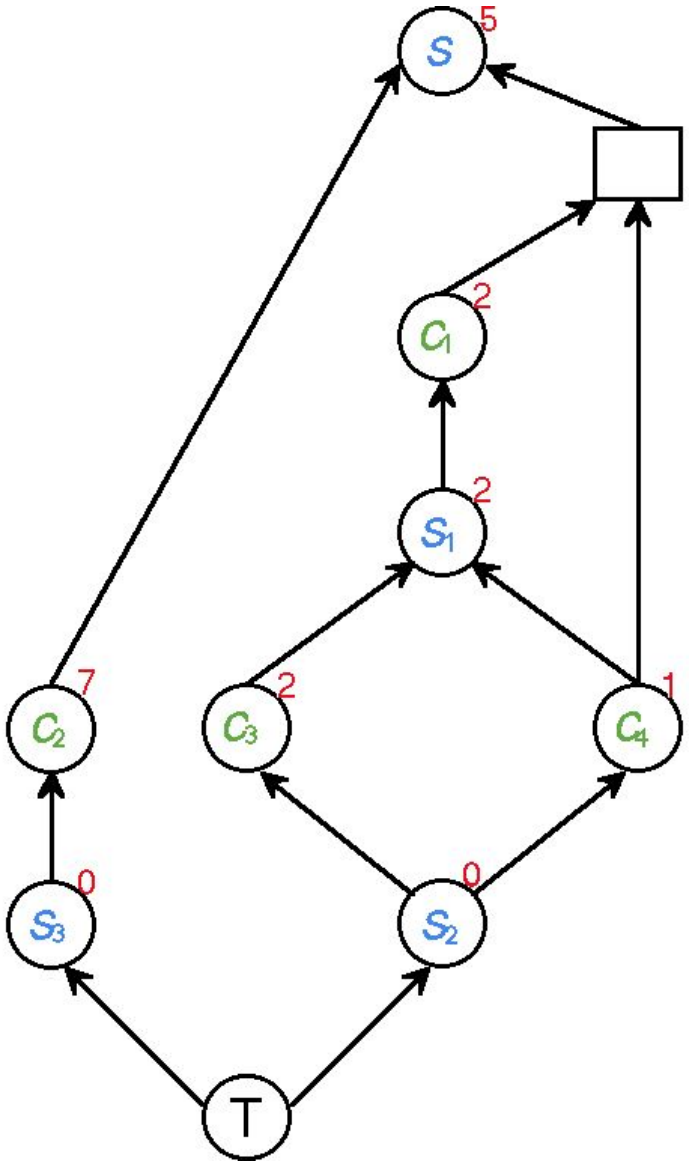

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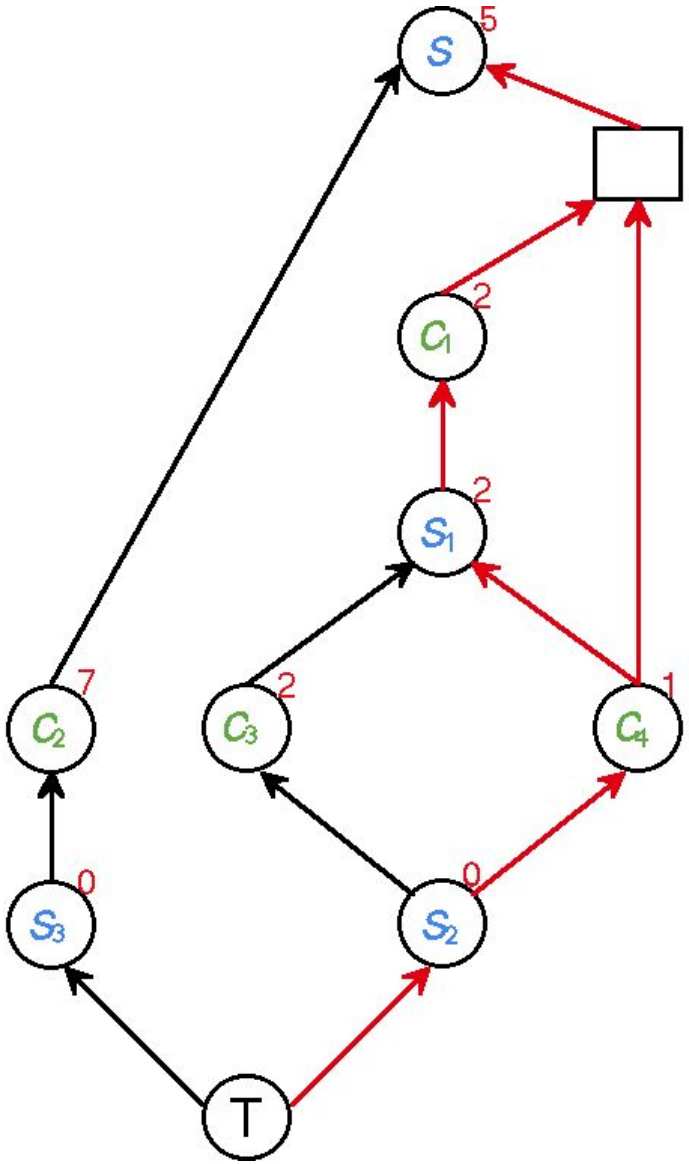

Cost-sensitive trust negotiation – 3

- Provide a mechanism for regulating the release of credentials according to their sensitivity
- Put focus on negotiation rather than on client control
- Support only coarse-grain (credentials) specifications; sensitive associations as well as forbidden releases cannot be expressed
- Possession-sensitive credentials (e.g., dialysis certificate) are not considered
- Minimizing overall cost (client + server) has limited applicability
- Linear combination of costs may not be always desirable

Point-based Trust Management Model

D. Yao, K.B. Frikken, M.J. Atallah, R. Tamassia, “Private Information: To Reveal or not to Reveal,” in *ACM TISSEC*, vol. 12, no. 1, October 2008.

Point-based trust management model – 1

How to get a New York Driver License . . .

- Documents that prove your name are assigned a point value; you must present identification that totals **six points or more**:
  - US Passport or Passport Card [4 points]
  - Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550, N-570) [3 points]
  - Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 and N-561) [3 points]
  - NYS Certificate of Title [2 points]
  - US Social Security Card [2 points]
  - Bank statement [1 point]
  - . . .

Point-based trust management model – 2

- A server associates a given number of points with each credential
  - represent the trustworthiness of its holder
  - the points associated with credentials are private
- A server requires a minimum total threshold of points before granting a client access to a resource
  - the threshold is private
- A client values each of its credentials with a private score
  - indicates the sensitivity of the credential and should be kept private

Goal: find a subset of the client credentials that satisfies the threshold fixed by the server and that has minimum privacy value to the client

Point-based trust management model – 3

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Point-based trust management model – 4

Problem

- The problem consists in fulfilling the access threshold while disclosing the least amount of sensitive information (Credential Selection Problem)

Solution

- The problem is converted into a knapsack problem and solved with a dynamic programming approach
- A secure two-party dynamic programming protocol is used for solving the knapsack problem
  - the server and user jointly compute the optimal sum of privacy scores for the released credentials without revealing their private parameters
  - the protocol uses homomorphic encryption

Point-based trust management model – 5

- The solution can model only the additive characteristic of privacy
- The client and server must agree on the universe of possible credential types (it may compromise the confidentiality of the server policy)
- Support only coarse-grain (credential) specification; sensitive associations as well as forbidden releases cannot be expressed
- Put focus on negotiation rather than on client control

Logic-based Minimal Credential Disclosure

P. Kärger, D. Olmedilla, W.-T. Balke, “Exploiting Preferences for Minimal Credential Disclosure in Policy-Driven Trust Negotiations,” in *Proc. of SDM*, Auckland, New Zealand, August 2008.

Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 1

- Parties are involved in a trust negotiation where the release of credentials is regulated by given policies
- Each credential contains a single attribute
- By matching the policies of the involved parties, several negotiation paths (i.e., credential disclosure sets) will make the negotiation succeed
- Logic-based approach for users to specify privacy preferences exploited for selecting a negotiation path

Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 2

Alice's policy

$$c_{name} \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$$
$$c_{bdate} \leftarrow c_{bbb}$$
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On-line book shop's policy

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Negotiation paths

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Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 3

- Default preference: not disclosing a credential is preferred to disclosing it

  $\Longrightarrow 0 \succ_i 1$, with i the i-th credential

- Disclosure sets are compared according to the Pareto composition ($\succ_P$)
  - S_i dominates S_j if S_i shows better or equal values than S_j with respect to all credential preferences and is strictly better with respect to at least one credential

