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# Improve the Safety of Extract Local Variable Refactorings concerning ClassCasts #331 #333

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jjohnstn merged 6 commits into `eclipse-jdt:master` from `chixiaye:issue331_ClassCasts` on Jan 10

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 chixiaye commented on Nov 15, 2022

This is a patch based on the solution explained in the bug report.  
The main changed file is `Checker.java` , the description of the modification of this file is as follows:

## 1. Implement Void ClassCasts Exception

Compared with the solution proposed in the original issue, we apply a more generalized solution. First, we traverse the selected expression and create a mapping from expression to type for each `CastExpression` . Second, we validate the code snippet between the variable declaration and the first expression matching the selected expression. If we detect the `InstanceOfExpression` and value corresponding to the key value, `leftOperand` of `InstanceOfExpression` , is equal to the `rightOperand` of `InstanceOfExpression` or its supertype, we would assert that such extracting is unsafe.

## 2. Refactoring

Considering this class not only aims at avoiding `NullPointerException` but also `ClassCastException`, we renamed it to `Check` and renamed the inner class `NullMiddleCodeVisitor` to `MiddleCodeVisitor` . Besides, we removed some private fields of the inner classes to make the code more concise.



 liuhuigmail mentioned this pull request on Nov 25, 2022

Incorrect "Extract Variable" refactoring, resulting in `NullPointerException` #39

 Closed

 jjohnstn requested changes on Dec 1, 2022

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jjohnstn left a comment

Looks good but a few comments to address.



...clipse.jdt.ui/core refactoring/org/eclipse/jdt/internal/corext/refactoring/  
util/Checker.java

Outdated

233	+		this.castFlag= true;
234	+		return false;
235	+		}
236	+		}



jjohnstn on Dec 1, 2022

If we have an InstanceOfExpression, we can't match the InfixExpression nor set the target variable so just return here or move line 237 up to the top and then make the InfixExpression node check an else if.



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42	46		
43	47	import	org.eclipse.jdt.internal.corext.dom.fragments.ASTFragmentFactory;
44	48	import	org.eclipse.jdt.internal.corext.dom.fragments.IASTFragment;
45	49		
46		-	public class NullChecker {
	50	+	public class Checker {



jjohnstn on Dec 1, 2022

IMO, Checker is a very generic name. I might propose UnsafeCheckTester but regardless of a name change a class javadoc comment would be helpful.



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util/Checker.java


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77		-	NullMiddleCodeVisitor nullMiddleCodeVisitor= new NullMiddleCode
78		-	this.fCommonNode.accept(nullMiddleCodeVisitor);
79		-	return nullMiddleCodeVisitor.hasNullCheck();


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public boolean hasCheck() {

jjohnstn on Dec 1, 2022

With my change to the class name, I propose hasUnsafeCheck()



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util/Checker.java

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InstanceOfExpression instanceofExpression= (Ins

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Expression leftOperand= [getOriginalExpression\(i](#)

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Type rightOperand= instanceofExpression.[getRigh](#)


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ITypeBinding resolveBinding= rightOperand.[resol](#)

jjohnstn on Dec 1, 2022

Need to check the result of resolveBinding here as well.



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util/Checker.java

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this.nullFlag= true;

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return false;

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}

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return super.preVisit2(node);

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private boolean hasInheritanceRelationship(ITypeBinding itb1, I


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jjohnstn on Dec 1, 2022

There are also interfaces to check which getSuperClass() does not return.




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util/Checker.java


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144 + fMatchNodePosHashMap.put(expression.get  
145 + }  
146 + }  
147 +

 **jjohnstn** on Dec 1, 2022


I would suggest you move the following local var decl line to top and then make the next if statement an "else if" since a node cannot both be a CastExpression and a MethodInvocation, etc...





chixiaye commented on Dec 6, 2022 • edited

@jjohnstn Hi, as you suggested, we improved the relevant code. I think the check of resolveBinding can be merged into the check that `getSuperClass()` does not return, so I did not add an extra resolveBinding check.




