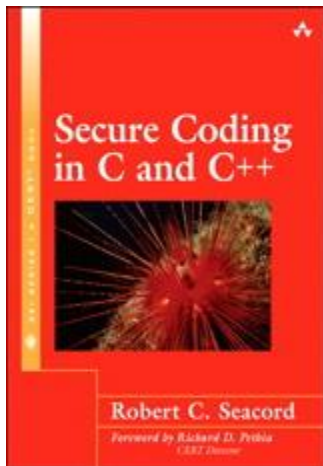


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# Upcoming Course:

# Secure Coding in C and C++



November 3-6, 2009

Arlington, VA

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# 13<sup>th</sup> International Software Product Line Conference 2009 (SPLC)

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Effectively using software product lines improves time to market, cost, productivity, and quality. They also enable rapid market entry and flexible response. And, using software product lines simplifies software maintenance and enhancement.

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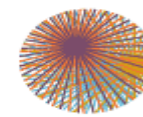
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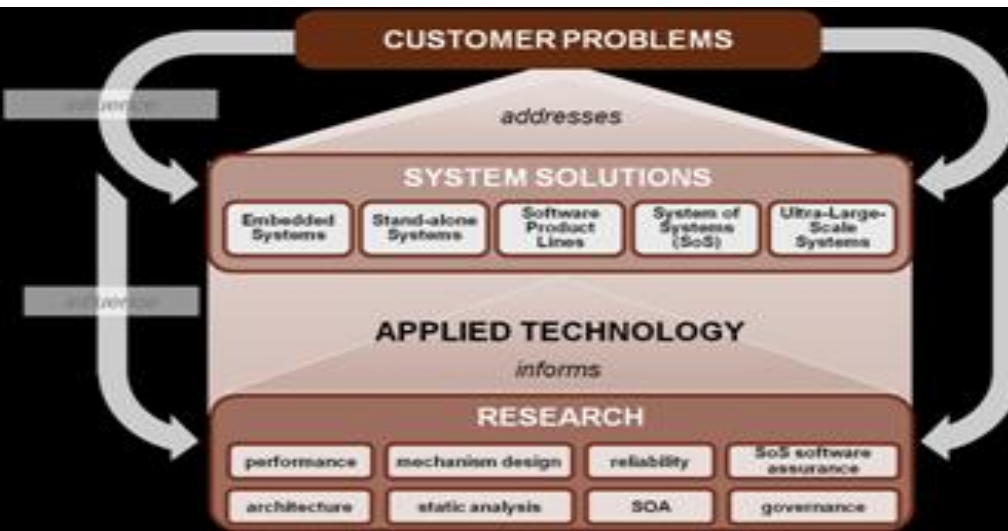
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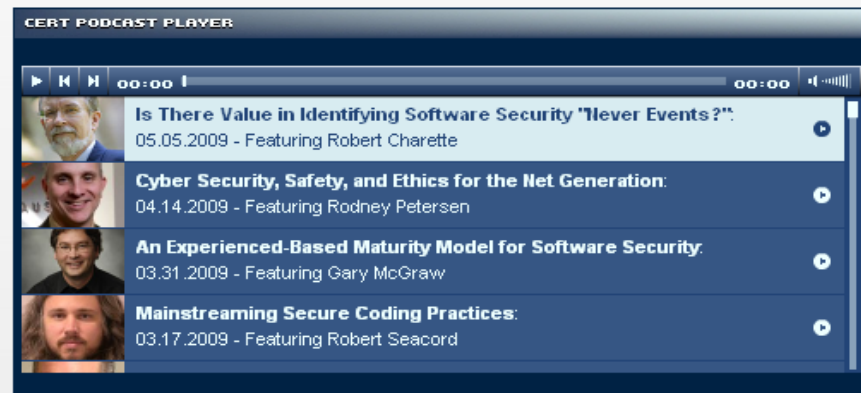
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Practicing strong information and cyber security is a nonnegotiable requirement for organizations doing business today. However, building security into an existing corporate culture is a complex undertaking. This series of podcasts provides both general principles and specific starting points for business leaders who want to launch an enterprise-wide security effort or make sure their existing security program is as good as it can be.

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# **SEI Webinar Series: Secure Coding**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Robert C. Seacord**



# Presenter Bio

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**Robert Seacord** began programming (professionally) for IBM in 1982 and has been programming in C since 1985. Robert leads the Secure Coding Initiative at the CERT, located at Carnegie Mellon's Software Engineering Institute (SEI). He is author of *The CERT C Secure Coding Standard* (Addison-Wesley, 2009), *Secure Coding in C and C++* (Addison-Wesley, 2005), *Building Systems from Commercial Components* (Addison-Wesley, 2002) and *Modernizing Legacy Systems* (Addison-Wesley, 2003).

# How did you hear about this webinar?

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- Invitation
- SEI Website
- SEI member Bulletin
- LinkedIn or Twitter
- Programming Language Special Interest Group

# Secure Coding Initiative

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## Initiative Goals

Work with [software developers](#) and [software development organizations](#) to eliminate vulnerabilities resulting from coding errors before they are deployed.

