# PA193 - Secure coding principles and practices



LAB: Static analysis of source code



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### **Overview - Lab**

- Goal: Learn how to use basic tools
- Discuss false positives / false negatives
- Part I Github Actions
- Part II Tools
  - Check C/C++ code with with CppCheck, compiler warnings, VS
     PREFast
  - Check Java code with FindBugs

### **Disclaimer (Part I)**

- The slides for this seminar (and part of the lecture) are based on the lecture for PV080.
  - there will be some pv080 on screenshots
  - we have more work than in PV080
- If you have already been absolved this course, try to enjoy it again © and try to do extra tasks

### Idea of the seminar

- Prepare repo with vulnerable code
  - IS->buggycode.zip Part I and II
  - IS->crypto-java.zip
     Part II, but you can try also with GitHub
- Part I: enable automatic static analysis via GitHub Actions
  - Several providers of analysis environment (custom or standard tools)
  - Trigger by commit, investigate warnings/errors found
  - Warning: in Code Scanning Actions there may be glitches, UI bugs and tool failures
- Part 2: Standalone Tools
- Fix it, review again



Basic analysis of C/C++ source code with various tools

# CODE SCANNING WITH GITHUB + ACTIONS + CODACY

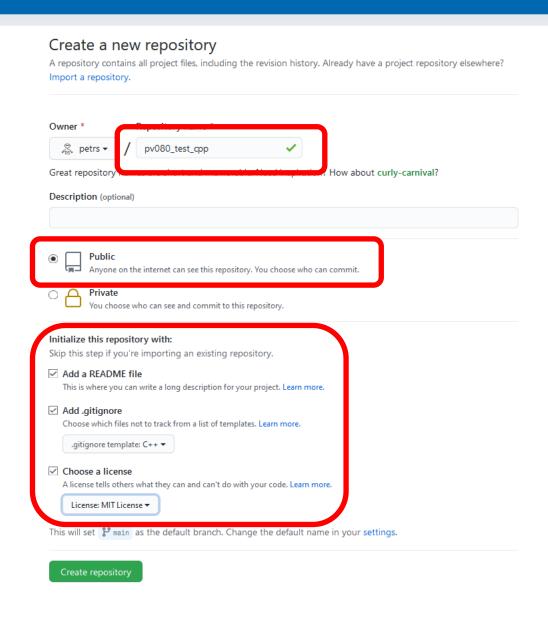
### **Steps**

- 1. Create repo on GitHub
- 2. Enable code analysis
- 3. Clone repo locally
- 4. Insert code with vulnerability, commit and push
- 5. Investigate results of analysis
- 6. Fix selected issue, rerun analysis
- 7. Repeat from step 5.



### **Create repo on GitHub**

- Online at github.com
- Make repo public
  - GitHub Actions are free only for public ones
- Add readme, .gitignore, license
  - Generally good practice
- For simplicity, don't mix languages
  - Put code of single lang in repo (e.g, c++)
  - Makes automatic analysis more difficult

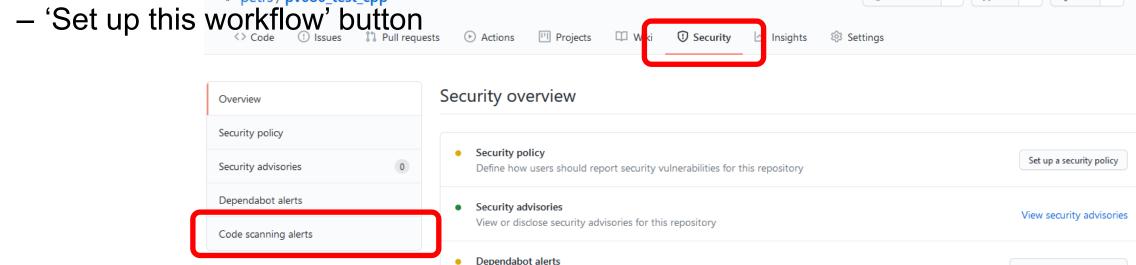


### **Enable code scanning actions**

- Online at github.com
- Github→Repo→Security→Set up code scanning
- Select Codacy Security Scan (scroll down in offered scans)

  petrs/pv080\_test\_cpp

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Code scanning alerts

Get notified when one of your dependencies has a vulnerability

Automatically detect common vulnerability and coding errors

Codacy Security Scan by Codacy

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Free, out-of-the-box, security analysis provided by multiple open source static

