CS 5432:

Information Flow

Part II: Dynamic Enforcement

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Enforcement of FBAC

FLI imposes restrictions on each statement.

$$v \to w \implies \Gamma(v) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(w)$$

- Static Enforcement
  - Compiler ensures type-correct programs satisfy restrictions.
- Dynamic Enforcement
  - run-time checks ensure program execution satisfies restrictions.
  - changes to labels mean program execution satisfies restrictions.

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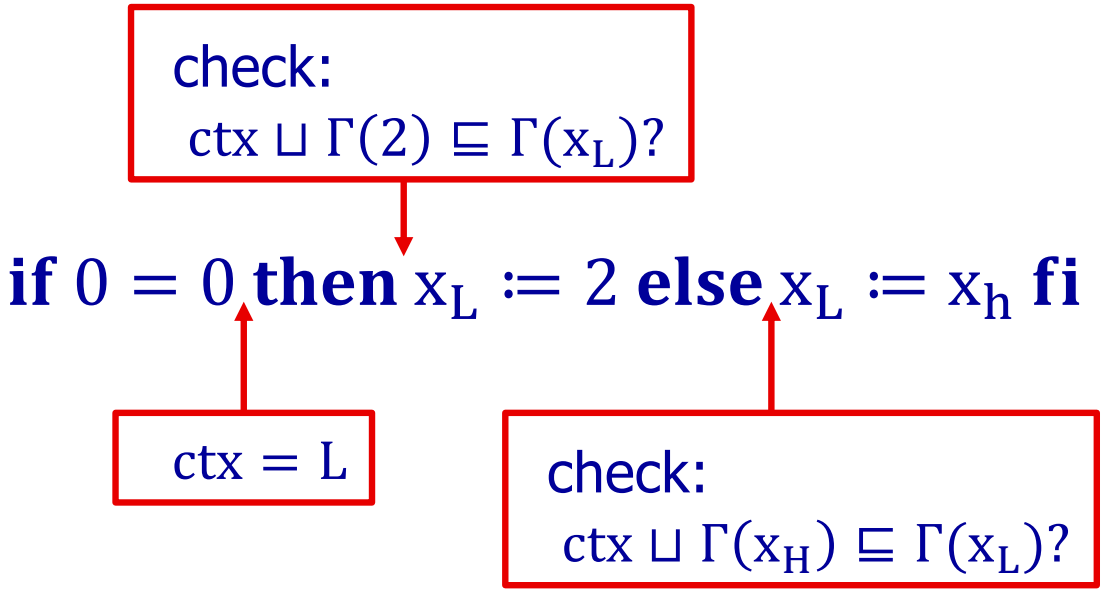

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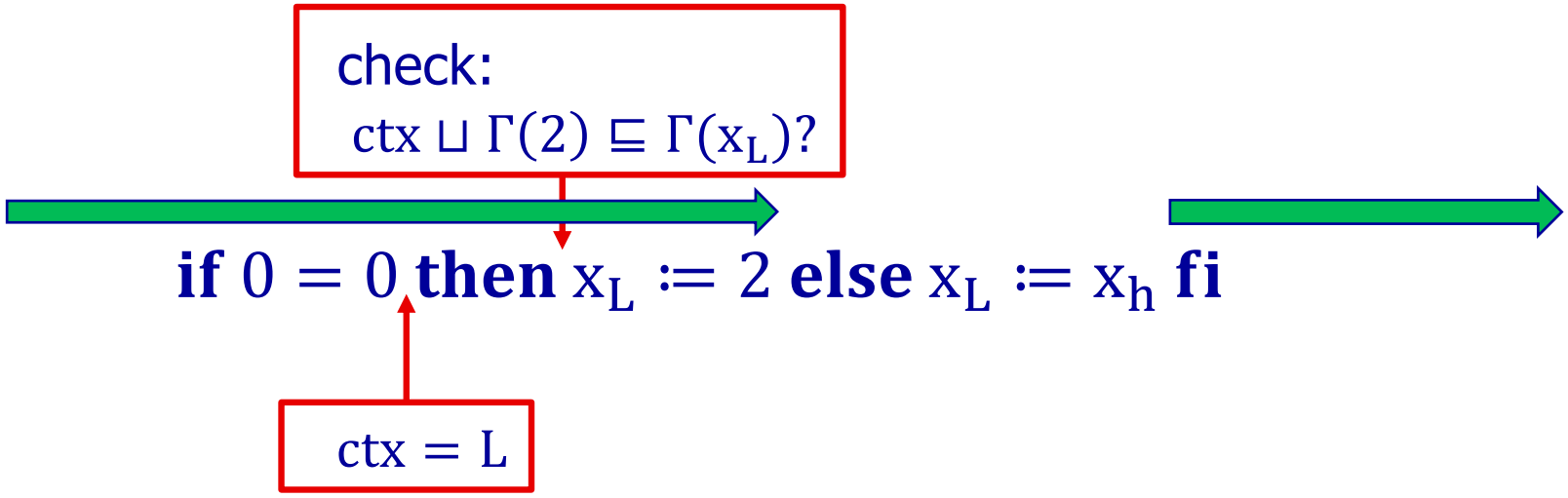

