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## ABSTRACT

### A HYBRID MODEL CHECKING APPROACH TO ANALYSING RULE CONFORMANCE APPLIED TO HIPAA PRIVACY RULES

Many of today’s computing systems must show evidence of conformance to rules. The rules may come from business protocol choices or from multi-jurisdictional sources. Some examples are the rules that come from the regulations in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protecting the privacy of patient information and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protecting the privacy of student education records. The rules impose additional requirements on already complex systems, and rigorous analysis is needed to show that any system implementing the rules exhibit conformance. If the analysis finds that a rule is not satisfied, we adjudge that the system fails conformance analysis and that it contains a fault, and this fault must be located in the system and fixed.

The exhaustive analysis performed by *Model Checking* makes it suitable for showing that systems satisfy conformance rules. Conformance rules may be viewed in two, sometimes overlapping, categories: *process-aware* conformance rules that dictate process sequencing, and *data-aware* conformance rules that dictate acceptable system states. Where conformance rules relate to privacy, the analysis performed in model checking requires the examination of fine-grained structural details in the system state for showing conformance to data-aware conformance rules. The analysis of these rules may cause model checking to be intractable due to a state space explosion when there are too many system states or too many details in a system state. To overcome this intractable complexity, various abstraction techniques have been proposed that achieve a smaller abstracted system state model that is more amenable to model checking. These abstraction techniques are not useful when the abstractions hide the details necessary to verify conformance. If non-conformance occurs, the abstraction may not allow isolation of the fault. In this dissertation, we introduce a Hybrid Model Checking Approach (HMCA) to analyse a system for both process- and data-aware conformance rules without abstracting the details from a system’s detailed process- and data models.

Model Checking requires an analysable model of the system under analysis called a *program graph* and a representation of the rules that can be checked on the program graph. In our approach, we use connections between a process-oriented (e.g. a Unified Modelling Language (UML) activity model) and a data-oriented (e.g. UML class model) to create a unified paths-and-state system model. We represent this unified model as a UML state machine. The rule-relevant part of the state machine along with a graph-oriented formalism of the rules are the inputs to HMCA. The model checker uses an exhaustive *unfolding* of the program graph to produce a *transition system* showing all the program graph's reachable paths and states. Intractable complexity during model checking is encountered when trying to create the transition system. In HMCA, we use a divide and conquer approach that applies a slicing technique on the program graph to semi-automatically produce the transition system by analysing each slice individually, and composing its result with the results from other slices. Our ability to construct the transition system from the slices relieves a traditional model checker of that step. We then return to use model checking techniques to verify whether the transition system satisfies the rules. Since the analysis involves examining system states, if any of the rules are not satisfied, we can isolate the specific location of the fault from the details contained in the slices.

We demonstrate our technique on an instance of a medical research system whose requirements include the privacy rules mandated by HIPAA. Our technique found seeded faults for common mistakes in logic that led to non-conformance and underspecification leading to conflicts of interests in personnel relationships.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Conformance analysis in systems can be non-trivial because of system size and of the complex interplay of conformance requirements from different sources. The requirements are imposed through rules that stem from business protocol choices or from legal and standards regulations. Examples of standards and regulations include the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) [2, 3] and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) [77] that apply to the privacy of non-public health information and financial information respectively. A system that is governed either by HIPAA or by GLBA must not only show conformance to the format of information shared with others, but also to the processes accessing and updating the information. For example, the HIPAA regulations tells us:

1. that totally de-identified patient health information may be shared with researchers;
2. that total de-identification means that the patient's health information does not contain any data that can be used to identify or link to other data sets to identify the patient; and
3. which pieces of data can identify a patient.

These ensure that the patient's privacy is protected, while still allowing researchers access to medical records for conducting research.

### 1.1 Conformance Analysis in Practice

The main approach to conformance analysis has been to use *model checking* [17, 27, 33, 32, 52, 60, 62, 58, 59, 71]. Model checking is an exhaustive model-based verification technique [14] that relies on having an abstraction of a system represented as a *program graph* that is a unified representation for both order of process execution on paths and system structural (hereafter referred to as *state*) changes along the paths. The model checker uses an exhaustive *unfolding* of the program graph to produce a *transition system* showing all the program graph's reachable paths and states. Properties that depend on the sequencing or occurrence of system processes on paths and/or states are then verified on the transition system. The model checker can tell us whether 1) a property is satisfied, 2) it is not satisfied by producing a counterexample from the transition system, and 3) in some cases that it is neither possible to prove nor disprove a property. For the

last situation, a model checker may not be able to give a definite answer due to space and time complexities or insufficient detail in the model. While the latter situation will not be examined as a part of this research, we note that:

1. if the model checker is not able to give an answer due to space and time complexities, it may mean the program graph need to be represented more abstractly (and details needed to show conformance may be lost);
2. if there is insufficient detail in the model, it may mean that the property cannot be verified using the abstractions in the model and both the program graph and/or the property may need revisions; and
3. after the revisions the property may need to be reanalysed.

## 1.2 Challenges in Conformance Analysis

In order to use model checking in conformance analysis, we identify six challenges below.

1. *Rule Representation.* The rules are often published informally or in legal terms and are not understandable by automated systems [27, 30, 40]. Any effort to show conformance to these rules requires a language for representing the rules to be used as input for conformance analysis. In addition, since it is the actions executed and the corresponding system state changes that are analysed to determine rule conformance, we must be able to define the rules based on the observable actions and states shown in the transition system.
2. *Changing Rules.* Changed rules [61] represent changed contexts in which to show conformance. For example, data mining techniques may be used to search for new relationships or linkages in data. If the newly revealed relationships can be used to make inferences and potentially identify subjects [12], then, especially where conformance rules address privacy concerns, rule in the system must be changed. To address this challenge, changes made to conformance rules must be re-verified on a system that previously passed conformance. In addition, applying versioning to a rule base may be important in identifying the version of a rule to which a system conforms.

3. *Rule Types.* Conformance rules may be *process-aware* [21, 58, 61] and/or *data-aware* [27, 52]. Process-aware rules are defined using regular patterns on the sequencing of processes, while data-aware rules are defined using system states to say what conformance means. Conformance analysis for each type of rule has different requirements. For example, in model checking showing conformance to data-aware rules may require additional computations and sophisticated techniques than those required for checking process-aware rules to handle large state spaces. This is because the number of processes may be considerably smaller than the size of the state space in a concrete system representation, so process-aware rules may have far less computational requirements or require less sophisticated techniques. To demonstrate conformance therefore, a requirement in this challenge is to be able to show conformance to data-aware rules without the need to use abstractions of details.
4. *System Complexity.* For conformance analysis, the complexity of a system may depend on whether the system enforces a large set of rules that may have interdependencies and conflicts, and/or a large amount of data with complex relationships. Where rules conflict, we may need additional mechanisms to prioritise conformance rule satisfaction. Such prioritisation may also be used to provide metrics that measure system conformance levels [61]. In addition, different system abstractions (representations) may hide the system complexity. For example, showing conformance on implementations reveals an aspect of complexity - unbounded and/or unanticipated executions paths and system state. These aspects may not be encountered when showing conformance on system design specifications because designs may not fully capture all of the ways software will be used. In addition, showing system conformance *a priori* by examining requirements, designs or at run-time, or *a posteriori* by examining audit logs of system executions against a model of what is expected, may all be important in system conformance analysis.
5. *Hidden Paths.* Conformance analysis failure, i.e., non-conformance to rules, due to privacy leaks occur because of the presence of hidden paths in the system. Hidden paths may exist when a system is used in non-standard ways because loopholes exist in the system, or when rules that should change in response to new and/or changed functionalities in the system are not changed. The fifth challenge therefore is to be able to identify such potential and preventable rule violations [62].

6. *Model Granularity and Analysis Results.* We need to present meaningful analysis results so that rule conformance failure can be properly linked to specific system actions and states [13, 52, 61]. For this, we need a system representation with enough granularity to find and isolate the fault causing the failure.

Showing conformance to process-aware rules is one of the strengths of model checking [58, 61, 85, 86] because large, i.e. high-level, abstractions can be applied to the states resulting in smaller computation and memory requirements. On the other hand, showing conformance to data-aware rules may cause the model checker to hang because of a state space explosion when there are too many states or details of states to consider. Conformance analysis has been successfully demonstrated for process-aware rules [61]. Approaches for showing conformance to data-aware rules may be less successful since they also employ large abstractions for the system states to overcome the intractable complexities [27, 52]. In situations where showing satisfaction to data-aware rules require analysing detailed and/or concrete system states, applying abstractions is not a feasible solution in conformance analysis because the abstractions hide the very details needed to check conformance. In order to handle the analysis of detailed system states when verifying data-aware rules this dissertation proposes and outlines a *hybrid model checking approach* (HMCA) for rule conformance analysis (RCA).

### 1.3 Hybrid Model Checking Approach (HMCA) to Conformance Analysis

HMCA is proposed for use in RCA to overcome the intractable analysis of current model checking tools when checking data-aware rules. We propose HMCA as a hybrid approach because it:

1. offers exhaustive analysis within a certain scope; and
2. does not use current model checking tools, but proposes the use of other modeling and analysis tools.

As with model checking, RCA using HMCA consists of constructing models, including conformance rule representations, then analysing the models, and finally providing feedback for conformance rule violations. We discuss an overview of our model construction in Section 1.3.1, analysis in Section 1.3.2, and providing feedback in Section 1.3.3. In Section 1.3.4 we outline the contributions HMCA makes in reference to the challenges discussed in Section 1.2.

### 1.3.1 MODEL RULE CONFORMANCE IN TERMS OF MODEL CHECKING

In order to use model checking in RCA, we need to construct an analysable system program graph and conformance rule representation.

#### 1.3.1.1 Construct Program graph

For constructing our analysable system program graph, we start with both a UML activity model as a representation of (the human system interactions) as paths in the system, and a UML design class model where the operations have pre- and post conditions as a representation of the overall system state. Both these models are constructed using details provided by a domain expert for the system under analysis and by an analyst with expertise in constructing the models.

We propose a technique to add details to the the activity diagram by associating it with details from the class diagram to produce an *annotated activity model*. We then transform the annotated activity model to a UML system state machine model as the latter closely represents the semantics of transition systems [10, 9, 31, 35, 37, 42, 43, 73]. However, depending on the size of the initial activity model, its transformation may produce a complex state machine. We observe that in many cases, showing that the system conforms to a rule only requires detailed examination of some of the operations in the system state machine. In this case we may decompose the transformed system state machine to produce smaller state machine views that are rule-specific. Since rules always examine a target, i.e., states of objects of interest, we must first identify that target. These objects of interest are the focus of the decomposed state machine views, hereafter called the *entity views*. These entity views include operations that are extracted from the system state machine and states that are abstract descriptions of the system state from the class model related to the object of interest.

Each rule may reference the operations and states in more than one entity views, so our interest will be to analyse the entity views applicable to the rule. We therefore create a *rule-specific entity view* that is a single entity view, or the composition of more than one individual entity views that represents the set of all the operations and parts of the system state required to show conformance to the rule. We use each rule-specific entity view as a program graph for HMCA to analyse.

### 1.3.1.2 Construct Conformance Rule Representation

We use a graph formalism, a non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA) [14, see Chapter 4], to define conformance rules based on the elements in each rule-specific entity view, i.e., the sequencing or occurrence of operations and states to define process- and data-aware rules respectively.

### 1.3.2 CONFORMANCE ANALYSIS

We analyse each rule-specific entity view to determine rule conformance to its applicable rule. However, our analysis of data-aware rules means that we are likely to encounter intractable complexity because we will not apply abstractions to the state beyond those used in the class diagram. We therefore construct a transition system using the following steps.

1. *Model reduction.* Recall that intractable complexity is usually encountered when the state space being analysed is too large. Model reduction techniques, such as model slicing [81, 82] for UML class and object models has been shown to reduce space and time complexities in model analysis for structural and operational constraints. Therefore, we adapt this technique to slice our class diagram according to operations, i.e., we create smaller class models, each containing the class model elements referenced in each operation in the rule-specific entity view. Each small class model is called a slice. This allows us to produce smaller state analysis sub-problems.
2. *Local analysis, i.e., slice analysis.* We use each slice as an intermediate model that we analyse in a semi-automated way. We transform each slice to an equivalent Alloy language specification [1, 47, 49]. We then use the Alloy Analyser, whose strength is in analysing structural models within a certain scope to determine potential final states.
3. *Construct Transition System.* We use the states from each slice to construct the transition system.
4. *Evaluate Property on the Transition System.* We check whether the NFA rule representation is satisfied in the transition system using model checking techniques.

### 1.3.3 PROVIDE FEEDBACK

If the transition system shows a rule violation, then this represents a failure in the system. In this case, we identify the slice of the class model in which the non-conformance occurs, and extract from it the evidence of a fault in the system. We pinpoint the location of the fault to aid in fixing the fault.

### 1.3.4 ADDRESSING CHALLENGES AND HMCA CONTRIBUTIONS

HMCA makes the following contributions by addressing the challenges in Section 1.2; each numbered item corresponds to the same numbered challenge:

1. Construct *rule representation* from details in entity views - we construct conformance rule representations so that they can be checked on our system program graph. The emphasis here is that we can represent the conformance rules using elements from our system models. The details are in sections 5.1.3, 6.2, and 7.1.2.
2. Analyse *changed rules* - HMCA can be used in the analysis of changed rules and for metrics to judge the level of system conformance. However we relegate specific techniques to streamline analysis of changed rules to future work.
3. Analyse and get results for *rule types* - the focus is on being able to analyse data-aware rules at the level of detail required where current model checking tools fail. We analyse data-aware rules using slicing techniques on the program graph to create the transition system. The details are in in sections 5.2, 6.3, and 7.1.4.
4. No need to apply large abstractions to handle *system complexity* - we handle a large amount of data in the state by using entity view as decompositions of the system state machine. The details are in sections 5.1.2, 6.2, and 7.1.1
5. Finding *hidden paths* - HMCA can provide hidden path analysis by examining how:
  - (a) the results from slices may be recombined to create paths not documented in the system activity diagram; and

- (b) the segments or elements of the class model that are not used in the analysis of any rule and whether these segments can lead to rule violations because they create a way to traverse a path not checked by the rules under analysis.

However we relegate specific techniques to to find hidden paths to future work.

- 6. *Model Granularity and Analysis Results* - We provide meaningful and useful feedback on faults that cause rule conformance failures by using connections between activity and class models. The details are in sections 5.3, 6.4, and 7.2 through 7.6.

## 1.4 Evaluation

Our evaluation of HMCA involves examining a real world system possessing all the challenges outlined in Section 1.2. For this, we use the National Jewish Health (NJH) medical research system (see Section 3.4 for more details) where conformance rules come from the Health Insurance and Portability Act 1996 (HIPAA). It is important that systems like those at the NJH undergo conformance analysis because the penalties for non-conformance are severe, and the public's perception of the trustworthiness of the organisations involved in a rule violation can decline.

HIPAA rules include both process- and data-aware rules. For example, HIPAA mandates that to control privacy leaks, health information maintained and stored by an organisation should only be shared with (trusted) associates. In the NJH's system, this is enforced as a process-aware rule to verify that researchers are qualified, or have been approved through a qualification process, before they are allowed to apply for specific permissions for accessing patient health information. In work prior [23] to this dissertation, we examined how a system-wide state machine view of the NJH system can allow us to verify conformance to process-aware rules. This view required using large abstractions to represent the system state, and could become complex without abstractions when verifying data-aware rules.

Since HIPAA rules also mandate the formats of patient health information that is shared, the NJH system must enforce them using data-aware rules. We will examine two of these rules. The first requires that shared patient health information has *all identifying data removed*, i.e., data is *de-identified* using the

HIPAA *deidentified* conformance rule<sup>1</sup>. The second requires that that shared patient health information has *no identifying data removed*, i.e., data is *identified*. For these, HIPAA outlines the specific data about a patient that can be used to identify a patient. Within the scope of both these conformance rules, we must consider the ways that data for special populations, i.e., pregnant women and neonates, prisoners, and children, may be shared. This is because these special patient populations that have additional rules that further protect their privacy. In our evaluation we included the children protected population.

Firstly, we provide an initial demonstration of HMCA by constructing, analysing, and providing feedback on conformance rule violations related to HIPAA *de-identified* conformance rule. The details are in Chapter 5 and Sections 7.2 through 7.6.

Secondly, we include the HIPAA *identified* conformance rule and evaluate *how well HMCA is able to find faults*:

1. through fault seeding - first by inserting a logic error in a rule and second by adding a transition to the system state machine that is not considered in the rule; and
2. highlight that these seeded faults correspond to real-world problems - the logic fault causes non-conformance to the previously verified HIPAA de-identified conformance rule and the second fault causes conflicts of interest.

The details of this validation is in Chapter 8.

Finally, we model the rules governing access to data for children as this is important to the NJH and we argue that doing so will work as a proof of concept for the other protected populations. The details are in Chapter 9.

## 1.5 Document Organisation

We describe related work in Chapter 2, and background tools and techniques, and give more details on the NJH system in Chapter 3. In Chapter 4 we provide motivation for HMCA by examining RCA in specific model checking tools to show how intractable complexity results when using design class models. In addition to the specifics of HMCA already highlighted in sections 1.3.4 and 1.4, we describe how HMCA is applied

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<sup>1</sup>Since the focus of this dissertation is not on HIPAA regulations, we used simplifications of them in order to demonstrate HMCA.

to the NJH system in Chapter 5, we describe HMCA in Chapter 6, an expansion of the feedback stage of HMCA in Chapter 7, and the analysis for the children protected population in Chapter 9. In Chapter 10 we describe how HMCA can be applied in other domains requiring RCA. We follow with some insights that may be helpful when applying HMCA in Chapter 11. Our final chapter, Chapter 12, gives our conclusions and future directions.

## 2. RELATED WORK

In this chapter, we summarise related work in rule conformance analysis (RCA). The key areas of discussion are (1) the approaches to RCA in Section 2.1, (2) the types of conformance rules in Section 2.2, and (3) how conformance rules are specified in Section 2.3. We give a summary and some open problems in Section 2.4.

In our discussion compliance and conformance are interchangeable concepts, and each is used based on their use by the authors. However, in the rest of the dissertation we will use conformance.

### 2.1 RCA Approaches

#### 2.1.1 GENERAL COMPLEXITY HANDLING IN RCA

In this section we describe approaches to RCA that uses decomposition and/or distributed processing to handle the complexity in RCA.

##### 2.1.1.1 Odessa

Montanari et al. [67] developed the Odessa environment that uses network distribution in RCA. The rules being analysed are specified in a security policy and the data needed for each rule may be distributed on different servers to the network. The observation in Odessa is that rule parts may be analysed at the server where the data they need are located. For example, given a rule

$$rule1: r1 \rightarrow r2$$

where  $\rightarrow$  means implies, then if  $r1$  can be checked on server  $S1$  and  $r2$  on server  $S2$ , then we can assign  $r1$  to  $S1$  and send  $r1$ 's results to  $S2$ ;  $S2$  then evaluates  $r2$  and  $rule1$ . Since  $S1$  and  $S2$  evaluate parts of  $rule1$ , they are assigned to a group called a *predicate* group. In addition, there may also be replication of data on separate servers, so for resilience  $rule1$  may also be evaluated in another predicate group. The distribution of the rule parts to different servers and rules to different groups enables evaluation of large-scale policies.

### 2.1.1.2 System Logs and Petri Net Decomposition

Broucke et al. [85] describe an approach to RCA that compares event logs that are replayed as streams against a system expected behaviour that is modelled as a Petri Net. To address scalability, the Petri Net is decomposed into subprocesses. Each log is then replayed and matched to subprocess(es) that are enabled by events in the Petri Net. An event that cannot be executed on the sub-model may identify an illegal or missing process.

### 2.1.2 BOTTLENECKS IN WEAK AND STRONG CONFORMANCE

In addition to their specification language (see Section 2.3.3), Chowdhury et al. [27] provide a demonstration that system actions show weak or strong conformance to the encoded rules. Their notions of *weak conformance* and *strong conformance* are redefinitions of those originally proposed by Barth et al.[17]. When applied to system actions, a contemplated action shows weak conformance to a policy if it does not violate the present requirements and can be checked on finite traces of past events. These requirements are specified using conjunctions and disjunctions and no future operators. An action shows strong conformance to a policy if its obligatory requirement is consistent with the current requirements and can be checked by concatenating a finite trace that fulfils weak conformance with an infinite trace satisfying the obligation. These requirements are specified using implications and future temporal operators. Strong conformance also means that the contemplated action neither prevents obligations nor causes unsatisfiable obligations. During analysis, the authors found that the policy became a bottleneck, so they propose slicing (see Section 3.3) based on obligations. However their slicing technique only reduces the bottlenecks if obligations do not depend on each other.

### 2.1.3 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND CONFORMANCE CHECKING

In order to analyse rules, another approach is to use *a priori* conformance monitoring [5, 13, 19, 18, 24, 26, 62, 63, 66, 71, 86] or *a posteriori* conformance checking [46, 76, 84, 85, 86]. Conformance rule monitoring (CRM) requires continuous polling in systems to detect where rules are satisfied, violated, or violable so that measures could be taken to disallow rule violation [62] during execution. CRM also applies to

checking designs for conformance rule violations [21]. Conformance rule checking (CRC) requires verifying that process logs conform to process models and rules, and includes having models of fitness to measure levels of conformance.

CRM approaches may be further identified as 1) automaton based monitoring, 2) logic based monitoring, or 3) violation pattern based monitoring according to the formalism used to specify the rules. Automaton based monitoring [63, 71] uses linear temporal logic (LTL) that is transformed to an automaton. In this approach patterns [32, 33] may be used to hide the complexity of LTL. Logic based monitoring [5, 66, 71] makes use of logic formalisms. Violation pattern based monitoring is used to query design models [21] and partial execution traces for rule violation patterns [13, 24, 50, 86].

Both CRM and CRC require exhaustive exploration using model checking to extract conformance evidence from the paths, states, events, or system logs (as seen in Section 2.1.1.1). While model checking has been the main method used in RCA, Petri Nets [72, 71, 85] have also been used. Petri Nets is a mathematical modelling language used to describe distributed systems and therefore can be used to easily model and analyse concurrent systems. Model checking on the other hand must use interleaving semantics to reason about concurrent systems executions. Model checking has good tool support, so petri-net practitioners have been using model checking techniques to analyse systems modelled as Petri Nets [53, 54, 55].

## 2.2 Process and Data-aware rules

RCA separates *process-aware* from *data-aware* conformance rules because of the different memory requirements for each type of rule. Knuplesch et al. [52] describe an approach to 1) identify and monitor individual activations of a conformance rule, 2) proactively prevent rule violations by using techniques that are able to identify rules that could be violated in the future, and 3) provide root cause identification in case of rule violations. A rule is modelled as a *compliance rule graph* and is instantiated each time a rule is to be checked. Monitoring is accomplished by using pattern matching of events in the compliance rule graph. In addition, events trigger an instance of compliance rule graphs for each applicable data item. Rule matching uses antecedents that wait for consequents: if consequents are observed then the rule is satisfied but the rule can also be violable if the consequent has an event that must not occur (checked on future events). The

intervention to prevent violations is semi-automatic such that it can enable (and force execution of) events that should be observed or disable events that should not be observed before the process preceding the event ends. Since event observation is per rule activation, and rule activation is per applicable data item, rule enabling or disabling is used to provide feedback when violations occur.

While model checking is used in their RCA, Knuplesch et al. also identify that data-aware rules may cause a state-space explosion in a large domain. The authors propose to minimise the state explosion by:

1. applying an automatic pre-processing step that reduces concrete data values to abstraction classes based on the data values that appear in the rules - this step produces an abstract process model and abstract data-aware compliance rules;
2. using the abstract process model and the abstract data-aware compliance rules to perform conformance analysis and produce a conformance report; and
3. applying an automatic post-processing step that converts the abstract process model back to a concrete model - this only occurs where conformance rules have not been satisfied in order to provide user feedback.

The authors demonstrate this automatic pre- and post-processing for numerical data.

Ly et al. [59, 60, 62] propose the use of patterns as a compliance rule graph for specifying path rules based on activity occurrences and sequences using first-order logic. The patterns use precedence and antecedent activities that must happen, cannot happen, etc. This is in effect a language for specifying rules that is a simplification for the non-technical user, yet has formal semantics that can be analysed, similar to Dwyer's temporal patterns discussed in Section 2.3.2.1.

As an extension of Ly et al.[60], Ly et al. [58, 61] describe specifying and analysing both process-aware and data-aware conformance rules by supporting loop-free process models, using abstractions of data conditions from Knuplesch et al. [52]. They further state that data-aware rules include those where 1) process-aware rules include examining data, 2) rules imply that a data condition needs to be checked, and 3) data conditions are included directly in the rules.

## 2.3 Conformance Rules

This section describes approaches to specifying and/or analysing conformance rules.

### 2.3.1 CHECKLISTS IN RULE CONFORMANCE

Checklists can show conformance to the *Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information* (Safeguards Rule) [36] and the *Volcker Rule* [34] for financial transactions as mandated by the Federal Trade Commission. The Safeguards Rule checklist allows companies to assess and address operational risks related to customer information. The Volcker Rule is an improvement to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in relation to covered funds, investment activity and affiliated transactions.

Rashidi-Tabrizi et al. [74] describes a framework for expressing legal requirements for compliance as goals that includes decomposing, attaching importance, conditions and exceptions. The framework uses the *Goal-oriented Requirement Language* (GRL) to formalise legal text in order to make it amenable to conformance analysis. This formalisation yields a goal model. The framework can be used as an analysis tool when auditing a system for compliance based on answering questions. Conformance is given a 100 value if compliant, and otherwise a value of 0-99 that indicates the level of compliance. The framework is not mapped to a system implementation so it is in effect a checklist.

Though checklists are important, they do not enable us to extract evidence of conformance from computerised systems that support an organisation's operations. However they may be more understandable than their corresponding laws and regulations and may be useful as requirements for specifying more formalised conformance rules.

### 2.3.2 GENERALISED RULE SPECIFICATIONS

#### 2.3.2.1 Dwyer's Patterns

Conformance rules based on actions or a sequence of actions may be specified using first order logic (FOL) and first order temporal logic (FOTL) based on Dwyer's patterns [32, 33]. Dwyer identifies that the main hindrance to specifying and using tools that analyse a system of paths may be unfamiliarity with specifications, specification notations, and specification strategies. Dwyer proposes eight common patterns

based on temporal logic. We summarise them in Table 2.1. For example, in a system that uses permissions to restrict access to sensitive data, an applicable rule is that permissions must be granted prior to access. In this case, we use the *Precedence* pattern in the *Order* pattern group to specify that permission approval must always precede the access. Every path in the system that accesses data must be shown to satisfy this rule in order for the system to show conformance to the rule. While the example given uses actions, the patterns may also be used with states and events.

Table 2.1: Dwyer’s Patterns [32, 33] for Specifying Conformance Rules, adapted.

Pattern Group	Pattern Name	Pattern Description
Occurrence	Absence	A given system <i>state/action/event</i> does not occur within a scope.
	Existence	A given system <i>state/action/event</i> must occur within a scope.
	Universality	A given system <i>state/action/event</i> must exist throughout a scope.
	Bounded Existence	A given system <i>state/action/event</i> must occur k times within a scope.
Order	Precedence	A system <i>state/action/event</i> P must always be preceded by another system <i>state/action/event</i> Q within a scope.
	Response	A system <i>state/action/event</i> P must always be followed by another system <i>state/action/event</i> Q within a scope.
	Chain Precedence	A sequence of system <i>states/actions/events</i> $P_1, \dots, P_n$ must always be preceded by a sequence of system <i>states/actions/events</i> $Q_1, \dots, Q_n$ .
	Chain Response	A sequence of system <i>states/actions/events</i> $P_1, \dots, P_n$ must always be followed by a sequence of system <i>states/actions/events</i> $Q_1, \dots, Q_n$ .

### 2.3.2.2 Reference Architectures as Rules

Buchgeher and WeinReich [26] propose focusing on the reuse of reference architectures in conformance analysis. A reference architecture is a set of rules that consist of roles together with the constraints on the roles and role relationships for a particular domain. RCA is made possible when a system realises the reference architecture and inherits its rules. The realisation involves making bindings from the architecture to specific roles in the actual implementation. This allows evaluation of the reference architecture rules.

### 2.3.3 FORMAL LANGUAGES TO ENCODE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

The following are examples of formal languages to encode rules from laws and regulations:

1. May et al. [65] present a formalism, called *Privacy APIs*, to encode HIPAA 2000 and 2003 consent rules which relate to when health care providers must obtain patient consent before performing treatment, payment, and other activities related to health care operations. HIPAA 2003 consent rules are a simplification of the HIPAA 2000 consent rules. After encoding the rules, May et al. convert their

formalism into the specification language of the SPIN model checker and check whether the formalism satisfies desired invariants as well as to explore the differences between the two versions of the rules.

2. Barth et al. [17] propose *C1*, a language for specifying policies based on a fixed set of predefined predicates using propositional linear temporal logic (pLTL).
3. Basin et al. [18, 19] use metric first-order temporal logic to specify rules, and they also developed a monitoring algorithm for the rules.
4. DeYoung et al. [30] develop an improvement to *C1*, a policy language called *PrivacyLFP* as a specification language for HIPAA and GLBA.
5. Garg et al. [38] propose a first-order logic-based privacy policy specification language that can encode HIPAA policies. They present an auditing algorithm that incrementally inspects the system log against a policy and detects violations.
6. Chowdhury et al. [27] propose a policy (rule) specification language based on first-order temporal logic as an improvement over *C1* that they use to encode all 84 disclosure-related clauses of HIPAA.
7. Becker et al. [20, 21, 22, 29, 80] describe a business process graph-based query language and matching algorithm. The query language is pattern based and can be used to specify infringement patterns, legal requirement identification patterns, risk management patterns, and change management patterns. The checking algorithm is able to analyse for conformance rule violations for all these patterns. The query language is applicable to arbitrary graph-based modelling languages for both simple and complex conformance rules.

## 2.4 Summary and Open Problems

The results of our related work are summarised as a matrix in Table 2.2.

RCA uses either a conformance rule monitoring approach or a conformance rule checking approach. Each RCA approach considers process-aware rules and/or data-aware rules with only two of the approaches considering data-aware rules. This is due to the additional considerations required to minimise intractable

Table 2.2: Related Work Summary

**TABLE NOTES**

- CRC - Conformance Rule Checking
- CRM - Conformance Rule Monitoring
- DAR - Data Aware Rule
- MC - Model Checking
- PAR - Process Aware Rule
- PN - Petri Net

Cell entries - Y means yes, an empty cell entry means no.

Reference	Approach		Rule Formalism		How Rules Specified				Method	
	CRM	CRC	PAR	DAR	Automaton	Logic	Pattern	MC	PN	
Alberti et al. [5], Montali et al. [66]	Y					Y	Y			
Awad & Weske [13], Birukou et al. [24]	Y					Y		Y		
Barth et al. [17]	Y					Y		Y		
Basin et al. [18, 19]		Y				Y		Y		
Becker et al. [21]	Y						Y	Y		
Buchgeher & Weinreich [26]	Y						Y			
Chowdhury et al. [27]	Y		Y			Y		Y		
DeYoung et al. [30]	Y					Y		Y		
Dwyer et al. [32, 33]			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Earnest & Young [34], FTC [36], Rashidi-Tabrizi et al. [74]										
Garg et al. [38]	Y					Y		Y		
Huynh & Le [46], Rozinat et al. [76], Van der Aalst et al. [84]		Y								
Jacobsen et al. [50]	Y	Y			Y			Y		
Knuplesch et al. [52], Ly et al. [58]	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y		
Ly et al. [59, 60, 61, 62]	Y		Y				Y	Y		
Maggi et al. [63]	Y					Y				
May et al. [65]	Y		Y					Y		
Montanari et al. [67]	Y									
Pesic & Van der Aalst [71]	Y				Y	Y			Y	
Broucke et al. [85]		Y							Y	
Weidlich et al. [86]		Y	Y				Y			

complexity when the state explosion problem occurs for data-aware rules. While different specification formalisms exist for specifying rules, all the formalisms outlined are useful in both conformance rule monitoring and conformance rule checking. More approaches use model checking than Petri Nets for RCA.

Conformance reflects that a system adheres to governing rules. The rules are requirements that may be available before a system is developed and can be incorporated into the development process. A conformance rule monitoring approach may be used and instituted at design-time or at run-time. In contrast, conformance rule checking on system process logs allows one to check conformance in existing systems, or when rules are not available or included in the development process.

Conformance rules are based on laws and regulations and are usually not in a form that is analysable in computerised systems. Most of these rules are formalised using automata, logic, or patterns. Rules based on patterns may be the easiest for non-technical analysts to use. However, pattern-based rules may not be as expressive as the policies specified using automata and logic because automata and logic allow more fine-grained specifications. Further, rules specified using patterns must be transformed into more formal representations before analysis.

Both model checking and Petri Nets allow us to represent systems under conformance test and to perform exhaustive analysis to show rule satisfaction. Process-aware rules are easier to test because they often do not encounter the state explosion problem since process representations can be largely abstracted without loss of generality. However, where the details for showing conformance lie in examining detailed system structure, the analysis of data-aware rules using the large abstractions proposed are insufficient. We have seen that decomposition and/or network distribution have been used as a scalability technique in RCA. These techniques are also useful in minimising the state explosion problem.

One of the areas not examined in RCA is where hidden paths cause RCA to fail. Hidden paths may exist because path possibilities are not well understood or constrained. Representations may focus on the paths that are allowed and on restricting path possibilities that should not be allowed, however hidden paths in either of these categories may exist. While normal operations may not execute actions that constitute hidden paths, they may be started through other channels such as a backdoor into the system. Hidden path analysis

is very important in evaluating systems for security leaks, particularly for network security algorithms that could violate privacy.

Another area of RCA not examined is rule interactions. There is often overlap in the elements of a system that analysis for each rule examines. In addition, concurrent activation of rules may mean that the same element instantiation is shared among rules, and sequencing of analysis may be important. In this case the approaches based on Petri Nets hold great promise for tractable and scalable analysis for rule interactions because we can adopt and adapt the techniques used to prove properties about interacting processes.

### 3. BACKGROUND

In this chapter, we give the background required to understand HMCA. We use both Alloy and model checking to specify and verify conformance to rules. Model slicing reduces the size of the models to be checked. Our evaluation applies HMCA to validate the NJH Research System against HIPAA rules.

#### 3.1 Alloy

Alloy [1, 47, 49] is a formal specifications language that is described as a relational logic because it combines the quantifiers of first-order logic and the operators of relational calculus. In Alloy, a specification is made up of elements that are *atoms* and *relations*. Atoms are a modelling abstraction used to define entities and are indivisible, immutable, and uninterpreted. Relations, also called *fields*, define the relationships between two or more atoms. Both atoms and relations are viewed as, or a part of, *signatures* in the Alloy language. Constraints are included in the model as *facts*. *Predicates* are parameterised constraints that can be used to simulate instances of the model or as a part of other facts or other predicates. Though strictly not a part of the model, *assertions* may be used to define constraints that should follow from the facts.

Alloy is well supported by the Alloy Analyzer that has an embedded SAT-solver used to evaluate Alloy expressions. The Alloy Analyzer is able to simulate model examples of predicates or find counter-examples of assertions using user-defined scopes that are upper bounds on the number of each element.

Both predicates and assertions may be used to check invariants of UML class models [64, 81]. To do this, we use Alloy to specify an equivalent representation of the class diagram using atoms and relations. Any additional invariants from the class diagram that use Object Constraint Language (OCL) may be specified using facts, and object models may be specified using predicates. The Alloy Analyzer is able to check that a predicate is consistent with an Alloy model by generating an instance of the model according to the constraints in the predicate. In the case where we want to check that certain instances of a model are never possible, we use assertions. When simulating predicates, if an instance cannot be generated then we know that the object model defined by the predicate is inconsistent with the model. When checking assertions, if

an instance, i.e. a counter-example, is found then we know that the object model defined by the assertion is inconsistent with the model.

Unlike model checking (see Section 3.2), the Alloy Analyzer is in the class of *model finder* tools because of its use of simulation to experiment with a restrictive set of scenarios compared to model checking that uses exhaustive exploration to verify properties. However, the Alloy Analyzer is still able to produce good results due to its reliance on the *small scope hypothesis* that justifies testing models with small scopes because a high proportion of faults may be uncovered when testing a program for all test inputs using small scopes [8, 48].

### 3.2 Model Checking

Model checking is a model-based verification technique [14] that performs an exhaustive brute-force exploration of system models to show that a property is satisfied. The system model describes how the system behaves, while the property specifies what the system should or should not do. The exploration performed in model checking examines all the possible states of a system in a systematic way to truly show that the properties are satisfied.

Both the system model of possible behaviours and the property of interest must be defined in a mathematically precise and unambiguous manner. The system model is often expressed as a Transition System (TS) model or as models whose executions may be transformed to TSs. For example, UML activity diagrams have semantics that are closely represented in transition system models [9, 35, 37, 42, 73, 31]. The properties of interest in this research are in the class of *safety properties* because they represent invariants in the system. These invariants may be described using a linear temporal property represented as a non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA) to be checked on the system model. We provide examples and further explanations of both the TS and the NFA in Chapter 5.

Model checking can have any of three outcomes: the property is valid in the model, the property is not valid in the model, or the memory required to enumerate the states in the model is larger than the physical limits of the computer's memory. If a state is encountered that violates a property, model checking uses simulation to replay the violation as a counter-example that shows how the behaviour is reachable in the

system model. The simulation may also contain useful state information from the model that can be used to debug or adapt the model or property in order to reverify the property.

The outcome that exceeds the physical limits of the computer’s memory requires that we revisit the model and apply abstraction techniques to reduce the state-space required. These abstractions must preserve the validity or non-validity of the properties. Alternatively, the abstractions may reduce the precision in the model and in the case of a property violation critical state information may be lost.

### 3.3 Slicing

Model Slicing [11, 25, 56, 57, 78, 79], analogous to program slicing [87], is a technique for decomposing models as a way to handle complexity in model analysis. The observation is that not all elements of a model are required for the analysis of each property (e.g. constraint). Therefore, we can create slices of a model that contain only those elements required for a local analysis. Slicing requires defining *slicing criteria* in order to perform the decomposition.

Our interest in slicing is specifically with the technique to slice UML class models and object models as described in Sun et al. [81, 82] as a way to promote scalable and rigorous analysis. In their work, a system represented using a class diagram is sliced by OCL invariants, or operation contracts written using the *Object Constraint Language* (OCL) [68].

The slicing allows each invariant and operation contract to be checked individually for scopes (using the Alloy Analyzer) well beyond those that would be allowed if the model were not sliced. Sun et al. also describe a technique to sequence slices for operations to check that invariants are not violated when operations are executed. In addition to the smaller memory requirement for analysing each slice, the authors also show that the technique significantly reduces analysis time and preserves analysis results such that the sliced models showed the same results as the unsliced model.

### 3.4 NJH System

NJH has a system, here after referred to as the NJH system, for sharing patient health information with researchers. This research system implements rules to maintain privacy of patient health information that stem from HIPAA regulations. In order to have access to patient health information from the NJH data

sources, individual researchers or projects must first apply for, and have approved permission. Each approval defines pre-approved queries, and rules that dictate the format of the query results and whether the query results may only be viewed or if they can also be downloaded. The process of applying for a permission, setting up rules for each permission, querying the data sources using an approved permission, and delivering the query results according to a permission's predetermined format is used by NJH to help determine that it is conforming to the rules from HIPAA regulations. However, NJH currently does not verify HIPAA rules in their system, but assumes that their process is sufficient to satisfy them. In addition, their system uses a combination of manual and automatic steps in this process, so that automatically showing conformance to rules is not always possible. In order to automatically show conformance we need to describe the NJH system using formal techniques that create analysable models.

#### 3.4.1 SYSTEM COMPONENTS OF INTEREST

Structurally, the NJH system may be viewed in terms of the access control system that it implements, the patient information that it creates and manages, and the conformance rules it verifies. Specifically relating to HIPAA, the access control scheme assigns the following permissions to researchers and projects to access patient health information:

1. *Fishing License*: allows access to only *counts* of requested data.
2. *Prep License*: requested data is *viewable and not downloadable*.
3. *Access ticket*: data is *downloadable* according to any the following formats:
  - (a) totally *De-identified* where
    - i. columns having one of the 18 types of HIPAA-defined identifiers such as patient names are removed;
    - ii. date columns are modified to show year only;
    - iii. ages of 90 years or older are grouped into a single value;
    - iv. geographic locations shown are only states or larger geographic subdivisions; and

- v. geographic codes are modified to show only leftmost three digits of zip codes where the total population of those zip codes is  $> 20,000$  or else display zip code 000.

The *De-identified* access ticket will hereafter be referred to as the *DeIDed* access ticket.

- (b) *coded* or *linked* [70] where personal identifiers are substituted with codes so as to make them indirectly identifiable. This is different from anonymous, anonymised, or de-identified such that the link between the code and the personal identifier is maintained but not known to the researcher.
- (c) a *limited data set* (LDS) where the following are removed from the query result
  - i. columns having one of the 15 types of *HIPAA LDS identifiers*, and
  - ii. any geographic locations smaller than town or city or zipcode.
- (d) *identified* where the results are displayed without alteration.

Conformance rules include process-aware rules that specify that sequential processes are followed, e.g., application and approval before querying, and data-aware rules, e.g., patient health information in a query's result does not violate the kind of permission issued and used to execute the query.

## 4. MOTIVATING HMCA: NAïVE RCA

Since HMCA proposes to handle complexity using model slicing to decompose the analysis tasks, we will evaluate conformance analysis on unsliced models in order to highlight the limitations of current model checking/finding tools. Specifically, we will use the Spin model checking tool and the Alloy Analyzer model finding tool. We conducted analysis on process models of the NJH system using the UPPAAL [4] model checking tool [23]. However, this analysis was preliminary in a bid to understand process sequencing and interleaving for process-aware rules. We were able to verify the process models to be free of deadlock and not to violate any of the process-aware rules. We identified that RCA requires us to produce a more complete state model beyond the use of numeric symbolic representations in UPPAAL. The analysis we perform here will cover both data- and process-aware rules in a single model using the NJH system.

We discuss the design in Section 4.1 and the verification for the Alloy Analyzer and Spin in sections 4.2 and 4.3 respectively. We end this chapter with a discussion of the results and summary in Section 4.4.

### 4.1 Evaluation Design

#### 4.1.1 QUESTIONS

From our evaluations of the tools, we wish to answer the following questions:

**Question 1:** What kinds of rules are best suited for each tool?

**Question 2:** What are the space and time measures when using the tools and how can we use these measures to motivate HMCA?

#### 4.1.2 NJH SYSTEM OPERATIONS AND DATA OF INTEREST

For our analysis we will highlight operations where:

1. a researcher may:
  - (a) apply to be qualified;
  - (b) apply for a fishing licence; and

(c) execute queries using a fishing licence.

An approved Item 1a is the prerequisite for Item 1b, and an approved Item 1b is the prerequisite for Item 1c.

2. a project may:

(a) apply for an access ticket; and

(b) execute queries using an access ticket.

In order to have an approved Item 2a, one of the requirements is that all the researchers assigned to the project must have an approved Item 1b, and an approved Item 2a is the prerequisite for Item 2b.

3. process-aware rules and data-aware rules are checked (see Section 4.1.3 below).

The UML class model supporting these operations is shown in Figure 4.1. It shows 61 classes, 26 associations, and 7 operations.

#### 4.1.3 RULES

The rules of interest are to:

1. enforce operation sequencing for all the operation sequences implied in Section 4.1.2, e.g. a researcher has to be qualified before they can have a fishing licence approved;
2. check whether a query's result conforms to the required transformations, e.g. that the results are de-identified in accordance with the *DeIDed* access ticket annotated with G in Figure 4.1; and
3. check whether a query's result conforms to additional rules, i.e., inclusion/exclusion based on patient consent.

The first is a process-aware rule rule and the others data-aware rules.

## 4.2 RCA using the Alloy Analyzer

### 4.2.1 OVERVIEW OF ALLOY

Refer to Section 3.1 for a description of the Alloy Analyzer.



#### 4.2.2 ALLOY SPECIFICATIONS

We have created Alloy specifications to:

1. represent all the structural details in Figure 4.1;
2. include operation specifications for each of the operations in Section 4.1.2;
3. include assertions for process-aware rules using Dwyer’s *chain precedence* pattern to specify:
  - (a) if the operation to approve a researcher’s licence application is successful in the current state, then it must be that the operation to qualify the same researcher was successful prior to the operation to approve the licence;
  - (b) if the operation to approve a project’s access ticket application is successful in the current state, then it must be that all of its associated researchers have prior approved licences;
  - (c) if the operation to execute any of a project’s queries is successful in the current state, then it must be that the operation to approve the (same) project’s access ticket was successful prior to the execution of the query; and
  - (d) if the operation to check whether a query’s return data conforms its associated project’s access ticket is successful in the current state, then we know that the operations to execute the query was successful prior to the conformance check;
4. include as an assertion a data-aware rule using Dwyer’s *absence* pattern to specify that no data that a query returns is identified when a *DeIDed* access ticket is used, and the converse, that if the data returned is de-identified then a *DeIDed* access ticket was used is also true.

The full Alloy model is in Appendix A.2.

#### 4.2.3 MODEL EXECUTION RESULTS IN THE ALLOY ANALYZER

The Alloy Analyzer is limited to use 4GB of memory for analysis. This will have an impact on the scope for analysis and the time taken to perform the analysis. We show the analysis results in Table 4.1. The

Table 4.1: Verification Details for Alloy Predicates and Assertions in Table Notes

**TABLE NOTES**

The following IDs are used in the table to identify the predicates/assertions

<sup>13</sup> |tl\_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes

<sup>14</sup> |tl\_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPLicenceApprove1

<sup>15</sup> |tl\_RunQueryAfterProjectApprove1

<sup>16</sup> |tl\_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery

<sup>17</sup> Conformance

ID	Variables	Primary Variables	Clauses	Time to Generate Variables and Clauses (h:mm:ss.s)	Result	Solving time (h:mm:ss.s)	Total Time to generate and solve (h:mm:ss.s)
13	1425109	15039	3081002	0:05:02.444	No counterexample found	0:00:00.372	0:05:02.816
14	1415909	15039	3054122	0:02:50.326	No counterexample found	0:00:00.426	0:02:50.752
15	9325096	15039	19532096	6:58:20.917	No counterexample found	0:00:03.634	6:58:24.551
16	1157968	15039	3206000	6:47:47.352	No counterexample found	0:00:00.696	6:47:48.48
17	379078	15063	840237	0:00:06.596	No counterexample found	0:00:00.18	0:00:06.614
Total time to generate variables and clauses				13:54:07.635	Total Solving Time	(h:mm:ss.s)	0:00:05.146

*table notes* show the names of the Alloy assertions.<sup>1</sup> These assertions were executed with a scope of *8 but 15 Rule*, i.e., use a maximum of 8 instances for all the signatures but use 15 for the rules. The names and numbers in the table notes are matched with the table entries, i.e., *ID*'s in the table. The items in the table with:

1. IDs 13-16, are process-aware rules used to verify that the sequences of operations as defined in Section 4.1.2 are never violated; and
2. ID 17 is a data-aware rule that verifies that query results conform to access tickets used to execute the query.

These results show that assertions with IDs 15 and 16 that we have also highlighted in the table have the longest running times, almost 7 hours each.

### 4.3 RCA using Promela/Spin

#### 4.3.1 OVERVIEW OF SPIN/PROMELA

The model checking tool Spin, uses the Promela language to specify models [45]. Each Promela model may be verified according to assertions, Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) formula, or *never claims*, i.e., violation of correct behaviour, in the model. If an error is found then the verification steps leading to the error (saved as a trail) may be replayed in simulation mode to show the violation. In theory, Spin can be configured to use as much memory and processors as available on a computer or a number of accessible computers.

For the verification, Spin offers 5 different storage/search modes: 1) *exhaustive*, 2) *exhaustive plus minimised automata* (MA), 3) *exhaustive plus collapse compression* (Collapse), 4) *hash-compact* (HC), and 5) *Bitstate*. Some of the modes may be combined, e.g., *MA+Collapse* and *HC+Collapse*. When an exhaustive analysis can be completed we are assured that if Spin reported that no errors were found, that it is indeed so. *HC* and *bitstate* perform approximate searches but give good results where exhaustive searches are not possible. An exhaustive analysis is usually more space intensive than the other modes for the same computer resource allocation.

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<sup>1</sup>The names are descriptive enough to identify which operations are involved.

Spin has been developed as a tool to verify process models, and so, does not include constructs for specifying structural constraints beyond those that may be represented with numerical (integer) data types. Additionally, Spin is not suited for the complex computations in data. The power of Spin as a model checking tool lies in the fact that it can be used to exhaustively analyse all interleaving of process statements in a non-deterministic way. From this interleaving, we know that if there is an error within the bounds of memory assigned to the analysis, it will be found.

Even though each piece of numeric data requires a small amount of memory, the exhaustive combination of process variables cause a state space explosion that can quickly reach the assigned memory bounds. This means that abstraction techniques are required by the modeller. In addition, Spin employs memory minimisation techniques to further reduce a state space explosion. However each application of abstraction or memory minimisation may cause loss of details or precision respectively.

Regardless of these limitations and constraints, our aim is to test the memory limits for RCA using Spin, especially for the operations highlighted in Section 4.1.2 and their associated structural details in Figure 4.1.

#### 4.3.2 NJH PROMELA SPECIFICATIONS

Since we are aware of the limitations of Spin to handle (low-level abstractions in) data, we decided to develop a Promela spec for the NJH system incrementally to tests its limits. We decided to focus on operations where an access ticket is applied for, approved, or declined. The model in Figure 4.1 captures the *DecisionRules* used to approve an access ticket (see annotation E and H in the figure). Except for the *QualifierPresent* decision rule, all the other decision rules are used when approving a project's access ticket application. We decided to start with the *NoSupsInPIandDC* decision rule.

The *NoSupsInPIandDC* rule declines a project's access ticket if the project's principal investigator and data collector are in a supervisory relationship. These can be determined using the elements at annotations A, B and C in Figure 4.1. In the Promela model, we use:

1. the *init* process to initialise a random configuration of personnel in the supervisor association and for a project's principal investigator and data collector;

Table 4.2: Computer Specifications for Verification

Name	Type	Processors	Memory	Operating System
$C_1$	HP-Z800-XeonE5645-SAS	12x2.4Gh	96Gb	Linux(Fedora)
$C_2$	HP-Z440-XeonE5-1650v3	6x3.5Gh	32Gb	Linux(Fedora)
$C_3$	HP-Z440-XeonE5-1650v3	6x3.5Gh	32Gb	Linux(Fedora)

2. a process to approve a project’s access ticket application;
3. a process to decline a project’s access ticket application;
4. an LTL formula to verify that the *NoSupInPIandDC* rule is never violated; and
5. a never claim to ensure that a project’s access ticket cannot be approved and declined at the same time.

It is important to add the never claim because 1) Spin’s analysis examines all interleaving of the processes, 2) we use different variables to indicate approved or declined access ticket application, and 3) we want to ensure that race conditions will not set both variables. The Promela model is shown in Appendix A.1.

#### 4.3.3 PROMELA MODEL VERIFICATION RESULTS IN SPIN

After analysing the Promela model of the NJH system using many different configurations for memory, storage/search modes, and number of processors to the limits of those available for the computers in Table 4.2, we were unable to determine its maximum depth, search space, or number of transitions. Therefore, we decided to explore a (different) smaller Promela model to try to understand why we were not able to achieve full exploration of the NJH model. We describe the smaller model in Section 4.3.3.1 and the best results we have achieved for the NJH Promela model in Section 4.3.3.2.

##### 4.3.3.1 Evaluating Promela/Spin on a Small Model

The smaller model, hereafter called  $t_1$ , is shown in Listing 4.1. It defines:

1. a message channel, *sChan*, whose size is determined by the value stored in the variable M (see lines 1, 2, and 5 of the listing);

Listing 4.1:  $t_i$ , a Promela Example: non-deterministic add and remove 3 known values from a channel

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1  #ifndef M
2  #define M 3
3  #endif
4
5  chan send_chan = [(M*M)-1] of {byte } // a message channel of (M*M)-1 slots
6
7  /******
8   * LTL
9   * *****/
10 /* ensures that we have some nondeterminism in the approve and decline of
11 projects
12 */
13 ltl ltl1 {
14     /* infinitely executing the statement in init with label end implies
15     (ensures) we infinitely execute the statement labeled end_again in get() */
16     []<>send@end_send -> []<>get@end_get }
17
18 init { assert(17>M); }
19
20 active proctype send() {
21     end_send: do
22         // send value 50 to the channel
23         :: send_chan!50
24
25         // send value 198 to the channel
26         :: send_chan!198
27
28         // send num to the channel
29         :: send_chan!M
30     od}
31
32 active proctype get() {
33     byte num;
34
35     end_get:
36     send_chan?num;
37     goto end_get }

```

2. an initialisation process *init* that ensures that *sChan* cannot have more than the 255 slots that *Spin* allows<sup>2</sup>;
3. a process, *send()* that loops forever to non-deterministically to put any of 3 values on the channel;
4. a process *get()* that removes a value from the channel; and
5. an LTL formula, *ltl1* that ensures fairness between the two processes.

Executing the model in verification mode works to :

1. verify that *ltl1* is not violated; and
2. enumerate all the possible ways the three values can be placed in and removed from the channel.

*4.3.3.1.1 Simpler verification for of  $t_1$  for  $M = 3$  and  $M = 4$ .* Some results for verifying  $t_1$  under all the different storage/search modes for  $M = 3$  and  $M = 4$  are shown in Tables 4.3 and 4.4 respectively. The verification was conducted on computer  $C_3$  (see more details for this computer in Table 4.2) and each verification used a single processor.

While many of the storage modes explored all of the search space, the least memory requirement is for a storage mode using *MA*, and this row is highlighted in grey. Compared to all the executions where a single mode is used, the *MA* mode requires the most time to complete.

*4.3.3.1.2 Verification of  $t_1$  for  $M = 5$ .* For  $t_1$ ,  $M = 5$  makes a channel of size 24 slots. Within an 84GB memory allotment to the verification from computer  $C_1$  listed in Table 4.2, we have not been able to determine the limits for  $M = 5$ . We show verification results for some of the storage modes for  $M = 5$  in Table 4.5.

The question mark in the *Percent of Total States Explored* column indicates that the search space was not completely explored so we cannot say what percentage of the states were explored.

Specifically, in the case of:

1. the *Exhaustive* storage mode, the memory bound was reached without exploring all the state space;

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<sup>2</sup>We can pass to the model from the command line a different value of  $M$  than its value of 2 defined in the model.

Table 4.3: Verification  $lll$  in  $t_1$  for  $M = 3$

Storage Mode	sChan Size	Depth Reached	States Stored	States Matched	Transitions	Percent of Total States Explored	Equivalent Memory Usage for States (MB)	Actual Memory Usage for States (MB)	Memory Compression for States (%)	Hash Table (MB)	Bit Stack (MB)	Proc and Chan Stack (MB)	Actual Memory Used (MB)	Time Taken (s.ss)
Exhaustive	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.502	1.165	77.56%	1024			1078.48	0.02
MA	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.502	0.678	45.14%	0			53.994	0.21
Collapse	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.502	1.36	90.55%	1024			1078.675	0.02
MA + Collapse	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.502	1.159	77.16%	1024			1078.384	0.3
HC4	8	14983	19611	58824	78435	99.63%	1.496	0.97	64.84%	1024			1078.285	0.02
HC4 + Collapse	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.502	1.36	90.55%	1024			1078.675	0.02
Bitstate	8	15069	19683	59040	78723	100.00%	1.352			16	7.629		77.719	0.02

Search Space Assigned = 1000000, Memory Assigned = 2048MB, Memory Used for DFS Stack = 53.406MB

Table 4.4: Verification of *h11* in  $t_1$  for  $M = 4$

Storage Mode	sChan Size	Depth Reached	States Stored	States Matched	Transitions	Percent of Total States Explored	Equivalent Memory Usage for States (MB)	Actual Memory Usage for States (MB)	Memory Compression for States (%)	Hash Table (MB)	Bit Stack (MB)	Proc and Chan Stack (MB)	Actual Memory Used (MB)	Time Taken (s.ss)
Exhaustive	15	28274461	43046721	1.29E+08	1.72E+08	100.00%	3612.625	2300.614	63.68%	1024			4925.978	53.5
MA	15	28274461	43046721	1.29E+08	1.72E+08	100.00%	3612.625	130.105	3.60%	0			1732.155	482
Collapse	15	28274461	43046721	1.29E+08	1.72E+08	100.00%	3612.625	2628.274	72.75%	1024			5253.907	86.9
MA + Collapse	15	28274461	43046721	1.29E+08	1.72E+08	100.00%	3612.625	1267.424	35.08%	1024			3893.167	4.14e+04
HC4	15	20405341	38266377	1.16E+08	1.54E+08	89.48%	3211.442	1459.954	45.46%	1024			4086.036	37.1
HC4 + Collapse	15	28274461	43046721	1.29E+08	1.72E+08	100.00%	3612.625	2628.274	72.75%	1024			5253.907	62
Bitstate	15	27739169	39644347	1.22E+08	1.62E+08	94.05%	3024.624			16	762.939	1058.21	2905.356	61.8

Search Space Assigned = 30000000, Memory Assigned = 9192 MB, Memory Used for DFS Stack = 1602.173 MB

2. *MA* storage mode, the maximum search depth assigned to the verification was reached at  $time = 1.15e + 04$  seconds (3 hours) when only  $5.68e + 08$  states and  $1.19e + 09$  transitions were explored; the values shown in Table 4.5 are for when we interrupted the search after 22 hours; and
3. *Bitstate* storage mode, the search completed without reaching the memory bounds or search depth of either of the *Exhaustive* or the *MA* storage modes.

#### 4.3.3.2 NJH Model

We instantiated the model with 8 projects, 8 personnel having supervisors<sup>3</sup> defined from which we randomly chose both the principal investigator and the data collector. We executed the verification with up to 24GB of memory. Table 4.6 shows results for some of the storage modes. These results show us that the verification was able to:

1. reach a search depth of 7,876,539 as shown for the exhaustive mode;
2. store  $8.49e+10$  states as shown for the MA mode; and
3. explore  $9.34e+11$  transitions as shown for the MA mode.

However, we neither know if the search depth reached nor the transitions explored are the complete state space. Of the four rows in the table, the row highlighted in grey, gave the best result; the best result is determined as the verification that explored the most states. For this row, the verification:

1. was assigned all the processors on computer  $C_2$  described in Table 4.2, 24GB of memory, and a MA storage/search mode;
2. reached only 13% of the depth of the exhaustive mode;
3. explored more than 2000 times the transitions of the exhaustive mode;
4. was (manually) terminated after 10 days, 23 hours, 36 minutes, and 40 seconds with the knowledge that the full state space for the model has not been explored; and

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<sup>3</sup>The *Supervisor* association is a tree.

Table 4.5: Verification of  $h11$  in  $t_1$  for  $M = 5$

Storage Mode	Depth Reached	States Stored	States Matched	Transitions	Percent of Total States Explored	Equivalent Memory Usage for States (MB)	Actual Memory Usage for States (MB)	Memory Compression for States (%)	Hash Table (MB)	Bit Stack (MB)	Proc and Chan Stack (MB)	Actual Memory Used (MB)	Time Taken (s.ss)
Exhaustive	868113565	4.9155098e+08	5.3626596e+08	1.0278169e+09	?	45002.836	30562.438	67.91%	2048			86015.930	906
MA	999999999	4.8229954e+09	1.7561717e+10	2.2384713e+10	?	441558.414	4747.638	1.08%				58152.053	79813.23
Bit-state	128680347	82009798	4.7289205e+08	5.5490184e+08	?	6882.536			16	7629.395	5399.689	66453.891	353

sChan Size = 31, Search Space Assigned = 1000000000, Memory Assigned = 2048MB, Memory Used for DFS Stack = 53406MB

Table 4.6: Verification Details for Spin Model without Analysing Process-Aware Rule or Never-Claim

CPUUs	Depth Reached	States Stored	Transitions	Memory Used (MB)	Time (s.ss)	Storage Mode
1	7876539	3.4e+07	4.61e+08	6637.351	656	Exhaustive
6	1000039	8.49e+10	9.34e+11	-	9.49e+05 (approx. 11 days)	MA
6	610204	7.770891e+10	8.4079559e+11	17715.799	9.42e+04 (approx. 26 hrs)	Bitstate
12	627994	3.891082e+10	4.2225942e+11	9979.258	6.81e+04 (approx. 19 hrs)	Bitstate

5. did not use all of the 24GB assigned to it: since we terminated the execution we were unable to determine the amount of memory used.

In comparison to the test program, this model has a larger number of states, and it is possible that while the MA storage mode could explore them, it takes too much time.

#### 4.4 Discussion of Results and Summary

Our first evaluation question asked:

*What kinds of rules are best suited for each tool?*

and our second evaluation question asked:

*What are the space and time measures when using the tools and how can we use these measures to motivate HMCA?*

The results in tables 4.3 through 4.6 confirm that Promela/Spin is not designed for data intensive processing. However, even the large abstractions we applied to model and check the *NoSupInPIandDC* rule contained too many states because our verification was not able to explore all its states. Therefore, while Promela/Spin is suited for checking properties for process interleaving, even using large abstractions of data cause a large explosion of the state space. We note that even with a small configuration of projects and researchers all the possible execution states could not be explored.

Therefore, for the first question from Section 4.1.1, we conclude that Spin, like UPPAAL, is most suited for analysing process-aware rules using very large abstractions. This is supported from the analysis results. The analysis results also answer the second question such that we know that Spin is not suitable for RCA when we need to use the details in a data model to show rule conformance.

On the other hand, the results in Table 4.1 show that the Alloy Analyzer was able to handle the analysis of complex data relationships in data-aware rules. However, it showed much longer execution times when we combined both process-aware rules and data-aware rules in a single model. Since the Alloy Analyzer is able to return results for data-aware rules, we know that applying slicing, as discussed by Sun et. al, will yield better results, i.e., shorter execution times.

Therefore, for the first question from Section 4.1.1, we conclude that the Alloy Analyzer with slicing is best suited for data-aware rules. This shows that the Alloy Analyzer may be useful in HMCA.

## 5. HMCA AND NJH

HMCA follows three phases in conformance analysis: model construction, model analysis, and providing feedback. The aim in the construction phase is to have formally analysable system models and a representation of the rules that can be checked on the system models. In the analysis phase we show the application of a divide and conquer strategy to construct the transition system. For the final phase we provide feedback to the user especially where conformance rules have not been satisfied. While our proposal for analysing rule conformance is generalisable, it is most easily explained when applied to an example. For this, we will use the NJH research system whose conformance rules come from HIPAA regulations. We will show how to 1) construct models, 2) analyse them for conformance to HIPAA de-identification (a *DeIDed access ticket* in the NJH System); we will hereafter refer to this as the HIPAA de-identified rule, and 3) provide feedback in the case of non-conformance. In addition, for the purposes of explaining conformance to the de-identified rule, we simplified its definition to only cover de-identification of dates, i.e., dates contain only a year value.

The rest of this chapter explains HMCA using the NJH system. We return to a generalisation of HMCA in Chapter 6.

### 5.1 Phase 1: Model Construction

#### 5.1.1 CONSTRUCT ACTIVITY MODEL AND CLASS MODEL

In previous work [23, 39] we constructed a path representation of the system as a UML activity diagram, and a system structure representation as a UML class diagram.

The input for the activity diagram was from the *Map of Integrated Bioinformation and Specimen Centre Research Support* flowchart [44] that shows the process used by researchers to apply for licenses and access tickets and to access data. Flowchart constructs, e.g., sequential flows, choice, and loops, have equivalent representations in UML activity diagrams, so our aim was to transform the flowchart to a more formal activity diagram. However, the flowchart had non-standard flowchart representations, e.g., more than a single flow out of, and into action nodes, so we applied normalisations, e.g., inserting decision and merge points so we could distinguish the flows in and out of action nodes. These normalisations ensured that the

flowchart was well-formed. In preparation for transforming the flowchart to an activity diagram, we also distinguished whether the paths out of decision nodes should be concurrent flows or not so we could know where to apply an activity diagram *fork and join* transformation versus an *if-then-else* transformation. In order to have all possible paths represented we ensured that all possible values for a decision were included. The transformation rules we applied to the flowchart to produce the activity diagram were mainly from our experience with flowcharts and our observation of how to represent them, together with the added formalisms of activity diagrams.

The design-level class diagram was constructed through our understanding of the structural elements and relationships required to support the activities in the activity diagram in Sections 5.1.5 and 5.1.6.

### 5.1.2 CONSTRUCT ENTITY VIEWS

Activity diagrams have semantics that make them amenable to state machines and transition systems [9, 10, 31, 35, 37, 42, 73], so we applied transformations to the system activity diagram to create a system-wide state machine in [23, 39]. However, the state machine produced is still quite complex and does not allow us to isolate the parts of it that relate to showing conformance to specific rules. In order to handle complexity in the NJH system, we identify and model different aspects of the NJH system as separate state machine entity views, hereafter referred to as *entity views*.

The entities may be understood as objects in the system that either perform operations that change their own states, or are states of interest to rule conformance, e.g., researchers and patient health information. The focus of constructing entity views is to bring understanding to the individual states of entities and how the composition of these individual entity states influence the complete system state.

#### 5.1.2.1 Individual Entity Views

We construct an entity view by extracting operations performed by the entity on other entities in the system, e.g., researcher queries patient health information. Each constructed entity view is a representation of abstract operations and state pertaining to that entity.

For the *DeIDed* access ticket, the entities of interest are the researcher and the patient's health information that will be accessed by the researcher. We show in Figure 5.1 the researcher's entity view in the NJH system.

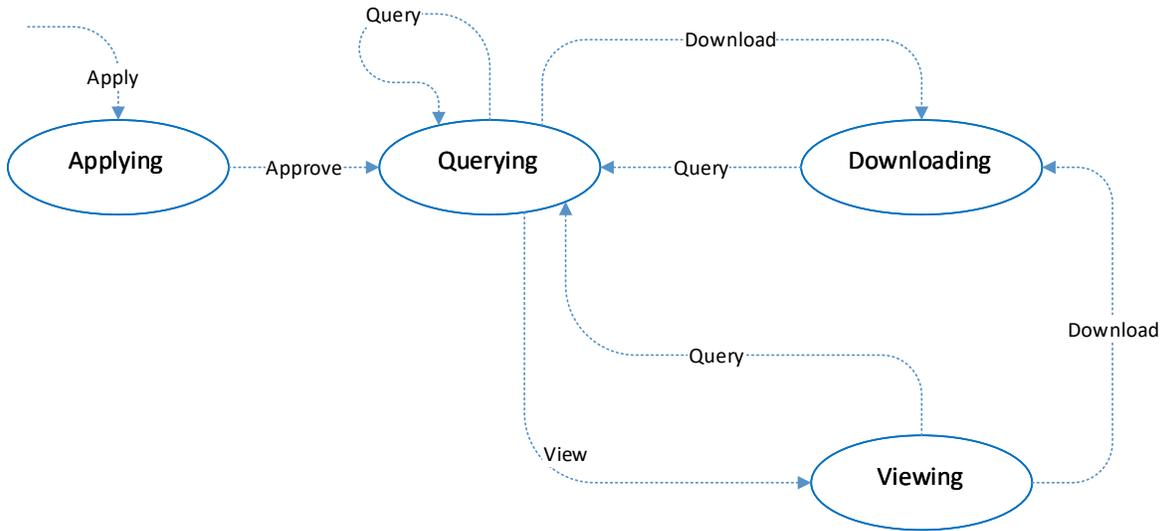


Figure 5.1: Researcher/Project Entity View

The nodes in Figure 5.1 use *atomic propositions* to show what the researcher is doing e.g., *Applying* for an access ticket, and the edges show the operations, e.g., from the *Applying* state an *Approve* operation takes the researcher to the *Querying* state. While the researcher does not carry out the *Approve* operation it is important to include it in the researcher’s entity view as it affects the reachability of other states. This entity view contains non-determinism as we have not shown the additional conditions that differentiate the enabling of any of the edges exiting the states. This entity view also reflects the operations and states for a project. One of the aspects of the *DeIDed* rule is whether the *Query* operation result contains any patient’s identifying information.

The entity view shown in Figure 5.2 is a view of the patient’s health information for de-identified access: we specifically use atomic propositions to model that the health information can be *Identified* or *De-identified* when either of the *View* or *Download* operations are performed; the use of the  $\{\}$  on the self loop from the *Identified* state means that any operation is allowed, e.g. a researcher could be viewing or downloading *Identified* patient health information. This view also contains non-determinism as we have not shown the additional conditions from the system state that differentiate the enabling of either of the edges exiting the *Identified* state.

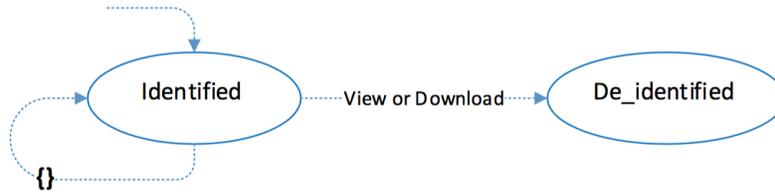


Figure 5.2: Patient Health Information Entity View for De-identified Access

### 5.1.2.2 Composing Entity Views

When a researcher obtains a *DeIDed* access ticket, we are then interested in both the researcher and the patient health information entity views. In order to understand the system in terms of what the researcher is doing and the state of the health information, we compose the views. We show the composition of the entity views in Figure 5.3. The process of composing the views relies on the *handshaking* [14, see section 2.2.3] of operations, such that when identical operations occur on the label of an edge, their next states are combined into one state. The composition of the entity views produces a *rule specific entity view*, that now labels a state with a 2-tuple atomic proposition; the first element identifies the state of the researcher, and the second element is the state of the patient health information.

In any real system implementing querying operations, the results are immediately accessible, i.e., querying and viewing will appear to a researcher to be an atomic operation, so showing that the state changes in the patient health information occurs after the *View* or *Download* operations is an acceptable representation.

Again, this rule specific entity view contains non-determinism, e.g., the *Download* operation is a label on edges from the  $\langle \textit{Querying}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  state to both the  $\langle \textit{Downloading}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  and the  $\langle \textit{Downloading}, \textit{De-identified} \rangle$  states. This non-determinism identifies that these possibilities exist in the system at this level of abstraction.

### 5.1.3 MODELLING CONFORMANCE RULES

The rule specific entity view in Figure 5.3 contains some states that show non-conformance to the de-identified rule, i.e., the states identified by  $\langle \textit{Downloading}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  and  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  are illegal and we must be able to probe a transition system for their occurrence. A transition system produced by a model checker may be viewed as sequences of states, or traces.

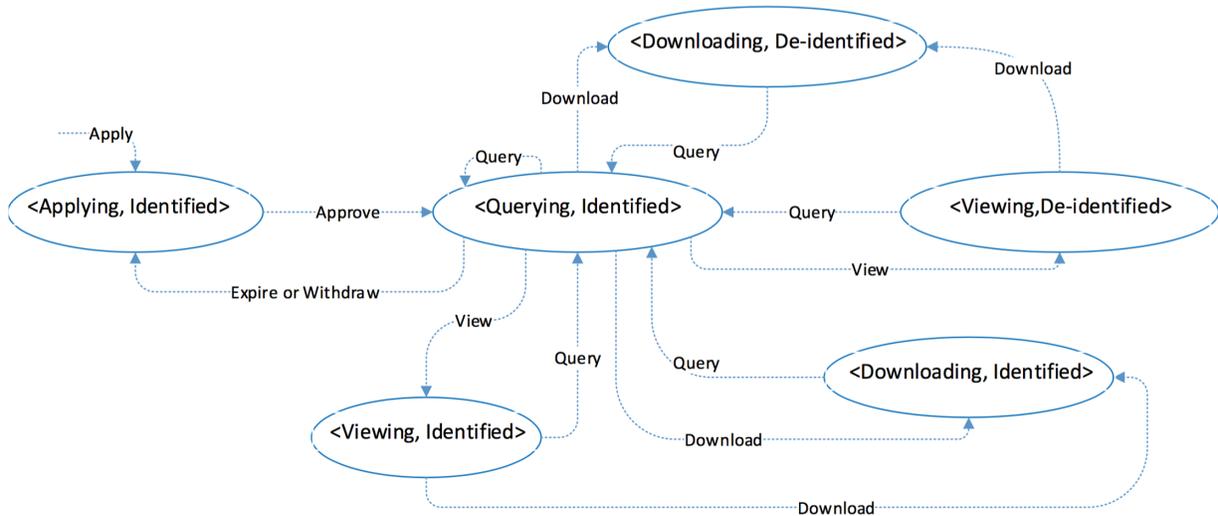


Figure 5.3: De-identified Rule Specific Entity View

An example of a partial trace for Figure 5.3 is

$\langle \text{Applying, Identified} \rangle \langle \text{Querying, Identified} \rangle \langle \text{Viewing, Identified} \rangle \dots$

and the model checker must identify that this transition system shows non-conformance because an illegal state is present in the trace when a *DeIDed* access ticket is used.

In order to find this non-conformance, we specify a property using a graph formalism, called a non-deterministic finite automata, NFA [14, see Chapter 4], that checks the transition system for illegal states. Figure 5.4 shows the formalism for the de-identified rule specified using the atomic propositions in Figure 5.3. It shows that the system is in state *Conforms* when *View* or *Download* is executed with a *DeIDed* access ticket. An NFA processes each item (e.g.,  $\langle \text{Applying, Identified} \rangle$ ) in the trace and if the final state, shown by the node with two elipses, can be reached then the system does not satisfy the property.

We add that the system may still be adjudged to be conforming to the HIPAA de-identified rule even if the *Query* operation gives *Identified* results since the non-conformance happens when *Identified* results are viewed or downloaded. The use of the *Not*  $\langle \text{Viewing, Identified} \rangle$  or *Not*  $\langle \text{Downloading, Identified} \rangle$  label on the self loop into the *Conforms* state ensures that neither  $\langle \text{Viewing, Identified} \rangle$  nor  $\langle \text{ViewDownloading, Identified} \rangle$  are true for the system to be adjudged to be in conformance to the rule.

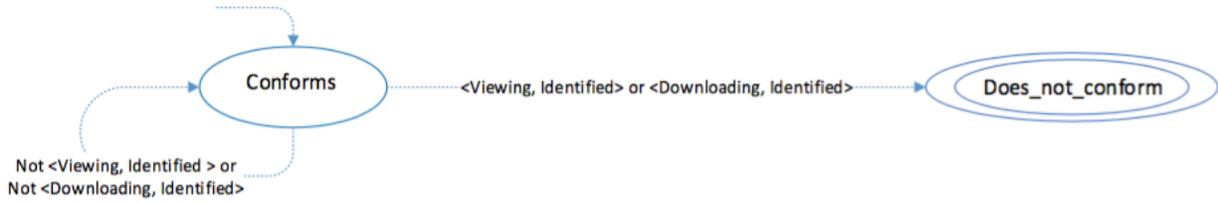


Figure 5.4: Graph Formalism for the HIPAA De-identified Rule

#### 5.1.4 MAP RULE SPECIFIC ENTITY VIEWS TO SYSTEM MODELS

##### 5.1.4.1 Map Operations to Activities in the Activity Model

The operations in a rule specific entity view (e.g. Figure 5.3) are abstractions of actual activities in the activity diagram discussed in Section 5.1.1, and we may map these abstractions to their refinement in the activity diagram. It is important to have such a mapping in order to identify actual system processes that will be examined when analysing for rule conformance. In Figure 5.5, we show a portion of the activity diagram of the NJH system for obtaining a *DeIDed* access ticket and the subsequent querying using the same access ticket.

With reference to the labeled activities in the activity diagram, we know that:

1. A1 (*Decide if research can use de-id'd data*) through A5 (*Apply for DeIDed access ticket*) maps to the *Apply* operation in Figure 5.3;
2. A11 (*Grant DeIDed access ticket*) maps to the *Approve* operation;
3. A13 and A18 together with A25 each maps to the *Query* operation; and
4. A26 maps to the *View* (or *Download*) operation.

##### 5.1.4.2 Map Atomic Propositions to Concrete Class Model Elements

The atomic propositions used to identify states in a rule specific entity view represent abstractions of actual system states and we can map these abstractions to the concrete representation of the states in the class diagram. In order to distinguish patient health information as *Identified* or *De-identified* we will need to provide tests. We will return to how we define these tests in Sections 5.2.3 and 5.2.4 in the analysis phase.



### 5.1.5 ANNOTATE ACTIVITY DIAGRAM WITH DETAILS FROM THE CLASS MODEL

The details of the system state that allows a researcher to execute a query and view (or download) its result are of interest. We show in Figure 5.6 the class diagram segment of the system state that these operations access when using a *DeIDed* access ticket.<sup>1</sup>

The *runQuery* method in the *Query* class in Figure 5.6 is mapped to the activities in the activity diagram corresponding to querying (e.g., A13 in Figure 5.5) referred to as the *activity diagram query segment* below.

We add annotations to the activity diagram query segment with pre-, and postconditions specified in the class diagram. The activity diagram query segment is annotated with the *runQuery* specification:

- *Input*: Researcher, Query, and associated Project (which allows us to obtain the project’s access ticket from *ProjAT*);
- *Precondition*: Researcher requesting access is authorised (as indicated by the access ticket);
- *PostCondition*: output is *Identified* or *De-identified*; and
- *Output*: *QryReturns* Association.

### 5.1.6 CREATE CONCRETE RULE SPECIFIC STATE MACHINE FROM ANNOTATED ACTIVITY DIAGRAM AND ENTITY VIEWS

A de-identified rule-specific entity view state machine is shown in the composed entity views of the researcher and patient health information in Figure 5.3. We must map details of the annotated activity and the class diagram to this state machine. The mapping tell us which of the system activities and states are of interest to analysing conformance to the HIPAA de-identified rule. For simplicity we do not show the mapped region of this diagram (but these are discussed in more detail in Section 7.1).

This mapped rule-specific entity view is a more concrete representation of the (abstract) rule-specific entity view such that for each:

- operation in the entity views there is traceability to:
  - its corresponding method in the class model,

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<sup>1</sup>The class diagram segment represents changes that are improvements to the class diagram initially developed in [23].

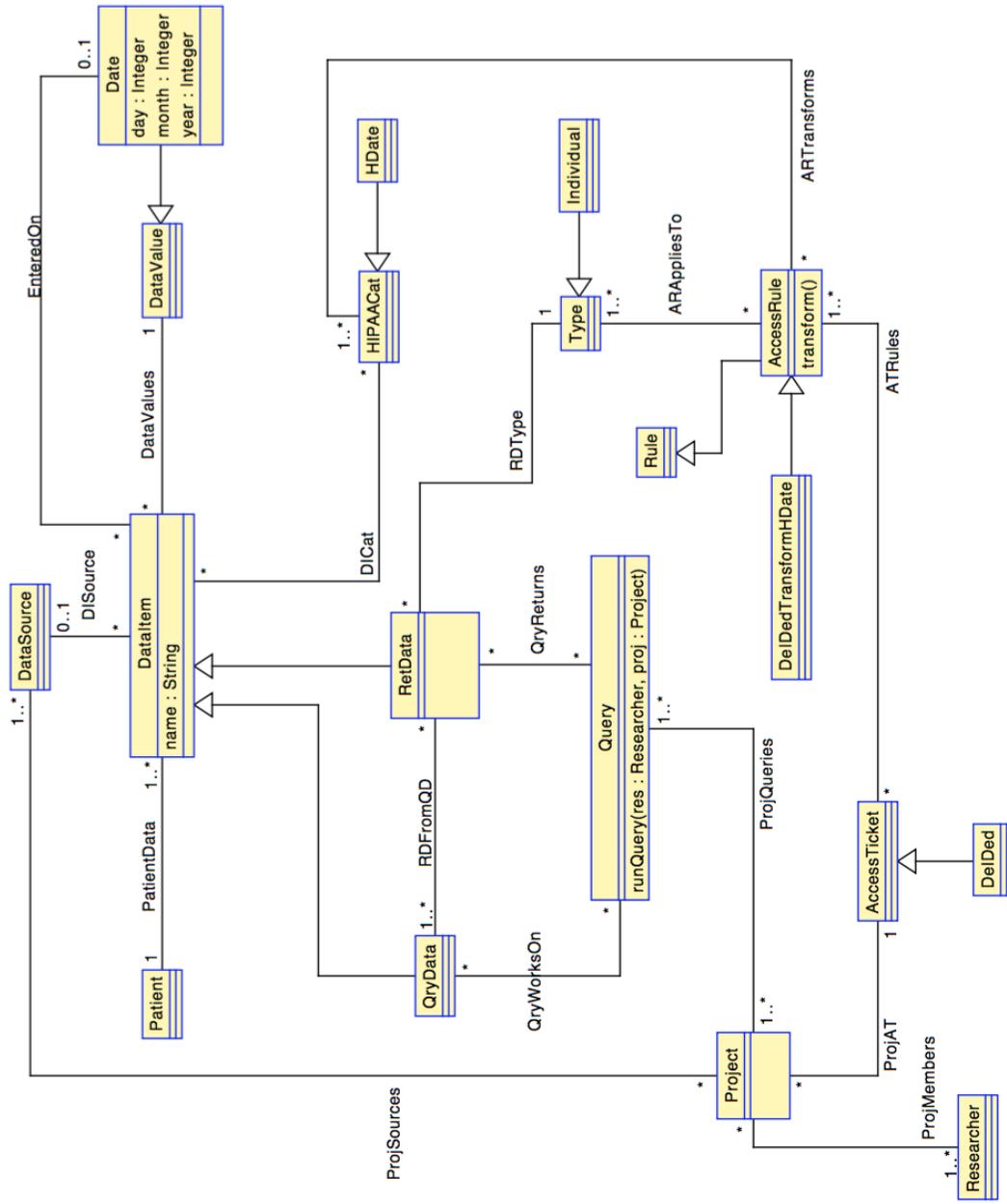


Figure 5.6: System State of Interest to De-identified Query, View, and Download Actions

- the part of the class model that corresponds to its signature, i.e., input, and
  - its pre- and postconditions based on the class model.
- state, its abstract atomic proposition can be traced to its concrete state as represented in the class model.

We use the mapped rule specific entity view as the program graph that we will use to extract evidence of conformance to our simplified de-identified rule. In the analysis phase we will discuss the specific class diagram methods linked to the operations in the mapped rule specific entity view.

## 5.2 Phase 2: Model Analysis

The analysis result needed to show conformance to the HIPAA de-identified rule is a transition system that does not contain either the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  or the  $\langle \textit{Downloading}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  states for the *DeIDed* access ticket. In order to achieve tractable analysis results when producing the transition system from the mapped de-identified rule-specific entity view created in Section 5.1.6, we create the transition system semi-automatically by individually analysing the state produced by each operation. The slicing technique extracts (copies) the class model elements required for each method into a smaller class model. The class model slice is transformed into an equivalent Alloy model and we use the Alloy Analyzer to probe the model for its resulting state when the associated operation is performed.

The Alloy language allows us to define predicates and functions whose return values may later be used as other constraints in the model or used to generate instances of the model. In addition, we may use the predicates and functions in assertions to verify that all instances of a model possess certain properties or are in a particular state. The order of operations defined in the de-identified rule-specific entity view state machine tells us how to insert each mapped method's state into the transition system. The final step will be to verify that the transition system does not violate our simplified statement of the HIPAA de-identified rule.

### 5.2.1 IDENTIFYING THE SLICE OF INTEREST

From our discussion in Section 5.1.2.2, since the *Query* and *View* operations together may be viewed as a single atomic operation, we may assign the job of de-identifying the data to any of their mapped methods. In our model, we assign the job of de-identifying the data to the *runQuery* method and our analysis will be to determine whether its result could cause the *View* (or *Download*) method to produce in an illegal state.<sup>2</sup>

In an Alloy model, classes are represented using signatures. For example, using the *sig* keyword we define the *Individual* and *Type* classes from Figure 5.6 and make the *Individual* class inherit from *Type* class using the code in Listing 5.1.

Listing 5.1: Alloy Signatures

