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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

"#undef" should be used with caution

Analyze your code

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Code that contains many macros becomes hard to understand. This is even worse when the set of defined macros is not stable, and you have to know at each point what macros are defined. Therefore, `#undef` can decrease the readability of macros.

However, well-disciplined use of `#undef` can also improve readability, for instance when defining a macro with a limited scope: The macro is `#defined`, used a couple of times to reduce code duplication, then immediately `#undefed`.

This rule raises an issue when a `#undef` undefines a macro that was defined in another file. It will also raise an issue for an `#undef` directive that tries to undefine a non-existing macro.

Noncompliant Code Example

```
#ifndef MY_HDR
#define MY_HDR
#endif
...
#undef MY_HDR    /* Noncompliant */
```

Compliant Solution

```
#define LEVEL(i) int const i = #i
LEVEL(Debug);
LEVEL(Warning);
LEVEL(Error);
#undef LEVEL
```

See

- MISRA C:2004, 19.6 - #undef shall not be used.
- MISRA C++:2008, 16-0-3 - #undef shall not be used.
- MISRA C:2012, 20.5 - #undef should not be used

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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