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**Enable Dependabot alerts** 

Set up code scanning

Automatically detect common vulnerabilities and coding errors

Get started with code scanning

Security analysis from GitHub for C, C++, C#, Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, and Go

Security analysis from the Marketplace

42Crunch API Security Audit

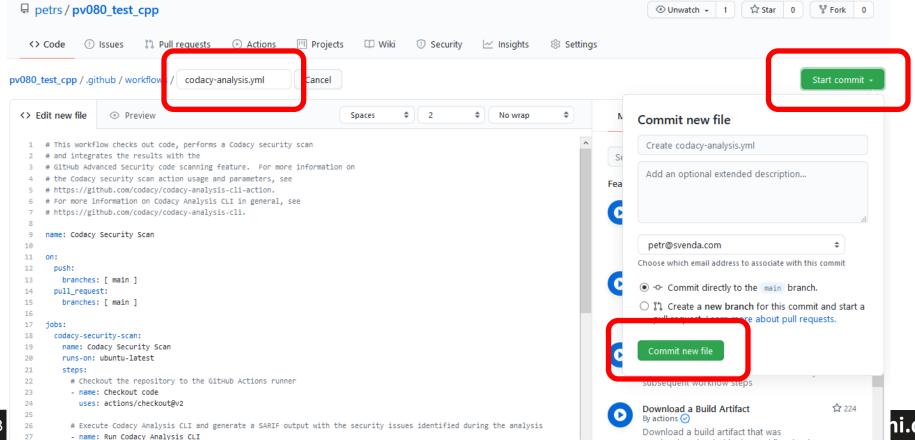
CodeQL Analysis
by GitHub

Set up this workflow



# Commit configuration file for Codacy scan No changes required to codacy\_analysis.yml

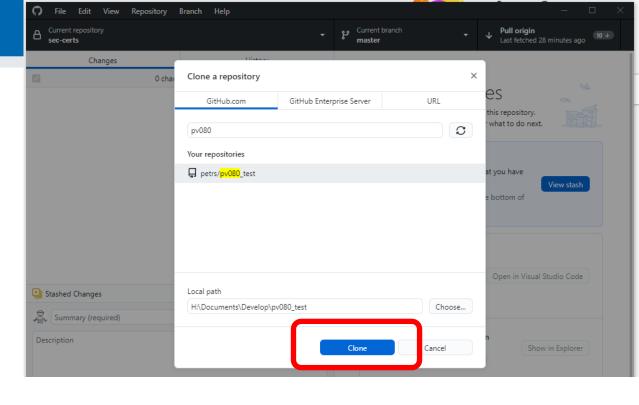
- - Start commit → Commit new file
  - Can be found at /.github/workflows/ codacy\_analysis.yml for later edits

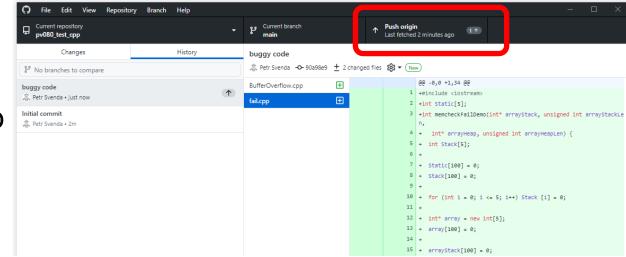




### Prepare repo content

- Locally on your PC
- Clone repository on your PC
  - GitHub Desktop File→Clone
  - git checkout your\_repository.git
- Copy example buggy code into your repo and commit
  - IS → Study materials, buggycode.zip
  - Commit new files, push to repo (Push origin)







