

# Software Security

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04 Source Code Analysis



# Supply Chain Security

# Trust



- Ken Thompson,  
Turing Award 1983

- Award lecture:

[https://amturing.acm.org/award\\_winners/thompson\\_4588371.cfm](https://amturing.acm.org/award_winners/thompson_4588371.cfm)

## Reflections on trusting trust

- *To what extent should one trust  
a statement that a program is  
free of Trojan horses?*

Perhaps it is **more important to trust the people** who wrote the software.

- Cannot set up everything (processes, products, services) to prepare for vandalism

# How to trust code?

- Evaluate binary
  - Review source code, compile yourself
  - Evaluate compiler
    - Review compiler source code? +compiler's compiler?
    - Review compiler machine code?
  - Evaluate operating system
  - Evaluate hardware, firmware
- Evaluate persons, processes

# How They Did It: An Analysis of Emission Defeat Devices in Modern Automobiles

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**Abstract**—Modern vehicles are required to comply with a range of environmental regulations limiting the level of emissions for various greenhouse gases, toxins and particulate matter. To ensure compliance, regulators test vehicles in controlled settings and empirically measure their emissions at the tailpipe. However, the black box nature of this testing and the standardization of its forms have created an opportunity for evasion. Using modern electronic engine controllers, manufacturers can programmatically infer when a car is undergoing an emission test and alter the behavior of the vehicle to comply with emission standards, while exceeding them during normal driving in favor of improved performance. While the use of such a defeat device by Volkswagen has brought the issue of emissions cheating to the public's attention, there have been few details about the precise nature of the defeat device, how it came to be, and its effect on vehicle behavior.

determined that the vehicle was not under test, it would disable certain emission control measures, in some cases leading the vehicle to emit up to 40 times the allowed nitrogen oxides [15].

Defeat devices like Volkswagen's are possible because of how regulatory agencies test vehicles for compliance before they can be offered for sale. In most jurisdictions, including the US and Europe, emissions tests are performed on a chassis dynamometer, a fixture that holds the vehicle in place while allowing its tires to rotate freely. During the test, a vehicle is made to follow a precisely defined speed profile (i.e., vehicle speed as a function of time) that attempts to imitate real driving conditions. The conditions of the test, including the speed profile, are both standardized and public, ensuring that the testing can be performed in a transparent and fair

# ICT Supply chain

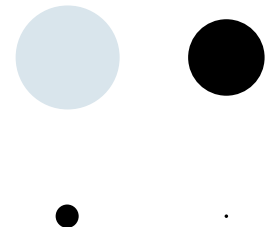
- Software composed of many parts
- Parts acquired from suppliers
- Insider threat
  - Hard to detect backdoors
  - Less skill needed to hide malicious code than to find
- Secure process of binary creation from source to deployed application
- Research@HTWG: How to introduce vulnerabilities into unfamiliar source code?

# Insiders – inside and outside

- **Outsourcing and offshore development risks**
  - **Untrustworthy staff**
    - Contract workers, contractors, sub-contracting
    - Insider threat, traceability of code origin/modification
  - **Untrustworthy suppliers**
    - Products: Libraries, components
    - Services: Deployment, operation
- M. Naedele and T. Koch (2006). "Trust and tamper-proof software delivery". 2006 International Workshop on Software Engineering for Secure Systems. Pp. 51-58. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/1137627.1137636>

# Trust models for ICT supply chain

- "Blind trust", "Trust by directive", "Liability"
  - ➔ Sufficient to evaluate 1st supplier
- "Reputation", "Strong interest"
  - ➔ Evaluate 1st supplier + 3rd party components
- "Proven in use"
  - ➔ All relevant components known and evaluated?
- Higher risk
  - "Weak interest"
    - ➔ Supplier without active interest
  - "Idealism"
    - ➔ Supplier might be harmed by others







# Software Inspections

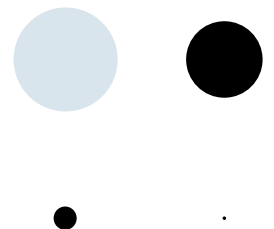
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Reduce vulnerabilities in code

- Effectiveness: how much reduction?
- Efficiency: at what cost?
  - Manual reviews: Skilled labor is scarce
  - Automation (but manual follow-up)
- Risk-based analysis/testing
  - Reduce scope

## Motivation for inspections (ii)

- Code inspections mandatory for CC EAL4 and above
- Ensure that more than one person has seen every piece of code
- Prospect of someone else reviewing your code raises quality
- Force developers to document decisions
- Train junior developers to get familiar with code base



# Methods to find vulnerabilities

- Black box
  - Same situation as attackers
- White box
  - Insider knowledge, e.g., review of source code
- Grey box

# Code inspection

- **Creative** process
  - Come up with unexpected situations
  - Cannot force creativity
- **Skills**
  - Know application **context**
  - Know programming **language**
  - Infer original **intention**
- **Hypothesize effects** of unexpected situations



# Inspection process (example)

- Define **scope**
- **Collect** information
- **Review**: design, code; Test
- **Document** findings
- **Analyse** findings: severity, remediation effort
- (Support remediation)

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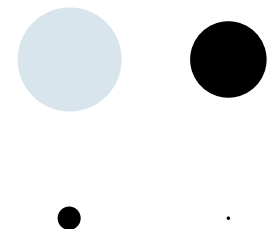


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I'M SURE THE AUTHOR  
KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.



# Define scope of inspection

- **Goal** of inspection
  - Ease of detection, severity, code coverage, depth
  - Business **context**
  - **Compliance** with regulations
- Type of access
  - Source
  - Binary, binary+debug info
  - Black box access to interfaces



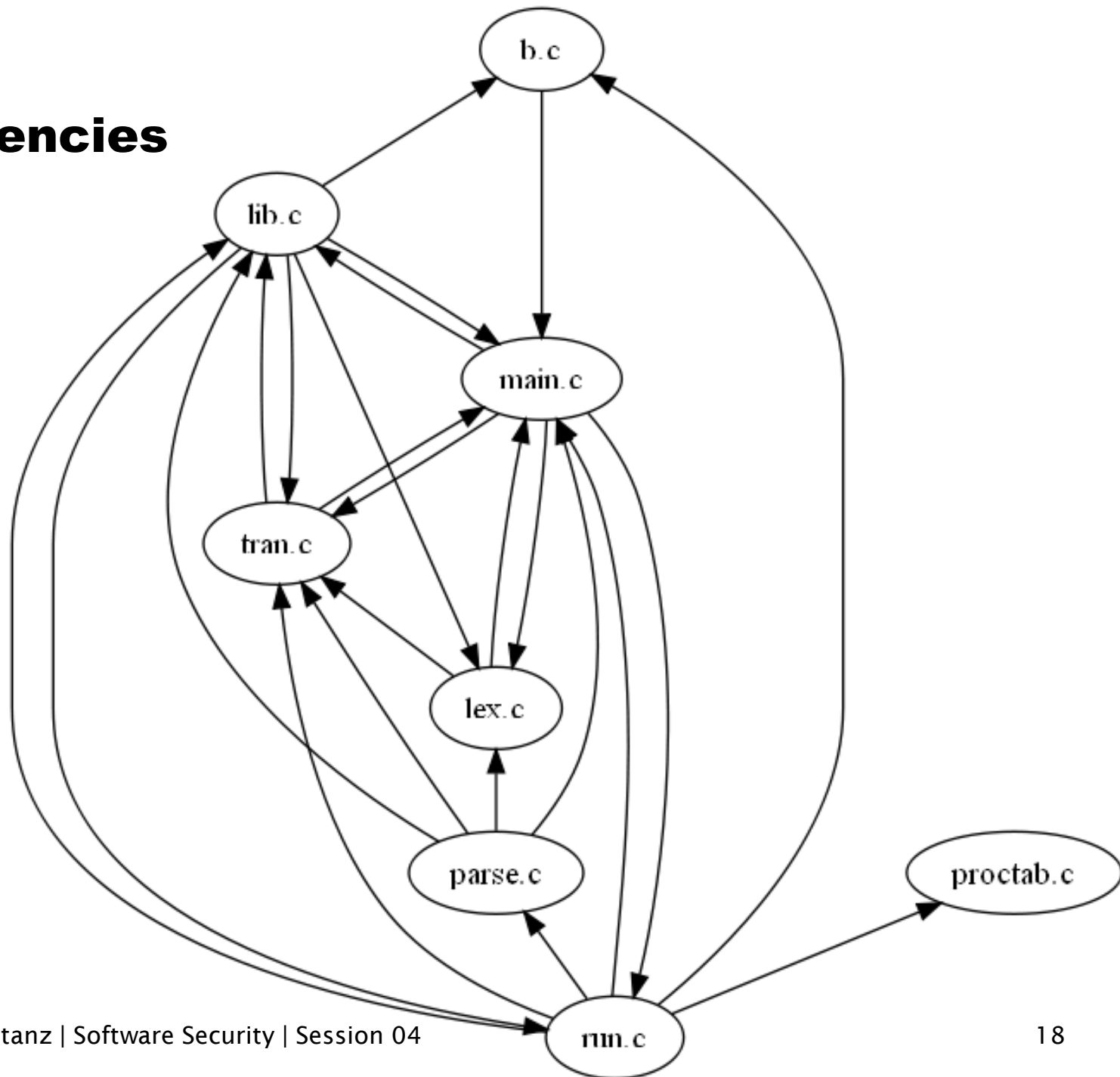


# Tools: scope

- Coverage
  - Execute test cases, measure coverage, i.e. which parts of code affected
  - Inspect affected code (assumption: what is not tested is less relevant code)
- Call graphs
  - Identify modules used by many
  - E.g. CScout

