

# A smartcard ST in CC 3.1: what does it look like?

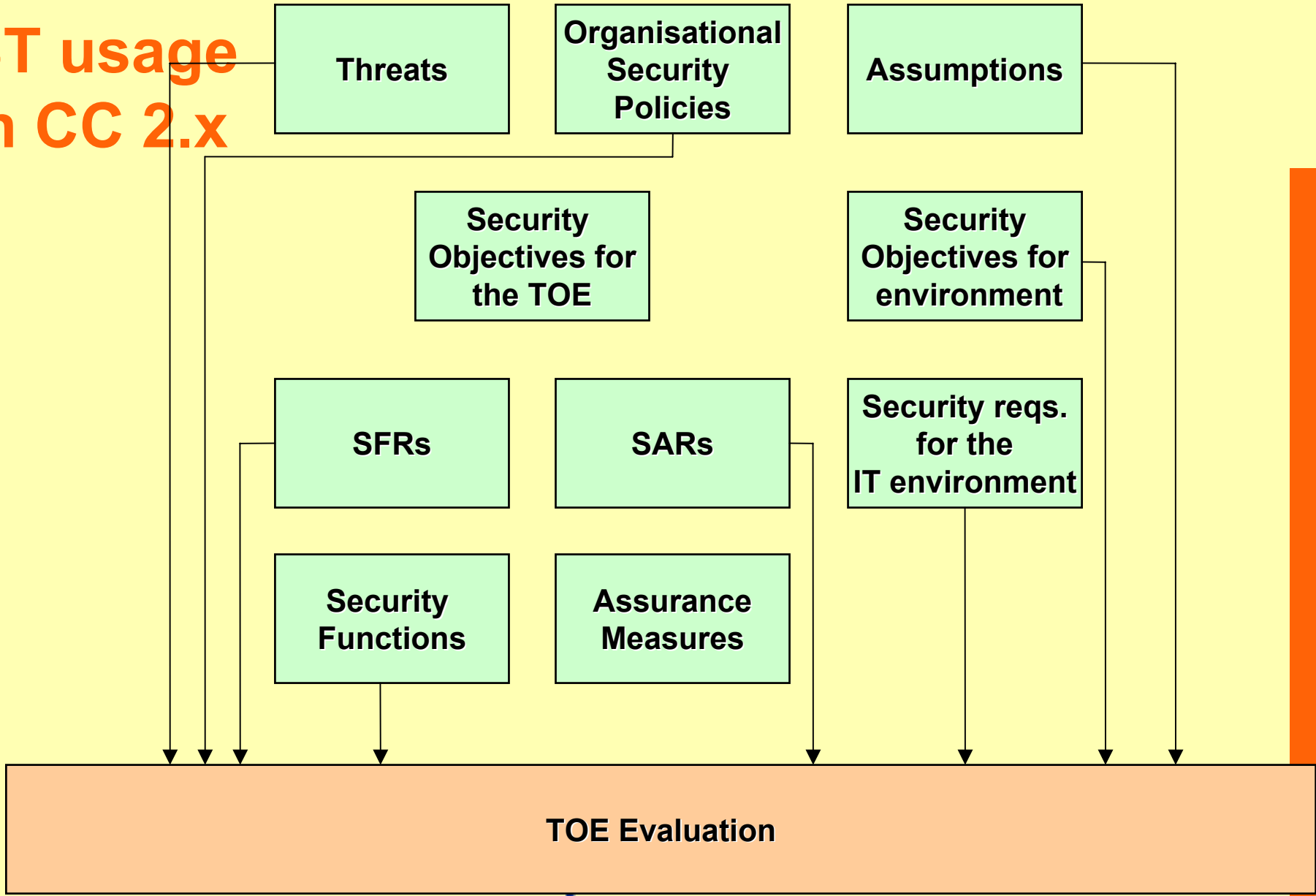
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# Outline of this presentation

