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Static Program Analysis

Static Analysis for Security

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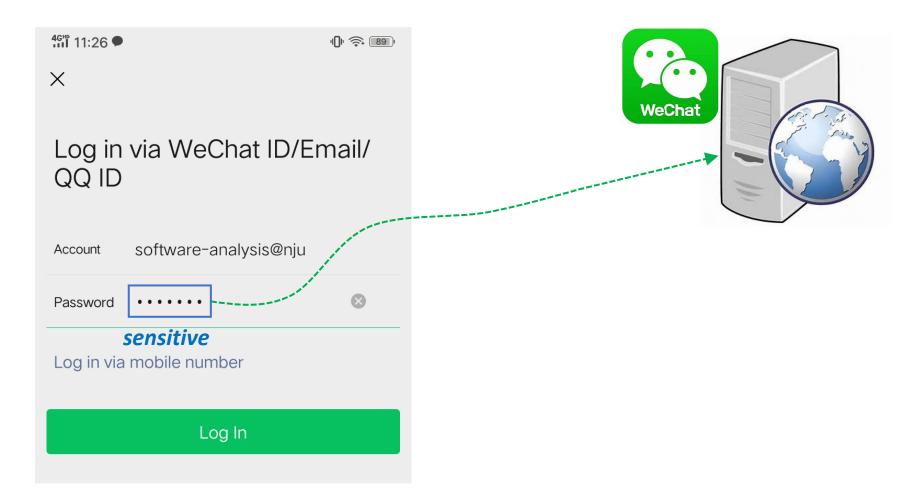
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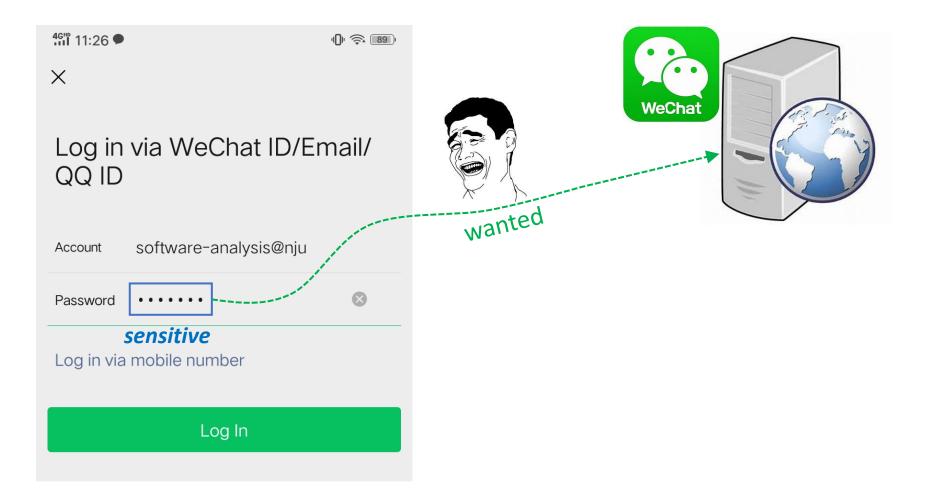