## Overall Thrusts

Advance the [state of the practice](#) in secure coding

Identify common programming errors that lead to software vulnerabilities

Establish standard secure coding practices

Educate software developers

## Current Capabilities

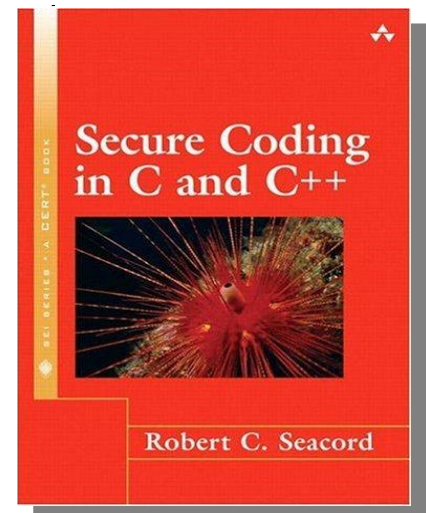
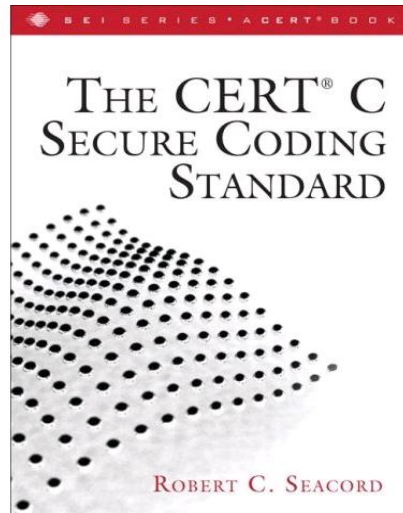
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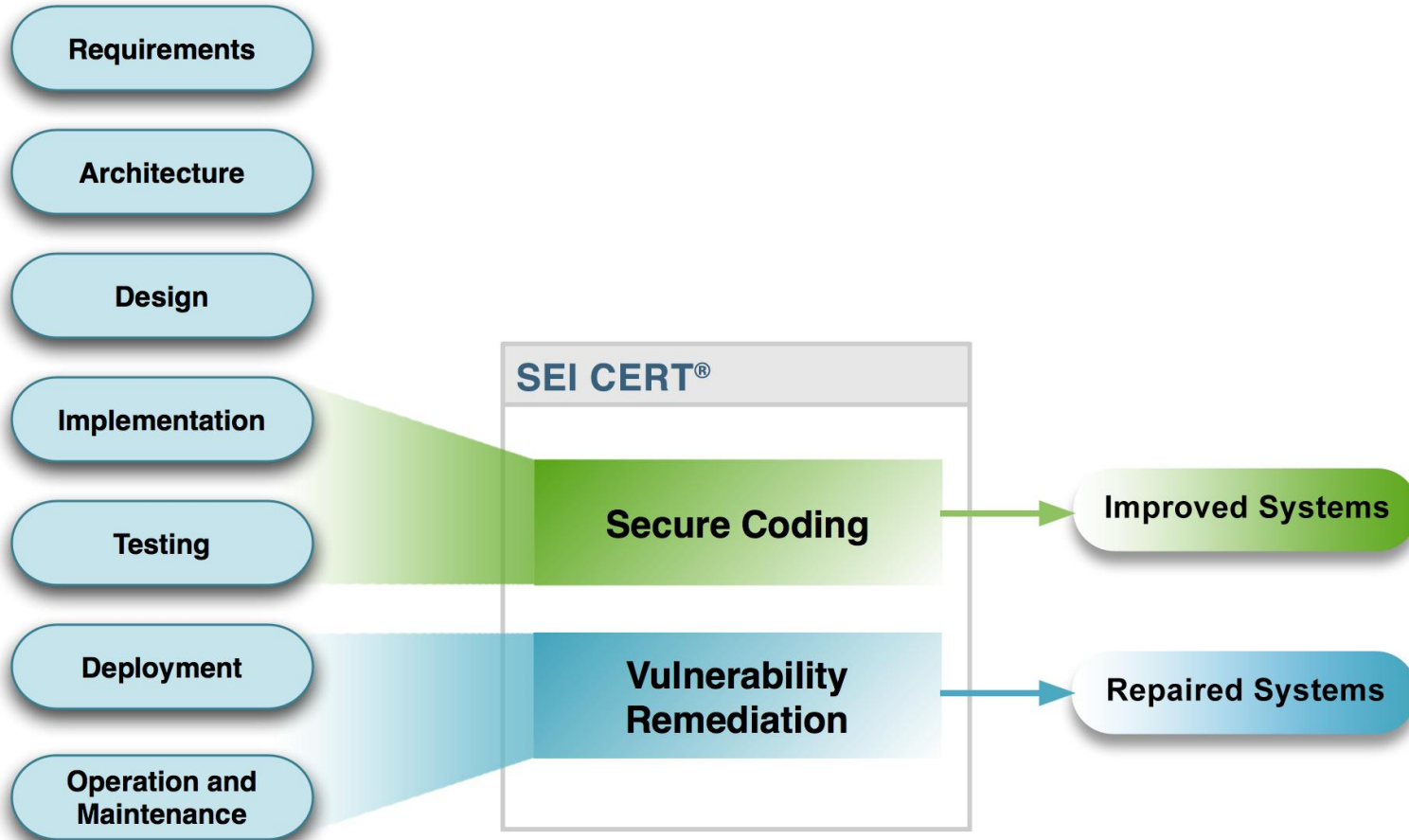
Source code analysis and conformance testing

