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# Autenticazione e Autorizzazione nelle Piattaforme Cloud

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SECURITY & TRUST

- Fondazione Bruno Kessler
- S&T Research Unit (born in 2010)
  - 3 researchers
  - 1 visiting researcher
  - 1 junior researcher
  - 2 PhD students
- Involved in local, national, and international research projects
  - some of which I am going to present in the following...
- Coordinators of an educational project in the security of an industrial cloud computing platform...

**Goal:** Train new generation of security experts capable to tackle scientific and technical challenges raised by combination of new technologies (**cloud** computing, **mobile** applications, and the **SaaS** paradigm)



## SECENTIS

A European Industrial Doctorate on Security and Trust

### Consortium:

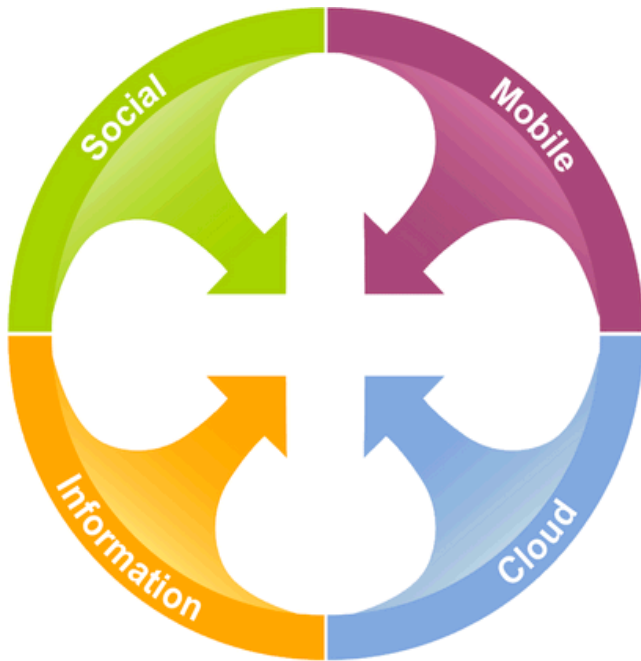
- Fondazione Bruno Kessler (coordinator),
- Security & Trust Practice, SAP Research
- University of Trento, and TrentoRISE



**Recruitment:** Currently seeking 5 young researchers willing to undertake a PhD in an international, collaborative environment.

