Applied Static Analysis

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Simple Data-flow Analysis

You should use MyOPALProject as a template. That project is preconfigured to use the latest snapshot version of OPAL. You can clone the project using:

git clone --depth 1 https://bitbucket.org/OPAL-Project/myopalproject Project

Always ensure that you use the latest snapshot version. You can clean the latest (snapshot) version that you have downloaded using the command sbt cleanCache cleanLocal in your project's root folder.

An integrated JavaDoc of the latest snapshot version of OPAL that spans all subprojects can be found at: www.opal-project.de

For further details regarding the development of static analysis using OPAL see the OPAL tutorial.

You should develop the following analyses on top of the 3-address code representation (TACAI) offered by OPAL. Use the l1.DefaultDomainWithCFGAndDefUse domain and the ProjectInformationKey ComputeTACAIKey as the foundation for your analysis.

Use Arrays.equals

Develop an analysis which finds violations of the following rule taken from The CERT Oracle Secure Coding Standard for Java:

EXP02-J: Use the two-argument Arrays.equals() method to compare the contents of arrays.

Non-compliant example:

```
int[] a1 = new int[]{0};
int[] a2 = new int[]{0};
a1.equals(a2); // <= FALSE (performs a reference comparison)</pre>
```

Compliant example:

```
int[] a1 = new int[]{0};
int[] a2 = new int[]{0};
Arrays.equals(a1,a2); // <= TRUE (compares the content)</pre>
```

Recall that arrays are objects and that it is therefore possible to call those methods (e.g., wait, notify and equals) on arrays which are defined by <code>java.lang.Object</code>. Furthermore, the declared receiver of the call will be the class type <code>java.lang.Object</code>.

Tasks

- 1. Test your analysis using the class ArraysEquals.
- 2. Run your analysis against the JDK.

BigDecimal and Floating Point Literals

Develop an analysis which finds violations of the following rule taken from The CERT Oracle Secure Coding Standard for Java:

NUM10-J: Do not construct BigDecimal objects from floating-point literals.

Non-compliant example:

```
new BigDecimal(1.0f);
```

Compliant example:

```
new BigDecimal("1.0");
```

Tasks

- 1. How does the bytecode change, when you exchange the floating-point literal 1.0f (a float literal) against the floating-point literal 1.0d (a double literal).
- 2. Test your analysis using the class BigDecimalAndStringLiteral.
- 3. Run your analysis against the JDK.