```
|| abstract sig Type {}  
|| sig Individual extends Type {}
```

Associations between classes are represented using relationships between signatures. For example, Listing 5.2 shows the Alloy representation for the *DataValues* association from Figure 5.6 where each *DataItem* is associated with exactly one *DataValue*.

Listing 5.2: Alloy Relationships

```
|| DataValues: DataItem -> one DataValue
```

### 5.2.2 ADDING OPERATION SPECIFICATION

The Alloy model that contains the equivalent representation for classes and associations must be extended to add specifications for pre- and postconditions of the *runQuery* operation. The precondition includes: 1) the researcher is authorised to execute the query and 2) the results before the query executes are not (yet) known. The postcondition defines the query result. In general, operation specifications declare that when an operation's precondition is satisfied, then the operation's result expressed in the postcondition is also satisfied. We enforce this operation's specification by constraining the model to only change in response to the *runQuery* method executing. For *runQuery*'s full Alloy operation specifications see Appendix B.1.

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<sup>2</sup> As a reminder, even if the result the *runQuery* method makes available to the *View* method is *Identified*, we cannot adjudge that the system is in an illegal state until the *View* method terminates.

### 5.2.3 PROBING THE ILLEGAL STATE.

Our specific interest is to determine the state of the query result after any execution of the *runQuery* method. Assertions are used to examine whether all possible configurations of signatures and relationships in our system *always* adhere to our expectation of the system. The *AlwaysDeIDedConformance*<sup>3</sup> assertion in Listing 5.3 models our main expectation of the results of operations.

Listing 5.3: Probing *runQuery* Model for the *Identified* State

```
|| assert AlwaysDeIDedConformance{  
||   all njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |  
||     all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn), ri: q.(njh.QryReturns) |  
||       ConformanceDeIDed[njh, q, qi, ri] }  
||
```

*njh* is an instance of the system. *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* is an assertion that looks at every possible instantiation of the Alloy model and checks whether all its queries using a *DeIDed* access ticket return de-identified data. We use the predicate *ConformanceDeIDed* to check that each piece of return data in each query’s result is de-identified when a de-identified access ticket is used to run the query. We test this assertion using the statement in Listing 5.4 that uses a scope of 3, i.e., generates a maximum of three (3) instances for each signature, and executes this check; further, we expect the system not to find counterexamples, i.e., expect 0.

Listing 5.4: Executing *AlwaysDeIDedConformance*

```
|| check AlwaysDeIDedConformance for 3expect 0
```

If no counterexamples are found we know that when the *DeIDed* access ticket is used, each piece of data in the query’s result is always de-identified within the scope defined. While we may use larger scopes, the Alloy Analyzer justifies testing models with small scopes because a high proportion of bugs may be uncovered when testing a program for all test inputs using small scopes (see Section 3.1). If *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* returns a counterexample, we know that some query using the *DeIDed* access ticket terminated in an illegal state.

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<sup>3</sup>We use a concatenation of words in the names of the assertions, predicates and functions as an easy way to identify their purpose.

#### 5.2.4 DETERMINING OPERATION STATES.

In our model, we not only want to determine if an illegal state could be reached, but also that the legal state is possible. While *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* returning counterexamples tells us about the presence of illegal states, if it does not return counterexamples we still require a further sanity check because it may be that the model produces no instances and therefore no counterexamples could be returned. In terms of Figure 5.3 we must also determine if the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{De-identified} \rangle$  state is reachable. The predicate *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* in Listing 5.5 produces an instance of the system where a query’s result is *de-identified*. *BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions* is a predicate that sets up conditions such that a system instance *njh* contains a query *qry* that extracts some data *qi* and has associated return data *ri*. *not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)]* ensures that *ri* is de-identified according to our simplified definition of de-identified data (i.e. dates are returned as years).

Listing 5.5: Testing *runQuery* Model for the *De-identified* State

```

pred CanGetConformanceDeIDed
  [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
    BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri]
    and not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
run CanGetConformanceDeIDed for 3but 1NJH expect 1

```

We expect that *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* will produce an instance. We use as evidence that the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{De-identified} \rangle$  and the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  states are reachable when *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* gives an instance and *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* gives counterexamples respectively. We note however, that we do not have enough evidence to show that the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  state is reachable when *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* finds no instance, or that the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{De-Identified} \rangle$  state is reachable when *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* find no counterexamples.

We use the evidence of the reachability of the states when constructing our transition system. While a program graph, such as the one represented in the mapped rule-specific entity view state machine described in Section 5.1.6, represents the possible states and operations in the system, the transition system is a concrete representation of the actual reachable states (or operations) in the execution of the program graph. For example, if *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* returns instances and *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* does not return counterexamples, we expect the that the analysis of the mapped rule specific state machine to produce

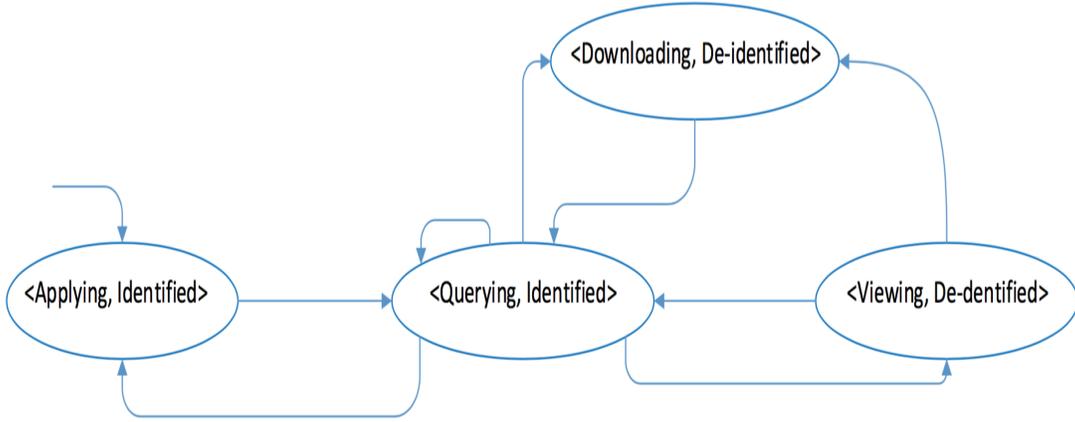


Figure 5.7: Transition System Indicating Conformance to the De-identified Rule

the states in the transition system shown in Figure 5.7. However, if *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* returns instances and *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* returns counterexamples, then we know that the transition system shown in Figure 5.8 containing the illegal states will be constructed from the analysis results. This is because a counterexample from the *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* means that there is non-conformance.

### 5.3 Phase 3: Results and Feedback

The presence of counterexamples for the *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* assertion represents an illegal state in the system. When an illegal state is encountered, we may use other assertions and predicates to further probe the specifications to find the conditions under which unexpected results were returned. If identified data is returned from a query using a *DeIDed* access ticket, we must be able to generate a detailed system instance that pinpoints the specific project, query, data the query worked on, and the corresponding data returned by the query that produced the illegal state, i.e., object instances of the classes in Figure 5.6.

In our model, all the data that require a de-identifying date transformation are marked using the *DICat* association in Figure 5.6. Therefore, our first check is to ensure that our *Query* operation specification correctly de-identifies marked data. We use the assertion in Listing 5.6 to make this check. If we find counterexamples then we know that our operation specifications are incorrect. *ConformanceDeIDedHDataSet* is a predicate that returns *true* if all the data extracted by a query that is marked as requiring de-identification has been de-identified in the query’s result.

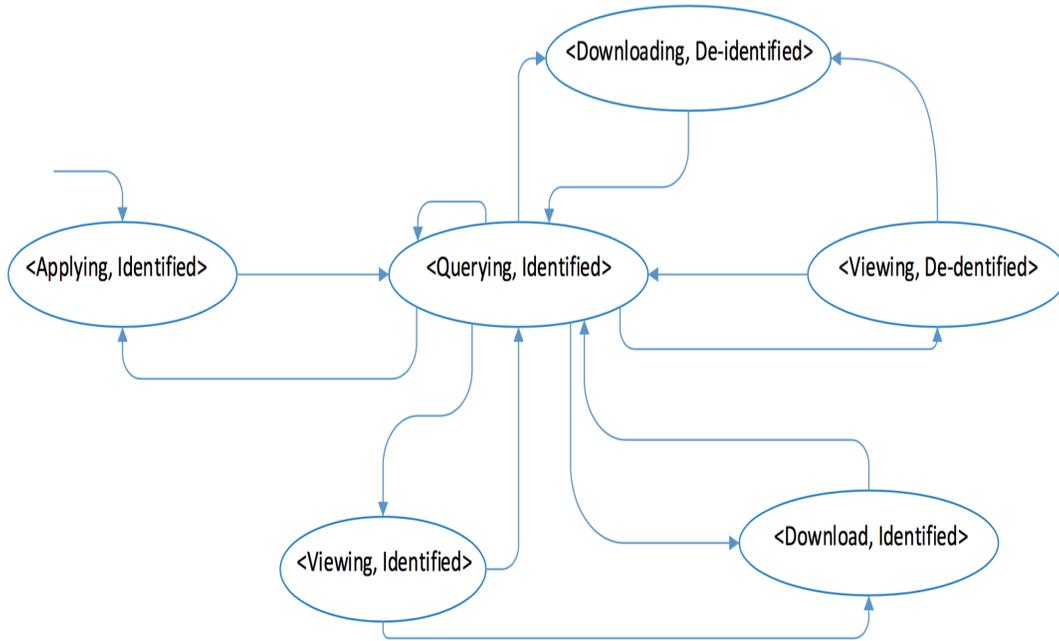


Figure 5.8: Transition System Indicating Non-Conformance to the De-identified Rule

Listing 5.6: Probing for Conformance when Data is Properly Categorised

```

assert AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateSet {
  all njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |
    all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn), ri: q.(njh.QryReturns) |
      ConformanceDeIDedHDateSet[njh, q, qi, ri] }
check AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateSet for 3expect 0

```

However, if this assertion finds no counterexamples, then our probing must continue as the reason for the non-conformance is elsewhere in the model. For the de-identifying transformation to work properly, our model relies on human intervention to link the following:

1. date data items with their appropriate HIPAA category using the *DICat* association in Figure 5.6,
2. transformation rules with the HIPAA categories associated with data they need to transform, using the *ATTransforms* association in Figure 5.6,
3. access rules to the return data types that they should transform using the *ARAppliesTo* association in Figure 5.6, and
4. the access tickets to the appropriate transformation rules, using the *ATRules* association in Figure 5.6.

Our next logical step is to use other assertions to probe the model to verify that these links have been properly created. We have created an example to demonstrate what occurs if data items have not been properly marked for a de-identifying transformation. The predicate in Listing 5.7 may be used to generate an instance where a query *qry* terminates in an illegal state because some data item that the query extracted from the data sources *qi*, and transformed *ri*, were not properly marked as requiring a de-identifying transformation by creating a *DICat* association. *NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet* is the predicate used to find where this occurs.

Listing 5.7: Probing for a Non-Conformance Instance when a Data Item is Improperly Categorized

```
|| pred DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet
||   [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
||     NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet [njh, qry, qi, ri]}
```

While the instance produced by the Alloy Analyzer may be viewed graphically, it may not be ideal for giving feedback to the non-technical user. The Alloy Analyser allows the instance to be exported to the Extensible Markup Language (XML) format that we may parse for the query, data items and their associations that resulted in the illegal state. A graphical example of the feedback relevant to this problem is shown in Figure 5.9, where the elements determined to be involved are labeled with the variables used to run the predicate. For example, when giving the feedback, the main variables of interest from the call to the *NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet* predicate are *qry*, *qi*, and *ri*. These variables are used as additional labels for *Query2*, *QryData1* and *RetData* respectively in Figure 5.9; *QryData1* is the data item extracted by *Query2* and *RetData* is the result that is in an illegal state because *QryData1* was not properly linked to *HDate* to indicate that it should be de-identified.

The counterexample gives us an indication of what needs to be corrected in the model. For this example, we may add corrections to the *runQuery* post condition to ensure that it recognises data values that are dates and de-identifies them, or add a constraint that all *DataValue* classes that are dates are linked to the *HDate* HIPAA category. We applied the correction as a constraint to associate all date *DataValue* classes with the *HDate* HIPAA category in the model. This constraint added in the Alloy model must be propagated to the corresponding class diagram. Through the mapping to the mapped rule-specific entity view described in Section 5.1.6, we know what states in that view are affected. We must also reflect the new constraint in

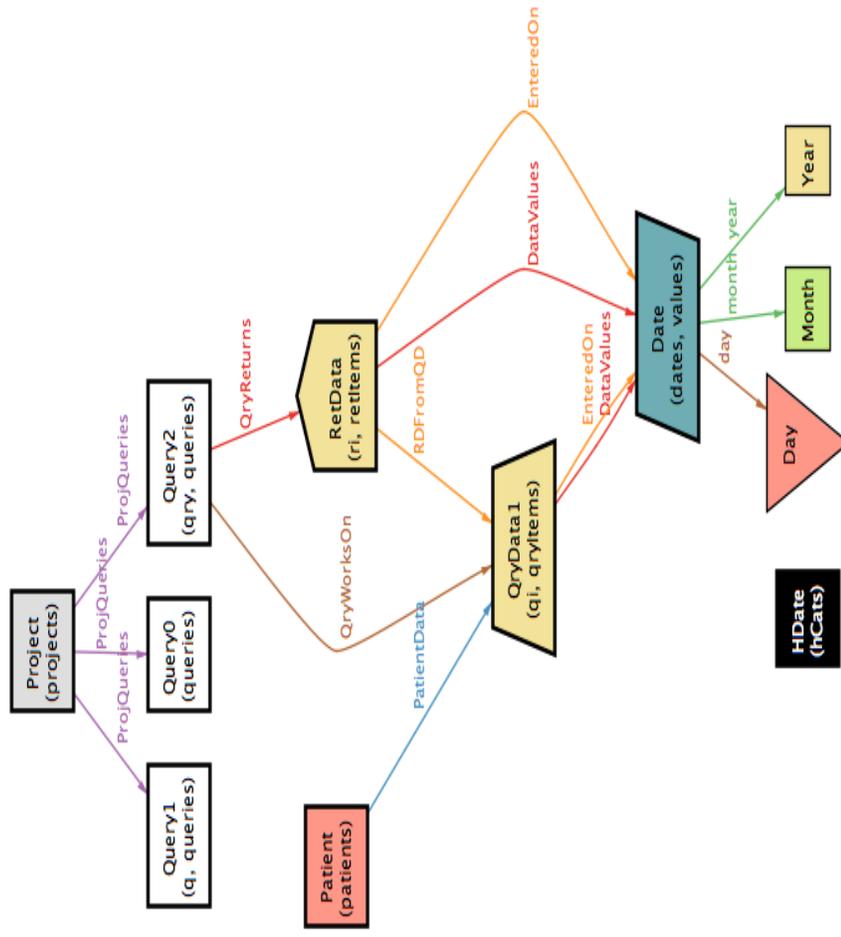


Figure 5.9: Non-Conformance: *Query2* returns *Identified Data*

the part of the annotated activity diagram in Section 5.1.5 dealing with *DataValue* objects, and from there changes may need to be made to the portions of the work flow initially linked to this part of the activity diagram. If, however, the correction was applied in the postcondition, since the *Query* operation in the rule specific entity view has annotations from the class diagram, the post condition change to the class diagram's *runQuery* method can be propagated through this mapping.

Appendices B.1 and B.2 give details on the important predicates and assertions for the *runQuery* operation.

## 6. HMCA OVERVIEW

### 6.1 HMCA Generalisation

The process used and the models created for verifying system conformance to our simplified de-identification HIPAA rule may be generalised for verifying other rules. We use Figure 6.1 to represent the main activities of HMCA, and with each activity show its inputs and outputs as models/artefacts<sup>1</sup>. We will refer to this view of HMCA as an external view because we highlight the major activities and the models/artefacts that are used across these activities. In this external view of HMCA we use the numbers 1 through 6 to highlight the steps.

At step 1 we take as input conformance *Rule Requirements*, e.g. HIPAA regulations, that we use to drive the construction of the models needed for the analysis phase. We highlight that we need more formal:

1. data-oriented system models and for this we construct a UML *Class Diagram* that give us the additional details needed to identify specific places in the system where the rules are not satisfied;
2. process-oriented system models, and for each rule we construct an *Annotated Rule-Specific Entity View* (ARSEV) as a state machine and will use it to test conformance for each rule; and
3. rule representation, and for this we construct a *Rule NFA* for each rule using the atomic propositions labelling the system states in the ARSEV to define conformance rules by defining illegal states e.g., the simplified HIPAA de-identified rule in Figure 5.4.

Each constructed model requires verification from the respective domain experts to verify that they are correct. We also show the links between models/artefacts that are important to maintain by using traceability links. In the construction phase, we link each conformance *Rule Requirement* to its representation as a *Rule NFA*, each *Rule NFA* to its corresponding ARSEV, and since the ARSEV's annotations also come from the *Class Diagram* (see Section 5.1.6) we also provide traceability links between them.

In the analysis phase we produce a *Transition System* from each ARSEV and use it to check whether the corresponding conformance rule has been satisfied. In order to determine system state and to avoid in-

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<sup>1</sup>The diagrams in this section are best view in colour to differentiate the purpose of each coloured line.

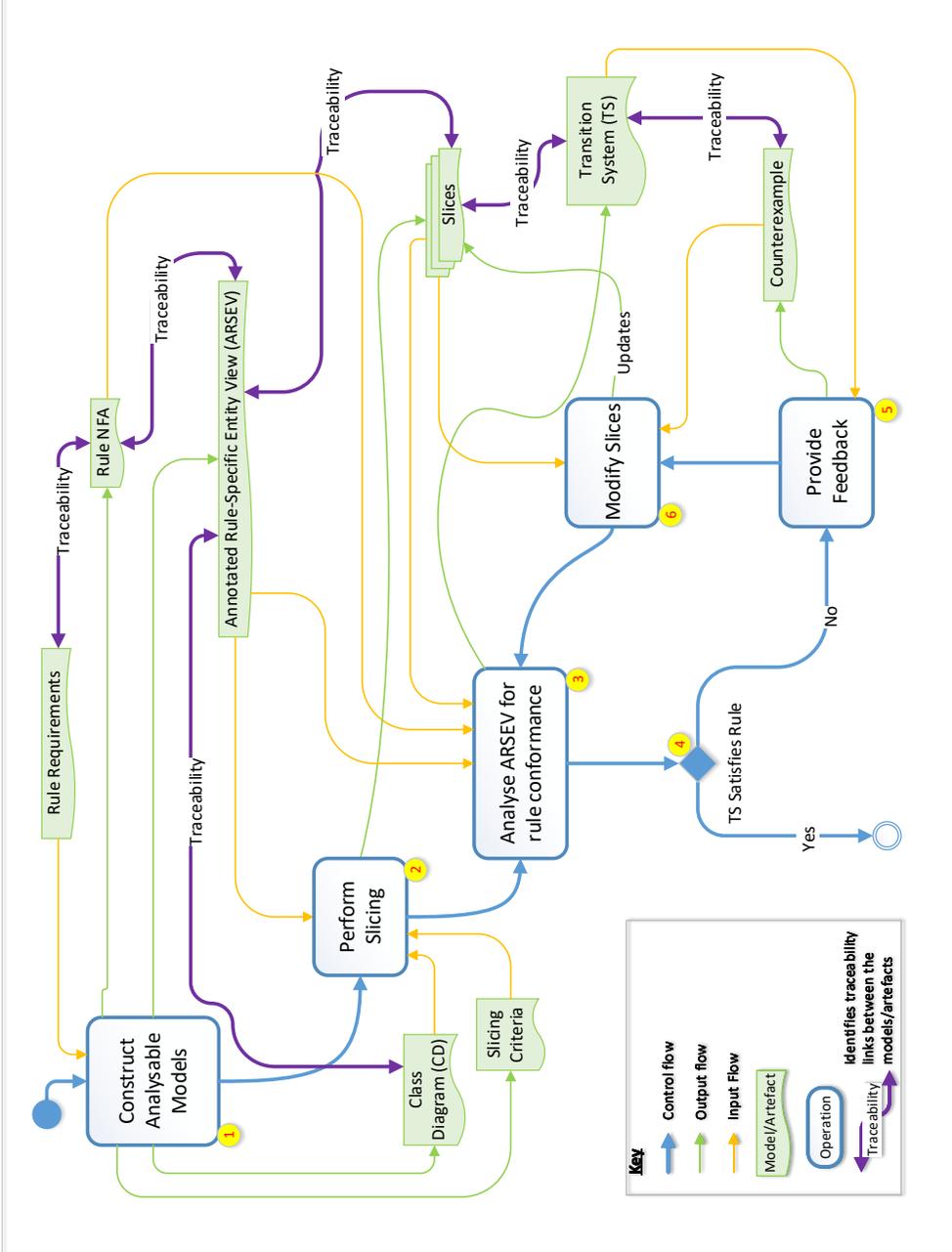


Figure 6.1: Generalised HMCA

tractable analysis results when using a model checker, we construct the transition system semi-automatically by slicing to produce smaller models. Though we do not separate the slicing of the models from the analysis phase, we include it as a separate step in our external view because we later allow the slices to be modified and re-analysed, and slicing the models takes place only once<sup>2</sup>. *Slicing* requires as input the *Class Diagram*, *Slicing Criteria* i.e. each method in the class diagram or each operation in the ARSEV that may correspond to a sequence of several methods in the class diagram, and the ARSEV from the construction phase. The analysis performed at step 3 produces the transition system.

If the conformance rule is satisfied in the transition system, the *Yes* branch at step 4 is taken and our process ends. However, the *No* branch at step 4 becomes important when the conformance rule being checked is not satisfied. This *No* branch at step 4 allows us to provide counterexamples at step 5, to modify the Alloy slices at step 6, and to re-analyse for rule conformance at step 3.

This external view of HMCA hides many internal sub-activities that produce intermediate models/artefacts so we provide decompositions of each phase as HMCA internal views in Subsections 6.2 to 6.4 below.

## 6.2 Construct

Using the same conventions in the key from Figure 6.1, we show a more detailed view of the construction phase in Figure 6.2 by giving a step-wise decomposition as internal sub-activities and include additional models/artefacts used and produced. We use the numbers 1 through 8 to highlight the steps. Some of the highlights are that:

- we show the specific sub-activities that use and produce models/artefacts, e.g. *Rule Requirements* is used at step 4 and the *Rule NFA* is constructed at step 5;
- we include additional internal models/artefacts, produced at steps 1, 3, 4, and 6;
- we include internal traceability links for the models/artefacts, e.g., the ARSEV now has traceability with the *Annotated Activity Diagram* (AAD) because we link its operations with the actions in the AAD;

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<sup>2</sup>However, if changes are made to the operation specifications in the system class model, the slicing must be re-done.



- we have organised some of the internal activities using two parallel paths identified by steps 2-6-7 and 2-3-4-5-7 because the models/artefacts used and produced along these paths do not overlap; and
- at step 8, we require the two parallel paths 2-6-7 and 2-3-4-5-7 to complete in order to construct the ARSEV that depends on the models/artefacts previously produced on the identified paths.

We note that although our explanations in Section 5.1.1 started with a flowchart and its conversion to an activity diagram, HMCA assumes that we will have an activity diagram representation of the system's actions.

### 6.3 Analyse

Using the same conventions in the key from Figure 6.1, we show a more detailed view of the analysis phase in Figure 6.3 by giving a step-wise decomposition of the internal sub-activities and include additional models/artefacts used and produced. We use numbers, 1 through 5, to highlight the sub-activities.

The highlights in this phase are that though sub-activities 2 through 4 are not observable externally, they add the models from which we extract the states to use in constructing the *Transition System*. *Slicing* in sub-activity 1 partitions the class diagram using the *Slicing Criteria*; currently we use the operations in the ARSEV as the slicing criteria. We transform each class diagram slice to an equivalent Alloy model. While the class diagram may contain constraints specified using the Object Constraint Language (OCL) [68], these are not automatically transformed in the Alloy model because many of the concepts in OCL are not directly representable in the Alloy language. Thus, adding of the constraints is a manual activity. In addition to the constraints, we add Alloy predicates and assertions to extract state information from the models. The alloy specifications are included in the *Constrained Alloy Slices* (CAS). This equivalent representation of the class diagrams slices as Alloy models help us to undertake detailed analysis to check that operations do not terminate in illegal states, or if they do, to pinpoint where problems in the system specification exist. We then use the states indicated from the execution of the assertions and predicates to construct the transition system in sub-activity 5.

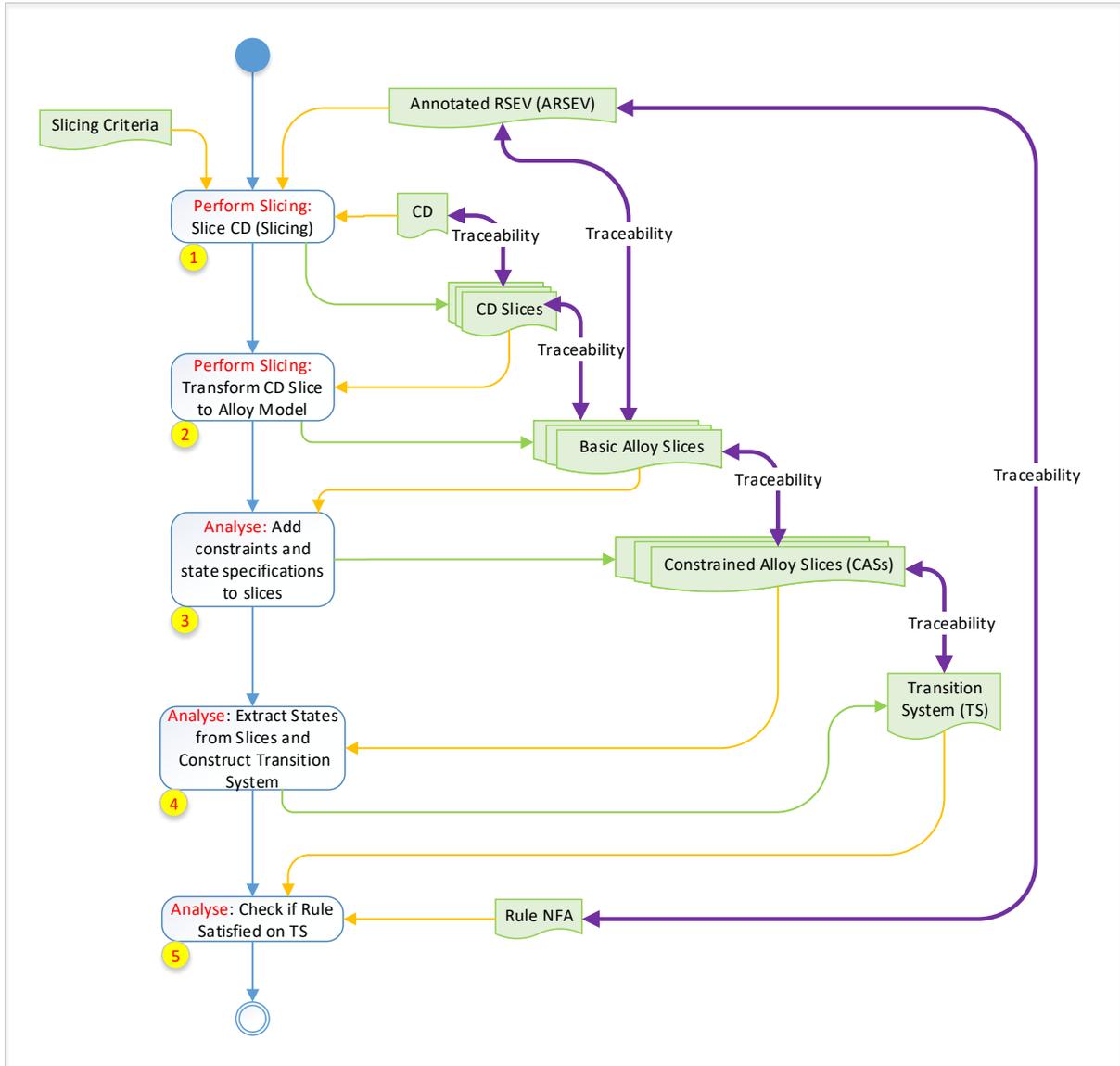


Figure 6.3: Analysing in HMCA

## 6.4 Provide Feedback

We also show a more detailed view of the feedback phase in Figure 6.4 by giving a step-wise decomposition of the internal sub-activities and include additional models/artefacts used and produced.

We use numbers 1 through 6 to highlight the important steps. We repeat sub-activity 5 from Figure 6.3 as step 1 because its results determines the flow and may be re-used in the feedback phase. Step 2 shows branching flows based on the results in step 1. When a conformance rule is not satisfied, step 3 is taken, otherwise we go to step 5. In step 3, we extract a counterexample from the transition system. The counterexample will indicate structural conditions under which a rule fails and we can use this to modify the constraints in the Alloy model in step 4, and re-analyse the conformance rule in step 1. In step 5, if any of the CASs have been modified, we must reconcile their modifications with the ARSEV, which produces a modified ARSEV. Since each CAS has indirect traceability to the class digram slices, the reconciliation applies to the class diagram as well.

Currently, analysis in HMCA considers each rule individually, so the steps must be followed for each rule. We consider that HMCA is complete on the *No* branch of step 5, or after step 6 completes for all the rules.

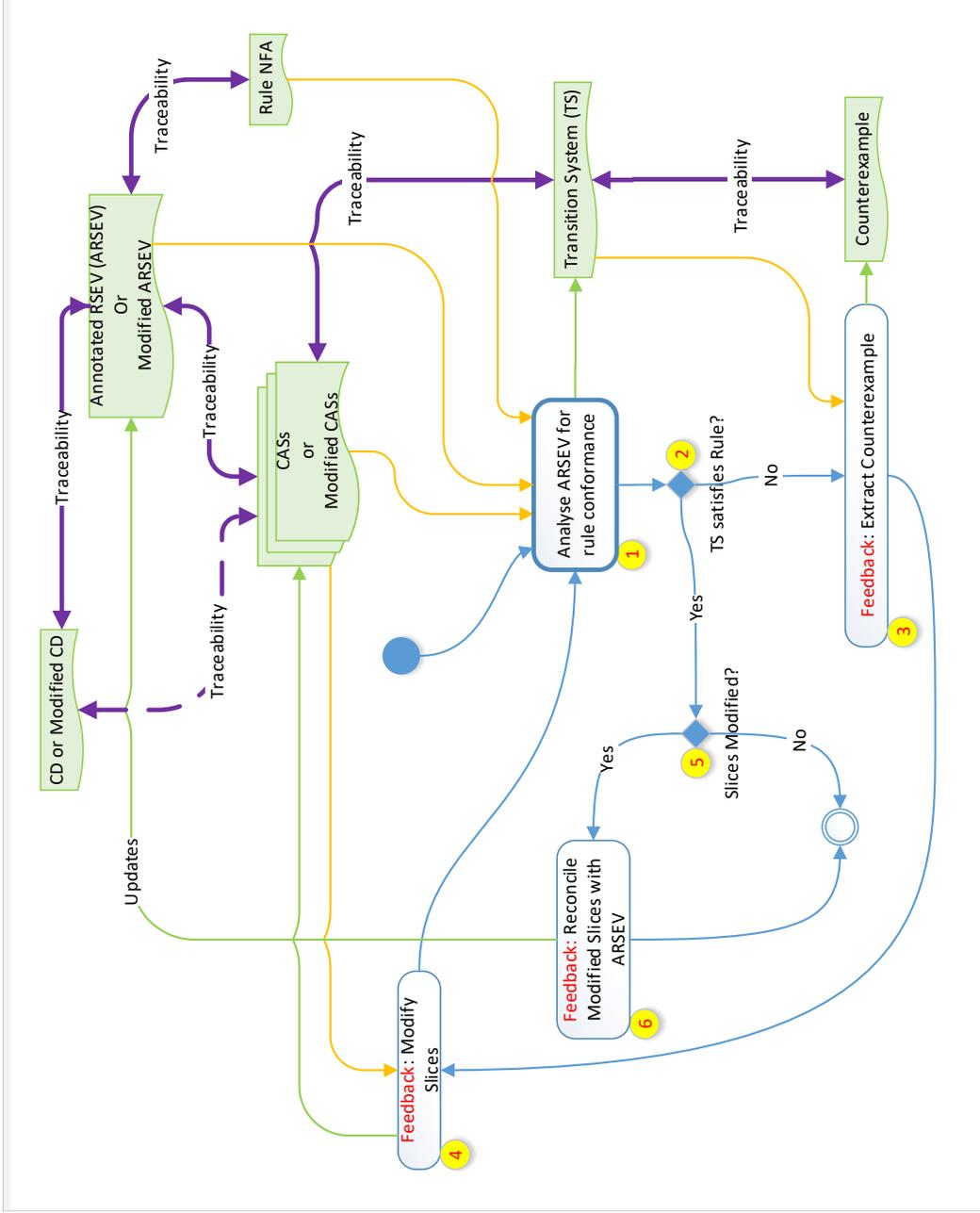


Figure 6.4: Feedback in HMCA

## 7. NON-CONFORMANCE FEEDBACK

In this chapter we provide additional and updated models for the NJH system to complement the models in Chapter 5, and discuss the feedback phase of HMCA in more details. The models presented will provide the background for sections 7.2 through 9.3. The additional models are in Section 7.1 and the details of the feedback phase are in sections 7.2 through 7.6. We give a summary of the feedback phase in Section 7.7.

### 7.1 Updating NJH Models

We discuss updates to and include new 1) *entity views*, 2) HIPAA conformance rules as NFAs for the *DeIDed* and the *Identified* access tickets, 3) class model, 4) annotated activity model, and 5) transition systems and non-conforming states in analysis. These were previously discussed in sections 5.1 and 5.2.

#### 7.1.1 ENTITY VIEWS

Recall that an entity may be understood as an object in the system that either perform operations that change its own states, or is a state of interest to rule conformance. Therefore, entity views are needed to bring understanding to the individual states of entities and how the composition of these individual entity states influence the complete system state. We discussed the entity views and rule specific entity views for the *DeIDed* access ticket in section 5.1.2. However, since we only considered cases where the data used start out in an *Identified* state, our models must be updated to include where the data can start out in a *De-identified state*, i.e., since a project may use data from different sources and some of them may have data that is in an *Identified* or<sup>1</sup> *De-identified* state.

##### 7.1.1.1 Individual Entity Views

Both individual entity views, i.e., the *Patient Health Information Entity View* and the *Researcher Entity View* require updating as we now include new operations and states for the former and new transitions for the latter. We show in Figure 7.1 the updated *Researcher Entity View*. We compare this with Figure 5.1 where we now have a new state for when a researcher is being qualified.

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<sup>1</sup>This is to be interpreted as the *inclusive-OR*

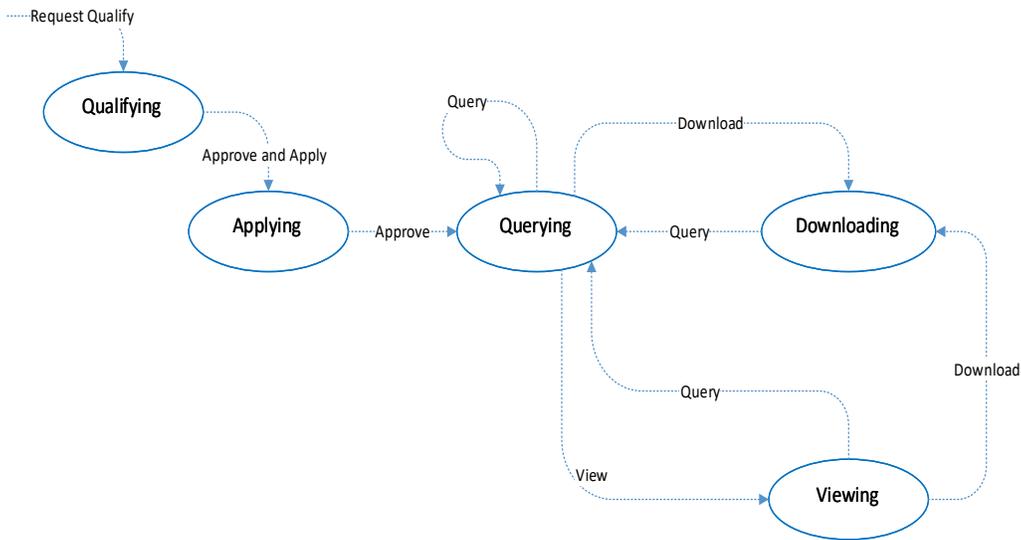


Figure 7.1: Researcher Entity View (Updated from Figure 5.1)

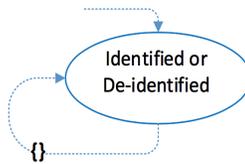


Figure 7.2: Patient Health Information Entity View (Updated from Figure 5.2)

We show in Figure 7.2 the updated *Patient Health Information Entity View*. We compare this to Figure 5.2 where we no longer have a separate *De-identified* state as this is included in the state labelled *Identified or De-identified*. Since the *or* is the *inclusive-OR* the data may be in three distinct states: *only Identified*, *only De-identified* or *both Identified and De-identified*. As with the previous data entity view in Figure 5.2, this view also contains non-determinism as we have not shown the additional conditions from the system state that differentiate the enabling of either of the edges exiting the *Identified or De-identified* state. Though this entity view updates the model for the *DeIDed* access ticket, we note that it also applies to the *Identified* access ticket.

#### 7.1.1.2 Rule Specific Entity View

The changes in the *individual entity views* must be propagated to the *rule specific entity views*. Recall that the latter is constructed based on the *handshaking* [14, see section 2.2.3] of operations in the former,

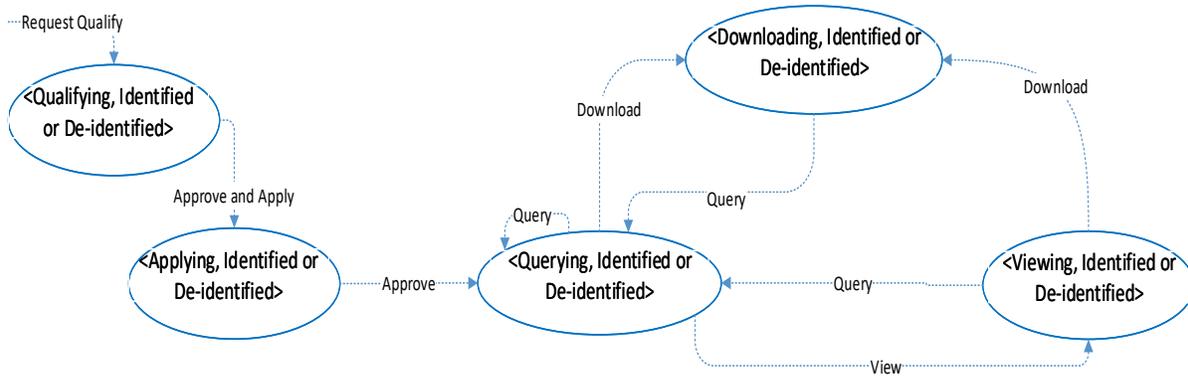


Figure 7.3: *Identified* and *DeIDed* Rules Specific Entity View

such that when identical operations occur on the label of an edge, their next states are combined into one state. We show in Figure 7.3 the composition of the views in figures 7.1 and 7.2. Since both the *Identified* and the *De-identified* states may occur together in the *rule specific entity view*, the composition gives an entity view for both the *Identified* and the *DeIDed* access tickets.

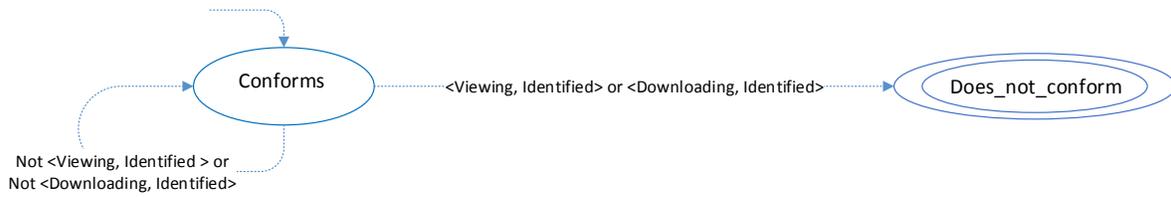
Again, this rule specific entity view contains non-determinism. For example, though there is a single edge from the *<Querying, Identified or De-identified>* state to the *<Downloading, Identified or De-identified>* state, this (edge) is an abstraction for three edges because of the three different ways the *Identified or De-identified* clause in the states may be assessed to be true. This non-determinism identifies that these possibilities exist in the system at this level of abstraction.

### 7.1.2 HIPAA CONFORMANCE RULES

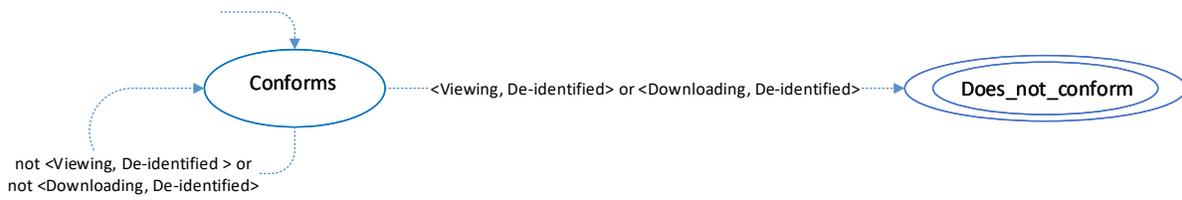
HIPAA conformance rules specify how the system will be adjudged to be conforming to HIPAA regulations. We previously discussed these in Section 5.1.3 and we now return to updating and adding new ones based on the new *rule specific entity view* in Figure 7.3.

#### 7.1.2.1 De-identified Conformance Rule

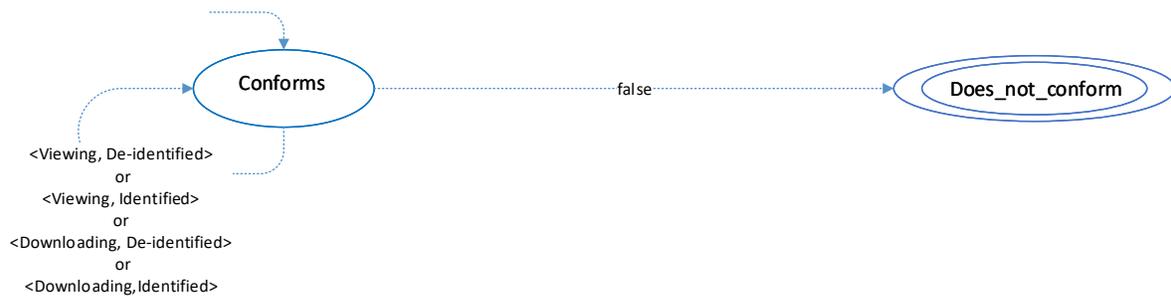
Figure 7.4a is the same as Figure 5.4. It shows the conformance rule for the *DeIDed* access ticket and is specified using the atomic propositions in Figure 7.3. We repeat it here because it will be useful in identifying



(a) Rule NFA for the *DeIDed* access ticket (Same as Figure 5.4)



(b) Rule NFA for the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDeD* data transformation



(c) Rule NFA for the *Identified* access ticket with an *AllowDeIDed* data transformation

Figure 7.4: Conformance Rules as NFA for the *Identified* and *DeIDed* access tickets

non-confining states for the models in the analysis phase as discussed later in Section 7.1.4. It shows that the system is in state *Conforms* when *View* or *Download* is used to access *De-identified* health information.

#### 7.1.2.2 Identified Conformance Rules

Figure 7.4b shows the conformance rule for an *Identified* access ticket requiring a *TotallyIDed* data transformation. It is specified using the atomic propositions in Figure 7.3. It shows that the system is in state *Conforms* when *View* or *Download* is used to access identified health information.

Figure 7.4c shows the conformance rule for an *Identified* access ticket requiring an *AllowDeIDed* data transformation. It is also specified using the atomic propositions in Figure 7.3. It shows that the system is in state *Conforms* when *View* or *Download* is used to access either identified or de-identified health information. We note that, since the *AllowDeIDed* data transformation permits that both the *Identified* and the *De-identified* data states specified in our system to show conformance, there is no case where there can be non-conformance, i.e., the label on the edge into the *Does\_not\_conforms* state is *false*. This means that all the modelled states of health information will conform to this rule. We also note that when other data transformations are included, e.g., for those allowed by the *Coded* access ticket (see Section 3.4), all the rule formalisms must be updated or else the system will be underspecified due to data states being excluded from the rules and this may result in non-conformance.

### 7.1.3 CLASS MODELS AND ACTIVITY MODEL ANNOTATIONS

#### 7.1.3.1 Class Model

The unsliced class model for the NJH system is shown in Figure 7.5. It includes all the model elements as discussed up to and including Chapter 9.

#### 7.1.3.2 Activity Model Annotations

As we did in Section 5.1.4 to *Map Rule Specific Entity Views to System Models*, where we showed the annotations for the query operation, we now update and add the annotations for all the operations. In particular, we show the annotations for operations that allow the advancing to the different states in Figure 7.3.



7.1.3.2.1 *Approve RequestQualify for Researcher.*

- *Input:* Researcher  $r$ , Qualifier  $q$ ;
- *Precondition:*
  1. Personnel that is passed in as Qualifier is Authorised to perform this function; and
  2. there is no link in the *ResearcherQualifier* association between  $r$  and  $q$
- *PostCondition:* Link in the *ResearcherQualifier* association between  $r$  and  $q$ ; and
- *Output:* Success.

7.1.3.2.2 *Approve a Researcher's Licence Application.*

- *Input:* Researcher  $r$ , and Licence  $f$ ;
- *Precondition:*
  1.  $r$  qualified; and
  2. there is no link in the *ResearcherL* association between  $r$  and  $f$
- *PostCondition:* Link in the *ResearcherL* association between  $r$  and  $f$ ; and
- *Output:* Success.

7.1.3.2.3 *Approve a Project's Application for an access ticket.*

- *Input:* Project  $p$ , AccessTicket  $at$ ;
- *Precondition:*
  1. All *DecisionRules* for  $at$  return true; and
  2. there is no link in the *ProjectAT* association between  $p$  and  $at$  (see footnote<sup>2</sup>)

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<sup>2</sup>This second condition is sufficient because any  $p$  can only have a single access ticket

- *PostCondition*:

1. Link in *ProjectAT* association between  $p$  and  $at$ ; and
2. for each *SpecialSubject* linked to  $p$  in the *ProjectSpecialResearch* association, there is a link in the *ProjectConsentAssentReq* association

- *Output*: Success.

#### 7.1.3.2.4 Execute a Query.

- *Input*: Query  $qry$ , Researcher  $r$ ;

- *Precondition*:  $r$  is authorised to execute  $qry$ ;

- *PostCondition*: each

1. *QryData* linked to  $qry$  in the *QryWorksOn* association, all applicable *AccessRules* for  $qry$ 's access ticket returns true; and
2. *RetData*,  $rd$ , in the *QryReturns* association is:
  - (a) is transformed according to the *DataTransform* linked to  $qry$  in the *ProjectDataTransform-Required* association through its associated project;
  - (b) linked to some *QryData*,  $qd$ , in *QryWorksOn* for  $qry$ ;
  - (c) linked to some *Type* in *RDType* such that
 

if  $rd$  is linked to 1  $qd$  in *QryWorksOn* then

$Type = Individual$

else

$Type = Group$
  - (d) is *Identified* or *De-identified*.

- *Output*: Success

#### 7.1.3.2.5 Check Conformance.

- *Input*: Query *qry*;
- *Precondition*: *qry* has *RetData* in the *QryReturns* association;
- *PostCondition*: for the applicable conformance rule, each *RetData* linked to *qry* through the *QryReturns* association does not return the *Does\_not\_conform* state<sup>3</sup>; and
- *Output*: conformance rule state.

#### 7.1.3.2.6 View (or Download) query's results.

- *Input*: Researcher *r*, Query *qry*;
- *Precondition*:
  1. *qry* has *RetData* in the *QryReturns* association; and
  2. *r* is authorised to view (or download as applicable) *qry*'s *RetData* in *QryReturns*.
- *PostCondition*: true; and
- *Output*: Success.

### 7.1.4 ANALYSIS

This section completes the models for the *Analysis* phase as previously discussed in Section 5.1.6.

#### 7.1.4.1 Slicing

Recall that we use *Slicing* to partition the class model in Figure 7.5 in order for HMCA to produce tractable analysis. We use the operations discussed in Section 7.1.3.2 as the *slicing criteria* to produce 5 slices as follows to:

1. *qualify a researcher* in slice 1 that is produced using the annotations in Section 7.1.3.2.1. This slice is shown later in Figure 7.10.

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<sup>3</sup> We are able to determine the applicable conformance rule (as specified in Figure 7.4) indicated by the access ticket and *DataTransform* linked to *qry* through its associated project in the *ProjectAT* and *ProjectDataTransformRequired* associations respectively.

2. *approve a researcher's application for fishing licence* in slice 2 that is produced using the annotations in Section 7.1.3.2.2. This slice is shown later in Figure 7.11.
3. *approve a project's access ticket* in slice 3 that is produced using the annotations in Section 7.1.3.2.3. This slice is shown later in Figure 9.1.
4. *execute a query* in slice 4 that is produced using the annotations in Section 7.1.3.2.4. This slice is shown later in Figure 9.7. With reference to Figure 7.1, the *View* and *Download* operations also occur in slice 4.
5. *check conformance to the HIPAA regulations* in slice 5 that is produced using the annotations in Section 7.1.3.2.5. This slice is shown later in Figure 8.2.

#### 7.1.4.2 Transition Systems

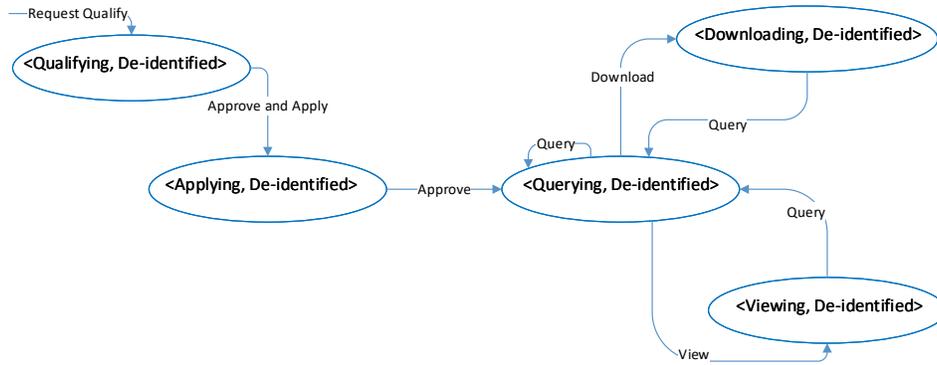
Recall that the *rule specific entity view* in Figure 7.3 is a *program graph* that represents the possible states and operations in the system. Recall also that a transition system (TS) is a concrete representation of the actual reachable states or operations in the execution of the *program graph*.

Through a process of *unfolding* a TS is constructed from Figure 7.3 to produce Figure 7.6. Note that we show the TS as 3 separate subfigures to represent the different starting concrete values in the data states. Figure 7.6a shows the TS where the data starts in a *De-identified* state, Figure 7.6b shows the TS where the data starts in a *Identified* state, and Figure 7.6c shows the TS where the data starts both in the *Identified* and the *De-identified* state.

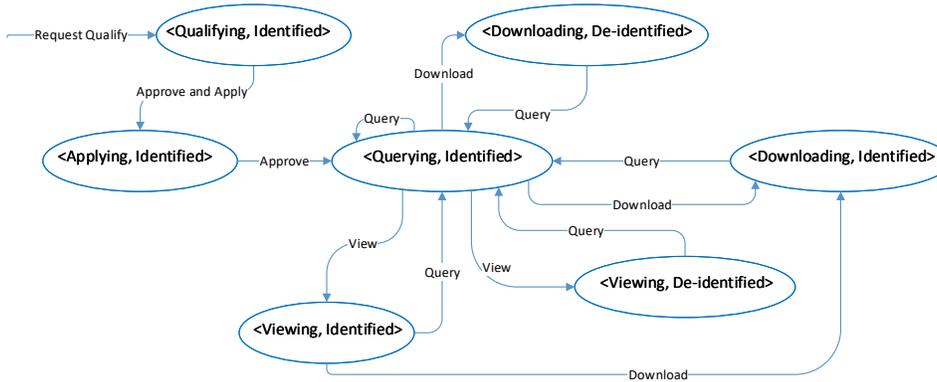
#### 7.1.4.3 Understanding Non-Conformance

Using the rules in Figure 7.4 we determine which states in each of the TSs in Figure 7.6 indicate non-conformance to the rules.

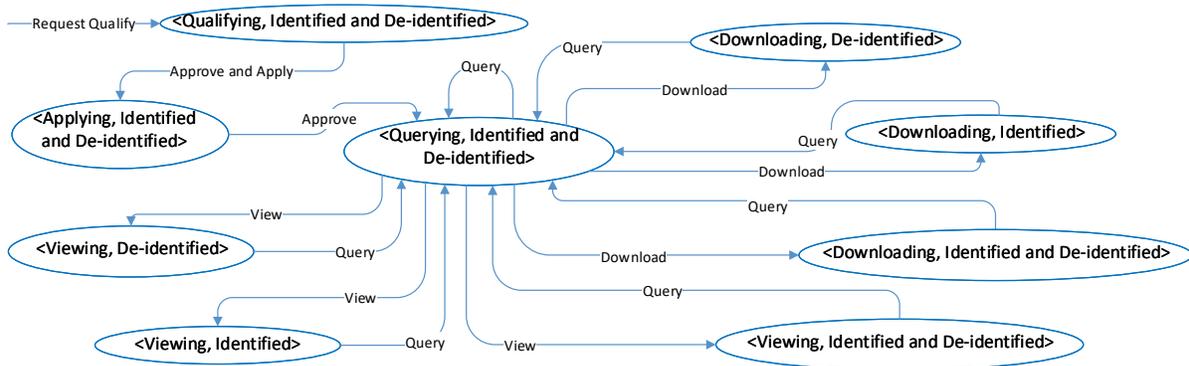
**7.1.4.3.1 DeIDed access ticket.** For the *DeIDed* access ticket with a *TotallyDeIDed* data transformation, the states highlighted in red in the subfigures of Figure 7.7 will cause the de-identified conformance rule in Figure 7.4a to enter the *Does\_not\_conform* state. For example, Figure 7.7a shows that if the data starts out



(a) TS where data begins in the *De-identified* state

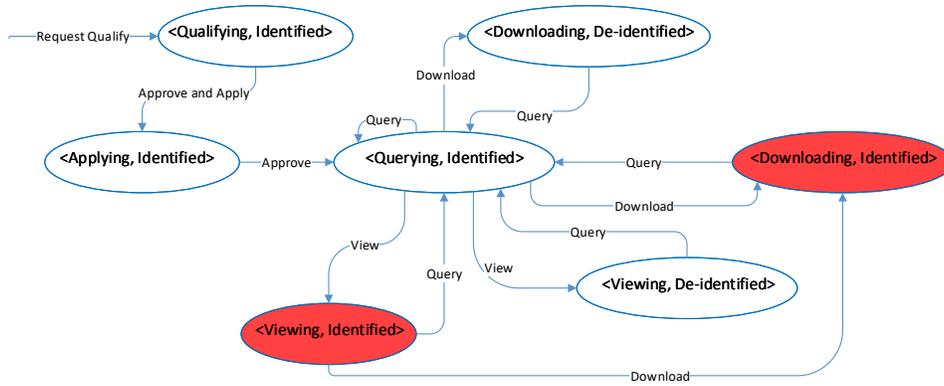


(b) TS where data begins in the *Identified* state

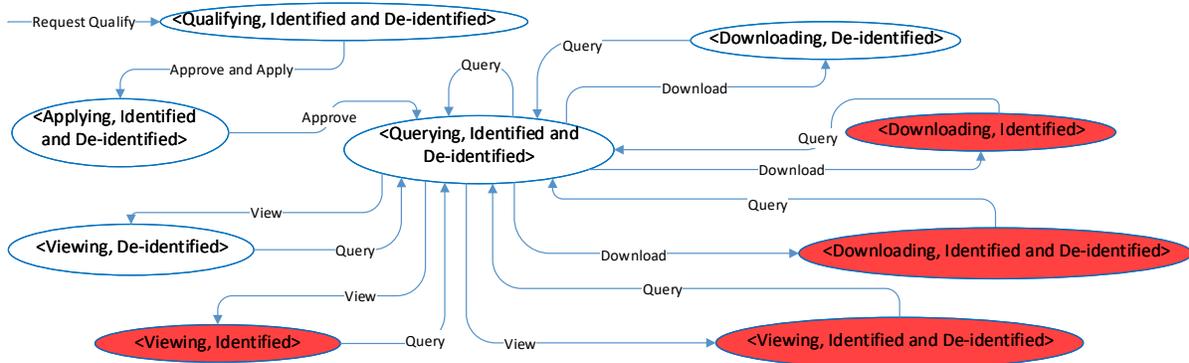


(c) TS where data begins in the both the *Identified* and *De-identified* states

Figure 7.6: Conformance Rules as Graph Formalisms for the *Identified* and *DeIDed* access tickets



(a) Illegal states for the *DeIDed* access ticket with a *TotallyDeIDed* data transformation for the TS where data begins in the *Identified* state



(b) Illegal states for the *DeIDed* access ticket with a *TotallyDeIDed* data transformation for the TS where data begins in the both the *Identified* and *De-identified* states

Figure 7.7: Illegal states for the *DeIDed* access ticket

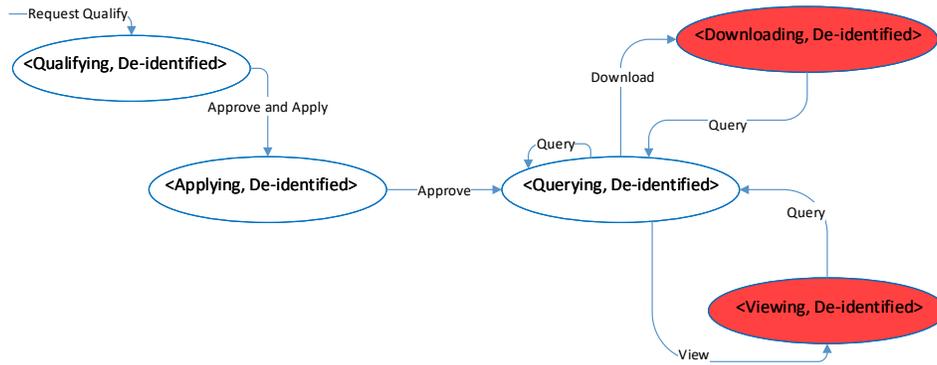
in the *Identified* state we know that *Viewing* or *Downloading* a query's result that is still in the *Identified* state is non-conformance. An example of finding this non-conformance is shown in Figure 7.15 where we showed non-conformance using a counterexample generated using the Alloy Analyzer and an equivalent representation in Figure 7.17 using a UML object model (in Chapter 7). We note that the TS in Figure 7.6a has no illegal states for the *DeIDed* access ticket since all its states are *De-identified*.

*7.1.4.3.2 Identified access ticket with a TotallyIDed data transform.* For the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDed* data transformation, the states highlighted in red in the subfigures of Figure 7.8 will cause the rule in Figure 7.4b to enter the *Does\_not\_conform* state. For example, Figure 7.8a shows that if the data starts out in the *De-identified* state, we know that *Viewing* or *Downloading* a query's result will show non-conformance because it is impossible to re-identify *Deidentified* data. In addition, Figure 7.8b shows that if the data starts out in the *Identified* state, we know that *Viewing* or *Downloading* in a *De-identified* state is evidence of non-conformance. An example of finding this non-conformance is shown in Figure 8.3 (in Chapter 8).

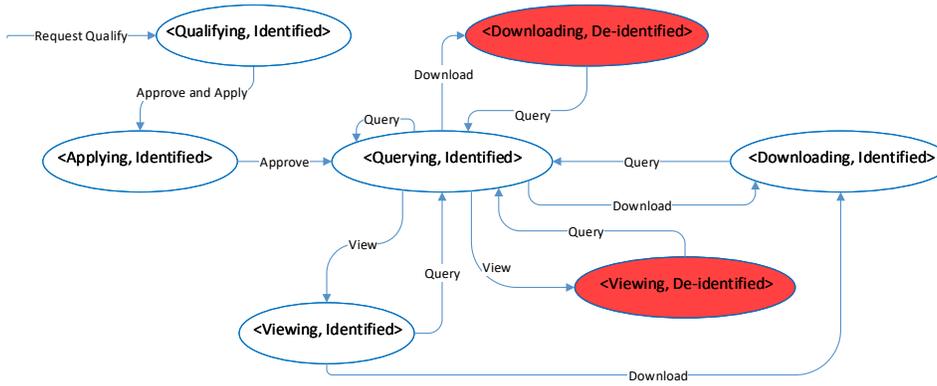
*7.1.4.3.3 Identified access ticket with a AllowDeIDed data transform.* For the *Identified* access ticket with a *AllowDeIDed* data transformation, none of the data states in the TSs as shown in Figure 7.6 will indicate non-conformance. This is because this access ticket and its accompanying data transformation permits both the *Identified* and *De-identified* data states.

## 7.2 Feedback Context and Overview

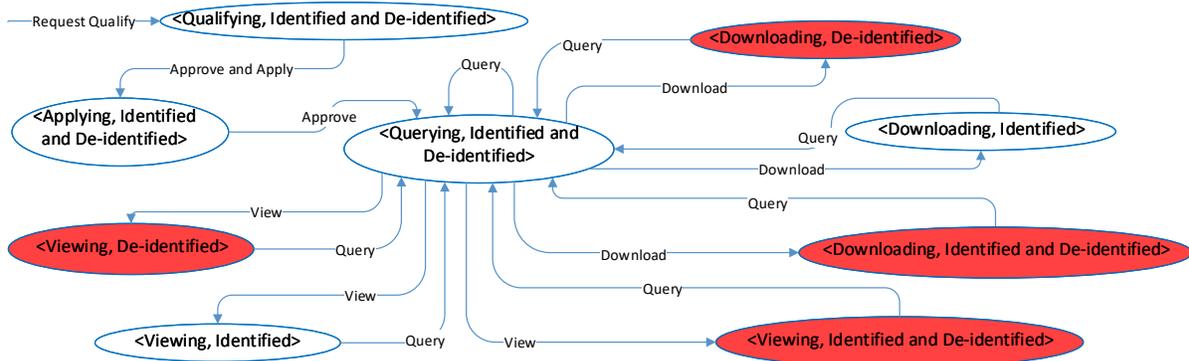
In HMCA we use the Alloy Analyzer to generate a counterexample when a rule is not satisfied. We wish to show the feedback in a format that is easier to understand so we will convert the Alloy counterexample to an equivalent UML object model. However the object model created from the Alloy counterexample may not have enough information in it to understand why non-conformance occurs because the counterexample is an instance of the slice in which the checking of the rule occurred. For example, we show the current UML class model to support operations of interest for the NJH system in Figure 7.9 and in Figures 7.10 through 7.14 the objects and associations from Figure 7.9 that are in each slice.



(a) Illegal states for the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDed* data transformation for the TS where data begins in the *De-identified* state



(b) Illegal states for the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDed* data transformation for the TS where data begins in the *Identified* state



(c) Illegal states for the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDed* data transformation for the TS where data begins in the both the *Identified* and *De-identified* states

Figure 7.8: Illegal states for the *Identified* access ticket with a *TotallyIDed* data transformation



If the following sequence of operations occurred:

**personnel**  $per_1$  **qualifies researcher**  $r$  (slice 1,  $S_1$ , in Figure 7.10)

→ **approve researcher**  $r$  **for fishing licence**  $f$  (slice 2,  $S_2$ , in Figure 7.11)

→ **approve project**  $p_1$  **to use**  $d$ ,  $q_1$  **is a part of**  $p_1$ 's **queries, researcher**  $r$   
**is a project member in**  $p_1$  (slice 3,  $S_3$ , in Figure 7.12)

→ **researcher**  $r$  **runs query**  $q_1$  **using**  $d$  (slice 4,  $S_4$ , in Figure 7.13)

→ **check conformance to de-identified access ticket**  $d$ , **for the**  
**results from query**,  $q_1$  (slice 5,  $S_5$ , in Figure 7.14)

and, if conformance failed in slice 5, the counterexample only contains instances of elements in that slice. However, the user may need an object model of the full system model to determine the reason for non-conformance.

In order to give the user enough information to determine the reason for non-conformance, we will show the feedback as a UML object model. To do this, we augment the object model generated from the counterexample with additional objects and links in such a way that is consistent with the constraints of the system class model. The USE tool provides capabilities to create object models and check that they satisfy the constraints in the associated class model. In addition, we can supply the tool with a partial object model and use its generation capabilities to add objects and links to have a valid instance of the associated class model. In order to accomplish this with the USE tool, we must include all the Alloy model constraints that have been created to run the analysis as OCL constraints.

In order to reduce the cognitive overload of showing the object model of the full system all at once, we will sequence the feedback as instances of the slices in figures 7.10 to 7.14. The general procedure is to construct the feedback as an on-demand (user-driven) sequence of object models, starting in the slice that the non-conformance is observed and generating the object model for the previous slices as needed. In each subsequent object model, we will highlight the overlapping objects and links with each previous object model. For instance, in our running example where conformance failed, the first object model in the sequence is the counterexample from slice 5, the second an object model from slice 4, etc. The user will be shown the first object model in the sequence and can request the second, and so on.











Depending on the size and complexity of the class model and constraints, constructing the feedback in this way may save computations. In the next section we discuss the specific commands that the USE tool provides for generating object models. Section 7.4 discusses the USE specifications and we return to a detailed examination of generating the feedback in Section 7.5. We show in Section 7.6 how the generated object models may be used to analyse and understand why conformance failed. Section 7.7 ends this chapter with some conclusions and future directions.

### 7.3 USE Tool Object Model Generator

The *USE* tool can generate object models that conform to a class model with OCL constraints. To accomplish this, it employs A Snapshot Sequence Language (ASSL) [41]. ASSL provides additional commands to the OCL and Simple OCL-based Imperative Language (SOIL) languages already included in USE.

SOIL provides commands to *create*, *delete*, and *insert* objects and links among objects, but does not ensure that the objects and links satisfy constraints in the corresponding class model; so using these commands may produce an ill-formed object model. Using the SOIL language to produce object models produces deterministic models, i.e., the same object model each time the commands are executed.

ASSL commands include equivalent commands provided by SOIL and additional ones that can perform guided searches in the space of objects and insert links among them that satisfy the constraints in the class model. The commands will only report success, i.e., objects and links created will persist, if the object model created satisfy all the constraints, otherwise a rollback occurs and the object model is returned to the state it was before the commands were executed. In this way, we are assured that the object model returned is well-formed. While the SOIL commands may be issued directly in the USE tool, the ASSL commands must be packaged in a procedure and the procedure executed using other special USE commands.

The guided searches of some of the ASSL commands mean that we do not have a deterministic object model, in the same way as using SOIL commands, even if the same ASSL commands are re-executed. In order to produce deterministic object models from ASSL, we can take advantage of how the USE tools logs when an ASSL procedure reports success and generates equivalent SOIL commands to recreate the exact object model that is returned. In addition, the searching for valid states means that executing ASSL procedures

may be computationally intensive. Both having the SOIL commands available and not having to re-execute a computationally intensive procedure are important when generating the sequence of object models with overlapping objects and links. For example, when generating the object model for slice 4 the same instances of the overlapping objects and links from slice 5 must be used.

Having the SOIL commands used to create the object model for slice 5 presents an opportunity for reuse because we can extract the commands for the overlapping object and use them as the starting point for generating slice 4.

### 7.3.1 OBJECT MODEL GENERATION COMMANDS

ASSL commands include those to:

1. *Create* objects, e.g.,
  - (a) *Create(Personnel)* to create and return a single *Personnel* object; and
  - (b) *CreateN(Personnel,5)* to create and return 5 *Personnel* objects as a sequence of objects.

*Create* gives the objects created arbitrary identifiers.
2. *Delete* objects and associations, e.g.,
  - (a) *Delete(Personnel<sub>1</sub>)* to delete the object identified by *Personnel<sub>1</sub>*; and
  - (b) *Delete(Personnel - > allInstances() - > asSequence())* to delete all objects of type *Personnel*.
3. *Insert* links between objects to form associations; e.g., *Insert(ResearcherQualifier, p<sub>1</sub>, r)* to add a link between *p<sub>1</sub>* and *r* in the *ResearcherQualifier* association;
4. Randomly generate objects, values, or associations links:
  - (a) *Any(seq : Sequence(T))*, to make and return a random selection from a sequence objects or values of type *T* and use or assign it to a variable of the same type
  - (b) *Try(seq : Sequence(T))* also works like the *Any()* command;

(c)  $Try(a : Association,$

$seq_1 : Sequence(T_1), seq_2 : Sequence(T_2)[, \dots, seq_n : Sequence(T_n)]*)$

to generate random association links among objects from the sequences given.

While we noted that both the  $Any(seq : Sequence(T))$  and the  $Try(seq : Sequence(T))$  commands produce the same results, they are semantically different because the latter also checks whether the assignments satisfy the constraints in the class model before returning the object/association. As discussed before, if any of the commands in an ASSL procedure causes the object model to be in an inconsistent state, the procedure will not succeed.

#### 7.4 USE Specifications

The slicing of the class model in the construction phase of HMCA described in Section 6.2 allows us to not only produce the Alloy slices, but to also produce equivalent class model slices. Since we are using the USE tool, the class model slices must be represented in the USE language. This representation may be achieved by employing an algorithm similar to Algorithm 2 that transforms the Alloy counterexample into a USE object model. The constraints that ensured well-formed slices were included in the Alloy specifications. In order for our generation program to work correctly and produce well-formed object models, we must now add the equivalent Alloy constraints to the sliced USE class models using OCL constraints.

Alloy and OCL have many similarities as specification languages and in their associated tools, i.e., the Alloy Analyzer and USE. However one of their main difference is in their support for sets and collections. In OCL sets and other collections are one-dimensional, but in Alloy everything is a set [15]. For this and other differences, it is not always possible to automatically transform Alloy to OCL because several Alloy expressions do not have a one-to-one equivalent in UML or OCL [28]. Since overcoming these challenges are not the focus of this research, the reader may examine the papers for translating Alloy to UML annotated with OCL in [6, 7] and the examination of translation back to Alloy in [28].

We transformed the constraints in the Alloy specifications to OCL manually. Refer to Appendix C for the detailed UML and OCL constraints for each slice. Our manual transformations provided many insights that may be useful not only for the automatic translation of Alloy to OCL, but also for insights on how the

difference in their support for sets and collections may produce slightly different associations/relationships and constraints among classes/signatures. We will return to discussing this in Chapter 11 where we give insights into the details of applying HMCA.

## 7.5 Detailed Algorithms: How to Construct the Object Model for the Feedback

Algorithm 1 outlines the high-level steps we will take to generate and request on-demand object models. It makes reference to Algorithm 2 to convert an Alloy instance to a USE object model, Algorithm 3 to extract overlapping objects from object models, and Algorithm 4 to complete an object model so that it satisfies the constraints in the class model. The first is outlined in Section 7.5.1, the second and third in Section 7.5.2. The ASSL procedures and USE commands that implement the algorithms for the NJH system are listed in Appendix C.

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### Algorithm 1 Generate On-Demand Feedback Object Model Sequence Construction

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1: procedure ONDEMANDFEEDBACK( $cm_{use} : USEClassModel,$ 
    $cm_{seq} : Sequence < USEClassModel >, inst_{aa} : AlloyInstance$ )
2:    $current \leftarrow cm_{seq}.first()$ 
3:    $om_{use} \leftarrow ConvertAlloyInstanceToOM(inst_{aa})$ 
   ▷ See Algorithm 2 in Section 7.5.1
4:    $Show(om_{use})$ 
   ▷ displays object model
5:    $getNext \leftarrow UserRequestsNext()$ 
   ▷  $UserRequestsNext()$  is a Boolean value
6:   while  $getNext \wedge cm_{seq}.hasNext()$  do
7:      $current \leftarrow current \cup cm_{seq}.getNext()$ 
8:      $om_{use} \leftarrow ExtractOverlappingObjects(current, om_{use})$ 
   ▷ See Algorithm 3 in Section 7.5.2
9:      $om_{use} \leftarrow CompleteFeedback(current, om_{use})$ 
   ▷ See Algorithm 4 in Section 7.5.2
10:     $Show(om_{use})$ 
11:     $getNext \leftarrow UserRequestsNext()$ 

```

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### 7.5.1 REPRESENT ALLOY SLICE AS A UML USE OBJECT MODEL

Algorithm 2 outlines the steps to convert an Alloy instance to an object model.

