

## Teste e Verificação de Software

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# Static Analysis

*Analysis of software development artifacts, e.g., requirements or code, carried out without execution of these software development artifacts. Static analysis is usually carried out by means of a supporting tool. [ISTQB]*



## Static Testing

- ▷ Testing done in a non-runtime environment
- ▷ **Review**
  - ▶ Errors in user requirements, architecture, design or use cases
- ▷ **Static Analysis**
  - ▶ The code is structurally tested without being run
  - ▶ Generally done with a support tool

## Why is Static Analysis important?

- ▶ According to ESI International, approximately 50% of project failures result from poor definition of the user requirements
- ▶ Goes hand in hand with proper agile methodology implementation
- ▶ Helps setting the project for success from the very first stages
- ▶ Documentation analysis, otherwise neglected

## Why is Static Analysis important?

- ▷ Whitebox visibility
- ▷ Cost-efficient
- ▷ Structural analysis
- ▷ Generate internal tests
- ▷ Early error detection
- ▷ Automated scan on all code
- ▷ Exact location error detection

## Goals of Static Analysis

- ▶ Detect errors that go silent through dynamic analysis
- ▶ Code refactoring suggestions
- ▶ Enforce attention to artifacts often neglected by developers

## Dynamic vs Static Analysis

- ▷ Designed to test the code during runtime
- ▷ Only verifies the part that is executed
- ▷ Misleading security sense
- ▷ Exact error locations are hard to find
- ▷ Time consuming in certain situations

# Techniques to analyze static source code

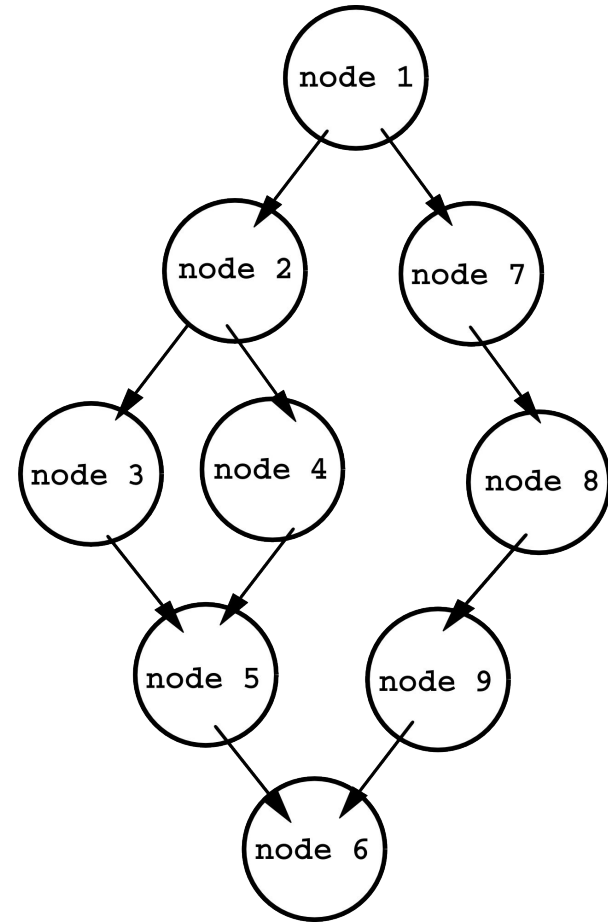


## Data Flow Analysis

- ▶ Collects runtime information about the data in a program while in its static state
- ▶ Code divided into blocks
- ▶ Determine input and output for the blocks in order to retrieve data flow

## Control Flow Graph

- ▶ Used in data flow analysis.
- ▶ Representation of the blocks (nodes representing instructions ) and data flow (edges representing transitions/paths) in a computer program.



## Taint Analysis/Checking

- ▶ Checks variables potentially influenced by outside input.
- ▶ Creates variable list
- ▶ Determines if there's a risk in using those variables (e.g. SQL Injection)
- ▶ Feature in some languages

## Lexical Analysis

- ▶ Transforms code syntax into tokens of information.
- ▶ Abstract source code to make it easier to manipulate.

```
<?php $name = "Ryan"; ?>
```

```
T_OPEN_TAG
```

```
T_VARIABLE
```

```
=
```

```
T_CONSTANT_ENCAPSED_STRING
```

```
;
```

```
T_CLOSE_TAG
```

## Strengths

- ▷ Early error detection
- ▷ Faster non-runtime error detection
- ▷ Handles time consuming tasks for developers
- ▷ Pinpoints errors against the entire codebase
  - ▶ Does not depend on the ran parts of the code

## Strengths

- ▶ Scales well
- ▶ For things that such tools can automatically find with high confidence, such as buffer overflows or SQL Injection Flaws they are great.

