

Traceability for Maintenance of Secure Software Systems

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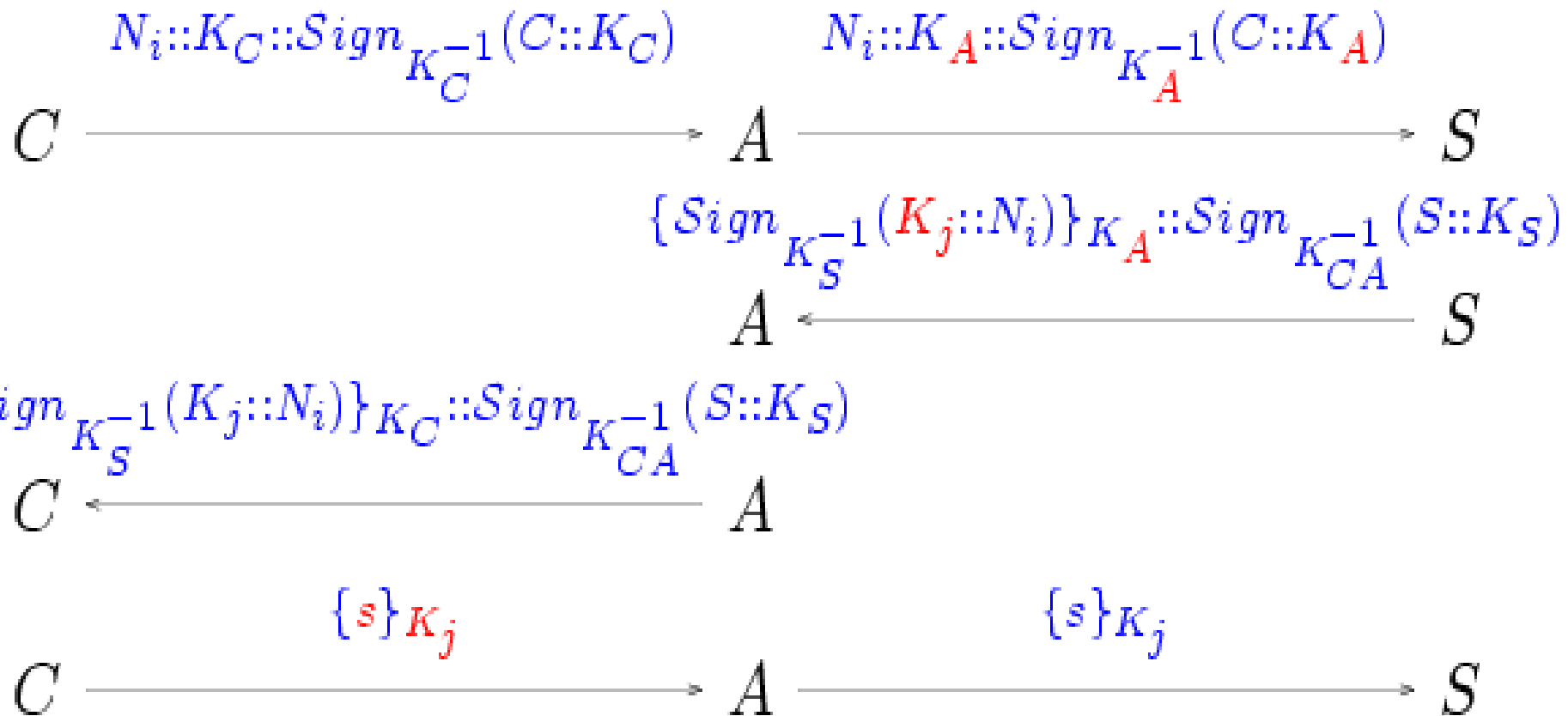
Requirements for Traceability in ...

