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# Objective C static code analysis

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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

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

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

Bug

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

Atomic types should be used instead of "volatile" types

Analyze your code

Code Smell

Major

cppcoreguidelines c11 multi-threading cert since-c++11

The main intended use-case for `volatile` in C and C++ is to access data that can be modified by something external to the program, typically some hardware register. In contrast with other languages that provide a `volatile` keyword, it does not provide any useful guarantees related to atomicity, memory ordering, or inter-thread synchronization. It is only really needed for the kind of low-level code found in kernels or embedded software, i.e. using memory-mapped I/O registers to manipulate hardware directly.

According to the C standard:

`volatile` is a hint to the implementation to avoid aggressive optimization involving the object because the value of the object might be changed by means undetectable by an implementation.

Only C11/C++11 "atomic types" are free from data races, and you should use them or synchronization primitives if you want to avoid race conditions.

This rule raises an issue when a local variable or class data member is declared as `volatile` (at the top level of the type, pointers to `volatile` are not reported).

## Noncompliant Code Example

```
volatile int counter; // Noncompliant
User * volatile vpUser; // Noncompliant; pointer is volatile
User volatile * pvUser; // Compliant; User instance is volatile
```

## Compliant Solution

```
atomic_int counter;
std::atomic<User*> vpUser;
User volatile * pvUser;
```

## See

- CERT CON02-C - Do not use volatile as a synchronization primitive
- C++ Core Guidelines CP.200 - Use volatile only to talk to non-C++ memory

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