
I-0395: Security Attributes Include Attributes Of Information And Resources

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ISSUE:

There is a discrepancy between the definition of "Security attribute" in Part 1 and the use of the term in other portions of the CC, where security attributes are referred to in the context of information and resources.

STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION:

The term "security attribute" also applies to security-related characteristics associated with information (under an information flow policy) and resources.

SPECIFIC INTERPRETATION:

To address this interpretation, the following changes are made to CC v2.1, Part 1: (additions marked thusly; deletions marked ~~thusly~~)

- Subclause 2.3, paragraph 46 is changed as follows:

Security attribute - ~~Information associated with~~ Characteristics of subjects, users, ~~and/or~~ objects, information, and/or resources that is used for the enforcement of the TSP.

PROJECTED IMPACT:

Negligible impact anticipated.

SUPPORT:

The modification of this definition extends the definition of "security attribute" to "information" (as used in FDP_IFC and FDP_IFF) and resources. The definition is also changed to eliminate using the term "information" in two different contexts.