## Weaknesses

- ▶ Static testing done without support tools is very time consuming
- ▶ Does not detect runtime errors
- ▶ Not enough tools for the variety of programming languages used

## Weaknesses

- ▷ Limited range in security vulnerabilities
- ▷ High number of false positives
- ▷ Configuration issues dismissed
- ▷ Hard to prove that issues represent vulnerabilities
- ▷ Difficulty analysis of uncompileable code



# Features of Static Analysis Tools

## Coding Standards

- ▶ Set of programming rules, naming conventions and layout specifications

**Why?**

## Code Metrics

- ▶ Measurement of depth of nesting, cyclomatic number and number of lines of code

**Why?**

## Code Structure

- ▶ **Control flow structure** - sequence in which the instructions are executed
- ▶ **Data flow structure** - follows the track of the data item as it is accessed and modified by the code
- ▶ **Data structure** - refers to the organization of the data itself, independent of the program

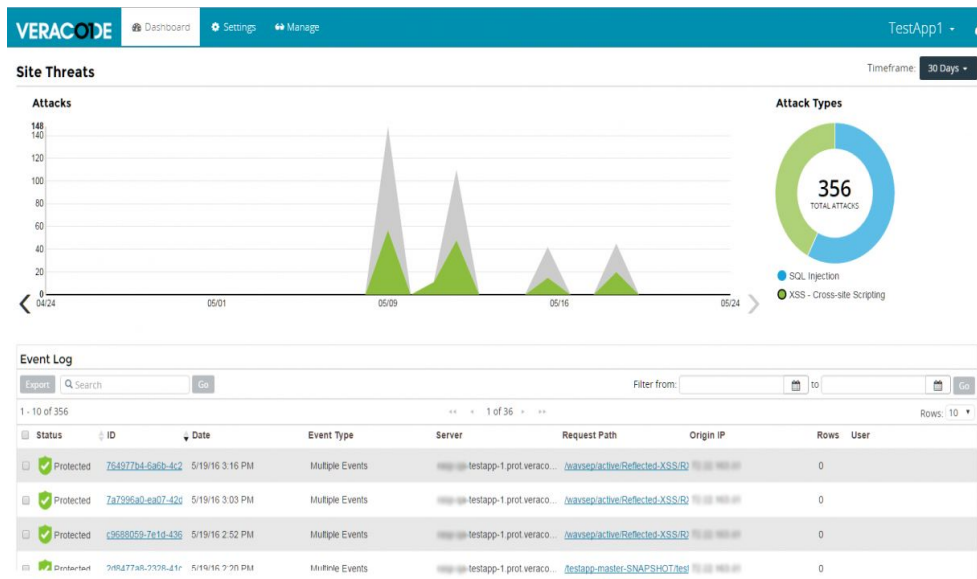
# Tools

## Criteria when choosing a static analysis tool

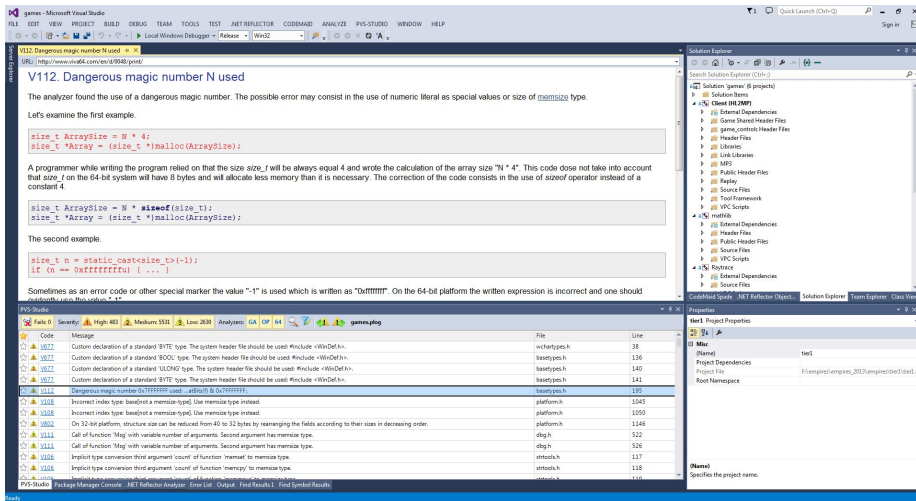
- ▷ Coverage
- ▷ Completeness
- ▷ Accuracy of results
- ▷ Customizability
- ▷ Sustainability / repeatability
- ▷ Deployment model
- ▷ Usability
- ▷ Reporting
- ▷ Security
- ▷ Cost
- ▷ Integration
- ▷ Scan performance

