# FOSS Static Analysis Tools for Embedded Systems and How to Use Them

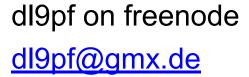
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#### Intro

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# Topics

- Intro & Motivation
- kernel vs. userspace
- local tools
- meta-sca a collection of tools
- meta-codescanner clang-sa/clang-tidy integrated
- Summary & lookout
- Q/A



#### Motivation

- Static Analysis is a method to analyse a program that is performed without actually executing programs.
- Static Analysis becomes an increasingly important topic when the project involves Functional Safety aspects. This is the case in Automotive and in Automation as well.



#### Motivation

- In the case of AGL or ELISA, we have to fulfill and document requirements on code quality for own and reused OSS code.
- The goal is to show ways how to ensure this using open source tools available.
- I will introduce basics but focus on what can be integrated with
  - OpenEmbedded / the Yocto Project builds.



# kernel & userspace

The Linux kernel is a very large and special codebase.

Currently it contains more than 20 million lines of code. This is very demanding on the tooling used. Thus there are specialized tools around the kernel:

- scripts/checkpatch.pl (string matching, basics&style, good for new submissions)
- gcc / clang static analyser
- Sparse make C=1 CHECK="/usr/bin/sparse"
- smatch make C=1 CHECK="smatch -p=kernel"

Proprietary: e.g. Coverity, CodeSonar, SonarQube



# kernel & userspace

For userspace there are a large number of tools available. A selection for C/C++ is below:

- gcc
- clang
- cppcheck
- flawfinder
- rats
- splint



#### local tools

# During development you can easily use these

directly within your source tree:

- gcc (since gcc 10)
  - gcc -fanalyzer
- clang
  - o e.g. scan-build make
- cppcheck

gcc -fanalyzer enables:

- -Wanalyzer-double-fclose
- -Wanalyzer-double-free
- -Wanalyzer-exposure-through-output-file
- -Wanalyzer-file-leak
- -Wanalyzer-free-of-non-heap
- -Wanalyzer-malloc-leak
- -Wanalyzer-possible-null-argument
- -Wanalyzer-possible-null-dereference
- -Wanalyzer-null-argument
- -Wanalyzer-null-dereference
- -Wanalyzer-stale-setjmp-buffer
- -Wanalyzer-tainted-array-index
- -Wan alyzer-unsafe-call-within-signal-handler
- -Wanalyzer-use-after-free
- -Wanalyzer-use-of-pointer-in-stale-stack-frame



#### gcc

```
> gcc -Werror -fanalyzer nullpointer.c
nullpointer.c: In function 'main':
nullpointer.c:7:5: error: dereference of NULL 'pointer' [CWE-690]
[-Werror=analyzer-null-dereference]
     7 | int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
           ^~~~~
  'main': events 1-2
           6 | int * pointer = NULL;
                 ^~~~~~
               (1) 'pointer' is NULL
           7 | int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
                 \sim \sim \sim \sim
               (2) dereference of NULL 'pointer'
cc1: all warnings being treated as errors
```



# clang (clang-tidy)

```
> clang-tidy nullpointer.c
Running without flags.
2 warnings generated.
nullpointer.c:7:5: warning: Value stored to 'value' during its initialization is never read [clang-analyzer-deadcode.DeadStores]
int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
nullpointer.c:7:5: note: Value stored to 'value' during its initialization is never read
nullpointer.c:7:13: warning: Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'pointer') [clang-analyzer-core.NullDereference]
int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
nullpointer.c:6:1: note: 'pointer' initialized to a null pointer value
int * pointer = NULL;
nullpointer.c:7:13: note: Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'pointer')
int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
```



