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C static code analysis

Unique rules to find Bugs, Vulnerabilities, Security Hotspots, and Code Smells in your C code

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"memset" should not be used to delete sensitive data
Vulnerability

POSIX functions should not be called with arguments that trigger buffer overflows
Vulnerability

XML parsers should not be vulnerable to XXE attacks
Vulnerability

Function-like macros should not be invoked without all of their arguments
Bug

The address of an automatic object should not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist
Bug

"pthread_mutex_t" should be unlocked in the reverse order they were locked
Bug

"pthread_mutex_t" should be properly initialized and destroyed
Bug

"pthread_mutex_t" should not be consecutively locked or unlocked twice
Bug

Functions with "noreturn" attribute should not return
Bug

"memcmp" should only be called with pointers to trivially copyable types with no padding
Bug

Nested code blocks should not be used

Analyze your code

Code Smell | Minor | bad-practice

Nested code blocks can be used to create a new scope: variables declared within that block cannot be accessed from the outside, and their lifetime end at the end of the block.

While this might seem convenient, using this feature in a function often indicates that it has too many responsibilities and should be refactored into smaller functions.

A nested code block is acceptable when it surrounds all the statements inside an alternative of a `switch` (a `case xxx:` or a `default:`) because it prevents variable declarations from polluting other `cases`.

Noncompliant Code Example

```
void f(Cache &c, int data) {
  int value;
  { // Noncompliant
    std::scoped_lock l(c.getMutex());
    if (c.hasKey(data)) {
      value = c.get(data);
    } else {
      value = compute(data);
      c.set(data, value);
    }
  } // Releases the mutex

  switch(value) {
    case 1:
    { // Noncompliant, some statements are outside of the blo
       int result = compute(value);
       save(result);
    }
    log();
    break;
    case 2:
    // ...
  }
}
```

Compliant Solution

```
int getValue(Cache &c, int data) {
  std::scoped_lock l(c.getMutex());
  if (c.hasKey(data)) {
    return c.get(data);
  } else {
    value = compute(data);
    c.set(data, value);
    return value;
  }
}
```

Stack allocated memory and non-owned memory should not be freed

Bug

Closed resources should not be accessed

Bug

Dynamically allocated memory should be released

Bug

Freed memory should not be used

```
void f(Cache &c, int data) {
  int value = getValue(c, data);

  switch(value) {
    case 1:
    { // Compliant, limits the scope of "result"
       int result = compute(value);
       save(result);
       log();
    }
    break;
    case 2:
    // ...
  }
```

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