



Simplifying security policies by using model-driven engineering

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Problem: Unmanageable IT & security

- Unmanageable IT infrastructure creates security problems
- Increasing complexity of IT, e.g.
 - Growing, interconnected distributed systems (also between organizations)
 - Growing legacy infrastructure
 - Growing reliability on IT
 - Growing user requirements (data fusion, information at your fingertips...)
 - Growing regulatory requirements for accounting and assurance
- IT staff are overwhelmed with complexity
 - Both for security and software in general



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Problems: Software complexity

- Software:
 - Point-to-point ad-hoc system integration becomes unmanageable with size
 - Software reuse hindered by legacy and incompatible technologies
 - Software engineering is extremely complex because of many "moving targets"
 - Correctness of system cannot be assured due to complexity and lack of "holistic" understanding
- Hardware complexity...



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Problems: Security complexity

- Security complexity causes human errors & vulnerabilities:
 - No idea what policy is enforced because of many underlying security technologies (redundancies, conflicts, omissions etc.)
 - Access policy management and enforcement complex because many different technologies and systems
 - User management in incompatible, large, distributed systems is a challenge (-> single sign-on helps somewhat)
 - Strong security requirements because of information sharing in distributed systems (esp. when cross-organization)
 - Hard to define and maintain consistent policy
 - Hard to define and maintain correct policy
 - Hard to provide evidence for correctness
 - Hard to show that every aspect has been covered by policy
 - Hard to enforce policy consistently
 - Hard to provide level of assurance due to lack of "holistic" understanding of system and security policy



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Presentation outline

- Problem definition (done)
- Brief background
- What is model driven engineering and why would I want it?
- Security and software modeling
- Case studies
 - SecureMDA for homeland security information sharing scenario
 - Security modeling in SINS survivable high assurance middleware (air traffic demo)
 - SecureMDA for air traffic management
- Conclusion
- Further information



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1-slide ObjectSecurity background

- **We help our customers simplify the secure integration & administration of their networked IT applications**
- We provide services for IT environments where commercial COTS solutions do not work or exist
- We combine several fields of expertise
 1. Information security
 2. Middleware expertise for most commercial platforms: WS/SOA/CORBA/CCM/J2EE/.NET ...
 3. Model-based software engineering: Model driven architecture (MDA)
- Analysis, design, specification, implementation, deployment, testing
- Consolidate security administration across multiple, incompatible networked applications
 - Much more far-reaching than traditional federated identity & access management solutions
- Founded 2000, Cambridge/UK and San Jose/CA office, 100% employee-owned, profit-making
 - Blue-chip customers (e.g. Intel, GE, QinetiQ, Deutsche Telekom) and R&D projects (EU FP5+6, NRL)
 - Services & solutions
 - Integrated product suite for simplified secure information sharing
- Further information: www.objectsecurity.com/infopack.html



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Model Driven Engineering Background

Model Driven Architecture

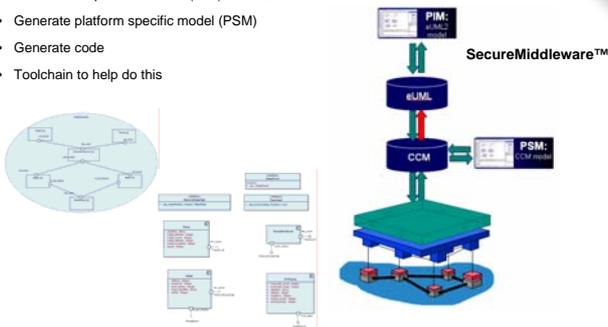
Software modeling helps

- Model-driven engineering
 - Software design approach
 - forward engineering, i.e. producing code from abstract, human-elaborated specifications
 - Benefits:
 - Better understanding & assurance of software
 - Easier migration and reuse
 - Various frameworks:
 - OMG Model Driven Architecture (MDA)
 - Model Integrated Computing
 - Microsoft's DSL Tools

Focus on MDA because leading approach, case study, time constraints

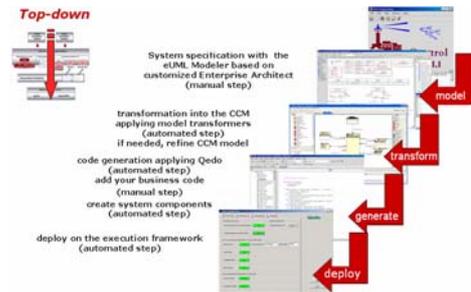
How does MDA work?

- Platform independent model (PIM) in UML
- Generate platform specific model (PSM)
- Generate code
- Toolchain to help do this



How does MDA work in practice?

