Information Operation Across Infospheres: Assured Information Sharing

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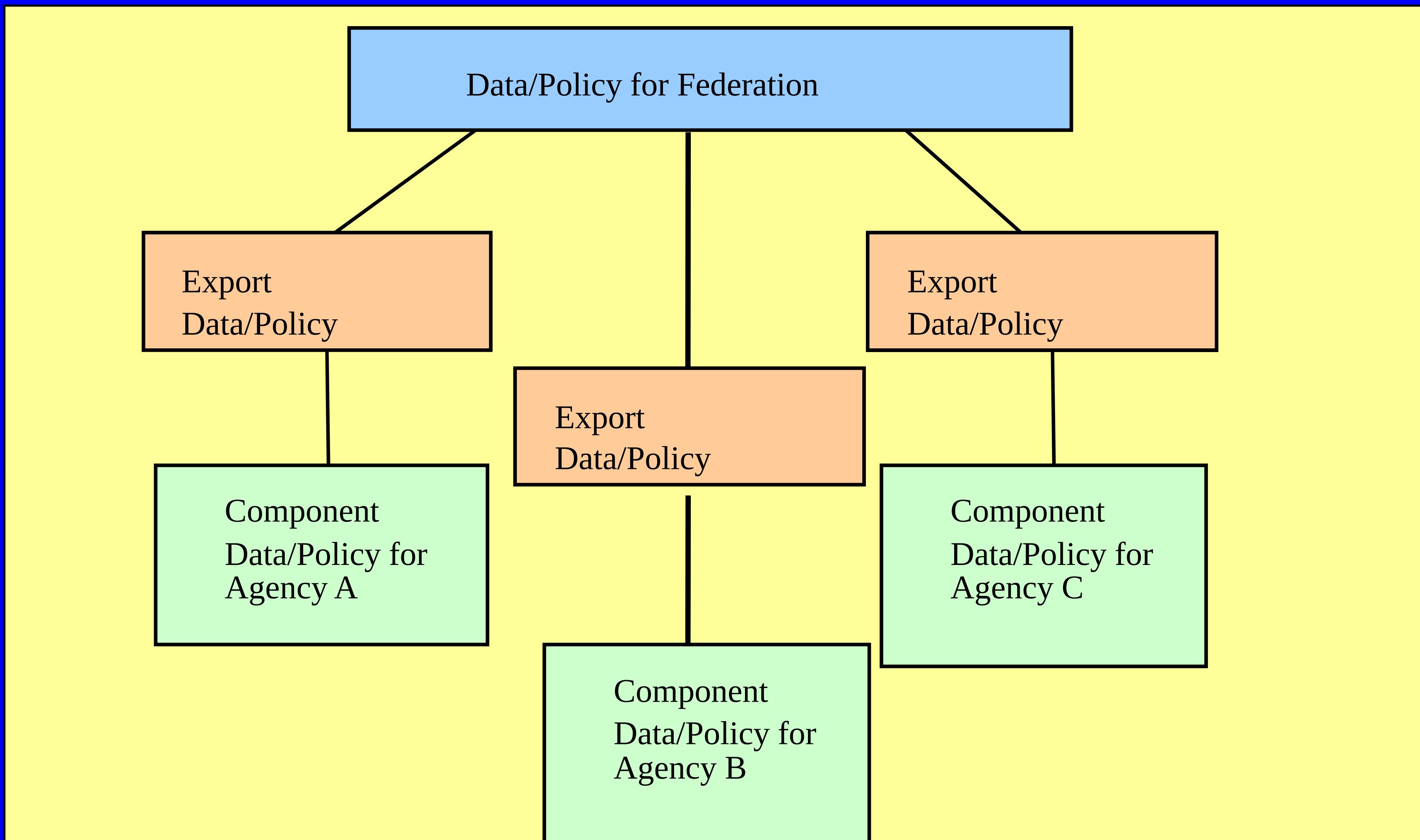
Architecture