## Dependencies

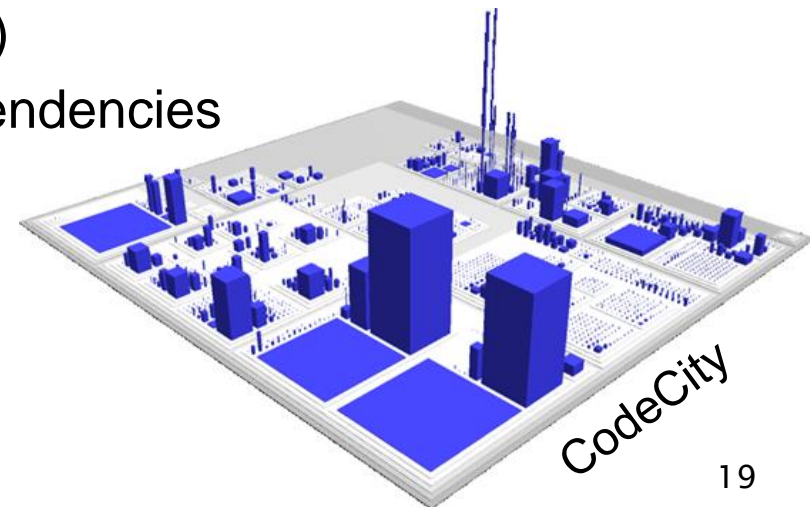
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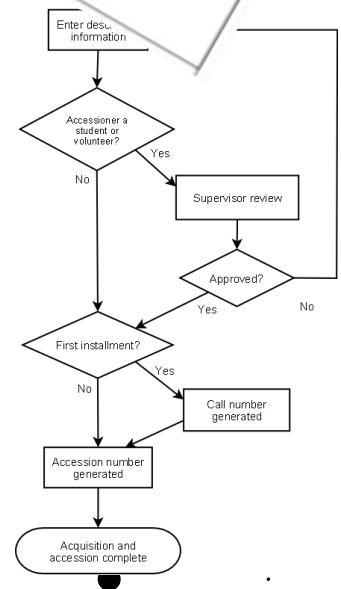
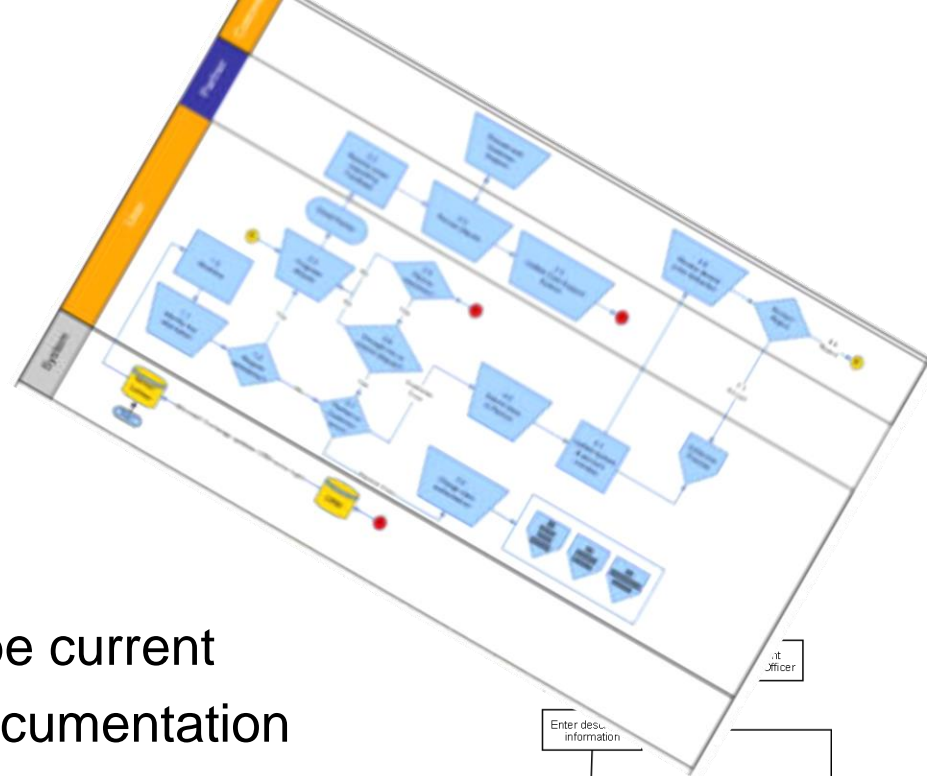


- Hot spots
  - Issue trackers: modules mentioned often (past experience)
  - Version control logs
    - Code modified often
    - Code modified often because of bug fixes
    - Defect prediction (type of change, dev. experience, affected LOC, affected #files)
  - Code metrics: complexity, #dependencies
  - Code visualisation
    - E.g. CodeCity, Gource



# Collect information

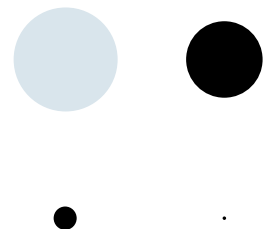
- System documentation
- Developer documentation
  - Might not exist or might not be current
  - Version control log is also documentation
- Interviews: be polite
- Documentation of standards that are used
- Source code: get overview, get feeling
- Deployed system: get overview, run scans



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SND\mattellis_cp	3:12:15 PM, Friday, February 05, 2010	[TFS Changeset #38862] Bumped version number up to 1609, 'cos that's the version I
SND\mattellis_cp	12:41:42 AM, Friday, February 05, 2010	[TFS Changeset #38836] Fixed exceptions caused by changes to R# 5.0.1608. Recon
SND\mattellis_cp	4:21:46 PM, Friday, January 29, 2010	[TFS Changeset #38384] Updated to fix breaking changes in R# 5.0.1602. Also works
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# Plan, review, reflect

- Decide what to look for and how
  - High level (design) vs low level (implementation)
  - Assets, entry points, trust boundaries, relationships
- Perform the review
  - Vary: people, perspective
  - Take notes, annotate source code
  - Stay focused, do not get lost in details
- Reflect: What worked well, what did not?
  - Relate to review goals

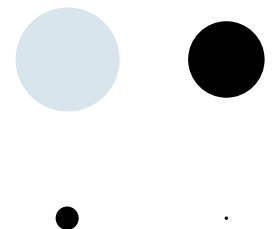


# Inspection strategies

- Code comprehension
  - Analyse source code, gain understanding
  - Trace input, analyse module/algorithm/class
- Candidate points
  - List potential issues, then examine source code
  - Tools often used to create list
- Design generalisation
  - Recover design from source code
  - Identify missing trust boundaries

# Source level: tools

- Code browsers
  - Navigation in code, often integrated in IDE
  - Cross-referencing variable/function definition/use
  - Formatting/pretty-printing, make code easier to read, e.g. Artistic Style (<http://astyle.sourceforge.net>)
  - Call graphs, functional dependencies
- Version control logs
- Issue trackers (linked to version control)



# Time

- Reviewers differ in speed
  - Background, experience
  - Overview vs detail orientation
- Speed differences in literature: 1:10
- Own observation: 1:7 difference between people





# Test

- White box
  - All manufacturer's knowledge available
- Grey box
- Black box testing
  - No insider knowledge
- Verify **presence** of vulnerabilities
- **Automation** enables large number of test cases

# Document and analyse findings

- Method used
- Code coverage
- Findings
  - Threat, description, impact, location
  - Proposed remediation (steps, effort)



