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Reliably Secure Software Systems (RS³) - A National Research Priority Program

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Reliably Secure Software Systems (RS³)

IT-Security as a Business

Evolution

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Relevance of IT-Security

Evolution

IT-security is a fundamental problem of secondary importance.

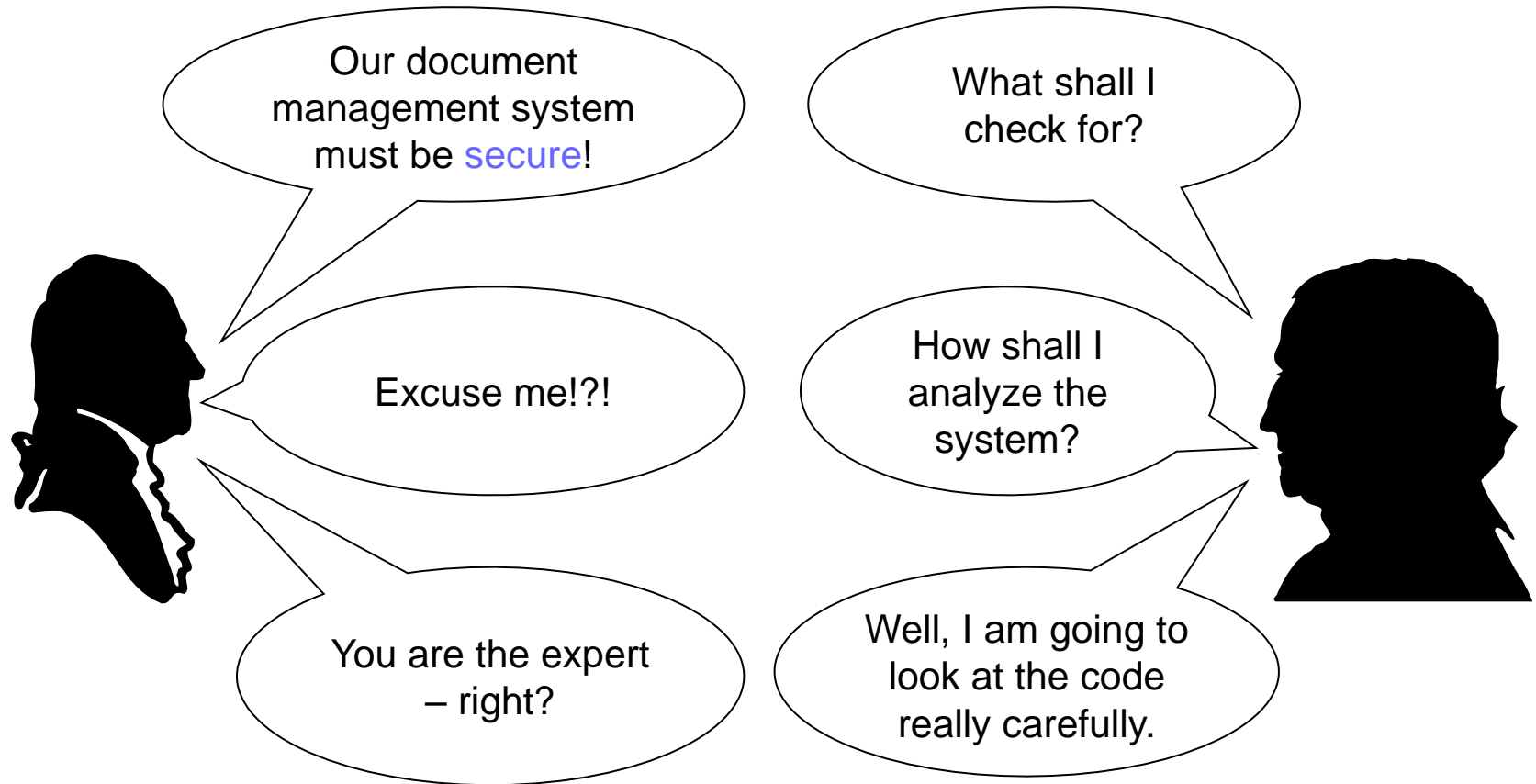
IT-security vulnerabilities is a problem of primary importance for business and government.

Lack of security guarantees is a problem of primary importance for business and government.