Our Approach

- Integrate the Medicaid claims data and mine the data; next enforce policies and determine how much information has been lost by enforcing policies
- Examine RBAC and UCON in a coalition environment
- Apply game theory and probing techniques to extract information from non cooperative partners; conduct information operations and determine the actions of an untrustworthy partner.
- Defensive and offensive operations

Data Sharing, Miner and Analyzer

- Assume N organizations.
  - The organizations don’t want to share what they have.
  - They hide some information.
  - They share the rest.
- Simulates N organizations which
  - Have their own policies
  - Are trusted parties
- Collects data from each organization,
  - Processes it,
  - Mines it,
  - Analyzes the results

Data Partitioning and Policies

- **Partitioning**
  - **Horizontal: Has all the records about some entities**
  - **Vertical: Has subset of the fields of all entities**
  - **Hybrid: Combination of Horizontal and Vertical partitioning**
- **Policies**
  - **XML document**
  - **Informs which attributes can be released**
- **Release factor:**
  - **Is the percentage of attributes which are released from the dataset by an organization.**
  - **A dataset has 40 attributes.**
    - **"Organization 1" releases 8 attributes**
    - **RF=8/40=20%**

Example Policies

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
  <TEST_CASE>
    <BASE_POLICY_DIR>/data/policy/</BASE_POLICY_DIR>
    <!-- make sure to have different tc_id for the bundle -->
    <TC_ID>census_income_5</TC_ID>
    <TEST_CASE_DIR>testcases</TEST_CASE_DIR>
    <NUM_ORG>3</NUM_ORG>
    <RELEASE_FACTOR>5</RELEASE_FACTOR>
    <ATTRIB_XML>attributes.xml</ATTRIB_XML>
    <DATASET_BASE>/data/dataset/census_income/</DATASET_BASE>
    <MANDATORY_ATTRIB>income_type</MANDATORY_ATTRIB>
    <POLICY_XML>gen_org.xml</POLICY_XML>
    <ORG_PREFIX>org_</ORG_PREFIX>

     <!-- information about the dataset -->
     <DATASET_FN>census_income/census_income_50k.dat</DATASET_FN>
     <ARFF_PREFIX>census_income</ARFF_PREFIX>

