

# Access Controls in Smart Cars: Needs and Solutions

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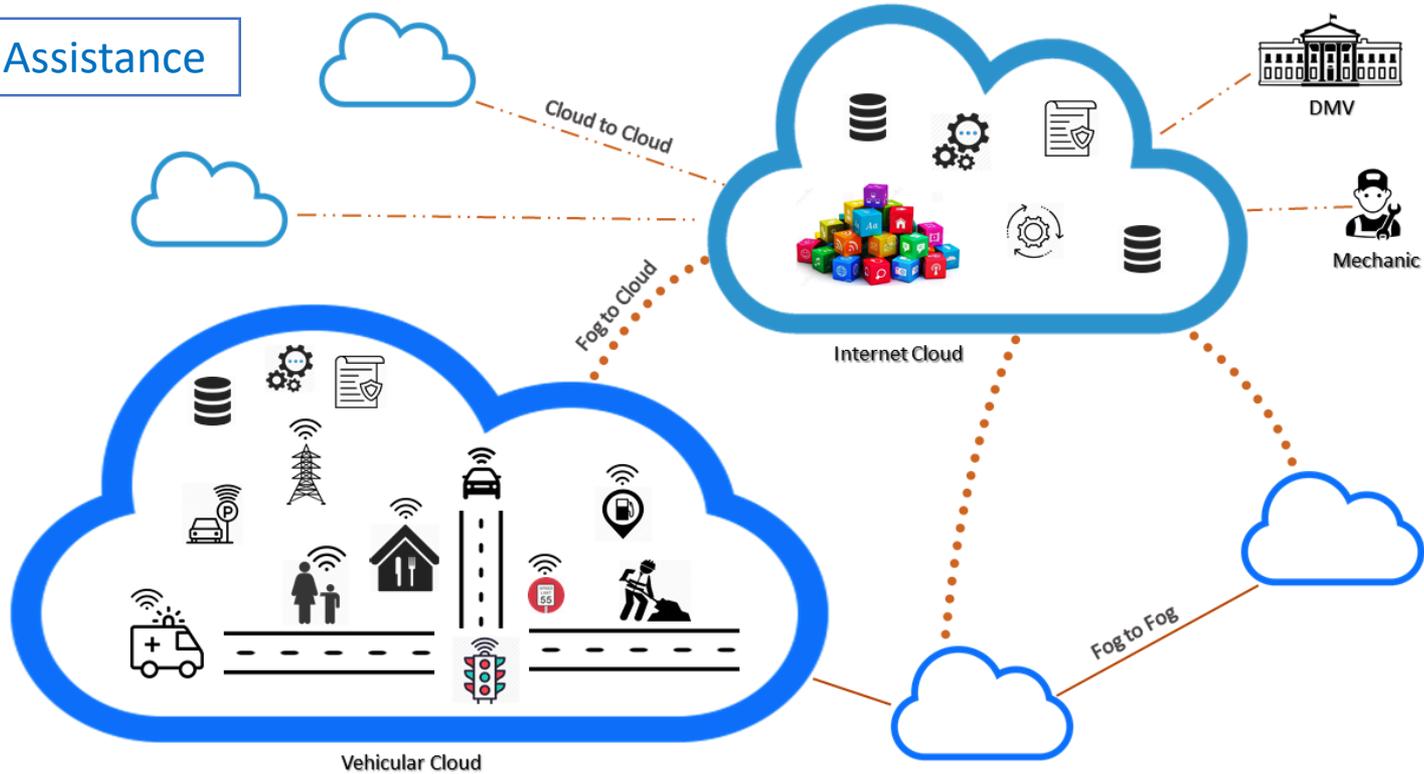
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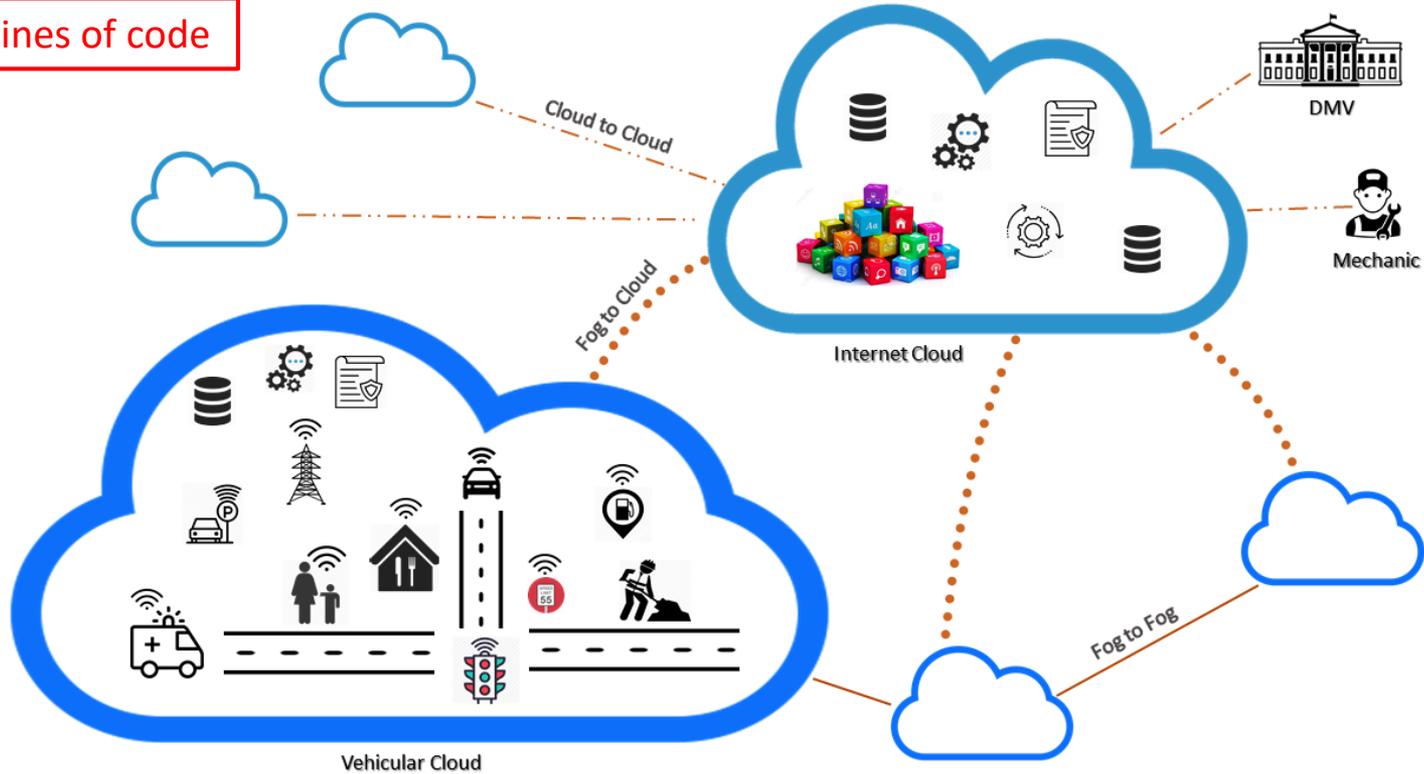
Safety and Assistance