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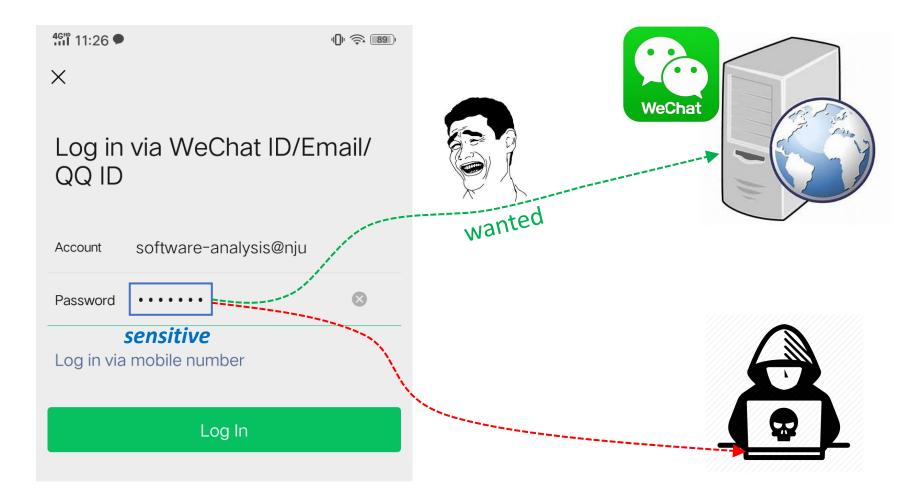
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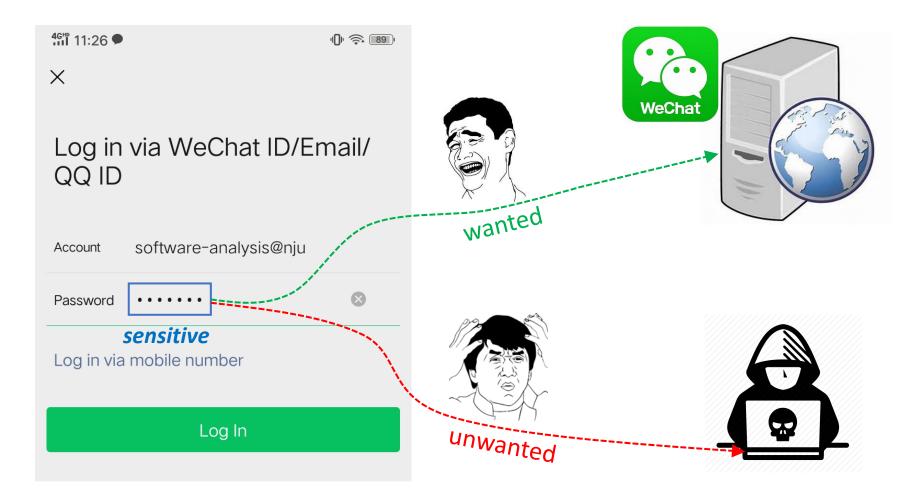
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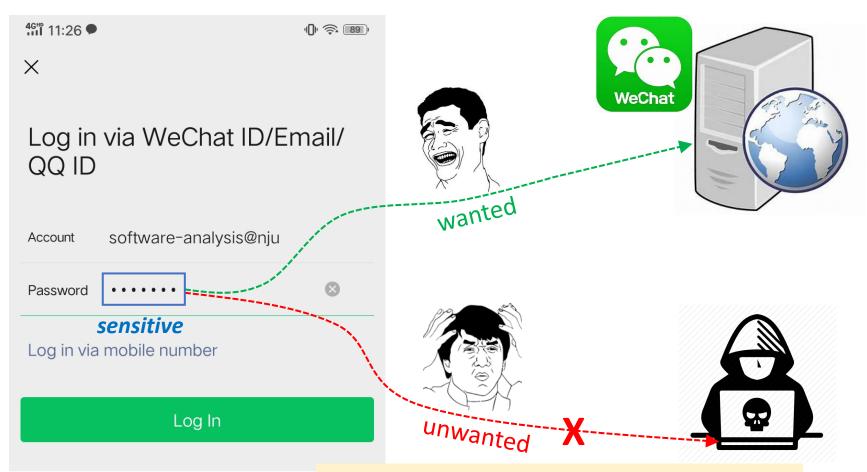