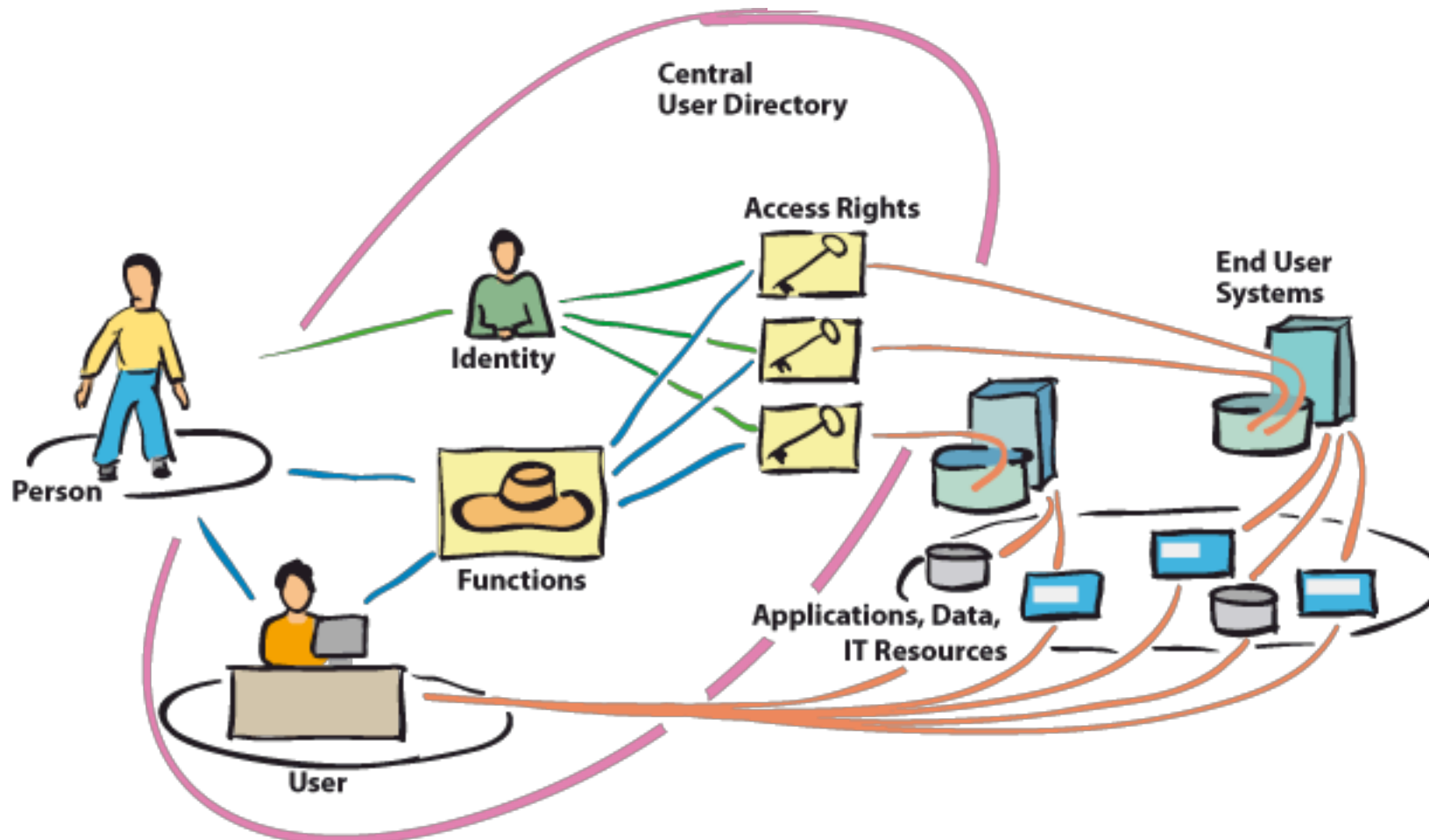
## In 2012, Gartner said

- “*Cloud IAM will grow 500% by 2015*”
- IDaaS will account for 25% of all IAM sales by 2014 (in 2012, only 5%)
- Why? 4 converging forces

