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المستخلص

تكامل الأنظمة في مفهومه العام يعني ضم أجزاء متفرقة لكي تعمل معاً أو تشكل وحدة واحدة. مؤخراً، هنالك إهتمام كبير لتوفير المعلومات الواردة من عدة مصادر في شكل موحد. الهدف الرئيسي لعملية التكامل المعلوماتي هو المشاركة وتبادل المعلومات. إن الجزء الحيوي والهام في عملية التكامل المعلوماتي هو التوصل إلى حلول لما يحدث من تضارب بين الأطراف المشاركة. قد يحدث هذا التضارب نتيجة لتباين خصائص الأطراف المشاركة.

آلية التحكم في الوصول على أساس الوظيفة، هي طريقة لتقييد الوصول لمصادر معلومات نظام ما فقط للأشخاص المسموح لهم. لقد ظل تكامل قواعد البيانات موضوعاً لعديد من البحوث والدراسات، ولقد ثبت جدواه عبر تقنيات متعددة. ومع ذلك، فإن تكامل الأنظمة القائمة على آلية التحكم في الوصول على أساس الوظيفة يحتاج المزيد من الدراسات والبحث.

تحاول هذه الرسالة توفير نموذج لتكامل الأنظمة القائمة على آلية التحكم في الوصول على أساس الوظيفة والتي هي بالضرورة ذات خصائص متباينة، مستقلة، تعمل في نفس المجال والتي قررت التكامل بهدف المشاركة. هذا النموذج يعرف ويوفر حلول للتضارب بين الأنظمة القائمة على آلية التحكم في الوصول على أساس الوظيفة المتباينة. ويوفر إطار عمل مبسط يمكن إستخدامه في حالة تكامل هذه الأنظمة.

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ABSTRACT

Integration generally means combining parts so that they work together or form a whole. Recently, considerable attention has been paid to present information from various sources in an integrated format. The main purpose of integration is to share information. The most vital part in integration process is resolution of conflicts between participating parts. Conflicts may arise as a result of heterogeneity in parts.

Role-based access control (RBAC) is an approach to restricting access to the resources of a system only to authorize users. Database integration has been the subject of much research and has been proven feasible through various techniques. However, integrating RBAC security features needs more studies and research.

This thesis is trying to provide a model for integrating RBAC systems which are heterogeneous, autonomous and work in related fields which decided to integrate for information sharing purpose. This model identifies and resolves conflicts between heterogeneous RBAC systems and proposes a simple framework to be used when such systems are integrated.

Two healthcare systems were selected as a case study in order to confirm model feasibility, and verify whether the objectives that the proposed model is designed for are achieved.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- RBAC: Role Based Access Control

- DAC : Discretionary Access Control

MAC : Mandatory Access Control

ACL : Access Control List

- DBMS: Database Management System

NIST : National Institute of Standards and Technology