- Requirements traceability is the ability to follow requirements in the development lifecycle (Gotel et al, RE'94)
- For **secure** systems, right decisions must depend on *high quality* traceability links:
 - precision ~ 100%
 - recall ~ 100%
- Otherwise, vulnerability may result from malicious adversaries
 - Especially important for **self-protection**

SSL handshake protocol

- SSL is widely used in SSH, HTTPS, etc.
- It is one of mandatory internet secure protocols (Antoniol ICSM'08)
- The handshake protocol has been implemented before its design were verified (Jurjens, ASE'06)
- Therefore one cannot enforce traceability through model-driven development

Man-in-the-Middle Attack



Research questions related to high-quality traceability links?

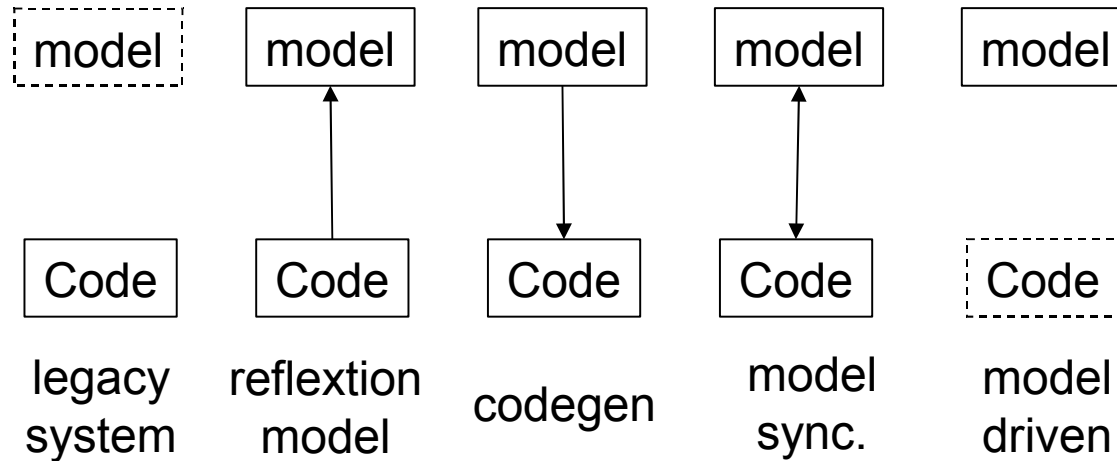
- For general software maintenance, traceability links are helpful even when not 100% precise (De Lucia et al, TOSEM'07, ASE'08), (Antoniol, et al. ICSM'08)
- What shall we do if high quality traceability links are required in secure software domains?
 - Is it possible to *reuse* the analysis results by using traceability links?
 - Is it possible to *obtain* such traceability links?
 - Is it possible to *maintain* such traceability links for evolving software systems?