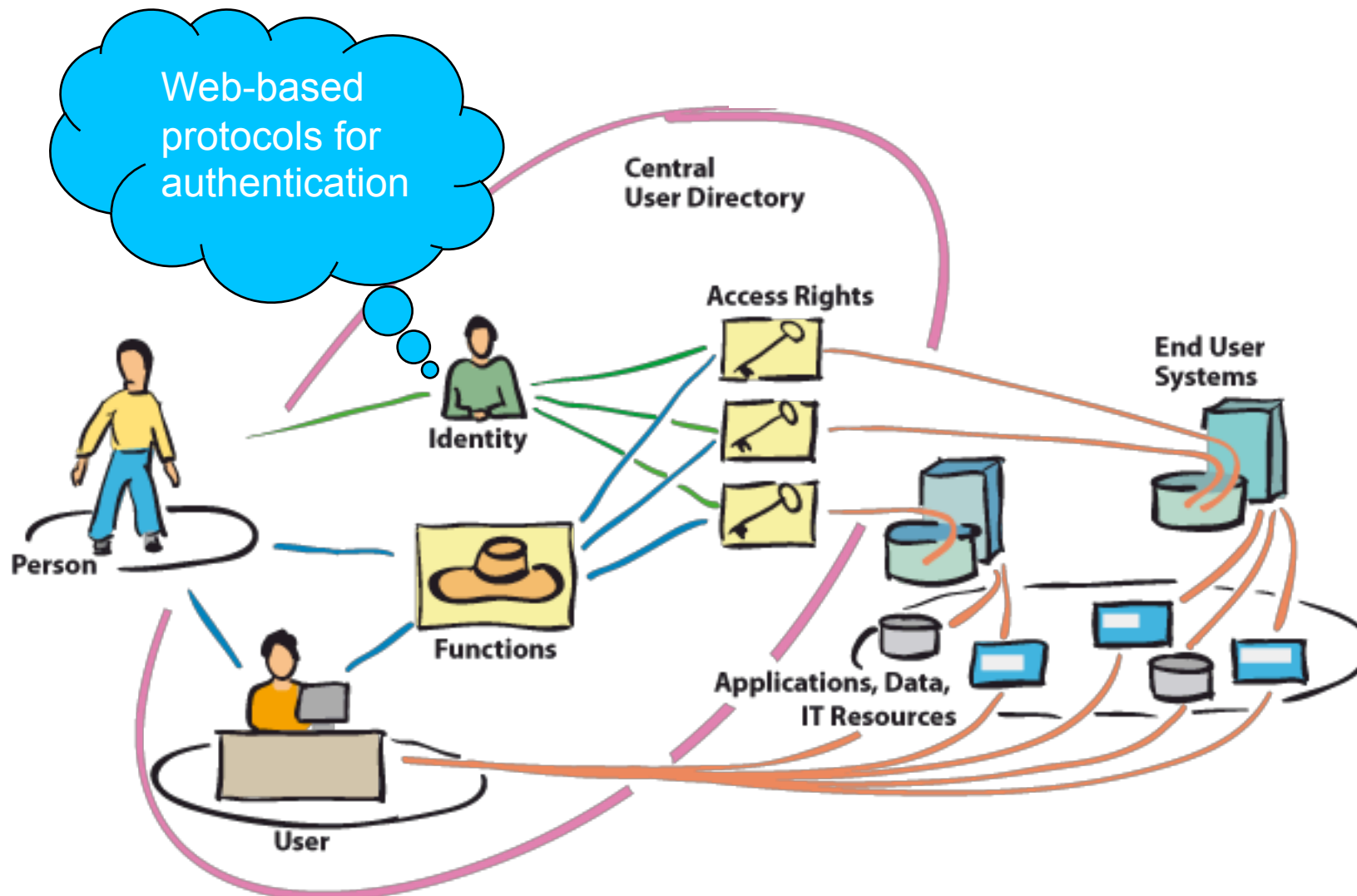


1. **social platforms** for both customers and employees
2. **mobile devices** used by employees to access corporate data
  - Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD)
3. **information** spread over several systems
4. **cloud SaaS** is being widely accessed and adopted

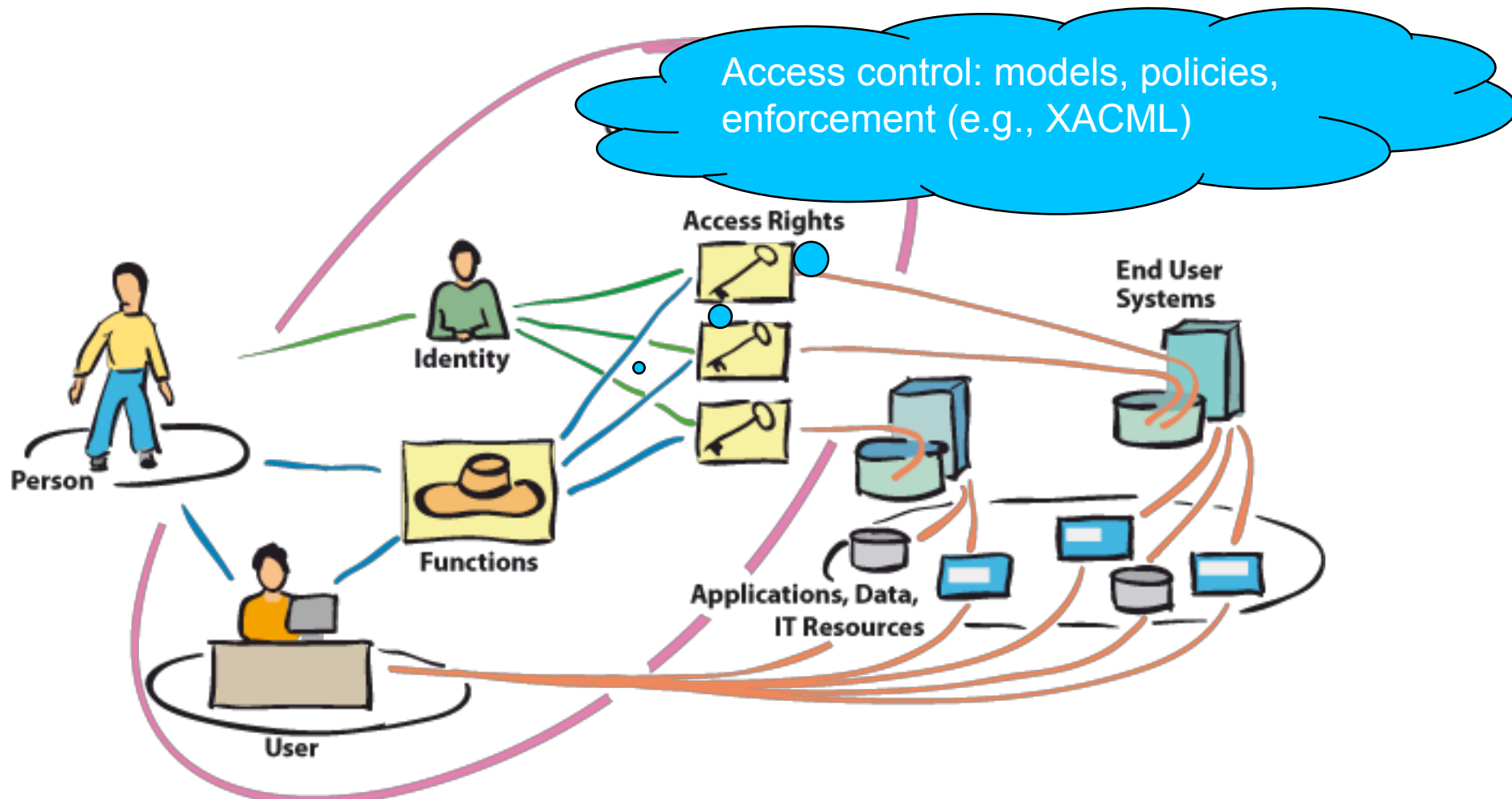
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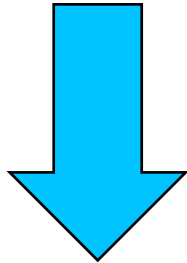
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# Some scenarios