### 7.5.2 GENERATE FEEDBACK AS A COMPLETE OBJECT MODEL

Algorithm 3 to Algorithm 7 gives the steps to generate a complete an object model with the objects and associations to satisfy a given class model.

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**Algorithm 2** Convert Alloy Instance to USE UML Object Model

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```
1: function CONVERTALLOYINSTANCETOOM(aa : AlloyInstance)
2:   init(om) ▷ om initialised to type USEObjectModel
3:   for sigs ∈ aa.getSignatureInstances() do
4:     om ← om ∪ !new(s.getSigType(), s.getSigName())
▷ !new() translates to the Soil command: !new Class(object identifier)
5:   for rels ∈ aa.getRelations() do
6:     inst_sigs ← rel.getRelationSignatureInstances() ▷ returns ordered signature instances
7:     if inst_sigs ⊈ sigs then
8:       error
9:     om ← om ∪ Insert(rel.getName(), inst_sigs[1], inst_sigs[2][, ..., inst_sigs[n]]*)
▷ See Section 7.3 for notes on Insert()
10:  return om
```

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**Algorithm 3** Extract Overlapping Objects

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```
1: function EXTRACTOVERLAPPINGOBJECTS(cm_use : USEClassModel, om_use : USEObjectModel)
2:   init(om_partial)
3:   assocs ← {a : Association | a ∈ cm_use.getAssociations()}
4:   for a ∈ assocs do
5:     om_partial ← om_partial ∪ om_use.getMappings(a)
6:   return om_partial
```

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**Algorithm 4** Complete Feedback

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```
1: function COMPLETEFEEDBACK(cm_use : USEClassModel, om_use : USEObjectModel)
2:   if cm_use.unconstrained() ≠ om_use then
▷ ensures that all objects and associations in om_use have corresponding definitions in cm_use
3:     error
4:     a_diff ← {a : Association | a ∈ cm_use.getAssociations() ∧ instance(a) ∉ om_use}
5:     obj_p ← CreatePotentialObjects(om_use, a_diff) ▷ See Algorithm 5
6:     om_use ← om_use ∪ obj_p
7:     om_c ← om_use
8:     repeat
9:       for a ∈ a_diff do
10:        om_c ← CreatePotentialAssociations(om_c, a) ▷ See Algorithm 6
11:    until cm_use.constrained() = om_c
12:    om_c ← Cleanup(om_c, obj_p) ▷ See Algorithm 7
13:    AcceptObjectModel(om_c) ▷ makes objects and associations added permanent
14:    return om_c
```

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**Algorithm 5** Create Potential Objects

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```
1: function CREATEPOTENTIALOBJECTS(assocs : Set < Association >)  
2:   init(cdiff)           ▷ cdiff is initialised to Map < Class, Value < Integer, Integer >>  
3:   for c: assocs.getAssociationEnds().getClasses() do  
4:     cdiff.put(c, 0)  
5:   for a : assocs do  
6:     ▷ iterates through the multiplicities of the association ends to compute the min and max instances  
7:     required  
8:     for < ae : a.getAssociationEnds() > do  
9:       c ← cmm.get(ae.getClass())  
10:      c.value.first += ae.minMultiplicity()  
11:      c.value.second += +ae.maxMultiplicity()           ▷ if multiplicity is * then 0 is returned  
12: objp ← {}  
13: for < entry : cdiff > do  
14:   ▷ the following if statements updates first and second values to ensure that we create at least  
15:   1 of  
16:     each missing object  
17:     if entry.value.first = 0 then entry.value.first ← 1  
18:     if entry.value.second = 0 then entry.value.second ← entry.value.first  
19:     objp ← objp ∪ Create(entry.key, Any([Sequence{c.value.first()..c.value.second()}]))  
20:     ▷ See Section 7.3 for notes on Create() and Any()  
21: return objp
```

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**Algorithm 6** Create Potential Associations

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```
1: function CREATEPOTENTIALASSOCIATIONS(om: ObjectModel, assoc : Association)  
2:   init(seq)           ▷ seq is initialised to Sequence < Sequence < Object >>  
3:   i ← 1  
4:   for c : Class ∈ assoc.getClasses() do  
5:     seq[i] ← om.getObjects(c).asSequence()  
6:     i += 1  
7:   Try(assoc, seq[1], ..., seq[n])           ▷ 1's based indexing assumed  
8:   return om
```

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**Algorithm 7** Cleanup Object Model - Delete Unused Potential Objects

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```
1: function CLEANUP(om : USEObjectModel, op : Set < Object >)  
2:   om ← Delete(op - om.getAssociations().getAssociationEnds.getObjects())  
3:   ▷ See Section 7.3 for notes on Delete()  
4:   return om
```

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## 7.6 Examining Object Models

Suppose, in our analysis of the Alloy model, conformance fails and gives us the counterexample in Figure 7.15. We see that while the *Query* $\$0$  was executed with a *DeIDed* access ticket, we are barred from downloading its result, i.e., the *VDAllowed* relation links *Query* $\$0$  with *DownloadDisabled* $\$0$ . Further examination of the counterexample shows that:

1. downloading the query’s results is disabled because *DataItem* $\$3$ , whose *DataValue* is *Date* $\$1$ , has not been (properly) de-identified, this is highlighted using the blue dashed line;
2. *DataItem* $\$3$  was derived from *DataItem* $\$5$ , i.e., the edge from *Query* $\$0$  to *DataItem* $\$5$  shows that the *qryReturns* relation links these instances with *DataItem* $\$3$  ; and
3. other return data (*DataItem* $\$0$ , *DataItem* $\$1$ , and *DataItem* $\$2$ ) have been derived from *DataItem* $\$4$ , i.e., shown on the edges from *Query* $\$0$  to *DataItem* $\$4$ , but these have been properly de-identified.

While the user executing the query may be disappointed/inconvenienced that the results of the query are not available, the system owners/administrators will be relieved that conformance according to the *DeIDed* access ticket has been demonstrated (verified). However, the system administrator will be concerned that this scenario occurred and should investigate. HMCA’s next step will allow the administrator to examine object models along the path to the non-conformance to try to determine the reason that *DataItem* $\_3$ ’s *DataValue* is returned identified.

Recall that we identified an equivalent class model for the counterexample as slice 5 ( $S_5$ ) in Figure 7.14; we now show this slice as a separate class model in Figure 7.16. While only the object model is shown to the user, we include the class model as a reference and note that this too may be included in the on-demand feedback to give a further context for each object model. Following Algorithm 2, *Convert Alloy Instance to USE UML Object Model*, we construct its equivalent object model in Figure 7.17.

This object model contains all the instances of the signatures and relations in the Alloy counterexample. The failure is circled by a blue dashed line. Beyond showing that conformance was violated, this object model is not helpful in identifying why conformance fails. Therefore, we ask the system to give us the previous slice in which the query was executed. The slice in which the query was executed was identified as slice 4 ( $S_4$ ) in

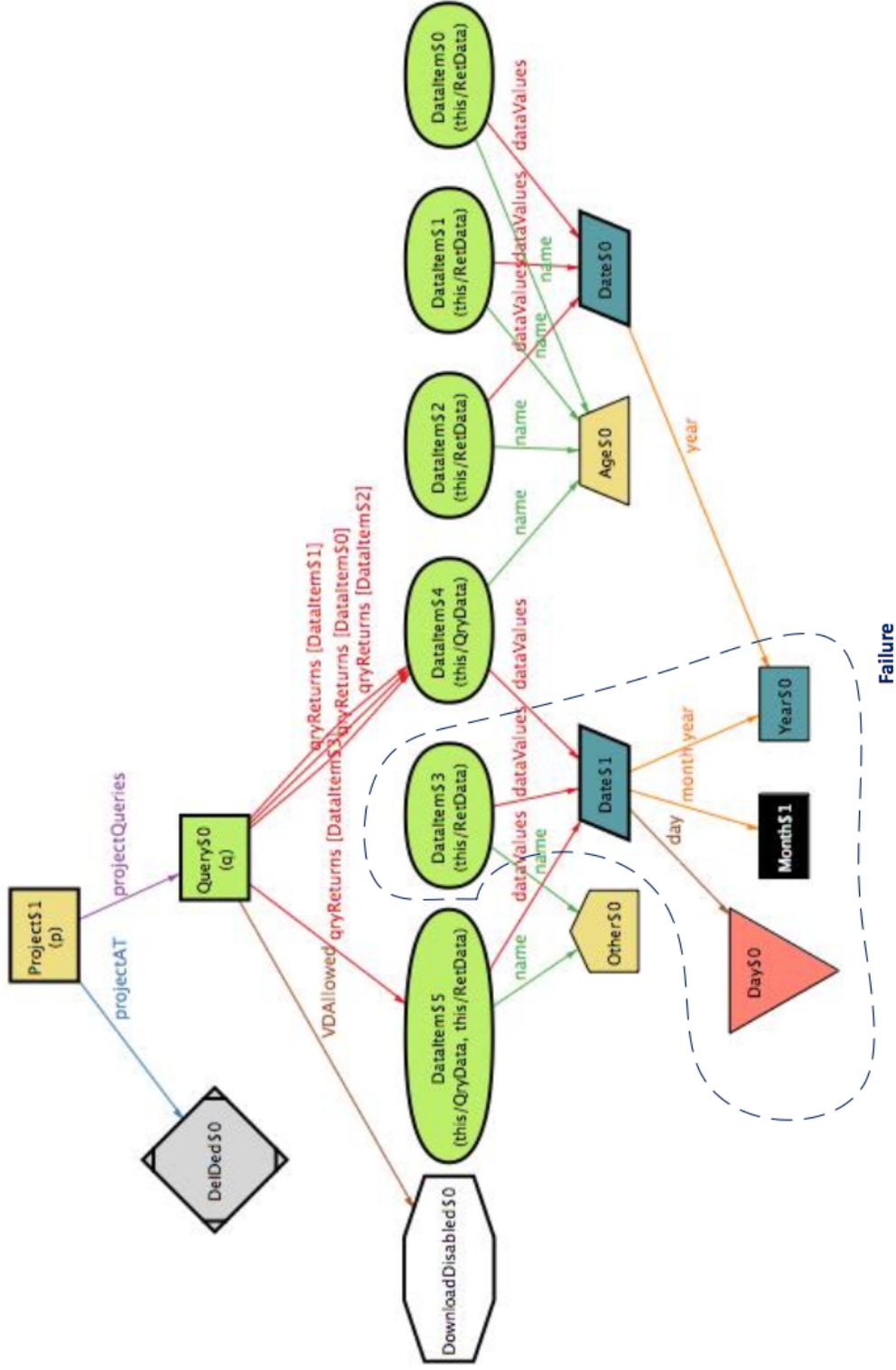


Figure 7.15: Alloy Analyzer Conformance Counterexample in Slice 5

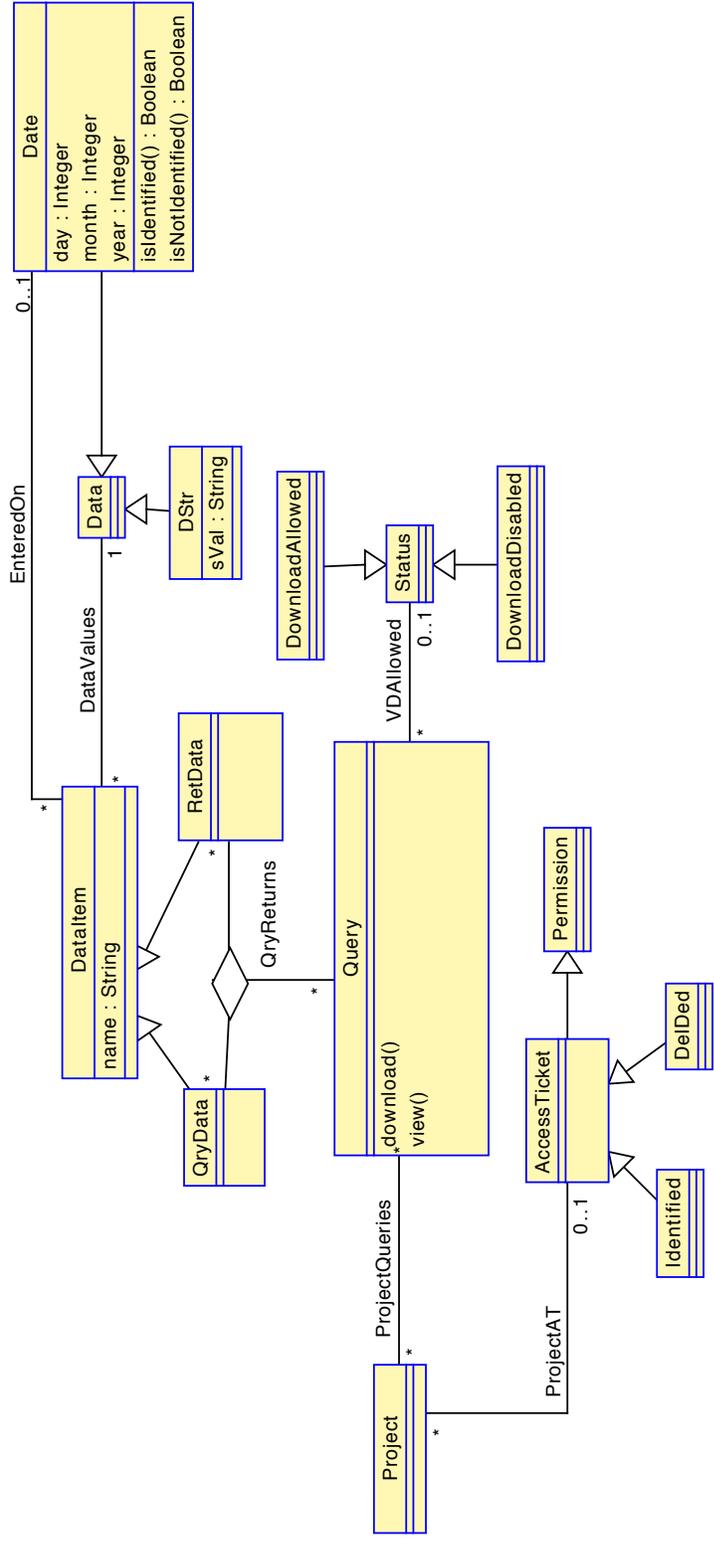


Figure 7.16: Class Model for Slice 5

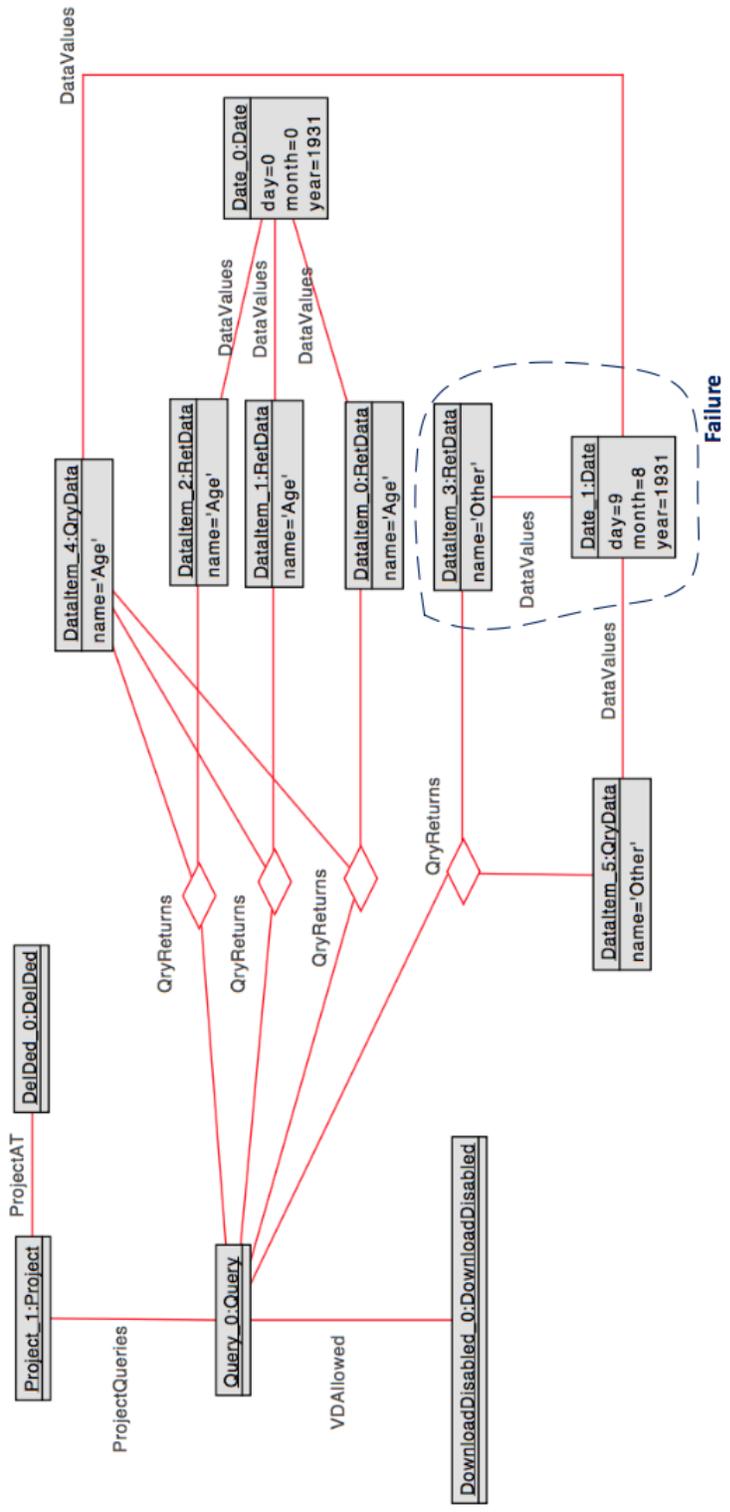


Figure 7.17: Non-Conformance Object Model for Slice 5

Figure 7.13; we show it as a separate class model in Figure 7.18 and outline the class model elements that overlap with the class model for slice 5 (in Figure 7.16). We use Algorithm 3, *Extract Overlapping Objects*, to extract the overlapping objects and links from Figure 7.17, i.e., the objects and links that are instances of the overlap of the slices highlighted in Figure 7.18. We then pass the class model in Figure 7.18 and the object model returned from Algorithm 3 to Algorithm 4, *Complete Feedback*, to generate an object model satisfying Figure 7.18. Note that for representing the Alloy counterexample as an object model we made a change to how dates are presented.

In Alloy a de-identified date is one that has a value for *year*, but does not have a value for neither *day* nor *month*. In OCL we modelled a de-identified date as having a non-zero *year*, *day* = 0 and *month* = 0. We then add the required instances of the other model elements to satisfy the constraints of slice 4. We show this object model in Figure 7.20 and use a grey shading to highlight the objects and links that overlap with the objects and links in the object model for slice 5. We also outline and label the failure using a blue dashed line/ font and that show the data that have been correctly de-identified using a red dashed line/font.

We identified in the previous slice (slice 5) that the return data derived from *DataItem\_4* were properly de-identified. We can therefore use this as the starting point to try to account for why this de-identification was successful. We see that the setup of links ensures that *DataItem\_4* will be transformed by the *DeIDed\_0* access ticket, i.e., from *DataItem\_4* we navigate:

1. the *DICat* link to the *HDate1* category that shows that *DataItem\_4* is correctly categorised;
2. the *ARTransforms* link from *HDate1* to the *TransformsHDate1* access rule that shows that the correct transformation rule is linked;
3. the *ARAppliesTo* link from *TransformsHDate1* to the *Individual1* type that shows that individual *HDate* instances, i.e. *HDate1*, are designated to be transformed; and
4. the *PermRules* link from *TransformsHDate1* to the *DeIDed\_0* access ticket to ensure that the project's access ticket applies the *TransformsHDate1* access rule.

Since the links we have seen are consistent with what we expect for de-identification, the user will (now) check if these corresponding links also exist for *DataItem\_5* (as a way to possibly understand why data



derived from it were not properly de-identified). Our object model shows that it has not be categorised as an *HDate* and observe that all the other data items whose data values are dates have been correctly categorised. This is definitely an explanation for the non-conformance. The missing link that shows the fault is drawn into Figure 7.20 using a green dashed line and labeled with the same colour font.

At this point we may request the system to show us the previous slice so we may investigate other reasons for the non-conformance. An object model for slice 3, where the *DeIDed\_0* access ticket was approved for *Project\_1*, is shown next. It is constructed in a similar way as was described for constructing the object model for slice 4. We show it in Figure 7.21 also highlighting in grey the overlapping object model elements with slice 4 (the extracted class model is shown in Figure 7.19).

We do not identify any problems with the objects and links in this object model that could cause the non-conformance shown in Figure 7.17. However, yet another step may be that the user requests to see an object model with all the slices merged. We show this in Figure 7.22. In it there is further confirmation that there is nothing in the overlaps of slice 3, 4, and 5 that could cause the non-conformance. Therefore, we return to the previous object model for slice 4 to devise our next steps. These steps include examining the OCL constraints to identify why *DataItem\_5* was not also categorised as an *HDate*.

Our specification shows that no constraint enforces that *every DataItem* that is a *Date* to be categorised as an *HDate*, i.e., this system model leaves such categorisation to the discretion of the system administrator even though HIPAA mandates it. To ensure that we can always pass the conformance checks, we add a constraint to the OCL system model specification to ensure that all dates are categorised as *HDate*. The constraints providing the fix must be added to both the USE and the Alloy specifications. Re-executing the conformance check in the Alloy Specifications should now show no counterexamples. However, if we have a counterexample, the previous investigation we performed on the object models gives us assurance that the problem may be in the actual de-identification of the data and not in the system configuration represented by the class model and constraints.

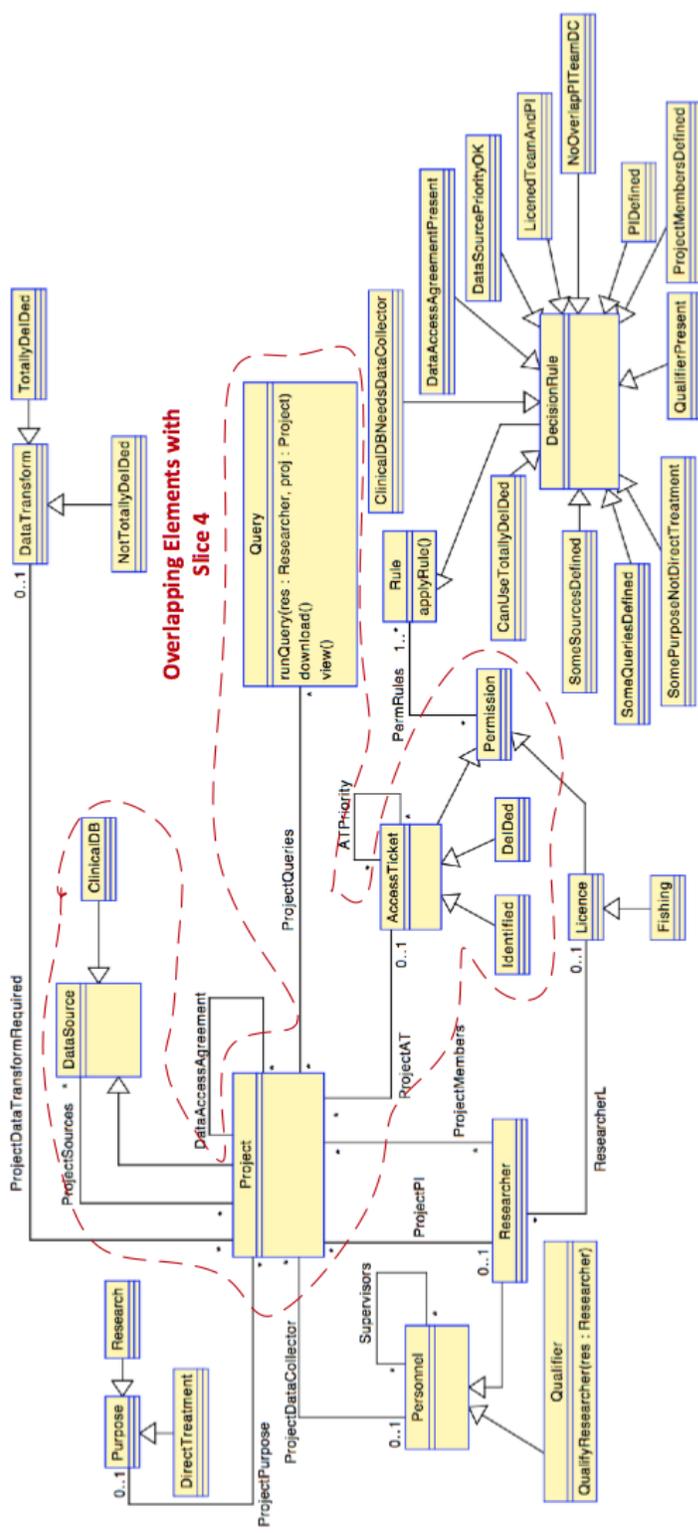


Figure 7.19: Class Model for Slice 3 Outlining Overlapping Model Elements in Slices 4 and 3







## 7.7 Summary

Non-conformance represents the failure of the system in the verification of rules and the validation of user and external agency expectations. We have demonstrated that when non-conformance occurs, the object models can be useful to a domain expert as a starting point into their investigation of the error state that led to the failure. We have previously discussed in Chapter 1 how enforcing rules requires us to examine the details of our system. Thus, the modelling and analysis at the granularity of the class and object models on data fields is crucial.

While the object models are useful, in system like the NJH system it is not unrealistic for a query to examine 10 million fields and to return results from 10 thousand of them. Further still, we know from a human computer interface point of view, it is not feasible to show an object model with all 10 thousand fields! Therefore, future research may include examining the scale of such object models and identifying some semantics for what the feedback shown to the user should contain to make it usable, i.e., slicing the feedback. For example, while we examined date fields to demonstrate non-conformance on individual fields, there are other rule-parts regarding de-identification as discussed in Section 3.4.

One way to slice the feedback may be to first identify which parts of the rule were not satisfied leading to the non-conformance and then to show only those objects and links relating to those rule parts. We may further slice the object models by each (non-satisfying) rule part, and if the object model it still too large, return a sample of the fields exhibiting the non-conformance. This proposed slicing of the object model can be used to reduce the cognitive overload to the user and make the feedback more usable. In addition to slicing, any request for previous slices must also use the rule part of predecessor slice so that the object and links generated have the appropriate context and overlap. We will discuss additional verification and validation of HMCA in Chapter 8.

## 8. VALIDATING HMCA

### 8.1 Introduction

In general, HMCA is designed to encode and analyse rules to tell us when non-conformance occurs. One way to apply HMCA is to follow a step-wise process, i.e., for each rule 1) construct models of the system and the rule, 2) analyse rule, 3) examine the feedback where non-conformance occurs, and 4) fix the system. So far, we have used this step-wise process to analyse conformance of our example system, NJH, to the HIPAA de-identified access rule, i.e., when a *DeIDed* access ticket is used the results of a query are de-identified. In this chapter, we demonstrate:

1. additional validation through error seeding - first through a logic error in a rule and second through incomplete analysis of indirect relationships; and
2. that these seeded errors correspond to real-world problems - the logic error causes non-conformance to the previously verified HIPAA de-identified access rule and the second causes conflicts of interest.

For seeding the errors, we analyse two new scenarios not yet explained in our discourse. First we add querying using the *Identified* access ticket, and show that even though we have not changed our specifications for the *DeIDed* access ticket, non-conformance is detected. Second, we revisit conflicts of interest by adding new information on how data collectors may conflict with researchers and show that non-conformance is also detected due to underspecification in our system.

We discuss the identified access ticket to the HIPAA conformance rule in Section 8.2, the conflicts of interest as both a decision rule for all access tickets and as a NJH conformance rule in Section 8.3, and end this chapter with a summary in Section 8.4.

### 8.2 Adding a New Parts to HIPAA Conformance Rule: Exposing Faulty Logic

#### 8.2.1 UPDATING CONFORMANCE RULE FOR THE *Identified* ACCESS TICKET

One of the decision rules used for granting a *DeIDed* access ticket is that the researchers indicate that only totally de-identified data can be used. In this case we say that the access rule implies that the data

requires a *TotallyDeIDed* data transform. For an *Identified* access ticket, the researchers are required to indicate whether they:

1. must have all of their data identified, which requires a *TotallyIDed* data transform; or
2. can use de-identified data, which allows the data to be either identified or de-identified. Here we say that a *AllowDeIDed* data transform is required.

In the case of the *AllowDeIDed* the project's data source, e.g., a previous project, may already or only contain de-identified data, and rather than exclude it in the query result, the researchers are willing to use it.

With the inclusion of the *Identified* access ticket, showing conformance to the HIPAA regulations now has three required parts based on the access ticket type and the required data transformation such that:

1.  $(DeIDed \wedge TotallyDeIDed) \rightarrow no\ date\ returned\ is\ identified^1$ ;
2.  $(IDed \wedge TotallyIDed) \rightarrow no\ date\ returned\ is\ de-identified$ ; and
3.  $(IDed \wedge AllowDeIDed) \rightarrow any\ date\ returned\ is\ identified\ or\ de-identified$ .

To show conformance for the *DeIDed* access ticket we did not require using *TotallyDeIDed* as a part of the rule, because a well formed model meant that only the *DeIDed* access ticket had this condition. Therefore it was sufficient to use

*DeIDed*  $\rightarrow no\ date\ returned\ is\ identified$

in the conformance rule. This meant that the *projectDataTransformRequired* association outlined by the red dashed line in Figure 8.1 was not required in slice 5 (See Figure 7.16) to show conformance for the *DeIDed* access ticket. (Note that the subtypes of *DataTransform* have been updated from the subtypes shown in figures 7.9 through 7.14 and Figure 7.19 where we replace *NotTotallyDeIDed* with *AllowDeIDed* and add *TotallyIDed* to have the meanings as discussed above.) However, because the *Identified* access ticket has two alternatives for the data transform, showing conformance requires that we now include the *projectDataTransformRequired* association in slice 5. We show an updated slice 5 in Figure 8.2 to include the *projectDataTransformRequired* association outlined by the red dashed line.

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<sup>1</sup>Recall that an identified date means that in addition to a value for the year, the date has a value for the day or month and de-identified means that it only has a value for the year.

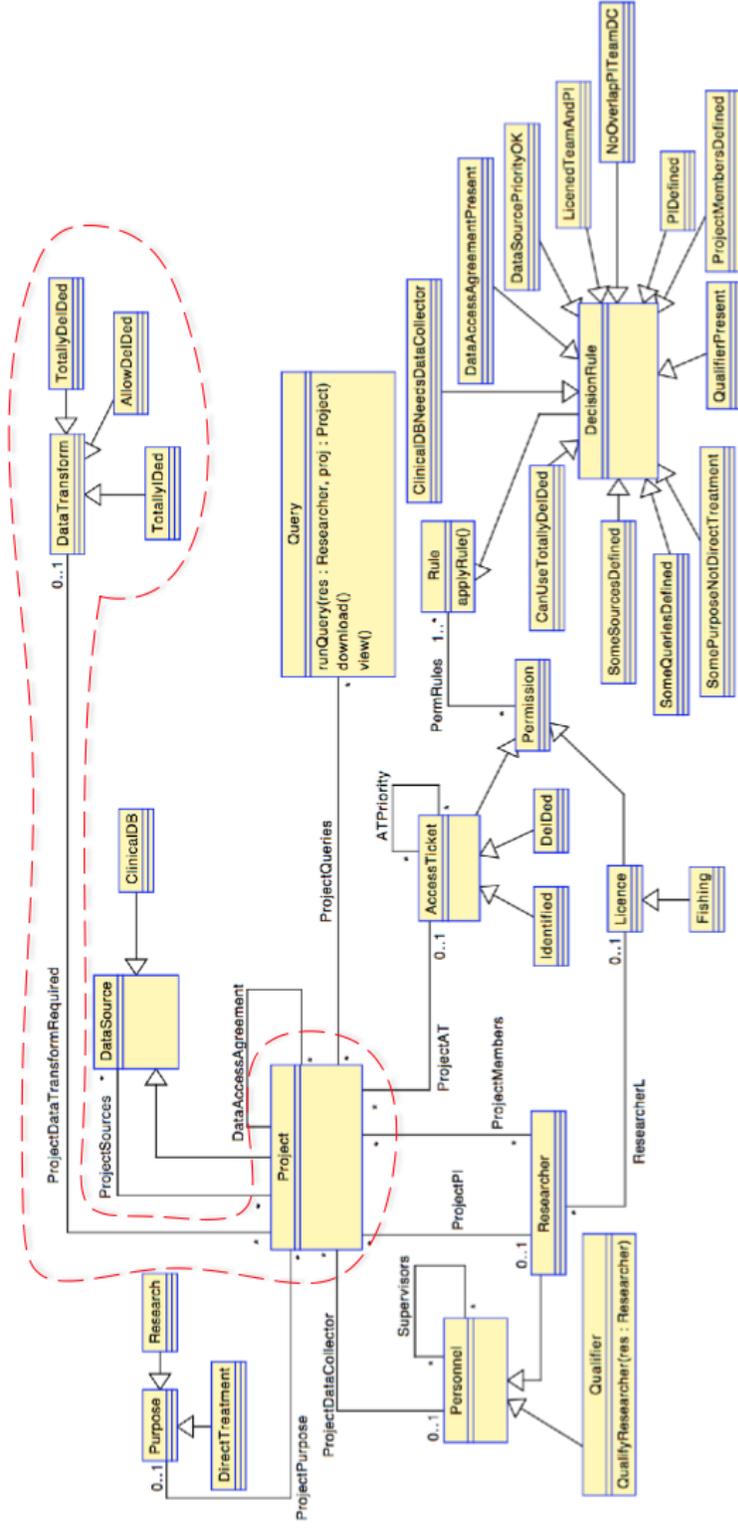


Figure 8.1: Updated Class Model for Slice 3 Outlining *ProjectDataTransformRequired* Association Now Required in Slice 5

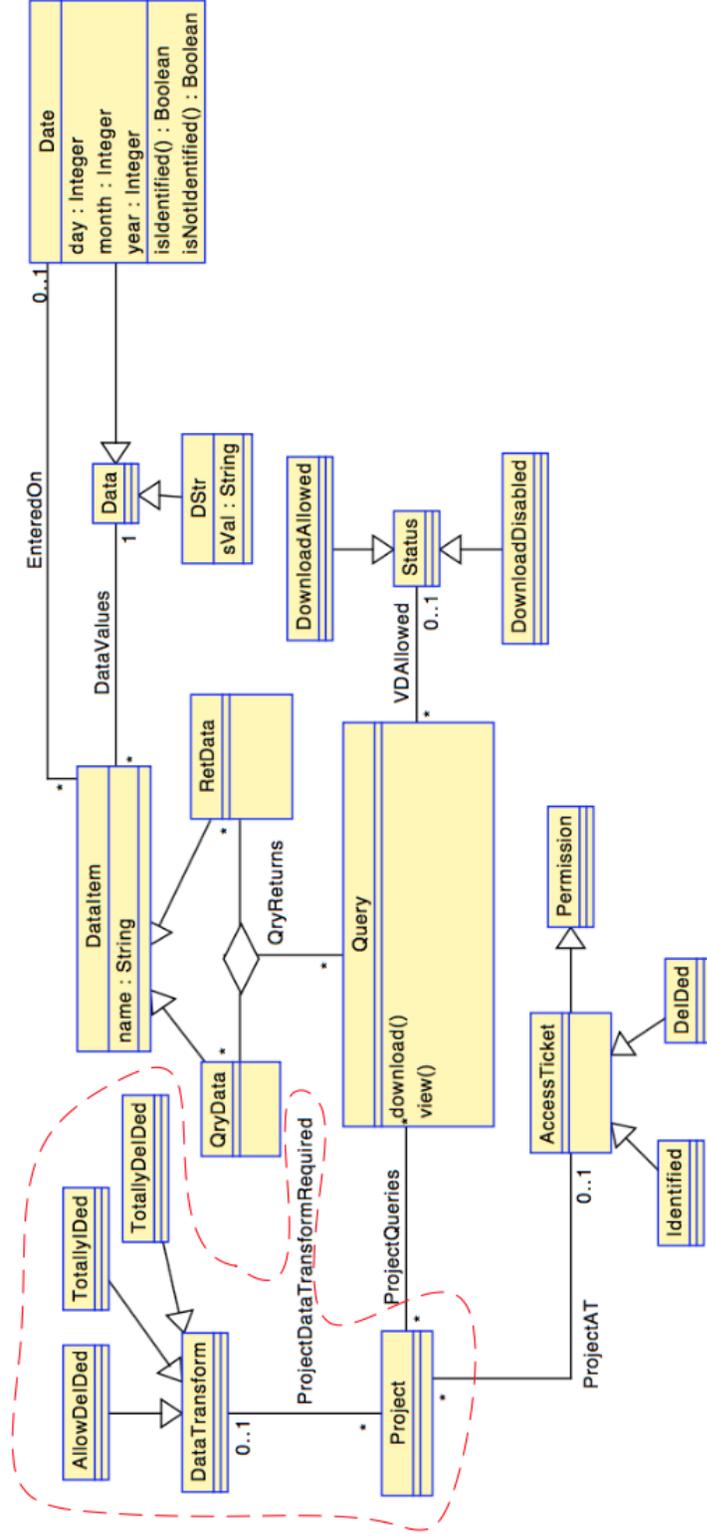


Figure 8.2: Updated Class Model for Slice 5 with the Now Required *ProjectDataTransformRequired* Association Required to Check Conformance

Listing 8.1: HIPAA Conformance Specifications: *VDAllowed* is set

```

all
  njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |
let
  p = njh.projectQueries.q,
  pdtr = p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired),
  a = some pdtr & TotallyIDed implies totallyIDedTransform[njh, q],
  b = some pdtr & TotallyIDed implies not totallyIDedTransform[njh, q],
  c = some pdtr & AllowDeIDed iff allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q],
  d = some pdtr & TotallyDeIDed implies totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] ,
  e = some pdtr & TotallyDeIDed implies not totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] | {

/** Query results are downloadable */
some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed implies
  ((a and not b) or (d and not e) or c)

/** Query results are not downloadable */
some q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed implies
  ((not a and b) or (not d and e)
  ) }

```

### 8.2.2 ALLOY SPECIFICATIONS

Suppose<sup>2</sup> we use the Alloy predicate in Listing 8.1 to update the conformance status of a query, i.e., the query status in *VDAllowed*<sup>3</sup>. We ensure that the query status is correctly set to *DownloadAllowed* using

```

some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed implies

  ((a and not b) or (d and not e) or c)

```

to mean that a query has a *DownloadAllowed* status in *VDAllowed* if it is true that:

1. its associated project requires a *TotallyIDed* data transform and all the dates returned are identified, i.e., `a and not b`; or
2. its associated project requires a *TotallyDeIDed* data transform and all the dates returned are de-identified, i.e., `d and not e`; or
3. its associated project requires a *AllowDeIDed* data transform and the dates returned are either identified or de-identified, i.e., `c`.

<sup>2</sup>By “suppose” we mean a fault is seeded here.

<sup>3</sup>The “VD” in *VDAllowed* is for *Viewing* or *Download* of query results.

Listing 8.2: Helper Predicates used to Check Conformance

```
private fun applicableDates(njh: NJH, q: Query): set Date {
    { Date &
      dom[q.(njh.qryReturns)].(njh.dataValues) +
      dom[q.(njh.qryReturns)].(njh.enteredOn) }}

private pred totallyIDedTransform (njh: NJH, q: Query) {
    all d: applicableDates[njh, q] | identifiedDate[d]}

private pred totallyDeIDedTransform (njh: NJH, q: Query) {
    all d: applicableDates[njh, q] | not identifiedDate[d]}

private pred allowDeIDedTransform (njh: NJH, q:Query) {
    all d: applicableDates[njh, q] | identifiedDate[d] or not identifiedDate[d]}
```

We also ensure that the query status is correctly set to *DownloadDisabled* using:

```
some q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed implies
    ((not a and b) or (not d and e))
```

that sets up an *XOR* situation for a query status. This formulation means that a query has a *DownloadDisabled* status in *VDAllowed* if it is true that:

1. its associated project requires a *TotallyIDed* data transform and some date is returned that is identified, i.e., `not a and b`; or
2. its associated project requires a *TotallyDeIDed* data transform and some date is returned that is identified, i.e., `not d and e`.

Listing 8.1 makes reference to other predicates, i.e., `totallyIDedTransform[njh, q]`, `allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q]` and `totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q]`, and we include them in Listing 8.2.

In order to check that we have not over constrained the model we (use predicates to) generate instances of the model for all 5 conditions, i.e., *a* to *e*, in Listing 8.1 where we ensure that the query has the expected status in *VDAllowed*. For example when both clauses of *a* are true the query has a *DownloadAllowed* status and when both clauses of *b* are true the query has a *DownloadDisabled* status. We generate instances and this gives us assurance that we have done it right.

The next step is to check conformance. For example, to ensure that a query that should not have a *DownloadAllowed* status, indeed cannot, we use the Alloy snippet below:

```

some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired)& TotallyIDed and
  some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed and (
    some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired)& TotallyIDed implies
      all r: applicableDates[njh, q] | identifiedDate[r])

```

in an assertion to check that a query  $q$  whose associated project  $p$  requires a *TotallyIDed* data transform does not have de-identified dates in its result. HMCA detects non-conformance because the assertion finds a counterexample.

### 8.2.3 EXAMINING FEEDBACK OBJECT MODELS

We request feedback and we are shown the object model in Figure 8.3 where we see that *DataItem\_0*, *DataItem\_1* and *DataItem\_2* show a conformance failure for the *Identified* access ticket requiring a *TotallyIDed* data transform because their associated dates are de-identified. When a similar assertion is executed for the *DeIDed* access ticket, it also returns a counterexample. The feedback from this is shown in Figure 8.4 where we see that *DataItem\_3*, shows a conformance failure for the *DeIDed* access ticket requiring a *TotallyDeIDed* data transform because its associated date is identified.

While not necessarily a part of feedback because there is no conformance failure, we include Figure 8.5, when there is an *Identified* access ticket and the data transform required is *AllowDeIDed*. We note that the figures 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 use the same set of *DataItems* yet it is the access ticket and the data transforms that tells us whether conformance rules have been violated or not.

Since the *DeIDed* access ticket also shows non-conformance and we know that in Section 7.6 we verified that the status in *VDAllowed* was being set correctly for the *DeIDed* access ticket, it must be that there is a fault in the way we set the status for each query in Listing 8.1.

### 8.2.4 UNDERSTANDING WHY NON-CONFORMANCE OCCURS

Inspection of the predicate reveals that the statement

```

c = some pdtr & AllowDeIDed implies allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q]

```

in Listing 8.1 is causing the conformance failures. The fault is now obvious, i.e., the use of *implies* in the statement is the faulty connector.

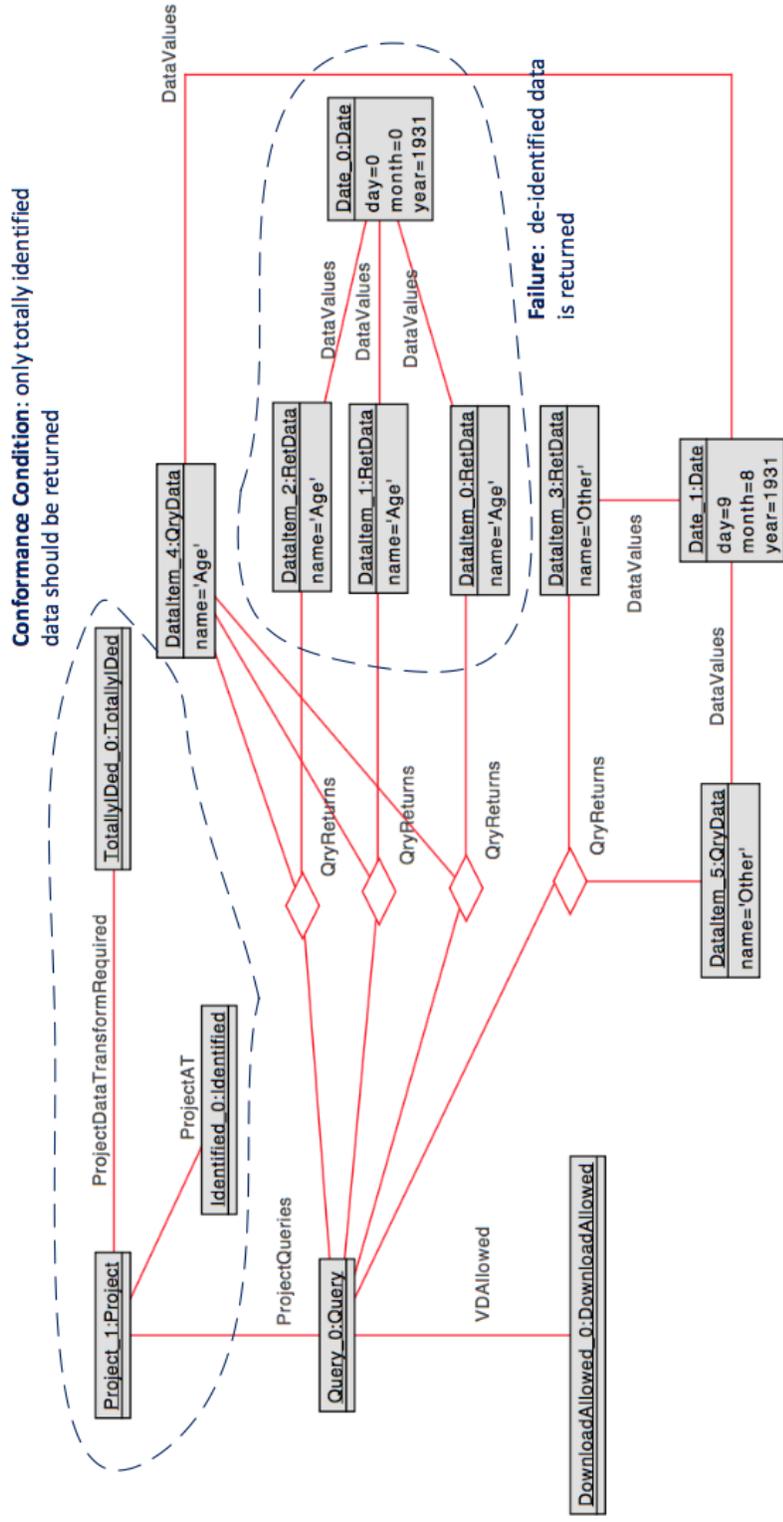


Figure 8.3: Non-Conformance in Slice 5 when an *Identified* Access Ticket is used and a *TotallyDed* Data Transform is Required

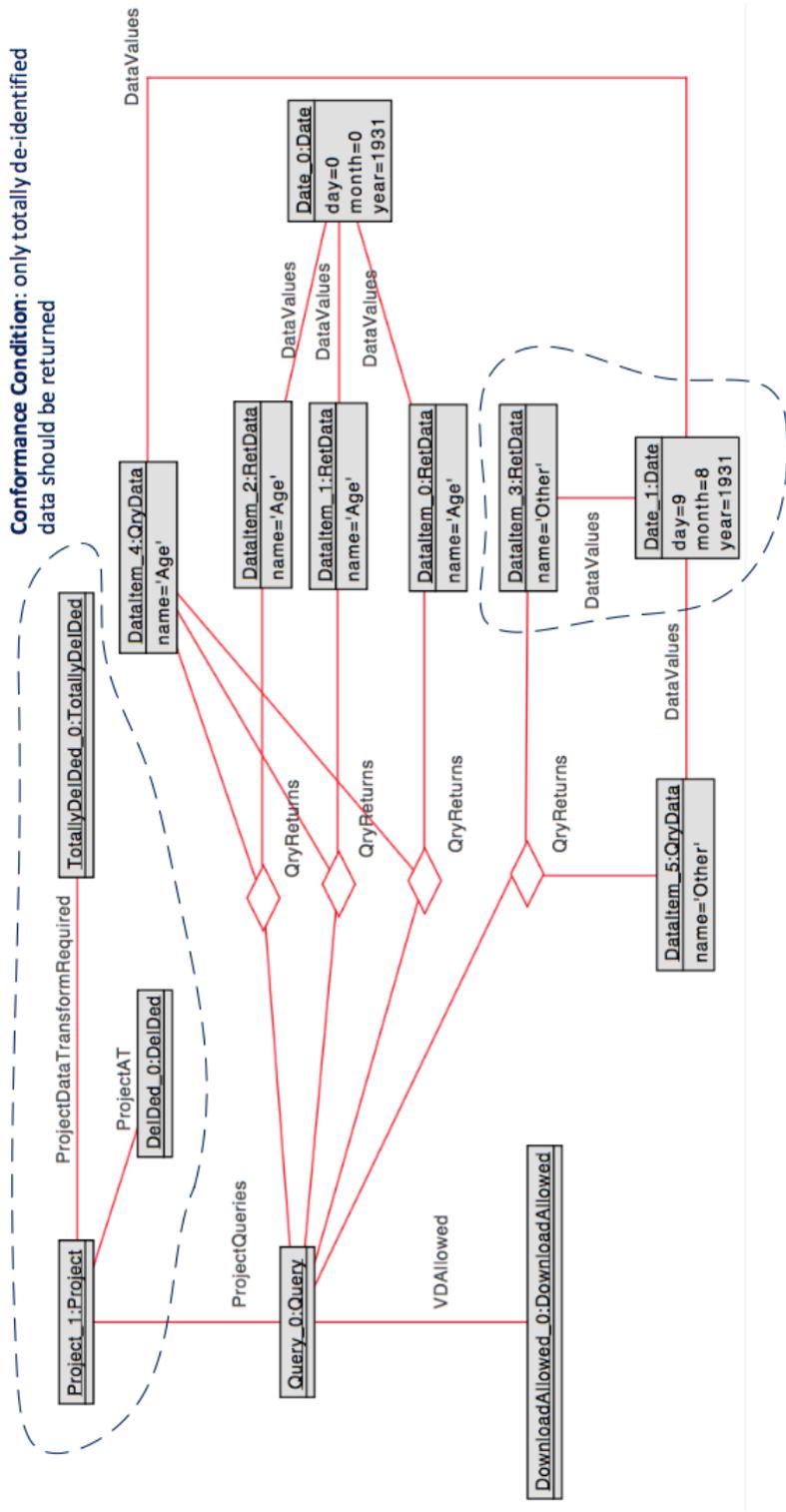


Figure 8.4: Conformance in Slice 5 when an *DeIDed* Access Ticket is used and a *TotallyIDeDed* Data Transform is Required

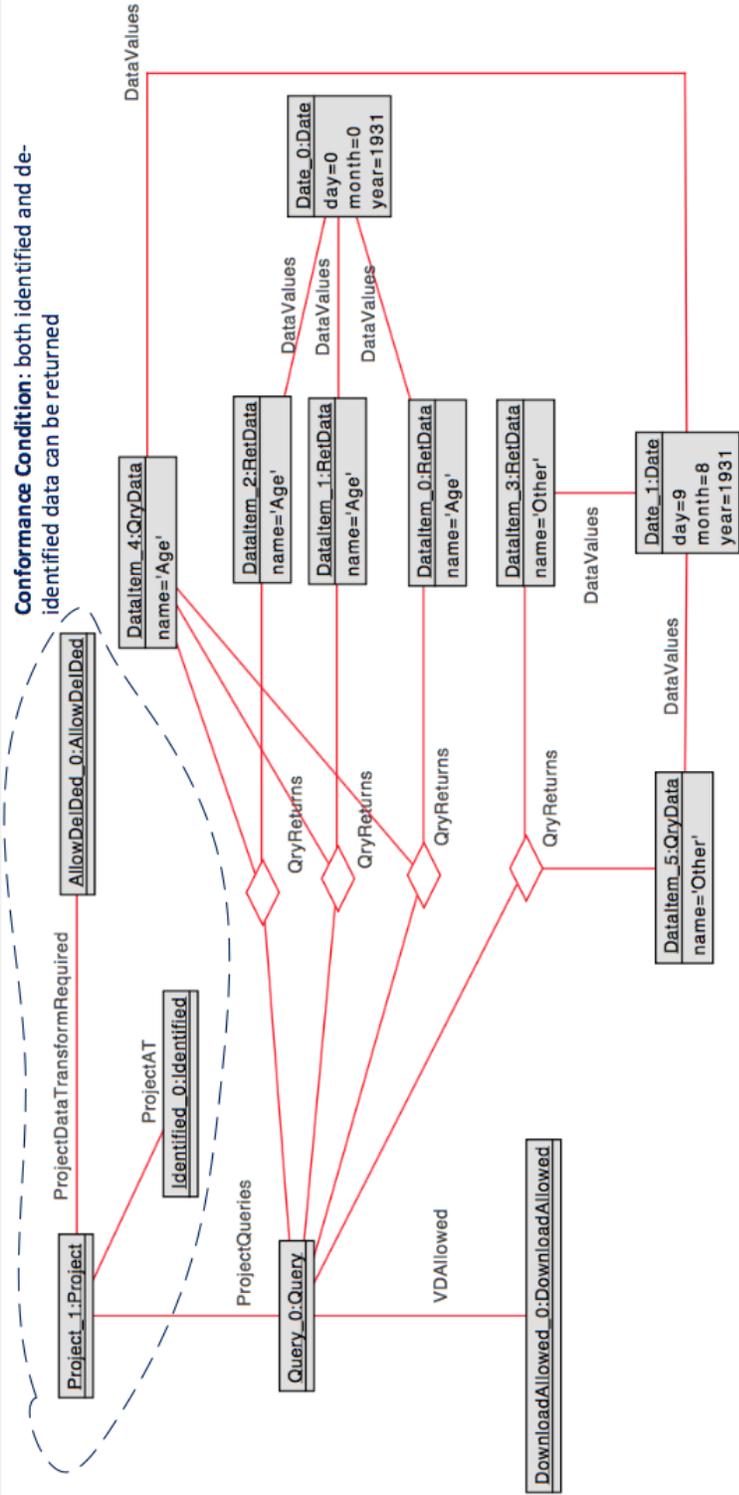


Figure 8.5: Conformance in Slice 5 when an *Identified* Access Ticket is used and an *AllowDed* Data Transform is Required

The use of *implies* is appropriate for both *DeIDed* with a *TotallyDeIDed* data transform and *Identified* with a *TotallyIDed* data transform, i.e.,

```
a = some pdtr & TotallyIDed implies totallyIDedTransform[njh, q]
```

and

```
d = some pdtr & TotallyDeIDed implies totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q]
```

respectively, because these were not the only access tickets that allowed de-identified or identified dates.

We note that we could also use *iff* as the connector for the clauses in *a* and *d*, i.e., using

```
a = some pdtr & TotallyIDed iff totallyIDedTransform[njh, q]
```

and

```
d = some pdtr & TotallyDeIDed iff totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q]
```

yet this neither cause changes in the instances we expected for the *TotallyIDed* and the *TotallyDeIDed* data transformations nor HMCA finding non-conformance when their associated access tickets are used.

However, further analysis shows that it is indeed correct to use *implies* because using *iff* excludes the *AllowDeIDed* transform from having dates that only contain all identified dates or all de-identified dates. Therefore the *AllowDeIDed* transform would only contain a mixture of identified and de-identified dates to get a *DownloadAllowed* status because the *iff* mandates that only the *TotallyIDed* data transform to contain identified dates and the *TotallyDeIDed* data transform to contain de-identified dates.

In the case of *Identified* with an *AllowDeIDed* data transform, this was the only access ticket that allowed both de-identified or identified dates to co-exist in the data it returns and still show conformance. Also, using *implies* as the connector means that we have no specification about (the converse of) what status a query should have if it has both identified and de-identified dates.

Therefore, for the clauses in *c*, *iff* is the required connector. We show the correct formulation below:

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c = some pdtr & AllowDeIDed iff allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q]
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This correction still allows us to generate instances for *a* to *e* in Listing 8.1 and yet produce no counterexamples for the conformance checks. The complete Alloy specification, including the correction of the fault, is in Appendix D.1.2.

### 8.3 Adding a New NJH Conformance Rule: Identifying Conflict of Interest Situations

For our discussion in this section, we will make reference to these specific instances of the classes from Figure 8.6:

1. *DC*, the person collecting the data from a *ClinicalDB* to be returned in a project query, is the *Personnel* we reach by navigating the *ProjectDataCollector* association from the *Project* class;
2. *PI*, the principal investigator for a project, is the *Researcher* we reach by navigating the *ProjectPI* association from the *Project* class;
3. *PMs*, the researchers for a project, are the *Researchers* we reach by navigating the *ProjectMembers* association from the *Project* class;
4. *Sup*, the supervisor of another person, is the *Personnel* we reach by navigating the *Supervisors* association from the *Personnel* class; and
5. *Sources* are the *DataSources* we reach by navigating the *ProjectSources* association from the *Project* class. *Sources* can be the *ClinicalDB* (the NJH's DB) or other projects. In the case of the latter, we assume that the project has made queries of its own and augmented the NJH with additional data, so both the original data and the additional data are considered as the "sources".

When a project requires data from a *ClinicalDB*, a *DC* must be assigned to the project to extract the data from the database on behalf of the project. Since the *DC*, *PI* and *PM*'s for a project are all drawn from the same pool of *Personnel* and to prevent conflict of interest situations, there are some basic conditions that must be true to get a project's application for an access ticket approved. For a project (with respect to *Personnel*) there should be:

1. no overlap in *PI* and *PM*; and
2. no overlap in *DC* and (*PI* + *PM*).

These conditions have already been incorporated into slice 3 (see Figure 7.19) as the *NoOverlapPITeamDC DecisionRule* for approving access tickets and to ensure that there are no violations. However, an examination

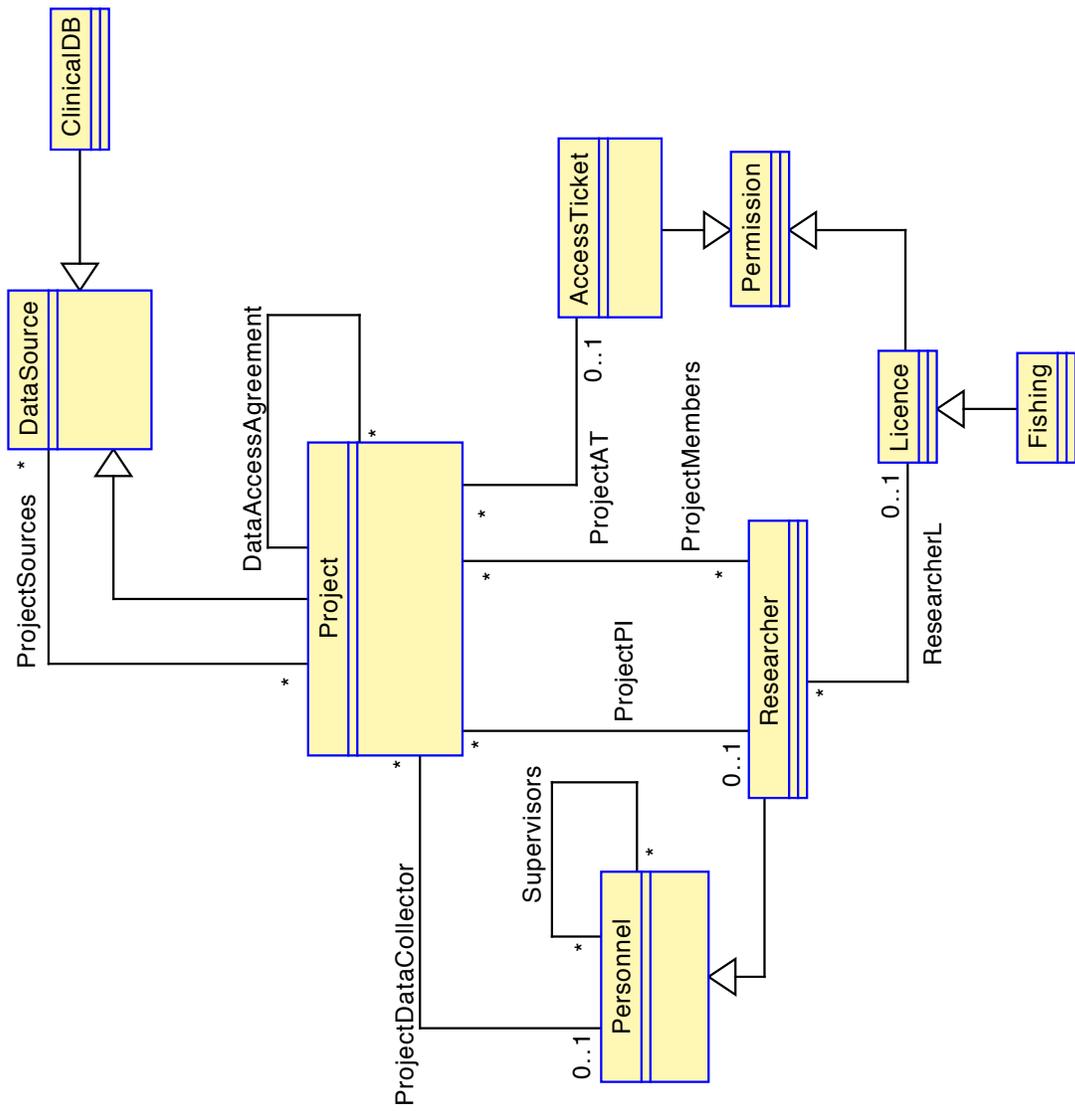


Figure 8.6: Partial Class Diagram Slice extracted from Slice 3 Showing Personnel Relationships influencing Access Ticket Approval

of the instances where an access ticket has been approved shows some other kinds of conflict of interest situations with respect to the *DC*, *PI*, and *PMs* for a project. We use HMCA to detect these situations by including a conformance rule that they should not exist.

Instead of using object diagrams to show instances of the situations, we will use the instances given by the Alloy Analyzer because they show the direction of the relationships where the former does not. For example, both the *DataAccessAgreement* and the *ProjectSources* in Figure 8.6 involve self relationships on the *Project* class. In an object diagram, unless we show the role names at each association end, we cannot know how to understand the links between objects. Showing the role names in addition to association names on the object diagrams causes too much clutter for the size of the object diagrams required. Instead, the Alloy Analyzer provides a better visualisation by showing the domain and range of a relationship<sup>4</sup> (association) by using directed edges. We will see these instances in figures 8.7 to 8.15. Note that the:

1. Alloy Analyzer instances shown will be partial instances of Slice 3 as depicted in Figure 8.6 where we remove the elements not applicable to checking and showing the conflicts of interest; and
2. black dashed lines with labeled annotations in these instances were not generated by the Alloy Analyzer, but were added manually to aid the reader in finding the example being described, e.g., the line labeled “*Project*” on the upper right of Figure 8.7

In the following subsections we discuss 4 conflict of interest situations. The first involve supervisory relationships and the others arise because a project can use another project as one of its *Sources*.

### 8.3.1 *DC* CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE 1

The first situation is where the project’s *PI* is the *Sup* for the project’s *DC*. Using the Alloy partial instance in Figure 8.7 as an example, we see that *Project2* has an approved access ticket, shown by the *projectAT: Identified* label inside the project’s ellipse, yet the *PI*, *Personnel5*, supervises its *DC*, *Personnel0*. We note that this supervisory relationship does not have to be a direct one, i.e., the supervisory relationship between the *PI* and the *DC* may be deeply nested.

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<sup>4</sup>Since we already use *Sources* to describe the data source for a project, we wish to avoid confusion by saying *source and destination of a relationship (association)*, so we use the language of relations/functions, i.e., substitute *domain* for *source* and *range* for *destination*.