     <!-- for each testcase bundle, used different test_case_id -->
     <TEST_CASE_ID>census_income_test_5</TEST_CASE_ID>
     <DATASET_PROCESSOR>
       <CLASS_NAME>processors.CensusIncomeProcessor</CLASS_NAME>
       <ATTRIB_FN>census_income/attributes.xml</ATTRIB_FN>
     </DATASET_PROCESSOR>
     <POLICY_DIR>census_policy_</POLICY_DIR>
     <DELIM>,</DELIM>
     <TEMPLATE_FN>gen_template.xml</TEMPLATE_FN>
  </TEST_CASE>
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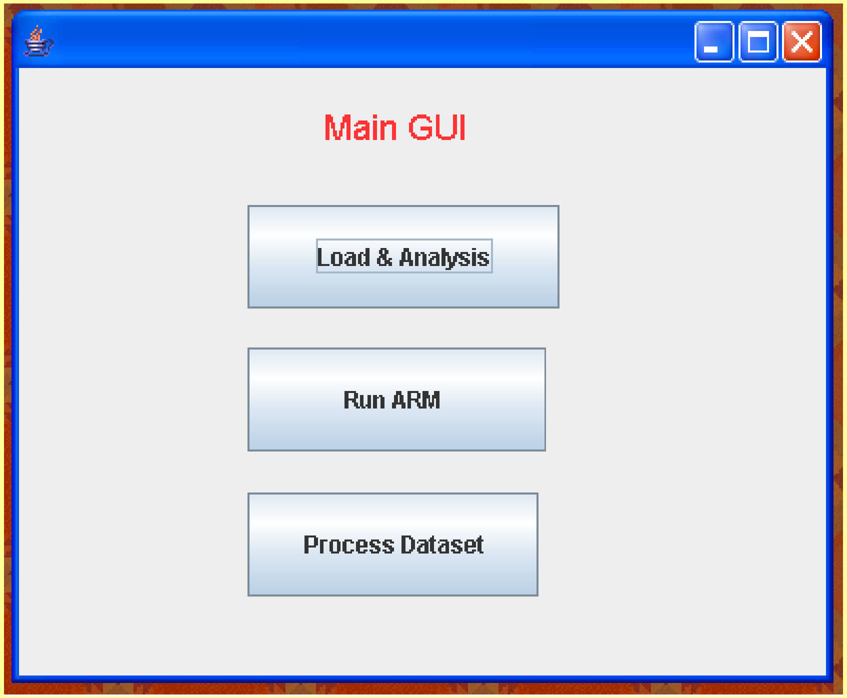
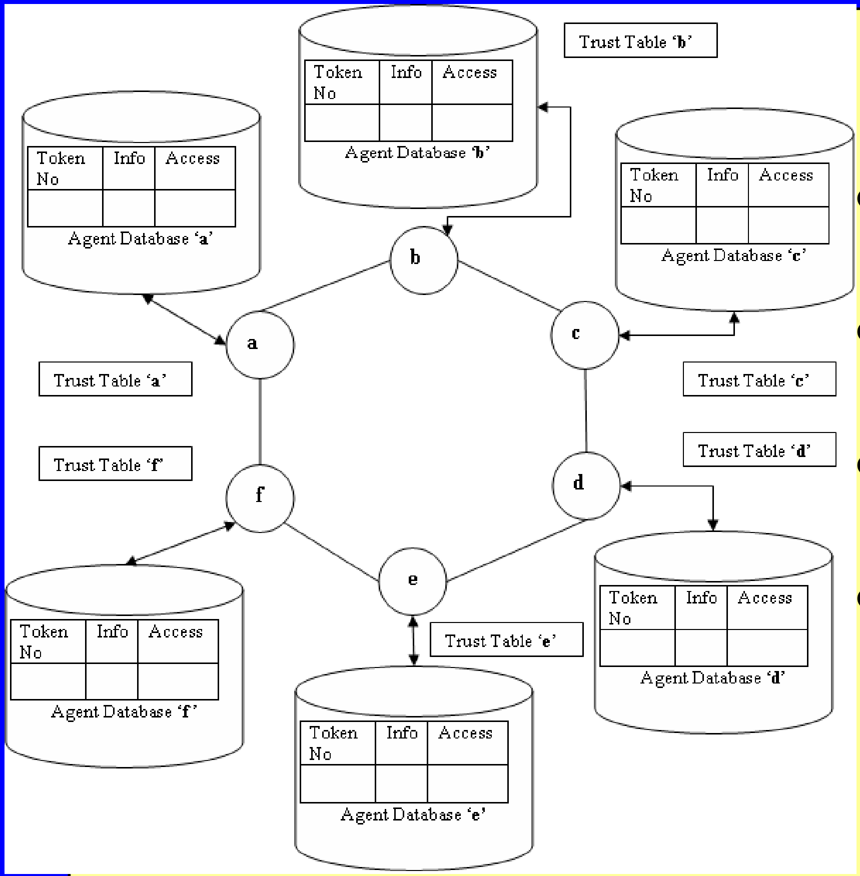
Processing



- 1. Load and Analysis.
  - loads the generated rules,
  - analyzes them,
  - displays in the charts.
- 2. Run ARM.
  - chooses the arff file
  - Runs the Apriori algorithm,
  - displays the association rules, frequent item sets and their confidences.
- 3. Process DataSet:
  - Processes the dataset using Single Processing or Batch Processing.