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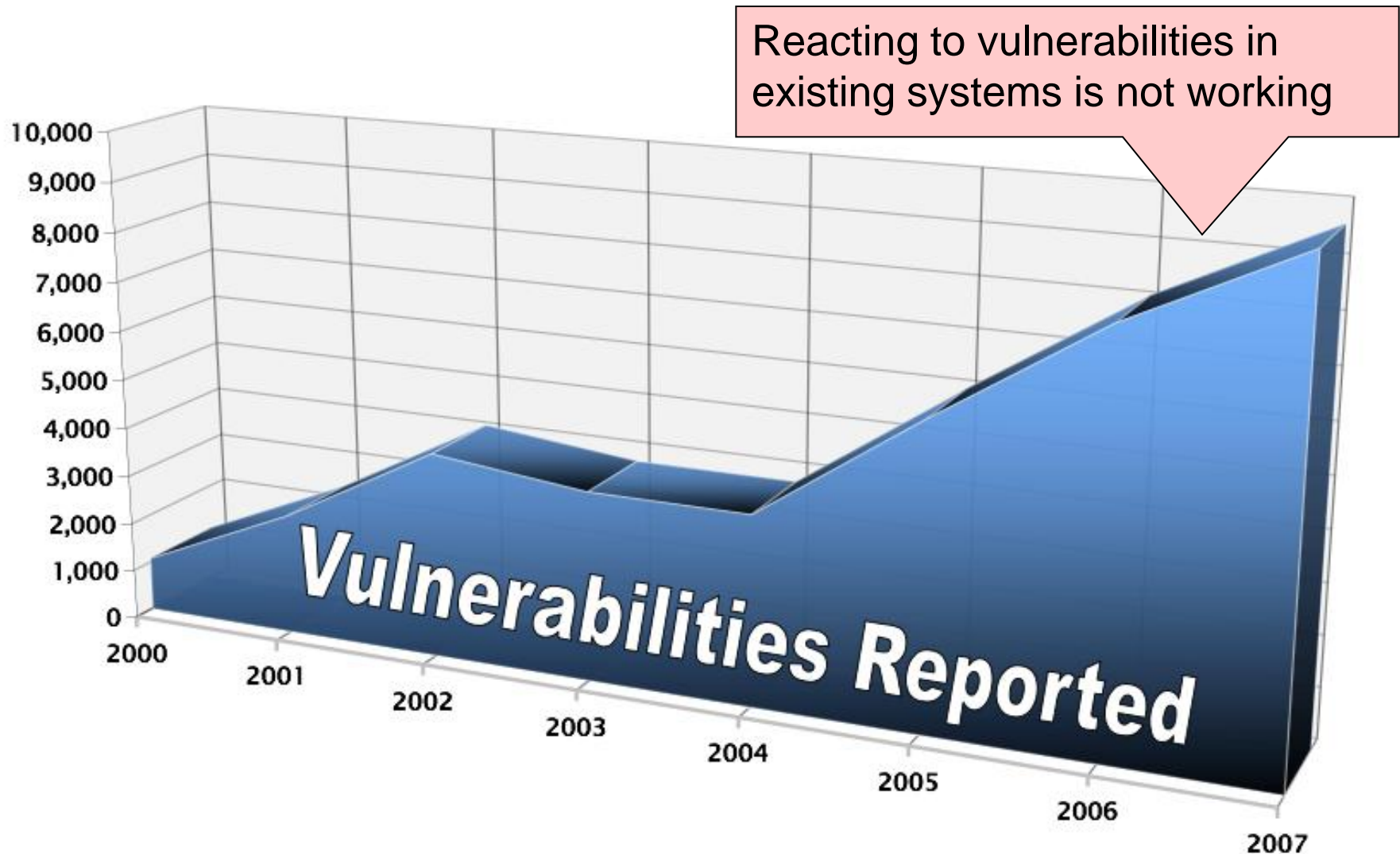
Involved in international standards development.



# Secure Coding in the SDLC



# Increasing Vulnerabilities



# CERT Secure Coding Initiative

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**Reduce** the number of vulnerabilities to a level where they can be handled by computer security incident response teams (CSIRTs)

**Decrease** remediation costs by eliminating vulnerabilities *before* software is deployed

# Poll

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What programming languages is primarily used by your department / group / organization?

- a) C
- b) C++
- c) Java
- d) Scripting
- e) Other



# Fun With Integers

```
char x, y;  
x = -128;  
y = -x;
```

**Lesson:** Process is irrelevant without a strong fundamental knowledge of the language and environment

```
if (x == y) puts("1");  
if ((x - y) == 0) puts("2");  
if ((x + y) == 2 * x) puts("3");  
if (((char)(-x) + x) != 0) puts("4");  
if (x != -y) puts("5");
```

**Breadth of impact**

**Time**

**2003**

**2010**

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- Purdue
- University of Florida
- Santa Clara University
- St. John Fisher College

**SEI Secure Coding Course**

**Licensed to:**

- Computer Associates
- Siemens
- SANS

**Influence International Standard Bodies**

**ISO** **IEC**

**Adoption by Analyzer Tools**

**Tool Test Suite**

**Application Conformance Testing**

**Adoption by software developers**

- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
- General Atomics

**python**

**C++**

**Java**

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**GENERAL ATOMICS**  
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

```
char *string_data;
char a[100];

#define A_SIZE 100
char *string_data;
char a[A_SIZE];
...
if (strlen(string_data) > A_SIZE)
    strcpy(a, string_data);
else {
    /* string too large */
}
```

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# CERT Secure Coding Standards

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Establish coding guidelines for commonly used programming languages that can be used to improve the security of software systems under development

Based on documented standard language versions as defined by official or de facto standards organizations

Secure coding standards are under development for:

- C programming language (ISO/IEC 9899:1999)
- C++ programming language (ISO/IEC 14882-2003)
- Java Platform Standard Edition 6

# Secure Coding Web Site (Wiki)

[www.securecoding.cert.org](http://www.securecoding.cert.org)

The screenshot shows the CERT Secure Coding Standards Wiki page. At the top is the CERT logo and navigation tabs for Software Assurance, Secure Systems, Organizational Security, and Coordinated Response. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: Dashboard > Secure Coding > CERT Secure Coding Standards. The main content area is titled "Secure Coding CERT Secure Coding Standards" and includes a welcome message from the Confluence Administrator, last edited by Robert Seacord on Sep 08, 2008. A sidebar on the left contains links to Standards Overview, C Language, C++, Java, CERT Websites, CERT Secure Coding Tech Tips, CERT Employment Opportunities, and Related Sites including US-CERT. The main content area also features a "Welcome to the Secure Coding Web Site" message and a "Development Guidelines" link.

Rules are solicited from the community

Published as candidate rules and recommendations on the CERT Wiki.

Threaded discussions used for public vetting

Candidate coding practices are moved into a secure coding standard when consensus is reached

# Noncompliant Examples & Compliant Solutions

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## Noncompliant Code Example

In this noncompliant code example, the `char` pointer `p` is initialized to the address of a string literal. Attempting to modify the string literal results in undefined behavior.