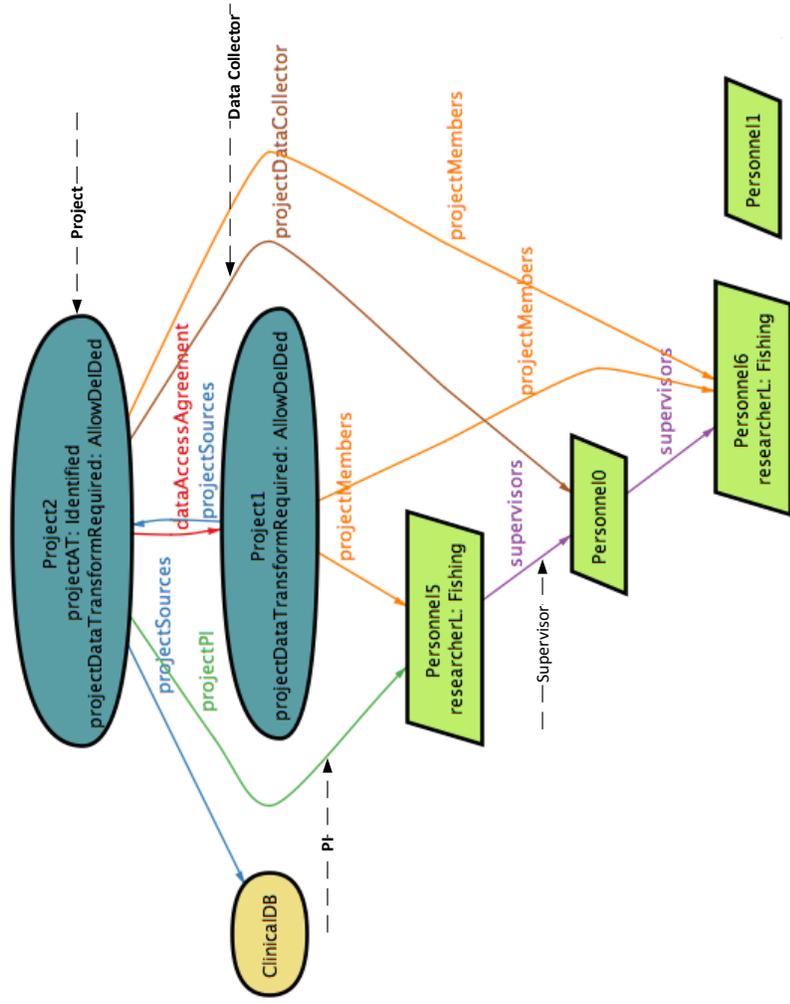


Figure 8.7: DC Conflict of Interest Project's PI supervises Project's DC ; Project2's PI Personnel5 directly supervises its DC Personnel0.

In general, detecting these deeply nested relationships requires the use of closure operations. An example of the indirect supervisory relationship is shown in Figure 8.8, where *Project1*'s *PI Personnel1* supervises its *DC Personnel0*.

### 8.3.2 DC CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE 2

The second situation is where the project's *PI* is the *Sup* for the *DCs* on any of the project *Sources*. Using the Alloy Analyzer partial instance in Figure 8.9 as an example, we see that *Project2* has an approved access ticket, yet its *PI, Personnel1*, supervises the *DC, Personnel3* for *Project0*, a *Source* for *Project2*. The conflict of interest still exists if the supervisory relationship is indirect or if the *Source* is indirect. We show examples of these indirect cases with the Alloy Analyzer partial instances in Figure 8.10 and Figure 8.11. In the former figure we see that *Project3* has an approved access ticket, yet its *PI, Personnel3*, supervises *Personnel0*, the *DC* for *Project1*, an indirect *Source*, through *Project0*, for *Project3*. In the latter figure we see that *Project3* has an approved access ticket, yet its *PI, Personnel1*, indirectly supervises *Personnel2*, the *DC* for *Project1*, an indirect *Source*, also through *Project0*, for *Project3*.

### 8.3.3 DC CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE 3

The third conflict of interest situation arises when a project's *PI* is the *DC* for any of the project *Sources*. Using the Alloy partial instance in Figure 8.12 as an example, we see that *Project2* has an approved access ticket, yet its *PI Personnel2* is the same as the *DC* for *Project0*, a *Source* for *Project2*. The conflict of interest still exists if the supervisory relationship is indirect or if the *Source* was indirect. We show an example of this with the Alloy Analyzer partial instance in Figure 8.13 where we see that *Project3* has an approved access ticket, yet its *PI, Personnel1* is the same as the *DC* for *Project1*, an indirect *Source* for *Project3*.

### 8.3.4 DC CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE 4

The final conflict of interest situation arises because the project's *PMs* overlap with the *DC* for one of the project's *Sources*. Using the Alloy partial instance in Figure 8.14 as an example, we see that *Project2* has an approved access ticket, yet one of its *PM's Personnel2* is the same as the *DC* for *Project0*, a *Source*

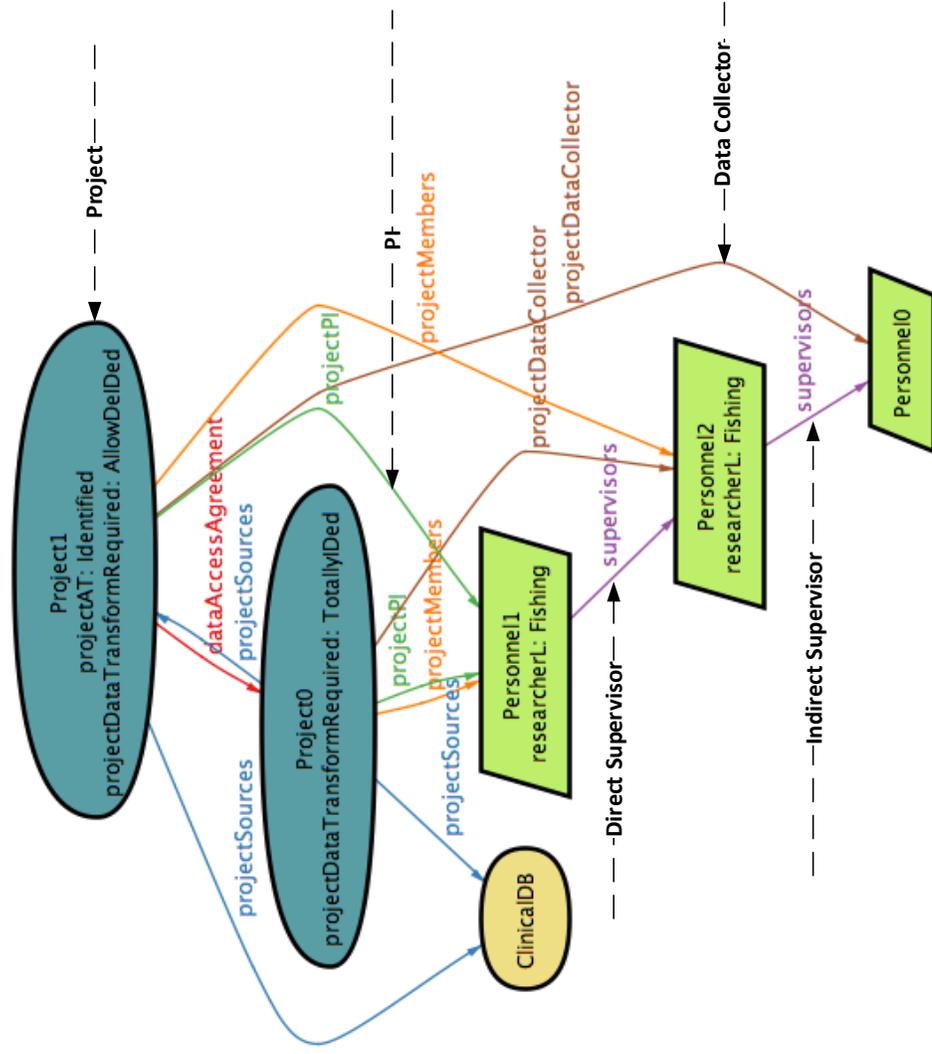


Figure 8.8: DC Conflict of Interest Project's PI indirectly supervises Project's DC : Project1's PI Personnel1 indirectly supervises its DC Personnel0.

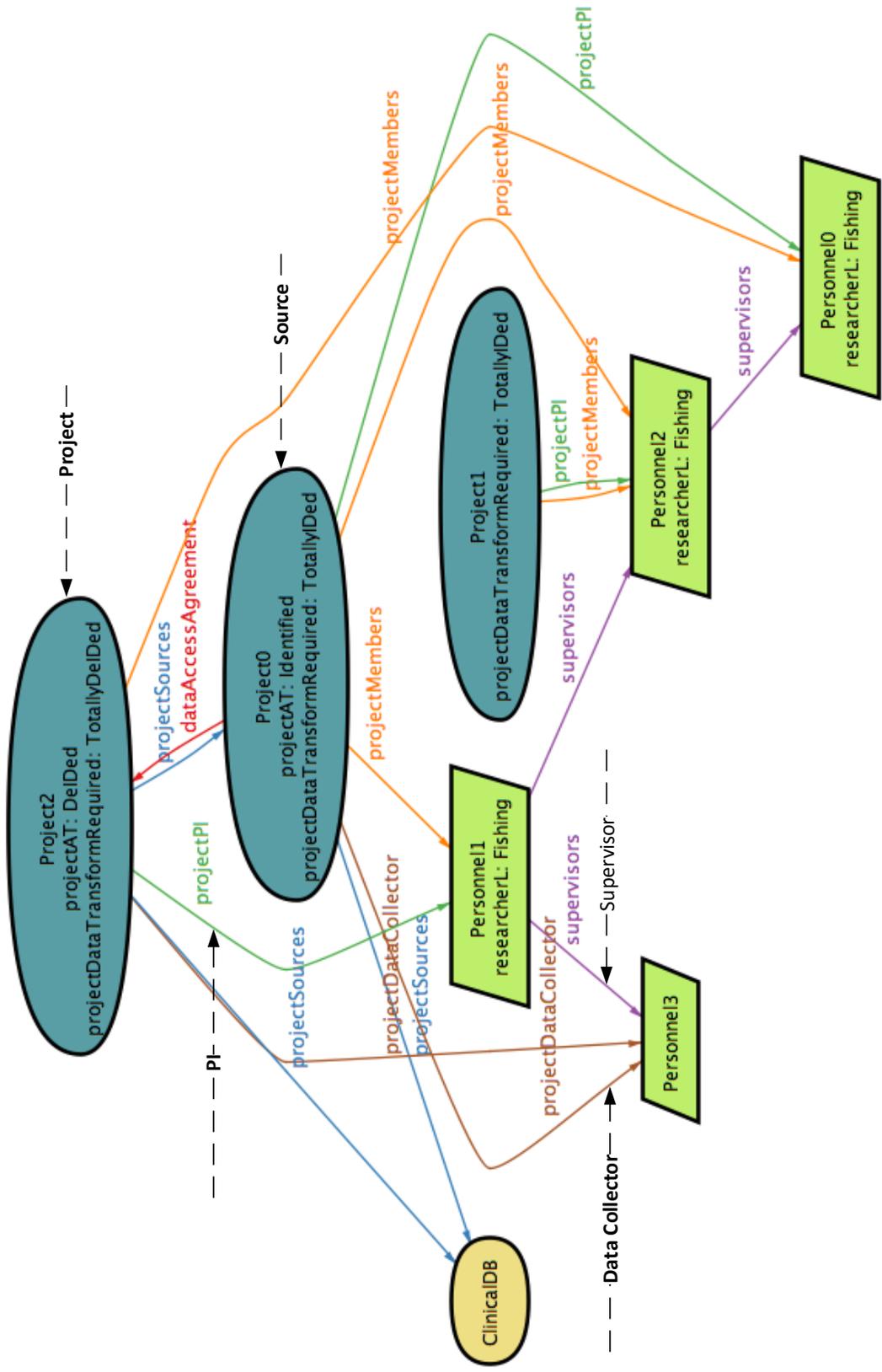


Figure 8.9: DC Conflict of Interest, Supervision of Project's Direct Source's DC by Project's PI: Project2 has Source Project0, and Project2's PI, Personnel1, supervises Project0's DC, Personnel3.



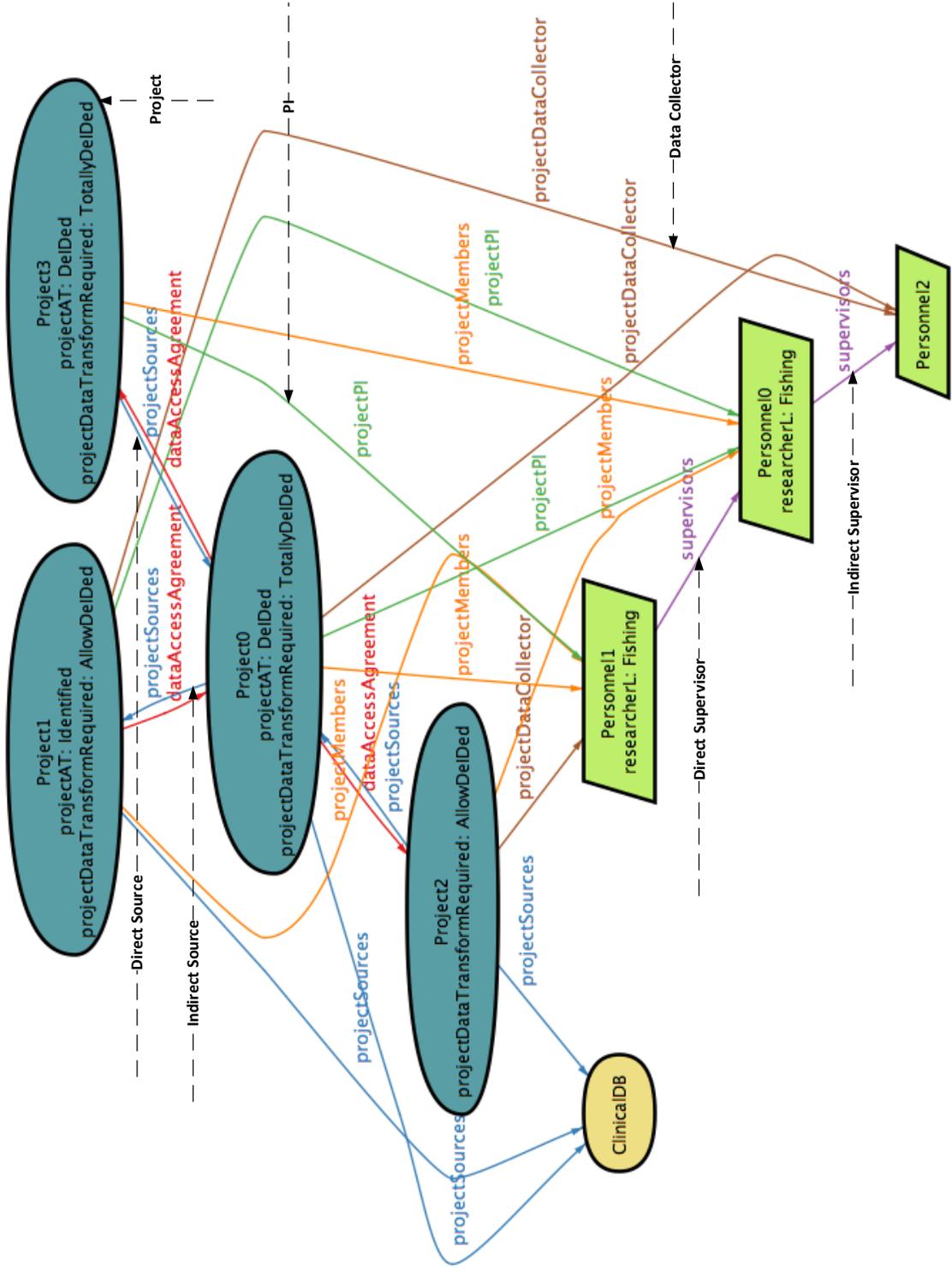


Figure 8.11: DC Conflict of Interest, Indirect Supervision of Project's Indirect Source's DC by Project's PI; Project3 has indirect Source Project1 and Project3's PI Personnel1 indirectly supervises Project1's DC Personnel2.

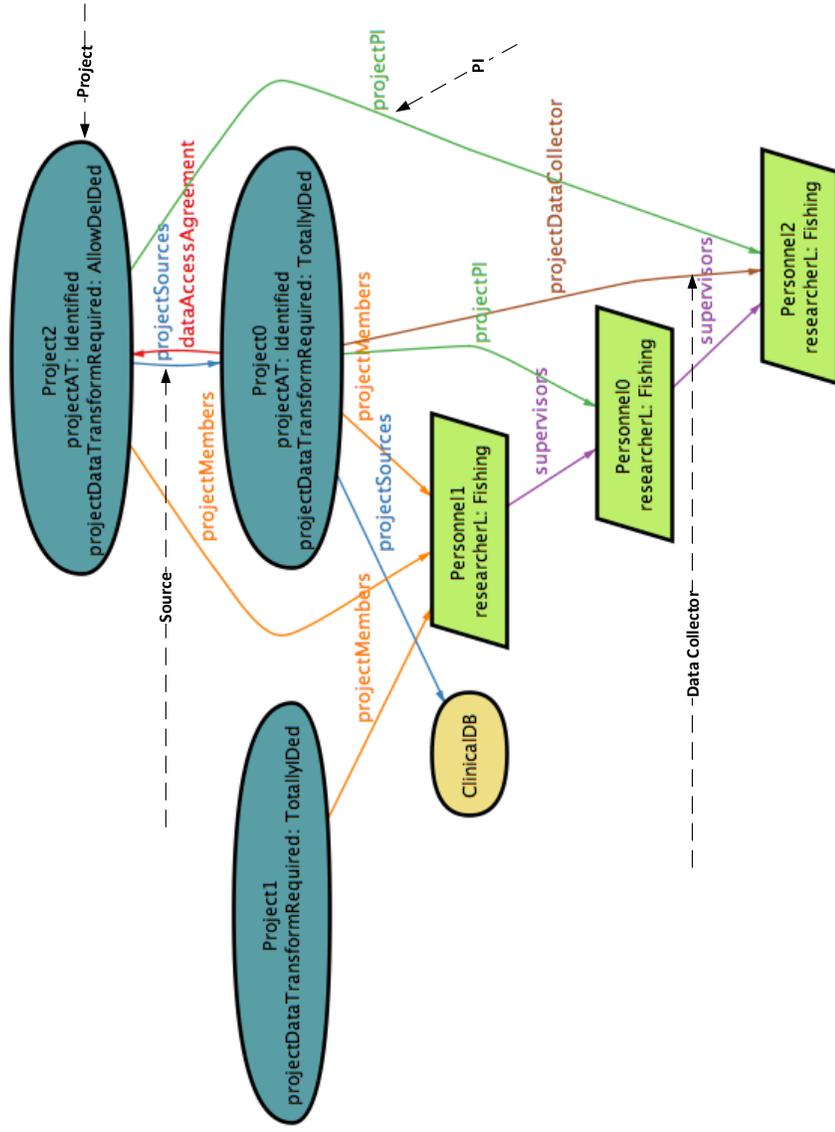


Figure 8.12: DC Conflict of Interest, Project's Direct Source's DC is the same as the Project's PI: Project2 has a Source Project0, and Project2's PI Project0's DC are the same, Personnel2.

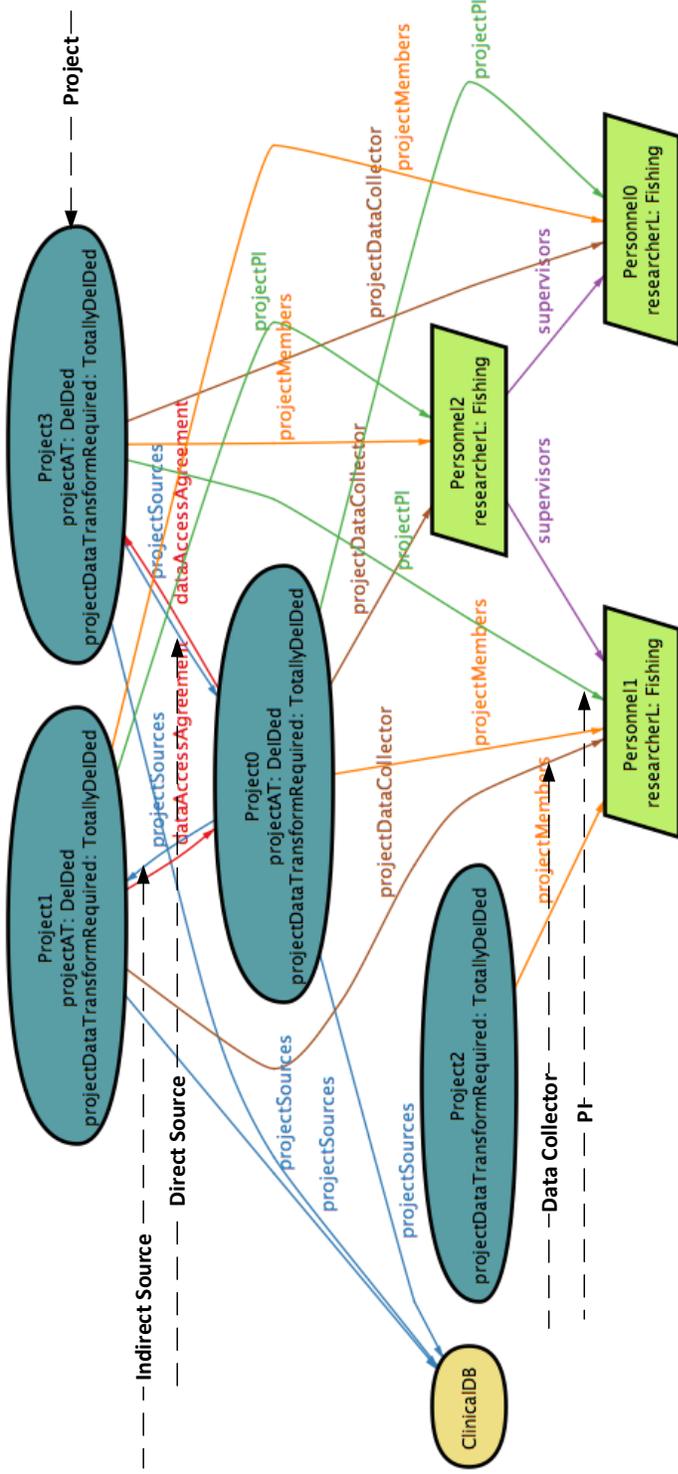


Figure 8.13: DC Conflict of Interest, Project's Indirect Source's DC is the same as the Project's PI; Project3 has indirect data source Project1, yet Project3's PI is the same as Project1's DC Personnel1.



for *Project2*. The conflict of interest still exists if the supervisory relationship is indirect or if the *Source* was indirect. We show an example of this with the Alloy Analyzer partial instance in Figure 8.15 where we see that *Project3* has an approved access ticket, yet its one of its *PM*'s, *Personnel2* is the same as the *DC* for *Project1*, an indirect *Source* for *Project3*.

### 8.3.5 ELIMINATE *DC* CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In order to eliminate these conflict of interest situations from the system, we must:

1. update the *NoOverlapPITeamDC DecisionRule* in Figure 8.16 with the third and fourth situations so that there is never an overlap among the *PI*, *DC*, and *PM*s;
2. add a new *DecisionRule NoSupsInPIandDC* in Figure 8.16 for the first and second situations so that a *PI* never supervises the *DC* for any of its *Sources* and include this rule in the approval for an access ticket; and
3. update the conformance rule in the Alloy specifications with these four additional situations to the to ensure that there are no violations.

Figure 8.16 shows the new and updated *DecisionRules* highlighted using the red dashed line. The complete Alloy specifications for slice 3, including the new and updated the decision rules, and NJH conformance rule, is in Appendix D.1.1.

## 8.4 Summary

We have shown two ways faults are commonly introduced into specifications and that HMCA uncovers the faults by showing conformance failures.

The first fault covers errors in logic that may arise because some specific logic connectors, i.e., *implies* and its stronger form *iff*, are not well understood. This fault is interesting because, while we showed that our specifications were correct with respect to the *DeIDed* access ticket in Chapter 7, when we extended our analysis to include the *Identified* access ticket and its two associated data transformations, there was non-conformance for the *DeIDed* access ticket. This non-conformance existed even though the specifications pertaining to the *DeIDed* access ticket remained the same.

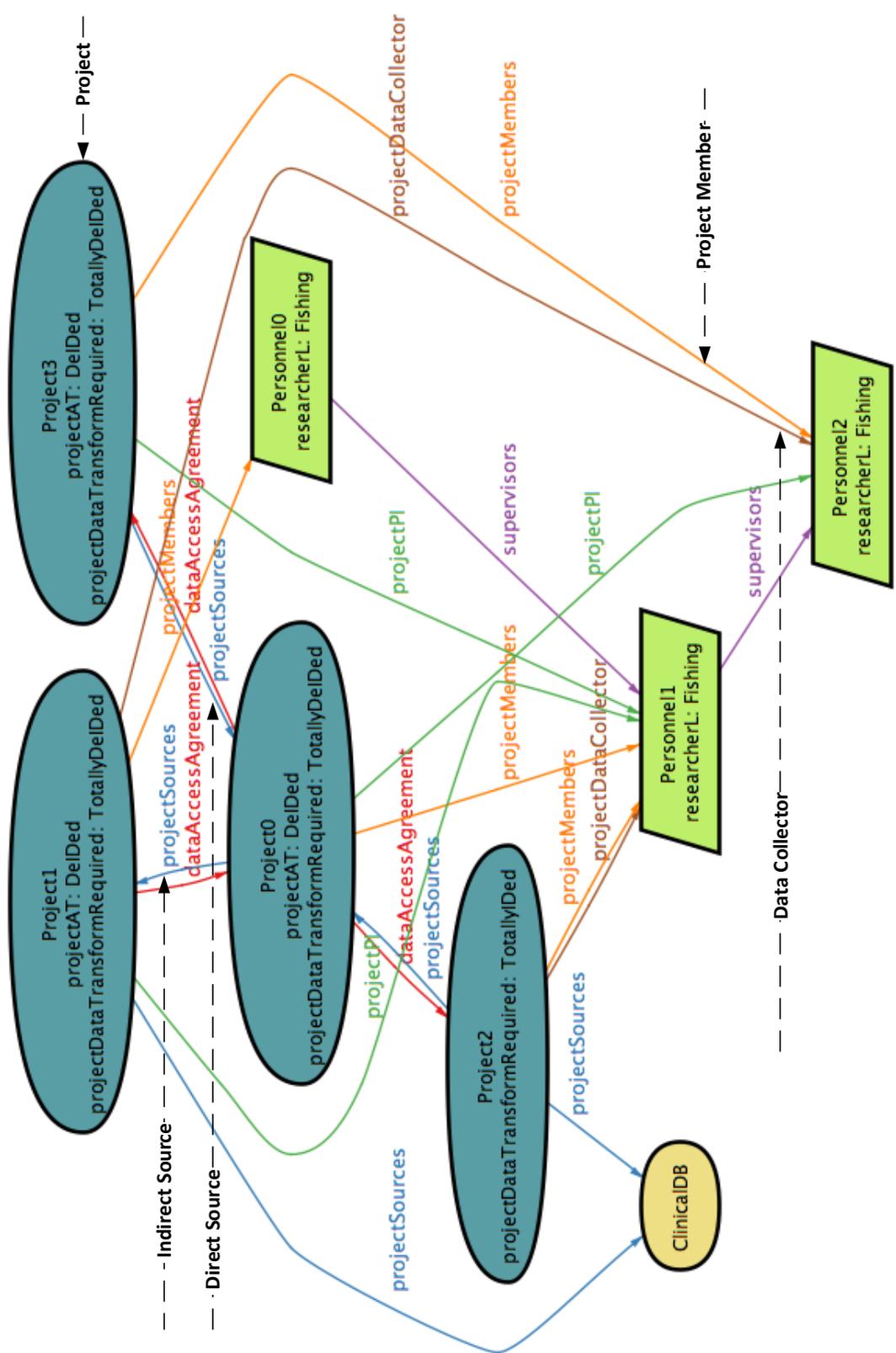


Figure 8.15: DC Conflict of Interest, Project's PI is the same as the DC for one of it Indirect Sources: Project3 has indirect Source Project1, and one of Project3's PMs is the same as Project1's DC Personnel2.



An insight for this logic fault is that when more than one access tickets require the same data transformation, there needs to be a careful and intentional examination of whether the relationship between the access ticket together with the required data transformation and the format of the resulting data is a:

1. one-way relationship and in such a case *implies* is applicable, i.e., the former requires the latter, but the latter does not require the former; or
2. two-way relationship and in such a case *iff* is applicable, i.e., the former requires the latter, and the latter also requires the former.

In the NJH System this consideration is not only applicable to the *DeIDed* and the *Identified* access tickets, but it is applicable to other access tickets since some require similar transformations to those already discussed. For example, the *Coded* access ticket (see Section 3.4 for an explanation) mandates that some data that is returned by queries be *TotallyIdentified* and others, under a new data transformation, be *indirectly identifiable*. In this case the (new) *Coded* access ticket allows an *Identified* data transformation and we must evaluate whether the parts of the conformance rule in Listing 8.1 still holds when we add clauses for the new access ticket.

The second fault we discovered concerns a common way that specifications are incomplete: indirect relationships among objects are missed. Essentially, these missed relationships are transitions in the NFA rule representation (see sections 6.2 and 5.1.3) that should lead to an accepting state (non-conformance), yet are not specified to do so in the Alloy specifications. These indirect relationships can only be uncovered by computing all the ways objects can be related, i.e., computing relationship closures.

We note that we may refine these conflict of interest situations caused by indirect relationships further. For example, an organisation like the NJH may run into problems because satisfying conflict of interest conformance rules may require an increase in the number of personnel when the number of approved projects is increased. For example, a *DC* on one project can only take on the role of a researcher for another non-conflict of interest (directly and indirectly) project. If the *DC* has a conflict of interest with all the current projects, then other new personnel are required for this *DC* to take on the role of, say, a *PI* on a new project. However, acquiring new personnel may not be possible because of budgetary or other constraints. One solution for this is to include in the specifications the idea of project lifetimes, and specify conflicts of

interest where project lifetimes overlap. Here, the work of [16, 83] that formalises overlapping lifetimes in whole-part relationships would be pertinent in understanding the ways projects lifetimes may overlap.

Validating HMCA is as important step is showing that conformance failures can be detected for some common types of faults. The addition of the *Identified* access ticket required that we add to the specifications model elements for data transformations and associate them with the appropriate access tickets. This increase of model elements did not significantly affect the conformance analysis. Another way to validate HMCA is to evaluate larger model slices due to, not just an increase in associations among current model elements, but an increase due to adding new classes and associations among new and older model elements. For this we will augment the NJH system with rules for protected populations, specifically children protected populations, in Chapter 9.

## 9. APPLYING HMCA TO CHILDREN AS PROTECTED POPULATIONS IN THE NJH

### 9.1 Introduction

HIPAA regulations mandate that sharing information on protected populations, such as children, pregnant women, fetuses and neonates, and prisoners must include additional protections over the kinds of protections allowed by a given access ticket. In this chapter we expand our model of the NJH system to include the HIPAA regulations as rules for the protection of children. The specific changes include:

1. an organisation's Institutional Review Board (IRB) is required to also consider rules that govern the use of children in research when approving access tickets; and
2. where approval has been given, additional rules give the conditions under which such data may be accessed.

We have chosen to model the rules governing access to data for children as this is important to the NJH due to the sensitive nature of accessing data for children. We discuss the HIPAA regulations concerning children and how they are realised in our model in Section 9.2 and a summary that includes a discussion on why our specification of the children protected population helps us to be able to extend the specification for other protected populations in Section 9.3.

### 9.2 Requirements for Protecting Children in the HIPAA Regulations

The HIPAA regulations for protected populations in [69] stipulate that when an IRB approves proposals for research, they must implement these additional protections for children included in research:

1. quantify the risk to the children such that if the risk is too great then no approval is issued to conduct the research; and
2. when approval is given:
  - (a) to specify required additional assent from each child and consent from the parent, guardian, or the ward organisation responsible for the child; and

- (b) to require that children who are wards be assigned an advocate who is not connected in any way to the research or the ward organisation.

We have updated the overall class model to include new model elements to capture the requirements for the children protected population. Recall that in chapters 7 and 8 we discussed that an access ticket is approved in slice 3 and queries are executed in slice 4. We have therefore re-sliced the overall model and will discuss Item 1 as it applies to slice 3 in Section 9.2.1 and Item 2 as it applies to slice 4 in Section 9.2.2.

### 9.2.1 APPROVING ACCESS TICKETS TO USE CHILDREN PROTECTED POPULATIONS

Figure 9.1 shows the new slice 3 that now supports approving access tickets requiring the use of children. The additional elements are enclosed using red dashed lines and annotated using grey shaded circles numbered 1 through 6. The following list of numbered items correspond to the numbered circles:

1. the *ProjectSpecialResearch* association is used by the project to indicate that the project application for an access ticket includes access to the protected populations indicated. Currently, only the *Children* protected population is supported, however, the model is set up to allow extending the *SpecialSubject* class with other populations.
2. the *ProjectSpecialResearchApproval* association records the IRB's decision on whether to grant the project approval to use the special populations requested by the project. We use the *Allow* class to indicate that approval has been given and the *Disallow* class to indicate the approval has not been given. Each decision must be accompanied by an indication of the risk exposure represented by the *ResearchRisk* class: an approval is indicated by any of the *ChildrenResearchRisk* subclasses except the *RiskNotAllowed* that is reserved for decisions that are not approved.
3. the *IRBMembers* association indicates the members of the IRB. It is important to include this association in our model because the applying *DecisionRule* in Item 4b below requires it.
4. the *PermRules* association includes a new and an updated *DecisionRule* for issuing an access ticket:
  - (a) the *SpecialResearchApproved* is a new *DecisionRule* that checks that all special populations indicated in Item 1 have approval in Item 2 before a project's access ticket can be approved; and



- (b) *NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB* is an updated *DecisionRule* (previously *NoOverlapPITeamDC*) to now include that no IRB member is allowed to be a part of the project team<sup>1</sup>.
5. if no applicable *DecisionRule* is violated, the project may be approved its access ticket application - a link between a project and an access ticket in the *ProjectAT* association records this. For example, the following set of object models for Figure 9.1 highlight important scenarios when we may approve or not approve an access ticket for a project:
- (a) Figure 9.2 is an object model that shows that *Project\_1*'s access ticket is approved as no *DecisionRule* is violated (see annotation numbered 5). In this example, we note that the IRB has indicated that there is a *DirectBenefit* to the children and has therefore approved the request for *Project\_1* to use children in their research (see numbered association 3). In addition, no *IRBMember* has a conflict of interest with the project, i.e., the personnel in association numbered 3 have no links with any of the personnel associated with the project.
- (b) Figure 9.3 is an object model that shows that *Project\_1*'s access ticket cannot be approved because the IRB indicated that the risk was too great (see annotations numbered 2 and 5);
- (c) Figure 9.4 is an object model that shows that *Project\_1*'s access ticket cannot be approved because the *IRBMember*, *Personnel1* is the project's *DataCollector* (follow annotation numbered 3 from *Personnel1* along the *ProjectDataCollector* association link to *Project\_1*); and
- (d) Figure 9.5 is an object model that shows that *Project\_1*'s access ticket cannot be approved because the IRB indicated that the risk was too great because the access ticket applied for is the *DeIDed* access ticket (see annotations numbered 3 and 5).
6. the *ProjectConsentAssentReq* association is required for all approved decisions in the *ProjectSpecial-ResearchApproval* association. The IRB uses this association to indicate whether each child and/or parent/guardian/ward organisation are required to give assent or consent respectively for the child's data to be used by the project. We see an example of this in Figure 9.2 where the IRB has indicated

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<sup>1</sup>As with checking the conflict of interests for the old *NoOverlapPITeamDC* rule explained in sections 8.3.2, 8.3.3, and 8.3.4, the updated rule must check for direct and indirect linkages of an *IRBMember* through the closure of the *ProjectSources* associations.

that *Project\_1* must get explicit assent and consent from the child and the parent/guardian/ward organisation of the child respectively as a precondition for including the child's data in their research (see annotations numbered 6).

## 9.2.2 EXECUTING QUERIES WITH ACCESS TICKETS APPROVED FOR CHILDREN PROTECTED POPULATIONS

In order to execute queries where a project uses protected populations, elements of the class model for approving an access ticket for children must be used. Specifically, we need to include the associations numbered 1, 3, and 6 from Figure 9.1. We show in Figure 9.6 the class model elements from slice 3 that overlap in slice where we execute a query for a project requiring the use of children.

Figure 9.7 shows the re-sliced slice 4 that now supports executing queries with access ticket for projects requiring the use of children. The additional elements are enclosed in the shaded region outlined by the red dashed line and grey shaded circles numbered 1 and 3 through 13. Note that the numbered annotations 1 and 3 through 6 are the same associations from slice 3 in Figure 9.1. The following list of numbered items correspond to the numbered circles:

1. We have already given an explanation for the *ProjectSpecialResearch* association in Section 9.2.1, Item 1. This association is needed so that we know when a project is allowed to access specific protected populations.
2. This association and corresponding annotation are not required in slice 4.
3. We have already given an explanation for the *IRBMembers* association in Section 9.2.1, Item 3. Though this association is not explicitly required in slice 4, we include it because of potential conflict of interest situations that can arise. We will return to this discussion in Section 9.2.2.1.
4. Instead of *DecisionRules* as discussed in Section 9.2.1, Item 4, the *PermRules* association now links to *AccessRules*. Here, we include four new access rules to support the children protected population. In order to explain the rules, we use object models that are instances of Figure 9.7 in figures 9.8 through 9.12 to highlight examples where children data may be accessed because no *AccessRule* is violated



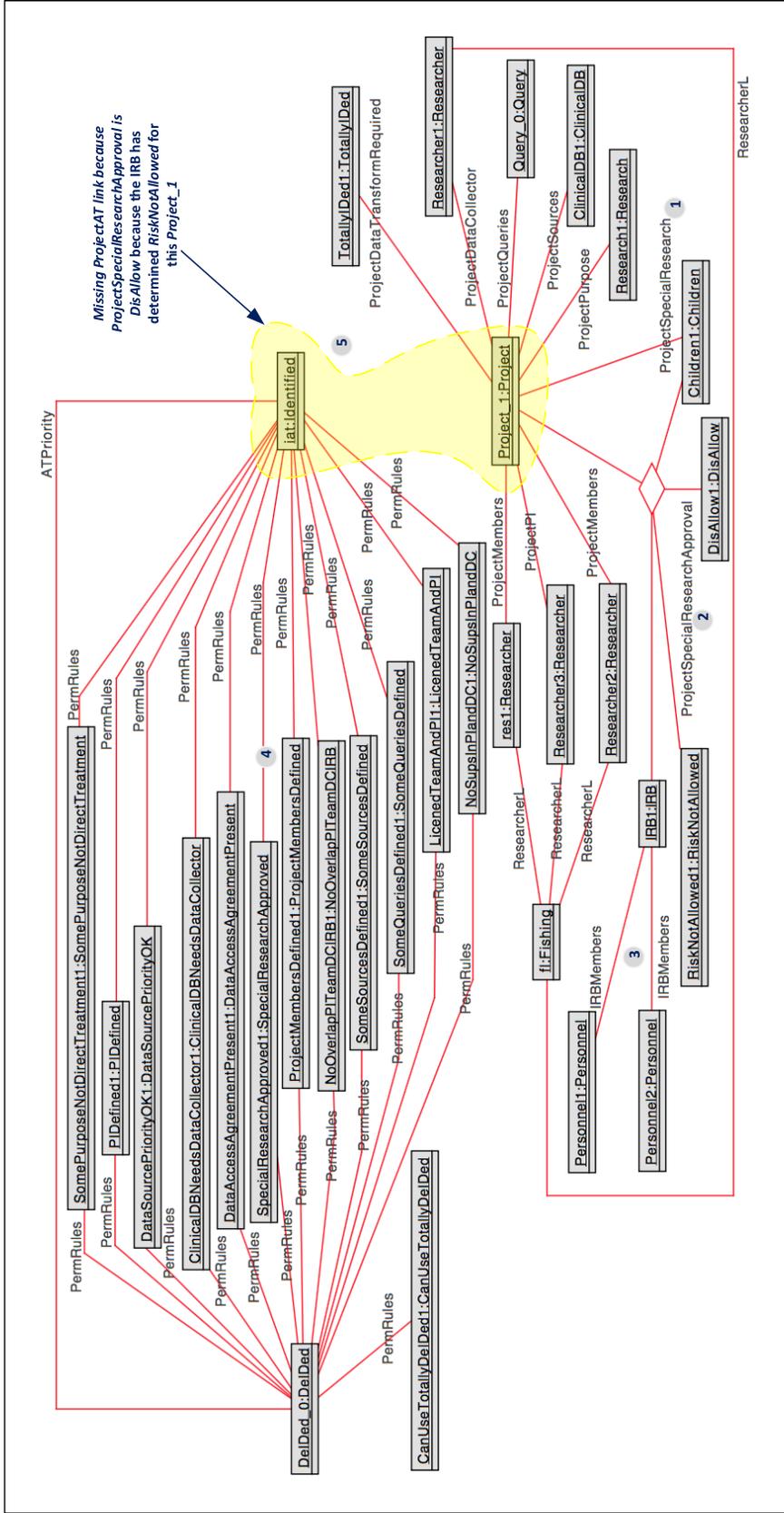


Figure 9.3: Slice 3 Object Model for Unapproved, i.e., cannot be approved, *Identified* access ticket for *Project\_1* using new *DecisionRules* because the *IRB* has determined that *RiskNotAllowed*. Numbered annotations correspond to associations so numbered in Figure 9.1 and explained in Section 9.2.1.



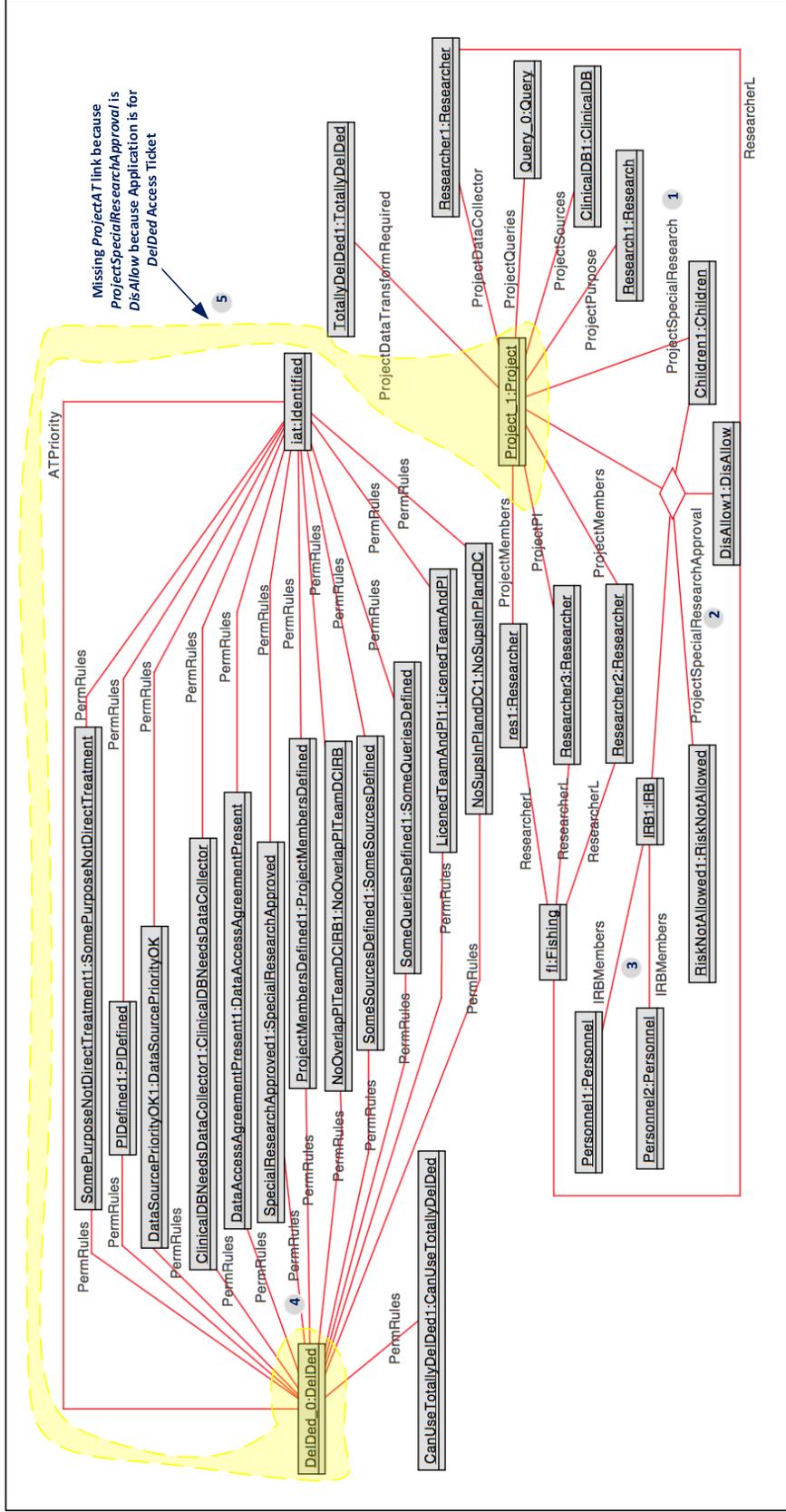


Figure 9.5: Slice 3 Object Model for Unapproved, i.e., cannot be approved, *DelDed* Access Ticket for *Project\_1* using New *DecisionRules* because a *DelDed* access ticket cannot be used to access protected populations. Numbered annotations correspond to associations so numbered in Figure 9.1 and explained in Section 9.2.1.





and where children data may not be accessed because at least one *AccessRule* is violated. We list the examples here:

- (a) No violation of access rules: we show in Figure 9.8 where *Query\_0* successfully accesses the data for *Patient2* because none of the access rules have been violated. Since we have not yet discussed the *AccessRules*, our intention is presenting this first is for comparison with the violations of access rules explained in items 4b through 4e and depicted in figures 9.9 to 9.12 below.
- (b) Violation scenario 1: the *ChildAssentAndResponsibilityConsent* rule only allows access to a child's data if the assent/consent as required in the *ProjectConsentAssentReq* association is present in the associations numbered 7 and 8 (see items 7 and 8 below for a description of these associations). For example, Figure 9.9 shows that *Query\_0* should never have access to *Patient2*'s data because this patient is a child and has not given assent.
- (c) Violation scenario 2: the *ChildAdvocateForWardOfState* rule requires that a child who is the ward of any institution have an advocate. For example, Figure 9.10 shows that *Query\_0* should never have access to *Patient2*'s data because though they are a ward of *WardOrg1* there is no person assigned as an advocate for them.
- (d) Violation scenario 3: the *ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg* rule expresses that there should not be a conflict of interest between the person acting as the advocate for a child and those associated with the *WardOrg* to which the child belongs or with those conducting the research. For example, Figure 9.11 shows that *Query\_0* should never have access to *Patient2*'s data, a ward of *WardOrg1*, because while they have an advocate (so rule *ChildAdvocateForWardOfState* is not violated), this advocate, *Personnel1*, is an associate of *WardOrg1*. Note that there is no conflict of interest with an advocate also serving as an *IRBMember* as shown for *Personnel1* (see annotations numbered 11 and 3).
- (e) Violation scenario 4: the *HideSpecialPopn* rule ensures that for the *DeIDed* access ticket, all protected population should be inaccessible. For example, Figure 9.12 shows that *Query\_0* should never have access to *Patient2*'s data because the access ticket for *Project\_1*, under which *Query\_0* executes, is *DeIDed*.

5. We have already given an explanation for the *ProjectAT* association in Section 9.2.1, Item 5. It is required in slice 4 to know the access ticket for a project.
6. We have already given an explanation for the *ProjectConsentAssentReq* association in Section 9.2.1 Item, 6. It is required in slice 4 to check the *ChildAssentAndResponsibilityConsent AccessRule*. An example of violating this rule has already been discussed in Item 4b above.
7. The *ChildParticipationPerm* indicates whether the child's parent/guardian/ward organisation has given consent for the child's data to be used in research. This consent is given if the *Consent* value is *Allow* and explicitly refused if the value is *Disallow*. The *CannotGive* consent value is not applicable to this association.
8. The *ChildParticipationAssent* indicates whether the child has given assent to be used in research. This assent is given if the *Consent* value is *Allow*, explicitly refused if the value is *Disallow*, and in cases where the child cannot explicitly agree to or refuse to participate in the research, the value is *CannotGive* (see Item 13 below for an expansion of this *Consent* value). In the case of the latter, the child's data can also be used in the research if the parent/guardian/ward organisation gives *Allow* consent.
9. We include special HIPAA categories for special populations that are used (e.g., *HDate*) to indicate that special rules apply to data associated with such categories. Here we include *HIPAAChild* to support identifying data that belongs to children. This class is a specialisation of *SpecialPopn* so that the model can be extended to support other protected populations.
10. Each patient that is included in a special population is indicated using the *SpecialPatient* association. For example, figures 9.8 through 9.9 show that *Patient2* is a child (see annotation numbered 10 in the figures).
11. The *ChildAdvocate* association is used to link a child to an advocate. This association is important in the checking of the *ChildAdvocateForWardOfState* and the *ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg* access rules as discussed in items 4c and 4d above respectively.

12. The *WardAssociates* association is used to link persons to a ward organisation. This is association is important in the checking of the *ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg* access rule as discussed Item 4d above.
13. We have included another subclass of *Consent* because the HIPAA regulations stipulate that while the child's assent should be sought, there may be cases when it cannot be given because the child is incapable of doing so. Therefore, the *CannotGive* subclass records this and is interpreted as allowing access to the child's data.

#### 9.2.2.1 Potential Conflict of Interests Not Considered under HIPAA

While the *NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB DecisionRule* and the *ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg AccessRule* cover specific conflicts of interest among personnel involved in a project and persons associated with patients in special populations, an examination of the models seen so far shows the potential for additional situations not explicitly covered under the HIPAA regulations. For example, Figure 9.13 shows that *IRBMember, Personnel2*, is the parent for *Patient2* (see annotations numbered 3 and 7). In this situation, a potential conflict of interest arises because of the objectivity required by *IRBMembers* when approving access tickets for a project. As an extension of this idea, consider the situation where *Personnel2* is the *PI, DataCollector, or ProjectMember* for *Project\_1*. Should *Query\_0* be allowed to access the data for *Patient2*? While our method does not make a decision to restrict access in these scenarios, the exercise of modelling shows that we can potentially explore these relationships and uncover links not pre-determined to be problematic. This ability can help organisations avoid conflicts of interest.

### 9.3 Summary

We have shown how our model supports children as a protected population by extending the overall model and re-slicing to get new sliced models for slice 3 and slice 4. Additionally, we have discussed situations under which an access ticket should not be issued and when data should not be accessible even if an access ticket has been issued under the new rules for these populations. We also showed some areas where HIPAA is



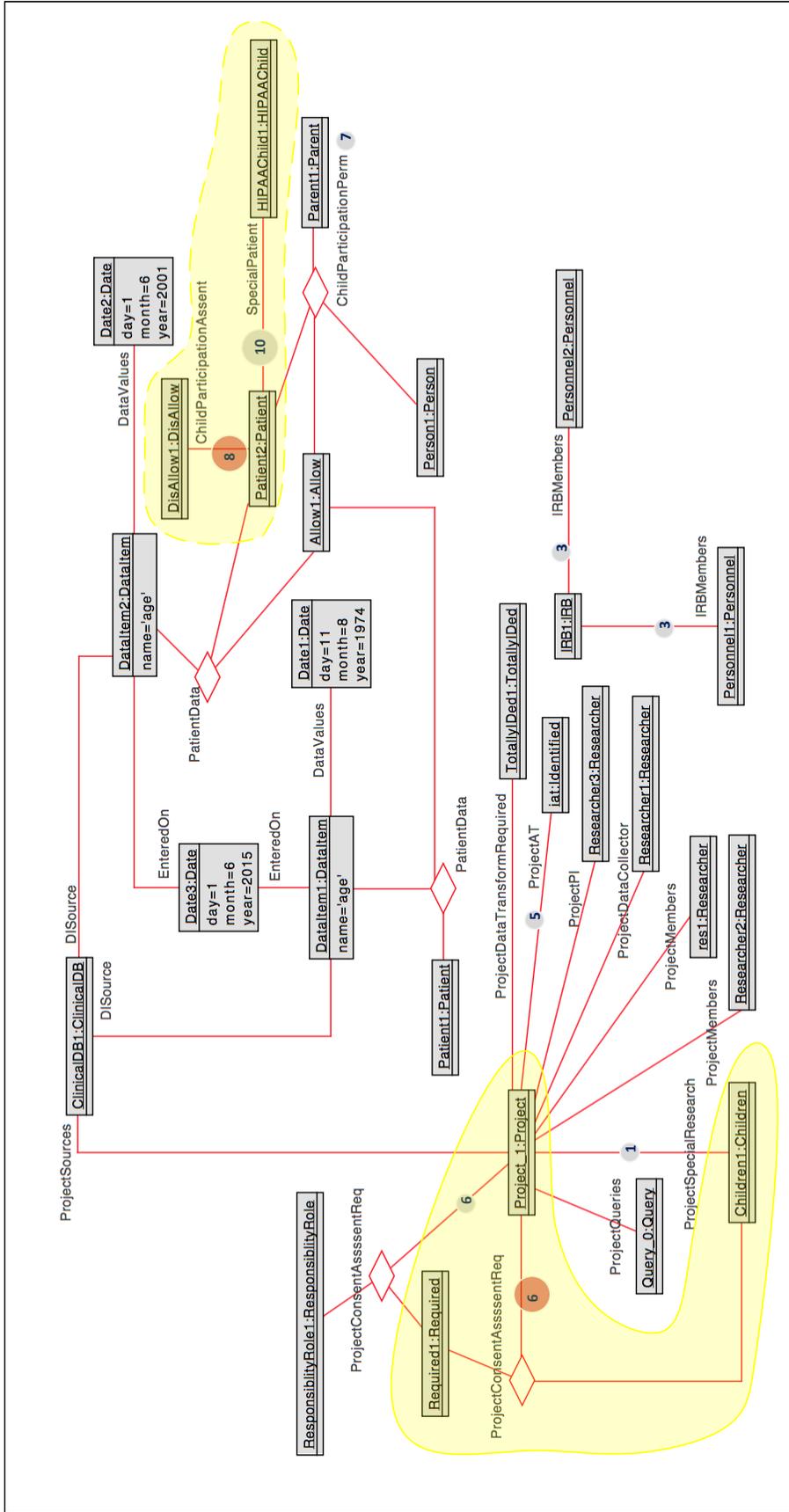


Figure 9.9: Access Denial Scenario 1: (Partial) Object Model for Slice 4 showing that *Query-0* must be denied access to *DataItem2* belonging to *Patient2* (focus is on relationships in the area highlighted in yellow). This is because the *ChildAssentAndResponsibilityConsent\_AccessRule* and the *ProjectConsentAssentReq* (see line annotated with 6) require that *Patient2* give *Allow* assent to participate in the research - yet the *ChildParticipationAssent* association link to *Patient2* (see association annotated with 8) shows *DisAllow*. Numbered annotations correspond to annotations so numbered in Figure 9.7 and explained in Section 9.2.2.



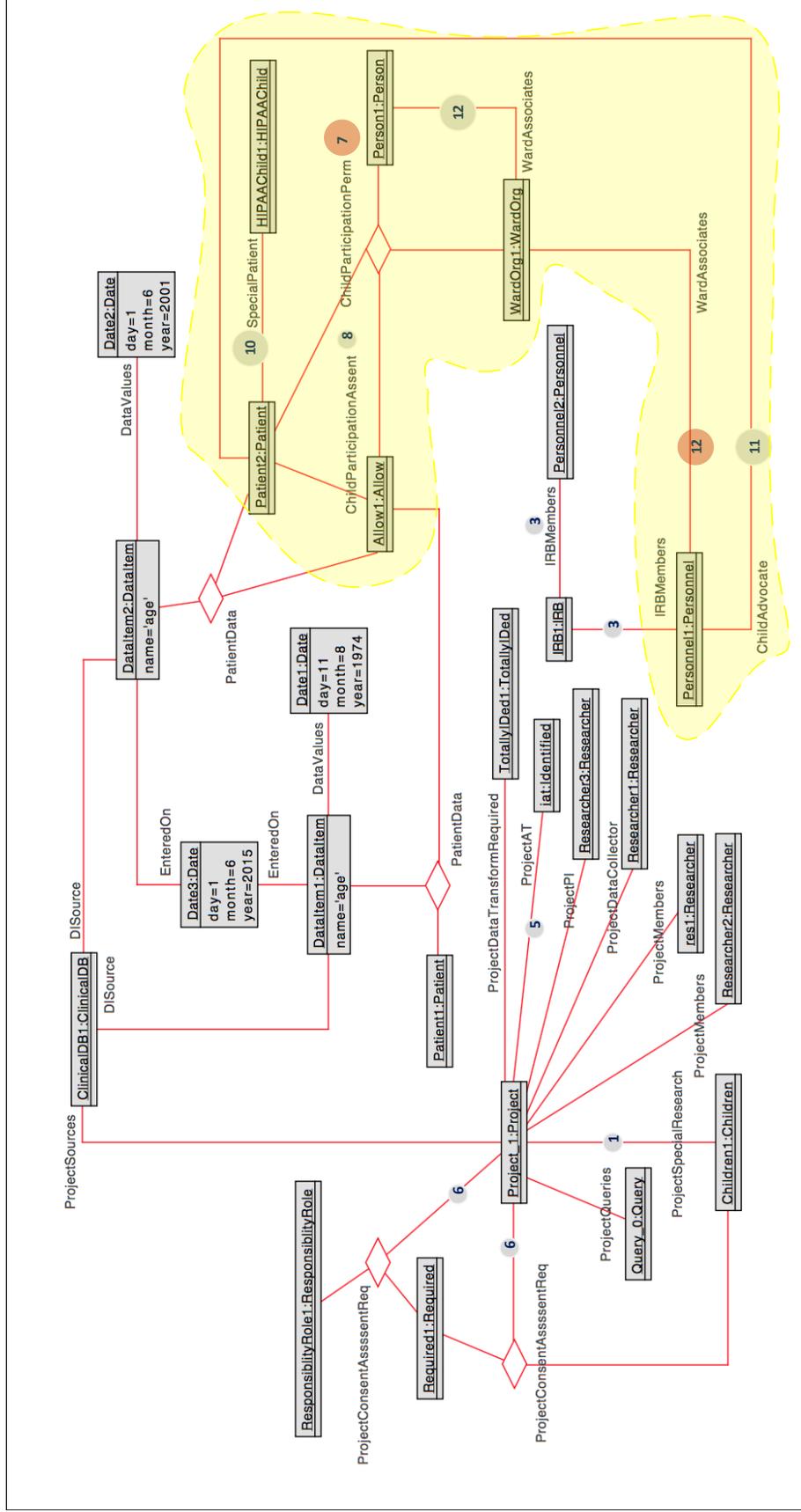


Figure 9.11: Access Denial Scenario 3: (Partial) Object Model for Slice 4 showing that *Query\_0* must be denied access to *DataItem2* belonging to *Patient2* (focus is on relationships in the area highlighted in yellow). This is because the *ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg AccessRule* does not allow *Patient2*'s *Advocate Personnel1* (see line annotated with 11), to be associated with the institution that has responsibility for *Patient2* (see line annotated with 12 from *Personnel1* and *ChildParticipationPerm* annotated with 7). Numbered annotations correspond to associations so numbered in Figure 9.7 and explained in Section 9.2.2.

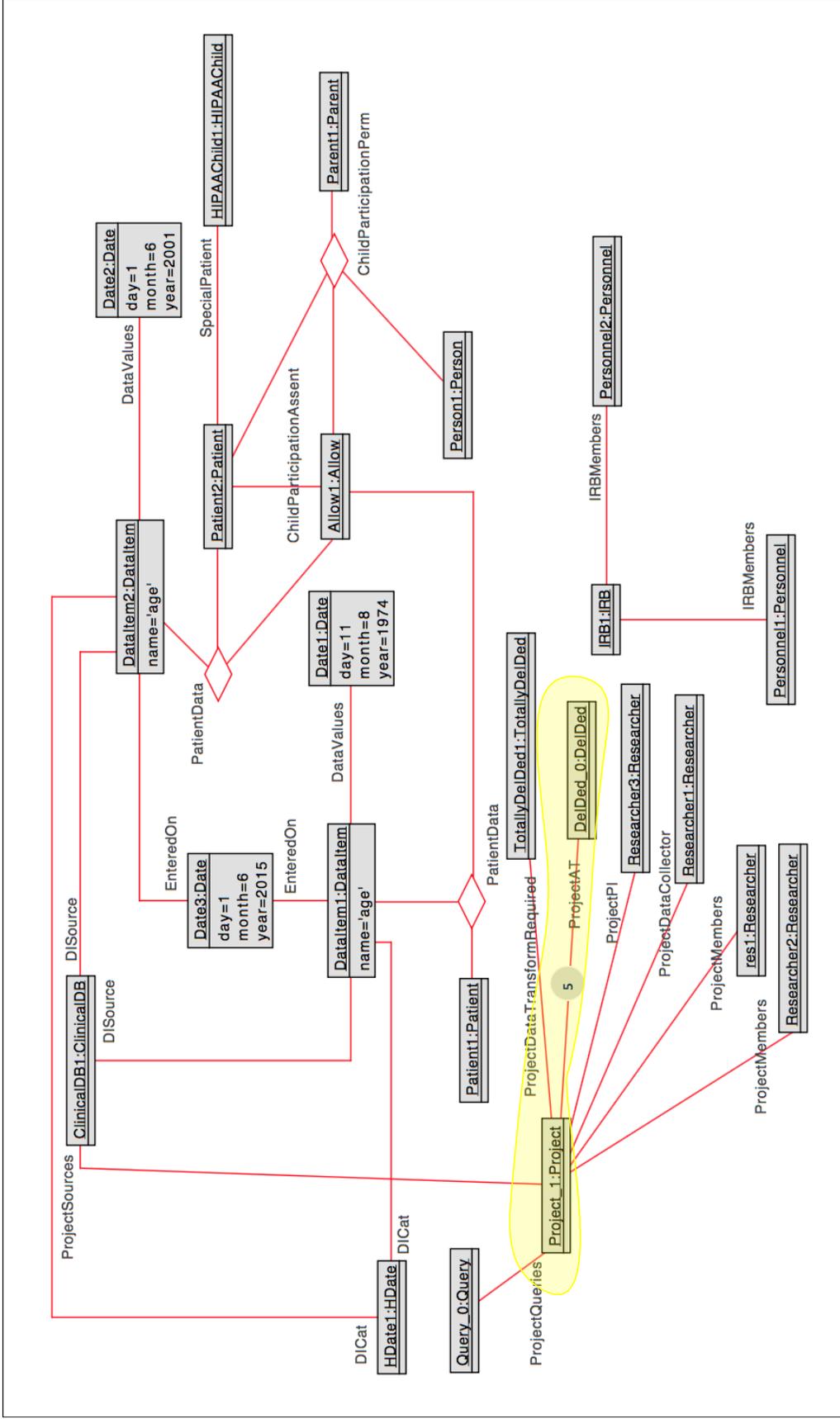


Figure 9.12: Access Denial Scenario 4: (Partial) Object Model for Slice 4 showing that *Query\_0* must be denied access to *DataItem2* belonging to *Patient2* (focus is on relationships in the area highlighted in yellow). This is because the *HideSpecialPopulation AccessRule* does not allow a *DeIDed* access ticket (see line annotated with 5) to access protected populations. Numbered annotations correspond to associations so numbered in Figure 9.7 and explained in Section 9.2.2.

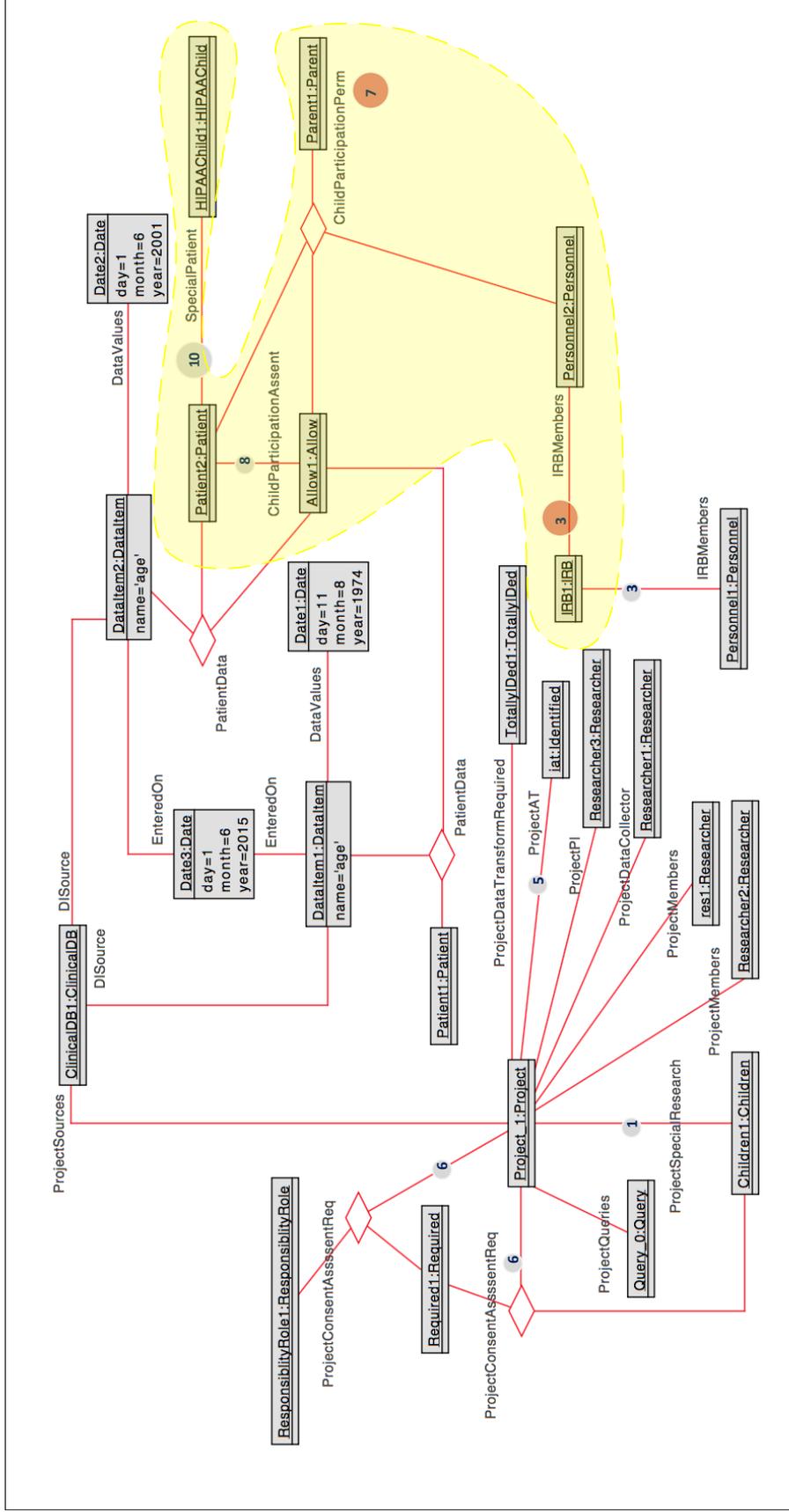


Figure 9.13: Potential Conflict of Interest: (Partial) Object Model for Slice 4 showing that the parent of *Patient2*, *Personnel2* (see association annotated with 7) is an *IRBMember* (see line annotated with 3). Focus is on relationships in the area highlighted in yellow. Numbered annotations correspond to associations so numbered in Figure 9.7 and explained in Section 9.2.2.

silent and yet our method revealed potential conflicts of interests, as we saw when a parent is an *IRBMember*. These may present areas for HIPAA to examine and improve the regulations.

We note that other conflicts of interest such as for the *NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB DecisionRule* may be refined. For example, it is usually the case when a conflict of interest arises, the *IRBMember* may abstain from contributing to a decision. In this case the system may record which *IRBMembers* contributed to the decision for the access ticket and use the *NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB DecisionRule* to ensure that there is no conflict with those contributing to a decision.

We modelled the rules only for children as a protected population, yet, as we have discussed in the sections 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 the model has been carefully presented to allow for extending it to other protected populations.

In the first instance in Section 9.2.1, we identified that, in general, model elements to support the granting of access ticket for any protected population are required for:

1. a project to indicate which special populations they require access to;
2. which decision rules applied to which special populations;
3. the IRB's decision;
4. whether an approval for the project's request for access to the special populations is required to approve the access ticket; and
5. when the IRB approves the project's request to use a specific protected population, whether the project needs to have the consent of each person in to the protected population for their data to be included in their research.

In the second instance in Section 9.2.2, we identified that, in general, model elements to support access to any protected population are required for:

1. identifying those in protected populations;
2. capturing the individual consent of those in protected populations; and
3. access rules that apply to any or specific protected populations.

Special relationships may exist for specific protected populations, e.g., children that are wards, that are not generalisable. Therefore, for each special population there may be specific model elements needed to support access to that population and these may be added to the model when such are encountered.

We noted in Chapter 8 that increasing the number of rules is another way to validate HMCA. For example, the increase of model elements for children protected population, specifically the associations among the *Person* class, may require a larger scope when analysing the current model slices (see Section 3.1 for our discussion on scope in the Alloy Analyzer) to avoid the conflicts of interest. Since analysis time may degrade for larger scopes, applying HMCA to the NJH System may use another level of slicing, i.e., slice per decision rule in order to avoid intractability. Specifying slicing criteria in different ways is already a feature of HMCA and a natural extension for dealing with intractability issues.

## 10. HOW TO APPLY HMCA

### 10.1 Introduction

HMCA is a method to analyse systems for conformance to laws and regulations, i.e., rule conformance analysis (RCA), where the details required to perform such analysis may make using current model checking tools intractable. In this dissertation we showed that analysing for conformance is possible without using large abstractions of data that would hide the details in system data models on which conformance is tested.

Applying HMCA in any domain requires that we first construct models of the system that may start out as informal models that guide the user to create more precise models of the process and data models that represent a more mature understanding of the domain. Using these models together with the requirements of the governing laws and regulations, we construct conformance rules that are used to both test and extract evidence of conformance adherence or conformance violation. After the construction, HMCA checks conformance to the rules using slicing of the models to ensure tractable analysis.

The slicing is driven by observing that:

1. separating the data for each process on a path in the process model gives better results in space and time than handling elements in memory for all the processes along a path; and
2. chaining the results from each process can be used to analyse rules that apply to the path.

Finally, when a path or data is shown to not satisfy a rule, we may highlight the entire path or isolate the process or data elements that caused the non-conformance.

This approach identifies the three phases of HMCA: 1) *construct* precise models for process, data, and conformance rules, 2) *analyse* conformance rules by slicing to decompose the analysis steps, re-composing the results in a form required by a model checker, and checking the result for conformance to the rules, and 3) providing *feedback* where rules cannot be satisfied.

Except for slicing that has been automated, our application of HMCA to the NJH system has been a manual process. The purpose of this chapter is to describe how a user may go about applying HMCA. We start by looking at HMCA in general by outlining its prerequisites in Section 10.2. Next, we outline for each

phase 1) the prerequisites, 2) the steps to follow, 3) a discussion highlighting where the effort may be purely manual or can be automated, and 4) any requirements for tool support or applicable tools. We outline these in sections 10.3 through 10.5.

We note that this chapter is not meant to explain our theoretical proposal for HMCA. Such treatment may be found in Chapter 6 and should be used either as a prerequisite or co-requisite to this chapter.

## 10.2 Overall Prerequisites for Applying HMCA

The prerequisite for the general application of HMCA is a good understanding of model checking techniques especially as explained in the first four chapters of Baier and Katoen[14]. The focus should be on:

1. understanding why model checking may give intractable results - this will help the user to determine whether HMCA is a solution for RCA in their application domain; and
2. how to use and interpret:
  - (a) a program graph (PG) as a model of the operations and data under analysis;
  - (b) non-deterministic finite automata (NFA) as representations of rules to be analysed; and
  - (c) a transition-system (TS) as evidence of actual operations and data states in the PG.

Each phase will have additional pre-requisites, and we outline them in the applicable subsections.

## 10.3 Construction Phase

The models in the construction phase may be categorised into 3 categories: process models, data model, and rule representation. The process models are activity models and entity views. The data model is the class model. The rule representation uses non-deterministic finite automata (NFA).

### 10.3.1 PREREQUISITES

The prerequisites for the construction phase of HMCA include a good understanding of:

1. UML models, specifically activity, class, and state machine models.

2. how to use OCL specifications to augment a class model with additional constraints, operation specifications, and queries;
3. how the semantics of a state machine may allow it to be linked to an activity model, i.e., how each operation in the former may be linked to a segment of the latter;
4. how the semantics of a state machine may allow it to be linked to a class model, i.e., how each abstract state in the former may be mapped to a concrete state that is a segment of the latter; and
5. NFAs, specifically how to identify and use accepting states as evidence of non-conformance.

### 10.3.2 STEPS

#### 10.3.2.1 *Step 1: Construct UML Activity Model*

A UML activity model is the beginning process model used in HMCA. From it we gain understanding of the activities that are important in the domain and how each activity impacts other activities. Of note in creating the activity model is that we must ensure that all possible values for decision nodes are modelled. This allows us to gain full understanding of all the possible paths in the system, we call this a *completeness* requirement.

We also note that an activity model may be large and complex, so we may construct it at a high level of abstraction and allow for activities to have nested activity models of the details of its internal flows. This analysis may continue for many levels of nesting. Whether or not this nesting is used, all the activity models and their associated elements have visibility within HMCA and can be linked to other models.

#### 10.3.2.2 *Step 2: Construct UML Class Model*

A UML class model is the data model used in HMCA. In it we provide abstractions for the data that is required to understand the domain. In addition to classes, associations among classes, and the multiplicity constraints on the associations, we use OCL to add additional constraints not specifiable using the associations alone. The level of detail required in the class model is that of a design-level class model that includes operations with their pre-and post conditions specified using OCL. Constructing the class model may be iterative, i.e., we may return to update the class model after or during any of the steps in the construction

phase, as we consider the details needed to support the activities and decisions in the activity and other models.

