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**Al Rajhi Bank**

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# Introduction

Financial institutions are rapidly adopting digital technology. The banking business is increasingly dependent on technology and many types of banking applications, which must run smoothly to give a positive customer experience.

Banking systems must have the right quality assurance strategy in place as they handle sensitive customer data and large volumes of transactions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Before putting these banking products on the market, therefore, it is important to evaluate the quality for us to develop and verify the entire quality of the application.

As Android system, there’re more than 572,838 users use “Alrajhi-Bank”, users put all their trust in banking systems since it has access and control to what they deposited. Any small mistake will lead to high risk and life-threatening.

Al-Rajhi Bank system as a Saudi bank connects users' accounts with the “Absher” system. Potential responsibility to the bank since it connects to critical information system.

*“Using a Coding Standard is one of the best ways to ensure high-quality code”.*

The “Code Quality” as a term is all subjective, depending on the teams, organizations, purpose. Etc. But in the end, they must have equivalent results, and that is what’s called standard...

## The purpose

-Improving the code

-Improving the programmers

## 1.2 The goals

The main objective of this report is to provide results and analyses to assess the quality of mobile banking applications running on the Android operating system, and specifically, our focus will be on the Al Rajhi Bank application. We are interested in this report on the importance of evaluation criteria adopted in studies in the quality of mobile applications for individual users...

We aim to provide standard and clean code quality[1] attributes recommendations to AlRajhi developers to maintain the quality of their code. For sure as a team, we aim to improve our programming knowledge and this comes from observing, teaching, and learning more professional codes.

The structure of the report consists in presenting how we extracted the data that we will analyze, a description of the results obtained with recommendations, and our view of the entire quality of the application.

## 

# Methodology

## 2.1 Methodology of Extracting the Source Code:

The decision of choosing Al-Rajhi Bank was not Random. After downloading all four apps, we use “APK Extractor”[2] as an Android application then use “Online APK Decompiler”[3]; The Source Code and all other components are clearly defined to us. One of our priorities as a team in choosing an app is that the app must be written in Java language so that Alinma bank was ignored (written in Kotlin). After observing classes and methods, the choice was made up to Al-Rajhi Bank, since some issues were clear to us early.

## Methodology of Extracting the MobSF:

We used a Mobile Security Framework tool [4] for several reasons, including that it is all-in-one and supports uploading APK files, and provides an easy interface for the results, so it was a good choice to evaluate the security of the application, after the tool was installed, the APK file of the Al Rajhi application was uploaded then the interface appeared, We focused on the highest-risk issues findings also extract scores related with the overall result, and analyzes discussed in below.

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Figure 1

## Methodology of Extracting the PMD:

**PMD (Programming Mistake Detector)** [5][6] is an open-source static [source code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Source_code) [analyzer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_analyzer) that reports on issues found within application code. It can analyze files written in [Java](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_(programming_language)), [JavaScript](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JavaScript), [Apex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salesforce.com#Apex) and Visualforce, [PLSQL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLSQL), [Apache Velocity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apache_Velocity), XML, and XSL.[7]

We used a **Programming Mistake Detector** tool for several reasons, Ease of installing it on the Eclipse, and that was through a link.[8]

It is added to the Eclipse IDE as new software that is easy to deal with, as well as a clear display of errors, distinguishing them in color according to the severity of the risks, and describing each problem with its explanation and ways to solve it.

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Figure 2

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Figure 3

## 2.4 Methodology of Extracting the Check style :

Checkstyle is a development tool to help programmers write Java code that adheres to a coding standard. It automates the process of checking Java code to spare humans of this boring (but important) task. This makes it ideal for projects that want to enforce a coding standard.

Alternative to the Eclipse-CS plugin. It was used because it allows using of custom checks directly without providing an Eclipse Fragment plugin for that purpose.

It also features Check style can check many aspects of your source code. It can find class design problems, method design problems. It also has the ability to check code layout and formatting issues. [9]

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Figure 4

# Discussions

## 3.1 MobSF Analysis Result :

In AlRajhi bank some permissions may be dangerous for Malicious applications:

* Access coarse location sources, such as the mobile network database, to determine an approximate phone location, where available, Malicious applications can use this to determine approximately where you areand may consume additional battery power.
* Allows an application to take pictures and videos with the camera, this allows the application to collect images that the camera is seeing at any time.
* Allows an application to read/write from/to external storage, Any App can read data written to External Storage, so it is insecure Data Storage.

