Integration of Static Security Code Analysis in Continuous Integration Lifecycles

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Abstract—In our paper we present our research results for the question: How to integrate static code analysis for security in a common continuous integration (CI) process of software development. And evaluate the vulnerability reporting capabilities in Jenkins and the open source quality management tool SonarQube. We used the popular CI tool Jenkins on a NIST standardized C test project¹ with a variety of vulnerabilities. Thereby we included a couple of static analysis tools in Jenkins for finding bugs and vulnerabilities during build and after the build process. Furthermore we analyzed how input validation is deployed in popular PHP frameworks.

I. Introduction

Content from our slides...about input validation and how static code analysis works. Limitation on open source, static analysis tools. Jenkins, SonarQube...and why [1]. Content of our paper, what comes when blabla...

II. INPUT VALIDATION IN POPULAR FRAMEWORKS

Check those http://codegeekz.com/20-best-php-frameworks-developers-august-2014/ and make a table how input validation is handled there...

III. STATIC CODE ANALYSIS IN JENKINS

Used test suite: wireshark 1.8 from NIST testsuites with 85 vulnerabilities. Because its C, because its one of the most security critical languages and there are many good analyzers for C. Why not Juliet TestSuite with 65 000 vulnerabilities? Because they are collections of testcases and not a easily buildable project and the analysis and build process would take to long to evaluate the reporting features of the analyzers.

Todo: Table with tools with pros and cons

IV. STATIC CODE ANALYSIS IN SONARQUBE

V. EVALUATION OF REPORTING CAPABILITIES

Definition for userfriendly vulnerability reporting needed! Metrics for evaluation of reports needed and need to be mapped on the useability definition.

Installiere Plugins/Aktualisierungen

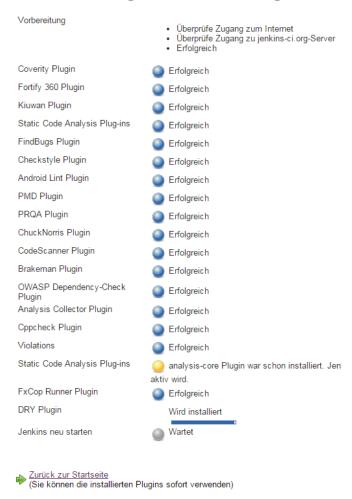


Fig. 1. Just a few used Jenkins plugins for static code analysis

- A. Jenkins
- B. SonarQube

VI. CONCLUSION

- Conclusion about how input validation is done in frameworks, what can be better ...
- Conclusion, is it better to integrate static analysis in Jenkins or just use SonarQubeits really not that

¹http://samate.nist.gov/SRD/testsuite.php

easy to find the right static code analyzer for your project with a specific programming language. There are lots of open source tools, but very old and just supported by Jenkins over hacks.

- Conclusion, is reporting in Jenkins useable
- Future work: Using many tools is basically a good idea, because more tools find potentially more vulnerabilities. A future approach would be to implement a tool that can filter all the generated reports. Thereby duplicate vulnerabilities findings can be merged and false positives can be reduced.

VII. SOURCES AND USEFUL LINKS

- Building Security In Using Continuous Integration
- TeamCity
 Supports static code analysis. Also, it can import analysis reports produced by these tools: PMD, PMD/CPD, FindBugs, Checkstyle or JSLint.
- Jenkins
- Apache Continuum

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