# clang (scan-build)

```
> scan-build make
scan-build: Using '/usr/bin/clang-10.0.1' for static analysis
/usr/bin/ccc-analyzer -c nullpointer.c -o nullpointer
nullpointer.c:7:5: warning: Value stored to 'value' during its initialization is never read
int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
    ^~~~~
nullpointer.c:7:13: warning: Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'pointer')
int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
             ^~~~~~~
2 warnings generated.
scan-build: 2 bugs found.
scan-build: Run 'scan-view /tmp/scan-build-2020-10-15-161857-10509-1' to examine bug reports.
> scan-view /tmp/scan-build-2020-10-15-161857-10509-1
                                                                                                      #include <stddef.h>
Starting scan-view at: http://127.0.0.1:8181
                                                                                                      int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
                                                                                                      int * pointer = NULL;
(-> point browser to this)
                                                                                                        1) 'pointer' initialized to a null pointer value -
                                                                                                     int value = *pointer; /* Dereferencing happens here */
                                                                                                                 - Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'pointer')
                                                                                                      return 0;
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```

# cppcheck





a collection of tools for static analysis, linting and more

#### meta-sca - a collection of tools

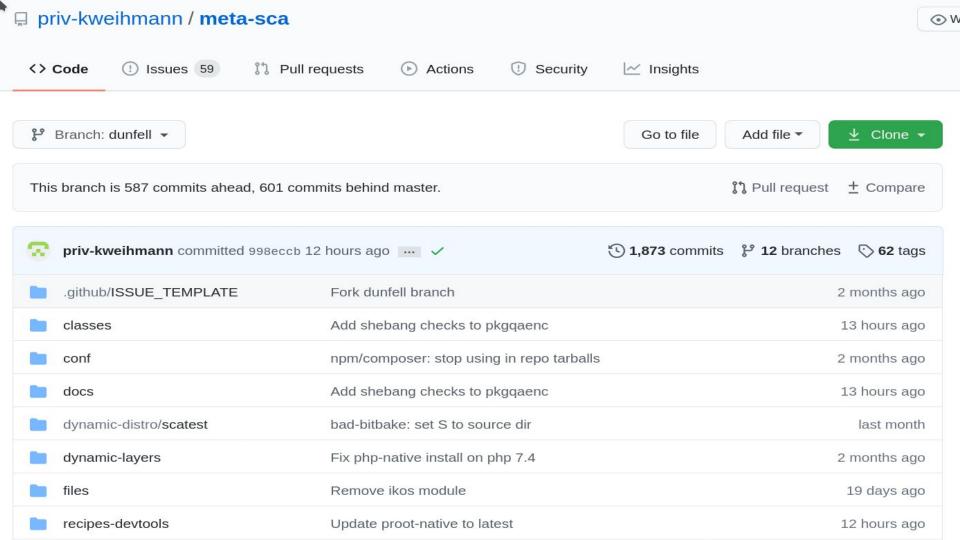
Is an Openembedded/Yocto Project compatible layer:

- collection of multiple tools around source code analysis
- zero impact all build-time, no code reaches the target FS
- provides a consistent configuration mechanism
- provides a unified output format
- parsers for cmdline and simple webui (static, pre-rendered)

https://github.com/priv-kweihmann/meta-sca

Maintainer: Konrad Weihmann





meta-sca status



#### Expected empty line stylelint comment-empty-line-before style bad-css error 1.css 8 before comment

- Unexpected missing endbad-css stylelint no-missing-end-of-source-newline style 1.css 17 error of-source newline
- Unexpected duplicate no-duplicate-selectors selector "a", first used at bad-css stylelint 2 style error 1.css line 1
- **Expected whitespace** comment-whitespace-inside style bad-css stylelint error 1.css after "/\*"

```
Module
                  Description
alexkohler
                 Suite of GO analysis tools
ansible
                  Hardening of images with ansible
ansiblelint
                | Linter for ansible playbooks
ansibleroles
                  Hardening of images with 3rd party
bandit
                  Scan python code for insecurities
bashate
                  Shell script linter
bitbake
                  Bitbake issue handling
cbmc
                  C Bounded Model Checker
checkbashisms
                  Shell script linter
clang
                 C/C++ linter using LLVM
configcheck
                  Check application configurations
cppcheck
                 C/C++ linter
cpplint
                 C/C++ linter
```



```
Module
               Description
cspell
              | Spelling linter
cvecheck
             Check for unpatched CVEs
darglint
              | Python docstring linter
dennis
               I18N linter
detectsecrets | Detect hardcoded secrets in code
eslint
               Javascript linter
              | Python linter
flake8
flawfinder
              | C/C++ security linter
flint
              | C/C++ linter
              GCC compiler issues and hardening
gcc
               NGINX config security linter
gixy
golint
               GO linter
gosec
               GO security linter
```