Outline of the talk

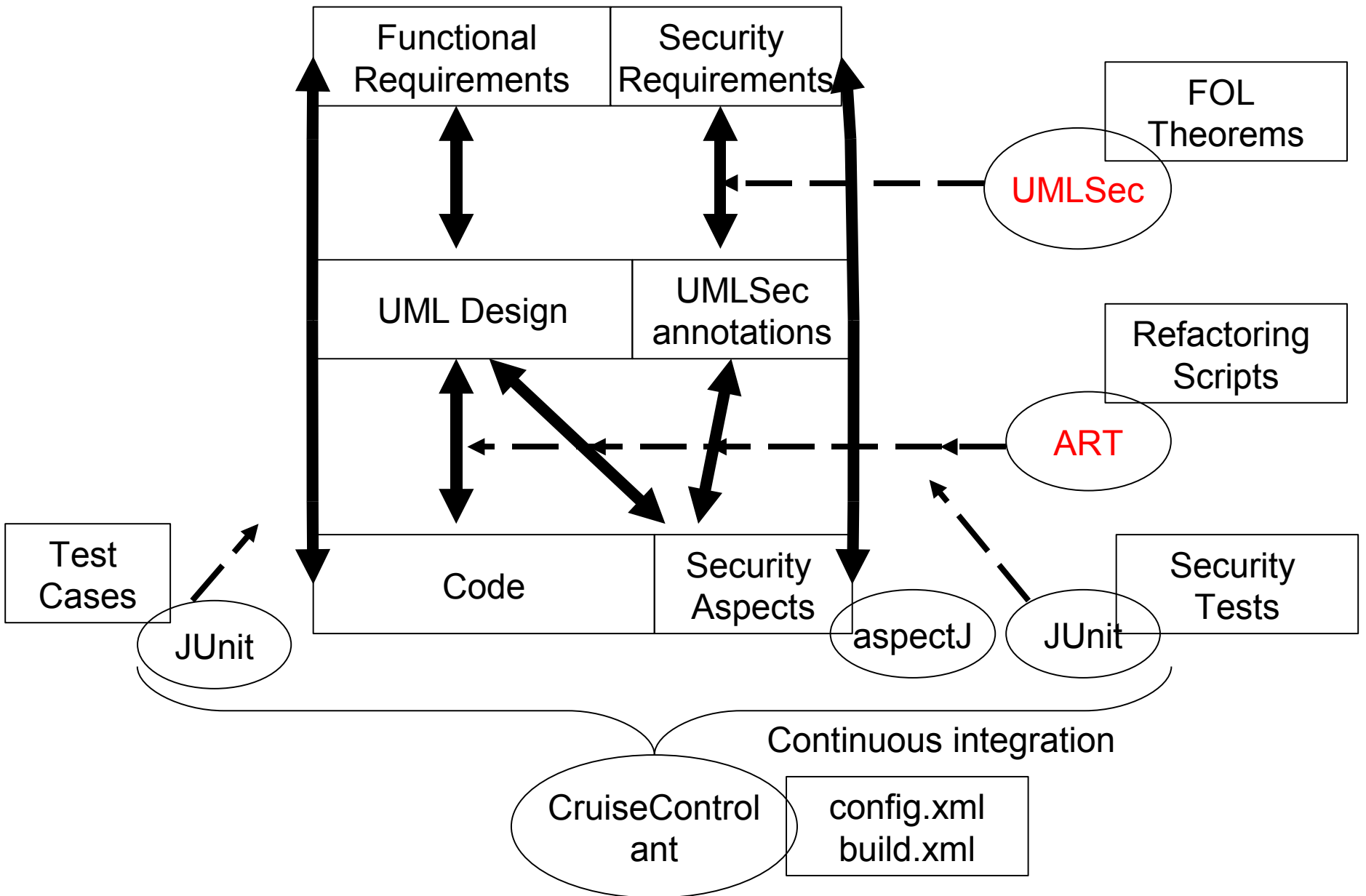
- A traceability framework in support of software maintenance lifecycle
 - Security requirements
 - Non-functional requirements
 - Security design
 - UML sec proof obligations
 - Security implementation
 - refactoring for traceability
 - Security vulnerability detection
 - Targeted testing for missing traceability links
 - Security hardening
 - Security aspect
- A case study: Jessie

Models versus Code

abstraction



Adapted from B. Selic's keynote ASE'07



Security requirements

- Functional requirements versus non-functional requirements
 - non-functional \neq non-mandatory
 - satisficing: good-enough solution (H. Simon, Sci. of Artificial 1997)
- Security requirements are NFRs
 - In principle, never fully achievable
 - Practically, it should be fully achieved given the current state-of-the-art

UMLsec

(Jurjens, 2005)

- UML are used for OOD
- Security requirements are encoded as UMLsec stereotypes in representation
- FOL formula are generated from UMLsec
- Automated theorem provers are then used to verify the satisfaction of the formula