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But… when stop on check:

- … B=true leaks!
- Result: implemented RNI (=termination insensitive) only

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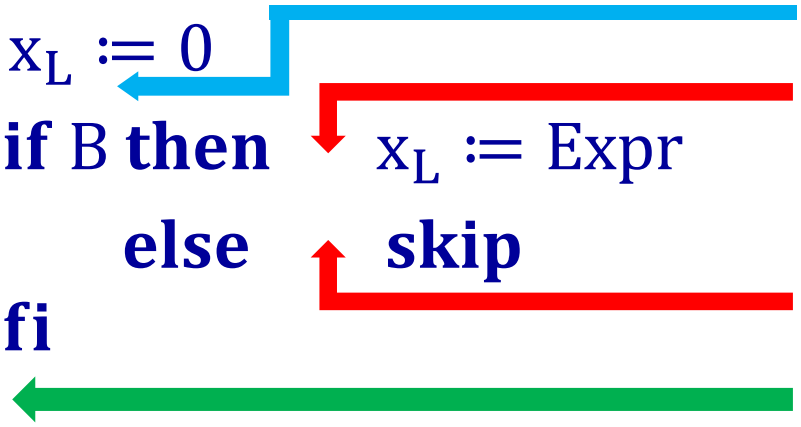

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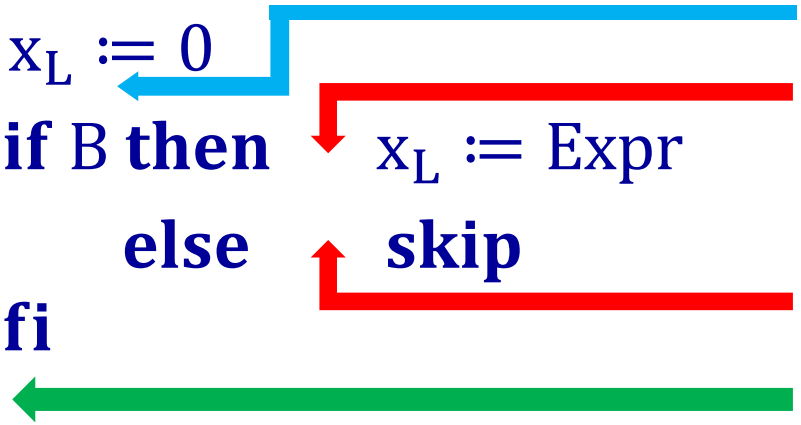

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- What if B is $x_H \neq x_H$?

Hybrid Enforcement: Summary

$$\textbf{if } B \textbf{ then } C_1 \textbf{ else } C_2 \textbf{ fi}$$

- Insert check $\Gamma(\mathrm{Expr}) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(x)$ before execution of each "$x := \mathrm{Expr}$" in C_1 or C_2.
- Insert check $\Gamma(B) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(x)$ within execution of both C_1 and C_2 if "$x := \ldots$" appears anywhere within C_1 or within C_2.

Flow-Sensitive Labels

A given variable might be given different **flow-sensitive** labels during execution.

Example:

$$x := Hval; \quad x := 0; \quad x_L := x$$

Observe:

- If $\Gamma(x) = H$ then program does not type check.

