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PHP static code analysis

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

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be used to end lines	Code Smell
More than one property should not be declared per statement	Code Smell
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Unused "private" methods should be removed

Analyze your code

Code Smell Major ? unused

private methods that are never executed are dead code: unnecessary, inoperative code that should be removed. Cleaning out dead code decreases the size of the maintained codebase, making it easier to understand the program and preventing bugs from being introduced.

This rule also raises on unused protected methods in PHP enumerations. In PHP enumerations private and protected are equivalent because inheritance is not allowed.

Noncompliant Code Example

```
class Foo {
    private function __construct() {} // Compliant, private

    public static function doSomething() {
        $foo = new Foo();
        ...
    }

    private function unusedPrivateFunction() {} // Noncompliant
}

enum ExampleEnum {
    case FIRST_CASE;

    private function unusedPrivateFunction() {} // Noncompliant
    protected function unusedProtectedFunction() {} // Noncompliant
}
```

Compliant Solution

```
class Foo {
    private function __construct() {} // Compliant, private

    public static function doSomething() {
        $foo = new Foo();
    }
}
```

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An open curly brace should be located at the end of a line

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Tabulation characters should not be used

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Method and function names should comply with a naming convention

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Creating cookies with broadly defined "domain" flags is security-sensitive

 Security Hotspot