Security Analysis in First-order Logic

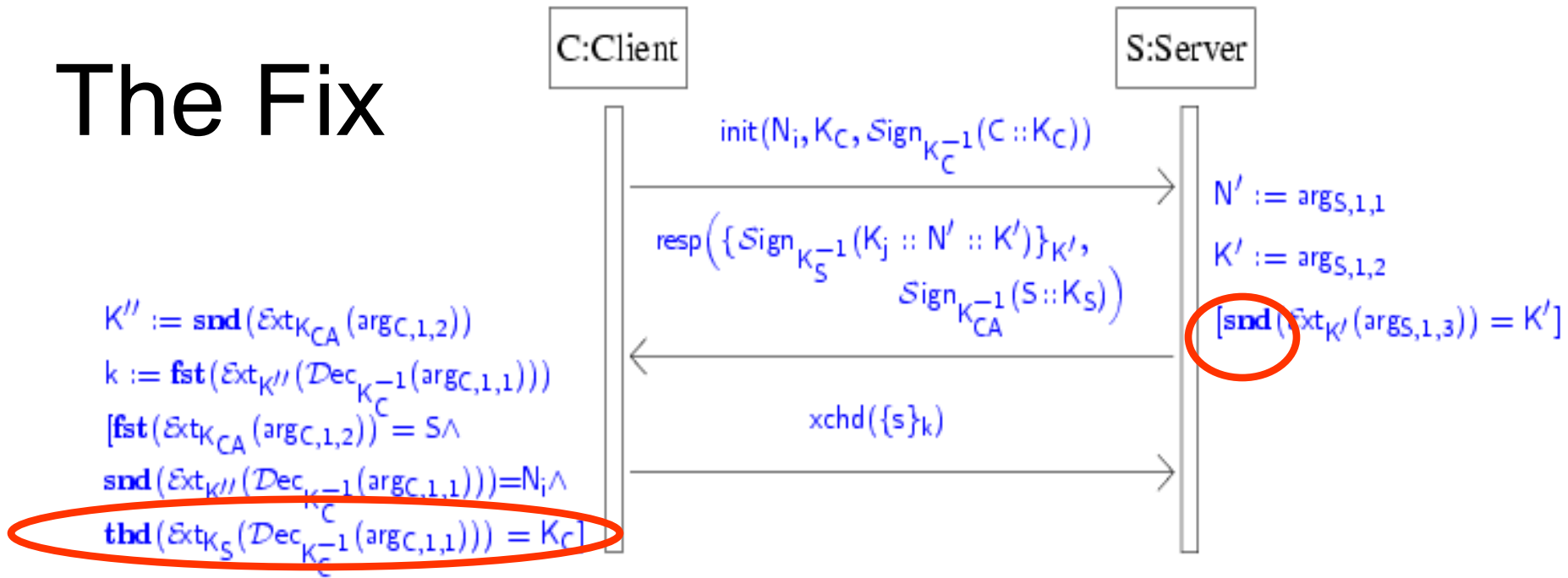
Approximate adversary knowledge set from above:

Predicate $knows(E)$ meaning that adversary may get to know E during the execution of the system.

E.g. **secrecy** requirement:

For any secret s , check whether can **derive** $knows(s)$ from **model-generated** formulas using automatic theorem prover.

The Fix



e-Setheo: **Proof** that $knows(s)$ **not derivable**.

Note **completeness** of FOL (but also undecidability).