Join Review Tools ▾

Author Reviewers



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ReviewFilters.java 4

 /src/java/.../reviewfilters/ReviewFilters.java  Changed 4

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```
264 264     private ReviewFilterDef
getToSummarizeFilterDef() {
```

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Defect

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```

    ReviewFilterDef f = new
    ReviewFilterDef(FilterKey.TO_SUMMARIZE);
    f.state = new String[]
    {stateMgr.getReviewState().getName(),
    stateMgr.getSummarizeState().getName()};
    ReviewFilterDef withCompleteReviewers

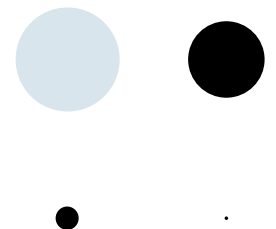
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Your database is not using a case sensitive UTF8 encoding for character fields.

# More complex inspection process

- NASA-STD-8739.9 Software Formal Inspections Standard  
<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/codeq/doctree/ns87399.htm>  
Not limited to security vulnerabilities



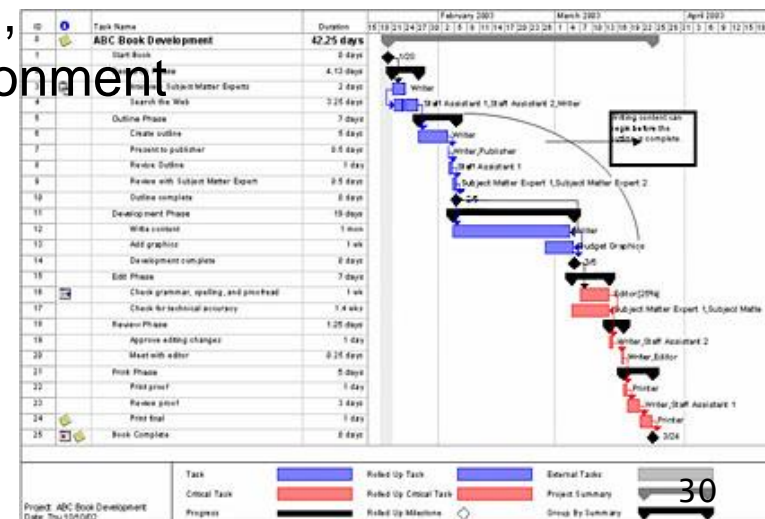
# HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CODE REVIEW



**RULE 1: TRY TO FIND  
AT LEAST SOMETHING  
POSITIVE**

# Support remediation

- Not part of review, but **consequence** of review
- **Knowledge gained in discovery** useful for fixing
- **To fix or not to fix**
  - Estimate effort
  - Business context
  - Alternatives: change configuration, reduce functionality, change environment
- **Review fix**



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# Static code analysis



# Type systems

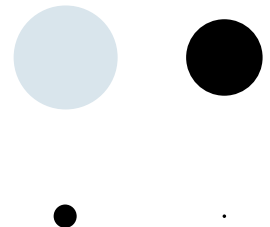
- Support security by
  - imposing discipline/restrictions on developer
  - enforcing abstractions on developer
- **Memory safety**
  - Programming language ensures that **only allocated** (and initialised) memory can be **referenced**
- **Type safety**
  - Types annotate program elements to assert invariant properties (e.g. integer, array, string)
  - Type checking verifies the assertions

# Type safety

- Type
  - Give meaning to sequence of bits (memory, object)
  - Type checking: verifying/enforcing constraints of types
  - Resulting type of expression combining types
  - **Static** typing: Type checking at **compile-time**
  - **Dynamic** typing: Type checking at **run-time**
  - Important that evaluation of expressions yields defined and predictable results

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VB



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VB

```
int x = 5;
char y[] = "37";
char* z = x + y;
```

C

# Type information

```
public class Demo{
    static private string greeting = "Hello ";
    final static int CONST = 43;

    static void Main (string[] args){
        foreach (string name in args){
            Console.WriteLine(sayHello(name));
        }
    }