Example areas with high security needs

fourth industrial revolution (Industrie 4.0), vehicle control, e-banking, e-commerce, e-government, e-voting, smart on-line services, cloud, wearable devices, digital identity, third-party apps, third-party code,

IT-Security as a Requirement





Next

a metaphor

Mechanism-Centric Security (1)



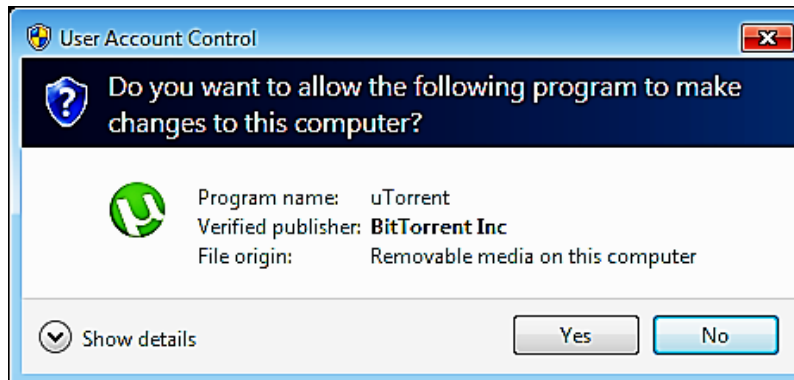
Mechanism-Centric Security (2)

Problems

- How can a system developer ensure that all relevant security aspects have been properly addressed?
- How can a user decide whether a system is sufficiently secure?
- How can a user assess the consequences of his decisions?

Do you want to grant “browser.exe” access to the Internet?

Do you allow “setup.exe” to make changes to your setup?





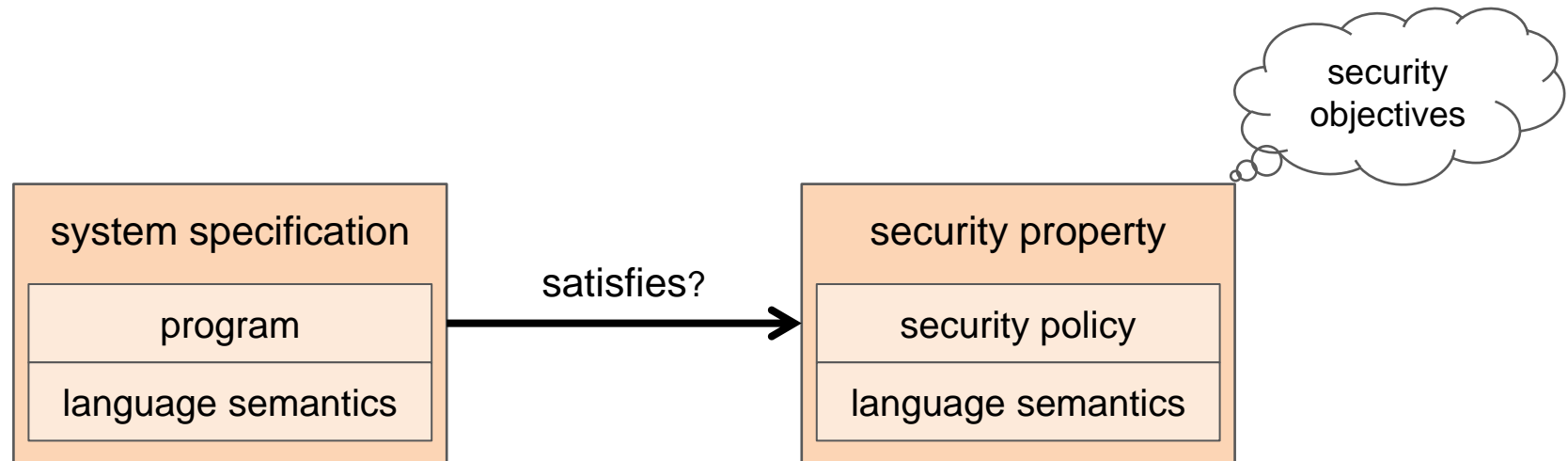
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the vision

Property-Centric Security (1)