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red given label H; green given label L

Program does type check and satisfies:

$$v \to w \Rightarrow \Gamma(v) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(w)$$

Flow Sensitive Labels + Dynamic?

$x := 0 \ \{\Gamma(x) = L\}$

if $h > 0$ **then** $x := 2; \ \{\Gamma(x) = \Gamma(h) = H\}$

else **skip**

fi

- $h > 0$ is true: After **fi** $\Gamma(x) = H$
- $h > 0$ is false: After fi $\Gamma(x) = L$

Problem: $h \rightarrow x$ but $\Gamma(h) \not\sqsubseteq \Gamma(x)$

Flow Sensitive + … Soln 1

Rule: Block execution from entering conditional commands with high guards and lower targets.


```
x := 0
if h > 0 then     x := 2
         else     skip
fi
```

Flow Sensitive + … Soln 2

Rule: Update labels of target variables in untaken branches to capture implicit flow.

```
x := 0
if h > 0 then    x := 2; Γ(x) := Γ(h)
         else    skip;   Γ(x) := Γ(h)
fi
```

Leaks thru Flow-Sensitive Labels

Suppose: $\Gamma(\mathrm{m}) = \mathrm{M}$ and $\mathrm{L} \sqsubseteq \mathrm{M} \sqsubseteq \mathrm{H}$

if $\mathrm{m} > 0$ **then** $\mathrm{w} := \mathrm{hi}$ **else** $\mathrm{w} := \mathrm{lo}$ **fi**

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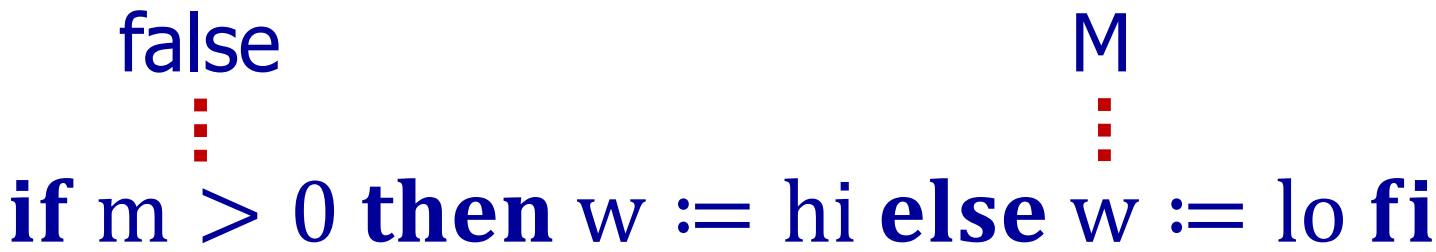

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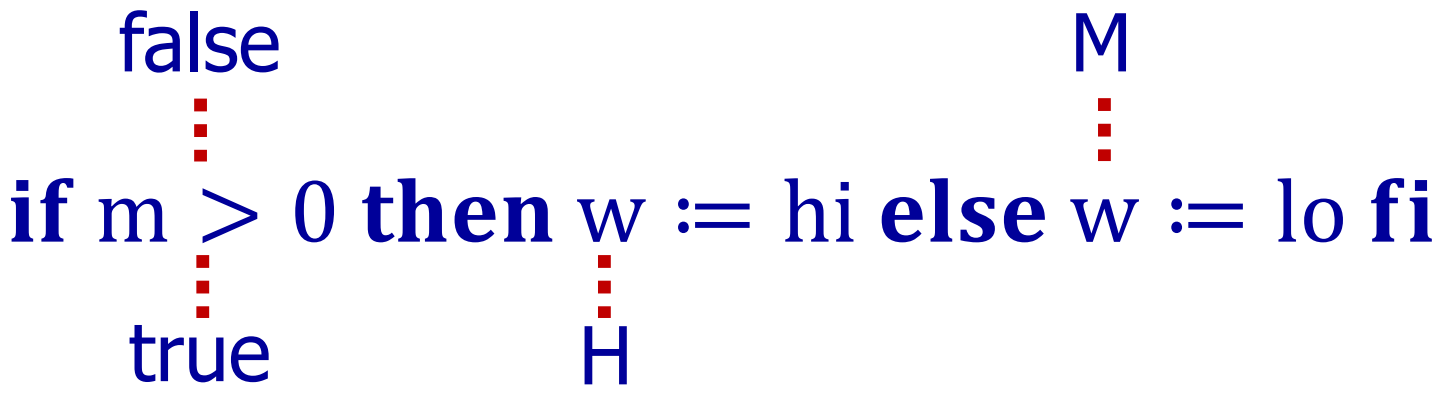

- Value of m leaks to label (M vs H) of w.

