Experiment No: 07

Aim: To investigate Static Analysis (SAST) techniques and demonstrate the integration of Jenkins with SonarQube for assessing code quality..

Theory:

Overview of SAST:

Static application security testing (SAST), or static analysis, is a testing methodology that analyzes source code to find security vulnerabilities that make your organization's applications susceptible to attack. SAST scans an application before the code is compiled. It's also known as white box testing.

Challenges Addressed by SAST:

SAST takes place very early in the software development life cycle (SDLC) as it does not require a working application and can take place without code being executed. It helps developers identify vulnerabilities in the initial stages of development and quickly resolve issues without breaking builds or passing on vulnerabilities to the final release of the application.

SAST tools give developers real-time feedback as they code, helping them fix issues before they pass the code to the next phase of the SDLC. This prevents security-related issues from being considered an afterthought. SAST tools also provide graphical representations of the issues found, from source to sink. These help you navigate the code easier. Some tools point out the exact location of vulnerabilities and highlight the risky code. Tools can also provide in-depth guidance on how to fix issues and the best place in the code to fix them, without requiring deep security domain expertise.

It's important to note that SAST tools must be run on the application on a regular basis, such as during daily/monthly builds, every time code is checked in, or during a code release.

Importance of SAST:

Developers dramatically outnumber security staff. It can be challenging for an organization to find the resources to perform code reviews on even a fraction of its applications. A key strength of SAST tools is the ability to analyze 100% of the codebase. Additionally, they are much faster than manual secure code reviews performed by humans. These tools can scan millions of lines of code in a matter of minutes. SAST tools automatically identify critical vulnerabilities—such as buffer overflows, SQL injection, cross-site scripting, and others—with high confidence. Thus, integrating static analysis into the SDLC can yield dramatic results in the overall quality of the code developed.

Key Steps for Effective SAST:

There are six simple steps needed to perform SAST efficiently in organizations that have a very large number of applications built with different languages, frameworks, and platforms.

1. **Finalize the tool.** Select a static analysis tool that can perform code reviews of applications written in the programming languages you use. The tool should also be able to comprehend the underlying framework used by your software.

2. **Setup Infrastructure:** This step involves handling the licensing requirements, setting up access control and authorization, and procuring the resources required (e.g., servers and databases) to deploy the tool.

3. **Customize the tool.** Fine-tune the tool to suit the needs of the organization. For example, you might configure it to reduce false positives or find additional security vulnerabilities by writing new rules or updating existing ones. Integrate the tool into the build environment, create dashboards for tracking scan results, and build custom reports.

4. **Prioritize and onboard applications.** Once the tool is ready, onboard your applications. If you have a large number of applications, prioritize the high-risk applications to scan first. Eventually, all your applications should be onboarded and scanned regularly, with application scans synced with release cycles, daily or monthly builds, or code check-ins.

5. **Analyze scan results.** This step involves triaging the results of the scan to remove false positives. Once the set of issues is finalized, they should be tracked and provided to the deployment teams for proper and timely remediation.

6. **Educate developers.** Proper governance ensures that your development teams are employing the scanning tools properly. The software security touchpoints should be present within the SDLC. SAST should be incorporated as part of your application development and deployment process.

## Integrating Jenkins with SonarQube:

Prerequisites:

- Installed Jenkins

- Docker setup for SonarQube

- Access to the SonarQube Docker image

Steps to integrate Jenkins with SonarQube

1. Navigate to Jenkins at localhost:8000.

2. Launch SonarQube using Docker and confirm accessibility at port 9000.

```
C:\Users\ADMIN>docker run -d --name sonarqube -e SONAR_ES_BOOTSTRAP_CHECKS_DISABLE=true -p 9000:9000 sonarqube:latest
Unable to find image 'sonarqube:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/sonarqube
7478e0ac0f23: Pull complete
90a925ab929a: Pull complete
7d9a34308537: Pull complete
80338217a4ab: Pull complete
1a5fd5c7e184: Pull complete
7b87d6fa783d: Pull complete
bd819c9b5ead: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:72e9feec71242af83faf65f95a40d5e3bb2822a6c3b2cda8568790f3d31aecde
Status: Downloaded newer image for sonarqube:latest
de76efbeef2054aeb442b86ba54c2916039b8757b388482d9780ffc69f5d8bbe
```

