



# “**THE NEXT GENERATION**” **PRIVACY POLICIES FOR SOCIAL NETWORKS**

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# FACEBOOK PRIVACY SETTINGS

## Privacy Settings and Tools

What	Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Friends	Edit
		Review all your posts and things you're tagged in		Use Activity Log
		Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?		Limit Past Posts
	Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	Everyone	Edit
	Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided?	Friends	Edit
		Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?	Friends	Edit
		Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?	Yes	Edit

Who

# Observation 1

Currently...

**OSNs *only* allow to write  
*untimed static* (on/off)  
policies with a limited audience**

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Who can look me up?	Who can look up your profile?	<a href="#">Edit</a>
	Who can look up your profile?	<a href="#">Edit</a>
	Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?	<a href="#">Edit</a>

Yes

What

When?

How often?

who

Friends

# FACEBOOK MESSENGER PRIVACY FLAW



Aran Khanna

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## Stalking Your Friends with Facebook Messenger

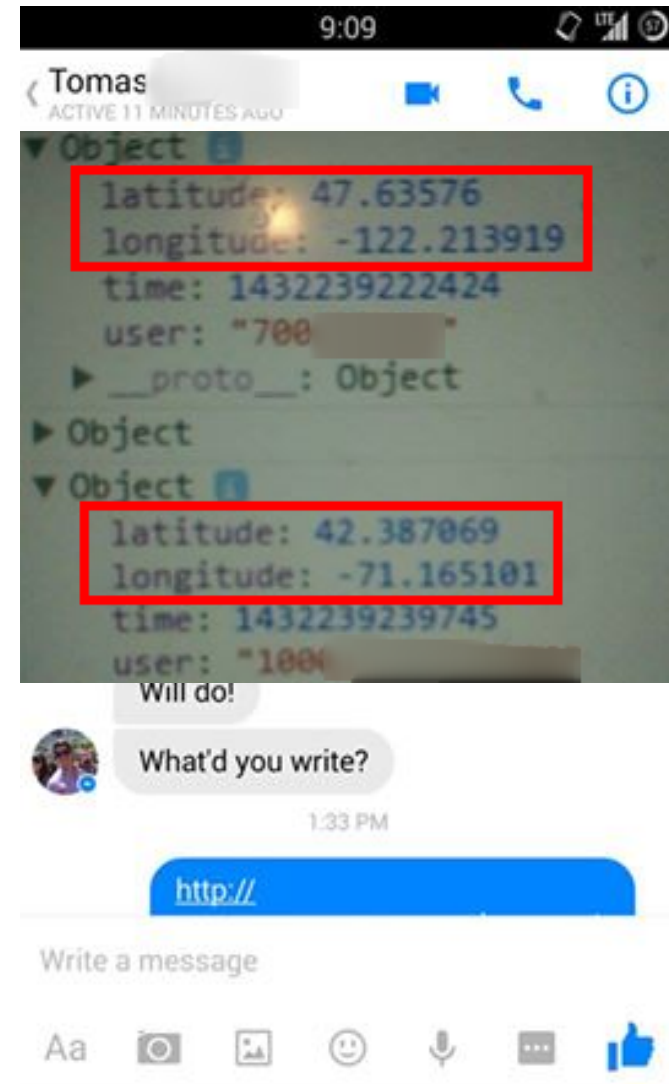
# FACEBOOK MESSENGER PRIVACY FLAW

“What you should keep in mind is that the mobile app for Facebook Messenger **defaults** to sending a location with **all** messages.”