### Analyze results I.

Observe scheduled, running and finished

actions

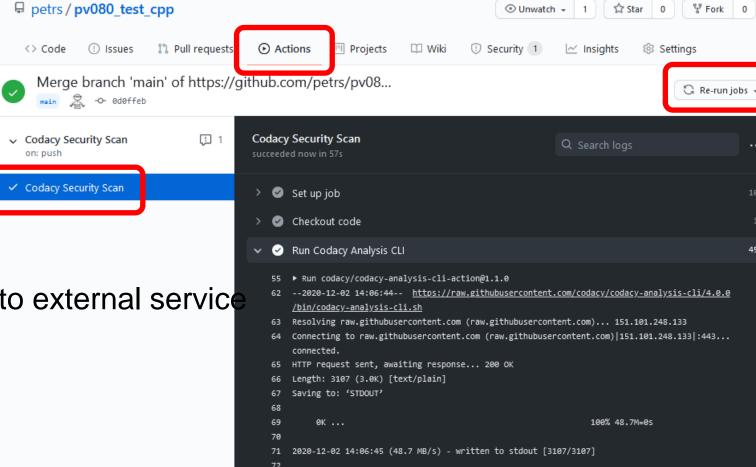
Online at github.com

Github→Repo→Actions

Re-run jobs if desired

- Done on same commit!

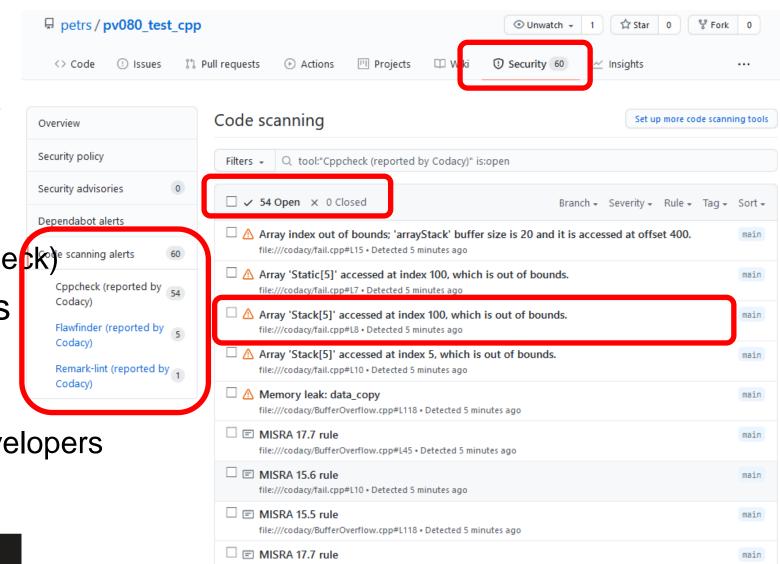
Useful if Action failed due to external service





### Analyze results II.

- Online at github.com
- Github→Repo→Security
  - When actions are finished
- Code scanning alerts
  - Sorted by tool (e.g., Cppche kg) e scanning alerts
- Shown similarly to Issues
  - Open, Closed
  - Can be filtered (severity...)
  - But visible only to repo developers



### **Notes**

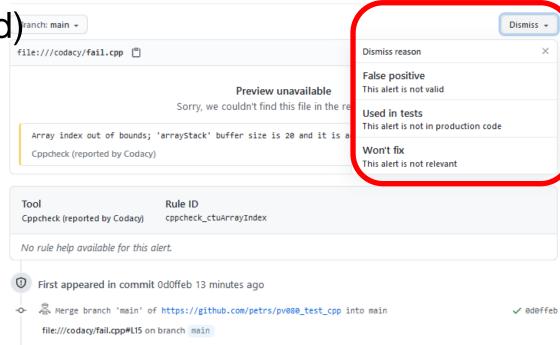
- Standard Issues are used to report bugs or ask for / plan enhancements and new features (usually opened manually)
- Code scanning alerts are similarly treated, but opened automatically, visible only to developers
- Results from tool(s) are transformed to standardized 'OASIS Static Analysis Results Interchange Format (SARIF) TC', which GitHub can process, and display issues based on it

### Analyze results III.

- Bug triage
  - atm, bug properties cannot be changed
  - (expect UI change in future)
- Can be dismissed (=> will not be fixed)
  - E.g., if False positive, not relevant...
  - Severity is set by original tools
    - Expect unification in future
  - Dismiss only bugs you are sure about!