Information and Entertainment

High Mobility, Location Centric  
Time Sensitive, Dynamic Pairing  
Multiple Fog/Cloud Infrastructures

100 million lines of code



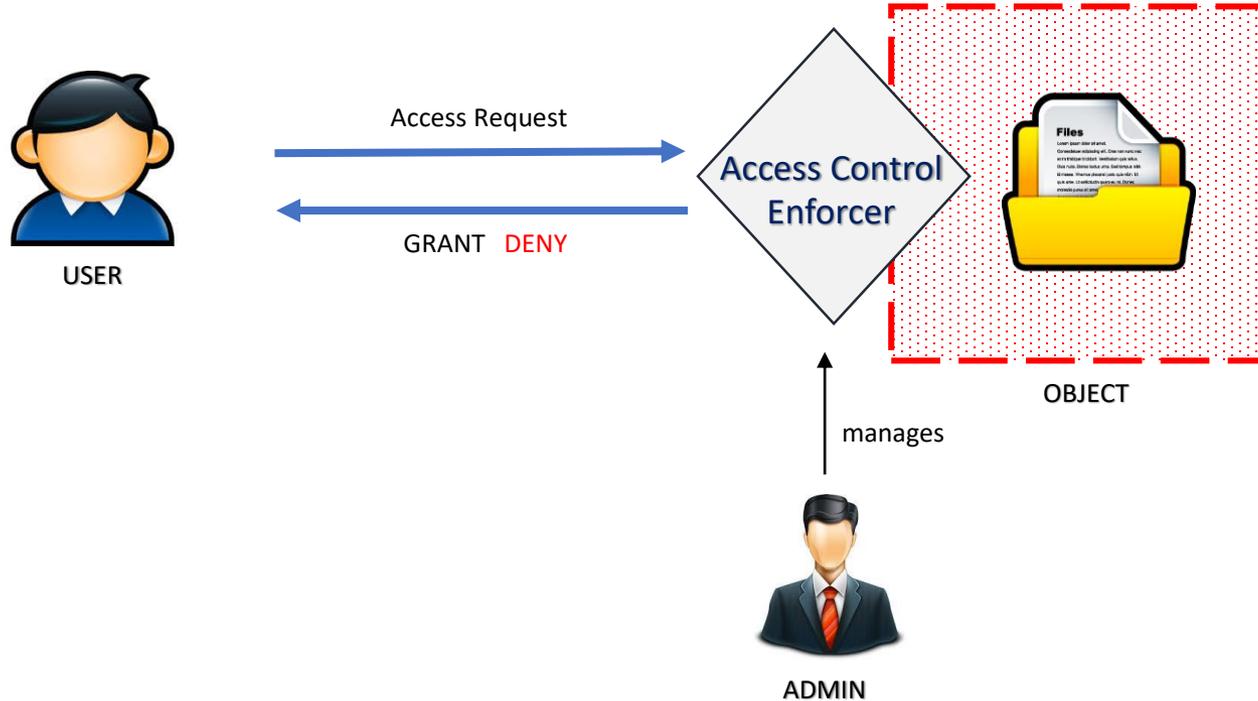
Software Reliance , Broad Attack Surface, Untrusted Entities



I **TRUST** my users.  
Everything is Secure. !!

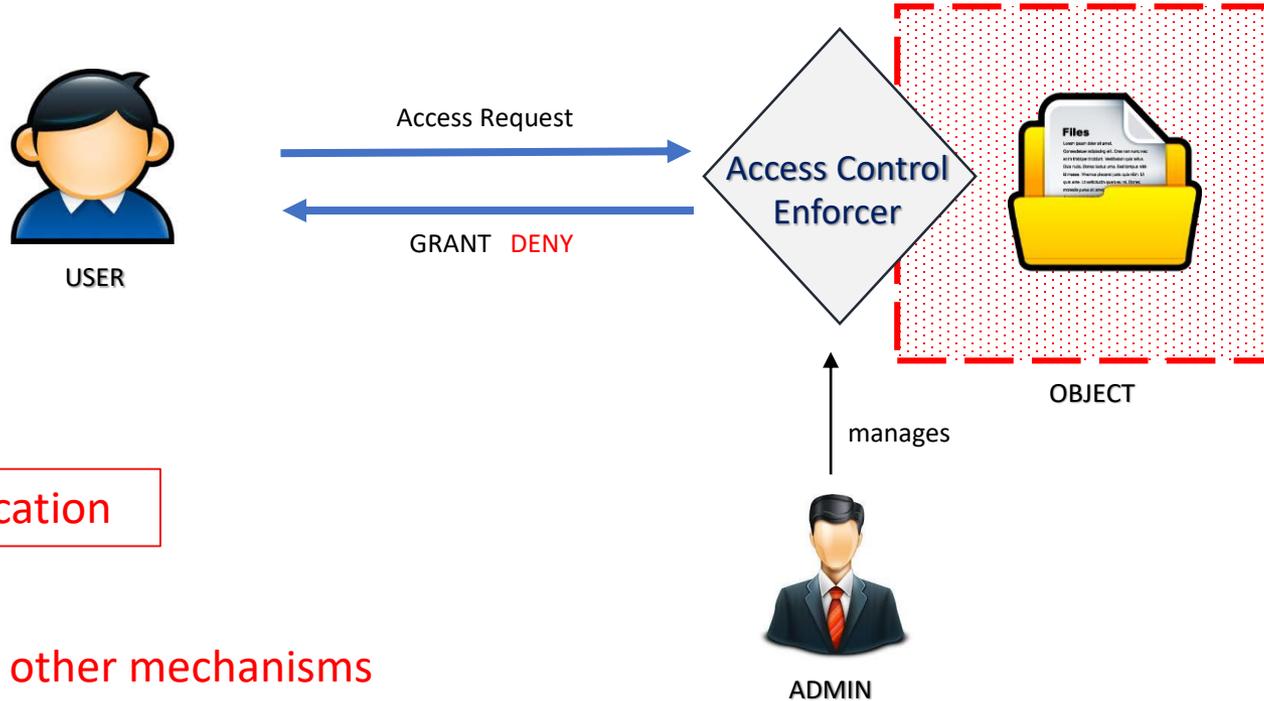
Confidentiality  
Integrity  
Availability

# Thank YOU.!!



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## PROTECTION



Post Authentication

Complements other mechanisms

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- Three Dominant Models: **DAC**, **MAC** and **RBAC**.
  - **ABAC**: Decision based on the attributes of entities
  - Attributes are name value pair: **age (Alice) → 29**
  - Core entities in ABAC include:
    - ❖ Users
    - ❖ Objects
    - ❖ Environment or Context
    - ❖ Operations
- } **Attributes**
- **Authorization Policies**: determine rights just in time
    - ❖ retrieve attributes of relevant entities in request
  - Enhance flexibility and fine grained access control
  - NIST Guidelines to ABAC

- ❖ On-Board Data, Applications and Sensors
- ❖ Third Party devices
- ❖ V2X fake messages
- ❖ User Privacy Preferences
- ❖ Over the Air updates
- ❖ Loss of Information in Cloud
- ❖ Location and time sensitivity of the services.
- ❖ In-vehicle communication

