

# Assignment No 02

**Aim:**

To implement static application security testing using SonarQube.

**Tools used**

1. SonarQube (Community).
2. SonarScanner.
3. SonarScanner for Maven
4. Jenkins
5. Code repository.

**Theory:**

**Static Application Security Testing (SAST)** inspects source code, bytecode, or configuration files without executing the program to identify vulnerabilities (e.g., SQL injection, XSS, hard-coded secrets), code smells, bugs, and maintainability issues early in the SDLC. SAST finds issues at the code-level and provides traceable rule-based findings.

**SonarQube** is a code quality and SAST platform that:

- Parses code using language analyzers and applies rule engines to detect security hotspots, bugs, vulnerabilities, and code smells.
- Aggregates metrics (coverage, duplications, complexity) and enforces **Quality Gates** (pass/fail criteria).
- Integrates with CI to scan every commit / PR and gives actionable issue lists and remediation guidance.
- Supports extensible rule sets (OWASP, CWE mappings) and security-focused profiles (e.g., SAST-focused Quality Profiles).

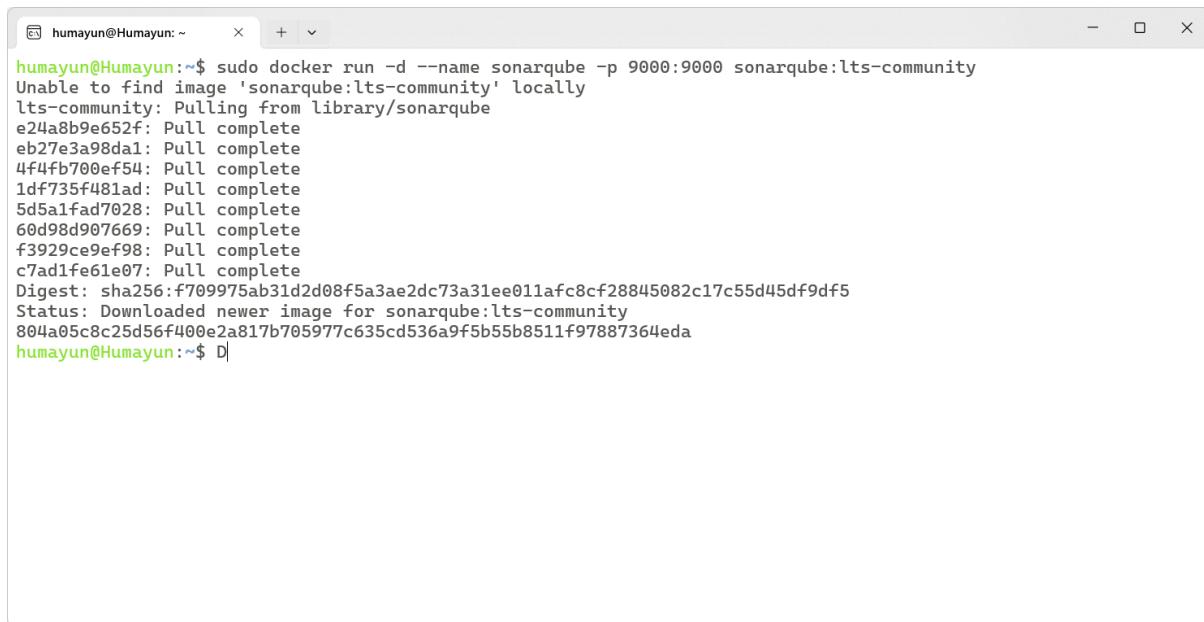
**Why use SonarQube in SAST pipeline?**

- Centralizes findings across languages/projects.
- Enforces automated quality/security gates to stop bad code merging.
- Provides developer-friendly guidance and prioritization (severity, reliability, remediation effort).
- Integrates with IDEs so developers can fix issues before pushes.