Array index out of bounds; 'arrayStack' buffer size is 20 and it is accessed at offset 400.

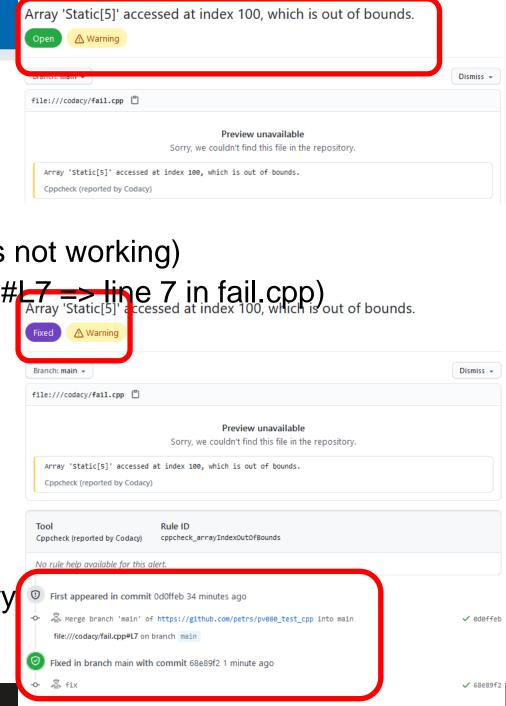
⚠ Warning





# Fix bug(s)

- Locate reported bug in source code
  - (Note: for the moment, bug preview at Github is not working)
  - Use file and line number to locate (e.g., fail.cpp# => line 7 in fail.cpp)
     Array 'Static[5]' accessed at index 100, which is out of bounds.
- Fix bug
  - E.g., Static[5]; → Static[101];
  - (Note: not proper fix, check length instead)
- Commit, Push
  - Will trigger analysis again
- Fixed issues are now in 'Closed' category
  - Introducing and fixing commit is visible in history





Scanning of python source code with

# **SCANNING OF PYTHON CODE**

### Setup Python actions on repo

- Find an action that will find some security issues in the uploaded code.
- Which tool have you used?
- Which issues have you found?
- If a tool does not work then use another one!

#### **Notes**

- X scan requires no special configuration (same as Codacy)
- Provides a good explanation of a bug



Bit more advanced setup, CodeQL code analysis, configurable build steps

# CODE SCANNING WITH GITHUB + ACTIONS + CODEQL

### **CodeQL** basics

- Your source code → CodeQL code → rules executed on that canonical code
  - Adding support for new language (e.g., Go) => just convert Go source code to CodeQL canonical form and then use all already existing rules
- CodeQL uses own language to write analysis rules
  - Many existing security rules are already written, you don't need to learn this language or write own rules to use it
- CodeQL is integrated in GitHub Actions or can be run for external CI
  - We will use integrated option
  - https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/finding-security-vulnerabilities-anderrors-in-your-code/enabling-code-scanning-for-a-repository
- Note: difference between dedicated tool (e.g., cppcheck) and CodeQL
  - Single tool for single language detection rules must be written again for new lang
  - CodeQL detection rules are written for canonical code, new lang requires only to write conversion between lang code and canonical code



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### Setup CodeQL actions on repository

Create new repository (e.g., pv080\_test\_python), clone locally

petrs/pv080 test

- Enable code scanning actions
  - Pick CodeQL (instead of Codacy)
- Check codeql-analysis.yml before commit
  - Modify set of target languages
    - language: [ 'cpp']