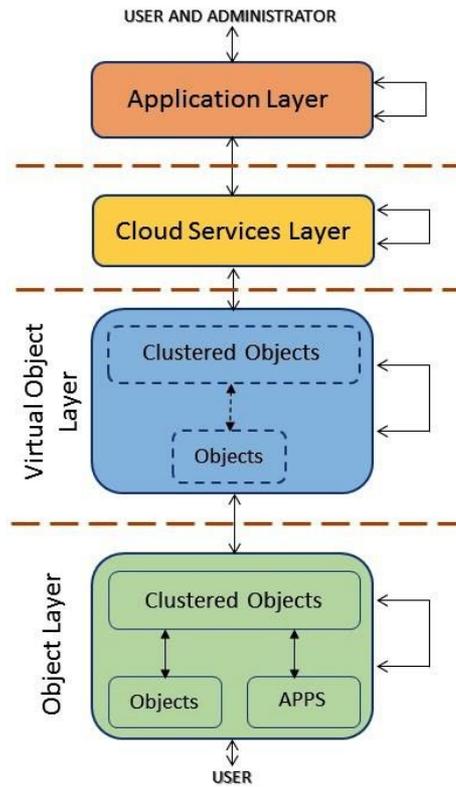


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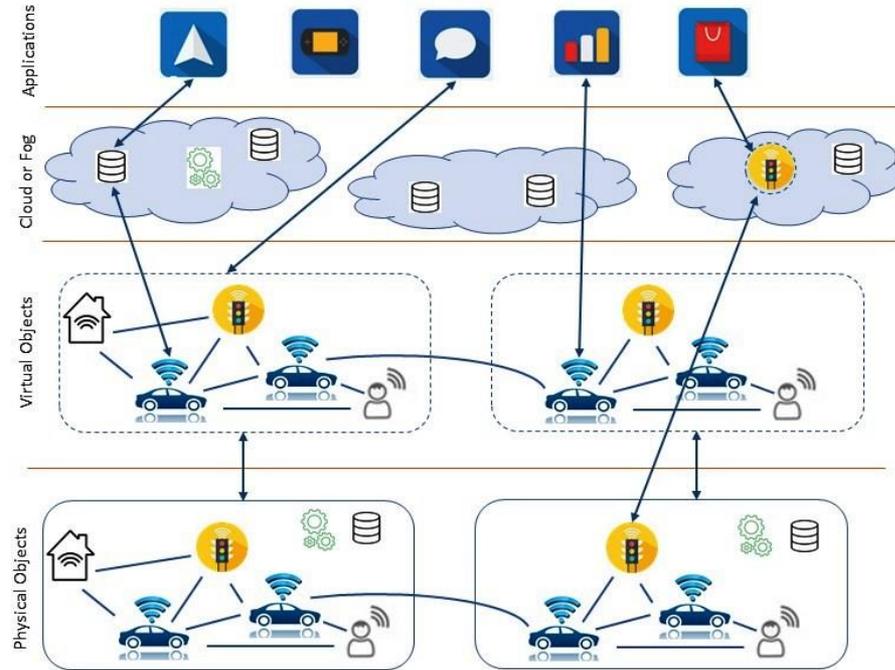
- ❖ Access Control Oriented Architecture for Smart Cars.
- ❖ Propose formalized ABAC model for cloud assisted applications.
- ❖ Dynamic groups and user preferences.
- ❖ Implementation of the model in AWS.

### ➤ Scope

- ❖ Single Central Cloud
- ❖ No direct access and physical tampering
- ❖ Communication Channel is encrypted.
- ❖ Data in Cloud is secure
- ❖ In-vehicle security not considered



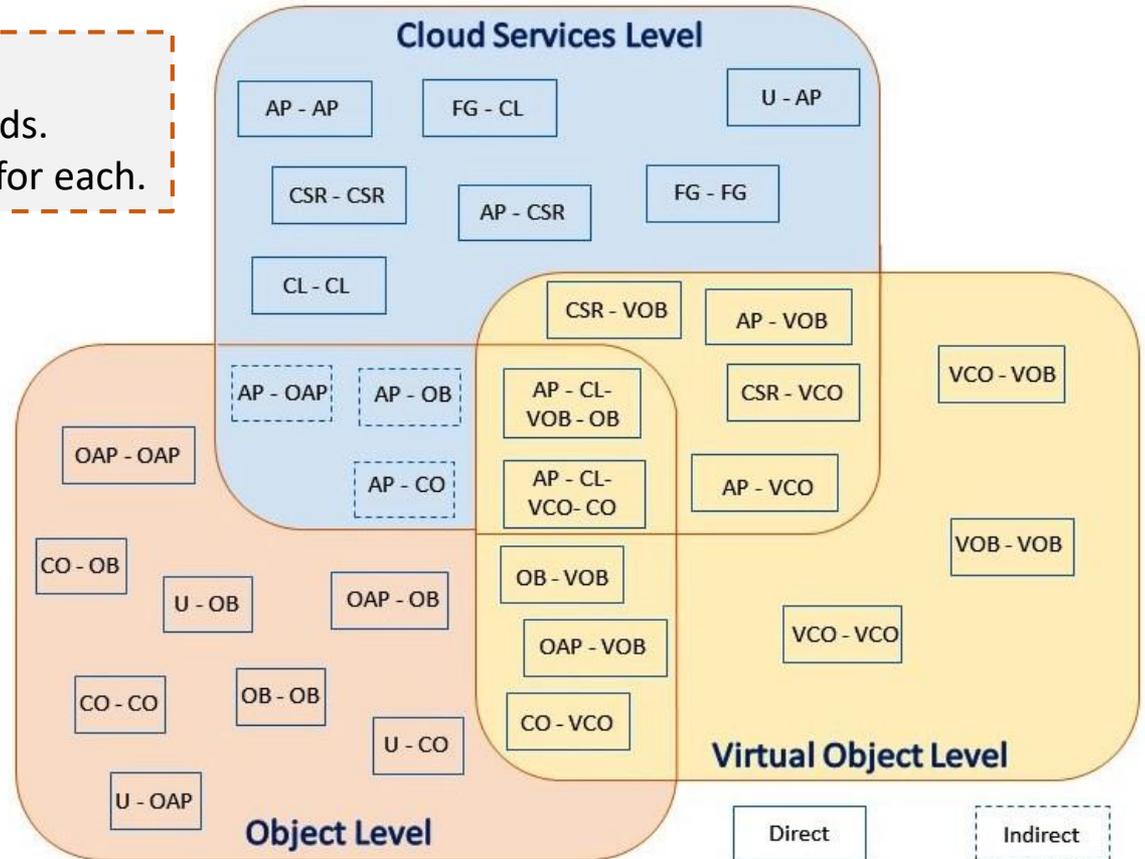
E-ACO architecture



Vehicular IoT components in architecture

### An Authorization Framework:

- Helps understand access control needs.
- Helps understand models suitability for each.