```
Module
             Description
govet
             | GO linter
htmlhint
             | HTML linter
image-summary | Aggregate all findings in an image
jshint
             | Javascript linter
jsonlint
             | JSON file linter
kconfighard | Kernel config hardening checker
looong
             | Find functions with too long arglists
licensecheck | Scan code for license information
luacheck
             | LUA linter
lynis
             | Auditing tool for images
             | I18n linter
msgcheck
multimetric | Coding metrics
             | Python linter
mypy
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Module
             | Description
nixauditor
            | Auditing tool for images
npmaudit | NPM package auditor
oelint | Bitbake recipe linter
perl | Perl warnings check
perlcritic
           | Perl linter
phan
             | PHP linter
phpcodefixer | Find deprecated PHP functions
phpcodesniffer | PHP, Js and CSS linter
phpmd
             | PHP Linter
phpsecaudit
            | Find vulnerabilities in PHP code
phpstan
             | PHP linter
pkgqaenc
        | Enhanced package QA
progpilot
            | PHP linter with security focus
```



```
Module
              | Description
proselint
              | Spelling and text linter
              | Find insecure printfs
pscan
pyfindinjection | Find SQL injections in python code
pylint
              | Python linter
pyright
              | Python type linter
pysymcheck
             Check binaries for forbidden func use
              | Python linter using type-annotations
pytype
rats
              | Check insecurities in several languages
reconfbf
              | security audit tool
              | Code smell detector for Rub
reek
retire
              | vulnerabilities in javascript and NPM
revive
               GO linter
ropgadget
              | Check ROP exploitability in binaries
```



```
Module
             Description
rubycritic
            | Ruby linter
safety
             | vulnerabilities in python-packages
setuptoolslint| Lint python-setup.py
shellcheck
             | Shell script linter
slick
             | Shell script linter
             | C linter
sparse
             | C linter
splint
standard
             | Javascript linter
stank
             | Shell script linter
stylelint
             | CSS/SCSS linter
sudokiller
             check on sudo
systemdlint
             | Systemd unit linter
textlint
               Spelling and text linter
```



```
Module
              Description
tiger
              | security audit/intrusion detection tool
tlv
              | Find duplicate code
tscancode
              | C and lua linter
              | check for simple privilege escalation
upc
vulture
              | Find dead python code
wotan
              | Typescript/javascript linter
xmllint
              | XML linter
yamllint
              | YAML linter
              | Find suspicious pattern in binaries
yara
```

```
Phew 87 options ... a lot!
```



# Multiple Categories and Scopes

- Language specific scanners
  - C/C++, Python, Perl, PHP, JS, Go, Lua
- Spelling, Metrics
- Scopes:
  - Security
  - Functional
  - Style



Next: edit conf/local.conf

```
git clone https://github.com/kraj/meta-clang.git
git clone https://github.com/priv-kweihmann/meta-sca.git
# (check the meta-sca README.md, there is also a conf script)
git clone https://git.yoctoproject.org/git/poky
source poky/oe-init-build-env build-test-sca
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-sca
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-clang
```

```
cat << EOF >> conf/local.conf
INHERIT += "sca"
SCA ENABLE = "1"
#SCA SPARE LAYER = "core yocto yoctobsp openembedded-layer"
SCA AUTO INH ON IMAGE = "1"
SCA AUTO INH ON RECIPE = "1"
SCA AUTO LICENSE FILTER = ".*"
SCA AVAILABLE MODULES = "rats clang cvecheck"
SCA ENABLED MODULES RECIPE = "rats clang cvecheck"
```

# continues on next slide



```
MYSCA DONOTSCAN += "linux-libc-headers linux-yocto gcc libgcc \\
   gobject-introspection clang compiler-rt boost libcxx "
SCA BLACKLIST rats += "\${MYSCA DONOTSCAN}"
SCA BLACKLIST clang += "\${MYSCA DONOTSCAN}"
# workaround bbappend which fails on non-standard DL DIR
CVE CHECK DB DIR = "\${DL DIR}/CVE CHECK"
EOF
```

bitbake core-image-minimal



../meta-sca/scripts/results2console tmp/deploy/images/qemux86-64/sca/ > out

