

Tools and Techniques for Symbolic Protocol Verification

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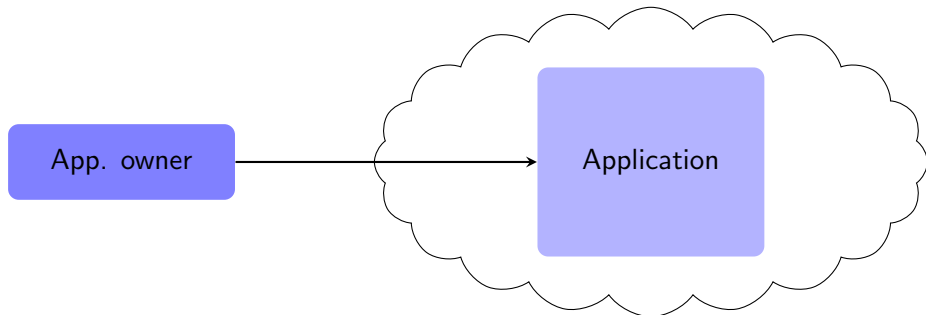
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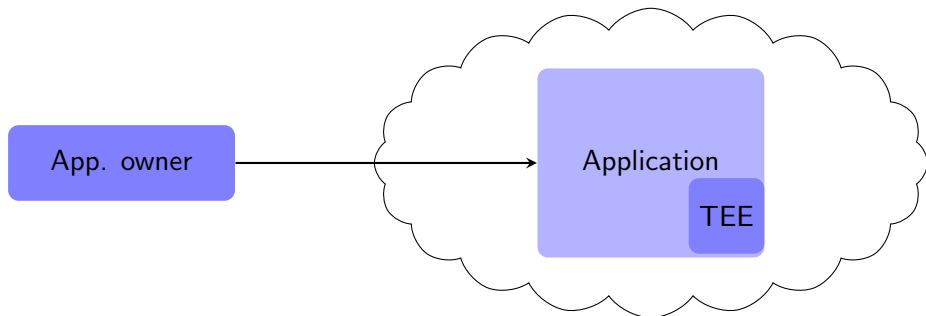
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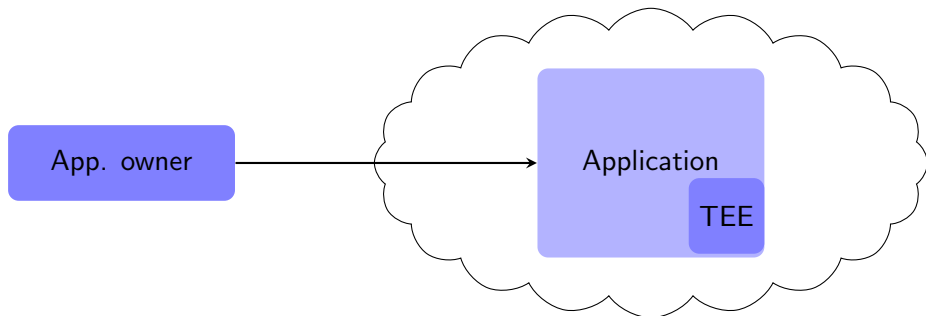