# Veracode

- ▶ SaaS based
- ▶ Static security analysis
- ▶ Binary code testing



- ▷ C, C++ and C#
- ▷ Integration with Visual Studio
- ▷ Allows for automated static testing
- ▷ Windows and Linux





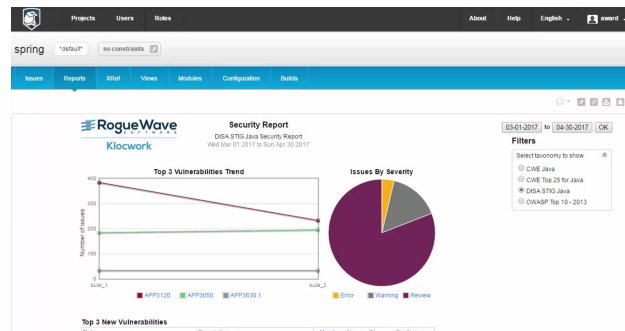
- ▶ Supports several static testing methods
- ▶ Feature to prevent future static errors



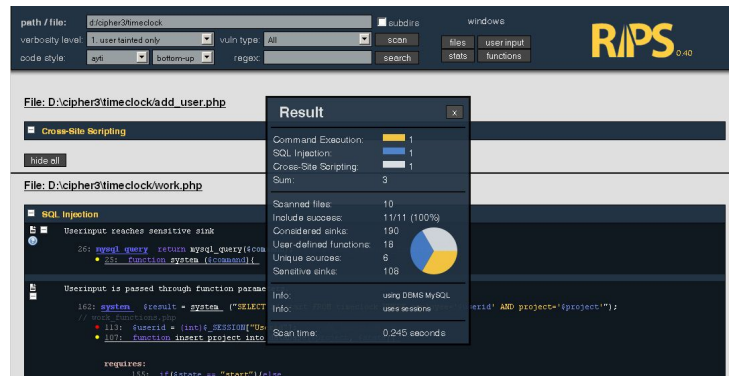
## SnappyTrick

- ▷ Security oriented
- ▷ Faster code scanning
- ▷ Platform independent
  - ▶ Eliminates OS compatibility issues

- ▶ Finds code vulnerabilities besides semantic related issues
- ▶ Runs along the code creation
  - ▶ Provides immediate addressing to detected errors

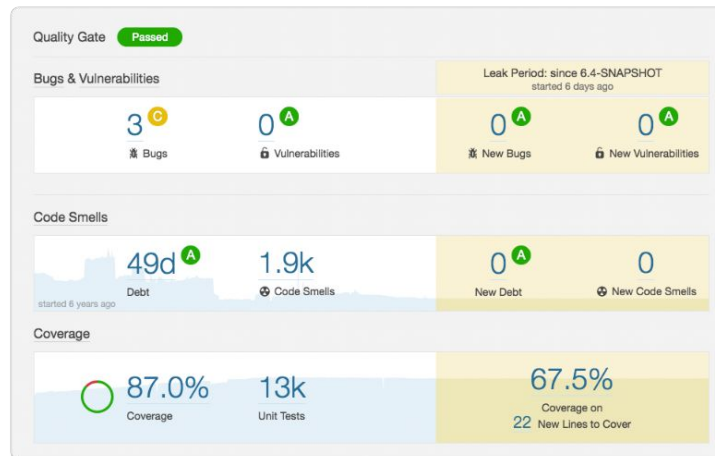


- ▶ PHP oriented tool
- ▶ Support for the most popular PHP frameworks
- ▶ Detects complex PHP defects



# SonarQube

- ▶ Web based platform
- ▶ Supports over 20 languages
- ▶ Open source
- ▶ Provides several quality reports
- ▶ Automated



Video

<https://github.com/JoaoPere/TVVS-StaticAnalysis>