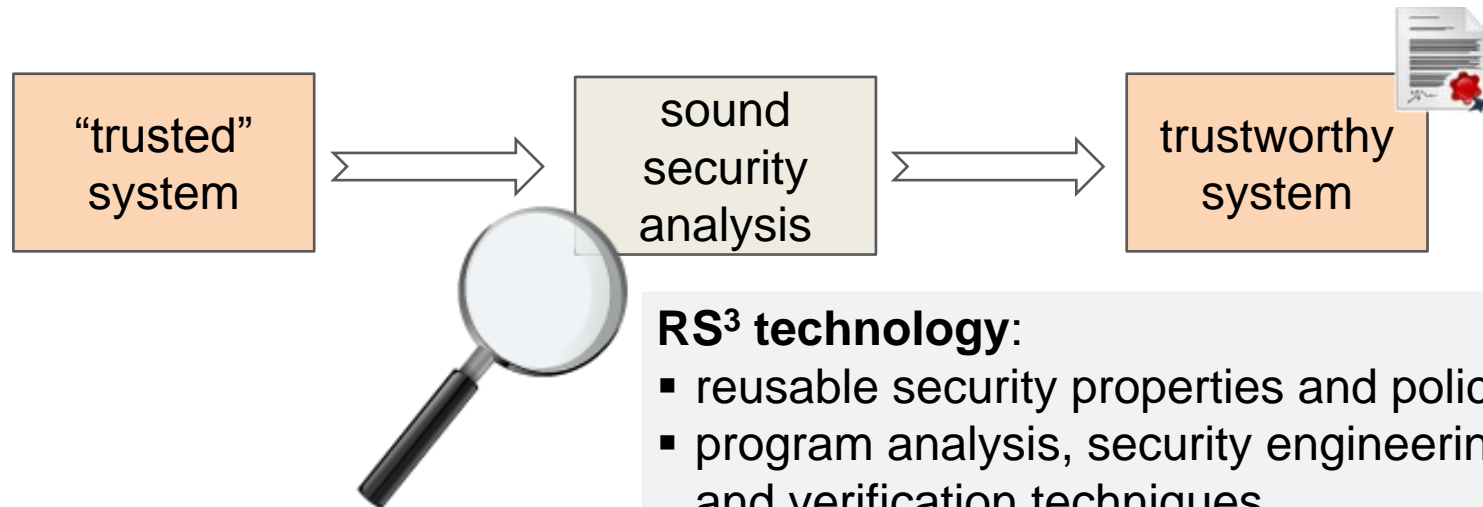
Formal definition of security requirements based on well-defined semantics of programs and security aspects:



**Declarative security properties specify
what is achieved rather than how it is achieved!**

Property-Centric Security (2)

Formal verification of selected, formally specified security requirements using program analysis and verification tools:



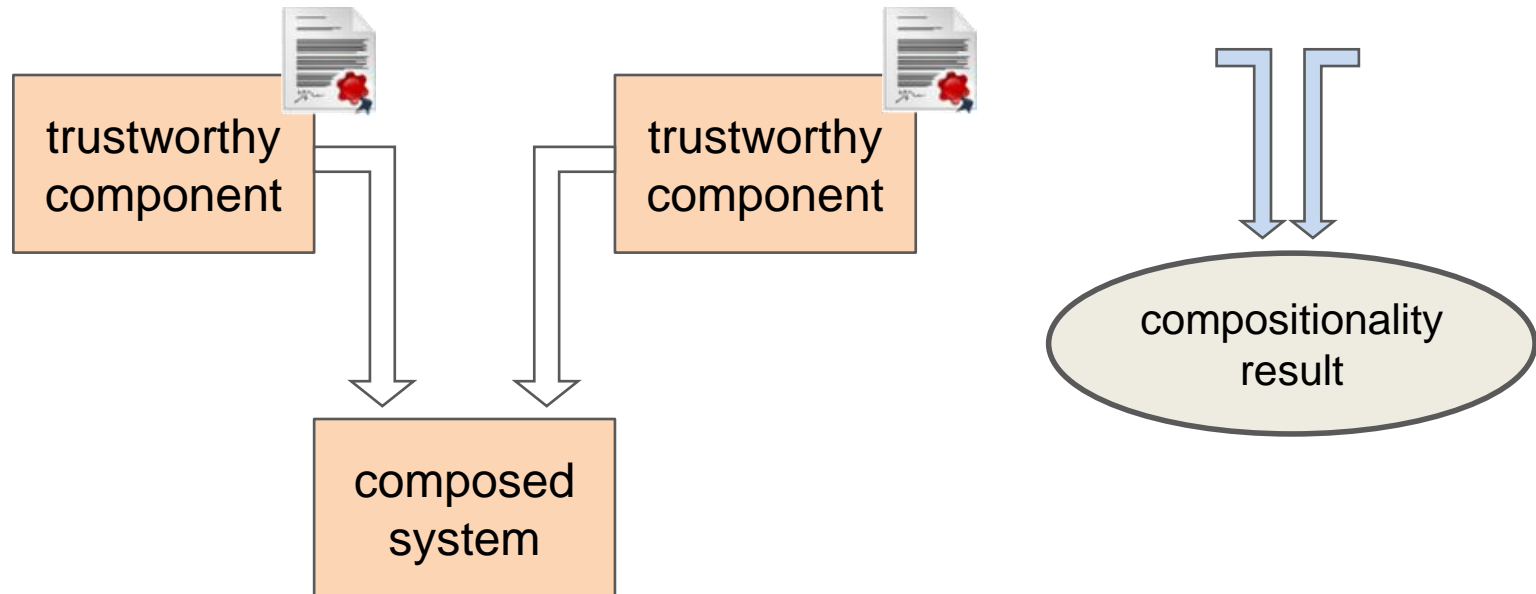
RS³ technology:

- reusable security properties and policies
- program analysis, security engineering, and verification techniques
- tool support
- case studies

Semantic gap between declarative security property and operational system specification makes verification meaningful!

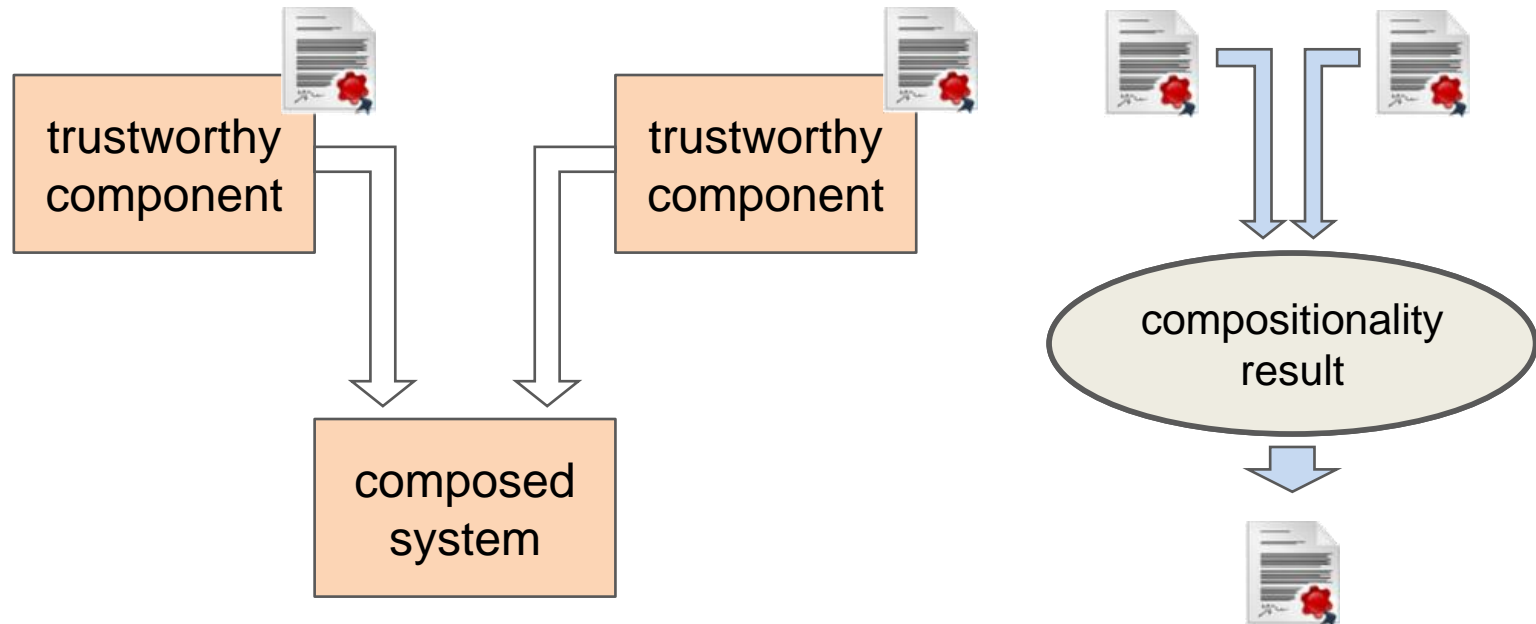
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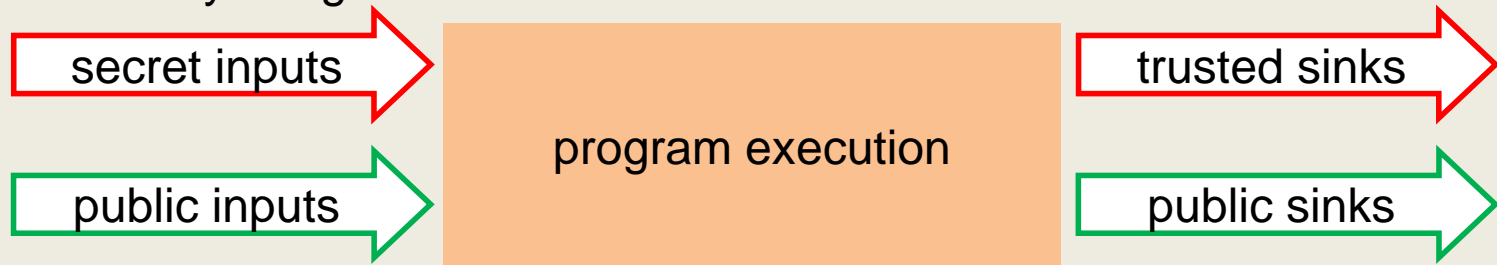
Compositionality results for declarative security properties provide a basis for making security scale in a sound way!