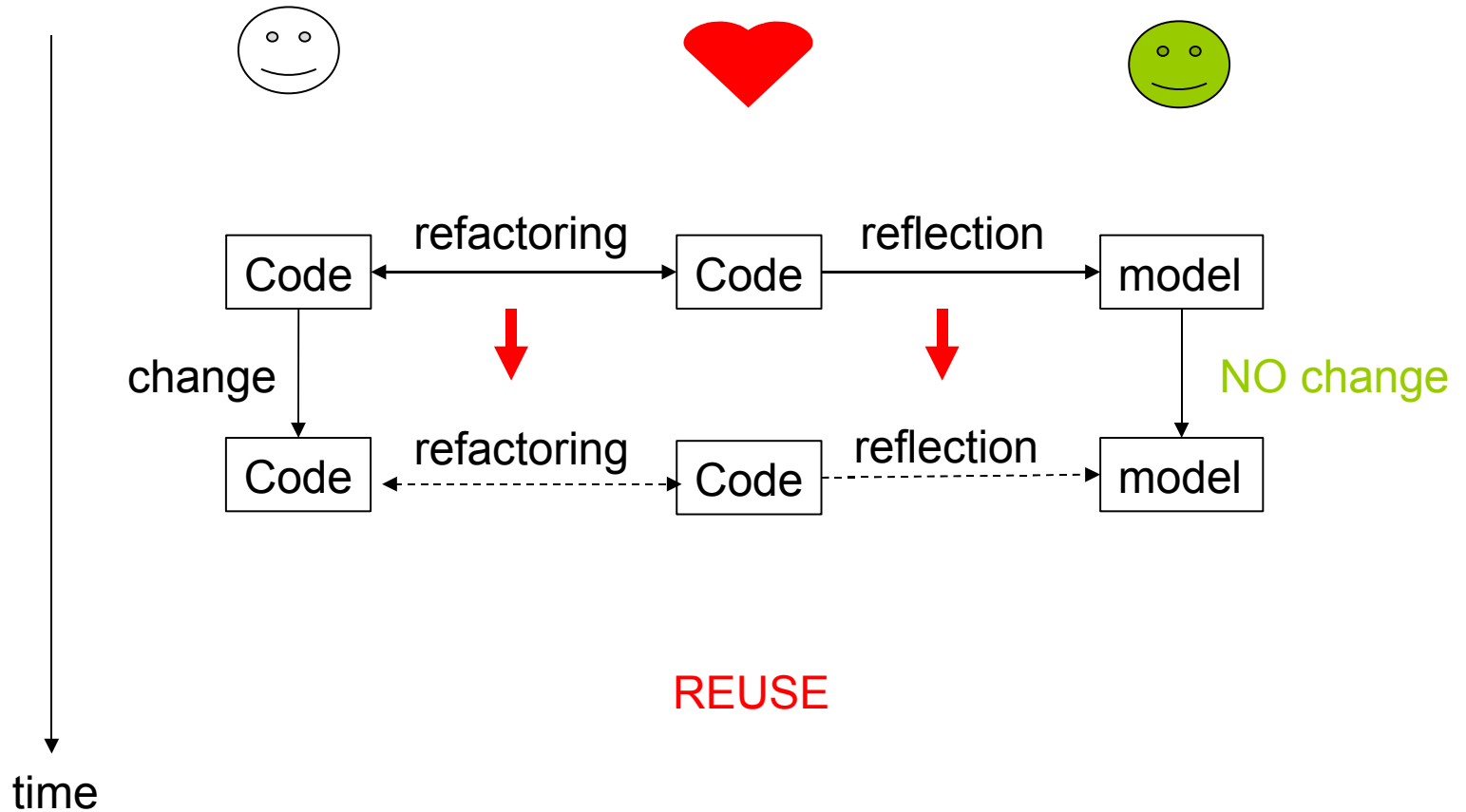
Implementation correctness

- After verifying UML models, are we secure?
 - Code may wrongly implement the model
 - Correct code may evolve into wrong implementations
- Then we need to verify the changed code against the design model. But that's costly !
 - We provide refactoring-based tool support
 - Reuse the analysis on changed code base
- Regressive model-based security engineering
 - Continuous integration

Why refactoring?

