

# Information-Flow Control, Exercises

## **EXERCISE 1:**

Information-flow Security (i.e. *noninterference*)

- Examples
  - Is this program information-flow secure (i.e. *noninterfering*)?  
    `h:=1+4;`  
    `l:=1-5;`
  - Is this program information-flow secure (i.e. *noninterfering*)?  
    `while ( (h + 1) < 4 ) {`  
        `l:=1+1`  
    `}`
  - Is this program information-flow secure (i.e. *noninterfering*)?  
    `l:=h;`  
    `l:=0;`

## **EXERCISE 2:**

Information-flow Control, check (type checking)

Note: the point is not to construct typing derivations, but rather, to test understanding of what the type system checks (e.g. what part of 'check' causes rejection?).

- This program is rejected by a type system for IFC. Why?

```
l:=false;
if h then {
  l:=true;
} else {
  skip;
}
out(l)
```

- This program is rejected by a type system for IFC. Why?

```
l := 0;
while h > 0 {
  l := l + 1;
  h := h - 1;
}
```

- This program is rejected by a type system for IFC. Why?

```
l := 1;
if h mod 2 == 1 then {
  h := 1;
  l := l + 1;
} else {
  h := 0;
  l := l + 1;
}
```

- This program is rejected by a type system for IFC. Why?

```
l:=h;
l:=0
```

- Consider program `if x>0 then y:=z+1 else x:=w; w:=z`. With  $\Gamma(w)=H$ , give the least restrictive labels for  $\Gamma(x)$ ,  $\Gamma(y)$ ,  $\Gamma(z)$ , such that the program type-checks with initial context L.

### **EXERCISE 3**

Information-flow Control, monitor (run-time reference monitor)

- Consider program  $1:=0; \text{ if } h>0 \text{ then } \{1:=1;\} 1:=2$ . With  $\Gamma(h)=H$  and  $\Gamma(1)=L$ , explain step by step what the monitored program does when  $h$  is initially set to 0 and 1 respectively.

### **EXERCISE 4**

Information-flow Challenge

- First four challenges
- [Here](#)

### **EXERCISE 5**

Set up Paragon, and get the Paragon code in the assignment to compile and run.