```
grep base-passwd out
```

```
clang@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:399:10 - [warning] - [clang.clang-analyzer-unix.Malloc] - Potential leak of memory pointed to by 'node'
clang@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:475:10 - [warning] - [clang.clang-analyzer-unix.Malloc] - Potential leak of memory pointed to by 'node'
clang@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:438:10 - [warning] - [clang.clang-analyzer-unix.Malloc] - Potential leak of memory pointed to by 'node'
clang@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:158:12 - [warning] - [clang.clang-analyzer-security.insecureAPI.strcpy] - Call to function 'strcpy' is
        insecure as it does not provide bounding of the memory buffer. Replace unbounded copy functions with analogous functions that
        support length arguments such as 'strlcpy'. CWE-119
rats@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:1136:1 - [error] - [rats.rats.getopt long] - Truncate all input strings to a reasonable length before passing them
rats@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:1212:1 - [error] - [rats.rats.umask] - umask() can easily be used to create files with unsafe priviledges.
rats@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:898:1 - [warning] - [rats.rats.lstat] - A potential TOCTOU (Time Of Check, Time Of Use) vulnerability exists.
        This is the first line where a check has occured. The following line(s) contain uses that may match up with this check: 882 (rename)
rats@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:915:1 - [warning] - [rats.rats.lstat] - A potential TOCTOU (Time Of Check, Time Of Use) vulnerability exists.
        This is the first line where a check has occured. The following line(s) contain uses that may match up with this check: 903 (chmod) , 908 (lchown)
rats@base-passwd: update-passwd.c:831:1 - [error] - [rats.rats.fprintf] - Check to be sure that the non-constant format string passed as argument 2
        to this function call does not come from an untrusted source that could have added formatting characters that the code is not prepare
```

#### meta-sca status

Here you can see the current findings found by CI pipeline

Get information for branch test v and pick a tool all v

base-passwd

base-passwd

base-passwd

clang

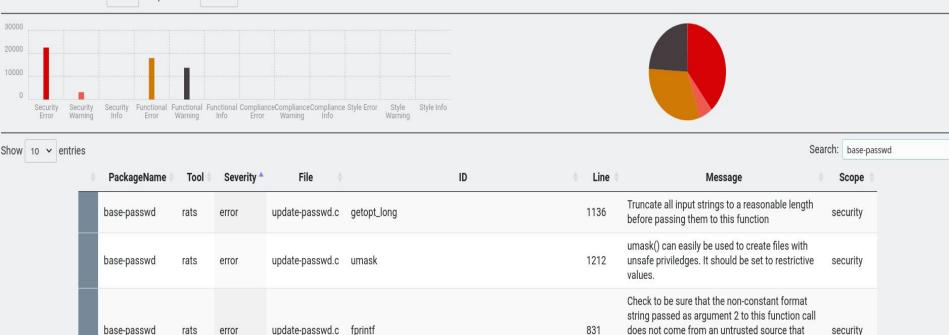
clang

clang

warning

warning

warning



update-passwd.c

update-passwd.c

clang-analyzer-unix.Malloc

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update-passwd.c clang-analyzer-unix.Malloc

could have added formatting characters that the