### 10.3.2.3 Step 3: Construct Individual Entity Views

We use UML state machine models to construct the entity views. Recall that an entity view represents how an entity interacts with the system and does so using a subset of the activities in the activity model.

We therefore construct the state machine for an entity by identifying its:

1. abstract states and operations;
2. start and final states; and
3. adding edges among the states that are labelled with guards and operations that support advancing to the next state.

The *completeness* requirement mentioned for activity models in Section 10.3.2.1 also applies to state machines. Completeness ensures that an entity can move to the final state in a state machine without being permanently held up in an intermediate state. Alternatively, fulfilling the completeness requirement may mean we denote states as a final state where the values for variables in the guards exiting the state do not contain all the possible values that may be encountered. At this stage we have an *unlinked individual entity view*.

Since the operations and states we mention here are abstractions for segments in the activity and class models, constructing the entity views also involves providing traceability between the entity views and these models such that:

1. each operation,  $op_i$ , is linked to:
  - (a) an activity model segment,  $am_{op}$ , which represents the concrete part of the system that implements it; and
  - (b) a class model segment,  $cm_{op}$ , which contains the elements included in its pre- and post conditions.
2. states are linked to:

- (a) a class model segment,  $cm_s$ ; and
  - (b) activity model segments  $am_s$  where it is used or decided;
3. variables used in the guards are linked to a concrete representation,  $cm_v$ , which is a segment of the class model; in addition, we specify how to extract the value of the variables from the  $cm_v$ .

The same name for an operation, state, or variable and its associated values used in more than one entity view represents the same element, therefore, once we link an item in one entity view, it is also linked to the other entity views in which it is mentioned. We call the entity view that now has traceability to the activity and data models a *linked individual entity view*.

#### 10.3.2.4 Step 4: Construct NFA Rules

Each conformance rule is represented as a NFA. The NFA uses the operations and states from the *individual entity views* created in Section 10.3.2.3 to specify conditions for advancing through the states.

The careful construction of the rule means that we must:

1. identify accepting states; and
2. ensure that the condition, constructed using operations and states from the individual entity views leading to the accepting state, cannot also lead to non-accepting states.

#### 10.3.2.5 Step 5: Generate RSEV and MRSEV

The final step in the construction phase is to create rule-specific entity views. We will create both a simple (more abstract) rule specific entity view (RSEV) and mapped (more concrete) rule-specific entity view, (MRSEV) for each rule.. They are generated by:

1. identifying the individual entity views created Section 10.3.2.3 that are required to check each rule; and
2. composing these entity views into a single rule-specific entity view.

From Chapter 6, recall that this composing relies on the individual entity views having common edges, i.e., when edges are labelled with the same operation, we may separately combine all the guards and next states

using the logical *or* operator to create a single guard and a single state. The RSEV is created from the unlinked individual entity views, and the MRSEV is created from the linked individual entity views.

This makes the RSEV a more abstract representation that may be useful for sharing information with non-technical users. In model checking terms, the MSREV is the program graph we will use in analysis. We create traceability between the rules and their associated individual entity views, RSEV, and MRSEV by creating links among them. We note that a rule-specific entity view may be linked to more than one rule. Of course, the linking of the individual entity views to the activity and class model segments also achieves the linking of the the rule-specific entity views to these models as well.

### 10.3.3 AUTOMATION AND TOOL SUPPORT

The construction phase is mostly manual, yet we require a workbench where all the models can be supported in the same tool. While tools exist to create one or more of the UML models used in HMCA (by the same tool), no such tool exists that support our procedure to augment the activity and state machine models to maintain traceability among the models. We have therefore identified the requirements for tool support in the construction phase of HMCA below:

1. *graphing functionality*: since the models used are essentially graphs, we need functionality such as those provided by the Eclipse Modelling Framework to create and maintain these graphs;
2. *OCL language support*: we may use the functionality provided by the USE tool or an alternate way to include OCL specifications in the class model;
3. *extracting linked model segments*: while linking the models as described in the steps of the construction phase in Section 10.3.2 is a manual process, the extraction of the applicable model segment may be automated.

## 10.4 Analysis Phase

### 10.4.1 PREREQUISITES

The prerequisites for the analysis phase of HMCA include a good understanding of:

1. *slicing* as a technique to decompose specifications into smaller pieces in a bid to speed-up analysis; in the context of HMCA the benefit of slicing is to eliminate intractable analysis in model checking;
2. the similarities in the semantics of UML class models and Alloy models that allow the former to be represented as the latter;
3. the Alloy language and the Alloy Analyzer for writing and executing queries on specifications; and
4. model checking: specifically program graphs, using NFAs, know how program graphs are *unfolded* into a transition system, and how to check the satisfaction of an NFA on a transition system.

### 10.4.2 STEPS

#### 10.4.2.1 Step 1: Model Slicing

The first step in the analysis phase is to perform slicing. Recall from Section 6.3 that slicing is used to obtain tractable analysis in HMCA. A slice is created based on operations. Slicing is performed on the class model. Therefore, the slicing criteria involves copying all the elements from the class model that an operation needs into a new class model slice. For HMCA the elements,  $cm_i$ , needed for each  $op_i$  are those in:

1.  $cm_{op}$ , for its pre- and post conditions as discussed in Section 10.3.2.3;
2. all the  $cm_v$ 's, for all the variables included in an operation's guards on all the edges where the operation is used as discussed in Section 10.3.2.3; and
3. all the  $cm_s$ 's, for all next states that can be entered as discussed in Section 10.3.2.3.

Each  $cm_i$  is a class model segment that is transformed into an equivalent Alloy model,  $aa_i$ . This equivalence excludes the additional constraints imposed by all the OCL constraints and/or some multiplicity constraints

such as those with specific numerical bounds beyond using 0..1, 1, \*, or 1..\*. These additional constraints must be added manually to the Alloy model, and this is done in the next step. We also create links among each operation,  $cm_i$ , and  $aa_i$ .

#### 10.4.2.2 Step 2: Alloy Specification and Analysis

We add to the  $aa_i$ :

1. constraints to generate well-formed instances;
2. operation pre- and postconditions (for the operation that the slice represents); and
3. queries that extract the final states of an operation when the operation specification executes.

While we may not need to say much about the first two items, it is important to elaborate more on Item 3. In order to determine the possible and actual final states of an operation we must add Alloy *predicates* and *assertions* to the Alloy model. We are trying to determine which next states of an operation are possible, and we must do this for both those that would cause any applicable conformance rule to enter accepting and non-accepting states. Applicable rules are those rule NFAs that use this operation.

Predicates may be used to query for non-accepting states, i.e., an instance returned shows that the state can be reached. We must do this for all the ways an accepting state is possible. For example if the clause

$$a \vee (b \wedge c)$$

is the condition for a non-accepting state, then we must ensure that we can generate an instance for each way that the clause can return true.

While we may also use predicates to query for accepting states, it is best to use an assertion. Assertions are used to tell us whether certain conditions are ever possible, i.e., Alloy produces a counterexample if the conditions are possible, and no counterexample if they are not. In terms of the above clause, Alloy returns a counterexample if it is possible to for the clause to return false.

Alloy generated instances from predicates, and counterexamples from assertions, serve as the evidence of states occurring. Therefore we must link a state to a predicate or assertion with the understanding that an instance from the predicate indicates that it is possible, and no counterexample from the assertion indicates

it is not possible. In this way we are able to extract from the Alloy specification the final states for an operation.

#### *10.4.2.3 Step 3: Generating the TS*

Since we now know the final states for an operation, we may use these final states to unfold the MSREV into a transition system. This unfolding is a model checking algorithm that gives the concrete execution of the MSREV (the program graph). It therefore contains only the reachable states for the possibilities presented in the MSREV. We link the transition system created to its MSREV. We note the final states for an operation may apply to more than one MSREVs, and it is possible in HMCA to have partial unfolding of these until each operation is analysed. In this way, we may analyse only the operations contained in a single MSREV, and show conformance to its associated rules in a stepwise or iterative manner.

#### *10.4.2.4 Step 4: Check Conformance Rule*

An NFA captures the conformance rule in such a way that it is used to detect if any of its accepting states are present in the transition system. Essentially, it specifies a pattern that is matched against a transition system. The pattern matching algorithm starts at the first state in the transition system and checks if the pattern presented in the NFA is able to reach its accepting state. This is how HMCA checks for conformance. We are guaranteed that if the transition system shows a path to the accepting state it will be found. If any such path exists, the conformance check returns that the transition system shows rule non-conformance, otherwise rule conformance is confirmed. Checking conformance is halted when the first accepting state is encountered and HMCA moves to its feedback stage.

### 10.4.3 AUTOMATION AND TOOL SUPPORT

Most of the complexity in HMCA is in the processing required in the analysis phase. While we have done the analysis manually, we can achieve automation for the tasks that, given certain inputs, can execute without additional intervention from the user.

#### 10.4.3.1 Manual Tasks

The manual tasks in this phase are to provide:

1. *slicing criteria*;
2. *additional formal specifications* in the Alloy model; and
3. linking of predicates from the Alloy model to non-accepting states in applicable rules, and assertions to accepting states.

#### 10.4.3.2 Automated Tasks

Automation can be realised in:

1. *slicing* to:
  - (a) extract a class model slice,  $cm_i$ , for each operation,  $op_i$ , in accordance to the slicing criteria determined in Section 10.4.3.1;
  - (b) link the each  $cm_i$  with its associated  $op_i$ ;
  - (c) transform each  $cm_i$  into an equivalent Alloy specification,  $aa_i$ .
2. *analyse* each  $aa_i$  to *extract* its final states:
  - (a) use the Alloy Analyzer to determine the final states possible in each slice; and
  - (b) since the Alloy Analyzer is a separate tool, we must be able to import the final states of each operation back into a workbench such as one discussed in Section 10.3.3 in order to construct the transition system.
3. *construct* the transition system: organise the final states into a transition system; and
4. *check* the conformance rule: determine whether the accepting states of the NFA are present in the transition system or not.

Our contributions are *slicing* and *extracting* the final states. We note that:

1. our implementation for *slicing* using operations as the *slicing criteria* has been developed for HMCA in the *Eclipse* environment;
2. the writing and executing of Alloy specifications is also supported in the *Eclipse* environment;
3. the algorithms of the other tasks, i.e., *constructing* the transition system and *checking* conformance, may also be developed in the *Eclipse* environment either as a new implementation or relying on libraries from known model checking tools.

## 10.5 Feedback Phase

### 10.5.1 PREREQUISITES

The prerequisites for the feedback phase of HMCA include a good understanding of:

1. the similarities of the semantics between UML class models and Alloy models that allow an instance (or counterexample) in the latter to be represented as an object model that is an instance of the former; and
2. the USE tool with its associated SOIL and ASSL languages for specifying class models and generating object models respectively.

### 10.5.2 STEPS

#### 10.5.2.1 Step 1: Extract Alloy Counterexample

Since we know the point in the transition system where the non-conformance occurs and the  $aa_i$  where non-conformance occurs, we may extract the counterexample,  $aac_i$ . We save the  $aac_i$  to an XML representation using the functionality provided in the Alloy Analyzer.

#### 10.5.2.2 Step 2: Generate UML Object Models

Recall that in the analysis phase we generated an  $aa_i$  from each  $cm_i$ . We use this  $cm_i$  to guide the creation of an UML object model,  $omc_i$ , from the  $aac_i$ . This creation relies on the correspondence between

the semantics of Alloy and class models that allows an instance in the former to be transformed into an object model of the latter, and vice versa. We note that we will have a one-to-one mapping for the elements in the  $aa_i$  to the elements in its corresponding  $omc_i$  for both the identifier, attribute values, and type. Since we have not offered a proof that the  $aa_i$  is equivalent to its associated  $cm_i$ , it is important to have an extra step to ensure that the  $omc_i$  satisfies its associated  $cm_i$ . If the  $omc_i$  cannot satisfy the  $cm_i$ , we know that either the elements and/or constraints in the  $aa_i$  or the  $cm_i$  are incorrect and this must be addressed before continuing.

### 10.5.2.3 Step 3: On-Demand Feedback

We implemented HMCA to provide feedback to the user in an on-demand fashion. The user may request to see a progression of  $omc_i$ s that led to the non-conformance. For example, if the non-conformance occurred in slice  $cm_i$ , from the MSREV we can know the trace of its previous class model slices that led to the non-conformance observed in  $cm_i$ . This (reverse) trace is the sequence:

$$\langle \dots, cm_{i-2}, cm_{i-1}, cm_i \rangle$$

where each class model previous to  $cm_i$  is called a  $cm_j$ . We generate an object model,  $omc_j$ , that satisfies each  $cm_j$ , starting from  $j - 1$ , in the trace as the user requests. Each  $omc_j$  must contain the overlapping elements from its (immediate) next  $omc_{j+1}$  in the above trace.

### 10.5.2.4 Step 4: Update Models (and Re-Analyse)

A counterexample occurring in a particular state in the transitions system may be a symptom of a fault that occurs in and is carried over from a previous state. Viewing the object models helps the user to identify where the fault lies: by identifying a problem in an  $omc_i$ , the links maintained in HMCA give the associated  $aa_i$ ,  $cm_i$ ,  $op_i$ ,  $am_{op}$ , and entity views (since we know the rule being analysed). Understanding what changes are required in the models to show conformance to a rule is the job of the user/domain expert. If any changes are made, HMCA should be used to re-analyse the conformance rule.

### 10.5.3 AUTOMATION AND TOOL SUPPORT

#### 10.5.3.1 Automated Tasks

Automation supports the following tasks to:

1. *extract* the counter-example into an XML representation;
2. *transform* the  $aac_i$  to an object model,  $omc_i$ : we use the ASSL and SOIL languages provided in the USE tool to drive the construction of the object models (see Section 10.5.3.2 for more details) and once these are created they may be reused; and
3. *generate* additional object models: we also use the languages in the USE tool to construct these additional object models (see Section 10.5.3.2 for more details) and once these are created they may be reused.

While we have used manual steps to convert the  $aac_i$  to the  $omc_i$ , we have implemented procedures to generate additional object models using the languages mentioned. We note that the *Eclipse* environment provides integration of the functionality from both the Alloy Analyzer and the USE tools to accomplish these tasks.

#### 10.5.3.2 Manual Tasks

In addition to updating models as discussed in Section 10.5.2.4, the major manual task is the implementation of the algorithm to generate each  $omc_i$ . We outlined the algorithms for generating the feedback in Section 7.5.

An important guideline for generating each  $omc_i$  is to ensure that the constraints in its corresponding  $cm_i$  are satisfiable and do not disallow the adding of object and/or links. The algorithms may need extra tweaking that may not be generalisable, but instead depend on the elements and multiplicity constraints in each  $cm_i$ . One strategy is to add elements and the constraints that restrict those elements incrementally to the  $omc_i$ , checking satisfiability of its associated  $cm_i$  with each addition.

For example, using the ASSL language provided in the USE tool to generate the  $omc_i$ , constraints imposed by multiplicities must be satisfied for adding objects and links among them; if constraints are not

satisfied, adding these elements is disallowed. This is because ASSL commands search for a configuration of objects and links to create that satisfy the constraints. In contrast, using the SOIL language (also provided for generating object models in the USE tool) does not disallow objects and links that do not satisfy the multiplicity constraints, but this may result in an  $omc_i$  that does not satisfy its corresponding  $cm_i$  because multiplicity constraints are violated. However, using SOIL is ideal when converting the initial  $aac_i$  to an  $omc_i$  because of the one-to-one correspondence between the elements in the models.

In some cases, it may be that the constraints imposed by the multiplicities do not allow for any algorithm to generate an  $omc_i$  that satisfies its corresponding  $cm_i$ . If this occurs, the only solution is to relax the multiplicity on the association end in the system class model (constructed in Section 10.3.2.2) such that we use the most generous multiplicity constraint, i.e., \*, and write OCL constraints to enforce the desired multiplicity. In any of these scenarios, the USE tool allows scrips that can load class models, call ASSL procedures, execute SOIL commands, load/unload constraints, and check constraints as the user desires.

## 11. INSIGHTS FROM APPLYING HMCA IN THE NJH SYSTEM

In this chapter we offer a review of insights that may be helpful when applying HMCA to other application domains, tools, and complexity management.

### 11.1 Impact of New Information on Previously Defined Rules

When we add new operations and states to our models, it is important to know whether these new elements can impact previously defined rules. For example, when we included information about the *Identified* access ticket with its two types of required data transformation in Section 8.2, the rule for the *DeIDed* access ticket was impacted and this required that we update all the models to account for this new information. The lesson here is that our specifications may be weakened if we do not consider how new information affects what we have previously shown to be correct.

### 11.2 Managing Specification Size Complexity

Our experience has shown that managing the Alloy specifications for each slice and maintaining consistency across specifications is challenging because the specifications themselves may be many pages long and contain many overlapping elements. For the latter, many mistakes may be introduced because of the need to repeat certain model elements in different slices. Therefore, we suggest a continuous refactoring of the specifications to use the capabilities of both the Alloy Analyzer and the USE tools to first define specifications incrementally and then to include/import/add them to the specifications for the current slice. For example, in the Alloy Analyzer, when two slices overlap, we may extract the overlapping elements into a separate file and use the *open* command to add them to the specifications for each slice. This functionality offers a kind of *encapsulation* to manage the complexity of specifications. The *open* command as described is also included in the USE tool.

### 11.3 Understanding Tool Nuances: Translating Alloy Specifications into OCL Specifications

The analyst must be aware of the different semantics of each language. These semantics guide what abstractions are made and how to understand them in the chosen languages. We discuss three such areas

Listing 11.1: Defining *DataAccessAgreement* in Alloy

```

abstract sig DataSource{}
sig Project extends DataSource{}
sig NJH {
  projects: set Project,
  ...
  /* p1->p2 means p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1 */
  dataAccessAgreement: projects -> projects,
  ... }

```

Listing 11.2: Defining *DataAccessAgreement* in the USE for OCL

```

abstract class DataSource end
class Project < DataSource end
association DataAccessAgreement between
  Project[*] role owner
  Project[*] role user
end

```

for understanding: 1) closures, 2) intra-associations, and 3) multiplicities on ternary relations for the specification languages used in HMCA. In our discussions we will use Figure 11.1, a previous (and now outdated) class model for the NJH system.

### 11.3.1 REASONING ABOUT CLOSURES

Associations where both the source and the destination are the same class, require that we compute the association closure to reason about how a class instance relates to itself and to other instances of that class. For example, let's take the *DataAccessAgreement* annotated with *A* in Figure 11.1. In Alloy this association is defined as a binary relation and we show this in Listing 11.1. In OCL this is similarly defined in Listing 11.2 using the syntax of the UML Specification Environment (USE) tool. So far we have not encountered much difference in the specification languages.

Since we know that no project requires a data access agreement with itself, we add a constraint to ensure that a well-formed model does not contain these self relationships in the *DataAccessAgreement* association. In Alloy, this is defined in Listing 11.3 to say that when we compute the closure of the relation, it is irreflexive. The *irreflexive* definition is shown in Listing 11.4 and is a part of modules supplied with the Alloy Analyzer.

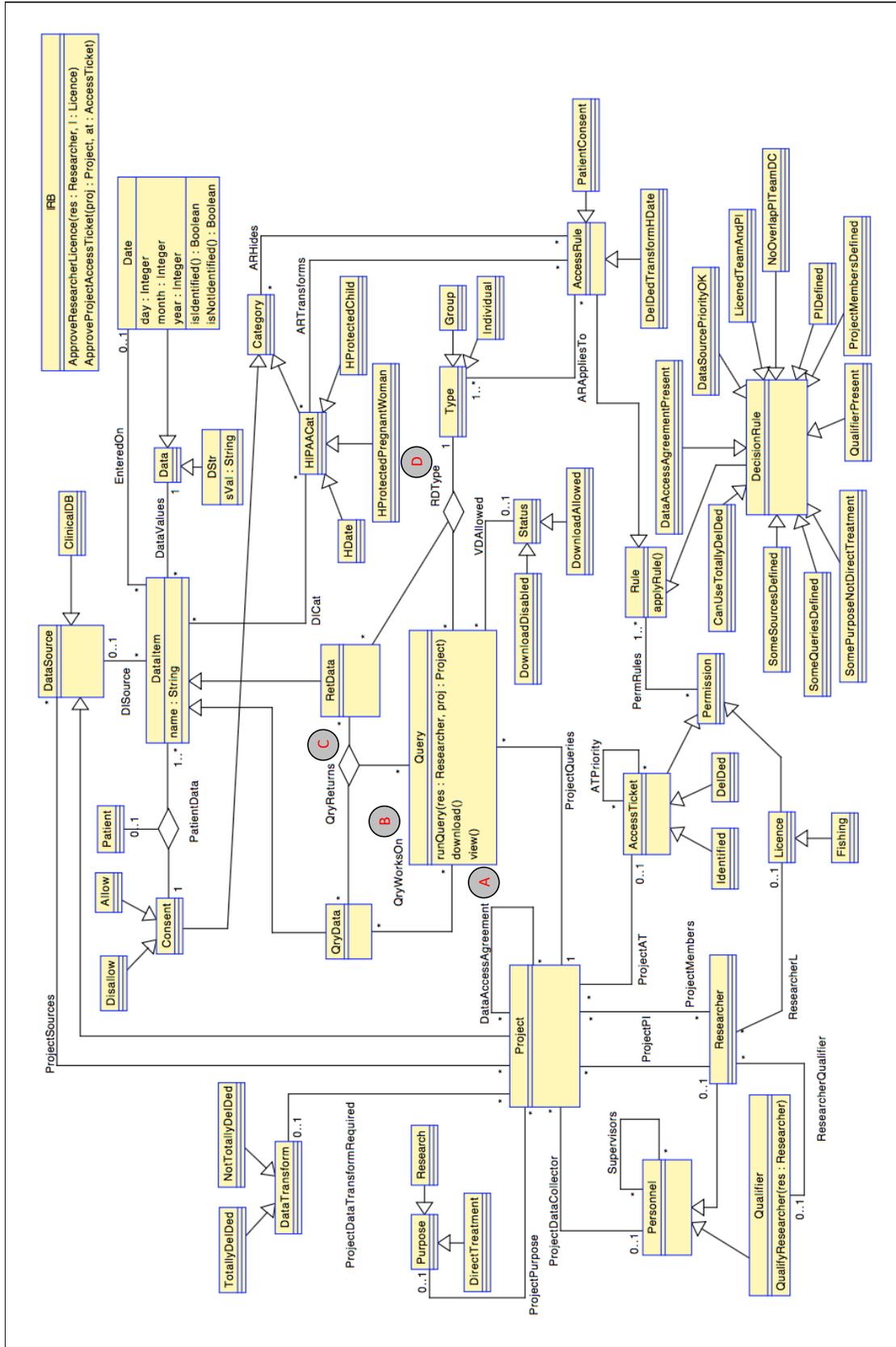


Figure 11.1: Class Model for discussing tool nuances

Listing 11.3: Defining Constraint for *DataAccessAgreement* in Alloy

```
sig NJH{...} {
  ...
  /* no project has a data access agreement with itself */
  irreflexive[~dataAccessAgreement] }
```

Listing 11.4: Defining Irreflexive Binary Relations in Alloy

```
/** r is irreflexive */
pred irreflexive [r: univ -> univ] {
  /**
   iden contains all reflexive binary associations for the signatures in the model
   & is set intersection */
  no iden & r }
```

In USE, the definition of this constraint is defined differently, since we must navigate the relationship to define its closure. Recall that the roles, i.e., each association end, in the *DataAccessAgreement* were named in the OCL definition in Listing 11.2. So, we start at the *owner* association-end, calculate its closure with (and by) navigating to the *user* association-end, and specify that this closure does not contain the *owner*, i.e., no self associations. We show this definition in OCL in Listing 11.5.

A comparison with defining the constraint first in Alloy and then in OCL using USE is that:

1. in Alloy we do not need to use navigation to reason about the contents of the association as Alloy treats the association as a set of 2-tuples and can apply set/relational/functional algebra to reason about it; this is called set semantics; and
2. translating this constraint to OCL was not as straightforward due to OCL semantics requiring navigation to compute the contents of the association; this is called navigation semantics.

This difference posed a greater challenge when dealing with constraints among associations, discussed below.

Listing 11.5: Defining Constraint for *DataAccessAgreement* in OCL

```
context Project
inv invDataAccessAgreement:
  owner->closure(user)->excludesAll(owner)
```

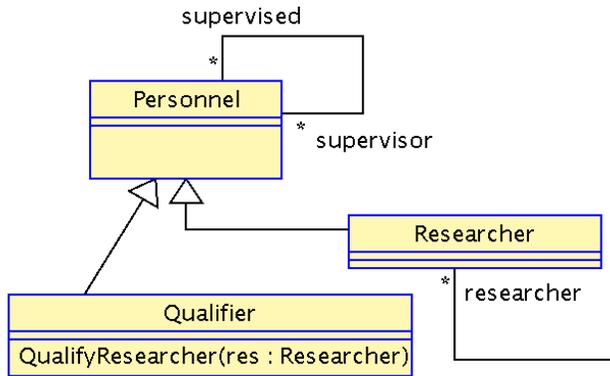


Figure 11.2: Supervisors Association in  $S_3$

Without sufficient documentation it's hard to determine the correct usage for a predefined operation. The OCL operator *closure* computes the transitive closure of a binary association. To understand the challenge, consider the *Supervisor* association shown in Figure 11.2. In order to say that this association should be *acyclic*, a common mistake is to say (in OCL) that:

$$supervised.closure(supervisor) -> excludes(self)$$

However, on closer inspection, this is incorrect because it does allow loops. In fact, the statement can never be true because the closure (always) include *self* because the navigation to check the property starts and ends at the same place. This mistake may be made because the modeler thinks that both ends of the association need to be traversed and hence include, both association ends when writing the invariant.

As a (more concrete) example, consider:

$$Personnel = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\},$$

and

$$Supervisors = \{(p_1, p_2), (p_2, p_3)\}$$

then while both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  have the *supervisor* role and both  $p_2$  and  $p_3$  have the *supervised* role, consideration should be given to whether  $p_2$  that has both roles, could have a cycle. In order to get to  $p_2$  we must navigate to the *supervised* association end and check if  $p_2$  could supervise themselves through the transitive closure of other *supervised* traversable from  $p_2$ .

The corrected invariant is:

$$supervised.closure(supervised) -> excludes(self)$$

Alternatively, using an equivalent argument as given above for traversing the *supervised* association end, the invariant may be expressed using the *supervisor* association end:

$$\text{supervisor.closure(supervisor)} - > \text{excludes(self)}$$

Both forms are equivalent. Therefore, the *closure* must traverse along the same association end to correctly specify the acyclic invariant.

### 11.3.2 INTRA ASSOCIATION CONSTRAINTS

Typically, when classes are involved in more than one association, there are constraints that affect how an instance of the class in one association relates to the same instance of the class in another association. For example, let's examine the *QryWorksOn* (B), *QryReturns*, and *RDTtype* associations identified by *B*, *C*, and *D* respectively in Figure 11.1. *QryWorksOn* is needed to identify which *DataItems* are used in a *Query*. Since not all instances of *DataItem* that a query works on are returned, *QryReturns* (C) shows which *DataItem* instances from a *Query* are actually used to derive data returned by the query. Further, *QryReturns* is used to show that some *DataItem* objects returned may be transformed, i.e. *QryData* and *RetData* are different with respect to their associated *Data*. In order to show conformance later on, it is important to link in *QryReturns* each *RetData* ( $r_i$ ) in a *Query* ( $q$ ) with the set of *QryData* ( $qd_i$ 's) from which it was derived. *RDTtype* (D) is needed to state whether each *RetData* returned by a query is computed from an *Individual DataItem* or a from *Group* of *DataItem* because different conformance rules may apply to each type. Implicit in the multiplicities in *QryReturns* and *RDTtype* is that both *QryData* and *RetData* instances could be associated with more than one query.

Here, three constraints are important:

1.  $(q, qd_i, r_1) \in \text{QryReturns} \rightarrow (q, qd_i) \in \text{QryWorksOn};$
2. every  $(q, r_1)$  pair found in *QryReturns* is also in *RDTtype*; and
3. if  $r_1$  is linked to several  $qd_i$ 's for the same  $q$  in *QryReturns* then

$$(q, r_1, \text{Group}) \in \text{RDTtype}$$

else

$$(q, r_1, \text{Individual}) \in \text{RDTtype}$$

Listing 11.6: Defining *QryReturns* and *QryWorksOn* in Alloy

```
sig NJH {
  ...,
  dataItems: set DataItem,
  queries: set Query,
  types: set Type,
  ...
  /* a query can work on any kind of data item */
  qryReturns: queries -> dataItems -> dataItems,

  /* return data type, has 0 or 1 type */
  RDType: queries -> retItems -> lone types,
  ... }
```

Listing 11.7: Defining Constraint for Relationship between *QryReturns* and *QryWorksOn* in Alloy

```
sig NJH{...} {
  all
    q: queries,
    r: retItems |
  let
    /* QryData linked to r */
    qrq = (r.(q.(qryReturns))) {

    /* individual type */
    some q -> r -> Individual & njh.RDType iff
      #qrq = 1

    /* group type */
    some q -> r -> Group & njh.RDType iff
      #qrq > 1 } } }
```

The first two constraints are relatively easy to write for both Alloy and OCL. Therefore, our focus is on the third constraint. We'll hereafter refer to this constraint as  $c_3$ . For Alloy we show the definition of the associations in Listing 11.6 and  $c_3$  in Listing 11.7. In Listing 11.7  $qrq$  is computed for each  $(q, r)$  pair. We ensure that if  $\#qrq = 1$  then the correct *Type* corresponding to the  $(q, r)$  pair in *RDType* is *Individual* and if  $\#qrq > 1$  then the correct *Type* for the pair is *Group*.

In OCL defining  $c_3$  is not as straightforward as in Alloy. For example, given:

1. the definition of the associations in Listing 11.8;
2. with respect to  $r_1$ , *QryReturns* contains

$$\{(q_1, qd_1, r_1), (q_2, qd_1, r_1), (q_2, qd_2, r_1), (q_3, qd_3, r_1)\}; \text{ and}$$

Listing 11.8: Definition of Associations for *QryReturns*, *QryWorksOn* and *RDType* in USE

```

association QryReturns between
  Query[*] role qry
  RetData[*] role rData
  QryData[*] role qData
end

association QryWorksOn between
  Query[*] role query
  QryData[*] role qryData
end

association RDType between
  Query[*] role rd_qry
  RetData[*] role rd_data
  Type[1] role type
end

```

$$3. \text{QryWorksOn} = \{(q_1, qd_1), (q_1, qd_2), (q_2, qd_1), (q_2, qd_2), (q_3, qd_3)\}$$

$c_3$  should ensure that for  $r_1$ , *RDType* contains :

$$\{(q_1, r_1, \text{Individual}), (q_2, r_1, \text{Group}), (q_3, r_1, \text{Individual})\}$$

However it is impossible to specify  $c_3$  without adding another constraint to the model to specify that each  $r_i$  is returned by only one query. We give an explanation in Section 11.3.2.1 and the reworked specification for  $c_3$  in Section 11.3.2.2.

### 11.3.2.1 Why $c_3$ is Difficult to Specify.

Let's propose that the constraint in Listing 11.9 correctly specifies  $c_3$ . We note that navigation semantics required us to navigate through both the *QryReturns* association to get the set of *RetData* to constrain and the *RDType* association to constrain the same set of *RetData*'s corresponding *Type*. If instead, we navigated to the *Type* class by going through the *rData* association-end and then to the *type* association-end, we get a *Bag* of *Type* instead of a single *Type*. This is because each instance of *RetData* may be returned by more than one query, and though the same, may be computed differently.

The next step is to use the intersection of both the *qData* and the *qryData* to get to the set *QryData* that *RetData* derives from. However, with the assignments given to *QryReturns* and *QryWorksOn* above, this specification for  $c_3$  computes that for  $q_1$ , the  $qd_i$ 's that the  $r_1$  is derived from is the set  $\{qd_1, qd_2\}$  and

Listing 11.9: Incorrect Definition of Constraint between *QryReturns* *RDType* in OCL

```

context Query
inv invRDType:
  rd_data = rData and
  rData->forall(r |
    /* since no iff we have to write both ways */
    ((r.qData->intersection(qryData)->size())=1 implies
      self.type->select(
        oclIsTypeOf(Individual)=true).rd_data->includes(r))
    and
    (self.type->select(
      oclIsTypeOf(Individual)=true).rd_data->includes(r) implies
      r.qData->intersection(qryData)->size()=1 ))
    and
    /* again, since no iff we have to write both ways */
    ((r.qData->intersection(qryData)->size())>1 implies
      self.type->select(
        oclIsTypeOf(Group)=true).rd_data->includes(r))
    and
    (self.type->select(
      oclIsTypeOf(Group)=true).rd_data->includes(r) implies
      r.qData->intersection(qryData)->size()>1 ))
  )

```

would incorrectly enforce  $(q_1, r_1, Group)$  in *RDType*! However this is different from what *QryReturns* tells us, i.e., the singleton instance  $qd_1$ . If the specification is rewritten to use the set of *QryData* that  $q_1$  used to derive all its  $r_i$ 's by using

$$self.qData(intersection(qryData))$$

where *self* refers to *Query*, the problem still exists if  $(q_1, qd_2, r_2)$  was included in *QryReturns*. We have a dilemma!

### 11.3.2.2 Making $c_3$ Specifiable in OCL

After the detailed examination of how to specify that for  $q_1$ ,  $r_1$  is derived only from  $qd_1$ , the only solution is to add that each  $r_i$  can only be returned by one  $q_i$ . We add this constraint in Listing 11.10. Further, *RDType* can be simplified to the specification in Listing 11.11. Finally, we restate  $c_3$ :

if  $r_1$  is linked to several  $qd_i$ 's in *QryReturns*

then

$$(r_1, Group) \in RDType$$

Listing 11.10: Definition of Constraint between *QryReturns RDTtype* in OCL

```

context RetData
inv retDataInOneQuery:
  qry->size()<=1

```

Listing 11.11: Definition of Constraint between *QryReturns RDTtype* in USE

```

association RDTtype between
  RetData[*] role rd_data
  Type[1] role type
end

```

else

$(r_1, Individual) \in RDTtype$

We show the OCL specification for the restated  $c_3$  in Listing 11.12. The lesson when dealing with intra-associations constraints is that the comparison between Alloy and OCL requires the analyst to keep in mind that in OCL navigating through more than one association may produce a *Bag* or *Set* rather than a single instance.

### 11.3.2.3 Semantics and Scoping Constraints that Affected $c_3$

The way the association is written in Alloy helps us to use a smaller scope because each *RetData* may be assigned to more than one query. However, this way to model *QryReturns* made it difficult to specify the original  $c_3$  in OCL. The Alloy Analyzer uses optimisation when generating instances to try to generate the minimal set possible to satisfy all the constraints specified in the model. In USE, an object model may

Listing 11.12: Definition of Constraint between *QryReturns RDTtype* in OCL

```

context Query
inv invRDTtype:
  rData->forall(
    if qData->size()=1 then
      type->select(oclIsTypeOf(Individual)=true)->size=1
    else
      type->select(oclIsTypeOf(Group)=true)->size=1
    endif
  )

```

also be optimised in this way. However, as we have shown, additional thought is required to correctly model the same association or relationship in Alloy and class models respectively because of the semantics of each specification language.

### 11.3.3 TERNARY RELATIONS AND MULTIPLICITIES

During the translation of Alloy to OCL, we discovered that the multiplicities in a ternary relationship in Alloy are semantically different from the interpretation in the USE tool. For example, the *RD\_Type* association, shown in Figure 11.3a, has a multiplicity at the *Type* end of 1. In Alloy, this association is modelled as:

```
RDType: queries -> retItems -> one types
```

and may be interpreted as:

each *Query* and *RetData* pair is linked to exactly 1 *Type*, i.e., either a *Group* or and *Individual*.

This interpretation of the association is consistent in USE except where *Type* has subclasses. When subclasses of *Type* exists, this invariant on the multiplicity becomes, each *Query* and *RetData* pair has exactly 1 of each of the subclasses of *Type* (and *Type* if it is not abstract). In order to specify the originally intent, the multiplicity at the *Type* end had to be relaxed as shown in Figure 11.3b. In addition, since we intended that each *RetData* requires a *Type*, this was included as an invariant.

Analysis of the original specification in the *USE* tool showed the nuance in USE. This means that one has to be careful when specifying the multiplicity for associations involving more than two classes.

## 11.4 Summary

In this chapter we recapped some insights from applying HMCA for RCA in the NJH system. While understanding the impact of new information on previously defined rules and managing the complexities of specification size are important, the major impact was with working through the nuances of the formal specification languages. While the Alloy language and class models with OCL constraints have many similarities as specification languages and in their associated tools, their semantic differences influence how we should approach modelling activities. More information on these differences may be explored in [15].

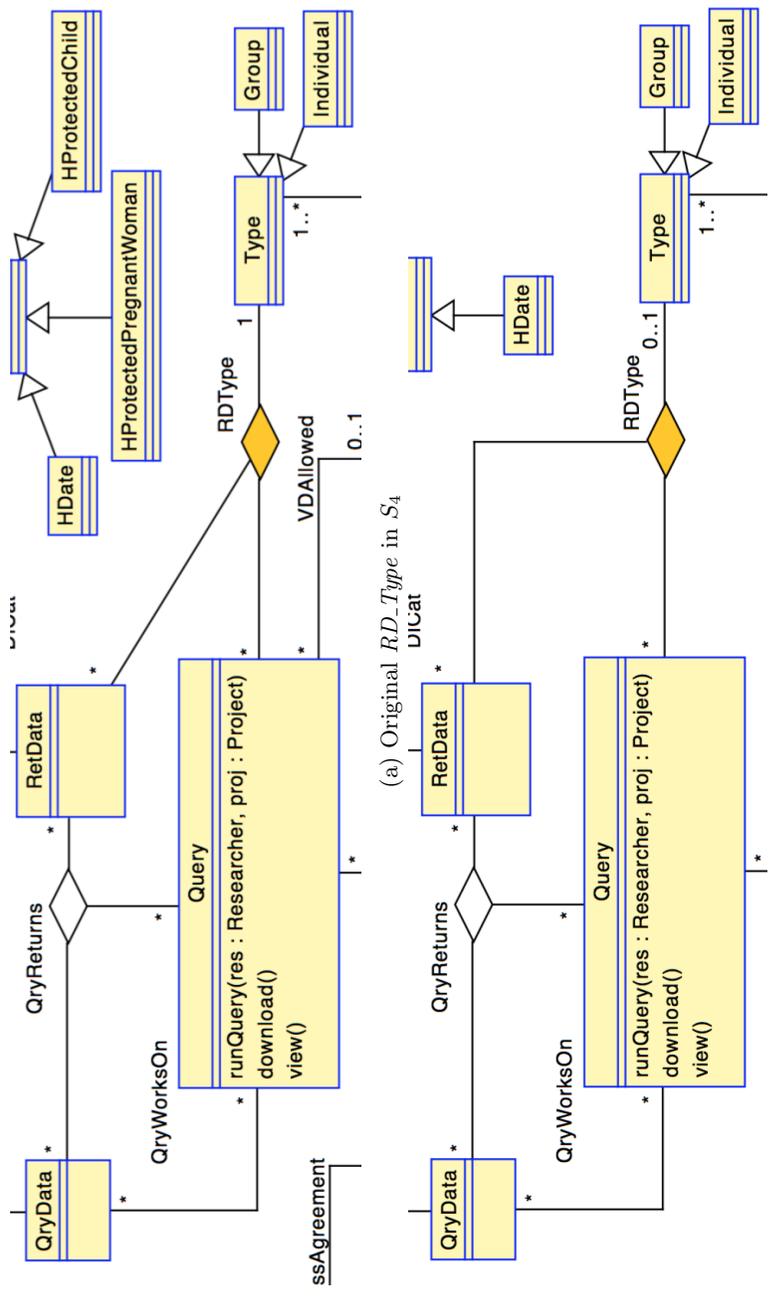


Figure 11.3: Slice: Partial slice of *S4* highlighting the *RD\_Type* Association.

## 12. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Model checking is used for RCA because it allows the exhaustive examination of system models to show conformance to rules. While the current model checking tools allow us to easily analyse process-aware rules, they have challenges when analysing data-aware rules because of a state-space explosion that may cause the analysis to be incomplete. For data-aware rules, using large abstractions ensure that the model checking tools complete their analysis. However, using large abstractions may hide the details needed to check conformance to the data-aware rules. In addition to the explosion of the state space, the current model checking tools are not suited for analysing complex data relationships. We proposed HMCA to overcome these challenges.

### 12.1 HMCA Contribution Conclusions

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In response to the state-space explosion, the main contribution of HMCA is to analyse data-aware rules where current model checking tools fail. For HMCA, we show how to get results, i.e., analysis of rules can be completed when using model checking techniques to analyse data-aware rules without hiding the details in system models. Before this research, such analysis of data-aware rules was impossible at the level of details used in HMCA, yet this was important because the details are needed to show conformance to rules such as those extracted from the privacy requirements in the HIPAA regulations. We describe HMCA as *hybrid* because it allows exhaustive model-based verification/analysis within a certain scope.

Since HMCA has its underpinnings in model checking techniques, we show how HMCA:

1. *constructs* design-level abstractions of the system under analysis and how to map conformance rules to these abstractions ;
2. *decomposes the analysis* when checking each conformance rule by applying *model slicing* to produce slices of the system state that avoids encountering a state-space explosion;
3. *uses the Alloy Analyzer* to provide an exhaustive and scoped analysis of each slice; and
4. *provides on-demand and detailed feedback* from the slices where the system shows non-conformance to a rule.

In addition to providing a demonstration HMCA in the NJH system, we provided evaluations of HMCA by using the NJH system:

1. to show how HMCA can be used to detect:
  - (a) common logic flaws in new conformance rules that result in non-conformance; and
  - (b) underspecification of conditions in the pre- or post conditions of an operations that uncovers ways certain states are incorrectly allowed in the transition system.
2. for incorporating additional conditions that must be checked for conformance by including the privacy requirements for the children protected population.

Evaluating HMCA in these ways shows another contribution as it helps to validate that non-conformance can be found even when complex data relationships exist in the models under analysis.

We also provided a description of the steps that other users may follow to implement HMCA in other domains. Finally, we gave insights gained from our practical application of HMCA in the NJH that may be helpful, especially to draw awareness to situations where similar but differing semantics in formal specifications languages may impact specification in ways that are unexpected. Our description of steps and insights is important for HMCA to be a next step in developing tools based on model checking for RCA.

## 12.2 Limitations of HMCA

Factors that limit HMCA’s ability to produce correct results include:

1. Having *correct models* that are a true reflection of the system under analysis and includes asking *how do we know that they satisfy the specifications?*
2. *Accurately interpreting of regulations*, such as those in HIPAA, and translating them into conformance rules.
3. *Providing the required elements in a slice*. While slicing gives us a smaller sized model and allows us to avoid a state-space explosion that does not allow analysis to complete for data-aware rules, a limiting factor for slicing is providing the correct slicing criteria. Currently we an operation’s guard together with it’s pre- and post conditions for this criteria. However if they are not specified correctly we may be performing analysis on a slice that has too little or too much details. In the case of the latter, we may not be analysing the correct state or have hidden paths (see Section 12.3.2).
4. The *abstractions, memory, and scope* required to perform the analysis using the Alloy Analyzer. The Alloy Analyzer become a limiting factor when the time needed to analyse each slice increases to the due to the size of the slice or the memory bounds are reached without completing the analysis because of the scope required. One of the ways to reduce the limits is to recognise that more complex rules may require the use of finer grained slices and this is translates into specifying the entity views using operations that will result in small slices

For the first two limitations, we must rely on the domain experts to confirm correct interpretation of the models.

## 12.3 Future directions

We outline some areas where HMCA can benefit from additional research. The areas discussed in sections 12.3.1 to 12.3.3 were first outlined as challenges to RCA in Section 1.2 and should be referenced for additional details.

### 12.3.1 ANALYSING CHANGED AND CONFLICTING RULES

Changed rules can be addressed by using HMCA to re-analyse the rules. One of the ways HMCA can be used is to track the changes in rules, system conformance to the rules, and to include ways to judge the level of conformance of the system to the rules. We noted in our related work how metrics such as *weak and strong conformance* (see Section 2.1.2) are used judge the *level of conformance* in systems. These and other metrics may be used or developed in areas where conformance may be measured on different levels or systems in a particular domain are being compared.

When rules conflict, one of the ways HMCA may be used is in detecting such conflicts by identifying the conditions that make satisfying them mutually exclusive. This would be a further way to validate HMCA to be able to uncover these situations that have impossible system states. These conflicts may be deemed as an over-specification of the model.

### 12.3.2 HIDDEN PATH ANALYSIS

Hidden paths may exist when path possibilities are not well understood or constrained by what is specified in the process-aware rules and data-aware rules. The rules may focus on the allowed paths and how changes in the systems state are effected along the paths. In addition, the rules may restrict those path possibilities that should not be allowed. However, hidden paths in either of these categories may exist. We may discover hidden paths where the results from local analyses may be recombined to create paths not documented in the system activity diagram. Finding hidden paths are important and may be of high value because they may cause rules to be violated, or reveal that other rules are needed.

### 12.3.3 ALTERNATE RULE REPRESENTATIONS

In addition to showing how to represent rules from laws and regulations in [17, 27, 30, 65], other approaches, specifically using 1) automaton [63, 71], 2) logic [5, 66], and 3) patterns [13, 50, 86] have been used to represent conformance rules. Patterns are useful as abstractions of rule specifications. They also can be used as rule specification notations, and finally they can provide guidance to the modeller as to which elements need to be included in the specifications (i.e. specification strategies).

While we used both LTL and Dwyer's patterns (see Section 2.3.2.1) when evaluating the model checking tools and the Alloy Analyzer in Chapter 4, HMCA uses NFA to specify the rules. Dwyer's Patterns provide an alternative way to represent the conformance rules. For example, to define the *DeIDed* conformance rule we may use the *Absence* pattern to specify that the  $\langle \textit{Viewing}, \textit{Identified} \rangle$  state should never be observed when a de-identified access ticket is used to view a query's results.

Since Dwyer's patterns have underpinnings in temporal logic, we may:

1. transform the pattern rule representations to linear temporal logic, and then to NFA, or
2. independent of patterns, use linear temporal logic to specify the rules, and then transform them to NFAs.

A next logical step is to prove equivalence for the (same) rule in each of the representations. This requires the use of other model checking techniques (e.g. Bisimulation [51]).

#### 12.3.4 HOW MUCH FEEDBACK TO SHOW

In the summary of Chapter 7 we discussed that we may identify semantics for what the feedback shown to the user should contain (see Section 7.7 for the details). Such semantics can help in designing suitable user interfaces. It requires continuous evaluation and may be specific to each domain in which HMCA is used.

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## A.1 Promela Model

Listing A.1: *NJH Promela model for approving an access ticket using the NoSupInPIandDC decision rule*

```

1  /*****
2  * Purpose: NJH RCA Analysis
3  *
4  * Author: Phillipa Bennett
5  *
6  * Answering the question :
7  * 1. Can we use Spin to answer - what is Tractable RCA?
8  * 2. How can we use spin for for process order mutations?
9  *
10 * Date created: March 15, 2016
11 *
12 * Version: 1
13 *
14 * Parameters: updated March 23, 2016
15 * Safety: safety, +invalid endstates violation, +assertion violations
16 * Storage mode: exhaustive, +collapse compression
17 * Search mode: depth first + partial order reduction, iterative, unreachable
18 * Advanced parameters
19 *   Extra compile options: -O2 -DVECTORSZ=3072 -DMA=2000
20 *   Physical memory available: 7000
21 *   Estimates state search space: 1000
22 *   Maximum search depth: 100000000
23 *   Extra runtime options:
24 *
25 * TBD -
26 * 1. Find a way to specify alternate end states - low priority
27 *
28 * Need to write about -
29 * 1. idea of how spin can be used for process order mutations.
30 *****/
31
32 /*****
33 * Define
34 *****/
35
36 #define PROC_BITS 3 // number of bits needed to represent process
37 #define PROC_S 7 // this will depend on final Activity diagram used
38
39
40 #define PROJ_BITS 2 // number of bits required to access project in projects
41 #define PROJS 4 // spin's current max is an unsigned n-bit where n = 8
42
43 #define SUPERS_BIT 5 // number of bits required to access supervisors
44 #define SUPERS 32 // number of persons needing supervisors
45
46 /*****
47 * Declarations
48 *****/
49
50 mtype {deidentified, identified, none} // permission types
51

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52 typedef Proc_Run{
53     bool executed[PROCS];} /* helps to check process pre-requisites,
54                             * except for apply */
55
56 typedef Supervisor {
57     unsigned s_id : SUPERS_BIT;}
58
59 typedef Project {
60     mtype access_ticket;
61     bool data_collector_present = false;
62     unsigned
63         pi: SUPERS_BIT,
64         data_collector : SUPERS_BIT;
65     bool submit = 0; // prerequisite for apply process
66     Proc_Run runs;}
67
68 Project projects[PROJS];
69 bool approve_and_decline = false;
70
71 Supervisor sups[SUPERS]; /* e.g. sups[12] = 56means supervisor of researcher
72                             * with r_id 12is researcher with r_id 56*/
73 unsigned sup_root : SUPERS_BIT; /* this is the root of the sups tree */
74
75 /* In order to get an array of unsigned, I needed this workaround */
76 typedef Unsigned {unsigned id: SUPERS_BIT;}
77
78 bool init_complete = false;
79
80 /*****
81  * LTL
82  *****/
83 /* ensures that we have some nondeterminism in the approve and decline of
84    projects
85    */
86 ltl lt1 {
87     /* infinitely executing the statement in approve with label app
88        implies (ensures) we infinitely execute the statement labeled dec
89        in approve(), implies (ensures) we infinitely execute the statement
90        labeled dec in decline() */
91     []<>approve@app ->
92         ([]<>approve@dec && []<>decline@dec)
93 }
94
95 /*****
96  * NEVER claims
97  *****/
98
99 /* *****
100    A project must not be both approved and declined over this
101    simulation/verification */
102 never noApproveDeclineOnSameProject{
103     true;
104     do
105         :: approve_and_decline -> break;
106         :: else -> skip;
107     od;
108 }
109
110 /*****
111  * Inline
112  *****/
113

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114 /* *****/
115 inline add_supervisors_3bit() {
116     //numbers generated from https://www.random.org/sequences/
117     // root is 1
118     sup_root = 1;
119     sups[1].s_id = 1; sups[6].s_id = 1;
120     sups[2].s_id = 6; sups[0].s_id = 6;
121     sups[4].s_id = 2;
122     sups[5].s_id = 0;
123     sups[3].s_id = 4; sups[7].s_id = 4;
124 }
125
126 /* *****/
127 inline add_supervisors_5bit() {
128     //numbers generated from https://www.random.org/sequences/
129     // root is 1
130     sup_root = 1;
131     sups[1].s_id = 1; sups[14].s_id = 1;
132
133     sups[11].s_id = 14; sups[20].s_id = 14;
134
135     sups[17].s_id = 11; sups[5].s_id = 11; sups[15].s_id = 11;
136     sups[29].s_id = 11; sups[9].s_id = 11;
137
138     sups[2].s_id = 20;
139
140     sups[22].s_id = 17;
141
142     sups[4].s_id = 5; sups[31].s_id = 5;
143
144     sups[23].s_id = 15; sups[24].s_id = 15;
145
146     sups[10].s_id = 29; sups[21].s_id = 29;
147
148     sups[28].s_id = 9; sups[8].s_id = 9;
149
150     sups[26].s_id = 2; sups[25].s_id = 2;
151
152     sups[13].s_id = 22; sups[3].s_id = 22;
153
154     sups[6].s_id = 4;
155
156     sups[27].s_id = 31; sups[18].s_id = 31; sups[16].s_id = 31;
157     sups[12].s_id = 31;
158
159     sups[19].s_id = 23; sups[7].s_id = 23; sups[30].s_id = 23;
160
161     sups[0].s_id = 24;
162 }
163
164 inline check_supervisor_assignments() {
165
166     for (m: 0..(SUPERS-1)) {
167         if
168             :: m == sup_root ->
169             assert(sups[m].s_id == m);
170         :: else ->
171             assert(sups[m].s_id != m );
172         fi;
173     }
174 }
175

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176 /* *****/
177 inline set_process_bit() {
178     d_step{
179         // update the process bit
180         projects[project].runs.executed[id] = 1;
181         // assert
182         assert(projects[project].runs.executed[id] == 1&&
183             projects[project].runs.executed[dependsOn] == 1);
184     }
185 }
186
187 inline check_approve_conditions () {
188     approve_project =
189     projects[project].access_ticket != none &&
190     ( !projects[project].data_collector_present == true ||
191     !(
192         // common supervisor
193         (sups[projects[project].data_collector].s_id ==
194         sups[projects[project].pi].s_id)
195
196         // data collector supervisor is project's pi
197         || (sups[projects[project].data_collector].s_id ==
198         projects[project].pi)
199
200         // pi supervisor is project's data collector
201         || (sups[projects[project].pi].s_id ==
202         projects[project].data_collector)
203     )
204     );
205 }
206
207 /*****
208 * Processes
209 *****/
210
211 /*****/
212 active proctype apply () {
213     unsigned
214     dependsOn : PROC_BITS = 0,
215     id : PROC_BITS = 0,
216     project : PROJ_BITS;
217
218     //init_complete == true;
219     /* end: */
220     again:
221     select(project: 0..3);
222     if
223     :: projects[project].runs.executed[id] == 0&&
224         projects[project].submit == 1->
225         /* progress: */ set_process_bit();
226     :: else -> skip;
227     fi
228     goto again;
229 }
230
231 /*****/
232 active proctype approve () {
233     // process changes these values
234     unsigned project : PROJ_BITS;
235     bool approve_project;
236
237     // process does not change these values

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```

238     unsigned
239         dependsOn : PROC_BITS = 0,
240         id : PROC_BITS = 1;
241
242     //init_complete == true;
243     /* end: */
244     again:
245         approve_project = true;
246         select(project: 0..3);
247         if
248             :: projects[project].runs.executed[dependsOn] == 1&&
249                 projects[project].runs.executed[id] == 0->
250
251             check_approve_conditions();
252             if
253                 :: approve_project == true ->
254                     app: /* progress: */ {set_process_bit();}
255                 :: else ->
256                     dec: {projects[project].access_ticket = none;}
257             fi;
258             :: else -> skip;
259             fi;
260         goto again;
261 }
262
263 /*****
264 active proctype decline () {
265     // process does not change these values
266     unsigned
267         dependsOn : PROC_BITS = 0,
268         id : PROC_BITS = 2;
269
270     // process changes this value
271     unsigned project: PROJ_BITS
272     bool approve_project;
273
274     //init_complete == true;
275     /* end: */
276     again:
277         approve_project = true;
278         select(project: 0..3);
279         if
280             :: (projects[project].runs.executed[dependsOn] == 1&&
281                 projects[project].runs.executed[id] == 0) ->
282                 check_approve_conditions();
283                 if
284                     :: approve_project == true ->
285                         dec: /* progress: */ {set_process_bit();}
286                     :: else -> skip;
287                 fi;
288                 :: else -> skip;
289                 fi;
290             goto again
291 }
292
293 /*****
294 proctype proc (byte id, dependsOn) {
295     //(unsigned dependsOn: PROC_BITS, id: PROC_BITS) {
296     unsigned project : PROJ_BITS;
297
298     //init_complete == true;
299     /* end: */

```

```

300     again:
301         select(project: 0..3);
302         if
303             :: projects[project].runs.executed[id] == 0&&
304                 projects[project].runs.executed[depends0n] == 1->
305                     /* progress: */ set_process_bit();
306             :: else -> skip;
307         fi
308     goto again;
309 }
310
311 /*****
312 active proctype check_approve_and_decline() {
313     // process changes this values
314     unsigned project : PROJ_BITS;
315
316     //init_complete == true;
317     /* end: */
318     again:
319         select(project: 0..3);
320         assert(projects[project].submit == 1);
321         if
322             :: projects[project].runs.executed[1] == 1&&
323                 projects[project].runs.executed[2] == 1->
324                     approve_and_decline = 1;
325                     //assert(false);
326             :: else -> skip;
327         fi;
328         goto again;
329     }
330 }
331
332 /*****
333 init{
334     unsigned
335         // for choosing values non-deterministicly
336         n : SUPERS_BIT = 0;
337     // for counters, cannot use unsigned type vor variables used in for loops?
338     byte l, m;
339
340     add_supervisors_5bit();
341     check_supervisor_assignments();
342     m = 0;
343
344     for (l: 0..(PROJS-1)) {
345
346         for (m: 0..(PROCS-1)) {
347             projects[l].runs.executed[m] = false;
348         }
349
350         if
351             :: projects[l].access_ticket = deidentified;
352             :: projects[l].access_ticket = identified;
353         fi
354
355         // choose project's pi
356         select(n: 0..31);
357         projects[l].pi = n;
358
359         // choose whether project has data collector
360         if
361             :: projects[l].data_collector_present = false

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362     :: projects[l].data_collector_present = true
363
364     fi
365
366     if
367     :: projects[l].data_collector_present == true ->
368     // ensure data collector chosen will not overlap with pi
369     choose_n_again: {
370         select(n: 0..31);
371         if
372         :: projects[l].pi == n ->
373         goto choose_n_again;
374         :: else -> skip;
375         fi;
376     }
377
378     // assign data collector
379     projects[l].data_collector = n;
380     assert(projects[l].pi != projects[l].data_collector);
381     :: else -> skip;
382     fi
383     projects[l].submit = 1;
384 }
385
386 init_complete = true;
387
388 // query
389 run proc (3, 1);
390
391 // transform
392 run proc (4, 3);
393
394 // view
395 run proc (5, 4);
396
397 // download
398 run proc(6, 4);
399 }

```

## A.2 Alloy Models

The model for the full NJH system used in the motivation is presented in four parts, Listing A.2 through Listing A.5.

Listing A.2: *Full NJH structural model, i.e., without additional constraints, operation specifications, or conformance rules. These are added in Listing A.3 through Listing A.3*

```
1  /***** *****/
2  Begin Structural Model, NJH
3  /***** *****/
4  module NJH
5
6  /***** *****/
7  base abstract signatures
8  *****/
9  abstract sig
10     Category,
11     Data,
12     DataSource,
13     DataTransform,
14     Permission,
15     Purpose,
16     Rule,
17     Status,
18     Type {}
19
20 /***** *****/
21 extended abstract signatures
22 *****/
23 abstract sig
24     AccessTicket,
25     Licence
26 extends Permission{}
27
28 abstract sig
29     AccessRule,
30     DecisionRule
31 extends Rule {}
32
33 abstract sig HIPAACat extends Category{}
34 abstract sig Consent extends Category{}
35
36 /***** *****/
37 unextended concrete signatures
38 *****/
39 sig Day,
40     Month,
41     Name,
42     Patient,
43     Personnel, // this cannot be abstract
44     Query,
45     Year {}
46
47 sig DataItem {
48     name: Name}
49
```

```

50  /***** ***** *****/
51  extended concrete signatures
52  *****/
53  one sig
54      DeIDedTransformHDate,
55      IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate,
56      PatientConsent
57      //ProtectedChild,
58      //ProtectedPregnantWomen
59  extends AccessRule {}
60
61  one sig
62      CanUseTotallyDeIDed,
63      DataAccessAgreementPresent,
64      DataSourcePriorityOK,
65      LicenedTeamAndPI,
66      NoOverlapPITeamDC,
67      NoSupsInPIandDC,
68      PIDefined,
69      ProjectMembersDefined,
70      QualifierPresent,
71      SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment,
72      SomeQueriesDefined,
73      SomeSourcesDefined
74  extends DecisionRule {}
75
76  one sig
77      Allow,
78      Disallow
79  extends Consent {}
80
81  one sig
82      TotallyDeIDed,
83      NotTotallyDeIDed
84  extends DataTransform {}
85
86  sig Project extends DataSource{}
87  one sig ClinicalDB extends DataSource{}
88
89  one sig
90      HDate,
91      HProtectedChild,
92      HProtectedPregnantWoman
93  extends HIPAACat {}
94
95  one sig Fishing extends Licence {}
96
97  one sig DeIDed,
98      Identified
99  extends AccessTicket {}
100
101  one sig
102      DirectTreatment,
103      Research
104  extends Purpose{}
105
106  one sig
107      DownloadAllowed,
108      DownloadDisabled
109  extends Status {}
110
111  one sig

```

```

112     Group,
113     Individual
114 extends Type {}
115
116 sig Date extends Data {
117     day: lone Day,
118     month: lone Month,
119     year: Year }{
120     // day iff month also exists
121     some day iff some month }
122 sig dStr extends Data {}
123 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
124     subset concrete signatures
125 *****/
126 sig
127     Qualifier,
128     Researcher
129 in Personnel{}
130
131 //changed extends to in, due to identified access ticket
132 sig
133     QryData,
134     RetData
135 in DataItem {}
136
137 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
138     NJH Closed System
139 *****/
140 sig NJH {
141     accessRules: set AccessRule,
142     accessTickets: set AccessTicket,
143     categories: set Category,
144     consents: set Consent,
145     dataItems: set DataItem,
146     dates: set Date,
147     decisionRules: set DecisionRule,
148     hCats: set HIPAACat,
149     licences: set Licence,
150     patients: set Patient,
151     permissions: set Permission,
152     personnel: set Personnel,
153     projects: set Project,
154     purposes: set Purpose,
155     qryItems: set QryData,
156     qualifiers: set Qualifier,
157     queries: set Query,
158     researchers : set Researcher,
159     retItems: set RetData,
160     rules: set Rule,
161     sources: set DataSource,
162     statuses: set Status,
163     transforms: set DataTransform,
164     types: set Type,
165     values: set Data,
166
167     /* access rules applies to these types. */
168     ARAppliesTo: accessRules -> some types,
169
170     /* access rule transforms data linked to this hipaa category */
171     ARTransforms: accessRules -> hCats,
172
173     // access rule hides these categories if they are disallowed by Consent