  **liuhuigmail** mentioned this pull request on Dec 7, 2022

Improve the Safety of "Extract Local Variable" Refactorings concerning ClassCasts #331

Closed


liuhuigmail commented on Dec 10, 2022

@jjohnstn Please let us known if there is anything deserving further improvement. Thank you.



jjohnstn commented on Dec 13, 2022

@liuhuigmail Will look at it today or tomorrow. I was on vacation last week and will be on vacation from Dec 19th onward.



liuhuigmail commented on Dec 14, 2022

@jjohnstn Thank you. Wish you happy holidays!



jjohnstn commented on Dec 15, 2022 • edited ▼

Hi, everything looks good except you haven't fixed `hasInheritanceRelationship()` to handle interfaces. For example, you could have:

```
public interface A {
    public int getInt();
}

public class B implements A {
    public int getInt() {
        return 7;
    }
}

public class C {
    public void foo(Object obj) {
        if ((obj instanceof A) && ((A)obj).getInt() > 3) {
            ....
        }
    }
}
```

If an instance of B is passed to `C.foo()` and the user asks to put the 2nd part of the if statement in a local variable, your logic for `hasInheritanceRelationship()` won't catch it because `getSuperClass()` only finds those types specified

in an "extends" clause, but not an "implements" clause so you will never find a match with interface A. There is a separate call for getting interfaces `getInterfaces()` that needs to be called in addition to `getSuperClass()` and you should make the method recursive. Essentially you can check the passed in class and all of its interfaces, then recursively call for each of the interfaces and with the super class if it exists. This will ensure you check the whole inheritance tree. Each recursive call can check if you get a match and stop the recursion.



jjohnstn commented on Dec 15, 2022

@chixiaye BTW: I added a N&N entry for your previous null check fix in 2022-12 and it made the release video:

<https://youtu.be/jJau4kUoLrA>



liuhuigmail commented on Dec 15, 2022

@jjohnstn Thank you for the comments. We will fix it quickly and resubmit the patch.  
By the way, we have submitted another issue concerning the Extract Local Varialbe refactoring (#348).  
Would you please kindly have a look and let us known whether it is ok for us to prepare a patch (pull request) as we specified in the issue report. Thanks.



chixiaye commented on Dec 17, 2022

Hi, the method `hasInheritanceRelationship` has been improved to identify the inheritance concerning the interface. And the implementation of `hasInheritanceRelationship` has also been changed to a recursive form. Besides, Test-128 and Test-129 were added to verify the inheritance relationship between classes and interfaces. Test-130 and Test-131 were added to test the inheritance relationship between interfaces.



 chixiaye mentioned this pull request on Jan 6

Improve the Safety of "Extract Local Variable" Refactorings by Identifying the Side Effect of Selected Expression #348

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jjohnstn approved these changes on Jan 7

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jjohnstn approved these changes on Jan 7

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jjohnstn left a comment



Looks good. Just need to get build working.




jjohnstn commented on Jan 7


/rebase





-  **chixiaye** added 5 commits 4 months ago
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 remove duplicate code


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 rename, add null check and optimize code logic

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 improve hasInheritanceRelationship

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 change pos to pos,len

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  **github-actions** bot force-pushed the `issue331_ClassCasts` branch from `f6bc685` to `42d68a8`

4 months ago

Compare

**jjohnstn** commented on Jan 7

Hi @chixiaye, please look at the results of the latest build. There is a warning and the build is failing due to -failonwarning being specified. It is complaining about using int as a key for a Map.



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 fix warning


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**jjohnstn** commented on Jan 10

Thanks @chixiaye. Looks good.







 **jjohnstn** merged commit `0737399` into `eclipse-jdt:master` on Jan 10

3 checks passed

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  **jjohnstn** added the `enhancement` label on Jan 10

  **jjohnstn** added this to the `4.27 M2` milestone on Jan 10

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jjohnstn

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Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

3 participants