    Example

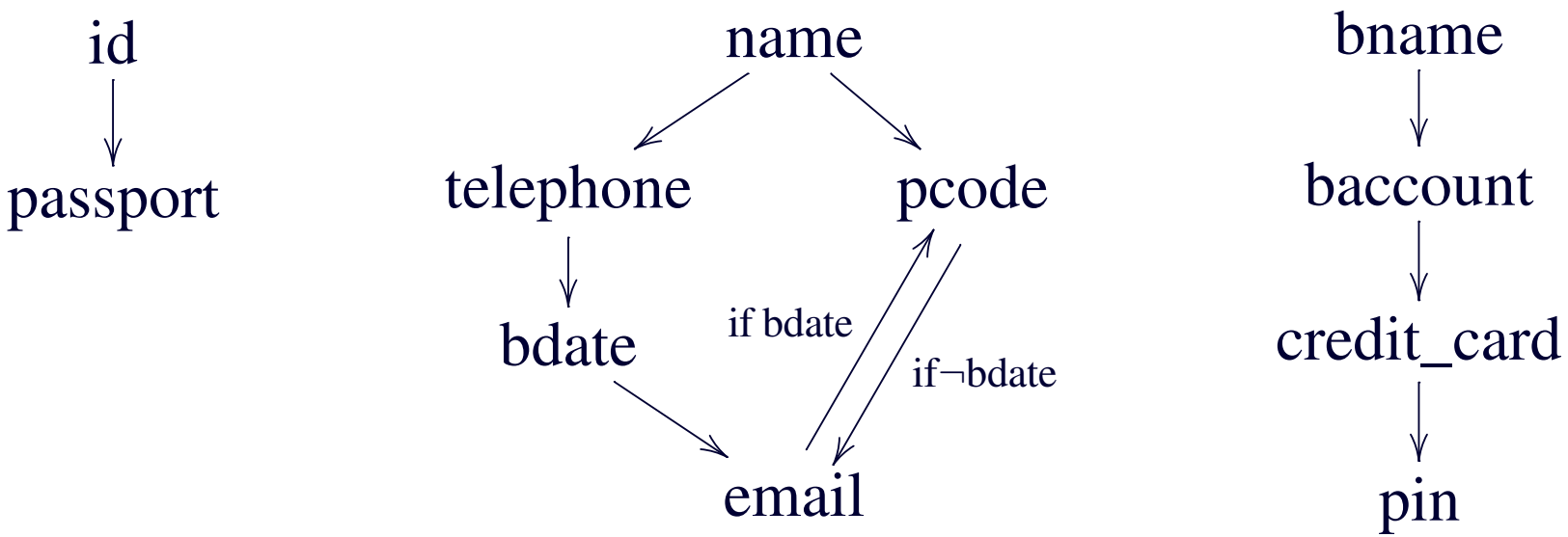
    S_5: [**0**,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0] S_9: [**1**,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0]

    $S_5[i] = S_9[i], i = 2, \ldots, 11$ and $S_5[1] \succ_1 S_9[1]$

    $\Longrightarrow S_5$ dominates S_9 ($S_5 \succ_P S_9$)

Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 4

- Hierarchies specify (possibly contextual) user preferences on the release of credentials ($c_i \rightarrow c_j$ means that the user prefers to release c_i over c_j)



- Transitive combination of preferences
  - e.g., a disclosure set containing bname and baccount is preferred than a disclosure set containing credit_card and pin

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Pareto composition

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Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 5

Disclosure sets

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Hierarchical preferences

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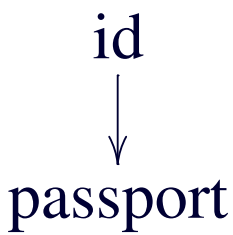

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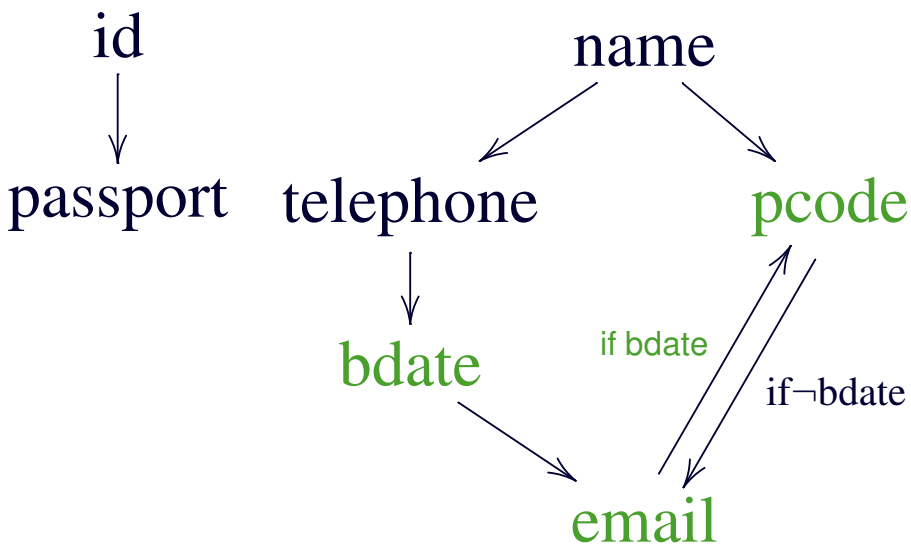

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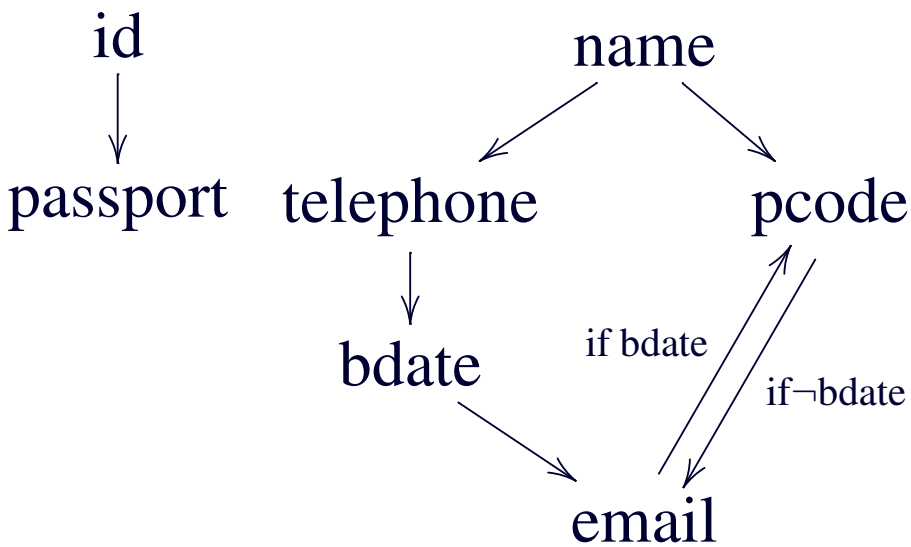

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Transitive combination of preferences

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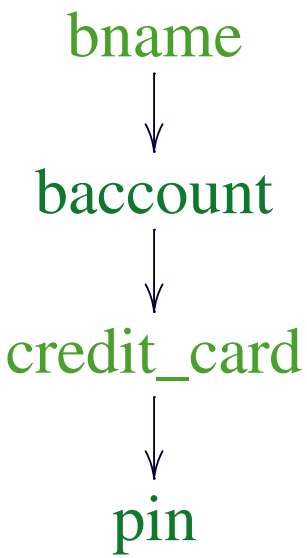

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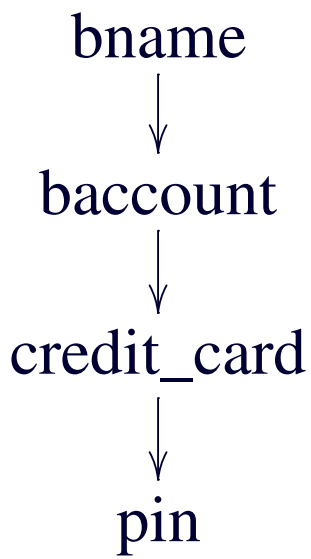

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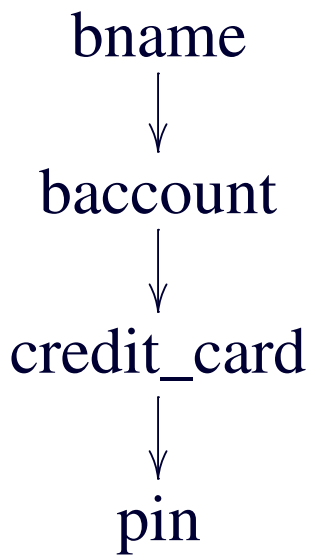

$\Longrightarrow$ user has to choose between S_1, S_5

Logic-based minimal credential disclosure – 6

- Users are still involved in choosing the disclosure set
- Assume only attributes (does not reason about credentials)
- The specification of preferences among groups of attributes is not always easy
- Possession-sensitive credentials are not considered
- Forbidden releases (e.g., the release of name, bdate, and pcode is forbidden) are not supported

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Goal of the work

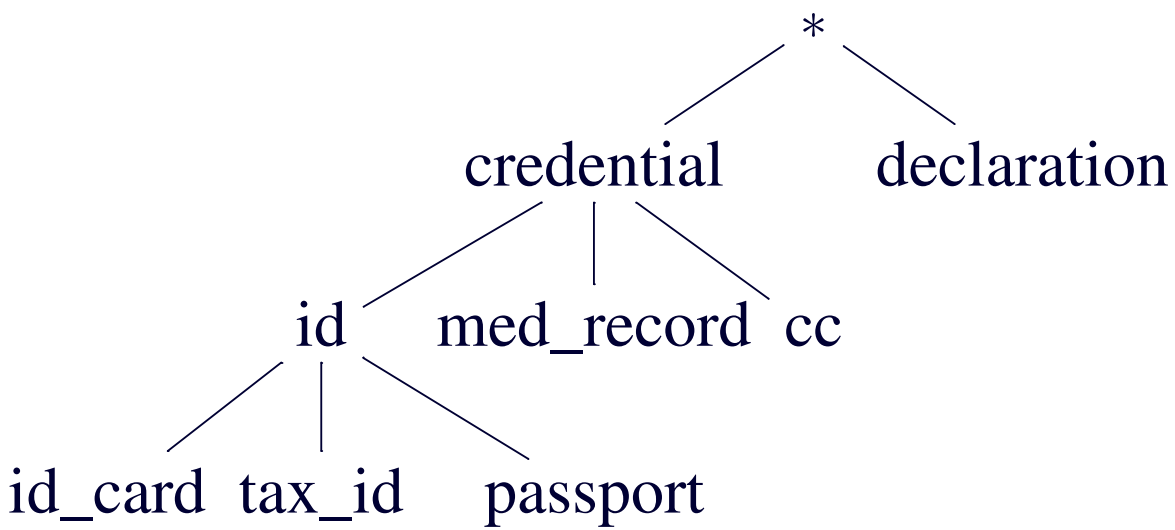
Enable users to effectively regulate disclosure of their properties and credentials