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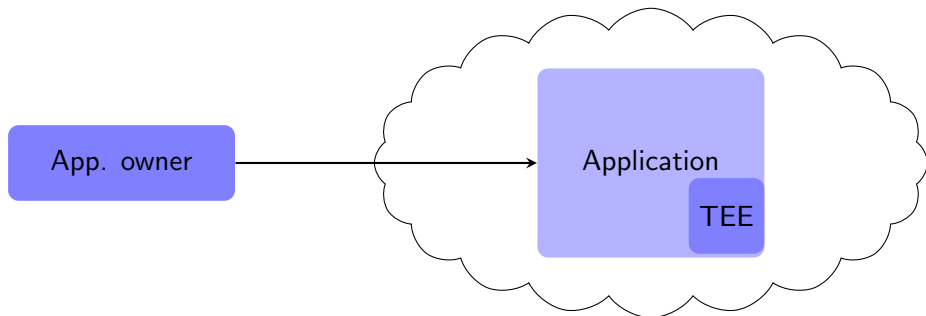
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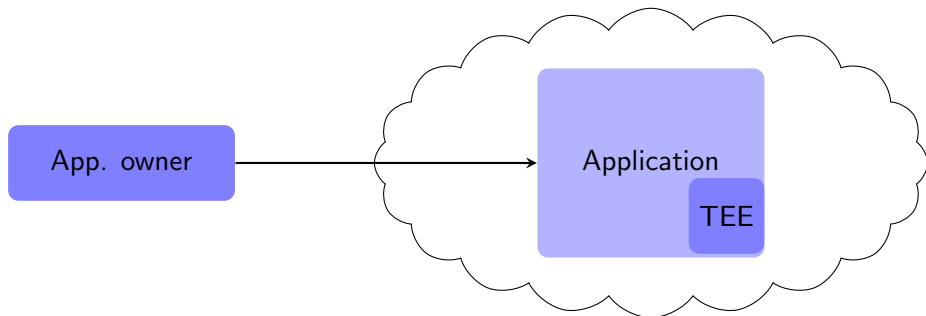
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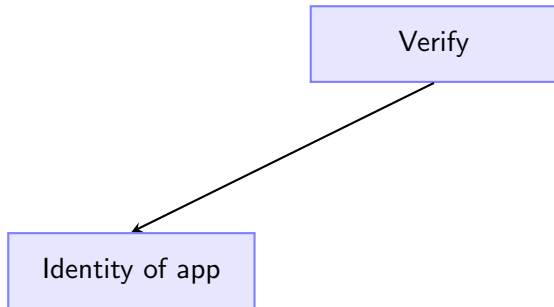
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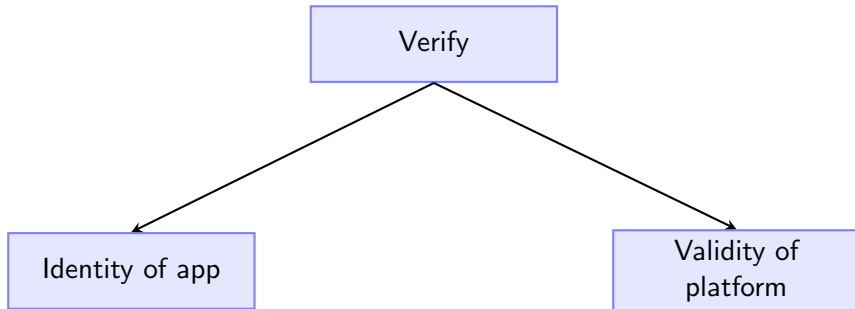
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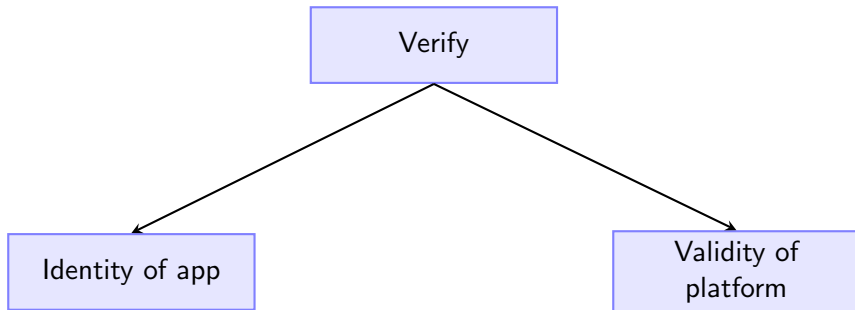
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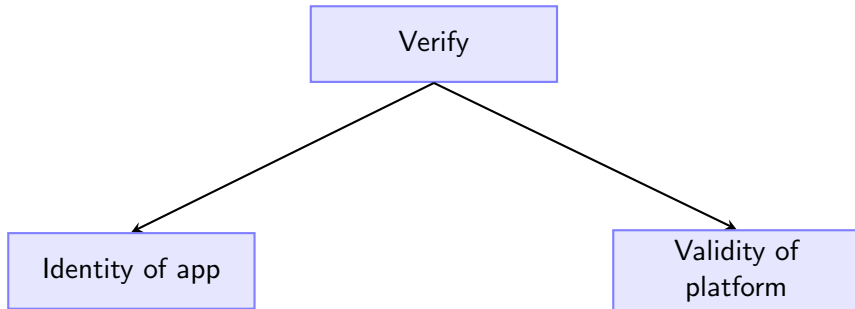
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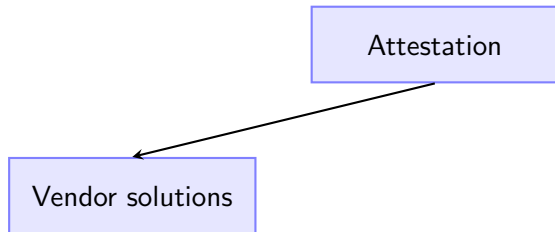