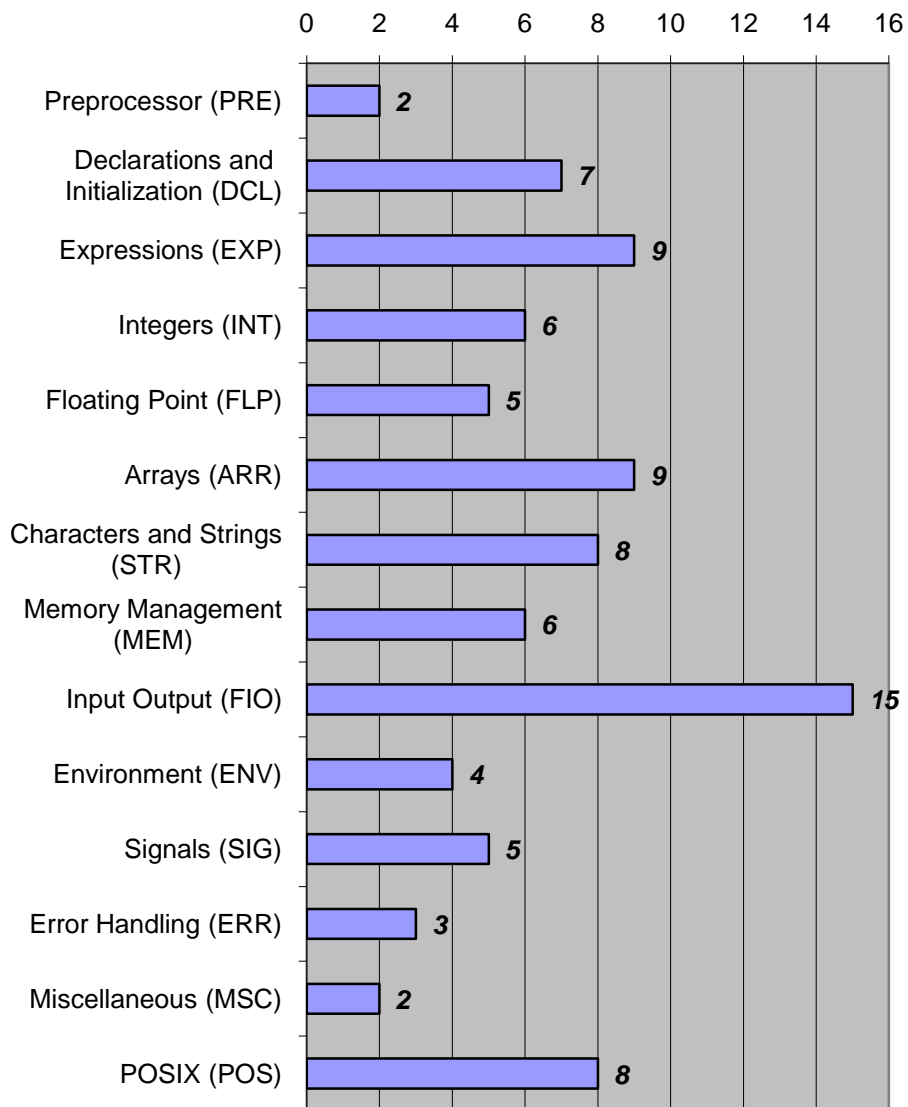
```
char *p = "string literal"; p[0] = 'S';
```

## Compliant Solution

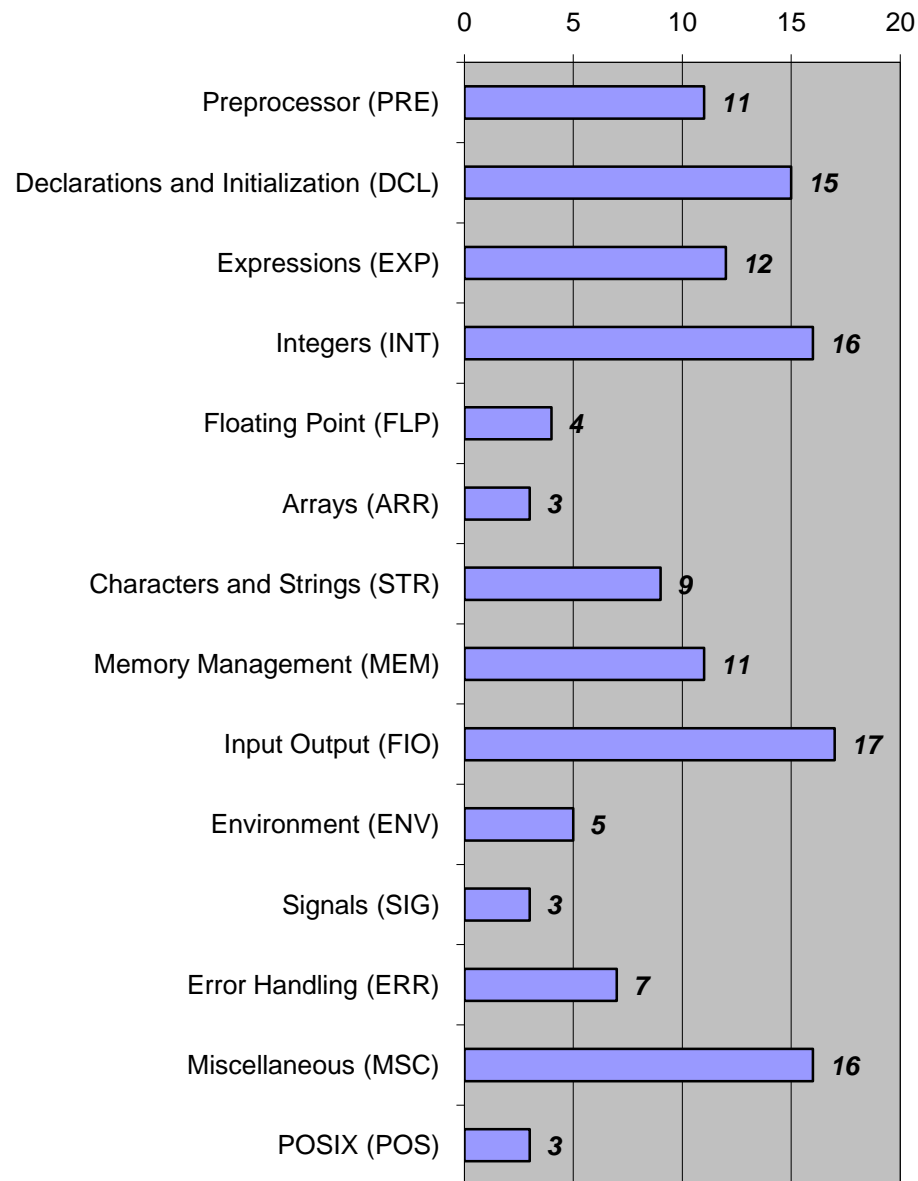
As an array initializer, a string literal specifies the initial values of characters in an array as well as the size of the array. This code creates a copy of the string literal in the space allocated to the character array `a`. The string stored in `a` can be safely modified.