- identify requirements and concepts that need to be captured
- organize user's properties and credentials in the user portfolio
- enable user to specify how much she values the disclosure of different components of the portfolio
- provide possible technical approaches for supporting user's preferences
- provide a basis for investigating user-friendly/user-understandable approaches for regulating release of user's properties

Client portfolio modeling

- The information of the client forms a client portfolio
- Credential: certificate issued and signed by a third party
  - certifies a set of properties
  - has a type, an identifier, and an issuer
- Declaration: property stored as a self-signed credential
- Hierarchy of abstractions of credential types $\mathscr{H}(\mathscr{T}, \preceq_{isa})$ (e.g., *id_card* $\preceq_{isa}$ *id*, *id* $\preceq_{isa}$ *credential*)

An example of hierarchy of credential types



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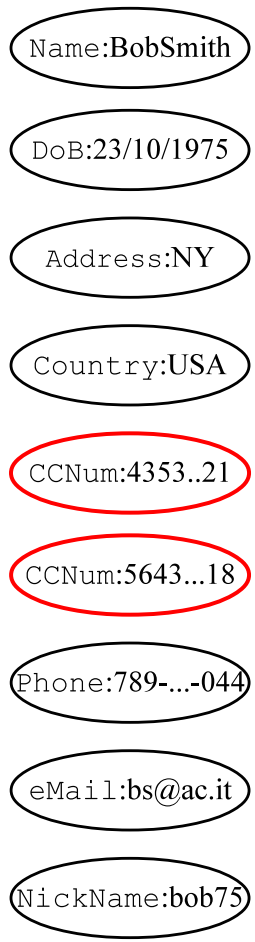

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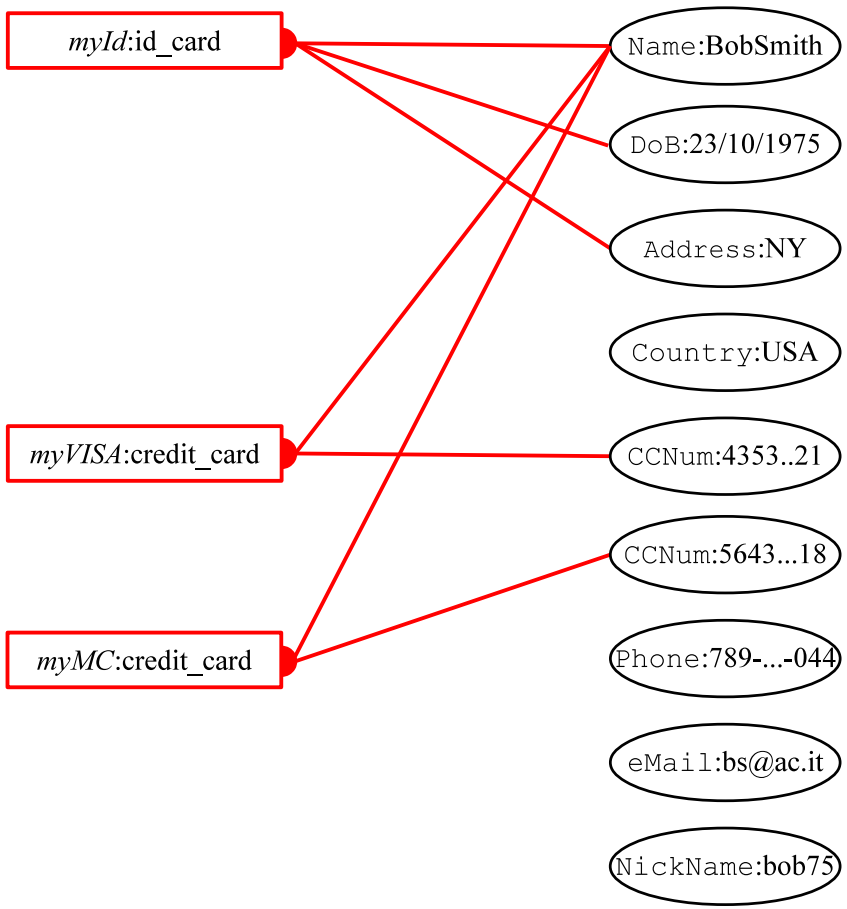

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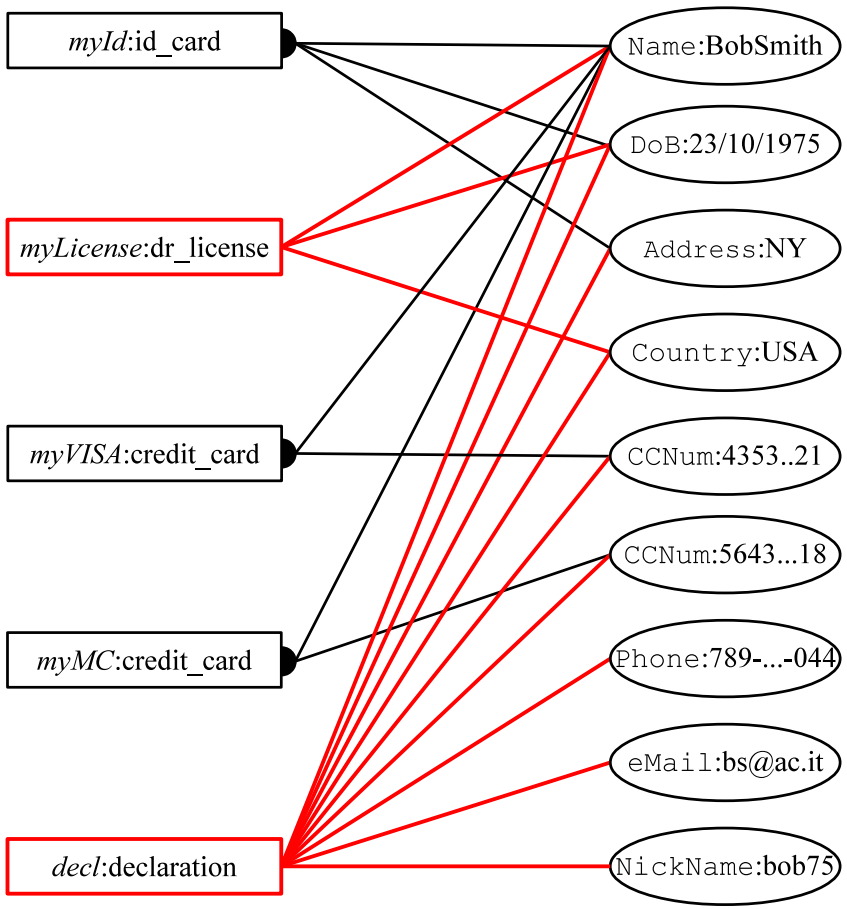
- Non-atomic: properties can be selectively released, proof-of-possession can be certified (e.g., Idemix, U-Prove)



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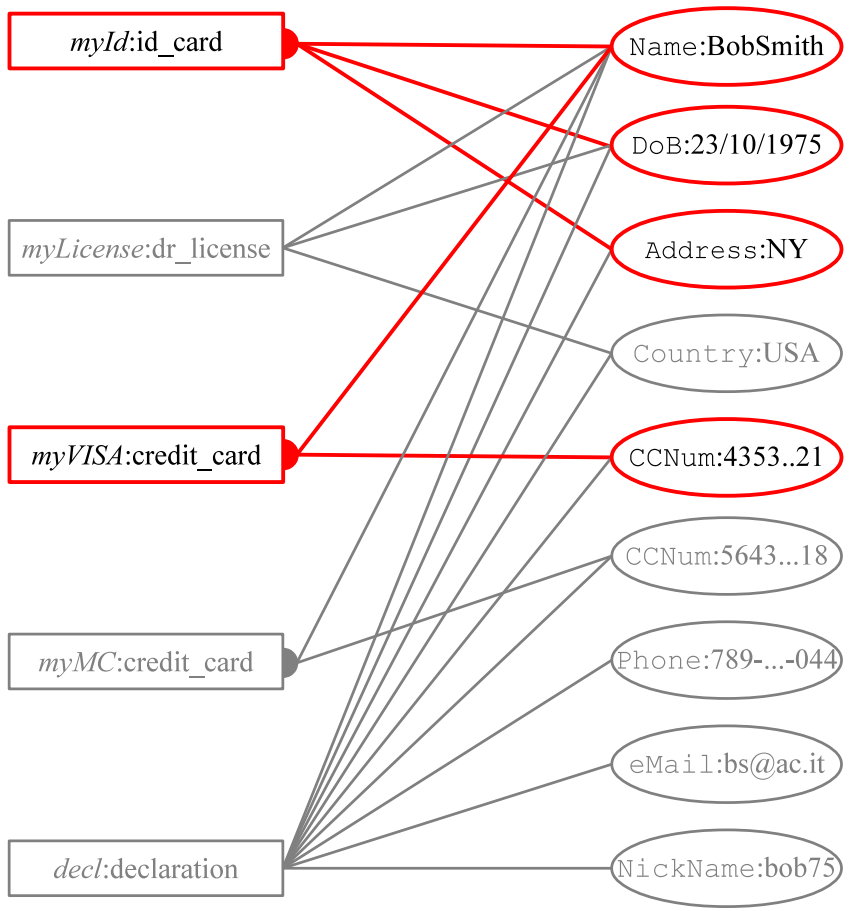