Here are some lines from the code that writes to external storage:

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Figure 5-[com/christopherdro/htmltopdf/RNHTMLtoPDFModule.java](http://0.0.0.0:8000/view_file/?file=com/christopherdro/htmltopdf/RNHTMLtoPDFModule.java&md5=61e17119cc9bd5209735b84360c107e3&type=apk&lines=85,84)

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Figure 6-[com/learnium/RNDeviceInfo/RNDeviceModule.java](http://0.0.0.0:8000/view_file/?file=com/learnium/RNDeviceInfo/RNDeviceModule.java&md5=61e17119cc9bd5209735b84360c107e3&type=apk&lines=408)

* Allows an application to read all the contact (address) data stored on your phone. Malicious applications can use this to send your data to other people.
* Allows an application to read the user's profile data and to access the audio record path, so malicious applications can access this information
* Allows an application to request installing packages, Malicious applications can use this to try and trick users into installing additional malicious packages.
* Allows an application to show system-alert windows. Malicious applications can take over the entire screen of the phone.

Of course, they put these permissions for the benefit of the user, but I think most of the risk is higher than the benefit gained.

They were supposed to study these permissions before placing them to users and take into account the status of these permissions for a critical sensitive application,

**so is the benefit of these permissions worth the risk?**

From our point of view, we think that there is an alternative solution, we know often we do not benefit from these all the time except in rare cases so only then we will request the required data from a user.[10]

There are also other issues not related to permissions:

* Activities in operating systems must define how they are initiated and interconnected by “Launch Mode of Activity” we found that the LMOA using ( single-task/single-instance ) is not the standard, and it is possible for other applications to read the contents of the calling Intent.

So, it is required to use the "standard" launch mode attribute when sensitive information is included in the Intent. [11]

* Some services and broadcast Receivers are found to be shared with other apps on the device, therefore, leaving it accessible to any other application on the device. It is protected by permission which is not defined in the analyzed application.

As a result, the protection level of the permission should be checked where it is defined

If it is set to **normal or dangerous**, a malicious application can request and obtain permission and interact with the component.

But if it is set to a **signature**, only applications signed with the same certificate can obtain permission.

We recommend making sure that the permission is set signature**.**

* Clear text traffic is Enabled for App, the app intends to use cleartext network traffic, the key reason for avoiding cleartext traffic is the lack of confidentiality, authenticity, and protections against tampering; a network attacker can eavesdrop on transmitted data and also modify it without being detected.

Unfortunately, it is by default will be true that’s mean it is activated, but there are several solutions to it by adding inside the code etherjust add the cleartextTrafficPermitted to true oradding Network Security Config XML file in a manifest. [12]

* Insertion of Sensitive Information into Log File, Sensitive information should never be logged.

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Figure 7-com/alrajhiretailapp/Rooted.java

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### 3.1.1 discuss the results and how to solve these issues

Our first concern was the strength of protection in the application, Al-Rajhi app Security percentage that came out of a MobSF tool is :

Figure 8

To measure system vulnerabilities and assess the severity of security vulnerabilities we extracted the average score of Common Vulnerability Scoring System **CVSS** :

AlRajhi Score

Figure 9

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**Base Score Range**

The extent of software vulnerabilities and the severity of system vulnerabilities is rather high, with the aforementioned score of 6.4 considered close to the onset of high risk, which starts with 7.[13]

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## 3.2 PMD Analysis Result

The results of the tests and controls evaluated in this code review provided a number of relevant findings regarding the application reviewed by these tools: PMD and check style. A general overview is depicted in tables, which show the findings and their impact on the categories included in the analysis.

**AvoidFileStream :**

The unresolvable compatibility issue is the requirement in FileInputStream and FileOutputStream [14] finalizer methods to call close.

The proposed reference-based cleaners can not implement anything calling close() because it would require holding a reference to the FIS/FOS which would prevent the stream from becoming phantom referenced.

Since it is unknown/unknowable how many FIS/FOS subclasses might rely on overriding close or finalize the compatibility issue is severe and Some platforms, in particular, allow a file to be opened for writing by only one FileOutputStream at a time. In such situations, the constructors in this class will fail if the file involved is already open.