```

```

174 ARHides: accessRules -> categories,
175
176 /* helps to determine
177 1. if data from a project can be used as a data source */
178 ATPriority : accessTickets -> accessTickets,
179
180 // p1->p2 means p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1
181 dataAccessAgreement: projects -> projects,
182
183 /* data items must a value or not. */
184 dataValues: dataItems -> one values,
185
186 /* each data item is linked to a particular hipaa category. we do not need to
187 link the retitems because we know the DICat of retItems through the
188 RDFFromQD relation */
189 DICat: (dataItems - retItems) -> hCats,
190
191 /* not necessary to have a direct (i.e. one-to-one) link between retItems
192 and sources becaues retItems may be grouped. Data sources of retItems
193 are found through the RDFFromQD relation */
194 DISource: dataItems -> one sources,
195
196 enteredOn: dataItems -> lone dates,
197
198 /* not necessary to have a direct (i.e. one-to-one) link between retItems
199 and patients becaues retItems may be grouped. Patients associated
200 with retItems are found through the RDFFromQD relation */
201 patientData: patients one -> some qryItems -> one consents,
202
203 /* permission has applicable decision and access rules that must be
204 applied to approve the licence or to access the data. */
205 permRules: permissions -> some rules,
206
207 /* project access tickets, each one has at most one */
208 projectAT: projects -> lone accessTickets,
209
210 /* project data collector, each project has at most one */
211 projectDataCollector: projects -> lone personnel,
212
213 projectDataTransformRequired: projects -> one transforms,
214
215 /* project team members */
216 projectMembers: projects -> researchers,
217
218 /* project principal investigator */
219 projectPI: projects -> lone researchers,
220
221 /* project purpose */
222 projectPurpose: projects -> lone purposes,
223
224 /* project queries */
225 projectQueries: projects one -> queries,
226
227 /* project sources, could be other projects too */
228 projectSources: projects -> sources,
229
230 // a query can work on any kind of data item
231 qryReturns: queries -> dataItems -> dataItems,
232
233 // a query can return any kind of data item
234 qryWorksOn: queries -> dataItems,
235

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236  /* returned data from query data, each piece of retdata is derived from
237  at most 1qryitem because we are only working on the Individual Type
238  right now.
239  However because we are using different access tickets, qryItems
240  may be linked to more than one return types. The max is 2because
241  we have two different Transform rules*/
242  //RDFFromQD: retItems -> one qryItems,
243
244  /* return data type, has 0or 1type */
245  RDType: queries -> retItems -> lone types,
246
247  /* researcher licence */
248  researcherL: researchers -> lone licences,
249
250  /* researcher qualifier, at most one qualifier */
251  resQualifier: researchers -> lone qualifiers,
252
253  /* supervisors, each personnel has at most one supervisor */
254  supervisors: personnel lone -> personnel,
255
256  /* determines is query results meets conformance and the next
257  operation, i.e. view/download is allowed */
258  VDAllowed: queries -> lone statuses }
259
260  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
261  End Structural Model, NJHg
262  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
263
264  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
265  These are not a part of the model. The provide sanity
266  checks before going on to write the operation specifications
267  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
268  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
269  any instance of the model
270  *****/
271  private pred show (njih: NJH) {}
272  run show for 7but exactly 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1

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Listing A.3: Full NJH structural model: adding constraints. Imports Listing A.2 on line 24.

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1  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
2  Begin Structural Model With (Generator) Invariants, NJHg
3
4  Executing any of the predicates or assertions requires a
5  minimum of 13rules
6
7  To do:
8  17/04/2016
9  To add invariants for
10 1. how an AT is obtained - done 25/04/2016
11 2. for how runQuery changes
12   qryWorksOn,
13   qryReturns,
14   RDType,
15   enteredOn
16 3. How Update Conformance works with qryReturns
17
18 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
19 module NJHg
20
21 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
22   imports
23 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
24 open NJH
25 open util/relation
26 open util/ternary
27
28 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
29   INVARIANTS
30   separating the invariants for each set,
31   relation, or related sets and relations
32   allows for easier decomposition later on
33   when doing slicing
34 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
35 // this signature is exported from the model, it is used in inv[]
36 pred generator (njih: NJH) {
37   all
38     njih: NJH |
39
40   //for sets
41   invCategory[njh] and
42   invDatItems[njh] and
43   invDates[njh] and
44   invPermissions[njh] and
45   invPersonnel[njh] and
46   invRules[njh] and
47   invSources[njh] and
48
49   // for relations
50   invARAppliesTo[njh] and
51   invATPriority[njh] and
52   invARHides[njh] and
53   invARTransforms[njh] and
54   invDataAccessAgreement[njh] and
55   invDISource[njh] and
56   invEnteredOn[njh] and
57   invPatientDataAndDICat[njh] and
58   invPermRules[njh] and
59   //invProjectAT and

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60     invProjectDataCollector[njh] and
61     invProjectSources[njh] and
62     invQryReturns[njh] and
63     invQryWorksOn[njh] and
64     invRDType[njh] and
65     invResearcherL[njh] and
66     invResQualifier[njh] and
67     invSupervisors[njh] and
68     invVDAAllowed[njh] and
69     setPredefinedConfigurations[njh] }
70
71 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
72     Some Functions and Predicates to be reused
73 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
74
75 fun DeIDedDateTransform (d: Date): Date {
76     {ri: Date |
77         no ri.day and
78         no ri.month and
79         ri.year = d.year }}
80
81 fun IdentifiedDateTransform (d: Date): Date {
82     { ri: Date | ri = d }}
83
84 pred identifiedDate (d: Date) {
85     some d.day }
86
87 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
88     Set Invariants,
89     ordered alphabetically as best as possible
90 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
91
92 private pred invCategory (njh: NJH) {
93     njh.categories =
94     njh.consents + njh.hCats }
95
96 private pred invDatItems (njh: NJH) {
97     (njh.qryItems + njh.retItems) in njh.dataItems}
98
99 private pred invDates (njh: NJH) {
100     // closed system constraint - any date is a part of the set of dates
101     njh.dates = (njh.values & Date) + ran[njh.enteredOn]
102
103     all
104         d: Date |
105         (d in njh.dates and identifiedDate[d]) implies
106         DeIDedDateTransform[d] in njh.dates}
107
108 private pred invPermissions (njh: NJH) {
109     njh.permissions = njh.accessTickets + njh.licences }
110
111 private pred invPersonnel (njh: NJH) {
112     (njh.researchers + njh.qualifiers) in njh.personnel}
113
114 private pred invRules (njh: NJH) {
115     njh.rules = njh.accessRules + njh.decisionRules }
116
117 private pred invSources (njh: NJH) {
118     njh.projects in njh.sources }
119
120 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
121     Relation Invariants,

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122     ordered alphabetically as best as possible
123     *****/
124
125 // replaces TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual in old specifications
126 private pred invARAppliesTo [njh: NJH] {
127     some njh.ARAppliesTo &
128         DeIDedTransformHDate-> Individual }
129
130 private pred invATPriority (njh: NJH) {
131     irreflexive[^(njh.ATPriority)] }
132
133 private pred invARHides (njh: NJH) {
134     no njh.ARHides & njh.ARTransforms }
135
136 // DeIDedTransformHDate applies to HDate HIPAACat
137 private pred invARTransforms (njh: NJH) {
138     some njh.ARTransforms & DeIDedTransformHDate -> HDate }
139
140 //p1->p2 means p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1
141 private pred invDataAccessAgreement (njh: NJH) {
142     // no project has a data access agreement with itself
143     irreflexive[^(njh.dataAccessAgreement)]
144
145     /* a project with a data access agreement with another
146        project has that project as a data source */
147     ~(njh.dataAccessAgreement) in njh.projectSources }
148
149 private pred invDISource1 (njh: NJH) {
150     all
151         s: njh.sources |
152         some s & Project
153         // project can only have retItems as data items
154         implies
155             njh.DISource.s in njh.retItems
156         // otherwise no retitems as data items
157         else
158             njh.DISource.s in (njh.dataItems - njh.retItems) }
159
160 /* we can trace every ri back to some (set of) patientData qi (qis)
161    and if any of the qi's is linked to HDate, and the access ticket used
162    to create the ri is DeIDed, the ri must also be de-identified. */
163 private pred invDISource2 (njh: NJH) {
164     all
165         da: (njh.DISource).(njh.projects) |
166         some njh.qryReturns.da implies
167         some da -> ClinicalDB & njh.DISource.(njh.projectSources) }
168
169 private pred invDISourceAndEnteredOn (njh: NJH) {
170     all
171         di: njh.dataItems |
172         some di.(njh.DISource) & ClinicalDB implies
173         identifiedDate[di.(njh.enteredOn)] }
174
175 private pred invDISource (njh: NJH) {
176     invDISource1[njh] and
177     invDISource2[njh] and
178     invDISourceAndEnteredOn[njh] }
179
180 private pred invEnteredOn (njh: NJH) {
181     // dataItems in Patient data
182     all
183         di: mid[njh.patientData] | {

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184 // each has a date entered, we don't care if retItems are not in enteredOn?
185 some di.(njih.enteredOn) and
186 // each enteredOn data has a day and month (constraint in Date signature
187 // ensures that month is non-empty iff day is non-empty)
188 some di.(njih.enteredOn.day) }}
189
190 // replaces AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised in old specifications
191 private pred invPatientDataAndDICat[njh: NJH] {
192 /* All dates in patient data are correctly categorised
193 as HDate HIPAACat */
194 all
195 di: mid[njh.patientData] |
196 some di.(njih.dataValues) & Date implies
197 some di.(njih.DICat) & HDate }
198
199 // replaces TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule in old specifications
200 private pred invPermRules (njih: NJH) {
201 // DeIDedTransformHDate is linked with DeIDed access ticket
202 some njih.permRules &
203 DeIDed -> DeIDedTransformHDate and
204 // (so far) only the DeIDed access ticket has the DeIDedTransformHDate rule
205 njih.permRules.DeIDedTransformHDate = DeIDed }
206
207 private pred invProjectAT (njih: NJH) {
208 // ***** for approve project access ticket
209 all
210 p: njih.projects |
211 let
212 dr =
213 CanUseTotallyDeIDed +
214 DataAccessAgreementPresent+
215 DataSourcePriorityOK +
216 LicenedTeamAndPI +
217 NoOverlapPIandDC +
218 NoSupsInPIandDC +
219 PIDefined +
220 ProjectMembersDefined +
221 SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment +
222 SomeQueriesDefined +
223 SomeSourcesDefined,
224 di = dr - CanUseTotallyDeIDed,
225 d = DeIDed,
226 i = Identified,
227 pat = njih.projectAT |
228
229 some p.pat implies (
230
231 // specific for DeIDed access tickets
232 some p -> d & pat implies (
233 // kind of Transformation access ticket allows
234 some p->TotallyDeIDed & njih.projectDataTransformRequired and
235 // rules that apply to the DeIDed access ticket
236 d.(njih.permRules) & njih.decisionRules = dr )
237
238 and
239
240 // specific for Identified access tickets
241 some p -> i & pat implies (
242 // kind of Transformation access ticket allows
243 some p -> NotTotallyDeIDed & njih.projectDataTransformRequired and
244 // rules that apply to the DeIDed access ticket
245 d.(njih.permRules) & njih.decisionRules = di )

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246
247 and
248
249 all
250   ps: p.(njih.projectSources) & njih.projects | {
251     // application of the DataAccessAgreementPresent Decision Rule
252     some ps -> p & njih.dataAccessAgreement and
253     /* application of the DataSourcePriorityOK Decision Rule
254
255     if access ticket being considered has priority over
256     the access tickets of any of its project sources
257     (i.e. other projects) }then we cannot approve the
258     project because the data returned would not be at
259     the level required */
260     no (d+i) -> ps.(njih.projectAT) & njih.ATPriority }
261 and
262
263 let
264   team = p.(njih.projectMembers),
265   pi = p.(njih.projectPI),
266   dc = p.(njih.projectDataCollector) | {
267
268 all
269   r: (team + pi) | {
270     /* application of the LicenedTeamAndPI Decision Rule
271     each pi and team member has a licence */
272     some r.(njih.researcherL) }and
273     /* application of the NoOverlapPITeamDC Decision Rule
274     1. neither pi nor dc are a part of project team */
275     no (pi + dc) & team and
276     // 2. pi and da are not the same
277     no pi & dc and
278     /* application of the ProjectMembersDefined Decision Rule
279     > 1 team members */
280     #team > 0and
281     /* application of the PIDefined Decision Rule
282     has a pi */
283     #pi > 0}
284
285 and
286
287 /* application of the NoSupsinPIandDC Decision Rule
288 neither the pi nor the da supervise each other
289 directly or indirectly */
290 let
291   sup = p.(njih.projectPI) -> p.(njih.projectDataCollector) | {
292     no (sup + ~sup ) & ~(njih.supervisors) }
293
294 and
295
296 /* application of the SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment Decision Rule
297 project purpose is not for direct treatment */
298 p.(njih.projectPurpose) != DirectTreatment
299
300 and
301
302 /* application of the SomeQueriesDefined Decision Rule
303 at least one project query */
304 some p.(njih.projectQueries)
305
306 and
307

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308 /* application of the SomeSourcesDefined Decision Rule
309    at least one project source */
310    some p.(njih.projectSources) ) }
311
312 private pred invProjectDataCollector(njh: NJH) {
313     all
314         p: njih.projects |
315         // ClinicalDB iff DataCollector
316         (some p->ClinicalDB & njih.projectSources) implies
317         (some p.(njih.projectDataCollector) ) }
318
319 private pred invProjectSources1 (njih: NJH) {
320     // no self datasource for projects, directly or indirectly
321     irreflexive[^(njih.projectSources :> njih.projects)] }
322
323 private pred invProjectSources2 (njih: NJH ) {
324     all
325         p: njih.projects |
326         some p.(njih.projectAT) implies
327         /* all data sources for a project that are projects themselves
328            should be (already) approved when the project gets it's
329            access ticket */
330         all
331             ps: (p.(njih.projectSources) & Project) |
332             some ps.(njih.projectAT) }
333
334 private pred invProjectSources (njih: NJH) {
335     invProjectSources1[njh] and
336     invProjectSources2[njh] }
337
338 private pred invQryReturns1 (njih: NJH) {
339     all
340         q: njih.queries |
341         some q.(njih.qryReturns) implies
342         ran[q.(njih.qryReturns)] in q.(njih.qryWorksOn) }
343
344 private pred invQryReturns2 (njih: NJH) {
345     all
346         q: njih.queries |
347         some q.(njih.qryReturns) implies
348         some njih.projectQueries.q.(njih.projectAT) }
349
350 private pred invQryReturns (njih: NJH) {
351     invQryReturns1[njh] and
352     invQryReturns2[njh] }
353
354 private pred invQryWorksOn (njih: NJH) {
355     all
356         q: njih.queries,
357         qi: njih.qryItems |
358     let
359         qSources = (njih.projectQueries).q.(njih.projectSources) |
360         // constraints on what can be in QryWorksOn for a query
361         some q -> qi & njih.qryWorksOn implies
362         (qi in (njih.DISource).qSources and
363         no qi -> Disallow & select23[njh.patientData]) }
364
365 private pred invRDType (njih: NJH) {
366     all
367         q: njih.queries,
368         r: njih.retItems |
369     let

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370     qrq = (r.(q.(njih.qryReturns))) {
371 // these are the entries
372 select12[njh.RDType] = select12[njh.qryReturns]
373
374 // individual type
375 some q -> r -> Individual & njih.RDType iff
376     #qrq = 1
377
378 // group type
379     some q -> r -> Group & njih.RDType iff
380         #qrq > 1 } }
381
382 private pred invResearcherL (njih: NJH) {
383 // ***** for approve researcher licence
384 all
385     res: njih.researchers |
386     some res.(njih.researcherL) implies
387         // researcher is qualified
388         some res.(njih.resQualifier) and
389         // the licence granted required qualification
390         (res.(njih.researcherL)).(njih.permRules) =
391             QualifierPresent }
392
393 private pred invResQualifier (njih: NJH) {
394 // ***** for qualify researcher this should always be true
395     no iden & ~(njih.resQualifier) }
396
397 private pred invSupervisors (njih: NJH) {
398 // no cycles in supervisor relations,
399     irreflexive[^(njih.supervisors)]
400 // all personnel are either supervisor or supervised
401 all
402     p: njih.personnel | {
403     p in (dom[njih.supervisors] + ran[njih.supervisors])} and
404 /* supervisor relation is a single tree, i.e. not a forest
405     this means that one person has no supervisor */
406     one
407     sup: njih.personnel |
408     no (njih.supervisors).sup }
409
410 // this checks only for DeIDed access ticket
411 private pred invVDAAllowedDeIDed(
412     njih: NJH,
413     qry: Query) {
414     let
415         at = (njih.projectQueries).qry.(njih.projectAT) |
416
417     some at & DeIDed iff
418     all
419         d: ((Date & dom[qry.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.dataValues)) +
420             dom[qry.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.enteredOn)) |
421     not identifiedDate[d] }
422
423 // this checks only for Identified access ticket
424 private pred invVDAAllowedIdentified(
425     njih: NJH,
426     qry: Query) {
427     let
428         at = (njih.projectQueries).qry.(njih.projectAT) |
429
430     some at & Identified iff
431     all

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432     d: ((Date & dom[qry.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.dataValues)) +
433     dom[qry.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.enteredOn)) |
434     identifiedDate[d] }
435
436 pred invVDAllowed1 (
437     njh: NJH,
438     q: Query) {
439
440     (invVDAllowedDeIDed[njh, q] and
441     invVDAllowedIdentified[njh, q] ) }
442
443 private pred invVDAllowed (njih: NJH) {
444     all
445     q: njh.queries | {
446     // if a query has a a VD status then it has some return data
447     some q.(njih.VDAllowed) implies
448     some q.(njih.qryReturns)
449
450     some q -> DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed implies
451     invVDAllowed1[njh, q]
452
453     some q -> DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed implies
454     not invVDAllowed1[njh, q] }}
455
456 private pred setPredefinedConfigurations (njih: NJH) {
457     // for sets
458     njh.accessRules = // 5
459     DeIDedTransformHDate +
460     IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate +
461     PatientConsent and
462     //ProtectedChild +
463     //ProtectedPregnantWomen and
464
465     njh.decisionRules = //13
466     CanUseTotallyDeIDed +
467     DataAccessAgreementPresent +
468     DataSourcePriorityOK +
469     LicenedTeamAndPI +
470     NoOverlapPITeamDC +
471     NoSupsInPIandDC +
472     PIDefined +
473     ProjectMembersDefined +
474     SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment +
475     QualifierPresent +
476     SomeQueriesDefined +
477     SomeSourcesDefined and
478
479     // access tickets (2)
480     njh.accessTickets =
481     DeIDed +
482     Identified and
483
484     // licences (1)
485     njh.licences = Fishing and
486
487     // statuses (2)
488     njh.statuses =
489     DownloadAllowed +
490     DownloadDisabled and
491
492     // transforms (2)
493     njh.transforms =

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494     TotallyDeIDed +
495     NotTotallyDeIDed and
496
497     //sources (at least 1)
498     some ClinicalDB & njh.sources and
499
500     // types
501     njh.types = ran[njh.ARAppliesTo] and
502
503     // for relations
504     // access ticket priority (1)
505     njh.ATPriority = Identified -> DeIDed and
506
507     //ARAppliesTo: accessRules -> some types (3)
508     njh.ARAppliesTo =
509         DeIDedTransformHDate -> Individual +
510         IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate -> Individual +
511         PatientConsent -> Individual and
512
513     //ARTransforms: accessRules -> some hCats (2)
514     njh.ARTransforms =
515         DeIDedTransformHDate -> HDate +
516         IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate -> HDate and
517
518     //ARHides: accessRules -> some hCats (1)
519     njh.ARHides =
520         PatientConsent -> Disallow and
521
522     //permRules: permissions -> some rules (26)
523     njh.permRules =
524         // access rules for DeIDed access ticket (2)
525         DeIDed -> DeIDedTransformHDate +
526         DeIDed -> PatientConsent +
527
528         // access rules for Identified access ticket (2)
529         Identified -> IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate +
530         Identified -> PatientConsent +
531
532         // decision rules for fishing licence (1)
533         Fishing -> QualifierPresent +
534
535         // decision rules for DeIDed access ticket (11)
536         DeIDed -> CanUseTotallyDeIDed +
537         DeIDed -> DataAccessAgreementPresent+
538         DeIDed -> DataSourcePriorityOK +
539         DeIDed -> LicenedTeamAndPI +
540         DeIDed -> NoOverlapPITeamDC +
541         DeIDed -> NoSupsInPIandDC +
542         DeIDed -> PIDefined +
543         DeIDed -> ProjectMembersDefined +
544         DeIDed -> SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment +
545         DeIDed -> SomeQueriesDefined +
546         DeIDed -> SomeSourcesDefined +
547
548         // decision rules for Identified access ticket (10)
549         Identified -> DataAccessAgreementPresent+
550         Identified -> DataSourcePriorityOK +
551         Identified -> LicenedTeamAndPI +
552         Identified -> NoOverlapPITeamDC +
553         Identified -> NoSupsInPIandDC +
554         Identified -> PIDefined +
555         Identified -> ProjectMembersDefined +

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556     Identified -> SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment +
557     Identified -> SomeQueriesDefined +
558     Identified -> SomeSourcesDefined and
559
560     /* Important to add these so that Alloy does not use a
561     subset of the configuration!!!
562     This is important when setting object configurations too */
563     #njh.accessRules = 3and
564     #njh.decisionRules = 12and
565     #njh.accessTickets = 2and
566     #njh.licences = 1and
567     #njh.statutes = 2and
568     #njh.sources > 0and
569     #njh.transforms = 2and
570     #njh.types = #ran[njh.ARAppliesTo] and
571     #njh.ATPriority = 1and
572     #njh.ARAppliesTo = 3and
573     #njh.ARTransforms = 2and
574     #njh.ARHides = 1and
575     #njh.permRules = 26}
576
577     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
578     End Structural Model, NJHg
579     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
580
581
582     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
583     These are not a part of the model. The provide sanity
584     checks before going on to write the operation specifications
585     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
586
587     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
588     any instance of the model
589     ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
590     private pred show (njh: NJH) {}
591     run show for 7but 1NJH expect 1
592
593     /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
594     We can get an instance of the model for all
595     the relations?
596     ***** **sets***** ***** ***** *****/
597     private pred someOfAllSets(njh: NJH) {
598     some njh.accessRules and
599     some njh.accessTickets and
600     some consents and
601     some njh.dataItems and
602     some njh.dates and
603     some njh.decisionRules and
604     some njh.hCats and
605     some njh.licences and
606     some njh.patients and
607     some njh.permissions and
608     some njh.personnel and
609     some njh.projects and
610     some njh.purposes and
611     some njh.qryItems and
612     some njh.qualifiers and
613     some njh.queries and
614     some njh.researchers and
615     some njh.retItems and
616     some rules and
617     some njh.sources and

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618     some njh.statuses and
619     some njh.transforms and
620     some njh.types and
621     some njh.values }
622 run someOfAllSets for 7but 1NJH expect 1
623
624 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
625     We can get an instance of the model for all
626     the relations?
627 *****/
628 private pred someOfAllRelations(njh: NJH) {
629     some njh.ARAppliesTo and
630     some njh.ARHides and
631     some njh.ARTransforms and
632     some njh.ATPriority and
633     some njh.dataAccessAgreement and
634     some njh.dataValues and
635     some njh.enteredOn and
636     some njh.DICat and
637     some njh.DISource and
638     some njh.patientData and
639     some njh.permRules and
640     some njh.projectAT and
641     some njh.projectDataCollector and
642     some njh.projectDataTransformRequired and
643     some njh.projectPurpose and
644     some njh.projectSources and
645     some njh.projectPI and
646     some njh.projectMembers and
647     some njh.projectQueries and
648     some njh.qryReturns and
649     some njh.qryWorksOn and
650     some njh.RDType and
651     some njh.resQualifier and
652     some njh.researcherL and
653     some njh.supervisors and
654     some VDAAllowed }
655 run someOfAllRelations for 7but 1NJH expect 1
656
657 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
658     We can get an instance of the model for all
659     the relations that satisfy generator[]?
660 *****/
661 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGenerator (
662     njh: NJH) {
663     someOfAllRelations[njh] and generator[njh] }
664 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGenerator for 7
665     but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1
666
667 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
668     We can get an instance of the model for all
669     the relations that satisfy generator[] and a
670     project has an Identified access Ticket?
671 *****/
672 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGeneratorForIdentifiedAT(
673     njh: NJH, at: Identified) {
674     some njh.projectAT.at and
675     someOfAllRelations[njh] and generator[njh] }
676 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGeneratorForIdentifiedAT
677     for 7but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1
678
679 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****

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680 | We can get an instance of the model for all
681 | the relations that satisfy generator[] and a
682 | project has a DeIDed access Ticket?
683 | *****
684 | private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGeneratorForDeIDedAT (
685 |   njh: NJH, at: DeIDed) {
686 |     some njh.projectAT.at and
687 |       someOfAllRelations[njh] and generator[njh] }
688 | run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGeneratorForDeIDedAT
689 |   for 7 but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1
690 |
691 | /*****
692 |   all sets that are defined are used!
693 |   using IFF instead of IMPLIES is not applicable
694 |   because lone on some sides of the relations.
695 | *****/
696 | assert TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel {
697 |   all
698 |     njh: NJH |
699 |     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingGenerator[njh] implies
700 |       someOfAllSets[njh] }
701 | check TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel for 7
702 |   but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 0

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Listing A.4: Full NJH structural model: adding operation specifications. Imports Listing A.3 on line 9.

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1  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
2      Begin Process Model, NJHgPM
3  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
4  module NJHgPM
5
6  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
7  IMPORTS
8  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
9  open NJHg
10 open util/ordering[NJH] as ord
11
12 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
13     SOME NOTES ON OPERATION TRACES
14
15     Since inv is not a fact, every instance on NJH
16     will not satisfy the invariants, just the ones
17     that have an operation applied on them.
18     This means that saying:
19
20         all nhj: NHJ | inv[njh]
21
22     in an assertion will always return a
23     counterexample.
24
25     However we know that:
26
27         all
28             njh, njh': NJH |
29             (inv[njh] and op[njh, njh'])
30             implies inv[njh']
31
32     should not return counterexamples.
33
34     The fact called traces enforces this -
35     the initial state satisfies inv[] and all next
36     states should satisfy inv[] as well.
37
38 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
39
40 // used in Traces for the first state in ord
41 private pred init (
42     njh: NJH) {
43     // operations work on these so initial none of them
44
45     // for sets
46     // NONE
47
48     // for relations
49     no njh.resQualifier and
50     no njh.researcherL and
51     no njh.projectAT and
52     no njh.qryReturns and
53     no njh.qryWorksOn and
54     no njh.RDType and
55     no njh.VDAllowed}
56 run init for 7but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1
57
58 fact Traces {
59     // get the initial state, i.e. the first state in sequence ord

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60   init[ord/first]
61   // the first state fulfils the generator constraints
62   generator[ord/first]
63   all
64     /* since last does not have a next state, do not use it here.
65        used later in njh.next */
66     njh: NJH - ord/last |
67   some
68     res: Researcher,
69     per: Personnel,
70     lic: Licence,
71     proj: Project,
72     at: AccessTicket,
73     qry: Query |
74   let
75     /* set the next state */
76     njh' = njh.next |
77     /* possible operations on the state */
78     qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] or
79     approveResearcherL[njh, njh', res, lic] or
80     approveProjectAT[njh, njh', proj, at] or
81     runQuery[njh, njh', res, proj, qry, at] or
82     updateConformance[njh, njh', qry] or
83     skip[njh, njh'] }
84
85   /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
86     REUSE - predicates and functions
87   *****/
88   // the sets do not change
89   private pred noChangeSets (njh, njh': NJH) {
90     njh.accessRules = njh'.accessRules and
91     njh.accessTickets = njh'.accessTickets and
92     njh.categories = njh'.categories and
93     njh.consents = njh'.consents and
94     njh.dataItems = njh'.dataItems and
95     njh.dates = njh'.dates and
96     njh.decisionRules = njh'.decisionRules and
97     njh.hCats = njh'.hCats and
98     njh.licences = njh'.licences and
99     njh.patients = njh'.patients and
100    njh.permissions = njh'.permissions and
101    njh.personnel = njh'.personnel and
102    njh.projects = njh'.projects and
103    njh.purposes = njh'.purposes and
104    njh.qryItems = njh'.qryItems and
105    njh.qualifiers = njh'.qualifiers and
106    njh.queries = njh'.queries and
107    njh.researchers = njh'.researchers and
108    njh.retItems = njh'.retItems and
109    njh.rules = njh'.rules and
110    njh.sources = njh'.sources and
111    njh.statuses = njh'.statuses and
112    njh.transforms = njh'.transforms and
113    njh.types = njh'.types and
114    njh.values = njh'.values }
115
116   // the relations do not change
117   private pred noChangeRelations (njh, njh': NJH) {
118     njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
119     njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
120     njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
121     njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and

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122 njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
123 njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
124 njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
125 njh.DICat= njh'.DICat and
126 njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
127 njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
128 njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
129 njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
130 njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
131 njh.projectDataTransformRequired = njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
132 njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
133 njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
134 njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
135 njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
136 njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
137 njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
138 njh.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn and
139 njh.RDType = njh'.RDType and
140 njh.resQualifier = njh'.resQualifier and
141 njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and
142 njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and
143 njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed }
144
145 private pred applyDecisionRules (
146   njh: NJH,
147   perm: Permission,
148   rp: (Researcher + Project) ) {
149
150   let
151     team = rp.(njh.projectMembers),
152     pi = rp.(njh.projectPI),
153     dc = rp.(njh.projectDataCollector) ,
154     sup = pi-> dc,
155     dr = perm.(njh.permRules) & njh.decisionRules,
156     pss = rp.(njh.projectSources) & Project |
157
158     // 0. CanUseTotallyDeIDed decision rule is applicable
159     (some dr & CanUseTotallyDeIDed implies (
160       (some perm & DeIDed implies
161         rp.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) = TotallyDeIDed)
162       and
163       (some perm & Identified implies
164         rp.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) = NotTotallyDeIDed )))
165
166   and
167
168     // 1. DataAccessAgreementPresent decision rule is applicable
169     (some dr & DataAccessAgreementPresent implies
170     /* p1->p2 in njh.dataAccessAgreement means
171     p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1
172     all the project's sources that are projects have a
173     corresponding data agreement */
174     all
175       ps: pss | {
176     // data access agreement is in place
177     some ps -> rp & njh.dataAccessAgreement })
178
179   and
180
181     // 2. DataSourcePriorityOK decision rule is applicable
182     (some dr & DataSourcePriorityOK implies
183     all

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184     ps: pss |
185     /* all the project's sources that are projects themselves
186        each have an approved access ticket */
187     some ps.(njih.projectAT) and
188     /* if access ticket being considered has priority over
189        the access tickets of any of its project sources
190        (i.e. other projects) }then we cannot approve the
191        project because the data returned would not be at
192        the level required */
193     no perm -> ps.(njih.projectAT) & njih.ATPriority )
194
195 and
196
197 // 3. NoSupsinPIandDC decision rule is applicable
198 (some dr & NoSupsinPIandDC implies
199     /* neither the pi nor the da supervise each other
200        directly or indirectly */
201     no (sup + ~sup ) & ~(njih.supervisors) )
202
203 and
204
205 // 4. PIDefined decision rule is applicable
206 (some dr & PIDefined implies #pi > 0)
207
208 and
209
210 // 5. ProjectMembersDefined decision rule is applicable
211 (some dr & ProjectMembersDefined implies #team > 0)
212
213 and
214
215 // 6. LicenedTeamAndPI decision rule is applicable
216 (some dr & LicenedTeamAndPI implies (
217     // each team member and pi has a Licence
218     all
219         r: (team + pi) | {
220         some r.(njih.researcherL) }) )
221
222 and
223
224 // 7. NoOverlapPITeamDC decision rule is applicable
225 (some dr & NoOverlapPITeamDC implies (
226     // neither pi nor dc are a part of project team
227     no (pi + dc) & team and
228
229     // pi and da are not the same
230     no pi & dc ) )
231
232 and
233
234 // 8. SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment decision rule is applicable
235 (some dr & SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment implies (
236
237     // purpose defined for project
238     some rp.(njih.projectPurpose) and
239
240     // purpose is not direct treatment
241     rp.(njih.projectPurpose) != DirectTreatment ) )
242
243 and
244
245 // 9. QualifierPresent decision rule is applicable

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246     (some dr & QualifierPresent implies
247       some rp.(njh.resQualifier) )
248
249 and
250
251 // 10. SomeQueriesDefined decision rule is applicable
252 (some dr & SomeQueriesDefined implies
253   some rp.(njh.projectQueries) )
254
255 and
256
257 // 11. SomeSourcesDefined decision rule is applicable
258 (some dr & SomeSourcesDefined implies
259   some rp.(njh.projectSources) ) }
260
261 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
262 OPERATION - skip
263 *****/
264 pred skip (
265   njh, njh': NJH) {
266
267   noChangeSets[njh, njh'] and
268   noChangeRelations[njh, njh'] }
269 run skip for 7but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 1
270
271 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
272 OPERATION - qualifyResearcher
273 *****/
274 pred qualifyResearcher (
275   njh, njh': NJH,
276   res: Researcher,
277   per: Personnel) {
278
279   // preconditions */
280   res in njh.researchers and
281   per in njh.qualifiers and
282   no res->per & njh.resQualifier and
283   // adding this mapping does not make resQualifier reflexive
284   irreflexive[^(res->per + njh.resQualifier)] and
285
286   // set the qualifier for the reaeacher, postcondition */
287   njh'.resQualifier = njh.resQualifier + res->per and
288
289   // these do not change */
290   noChangeSets[njh, njh'] and
291
292   njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
293   njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
294   njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
295   njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
296   njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
297   njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
298   njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
299   njh.DICat= njh'.DICat and
300   njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
301   njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
302   njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
303   njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
304   njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
305   njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
306     njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
307   njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and

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308   njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
309   njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
310   njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
311   njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
312   njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
313   njh.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn and
314   njh.RDType = njh'.RDType and
315   njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and
316   njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and
317   njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed}
318 run qualifyResearcher for 7but 15Rule, 2NJH expect 1
319 run qualifyResearcher for 7but 15Rule, 1NJH expect 0
320
321 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
322 OPERATION - Approve Researcher's Licence
323 *****/
324 pred approveResearcherL (
325   njh, njh': NJH,
326   res: Researcher,
327   lic: Licence) {
328
329   // preconditions
330   res in njh.researchers and
331   lic in njh.permissions and
332   res->lic not in njh.researcherL and
333   applyDecisionRules[njh, lic, res] and
334
335   // set the access ticket for the reaeacher, postcondition
336   njh'.researcherL = njh.researcherL + res->lic and
337
338   //these do not change
339   njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
340   njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
341   njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
342   njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
343   njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
344   njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
345   njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
346   njh.DICat= njh'.DICat and
347   njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
348   njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
349   njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
350   njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
351   njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
352   njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
353     njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
354   njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
355   njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
356   njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
357   njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
358   njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
359   njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
360   njh.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn and
361   njh.RDType = njh'.RDType and
362   njh.resQualifier = njh'.resQualifier and
363   njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and
364   njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed }
365 run approveResearcherL for 7but 15Rule, 3NJH expect 1
366 run approveResearcherL for 7but 15Rule, 2NJH expect 0
367
368 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
369 OPERATION - approve project's AT

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370  *****/
371  pred approveProjectAT(
372    njh, njh': NJH,
373    proj: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
374
375    // preconditions
376    proj in njh.projects and
377    at in njh.permissions and
378    no proj.(njh.projectAT) and
379
380    applyDecisionRules[njh, at, proj ] and
381
382    // set the access ticket for the project
383    njh'.projectAT = njh.projectAT + proj -> at and
384
385    //these do not change
386    noChangeSets[njh, njh'] and
387
388    njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
389    njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
390    njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
391    njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
392    njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
393    njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
394    njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
395    njh.DICat= njh'.DICat and
396    njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
397    njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
398    njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
399    njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
400    njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
401      njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
402    njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
403    njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
404    njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
405    njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
406    njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
407    njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
408    njh.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn and
409    njh.RDType = njh'.RDType and
410    njh.resQualifier = njh'.resQualifier and
411    njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and
412    njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and
413    njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed }
414  /* since a project needs at least two researchers, i.e. PI and
415     at one team member we need at least 5previous states
416     to qualify the researchers and to approve their
417     licences */
418  run approveProjectAT for 7but 15Rule, 6NJH expect 1
419  run approveProjectAT for 7but 15Rule, 5NJH expect 0
420
421  /*****/
422  OPERATION - runQuery,
423    researcher executes query
424  *****/
425  private pred researcherAuthorisedForProject
426    ( njh: NJH, res: Researcher, p: Project ) {
427    // researcher is in the projectMembers, or is project's PI
428    some (p.(njh.projectMembers) + p.(njh.projectPI)) & res }
429
430  private pred runQueryPre[
431    njh: NJH, r: Researcher,

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432 p: Project, q: Query,
433 at: AccessTicket] {
434
435 // query is a part of the project's queries for the project
436 q in p.(njih.projectQueries) and
437
438 // at is the access ticket for the project
439 some at & p.(njih.projectAT) and
440
441 // researcher is authorised for the project
442 researcherAuthorisedForProject[njh, r, p] and
443
444 // since (we assume) Query has not yet been run
445 no q.(njih.qryWorksOn) }
446
447 // Frame Conditions are post conditions
448 private pred runQueryPost[njh, njh':NJH, q: Query] {
449
450 // operation does not change these sets
451 njh.accessRules = njh'.accessRules and
452 njh.accessTickets = njh'.accessTickets and
453 njh.categories = njh'.categories and
454 njh.consents = njh'.consents and
455 njh.decisionRules = njh'.decisionRules and
456 njh.hCats = njh'.hCats and
457 njh.licences = njh'.licences and
458 njh.patients = njh'.patients and
459 njh.permissions = njh'.permissions and
460 njh.personnel = njh'.personnel and
461 njh.projects = njh'.projects and
462 njh.purposes = njh'.purposes and
463 njh.qualifiers = njh'.qualifiers and
464 njh.queries = njh'.queries and
465 njh.researchers = njh'.researchers and
466 njh.rules = njh'.rules and
467 njh.sources = njh'.sources and
468 njh.statuses = njh'.statuses and
469 njh.transforms = njh'.transforms and
470 njh.types = njh'.types
471 and
472 // these relations do not change
473 njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
474 njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
475 njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
476 njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
477 njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
478 njh.DICat= njh'.DICat and
479 njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
480 njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
481 njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
482 njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
483 njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
484 njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
485 njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
486 njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
487 njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
488 njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
489 njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
490 njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
491 njh.resQualifier = njh'.resQualifier and
492 njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and
493 njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and

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494     njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed
495 and
496
497 /* operation changes these sets and relations
498 these changes relate to changes in qryItems, and retItems
499 and all that relate to them */
500
501 let
502     qItems = q.(njh'.qryWorksOn),
503     qRetItems = dom[q.(njh'.qryReturns)],
504     qDataItems = qRetItems+ qItems,
505     qValues = qDataItems.(njh'.dataValues),
506     qDates = Date & qDataItems.(njh'.dataValues) |
507
508 // ***** for sets *****
509 /* since we could be reusing dataitems in qDataItems using addition
510 to specify the constraint is correct, njh' (post state) on the LHS */
511 njh'.dataItems = njh.dataItems + qDataItems and
512 njh'.qryItems = njh.qryItems + qItems and
513 njh'.retItems = njh.retItems + qRetItems and
514 njh'.dates = njh.dates + qDates and
515 njh'.values = njh.values + qValues and
516
517 // ***** for relations *****
518 /* since qDataItems mappings to qry are new, using subtraction
519 to specify the constraint is correct, njh' (post state) on the RHS */
520 njh'.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns - q <: (njh'.qryReturns) and
521 njh'.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn - q <: (njh'.qryWorksOn) and
522
523 /* these could be reused from njh (pre state), so using addition
524 to specify the constraint is correct, njh' (post state) on the LHS */
525 njh'.dataValues = njh.dataValues + qDataItems <: njh'.dataValues and
526 njh'.enteredOn = njh.enteredOn + qDataItems <: (njh'.enteredOn) and
527 njh'.RDType = njh.RDType + q <: njh'.RDType }
528
529 private pred applyHidesAccessRules (
530     njh: NJH, q: Query, qItems: set QryData,
531     p: Project, at: AccessTicket, rules: set Rule) {
532
533 // apply PatientConsent Rule
534 ( some PatientConsent & rules implies
535     qItems in (
536 // dataitems from projectsources
537     (njh.DISource).((njh.projectQueries.q).(njh.projectSources)) -
538 // excluding dataItems where patients do not give consent
539     dom[select23[njh.patientData] :>
540         PatientConsent.(njh.ARHides)] )
541 else
542     qItems in
543 // dataitems from projectsources
544     (njh.DISource).((njh.projectQueries.q).(njh.projectSources)) ) }
545
546 private pred applyTransformAccessRules (
547     njh: NJH, q: Query, qItems: set QryData,
548     p: Project, at: AccessTicket, rules: set Rule) {
549
550 let
551     rItems = q.(njh.qryReturns).qItems |
552
553 // apply DeIDedTransformHDate Rule
554 (some rules & DeIDedTransformHDate implies (
555 all

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556     ri: rItems | {
557 let
558   qis = ri.(q.(njh.qryReturns)) | {
559 all
560   qi: qis | {
561     (some qi.(njh.DICat) & HDate implies
562     (ri.(njh.dataValues) = DeIDedDateTransform[qi.(njh.dataValues)] and
563     ri.(njh.enteredOn) = DeIDedDateTransform[qi.(njh.enteredOn)] )
564   else
565     // ri is not a date but the enteredOn needs de-identifying
566     (ri.(njh.dataValues) = qi.(njh.dataValues) and
567     ri.(njh.enteredOn) = DeIDedDateTransform[qi.(njh.enteredOn)] ) )
568 and
569 (#qis = 0 iff no ri.(q.(njh.RDType)))
570 and
571 (#qis = 1 iff ri.(q.(njh.RDType)) = Individual)
572 and
573 (#qis = 1 iff ri.(q.(njh.RDType)) = Group) }}}
574 ))
575
576 and
577
578 // apply IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate Rule
579 (some rules & IdentifiedDoesNotTransformHDate implies (
580 all
581   ri: rItems | {
582 let
583   qis = ri.(q.(njh.qryReturns)) | {
584 all
585   qi: qis | {
586     (ri.(njh.dataValues) = qi.(njh.dataValues) and
587     ri.(njh.enteredOn) = qi.(njh.enteredOn) )
588 and
589 (#qis = 0 iff no ri.(q.(njh.RDType)))
590 and
591 (#qis = 1 iff ri.(q.(njh.RDType)) = Individual)
592 and
593 (#qis > 1 iff ri.(q.(njh.RDType)) = Group) }}}
594 )) }
595
596 private pred applyAccessRules (
597   njh:NJH, p:Project,
598   q: Query, at: AccessTicket ) {
599 let
600   qItems = q.(njh.qryWorksOn),
601   rules = at.(njh.permRules) & njh.accessRules |
602
603   applyHidesAccessRules[njh, q, qItems, p, at, rules] and
604   applyTransformAccessRules[njh, q, qItems, p, at, rules] }
605
606 pred runQuery(
607   njh, njh':NJH,
608   r: Researcher, p: Project,
609   q: Query, at: AccessTicket ) {
610
611   // preconditions
612   runQueryPre[njh, r, p, q, at] and
613   // postconditions
614   runQueryPost[njh, njh', q] and
615   // how changes are done, i.e. construct the return data
616   applyAccessRules[njh', p, q, at] }
617 run runQuery for 7but 15Rule expect 1

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618 run runQuery for 7but 15Rule, 6NJH expect 1// when qry works on no data
619 run runQuery for 7but 15Rule, 5NJH expect 0
620
621 private pred runQueryWithReturnData (
622     njh, njh':NJH,
623     r: Researcher, p: Project,
624     q: Query, at: AccessTicket ) {
625
626     runQuery[njh, njh', r, p, q, at] and
627     some q.(njh'.qryReturns) }
628 run runQueryWithReturnData for 7but 15Rule, 7NJH expect 1
629
630
631 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
632     UpdateConformance
633 *****/
634 pred updateConformance [
635     njh, njh': NJH,
636     qry: Query ] {
637
638     // preconditions
639     no qry.(njh.VDAllowed) and
640     qry in njh.queries and
641
642     // sequencing condition
643     some qry.(njh.qryReturns) and
644
645     // VDAllowed changes
646     (invVDAllowed1[njh, qry] iff
647         njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed - qry -> DownloadAllowed) and
648     (not invVDAllowed1[njh, qry] iff
649         njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed - qry -> DownloadDisabled )
650
651     and
652
653     noChangeSets[njh, njh'] and
654
655     njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
656     njh.ARHides = njh'.ARHides and
657     njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
658     njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
659     njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
660     njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
661     njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
662     njh.DICat = njh'.DICat and
663     njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
664     njh.patientData = njh'.patientData and
665     njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
666     njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
667     njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
668     njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
669         njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
670     njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
671     njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
672     njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
673     njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
674     njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
675     njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
676     njh.qryWorksOn = njh'.qryWorksOn and
677     njh.RDType = njh'.RDType and
678     njh.resQualifier = njh'.resQualifier and
679     njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and

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680 |     njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors }  
681 | run updateConformance for 8but 15Rule expect 1  
682 | run updateConformance for 8but 15Rule, 7NJH expect 0
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Listing A.5: Full NJH structural model: adding LTL rules. imports Listing A.4 on line 11.

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1  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
2  Some note and to dos:
3  1.
4  *****/
5  module NJHgLTL
6
7  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
8  IMPORTS
9  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
10 open util/ordering[NJH] as ord
11 open NJHgPM
12
13 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
14 Simulating LTL and never claims -
15 These should follow from the model
16 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
17
18 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
19 Check that we can both qualify and approve a
20 licence for a researcher
21
22 Verify that a Researcher always is qualified
23 before licence is approved
24 *****/
25 private pred
26   ltl_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes_ViableOnDifferentStates (
27     njh, njh', njh'', njh''': NJH,
28     res: Researcher,
29     lic: Licence, per: Personnel) {
30     let
31       first = ord/first |
32       some res & first.researchers and
33       some lic & first.permissions and
34       some per & first.personnel and
35       qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
36       approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] and
37       inv[njh] and
38       inv[njh'] and
39       inv[njh''] and
40       inv[njh'''] }
41
42 /* Is this the correct formulation for writing the LTL? */
43 assert ltl_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes {
44   some
45     njh, njh', njh'', njh''': NJH,
46     res: Researcher,
47     lic: Licence, per: Personnel |
48     (qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
49     approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] ) implies
50     ((njh + njh') in njh'''.prevs and
51     inv[njh] and
52     inv[njh'] and
53     inv[njh''] and
54     inv[njh''']) }
55
56 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
57 Check that we can qualify a researcher,
58 approve a researcher's licence, approve
59 an access ticket for a project, and query that

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60     project
61
62     Verify that if approving project access ticket
63     and project members licence are successful,
64     project members and pi licence are approved
65     before the project's accessticket is approved.
66     *****/
67 private pred
68   ltl_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPILicenceApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates (
69     njh, njh', njh'', njh''', njh''''', njh''''''': NJH,
70     res: Researcher, lic: Licence, per: Personnel,
71     proj: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
72   let
73     first = ord/first |
74     some res & first.researchers and
75     some lic & first.permissions and
76     some per & first.personnel and
77     some proj & first.projects and
78     some at & first.permissions and
79
80     qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
81     approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] and
82     approveProjectAT[njh''''', njh''''''', proj, at] and
83     inv[njh] and
84     inv[njh'] and
85     inv[njh''] and
86     inv[njh'''] and
87     inv[njh'''''] and
88     inv[njh'''''''] }
89
90 /* If both approveResearchL() for any researcher + PI and
91    ApproveProjectAT() succeed for the same project we know that
92    approveResearchL() succeeded in states previous to the final
93    state for ApproveProjectAT(). */
94 assert ltl_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPILicenceApprove1 {
95   some
96     njh, njh', njh'', njh''': NJH,
97     res: Researcher, lic: Licence,
98     proj: Project, at: AccessTicket |
99     ( res in (proj.(njh''.projectMembers) +
100       proj.(njh''.projectPI)) and
101       approveResearcherL[njh, njh', res, lic] and
102       approveProjectAT[njh'', njh''', proj, at]) implies
103     ( (njh + njh') in prevs[njh''] and
104       inv[njh] and
105       inv[njh'] and
106       inv[njh''] and
107       inv[njh'''] ) }
108
109 /******
110     Check that we can qualify a researcher,
111     approve a researcher's licence, approve
112     an access ticket for a project, and execute a
113     query from the approved project.
114
115     Verify that if qunning a query is successful
116     then project's access ticket was approved in a
117     state before the query was executable.
118     *****/
119 private pred
120   ltl_RunQueryWithoutQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates (
121     njh, njh', njh'', njh''', njh''''', njh''''''', njh6, njh7: NJH,

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122 res: Researcher, lic: Licence, per: Personnel,
123 proj: Project, at: AccessTicket,
124 qry: Query) {
125   let
126     first = ord/first |
127     some res & first.researchers and
128     some lic & first.permissions and
129     some per & first.personnel and
130     some proj & first.projects and
131     some at & first.permissions and
132     some qry & first.queries and
133
134     qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
135     approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] and
136     approveProjectAT[njh''', njh''''', proj, at] and
137     runQuery[njh6, njh7, res, proj, qry, at] and
138     inv[njh] and
139     inv[njh'] and
140     inv[njh''] and
141     inv[njh'''] and
142     inv[njh'''''] and
143     inv[njh'''''''] and
144     inv[njh6] and
145     inv[njh7] }
146
147 private pred
148   ltl_RunQueryWithQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates (
149     njh, njh', njh'', njh''', njh''''', njh''''''', njh6, njh7: NJH,
150     res: Researcher, lic: Licence, per: Personnel,
151     proj: Project, at: AccessTicket,
152     qry: Query) {
153     let
154       first = ord/first |
155       some res & first.researchers and
156       some lic & first.permissions and
157       some per & first.personnel and
158       some proj & first.projects and
159       some at & first.permissions and
160       some qry & first.queries and
161
162       // execute operations
163       qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
164       approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] and
165       approveProjectAT[njh''', njh''''', proj, at] and
166       runQuery[njh6, njh7, res, proj, qry, at] and
167
168       // we have some return data
169       some qry.(njh7.qryReturns) and
170       inv[njh] and
171       inv[njh'] and
172       inv[njh''] and
173       inv[njh'''] and
174       inv[njh'''''] and
175       inv[njh'''''''] and
176       inv[njh6] and
177       inv[njh7] }
178
179 /* If both ApproveProjectAT() and RunQuery() succeed for the same
180    project we know that ApproveProjectAT() succeeded in states
181    previous to the final state for RunQuery(). */
182 assert ltl_RunQueryAfterProjectApprove1 {
183   some

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184     njh, njh', njh'', njh''': NJH,
185     res: Researcher, qry: Query,
186     proj: Project, at: AccessTicket |
187 ( res in (proj.(njh''.projectMembers) +
188     proj.(njh''.projectPI)) and
189 qry in proj.(njh''.projectQueries) and
190 approveProjectAT[njh, njh', proj, at] and
191     runQuery[njh'', njh''', res, proj, qry, at] ) implies
192 ((njh + njh') in prevs[njh'']) and
193 inv[njh] and
194 inv[njh'] and
195 inv[njh''] and
196 inv[njh'''] ) }
197
198
199 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
200 Check that we can qualify a researcher,
201 approve a researcher's licence, approve
202 an access ticket for a project, execute a
203 query from the approved project, and update
204 the query conformance.
205
206 Verify that if updating a query conformance
207 is successful then the corresponding running
208 of the query to get the results was successful
209 in a state before the update was executable.
210 *****/
211 private pred
212 ltl_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery_viableOnDiffNJHStates (
213 njh, njh', njh'', njh''', njh''''', njh6, njh7, njh8, njh9: NJH,
214 res: Researcher, lic: Licence, per: Personnel,
215 proj: Project, at: AccessTicket,
216 qry: Query) {
217 let
218     first = ord/first |
219     some res & first.researchers and
220     some lic & first.permissions and
221     some per & first.personnel and
222     some proj & first.projects and
223     some at & first.permissions and
224     some qry & first.queries and
225
226     qualifyResearcher[njh, njh', res, per] and
227     approveResearcherL[njh'', njh''', res, lic] and
228     approveProjectAT[njh''', njh''''', proj, at] and
229     runQuery[njh6, njh7, res, proj, qry, at] and
230     updateConformance[njh8, njh9, qry] and
231     inv[njh] and
232     inv[njh'] and
233     inv[njh''] and
234     inv[njh'''] and
235     inv[njh'''''] and
236     inv[njh'''''] and
237     inv[njh6] and
238     inv[njh7] and
239     inv[njh8] and
240     inv[njh9] }
241
242 assert ltl_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery {
243     some
244     njh, njh', njh'', njh''': NJH,
245     res: Researcher, qry: Query,

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246     proj: Project, at: AccessTicket |
247     ( res in (proj.(njih''.projectMembers) +
248       proj.(njih''.projectPI)) and
249     qry in proj.(njih''.projectQueries) and
250     runQuery[njih'', njih'', res, proj, qry, at] and
251     updateConformance[njih'', njih'', qry] ) implies
252     ((njih + njih') in prevs[njih'']) and
253     inv[njh] and
254     inv[njh'] and
255     inv[njih''] and
256     inv[njih'''] ) }
257
258
259 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
260     INV - predicates and functions
261 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
262 // eventually will rename generator to inv
263 pred inv (njih: NJH) {
264     // original generator predicate is true
265     generator[njh] }
266
267 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
268     Checks to prove that each operation preserves the invariants
269 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
270 assert qualifyResearcherPreservesInv {
271     all
272     njih, njih': NJH,
273     res: Researcher, per: Personnel |
274     (inv[njh] and qualifyResearcher [njih, njih', res, per]) implies inv[njh'] }
275
276 assert approveResearcherLPreservesInv {
277     all
278     njih, njih': NJH ,
279     res: Researcher, lic: Licence |
280     (inv[njh] and approveResearcherL [njih, njih', res, lic]) implies inv[njh'] }
281
282 assert approveprojectATPreservesInv {
283     all
284     njih, njih': NJH,
285     p: Project, at: AccessTicket |
286     (inv[njh] and approveProjectAT [njih, njih', p, at]) implies inv[njh'] }
287
288 assert runQueryPreservesInv {
289     all
290     njih, njih': NJH,
291     r: Researcher, q: Query, p: Project, at: AccessTicket |
292     (inv[njh] and runQuery [njih, njih', r, p, q, at]) implies inv[njh'] }
293
294 assert skipPreservesInv {
295     all
296     njih, njih': NJH |
297     (inv[njh] and skip [njih, njih']) implies inv[njh'] }
298
299 assert updateConformancePreservesInv {
300     all
301     njih, njih': NJH,
302     q: Query |
303     (inv[njh] and updateConformance [njih, njih', q]) implies inv[njh'] }
304
305
306 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
307     Conformance

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308 /***** ***** *****/
309 /* an error occurs on this one, the problem may be because of the
310 DStr data type dataitem */
311 assert Conformance {
312   all
313     njh: NJH,
314     qry: Query,
315     d: (Date & dom[qry.(njh.qryReturns)].(njh.dataValues)) +
316         dom[qry.(njh.qryReturns)].(njh.enteredOn) |
317   let
318     at = (njh.projectQueries).qry.(njh.projectAT) |
319
320     ((some qry -> DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed and
321       some qry.(njh.qryReturns) and
322       some at & DeIDed) iff not identifiedDate[d] )
323   or
324
325     ((some qry -> DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed and
326       some qry.(njh.qryReturns) and
327       some at & Identified ) iff identifiedDate[d] ) }
328
329 /***** ***** *****/
330 Executing the Predicates and Assertions
331 /***** ***** *****/
332
333 run
334   ltl_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes_ViableOnDifferentStates
335   for 8 but 15Rule, 3NJH expect 1
336 //should not be viable on < 3instances,
337 // i.e. need three distinct instances for both operations to succeed.
338 run
339   ltl_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes_ViableOnDifferentStates
340   for 8 but 15Rule, 2NJH expect 0
341
342 run
343   ltl_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPILicenceApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
344   for 8 but 15Rule, 6NJH expect 1
345 // not viable on < 4instances,
346 // i.e. need four distinct instances for both operations to succeed.
347 run
348   ltl_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPILicenceApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
349   for 8 but 15Rule, 5NJH expect 0
350
351 // viable on four (4) states because query could return no results
352 run
353   ltl_RunQueryWithOutQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
354   for 8 but 15Rule, 7NJH expect 1
355 // not viable on < 4instances,
356 // i.e. need three distance instances for both operations to succeed.
357 run
358   ltl_RunQueryWithOutQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
359   for 8 but 15Rule, 6NJH expect 1
360 run
361   ltl_RunQueryWithOutQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
362   for 8 but 15Rule, 5NJH expect 0
363 run
364   ltl_RunQueryWithQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
365   for 8 but 15Rule expect 1
366 run
367   ltl_RunQueryWithQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
368   for 8 but 15Rule, 7NJH expect 1
369 // not viable on < 4instances,

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370 // i.e. need three distinct instances for both operations to succeed.
371 run
372   ltl_RunQueryWithQryReturnsAfterProjectApprove_viableOnDiffNJHStates
373   for 8 but 15Rule, 6NJH expect 0
374
375 run
376   ltl_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery_viableOnDiffNJHStates
377   for 8 but 15Rule expect 1
378 run
379   ltl_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery_viableOnDiffNJHStates
380   for 8 but 15Rule, 7NJH expect 0
381
382 check ltl_ApproveResLicenceAfterQualifyRes for 8but 15Rule expect 0
383 check ltl_ProjectApproveAfterTeamAndPILicenceApprove1 for 8but 15Rule expect 0
384 check ltl_RunQueryAfterProjectApprove1 for 8but 15Rule expect 0
385 check ltl_UpdateConformanceAfterRunQuery for 8but 15Rule expect 0
386
387 //check qualifyResearcherPreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
388 //check approveResearcherLPreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
389 //check approveprojectATPreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
390 //check runQueryPreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
391 check skipPreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
392 //check updateConformancePreservesInv for 8but 15Rule expect 0
393
394 check Conformance for 8but 15Rule expect 0

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B.1 Alloy Model Slice for the *Query* OperationListing B.1: *Slice 4: runQueryAlloy* Specifications

```

1 module NJH
2
3 /*
4   ALLOY RELATION MODELLING REMINDER:
5   the relation,
6   AC: A some -> lone C
7   means that in AC
8     each A is linked to at most 1(lone) C, and
9     each C is linked to at least one (some) A
10
11   IMPORTANT Assumptions:
12   1. access ticket for a project has already been granted;
13   2. system ONLY issues DeIDed accesst tickets;
14   3. we enforce in the CD and the Alloy model that a project has only can have
15     one access ticket
16
17   INDICATON of additional constraints:
18   we use "// **" to identify constraints added to or removed from the Alloy
19     model that are not currently in the CD.
20
21   INTERPRETATION of the main assertions:
22   OpPreserves and AlwaysDeIDedConformance
23   A result of no counterexample found for OpPreserves and
24     AlwaysDeIDedConformance is the result we require. However a no
25     counterexample for both do not tell us the same things.
26   OpPreserves tells us that operations pre- and post condition do not
27     violate any of the constraints set.
28   AlwaysDeIDedConformance tells us that the system constraints ensure
29     conformance to the rules.
30   So, the results could show that OpPreserves has no counterexample but
31     AlwaysDeIDedConformance has a counterexample. This can be observed
32     when AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised[...] is disabled in the inv[...] predicate.
33 */
34
35 open util/relation
36 open util/ordering[NJH] as ord
37
38 sig DataSource, Day, Month, Name, Patient, Project, Query, Researcher, Year {}
39
40 abstract sig Type {}
41 lone sig Individual extends Type {}
42 // include when checking TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual[njh]
43 //lone sig Group extends Type {}
44
45 abstract sig AccessTicket {}
46 lone sig DeIDed extends AccessTicket{}
47 // include when checking TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule[njh]
48 //lone sig LDS extends AccessTicket{}
49
50 sig DataItem {name: Name}
51 sig QryData, RetData extends DataItem {}

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52
53 abstract sig Data {}
54 sig Date extends Data {
55     day: lone Day,
56     month: lone Month,
57     year: Year
58 } {
59     // day iff month also exists
60     some day implies some month
61     some month implies some day }
62
63 abstract sig Rule {}
64 abstract sig AccessRule extends Rule {}
65 lone sig DeIDedTransformHDate extends AccessRule {}
66
67 abstract sig HIPAACat {}
68 lone sig HDate extends HIPAACat {}
69
70 sig NJH {
71     // style is to alphabetise for easy finding :)
72
73     // sets, creating a closed system
74     accessRules: set AccessRule,
75     accessTickets: set AccessTicket,
76     dataItems: set DataItem,
77     values: set Data,
78     dates: set Date,
79     hCats: set HIPAACat,
80     patients: set Patient,
81     projects: set Project,
82     qryItems: set QryData,
83     queries: set Query,
84     researchers: set Researcher,
85     retItems: set RetData,
86     sources: set DataSource,
87     types: set Type,
88
89     // relations
90     ARAppliesTo: accessRules -> some types,
91     ARTransforms: accessRules -> some hCats,
92     ATRules: accessTickets -> some accessRules,
93     DataValues: dataItems -> one values,
94     DICat: dataItems -> hCats,
95     // ** no direct link between retItems and sources,
96     // data sources of retItems are found through the RDFFromQD relation
97     DISource: (dataItems - retItems) -> one sources,
98     EnteredOn: dataItems -> lone dates,
99     // ** no direct link between retItems and patients,
100    // patients associated with retItems are found through the RDFFromQD relation
101    PatientData: patients one -> some (dataItems - retItems),
102    ProjAT: projects -> one accessTickets,
103    ProjMembers: projects -> some researchers,
104    ProjQueries: projects some -> some queries,
105    ProjSources: projects -> some sources,
106    // RunQuery specs require that a query have neither RetData nor QryData
107    // before exexution, so we relax the multiplicity on the queries side
108    QryReturns: queries -> retItems,
109    QryWorksOn: queries -> qryItems,
110    RDFFromQD: retItems -> some qryItems,
111    RDType: retItems -> one types
112 } {
113     // CONSTRAINTS, comment out to check operation specifications

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114 // when commented out, it is enforced in the traces fact
115 //inv[this]
116 }
117
118
119 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
120 // INSTANCES
121 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
122
123 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
124 // - These predicates are not a part of the model and may be removed
125 // ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
126
127 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
128 // This predicate is a part of the model, used in init[...] to initialise the
129 // system
130 // ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
131 private pred ShowSomeOfEverything[njh: NJH] {
132     some accessRules and
133     some accessTickets and
134     some dataItems and
135     some values and
136     some dates and
137     some hCats and
138     some patients and
139     some projects and
140     some qryItems and
141     some queries and
142     some researchers and
143     some retItems and
144     some sources and
145     some types }
146 // important to run this with exactly 1NJH because the relations have the NJH
147 // instance as their first element
148 //run ShowSomeOfEverything for 3but exactly 1NJH expect 1
149
150 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
151 // CONSTRAINTS as predicates
152 // ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
153 private fun DeIDedDateTransform(d: Date): Date {
154     {ri: Date |
155         no ri.day and
156         no ri.month and
157         ri.year = d.year }}
158
159 private pred QryRetDataDeIDed[njh: NJH, q: Query] {
160     all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn) |
161         some qi.(njh.DICat) & HDate
162         implies ( // imp4
163             // RetData
164             (njh.RDFFromQD).qi.(njh.DataValues) =
165                 DeIDedDateTransform[qi.(njh.DataValues)] and
166                 // if RetData EnteredOn exists
167                 (some (njh.RDFFromQD).qi.(njh.EnteredOn)
168                     implies ( // imp5
169                         njh.RDFFromQD).qi.(njh.EnteredOn) =
170                             DeIDedDateTransform[qi.(njh.EnteredOn)]
171                     ) //imp5
172             ) // imp4
173 }
174
175 private pred DeIDedTransformHDateIndividual[njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query] {

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176 // When a Query has RetData, this is how we construct it's return data and
177 // its EntereOn Value
178 (some q.(njh.QryReturns) and
179 // query is a part of project
180 some p.(njh.ProjQueries) & q and
181 // uses the DeIDed access ticket
182 some p.(njh.ProjAT) & DeIDed and
183 // DeIDed access ticket is associated with the TransformHDate rule
184 TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule[njh] and
185 // TransformHDate should be applied to individuals
186 TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual[njh])
187 implies ( QryRetDataDeIDed[njh, q] )}
188
189
190 pred DeIDedTransformHDateIndividual[njh: NJH] {
191 // When a Query has RetData, this is how we construct it's return data and
192 // its EntereOn Value
193 // this formulation works ONLY because the DeIDed is the ONLY access ticket
194 // in the system.
195 all q: njh.queries |
196 // if query returns values
197 (some q.(njh.QryReturns) and
198 // uses the DeIDed access ticket
199 some njh.ProjQueries.q.(njh.ProjAT) & DeIDed and
200 // DeIDed access ticket is associated with the TransformHDate rule
201 TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule[njh] and
202 // TransformHDate should be applied to individuals
203 TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual[njh])
204 implies ( QryRetDataDeIDed[njh, q] )}
205
206 private pred AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised [njh: NJH] {
207 // correct formulation,
208 // all dataItems in PatientData that are dates are identified as a HIPAACat
209 all di: ran[njh.PatientData] |
210 some di.(njh.DataValues) & Date implies some di.(njh.DICat) & HDate }
211
212 private pred TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule[njh: NJH] {
213 some njh.ATRules & DeIDed -> DeIDedTransformHDate }
214
215 private pred TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual[njh: NJH] {
216 some njh.ARAppliesTo & DeIDedTransformHDate-> Individual }
217
218 // ** Defines additional constraints not in the UML CD
219 pred inv [njh: NJH] {
220 // all dataItems are mapped
221 njh.dataItems =
222 ran[njh.QryWorksOn] + ran[njh.QryReturns] + ran[njh.PatientData]
223
224 // closed system constraint - any date is a part of the set of dates
225 (njh.values & Date + ran[njh.EnteredOn]) = njh.dates
226
227 // dataItems in Patient data
228 all di: ran[njh.PatientData] | {
229 // each has a date entered, we don't care if retItems are not in EnteredOn
230 some di.(njh.EnteredOn)
231
232 // each EnteredOn data has a day and month (constraint in Date signature
233 // ensures that month is non-empty iff day is non-empty)
234 some di.(njh.EnteredOn.day)
235
236 // each dataItem in PateintData has at most one HIPAACat
237 #(di.(njh.DICat)) < 2}

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238
239 // queryData is patient data
240 njh.qryItems & ran[njh.PatientData] = njh.qryItems
241
242 // construct RDFFromQD
243 (~(njh.QryReturns)).(njh.QryWorksOn) = njh.RDFFromQD
244
245 all ri: dom[njh.RDFFromQD] |
246 // return data linked to the Individual type is only linked to one query data
247 // in RDFFromQD
248 (some Individual & ri.(njh.RDType)) implies
249 # (ri.(njh.RDFFromQD)) = 1
250
251 // a query's data source is contained in its project's sources
252 all p: njh.projects, q: njh.queries | q in p.(njh.ProjQueries) implies
253 q.(njh.QryWorksOn).(njh.DISource) in p.(njh.ProjSources)
254
255 // Areas to seed for non-conformance
256 // 1. TransformHDate rule for Individual Type,
257 // this is important when there are other access tickets other than DeIDed
258 // in the system
259 TransformHDateIsDeIDedRule[njh]
260
261 // 2. DeIDed access ticket has associated TransformHDate rule for Individuals,
262 // this is important when there are other types other than Individual in
263 // the system
264 TransformHDateAppliesToIndividual[njh]
265
266 // 3. Ensure that all dataItems in PatientData that are dates are identified
267 // as a HIPAACat in DICat
268 AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised[njh]
269 }
270
271
272 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
273 // INSTANCES
274 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
275
276 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
277 // - These predicates are not a part of the model and may be removed
278 // ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
279 private pred ShowAny [ njh: NJH]{
280     inv[njh]
281 //run ShowAny for 3expect 1
282
283 private pred ShowProjQueryWithData [njh: NJH, q: Query]{
284     inv[njh] and
285     q in njh.queries and
286     some q.(njh.QryWorksOn)}
287 //run ShowProjQueryWithData for 3but 1NJH expect 1
288
289 private pred ShowCheckingMultiplicities [njh: NJH, ar: AccessRule]{
290     inv[njh] and
291     ar in njh.accessRules and no ar.(njh.ARAppliesTo)}
292 //run ShowCheckingMultiplicities for 3but 1NJH expect 0
293
294 private pred ShowSomeOfEverythingWithHDateUnsetAndInv[njh: NJH, q: Query, qi: QryData] {
295     q in njh.queries and
296     qi in q.(njh.QryWorksOn) and
297     no qi.(njh.DICat) and
298     ShowSomeOfEverything[njh]
299     and inv[njh] }

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300 // gives an instance only when
301 // AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised[...] is disabled in inv[...]
302 //run ShowSomeOfEverythingWithHDateUnsetAndInv for 3but exactly 1NJH expect 0
303
304 private pred ShowSomeOfEverythingWithInv[njh: NJH] {
305     ShowSomeOfEverything[njh] and inv[njh] }
306 //run ShowSomeOfEverythingWithInv for 3but exactly 1NJH expect 1
307
308 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
309 // QUERY OPERATION SPECIFICATION
310 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
311
312 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
313 // HELPER/USEFUL Predicates and Functions
314 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
315 // not checking this predicate is a hidden path into executing RunQuery
316 private pred ResearcherAuthorisedToRunQuery
317     [njh: NJH, res: Researcher, p: Project, qry: Query] {
318     // query is associated with a project that the researcher is a member of
319     some p.(njh.ProjMembers) & res and some p.(njh.ProjQueries) & qry }
320
321 // Helps the model to progress in traces
322 private pred NoChangeOp [njh, njh': NJH] {
323     njh = njh'
324     or ( //they both have the same sets and relations
325         njh.accessRules = njh'.accessRules and
326         njh.accessTickets = njh'.accessTickets and
327         njh.dataItems = njh'.dataItems and
328         njh.values = njh'.values and
329         njh.dates = njh'.dates and
330         njh.hCats = njh'.hCats and
331         njh.patients = njh'.patients and
332         njh.projects = njh'.projects and
333         njh.qryItems = njh'.qryItems and
334         njh.queries = njh'.queries and
335         njh.researchers = njh'.researchers and
336         njh.retItems = njh'.retItems and
337         njh.sources = njh'.sources and
338         njh.types = njh'.types and
339
340         // relations
341         njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
342         njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
343         njh.ATRules = njh'.ATRules and
344         njh.DataValues = njh'.DataValues and
345         njh.EnteredOn = njh'.EnteredOn and
346         njh.DICat = njh'.DICat and
347         njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
348         njh.PatientData = njh'.PatientData and
349         njh.ProjAT =njh'.ProjAT and
350         njh.ProjSources = njh'.ProjSources and
351         njh.ProjMembers = njh'.ProjMembers and
352         njh.ProjQueries = njh'.ProjQueries and
353         njh.QryReturns = njh'.QryReturns and
354         njh.QryWorksOn = njh'.QryWorksOn and
355         njh.RDFFromQD = njh'.RDFFromQD and
356         njh.RDType = njh'.RDType) }
357
358 private pred RunQueryPre[njh: NJH, r: Researcher, p: Project, q: Query] {
359     // in sets
360     q in njh.queries and
361     r in njh.researchers and

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362
363 // in relations
364 ResearcherAuthorisedToRunQuery[njh, r, p, q] and
365 // since (we assume) Query has not yet been run
366 no q.(njih.QryWorksOn) }
367
368 private pred RunQueryPost[njh, njh':NJH, q: Query] {
369 // Frame Conditions are post conditions
370 // frame conditions - no change
371 {
372 // sets
373 njh.accessRules = njh'.accessRules and
374 njh.accessTickets = njh'.accessTickets and
375 njh.hCats = njh'.hCats and
376 njh.patients = njh'.patients and
377 njh.projects = njh'.projects and
378 njh.queries = njh'.queries and
379 njh.researchers = njh'.researchers and
380 njh.sources = njh'.sources and
381 njh.types = njh'.types and
382
383 // relations
384 njh.ARAppliesTo = njh'.ARAppliesTo and
385 njh.ARTransforms = njh'.ARTransforms and
386 njh.ATRules = njh'.ATRules and
387 njh.DICat = njh'.DICat and
388 njh.DISource = njh'.DISource and
389 njh.PatientData = njh'.PatientData and
390 njh.ProjAT = njh'.ProjAT and
391 njh.ProjSources = njh'.ProjSources and
392 njh.ProjMembers = njh'.ProjMembers and
393 njh.ProjQueries = njh'.ProjQueries }
394
395 and
396
397 // frame conditions - changes
398 {
399 // to sets
400 njh.dataItems = njh'.dataItems - q.(njih'.QryReturns) and
401 njh.values in njh'.values
402 njh.dates in njh'.dates and
403 njh.qryItems in njh'.qryItems and
404 njh.retItems = njh'.retItems and
405
406 // to relations
407 // these changes relate to changes in qryItems, and retItems
408 njh.DataValues = njh'.DataValues - q.(njih'.QryReturns) <: njh'.DataValues //and
409 njh.EnteredOn = njh'.EnteredOn - q.(njih'.QryReturns) <: (njih'.EnteredOn) and
410 njh.QryReturns = njh'.QryReturns - q <: (njih'.QryReturns) and
411 njh.QryWorksOn = njh'.QryWorksOn - q <: (njih'.QryWorksOn) and
412 njh.RDFFromQD in njh'.RDFFromQD and
413 njh.RDType = njh'.RDType - q.(njih'.QryReturns) <: njh'.RDType}
414 }
415
416 private pred RunQueryOutput[ njh, njh':NJH, p:Project, q: Query] {
417 // frame postconditions
418 RunQueryPost[njh, njh', q] and
419 // currently these are a part of the invariants
420 // (see call to ConstructDeIDedReturnData[...] in inv[...] )
421 // - enforced in the traces fact but could be extracted to here
422 DeIDedTransformHDateIndividual[njh', p, q] }
423

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424 // formulation is where a query has one access ticket through the project and
425 // project has exactly one access ticket
426 // preconditions and (All?) frame conditions can be automatically generated!
427 private pred runQuery[njh, njh':NJH, r: Researcher, p: Project, q: Query] {
428     // preconditions
429     RunQueryPre[njh, r, p, q] and
430     // how changes are done, i.e. construct the return data
431     RunQueryOutput[njh, njh', p, q] }
432
433 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
434 // Operation Specifications
435 // Operation specifications does not ensure Conformance!!!
436 // ///////////////
437
438 // this is how we initialise the system
439 pred init[njh: NJH] {
440     some q: Query |
441     q in njh.queries and
442     // all the sets except qryItems and retItems are are non-empty
443     ShowSomeOfEverything[njh] and
444     // instance does not violate constraints
445     inv[njh] and
446     //the query in question is the one we want to check the operation specifications
447     for
448     no q.(njh.QryWorksOn)}
449 //run init for 3but exactly 1NJH expect 1
450
451 // this is how we move from instance to instance
452 fact traces {
453     init[ord/first]
454     all njh: NJH - ord/last, r: Researcher, q: Query, p: Project |
455     let njh' = njh.next |
456     runQuery[njh, njh', r, p, q] or NoChangeOp[njh, njh'] }
457
458 // END OF THE MODEL and RunQuery specification
459 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
460
461 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
462 // SOME OPERATION SPECIFICATIONS CHECKS
463 // ///////////////
464 // verify that operations preserve the invariants
465 // also a way for possible hidden paths to exist
466 assert OpPreserves {
467     all njh, njh': NJH |
468     all r: Researcher, q: Query, p: Project |
469     (inv[njh] and runQuery [njh, njh', r, p, q]) implies inv[njh'] }
470 // after a scope of 4, the checking takes too long, i.e. > 170secs
471 check OpPreserves for 4expect 0
472
473 // run only when opPreserves returns a counterexample
474 pred OpDoesNotPreserve[njh, njh': NJH, r: Researcher, p: Project, q: Query ]{
475     inv[njh] and runQuery[njh, njh', r,p, q] and not inv[njh'] }
476 run OpDoesNotPreserve for 3but exactly 2NJH expect 0
477
478
479 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
480 // CHECKING THE MODEL FOR CONFORMANCE
481 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
482
483 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
484 // HELPER/USEFUL Predicates and Functions to check conformance

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485 // these are not used in the model
486 // //////////
487 private pred ConformanceDeIDedHDateUnSet
488   [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
489     BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
490     not HDateSet[njh, qi] and
491     not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
492
493 private pred ConformanceDeIDedHDateUnSetFullDate
494   [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
495     BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
496     FullDateConditions[njh, qi] and
497     not HDateSet[njh, qi] and
498     not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
499
500 // since there should be no instance where qi's datavalue that is a date is not
501 // marked as a HDate, we expect to see no instances from running these
502 // two predicates when there is system conformance
503 //run ConformanceDeIDedHDateUnSet for 3but 1NJH expect 0
504 //run ConformanceDeIDedHDateUnSetFullDate for 3but 1NJH expect 0
505
506 // useful to check if Data Deided properly
507 private pred NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateSet
508   [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
509     BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
510     FullDateConditions[njh, qi] and
511     HDateSet[njh, qi] and
512     IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
513
514 // expect no instances from this predicate when there is system conformance
515 //run NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateSet for 3but 1NJH expect 0
516
517 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
518 // HELPER/USEFUL Predicates and Functions to check conformance
519 // these are needed in the model
520 // //////////
521
522 // these predicates help to check conformance
523 // //////////
524 private pred IdentifiedDate[d: Date] {some d.day }
525
526 private pred BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions
527   [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
528     // constraints hold
529     inv[njh] and
530
531     // qry is in the NJH system of interest
532     qry in njh.queries and
533
534     // query has DeIDed access as a part of a project
535     some (njh.ProjQueries).qry.(njh.ProjAT) & DeIDed and
536
537     // query has some data
538     qi in qry.(njh.QryWorksOn) and
539
540     // QryData qi is a Date
541     some qi.(njh.DataValues) & Date and
542
543     // query returns some Data
544     ri in qry.(njh.QryReturns) and
545
546     // Date data for QryWorksOn is identified data

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547 IdentifiedDate[qi.(njh.DataValues)] and
548
549 // the RetDdata we are interested in is for the QryData qi
550 ri = njh.RDFFromQD.qi and
551
552 // When a Query has RetData, this is how we construct it's return data for
553 // the DeIDed access ticket for the individual category
554 DeIDedTransformHDateIndividual[njh]
555 }
556
557 private pred FullDateConditions [njh: NJH, qi: QryData ] {
558     some qi.(njh.DataValues).day }
559
560 private pred HDateSet[njh: NJH, qi: QryData] {some qi.(njh.DICat) & HDate }
561
562 // these predicates check conformance under certain conditions
563 // ///////////
564
565 pred CanGetConformanceDeIDed
566     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
567         BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri]
568         and not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
569 // give me a system where some return data is de-identified
570 run CanGetConformanceDeIDed for 3but 1NJH expect 1
571
572 private pred ConformanceDeIDed
573     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
574         BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri]
575         implies not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
576 // give me a system where all the return data is de-identified
577 //run ConformanceDeIDed for 3but 1NJH expect 1
578
579 private pred ConformanceDeIDedHDateSet
580     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
581         (BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
582         HDateSet[njh, qi])
583         implies not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
584
585 private pred ConformanceDeIDedHDateSetFullDate
586     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
587         BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
588         FullDateConditions[njh, qi] and
589         HDateSet[njh, qi] and
590         not IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
591
592 // We can get instances from this predicate even when there is non-conformance
593 //run ConformanceDeIDedHDateSet for 3but 1NJH expect 1
594 //run ConformanceDeIDedHDateSetFullDate for 3but 1NJH expect 1
595
596 private pred NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet
597     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
598         BasicDeIdentifiedDateConditions[njh, qry, qi, ri] and
599         FullDateConditions[njh, qi] and
600         not HDateSet[njh, qi] and
601         IdentifiedDate[ri.(njh.DataValues)] }
602
603 // expect no instances from this predicate when there is system conformance
604 // NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet[..] gives an instance only when
605 // AllDatesCorrectlyCategorised[...] is disabled in inv[...]
606 //run NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet for 3but 1NJH expect 0
607
608 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

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609 // ACTUAL CONformance verification, predicate here is public,
610 // run predicate DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet only
611 // when AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateUnSet[...] returns a
612 // counterexample
613 // ///////////
614
615 // Verifies that in all instances the return data is always de-identified
616 // a counterexample may mean partial conformance
617 assert AlwaysDeIDedConformance{
618     all njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |
619         all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn), ri: q.(njh.QryReturns) |
620             ConformanceDeIDed[njh, q, qi, ri] }
621 check AlwaysDeIDedConformance for 3expect 0
622
623 // if all a system's return data is not de-identified, we check the reason,
624 // Reason: HDate is set fo ra dataitem that is a date so it means the Date
625 // was not deidentified properly
626 // a counterexample may mean partial conformance
627 assert AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateSet {
628     all njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |
629         all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn), ri: q.(njh.QryReturns) |
630             ConformanceDeIDedHDateSet[njh, q, qi, ri] }
631 check AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateSet for 3expect 0
632
633 // if all a system's return data is not de-identified, we check the reason,
634 // Reason: a dataitem that is a date was not categorised as a HDate
635 // a counterexample may mean partial conformance
636 assert AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateUnSet{
637     all njh: NJH, q: njh.queries |
638         all qi: q.(njh.QryWorksOn), ri: q.(njh.QryReturns) |
639             not NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet[njh, q, qi, ri] }
640 check AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateUnSet for 3expect 0
641
642 // show example where a system return data is not de-identified because a
643 // dataitem that is a date id not categorised as a HDate
644 // an instance means this could be one of the reasons for the non-conformance
645 pred DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet
646     [njh: NJH, qry: Query, qi: QryData, ri: RetData ] {
647         NonConformanceDeIDedFullDateHDateUnSet [njh, qry, qi, ri]}
648 run DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet for 3but 1NJH expect 0

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## B.2 Important Model Checks

Table B.1 describes the predicates and assertions we added to the *runQuery* Alloy model to extract model properties of interest. The most important results come from *OpPreserves*, *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* and *AlwaysDeIDedConformance*. A point worth mentioning is that *CanGetConformanceDeIDed* can give instances whether or not *OpPreserves* or *AlwaysDeIDedConformance* find counterexamples. We include both the *OpDoesNotPreserve* and *DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet* predicates as alternates to finding instances where the main assertions find counterexamples, because the assertions have much longer running times that probing the model for an instance when the assertions already produced counterexamples.

Table B.1: Important Model Checks for the *runQuery* method

Name	Type	Explanation	Result	State
OpPreserves	Assertion	Asserts that the <i>Query</i> operation specifications never cause the constraints we set up in <i>inv[...]</i> predicate to be violated	No counterexample expected	N/A
OpDoesNotPreserve	Predicate	Gives an instance under which the <i>runQuery</i> operation violates the constraints	No instance expected when <i>OpPreserves</i> gives no counterexamples	N/A
CanGetConformanceDeIDed	Predicate	Gives an instance to show that we can generate an instance in which data returned by a query is de-identified as expected	An instance is expected	instance means <i>De-identified</i> state present
AlwaysDeIDedConformance	Assertion	Asserts that under all circumstances, all query results using a de-identified access ticket are always de-identified	No counterexample expected	counterexample means <i>Identified</i> state present
AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateSet	Assertion	Asserts that when we identify patient data with a HIPAA date category query results using a de-identified access ticket are never identified. Used to further probe the model when <i>AlwaysDeIDedConformance</i> gives a counterexample.	No counterexample expected	counterexample means <i>Identified</i> state present
AlwaysDeIDedConformanceWhenHDateUnSet	Assertion	Asserts that when we do not identify patient data with a HIPAA date category query results using a de-identified access ticket are never identified. Used to further probe the model when <i>AlwaysDeIDedConformance</i> gives a counterexample.	No counterexample expected	counterexample means <i>Identified</i> state present
DeIDedNonConformanceFullDateWhenHDateUnSet	Predicate	Gives an instance where query results using a de-identified access ticket are identified on patient data with the HIPAA date category not set but should have been set	No instance expected; no instance if state is always <i>De-identified</i>	instance means <i>Identified</i> state present

**C.1 Counterexample in the *CheckConformance* Operation**

C.1.1 SLICE 5: ALLOY SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications are included in Section D.1.2.

