

CMSC388N:

Build It, Break It, Fix It: Competing to Secure Software

Lecture 8 - Wrap Up

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The Plan

- Breaks found
- Secure development reflection
- Security best practices
- In-class survey time!

Break Review

- Lots of crashes!
- Incorrect implementation of spec
- Security properties not specifically stated
- Non-logic problems

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Who do you think this is?

Un(der)specified

- Anyone login
- Leak of variable type information
- Circular delegation
- Multiple delegation paths

Circular Delegation

admin

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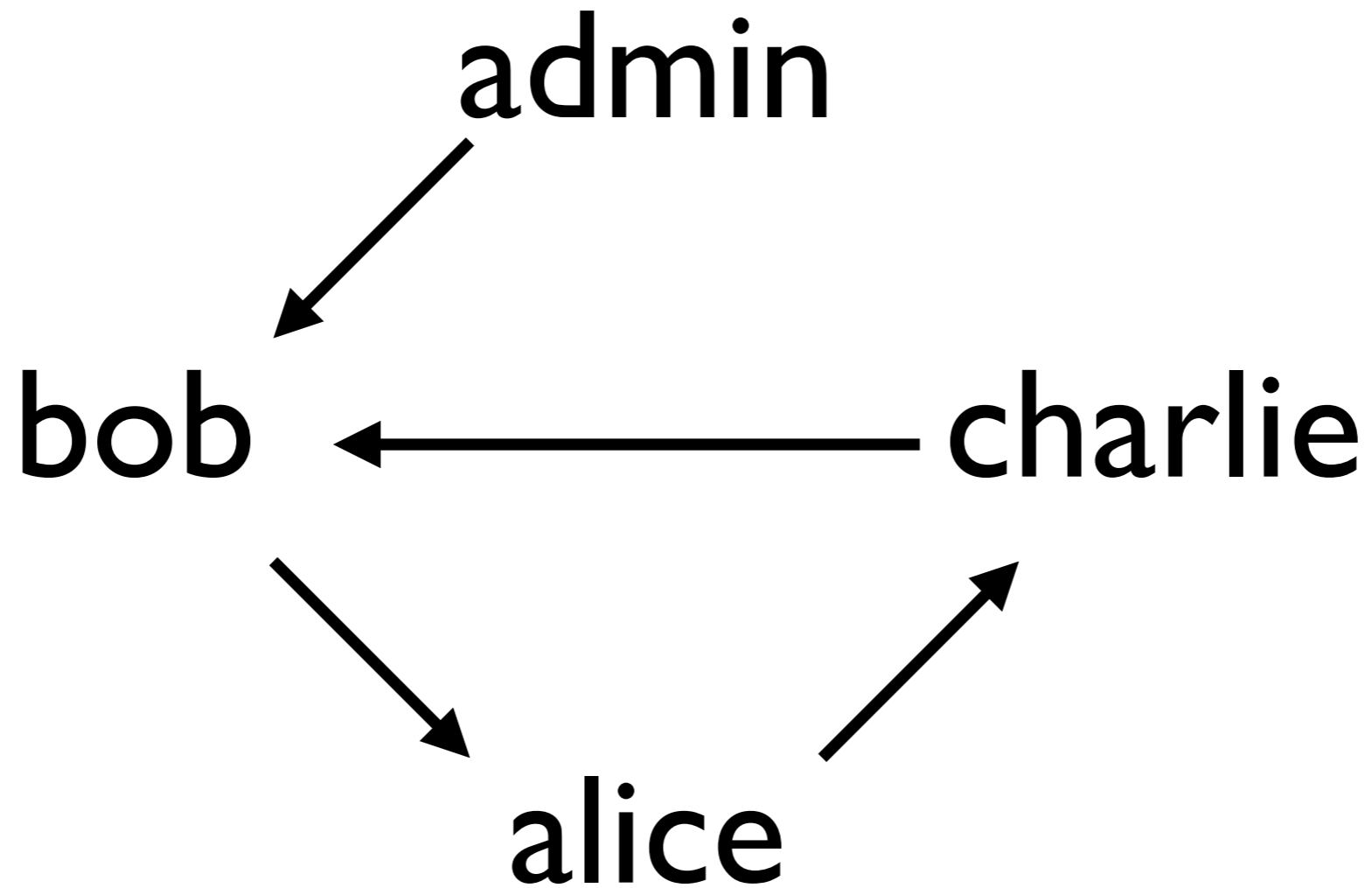
admin

bob

charlie

alice

Circular Delegation



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```
hasPermission(var, principal, right):
```