AvoidFileStream is a HIGH-risk problem in the category of Performance because it is can have an impact on a technical and business So They must be resolved because losing or not fully accessing files can cause successive losses and problems. The solutions proposed by the PMD tool are processes that help prevent Garbage Collection pauses, no finalization.

**ClassNamingConventions :**

the system allows calling all classes from almost all places of the code. For this, we are should properly name the classes and put the file which contains the class into a particular directory. Another goal of such conventions is to avoid conflicts between classes of different extensions. Through the observation on the application of Al-Rajhi, the classes names were just used alphabetical letters that do not represent the content of the code in that class, and this is what made studying the code and browsing the classes somewhat complicated. And that is a HIGH-risk problem in the category Code Style. Also, the code content another problem from category Naming Conventions is Method Naming Conventions that is not followed to the naming laws like (Pascal case)

**DataflowAnomalyAnalysis :**

In a data flow anomaly, it is an abnormal situation to successfully assign two values to a variable without using the first value. Similarly, it is abnormal to use a value of a variable before assigning value to the variable. The presence of a data flow anomaly in a program

does not necessarily mean that execution of the program will fail, it simply means that the program may fail or Error-Prone.

**UnusedImports :**

The more the code is refined and limited to tasks without adding unused processes, the better the quality of the code, some unused calls were detected which is a violation of code style / UnnecessaryImport.

**Vertical Openness Between Concepts:**

*“All code is read left to right and top to bottom. Each line represents an expression or a clause, and each group of lines represents a complete thought”.* [1]

Those thoughts should be separated from each other with blank lines vertically, which is not provided in alrajhi`s code, blank lines that separate the package declaration, the import(s), and each of the functions looked like a muddle. As I scan down alrajhi`s code, my eye is looking for the first line that follows a blank line. Personally, I recommend this extremely simple rule because it has a profound effect on the visual layout and readability of the code especially when you unfocused your eyes.

**Horizontal Alignment:**

In the list of declarations if you try to line up all the variable names in a set of declarations you are tempted to read down the list of variable names without looking at their types.

To make matters worse, most of the large company's developers use the automatic reformatting tools, likewise, alrajhi`s code does which is usually delimitating this kind of alignment. I do not recommend this kind of alignment because it emphasizes the wrong things and leads my eye away from the true intent. So, instead, *“unaligned declarations and assignments are better because they point out an important deficiency”.*[1]

**Rule: Avoid File Stream**

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| **Rule** | **AvoidFileStream** | | | | | |
| **Category** | Performance | | | | | |
| **Priority** | HIGH | | | severity | Error | |
| **Massage** | Avoid instantiating FileInputStream, FileOutputStream, FileReader, or FileWriter | | | | | |
| **Description** | The FileInputStream and FileOutputStream classes contains a finalizer method which will cause garbage  collection pauses.  See [JDK-8080225](https://bugs.openjdk.java.net/browse/JDK-8080225) for details.    The FileReader and FileWriter constructors instantiate FileInputStream and FileOutputStream,  again causing garbage collection issues while finalizer methods are called.    \* Use `Files.newInputStream(Paths.get(fileName))` instead of `new FileInputStream(fileName)`.  \* Use `Files.newOutputStream(Paths.get(fileName))` instead of `new FileOutputStream(fileName)`.  \* Use `Files.newBufferedReader(Paths.get(fileName))` instead of `new FileReader(fileName)`.  \* Use `Files.newBufferedWriter(Paths.get(fileName))` instead of `new FileWriter(fileName)`.    Please note, that the `java.no API does not throw a `FileNotFoundException` anymore, instead  it throws a `NoSuchFileException`. If your code dealt explicitly with a `FileNotFoundException`,  then this needs to be adjusted. Both exceptions are subclasses of `IOException`, so catching  that one covers both. | | | | | |
| **Path** | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/cl/json | | | | | |
|  | d.java | Line | line 137 | | |
| **On element** | e.java |  | line 159 | | | |
| **example** | // these instantiations cause garbage collection pauses, even if properly closed      FileInputStream fis **=** new FileInputStream(fileName);      FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream(fileName);      FileReader fr = new FileReader(fileName);      FileWriter fw = new FileWriter(fileName);      // the following instantiations help prevent Garbage Collection pauses, no finalization      try(InputStream is **= Files.newInputStream(Paths.get(fileName)))** {      }      try(OutputStream os = Files.newOutputStream(Paths.get(fileName))) {      }      try(BufferedReader br = Files.newBufferedReader(Paths.get(fileName), StandardCharsets.UTF\_8)) {      }      try(BufferedWriter wr = Files.newBufferedWriter(Paths.get(fileName), StandardCharsets.UTF\_8)) {      } | | | | | |
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**Rule: Class Naming Conventions**