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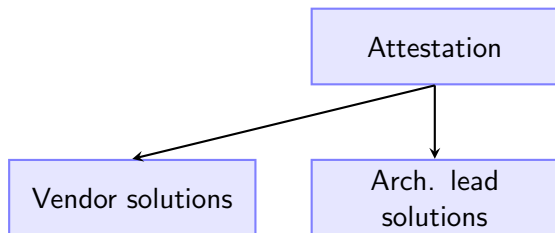
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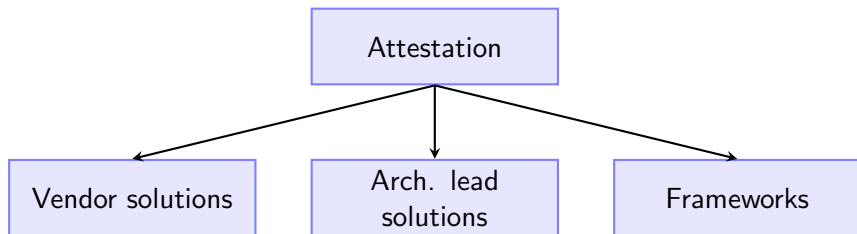
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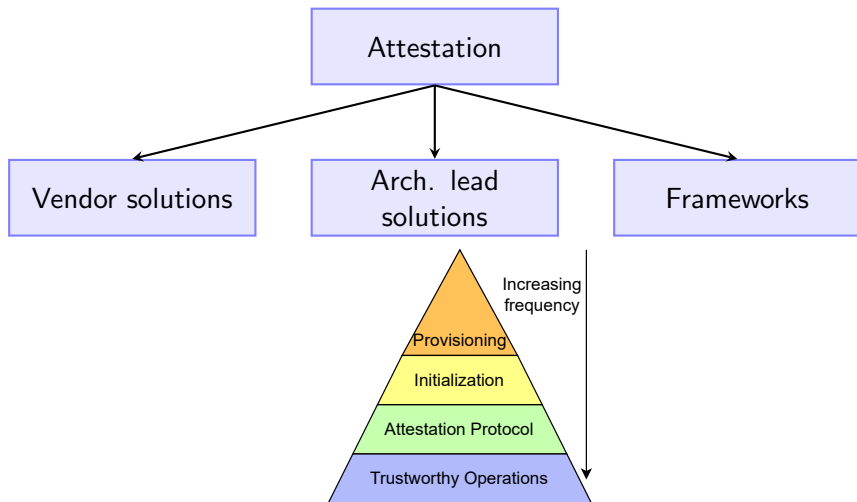
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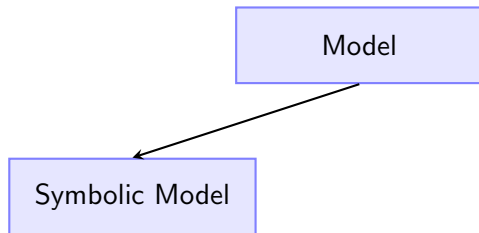
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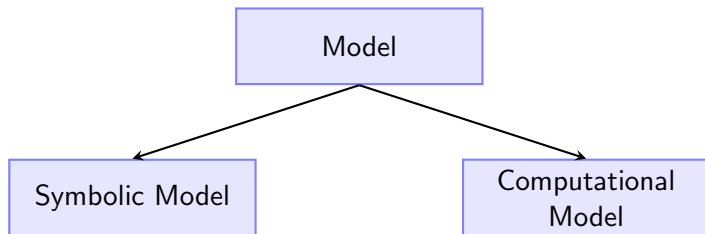
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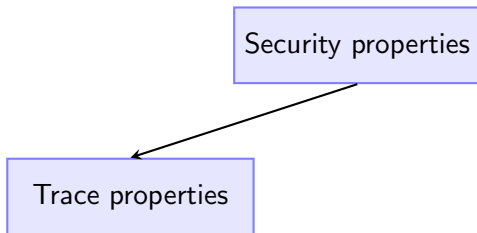
- Used by cryptographers
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Threat Model for Symbolic Analysis