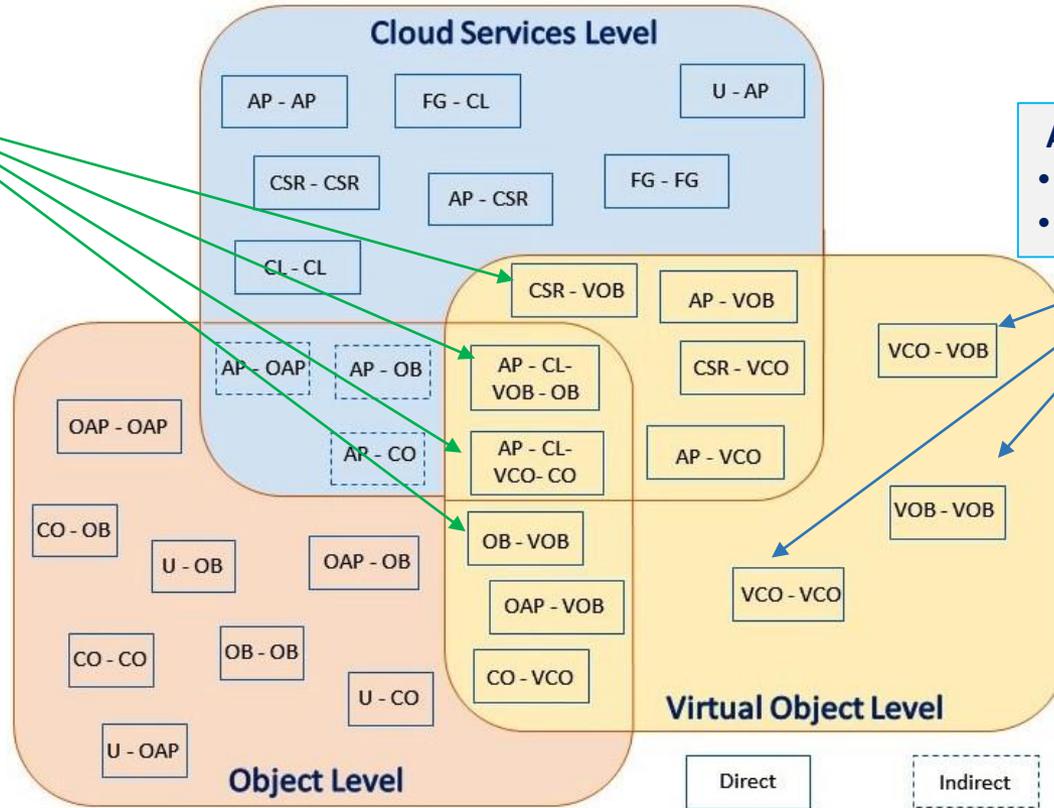
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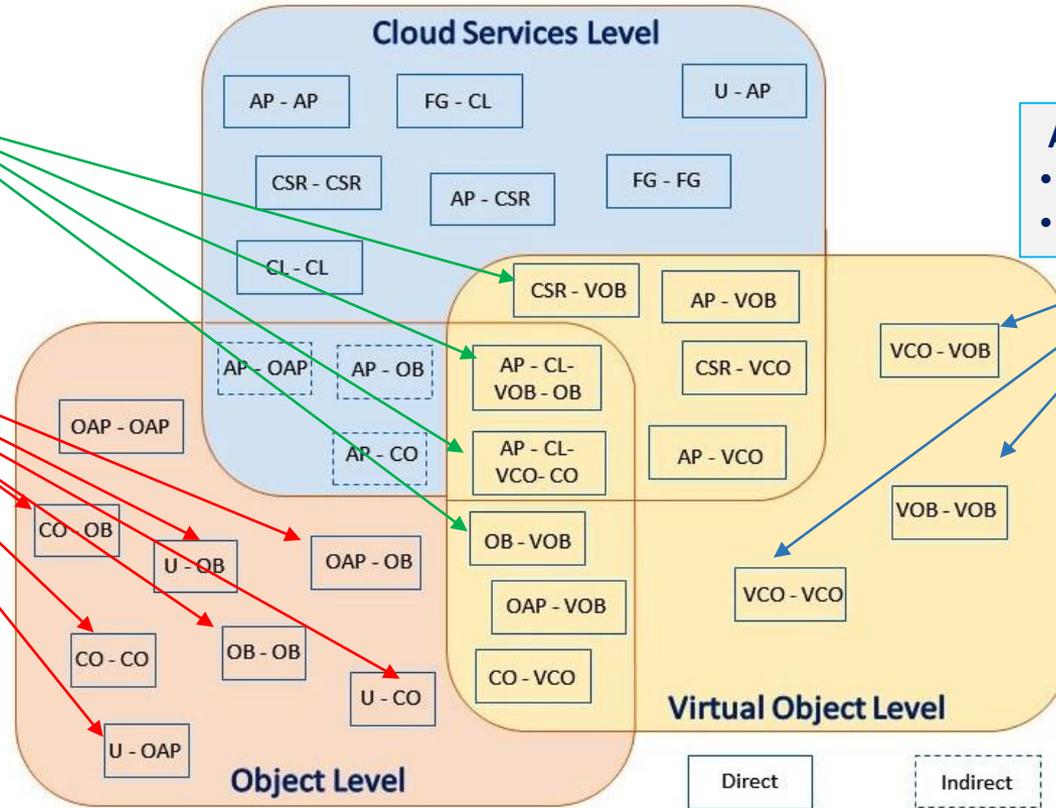
**Our Solution**