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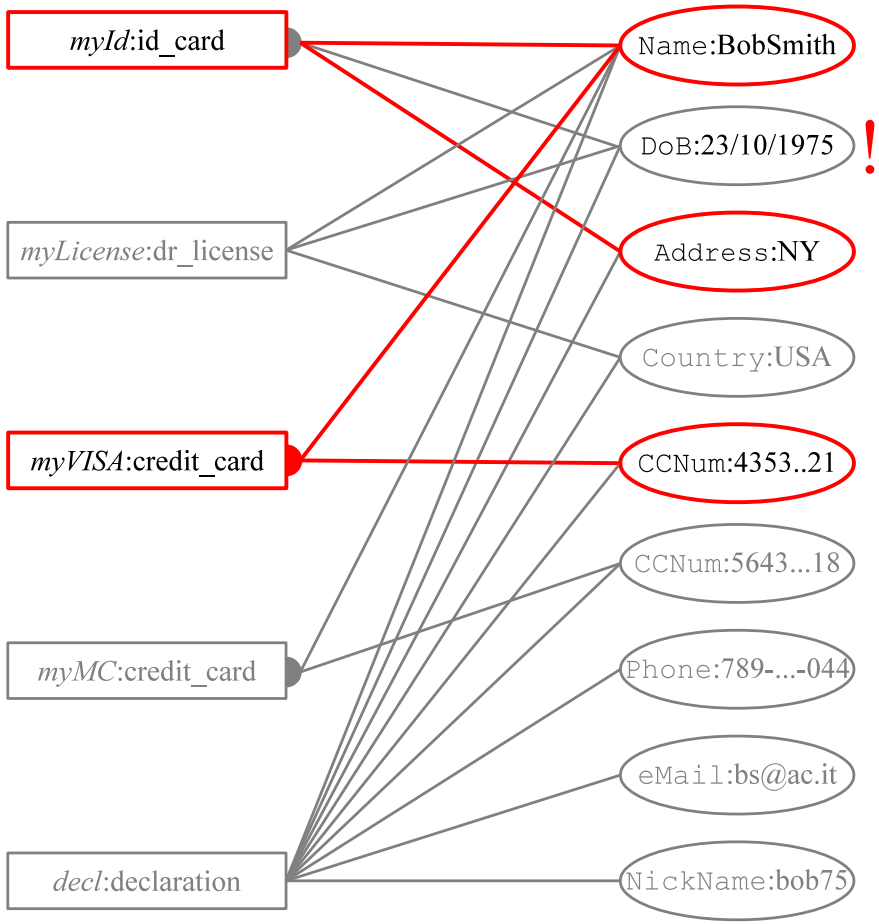


Does not satisfy atomicity!

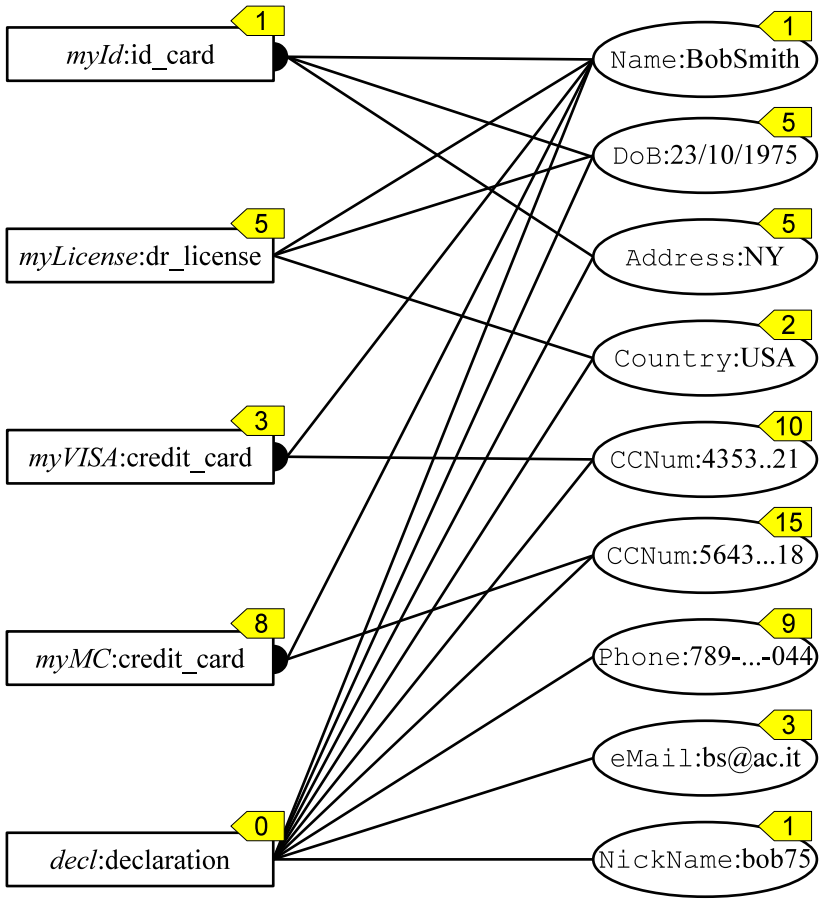
Portfolio sensitivity

- Different portfolio components have different sensitivity
  - the client may prefer to disclose some properties or credentials
- Sensitivity labels express privacy requirements:
  - partial order relationship $\succeq$
  - arbitrary composition operator $\oplus$
    (the composition of two sensitivity labels $\lambda_1 \oplus \lambda_2$ is a sensitivity label)
- We assume sensitivity labels to be integer values, composed through the $+$ operator

Sensitivity of properties and credentials

Specify how a client values information in her portfolio

- $\lambda(A)$: sensitivity of property A individually taken
- $\lambda(c)$: sensitivity of the existence of credential c



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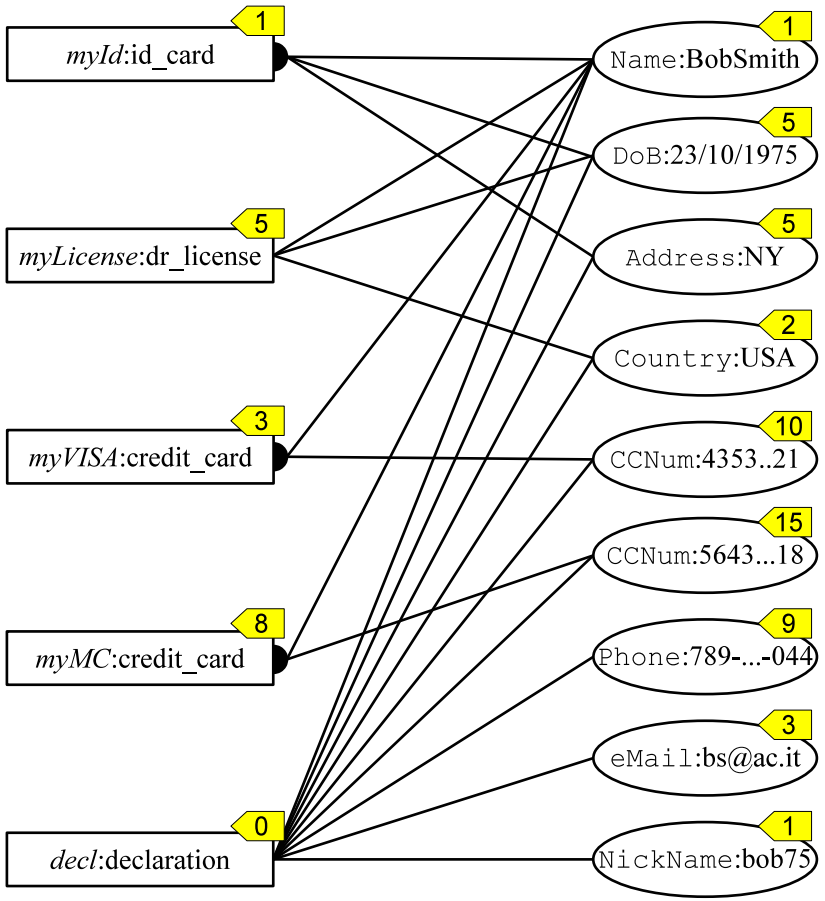

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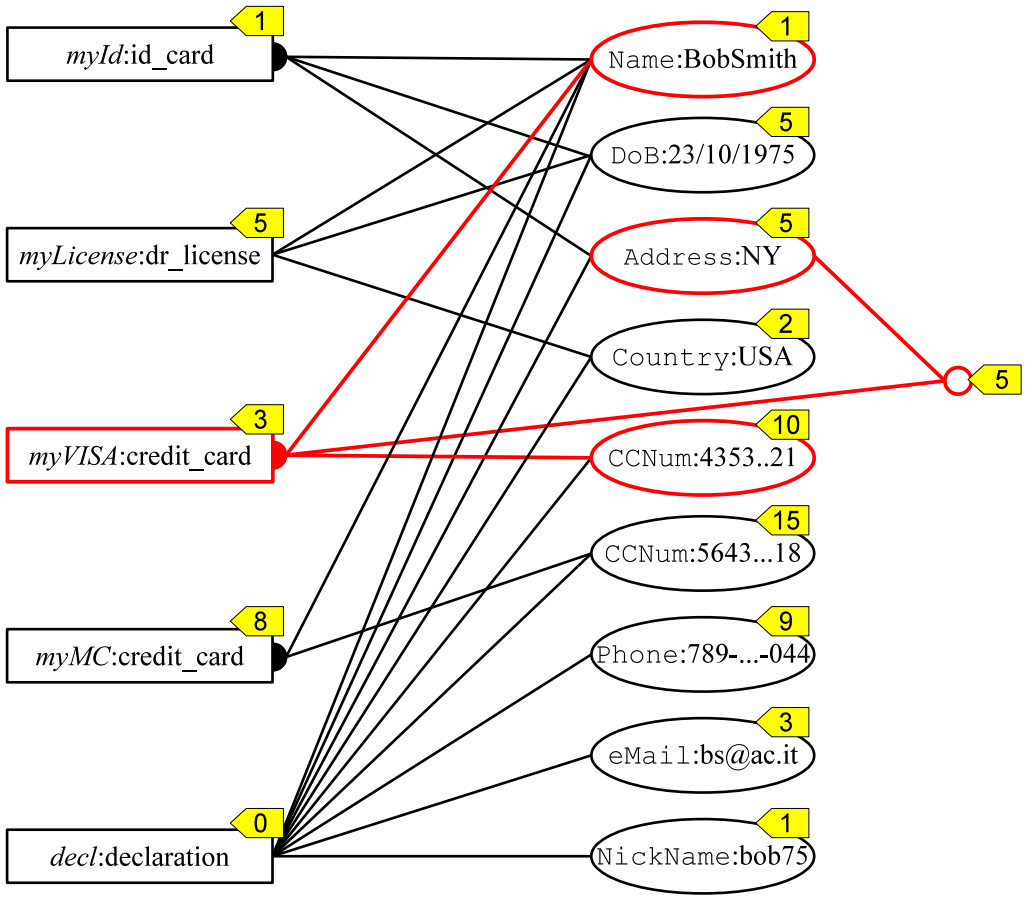