- “Dolev-Yao”² (symbolic) attacker
- Full control of communication network
- Unbounded number of sessions and messages
- Attacker behavior: Non-deterministic
- Assume cryptographic primitives are perfect

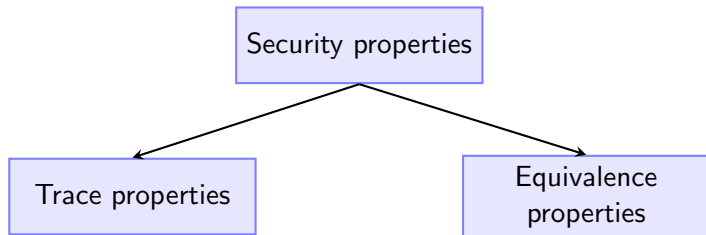
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- Defined on each run of the protocol
 - Confidentiality/Secrecy
 - Authentication

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Security properties³



- Adversary cannot distinguish 2 processes
- e.g., observational equivalence
- Tools: ProVerif, DeepSec (almost the same semantics)

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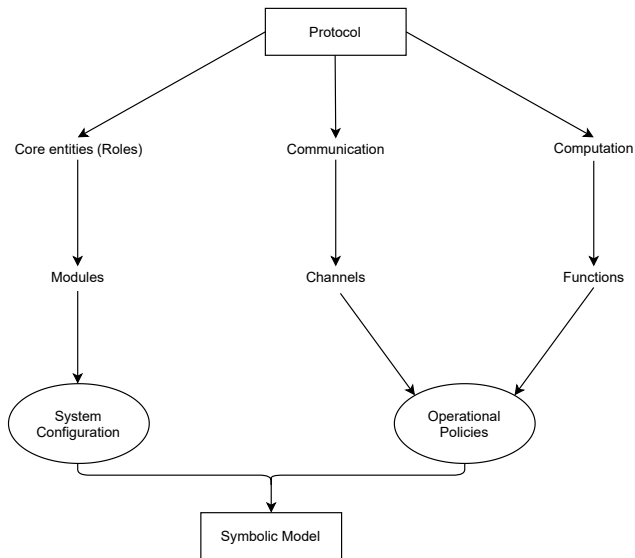
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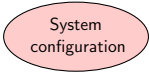
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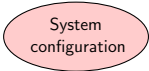


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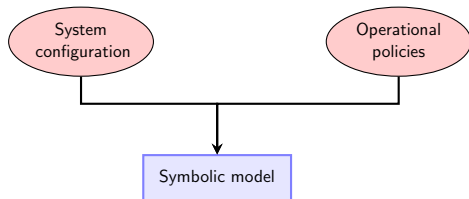


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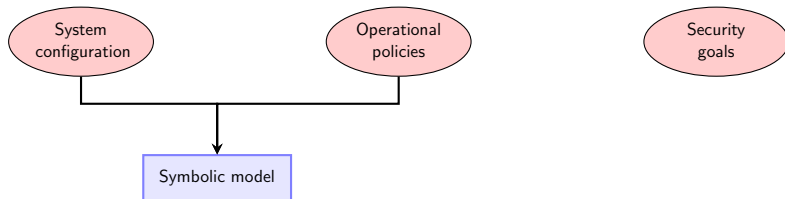