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- **Social platform**
- **Several devices:** laptops, tablets, smart-phones, ...
- **Mobile apps:** Android
- Authentication: Single-Sign-On
- Authorization based on single user profile
- **Apps accessing data handled by other apps/ services with user consent**
  - OAuth: next slides

(FBK, UNITN, ...)



### **Community Manager**

Build your own social network!



### **Communicator**

Organise your campus messages!



### **Discover Trento**

Experience Trento as you never did!

User  
Stewie

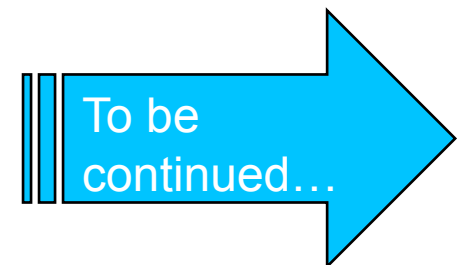


1. I want  
to use  
my\_cv  
app with  
my data



my\_cv: an  
app to  
display CVs

2. I want  
to  
access  
Stewie's  
data

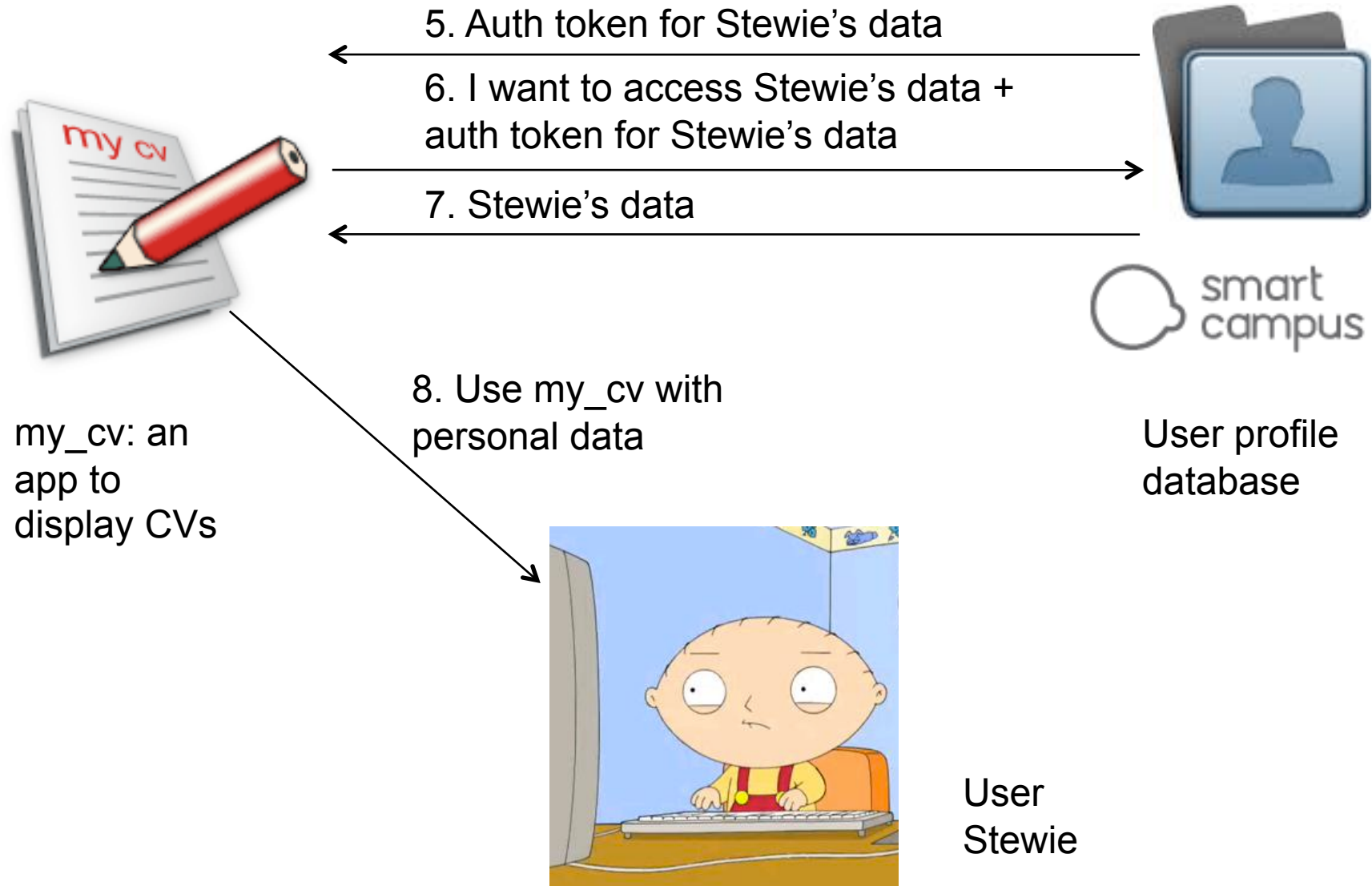


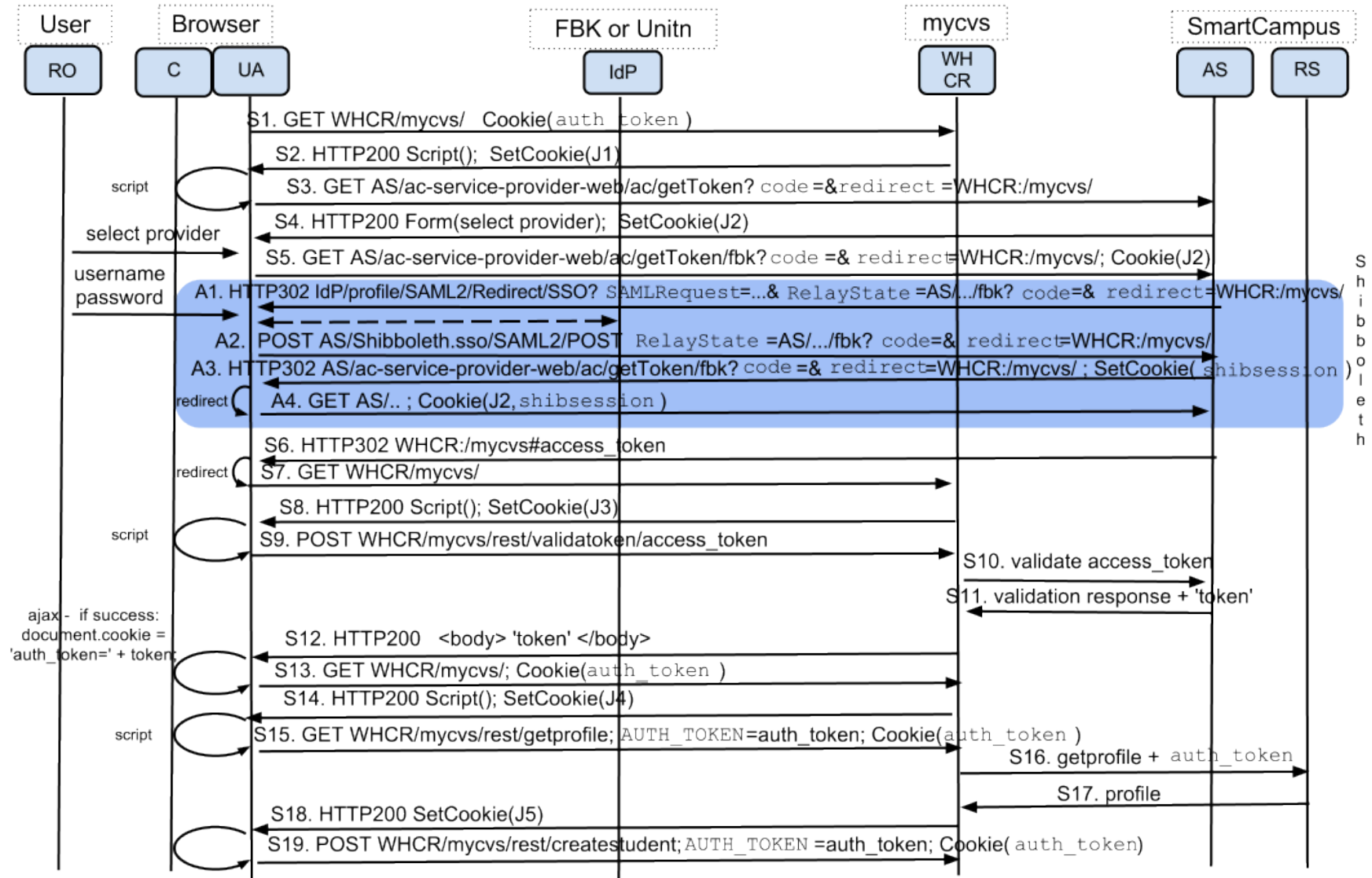
3. Do  
you let  
my\_cv  
access  
your  
data?

