

A Sandboxing Infrastructure for Alice ML

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- Since applets only see API functions, no security breach is possible

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- Implicit inheritance of component managers along `import` chains

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- Introduce convenience functor `SECURITY_POLICY -> COMPONENT_MANAGER`

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