    public static string sayHello(string name){
        return greeting + name;
    }
}
```

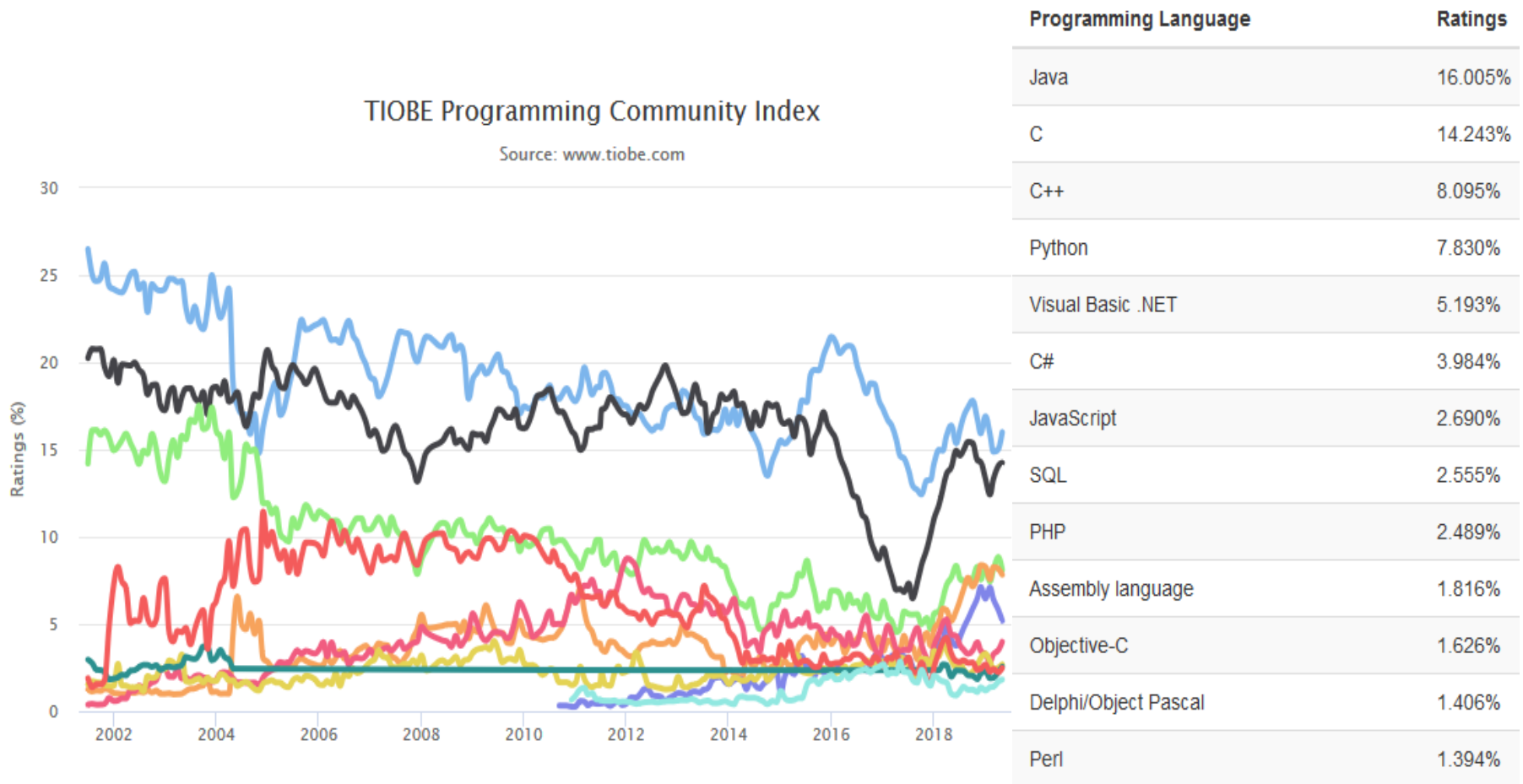
field greeting only  
accessible in class Demo

CONST will *always* be 43

sayHello will always  
return a string

sayHello will always be  
called with 1 parameter  
of type string

# Programming languages



## – Challenge: Type-safe and memory-safe languages do not dominate

The TIOBE Programming Community index is an indicator of the popularity of programming languages. The index is updated once a month. The ratings are based on the number of skilled engineers world-wide, courses and third party vendors. Popular search engines such as Google, Bing, Yahoo!, Wikipedia, Amazon, YouTube and Baidu are used to calculate the ratings. Observe that the TIOBE index is not about the *best* programming language or the language in which *most lines of code* have been written.

# Formal methods in development

- **Static analysis** used in Fortran 1957 for optimisation
- Type checking, variable initialisation/bounds, control flow (conditions, cases, bracketing, termination)
- Specification, proof of properties, construction/verification
- **Labour-intensive** approach limits adoption
  - Smart cards, cryptographic protocols, space probes, small OS kernels
- Promising: **automation**
  - Static analysis tools to **repeatably** cover **large parts** of code base
  - Test cases and tool comparison: <https://samate.nist.gov>

# Why automation, tool support?

- Manual inspections
  - Results depend on reviewer skills
  - Limited (LOC/time, labour costs)
- Automated inspections
  - Increase throughput
  - Increase coverage
  - Repeatable results
  - Increase efficiency
- Often automated and manual inspections combined

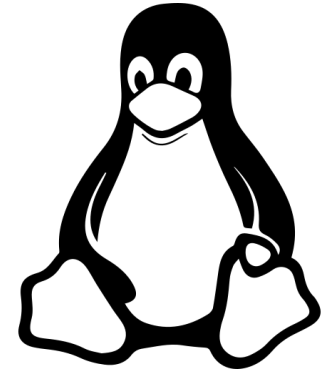
# Product size and complexity



**Firefox**  
22,000,000 LOC



**Windows Server 2003**  
50,000,000 LOC



**Debian 7.0**  
419,000,000 LOC

Manual inspection almost impossible → Static code analysis can help identifying potential problems



# Results of automated analysis

	Vulnerability exists	No vulnerability exists
Vulnerability reported	<p>Vulnerability detected, can be dealt with → success</p> <p><i>True positive (TP)</i></p>	<p>Vulnerability wrongly detected, needs to be verified → increased effort</p> <p><i>False positive (FP)</i></p>
Vulnerability not reported	<p>Vulnerability not detected, product vulnerable → increased risk</p> <p><i>False negative (FN)</i></p>	<p>No problem, no report, no effort → good</p> <p><i>True negative (TN)</i></p>

# Static analysis

- Detection of errors in a program without executing it
  - No overhead in execution
  - Often **automated**
  - Focus on **implementation vulnerabilities**
    - Beneficial for software quality in general
    - Avoiding vulnerabilities is one aspect
  - Often detects **more (and different) errors than manual** review
- [http://www.cerias.purdue.edu/news\\_and\\_events/events/security\\_seminar/details/index/tbk895g0ob5tfbi3056e30q164](http://www.cerias.purdue.edu/news_and_events/events/security_seminar/details/index/tbk895g0ob5tfbi3056e30q164)