## C.1.2 SLICE 5: ALLOY COUNTEREXAMPLE XML REPRESENTATION

See Figure 7.15 for a graphical representation of the Alloy Analyzer counterexample. Source in xml file removed as Alloy model is given in another appendix.

Listing C.1: *Slice 5: CheckConformance XML Counterexample*

```
1 <alloy builddate="2014-05-16 16:44 EDT">
2
3 <instance bitwidth="0" maxseq="0" command="Run showDeIDedDD for 7but 1NJH expect 1"
4   filename="slice_5_g_inst.als">
5 <sig label="seq/Int" ID="0" parentID="1" builtin="yes">
6 </sig>
7
8 <sig label="Int" ID="1" parentID="2" builtin="yes">
9 </sig>
10
11 <sig label="String" ID="3" parentID="2" builtin="yes">
12 </sig>
13
14 <sig label="this/Date" ID="4" parentID="5">
15   <atom label="Date$0"/>
16   <atom label="Date$1"/>
17 </sig>
18
19 <field label="day" ID="6" parentID="4">
20   <tuple> <atom label="Date$1"/> <atom label="Day$2"/> </tuple>
21   <types> <type ID="5"/> <type ID="7"/> </types>
22 </field>
23
24 <field label="month" ID="8" parentID="4">
25   <tuple> <atom label="Date$1"/> <atom label="Month$0"/> </tuple>
26   <types> <type ID="5"/> <type ID="9"/> </types>
27 </field>
28
29 <field label="year" ID="10" parentID="4">
30   <tuple> <atom label="Date$0"/> <atom label="Year$0"/> </tuple>
31   <tuple> <atom label="Date$1"/> <atom label="Year$0"/> </tuple>
32   <types> <type ID="5"/> <type ID="11"/> </types>
33 </field>
34
35 <sig label="this/Data" ID="5" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
36 </sig>
37
38 <sig label="this/Project" ID="12" parentID="13">
39   <atom label="Project$0"/>
40 </sig>
41
42 <sig label="this/DataSource" ID="13" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
43 </sig>
44
45 <sig label="this/AllowDeIDed" ID="14" parentID="15" one="yes">
46   <atom label="AllowDeIDed$0"/>
47 </sig>
48
49 <sig label="this/TotallyDeIDed" ID="16" parentID="15" one="yes">
50   <atom label="TotallyDeIDed$0"/>
```

```

51 </sig>
52
53 <sig label="this/TotallyIDed" ID="17" parentID="15" one="yes">
54   <atom label="TotallyIDed$0"/>
55 </sig>
56
57 <sig label="this/DataTransform" ID="15" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
58 </sig>
59
60 <sig label="this/Age" ID="18" parentID="19">
61   <atom label="Age$0"/>
62 </sig>
63
64 <sig label="this/Other" ID="20" parentID="19">
65   <atom label="Other$0"/>
66 </sig>
67
68 <sig label="this/Name" ID="19" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
69 </sig>
70
71 <sig label="this/DeIDed" ID="21" parentID="22" lone="yes">
72   <atom label="DeIDed$0"/>
73 </sig>
74
75 <sig label="this/Identified" ID="23" parentID="22" lone="yes">
76   <atom label="Identified$0"/>
77 </sig>
78
79 <sig label="this/AccessTicket" ID="22" parentID="24" abstract="yes">
80 </sig>
81
82 <sig label="this/Permission" ID="24" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
83 </sig>
84
85 <sig label="this/DownloadAllowed" ID="25" parentID="26" lone="yes">
86   <atom label="DownloadAllowed$0"/>
87 </sig>
88
89 <sig label="this/DownloadDisabled" ID="27" parentID="26" lone="yes">
90   <atom label="DownloadDisabled$0"/>
91 </sig>
92
93 <sig label="this/Status" ID="26" parentID="2" abstract="yes">
94 </sig>
95
96 <sig label="this/Day" ID="7" parentID="2">
97   <atom label="Day$0"/>
98   <atom label="Day$1"/>
99   <atom label="Day$2"/>
100 </sig>
101
102 <sig label="this/Month" ID="9" parentID="2">
103   <atom label="Month$0"/>
104 </sig>
105
106 <sig label="this/Query" ID="28" parentID="2">
107   <atom label="Query$0"/>
108   <atom label="Query$1"/>
109   <atom label="Query$2"/>
110 </sig>
111
112 <sig label="this/Year" ID="11" parentID="2">

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113     <atom label="Year$0"/>
114 </sig>
115
116 <sig label="this/DataItem" ID="29" parentID="2">
117     <atom label="DataItem$0"/>
118     <atom label="DataItem$1"/>
119     <atom label="DataItem$2"/>
120     <atom label="DataItem$3"/>
121     <atom label="DataItem$4"/>
122     <atom label="DataItem$5"/>
123     <atom label="DataItem$6"/>
124 </sig>
125
126 <field label="name" ID="30" parentID="29">
127     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$0"/> <atom label="Other$0"/> </tuple>
128     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$1"/> <atom label="Age$0"/> </tuple>
129     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$2"/> <atom label="Other$0"/> </tuple>
130     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> <atom label="Age$0"/> </tuple>
131     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> <atom label="Age$0"/> </tuple>
132     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$5"/> <atom label="Age$0"/> </tuple>
133     <tuple> <atom label="DataItem$6"/> <atom label="Other$0"/> </tuple>
134     <types> <type ID="29"/> <type ID="19"/> </types>
135 </field>
136
137 <sig label="this/NJH" ID="31" parentID="2">
138     <atom label="NJH$0"/>
139 </sig>
140
141 <field label="accessTickets" ID="32" parentID="31">
142     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Identified$0"/> </tuple>
143     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DeIDed$0"/> </tuple>
144     <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="24"/> </types>
145 </field>
146
147 <field label="dataItems" ID="33" parentID="31">
148     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$0"/> </tuple>
149     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$1"/> </tuple>
150     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$2"/> </tuple>
151     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> </tuple>
152     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> </tuple>
153     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$5"/> </tuple>
154     <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="29"/> </types>
155 </field>
156
157 <field label="dates" ID="34" parentID="31">
158     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Date$0"/> </tuple>
159     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
160     <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="5"/> </types>
161 </field>
162
163 <field label="permissions" ID="35" parentID="31">
164     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Identified$0"/> </tuple>
165     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DeIDed$0"/> </tuple>
166     <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="24"/> </types>
167 </field>
168
169 <field label="projects" ID="36" parentID="31">
170     <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> </tuple>
171     <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="13"/> </types>
172 </field>
173
174 <field label="qryItems" ID="37" parentID="31">

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175 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$1"/> </tuple>
176 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$2"/> </tuple>
177 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="29"/> </types>
178 </field>
179
180 <field label="queries" ID="38" parentID="31">
181 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$0"/> </tuple>
182 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$1"/> </tuple>
183 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$2"/> </tuple>
184 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="28"/> </types>
185 </field>
186
187 <field label="retItems" ID="39" parentID="31">
188 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$0"/> </tuple>
189 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> </tuple>
190 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> </tuple>
191 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$5"/> </tuple>
192 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="29"/> </types>
193 </field>
194
195 <field label="statuses" ID="40" parentID="31">
196 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DownloadDisabled$0"/> </tuple>
197 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DownloadAllowed$0"/> </tuple>
198 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="26"/> </types>
199 </field>
200
201 <field label="transforms" ID="41" parentID="31">
202 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="AllowDeIDed$0"/> </tuple>
203 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="TotallyDeIDed$0"/> </tuple>
204 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="TotallyIDed$0"/> </tuple>
205 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="15"/> </types>
206 </field>
207
208 <field label="values" ID="42" parentID="31">
209 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Date$0"/> </tuple>
210 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
211 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="5"/> </types>
212 </field>
213
214 <field label="dataValues" ID="43" parentID="31">
215 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$0"/> <atom label="Date$0"/> </tuple>
216 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$1"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
217 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$2"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
218 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
219 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
220 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$5"/> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
221 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="29"/> <type ID="5"/> </types>
222 </field>
223
224 <field label="enteredOn" ID="44" parentID="31">
225 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> <atom label="Date$0"/> </tuple>
226 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> <atom label="Date$0"/> </tuple>
227 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="29"/> <type ID="5"/> </types>
228 </field>
229
230 <field label="projectAT" ID="45" parentID="31">
231 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> <atom label="DeIDed$0"/> </tuple>
232 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="13"/> <type ID="24"/> </types>
233 </field>
234
235 <field label="projectDataTransformRequired" ID="46" parentID="31">

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236 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> <atom label="TotallyDeIDed$0"/>
    </tuple>
237 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="13"/> <type ID="15"/> </types>
238 </field>
239
240 <field label="projectQueries" ID="47" parentID="31">
241 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> <atom label="Query$0"/> </tuple>
242 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> <atom label="Query$1"/> </tuple>
243 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Project$0"/> <atom label="Query$2"/> </tuple>
244 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="13"/> <type ID="28"/> </types>
245 </field>
246
247 <field label="qryReturns" ID="48" parentID="31">
248 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$0"/> <atom
    label="DataItem$2"/> </tuple>
249 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$0"/> <atom label="DataItem$3"/> <atom
    label="DataItem$1"/> </tuple>
250 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$1"/> <atom label="DataItem$4"/> <atom
    label="DataItem$1"/> </tuple>
251 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$2"/> <atom label="DataItem$5"/> <atom
    label="DataItem$1"/> </tuple>
252 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="28"/> <type ID="29"/> <type ID="29"/> </types>
253 </field>
254
255 <field label="VDAAllowed" ID="49" parentID="31">
256 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$0"/> <atom label="DownloadDisabled$0"/>
    </tuple>
257 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> <atom label="Query$2"/> <atom label="DownloadDisabled$0"/>
    </tuple>
258 <types> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="28"/> <type ID="26"/> </types>
259 </field>
260
261 <sig label="ord/Ord" ID="50" parentID="2" one="yes" private="yes">
262 <atom label="ord/Ord$0"/>
263 </sig>
264
265 <field label="First" ID="51" parentID="50" private="yes">
266 <tuple> <atom label="ord/Ord$0"/> <atom label="NJH$0"/> </tuple>
267 <types> <type ID="50"/> <type ID="31"/> </types>
268 </field>
269
270 <field label="Next" ID="52" parentID="50" private="yes">
271 <types> <type ID="50"/> <type ID="31"/> <type ID="31"/> </types>
272 </field>
273
274 <sig label="univ" ID="2" builtin="yes">
275 </sig>
276
277 <sig label="this/QryData" ID="53">
278 <atom label="DataItem$1"/>
279 <atom label="DataItem$2"/>
280 <atom label="DataItem$3"/>
281 <atom label="DataItem$4"/>
282 <atom label="DataItem$5"/>
283 <atom label="DataItem$6"/>
284 <type ID="29"/>
285 </sig>
286
287 <sig label="this/RetData" ID="54">
288 <atom label="DataItem$0"/>
289 <atom label="DataItem$3"/>
290 <atom label="DataItem$4"/>

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291 <atom label="DataItem$5"/>
292 <atom label="DataItem$6"/>
293 <type ID="29"/>
294 </sig>
295
296 <skolem label="$init_q" ID="55">
297 <tuple> <atom label="Query$1"/> </tuple>
298 <types> <type ID="28"/> </types>
299 </skolem>
300
301 <skolem label="$showDeIDedDD_njh" ID="56">
302 <tuple> <atom label="NJH$0"/> </tuple>
303 <types> <type ID="31"/> </types>
304 </skolem>
305
306 <skolem label="$showDeIDedDD_p" ID="57">
307 <tuple> <atom label="Project$0"/> </tuple>
308 <types> <type ID="13"/> </types>
309 </skolem>
310
311 <skolem label="$showDeIDedDD_q" ID="58">
312 <tuple> <atom label="Query$2"/> </tuple>
313 <types> <type ID="28"/> </types>
314 </skolem>
315
316 <skolem label="$common_inst_p" ID="59">
317 <tuple> <atom label="Project$0"/> </tuple>
318 <types> <type ID="13"/> </types>
319 </skolem>
320
321 <skolem label="$common_inst_q" ID="60">
322 <tuple> <atom label="Query$2"/> </tuple>
323 <types> <type ID="28"/> </types>
324 </skolem>
325
326 <skolem label="$totallyDeIDedTransform_d" ID="61">
327 <tuple> <atom label="Date$1"/> </tuple>
328 <types> <type ID="5"/> </types>
329 </skolem>
330
331 </instance>
332
333 </alloy>

```

C.1.3 SLICE 5: ALLOY COUNTEREXAMPLE USE REPRESENTATION (SEE FIGURE 7.17 FOR A GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE OBJECT MODEL)

Listing C.2: *Slice 5: CheckConformance* USE Counterexample

```
1  -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2
3  !new DownloadDisabled('DownloadDisabled_0')
4  !new DeIDed('DeIDed_0')
5
6  !new QryData('DataItem_4')
7  !new QryData('DataItem_5')
8
9  !DataItem_4.name := 'Age'
10 !DataItem_5.name := 'Other'
11
12 !new Date('Date_1')
13 !Date_1.day := 9
14 !Date_1.month := 8
15 !Date_1.year := 1931
16
17 !insert (DataItem_5,Date_1) into DataValues
18 !insert (DataItem_4,Date_1) into DataValues
19
20 !new Project('Project_1')
21 !new Query('Query_0')
22 !insert (Project_1,DeIDed_0) into ProjectAT
23 !insert (Project_1,Query_0) into ProjectQueries
24
25 !new RetData('DataItem_0')
26 !new RetData('DataItem_1')
27 !new RetData('DataItem_2')
28 !new RetData('DataItem_3')
29
30 !new Date('Date_0')
31 !Date_0.day := 0
32 !Date_0.month := 0
33 !Date_0.year := 1931
34
35 !DataItem_0.name := 'Age'
36 !insert (Query_0,DataItem_0,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
37 !insert (DataItem_0,Date_0) into DataValues
38
39 !DataItem_3.name := 'Other'
40 !insert (Query_0,DataItem_3,DataItem_5) into QryReturns
41 !insert (DataItem_3,Date_1) into DataValues
42
43 !DataItem_2.name := 'Age'
44 !insert (Query_0,DataItem_2,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
45 !insert (DataItem_2,Date_0) into DataValues
46
47 !DataItem_1.name := 'Age'
48 !insert (Query_0,DataItem_1,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
49 !insert (DataItem_1,Date_0) into DataValues
50
51 !insert (Query_0,DownloadDisabled_0) into VDAllowed
```

## C.2 USE Commands for Generating On-Demand Object Models in the NJH System

The listings in sections C.2.1 through C.2.4 are used in the listings in Section C.2.5.

### C.2.1 USE CLASS MODELS

Listing C.3: *USE Class Model for Slice 5 to Check Conformance*

```
1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  5. Check Conformance
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date Sept 20, 2016
7  Version 4
8  */
9
10 model NJHg_slice_5
11
12 /* Abstract CLASSES */
13
14 abstract class Data end
15 abstract class Permission end
16
17 /* Extended abstract classes */
18 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
19
20 /* Unextended concrete classes */
21 class DataItem
22 attributes
23     name: String
24 end
25
26 class Query
27 attributes
28 operations
29     download()
30     view()
31 end
32
33 abstract class Status end
34
35 /* Extended concrete classes */
36
37 class Date < Data
38 attributes
39     day: Integer
40     month: Integer
41     year: Integer
42 operations
43     isIdentified(): Boolean
44     isNotIdentified(): Boolean
45 end
46
47 class DStr < Data
48 attributes
49     sVal: String
50 end
```

```

51
52 class Project end
53
54 class QryData < DataItem end
55 class RetData < DataItem end
56
57 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
58 class Identified < AccessTicket end
59
60 class DownloadDisabled < Status end
61 class DownloadAllowed < Status end
62
63 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
64 association DataValues between
65     DataItem[*]
66     Data[1]
67 end
68
69 association EnteredOn between
70     DataItem[*] role item
71     Date[0..1] role date
72 end
73
74 association ProjectAT between
75     Project[*]
76     AccessTicket[0..1]
77 end
78
79 association ProjectQueries between
80     Project[*] /* relax from 1to * to allow generation program to work, enforced as 1in a
81     constraint */
82     Query[*]
83 end
84
85 association QryReturns between
86     Query[*] role qry
87     RetData[*] role rData
88     QryData[*] role qData
89 end
90
91 association VDAAllowed between
92     Query[*]
93     Status[0..1]
94 end

```

Listing C.4: *USE Class Model for Slice 4 to Execute Query*

```

1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  4. execute query
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date Sept 1, 2016
7  Version 4
8  */
9
10 model NJHg_slice_4
11
12 /* Abstract CLASSES */
13 abstract class Category end
14 abstract class Data end
15 abstract class DataSource end
16 abstract class Permission end
17 abstract class Rule
18 attributes
19 operations
20     applyRule()
21 end
22
23 /* Extended abstract classes */
24 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
25 abstract class AccessRule < Rule end
26
27 abstract class HIPAACat < Category end
28 abstract class Consent < Category end
29
30 abstract class Type end
31
32 /* Unextended concrete classes */
33 class DataItem
34 attributes
35     name: String
36 end
37
38 class Patient end
39 class Personnel end
40 class Query
41 attributes
42 operations
43     runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
44     download()
45     view()
46 end
47
48 /* Extended concrete classes */
49 class Allow < Consent end
50 class Disallow < Consent end
51
52 class Date < Data
53 attributes
54     day: Integer
55     month: Integer
56     year: Integer
57 operations
58     isIdentified(): Boolean
59     isNotIdentified(): Boolean

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```

60 end
61
62 /*class DStr < Data
63 attributes
64   sVal: String
65 end */
66 class HDate < HIPAACat end
67
68 class Project < DataSource end
69 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
70
71 class Researcher < Personnel end
72 class Qualifier < Personnel end
73
74 class QryData < DataItem end
75 class RetData < DataItem end
76
77 class Individual < Type end
78 class Group < Type end
79
80 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
81 class Identified < AccessTicket end
82
83 class TransformHDate < AccessRule end
84 class PatientConsent < AccessRule end
85
86 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
87 association ARAppliesTo between
88   AccessRule[*] role accessrule
89   Type[1..*] role type
90 end
91 association ARHides between
92   AccessRule[*]
93   Category[*]
94 end
95
96 association ARTransforms between
97   AccessRule[*] role hAccessRules
98   HIPAACat[*]
99 end
100
101 association DataValues between
102   DataItem[*]
103   Data[1]
104 end
105
106 association DICat between
107   DataItem[*]
108   HIPAACat[*]
109 end
110
111 association DISource between
112   DataSource[0..1]
113   DataItem[*]
114 end
115
116 association EnteredOn between
117   DataItem[*] role item
118   Date[0..1] role date
119 end
120
121 association PatientData between

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```

122     Patient[0..1]
123     DataItem[*]
124     Consent[0..1]
125 end
126
127 association PermRules between
128     Permission[*]
129     Rule[1..*]
130 end
131
132 association ProjectAT between
133     Project[*]
134     AccessTicket[0..1]
135 end
136
137 association ProjectDataCollector between
138     Project[*]
139     Personnel[0..1] role dc
140 end
141
142 association ProjectMembers between
143     Project[*] role proj
144     Researcher[*] role members
145 end
146
147 association ProjectPI between
148     Project[*] role pi_proj
149     Researcher[0..1] role pi
150 end
151
152 association ProjectQueries between
153     Project[*] /* relax from lto * to allow generation program to work, enforced as l in a
154         constraint */
155     Query[*]
156 end
157
158 association ProjectSources between
159     Project [*]
160     DataSource[*]
161 end
162
163 association QryWorksOn between
164     Query[*]
165     QryData[*]
166 end
167
168 association QryReturns between
169     Query[*] role qry
170     RetData[*] role rData
171     QryData[*] role qData
172 end
173
174 association RDType between
175     Query[*] role rd_qry
176     RetData[*] role rd_data
177     Type[0..1]

```

Listing C.5: *USE Class Model for Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket*

```

1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  3. approve project access ticket,
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date August 18, 2016
7  Version 4
8  */
9
10 model NJHg_slice_1
11
12 /* Abstract CLASSES */
13 abstract class DataSource end
14 abstract class DataTransform end
15 abstract class Permission end
16 abstract class Rule
17 attributes
18 operations
19     applyRule()
20 end
21 abstract class Purpose end
22
23 /* Extended abstract classes */
24 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
25
26 class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
27 class NotTotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
28
29 abstract class Licence < Permission end
30 abstract class DecisionRule < Rule end
31
32 /* Unextended concrete classes */
33 class Personnel end
34 class Query
35 attributes
36 operations
37     runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
38     download()
39     view()
40 end
41
42
43 /* Extended concrete classes */
44 class Project < DataSource end
45 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
46
47
48 class Fishing < Licence end
49
50 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
51 class Identified < AccessTicket end
52
53 class CanUseTotallyDeIDed < DecisionRule end
54 class ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector < DecisionRule end
55 class DataAccessAgreementPresent < DecisionRule end
56 class DataSourcePriorityOK < DecisionRule end
57 class LicenedTeamAndPI < DecisionRule end
58 class NoOverlapPITeamDC < DecisionRule end
59 class NoSupsInPIandDC < DecisionRule end

```

```

60 class PIDefined < DecisionRule end
61 class ProjectMembersDefined < DecisionRule end
62 class QualifierPresent < DecisionRule end
63 class SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment < DecisionRule end
64 class SomeQueriesDefined < DecisionRule end
65 class SomeSourcesDefined < DecisionRule end
66
67 class DirectTreatment < Purpose end
68 class Research < Purpose end
69
70 /* These classes are defined using the 'in' keyword in the Alloy model.
71    How will we achieve this in OCL? */
72 class Qualifier < Personnel
73 attributes
74 operations
75     QualifyResearcher(res: Researcher)
76 end
77 class Researcher < Personnel end
78
79
80 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
81
82 association ATPriority between
83     AccessTicket[*] role ant
84     AccessTicket[*] role desc
85 end
86
87 association DataAccessAgreement between
88     Project[*] role owner
89     Project[*] role user
90 end
91
92 association PermRules between
93     Permission[*]
94     Rule[1..*]
95 end
96
97 association ProjectAT between
98     Project[*]
99     AccessTicket[0..1]
100 end
101
102 association ProjectDataCollector between
103     Project[*]
104     Personnel[0..1] role dc
105 end
106
107 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
108     Project[*]
109     DataTransform[0..1]
110 end
111
112 association ProjectMembers between
113     Project[*] role proj
114     Researcher[*] role members
115 end
116
117 association ProjectPI between
118     Project[*] role pi_proj
119     Researcher[0..1] role pi
120 end
121

```

```
122 association ProjectPurpose between
123     Project[*]
124     Purpose[0..1]
125 end
126
127 association ProjectQueries between
128     Project[*] /* relax from 1to * to allow generation */
129     Query[*]
130 end
131
132 association ProjectSources between
133     Project [*]
134     DataSource[*]
135 end
136
137 association ResearcherL between
138     Researcher[*]
139     Licence[0..1]
140 end
141
142 association Supervisors between
143     Personnel[*] role supervisor
144     Personnel[*] role supervised
145 end
```

## C.2.2 OCLCONSTRAINTS

Listing C.6: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 2, and 3 to Approve Researcher's Licence and Approve*

*Access Ticket respectively - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_23g.cnsts*

```
1 context Fishing
2
3 inv singletonFishing:
4   Fishing.allInstances->size()<=1
5
6 inv FishingDesicionRules:
7   rule->forall(r | r.ocllsTypeOf(QualifierPresent)=true)
8
9 context QualifierPresent
10
11 inv QualifierPresentOnlyForFishing:
12   permission->forall(p | p.ocllsTypeOf(Fishing)=true)
13
14 context DecisionRule
15
16 inv singletonEachDecisionRule:
17   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
18     ocllsTypeOf(CanUseTotallyDeIDed)=true)->size<=1
19 and
20   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
21     ocllsTypeOf(DataSourcePriorityOK)=true)->size<=1
22 and
23   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
24     ocllsTypeOf(LicenedTeamAndPI)=true)->size<=1
25 and
26   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
27     ocllsTypeOf(NoOverlapPIandDC)=true)->size<=1
28 and
29   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
30     ocllsTypeOf(NoSupsInPIandDC)=true)->size<=1
31 and
32   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
33     ocllsTypeOf(PIDefined)=true)->size<=1
34 and
35   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
36     ocllsTypeOf(ProjectMembersDefined)=true)->size<=1
37 and
38   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
39     ocllsTypeOf(QualifierPresent)=true)->size<=1
40 and
41   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
42     ocllsTypeOf(SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment)=true)->size<=1
43 and
44   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
45     ocllsTypeOf(SomeQueriesDefined)=true)->size<=1
46 and
47   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
48     ocllsTypeOf(SomeSourcesDefined)=true)->size<=1
49 and
50   DecisionRule.allInstances.select(
51     ocllsTypeOf(DataAccessAgreementPresent)=true)->size<=1
```

Listing C.7: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 2, 3, and 4 to Approve Researcher’s Licence, Approve Access Ticket, and Execute Query respectively - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_234g.cnsts*

```

1 |
2 | /* This was weakened in the CD for slice 5 and 4,
3 |    so we add it as a constraint here */
4 | context Permission
5 | inv invEachPermHasAtLeastOneRule:
6 |     rule->size()>=1

```

Listing C.8: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 3 and 4 to Approve Access Ticket and Execute Query respectively - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_34g.cnsts*

```

1 | context AccessTicket
2 |
3 | inv singletonEachAT:
4 |     AccessTicket.allInstances.select(
5 |         oclIsTypeOf(Identified)=true)->size()<=1
6 |     and
7 |     AccessTicket.allInstances.select(
8 |         oclIsTypeOf(DeIDed)=true)->size()<=1
9 |
10 | context ClinicalDB
11 | inv singletonClinicalDB:
12 |     ClinicalDB.allInstances.select(oclIsTypeOf(ClinicalDB)=true)->size()<=1
13 |
14 | context Project
15 | inv invProjectNeedsDataCollectorForClinicalDB:
16 |     dataSource->select(oclIsTypeOf(ClinicalDB)=true)->size()=1 implies
17 |         dc->size()=1
18 | /* this not really required because executing the query should check it */
19 | inv invProjectSources2:
20 |     dataSource->select(oclIsTypeOf(Project)=true)->forall(
21 |         p | p.oclAsType(Project).accessTicket->size()=1 )
22 |
23 | context DataSource
24 | inv invProjectSources1: /* easier to write this in the context of DataSource */
25 |     project.closure(project)->excludes(self)

```

Listing C.9: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 3, 4 and 5 to Approve Researcher’s Licence, Approve Access Ticket, and Execute Query respectively - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_345g.cnsts*

```

1 | context Query
2 |
3 | inv invEachQueryAssociatedWithOnlyOneProject:
4 |     project->size()=1

```

Listing C.10: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 4 and 5 to Execute Query and Check Conformance respectively - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_45g.cnsts*

```

1 | context Date
2 | inv attValues1:
3 |     day >= 0 and day <= 31
4 |     and
5 |     month >= 0 and month <=12
6 |     and
7 |     year >= 1900
8 |
9 | inv attValues2:
10 |    day>29 implies
11 |        Sequence{1,3..12}->includes(month)
12 |
13 | inv attValues3:
14 |    (month=2 and day=29) implies
15 |        year.mod(4)=0
16 |
17 | inv attValues4:
18 |    (month=2 and day=29 and year.mod(100)=0) implies
19 |        year.mod(400)=0
20 |
21 | context Type
22 | inv singletonEachType:
23 |    Type.allInstances.select(
24 |        oclIsTypeOf(Group)=true)->size<=1
25 |    and
26 |    Type.allInstances.select(
27 |        oclIsTypeOf(Individual)=true)->size<=1
28 |
29 | context RetData
30 | inv retDataInOneQuery:
31 |    qry->size()<=1 /* should be =1? */
32 |
33 | inv retDataType:
34 |    type->size()=1
35 |
36 | context Query
37 | inv invRDType:
38 |    rData->forAll(
39 |        (qData->size()=1 implies
40 |            type->select(oclIsTypeOf(Individual)=true)->size=1)
41 |        and
42 |        (qData->size()>1 implies
43 |            type->select(oclIsTypeOf(Group)=true)->size=1)
44 |        )
45 |
46 |
47 | inv invQryReturns1:
48 |    qryData->includesAll(qData)
49 |
50 | inv invQryReturns2:
51 |    qData->size()>0 implies project.accessTicket->size()=1

```

Listing C.11: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slice 5 to Check Conformance, filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5g\_1.cnsts*

```

1 | context Status
2 | inv singletonEachStatus:
3 |   Status.allInstances.select(
4 |     oclIsTypeOf(DownloadDisabled)=true)->size<=1
5 |   and
6 |   Status.allInstances.select(
7 |     oclIsTypeOf(DownloadAllowed)=true)->size<=1

```

Listing C.12: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slice 5 to Check Conformance, filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5g\_2.cnsts*

```

1 | context Query
2 | inv invVDAAllowed:
3 |   let
4 |     cond1: Boolean =
5 |       rData->size(>0),
6 |     cond2: Boolean =
7 |       status->size(=1)
8 |   in
9 |     cond1 implies cond2
10 |   and
11 |     cond2 implies cond1
12 |
13 | inv invDownloadAllowedDeIDed:
14 |   let
15 |     cond1: Boolean =
16 |       project.accessTicket->select(oclIsTypeOf(DeIDed)=true)->size(=1),
17 |     cond2: Boolean = rData.data->select(
18 |       oclIsTypeOf(Date)=true)->forall(d |d.oclAsType(Date).day=0),
19 |     cond3: Boolean =
20 |       status.oclIsTypeOf(DownloadAllowed)=true
21 |   in
22 |     cond1 implies (
23 |       (cond2 implies cond3)
24 |       and
25 |       (cond3 implies cond2))
26 |
27 | inv invDownloadDisabledDeIDed:
28 |   let
29 |     cond1: Boolean =
30 |       project.accessTicket->select(oclIsTypeOf(DeIDed)=true)->size(=1),
31 |     cond2: Boolean =
32 |       rData.data->select(
33 |         oclIsTypeOf(Date)=true)->exists(d |d.oclAsType(Date).day<>0),
34 |     cond3: Boolean =
35 |       status.oclIsTypeOf(DownloadDisabled)=true
36 |   in
37 |     cond1 implies (
38 |       (cond2 implies cond3)
39 |       and
40 |       (cond3 implies cond2))

```

Listing C.13: *USE Constraints applicable only to Slice 4 to Execute Query - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_4g.cnsts*

```

1 | context AccessRule

```

```

2  inv invARHides:
3      category->excludesAll(hIPAACat) and
4          hIPAACat->excludesAll(category)
5
6  inv singletonEachAccessRule:
7      AccessRule.allInstances.select(
8          oclIsTypeOf(TransformHDate)=true)->size<=1
9      and
10     AccessRule.allInstances.select(
11         oclIsTypeOf(PatientConsent)=true)->size<=1
12
13 context Category
14 inv singletonEachCategory:
15     Category.allInstances.select(
16         oclIsTypeOf(HDate)=true)->size<=1
17     and
18     Category.allInstances.select(
19         oclIsTypeOf(Allow)=true)->size<=1
20     and
21     Category.allInstances.select(
22         oclIsTypeOf(Disallow)=true)->size<=1
23
24 context DataItem
25 inv invDISourceAndEnteredOn:
26     dataSource.oclIsTypeOf(ClinicalDB)=true implies
27         (date->size()=1 and
28             date.day >=1 and date.month >=1 )
29
30 /* Correctly categoriises ClinicalCB dates as HDate
31    this relaxed for non-conformance */
32 /*inv invPatientDataAndDICat:
33     (data.oclIsTypeOf(Date)=true and
34         self.oclIsTypeOf(RetData)=false)
35     implies
36         hIPAACat->select(oclIsTypeOf(HDate)=true)->size()=1 */
37
38 inv invEnteredOn:
39     patient->size()>0 implies (date->size()=1 and date.day>=1)
40
41 context DataSource
42 inv invDISource1:
43     if oclIsTypeOf(Project)=true then
44         self.dataItem->forAll(oclIsTypeOf(RetData)=true )
45     else
46         self.dataItem->forAll(oclIsTypeOf(RetData)=false)
47     endif
48
49 context Query
50 inv invDISource2:
51     rData.qData->forAll(qd | qd.dataSource.oclIsTypeOf(ClinicalDB)=true)

```

Listing C.14: OCL Constraints applicable only to Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is *slice\_3g.cnsts*

```

1  /*
2  Constraints for approve project licence
3
4  Written by Phillipa Bennett
5  Date August 18, 2016

```

```

6 Version 4
7 */
8
9 context AccessTicket
10
11 inv invATPriority: /* no cycles */
12   desc.closure(desc)->excludes(self) or
13   ant.closure(ant)->excludes(self)
14
15 inv QualifierPresentNotAnATDecisionRule:
16   rule.select(
17     oclIsTypeOf(QualifierPresent)=true)->size()=0
18
19 context DataTransform
20
21 inv singletonEachDT:
22   DataTransform.allInstances.select(
23     oclIsTypeOf(TotallyDeIDed)=true)->size()<=1
24   and
25   DataTransform.allInstances.select(
26     oclIsTypeOf(NotTotallyDeIDed)=true)->size()<=1
27
28 context Purpose
29
30 inv singletonEachPurpose:
31   Purpose.allInstances.select(
32     oclIsTypeOf(DirectTreatment)=true)->size()<=1
33   and
34   Purpose.allInstances.select(
35     oclIsTypeOf(Research)=true)->size()<=1
36
37 context Project
38 inv invDataAccessAgreement1: /* no cycles */
39   owner->closure(owner)->excludes(self) or
40   user->closure(user)->excludes(self)
41
42 /* inv invDataAccessAgreement2: - see invDataAccessAgreementPresent below */
43
44 context Personnel
45 inv invSupervisors: /* no cycles */
46   supervised->closure(supervised)->excludes(self) or
47   supervisor->closure(supervisor)->excludes(self)

```

### C.2.3 ASSL PROCEDURES

Listing C.15: *ASSL Procedures for Slice 4 to Execute Query*

```

1  /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** */
2  PROCEDURE
3  * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** */
4  procedure add_4g_singleton_objects(
5      max: Integer )
6  var
7      /* misc */
8      n: Integer;
9
10 begin
11     /* a. create singleton objects */
12     Create(ClinicalDB);
13     Create(HDate);
14     Create(Allow);
15     Create(Disallow);
16     Create(Group);
17     Create(Individual);
18
19     /* Personnel, choose da, pi, and team pool */
20     //n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
21     CreateN(Personnel, [2]); /* if n>2 generation fails */
22
23     //n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
24     CreateN(Qualifier, [2]); /* if n>2 generation fails */
25
26     n := Any([Sequence{3..max}]);
27     CreateN(Researcher, [n]);
28 end;
29
30 /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** */
31 PROCEDURE
32 * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** */
33 procedure configure_AT_AccessRules()
34 var
35     /* Permissions */
36     iat: Identified,
37     dat: DeIDed,
38     g: Group,
39     i: Individual,
40
41     /* Hipaa categories */
42     hipaad: HDate,
43
44     /* abstract DecisionRule object */
45     ar: AccessRule;
46
47 begin
48     dat := Any([DeIDed.allInstances->asSequence()]);
49     iat := Any([Identified.allInstances->asSequence()]);
50     g := Any([Group.allInstances->asSequence()]);
51     i := Any([Individual.allInstances->asSequence()]);
52     hipaad := Any([HDate.allInstances->asSequence()]);
53
54     /* Access ticket AccessRules,
55     Create PermRules and ARAppliesTo associations */
56     ar := Create(TransformHDate);

```

```

57     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [ar]);
58     /* Insert(ARAppliesTo, [ar], [g]); */
59     Insert(ARAppliesTo, [ar], [i]);
60     Insert(ARTransforms, [ar], [hipaad]);
61
62     ar := Create(PatientConsent);
63     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [ar]);
64     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [ar]);
65     Insert(ARAppliesTo, [ar], [g]);
66     Insert(ARAppliesTo, [ar], [i]);
67 end;
68
69 /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
70 PROCEDURE
71 * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
72 procedure generate_patient_data(
73     max: Integer,
74     maxMonth: Integer,
75     currentYear: Integer)
76 var
77     di: Sequence(DataItem),
78     di_5: Sequence(DataItem),
79     pdi: Sequence(DataItem),
80
81     da: Sequence(Date),
82     nda: Sequence(Date),
83
84     patients: Sequence(Patient),
85     cnsts: Sequence(Consent),
86
87     cDB: ClinicalDB,
88     date: Date,
89     cnst: Consent,
90     hipaad: HDate,
91
92     allow: Boolean,
93     first: Boolean,
94     maxYears: Integer,
95     m: Integer,
96     nbr: Integer,
97     n: Integer;
98
99 begin
100     allow := [false];
101     nbr := [1];
102     maxYears := [95];
103
104     /* Categories */
105     cnsts := [Consent.allInstances->asSequence()];
106     hipaad := Any([HDate.allInstances->asSequence()]);
107
108     /* DataSources */
109     cDB := Any([ClinicalDB.allInstances->asSequence()]);
110
111     /* Patients */
112     n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
113     patients := CreateN(Patient, [n]);
114
115     /* DataItems */
116     di_5 := [DataItem.allInstances()->asSequence()];
117     di := CreateN(DataItem, [nbr*n]); /* nbr DataItem for each patient */
118     di := [DataItem.allInstances()->asSequence()]; /* includes dataitems created in slice 5*/

```

```

119
120  /* Date Data */
121  da := CreateN(Date, [di->size()]);
122  for d: Date in [da] begin
123      // day
124      [d].day := Any([Sequence{1..31}]);
125
126      // month
127      if [d.day>28] then begin
128          m:= Any([Sequence{1, 3..12}]);
129      end
130      else begin
131          m:= Any([Sequence{1..12}]); //leave out month=2 & day=29 for now
132      end;
133      [d].month := [m];
134
135      // year
136      if [d.month>maxMonth] then begin
137          m:= Any([Sequence{currentYear-maxYears..currentYear-1}]);
138      end
139      else begin
140          m:= Any([Sequence{currentYear-maxYears..currentYear}]);
141      end;
142      [d].year := [m];
143  end;
144  da := [Date.allInstances()->
145      select(d | d.day<>0)->asSequence()]; /* includes identified dataitems created in slice
146      5*/
147
148  /* Association Links */
149  Try(DataValues, [di], [da]);
150
151  /* PatientData */
152  for p: Patient in [patients] begin
153      first := [false];
154      n := Any([Sequence{1..nbr}]);
155      pdi := Sub([di->select(patient->size()=0)->asSequence()], [n]);
156      for d: DataItem in [di_5] begin
157          /*if [first=false] then begin
158              [d].name := Any([Sequence{'Age'}]);
159              first := [true];
160          end; */
161          /* ensure at lease one DataItem has Allow in PatientData */
162          if [allow=false] then begin
163              cnst := Any([cnsts->select(oclIsTypeOf(Allow)=true)]);
164              allow := [true];
165          end;
166          /* else begin
167              cnst := Any([cnsts]);
168          end; */
169          Insert(PatientData, [p], [d], [cnst]);
170      end;
171  end;
172
173  /* Delete DataItems not assigned to patient */
174  for d: DataItem in [di->select(patient->size()=0)->asSequence()] begin
175      Delete([d]);
176  end;
177
178  /* do we need to update di? */
179  di := [DataItem.allInstances->asSequence()];

```

```

180      /* DISource for data linked to a patient */
181      for d: DataItem in [di] begin
182          date := Any([da]);
183          Insert(EnteredOn, [d], [date]);
184          Insert(DISource, [cDB], [d]);
185      end;
186
187      /* Delete Date not assigned to DataItem in DataValues or EnteredOn */
188      for d: Date in [
189          da->select(dataItem->size()=0)->asSequence()] begin
190          if [d.item->size()=0] then begin Delete([d]); end;
191      end;
192      /* do we need to update da? */
193      da := [Date.allInstances->asSequence()];
194
195      /* Set HDate for Dates */
196      for d: DataItem in [di] begin
197          if [d.data.oclIsTypeOf(Date)=true] then begin
198              //date := [d.data.oclAsType(Date)];
199              if [d.name='Age'] then begin
200                  Insert(DICat, [d], [hipaad]);
201              end;
202          end;
203      end;
204  end;
205
206  /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
207  PROCEDURE
208  * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
209  procedure setup_project(
210      proj: Project,
211      qry: Query,
212      at: AccessTicket,
213      pdss: Sequence(Project),
214      max: Integer)
215
216  var
217      /* for objects already created */
218      cDB: ClinicalDB,
219
220      projs: Sequence(Project),
221
222      pers: Sequence(Personnel),
223      res: Sequence(Researcher),
224
225      /* for setting up links */
226      rs: Sequence(Researcher),
227      pss: Sequence(Project),
228      da: Personnel,
229      pi: Researcher,
230      team: Sequence(Researcher),
231
232      /* misc */
233      m: Integer,
234      n: Integer;
235
236  begin
237      cDB := Any([ClinicalDB.allInstances->asSequence()]);
238
239      /* Personnel, Researchers */
240      pers := [Personnel.allInstances->asSequence()];
241      res := [Researcher.allInstances->asSequence()];

```

```

242
243  /* choose da */
244  da := Any([pers]);
245
246  /* set pi and update team */
247  if [da.ocIsTypeOf(Researcher)] then begin
248      pi := Any([res->excluding(da.ocIsType(Researcher))]);
249      team := [res->excluding(da.ocIsType(Researcher))->excluding(pi)];
250  end
251  else begin
252      pi := Any([res]);
253      team := [res->excluding(pi)];
254  end;
255
256  /* Projects, put proj in projs */
257  projs := [Project.allInstances->excluding(proj)->asSequence()];
258
259  /* Generate applicable association links */
260
261  /* SomeSourcesDefined, Clinical DB ProjectSource for proj */
262  Insert(ProjectSources, [proj], [cDB]);
263
264  /* Since pi, team and da do not overlap, NoOverlapPITeamDC=true
265     Insert datacollector is applicable */
266  if [proj.dataSource->select(ocIsTypeOf(ClinicalDB)=true)->size=1]
267  then begin
268      Insert(ProjectDataCollector, [proj], [da]);
269  end;
270
271  /* Add other ProjectSources */
272  for p:Project in [pdss] begin
273      if [p.accessTicket->size()>0] then begin
274          Insert(ProjectSources, [proj], [p]);
275      end;
276  end;
277
278  /* Insert Project PI */
279  Insert(ProjectPI, [proj], [pi]);
280
281  /* Insert Project Members */
282  m := [team->size()];
283  n := Any([Sequence{1..m}]);
284  rs := Sub([team], [n]);
285  for r: Researcher in [rs] begin
286      Insert(ProjectMembers, [proj], [r]);
287  end;
288
289  /* Insert Link between proj and qry in ProjectQueries */
290  Insert(ProjectQueries, [proj], [qry]);
291
292  /* Insert link between proj and at */
293  Insert(ProjectAT, [proj], [at]);
294 end;
295
296 /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
297 PROCEDURE
298 * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
299 procedure add_query_works_on(
300     proj: Project,
301     qry: Query,
302     res: Researcher,
303     at: AccessTicket,

```

```

304
305     max: Integer)
306 var
307     qd: Sequence(QryData),
308     qd2: Sequence(QryData),
309     di: Sequence(DataItem),
310
311     p: Patient,
312     c: Consent,
313     d: DataItem,
314
315     n: Integer;
316
317 begin
318
319     /* check prerequisites */
320     if [proj.query->includes(qry) and
321         proj.pi->union(proj.members)->includes(res) and
322         proj.accessTicket->size() = 1] then begin
323
324         /* Apply Patient Consent AccessRule */
325         if [at.rule->select(oclIsTypeOf(PatientConsent)=true)->size()=1]
326         then begin
327             di := [Allow.allInstances.dataItem->asSequence()];
328         end
329         else begin
330             di := [DataItem.allInstances->asSequence()];
331         end;
332
333         /* add qd as a subset of di and set up related associations*/
334         n := Any([Sequence{1..di->size()}]);
335         qd2 := [QryData.allInstances()->asSequence()]; /* set before qd */
336         qd := CreateN(QryData, [n]);
337         n := [1];
338
339         for q: QryData in [qd] begin
340             d := [di->at(n)];
341             [q].name := [d.name];
342
343             Insert(DataValues, [q], [d.data]);
344         end;
345
346         for q: QryData in [qd->union(qd2)] begin
347             /*for h: HIPAACat in [d.hIPAACat->asSequence()] begin
348                 if [q.name='Age'] then begin Insert(DICat, [q], [h]); end;
349             end;
350
351             Insert(DISource, [d.dataSource], [q]);
352
353             p:= Any([d.patient->asSequence]);
354             c:= Any([d.consent->asSequence]);
355             Insert(PatientData, [p], [q], [c]);
356
357             Insert(EnteredOn, [q], [d.date]); */
358             Insert(QryWorksOn, [qry], [q]);
359
360             n := [n + 1];
361         end; /* end for qryData, qd and qd2 */
362
363     end; /* end prerequisites */
364     /* else do nothing */
365 end;

```

```

366
367 /* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
368 PROCEDURE
369 * ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
370 procedure add_query_returns(
371     qry: Query,
372     at: AccessTicket
373 )
374 var
375     qd: Sequence(QryData),
376     rd: Sequence(RetData),
377     rd2: Sequence(RetData),
378     di: Sequence(DataItem),
379
380     ind: Individual,
381     grp: Group,
382     da: Data,
383     p: Patient,
384     c: Consent,
385     d: DataItem,
386
387     n: Integer;
388
389 begin
390     qd := [qry.qryData->asSequence()];
391     ind := Any([Individual.allInstances->asSequence()]);
392     grp := Any([Group.allInstances->asSequence()]);
393
394     /* add RetData based on access ticket */
395     n := Any([Sequence{1..qd->size()}]);
396     rd2 := [RetData.allInstances()->asSequence()]; /* set before rd */
397     rd := CreateN(RetData, [n]);
398     n:= [1];
399     for r: RetData in [rd2] begin
400         d := [qd->at(n)];
401         [r].name := [d.name];
402         Insert(QryReturns, [qry], [r], [d.ocIAsType(QryData)]);
403
404         /* Apply TransformHDate AccessRule */
405         if [at.rule->select(ocIIsTypeOf(TransformHDate)=true)->size()=1 and
406             at.rule->select(
407                 ocIIsTypeOf(TransformHDate)=true).ocIAsType(AccessRule).type->
408                 select(ocIIsTypeOf(Individual)=true)->size()=1 and
409                 at.rule->select(ocIIsTypeOf(TransformHDate)=true).ocIAsType(
410                     AccessRule).hIPAACat.dataItem->includes(d)
411             ]
412         then begin
413             da := Create(Date);
414             [da.ocIAsType(Date)].day := [0];
415             [da.ocIAsType(Date)].month := [0];
416             [da.ocIAsType(Date)].year := [d.data.ocIAsType(Date).year];
417             Insert(DataValues, [r], [da]);
418         end
419         else begin
420             Insert(DataValues, [r], [d.data]);
421         end; /* end Apply TransformHDate AccessRule */
422
423         /* setup RDType */
424         if [r.qData->size()=1] then begin
425             Insert(RDType, [qry], [r], [ind]);
426         end
427         else begin

```

```

428         Insert(RDType, [qry], [r], [grp]);
429     end;
430     end; /* end for each RetData */
431 end;
432
433 procedure complete_query_returns(
434     qry: Query,
435     at: AccessTicket
436 )
437 var
438
439     rd: Sequence(RetData),
440     ind: Individual,
441     grp: Group;
442
443 begin
444     ind := Any([Individual.allInstances->asSequence()]);
445     grp := Any([Group.allInstances->asSequence()]);
446
447     rd := [RetData.allInstances()->asSequence()];
448
449     for r: RetData in [rd] begin
450         /* setup RDType */
451         if [r.qData->size()=1] then begin
452             Insert(RDType, [qry], [r], [ind]);
453         end
454         else begin
455             Insert(RDType, [qry], [r], [grp]);
456         end;
457     end; /* end for each RetData */
458 end;

```

Listing C.16: *ASSL Procedures for Slice 3 to Approve Access ticket*

```

1 procedure generate_objects(
2     max: Integer )
3 var
4     /* misc */
5     n: Integer;
6
7 begin
8     /* a. create singleton objects */
9     Create(DirectTreatment);
10    Create(Research);
11    Create(TotallyDeIDed);
12    Create(NotTotallyDeIDed);
13
14    /* Personnel, choose da, pi, and team pool */
15    n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
16    CreateN(Personnel, [2]); /* if n>2 generation fails */
17
18    n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
19    CreateN(Qualifier, [1]); /* if n>2 generation fails */
20
21    //n := Any([Sequence{2..max}]);
22    //CreateN(Researcher, [n]);
23 end;
24
25 procedure configure_PermRules_and_ATPriority()
26 var
27     /* Permissions */
28     fl: Fishing,
29     iat: Identified,
30     dat: DeIDed,
31
32     /* abstract DecisionRule object */
33     dr: DecisionRule;
34
35 begin
36     fl := Any([Fishing.allInstances->asSequence()]);
37     dat := Any([DeIDed.allInstances->asSequence()]);
38     iat := Any([Identified.allInstances->asSequence()]);
39
40     /* ATPriority */
41     Insert(ATPriority, [iat], [dat]);
42
43     /* Access ticket DecisionRules and Create PermRules Associations */
44     dr := Create(CanUseTotallyDeIDed);
45     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
46
47     dr := Create(ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector);
48     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
49     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
50
51     dr := Create(DataAccessAgreementPresent);
52     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
53     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
54
55     dr := Create(DataSourcePriorityOK);
56     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
57     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
58
59     dr := Create(LicenedTeamAndPI);

```

```

60     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
61     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
62
63     dr := Create(NoOverlapPITeamDC);
64     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
65     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
66
67     /*dr := Create(NoSuppsInPIandDC);
68     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
69     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]); */
70
71     dr := Create(PIDefined);
72     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
73     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
74
75     dr := Create(ProjectMembersDefined);
76     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
77     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
78
79     dr := Create(SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment);
80     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
81     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
82
83     dr := Create(SomeQueriesDefined);
84     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
85     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
86
87     dr := Create(SomeSourcesDefined);
88     Insert(PermRules, [dat], [dr]);
89     Insert(PermRules, [iat], [dr]);
90
91     dr := Create(QualifierPresent);
92     Insert(PermRules, [fl], [dr]);
93 end;
94
95
96 procedure generate_approved_project(
97     proj: Project,
98     at: AccessTicket,
99     max: Integer )
100 var
101     /* for objects already created */
102     td: TotallyDeIDed,
103     ntd: NotTotallyDeIDed,
104     research: Research,
105     fl: Fishing,
106     cDB: ClinicalDB,
107
108     projs: Sequence(Project),
109     ps: Sequence(Project),
110
111     pers: Sequence(Personnel),
112     res: Sequence(Researcher),
113
114     //qrys: Sequence(Query),
115
116     /* for setting up links */
117     rs: Sequence(Researcher),
118     qs: Sequence(Query),
119     pss: Sequence(Project),
120     da: Personnel,
121     pi: Researcher,

```

```

122     //team: Sequence(Researcher),
123
124     /* misc */
125     m: Integer,
126     n: Integer;
127
128 begin
129     td := Any([TotallyDeIDed.allInstances->asSequence()]);
130     ntd := Any([NotTotallyDeIDed.allInstances->asSequence()]);
131
132     research := Any([Research.allInstances->asSequence()]);
133     fl := Any([Fishing.allInstances->asSequence()]);
134     cDB := Any([ClinicalDB.allInstances->asSequence()]);
135
136     /* Personnel, Researchers */
137     pers := [Personnel.allInstances->asSequence()];
138     res := [Researcher.allInstances->asSequence()];
139
140     da := [proj.dc];
141     pi := [proj.pi];
142     //team := [proj.members->asSequence()];
143
144     /* Projects, put proj in projs */
145     projs := [Project.allInstances->excluding(proj)->asSequence()];
146     ps := [Sequence{proj}];
147
148     /* Queries */
149     n := Any([Sequence{1..max}]);
150     //qrys := CreateN(Query, [n]);
151
152     /* Generate association links to fulfil each rule */
153
154     /* 1. CanUseTotallyDeIdentified */
155     if [at.ocllsTypeOf(DeIDed)=true]
156     then begin
157         Insert(ProjectDataTransformRequired, [proj], [td]);
158     end
159     else begin
160         Insert(ProjectDataTransformRequired, [proj], [ntd]);
161     end;
162
163     /* 13. SomeSourcesDefined, Clinical DB ProjectSource for proj
164     - from slice 4*/
165
166     /* 2. 6. ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector,
167     Since pi, team and da do not overlap, NoOverlapPITeamDC=true
168     get from slice 4*/
169
170
171     /* 3. 4. DataAccessAgreementPresent, DataSourcePriorityOK */
172     m := [projs->size()];
173     if [m>0] then begin
174         n := Any([Sequence{1..m}]);
175         pss := Sub([projs], [n]);
176         for p:Project in [pss] begin
177             if [p.accessTicket->size()>0] then begin
178                 if [p.accessTicket=at or at.ant->includes(p.accessTicket)]
179                 then begin
180                     Insert(ProjectSources, [proj], [p]);
181                     Insert(DataAccessAgreement, [p], [proj]);
182                 end;
183             end;

```

```

184     end;
185 end;
186
187 /* 4. See 3above */
188
189 /* 5. See after 8. and 9. below (as 5depends on 8& 9)*/
190
191 /* 6. See 2. above */
192
193 /* 7. NoSupsinPIandDC */
194 /*Try(Supervisors, [pers], [pers]); */
195
196 /* 8. PIDefined - get from slice 4*/
197
198 /* 9. ProjectMembersDefined and LicencedTeamAndPI - from slice 4*/
199
200 /* 5. LicencedTeamAndPI */
201 if [at.rule.select(oclIsTypeOf(LicenedTeamAndPI)=true)->size()=1]
202 then begin
203     rs := [proj.members->including(proj.pi)->asSequence()];
204     for r: Researcher in [rs] begin
205         if [r.licence->size()=0] then begin
206             Insert(ResearcherL, [r], [f1]);
207         end;
208     end;
209 end;
210
211 /* 10. QualifierPresent does not apply to access tickets */
212
213 /* 11. SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment */
214 if [at.rule.select(
215     oclIsTypeOf(SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment)=true)->size()=1]
216 then begin
217     Insert(ProjectPurpose, [proj], [research]);
218 end;
219
220 /* 12. /* Some Queries Defined from slice 4*/
221
222 /* 13. SomeSourcesDefined. inserted before 2(as 2depends on it) */
223
224 /* Finally insert link between proj and at - from slice 4*/
225
226 end;

```

## C.2.4 SOIL COMMANDS

Listing C.17: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 5 needed in other slices - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_1.soil*

```
1 || !create iat: Identified
2 || !new DeIDed('DeIDed_0')
```

Listing C.18: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 5 needed in other slices - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_2.soil*

```
1 || -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 || !new QryData('DataItem_4')
3 || !new QryData('DataItem_5')
4 ||
5 || !DataItem_4.name := 'Age'
6 || !DataItem_5.name := 'Other'
7 ||
8 || !new Date('Date_1')
9 || !Date_1.day := 9
10 || !Date_1.month := 8
11 || !Date_1.year := 1931
12 ||
13 || !insert (DataItem_5,Date_1) into DataValues
14 || !insert (DataItem_4,Date_1) into DataValues
```

Listing C.19: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 5 needed in other slices - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_3.soil*

```
1 || !new Project('Project_1')
2 || !new Query('Query_0')
```

Listing C.20: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 5 needed in other slices - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_4.soil*

```
1 || -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 || !new Project('Project_1')
3 || !new Query('Query_0')
4 || !insert (Project_1,DeIDed_0) into ProjectAT
5 || !insert (Project_1,Query_0) into ProjectQueries
```

Listing C.21: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 5 needed in other slices - filename reference for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_5\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_5.soil*

```
1 || -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 || !new RetData('DataItem_0')
3 || !new RetData('DataItem_1')
4 || !new RetData('DataItem_2')
```

```

5 | !new RetData('DataItem_3')
6 |
7 | !new Date('Date_0')
8 | !Date_0.day := 0
9 | !Date_0.month := 0
10 | !Date_0.year := 1931
11 |
12 | !DataItem_0.name := 'Age'
13 | !insert (Query_0,DataItem_0,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
14 | !insert (DataItem_0,Date_0) into DataValues
15 |
16 | !DataItem_3.name := 'Other'
17 | !insert (Query_0,DataItem_3,DataItem_5) into QryReturns
18 | !insert (DataItem_3,Date_1) into DataValues
19 |
20 | !DataItem_2.name := 'Age'
21 | !insert (Query_0,DataItem_2,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
22 | !insert (DataItem_2,Date_0) into DataValues
23 |
24 | !DataItem_1.name := 'Age'
25 | !insert (Query_0,DataItem_1,DataItem_4) into QryReturns
26 | !insert (DataItem_1,Date_0) into DataValues
27 |
28 | !insert (Query_0,DownloadDisabled_0) into VDAllowed

```

Listing C.22: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 4 needed in slice 3 - filename reference*

*for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_4\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_1.soil*

```

1 | -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 |
3 | !new DeIDed('DeIDed_0')
4 | !new ClinicalDB('ClinicalDB1')

```

Listing C.23: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 4 needed in slice 3 - filename reference*

*for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_4\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_2.soil*

```

1 | -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 |
3 | !new Project('Project_0')

```

Listing C.24: *SOIL Commands used to re-create objects from slice 4 needed in slice 3 - filename reference*

*for listings in Section C.2.5 is slice\_4\_overlap\overlapping\_objects\_3.soil*

```

1 | -- Script generated by USE 4.2.0
2 |
3 | !new Researcher('Researcher1')
4 | !new Researcher('Researcher2')
5 | !new Researcher('Researcher3')
6 | !new Researcher('res1')
7 | !new Project('Project_1')
8 | !new Query('Query_0')
9 | !insert (Project_1,ClinicalDB1) into ProjectSources
10 | !insert (Project_1,Researcher1) into ProjectDataCollector

```

```
11 | !insert (Project_1,Researcher2) into ProjectMembers
12 | !insert (Project_1,res1) into ProjectMembers
13 | !insert (Project_1,Researcher3) into ProjectPI
14 | !insert (Project_1,Query_0) into ProjectQueries
15 | !insert (Project_1,DeIDed_0) into ProjectAT
```

## C.2.5 USE COMMANDS TO GENERATE ON-DEMAND FEEDBACK

Listing C.25: *USE Commands to Generate Object Model for Slice 4 to Execute Query*

```
1  /* 1. Initialisation - remove all the elements in the object diagram */
2  reset
3
4  /* 2. unload constraints */
5  constraints -unload
6
7  /* 3. Load the class diagram specification */
8  open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.use
9
10 /* 4. Load some of the invariants */
11 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_345g.cnsts
12
13 /* 5. load flags, -d enables invariants, -n does not negate the invariants */
14 constraints -flags -d -n
15
16 /* 6. Generate an object model that satisfies invariants in the class diagram
17 /* a. generate singleton objects */
18 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl
19     add_4g_singleton_objects(3)
20 gen result accept
21
22 /* b. Also, since I want to pass in an access ticket explicitly,
23 I create them here */
24 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_5_overlap/overlapping_objects_1.soil
25
26 /* c. generate PermRules and ATPriority links, load appropriate constraints
27 here as well */
28 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_234g.cnsts
29 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl
30     configure_AT_AccessRules()
31 gen result accept
32
33 /* d. generate Data for project sources */
34 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_5_overlap/overlapping_objects_2.soil
35 gen start /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl generate_patient_data(1, 8
36     , 2016)
37 gen result accept
38
39 /* e. since I want to pass in the project and query explicitly,
40 I create them here */
41 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_5_overlap/overlapping_objects_3.soil
42
43 /* f. Load the rest of the invariants */
44 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_45g.cnsts
45 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.cnsts
46
47 /* g. setup project links */
48 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl
49     setup_project(Project_1, Query_0, DeIDed_0, Sequence{}, 3)
50 gen result accept
51
52 /* h. since I want to pass in the researcher who is running the query,
53 I create it here, I also explicitly ass the researcher as a ProjectMember for
54 the project that the query belongs to, to ensure successful query execution */
55 !create res1: Researcher
56 !insert (Project_1, res1) into ProjectMembers
```

```
53
54 /* i. generate query works on data */
55 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_5_overlap/overlapping_objects_4.soil
56 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl
    add_query_works_on(Project_1, Query_0, res1, DeIDed_0, 3)
57 gen result accept
58
59 /* j. generate query returns data */
60 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_5_overlap/overlapping_objects_5.soil
61 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4/slice_4g.assl
    complete_query_returns(Query_0, DeIDed_0)
62 gen result accept
63
64 /* 7. Check */
65 check
```

Listing C.26: *USE Commands to Generate Object Model for Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket*

```

1  /* 1. remove all the elements in the object diagram */
2  reset
3
4  /* 2. unload constraints */
5  constraints -unload
6
7  /* 3. Load the class diagram specification */
8  open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g.use
9
10 /* 4a. Load some of the invariants and flags */
11 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_23g.cnsts
12 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_34g.cnsts
13
14 /* load flags, -d enables invariants, -n does not negate the invariants */
15 constraints -flags -d -n
16
17 /* 5. generate an object diagram that satisfies the class diagram
18
19 /* a. generate objects */
20 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g.assl generate_objects(3)
21 gen result accept
22
23 !create fl: Fishing
24 !create iat: Identified
25 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4_overlap/overlapping_objects_1.soil
26
27 /* b. generate PermRules and ATPriority links */
28 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g.assl
   configure_PermRules_and_ATPriority()
29 gen result accept
30
31 /* c. Load some more of the invariants */
32 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/overlap/slice_345g.cnsts
33
34 /* d. generate projects that are approved */
35 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4_overlap/overlapping_objects_2.soil
36 open /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_4_overlap/overlapping_objects_3.soil
37 gen start -b -d /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g.assl
   generate_approved_project(Project_1, DeIDed_0, 2)
38 gen result accept
39
40 /* f. Load the rest of the invariants */
41 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g.cnsts
42 constraints -load /Users/Philly/Desktop/slice_seq_nc/slice_3/slice_3g_at.cnsts
43
44 /* 6. check that none of the invariants have been violated */
45 check