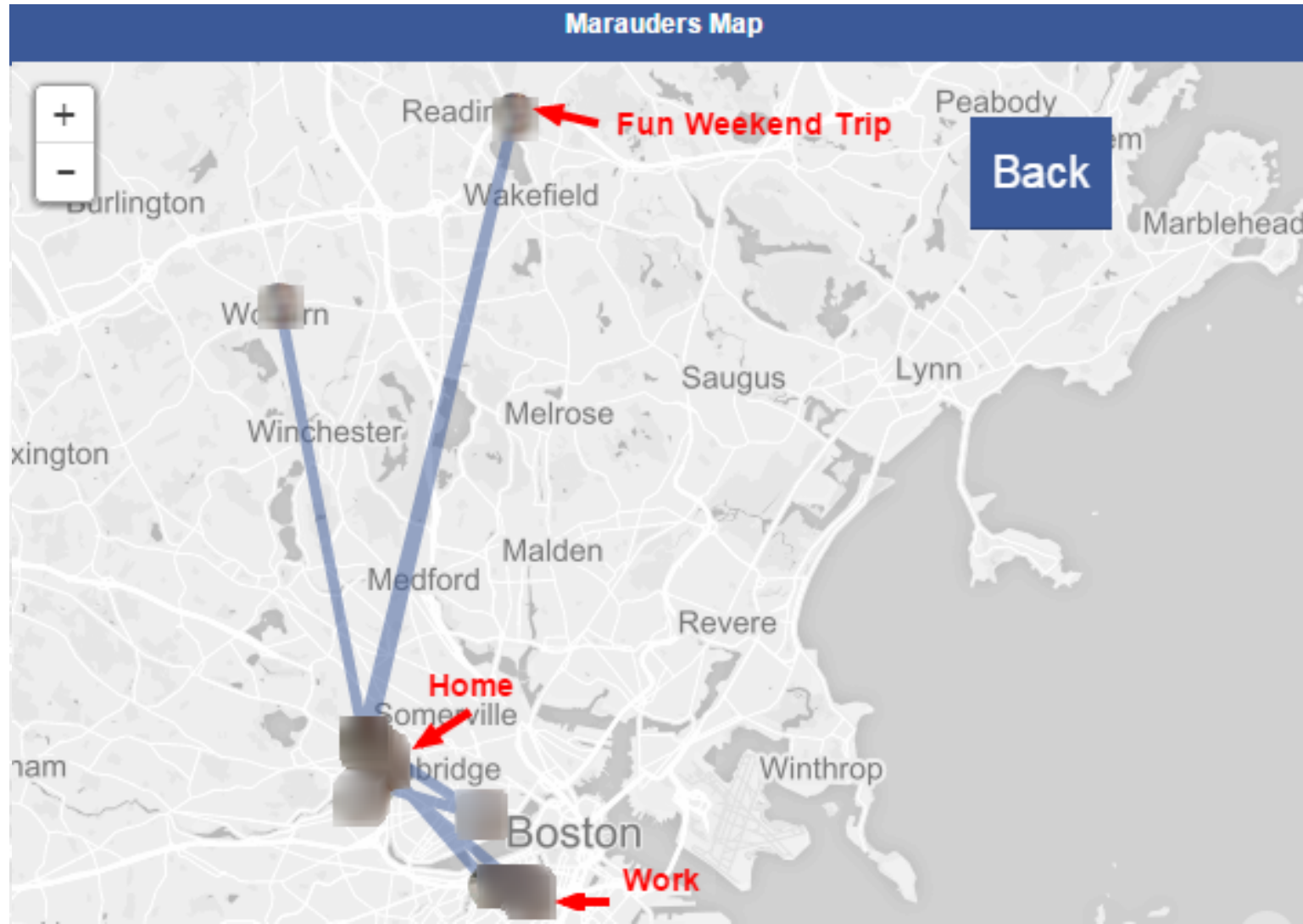
A. Khanna

“[...] the latitude and longitude coordinates of the message locations have more than 5 decimal places of precision, making it possible to **pinpoint the sender's location to less than a meter.**”

A. Khanna



# FACEBOOK MESSENGER PRIVACY FLAW



# FACEBOOK'S REACTION

Three days later....

Facebook rescinds internship from student who exposed app privacy flaws



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Harvard student Aran Khanna lost position after he launched app called Marauder's Map that could pinpoint location of Facebook Messenger users

## Stalking You Facebook M

*Edit: At Facebook's request I h  
extension. Furthermore, Facel  
desktop webpage so the exten*