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| **Rule** | **ClassNamingConventions** | | | **tool** | | **PMD** | |
| **Category** | Code Style | | | | | | |
| **Priority** | HIGH | | | | severity | | Error |
| **Massage** | The class name 'a' doesn't match '[A-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]\*' | | | | | | |
| **Description** | Configurable naming conventions for type declarations. This rule reports type declarations that do not match the regex that applies to their specific kind (e.g. enum or interface). Each regex can be configured through properties.    By default, this rule uses the standard Apex naming convention (Pascal case). | | | | | | |
| **Path** | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/cl/json | | | | | | |
| **On element** | a.java | Line | 17 , 23, 24 , 38 , | | | | |
| b.java | 14, 21 | | | | |
| c.java | 14-23 | | | | |
| d.java | 17,33,36 | | | | |
| e.java | 17.42 | | | | |
| f.java | 17 | | | | |
| g.java | 17 | | | | |
| h.java | 16 | | | | |
| i.java | 18 | | | | |
| k.java | 16 | | | | |
| l.java | 16 | | | | |
| m.java | 16 | | | | |
| n.java | 16 | | | | |
| o.java | 15 | | | | |
| p.java | 12 | | | | |
| r.java | 25 | | | | |
| s.java | 55 -218 | | | | |
| **example** | public class FooClass { } // This is in the pascal case, so it's ok    public class for class { } // This will be reported unless you change the regex | | | | | | |
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**Rule: Method Naming Conventions**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rule** | **MethodNamingConventions** | | | | |
| **Category** | Code Style | | | | |
| **Priority** | HIGH | | | severity | Error |
| **Massage** | The instance method name 'B' doesn't match '[a-z][a-zA-Z0-9]\*'  The {0} name ''{1}'' doesn''t match ''{2}'' | | | | |
| **Description** | Configurable naming conventions for method declarations. This rule reports method declarations that do not match the regex that applies to their specific kind (e.g. static method, or test method). Each regex can be configured through properties.    By default, this rule uses the standard Apex naming convention (Camel case). | | | | |
| **Path** | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/com/aurelhubert/ahbottomnavigation | | | | |
| **On element** | VerticalScrollingBehavior.java | Line | 35-39-41-43 | | |
| AHBottomNavigationFABBehavior.java | 45-55-82-86-90-94-98-103-212-118-139-154-162  190-197-204-208 | | |
| **example** | public class Foo {      public void instanceMethod() { } // This is in camel case, so it's ok        public void INSTANCE\_METHOD() { } // This will be reported unless you change the regex | | | | |
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**Rule : Data flow Anomaly Analysis**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rule** | **DataflowAnomalyAnalysis** | | | **tool** | | **PMD** | |
| **Category** | Error Prone | | | | | | |
| **Priority** | LOW | | | | severity | | Info |
| **Massage** | Found 'DD'-anomaly for variable 'bl'  Found 'DU'-anomaly for variable 'string2' | | | | | | |
| **Description** | The dataflow analysis tracks local definitions, undefinitions, and references to variables on different paths on the data flow.  From that information, there can be found various problems.    1. DU - Anomaly: A recently defined variable is undefined. These anomalies may appear in the normal source text.  2. DD - Anomaly: A recently defined variable is redefined. This is ominous but doesn't have to be a bug.    This rule is deprecated. Use {% rule "java/bestpractices/UnusedAssignment" %} in category bestpractices instead. | | | | | | |
| **Path** | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/com/huawei/hms/adapter/ui | | | | | | |
| **On element** | UpdateAdapter.java | Line | 63 – 66 – 77 | | | | |
| AHBottomNavigationBehavior.java | 218 | | | | |
| AvailableAdapter.java | 78 | | | | |
| **example** | public void foo() {    int buz = 5;    buz = 6; // redefinition of buz -> dd-anomaly    foo(buz);    buz = 2;  } // buz is undefined when leaving scope -> du-anomaly | | | | | | |
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**Rule : Unused Imports**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rule** | **UnusedImports** | **tool** | | **PMD** | |
| **Category** | **Best practices** | | | | |
| **Priority** | LOW | | severity | | Warning |
| **Massage** | Unused import ''{0}'' | | | | |
| **Description** | R Reports import statements that are not used within the file. This also reports  duplicate imports, and imports from the same package. The simplest fix is just  to delete those imports.    This rule is deprecated since PMD 6.34.0. Use the rule {% rule "java/code style/UnnecessaryImport" %}  from category code style instead. | | | | |
| **Path** | net.sourceforge.pmd.lang.java.rule.bestpractices.UnusedImportsRule | | | | |
| **On element** | raspSDKcallback.java | | | | |
| **example** | import java.io.File;  // not referenced or required  import java.util.\*;   // not referenced or required    public class Foo {} | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Type:** incorrect indentation