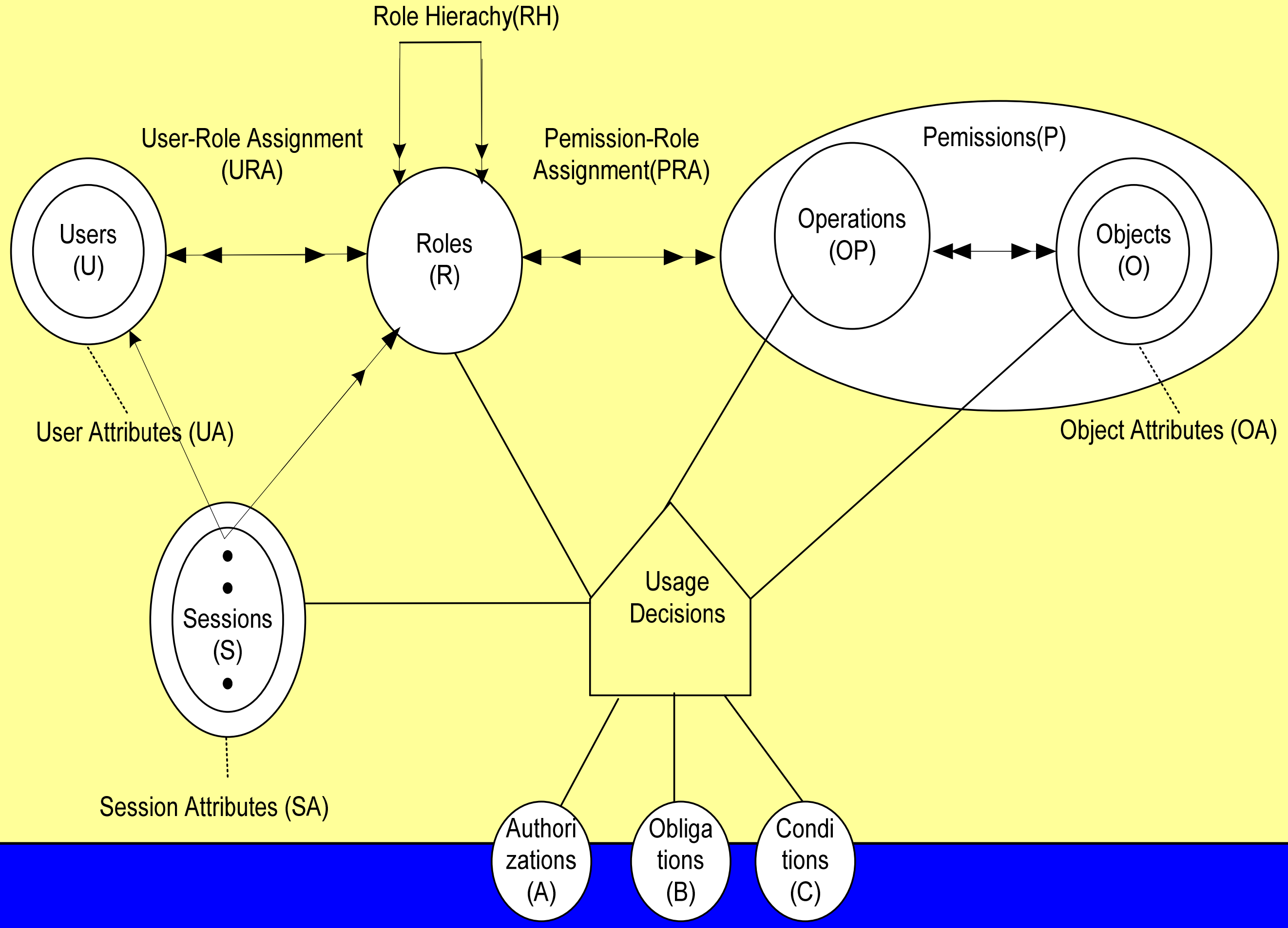
Extension For Trust Management



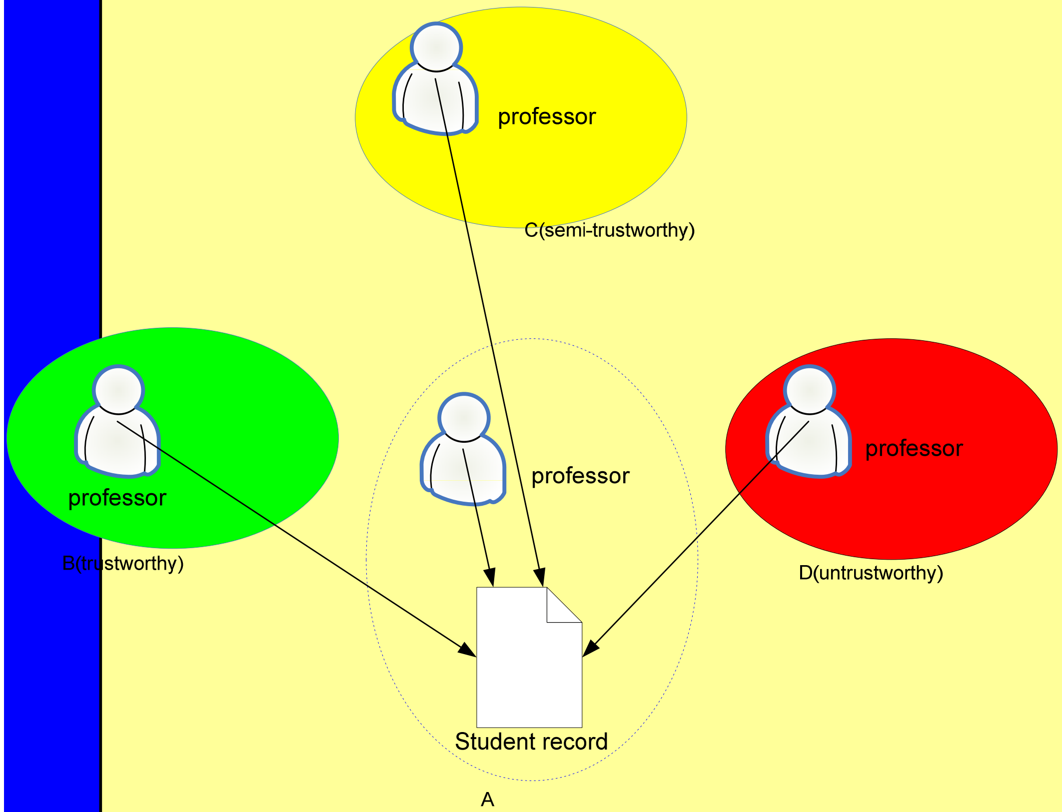
- **Each Organization maintains a Trust Table for Other organization.**
- **The Trust level is managed based on the quality of Information.**
- **Minimum Threshold- below which no Information will be shared.**
- **Maximum Threshold - Organization is considered Trusted partner.**

Role-based Usage Control (RBUC)

RBAC with UCON extension



RBUC in Coalition Environment



- The coalition partners maybe trustworthy), semi-trustworthy) or untrustworthy), so we can assign different roles on the users (professor) from different infospheres, e.g.
- professor role,
- trustworthy professor role,
- semi-trustworthy professor role,
- untrustworthy professor role.

- We can enforce usage control on data by set up object attributes to different roles during permission-role-assignment,
- e.g. professor role: 4 times a day, trustworthy role: 3 times a day semi-trustworthy professor role: 2 times a day, untrustworthy professor role: 1 time a day

Coalition Game Theory

Players

Expected Benefit from Strategy

Strategy for Player j

Strategy for Player i

P_j / P_i	Tell Truth	Lie
Tell Truth	A A	$B - M(p_j^i(\text{verify}))$ $A - L(1 - p_j^i(\text{fake}))$
Lie	$A - L(1 - p_i^j(\text{fake}))$ $B - M(p_i^j(\text{verify}))$	$B - M(p_i^j(\text{verify})) - L(1 - p_j^i(\text{fake}))$ $B - M(p_j^i(\text{verify})) - L(1 - p_i^j(\text{fake}))$

A = Value expected from telling the truth
B = Value expected from lying
M = Loss of value due to discovery of lie
L = Loss of value due to being lied to