4. Yes,  
let  
my\_cv  
access  
my data



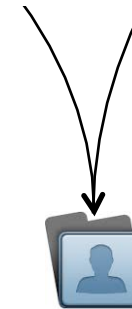
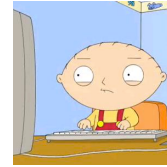
User profile  
database





- **Model: state machine  $M = \langle I, T \rangle$** 
  - $I$  = initial states = “user is not authenticated, auth token is invalid, ...”
  - $T$  = possible transitions = arrows in MSC
- **Security property:  $P$**  = “app can access user data only after user consent”
- **Model checking:  $M$  satisfies  $P$ ?  $M \models P$** 
  - Negation of  $P$  is satisfied by execution trace?
    - If so, report “security problem”
  - Enumerate all traces (1 trace = OAuth MSC!)

- Security w.r.t. what:  
*which threat model?*



- Dolev—Yao like intruder
- **Perfect cryptography**
- Techniques supporting **exhaustive state space exploration** of systems
  - even incomplete techniques may give better coverage than testing
- To make it practical
  - heuristics to control large/**infinite state spaces**

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- e-Personal Health Record (PAT, APSS, FBK)

- **Strong Authentication**

- OTP, Smart cards



- **Access Control:** enable citizens to protect or disclose information stored in PHR

- Italian legislation, Trento province legislation
- Secure information sharing: citizen, doctors, ...

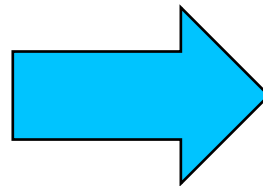
- Geo-localisation via mobile device



- **Strong Authentication**
  - Found flaw in two factors authentication protocol by model checking (SATMC)
- **Access Control**
  - design of AC mechanism and prototype implementation for enforcement
  - issues in modeling with Italian legislation about
    - **delegation**
    - parental handling of certain data (e.g., pregnancy tests)
  - Law Dep. UniTn -> Garante della privacy

- **Finding the “right” model is non trivial**
  - several models in the literature:
    - DAC, MAC, RBAC, ABAC, GTRBAC, STRBAC, ...
  - small “quid” always lacking
  - Difficulties in incorporating regulations and legislations