- Toolchain automates much of the process (SecureMiddleware™)



Security Policy Modeling

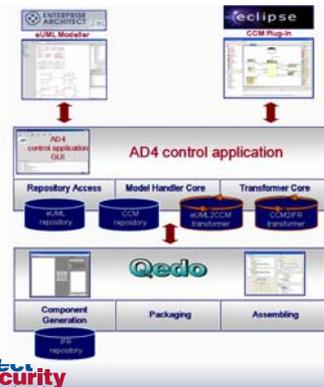
How to leverage the architecture to simplify security

Model driven security training workshops available:
www.objectsecurity.com/en-services-training.html

Modeling to simplify security

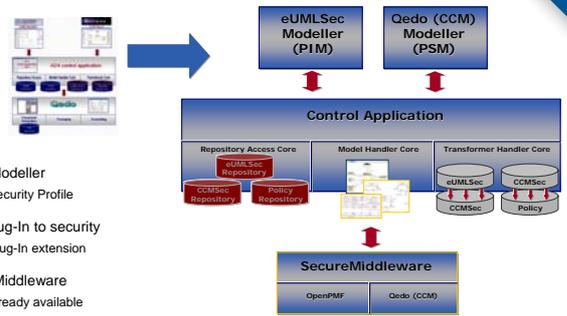
- Use modeling to also simplify security complexity
- Idea: Generate (most of the) security policies from application models
 - Deny access except for interactions from the models
- Benefits:
 - Frees up time & resources
 - Improved security: Prevents human errors & security holes
 - Easier to administer
 - Allows policy reuse & migration together with models
 - Improved security also because guarantee that entire environment is covered
 - Easier to provide evidence for assurance
 - Easier to show link between enterprise policy and enforcement

Some details



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Some details



- eUML Modeller
 - Security Profile
- CCM Plug-In to security
 - Plug-In extension
- SecureMiddleware
 - already available

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SecureMDA+ SecureMiddleware Toolchain in Action:
Automatic Code + Security Policy Generation

Video Clip:
<http://www.objectsecurity.com/en-resources-video-securemda.html>

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SimulateWorld™

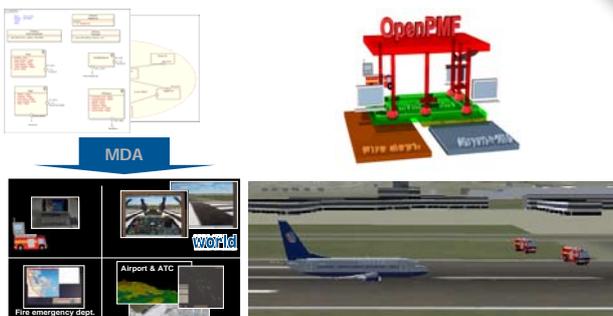
Case Study 1:
The generated application in action

Video clip:
<http://www.objectsecurity.com/en-resources-video-simworld.html>
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MDA case study: SimulateWorld™ demo

Distributed aircraft emergency response scenario



Animated video clips: www.simulateworld.com

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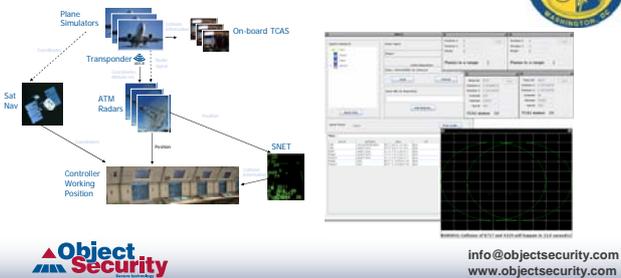
SINS: Case Study 2

Survivable middleware with model driven engineering & security,
U.S. Naval Research Lab air traffic control demo

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U.S. Naval Research Lab SINS demo

- Global safety & security constraints in model transformed into code and enforced with high assurance (not based on MDA!)
- Designed for tactical C4ISTAR/CDM style NCW environments



SINS Demo

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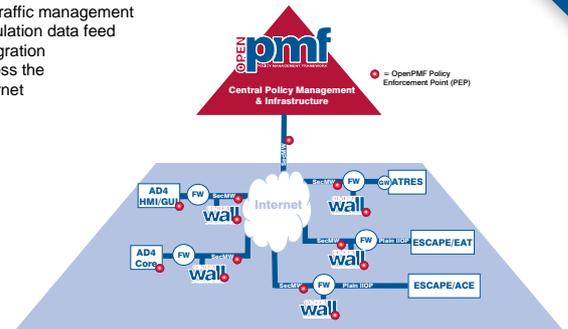
SecureMDA Case Study 3: Generated distributed applications

Secure information sharing platform
for air traffic management

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EU FP6 R&D Project: Secure ATC integration

- Air traffic management simulation data feed integration across the internet



Conclusion

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Summary

- Automatic generation of security policies from software models may sound futuristic, but it:
 - Works!!! -> see www.securemda.com
 - Frees up time & resources
 - Both for policy specification & management
 - Improves security
 - Consistency, completeness, correctness, prevents human errors
 - Easier to justify assurance (software & security)
 - Easier to justify correct enforcement of enterprise policy
 - We are looking for partners who want to:
 - License this technology
 - Collaborate to enhance & use it
 - We invite you to our model driven security workshops



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Further Information & Contact Details

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- NRL SINS paper download:
www.objectsecurity.com/en-projects-sins.html
- EU FP6 Air Traffic Management Project:
www.ad4-project.com
- SecureMDA page:
www.securemda.com
- OMG Model Driven Architecture Page:
mda.omg.org
- ObjectSecurity Information Pack:
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