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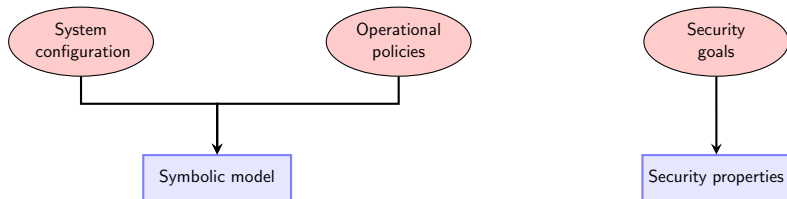
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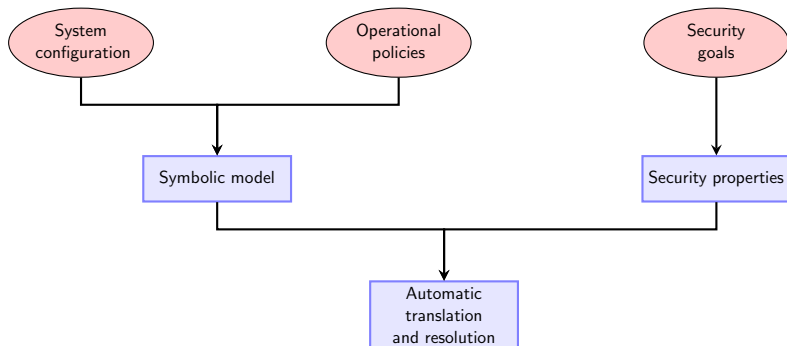
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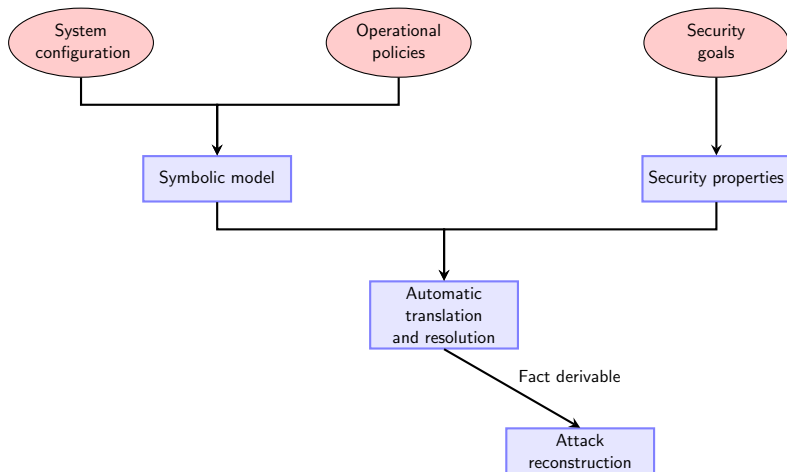
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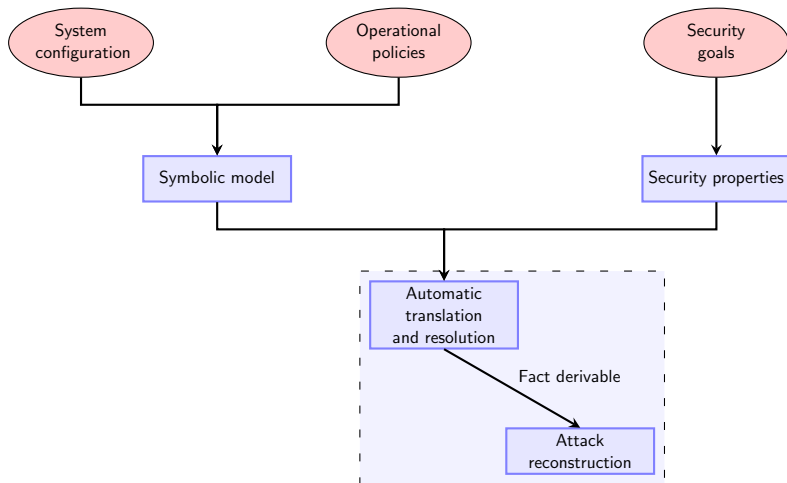