Potential leak of memory pointed to by 'node'

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functional

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code is not prepared to handle.

399

475

438

# Summary, pros and cons

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- meta-sca can be used to easily instrument builds
- can be used for linting and format-checks in CI
- lots of tools pre-integrated to choose from
- unified report format

- cmdline reporting:
  - needs to be parsed/evaluated/filtered to be useful
- postprocessing required to produce simple webpage





bitbake integration for https://github.com/Ericsson/codechecker

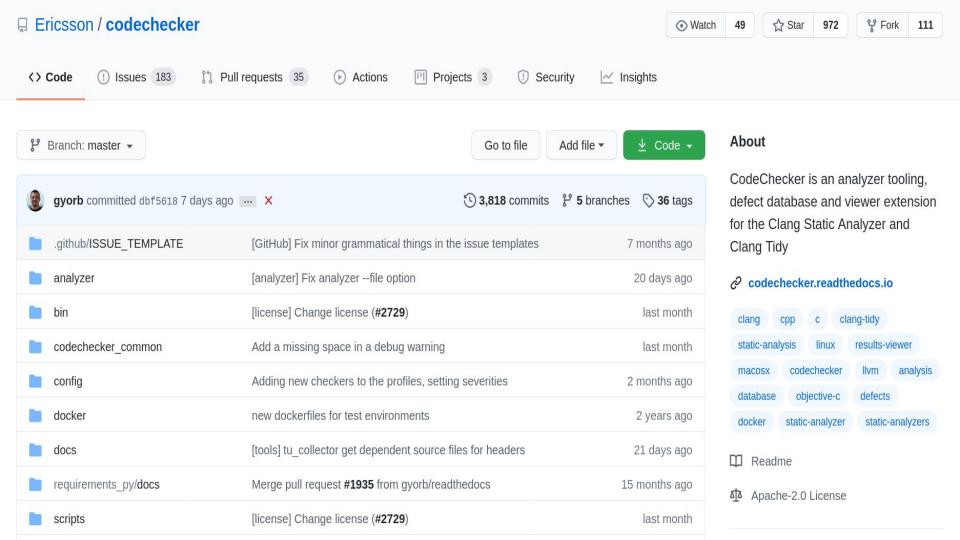
# meta-codechecker - clang-sa/clang-tidy integrated

https://github.com/Ericsson/codechecker

#### Collection of tools to

- intercept and log the build calls
- analyse the gathered data using (clang-tidy and clangSA)
- report (static or webui)

Extension and successor of the original clang static analyser / scan-build.



#### CodeChecker 6.12 Default

Properties | ■ All reports | New features | ■ agl-service-gps@oneshot | Search for runs...



Diff Delete											
Diff	Name	Number of unresolved reports	Detection status	Analyzer statistics	Storage date	Analysis duration	Check command	Version tag	Description	CodeCheck er version	Delete
00	agl-service-gps@oneshot	1	<b>(1)</b>	clangsa: ✔ (1) clang-tidy: ✔ (1)	2020-07-02 08:41:01	00:00:01	Show			6.13 (dbf5618c00 b26f41197d8 fa2f1599a37 58909924)	
00	cynagora@oneshot	17	<b>#</b> (17)	clang-tidy: ✔ (30) clangsa: ✔ (30)	2020-07-02 08:00:16	00:00:35	Show			6.13 (dbf5618c00 b26f41197d8 fa2f1599a37 58909924)	0
<u></u>	app-framework-binder@oneshot	79	<b>#</b> (79)	clangsa: ✓ (92) 🗶 (3) clang-tidy: ✓ (92) 🗶 (3)	2020-07-02 07:50:44	00:02:04	Show			6.13 (dbf5618c00 b26f41197d8 fa2f1599a37 58909924)	
00	app-framework-main@oneshot	35	<b>#</b> (36)	clangsa: ✔ (34) clang-tidy: ✔ (34)	2020-07-01 22:04:52	00:00:43	Show			6.13 (dbf5618c00 b26f41197d8 fa2f1599a37 58909924)	
00	agl-service-audiomixer	4	<b>\$</b> (4)	clang-tidy: ✔ (2) clangsa: ✔ (2)	2020-07-01 21:36:00	00:00:01	Show			6.13 (dbf5618c00 b26f41197d8 fa2f1599a37 58909924)	

#### Overview

Userspace tool CodeChecker is a set of python helpers

- main feature is that you wrap you build commands like so
   CodeChecker log -b "make" -o compilation.json
- This will preload a logger and store the compiler commands
- With the exact commands logged, we can replay the compilation using clang and its tools clang-tidy and clangSA

CodeChecker analyze compilation.json -o ./reports

#### Overview

From there you can 'parse' into reports