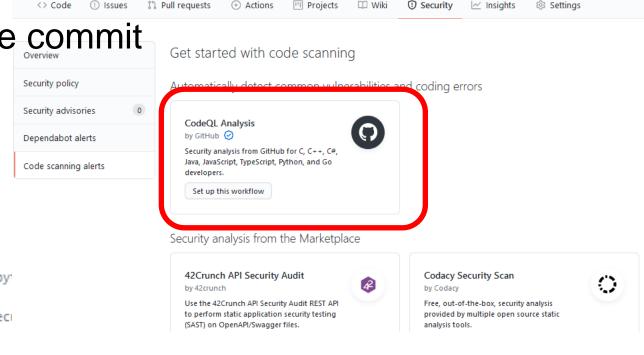
makes Checkent repository

Copy buggy code to repo, push

```
strategy:
fail-fast: false

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fatrix:
    language: [ 'cpp', 'java', 'python' ]
    # CodeQL supports [ 'cpp', 'csharp', 'go', 'java', 'javascript', 'py'
# Learn more:
# https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/finding-seci
steps:
```



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### Fixing build for CodeQL

CodeQL Action may fail with:

```
Check failure on line 1 in .github
github-actions / Analyze (cpp)
.github#L1
We were unable to automatically build your code. Please replace the call to the autobuild action with your custom build steps.
```

- Reason
  - Analysis for some languages works on the compiled code/bytecode (e.g., Java)
  - Static analysis generally runs on unfinished code, but not always
  - One shall not commit broken code to repo anyway
- Fix: tell CodeQL how to build

### Fixing build for CodeQL I.

- GitHub CodeQL tries to compile your code
  - But how it knows how to compile your project?
- Autobuild feature is only heuristic (=> can be wrong, can fail)
  - https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/finding-security-vulnerabilitiesand-errors-in-your-code/configuring-the-codeql-workflow-for-compiled-languages
  - Depends on CI operating system
  - Search for .sln or .vcxproj (MS Visual Studio), then call MSBuild.exe
  - Search for build.bat, build.cmd, and build.exe, then run it
  - Search for Makefile, then call make
  - Starts in repo root, then try in subdirectories...
- Tip: Start with simplest example, make it work, then make more complicated

### Fixing build for CodeQL II.

- The solution depends on build system for your project
  - Make, gradle, ant, maven...
  - We will only discuss simple direct build with g++ and makefile
- Option 1: Makefile into repo root (g++ fail.cpp)
  - Feel free to use improved makefile scripts
  - Generally better solution than option 2
- Option 2: Direct specification in codeql-analysis.yml
  - Disable autobuild by commenting it out with #
  - Insert conditional statement based on language
    - Example here for cpp and java
    - Python is left with autobuild
  - More flexibility in configuration, more changes to scripts

```
main:
   g++ ./fail.cpp
```

uses: github/codeql-action/autobuild@v1

```
# Autobuild attempts to build any compiled languages (C/C++, C#, or Java).
# If this step fails, then you should remove it and run the build manually (see below)
#- name: Autobuild
# uses: github/codeql-action/autobuild@v1

- if: matrix.language == 'cpp'
name: Build cpp
run: |
g++ ./fail.cpp

- if: matrix.language == 'java'
name: Build Java
run: |
ant -f ./build.xml compile

- if: matrix.language == 'python'
name: Build Python
```

### **Notes**

- The goal of this exercise is to show that the configuration can be hard.
- In this seminar finding the issues is not important with CodeQL.
- More at code review seminar.



Setup Action to observe new vulnerabilities in your dependencies, notify you and even propose automatic patch

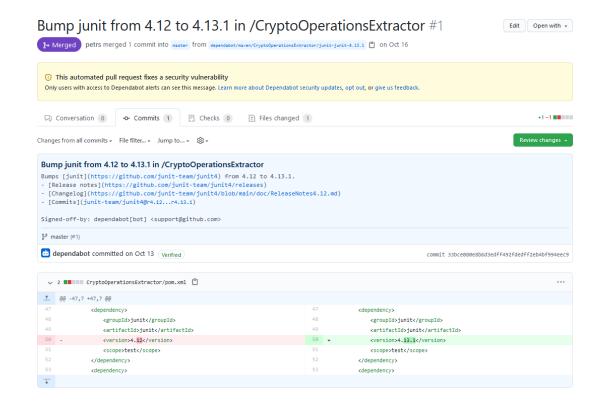
# CHECKING SECURITY OF DEPENDENCIES GITHUB + DEPENDABOT



### **Enable dependabot**

- Enable Dependabot alerts
  - You will receive notification about vulnerable dependency
- Enable Dependabot security updates
  - You will receive automatic pull requests fixing vulnerable dependency
  - Always analyze automatic pull requests for correctness





### **Notes**

- Dependabot is well established feature of GitHub
- GitHub checks for vulnerabilities in major libraries (dependencies) and notify you if tour repo use it
- If you enable it for a project without dependencies then not much will happen.
- You can try to create a repository with a pom file with a vulnerable version of the library, but that is extra task.