# Observation 2

**Trade off between**  
*utility*  
(more functionality)  
**and**  
*privacy*

**We would like...**

**OSNs allow to write *richer*  
*dynamic* ("evolving") *recurrent*  
policies**

**and that  
they are *properly enforced***

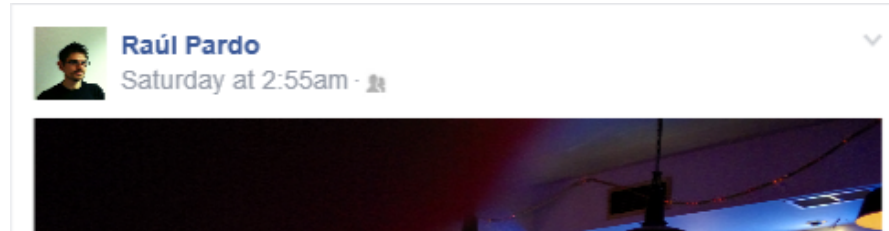


# PRIVACY POLICIES

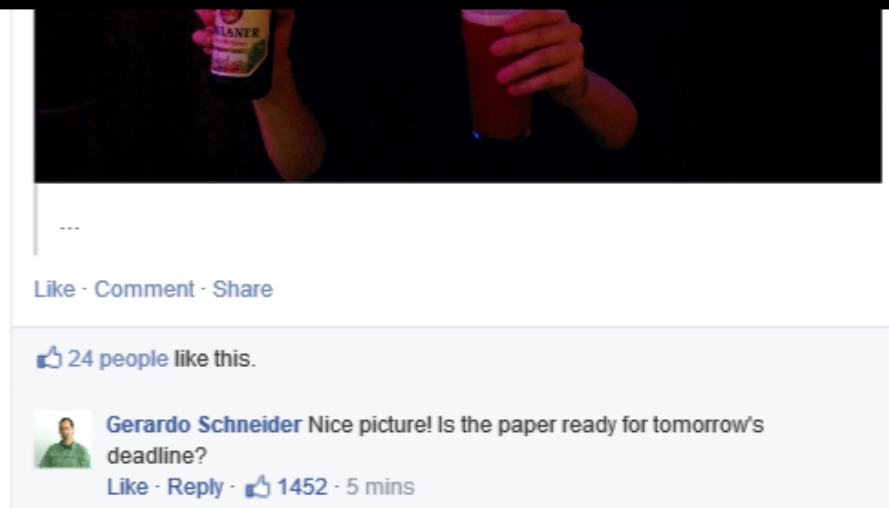
- [Audience] [track/known] [some info] [more/less] [examples]  
[X] times [day/week/month/...]