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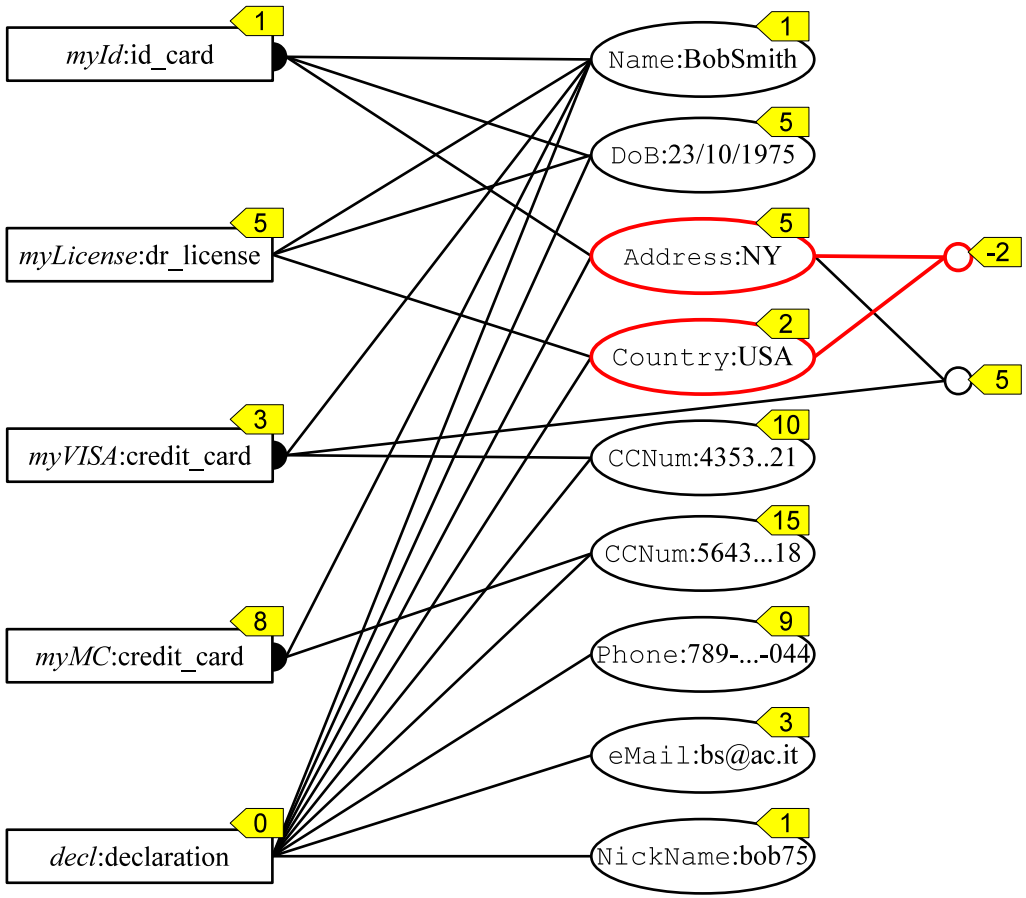

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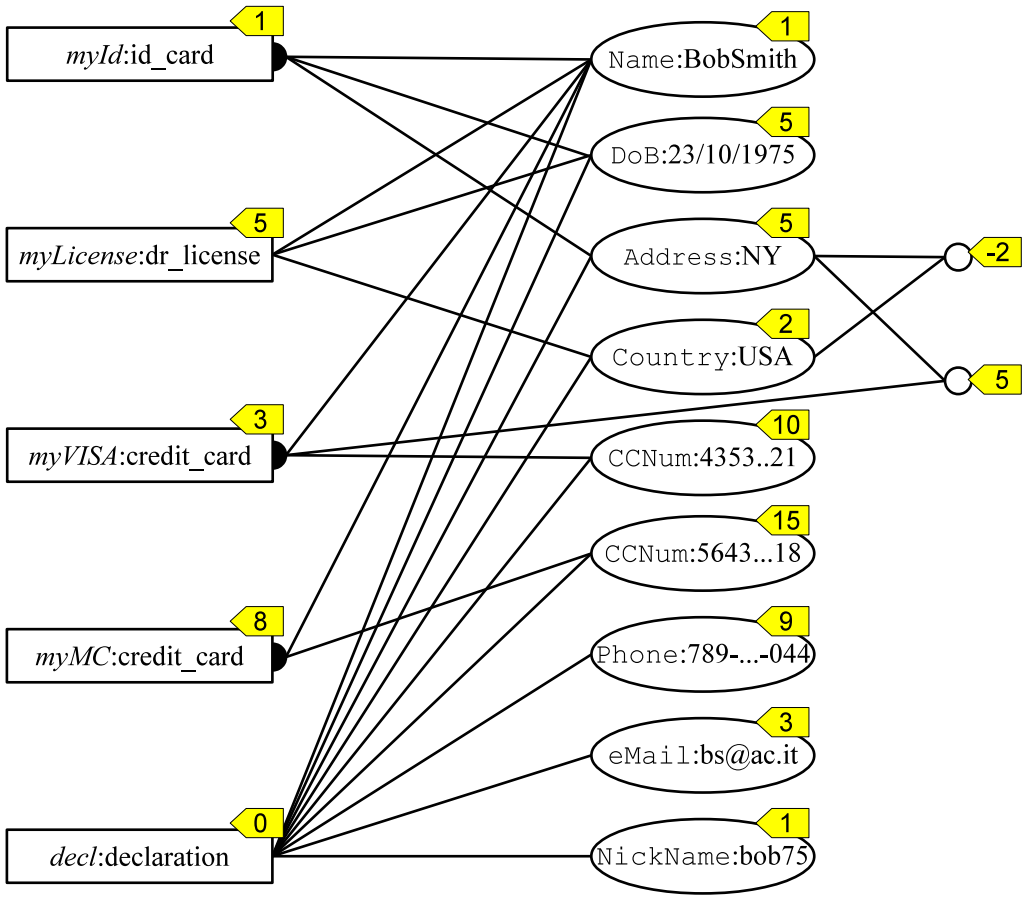

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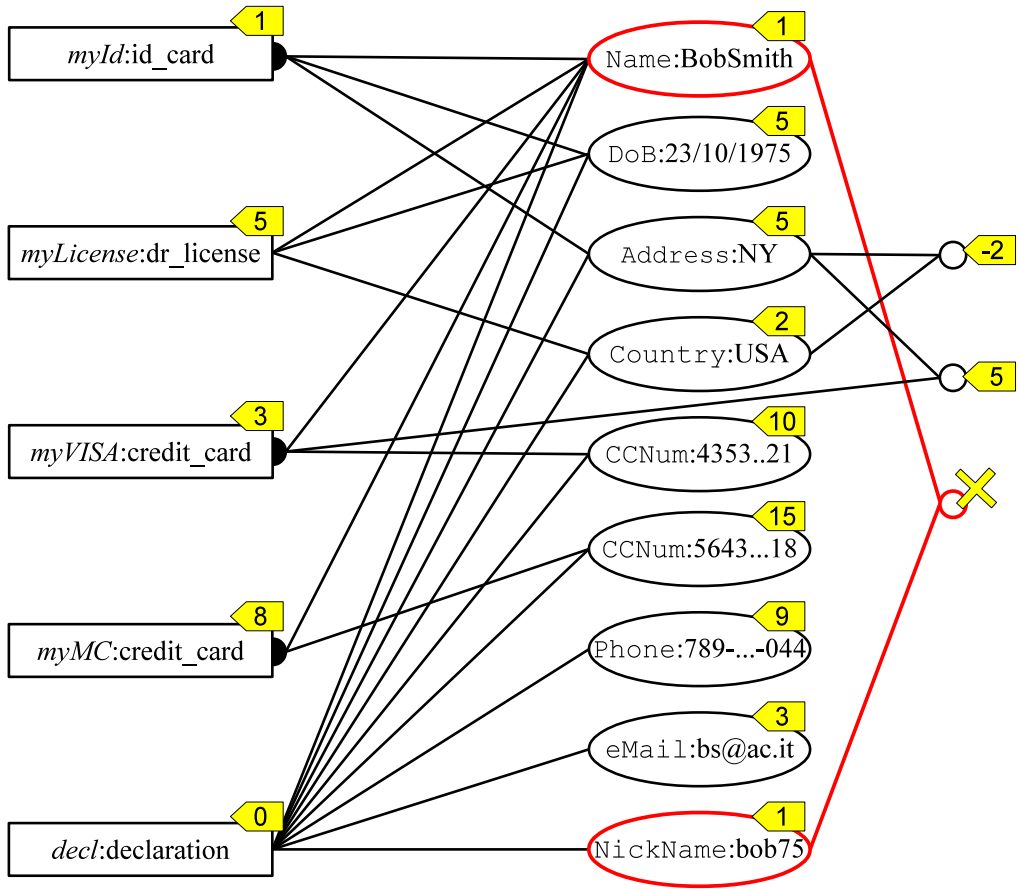