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char a[] = "string literal"; a[0] = 'S';
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## CERT C Secure Coding Standard Rules (89)



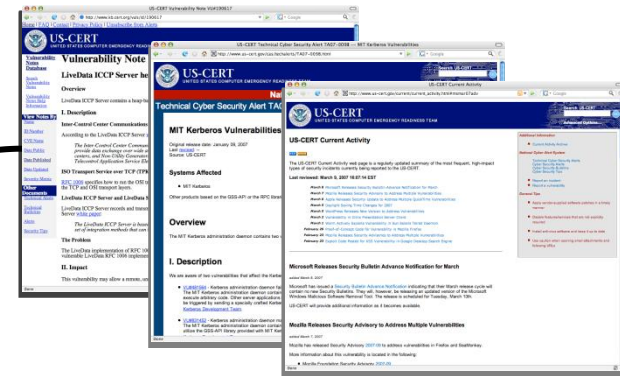
## CERT C Secure Coding Standard Recommendations (132)



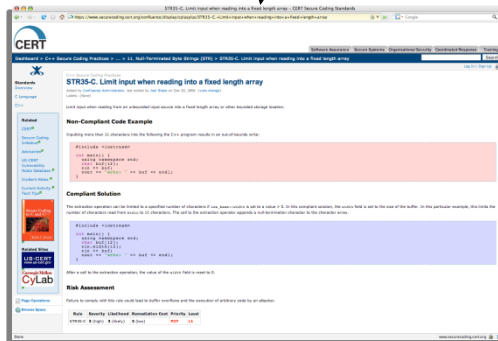
# CERT Mitigation Information

## Vulnerability Note VU#649732

This vulnerability occurred as a result of failing to comply with rule [FIO30-C](#) of the CERT C Programming Language Secure Coding Standard.



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CERT Secure Coding Standard

Examples of vulnerabilities resulting from the violation of this recommendation can be found on the [CERT website](#).



# Secure Coding Standard Applications

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Establish secure coding practices within an organization

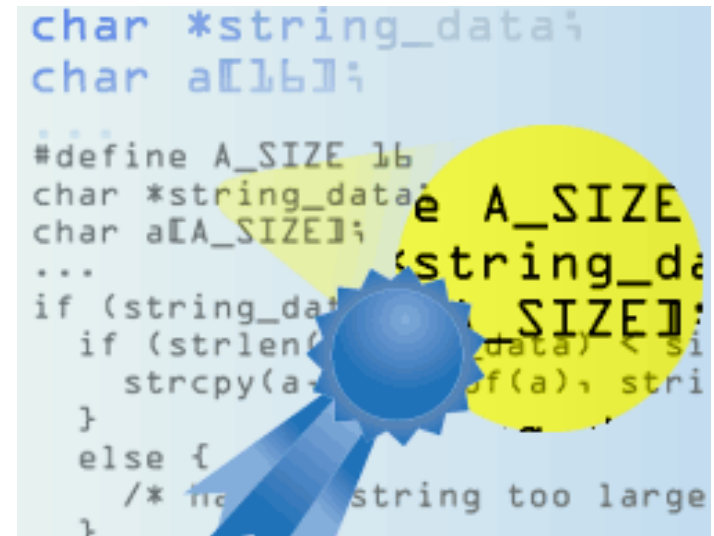
- may be extended with organization-specific rules
- cannot replace or remove existing rules

Train software professionals

Certify programmers in secure coding

Establish requirements for software analysis tools

Certify software systems

A graphic showing a snippet of C code. The code is: 

```
char *string_data;  
char a[16];  
  
#define A_SIZE 16  
char *string_data; e A_SIZE  
char a[A_SIZE];  
...  
if (string_data < A_SIZE) {  
    if (strlen(string_data) < si  
        strcpy(a, string_data);  
    }  
else {  
    /* No string too large  
}
```

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# Industry Adoption

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Software developers that require code to conform to The CERT C Secure Coding Standard:

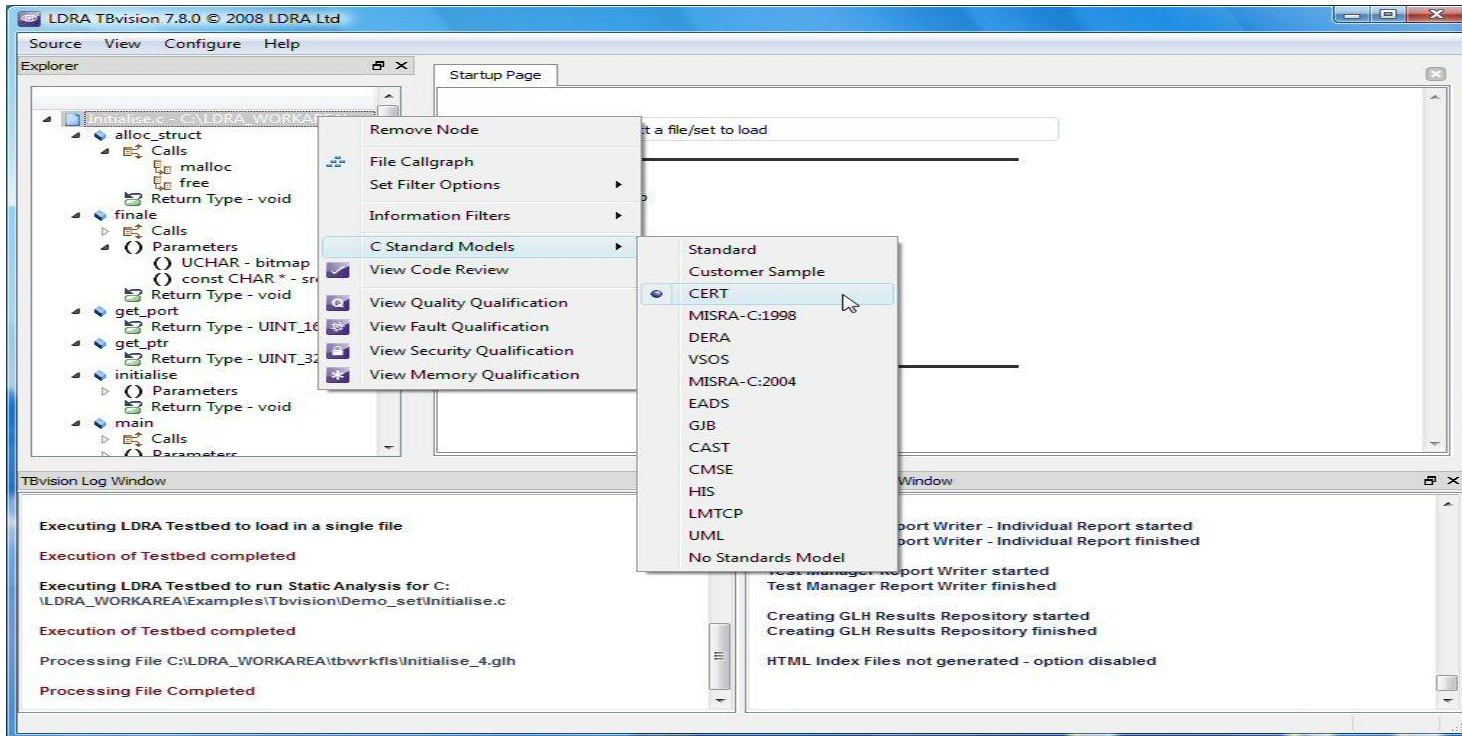


Software tools that (partially) enforce The CERT C Secure Coding Standard:



# Industry Adoption

## LDRA ships new TBsecure™ complete with CERT C Secure Coding programming checker



Screenshot from the LDRA tool suite shows the selection of the CERT C secure coding standard from the C standards models

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# Enforcing Coding Standards

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Increasingly, application source code reviews are dictated.



The **Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard** requires that companies with stored credit card or other consumer financial data

- install application firewalls around all Internet-facing applications or
- have all the applications' code reviewed for security flaws.

This requirement could be met by a manual review of application source code or the proper use of automated application source code analyzer tools.

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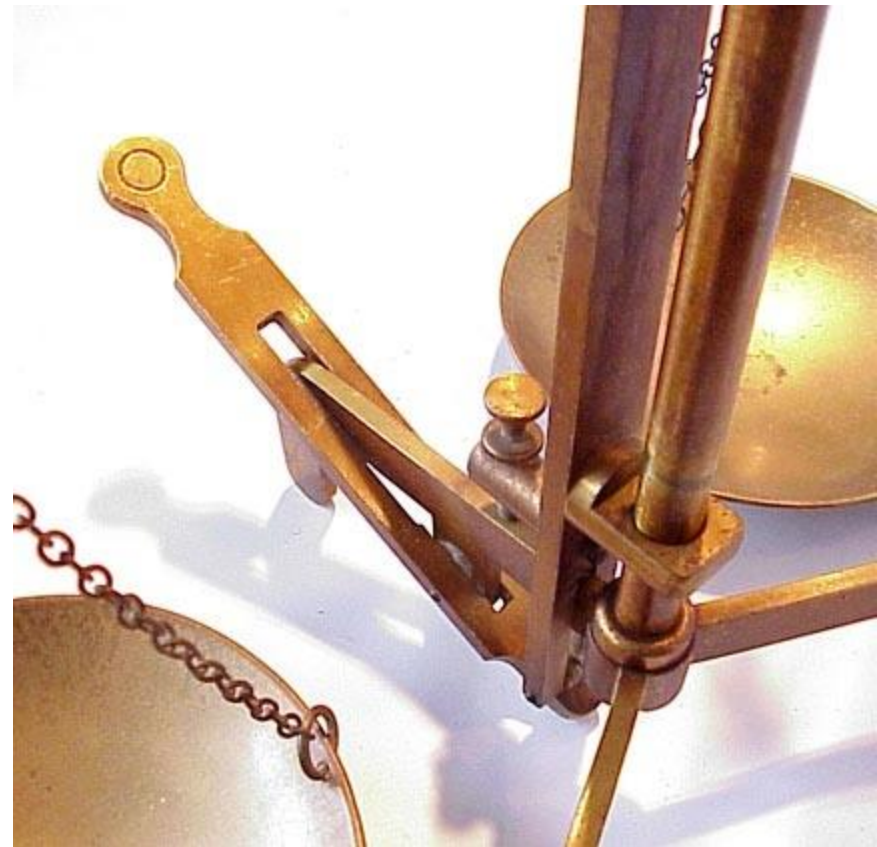
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Satisfy demand for source code assessments for both government and industry organizations.