- Pure ABAC
- User Privacy

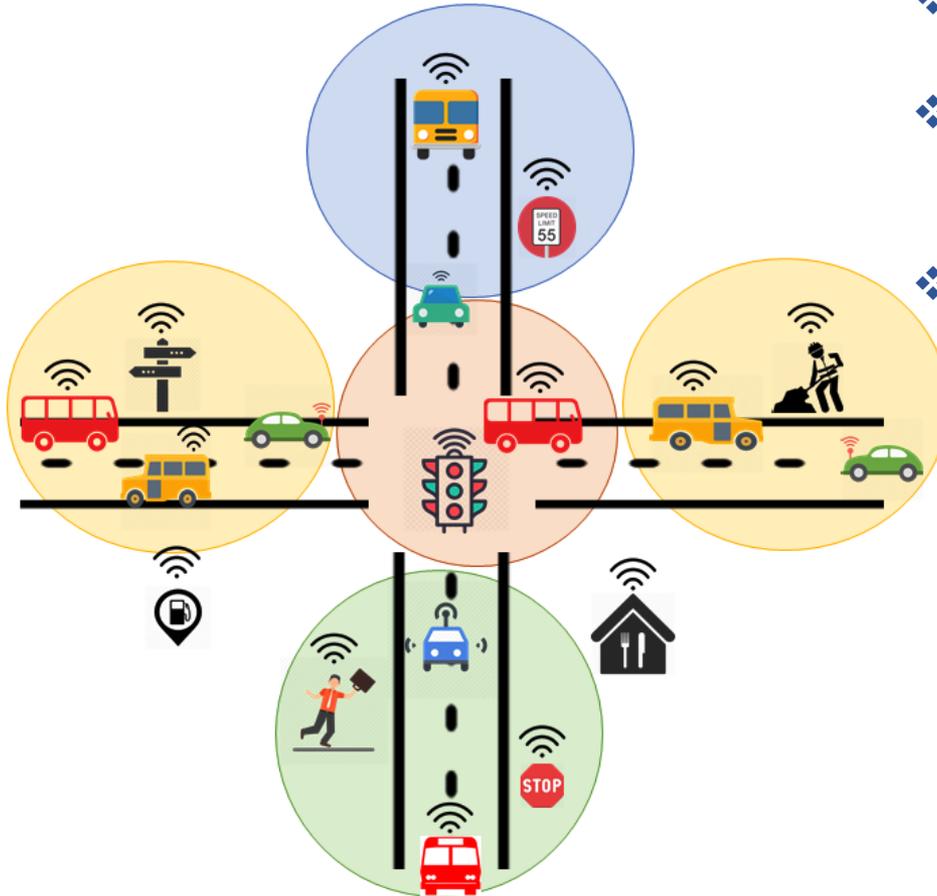
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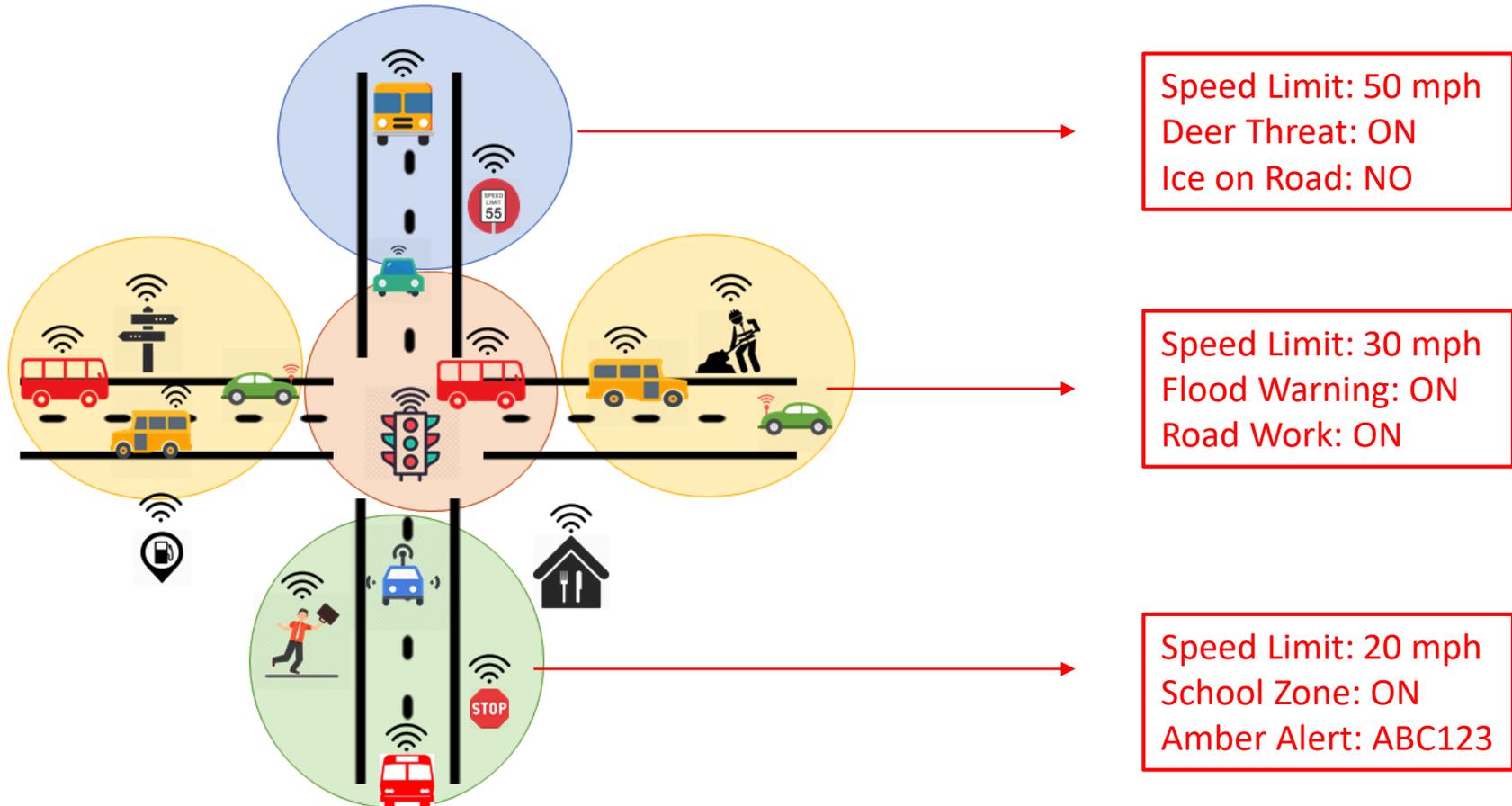
Cloud Supported



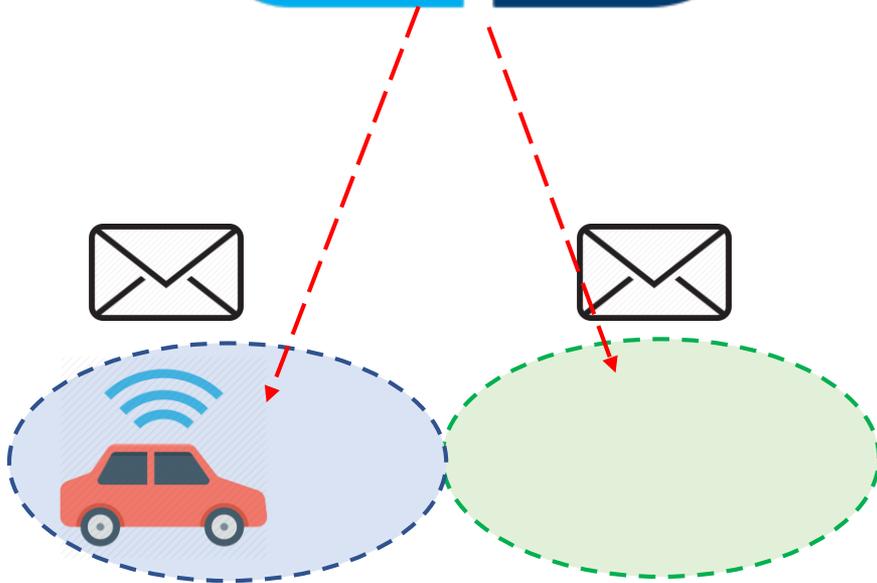
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- ❖ Categorizing wide locations into smaller groups.
- ❖ Vehicles dynamically become member based on current GPS, vehicle-type or individual user preferences.
- ❖ Ensure relevance of alerts and notifications



Vehicle moves and are assigned to different groups and inherits their attributes/alerts.



Speed Limit: 50 mph  
Deer Threat: ON  
Ice on Road: NO

Speed Limit: 30 mph  
Flood Warning: ON  
Road Work: ON

### Administrative Questions:

- How the attributes or alerts of groups are updated?
- How are moving entities assigned to groups?
- How groups hierarchy is created?