## Steps

### Step 1: Open Terminal

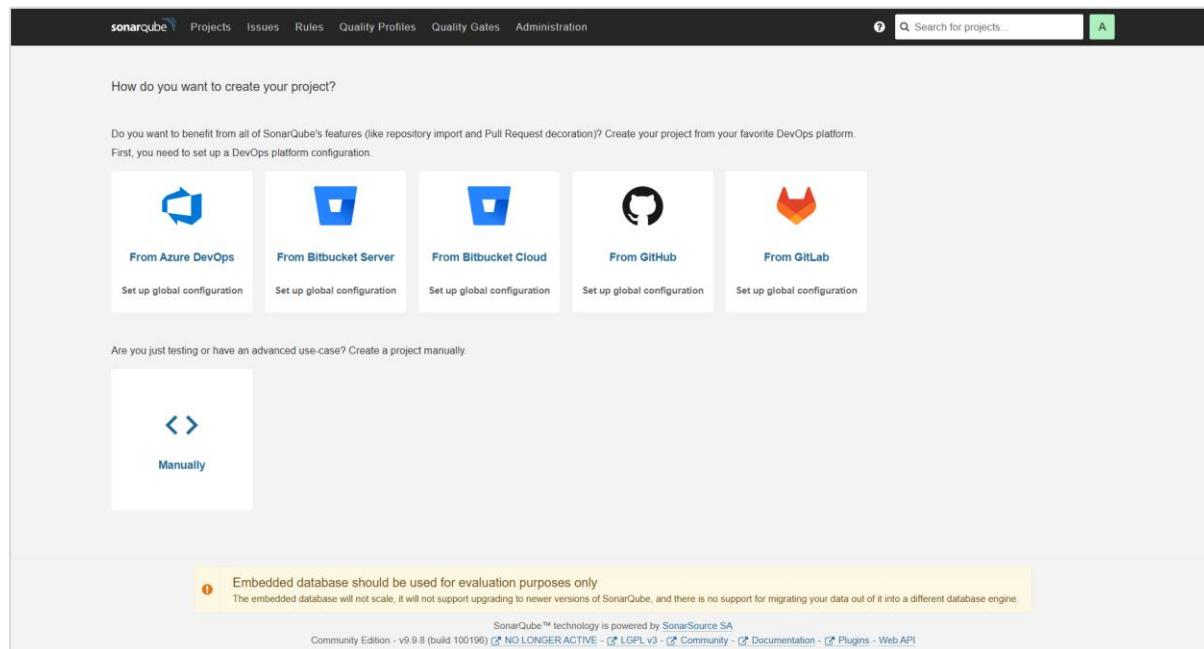
- Launch the terminal on your system (Ubuntu or WSL on Windows).
- Make sure Docker is installed and running properly.



```
humayun@Humayun:~$ sudo docker run -d --name sonarqube -p 9000:9000 sonarqube:lts-community
Unable to find image 'sonarqube:lts-community' locally
lts-community: Pulling from library/sonarqube
e24a8b9e652f: Pull complete
eb27e3a98da1: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
1df735f481ad: Pull complete
5d5a1fad7028: Pull complete
60d98d907669: Pull complete
f3929ce9ef98: Pull complete
c7ad1fe61e07: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:f709975ab31d2d08f5a3ae2dc73a31ee011afc8cf28845082c17c55d45df9df5
Status: Downloaded newer image for sonarqube:lts-community
804a05c8c25d56f400e2a817b705977c635cd536a9f5b55b8511f97887364eda
humayun@Humayun:~$ D|
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### Step 2: Pull and Run SonarQube Container

- Execute the following Docker command to download and start the **SonarQube LTS Community Edition** container:

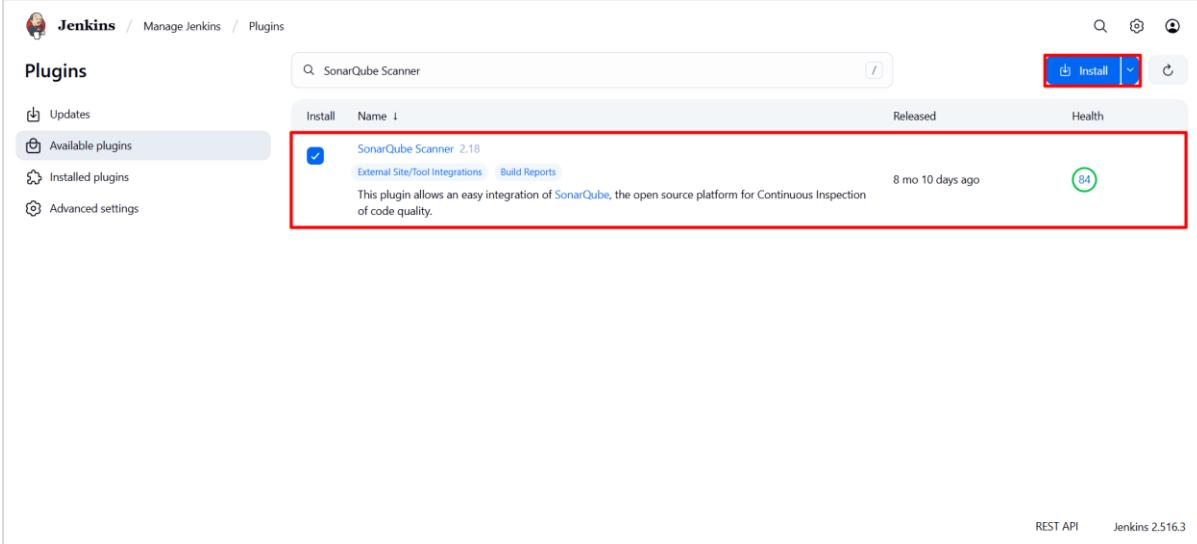


The screenshot shows the SonarQube web interface with the following details:

- Header:** Projects, Issues, Rules, Quality Profiles, Quality Gates, Administration.
- Search Bar:** Search for projects... (with a green 'A' button).
- Project Creation Wizard:**
  - Question: How do you want to create your project?
  - Text: Do you want to benefit from all of SonarQube's features (like repository import and Pull Request decoration)? Create your project from your favorite DevOps platform. First, you need to set up a DevOps platform configuration.
  - Options:
    - From Azure DevOps (Icon: Blue square)
    - From Bitbucket Server (Icon: Blue square)
    - From Bitbucket Cloud (Icon: Blue square)
    - From GitHub (Icon: GitHub logo)
    - From GitLab (Icon: Red logo)
  - Text: Set up global configuration for each option.
- Advanced Options:** Are you just testing or have an advanced use-case? Create a project manually.