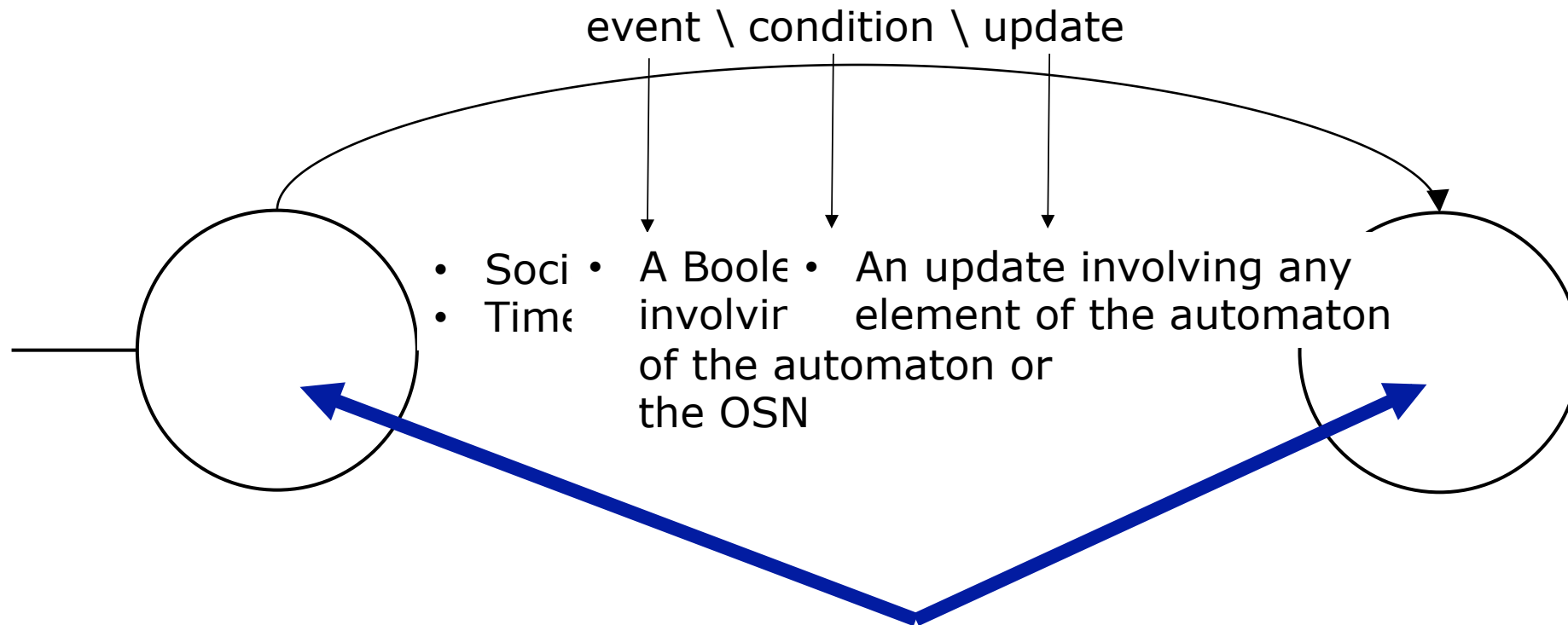
# PRIVACY POLICIES



My supervisor cannot see my posts from 20:00 to 8:00 during the weekends



# POLICY AUTOMATA (1<sup>st</sup> approach)

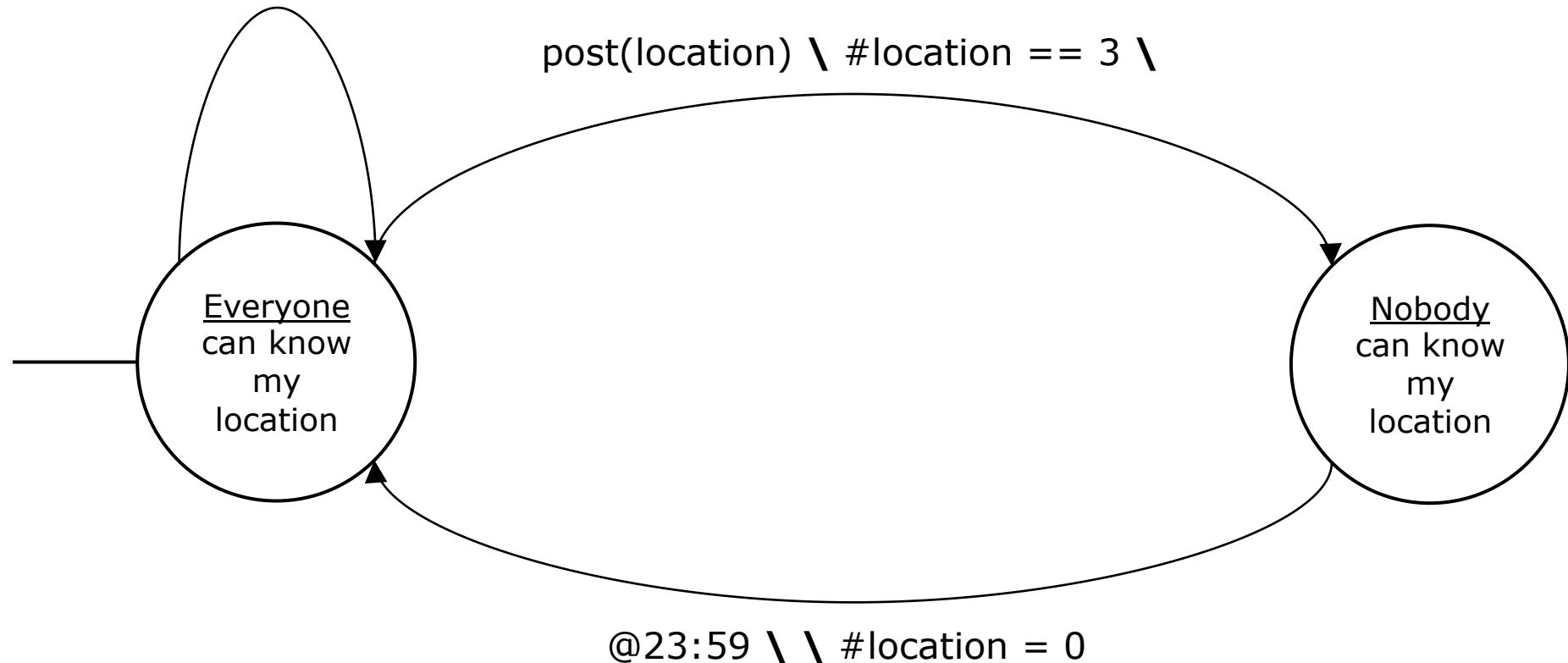


A (*static*) privacy policy

# POLICY AUTOMATA - EXAMPLE

- Nobody can know my location more than 3 times per day

`post(location) \ #location < 3 \ #location++`



