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## C# static code analysis

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Code Smell

Inner class members should not shadow outer class "static" or type members

Code Smell

"Explicit" conversions of "foreach" loops should not be used

Code Smell

Instance members should not write to "static" fields

Code Smell

"IndexOf" checks should not be for positive numbers

Code Smell

Whitespace and control characters in string literals should be explicit

Code Smell

Properties should not make collection or array copies

Code Smell

Flags enumerations zero-value members should be named "None"

Code Smell

Overflow checking should not be disabled for "Enumerable.Sum"

Code Smell

Field-like events should not be virtual

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Non-constant static fields should not be visible

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Inappropriate casts should not be made

Code Smell

### Cryptographic keys should be robust

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Most of cryptographic systems require a sufficient key size to be robust against brute-force attacks.

[NIST recommendations](#) will be checked for these use-cases:

#### Digital Signature Generation and Verification:

- $p \geq 2048$  AND  $q \geq 224$  for DSA ( $p$  is key length and  $q$  the modulus length)
- $n \geq 2048$  for RSA ( $n$  is the key length)

#### Key Agreement:

- $p \geq 2048$  AND  $q \geq 224$  for DH and MQV
- $n \geq 224$  for ECDH and ECMQV (Examples: `secp192r1` is a non-compliant curve ( $n < 224$ ) but `secp224k1` is compliant ( $n \geq 224$ ))

#### Symmetric keys:

- key length  $\geq 128$  bits

This rule will not raise issues for ciphers that are considered weak (no matter the key size) like DES, Blowfish.

#### Noncompliant Code Example

```
using System;
using System.Security.Cryptography;

namespace MyLibrary
{
    public class MyCryptoClass
    {
        static void Main()
        {
            var dsal = new DSACryptoServiceProvider(); // Noncompliant - the setter
            dsal.KeySize = 2048; // Noncompliant - the setter

            var dsa2 = new DSACryptoServiceProvider(2048); // Compliant

            var rsal = new RSACryptoServiceProvider(); // Noncompliant - the setter
            rsal.KeySize = 2048; // Noncompliant - the setter

            var rsa2 = new RSACng(1024); // Noncompliant

            // ...
        }
    }
}
```

KeySize property of DSACryptoServiceProvider and RSACryptoServiceProvider does not change the value of underlying KeySize for the algorithm. Property setter is ignored without error and KeySize can be changed only by using constructor overload. See:

Constructors should only call non-  
overridable methods

 Code Smell

"GC.Collect" should not be called

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Methods should not be empty

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Exceptions should not be thrown in  
finally blocks

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Method overrides should not change

- [DSACryptoServiceProvider.KeySize Property](#)
- [RSACryptoServiceProvider.KeySize Property](#)

#### Compliant Solution

```
using System;
using System.Security.Cryptography;

namespace MyLibrary
{
    public class MyCryptoClass
    {
        static void Main()
        {
            var dsal = new DSACng(); // Compliant - default
            var dsa2 = new DSACng(2048); // Compliant
            var rsa1 = new RSACryptoServiceProvider(2048); /
            var rsa2 = new RSACng(); // Compliant - default

            // ...
        }
    }
}
```

#### See

- [OWASP Top 10 2021 Category A2](#) - Cryptographic Failures
- [OWASP Top 10 2017 Category A3](#) - Sensitive Data Exposure
- [OWASP Top 10 2017 Category A6](#) - Security Misconfiguration
- [Mobile AppSec Verification Standard](#) - Cryptography Requirements
- [OWASP Mobile Top 10 2016 Category M5](#) - Insufficient Cryptography
- [NIST 800-131A](#) - Recommendation for Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths
- [MITRE, CWE-326](#) - Inadequate Encryption Strength

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