  - Icon: Two blue arrows pointing left and right.
  - Text: Manually
- Information Box:** Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only. The embedded database will not scale, it will not support upgrading to newer versions of SonarQube, and there is no support for migrating your data out of it into a different database engine.
- Footer:** SonarQube™ technology is powered by SonarSource SA. Community Edition - v9.8 (build 100196) - NO LONGER ACTIVE - LGPL v3 - Community - Documentation - Plugins - Web API

### Step 3: Wait for Image Download and Setup

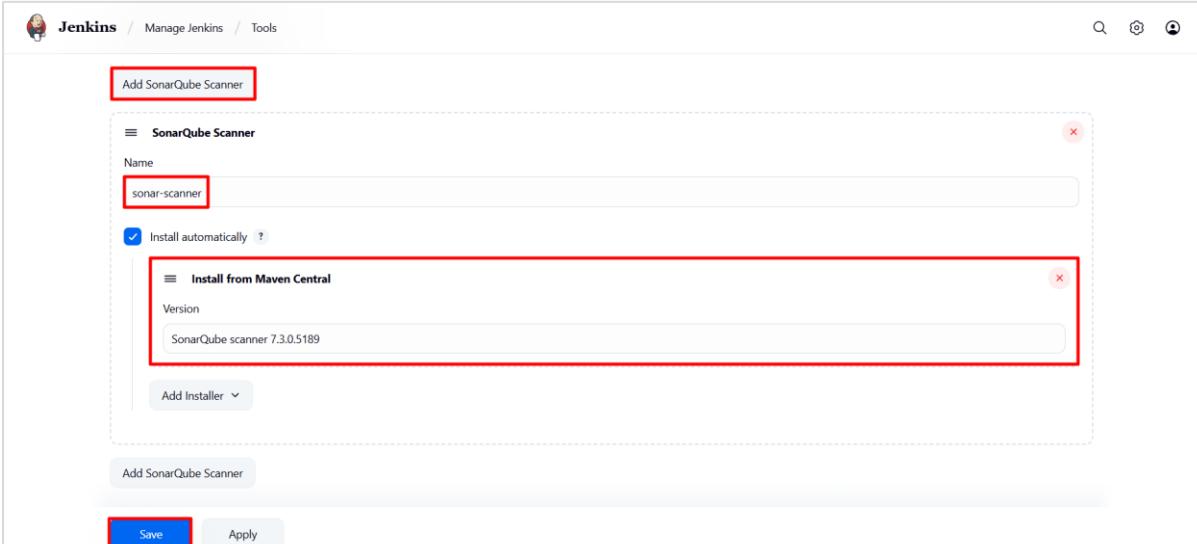
- Docker will automatically:
  - Pull the necessary image layers (as shown in your screenshot: “Pull complete” messages).
  - Assemble and start the SonarQube container.
- Once completed, you’ll see an output like:



The screenshot shows the Jenkins 'Manage Jenkins' interface under the 'Plugins' section. A search bar at the top right contains the text 'SonarQube Scanner'. Below it, a button labeled 'Install' is highlighted with a red box. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Updates', 'Available plugins' (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), 'Installed plugins', and 'Advanced settings'. The main area displays a table of available plugins. One row for 'SonarQube Scanner 2.18' is highlighted with a red box. It includes columns for 'Name', 'Version', 'Released', and 'Health'. The 'SonarQube Scanner' row shows a checkmark in the 'Install' column, the version '2.18', the release date '8 mo 10 days ago', and a green '84' in the 'Health' column. At the bottom right of the page, there are links for 'REST API' and 'Jenkins 2.516.3'.

### Step 4: Add SonarQube Scanner:

- Add SonarQube Scanner in the tools
- Add Maven3 in the tools