# OTHER TIME PROPERTIES

- Nobody can know my location more than 3 times per day

For a given user, let's say  
*Martin*



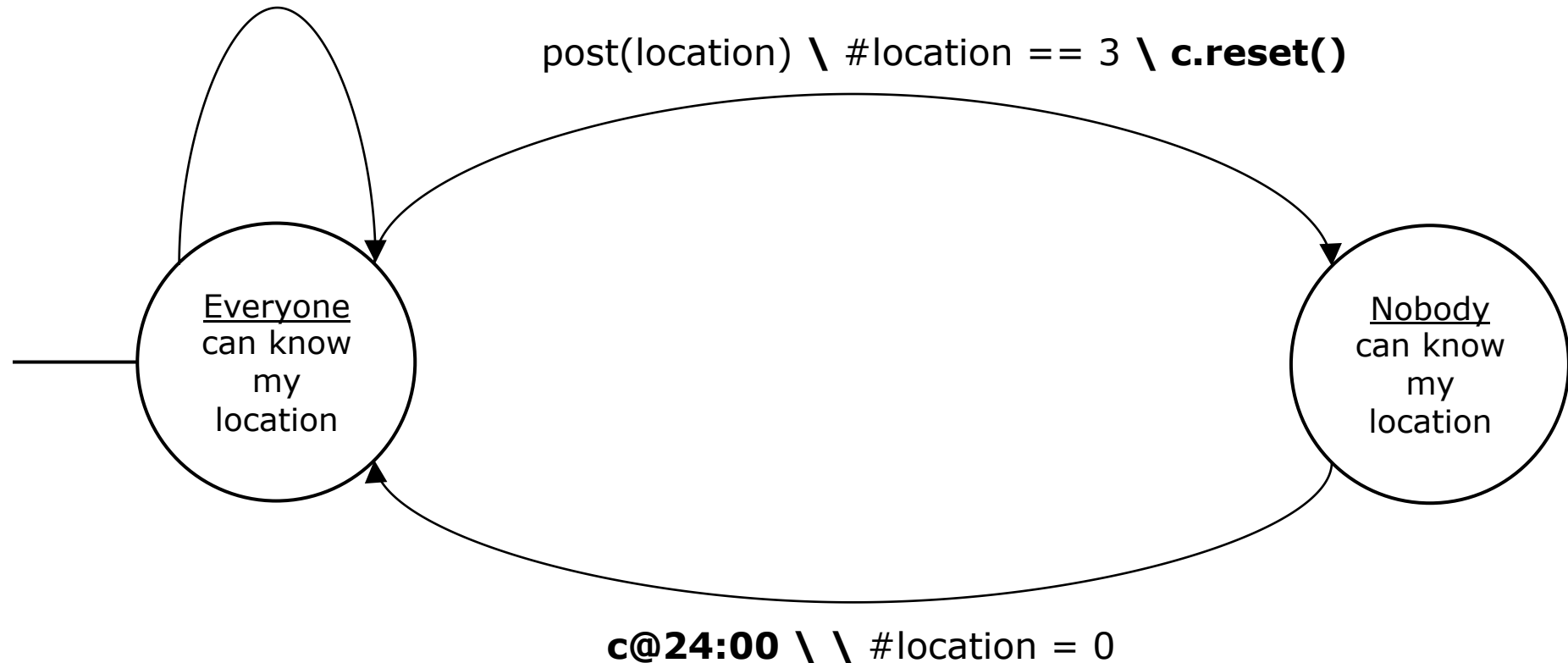
- After my location is posted 3 times, nobody can post it again within 24 hours



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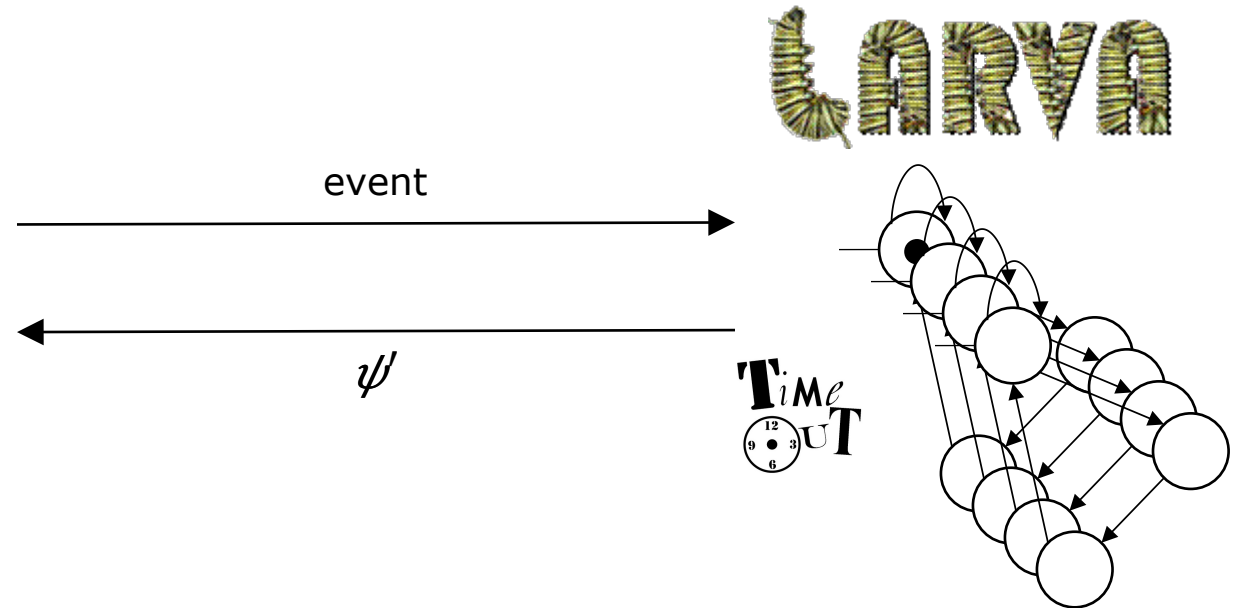




