

Research problem

Problems addressed

The term 'trust' is overloaded and ambivalent.

Unless precautions are taken, interpretations of its meaning from different perspectives diverge. It is to the benefit of honest parties that the non-repudiation of a transaction is based on a trust model with semantics and evidence understandable to all parties.

One should not 'trust' but rather take an informed decision on the basis of evidence and reasoning.

Rationale

The motivation for my research stems from the observation that despite all the implementations of 'trust models' and 'security safeguards',

- understanding what a specific trust claim actually means,
- what it is based on,
- why it should be considered valid

are still hard to answer, and there is often room for different interpretations.

Composite trust interpretation model