### Operational Questions:

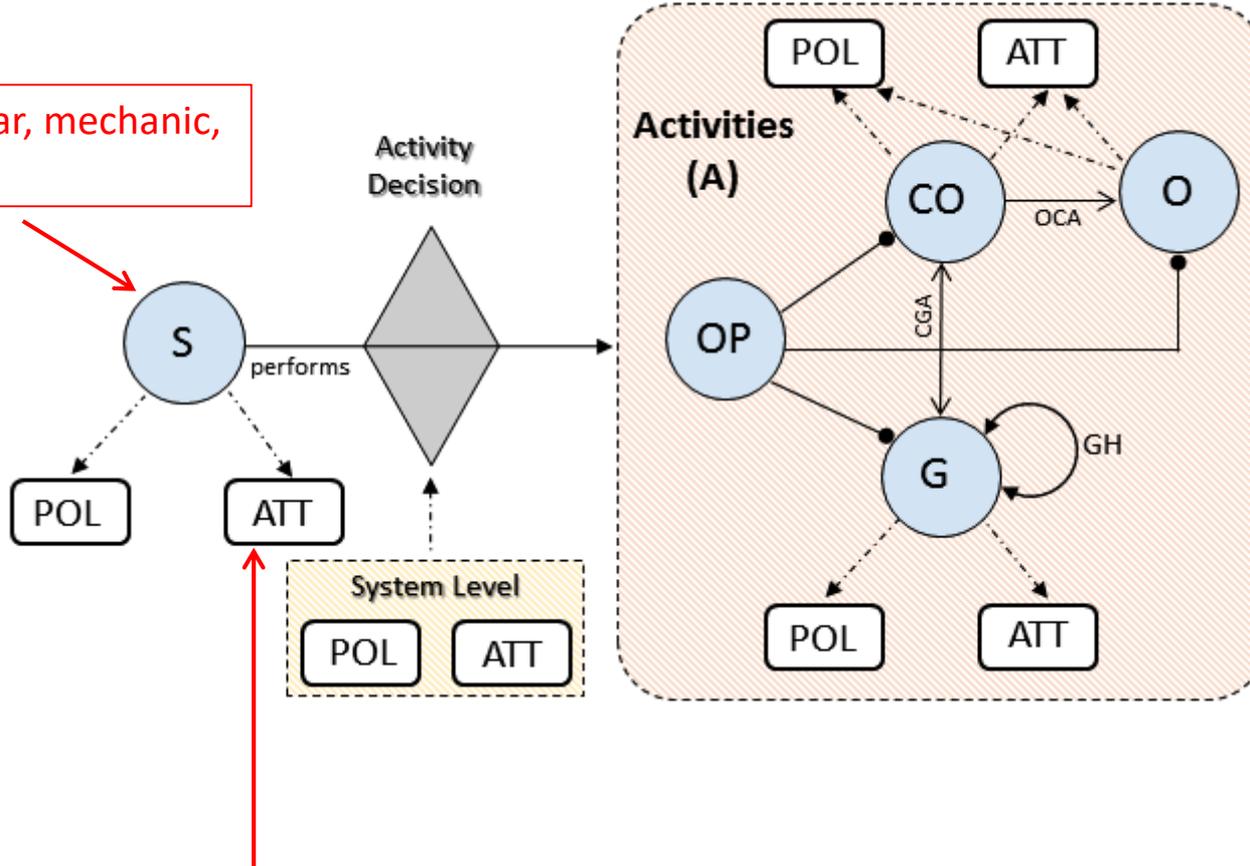
- How attributes and groups are used to provide security?
- How user privacy preferences are considered?

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"Longitude": "-98.5018237"}}}
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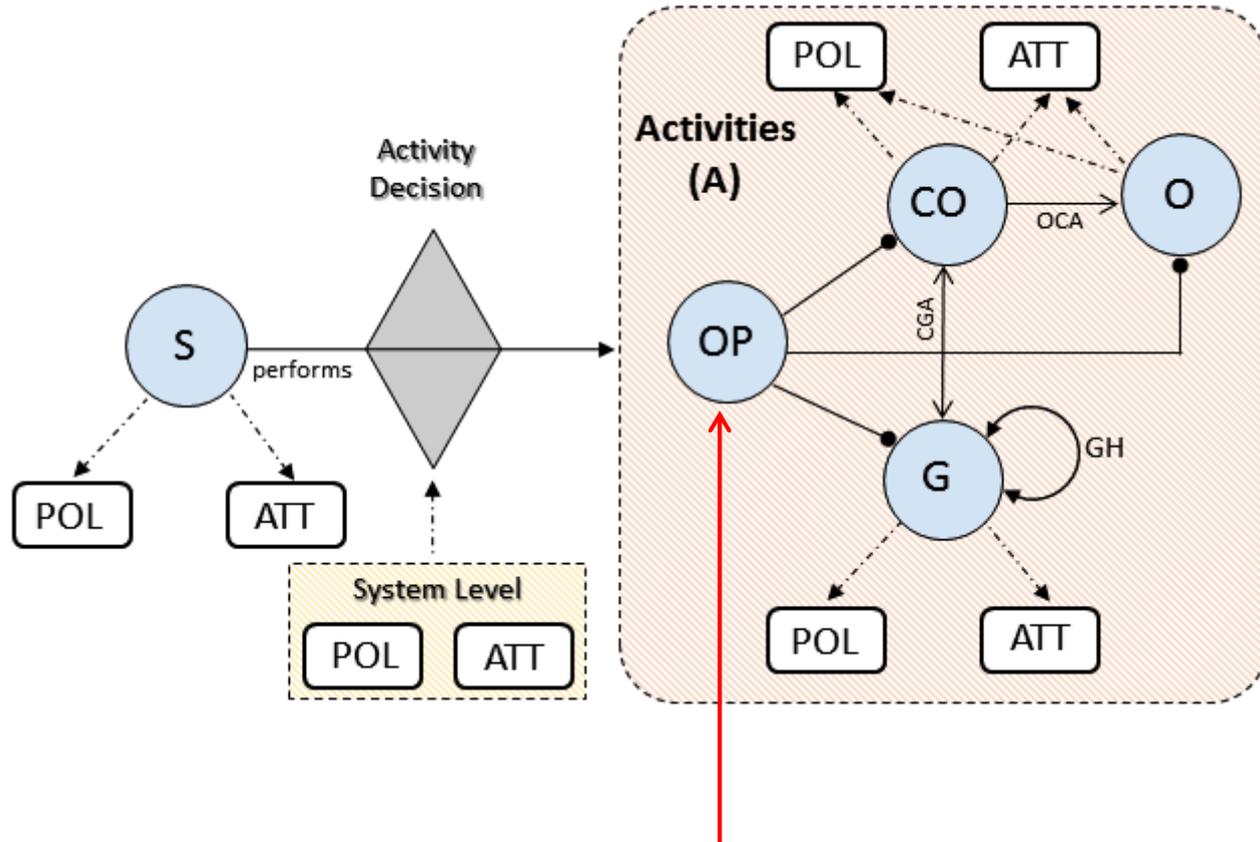
Reported MQTT message