# IMPLEMENTATION (Prototype)



<https://joindiaspora.com/>  
<https://github.com/raulpardo/ppf-diaspora>



<http://www.cs.um.edu.mt/svrg/Tools/LARVA/>

# What are you allowed to know?

- Nobody can know my location more than 3 times per day



The disclosure of this location should not be allowed...  
Will Martin get to know this location?  
Not at this moment! (According to the policy)

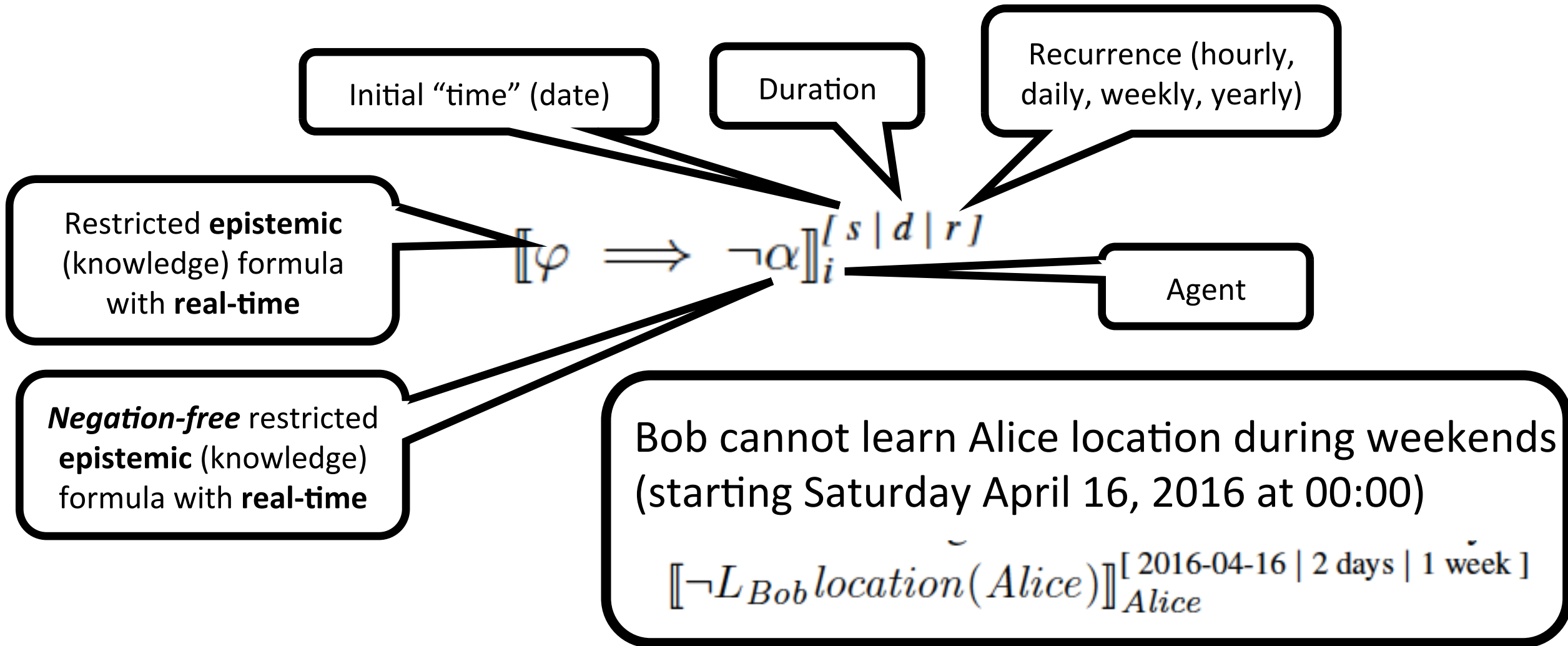
Martin could *learn* l4 later!

