

Static Analysis for Security

All software projects are guaranteed to have one artifact in common—source code. Together with architectural risk analysis,¹ code review for security ranks very high on the list of software security best practices (see Figure 1).² Here, we'll look at how to automate

tool without being aware of the finer points of security bugs.

Testing for security vulnerabilities is complicated by the fact that they often exist in hard-to-reach states or crop up in unusual circumstances. Static analysis tools can peer into more of a program's dark corners with less fuss than dynamic analysis, which requires actually running the code. Static analysis also has the potential to be applied before a