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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

Recursion should not be used

Analyze your code

Code Smell | Critical | based-on-misra bad-practice pitfall

Recursion is a powerful tool, but it can be tricky to get right. Getting it wrong can lead to stack overflow errors and cause system problems. Even when you do get it right, recursive code can be difficult to understand, perhaps leading to maintenance problems in the future. Therefore recursion should be avoided in general and used only with due deliberation and caution when it is strictly necessary.

This rule checks for direct recursion (when a function calls itself).

Noncompliant Code Example

```
int pow(int num, int exponent) {
  if (exponent > 1) {
    num = num * pow(num, exponent-1);  // Noncompliant; direc
  }
  return num;
}
```

Compliant Solution

```
int pow(int num, int exponent) {
  int val = num;
  while (exponent > 0) {
    val *= num;
    --exponent;
  }
  return val;
}
```

See

- MISRA C:2004, 16.2 - Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.
- MISRA C++:2008, 7-5-4 - Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.
- MISRA C:2012, 17.2 - Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

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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