Information Flow Security: Motivation



Prevent unwanted information flow Protect information security

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"A practical system needs both **access** and **flow control** to satisfy all security requirements." — D. Denning, 1976

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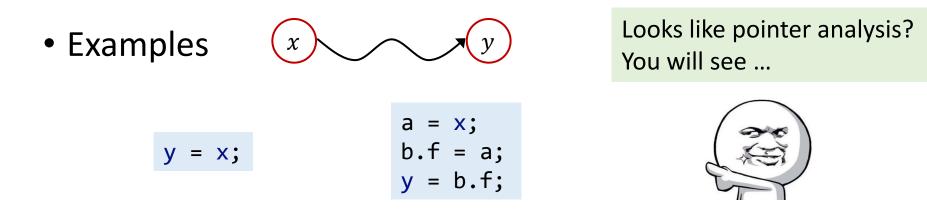
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Information Flow Security

Connects information flow to security

- Classifies program variables into different security levels
- Specifies permissible flows between these levels, i.e., information flow policy

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 - $L \le H$

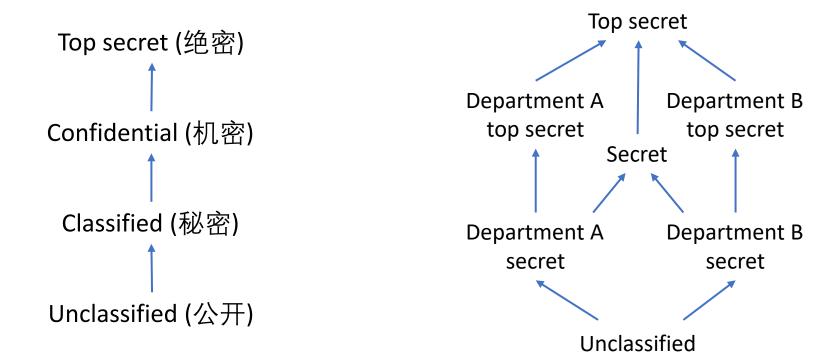
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More Complicated Security Levels

China classification

• A (possible) business classification



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- Restricts how information flows between different security levels
- Noninterference policy*
 - Requires the information of high variables have no effect on (i.e., should not interfere with) the information of low variables
 - Intuitively, you should not be able to conclude anything about high information by observing low variables



*J. A. Goguen and J. Meseguer, "Security policies and security models". S&P 1982.

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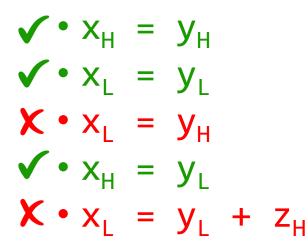
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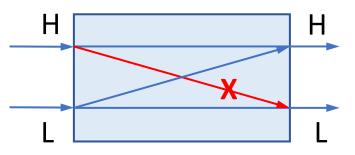
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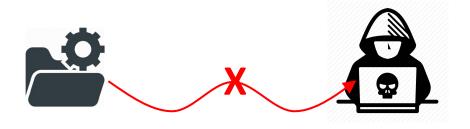
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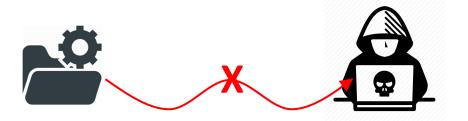
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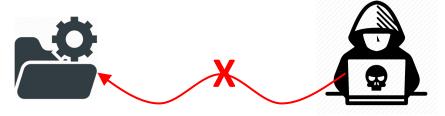


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Information flow security from another perspective

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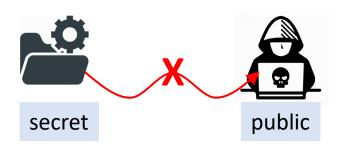
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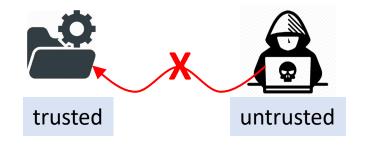
- Security classification
 - Secret (High secret)
 - Public (Low secret)



Read protection

Integrity

- Security classification
 - Trusted (High integrity)
 - Untrusted (Low integrity)



Write protection

Integrity, Broad Definition

- To ensure the correctness, completeness, and consistency of data
- Correctness
 - E.g., for information flow integrity, the (trusted) critical data should not be corrupted by untrusted data
- Completeness
 - E.g., a database system should store all data completely
- Consistency
 - E.g., a file transfer system should ensure that the file contents of both ends (sender and receiver) are identical

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 signal information through the control structure of a program
- Termination channels while (secret_H < 0) { ... };
 signal information through the (non)termination of a computation
- Timing channels
 if (secret_H < 0) for (...) { ... };</p>

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How to prevent unwanted information flows, i.e., enforce information flow policies?

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- Taint analysis tracks how tainted data flow through the program and observes if they can flow to locations of interest (called sinks). In practice, sinks are usually some sensitive methods.

Taint Analysis: Two Applications

Confidentiality

- Source: source of secret data
- Sink: leakage
- Information leaks

x = getPassword(); // source y = x; log(y); // sink

- Integrity
 - Source: source of untrusted data
 - Sink: critical computation
 - Injection errors

```
x = readInput(); // source
cmd = "..." + x;
execute(cmd); // sink
```

Taint analysis can detect **both** unwanted information flows

"Can tainted data flow to a sink?"

"Can tainted data flow to a sink?"

Or, in another way

• "Which tainted data a pointer (at a sink) can point to?"

Taint and Pointer Analysis, Together*

The essence of taint analysis/pointer analysis is to track how tainted data/abstract objects flow through the program

- Treats tainted data as (artificial) objects
- Treats sources as allocation sites (of tainted data)
- Leverages pointer analysis to propagate tainted data

*Neville Grech and Yannis Smaragdakis, "*P/Taint: Unified Points-to and Taint Analysis*". OOPSLA 2017.

