## **Proof of Being Forgotten** Verified Privacy Protection in Confidential Computing Platform

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## **Coffee Incidents**







## **Privacy Incidents**



privacy leakage





## **TEE's Abilities and Inabilities**



✓ Attestation: guarantee identity of code

**Isolation**: prevent outside attackers

✓ Encryption: protect data safety

## **TEE's Abilities and Inabilities**

## TEE doesn't not guarantee no data leakage and secrets withheld



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# **Proof of Being Forgotten**

a principal regulates the code dealing with secrets is verified so that secrets are completely consumed and not revealed to any unauthorized party





## **Towards Proof of Being Forgotten**



PoBF

Requirements

Model

Proof assistant

Constraints

Design



## **PoBF Formal Definition**

**Definition 1.2** (Being Forgotten for Procedure). For a critical procedure p(S), the Being Forgotten predicate is defined as follows:

No Residue

 $\mathsf{BF}(p(S)) := \neg \mathsf{Leaked}(p, S^*) \land \neg \mathsf{Residual}(p, S^*)$ where Leaked and Residual are predicates and set  $S^*$  represents all values tainted by  $s \in S$ . No Leakage





## **Formal Constraints**

We restrict write to the zone when the procedure is running, and denote this rule as Restricted $(p(S), \mathcal{Z})$ . More specifically, the procedure can only write to this zone(WriteBounded) and such zone cannot be read by other procedures(ReadExclusive):

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For the residue, we enforce a safe cleaning at the end of p and denote as rule  $\mathsf{CleanMoved}(p(S), \mathcal{Z})$ . Zeros are written to all memory locations in  $\mathcal{Z}$  other than the return value  $r_p$  after the execution of p(S) (Zeroized rule). Besides, SafeTransferred rule stipulates that the return value  $r_p$ must be passed to the next procedure intactly, and cannot be accessed by any other entities. Formally speaking,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{CleanMoved}(p(S),\mathcal{Z}) &= \mathsf{Zeroized}(p(S),\mathcal{Z}) \land \mathsf{SafeTransferred}(p(S),p_{next}(S_{next})) \\ \mathsf{Zeroized}(p(S),\mathcal{Z}) \Leftrightarrow \forall l \in \mathcal{Z} \setminus loc(r_p). \ read(l) = 0 \\ \mathsf{ansferred}(p(S),p_{next}(S_{next})) \Leftrightarrow r_p \in S_{next} \land \\ (\forall op \in T, arg \in loc(r_p). \ op = read(arg*) \\ \Rightarrow op \in p_{next}(S_{next})) \end{aligned}$$



## **PoBF Formal Foundation**

### Proof Assistant

For each critical procedure p(S), WriteBounded $(p(S), \mathcal{Z}) \wedge \mathsf{Transferred}(p(S), \mathcal{Z})$  is true. The task T ends with an ecryption procedure: EndWithEncryption(T) is true. The implemention of *Zeroize* is correct:  $\mathsf{Zeroized}(p(S), \mathcal{Z})$  is true.



```
\mathsf{CleanMoved}(p(S), \mathcal{Z}) \Rightarrow \neg \mathsf{Residual}(p, S^*).
```

### Generalized





PoBF

## Memory Model









### No Residue

## **Towards Proof of Being Forgotten**

Prove





## A Verified Privacy Protection in Confidential Computing Platform



## Example: Detect Secret Leakage by Static Dataflow Analysis

### No Leakage





Log

Tag

- 92 fn safe\_log(input: &Vec::<u8>) {
- 93 precondition!(does\_not\_have\_tag!(input, SecretTaint));
- 94 println!("{}", String::from\_utf8\_lossy(input));
- 95 }

### WriteBounded

### Leakage Detected by MIRAI





## Example: Detect Secret Leakage by Static Program Analysis

```
1 $ cat enclave/src/userfunc.rs
 2 #![forbid(unsafe_code)]
 3
 4 use crate::pobf_verifier::*;
 5
 6 pub fn vec_inc(input: Vec<u8>) -> Vec<u8> {
       let step = 1;
 8
 9
      // This is accepted by PoBF Verifier.
      println!("The step is {} in computation_enc", step);
10
11
       let mut output = Vec::new();
12
13
       for i in input.iter() {
14
           output.push(i + step);
15
16
17
       // However, PoBF Verifier complians about this print log.
       // Violation: cannot log the secret data
18
       println!("after increasing, the 0th data is {}", output[0]);
19
20
21
      output
22 }
                                         Log secret data!
```



