

PL/SQL static code analysis: "EXCEPTION_INIT -20,NNN" calls should be centralized

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Centralizing the definitions of custom exceptions comes with two major benefits:

- The duplication of the exceptions declarations and PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT is avoided
- The risk of associating multiple different exceptions to the same number is reduced

Noncompliant Code Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    user_not_found EXCEPTION;
```

```
    PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(user_not_found, -20000); --
```

Noncompliant, user_not_found is bound to -20000

```
BEGIN
```

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    NULL;
```

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END;
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```

```
DECLARE
```

```

user_not_found EXCEPTION;
PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(user_not_found, -20000); --
Noncompliant, user_not_found is again bound to -20000,
duplication
BEGIN
  NULL;
END;
/

DECLARE
  wrong_password EXCEPTION;
  PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(wrong_password, -20000); --
Noncompliant, wrong_password is bound to -20000, conflicting
with user_not_found
BEGIN
  NULL;
END;
/

```

Compliant Solution

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
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CREATE PACKAGE exceptions AS
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  user_not_found EXCEPTION;
  wrong_password EXCEPTION;

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```

  PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(user_not_found, -20000); -- Non-
Compliant (flag as false-positive)

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```

  PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(wrong_password, -20001); --
Non-Compliant (flag as false-positive), conflicts are easier to
avoid

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END;

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DROP PACKAGE exceptions;