Avoiding Leaks thru Flow Sensitive 1

Rule: Use the same flow-sensitive label for an assignment target, independent of guard.

Example

$$\textbf{if } m > 0 \textbf{ then } w := hi \textbf{ else } w := lo \textbf{ fi}$$

H H

(Sound but conservative.)

Avoiding Leaks thru Flow Sensitive 2

Rule: Associate a metalabel with each label.

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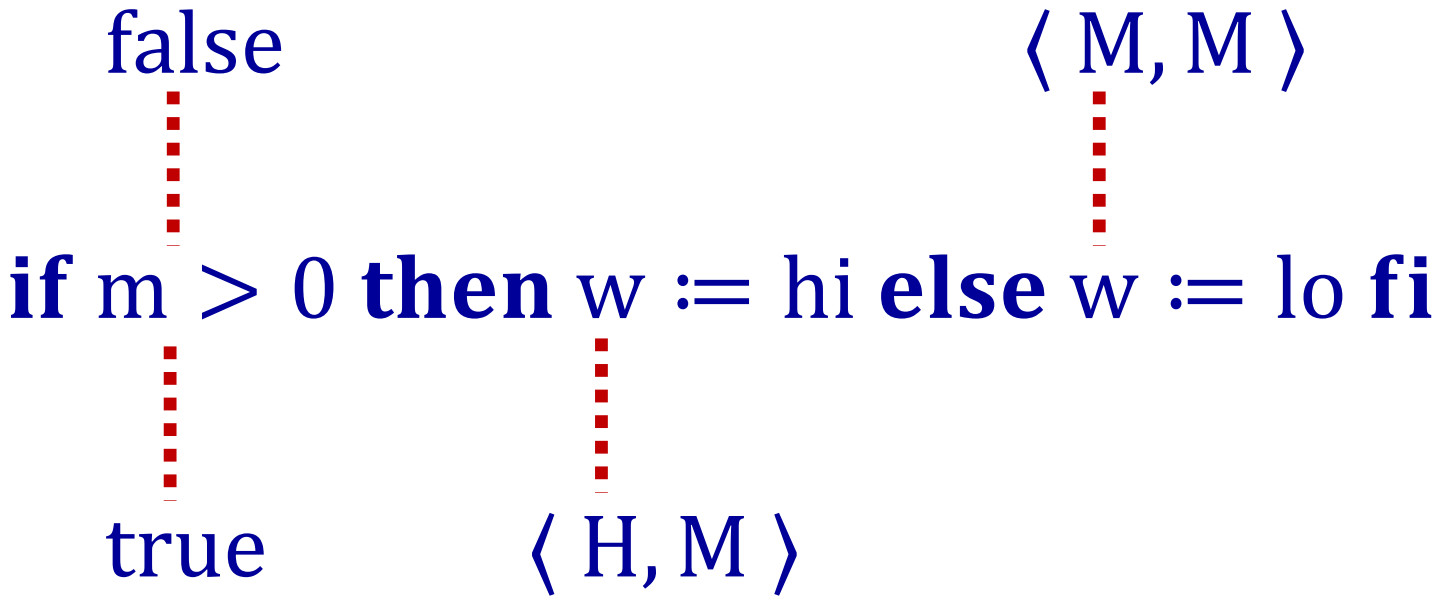

Labels for meta-labels?

Summary

FLI: $v \to w \implies \Gamma(v) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(w)$

- Static enforcement
  - Conservative
- Dynamic enforcement
  - Insert tests
    - Mind the untaken assignment!
  - Change labels
    - Static
    - Dynamic: Leaks thru labels