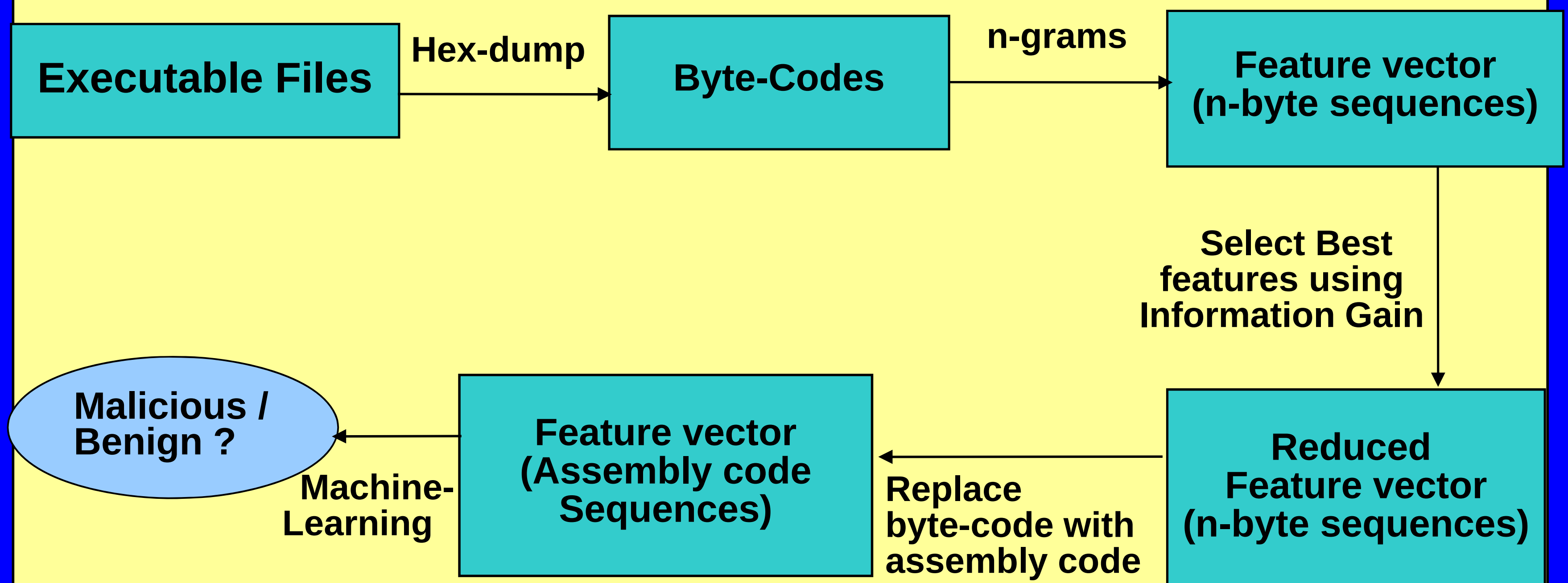
$p_j^i(\text{action})$ = Percieved probability by player *i* that player *j* will perform *action*
fake: Choosing to lie
verify: Choosing to verify

Coalition Game Theory

- Results
  - Algorithm proved successful against competing agents
  - Performed well alone, benefited from groups of likeminded agents
  - Clear benefit of use vs. simpler alternatives
  - Worked well against multiple opponents with different strategies
- Pending Work
  - Analyzing dynamics of data flow and correlate successful patterns
  - Setup fiercer competition among agents
    - Tit-for-tat Algorithm
    - Adaptive Strategy Algorithm (a.k.a. Darwinian Game Theory)
    - Randomized Strategic Form
  - Consider long-term games
    - Data gathered carries into next game
    - Consideration of reputation (‘trustworthiness’) necessary

Detecting Malicious Executables
The New Hybrid Model

- **What are malicious executables?**
  - *Virus, Exploit, Denial of Service (DoS), Flooder, Sniffer, Spoofer, Trojan etc.*
  - Exploits software vulnerability on a victim, May remotely infect other victims
- **Malicious code detection: approaches**
  - **Signature based :** not effective for new attacks
  - **Our approach:** Reverse engineering applied to generate assembly code features, gaining higher accuracy than simple byte code features



Current Directions

- Developed a plan to implement Information Operations for untrustworthy partners and will start the implementation in February 2007
- Continuing with the design and implementation of RBUC for Coalitions
- Enhancing the game theory based model for semi-trustworthy partners
- Investigate Policy Management for a Need to share environment