- By definition (Fowler, Refactoring 1999):
 - Refactoring preserves program behaviours
 - Refactoring changes internal structure, and this may lead to better abstraction
- We need to bridge model with code, in two steps
 - We make code more abstract
 - We trace abstract code to the design, which reduce the number of traceability links

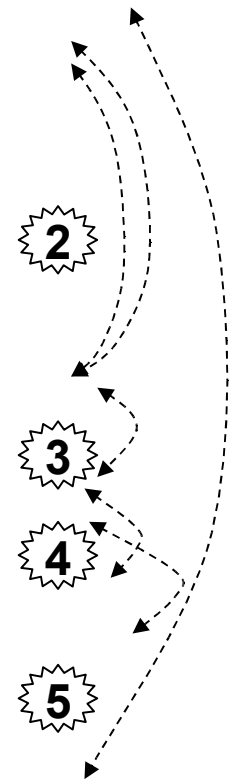
Reusable traceability links



Refactoring for Traceability



```
/* $workspace/abc/src/abc.java */  
public class abc {  
  public static void main2(String args[]) {  
    System.out.println("Hello");  
    System.out.println("Hello");  
  }  
}  
---- Step 1. rename.type ----  
/* $workspace/abc/src/hello.java */  
public class hello { ... }  
---- Step 2. extract.method ----  
public static void main2(String args[]) {  
  print_hello();  
  print_hello();  
}  
public static void print_hello() {  
  System.out.println("Hello");  
}  
---- Step 3. extract.temp ----  
String string = "Hello";  
System.out.println(string);  
---- Step 4. promote.temp ----  
public static String message="Hello";  
public static void print_hello() {  
  System.out.println(message);  
}  
---- Step 5. rename.method ----  
public class hello {  
  public static String message="Hello";  
  public static void main(String args[]) {  
    print_hello();  
    print_hello();  
  }  
  public static void print_hello() {  
    System.out.println(string);  
  }  
}
```



Difference from use of refactoring in software maintenance

- However, we do not intend to modify the source code in the repository
 - **Ownership**: programmers are familiar with their own code, analysts may not have permission to commit changes
 - Refactoring is solely for **analysis** purposes, one design perspective at a time
- Two remaining problems
 - How to apply refactoring to changing code bases?
 - How to reuse the analysis results for implementations of similar design?

Our current solutions and results

- Automated refactoring tool
 - <http://computing-research.open.ac.uk/repos/art/trunk>
 - Context generalisation: parameterise the refactoring scripts to allow for ranges of changes
 - Context specialisation: obtain concrete refactoring scripts for IDE, e.g., Eclipse
- Security aspects
 - Fix requires a change in behaviour, which is beyond refactoring
- Continuous integration
 - Converge changes in design, code, and security analysis

Refactoring scripts

Change-proof specification of refactoring operations

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. The main editor displays a refactoring script in XML format. A red box highlights a specific refactoring operation. The console at the bottom shows the execution of the script, with a green box highlighting the output '37704 12'.

```
package="org.metastatic.jessie.provider",  
class="ServerHello",  
name="S"  
  
@{org.eclipse.jdt.ui.rename.local.variable,  
project="jessie-1.0.0",  
source="",  
package="org.metastatic.jessie.provider",  
class="SSLSocket",  
method="doClientHandshake",  
name="clientRandom",  
target="R_C"  
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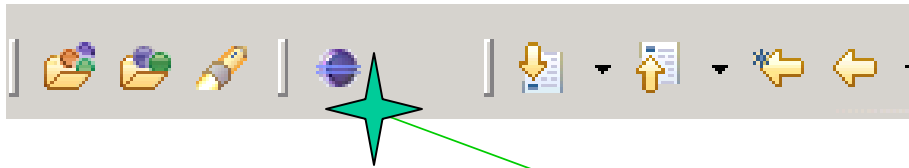
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="no"?><session version="1.0"> <refactoring comment=''  
Elapsed time = 2213 milliseconds  
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name = "clientRandom",  
target = "R_C",  
}  
37704 12  
</session></refactoring comment=''  
Elapsed time = 6088 milliseconds  
@{org.eclipse.jdt.ui.rename.local.variable,
```