- Introduction
- CC semantics change between CC 2.x and 3.x
- What do we want to express?
- How was this done in CC 2.x?
- How can we do this in CC 3.x?
- Conclusion

# ST usage in CC 2.x



## Resulting CC 2.x semantics

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- The TOE implements the Security Functions,

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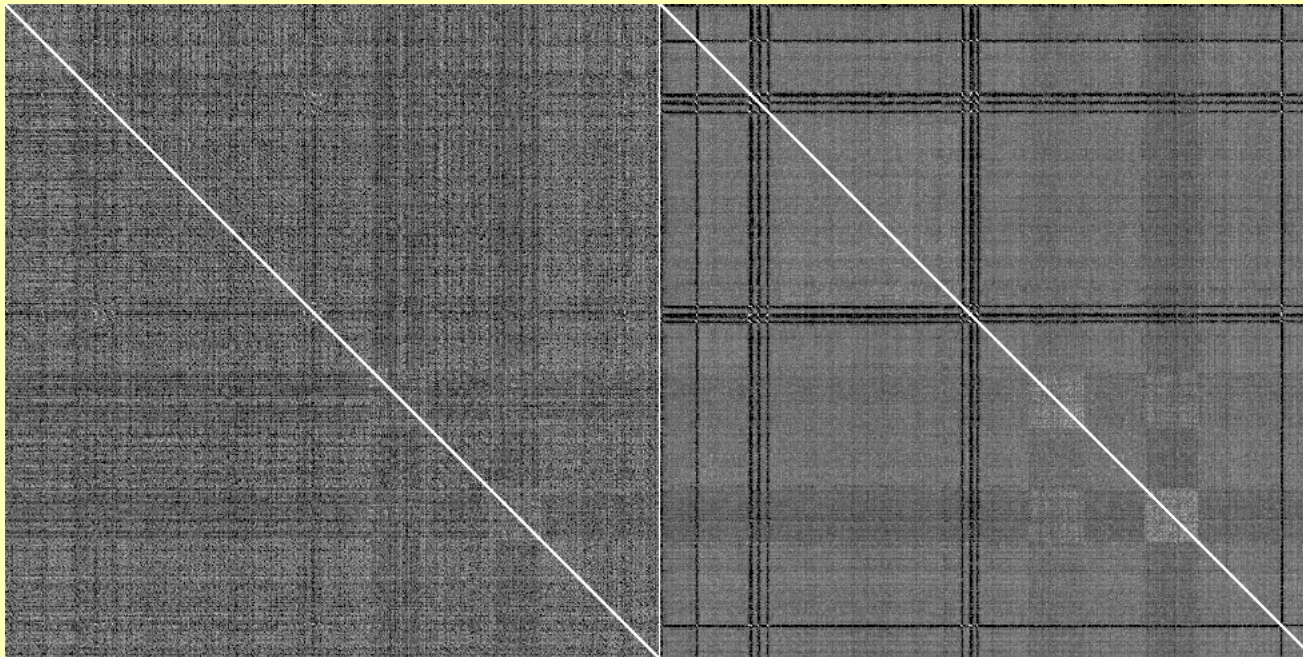
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## CC 2.x semantics: Example problem situation