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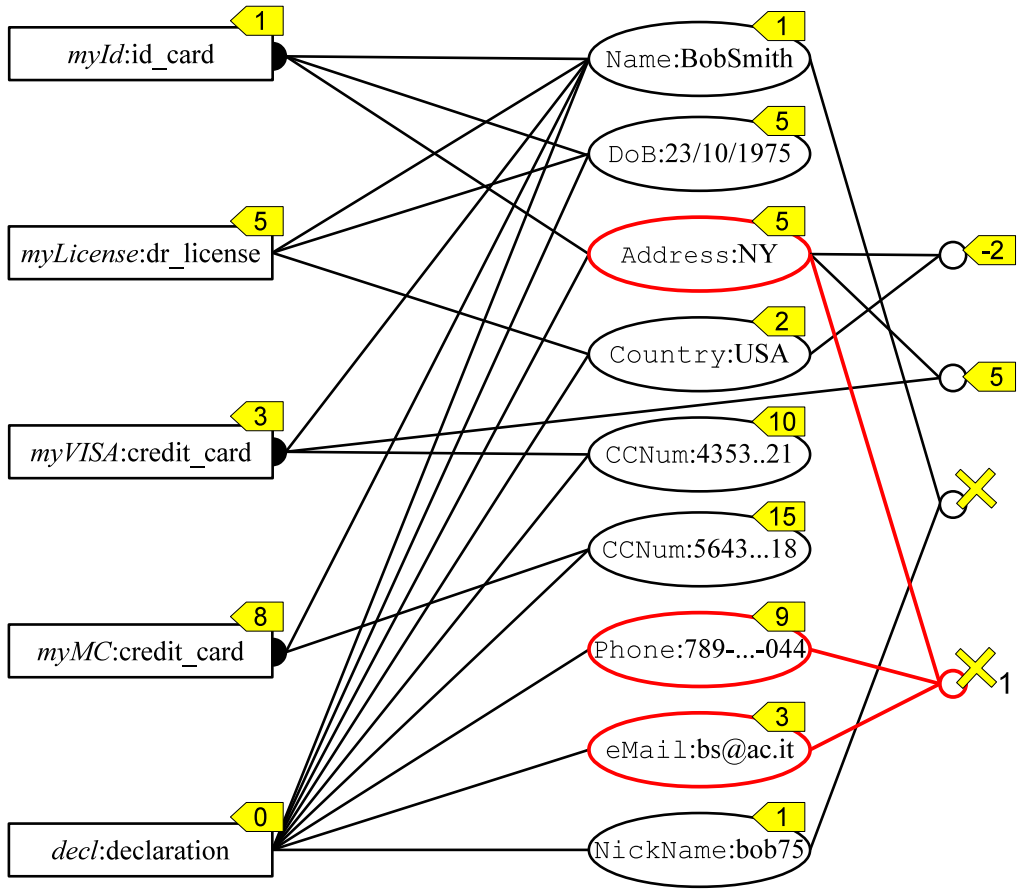

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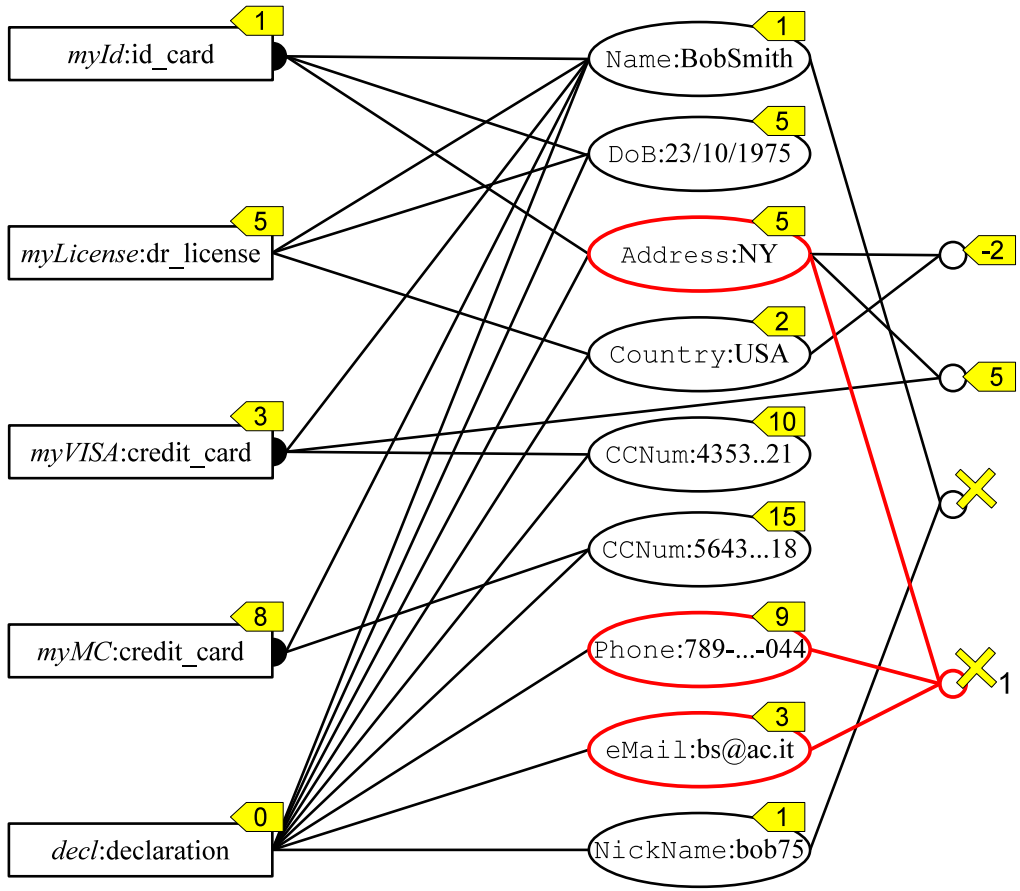

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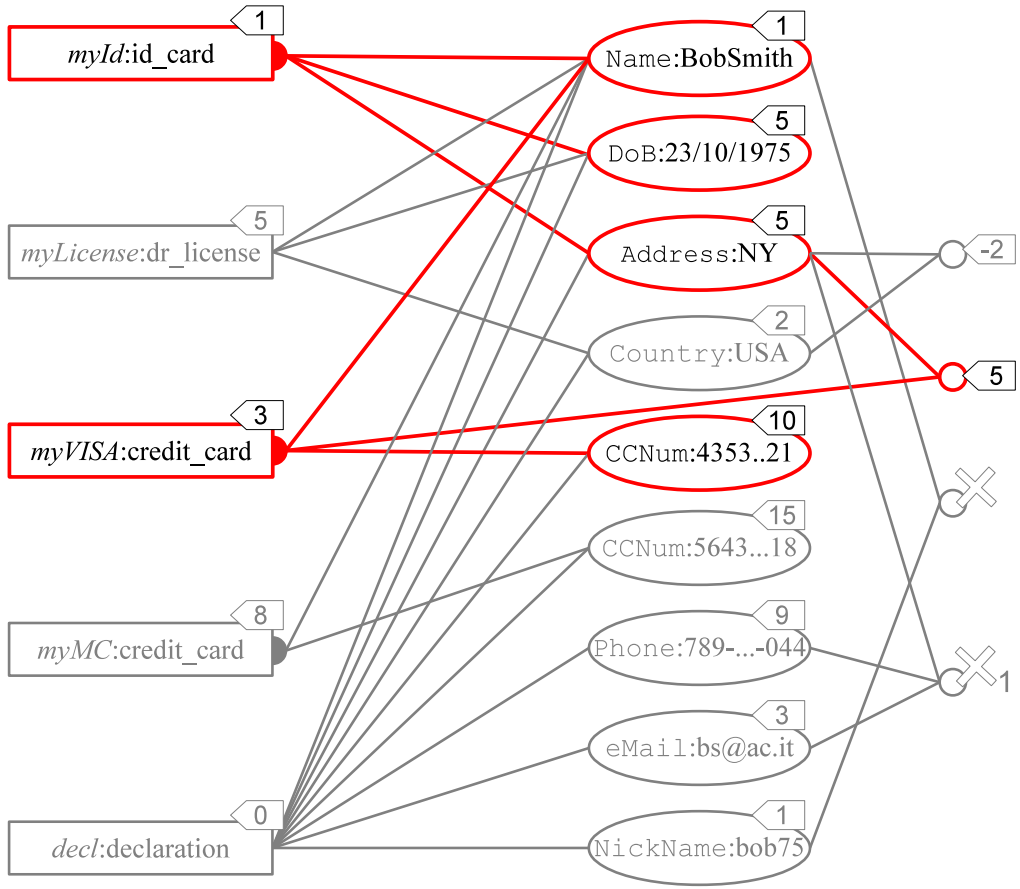