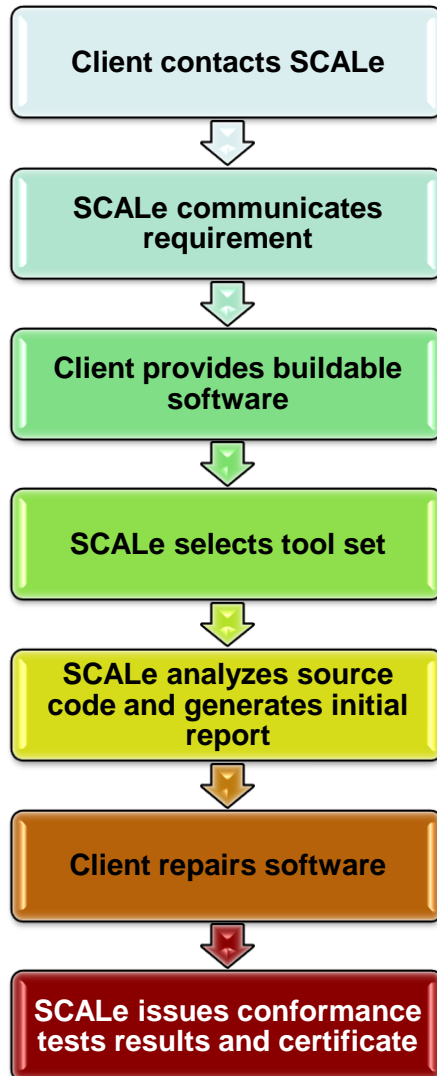
Assess source code against one or more secure coding standards.

Provided a detailed report of findings.

Assist customers in developing conforming systems.



# Conformance Testing



The use of secure coding standards defines a proscriptive set of rules and recommendations to which the source code can be evaluated for compliance.

INT30-C.	Provably nonconforming
INT31-C.	Documented deviation
INT32-C.	Conforming
INT33-C.	Provably Conforming

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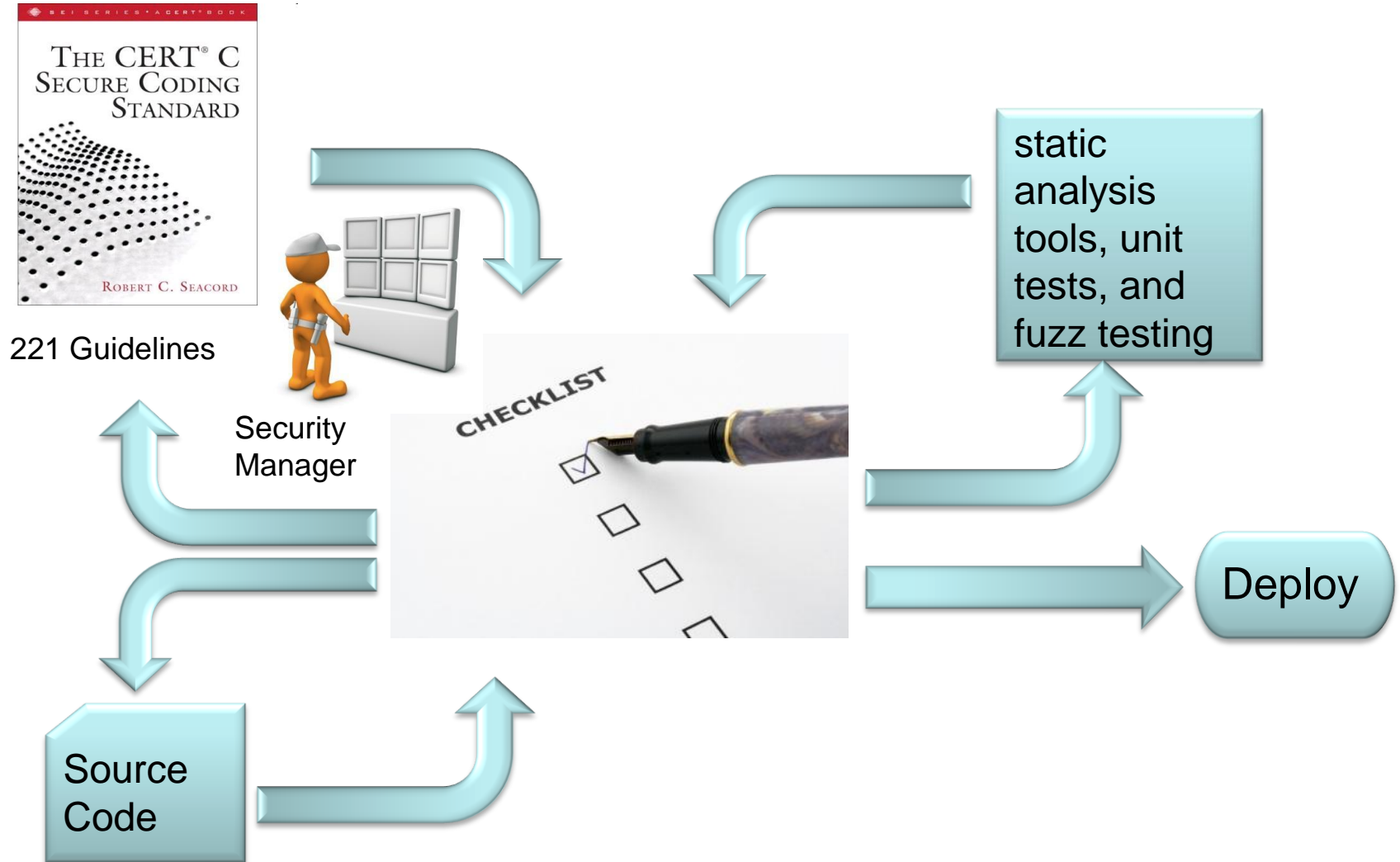
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# Secure Coding in C/C++ Course

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Four day course provides practical guidance on secure programming

- provides a detailed explanation of common programming errors
- describes how errors can lead to vulnerable code
- evaluates available mitigation strategies
- <http://www.sei.cmu.edu/products/courses/p63.html>

Useful to anyone involved in developing secure C and C++ programs regardless of the application

Direct offerings in Pittsburgh, Arlington, and other cities

Partnered with industry

- Licensed to Computer Associates to train 9000+ internal software developers
- Licensed to SANS to provide public training

# CMU CS 15-392 Secure Programming

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Offered as an undergraduate elective in the School of Computer Science in S07, S08 and S09

- More of a vocational course than an “enduring knowledge” course.
- Students are interested in taking a class that goes beyond “policy”

Secure Software Engineering graduate course offered at INI in F08, F09

Working with NSF to sponsor a workshop in Mauritius to help universities throughout the world teach secure coding

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# As-if Infinitely Ranged (AIR) Integers

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AIR integers is a model for automating the elimination of integer overflow and truncation in C and C++ code.