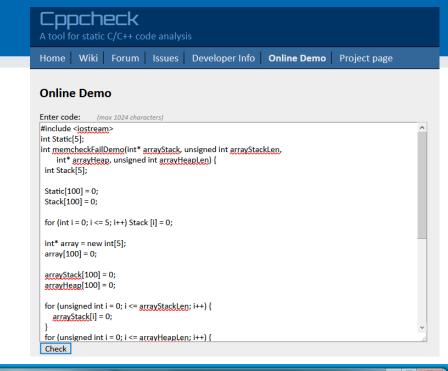
Run tools (e.g., cppcheck) locally without Github Actions. Suitable for projects with proprietary code, troubleshooting, execution with non-standard parameters etc.

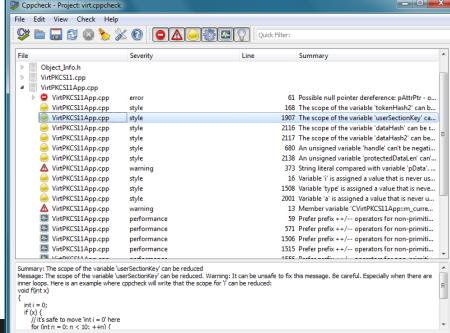
# RUNNING TOOL(S) LOCALLY



### **Cppcheck for C++ files**

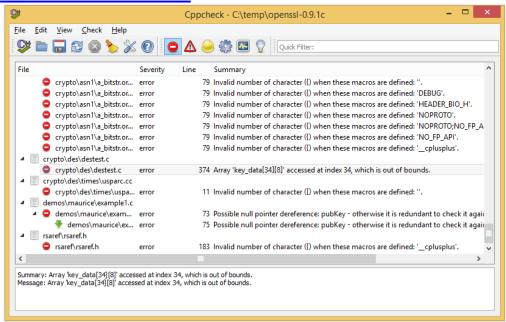
- For small files, you may try cppcheck online
  - <a href="https://cppcheck.sourceforge.net/demo/">https://cppcheck.sourceforge.net/demo/</a>
  - Paste fail.cpp into browser and Check
  - Compare with errors as reported by Codacy
- Run cppcheck from command line
  - Get latest release
    - https://github.com/danmar/cppcheck/releases
  - Run cppcheck --enable=all fail.cpp
- Run cppcheck via GUI
  - Allows for analysis of folders, sorting by severity...





### **CPPCheck + OpenSSL**

- First run it against buggy code
- Second run against some old OpenSSL0.9.xx (around 1998)
  - https://packetstormsecurity.com/crypt/SSL/openssl/page5/
  - Or a bit newer: <a href="https://www.openssl.org/source/old/0.9.x/">https://www.openssl.org/source/old/0.9.x/</a>
  - It might take much time.
  - What are the bugs?
- Run against newest OpenSSL
  - ftp://ftp.openssl.org/source/
  - Why not completely clean yet?