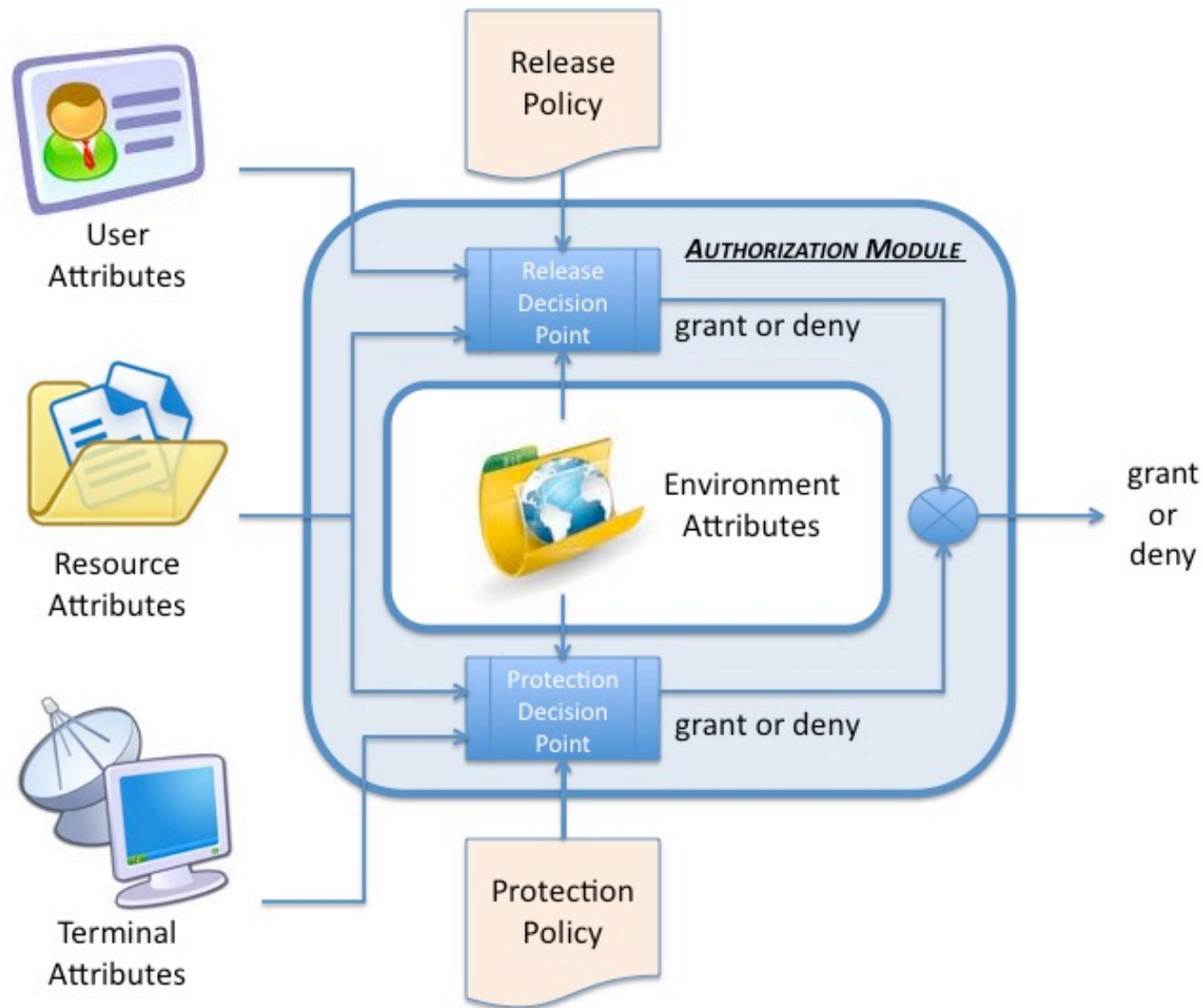
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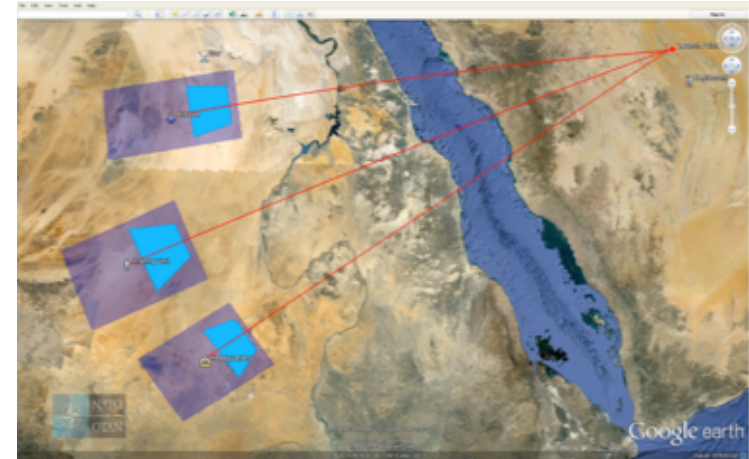
- Security model for the High Assurance Automated Guard (HAAG)
- **Information sharing in NATO operations**
- Not only NATO members but also other governmental and humanitarian organizations
- **Selective release of information to**
  - maximize effectiveness of operations and
  - minimize disclosure with negative impact
- Access decision based on more than user **clearance** and resource **sensitivity**

# Overview of NATO Access Control model



# Variety of documents: an example

- Passive Missile Defense System (PMD)
  - simulates intercepting missile and consequences
  - generates richly annotated KML maps
- Policy
  - colonel (head of mission) can see all around his position for 10 miles
  - Red Cross doctor can see wounded soldiers around his position for 2 miles
- Result of access control **more than grant/deny**: it is a **view of the document** according to policies