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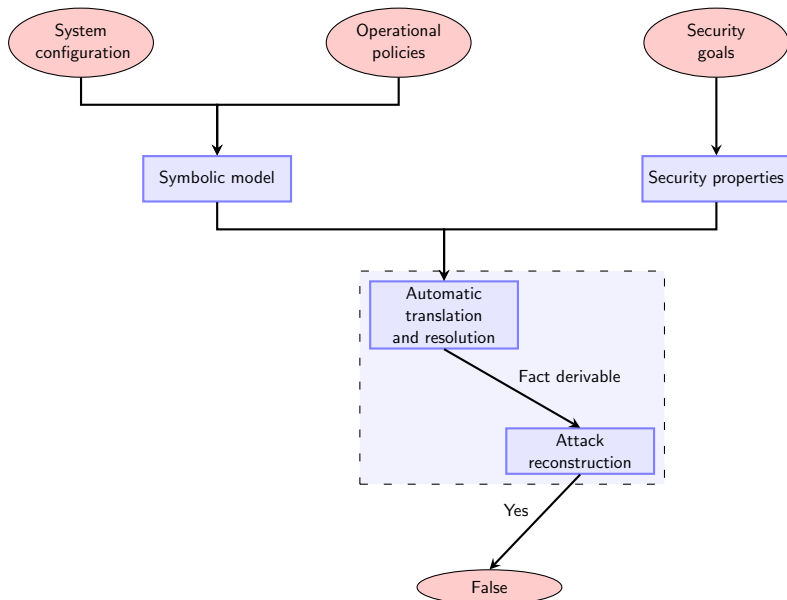
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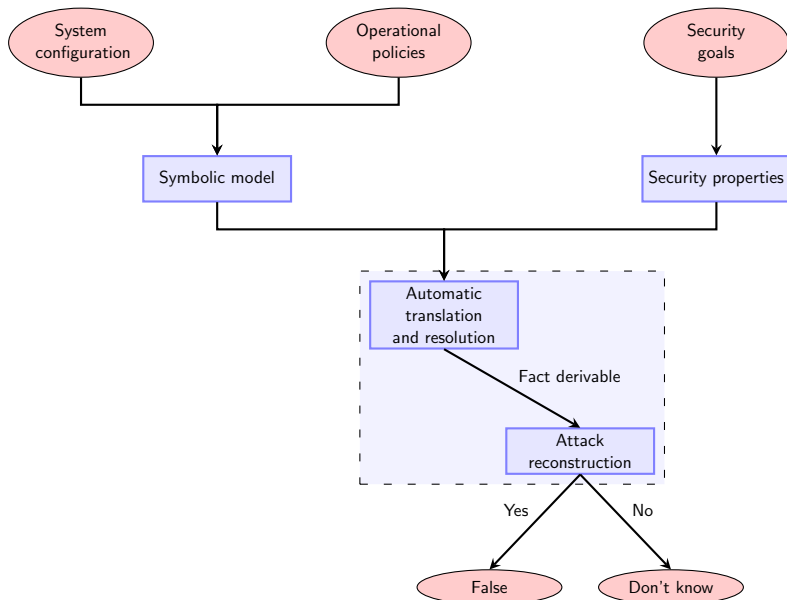
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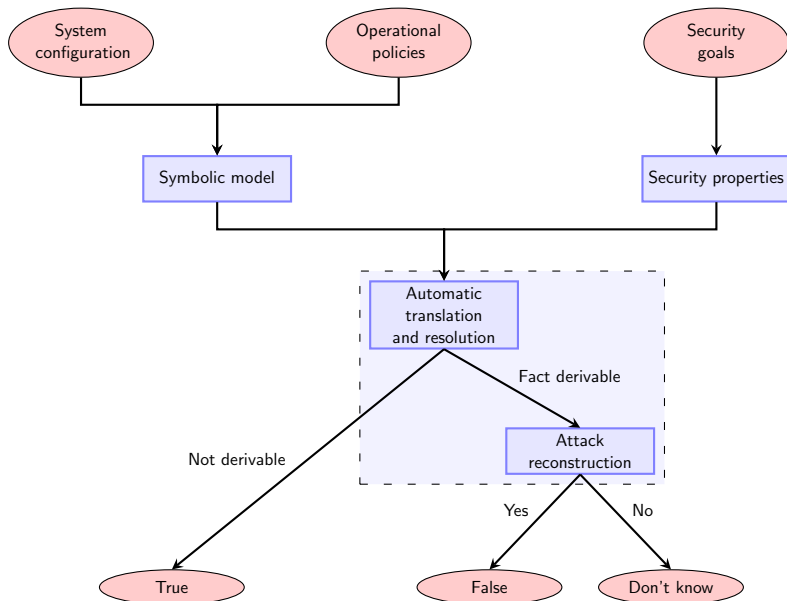
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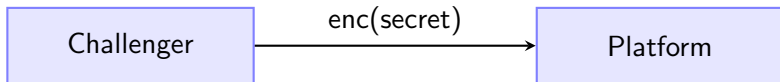