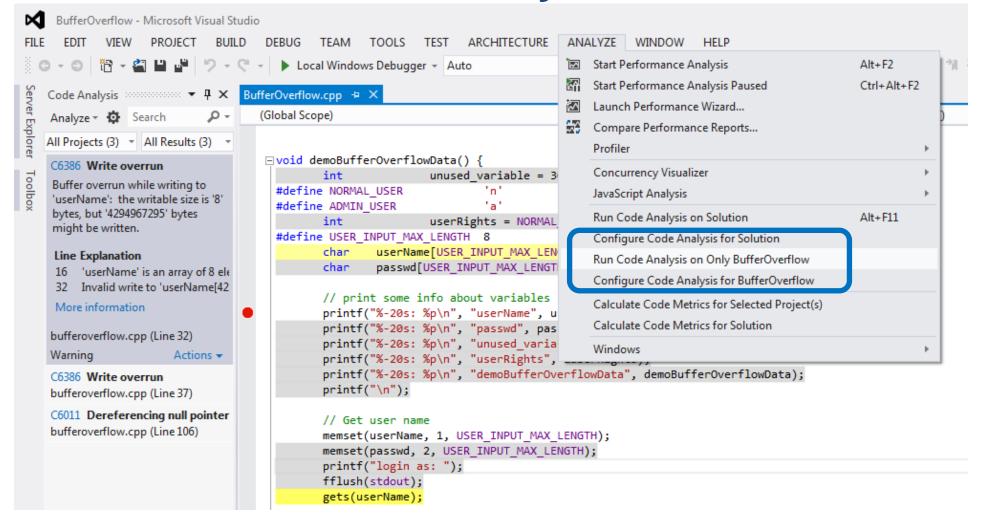
### Hearthbleed bug

- OpenSSL 1.0.1 through 1.0.1f
- Download <a href="https://www.openssl.org/source/openssl-1.0.1e.tar.gz">https://www.openssl.org/source/openssl-1.0.1e.tar.gz</a>
- Locate function dtls1\_process\_heartbeat(SSL \*s)
  - Ssl\t1\_lib.c
- Will your static analyzers find anything?
  - Don't be sad, even Coverity didn't before the bug was exposed
  - http://security.coverity.com/blog/2014/Apr/on-detecting-heartbleed-with-staticanalysis.html



