Self-adaptive Security at Application Level: a Proposal

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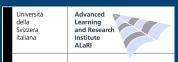
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- React to changes in the external environment;
- react to changes in the internal operational conditions;
- change their behavior;
- change their hw/sw configuration.



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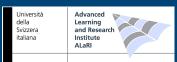
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- Changes in the system behavior may require changes in the security mechanisms;
- a unique security configuration may not be enough for the different operating conditions.



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- Adaptation mostly focused on a single security aspect:
 - Adaptive Cryptographic Engine;
 - * adaptation of cryptographic algorithm parameters.

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Security Policies and Costs Application Requirements General Architecture Analysis Module Reconfiguration Module

Conclusions and Future Work

We propose a framework for security self-adaptation

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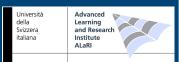
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Different sets of security policies are enforced at different instants of time;

each policy has a cost associated:

$$P_{x,cost} = P_{x,fix_cost} + P_{x,usage_cost}$$

✓ cost threshold: the maximum cost for the current system status.



Application Requirements

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- Each application has its own requirements;
- ✓ hard or soft;
- critical applications have precedence over non critical ones.

General Architecture

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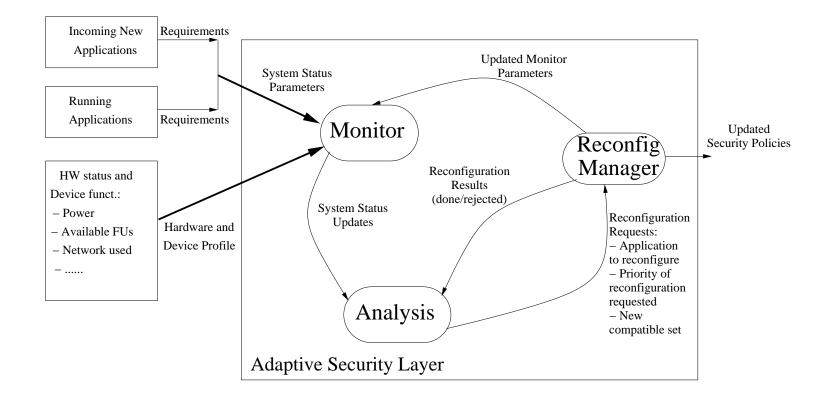
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Analysis Module (1/2)

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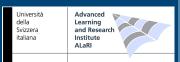
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Analysis Module

Reconfiguration Module

- Receives notifications from the *Monitor*;
- ✓ finds the applicable policies;
- matches applicable policies with application requirements:
 - **x** essential;
 - desirable;



Analysis Module (2/2)

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- searches a cost sub-minimal solution in:
 - * desirable | Jintermediate set;
 - * desirable [] intermediate [] essential set;
- by means of:
 - Quine-McCluskey table of coverage;
 - branch and bound;
- cost below the system threshold.

Reconfiguration Module

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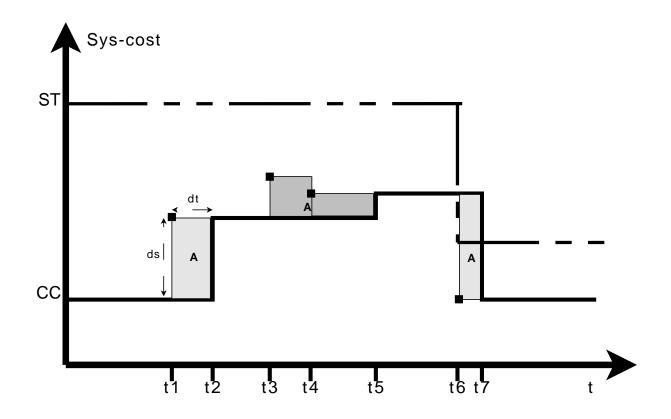
Requirements

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- ✔ Receives reconfiguration requests:
 - **x** strong / weak.





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- We proposed a framework for self-adaptive security;
- it aims to solve the security problems of self-adaptive systems.



Future Work

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- Extend and complete the proposal;
- provide a complete study of security policy costs;
- ✓ simulate the proposal.