# Static analysis

- Analysis at compile-time
  - Syntactic checks (often caught by compiler)
  - Type checking (often done by compiler)
  - Program semantics
    - Unused variables, unreachable code, missing initialisation
    - Data flow analysis, control flow analysis, abstract interpretation, program verification, model checking, ...
  - In addition to code inspection, testing
    - Examine unusual execution paths

# Static analysis

## – False positives

- Static analysis tool reports non-error
- **Low rate** of false positives **important**, critical for acceptance
- Big issue with existing code

## – False negatives

- Tool does not report error
- Static analysis does not cover all classes of vulnerabilities, even if you buy all the combined tools on the market

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# Classes of program errors

## – Data

- Are all variables initialized before use?
- Have all constants been named?
- Array lower bounds: 0, 1, k?
- Array upper bounds: size? size-1?
- Can a value be controlled by adversarial input?

# Find the errors

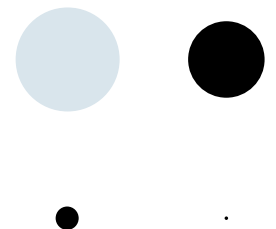
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public static void main(String[] Args) {  
    int x;  
    double sintable[] = new double[90];  
    System.out.println(x);  
    for (int angle=1; angle <= 90; angle++) {  
        sintable[angle] =  
            Math.sin(3.14*(double)angle/180.0);  
    }  
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# Classes of program errors

- Control flow
  - Correct conditions for conditional statements?
  - Termination of loops?
  - Correct bracketing?
  - All cases accounted for in switch statements?





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    if (a.x < 1) System.out.println("Negative");  
    for (i=0; i > a.x; i++)  
        System.out.println(i);  
        System.out.println(i+1);  
    switch (a.sign) {  
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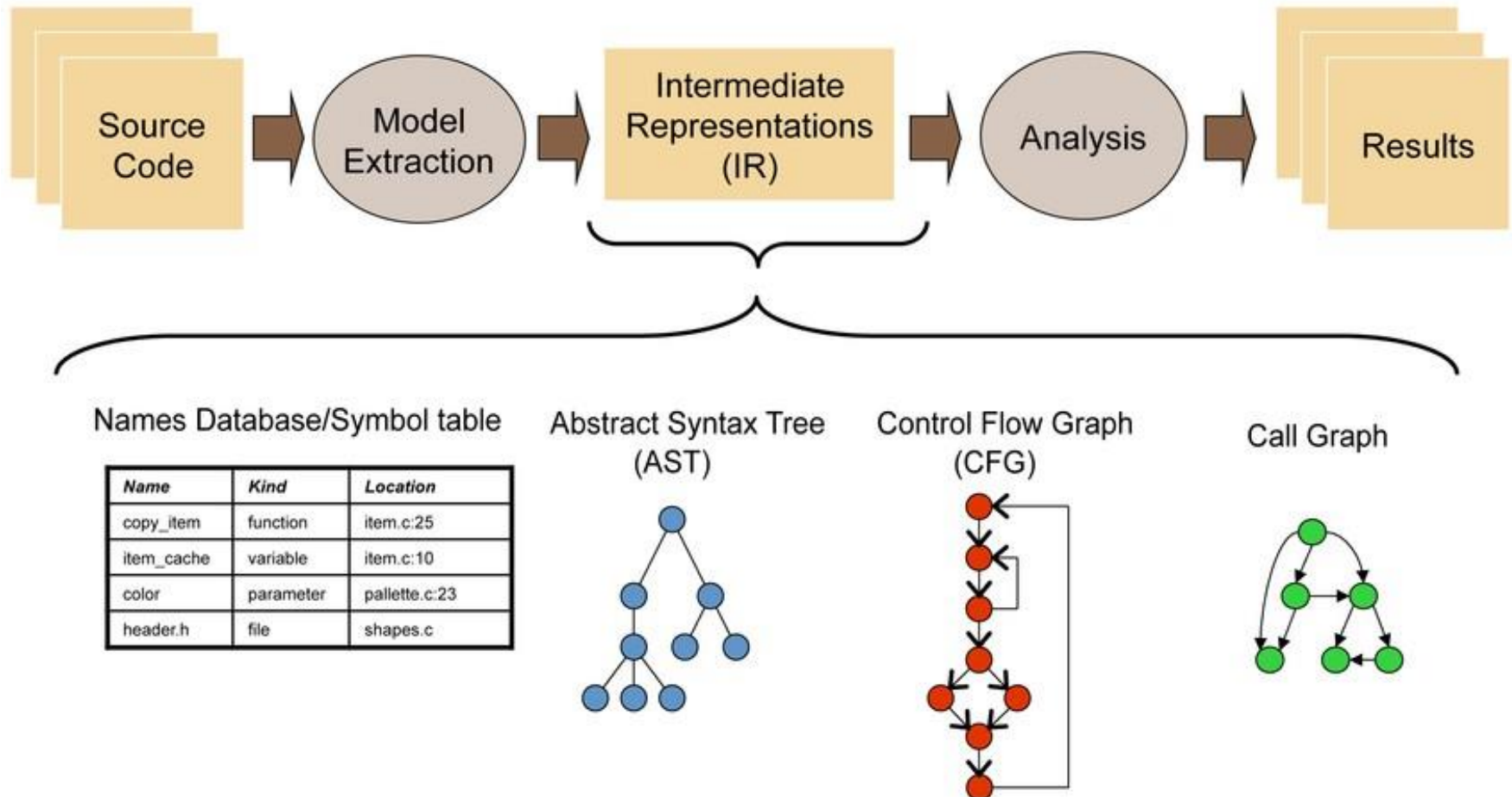
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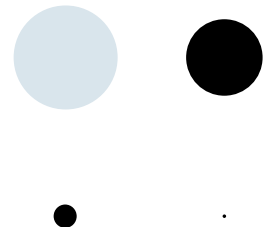
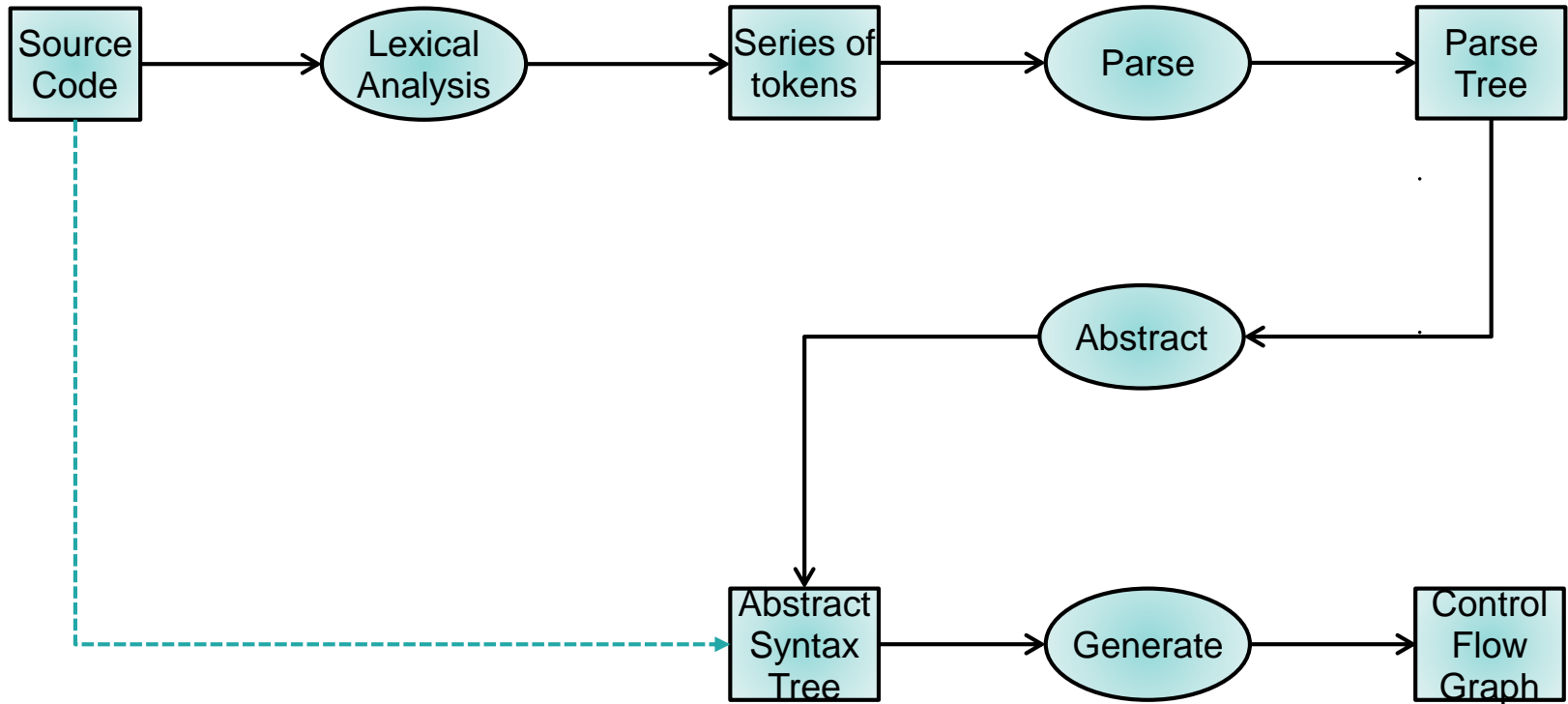
# Approaches

- Syntactical analysis (find strings in source code)
- Lexical analysis [regular expressions]
  - Match sequence of tokens against pattern
- Data-flow analysis [finite state machines]
  - Determine possible values for variables
- Abstract interpretation
  - Model execution on (simpler) abstract machine
  - Define abstract security requirements in advance, e.g., access to resources

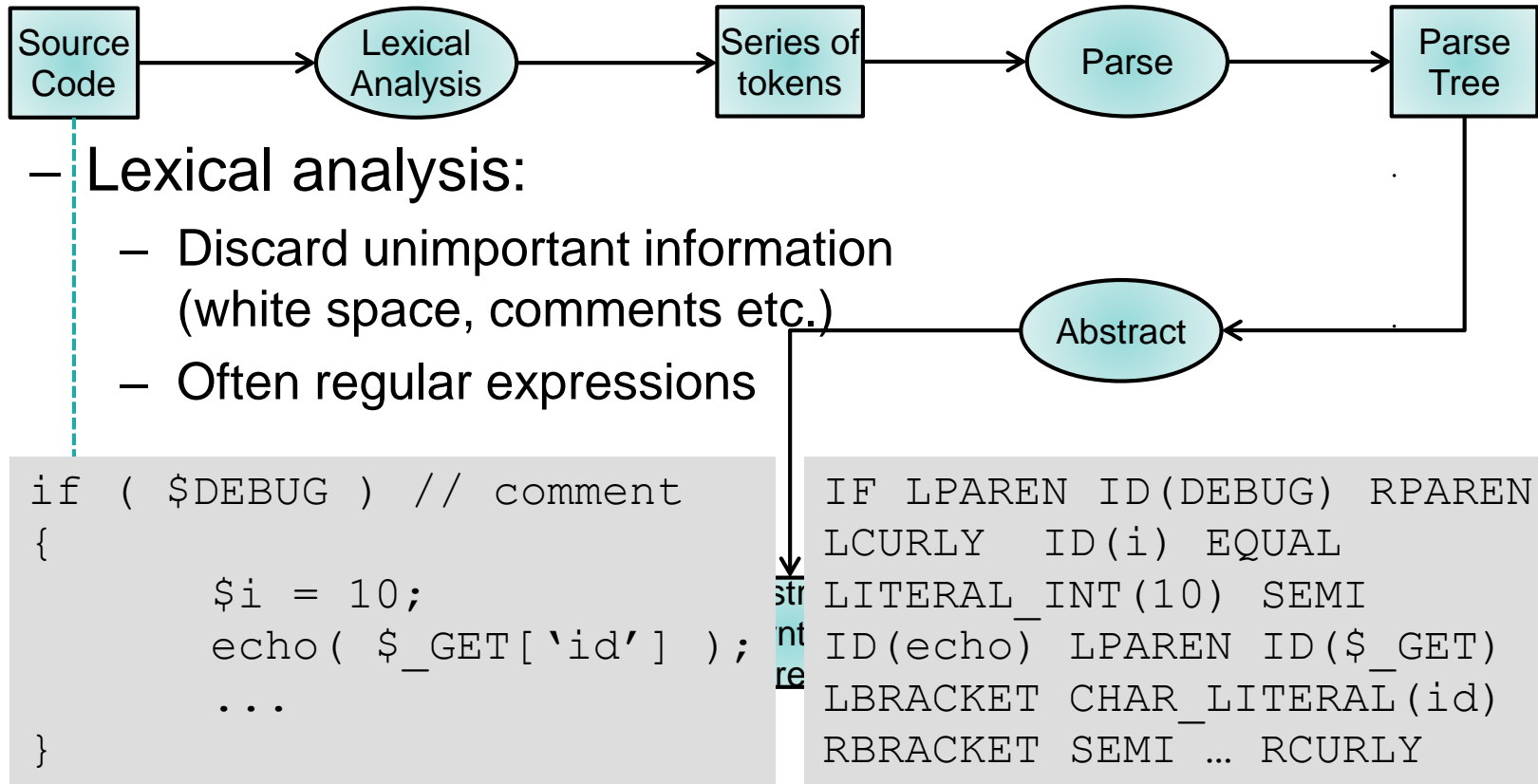
# Intermediate representations



# Model extraction



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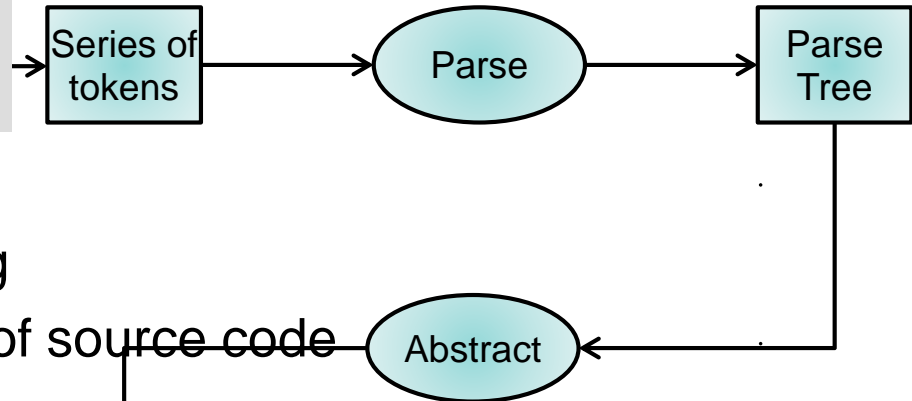




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{
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    echo( $_GET['id'] );
    ...
}

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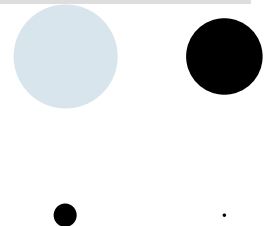
## – Parsing:

- Transform token string
- Direct representation of source code
- Not useful for analysis