Information-Flow Security

A role model for declarative security properties

Is there any danger that secrets are leaked?



Formalization

$\forall S, T, S', T' \in \text{states}.$

$S =_{\text{public}} T \wedge \langle P, S \rangle \rightarrow S' \wedge \langle P, T \rangle \rightarrow T' \Rightarrow S' =_{\text{public}} T'$

Intuition: If publicly visible output does not depend on secrets then there is no danger that secrets are leaked.



Next

the priority program

DFG Priority Programs

Aims of DFG priority programs



“To advance knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support over several locations”

[www.dfg.de]

“[...] nationwide cooperation between its participating researchers”

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- “Priority programmes are characterized by their
- enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields
 - added value through interdisciplinary cooperation
 - networking”

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“The priority programme has the potential for increasing international importance, or is likely to have a lasting impact on the scientific landscape.”

[DFG guideline 50.05]



Reliably Secure Software Systems

A nation-wide research program on reliable software security

- coordinator: Prof. Dr. Heiko Mantel
- funded by the DFG

Timeline

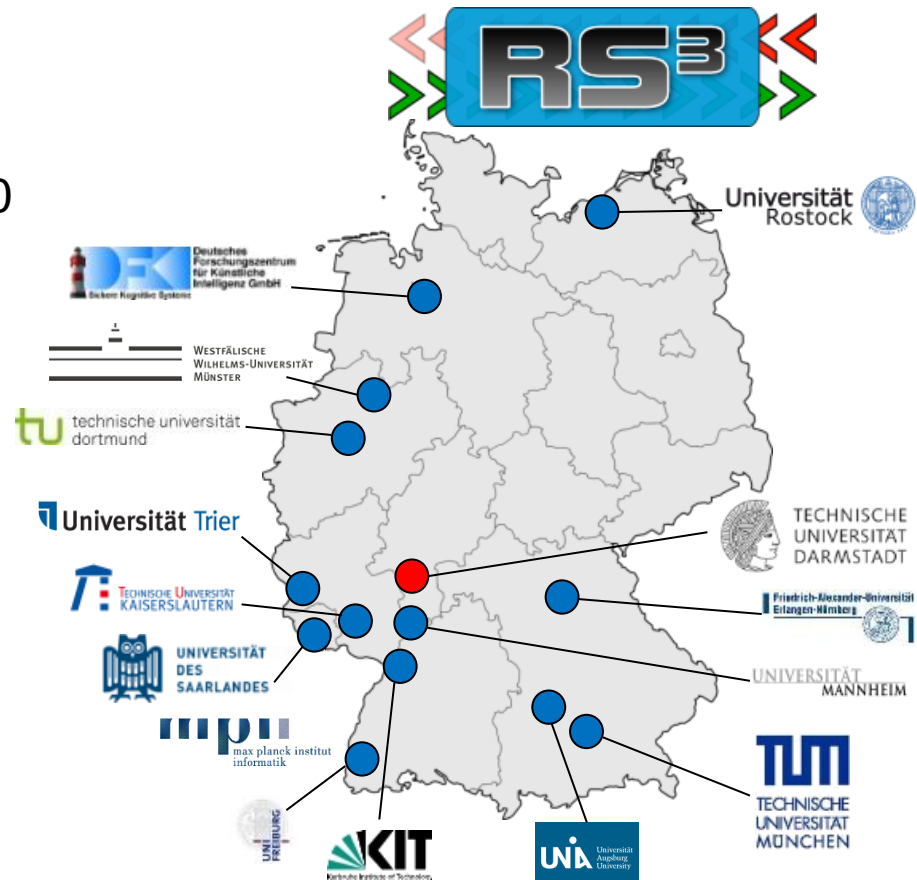
- preparation phase: 2008–2010
- funding phases:
2010–2012–2014–2016
- final event: summer 2017