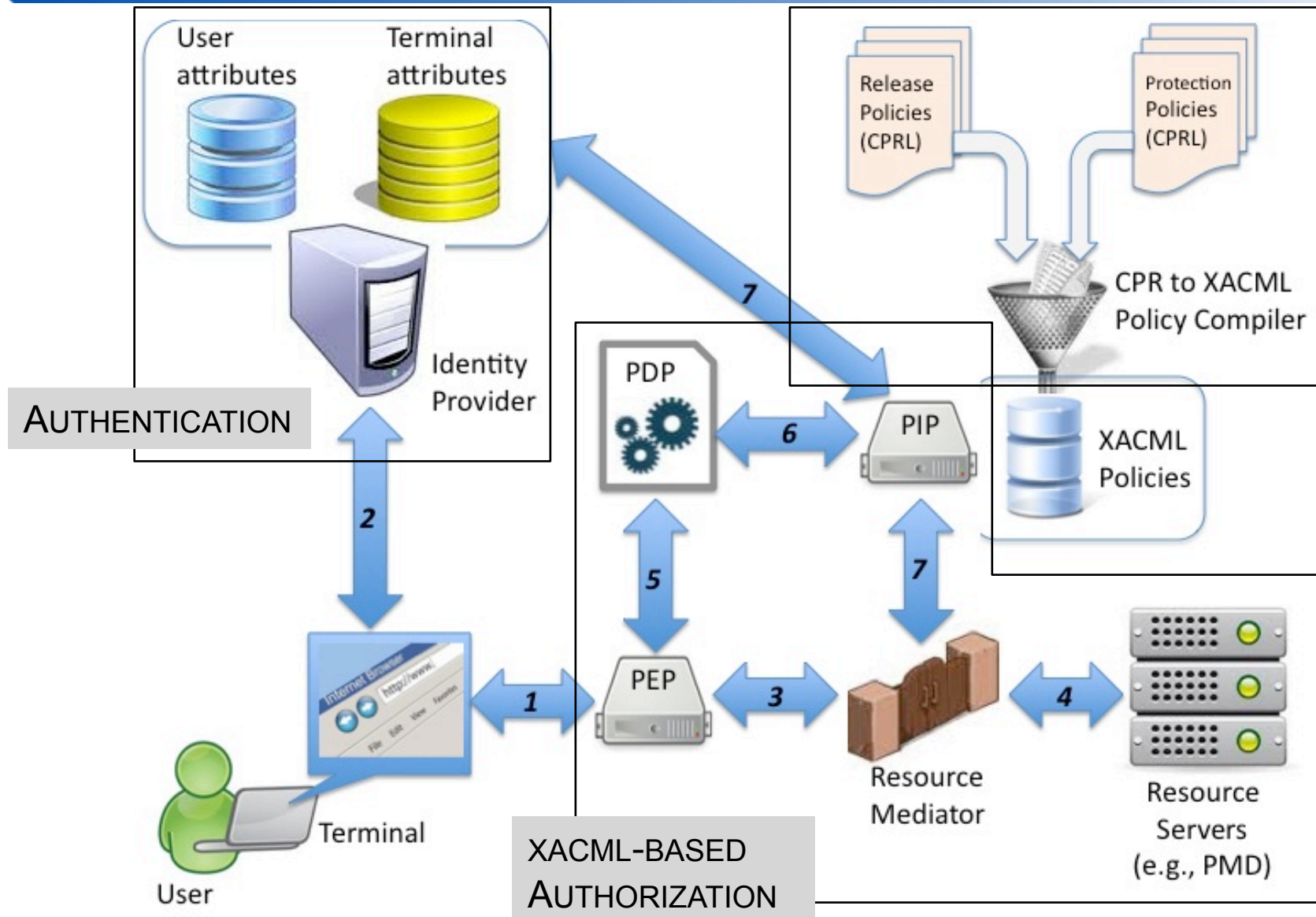


- colonel (head of mission) can see all around his position for 10 miles
  - $User.rank = colonel \wedge User.id = Map.mission\_head \wedge Obj \text{ in } Map \wedge | Obj.loc - User.loc | < 10$
- Red Cross doctor can see wounded soldiers around his position for 2 miles
  - $User.org = RedCross \wedge User.role = doctor \wedge Obj \text{ in } Map \wedge Obj.type = soldier \wedge Obj.wounded = true \wedge | Obj.loc - User.loc | < 2$
- Understand consequences of policies is difficult because of
  - hierarchic nesting of resources
  - number of attributes: hundreds to thousands
  - large/infinite attribute domains (e.g., the real numbers)

- **First-order logic to represent**
  - P = policies (previous slide)
  - Q = query = “can user with the following attributes access the resource with these attributes?”
- **Reduce query answering to logical problem (sat)**
  - Use state-of-the-art deductive tools
    - **Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)** solvers
    - capable of reasoning in several domains (e.g., Reals)
- Note: **Q can contain symbolic values for attributes**
  - not only  $\text{User.loc} = (10,10)$  but also  $|\text{User.loc} - (10,10)| < 3$
- **Policy designers can check their intuitions** (i.e. given queries should/should not be granted) **on sets of queries**



# Enforcement of CPR policies [run-time]



- Access control may
  - depend on several factors: users, resources, **context** (e.g., location, time, ...), even **devices!**
- Separation of concerns
  - **Policies:** rules to grant/deny access
  - **Model:** semantics to policies
  - **Enforcement** of policies according to semantics

- **Coalitions are dynamic**
- As a result: granting/denying access may change
  - Head of mission appoints “field lieutenants” with some permissions
  - If head changes, then role “field lieutenants” from soldiers previously appointed so they cannot use associated permissions
- **Use first-order logic to express trust relations** (e.g., DKAL)
  - Agent1 *trusts* Agent2 *on* issuing certain certificates
- Combine formulae expressing trust relations with formulae expressing access control policies
- Use same deductive approach as before

# Conclusions

- Cloud IAM is gaining importance
  - authentication, authorization, and trust
  - increasing complexity of systems
  - severe security pbs
- **Automated security analysis tools** dramatically needed
  - security certification w.r.t. given threat model
  - difficulties in access control models due to variety of requirements: technological, business, legislation
  - separation of concerns
    - Web-protocols: perfect cryptography
    - Access control: policies, model, enforcement
      - abstract analysis of policies w.r.t. model
      - analysis of enforcement w.r.t. model

