

Laboratory

Coding Standar

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Objectives:

• Use Checkstyle as a code quality metric tool to detect and enforce Java coding standards.

Obtain a html report with the different detected issues in the code using Maven.

Requirements

• Eclipse IDE for Java Developers >= 2019-09 R (4.13.0) • Git

Introduction

Checkstyle is an open source tool that enforces coding conventions and best practice rules for Java code. 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. [1]

Prerequisites

- 1. Install Maven for Eclipse.
- 2. Install the Eclipse Checkstyle plug-in

The latest version of eclipse brings Maven already installed: https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/

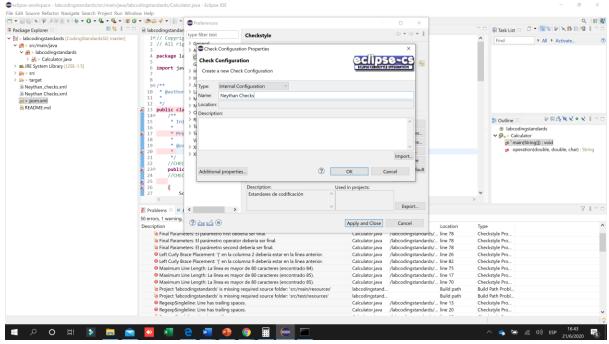
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Configure Checkstyle

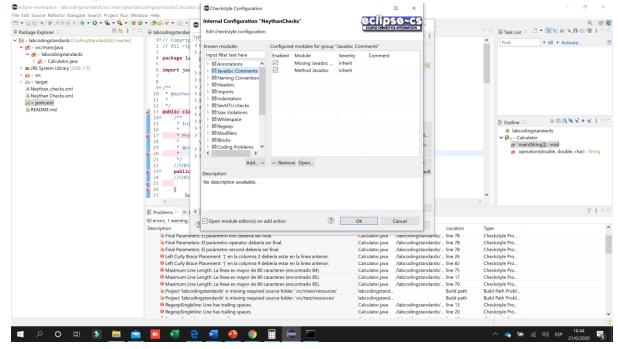
Checkstyle gives the option to create your own custom set of coding standards that is specifically design for your project. To do so, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to "Window → Preferences "and click "Checkstyle" on the side menu.
- 2. Check "Include rule names in violation messages" in General Settings
- 3. Click "New" to start creating a configuration file. 4. Select "Internal Configuration" under Type.
- 4. For the Name, type "Neythan Checks" and add a Description.

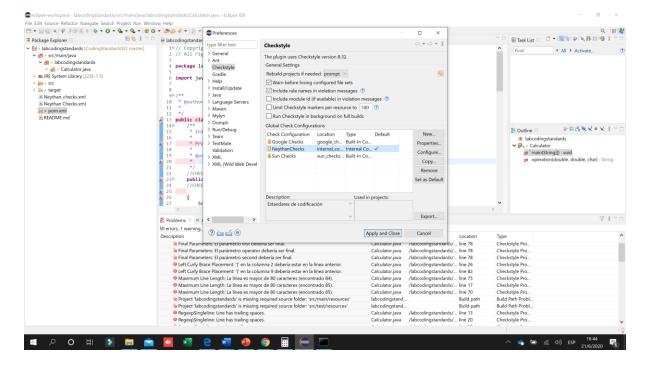




- 5. Click on "Ok" to create the file.
- 6. The configuration file will be ready to add new rules. Double click on it or click "Configure"
- 7. All available Checkstyle modules are displayed in groups and are ready to be added to the project.
- 8. Let's add some rules. Under "Javadoc Comments", click "Missing Javadoc Method", read the description, then click "Add... ->"

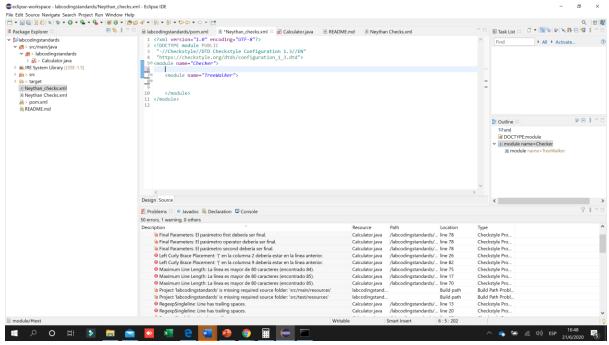






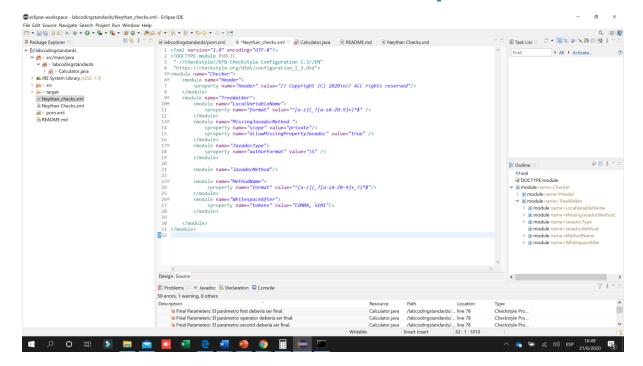
Configure Checkstyle using the XML

- 1. Create a new file with name as "Neythan_checks.xml" in my case.
- 2. Add the next typical configurations document.