```

## D.1 Updated Alloy Specifications

## D.1.1 ALLOY SPECIFICATIONS FOR SLICE 3 TO APPROVE ACCESS TICKET

Listing D.1: *Updated Alloy Specifications for Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket*

```

1  /***** *****/
2  Begin Structural Model, NJH, slice 3
3
4  Written By: Phillipa Bennett
5  Version 5
6  Date: Version 5 completed Nov 28, 2016
7
8  Notes:
9  Predicates and Assertions are executed with
10  exactly 11Rule
11  when the NSIPIDC Rule is excluded from the model.
12
13  Places in the specification that are impacted by excluding of the
14  NSIPIDC Rule are labeled with
15  *** DA_COI ***
16  either just before or at the end of the line.
17
18  Also other notes throughout the specification.
19
20 /***** *****/
21 module slice_3_g_inst
22
23 /***** *****/
24 imports
25 /***** *****/
26 open util/relation
27 open util/ternary
28 open util/ordering[NJH] as ord
29
30 /***** *****/
31 base abstract signatures
32 *****/
33 abstract sig
34   DataSource,
35   DataTransform,
36   Permission,
37   Purpose,
38   Rule{}
39
40 /***** *****/
41 extended abstract signatures
42 *****/
43 abstract sig
44   AccessTicket,
45   Licence
46 extends Permission{}
47
48 abstract sig
49   DecisionRule

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50 extends Rule {}
51
52 /*****
53 unextended concrete signatures
54 *****/
55 sig
56 /* Personnel cannot be abstract,
57 because of supervisors and data collectors */
58 Personnel,
59 Query {}
60
61 /*****
62 extended concrete signatures
63 *****/
64 one sig
65 CUTD, /* CanUseTotallyDeIDed */
66 DAAP, /* DataAccessAgreementPresent */
67 DSPOK, /* DataSourcePriorityOK */
68 LTAPI, /* LicenedTeamAndPI */
69 NOPITDC, /* NoOverlapPITeamDC */
70 NSIPIDC, /* NoSupsInPIandDC */ /** DA_COI **/
71 PID, /* PIDefined */
72 PMD, /* ProjectMembersDefined */
73 QP, /* QualifierPresent */
74 SPNDT, /* SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment */
75 SQD, /* SomeQueriesDefined */
76 SSD /* SomeSourcesDefined */
77 extends DecisionRule {}
78
79 one sig
80 AllowDeIDed,
81 TotallyDeIDed,
82 TotallyIDed
83 extends DataTransform {}
84
85 sig Project extends DataSource{}
86 one sig ClinicalDB extends DataSource{}
87
88 one sig Fishing extends Licence {}
89
90 one sig DeIDed,
91 Identified
92 extends AccessTicket {}
93
94 one sig
95 DirectTreatment,
96 Research
97 extends Purpose{}
98
99 /*****
100 subset concrete signatures
101 *****/
102 sig
103 Researcher
104 in Personnel{}
105
106 /*****
107 NJH Closed System
108 *****/
109 sig NJH {
110 accessTickets: set AccessTicket,
111 decisionRules: set DecisionRule,

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112 licences: set Licence,
113 permissions: set Permission,
114 personnel: set Personnel,
115 projects: set Project,
116 purposes: set Purpose,
117 queries: set Query,
118 researchers : set Researcher,
119 rules: set Rule,
120 sources: set DataSource,
121 transforms: set DataTransform,
122
123 /* helps to determine
124 1. if data from a project can be used as a data source */
125 ATPriority : accessTickets -> accessTickets,
126
127 // p1->p2 means p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1
128 dataAccessAgreement: projects -> projects,
129
130 /* permission has applicable decision and access rules that must be
131 applied to approve the licence or to access the data. */
132 permRules: permissions -> some rules,
133
134 /* project access tickets, each one has at most one */
135 projectAT: projects -> lone accessTickets,
136
137 /* project data collector, each project has at most one */
138 projectDataCollector: projects -> lone personnel,
139
140 projectDataTransformRequired: projects -> one transforms,
141
142 /* project team members */
143 projectMembers: projects -> researchers,
144
145 /* project principal investigator */
146 projectPI: projects -> lone researchers,
147
148 /* project purpose */
149 projectPurpose: projects -> lone purposes,
150
151 /* project queries */
152 projectQueries: projects one -> queries,
153
154 /* project sources, could be other projects too */
155 projectSources: projects -> sources,
156
157 /* researcher licence */
158 researcherL: researchers -> lone licences,
159
160 /* supervisors, each personnel has at most one supervisor */
161 supervisors: personnel lone -> personnel }
162
163 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
164 End Structural Model, NJHg
165 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
166
167
168
169
170 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
171 Begin INVARIANTS
172 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
173

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174 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
175 INVARIANTS
176 separating the invariants for each set, relation,
177 or related sets and relations allows for
178 easier decomposition later on when slicing
179 *****/
180 /* this predicate is exported from the model, to be used in inv[] */
181 pred inv (njih: NJH) {
182     all
183         njh: NJH |
184
185         /** for sets */
186         invPermissions[njh] and
187         invPersonnel[njh] and
188         invRules[njh] and
189         invSources[njh] and
190
191         /** for relations */
192         invATRules[njh] and
193         invATPriority[njh] and
194         invDataAccessAgreement[njh] and
195         invProjectAT[njh] and
196         invProjectDataCollector[njh] and
197         invProjectSources[njh] and
198         invSupervisors[njh] }
199
200 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
201 Set invariants, ordered alphabetically by
202 name of set used, as best as possible
203 *****/
204
205 private pred invPermissions (njih: NJH) {
206     njh.permissions = njh.accessTickets + njh.licences }
207
208 private pred invPersonnel (njih: NJH) {
209     njh.researchers in njh.personnel}
210
211 private pred invRules (njih: NJH) {
212     njh.rules = njh.decisionRules }
213
214 private pred invSources (njih: NJH) {
215     njh.projects in njh.sources }
216
217 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
218 Relation invariants, ordered alphabetically by
219 name of main relation used as best as
220 possible
221 *****/
222 private pred invATPriority (njih: NJH) {
223     irreflexive[^(njih.ATPriority)] }
224
225 /* p1->p2 means p1 gives p2 access to data produced by p1 */
226 private pred invDataAccessAgreement (njih: NJH) {
227     /* no project has a data access agreement with itself */
228     irreflexive[^(njih.dataAccessAgreement)]
229
230     /* a project with a data access agreement with another
231     project has that project as a data source */
232     ~(njih.dataAccessAgreement) in njh.projectSources }
233
234 private pred invATRules (njih: NJH) {
235     /* for approving of project access ticket */

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236 let
237   dr =
238     CUTD +
239     DAAP+
240     DSPOK +
241     LTAPI +
242     NOPITDC +
243     NSIPIDC + /*** DA_COI ***/
244     PID +
245     PMD +
246     SPNDT +
247     SQD +
248     SSD,
249   di = dr - CUTD,
250   d = DeIDed,
251   i = Identified |
252
253   /* specific for DeIDed access tickets */
254   d.(njh.permRules) & njh.decisionRules = dr
255   and
256   /* specific for Identified access tickets */
257   i.(njh.permRules) & njh.decisionRules = di }
258
259 private pred invCUTD(njh: NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
260   some at->CUTD & njh.permRules implies (
261     (some at & Identified iff
262       /* kind of Transformation access ticket allows,
263         mixed, AllowDeIDed
264         or
265         TotallyIDed, no deidentification allowed */
266       some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & (TotallyIDed + AllowDeIDed)) or
267     (some at & DeIDed iff
268       // kind of Transformation access ticket allows, totally deidentified
269       some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyDeIDed) ) }
270
271 private pred inv_DAAP_DSPO(njh:NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
272   all
273     ps: p.(njh.projectSources) & njh.projects | {
274     (some at->DAAP & njh.permRules and some ps) implies
275       some ps -> p & njh.dataAccessAgreement
276
277     /* if access ticket being considered has priority over
278       the access tickets of any of its project sources
279       (i.e. other projects) }then we cannot approve the
280       project because the data returned would not be at the level required */
281     (some at->DSPOK & njh.permRules and some ps) implies
282       some ps.(njh.projectAT) and
283       no at-> ps.(njh.projectAT) & njh.ATPriority }}
284
285 private pred inv_LTAPI_NOPITDC_PMD_PID(njh: NJH, p:Project, at: AccessTicket) {
286   let
287     team = p.(njh.projectMembers),
288     pi = p.(njh.projectPI),
289     dc = p.(njh.projectDataCollector) | {
290
291   all
292     r: (team + pi) | {
293     /* application of the LTAPI Decision Rule
294       each pi and team member has a licence */
295     some at->LTAPI & njh.permRules implies
296       some r.(njh.researcherL) }
297

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298 /* application of the NOPITDC Decision Rule */
299 some at -> NOPITDC & njh.permRules implies (
300   /* 1. neither pi nor dc are a part of project team */
301   (no (pi + dc) & team and
302   // 2. pi and da are not the same
303   no pi & dc ) and ( /** DA_COI ***/
304   let
305     ps = p.(^njh.projectSources) & Project |
306     no pi & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) and
307     no team & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) )
308   )
309
310 /* application of the PMD Decision Rule
311   > 1 team members */
312 some at -> PMD & njh.permRules implies #team > 0
313
314 /* application of the PID Decision Rule has a pi */
315 some at -> PID & njh.permRules implies #pi > 0}}
316
317 /** DA_COI ***/
318 /* application of the NSIPIDC Decision Rule
319   the pi does not supervise the dc directly or indirectly */
320 private pred invNSIPIDC (njh: NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
321   let
322     ps = p.(^njh.projectSources) & Project |
323     some at -> NSIPIDC & njh.permRules implies (
324     no p.(njh.projectPI) -> p.(njh.projectDataCollector) &
325     ^njh.supervisors) and (
326     some ps implies
327     no p.(njh.projectPI) -> (p+ps).(njh.projectDataCollector) &
328     ^njh.supervisors) )
329   ) }
330
331 private pred invSPNDT (njh: NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
332   /* application of the SPNDT Decision Rule
333     project purpose is not for direct treatment */
334   some at -> SPNDT & njh.permRules implies
335     p.(njh.projectPurpose) != DirectTreatment }
336
337 private pred invSQD (njh: NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
338   /* application of the SQD Decision Rule
339     at least one project query */
340   some at -> SQD & njh.permRules implies
341     some p.(njh.projectQueries) }
342
343 private pred invSSD (njh: NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
344   /* application of the SSD Decision Rule
345     at least one project source */
346   some at -> SSD & njh.permRules implies
347     some p.(njh.projectSources) }
348
349 private pred invProjectAT (njh: NJH) {
350   all
351     p: njh.projects |
352   let
353     pat = njh.projectAT,
354     at = p.pat |
355
356   some p.pat implies (
357     invCUTD[njh, p, at] and
358     inv_DAAP_DSPO[njh, p, at] and
359     inv_LTAPI_NOPITDC_PMD_PID[njh, p, at] and

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360     invNSIPIDC[njh, p, at] and /** DA_COI ***/
361     invSPNDT[njh, p, at] and
362     invSQD[njh, p, at] and
363     invSSD[njh, p, at] ) }
364
365 private pred invProjectDataCollector(njh: NJH) {
366     all
367     p: njh.projects |
368     /* ClinicalDB iff DataCollector */
369     (some p->ClinicalDB & njh.projectSources) iff
370     (some p.(njh.projectDataCollector) ) }
371
372 private pred invProjectSources1 (njh: NJH) {
373     // no self datasource for projects, directly or indirectly
374     irreflexive[^(njh.projectSources :> njh.projects)] }
375
376 private pred invProjectSources2 (njh: NJH ) {
377     all
378     p: njh.projects |
379     some p.(njh.projectAT) implies (
380     /* all data sources for a project that are projects themselves
381     should be (already) approved when the project gets it's
382     access ticket */
383     some (p.(njh.projectSources) & Project) implies
384     all
385     ps: (p.(njh.projectSources) & Project) |
386     some ps.(njh.projectAT)
387     ) }
388
389 private pred invProjectSources (njh: NJH) {
390     invProjectSources1[njh] and
391     invProjectSources2[njh] }
392
393 private pred invSupervisors (njh: NJH) {
394     /* no cycles in supervisor relations, */
395     irreflexive[^(njh.supervisors)]
396     /* all personnel are either supervisor or supervised */
397     all
398     p: njh.personnel | {
399     p in (dom[njh.supervisors] + ran[njh.supervisors])} and
400     /* supervisor relation is a single tree, i.e. not a forest
401     this means that one personel has no supervisor */
402     one
403     sup: njh.personnel |
404     no (njh.supervisors).sup }
405
406 /******* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
407     End INVARIANTS
408 /******* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
409
410
411
412
413 /******* ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
414     Partial instance CONFIGURATION,
415     these will be instantiated in every instance
416     ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
417 pred setPartialInstanceConfiguration (njh: NJH) {
418
419     /******* for sets */
420     njh.decisionRules = /* (12) */
421     CUTD +

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422     DAAP +
423     DSPOK +
424     LTAPI +
425     NOPITDC +
426     NSIPIDC + /** DA_COI **/
427     PID +
428     PMD +
429     SPNDT +
430     QP +
431     SQD +
432     SSD and
433
434 /* access tickets (2) */
435 njh.accessTickets =
436     DeIDed +
437     Identified and
438
439 /* licences (1) */
440 njh.licences = Fishing and
441
442 /* transforms (3) */
443 njh.transforms =
444     AllowDeIDed +
445     TotallyDeIDed +
446     TotallyIDed and
447
448 /* sources (at least 1) */
449 some ClinicalDB & njh.sources and
450
451 /******* for relations */
452 /* access ticket priority (1) */
453 njh.ATPriority = Identified -> DeIDed and
454
455 /* permRules: permissions -> some rules (22) */
456 njh.permRules =
457     /* decision rules for fishing licence (1) */
458     Fishing -> QP +
459
460     /* decision rules for DeIDed access ticket (11) */
461     DeIDed -> CUTD +
462     DeIDed -> DAAP+
463     DeIDed -> DSPOK +
464     DeIDed -> LTAPI +
465     DeIDed -> NOPITDC +
466     DeIDed -> NSIPIDC + /** DA_COI **/
467     DeIDed -> PID +
468     DeIDed -> PMD +
469     DeIDed -> SPNDT +
470     DeIDed -> SQD +
471     DeIDed -> SSD +
472
473     /* decision rules for Identified access ticket (10) */
474     Identified -> DAAP+
475     Identified -> DSPOK +
476     Identified -> LTAPI +
477     Identified -> NOPITDC +
478     Identified -> NSIPIDC + /** DA_COI **/
479     Identified -> PID +
480     Identified -> PMD +
481     Identified -> SPNDT +
482     Identified -> SQD +
483     Identified -> SSD and

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484
485  /** Important to add these so that Alloy does not use a
486      subset of the configuration !!!
487      In general this is important when using Alloy to set
488      object configurations */
489  // #njh.decisionRules = 11 and /** DA_COI */
490  #njh.decisionRules = 12 and
491  #njh.accessTickets = 2 and
492  #njh.licences = 1 and
493  #njh.sources > 0 and
494  #njh.transforms = 3 and
495  #njh.ATPriority = 1 // and
496  // eq[#njh.permRules, 22] /* This produces an error ! */
497  }
498
499  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
500      end partial instance configuration,
501  *****/
502
503  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
504      MODEL Instances - These are required in the op specifications
505      someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfiguration is used in init
506  *****/
507
508  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
509      Can we get an instance of the model for all
510      the sets?
511  *****/
512  private pred someOfAllSets(njh: NJH) {
513      some njh.accessTickets and
514      some njh.decisionRules and
515      some njh.licences and
516      some njh.permissions and
517      some njh.personnel and
518      some njh.projects and
519      some njh.purposes and
520      some njh.queries and
521      some njh.researchers and
522      some rules and
523      some njh.sources and
524      some njh.transforms }
525  // run someOfAllSets for 7 but 1 NJH expect 1
526
527  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
528      Can we get an instance of the model for all
529      the relations?
530  *****/
531  private pred someOfAllRelations(njh: NJH) {
532      some njh.ATPriority and
533      some njh.dataAccessAgreement and
534      some njh.permRules and
535      some njh.projectAT and
536      some njh.projectDataCollector and
537      some njh.projectDataTransformRequired and
538      some njh.projectMembers and
539      some njh.projectPI and
540      some njh.projectPurpose and
541      some njh.projectQueries and
542      some njh.projectSources and
543      some njh.researcherL and
544      some njh.supervisors }
545  // run someOfAllRelations for 7 but 1 NJH expect 1

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546
547 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
548     Can we get an instance of the model for all
549     the relations that satisfy generator[]?
550 *****/
551 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig (njih: NJH) {
552     someOfAllRelations[njh] and
553     someOfAllSets[njh] and
554     inv[njh] and
555     setPartialInstanceConfiguration[njh] }
556 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig
557 //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI **/
558 for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 1
559
560 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
561     End MODEL Instances
562 *****/
563
564
565
566
567 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
568     OPERATION Specs
569 *****/
570 private pred noChangeSets (njih, njih': NJH) {
571     njih.accessTickets = njih'.accessTickets and
572     njih.decisionRules = njih'.decisionRules and
573     njih.licences = njih'.licences and
574     njih.permissions = njih'.permissions and
575     njih.personnel = njih'.personnel and
576     njih.projects = njih'.projects and
577     njih.purposes = njih'.purposes and
578     njih.queries = njih'.queries and
579     njih.researchers = njih'.researchers and
580     njih.rules = njih'.rules and
581     njih.sources = njih'.sources and
582     njih.transforms = njih'.transforms }
583
584 private pred noChangeRelations(njih, njih': NJH) {
585     njih.ATPriority = njih'.ATPriority and
586     njih.dataAccessAgreement = njih'.dataAccessAgreement and
587     njih.permRules = njih'.permRules and
588     njih.projectAT = njih'.projectAT and
589     njih.projectDataCollector = njih'.projectDataCollector and
590     njih.projectDataTransformRequired = njih'.projectDataTransformRequired and
591     njih.projectMembers = njih'.projectMembers and
592     njih.projectPI = njih'.projectPI and
593     njih.projectPurpose = njih'.projectPurpose and
594     njih.projectQueries = njih'.projectQueries and
595     njih.projectSources = njih'.projectSources and
596     njih.researcherL = njih'.researcherL and
597     njih.supervisors = njih'.supervisors }
598
599 private pred skip(njih, njih': NJH){
600     /** Sets */
601     noChangeSets[njih, njih'] and
602
603     /** Relations */
604     noChangeRelations[njih, njih'] }
605
606 pred approveProjectAT (njih, njih': NJH, p: Project, at: AccessTicket) {
607     /** Pre-conditions */

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608 p in njh.projects and
609 at in njh.accessTickets and
610 no p->at & njh.projectAT and
611
612 /** Post-conditions */
613
614 /* Applying Decision Rules */
615 inv_DAAP_DSPO[njh, p, at] and
616 inv_LTAPI_NOPITDC_PMD_PID[njh, p, at] and
617 invNSIPIDC[njh, p, at] and /** DA_COI ***/
618 invSPNDT[njh, p, at] and
619 invSQD[njh, p, at] and
620 invSSD[njh, p, at] and
621
622 /* No change to sets */
623 noChangeSets[njh, njh'] and
624
625 /* These relations do not change */
626 njh.ATPriority = njh'.ATPriority and
627 njh.dataAccessAgreement = njh'.dataAccessAgreement and
628 njh.permRules = njh'.permRules and
629 njh.projectDataCollector = njh'.projectDataCollector and
630 njh.projectMembers = njh'.projectMembers and
631 njh.projectPI = njh'.projectPI and
632 njh.projectPurpose = njh'.projectPurpose and
633 njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
634 njh.projectSources = njh'.projectSources and
635 njh.researcherL = njh'.researcherL and
636 njh.supervisors = njh'.supervisors and
637
638 /* These relations change */
639 njh'.projectAT = njh.projectAT + p->at and
640
641 /* Changes ensures the correct Data Transform exists */
642 (some at & DeIDed iff
643   njh'.projectDataTransformRequired =
644     njh.projectDataTransformRequired + p->TotallyDeIDed ) and
645
646 (some at & Identified iff
647   (njh'.projectDataTransformRequired =
648     njh.projectDataTransformRequired + p->TotallyIDed or
649     njh'.projectDataTransformRequired =
650     njh.projectDataTransformRequired + p-> AllowDeIDed )
651 ) }
652
653 private pred ProjectApprovePossible(
654   njh, njh': NJH,
655   proj: Project,
656   at: AccessTicket) {
657   let
658     first = ord/first |
659     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njh] and
660     some proj & first.projects and
661     some at & first.permissions and
662     approveProjectAT[njh, njh', proj, at] and
663     inv[njh] and
664     inv[njh'] }
665 run ProjectApprovePossible
666 //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 2 NJH expect 1/** DA_COI ***/
667 for 7but exactly 12Rule, 2 NJH expect 1
668
669 // this is how we initialise the system

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670 pred init(njh: NJH) {
671   some p: Project |
672     p in njh.projects and
673       someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njh] and
674         no p.(njh.projectAT) }
675 run init
676   //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI ***/
677   for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 1
678
679 /** this is how we move from instance to instance */
680 fact traces {
681   init[ord/first]
682   all
683     njh: NJH - ord/last |
684     some
685       p: Project,
686       at: AccessTicket |
687       let
688         njh' = njh.next |
689         approveProjectAT[njh, njh', p, at] or
690         skip[njh, njh'] }
691
692 assert OpPreserves {
693   all njh, njh': NJH |
694     all p: Project, at: AccessTicket |
695       (inv[njh] and approveProjectAT [njh, njh', p, at]) implies inv[njh']}
696 check OpPreserves
697   //for 7but exactly 11Rule expect 0/** DA_COI ***/
698   for 7but exactly 12Rule expect 0
699
700 /** run only when opPreserves returns a counterexample */
701 pred OpDoesNotPreserve[njh, njh': NJH, r: Researcher, p: Project, at: AccessTicket ]{
702   inv[njh] and approveProjectAT[njh, njh', p, at] and not inv[njh']}
703 run OpDoesNotPreserve
704   //for 7but exactly 2NJH, 11Rule expect 0/** DA_COI ***/
705   for 7but exactly 2NJH, 12Rule expect 0
706
707 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
708 END OPERATION Specs
709 *****/
710
711
712
713
714 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
715 Internal NJH Conformance Rules
716 *****/
717 /** This predicates, generator1 and generator2 are used in this section */
718 private pred generator1 (njh: NJH, p: Project) {
719   some p.(njh.projectAT) and
720   inv[njh] }
721
722 private pred generator2 (njh: NJH, p: Project) {
723   generator1[njh, p] and
724   someOfAllRelations[njh] and
725   setPartialInstanceConfiguration[njh] }
726
727 assert NoInProjectNSIPIDC_Sups{
728   all
729     njh: NJH, p: Project |
730     generator1[njh, p] implies
731     no p.(njh.projectPI) -> p.(njh.projectDataCollector) &

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732     ^(njih.supervisors) }
733 check NoInProjectNSIPIDC_Sups
734 //for 7but exactly 11Rule expect 1/** DA_COI */
735 for 7but exactly 12Rule expect 0
736
737 assert NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_Sups{
738     all
739     njh: NJH, p: Project |
740     let
741     ps = p.(^(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
742     (generator1[njh, p] and some ps) implies
743     no p.(njih.projectPI) -> (p+ps).(njih.projectDataCollector) &
744     ^(njih.supervisors) }
745 check NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_Sups
746 //for 7but exactly 11Rule expect 1/** DA_COI */
747 for 7but exactly 12Rule expect 0
748
749 assert NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_PIandDC{
750     all
751     njh: NJH, p: Project |
752     let
753     ps = p.(^(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
754     (generator1[njh, p] and some ps) implies
755     no p.(njih.projectPI) & ps.(njih.projectDataCollector) }
756 check NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_PIandDC
757 //for 7but exactly 11Rule expect 1/** DA_COI */
758 for 7but exactly 12Rule expect 0
759
760 assert NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_MEMSandDC{
761     all
762     njh: NJH, p: Project |
763     let
764     ps = p.(^(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
765     (generator1[njh, p] and some ps) implies
766     no p.(njih.projectMembers) & ps.(njih.projectDataCollector) }
767 check NoInSourcesNSIPIDC_MEMSandDC
768 //for 7but exactly 11Rule expect 1/** DA_COI */
769 for 7but exactly 12Rule expect 0
770
771 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
772 Can we get an instance of the model for all
773 the relations that satisfy inv[] and a
774 project has a DeIDed access Ticket
775 and a project where there is some suspicious
776 relationship with the dataCollector?
777 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
778
779 /** 1. PI directly supervises DataCollector */
780 private pred DataCollectorICOI11(njh: NJH, p: Project){
781     generator2[njh, p] and
782     some p.(njih.projectAT) and
783     some p.(njih.projectPI) -> p.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
784     (njih.supervisors) }
785 run DataCollectorICOI11 for 7
786 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI */
787 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NSIPIDC rule is commented */
788 //but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI */
789 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
790
791 /** 1. PI indirectly supervises DataCollector */
792 private pred DataCollectorICOI12(njh: NJH, p: Project){
793     generator2[njh, p] and

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794     some p.(njih.projectAT) and
795     some p.(njih.projectPI) -> p.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
796     ^(njih.supervisors) and
797     no p.(njih.projectPI) -> p.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
798     (njih.supervisors)}
799 run DataCollectorICOI12 for 7
800 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
801 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NSIPIDC rule is commented */
802 but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
803 //but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
804
805 /** 2. PI supervises DataCollector on direct ProjectSource */
806 private pred DataCollectorCOI21(njh: NJH, p: Project){
807     let
808         ps = p.(^(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
809     some ps and
810     generator2[njh, p] and
811     some p.(njih.projectAT) and
812     some p.(njih.projectPI) -> (p+ps).(njih.projectDataCollector) &
813     ^(njih.supervisors)}
814 run DataCollectorCOI21 for 7
815 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
816 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NSIPIDC rule is commented */
817 but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
818 //but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
819
820 /** 3. PI directly supervises DataCollector on indirect ProjectSource */
821 private pred DataCollectorCOI22Indirect(njh: NJH, p: Project){
822     let
823         ps = ((p.(njih.projectSources) & Project).(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
824     some ps and
825     generator2[njh, p] and
826     some p.(njih.projectAT) and
827     some p.(njih.projectPI) -> ps.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
828     (njih.supervisors)}
829 run DataCollectorCOI22Indirect for 7
830 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
831 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NSIPIDC rule is commented */
832 //but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
833 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
834
835 /** 3. PI indirectly supervises DataCollector on indirect ProjectSource */
836 private pred DataCollectorCOI23Indirect(njh: NJH, p: Project){
837     let
838         ps = ((p.(njih.projectSources) & Project).(njih.projectSources)) & Project |
839     some ps and
840     generator2[njh, p] and
841     some p.(njih.projectAT) and
842     some p.(njih.projectPI) -> ps.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
843     ^(njih.supervisors) and
844     no p.(njih.projectPI) -> ps.(njih.projectDataCollector) &
845     (njih.supervisors) }
846 run DataCollectorCOI23Indirect for 7
847 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
848 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NSIPIDC rule is commented */
849 //but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
850 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
851
852
853 /**4. PI is Data Collector on ProjectSource */
854 private pred DataCollectorICOI31(njh: NJH, p: Project){
855     let

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856     ps = p.(^(njh.projectSources)) & Project |
857     some ps and
858     generator2[njh, p] and
859     some p.(njh.projectAT) and
860     some p.(njh.projectPI) & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) }
861 run DataCollectorICOI31 for 7
862 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
863 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NOPITDC rule is commented */
864 //but exactly 12Rule, 4 Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
865 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
866
867 /**5. PI is Data Collector on ProjectSource */
868 private pred DataCollectorICOI32Indirect(njh: NJH, p: Project){
869     let
870     ps = ((p.(njh.projectSources) & Project).(njh.projectSources)) & Project |
871     some ps and
872     generator2[njh, p] and
873     some p.(njh.projectAT) and
874     some p.(njh.projectPI) & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) }
875 run DataCollectorICOI32Indirect for 7
876 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
877 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NOPITDC rule is commented */
878 //but exactly 12Rule, 4 Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
879 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
880
881
882 /** 6. ProjectMember is Data Collector on ProjectSource */
883 private pred DataCollectorCOI41(njh: NJH, p: Project){
884     let
885     ps = p.(^(njh.projectSources)) & Project |
886     some ps and
887     generator2[njh, p] and
888     some p.(njh.projectAT) and
889     some p.(njh.projectMembers) & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) }
890 run DataCollectorCOI41 for 7
891 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
892 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NOPITDC rule is commented */
893 //but exactly 12Rule, 4Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
894 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
895
896 /** 7. ProjectMember is Data Collector on ProjectSource */
897 private pred DataCollectorCOI42Indirect(njh: NJH, p: Project){
898     let
899     ps = ((p.(njh.projectSources) & Project).(njh.projectSources)) & Project |
900     some ps and
901     generator2[njh, p] and
902     some p.(njh.projectAT) and
903     some p.(njh.projectMembers) & ps.(njh.projectDataCollector) }
904 run DataCollectorCOI42Indirect for 7
905 //but exactly 11Rule, 3Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
906 /** use only when the applicable part of rule NOPITDC rule is commented */
907 //but exactly 12Rule, 4 Project, 1NJH expect 1/*** DA_COI ***/
908 but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0
909
910
911 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
912     End Internal NJH Conformance Rules
913 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
914
915
916
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918 /***** *****/
919     These are not a part of the object configuration.
920     They provide sanity checks
921 *****/
922
923 /***** *****/
924     any instance of the model
925 *****/
926 private pred showg (njih: NJH) {}
927 //run showg
928     //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI */
929     //for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 1
930
931 /***** *****/
932     Can we get an instance of the model for all
933     the relations that satisfy generator[] and a
934     project has an Identified access Ticket?
935 *****/
936 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvForIdentifiedAT(
937     njih: NJH, at: Identified) {
938     some njih.projectAT.at and
939         someOfAllRelations[njih] and
940             inv[njih] and
941                 setPartialInstanceConfiguration[njih] }
942 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvForIdentifiedAT
943     //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI */
944     for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 1
945
946 /***** *****/
947     Can we get an instance of the model for all
948     the relations that satisfy generator[] and a
949     project has a DeIDed access Ticket?
950 *****/
951 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvForDeIDedAT (
952     njih: NJH, at: DeIDed) {
953     some njih.projectAT.at and
954         someOfAllRelations[njih] and
955             inv[njih] and
956                 setPartialInstanceConfiguration[njih]}
957 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvForDeIDedAT
958     //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 1/** DA_COI */
959     for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 1
960
961 /***** *****/
962     all sets that are defined are used!
963     using IFF instead of IMPLIES is not applicable
964     because lone on some sides of the relations.
965 *****/
966 assert TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel {
967     all
968     njih: NJH |
969     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njih] implies
970     someOfAllSets[njih] }
971 check TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel
972     //for 7but exactly 11Rule, 1NJH expect 0/** DA_COI */
973     for 7but exactly 12Rule, 1NJH expect 0

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Listing D.2: *Updated Alloy Specifications for Slice 5 to CheckConformance*

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1  /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
2  Begin Structural Model, NJH slice 5
3
4  Written By: Phillipa Bennett
5  Version 5
6  Date: Version 5completed Nov 28, 2016
7
8  Notes:
9  A lot of notes through out the specification!
10
11 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
12 module slice_5
13
14 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
15   imports
16 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
17   open util/relation
18   open util/ternary
19   open util/ordering[NJH] as ord
20
21 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
22   base abstract signatures
23   *****/
24   abstract sig
25     Data,
26     DataSource,
27     DataTransform,
28     Name,
29     Permission,
30     Status {}
31
32 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
33   extended abstract signatures
34   *****/
35   abstract sig
36     AccessTicket
37   extends Permission {}
38
39 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
40   unextended concrete signatures
41   *****/
42   sig Day,
43     Month,
44     Query,
45     Year {}
46
47   sig DataItem {
48     name: Name}
49
50 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
51   extended concrete signatures
52   *****/
53   sig Age, Other extends Name {}
54
55   sig Project extends DataSource{}
56

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57 lone sig DeIDed,
58     Identified
59 extends AccessTicket {}
60
61 lone sig
62     DownloadAllowed,
63     DownloadDisabled
64 extends Status {}
65
66 sig Date extends Data {
67     day: lone Day,
68     month: lone Month,
69     year: Year }{
70     /* day iff month also exists */
71     some day iff some month }
72
73 one sig
74     AllowDeIDed,
75     TotallyDeIDed,
76     TotallyIDed
77 extends DataTransform {}
78
79 /***** ***** */
80     subset concrete signatures
81 /***** ***** */
82 sig
83     QryData,
84     RetData
85 in DataItem {}
86
87 /***** ***** */
88     NJH Closed System
89 /***** ***** */
90 sig NJH {
91     accessTickets: set AccessTicket,
92     dataItems: set DataItem,
93     dates: set Date,
94     permissions: set Permission,
95     projects: set Project,
96     qryItems: set QryData,
97     queries: set Query,
98     retItems: set RetData,
99     statuses: set Status,
100    transforms: set DataTransform,
101    values: set Data,
102
103    /* data items must a value or not. */
104    dataValues: dataItems -> one values,
105
106    enteredOn: dataItems -> lone dates,
107
108    /* project access tickets, each one has at most one */
109    projectAT: projects -> lone accessTickets,
110
111    // Transformation of the data required
112    projectDataTransformRequired: projects -> lone transforms,
113
114    /* project queries */
115    projectQueries: projects one -> queries,
116
117    /* a query can work on any kind of data item
118    retData is in position 2*/

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119   qryReturns: queries -> retItems -> dataItems,
120
121   /* determines if query results meets conformance and the next
122      operation, i.e. view/download is allowed */
123   VDAllowed: queries -> lone statuses }
124
125   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
126       End Structural Model, NJHg_slice_5
127   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
128
129   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
130   INVARIANTS
131       separating the invariants for each set, relation,
132       or related sets and relations allows for
133       easier decomposition later on when slicing
134   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
135
136   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
137       Some Functions and Predicates to be reused
138       when writing invariants and generating
139       instances/counterexamples
140   *****/
141   private fun applicableDates(njh: NJH, q: Query): set Date {
142       { Date &
143         dom[q.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.dataValues) +
144         dom[q.(njih.qryReturns)].(njih.enteredOn) }}
145
146   private fun DeIDedDateTransform (d: Date): Date {
147       {ri: Date |
148         no ri.day and
149         no ri.month and
150         ri.year = d.year }}
151
152   private pred identifiedDate (d: Date) {
153       some d.day }
154
155   private pred totallyIDedTransform (njih: NJH, q: Query) {
156       all
157         d: applicableDates[njh, q] |
158         identifiedDate[d] }
159
160   private pred totallyDeIDedTransform (njih: NJH, q: Query) {
161       all
162         d: applicableDates[njh, q] |
163         not identifiedDate[d] }
164
165   private pred allowDeIDedTransform (njih: NJH, q: Query) {
166       all
167         d: applicableDates[njh, q] |
168         identifiedDate[d] or not identifiedDate[d]}
169
170   /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
171       Set invariants, ordered alphabetically by
172       name of set used, as best as possible
173   *****/
174   private pred invDataItems (njih: NJH) {
175       /* set up dataItems, keep out of inv because it is always true */
176       (qryItems + retItems) = dataItems }
177
178   /* closed system constraint - any date is a part of the set of dates */
179   private pred invDates (njih: NJH) {
180       njih.dates = (njih.values & Date) + ran[njh.enteredOn]

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181   all
182     d: Date |
183     (d in njh.dates and identifiedDate[d]) implies
184     DeIDedDateTransform[d] in njh.dates}
185
186 private pred invPermissions (njh: NJH) {
187   njh.permissions = njh.accessTickets }
188
189 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
190   Relation invariants, ordered alphabetically by
191   name of main relation used as best as possible
192   *****/
193 /** extracted from invCUTD in slice 3*/
194 private pred invProjectATDataTransform(njh: NJH) {
195   all
196     p: njh.projects |
197     (some p.(njh.projectAT) & Identified iff
198     /* kind of Transformation access ticket allows,
199     mixed - AllowDeIDed or TotallyIDed */
200     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) &
201     (TotallyIDed + AllowDeIDed))
202   and
203     (some p.(njh.projectAT) & DeIDed iff
204     /*kind of Transformation access ticket allows,
205     totally deidentified */
206     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) &
207     TotallyDeIDed) }
208
209 private pred invQryReturnsAT (njh: NJH) {
210   all
211     q: njh.queries |
212     some q.(njh.qryReturns) implies
213     some njh.projectQueries.q.(njh.projectAT) }
214
215 /* if a query has a a VD status then it has some return data */
216 private pred invVDAllowedWithQueryResults (njh: NJH, q: Query) {
217   (some q.(njh.VDAllowed) implies
218   some q.(njh.qryReturns)) }
219
220 /* project with AllowDeIDed can never have a DownloadDisables
221 status */
222 private pred invVDAllowedWithAllowDeIDed (
223   njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
224   some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & AllowDeIDed implies
225   no q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed }
226
227 /*****
228 TotallyIDED
229 *****/
230 /** using iff does not matter, i.e., all predicated/assertions
231 give the expected results. */
232 private pred invDownloadAllowedTotallyIDed(
233   njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
234   some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed implies
235   totallyIDedTransform[njh, q] }
236
237 /** iff causes counterexample for HIPAADataConformanceDeIDed */
238 private pred invDownloadDisabledTotallyIDed(
239   njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
240   some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed implies
241   not totallyIDedTransform[njh, q] }
242

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243 /*****
244 AllowDeIDED
245 *****/
246 /** Introducing a fault in invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed,
247     We introduce a fault in the connector for these clauses that
248     allows the Identified access ticket with a TotallyIDeD transform
249     to give de-identified data.
250
251     This fault causes the:
252     1. showDeIDedNCDA, showIdentifiedNCTotallyIDedDA, and
253     HIPAADateNonConformanceIdentified predicates to give
254     instances, and
255     2. HIPAADateConformanceIdentified and
256     HIPAADateConformanceDeIDed assertions to produce
257     counterexamples
258     for the Identified access ticket. */
259
260 /** for fault use implies instead of iff */
261
262 private pred invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed(
263     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
264     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & AllowDeIDed implies
265     allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
266
267 /*****
268 TotallyDeIDED
269 *****/
270 /** using iff does not matter, i.e., all predicated/assertions
271     give the expected results. */
272 private pred invDownloadAllowedTotallyDeIDed(
273     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
274     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyDeIDed implies
275     totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
276
277 /** iff gives instances for
278     showIdentifiedNCTotallyIDedDA and
279     HIPAADateNonConformanceIdentified
280     and counterexamples for
281     HIPAADateConformanceIdentified
282     all contrary to expectation*/
283 private pred invDownloadDisabledTotallyDeIDed(
284     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
285     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyDeIDed implies
286     not totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
287
288 private pred invVDAAllowedCondAllowed(
289     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
290     let
291         a = invDownloadAllowedTotallyIDed[njh, p, q],
292         b = invDownloadDisabledTotallyIDed[njh, p, q],
293         c = invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed[njh, p, q],
294         d = invDownloadAllowedTotallyDeIDed[njh, p, q],
295         e = invDownloadDisabledTotallyDeIDed[njh, p, q] | {
296
297         some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAAllowed implies
298         ((a and not b) or (d and not e) or c) }}
299
300 private pred invVDAAllowedCondDisabled(
301     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
302     let
303         a = invDownloadAllowedTotallyIDed[njh, p, q],
304         b = invDownloadDisabledTotallyIDed[njh, p, q],

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305     d = invDownloadAllowedTotallyDeIDed[njh, p, q],
306     e = invDownloadDisabledTotallyDeIDed[njh, p, q] | {
307
308     some q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed implies
309     ((not a and b) or (not d and e)) }}
310
311 /*****
312 VDAAllowed for all queries
313 *****/
314 /* this is how VDAAllowed is well formed for all queries */
315 private pred invVDAAllowed (njh: NJH) {
316     all
317         q: njh.queries |
318         let
319             p = njh.projectQueries.q | {
320
321             invVDAAllowedWithQueryResults[njh, q]
322
323             invVDAAllowedWithAllowDeIDed[njh, p, q]
324
325             no q.(njh.VDAllowed) or {
326                 invVDAAllowedCondAllowed[njh, p, q]
327                 invVDAAllowedCondDisabled[njh, p, q] }}}
328
329 /***** ***** ***** ***** *****
330     the FACTS
331 ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
332 private pred inv (njh: NJH) {
333     all
334         njh: NJH |
335
336         /** for sets */
337         invDataItems[njh] and
338         invDates[njh] and
339         invPermissions[njh] and
340
341         /** for relations */
342         invProjectATDataTransform[njh] and
343         invQryReturnsAT[njh] and
344         invVDAAllowed[njh] }
345 //run inv for 7expect 1
346
347 /*fact {all njh: NJH | inv[njh] }*/
348
349 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
350     End of INVARIANTS
351 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
352
353
354
355 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
356     Start of Predicates for MODEL Instances that are a part of the
357     operation specifications
358 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
359
360 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
361     Can we get an instance of the model for all
362     the relations?
363 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****/
364 private pred someOfAllRelations(njh: NJH) {
365     some njh.dataValues and
366     some njh.enteredOn and

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367     some njh.projectAT and
368     some projectDataTransformRequired and
369     some njh.projectQueries and
370     some njh.qryReturns /*and */
371     /** comment some VDAAllowed when using operation specs
372         to allow CheckConformance to get and instance
373         It may break TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel
374         assertion, but that's ok */
375     /*some njh.VDAAllowed */ }
376
377 /*****
378     Can we get an instance of the model for all
379     the relations that satisfy generator[]?
380 *****/
381 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig_DeIDed (
382     njh: NJH) {
383     someOfAllRelations[njh] and
384     inv[njh] and
385     setPartialInstanceConfig_DeIDed[njh] }
386
387 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig_Identified (
388     njh: NJH) {
389     someOfAllRelations[njh] and
390     inv[njh] and
391     setPartialInstanceConfig_Identified[njh] }
392
393 private pred someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig (
394     njh: NJH) {
395     someOfAllRelations[njh] and
396     inv[njh] and
397     setPartialInstanceConfig [njh] }
398
399 /*run someOfAllRelations for
400     7 but 1NJH expect 1
401 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig_DeIDed for
402     7 but 1 NJH expect 1
403 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig_Identified
404     for 7 but 1NJH expect 1
405 run someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig for
406     7 but 1NJH expect 1*/
407
408 /*****
409     Just sanity check. These 2checks can be
410     removed from the model-
411     the TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel
412     assertion checks that in all instances where
413     the relations are non-empty, the invariants
414     and the partial configuration ensures that
415     all the sets defined are used!
416
417     using IFF instead of IMPLIES in
418     TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel
419     is not applicable because lone on some sides
420     of the relations.
421 *****/
422
423 /*****
424     Can we get an instance of the model for all
425     the sets?
426 *****/
427 private pred someOfAllSets(njh: NJH) {
428     (some njh.accessTickets or

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429     some njh.permissions ) and
430     (some njh.dataItems or
431     (some njh.qryItems and
432     some njh.retItems )) and
433     some njh.dates and
434     some njh.projects and
435     some njh.queries and
436     some njh.statuses and
437     some transforms and
438     some njh.values }
439
440 assert TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel {
441     all
442     njh: NJH |
443     (someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njh] and
444     someOfAllRelations[njh]) implies
445     someOfAllSets[njh] }
446
447 /*run someOfAllSets for 7but 1NJH expect 1
448 check TestIfAllSetsAreApplicableToTheModel for 7expect 0*/
449
450 /*****
451     End of Predicates for MODEL Instances that are a part of the
452     operation specifications
453 *****/
454
455
456
457
458 /*****
459     Start of OPERATION Specifications
460 *****/
461 /** this is how we initialise the system */
462 private pred init(njh: NJH) {
463     some
464     q: Query |
465     some q.(njh.qryReturns) and
466     no q.(njh.VDAllowed) and
467     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njh] }
468
469 private pred noChangeSets(njh, njh': NJH) {
470     njh.accessTickets = njh'.accessTickets and
471     njh.dataItems = njh'.dataItems and
472     njh.dates = njh'.dates and
473     njh.permissions = njh'.permissions and
474     njh.projects = njh'.projects and
475     njh.qryItems = njh'.qryItems and
476     njh.queries = njh'.queries and
477     njh.retItems = njh'.retItems and
478     njh.statuses = njh'.statuses and
479     njh.transforms = njh'.transforms and
480     njh.values = njh'.values }
481
482 private pred noChangeRelations(njh, njh': NJH) {
483     njh.dataValues = njh'.dataValues and
484     njh.enteredOn = njh'.enteredOn and
485     njh.projectAT = njh'.projectAT and
486     njh.projectDataTransformRequired =
487     njh'.projectDataTransformRequired and
488     njh.projectQueries = njh'.projectQueries and
489     njh.qryReturns = njh'.qryReturns and
490     njh.VDAllowed = njh'.VDAllowed }

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491
492 /** i.e., specification of no operation */
493 private pred skip (njih, njih': NJH) {
494     noChangeSets[njih, njih'] and
495     noChangeRelations[njih, njih'] }
496
497 private pred checkConformance (njih, njih': NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
498     /*let
499         at = p.(njih.projectAT) */ /** at are implied by the transtorm */
500     /** Pre-conditions */
501     p in njih.projects and
502     q in p.(njih.projectQueries) and
503     no q.(njih.VDAllowed) and
504     some q.(njih.qryReturns) and
505
506     /** Post-conditions - Frame Conditions*/
507     noChangeSets[njih, njih'] and
508
509     njih.dataValues = njih'.dataValues and
510     njih.enteredOn = njih'.enteredOn and
511     njih.projectAT = njih'.projectAT and
512     njih.projectDataTransformRequired =
513         njih'.projectDataTransformRequired and
514     njih.projectQueries = njih'.projectQueries and
515     njih.qryReturns = njih'.qryReturns and
516
517     /** Post-conditions - Changes*/
518     njih.VDAllowed = njih'.VDAllowed - (q->DownloadAllowed +
519         q->DownloadDisabled) and
520     some q.(njih'.VDAllowed) and (
521     let
522         a = invDownloadAllowedTotallyIDed[njih, p, q],
523         b = invDownloadDisabledTotallyIDed[njih, p, q],
524         c = invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed[njih, p, q],
525         d = invDownloadAllowedTotallyDeIDed[njih, p, q],
526         e = invDownloadDisabledTotallyDeIDed[njih, p, q] | {
527
528     some q->DownloadAllowed & njih'.VDAllowed implies
529         ((a and not b) or (d and not e) or c)
530
531     some q->DownloadDisabled & njih'.VDAllowed implies
532         ((not a and b) or (not d and e)) }) }
533
534 private pred CheckConformancePossible(
535     njih, njih': NJH,
536     p: Project,
537     q: Query) {
538     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njih] and
539     checkConformance[njih, njih', p, q] and
540     inv[njih'] }
541
542 /** this is how we move from instance to instance */
543 fact traces {
544     init[ord/first]
545     all
546         njih: NJH - ord/last,
547         p: Project,
548         q: Query |
549     let
550         njih' = njih.next |
551     skip[njih, njih'] or
552     checkConformance[njih, njih', p, q] }

```

```

553
554 assert OpPreserves {
555     all
556         njh, njh': NJH ,
557         p: Project, q: Query |
558     (inv[njh] and
559     checkConformance [njh, njh', p, q]) implies
560     inv[njh'] }
561
562 /** run only when opPreserves returns a counterexample */
563 pred OpDoesNotPreserve[njh, njh': NJH, p: Project, q: Query ]{
564     inv[njh] and
565     checkConformance[njh, njh', p, q] and
566     not inv[njh'] }
567
568 /*run init for 7but 1NJH expect 1
569 run skip for 7but 3NJH expect 1*/
570 run checkConformance for 7but 2NJH expect 1/*
571 run CheckConformancePossible for 7but 2NJH expect 1*/
572 check OpPreserves for 7expect 0
573 run OpDoesNotPreserve for 7expect 0
574
575 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
576     End Operation Specification
577 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
578
579
580
581
582 /***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
583     Partial instance CONFIGURATION,
584     these will be instantiated in every instance
585 ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** *****
586
587 /** We want to generate a small model. It is mportant to add the
588     the size of the set so that Alloy does not use a subset of the
589     configuration. */
590 private pred config_overlap (njh: NJH) {
591     /******* for sets */
592     njh.dataItems.name =
593         Age + Other and
594
595     /* transforms (3) */
596     njh.transforms =
597         AllowDeIDed +
598         TotallyDeIDed +
599         TotallyIDed and
600
601     /* statuses (2) */
602     njh.statuses =
603         DownloadAllowed +
604         DownloadDisabled and
605
606     /******* for relations */
607     #dataItems >= 6and
608     #njh.dataItems.name = 2and
609     #njh.transforms = 3and
610     #njh.projects > 0and
611     #qryItems >= 1and
612     #queries > 1and
613     #retItems >= 3and
614     #njh.statuses >1 and

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615 #njh.transforms = 3and
616
617 /* all projects have an access ticket */
618 all
619   p: njh.projects | {
620     some p.(njh.projectAT)} and
621
622 /* qryItems and retItems are distinct data */
623 no njh.qryItems & njh.retItems and
624
625 /* all qryItems are used to construct the return data */
626 ran[select13[njh.qryReturns]] = njh.qryItems and
627
628 /* all retItems are returned */
629 ran[select12[njh.qryReturns]] = njh.retItems and
630
631 /* all qryItems are identified dates */
632 all
633   q: njh.qryItems | {
634     identifiedDate[q.(njh.dataValues)] }and
635
636 /* there is only one retItem that is de-identified */
637 #{r: njh.retItems | not identifiedDate[r.(njh.dataValues)]}= 1and
638
639 /* the identified retItem and its associated dataItem have
640    name = Age */
641 all
642   r: njh.retItems | {
643     identifiedDate[r.(njh.dataValues)] implies
644     r.name = Age and
645     r.(select23[njh.qryReturns]).name = Age }and
646
647 /* the not identified retItems and their associated dataItem have
648    name = Other */
649 all
650   r: njh.retItems | {
651     not identifiedDate[r.(njh.dataValues)] implies
652     r.name = Other and r.(select23[njh.qryReturns]).name = Other }}
653
654 private pred setPartialInstanceConfig_DeIDed (njh: NJH) {
655   config_overlap[njh] and
656
657   /* access tickets (1) */
658   njh.accessTickets = DeIDed and
659   #njh.accessTickets = 1}
660
661 private pred setPartialInstanceConfig_Identified (njh: NJH) {
662   /* load the overlap */
663   config_overlap[njh] and
664
665   /* access tickets (1) */
666   njh.accessTickets = Identified and
667   #njh.accessTickets = 1}
668
669 private pred setPartialInstanceConfig (njh: NJH) {
670   /* load the overlap */
671   config_overlap[njh] and
672
673   /* access tickets (2) */
674   njh.accessTickets = Identified + DeIDed and
675   #njh.accessTickets = 2}
676

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677 /*run config_overlap for 7expect 1
678 run setPartialInstanceConfiguration_DeIDed for 7expect 1
679 run setPartialInstanceConfiguration_Identified for 7expect 1
680 run setPartialInstanceConfiguration for 7expect 1*/
681
682 /*****
683     End of Partial Configuration
684 *****/
685
686
687
688
689 /*****
690     Start of Predicates/Assertions for other MODEL Instances
691 *****/
692 private pred common_inst(
693     njh: NJH, proj: Project, qry: Query, at: AccessTicket) {
694     inv[njh] and
695     some
696         p: njh.projects |
697         p = proj and
698         p in njh.projects and
699             p->at in njh.projectAT and
700                 some q: Query |
701                     q = qry and
702                         some p->q & njh.projectQueries and
703                             some q.(njh.qryReturns) }
704
705 /*****
706     AT: DeIDED
707     Transform: well formed instances imply it
708     Query Status: DD
709     Conformance: yes
710 *****/
711 private pred showDeIDedDD (
712     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
713     setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
714     common_inst[njh, p, q, DeIDed] and
715     some q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed and
716     not totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
717
718 /*****
719     AT: IDED
720     Transform: TotallyIDed
721     Query Status: DD
722     Conformance: yes
723 *****/
724 private pred showIdentifiedTotallyIDedDD(
725     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
726     setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
727     common_inst[njh, p, q, Identified] and
728     some p->TotallyIDed &
729         njh.projectDataTransformRequired and
730         some q->DownloadDisabled & njh.VDAllowed and
731         not totallyIDedTransform[njh, q] }
732
733 /*****
734     AT: IDED
735     Transform: AllowDeIDed
736     Query Status: DD
737     Conformance: yes
738 *****/

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739 private pred showIdentifiedAllowDeIDedDD (njih: NJH) {
740   setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
741   inv[njh] and
742   some
743     p: njih.projects |
744     p in njih.projects and
745     p->Identified in njih.projectAT and
746     some q: Query |
747       some p->q & njih.projectQueries and
748       some q.(njih.qryReturns) and
749       some q->DownloadDisabled & njih.VDAllowed and
750       some p->AllowDeIDed &
751         njih.projectDataTransformRequired and
752         allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q]}
753
754 /***** ***** */
755 AT: DeIDED
756 Transform: wel formed instances imply it
757 Query Status: DA
758 Conformance: yes
759 *****/
760 private pred showDeIDedDA(
761   njih: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
762   setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
763   common_inst[njh, p, q, DeIDed] and
764   some q->DownloadAllowed & njih.VDAllowed and
765   totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
766
767 /***** ***** */
768 AT: IDED
769 Transform: TotallyIDed
770 Query Status: DA
771 Conformance: yes
772 *****/
773 private pred showIdentifiedTotallyIDedDA(
774   njih: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
775   setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
776   common_inst[njh, p, q, Identified] and
777   some p->TotallyIDed &
778     njih.projectDataTransformRequired and
779     some q->DownloadAllowed & njih.VDAllowed and
780     totallyIDedTransform[njh, q] }
781
782 /***** ***** */
783 AT: IDED
784 Transform: AllowDeIDed
785 Query Status: DA
786 Conformance: yes
787 *****/
788 private pred showIdentifiedAllowDeIDedDA (
789   njih: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
790   setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
791   common_inst[njh, p, q, Identified] and
792   some p->AllowDeIDed & njih.projectDataTransformRequired and
793   some q->DownloadAllowed & njih.VDAllowed and
794   allowDeIDedTransform[njh, q]}
795
796 /***** ***** */
797 AT: DeIDED
798 Transform: wel formed instances imply it
799 Query Status: DA
800 Conformance: no

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801  *****/
802 private pred showDeIDedNCDA (
803     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
804     setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
805     common_inst[njh, p, q, DeIDed] and
806     some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed and
807     not totallyDeIDedTransform[njh, q] }
808
809  /**/
810     AT: DeIDED
811     Transform: wel formed instances imply it
812     Query Status: DA
813     Conformance: no
814  *****/
815 private pred showIdentifiedNCTotallyIDedDA (
816     njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
817     setPartialInstanceConfig[njh] and
818     common_inst[njh, p, q, Identified] and
819     some p.(njh.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed and
820     some q->DownloadAllowed & njh.VDAllowed and
821     not totallyIDedTransform[njh, q] }
822
823  /**/
824     Give me any instance of the system
825  *****/
826 private pred show (njh: NJH) {}
827
828  /**/
829     Give me an instance of the system where a
830     query has no VDAllowed
831  *****/
832 pred showg(njh: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
833     some p & (njh.projects) and
834     some p->q & njh.projectQueries and
835     some p.(njh.projectAT) and
836     no q.(njh.VDAllowed) and
837     some q.(njh.qryReturns) }
838
839  /*
840 run show for 7but 1NJH expect 1
841 run showg for 7expect 1/*
842 run common_inst for 7expect 1*/
843
844 run showDeIDedDD for 7but 1NJH expect 1
845 run showDeIDedDA for 7but 1NJH expect 1
846 run showDeIDedNCDA for 7but 1NJH expect 0
847
848 run showIdentifiedTotallyIDedDD for 7but 1NJH expect 1
849 run showIdentifiedTotallyIDedDA for 7but 1NJH expect 1
850 run showIdentifiedNCTotallyIDedDA for 7but 1NJH expect 0
851
852 run showIdentifiedAllowDeIDedDD for 7but 1NJH expect 0
853 run showIdentifiedAllowDeIDedDA for 7but 1NJH expect 1
854
855  /**/
856     End of Predicates/Assertions for other MODEL Instances
857  *****/
858
859
860  /**/
861     HIPAA Conformance Checks
862     Asserts MODEL Instances well formed for VD Allowed

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863  *****/
864 private pred conform_overlap (njih: NJH, q: Query, at: AccessTicket ) {
865     someOfAllRelationsSatisfyingInvAndConfig[njh] and
866     some (njih.projectQueries).q.(njih.projectAT) & at }
867
868 pred conformanceQryIdentifiedAllowed (
869     njih: NJH, p: Project , q: Query) {
870     some p.(njih.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed implies
871     all
872     r: applicableDates[njh, q] |
873     identifiedDate[r] }
874
875 pred conformanceQryIdentifiedDisabled (njih: NJH, p: Project , q: Query) {
876     (some p.(njih.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed implies
877     some
878     r: applicableDates[njh, q] |
879     not identifiedDate[r] ) }
880
881 pred conformanceQryDeIDedAllowed (njih: NJH, p: Project , q: Query) {
882     all
883     r: applicableDates[njh, q] |
884     not identifiedDate[r] }
885
886 pred conformanceQryDeIDedDisabled (njih: NJH, p: Project , q: Query) {
887     some
888     r: applicableDates[njh, q] |
889     identifiedDate[r] }
890
891 /** fault in the invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed predicate allows a
892     counterexample here, i.e.,
893     conformanceQryIdentifiedAllowed fails */
894 private pred HIPAADateNonConformanceIdentified
895     (njih: NJH, p: Project, q: Query) {
896     p = (njih.projectQueries).q and
897     conform_overlap[njh, q, Identified] and
898     some p.(njih.projectDataTransformRequired) & TotallyIDed and
899     some q.(njih.VDAAllowed) & DownloadAllowed and
900     not conformanceQryIdentifiedAllowed[njh, p, q] }
901 run HIPAADateNonConformanceIdentified for 7expect 0
902
903 /** fault in the invDownloadAllowedAllowIDed predicate allows a
904     counterexample here, i.e.,
905     conformanceQryIdentifiedAllowed fails */
906 assert HIPAADateConformanceIdentified {
907     all
908     njih: NJH,
909     q: njih.queries |
910     let
911     p = (njih.projectQueries).q | {
912
913     (conform_overlap[njh, q, Identified] and
914     some q.(njih.VDAAllowed) & DownloadAllowed) implies
915     conformanceQryIdentifiedAllowed[njh, p, q]
916
917     (conform_overlap[njh, q, Identified] and
918     some q.(njih.VDAAllowed) & DownloadDisabled) implies
919     conformanceQryIdentifiedDisabled[njh, p, q] }}
920 check HIPAADateConformanceIdentified for 7expect 0
921
922 assert HIPAADateConformanceDeIDed {
923     all
924     njih: NJH,

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925     q: njh.queries |
926   let
927     p = (njh.projectQueries).q | {
928
929     (conform_overlap[njh, q, DeIDed] and
930       some q.(njh.VDAllowed) & DownloadAllowed) implies
931       conformanceQryDeIDedAllowed[njh, p, q]
932
933     (conform_overlap[njh, q, DeIDed] and
934       some q.(njh.VDAllowed) & DownloadDisabled) implies
935       conformanceQryDeIDedDisabled[njh, p, q] }}
936   check HIPAADateConformanceDeIDed for 7expect 0
937
938   /***** ***** *****/
939   End HIPAA Conformance Checks
940   /***** ***** *****/

```

## D.2 Updated USE Class Model Specifications and Constraints for Slice 3 to *ApproveAccessTicket* Operation

Listing D.3: *USE Class Model for Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket*

```
1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  3. approve project licence,
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date August 18, 2016
7  Version 4
8  */
9
10 model NJHg_slice_1
11
12 /* Abstract CLASSES */
13 abstract class DataSource end
14 abstract class DataTransform end
15 abstract class Permission end
16 abstract class Rule
17 attributes
18 operations
19     applyRule()
20 end
21 abstract class Purpose end
22
23 /* Extended abstract classes */
24 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
25
26 class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
27 class TotallyIDed < DataTransform end
28 class AllowDeIDed < DataTransform end
29
30 abstract class Licence < Permission end
31 abstract class DecisionRule < Rule end
32
33 /* Unextended concrete classes */
34 class Personnel end
35 class Query
36 attributes
37 operations
38     runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
39     download()
40     view()
41 end
42
43
44 /* Extended concrete classes */
45 class Project < DataSource end
46 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
47
48
49 class Fishing < Licence end
50
51 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
52 class Identified < AccessTicket end
53
54 class CanUseTotallyDeIDed < DecisionRule end
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55 class ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector < DecisionRule end
56 class DataAccessAgreementPresent < DecisionRule end
57 class DataSourcePriorityOK < DecisionRule end
58 class LicenedTeamAndPI < DecisionRule end
59 class NoOverlapPITeamDC < DecisionRule end
60 class NoSuppsInPIandDC < DecisionRule end
61 class PIDefined < DecisionRule end
62 class ProjectMembersDefined < DecisionRule end
63 class QualifierPresent < DecisionRule end
64 class SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment < DecisionRule end
65 class SomeQueriesDefined < DecisionRule end
66 class SomeSourcesDefined < DecisionRule end
67
68 class DirectTreatment < Purpose end
69 class Research < Purpose end
70
71 /* These classes are defined using the 'in' keyword in the Alloy model.
72    How will we achieve this in OCL? */
73 class Qualifier < Personnel
74 attributes
75 operations
76     QualifyResearcher(res: Researcher)
77 end
78 class Researcher < Personnel end
79
80
81 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
82
83 association ATPriority between
84     AccessTicket[*] role ant
85     AccessTicket[*] role desc
86 end
87
88 association DataAccessAgreement between
89     Project[*] role owner
90     Project[*] role user
91 end
92
93 association PermRules between
94     Permission[*]
95     Rule[1..*]
96 end
97
98 association ProjectAT between
99     Project[*]
100     AccessTicket[0..1]
101 end
102
103 association ProjectDataCollector between
104     Project[*]
105     Personnel[0..1] role dc
106 end
107
108 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
109     Project[*]
110     DataTransform[0..1]
111 end
112
113 association ProjectMembers between
114     Project[*] role proj
115     Researcher[*] role members
116 end

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117
118 association ProjectPI between
119     Project[*] role pi_proj
120     Researcher[0..1] role pi
121 end
122
123 association ProjectPurpose between
124     Project[*]
125     Purpose[0..1]
126 end
127
128 association ProjectQueries between
129     Project[*] /* relax from 1to * to allow generation */
130     Query[*]
131 end
132
133 association ProjectSources between
134     Project [*]
135     DataSource[*]
136 end
137
138 association ResearcherL between
139     Researcher[*]
140     Licence[0..1]
141 end
142
143 association Supervisors between
144     Personnel[*] role supervisor
145     Personnel[*] role supervised
146 end

```

Listing D.4: *USE Class Model for Slice 5 to Check Conformance*

```

1 /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  4. execute query
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date Sept 20, 2016
7  Version 4
8  */
9
10 model NJHg_slice_5
11
12 /* Abstract CLASSES */
13
14 abstract class Data end
15 abstract class Permission end
16 abstract class DataTransform end
17
18 /* Extended abstract classes */
19 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
20 class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
21 class TotallyIDed < DataTransform end
22 class AllowDeIDed < DataTransform end
23
24 /* Unextended concrete classes */
25 class DataItem
26 attributes
27     name: String

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28 end
29
30 class Query
31 attributes
32 operations
33     download()
34     view()
35 end
36
37 abstract class Status end
38
39 /* Extended concrete classes */
40
41 class Date < Data
42 attributes
43     day: Integer
44     month: Integer
45     year: Integer
46 operations
47     isIdentified(): Boolean
48     isNotIdentified(): Boolean
49 end
50
51 class DStr < Data
52 attributes
53     sVal: String
54 end
55
56 class Project end
57
58 class QryData < DataItem end
59 class RetData < DataItem end
60
61 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
62 class Identified < AccessTicket end
63
64 class DownloadDisabled < Status end
65 class DownloadAllowed < Status end
66
67 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
68 association DataValues between
69     DataItem[*]
70     Data[1]
71 end
72
73 association EnteredOn between
74     DataItem[*] role item
75     Date[0..1] role date
76 end
77
78 association ProjectAT between
79     Project[*]
80     AccessTicket[0..1]
81 end
82
83 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
84     Project[*]
85     DataTransform[0..1]
86 end
87
88 association ProjectQueries between

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89     Project[*] /* relax from lto * to allow generation program to work, enforced as l in a
        constraint */
90     Query[*]
91 end
92
93 association QryReturns between
94     Query[*] role qry
95     RetData[*] role rData
96     QryData[*] role qData
97 end
98
99 association VDAllowed between
100     Query[*]
101     Status[0..1]
102 end

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Listing D.5: *Additional USE Constraints applicable only to Slices 3 and 5 to Approve Access Ticket and Check Conformance respectively*

```

1 context DataTransform
2 inv singletonEachDT:
3     DataTransform.allInstances.select(
4         oclIsTypeOf(TotallyDeIDed)=true)->size()<=1
5     and
6     DataTransform.allInstances.select(
7         oclIsTypeOf(TotallyIDed)=true)->size()<=1
8     and
9     DataTransform.allInstances.select(
10        oclIsTypeOf(AllowDeIDed)=true)->size()<=1
11
12 context Project
13 inv invProjectATDataTransform1:
14     projectAT.select(
15         oclIsTypeOf(Identified)=true)->size()=1 implies
16     dataTransform.select(oclIsTypeOf(TotallyDeIDed)=true)->size()=0
17
18 inv invProjectATDataTransform2:
19     projectAT.select(
20         oclIsTypeOf(DeIDed)=true)->size()=1 implies (
21     dataTransform.select(oclIsTypeOf(AllowDeIDed)=true)->size()=0 and
22     dataTransform.select(oclIsTypeOf(TotallyIDed)=true)->size()=0)

```

## E.1 Updated USE Class Model Specifications and Constraints for Slice 3 to *ApproveAccessTicket* Operation

Listing E.1: *USE Class Model for Slice 3 to Approve Access Ticket*

```

1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  3. Approve project licence when rules for Children Protected Populations
4  are to be considered
5
6  Written by Phillipa Bennett
7  Date December 20, 2016
8  Version 5
9
10 Updated Dec 28, 2016
11 with additional requirements
12 for IRB to specify if consent/assent required
13
14 */
15
16 model NJHg_slice_1
17
18 /* Abstract CLASSES */
19 abstract class Consent end
20 abstract class ConsentRequirement end
21 abstract class DataSource end
22 abstract class DataTransform end
23 abstract class Permission end
24 abstract class PersonRole end
25 abstract class ResearchRisk end
26 abstract class Rule
27 attributes
28 operations
29   applyRule()
30 end
31 abstract class Purpose end
32
33 /* Extended abstract classes */
34 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
35
36 class ResponsibilityRole < PersonRole end
37 abstract class SpecialSubject < PersonRole end
38
39 abstract class Licence < Permission end
40
41 abstract class ChildrenResearchRisk < ResearchRisk end
42
43 abstract class DecisionRule < Rule end
44
45 /* Unextended concrete classes */
46 class IRB end
47 class Person end
48 class Personnel < Person end
49 class Query

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50 attributes
51 operations
52   runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
53   download()
54   view()
55 end
56
57 /* Extended concrete classes */
58 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
59 class Identified < AccessTicket end
60
61 class RiskNotAllowed < ChildrenResearchRisk end
62 class MinimalRisk < ChildrenResearchRisk end
63 class DirectBenefit < ChildrenResearchRisk end
64 class DirectBenefitGeneralisable < ChildrenResearchRisk end
65 class FurtherUnderstandingPreventionAlleviation < ChildrenResearchRisk end
66
67 class Allow < Consent end
68 class DisAllow < Consent end
69
70 class Required < ConsentRequirement end
71 class NotRequired < ConsentRequirement end
72
73 class Project < DataSource end
74 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
75
76 class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
77 class TotallyIDed < DataTransform end
78 class AllowDeIDed < DataTransform end
79
80 class CanUseTotallyDeIDed < DecisionRule end
81 class ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector < DecisionRule end
82 class DataAccessAgreementPresent < DecisionRule end
83 class DataSourcePriorityOK < DecisionRule end
84 class LicenedTeamAndPI < DecisionRule end
85 class NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB < DecisionRule end
86 class NoSuppsInPIandDC < DecisionRule end
87 class PIDefined < DecisionRule end
88 class ProjectMembersDefined < DecisionRule end
89 class QualifierPresent < DecisionRule end
90 class SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment < DecisionRule end
91 class SomeQueriesDefined < DecisionRule end
92 class SomeSourcesDefined < DecisionRule end
93 class SpecialResearchApproved < DecisionRule end
94
95 class Fishing < Licence end
96
97 class DirectTreatment < Purpose end
98 class Research < Purpose end
99
100 class Researcher < Personnel end
101
102 class Parent < ResponsibilityRole end
103 class Guardian < ResponsibilityRole end
104 class WardOfState < ResponsibilityRole end
105
106 class Children < SpecialSubject end
107
108 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
109
110 association ATPriority between
111   AccessTicket[*] role ant

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112     AccessTicket[*] role desc
113 end
114
115 association DataAccessAgreement between
116     Project[*] role owner
117     Project[*] role user
118 end
119
120 association IRBMembers between
121     IRB[0..1] role irb
122     Personnel[2..*]
123 end
124
125 association PermRules between
126     Permission[*]
127     Rule[1..*]
128 end
129
130 association ProjectAT between
131     Project[*]
132     AccessTicket[0..1]
133 end
134
135 association ProjectConsentAssssentReq between
136     Project[*]
137     PersonRole[*]
138     ConsentRequirement[0..1]
139 end
140
141 association ProjectDataCollector between
142     Project[*]
143     Personnel[0..1] role dc
144 end
145
146 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
147     Project[*]
148     DataTransform[0..1]
149 end
150
151 association ProjectMembers between
152     Project[*] role proj
153     Researcher[*] role members
154 end
155
156 association ProjectPI between
157     Project[*] role pi_proj
158     Researcher[0..1] role pi
159 end
160
161 association ProjectPurpose between
162     Project[*]
163     Purpose[0..1]
164 end
165
166 association ProjectQueries between
167     Project[*] /* relax from 1, to * to allow generation program to work */
168     Query[*]
169 end
170
171 association ProjectSources between
172     Project [*]
173     DataSource[*]

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174 end
175
176 association ProjectSpecialResearch between
177     Project[*] role ssSubject
178     SpecialSubject[*]
179 end
180
181 association ProjectSpecialResearchApproval between
182     Project[*] role spProject
183     SpecialSubject[*] role spSubject
184     ResearchRisk[0..1]
185     IRB[0..1] role irb
186     Consent[0..1]
187 end
188
189 association ResearcherL between
190     Researcher[*]
191     Licence[0..1]
192 end
193
194 association Supervisors between
195     Personnel[*] role supervisor
196     Personnel[*] role supervised
197 end
```

Listing E.2: *USE Class Model for Slice 4 to Execute Query*

```

1  /*
2  Model slice for NJH to
3  4. execute query with Protected Children
4
5  Written by Phillipa Bennett
6  Date December 20, 2016
7  Version 5
8
9  Updated Dec 28, 2016
10 with changed and additional requirements
11     1. advocate can be IRB member; and
12     2. advocate cannot be associated with guardian organisation
13 */
14
15 model NJHgv_pc_slice_4
16
17 /* Abstract CLASSES */
18 abstract class Category end
19 abstract class Consent end
20 abstract class ConsentRequirement end
21 abstract class Data end
22 abstract class DataSource end
23 abstract class DataTransform end
24 abstract class Permission end
25 abstract class PersonRole end
26 abstract class Rule
27 attributes
28 operations
29     applyRule()
30 end
31
32 /* Extended abstract classes */
33 abstract class HIPAACat < Category end
34
35 class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
36 class TotallyIDed < DataTransform end
37 class AllowDeIDed < DataTransform end
38
39 abstract class SpecialPopn < HIPAACat end
40
41 abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
42
43 class ResponsibilityRole < PersonRole end
44 abstract class SpecialSubject < PersonRole end
45
46 abstract class AccessRule < Rule end
47
48 abstract class Type end
49
50 /* Unextended concrete classes */
51 class DataItem
52 attributes
53     name: String
54 end
55
56 class IRB end
57 class Person end
58
59 /* Extended concrete classes */

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```

60 class ChildAdvocateForWardOfState < AccessRule end
61 class ChildAssentAndResponsibilityConsent < AccessRule end
62 class HideSpecialPopn < AccessRule end
63 class ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg < AccessRule end
64 class PatientConsent < AccessRule end
65 class TransformHDate < AccessRule end
66
67 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
68 class Identified < AccessTicket end
69
70 class Allow < Consent end
71 class CannotGive < Consent end
72 class DisAllow < Consent end
73
74 class Required < ConsentRequirement end
75 class NotRequired < ConsentRequirement end
76
77 class Date < Data
78 attributes
79     day: Integer
80     month: Integer
81     year: Integer
82 operations
83     isIdentified(): Boolean
84     isNotIdentified(): Boolean
85 end
86
87 class HDate < HIPAACat end
88 class HIPAAChild < SpecialPopn end
89
90 class Project < DataSource end
91 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
92
93 class Researcher < Personnel end
94
95 class QryData < DataItem end
96 class RetData < DataItem end
97
98 class Patient < Person end
99 class Personnel < Person end
100
101 class Query
102 attributes
103 operations
104     runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
105     download()
106     view()
107 end
108
109 class Parent < ResponsibilityRole end
110 class Guardian < ResponsibilityRole end
111 class WardOrg < ResponsibilityRole end
112
113 class Children < SpecialSubject end
114
115 class Individual < Type end
116 class Group < Type end
117
118 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
119 association ARAppliesTo between
120     AccessRule[*] role accessrule
121     Type[1..*] role type

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122 end
123
124 association ARHides between
125     AccessRule[*]
126     Category[*]
127 end
128
129 association ARTransforms between
130     AccessRule[*] role hAccessRules
131     HIPAACat[*]
132 end
133
134 association ChildAdvocate between
135     Patient[*] role advocatePt
136     Person [0..1] role ptAdvocate
137 end
138
139 association ChildParticipationAssent between
140     Patient[*] role spPatient
141     Consent[*] role spPatientAssent
142 end
143
144 association ChildParticipationPerm between
145     ResponsibilityRole[*]
146     Person[*] role spPWPerson
147     Patient[*] role spPWPatient
148     Consent[0..1] role spPatientPerm
149 end
150
151 association DataValues between
152     DataItem[*]
153     Data[1]
154 end
155
156 association DICat between
157     DataItem[*]
158     HIPAACat[*]
159 end
160
161 association DISource between
162     DataSource[0..1]
163     DataItem[*]
164 end
165
166 association EnteredOn between
167     DataItem[*] role item
168     Date[0..1] role date
169 end
170
171 association IRBMembers between
172     IRB[0..1] role irb
173     Personnel[1..*]
174 end
175
176 association PatientData between
177     Patient[0..1]
178     DataItem[*]
179     Consent[0..1]
180 end
181
182 association PermRules between
183     Permission[*]

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184     Rule[1..*]
185 end
186
187 association ProjectAT between
188     Project[*]
189     AccessTicket[0..1]
190 end
191
192 association ProjectConsentAssssentReq between
193     Project[*]
194     PersonRole[*]
195     ConsentRequirement[0..1]
196 end
197
198 association ProjectDataCollector between
199     Project[*]
200     Personnel[0..1] role dc
201 end
202
203 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
204     Project[*]
205     DataTransform[0..1]
206 end
207
208 association ProjectMembers between
209     Project[*] role proj
210     Researcher[*] role members
211 end
212
213 association ProjectPI between
214     Project[*] role pi_proj
215     Researcher[0..1] role pi
216 end
217
218 association ProjectQueries between
219     Project[*] /* relax from lto * to allow generation program to work, enforced as lin a
220         constraint */
221     Query[*]
222 end
223
224 association ProjectSources between
225     Project [*]
226     DataSource[*]
227 end
228
229 association ProjectSpecialResearch between
230     Project[*] role ssProject
231     SpecialSubject[*]
232 end
233
234 association QryWorksOn between
235     Query[*]
236     QryData[*]
237 end
238
239 association QryReturns between
240     Query[*] role qry
241     RetData[*] role rData
242     QryData[*] role qData
243 end
244 association RDType between

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```
245     Query[*] role rd_qry
246     RetData[*] role rd_data
247     Type[0..1]
248 end
249
250 association SpecialPatient between
251     Patient [*]
252     SpecialPopn[*]
253 end
254
255 association WardAssociates between
256     WardOrg [*]
257     Person[1..*]
258 end
```

Listing E.3: Full USE Class Model for the NJH system

```

1  /*
2  NJH Full
3
4  Written by Phillipa Bennett
5  Updated January 26, 2017
6  Version 5
7  */
8
9  model NJHgv_pc_full
10
11  /* Abstract CLASSES */
12  abstract class Category end
13  abstract class Consent end
14  abstract class ConsentRequirement end
15  abstract class Data end
16  abstract class DataSource end
17  abstract class DataTransform end
18  abstract class Permission end
19  abstract class PersonRole end
20  abstract class Purpose end
21  abstract class ResearchRisk end
22  abstract class Rule
23  attributes
24  operations
25      applyRule()
26  end
27  abstract class Status end
28
29  /* Extended abstract classes */
30  abstract class HIPAACat < Category end
31
32  class TotallyDeIDed < DataTransform end
33  class TotallyIDed < DataTransform end
34  class AllowDeIDed < DataTransform end
35
36  abstract class SpecialPopn < HIPAACat end
37
38  abstract class AccessTicket < Permission end
39  abstract class Licence < Permission end
40
41
42
43  class ResponsibilityRole < PersonRole end
44  abstract class SpecialSubject < PersonRole end
45
46  abstract class ChildrenResearchRisk < ResearchRisk end
47
48  abstract class AccessRule < Rule end
49  abstract class DecisionRule < Rule end
50
51  abstract class Type end
52
53  /* Extended concrete classes */
54  class ChildAdvocateForWardOfState < AccessRule end
55  class ChildAssentAndResponsibilityConsent < AccessRule end
56  class HideSpecialPopn < AccessRule end
57  class ChildAdvocateNotAssocWithResearchOrWardOrg < AccessRule end
58  class PatientConsent < AccessRule end
59  class TransformHDate < AccessRule end

```

```

60
61 class DeIDed < AccessTicket end
62 class Identified < AccessTicket end
63
64 class RiskNotAllowed < ChildrenResearchRisk end
65 class MinimalRisk < ChildrenResearchRisk end
66 class DirectBenefit < ChildrenResearchRisk end
67 class DirectBenefitGeneralisable < ChildrenResearchRisk end
68 class FurtherUnderstandingPreventionAlleviation < ChildrenResearchRisk end
69
70 class Allow < Consent end
71 class CannotGive < Consent end
72 class DisAllow < Consent end
73
74 class Required < ConsentRequirement end
75 class NotRequired < ConsentRequirement end
76
77 class Date < Data
78 attributes
79   day: Integer
80   month: Integer
81   year: Integer
82 operations
83   isIdentified(): Boolean
84   isNotIdentified(): Boolean
85 end
86
87 class HDate < HIPAACat end
88 class HIPAACChild < SpecialPopn end
89
90 class QryData < DataItem end
91 class RetData < DataItem end
92
93 class Project < DataSource end
94 class ClinicalDB < DataSource end
95
96 class CanUseTotallyDeIDed < DecisionRule end
97 class ClinicalDBNeedsDataCollector < DecisionRule end
98 class DataAccessAgreementPresent < DecisionRule end
99 class DataSourcePriorityOK < DecisionRule end
100 class LicenedTeamAndPI < DecisionRule end
101 class NoOverlapPITeamDCIRB < DecisionRule end
102 class NoSuppsInPIandDC < DecisionRule end
103 class PIDefined < DecisionRule end
104 class ProjectMembersDefined < DecisionRule end
105 class QualifierPresent < DecisionRule end
106 class SomePurposeNotDirectTreatment < DecisionRule end
107 class SomeQueriesDefined < DecisionRule end
108 class SomeSourcesDefined < DecisionRule end
109 class SpecialResearchApproved < DecisionRule end
110
111 class Fishing < Licence end
112
113 class Patient < Person end
114 class Personnel < Person end
115 class Researcher < Personnel end
116 class Qualifier < Personnel
117 attributes
118 operations
119   QualifyResearcher(res: Researcher)
120 end
121

```

```

122 class DirectTreatment < Purpose end
123 class Research < Purpose end
124
125 class DownloadDisabled < Status end
126 class DownloadAllowed < Status end
127
128 class Parent < ResponsibilityRole end
129 class Guardian < ResponsibilityRole end
130 class WardOrg < ResponsibilityRole end
131
132 class Children < SpecialSubject end
133
134 class Individual < Type end
135 class Group < Type end
136
137 /* Unextended concrete classes */
138 class DataItem
139 attributes
140     name: String
141 end
142
143 class IRB end
144 class Person end
145
146 class Query
147 attributes
148 operations
149     runQuery(res: Researcher, proj: Project)
150     download()
151     view()
152 end
153
154
155 /* ASSOCIATIONS */
156 association ARAppliesTo between
157     AccessRule[*] role accessrule
158     Type[1..*] role type
159 end
160
161 association ARHides between
162     AccessRule[*]
163     Category[*]
164 end
165
166 association ARTransforms between
167     AccessRule[*] role hAccessRules
168     HIPAACat[*]
169 end
170
171 association ATPriority between
172     AccessTicket[*] role ant
173     AccessTicket[*] role desc
174 end
175
176 association ChildAdvocate between
177     Patient[*] role advocatePt
178     Person [0..1] role ptAdvocate
179 end
180
181 association ChildParticipationAssent between
182     Patient[*] role spPatient
183     Consent[*] role spPatientAssent

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184 end
185
186 association ChildParticipationPerm between
187     ResponsibilityRole[*]
188     Person[*] role spWPPerson
189     Patient[*] role spWPatient
190     Consent[0..1] role spPatientPerm
191 end
192
193 association DataAccessAgreement between
194     Project[*] role owner
195     Project[*] role user
196 end
197
198 association DataValues between
199     DataItem[*]
200     Data[1]
201 end
202
203 association DICat between
204     DataItem[*]
205     HIPAACat[*]
206 end
207
208 association DISource between
209     DataSource[0..1]
210     DataItem[*]
211 end
212
213 association EnteredOn between
214     DataItem[*] role item
215     Date[0..1] role date
216 end
217
218 association IRBMembers between
219     IRB[0..1] role irb
220     Personnel[1..*]
221 end
222
223 association PatientData between
224     Patient[0..1]
225     DataItem[*]
226     Consent[0..1]
227 end
228
229 association PermRules between
230     Permission[*]
231     Rule[1..*]
232 end
233
234 association ProjectAT between
235     Project[*]
236     AccessTicket[0..1]
237 end
238
239 association ProjectConsentAssentReq between
240     Project[*]
241     PersonRole[*]
242     ConsentRequirement[0..1]
243 end
244
245 association ProjectDataCollector between

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246     Project[*]
247     Personnel[0..1] role dc
248 end
249
250 association ProjectDataTransformRequired between
251     Project[*]
252     DataTransform[0..1]
253 end
254
255 association ProjectMembers between
256     Project[*] role proj
257     Researcher[*] role members
258 end
259
260 association ProjectPI between
261     Project[*] role pi_proj
262     Researcher[0..1] role pi
263 end
264
265 association ProjectPurpose between
266     Project[*]
267     Purpose[0..1]
268 end
269
270 association ProjectQueries between
271     Project[*] /* relax from 1to * to allow generation program to work, enforced as 1in a
272         constraint */
273     Query[*]
274 end
275
276 association ProjectSources between
277     Project [*]
278     DataSource[*]
279 end
280
281 association ProjectSpecialResearch between
282     Project[*] role ssProject
283     SpecialSubject[*]
284 end
285
286 association ProjectSpecialResearchApproval between
287     Project[*] role spProject
288     SpecialSubject[*] role spSubject
289     ResearchRisk[0..1]
290     IRB[0..1] role irb
291     Consent[0..1]
292 end
293
294 association QryWorksOn between
295     Query[*]
296     QryData[*]
297 end
298
299 association QryReturns between
300     Query[*] role qry
301     RetData[*] role rData
302     QryData[*] role qData
303 end
304
305 association RDType between
306     Query[*] role rd_qry
307     RetData[*] role rd_data

```

```

307     Type[0..1]
308 end
309
310 association ResearcherL between
311     Researcher[*]
312     Licence[0..1]
313 end
314
315 association ResearcherQualifier between
316     Researcher[*]
317     Qualifier[0..1]
318 end
319
320 association SpecialPatient between
321     Patient [*]
322     SpecialPopn[*]
323 end
324
325 association Supervisors between
326     Personnel[*] role supervisor
327     Personnel[*] role supervised
328 end
329
330 association VDAAllowed between
331     Query[*]
332     Status[0..1]
333 end
334
335 association WardAssociates between
336     WardOrg [*]
337     Person[1..*]
338 end

```