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| severity | Warning | | | | | tool | Check style |
| rule | incorrect indentation | | | | | | |
| Path | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java | | | | | | |
| On element | yz.java | **line** | 21 | **Description** | 'ctor def modifier' has incorrect indentation level 4, expected level should be 2. | | |
| ae3.java | 59 | 'for' child has incorrect indentation level 12, expected level should be 6. | | |
| mau.java | 28 | 'extends' has incorrect indentation level 4, expected level should be 8. | | |
| d.java | 72 | 'else' child has incorrect indentation level 12, expected level should be 6. | | |
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**Type: Formatting**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| severity | Warning | | | | tool | Check style |
| rule |  | Vertical Openness Between Concepts | | | | |
| Horizontal Alignment | | | | |
| Path | com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java | | | | | |
| On element | **Almost all classes** | | **Description** | Not adjusting horizontal alignment and vertical line spacing | | |

## 3.3 Manual Analysis Result

### 3.3.1 Formatting

**Standard Code Structure**

Following the usual standard code structure helps you read the code smoothly without any confusion or misunderstanding about missing brackets or semicolons.

as we are observing Alrajhi's code, obviously we know that it is correctly executed without any

errors, but we had a lack of understanding about the unstandardized structure of curly brackets that were open and closed without any function in between simply like this "{ }" or with a separated line, here are questions we asked ourselves that will clarify the importance of standard structure

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Figure 10-com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/bh2.java

Did the code make an error because of those brackets? NO

Did you double-check the code's correctness? YES

Did you wonder once you see it? YES

and the last question is, does it good practice? the existence of those curly brackets did not add any benefit indeed it is added inconsistent and nonstandard style, so it is not a good practice for sure.

In conclusion, the last thing we want to do is add unnecessary structure that may distract us we would recommend deleting these nonstandard brackets to make the code coherent standard structure.

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### 3.3.2 Functions

**Small**

*The first rule of functions is that they should be small. The Second rule of functions is that they should be smaller than that.*

The purpose of that is to be easy to do read which leads to easy to document and that’s our purpose. But the hardness may locate in how small it should be? How can we measure the small ability? Robert C. Martin agrees that 4 is a maximum nom. Of line.

From observing, some functions exceed +100 lines of code which effect the easiness of reading, understanding, and documenting it. E.g. (See com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a10.java method c)

We suggest following some proven principles that lead to minimizing nom. Of line, deleting unnecessary variables, using a proper Switching Statement; the mentioned function was incredibly suffered from too many numbers of If statement.

Using suitable Switch Statements will make a difference. There’s also a special principle in Switch Statement you can follow for more proficiency. (See Clean Code/Functions/ Switch Statements).

For sure **Redundancy** is one of the violation processes for small functions. We were surprised as a team that there’s too many duplicated methods/variables for no reason! Here ‘s an example of a method that has two for loops doing the same operation.

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Figure 11-com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a01.java

The obvious wrong with this code is that it has 1st for loop waiting ‘n’ to equal ‘n2’, then starting from new ‘n’ they start a new while loop comparing ‘n’ with ‘n5’ which ‘n5 == n2’. Logically, programmatically this is not acceptable. No reason for duplication.

**Single Responsibility Principle**

*FUNCTIONS SHOULD DO ONE THING. THEY SHOULD DO IT WELL. THEY SHOULD DO IT ONLY.*

\*A huge and solid **design principle** that encourage classes/methods to do one thing.[15]

So far, most of the functions do more than one level of abstraction. For a simple example, the below function does 2 levels of abstraction. For more enhanced, you could extract the If Statement into a function called “PareclWriteStrongBinder()” which’s responsible to initialize the “Interface”.