Domains and Notations

Variables:	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i>	$\in \mathbf{V}$
Fields:	<i>f</i> , <i>g</i>	∈F
Objects:	Oi, Oj	$\in \mathcal{O}$
Tainted data:	ti, tj	$\in T \subset O$
Instance fields:	0i.f, 0j.g	$\in O \times F$
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Taint Analysis: Inputs & Outputs

Inputs

- Sources: a set of source methods (the calls to these methods return tainted data)
- *Sinks*: a set of sink methods with sensitive arguments (that tainted data flow to the arguments of these methods violates security polices)

• Outputs

• *TaintFlows*: a set of tuples of source and sink calls

E.g., $\langle i, j, k \rangle \in TaintFlows$ denotes that the tainted data from call site *i* (which calls a source method) may flow to the *k*-th argument of call site *j* (which calls a sink method)

Rules: Call

• Handles sources (generates tainted data)

Kind	Statement	Rule
Call	<i>l</i> : r = x.k(a1,,an)	$l \rightarrow m \in CG$ $\underline{m \in Sources}$ $t_l \in pt(r)$

Rules (Same as Pointer Analysis)

Kind	Statement		Rule		
New	i: x = new T()		$\overline{o_i \in pt(x)}$		
Assign	x = y		$\frac{o_i \in pt(y)}{o_i \in pt(x)}$		
Store	x.f = y		$\frac{o_i \in pt(x), \ o_j \in pt(y)}{o_j \in pt(o_i.f)}$		
Load	y = x.f		$\frac{o_i \in pt(x), \ o_j \in pt(o_i.f)}{o_j \in pt(y)}$		
Call	<i>l</i> : r = x.k(a1,,an)		$o_{i} \in pt(x), \ m = \text{Dispatch}(o_{i}, k)$ $o_{u} \in pt(aj), 1 \leq j \leq n$ $o_{v} \in pt(m_{ret})$ $o_{i} \in pt(m_{this})$ $o_{u} \in pt(m_{pj}), 1 \leq j \leq n$		
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1
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    A x = new A();
3
  String pw = getPassword();
4
  A y = x;
5
 x.f = pw;
6
 String s = y.f;
7
 log(s);
8
 }
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  String getPassword() {
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     ...
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  return new String(...);
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  A x = new A();
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  A y = x;
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 x.f = pw;
 String s = y.f;
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7
  log(s);
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 }
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  String getPassword() {
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     ...
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    return new String(...);
12 }
```

Kind	Statement	Rule
Call	<i>l</i> : r = x.k(a1,,an)	$l \rightarrow m \in CG$ $\frac{m \in Sources}{t_l \in pt(r)}$

Variable	Object		
x	<i>0</i> ₂		
pw	0 ₁₁ , <mark>t</mark> 3		

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Sources:{ getPassword() }Sinks:{ (log(String), 0) }

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pw	o ₁₁ , t ₃		
y	<i>0</i> ₂		

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 Sinks:
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Variable	Object
x	02
pw	<i>o</i> ₁₁ , <i>t</i> ₃
у	02
Field	Object
<i>o</i> ₂ .f	<i>o</i> ₁₁ , <i>t</i> ₃

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Variable	Object
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у	<i>0</i> ₂
S	<i>o</i> ₁₁ , <i>t</i> ₃
Field	Object
<i>o</i> ₂ .f	<i>o</i> ₁₁ , <i>t</i> ₃

	<pre>void main() {</pre>		Source	es:	{ getPa	ssword()	}
2 3	A x = new A(); String pw = getPass	word();	Sin	ks:	{ (log(S	String), 0 >	}
	A y = x; x.f = pw; String s = y.f;		TaintFlor	ws:	{ (3, 7,	0) }	
_	<pre>log(s);</pre>				Variable	Object	
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10					pw	o ₁₁ , t ₃	
<pre>11 return new String(); 12 }</pre>				у	<i>0</i> ₂		
Kind	Statement		Rule		S	o ₁₁ , t ₃	
		1	$\rightarrow m \in CG$		Field	Object	
	<i>l</i> : r = x.k(a1,,an)	$\langle m, i \rangle \in \underline{Sinks}$			$o_2.f$	0 ₁₁ , t ₃	
Call			∈ pt(ai) ∈ TaintFlows			84	

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 TaintFlows:
 { (3, 7, 0) }

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The X You Need To Understand in This Lecture

- Concept of information flow security
- Confidentiality and integrity
- Explicit flows and covert channels
- Use taint analysis to detect unwanted information flow