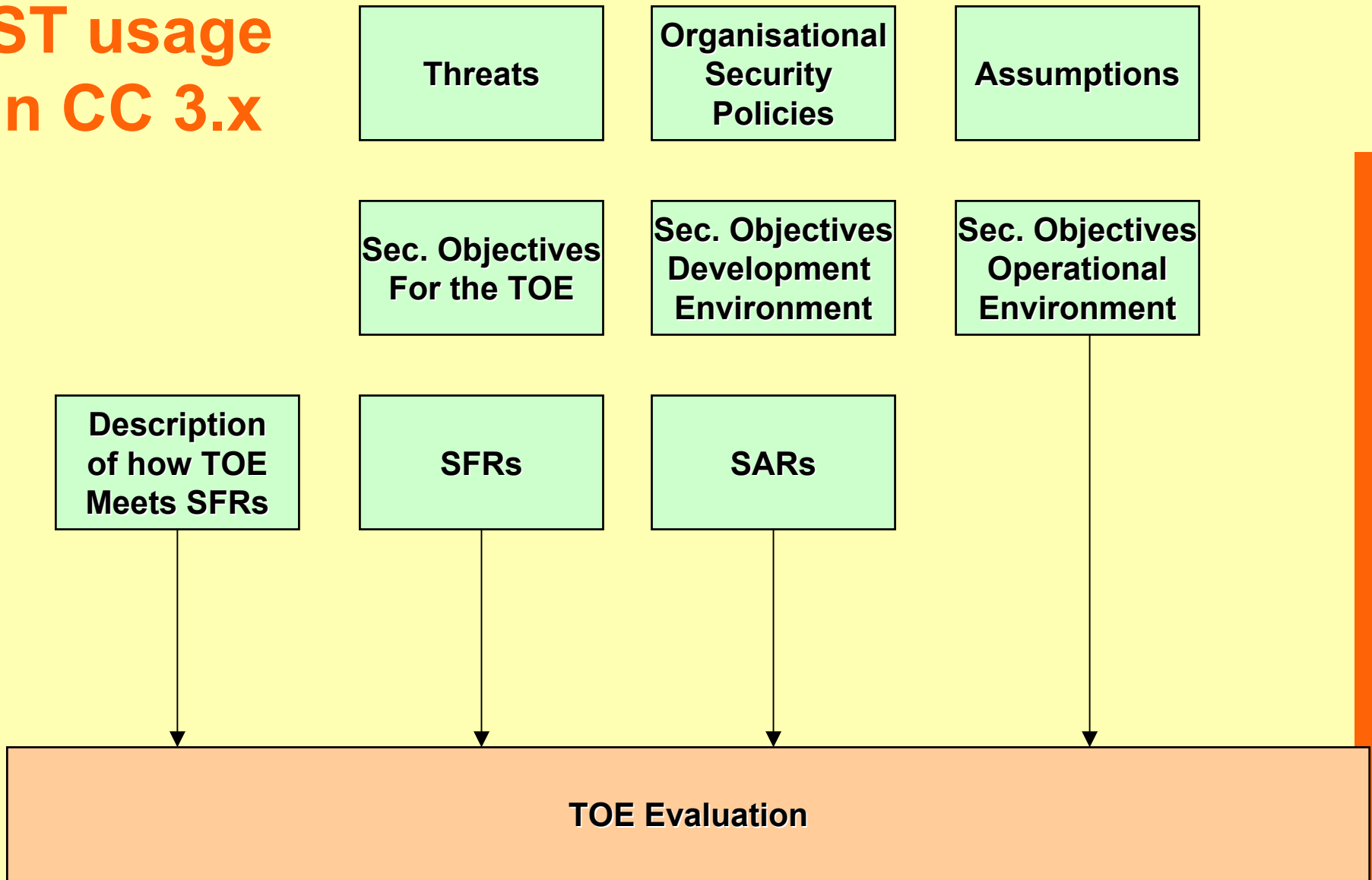
Assume in a SF claims timing noise, and this works (left).  
We can disable this timing noise (right), but retrieving the key still  
was impossible because of the other countermeasures.