As a note, One Level of abstraction can be achieved if you can extract a part of your function and replace it with a function that is merely a restatement of its implementation without changing the function’s job.

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Figure 12-com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a21.java method c (SRP)

**Using Descriptive names**

*“You know you are working on clean code when each routine turns out to be pretty much what you expected.”* Half the battle to achieving that principle is choosing good names for small functions that do one thing.

Following the above principles will be easy to define a name for your function. The more your function is small and do one thing the more clearly to name it.

Unfortunately, Alrajhi’s code has no single function with a clear name. They may have a security purpose but as code reviewers, we denounce the way they define names, break the **explicit** of the code, especially if Alrajhi Bank has a huge group of programmers who will face a lot of difficulties to complete their group work.

For the bellow code, a sample of weird names is given to the functions.

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Figure 13-com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a.java

We highly recommend the simple and easy solution, defining a function do will lead your team to define an easy name to read, understand, and document.

**Function Arguments**

The principle states that the argument should be ideal. We mean by ideal is to have zero arguments, and it should be a comprehensive argument. We mean by that also that an argument shouldn’t include a specific class as a parameter, rather, having a superclass “String Buffer” or “Object class” will accept more subclass to its method.

The main purpose of this is to have an easy testing process. The more argument you have, the more complex test you will provide.

In total, Alrajhi’s code may face problems in testing their code since the arguments are not comprehensive and have +2 arguments.

In the below example, there’s an unused parameter which means the compiler will define unnecessary attributes each time the method calls without doing anything!.

Suggested solution for the below example: The “Iterable” class was used only for the iteration, where the “byte” class has probably the same functionality as The “Iterable” class in this situation. So, using one of them will be enough to use. For sure “eq” attribute class should be deleted.

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Figure 14-com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a10.java

We highly suggest the Alrajhi team focus on this point, since it will have a side effect including the damage of space/ time complexity.

In conclusion for this part, Functions should either do something or answer something, but not both. And following this rule will lead to following all previous attributes.

### 3.3.3 Comments

**Comments**

There are certainly times when code makes a poor explanation. Unfortunately, alrajhi code does so it is useful to provide basic information with a comment to support your code understanding, document it and makes it readable.

However, looking at alrajhi's code made us notice a number of classes that looked ambiguous with whole empty content, not even a small code, what makes things worst that it was not supported by any kind of comments or description to explain the intent behind the decision of the emptiness in those classes. In this case, the comments were necessary to let us know the intent of each class.

regardless of the "empty classes" let us talk about the main classes that for sure have content. (See com.alrajhiretailapp/src/java/a03.java).

as we mentioned above alrajhi's was poor code for explanation with no comments at all.

Assenting to Martin saying that “the motivations of writing comments are bad code”.[1] When some modules look confusing and disorganized all we do is say that I will document that with comments which are NO, you better clean it than to comment it.

To be honest, alrajhi's code was a bad code without even comments describing that mess!

Our humble advice that alrajhi's code should work on the clearness of their code with few comments for documentation will be far superior. Rather than spend your time writing the comments that explain the mess you have made, spend it cleaning that mess.

### 3.3.4 Proper Data Structure

Using proper data structure will minimize Nom. Of line in the code, less time and space complexity and provide more methods to use.

From observing the code, it seems that there’s a lot of array list usage. (See Figure-13).

In java, using an array list means storing data sequentially. This means for any process e.g., Retrieving, searching, or deleting will cost O(n) or may higher O(n²) as usually. instead, they can implement a “List” interface that has classes with the same process and the cost not exceeding O(1).

In Algorithms theory, we take care of complexity and computability. So, taking care of these details means the code has been written professionally in all aspects

# 4. Conclusion

This report showed an evaluation of the quality of Al-Rajhi application from many aspects, including security and code analysis, and we discussed our point of view as software engineers and several recommendations that we believe will benefit developers and software engineers according to the observation we had regardless of the criticisms that we mentioned above in this evaluation that it lacks in the basics in every aspect

In conclusion, we have noticed that the application is acceptable in normal use, as mentioned in the introduction, the approximate number of AlRajhi app is a sufficient number to bet on it.

Even it has a very good aspect beyond our humble review, we look forward to our evaluation and recommendations being the beginning of a change in its quality and development.

As a group, for **future work**, we may look for more tools for a single attribute for more accuracy.

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