- integer operations either succeed or trap
- uses the runtime-constraint handling mechanisms defined by ISO/IEC TR 24731-1
- generates constraint violations for
  - signed overflow for **addition**, **subtraction**, **multiplication**, **negation**, and **left shifts**
  - unsigned wrapping for **addition**, **subtraction**, and **multiplication**
  - truncation resulting from coercion (not included in benchmarks)

## SPECINT2006 macro-benchmarks

Optimization Level	Control Ratio	Analyzable Ratio	% Slowdown
-O0	4.92	4.60	6.96
-O1	7.21	6.77	6.50
-O2	7.38	6.99	5.58

# CERT C and C++

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Develop a holistic solution to the problem that includes

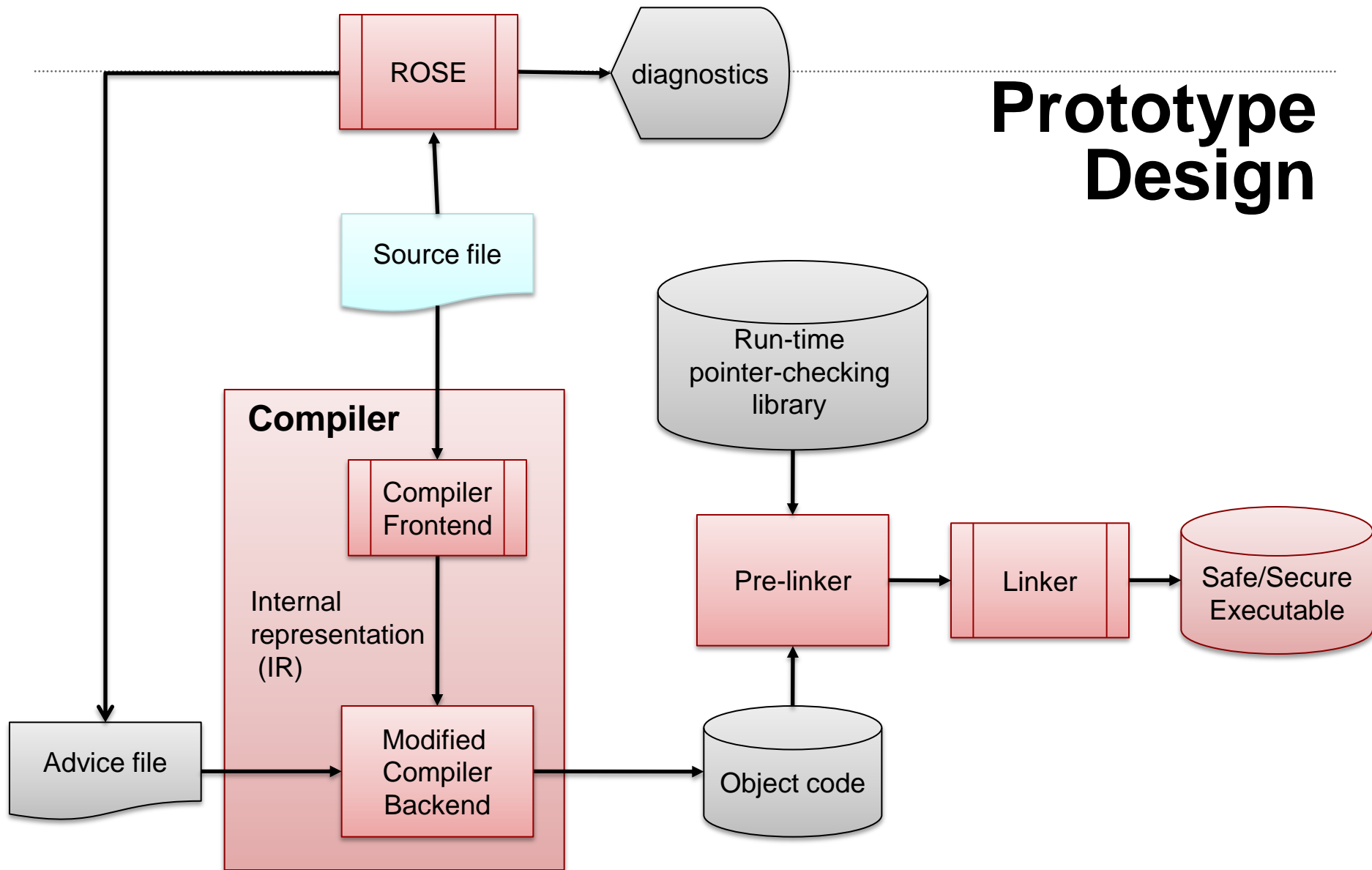
- An analyzability annex for the C1X standard
- As-if infinitely ranged (“AIR”) integers
- Safe Secure C/C++ methods (SSCC)
- C and C++ Secure Coding Guidelines

This solution eliminates the vulnerabilities:

- Writing outside the bounds of an object (e.g., buffer overflow)
- Reading outside the bounds of an object
- Arbitrary reads/writes (e.g., wild-pointer stores)
- Integer overflow and truncation

Prototype using Compass/ROSE and GCC

# Prototype Design





# Poll

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Would you like to receive email announcements about secure coding in the future?

- a) Yes
- b) No

# For More Information

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