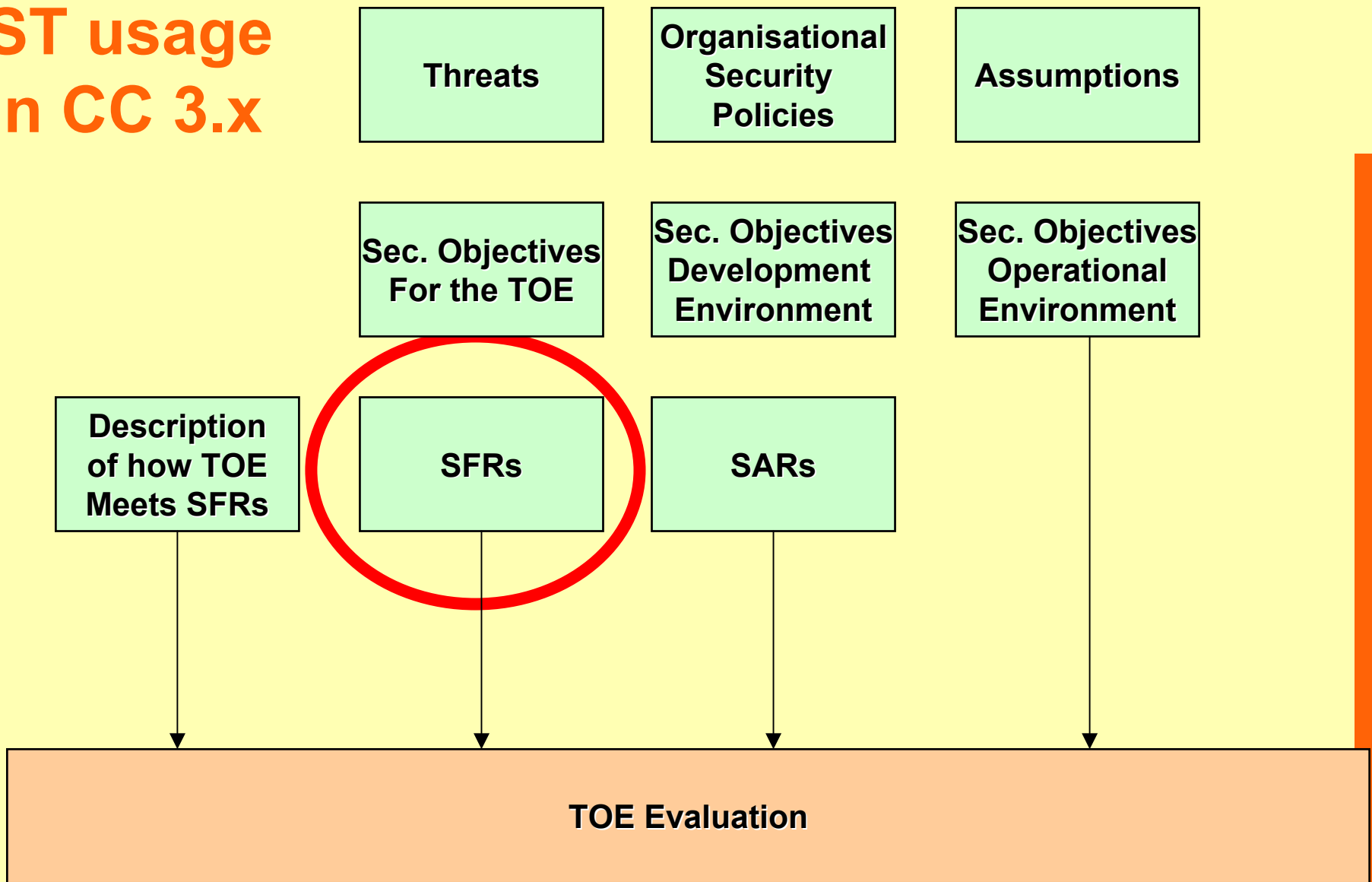
**Does this fail?**

(actual situation occurred in non-CC evaluation)

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## CC 3.x semantics: impact

It has to be shown that:

- The TOE as delivered to the user,
- In all configurations that are allowed according to the guidance,
- In all environments that fulfill the Objectives for the Environment (as explained in the guidance),

fulfills the assurance measures for all the SFRs.

In particular:

**If an attack within the AVA\_VLA.x scope breaks even one SFR, the TOE fails evaluation**

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## Example FCS\_COP (CC 2.x text):

“FCS\_COP.1.1 The TSF shall perform [assignment: *list of cryptographic operations*] in accordance with a specified cryptographic algorithm [assignment: *cryptographic algorithm*] and cryptographic key sizes [assignment: *cryptographic key sizes*] that meet the following: [assignment: *list of standards*]. “

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**Expected meaning**



Lets ignore “how to say it” in CC 3.1 for now, what do we want to say?