```
CodeChecker parse ./reports

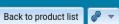
CodeChecker parse ./reports -e html -o
reports_html
```

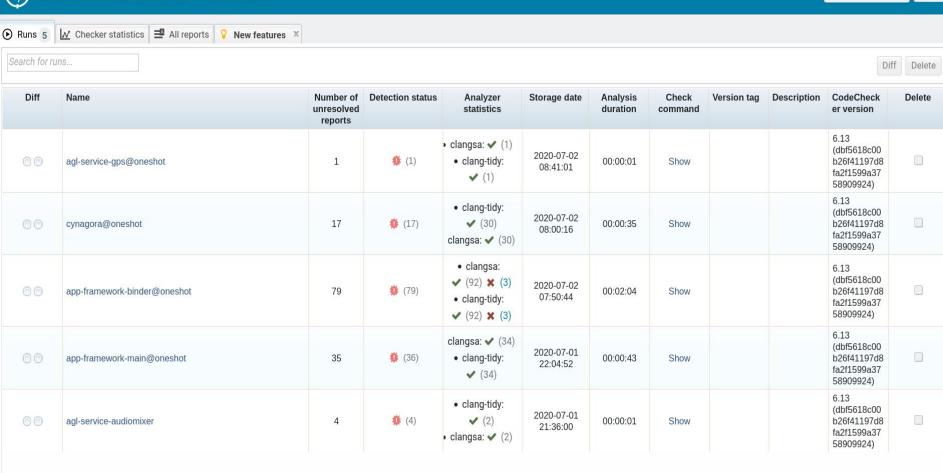
or 'store' online in webui/frontend

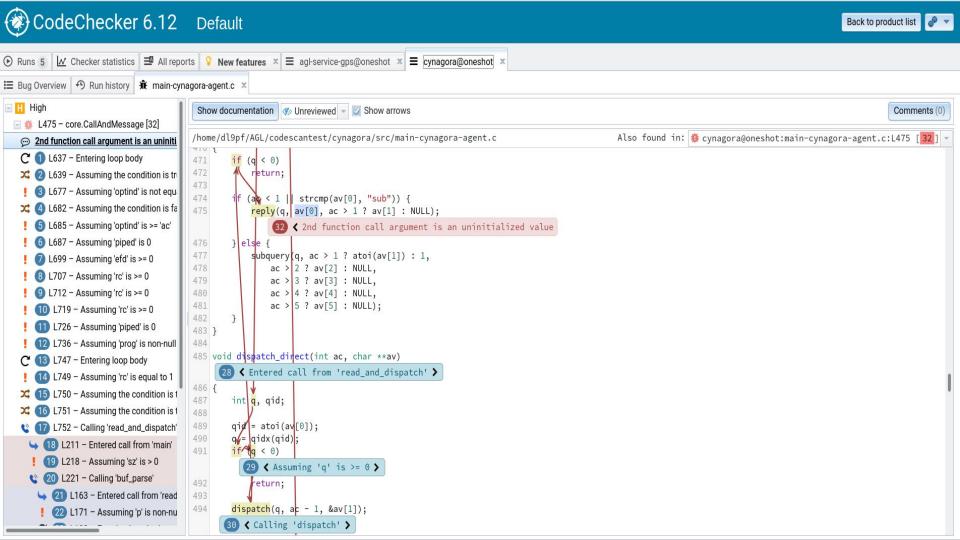
```
CodeChecker store ./reports --name mypkg@v0.9 \
--url http://localhost:8001/Default
```



#### CodeChecker 6.12 Default







# meta-codechecker - bitbake integration

- Integrates Codechecker seamlessly with bitbake
  - can write HTML reports
  - and upload to database
  - builds all necessary tools on-the-fly
    - requires meta-clang, meta-oe, meta-python



# meta-codechecker - Example: step-by-step

```
git clone https://github.com/kraj/meta-clang.git
git clone <a href="https://git.openembedded.org/meta-openembedded">https://git.openembedded.org/meta-openembedded</a>
git clone <a href="https://github.com/dl9pf/meta-codechecker.git">https://github.com/dl9pf/meta-codechecker.git</a>
# (check the meta-codechecker'S README.md)
qit clone https://qit.yoctoproject.org/qit/poky
source poky/oe-init-build-env build-test-codechecker
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-clang
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-openembedded/meta-oe
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-openembedded/meta-python
bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-codechecker
```



# meta-codechecker - Example: step-by-step

```
cat << EOF >> conf/local.conf
INHERIT += "codechecker"
#enable for all target packages:
CODECHECKER ENABLED class-target = "1"
 exempt clang
CODECHECKER ENABLED pn-clang = "0"
CODECHECKER REPORT HTML = "1"
EOF
```



# meta-codechecker - Example: step-by-step

```
bitbake core-image-minimal
tree tmp/deploy/CodeChecker/
```



# Summary, pros and cons

#### +++++++++++++++++

- CodeChecker can be used by developers and in CI
- complexity hidden by pre-loaded logger library
- straightforward workflow
- parsers into multiple formats
- Webui to store and browse/review results
- bitbake integration using meta-codechecker

documentation is good, but has a few dead links and such



# Summary & lookout

- Static Analysis can help improve your projects!
- Easy to use locally for development
- Integration to OpenEmbedded / Yocto Project

- Next:
  - promote use of tools
  - enhance meta-codechecker



## Q/A

Questions?
Answers!



# End

Thank you.