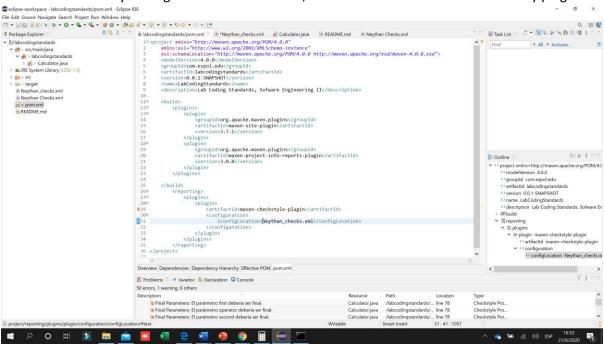
3. Add all module configuration needed to this practice. For this first part, you should omit javadocMethod, MethodName, and WhitespaceAfter modules to the first test running Maven.





Checkstyle with Maven

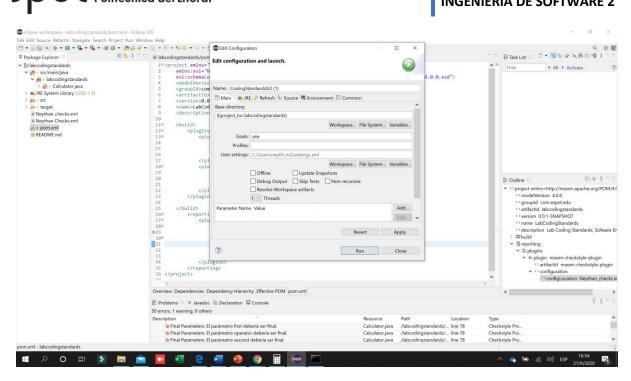
Checkstyle integrates well with Maven, but first we need to add the necessary plugins.



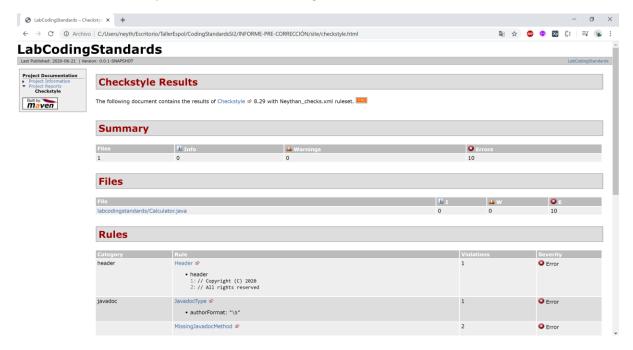
The configLocation tag is used to specify what file to use in the checking process. If omitted, the selected file in the Checkstyle configuration window will be used.

- 1. Save the file, right Click on it, then "Run as \rightarrow Maven build...".
- 2. Type "site" for the Goals and Click "Run".





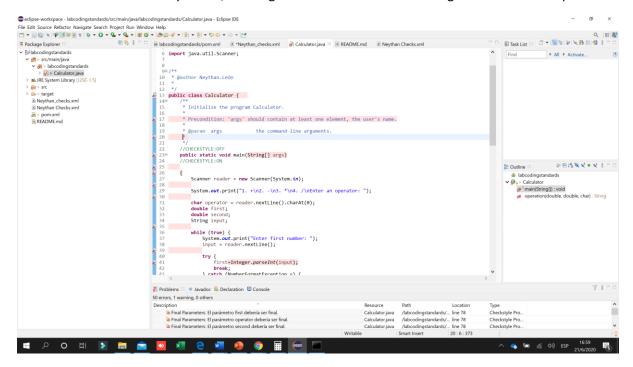
- 3. Wait for the process to finish.
- 4. Go to your project directory, open "target → site".
- 5. Several html files are show. Open "index.html".
- 6. Click on "Project Reports → Checkstyle" to see a detailed Checkstyle report of your project.
- 7. Add the rules that before you omitted "javadocMethod, MethodName, and WhitespaceAfter" and test new again







8. Correct any errors/warnings in the code that have been generated in the report.



9. Generate a new report. It should not have any errors/warnings



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