# Example: Restrict State Transition by Typestate in Rust

ProtectedAssets<Decrypted, **Input**>

ProtectedAssets<**Decrypted**, Output>

```
190 impl ProtectedAssets<Decrypted, Input> {
        pub fn invoke(self, fun: &dyn Fn(Vec<u8>) -> Vec<u8>) ->
191
   ProtectedAssets<Decrypted, Output> {
            ProtectedAssets {
192
                data: self.data.invoke(fun),
193
194
                input_key: self.input_key,
                output_key: self.output_key,
195
196
197
198 }
199
200 impl ProtectedAssets<Decrypted, Output> {
        pub fn encrypt(self) -> ProtectedAssets<Encrypted, Output> {
201
202
            ProtectedAssets {
                data: self.data.encrypt(&self.output_key),
203
204
                input_key: self.input_key,
205
                output_key: self.output_key.zeroize(),
206
207
208 }
```





## **Proof of Being Forgotten**

### ✓ NO LEAKAGE

✓ <u>NO RESIDUE</u>

Zone Allocator





## Summary

- Proof of Being Forgotten: a principal regulates the code dealing with secrets is verified so that secrets are completely consumed and not revealed to any unauthorized party.
- Two requirements of PoBF: No Leakage & No Residue
- Formal constraints to prove PoBF requirements.
- A concrete design of PoBF-compliant platform for general confidential computing.
- Verified privacy protection platform implementation: statically verified by the Rust type system and dataflow analysis. With the remote attestation, end users can trust the code of the platform.
- <u>P4Cleanroom</u>: our privacy-preserving computational biology platform with the PoBF property.

## Thanks!

Backup

| ✓ <u>NO LEAKAGE</u> | Memory/Th     |
|---------------------|---------------|
|                     | - Verified Ty |
| ✓ <u>NO RESIDUE</u> | Zone A        |
|                     |               |





## FAQ Side-channel and covert-channel?

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∧ SecretIndependent(p(S))

∧ NonInterference(p(S))

side-channel





## **Example: Typestate in Rust**

### No Residue

```
1 pub trait InputKeyState {
      type KeyState;
 2
3 }
5 impl InputKeyState for Data<Encrypted, Input> {
      type KeyState = Sealed;
6
7 }
8
9 impl InputKeyState for Data<Decrypted, Input> {
      type KeyState = Invalid;
10
11 }
12
13 impl InputKeyState for Data<Decrypted, Output> {
      type KeyState = Invalid;
14
15 }
16
17 impl InputKeyState for Data<Encrypted, Output> {
      type KeyState = Invalid;
18
19 }
```

SafeTransferred

```
1 pub struct ProtectedAssets<S, T>
 2 where
      Data<S, T>: InputKeyState,
 3
      Data<S, T>: OutputKeyState,
 4
       S: EncryptionState,
 5
       T: IOState,
 6
 7 {
       pub data: Data<S, T>,
 8
       pub input_key: Key<<Data<S, T> as InputKeyState>::KeyState>,
 9
       pub output_key: Key<<Data<S, T> as OutputKeyState>::KeyState>,
10
11 }
```



## **Threat Model & Assumptions**

- TEE: not vulnerable
- enclave: single-threaded execution
- Rust type system and verifier: sound
- encryption/decryption: no side effect
- side/covert-channel: out of scope



## Why For Data Providers

- Data containing secrets should be handled properly in the enclave
- Service providers usually claims that user data will not be stored or used in other places.
- However, they have no way to confirm what is said by the service provider.
  They would like a proof that their data is really deleted(consumed) and not
- They would like a proof that their data leaked.



P4Cleanroom is a confidential cloud service for hosting computational biology algorithms as SaaS services on the cloud. Computational biology researchers can publish their algorithms on P4Cleanroom as a SaaS service to customers, such as researchers in pharmaceutical companies and health care institutes.

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