The screenshot shows the Jenkins 'Manage Jenkins' interface under the 'Tools' section. A red box highlights the 'Add SonarQube Scanner' button. Below it, a configuration panel for 'SonarQube Scanner' is shown. It has a 'Name' field containing 'sonar-scanner' (highlighted with a red box) and an 'Install automatically' checkbox checked (also highlighted with a red box). A sub-section titled 'Install from Maven Central' is expanded, showing a 'Version' field with 'SonarQube scanner 7.3.0.5189' (highlighted with a red box). At the bottom of the panel are 'Save' and 'Apply' buttons, both highlighted with red boxes.

Maven installations

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Add Maven

**Maven**

Name: MAVEN\_HOME

MAVEN\_HOME: C:\Program Files\apache-maven-3.9.11

Install automatically ?

Add Maven

Save Apply

## Step 6: Create a New Project

1. Click “**Create new project**” in the SonarQube dashboard.
2. Enter a **Project Key** and **Project Name**.
3. Generate a **token** (this will be used by SonarScanner).

HumayunK01 / spring-petclinic

Type ⌥ to search

Code Pull requests Actions Projects Security Insights Settings

**spring-petclinic** Public  
forked from [spring-projects/spring-petclinic](#)

main 1 Branch 0 Tags Go to file Add file Code

This branch is 1 commit ahead of [spring-projects/spring-petclinic:main](#). Contribute Sync fork

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## Step 8: Run Static Code Analysis

Run the scanner from your project directory:

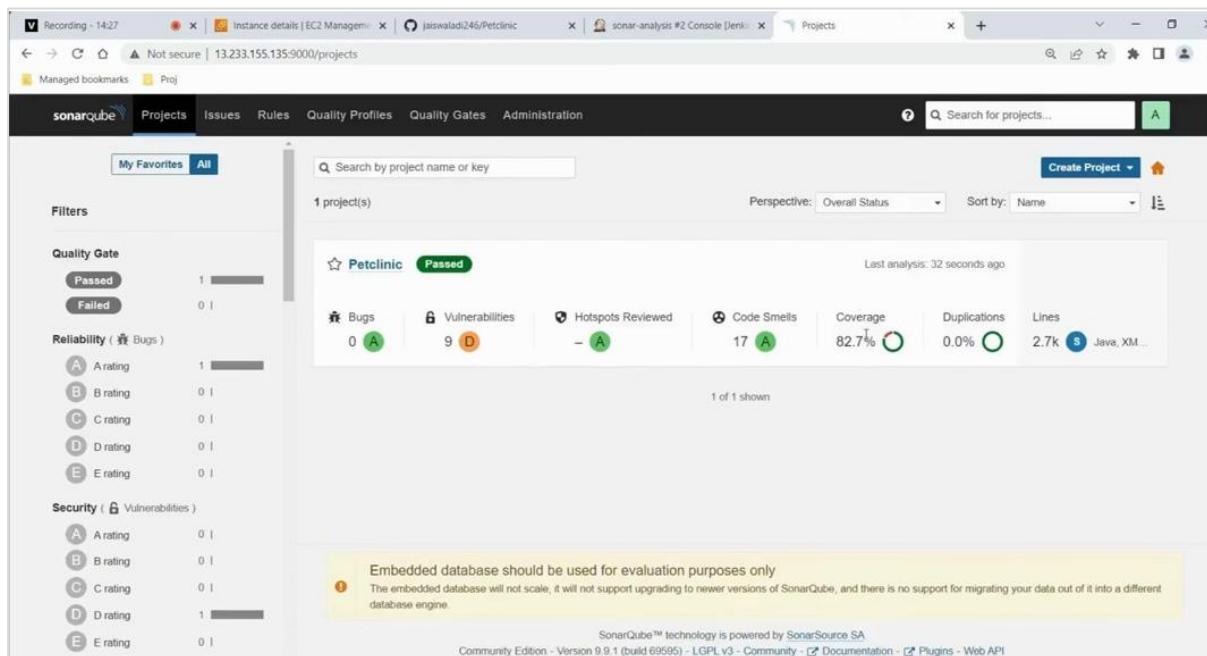
Once completed, return to the SonarQube dashboard to view detailed results, including:

- **Vulnerabilities**
- **Bugs**
- **Code Smells**

- **Security Hotspots**

### Step 9: Review and Interpret Results

- Go to your project in the dashboard.
- Review findings and **fix vulnerabilities or issues** based on the detailed report.



## Conclusion

Implementing SAST with SonarQube gives you automated, repeatable detection of security flaws and quality regressions early in the development lifecycle. The recommended flow is: run local scans → integrate Sonar in CI for PR and branch scans → enforce Quality Gates → provide developers with IDE feedback via SonarLint → triage and fix vulnerabilities first. This setup reduces risk, shortens remediation time, and raises overall code health.