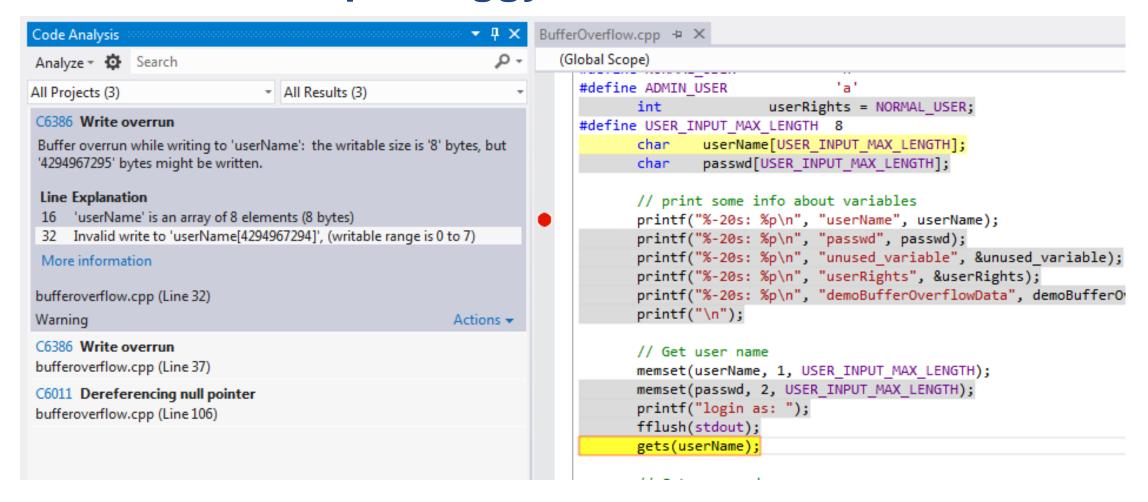


### PREfast - Microsoft static analysis tool





### PREfast – example buggycode



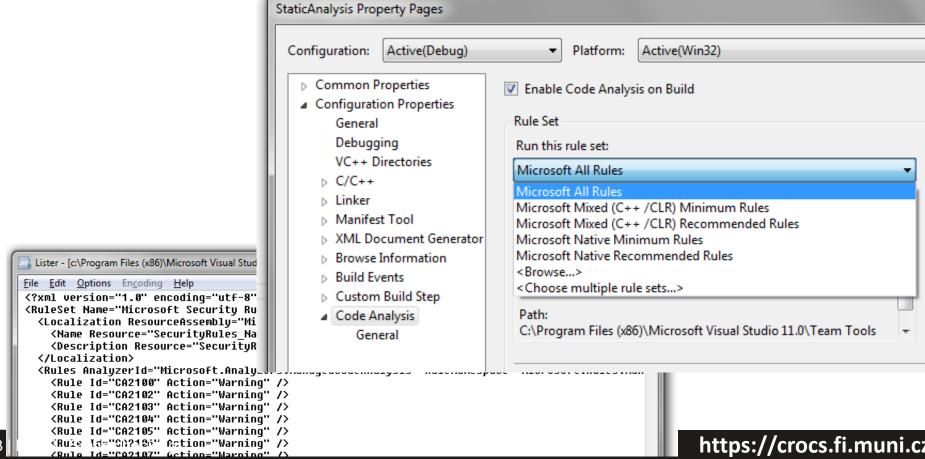
#### PREfast – what can be detected

- Potential buffer overflows
- Memory leaks, uninitialized variables
- Excessive stack usage
- Resources release of locks...
- Incorrect usage of selected functions
- List of all code analysis warnings <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/a5b9aa09.aspx">http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/a5b9aa09.aspx</a>



### PREfast settings

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms182025.aspx



### FindBugs/FindSecurityBugs - Java

- Download Eclipse
- Download FindBugs <a href="http://findbugs.sourceforge.net/">http://findbugs.sourceforge.net/</a> as a plugin to eclipse
- Download FindSecurityBugs (plugin to FindBugs plugin)
  - <a href="https://find-sec-bugs.github.io/">https://find-sec-bugs.github.io/</a>
- Run FindBugs in Eclipse
  - Ask me for help

### FindBugs/FindSecurityBugs - Java

- Note: you need compiled \*.jar for analysis
  - And source code for quick display of problems ©

```
- import com.google.common.io.BaseEncoding;
- import org.slf4j.Logger;
- import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
```

- Extract content of IS → crypto-java.zip
- Run FindBugs
- Ask me in case of issues ©

### **Discussion**

- Can you find false positive?
- Every student: name and describe the most severe bug you found

### **Final Questions**

- What was the most severe issue that you found?
- What tool was the best for you?
- What are differences between the tools that you used?
- What more would you like from your static tools?



Some hints on common issues

# **TROUBLESHOOTING**



### **Troubleshooting**

Check failure on line 1 in .github
github-actions / Analyze (cpp)
.github#L1
We were unable to automatically build your code. Please replace the call to the autobuild action with your custom build steps.

- Analysis is not finished yet
  - Wait an hour, try to make another bogus commit (update file)
- Start from small working examples, then extend to larger project
  - E.g., simple main.java, only later large java project via ant
- Analyze failed to start for specific language
  - GitHub Actions usually requires code to be compilable
    - Analysis for some languages works on the compiled code/bytecode (e.g., Java)
    - (static analysis runs on unfinished code, but one shall not commit broken code to repo)
  - Github will invoke autobuild feature
    - Tries to build various languages as defined here
      - https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/finding-security-vulnerabilities-and-errors-in-your-code/configuring-the-codeql-workflow-for-compiled-languages
- Paths case sensitivity
  - Linux is case-sensitive for path names while Windows isn't
    - /java/ and /Java/ are the same on Windows, but not on Linux
- Clicking on log of 'Perform Code QL Analysis' shows nothing
  - Likely GitHub bug, click left on the Analyze (language), then again on 'Perform Code QL Analysis'
- Makefile requires tabs, not spaces

### Some tips

- Setup scanning tools at the beginning of new project
  - And make sure all bugs are always fixed (similar to "compile cleanly" mantra)
- Look at the text logs produced by actions (click on named Action)
  - What tool was executed, what configuration...



# NO HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT THIS WEEK



# **CHECK-OUT**



#### Checkout

- Which of the seminar parts you enjoyed most?
- Write three items you liked (ideally inserted as single word each)
- Write to sli.do when displayed



# THANK YOU FOR COMING, SEE YOU NEXT WEEK