Selection
calculated:
offset/len

Eclipse refactoring
scripts generated

Executed

Jessie



```
hello.java | SSLSocket.java X
```

```
1511     if (msg.getType() != Handshake.Type.CERTIFICATE)
1512     {
1513         throwUnexpectedMessage();
1514     }
1515     Certificate serverCertificate = (Certificate) msg.
1516     X509Certificate[] peerCerts = serverCertificate
1517     try
1518     {
1519         session.trustManager.checkServerTrusted(pee
1520             sui
1521         if (suite.getSignature() == "RSA" &&
1522             !(peerCerts[0].getPublicKey() instanceo
1523             throw new InvalidKeyException("improper p
1524         if (suite.getKeyExchange() == "DH" &&
1525             !(peerCerts[0].getPublicKey() instanceo
1526         throw new InvalidKeyException("improper p
1527         if (suite.getKeyExchange() == "DHE")
1528         {
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1532             if (suite.getSignature() == "DSS" &&
1533                 !(peerCerts[0].getPublicKey() insta
```

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SSLSocket.java X
```

```
{
    msg = Handshake.read(din, certType);
    if (DEBUG_HANDSHAKE_LAYER) debug.println(msg);
    if (msg.getType() != Handshake.Type.CERTIFICATE)
    {
        throwUnexpectedMessage();
    }
    Certificate serverCertificate = (Certificate) msg.
    X509Certificate[] peerCerts = serverCertificate.ge
    checkCertificate(suite, peerCerts);
    serverKey = peerCerts[0].getPublicKey();
    serverKex = serverKey;
}
```

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@(org.eclipse.jdt.ui.extract.method,
project="jessie-1.0.0",
source="",
package="org.metastatic.jessie.provider",
class="SSLSocket",
method="doClientHandshake",
begin="        try
            {
                session.trustManager.check
",
end="        serverKey = peerCerts[0]
serverKex = serverKey;
",
```

Traceability becomes reusable

- JESSIE and JSSE are two open-source implementations of SSL in Java
- JESSIE 1.0.1 fully replays traceability refactoring operations on 1.0.0
- Most refactoring operations are reusable in JSSE 1.6

Messages in sequence	op.	diff	Time (ms)
S1: $C \rightarrow S : (P_{ver}, R_C, S_{id}, Ciph[], Comp[])$	7	31	13,891
S2: $S \rightarrow C : (P_{ver}, R_S, S_{id}, Ciph[], Comp[])$	5	20	9,437
S3: $S \rightarrow C : Certificate[X509Cert_s]$	2	2	1,474
S4: $C : Veri(X509Cert_s)$	2	2	3,854
...
Total of 7 messages and 3 checks	27	86	40,303

Messages	JESSIE 1.0.1		JESSIE 1.0.0		JSSE 1.6	
	op.	diff	op.	diff	op.	diff
S1	7	31	7	33	5	23
S2	5	20	5	21	4	16
S3	2	2	2	2	2	2
S4	2	2	2	2	2	2
...
Total	27	86	27	89	21	68

Vulnerability detected

- According to the UMLsec protocol, a certificate with (issuedDate, expiredDate) should be checked whenever a message is received
- 3 call sites of `getCertificate` were found in the refactored code
- Only 2 of them call the `checkCertificate` function
- The missing call site can be listed by a *pointcut* expression in aspectJ: `getCertificate()`
- Test cases are then constructed to reveal the vulnerability
- A fix of the vulnerability was done by an aspect, with an *after()* advice to call `checkCertificate`

Conclusion and future work

- Security engineering requires high-quality traceability links
- A refactoring-based traceability link maintenance technique was proposed
- Effectiveness was evaluated on an important security protocol
- Future work: scalability, full automation, more case studies ... collaborations!