# What does a typical smartcard do? (e.g. What are the business assets?)

- **Keep confidentiality of user data**
  - ePassport: stored personal information,
  - financial card: transaction data
- **Offer operations on the user data (typically only possible after some form of authorization)**
  - ePassport: updating of passport information by Issuing State only
  - financial card: calculating payment authorization datagram only after correct PIN entry, at most ATC times,...

# What is typically not a business asset?

- Integrity of user data
  - ePassport: covered by environment, e.g. Digital signature on the user data,
  - financial card: typically breaking the integrity of the user data implies breaking the restrictions on the operations
- Confidentiality of parts of the TOE
  - Often mentioned because this is a facilitator for attacks (but this leads to a circular reasoning)
  - Can be policy to implement on smartcard platforms (because it is such a common facilitator for attacks)

Yes, this should trigger discussion at ST writing time, as this is the question, i.e. “What does the TOE claim to provide?”

# What does a typical smartcard do?

## Informal summary:

A smartcard provides the combination of:

- “keeps secrets from the outside world”,  
and
- “can do some operation defined on those secrets” (typically under some conditions)



# How do we traditionally express this “keeps secrets” in CC 2.x?

In general TOE case, most the Security Targets describe:

- Logical boundary: FPT\_SEP
- Physical boundary: FPT\_PHP
- Boundary is not bypassable: FPT\_RVM

... and do not have operations that break the secrecy.

# “Keeps secrets” in CC 2.x for smartcard hardware?

Require boundary with:

- **FPT\_SEP, FPT\_RVM, FPT\_PHP**

and re-enforce no-leakage over boundary:

- **FDP\_ITT+FDP\_IFC: State that secrets should not leak beyond the boundary when being moved or operated on**

Add behavioural boundaries

(matching the way smartcards at that time “kept secrets”):

- **FMT\_LIM.\*: Limit access to test functions and limit the things you can do with the test functions so that confidentiality and integrity user data is not compromised**
- **FPT\_FLT+FPT\_FLS: Tolerate extreme conditions and go to “secure state” before they become too extreme**

# “keeps secrets” in CC 2.x for smartcard products?

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extend with specific behavioural boundaries:

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And re-enforce with catch-all no boundary crossing:

- FPT\_EMSEC: EM-emissions should not emit [assign: emissions] in excess of [assignment: limits] enabling access to passport data.

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so this is interpreted

- With guidance from application notes, and
- Using additional smartcard methodology (ISCI/JIL/JHAS),
- Under  $\pm 3$  smartcard-experienced certification bodies,
- By  $\pm 5$  smartcard-expert evaluation labs

# Step back, what is happening?

So we express “smartcard TOE can keep secrets”  
by officially requiring “smartcard TOE has a boundary”

And somewhere we fudge in the requirements that define:

- how good that boundary has to be exactly, and
- how exactly we are going to test it,
- Etc.

The CCv2.x methodological confusion of checking  
against Threats, and OSPs, and SFRs and SFs  
helps:

in the confusion, we choose the “right” one

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# So “keep secrets” now in ADV\_ARC How about “do something”?

Depends on what your smartcard does.

## Examples

- Only the administrator can load applications
- Data is only exported after authentication in encrypted form
- The digital signature is calculated after successful authentication by PIN
- The payment authorization datagram is calculated only after succesful authentication, provided that the  $ATC < ATL$ , the total spent money  $<$  spending limit, ..., during the same session
- ...

# Summary

- CC semantics changed between CC 2.x and 3.x
- What we expressed in CC 2.x were SFRs that said “there is a boundary” + “it does something”.
- In CC 3.x “there is a boundary” is part of ADV\_ARC.
- The smartcard evaluation community knows in both cases how to interpret this.
- +“It does something” depends on the product.

# Questions?



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