```

stmt := if_stmt | assign_stmt | method_call
assign_stmt := lval EQUAL expr SEMI
expr := lval
lval := ID | literal_int
...

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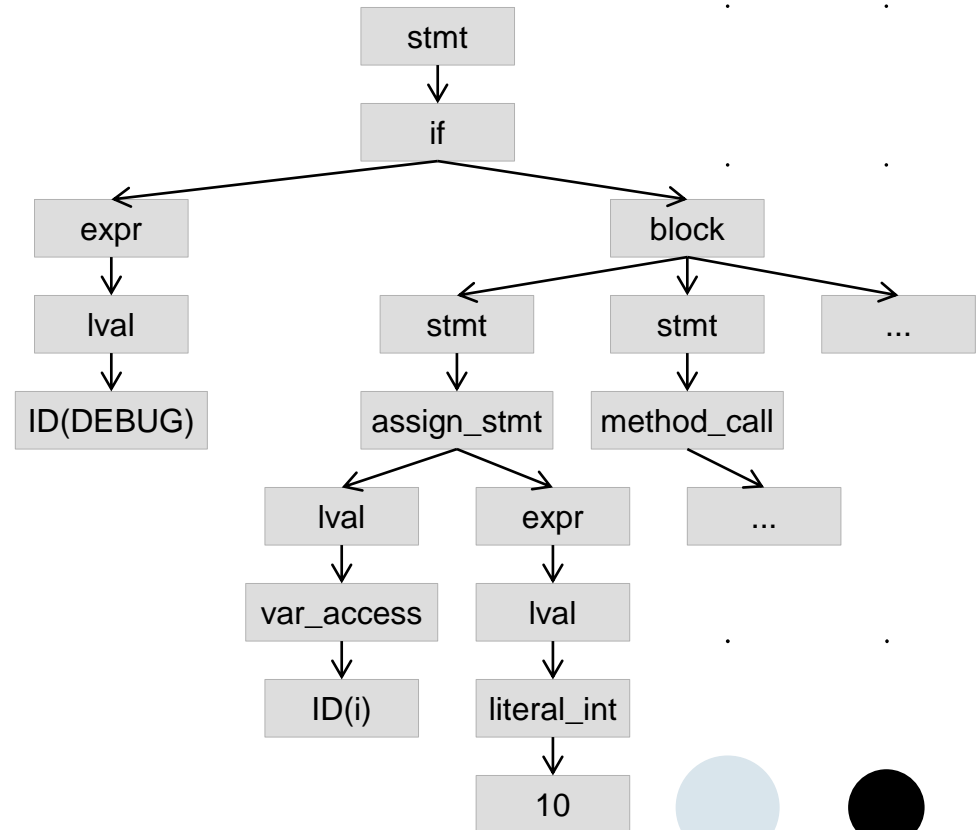


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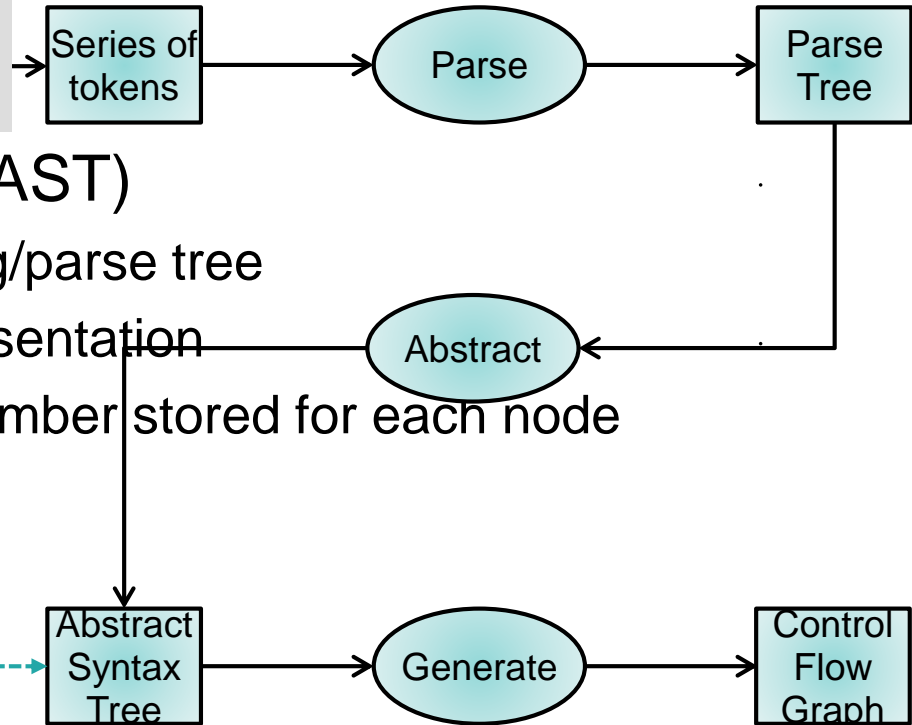
## – Parse tree



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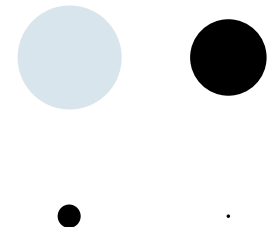
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## – Abstract syntax tree (AST)

- Transform token string/parse tree
- Unified abstract representation
- Often file path, line number stored for each node

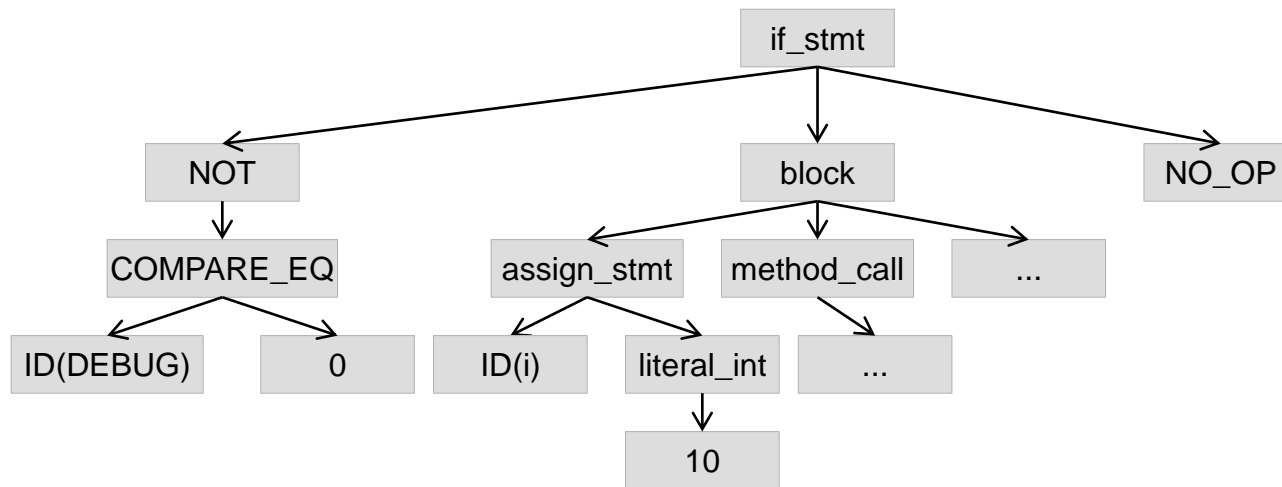


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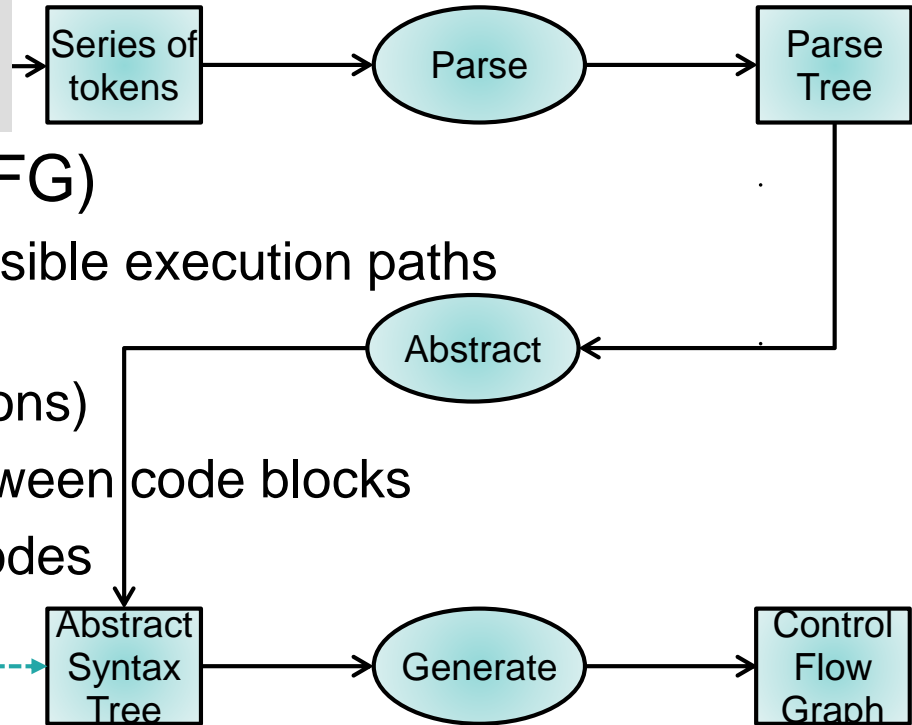
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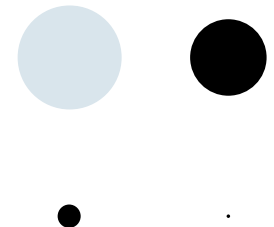
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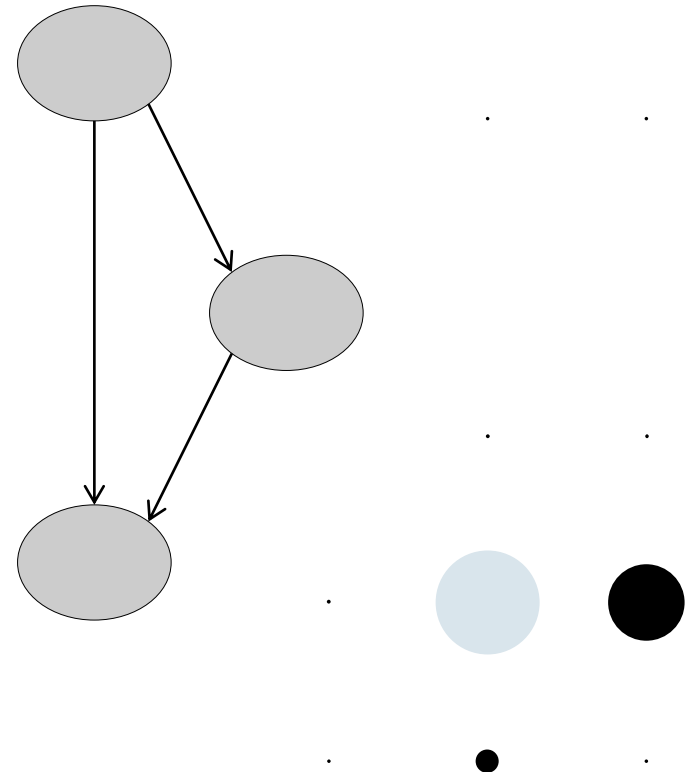
## – Control flow graph (CFG)