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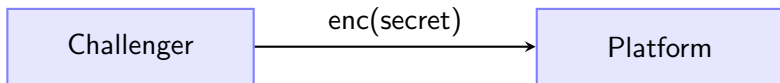
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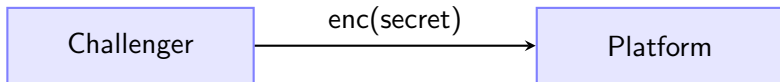
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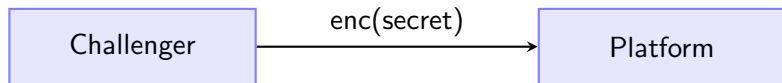
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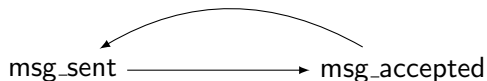
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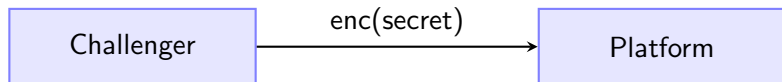
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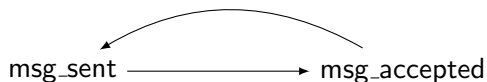
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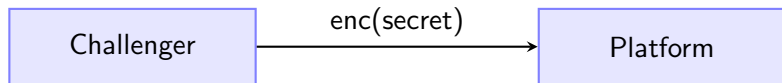
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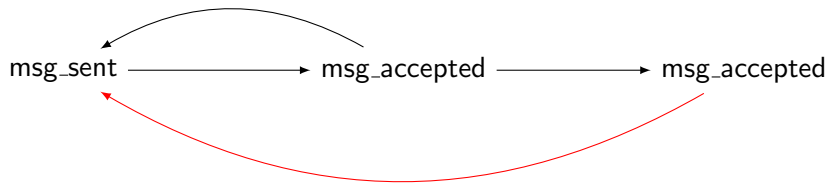
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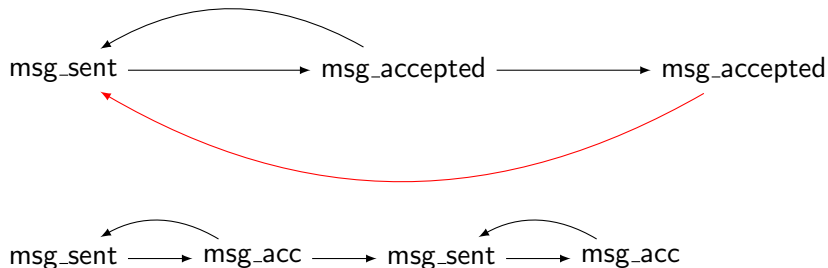
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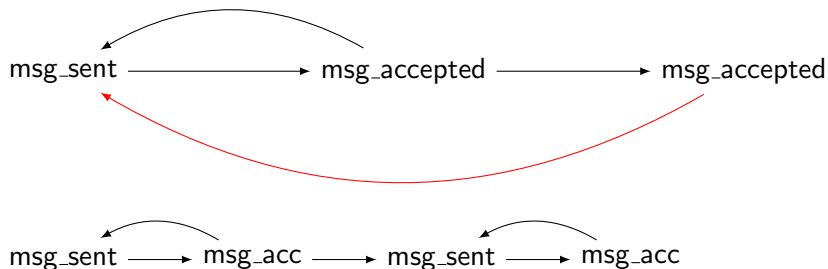
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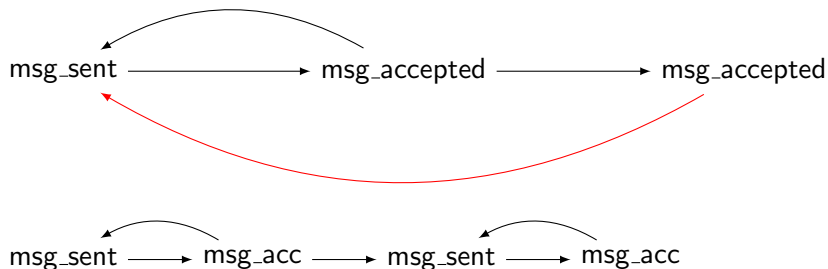


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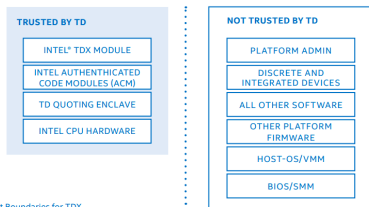


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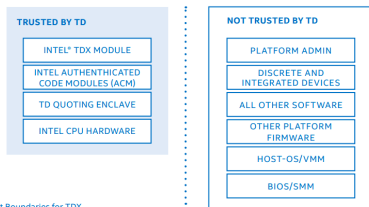


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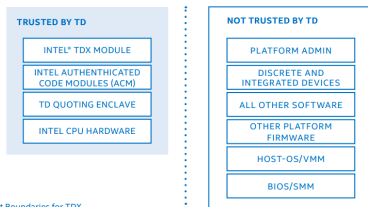


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