Thesis Proposal (MA)

Privacy-Aware Access Control for the IoT

Outline

Smart Spaces are spaces where you can control functionality of the environment via software. We are developing a middleware for this task for several years now. It is called Virtual State Layer (VSL).

An important aspect when managing Smart Spaces is data privacy. Who *owns* certain data? A service, a human, etc. Which are desirable *dissemination ranges*? Which are data *lifetimes*? Which *complexity* is needed? Which are privacy-relevant properties? Which metrics describe them? How can the emerging complexity remain *usable*? These and similar questions are to be answered within this thesis.



Possible Structure

- Analysis
 - o Review on access control patterns.
 - Analysis of the VSL and Smart Spaces for identifying relevant access patterns/ scenarios.
- Related work
 - What do other projects do that answer related questions?
- Design
 - Which components do you need?
 - o Which are options for the design? Why are your choices good?
- Implementation
 - o Frameworks used, screenshots, etc.
- Evaluation
 - o How well does it work?
 - Metrics!

Requirements

Curiosity, Joy to work in a team, Knowledge in Java. Ability to write good code (including unit tests and documentation).



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