- Representation of possible execution paths
- Nodes: code blocks (sequence of instructions)
- Edges: flow paths between code blocks
- Trace: sequence of nodes



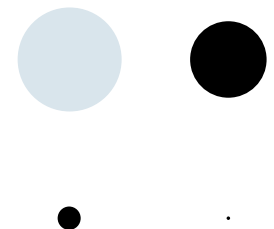
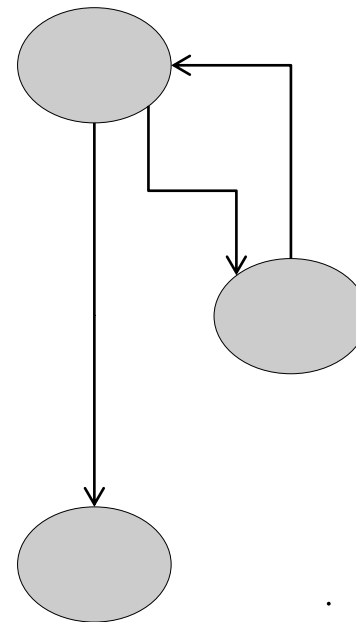
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{
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    ...
}
```

## – Control flow graph (CFG)



```
while ( $i<10 )  
{  
    $i = $i+1;  
    ...  
}
```

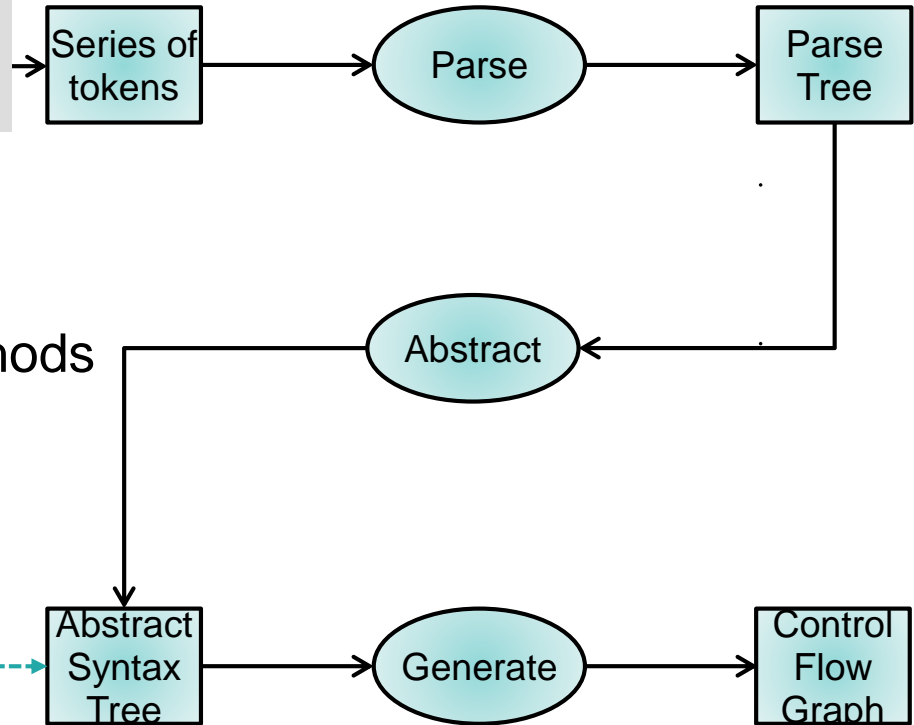
- Control flow graph (CFG) with loop



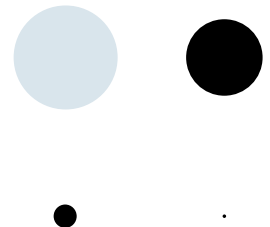
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}

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- Call graph
- Special case of CFG
  - Nodes: functions/methods
  - Edges: Invocations of functions/methods (back edges are recursive functions)





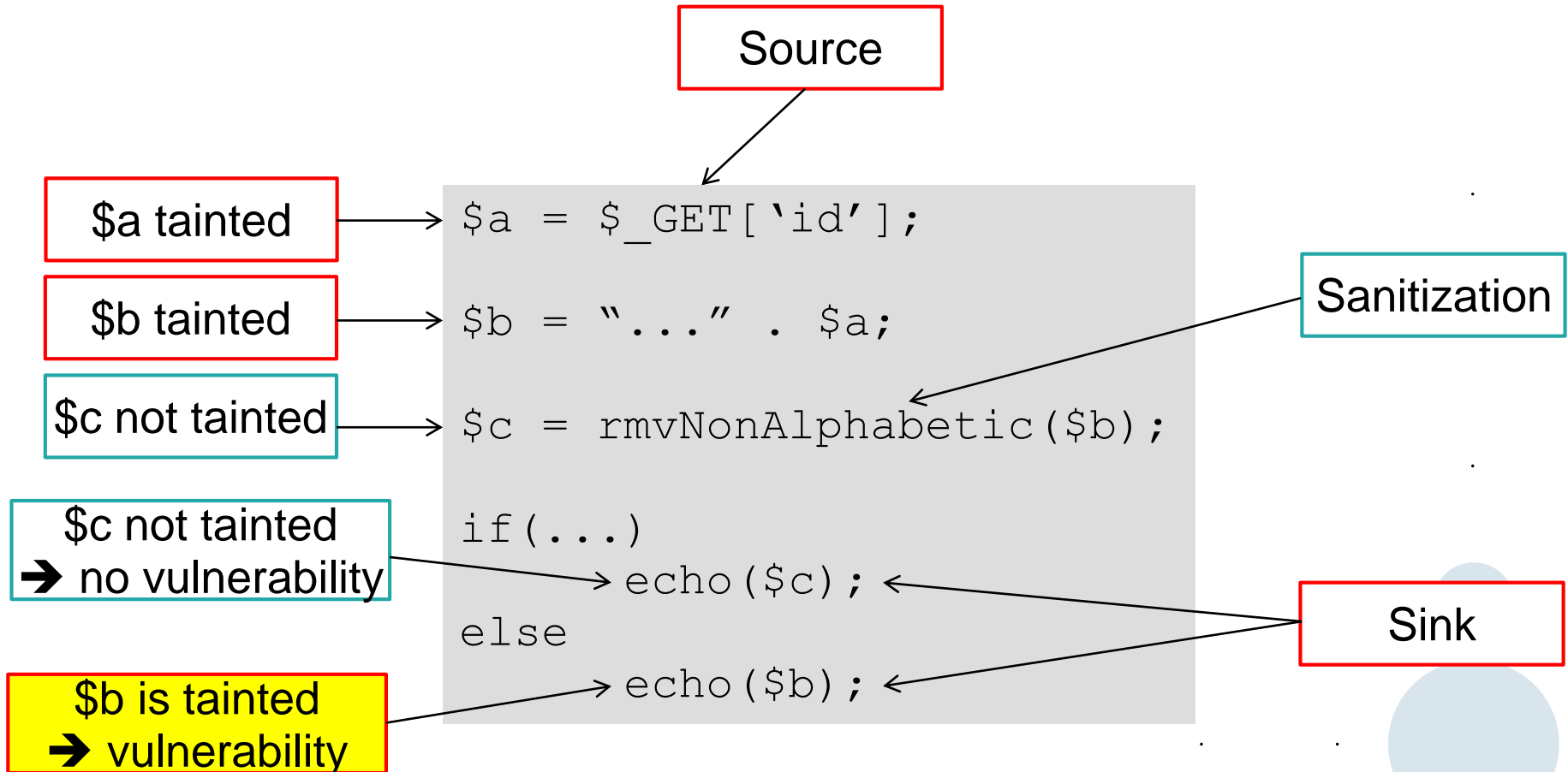
# Data flow analysis, taint analysis

- Commonly used to detect software vulnerabilities
- Tracking data flow
  - from untrusted input
  - to use of data in security-sensitive decisions/invocations
- Basis: CFG, call graph, AST
- Forward data flow analysis (input source  $\Rightarrow$  sink)
- Backward data flow analysis (sink  $\Rightarrow$  input source)

# Data flow analysis, taint analysis

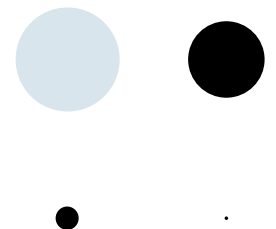
- "Tainted" data, i.e. controllable by adversary
- Source: function providing tainted data  
e.g. `$_GET`, `std::cin`
- Sink: function that should not receive tainted data
- Iterative
  - For each CFG node determine input, output variables
  - Order of CFG paths matters (loops, branches)
  - Is there a path from source to sink?
- Sanitization function: can filter data; after passing sanitization function, data is not tainted

# Data flow analysis, taint analysis: example



# Data flow analysis, taint analysis

- Sources and sinks easy to define (basically just lists of functions)
- Sanitization functions might be hard to determine
  - Some widespread functions detected automatically
  - Manual marking by developers (potential for mistakes)
  - Sufficient to mitigate vulnerability?
  - Sanitization functions for one vulnerability might not be suitable for another vulnerability (e.g. XSS vs. SQLi)





# Tools for static analysis

# Static analysis tools

- Compiler warnings
- Test cases and tool comparison  
<https://samate.nist.gov>
- Long (and incomplete) lists of existing tools
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_tools\\_for\\_static\\_code\\_analysis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tools_for_static_code_analysis)
  - [http://ruthmalan.com/ArchitectureResourcesLinks/VisualizationInSoftware.htm#visualizing\\_and\\_managing\\_code\\_structure/dependencies](http://ruthmalan.com/ArchitectureResourcesLinks/VisualizationInSoftware.htm#visualizing_and_managing_code_structure/dependencies)
  - <http://docs.codehaus.org/display/SONAR/Plugin+Library/>
- Languages: C, C++, Java, .NET, PHP, ...
- Basis: Source code, byte code, binaries

# Example: Coverity

- <https://www.synopsys.com/software-integrity/security-testing/static-analysis-sast.html>
- **Looks for patterns**
  - Multiple programming languages supported
  - Misuse of APIs, resource handling, concurrency, efficiency, best practices
- (Not limited to security vulnerabilities)
- **No program execution**
- Claims false positive rate ~ **20%**  
(confirmed by own experimental results @HTWG)

## Critical checks

- API usage errors
- Best practice coding errors
- Buffer overflows
- Build system issues
- Class hierarchy inconsistencies
- Code maintainability issues
- Concurrent data access violations
- Control flow issues
- Cross-site request forgery (CSRF)
- Cross-site scripting (XSS)
- Deadlocks
- Error handling issues
- Hard-coded credentials
- Incorrect expression
- Insecure data handling
- Integer handling issues
- Integer overflows
- Memory—corruptions
- Memory—illegal accesses
- Null pointer dereferences
- Path manipulation
- Performance inefficiencies
- Program hangs
- Race conditions
- Resource leaks
- Rule violations
- Security best practices violations
- Security misconfigurations
- SQL injection
- Uninitialized members

# Example: Coverity