user, sensor, car, mechanic,  
restaurant



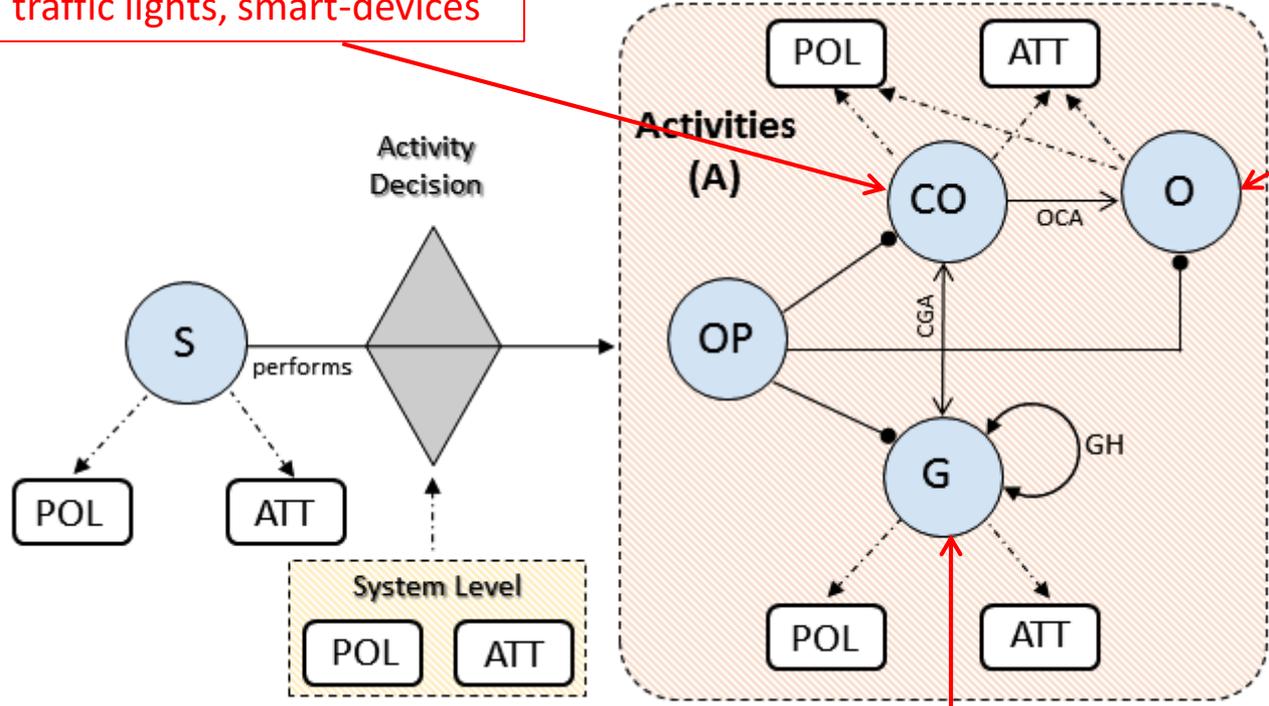
{ location, size, IP, direction, speed,  
VIN, cuisine-type }



{ read, write, control, notify, administrative actions }

Cars, traffic lights, smart-devices

Sensor, ECU, on-board apps



Location groups, service-specific, vehicle-type



## Basic Sets and Functions

- S, CO, O, G, OP are finite sets of sources, clustered objects, objects, groups and operations respectively [blue circles in Figure 4].
- A is a finite set of activities which can be performed in system.
- ATT is a finite set of attributes associated with S, CO, O, G and system-wide. **Attribute Function**
- For each attribute att in ATT, Range(att) is a finite set of atomic values.
- attType: ATT = {set, atomic}, defines attributes to be set or atomic valued. **Attribute Type**
- Each attribute att in ATT maps entities in S, CO, O, G to attribute values. Formally,  

$$\text{att} : S \cup CO \cup O \cup G \cup \{\text{system-wide}\} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Range}(\text{att}) \cup \{\perp\} & \text{if attType}(\text{att}) = \text{atomic} \\ 2^{\text{Range}(\text{att})} & \text{if attType}(\text{att}) = \text{set} \end{cases}$$
- POL is a finite set of authorization policies associated with individual S, CO, O, G.
- directG : CO → G, mapping each clustered object to a system group, equivalently CGA ⊆ CO × G.
- parentCO : O → CO, mapping each object to a clustered object, equivalently OCA ⊆ O × CO.
- GH ⊆ G × G, a partial order relation ≥<sub>g</sub> on G. Equivalently, parentG : G → 2<sup>G</sup>, mapping group to a set of parent groups in hierarchy.

**Group Hierarchy**

**Attribute Mapping**

### Effective Attributes of Groups, Clustered Objects and Objects (Derived Functions)

– For each attribute  $att$  in  $ATT$  such that  $attType(att) = set$ :

- $effG_{att} : G \rightarrow 2^{Range(att)}$ , defined as  $effG_{att}(g_i) = att(g_i) \cup \left( \bigcup_{g \in \{g_j | g_i \succeq_g g_j\}} effG_{att}(g) \right)$ .
- $effCO_{att} : CO \rightarrow 2^{Range(att)}$ , defined as  $effCO_{att}(co) = att(co) \cup effG_{att}(directG(co))$ .
- $effO_{att} : O \rightarrow 2^{Range(att)}$ , defined as  $effO_{att}(o) = att(o) \cup effCO_{att}(parentCO(o))$ .

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- $effG_{att} : G \rightarrow Range(att) \cup \{\perp\}$ , defined as  $effG_{att}(g_i) = \begin{cases} att(g_i) & \text{if } \forall g' \in parentG(g_i). effG_{att}(g') = \perp \\ effG_{att}(g') & \text{if } \exists parentG(g_i). effG_{att}(parentG(g_i)) \neq \perp \text{ then select} \\ & \text{parent } g' \text{ with } effG_{att}(g') \neq \perp \text{ updated most recently.} \end{cases}$
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Attributes more Dynamic

Attributes Inheritance

## Authorization Functions (Policies)

– Authorization Function: For each  $op \in OP$ ,  $Auth_{op}(s : S, ob : CO \cup O \cup G)$  is a propositional logic formula returning true or false, which is defined using the following policy language:

- $\alpha ::= \alpha \wedge \alpha \mid \alpha \vee \alpha \mid (\alpha) \mid \neg \alpha \mid \exists x \in set. \alpha \mid \forall x \in set. \alpha \mid set \Delta set \mid atomic \in set \mid atomic \notin set$
- $\Delta ::= \subset \mid \subseteq \mid \not\subseteq \mid \cap \mid \cup$
- $set ::= eff_{att}(i) \mid att(i)$  for  $att \in ATT, i \in S \cup CO \cup O \cup G \cup \{system-wide\}, attType(att) = set$
- $atomic ::= eff_{att}(i) \mid att(i) \mid value$  for  $att \in ATT, i \in S \cup CO \cup O \cup G \cup \{system-wide\}, attType(att) = atomic$

❖ Administrators in the police department can send alert to location-groups in city limits.

$Auth_{alert}(u:U, g:G) ::= dept(u) = Police \wedge parent-city(g) = Austin \wedge Austin \in jurisdiction(u).$

❖ Only mechanic in the technician department from Toyota-X dealership must be able to read sensor in Camry LE. Further, this operation must be done between time 9 am to 6 pm.

$Auth_{read}(u:U, co:CO) ::= role(u) = Technician \wedge employer(u) = Toyota-X \wedge make(co) = Toyota \wedge model(co) = Camry LE \wedge operation\_time(u) \in \{9am, 10, 11 \dots 6pm\}$

## Authorization Decision

– A source  $s \in S$  is allowed to perform an activity  $a \in A$ , stated as  $\text{Authorization}(a : A, s : S)$ , if the required policies needed to allow the activity are included and evaluated to make final decision. These multi-layer policies must be evaluated for individual operations ( $op_i \in OP$ ) to be performed by source  $s \in S$  on relevant objects ( $x_i \in CO \cup O \cup G$ )

Formally,  $\text{Authorization}(a : A, s : S) \Rightarrow \text{Auth}_{op_1}(s : S, x_1), \text{Auth}_{op_2}(s : S, x_2), \dots, \text{Auth}_{op_n}(s : S, x_n)$

Evaluate all relevant policies to make a decision

A restaurant in group A must be allowed to send notifications to all vehicles in location group A and group B.