# Observation 3

**Defining (and enforcing) the  
*right dynamic recurrent privacy*  
policy is not easy**

**(Defining policy automata over *static* privacy  
policy languages gives more expressivity...  
but it's not enough)**

# Real-Time Privacy Policies (2<sup>nd</sup> approach)



# ONGOING WORK...

- PPF: Privacy Policy Framework based on Epistemic Logic\*
  - **Currently extending PPF with real-time** (R. Pardo & I. Kellyérová)
- **Policy automata**
  - Formal definition + simple properties - assuming a static privacy policy language (R. Pardo, C. Colombo & G. Pace)
- **Runtime enforcement of policy automata**
  - Prototype in Diaspora\* using Larva (R. Pardo, C. Colombo & G. Pace)

\* R. Pardo & G. Schneider. *A formal privacy policy framework for social networks*. In SEFM'14, LNCS vol.8702, pp.378-392, 2014

# **FUTURE WORK and CHALLENGES**

## **Combine real-time PPF with policy automata**

- Expressiveness: e.g., geo-location privacy

## **Fully implement the framework (in Diaspora)**

- Distributed monitors?
- Access control?

## **Automatic extraction of the enforcement mechanism from the framework**

- Seems to need a full specification of all possible events from the OSN

# TAKE AWAY

Currently...

**Lack** of rich "*evolving*" and *recurrent*  
privacy policies in OSNs

# NEED OF...

Richer mechanisms to **define** and **enforce**  
***"evolving*** and ***recurrent*** privacy policies

**Runtime Monitoring of Distributed Systems**

**VS**

**Distributed Runtime Monitoring**

**(Privacy Policies for multi-OSNs)**



**QUESTIONS?**

# DEMO

- [Nobody] can know [my location] [more] than [2X]  
times per [40 seconds/month/...]

# PPF

**Definition 1.** *The tuple  $\langle \mathcal{SN}, \mathcal{KBL}_{\mathcal{SN}}, \models, \mathcal{PPL}_{\mathcal{SN}}, \models_C \rangle$  is a privacy policy framework (denoted by  $\mathcal{PPF}$ ), where*

- $\mathcal{SN}$  is a social network model;
- $\mathcal{KBL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$  is a knowledge-based logic;
- $\models$  is a satisfaction relation defined for  $\mathcal{KBL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$ ;
- $\mathcal{PPL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$  is a privacy policy language;
- $\models_C$  is a conformance relation defined for  $\mathcal{PPL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$ . □

# PPF

$SN, u \models \neg p$	iff $\neg p \in \nu(u)$
$SN, u \models p$	iff $p \in \nu(u)$
$SN, u \models \neg \phi$	iff $SN, u \not\models \phi$
$SN, u \models \phi \wedge \psi$	iff $SN, u \models \phi$ and $SN, u \models \psi$
$SN, u \models K_i \delta$	iff $\begin{cases} \delta \in KB(i) \text{ if } \delta = K_j \delta', \text{ where } j \in Ag \\ SN, i \models \delta \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$
$SN, u \models P_i^j a$	iff $(i, j) \in A_a$
$SN, u \models GP_G^j a$	iff $(n, j) \in A_a$ for all $n \in G$
$SN, u \models SP_G^j a$	iff there exists $n \in G$ such that $(n, j) \in A_a$
$SN, u \models S_G \delta$	iff there exists $i \in G$ such that $SN, i \models K_i \delta$
$SN, u \models E_G \delta$	iff $SN, i \models K_i \delta$ for all $i \in G$
$SN, u \models D_G \delta$	iff $\begin{cases} SN, u \models S_G \delta' \text{ and } SN, u \models S_G \delta'' \text{ if } \delta = \delta' \wedge \delta'' \\ SN, u \models S_G \delta \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

Table 1:  $\mathcal{KBL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$  satisfiability relation

# PPF

$SN \models_C \tau_1 \wedge \tau_2$	iff $SN \models_C \tau_1 \wedge SN \models_C \tau_2$
$SN \models_C \llbracket \neg\psi \rrbracket_i$	iff $SN, i \models \neg\psi$
$SN \models_C \llbracket \phi \implies \neg\psi \rrbracket_i$	iff $SN, i \models \phi$ then $SN \models_C \llbracket \neg\psi \rrbracket_i$

Table 2:  $\mathcal{PP}\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{SN}}$  conformance relation