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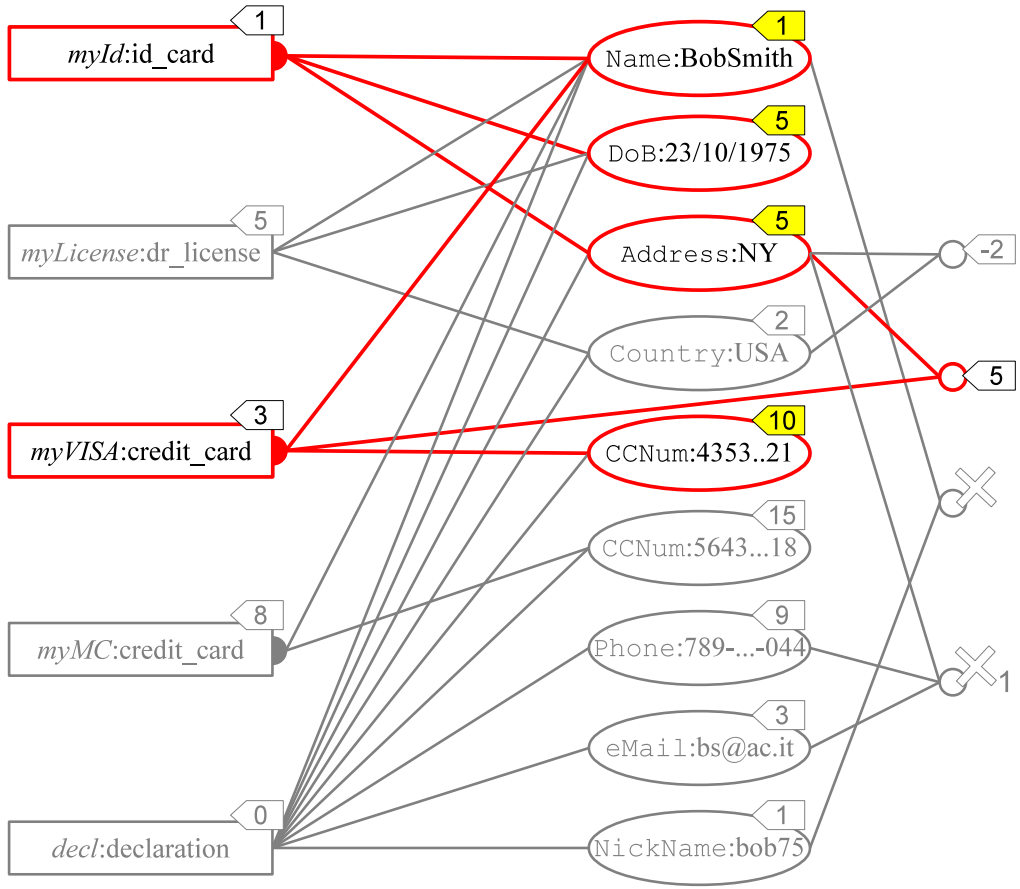

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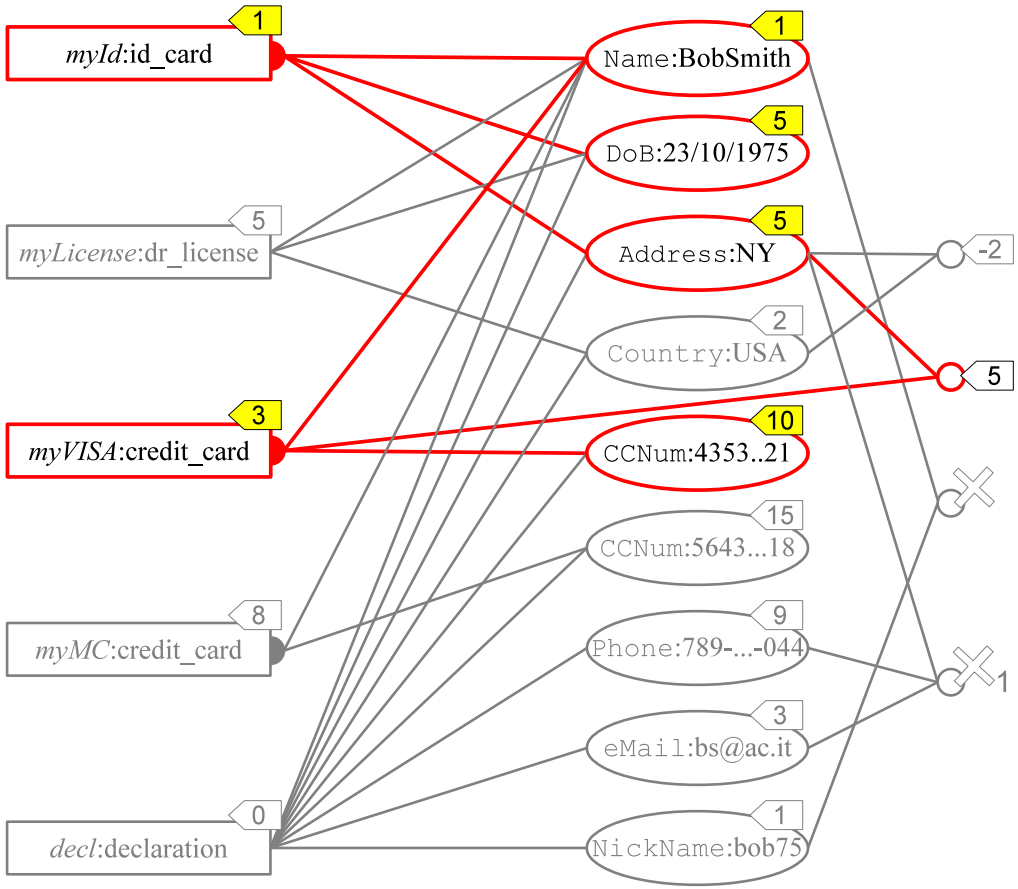

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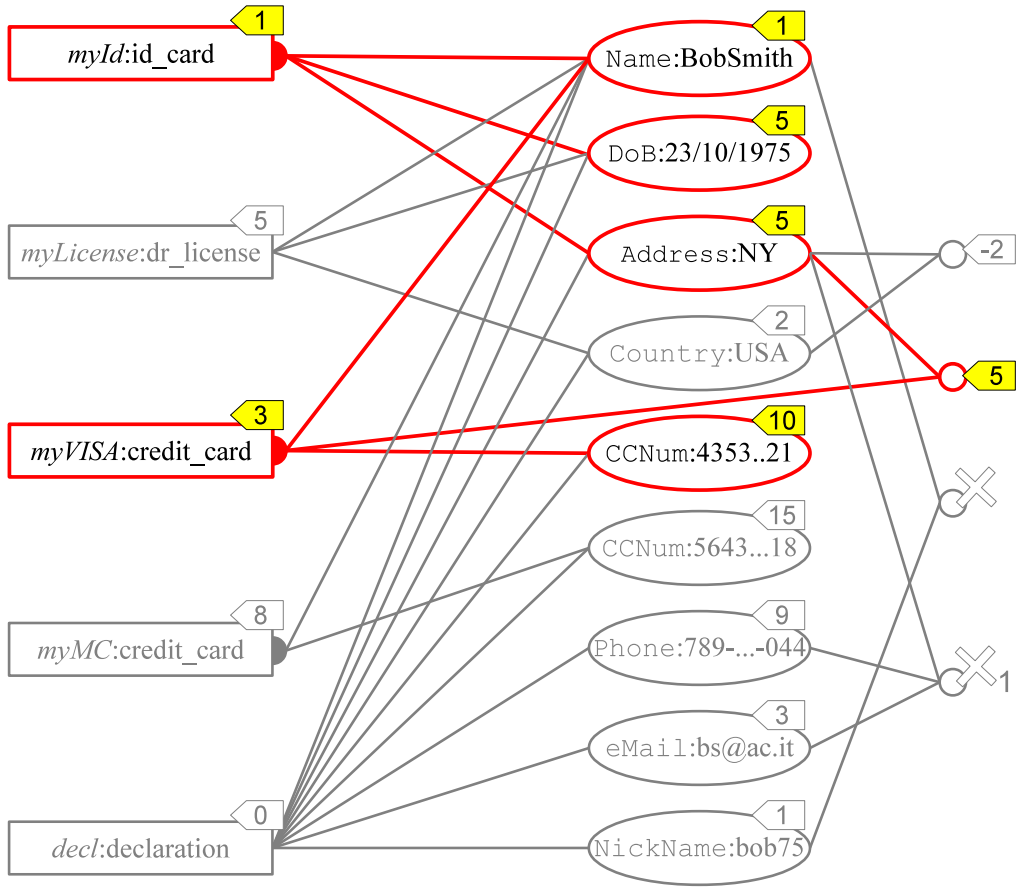

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Server request

Request $\mathscr{R}$: disjunction of simple requests

- Simple request R: conjunction of terms
  - term r=*type*.$\{A_1, \ldots, A_m\}$: disclosure of $\{A_1, \ldots, A_m\}$ from c s.t. *type*(c)$\preceq_{isa}$*type*

    $\Longrightarrow$ *type* is an abstraction of credential type *type*(c) in $\mathscr{H}$

Example

$\mathscr{R} = r_1 \wedge r_2$

r_1 = *id*.{Name,Address}

r_2 = *cc*.{Name,CCNum}

Min-disclosure problem

A disclosure $\mathscr{D}$:

- satisfies $\mathscr{R}$ if it satisfies at least a R in $\mathscr{R}$
- satisfies R if, $\forall$ r=*type*.$\{A_1, \ldots, A_m\}$ in R, it includes c s.t.:
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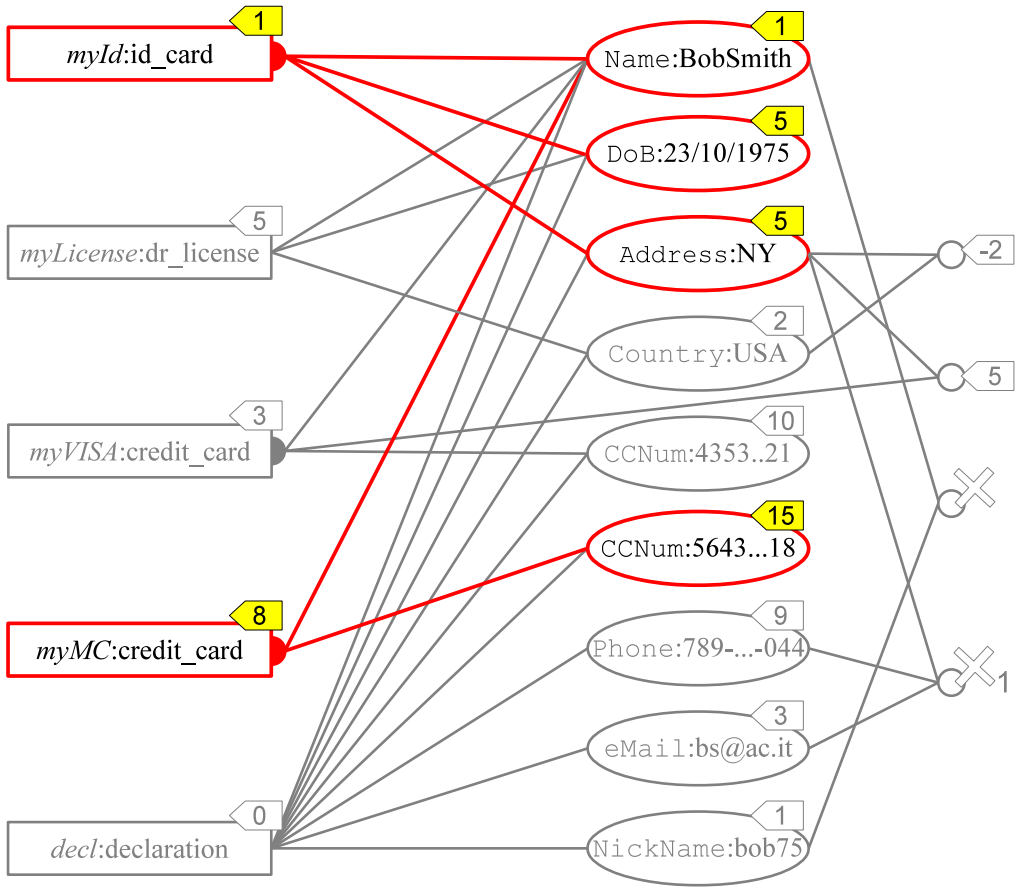

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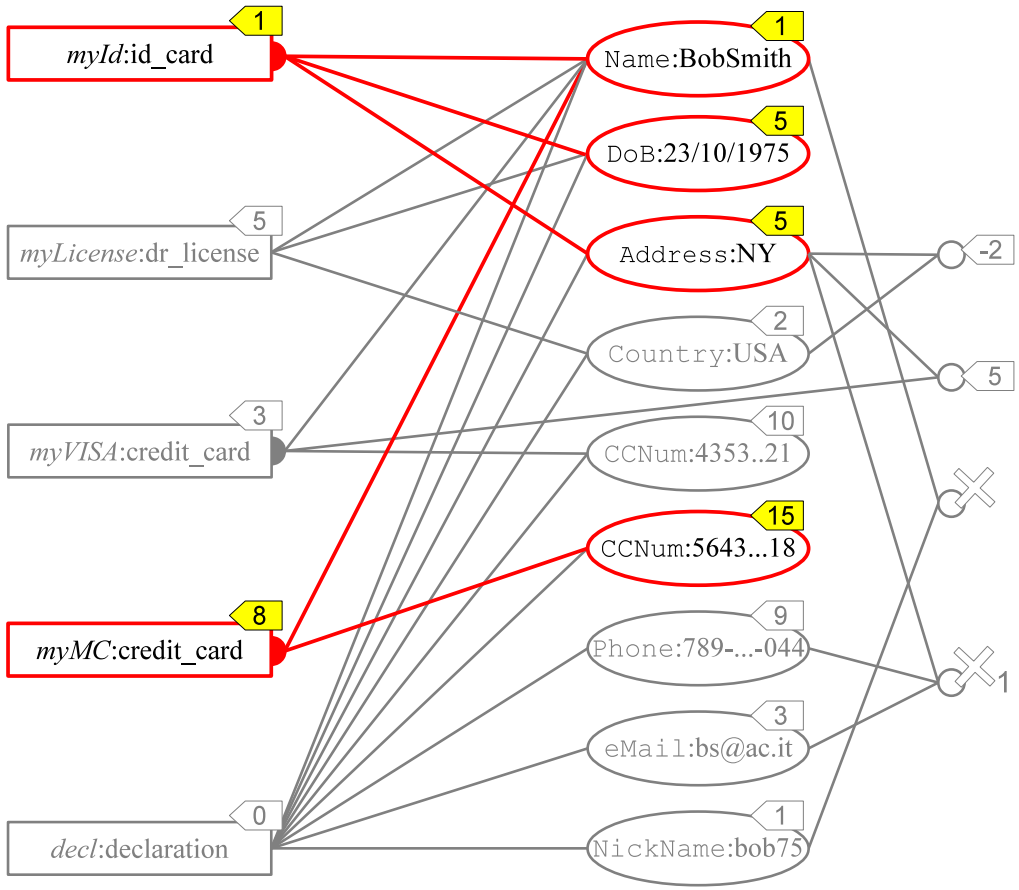

$\lambda(\mathscr{D}) = 35 \Longrightarrow \mathscr{D}$ is not minimum

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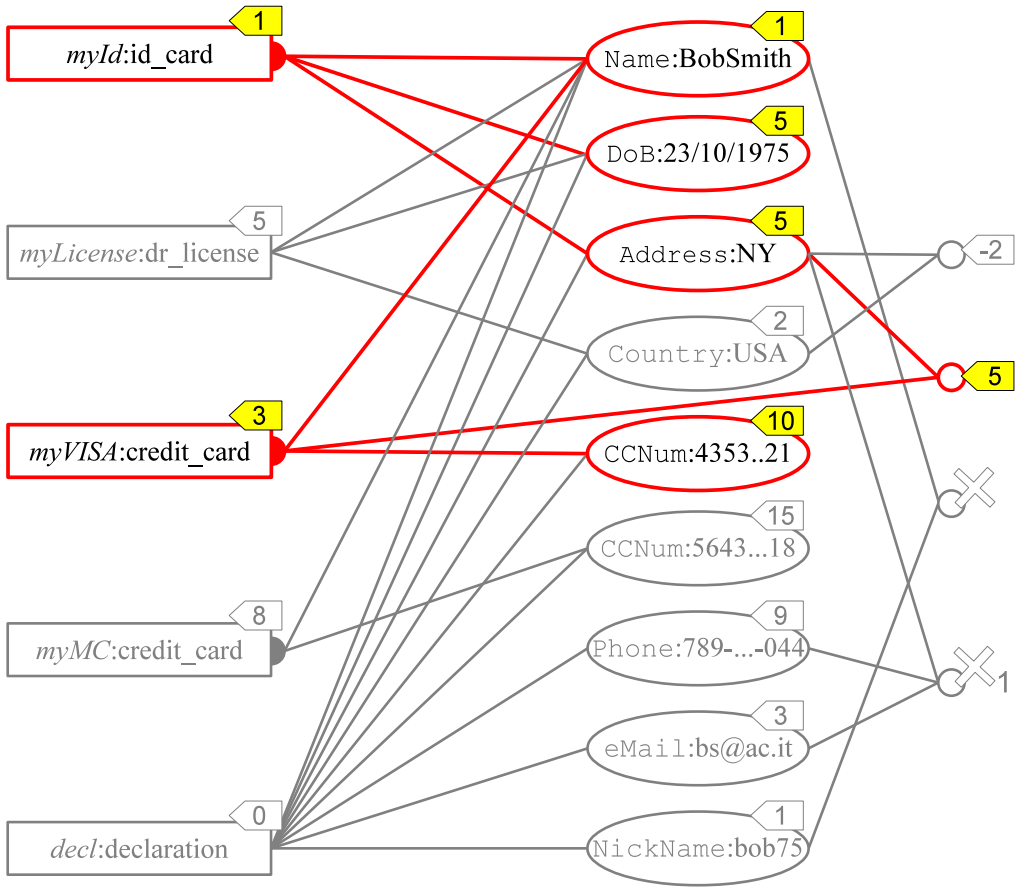

$\lambda(\mathscr{D}')$ = 30 $\Longrightarrow$ $\mathscr{D}'$ is minimum

Computing a minimal disclosure

The problem of computing a disclosure that minimizes release of information is NP-hard

- exploit graph-based representation of portfolio and requests, providing heuristics based on graph-matching [ADFPS-10a]
- exploit Max-SAT representation of the problem and existing SAT solver [ADFPS-10b]

Work to be investigated – 1

- Enable derivation of sensitivity levels of properties (e.g., based on identity exposure)
- Support specifications in terms of preferences (e.g., my id_card is less sensitive than my passport)
- Sensitivity labels assigned to proofs (provided by non-atomic credentials)
- Support referring to existence of a credential (without releasing it)
- Allow recipient/context-based sensitivity specifications (e.g., dialysis certificates is less sensitive if released to a doctor than to a generic server)
- User-intuitive approaches for expressing preferences (and possibly translate them to sensitivity labels)

Work to be investigated – 2

- Consideration of previous disclosures
- Type vs instance mismatch (server talks about classes, users refer to instances)
- Integration with server-side solutions and more expressive server requests [ADFNPPSV-10]

Server-side open issues – 1

On the server-side there is still work to do to increase expressiveness. Today XACML:

- does not provide a support for expressing and reasoning about digital certificates in the specification of the authorization policies:
  - e.g., “attribute nationality should be certified by a passport”
- does not have support for abstractions
  - e.g., “id_document is an abstraction including credentials {identity_card, driver_license, passport}”

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Server-side open issues – 2

- does not have support for policy dialog (to communicate policies to users):
  - condition (e.g., “identity_card.age $>$ 18”)
  - predicate (e.g., “identity_card.age $>$”)
  - property (e.g., “identity_card.age”)
  - credential (e.g., “identity_card”)
  - none (nothing can be disclosed about the condition)
- does not have support for recursive conditions:
  - for expressing policies based on chains of credentials/properties
  - for supporting delegation and recursion (e.g., “the certification authority signing a user’s credential has been directly or indirectly delegated by a particular authority preferred by the server”)

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