```
  if principal is "admin":
```

```
    return true
```

```
  else:
```

```
    delegator = getDelegator(var, principal, right)
```

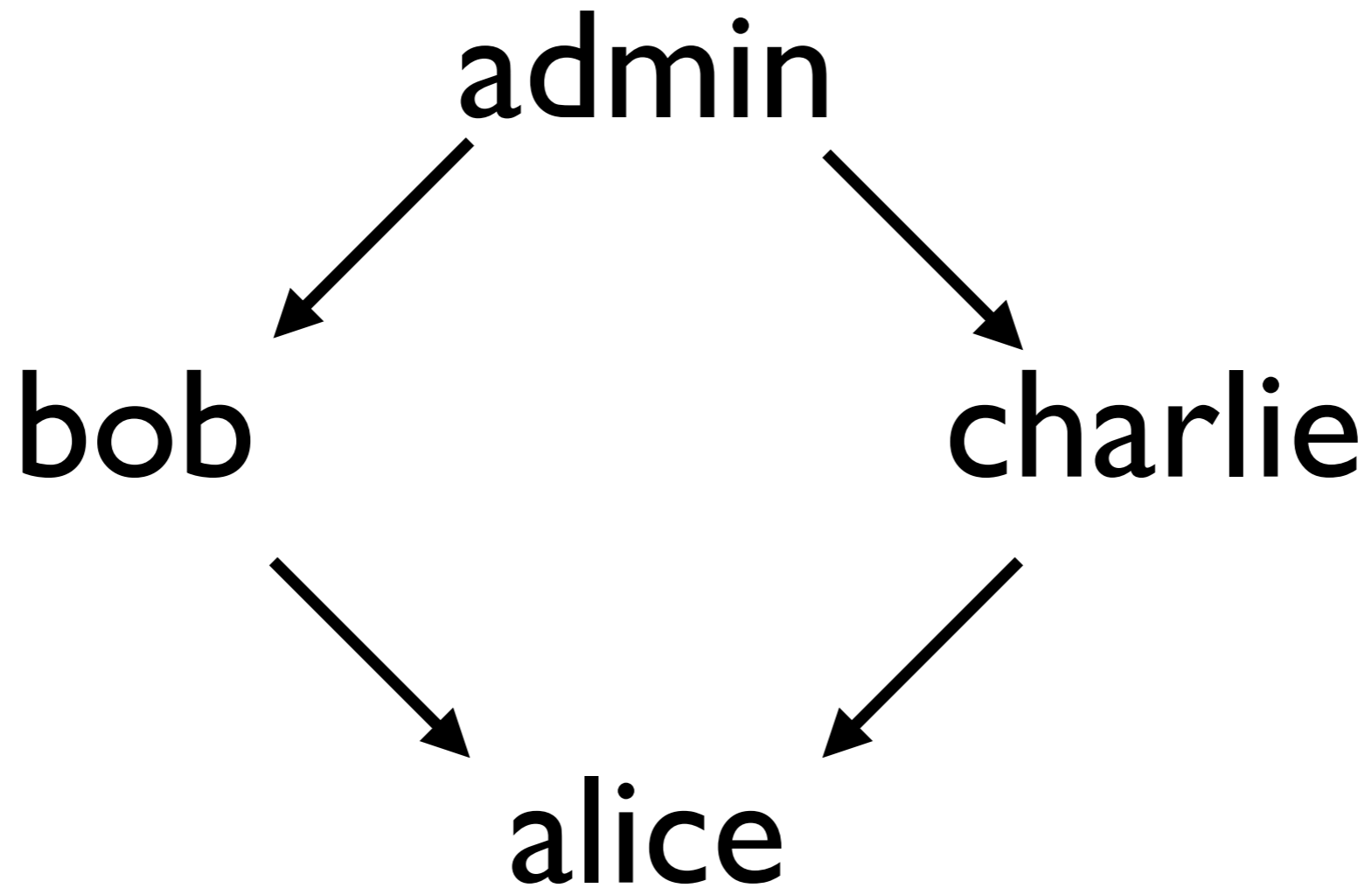
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    if there is a delegator:
```

```
      return hasPermission(var, delegator, right)
```