Participants

- 37 funded projects
- various associated projects

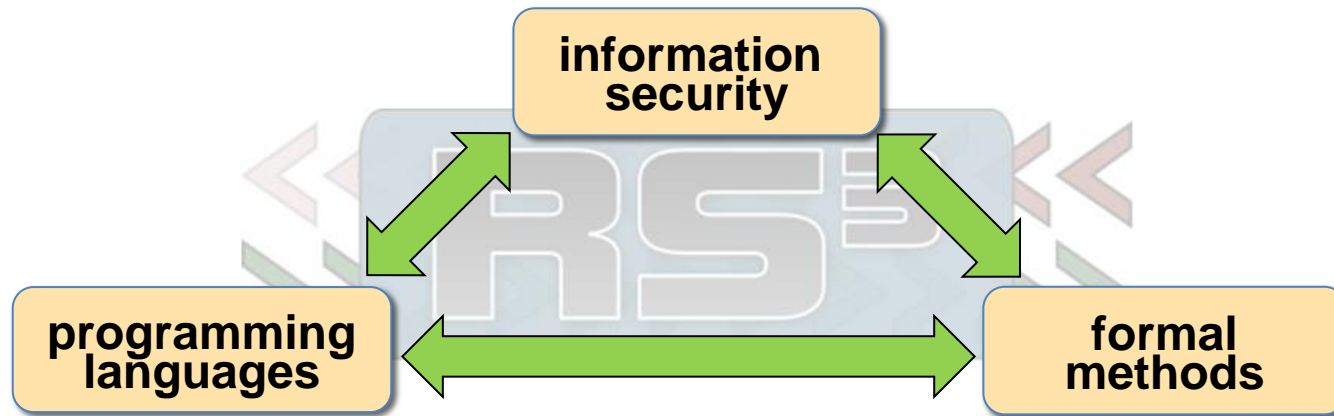
Friends of RS³ (FoRS³)

informal club of experts from industry who participated in RS³ events



Intra-Disciplinary Research

Enable synergy-potential across different sub-disciplines of CS



to push forward

1. property-centric approaches to IT-security,
2. reliable verification of declarative security guarantees, and
3. scaling reliable security guarantees to larger IT-systems

Scope: Reliable security guarantees for software-based systems based on formal semantics of programs and of security aspects.



Research Topics in RS³

Themes



Project clusters:

sequential&concurrent noninterference, security engineering, usage control



Progress in RS³

RS³ @ top conferences, e.g.,

CSF '11,12, 14,15

Security&Privacy '11,12, 14

CAV '11,14,15

CCS '13

MPC '12

ICSE '12,15

RV '11

CODASPY '13

CADE '13

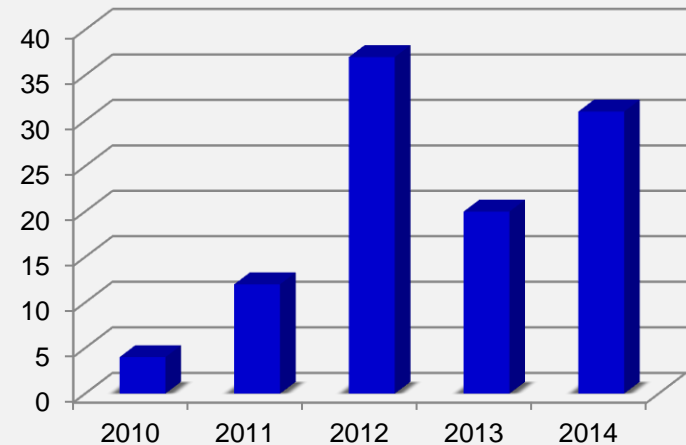
POPL '11

POST '14

VMCAI '11,12

LOPSTR '15

Reviewed RS³ publications



Education (by end of 2014)