# Timed PPF

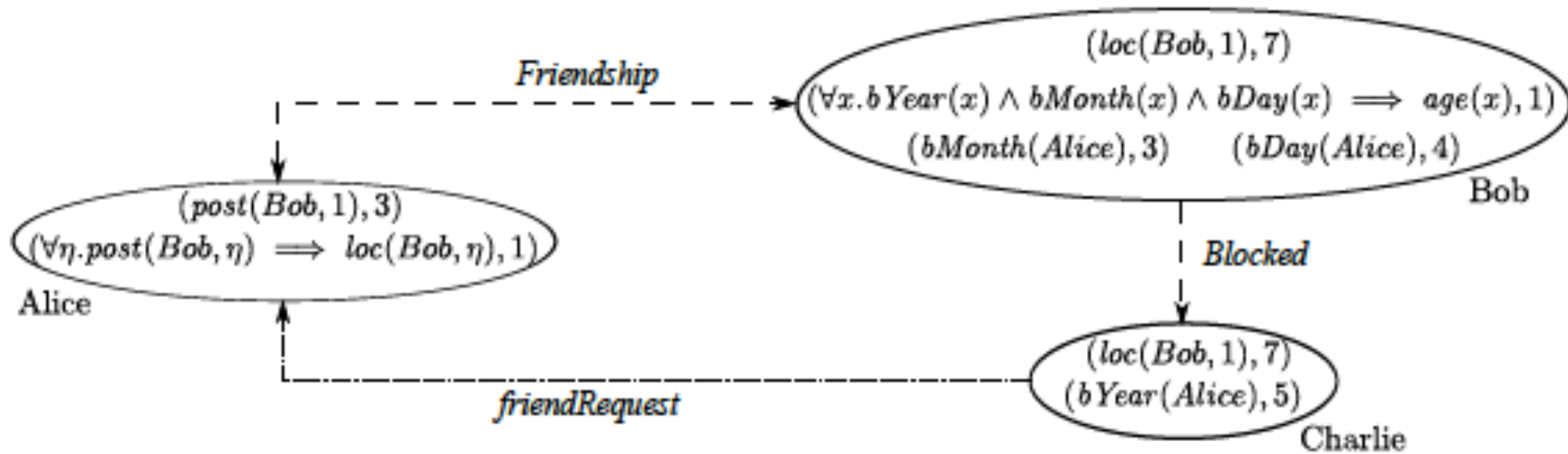


Fig. 1. Example of Timed Social Network Model

# Timed PPF

$\sigma, t \models \Box \varphi$	iff for all $t' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma, t' \geq t, \sigma, t' \models \varphi$
$\sigma, t \models \Diamond \varphi$	iff there exists $t' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma, t' \geq t$ , such that $\sigma, t' \models \varphi$
$\sigma, t \models \neg \varphi$	iff $\sigma, t \not\models \varphi$
$\sigma, t \models \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff $\sigma, t \models \varphi$ and $\sigma, t \models \psi$
$\sigma, t \models \forall x. \varphi$	iff for all $v \in D_o^{\sigma[t]}, \sigma, t \models \varphi[v/x]$
$\sigma, t \models c_m(i, j)$	iff $(i, j) \in C_m^{\sigma[t]}$
$\sigma, t \models a_n(i, j)$	iff $(i, j) \in A_n^{\sigma[t]}$
$\sigma, t \models p(\vec{s})$	iff there exists $t' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma, t' \leq t$ , such that $(p(\vec{s}), t') \in KB_e^{\sigma[t]}$
$\sigma, t \models K_i \varphi$	iff there exists $t' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma, t' \leq t$ , such that $(\varphi, t') \in Cl_t(KB_i^{\sigma[t]})$
$\sigma, t \models L_i \varphi$	iff $(\varphi, t) \in Cl_t(KB_i^{\sigma[t]})$
$\sigma, t \models C_G \varphi$	iff $\sigma, t \models E_G^k \varphi$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$
$\sigma, t \models D_G \varphi$	iff there exists $t' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma, t' \leq t$ , such that $(\varphi, t') \in Cl_t(\bigcup_{i \in G} KB_i^{\sigma[t]})$

Table 1. The Satisfiability Relation for  $\mathcal{TKBL}_{SN}$

# Timed PPF

$\sigma \models_C \delta_1 \wedge \delta_2$	iff $\sigma \models_C \delta_1 \wedge \sigma \models_C \delta_2$
$\sigma \models_C \forall x.\delta$	iff for all $v \in D_o^{\sigma[t]}$ , $\sigma \models_C \delta[v/x]$
$\sigma \models_C \llbracket \neg\alpha \rrbracket_i^{[s d r]}$	iff for all positive $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $0 \leq s + cr \leq \max(\mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ , $\sigma \models_C \llbracket \neg\alpha \rrbracket_i^{[s+cr d]}$
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$\sigma \models_C \llbracket \varphi \implies \neg\alpha \rrbracket_i^{[s]}$	iff $\sigma[s \dots ], s \models \Box(\varphi \implies \neg\alpha)$

**Table 3.** The Conformance Relation for  $\mathcal{TPPL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$