```
298 public PairOfSameType<HRegion> stepsBeforePONR(final Server server,  
299         final RegionServerServices services, boolean testing) throws IOException {  
300     // Set ephemeral SPLITTING znode up in zk. Mocked servers sometimes don't  
301     // have zookeeper so don't do zk stuff if server or zookeeper is null
```

1. Condition `server != null`, taking true branch

2. **alloc\_fn**: A new resource is returned from allocation method `getZooKeeper`. (The virtual call resolves to `org.apache.hadoop.hbase.master.cleaner.TestHFileCleaner.DummyServer.getZooKeeper`.)

3. Condition `server.getZooKeeper() != null`, taking true branch

❖ CID 1090416 (#1 of 2): Resource leak (RESOURCE\_LEAK)

4. **leaked\_resource**: Failing to save or close resource created by `server.getZooKeeper()` leaks it.

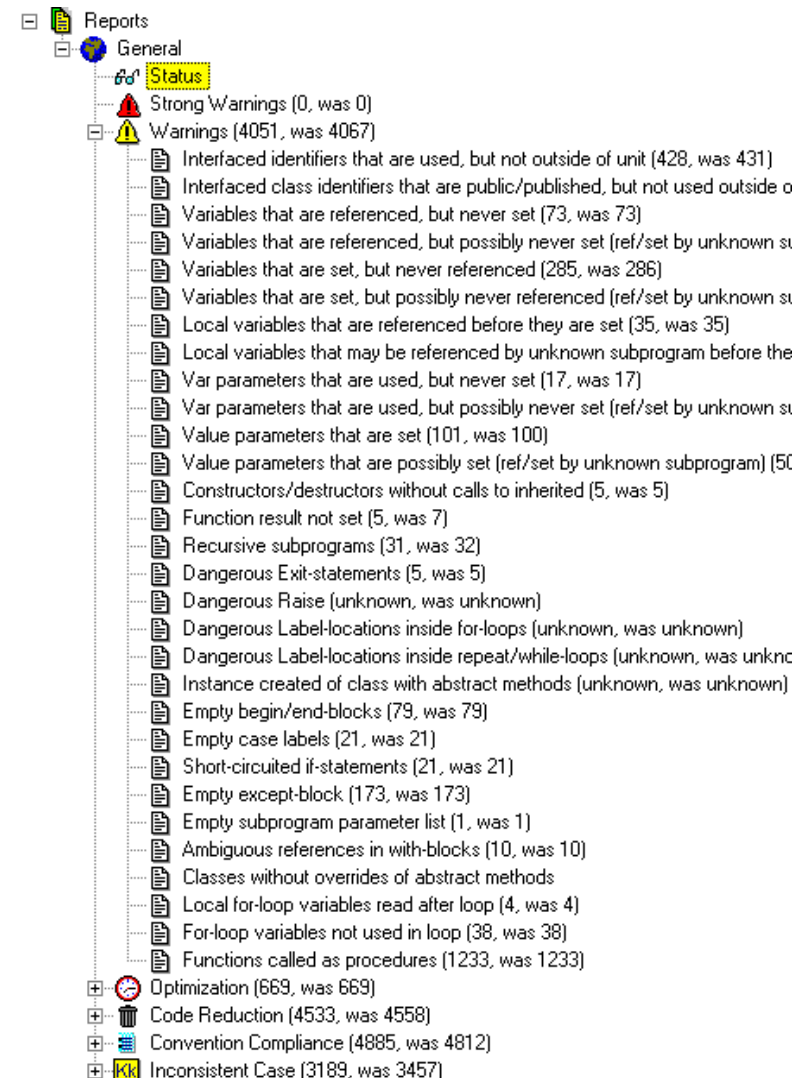
```
302 if (server != null && server.getZooKeeper() != null) {  
303     try {  
304         createNodeSplitting(server.getZooKeeper(),  
305             parent.getRegionInfo(), server.  
306     } catch (KeeperException e) {  
307         throw new IOException("Failed cre  
308         this.parent.getRegionNameAsStri  
309     }  
310 }  
311 this.journal.add(JournalEntry.SET_SPL
```

```
@Override  
public ZooKeeperWatcher getZooKeeper() {  
    try {  
        return new ZooKeeperWatcher(getConfiguration(), "dummy server", this);  
    } catch (IOException e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
    return null;  
}
```



# Developer incentive

- Reduce number of warnings
- *"I felt that I really got done something today. I reduced the number of warnings from 600 to 400."*
- (Can be discouraging in existing projects, though)



# Outlook: Proof-carrying code

- Avoid expensive review and run-time monitoring
  - Identify dangerous instructions in code
  - Have **certifying** compiler **prove** that instructions are always used in a **safe** way
  - Verify proof before execution
    - If successful, **execute** program **without constraints**
- **Hard to implement**
  - Coverage, scalability, performance, trust relationships
  - Still an active line of research, not used in production
  - Similar concept: managed app stores

# Summary

- Trust and trustworthiness of supply chain elements
  - Internal/external staff, suppliers, alignment of incentives
  - **Dependencies**
- Software inspections
  - Familiarity with code, **hotspots**, focus on patterns
  - **Flaw hypotheses** for vulnerabilities
  - **Effort**, costs
- **Automation**
  - Static analysis
  - **Capabilities** and **limitations**