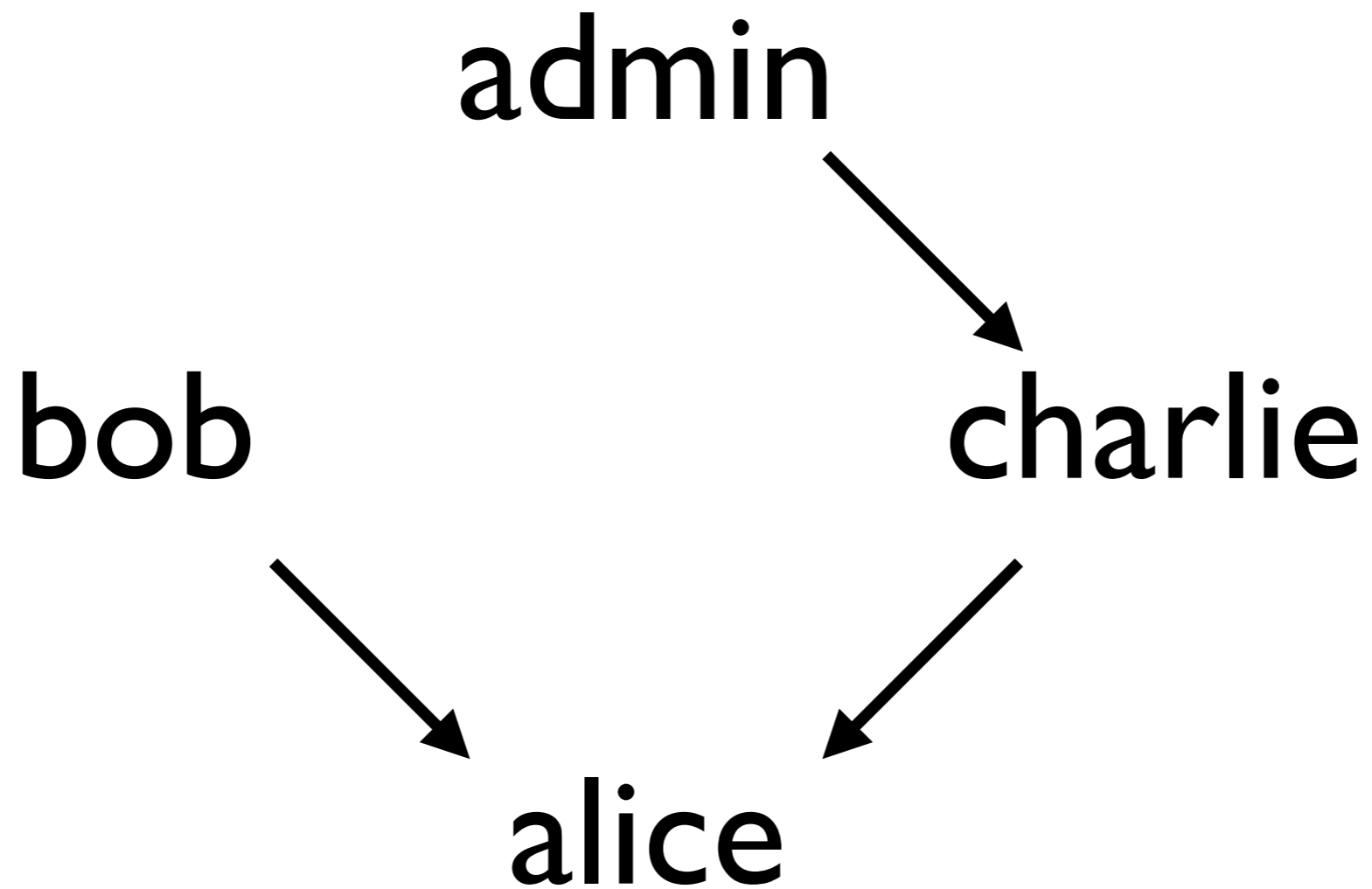
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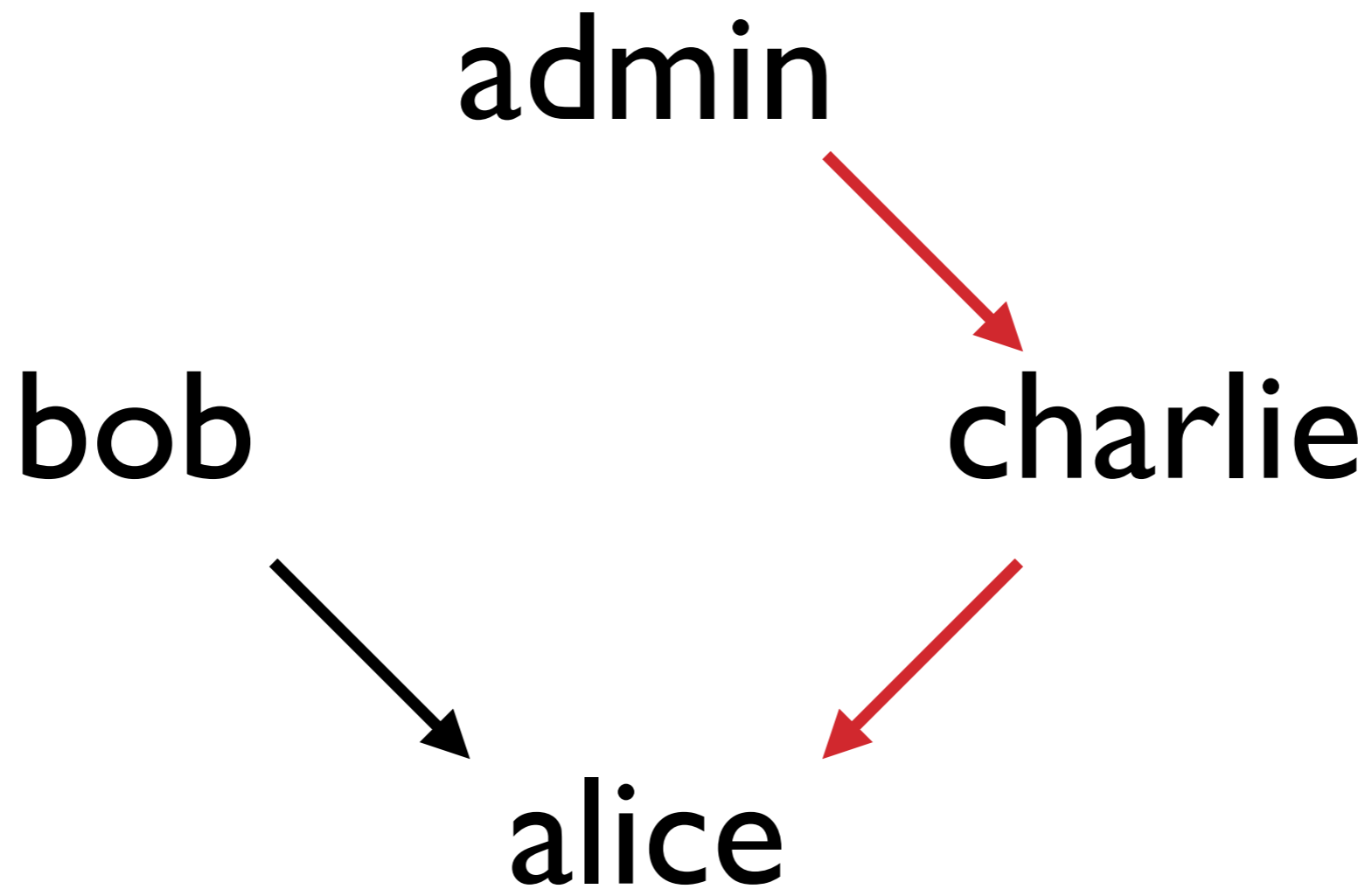
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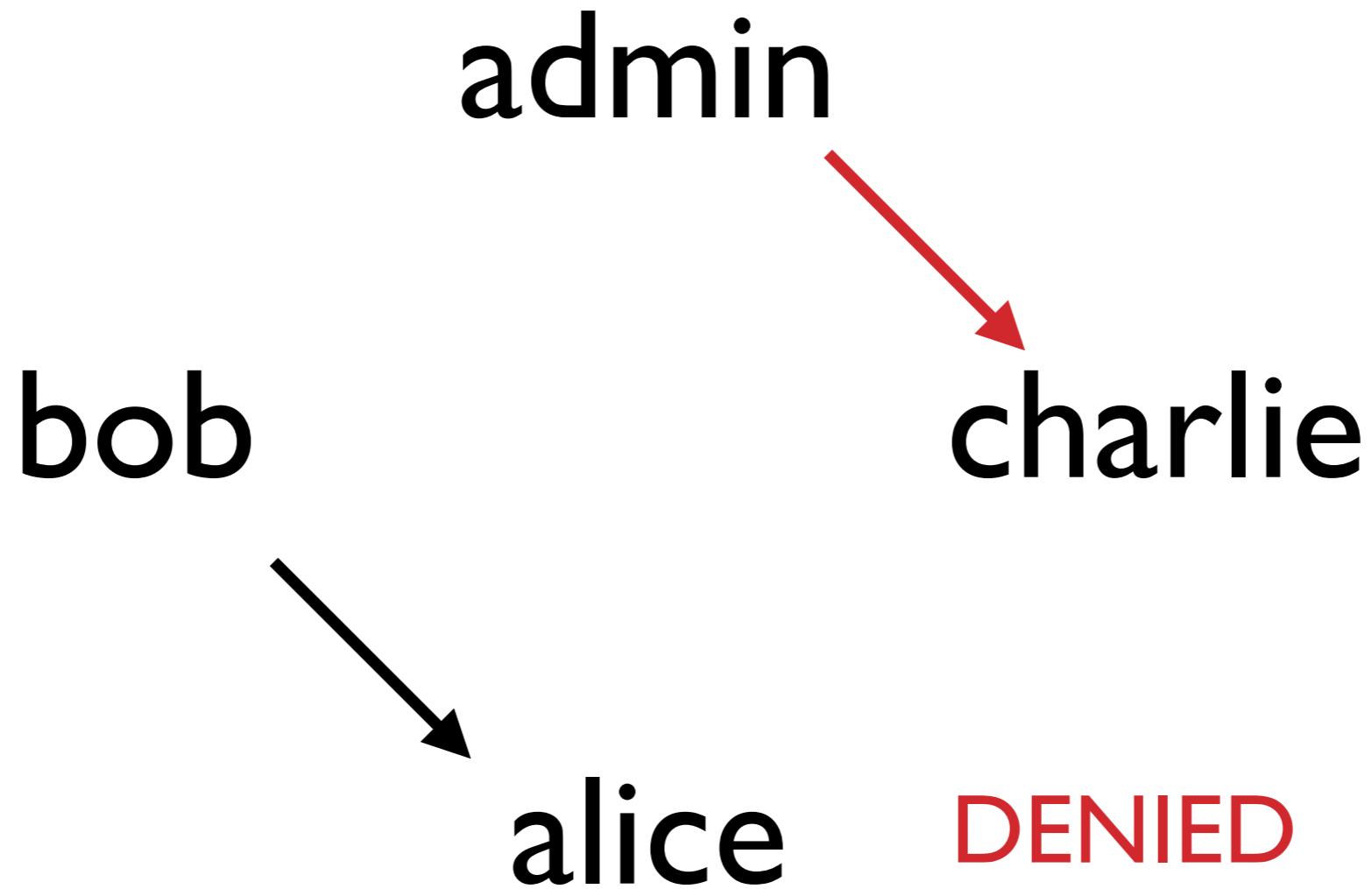
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Non-logic problems

- Bugs in libraries used
- Integer overflow
- Code injection

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```
as principal bob password "bob" do
  set count = 2147483647
  return x
```

Code Injection

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os.system("<call compiled executable> " + port + " " +  
config + " " + admin + " " + hub)
```

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set x = __import__('os').system('rm -rf /') + |
```

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Best Practices

- Limit security-specific code
- Graceful error handling (and logging)
- In-depth design/threat modeling
- Test cases are important!
- Code review!

In-class Survey Time!

- End-of-course survey
 - link emailed to you
- Work on final design document