- >25 BSc theses
- >45 MSc/Diploma theses
- >8 PhD theses
- 2 professors (or equivalent)

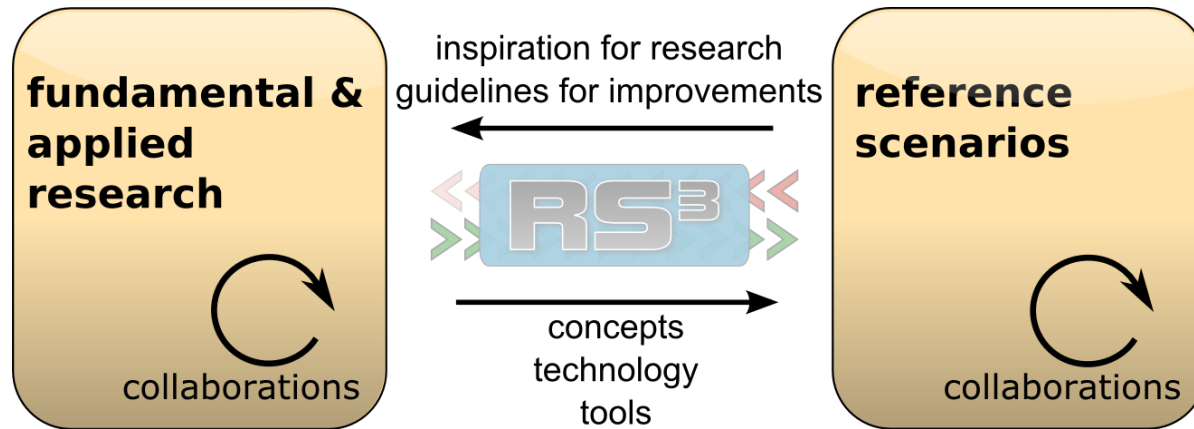




Role of our Reference Scenarios

Reference scenarios are RS³-wide collaborations on case studies

- grouping of projects by common application scenario



Goals:

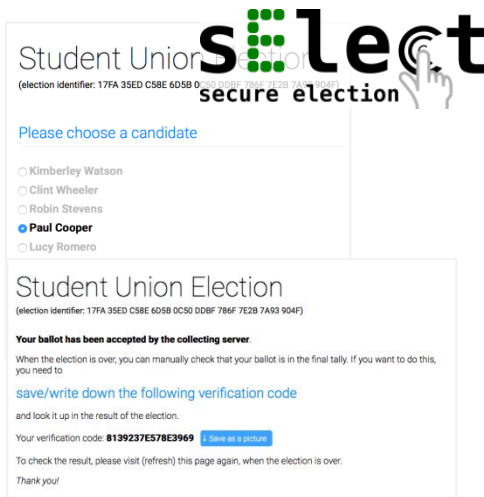
- apply technology to solve practical problems
- exchange insights across different areas of expertise
- inspire research questions



From Foundations to Engineering

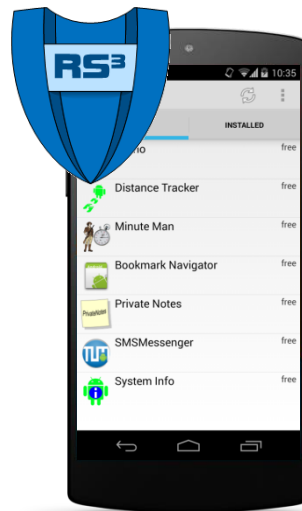
Security in E-Voting

sElect, an E-Voting system with proven confidentiality of votes and verifiability



Software Security for Mobile Devices

RS³ Certifying App Store, provides user-defined security guarantees about Android apps



Security in Web-based Workflow Management Systems

CoCon, a conference management system with verified confidentiality properties



Presentations by RS³ Researchers

Reference scenarios



Prof. Dr. Eric Bodden
Paderborn University



Prof. Dr. Dieter Hutter
DFKI GmbH and Bremen
University



Prof. Dr. Ralf Küsters
Trier University

Impulse talks



Prof. Dr. Bernhard Beckert
Karlsruhe Institute of
Technology



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Reif
Augsburg University

Posters



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<http://www.reliably-secure-software-systems.de>