I only want notifications from Cheesecake factory.

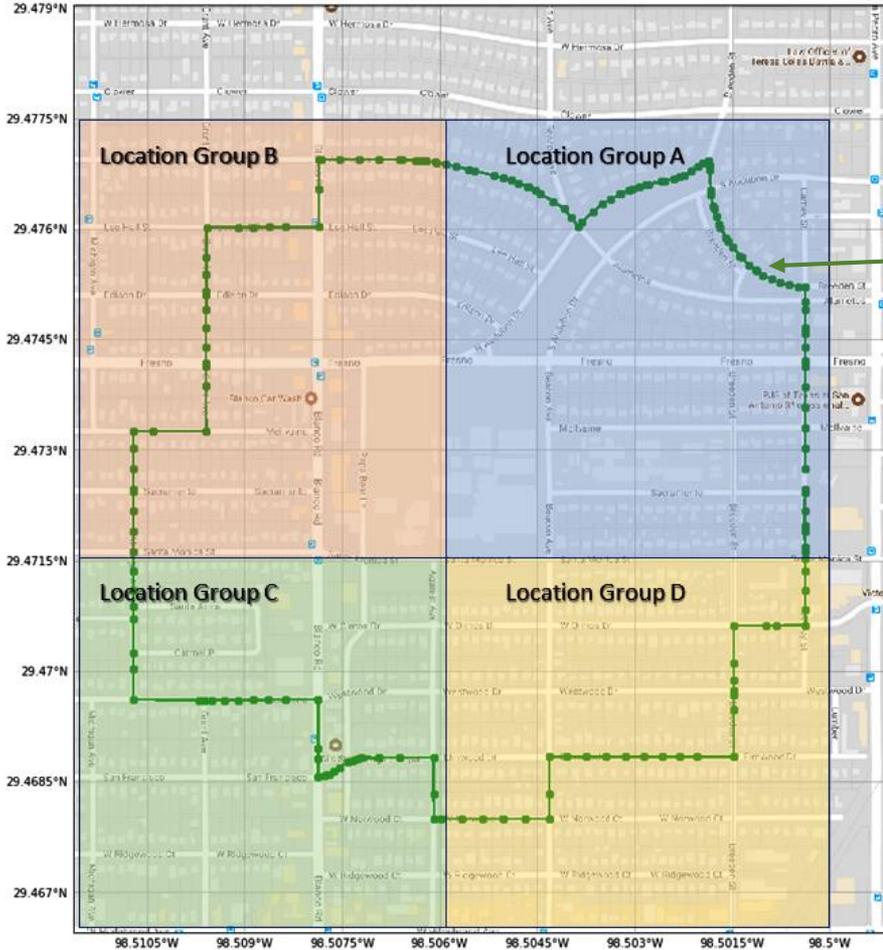
System defined



DECISION

User Preference

# Implementation in Amazon Web Services (AWS)



4 Location Groups  
(static demarcation)

Vehicles movement  
(coordinates generated  
using Google API)

```

('Received new coordinates from:', 'Vehicle-1')
Sun May 27 02:56:30 2018
Location A
  Car-A : [u'Vehicle-1', u'Vehicle-2']
  Bus-A : []
Location B
  Car-B : []
  Bus-B : [u'Vehicle-6']
Location C
  Car-C : [u'Vehicle-3', u'Vehicle-4']
  Bus-C : []
Location D
  Car-D : []
  Bus-D : [u'Vehicle-5']
  
```

Snapshot (table keeps changing)

### ➤ Administrative Policy

- ❖ Road side motion sensor with [id = 1] and current GPS in group [Location-A] can only [modify] attribute [Deer Threat] to value [ON, OFF] for group [Location-A].

### ➤ Operational Policy

#### Restaurant Notification Use Case

#### System Defined Policy

- ❖ A restaurant located within group [Location-A] can only [send notifications] to members of groups [Location-A, Location-B].

#### User Preferences

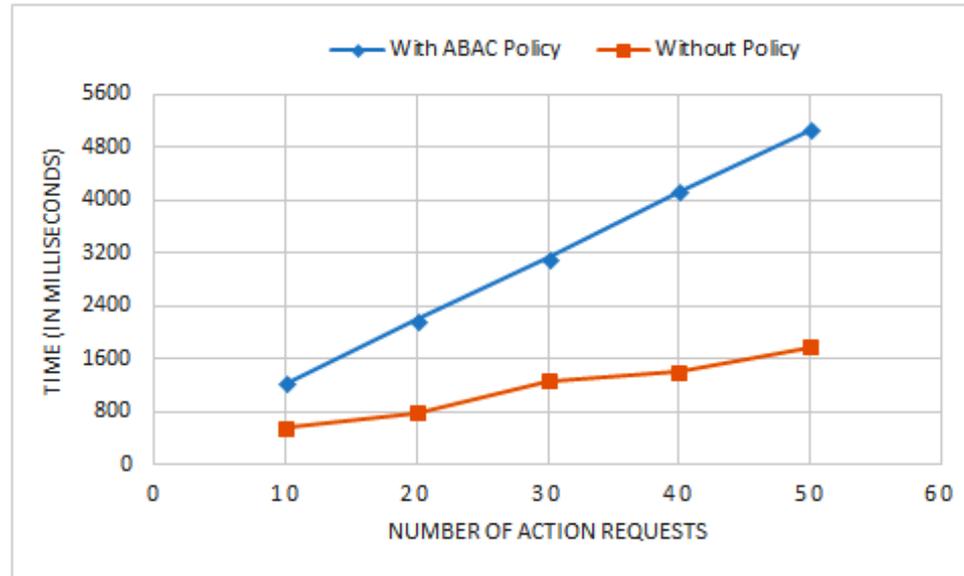
- ❖ Send notifications only between [7 pm to 9 pm] only on [Wednesdays].

| Number of Requests | Policy Enforcer Execution Time (in ms) |
|--------------------|--|
| 10                 | 0.0501                                 |
| 20                 | 0.1011                                 |
| 30                 | 0.1264                                 |
| 40                 | 0.1630                                 |
| 50                 | 0.1999                                 |

Policy Enforcement Time

| n <sup>th</sup> Request | CARS NOTIFIED    |                |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                         | With ABAC Policy | Without Policy |
| 41 <sup>st</sup>        | 20               | 50             |
| 42 <sup>nd</sup>        | 30               | 50             |
| 43 <sup>rd</sup>        | 50               | 50             |
| 44 <sup>th</sup>        | 30               | 50             |
| 45 <sup>th</sup>        | 20               | 50             |
| 46 <sup>th</sup>        | 30               | 50             |

Relevance of Alerts and Notifications



Comparing Policy vs No Policy Execution Time

# Lets Talk ..!!

Questions, Comments or Concerns

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