3. Once the container is up and running, you can check the status of SonarQube at localhost port 9000.
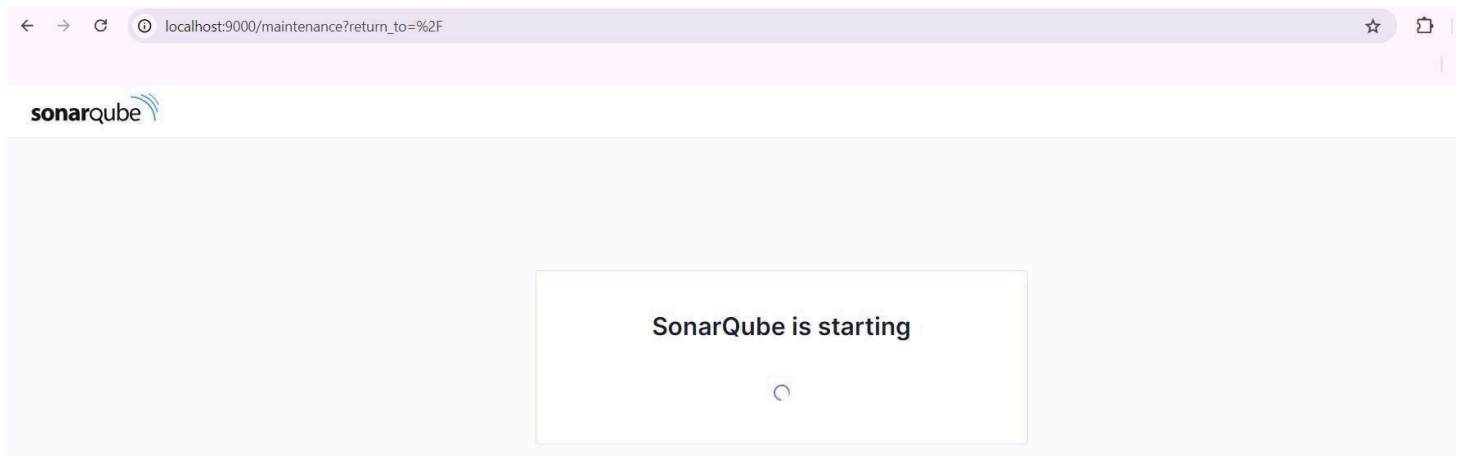
4. Login to SonarQube using username *admin* and password *admin*.

5. In Jenkins, install the SonarQube Scanner plugin to facilitate the analysis.

Setup the project and come back to Jenkins Dashboard.

6. Configure the connection settings for SonarQube within Jenkins, entering credentials

7. Create a new freestyle project in Jenkins and link it to a test repository hosted on GitHub.
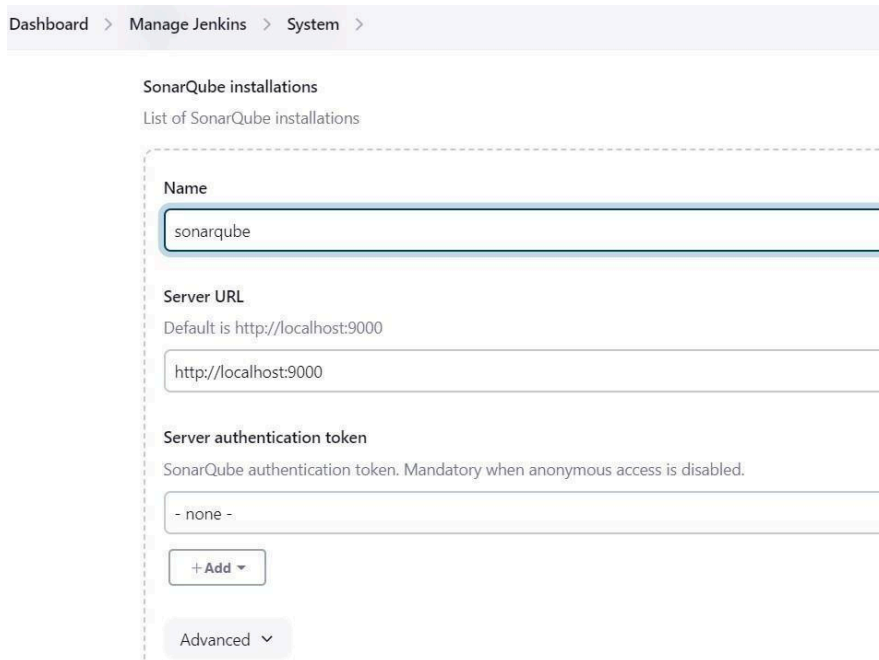
8. Search for SonarQube Scanner under Global Tool Configuration. Choose the latest configuration and choose Install automatically.
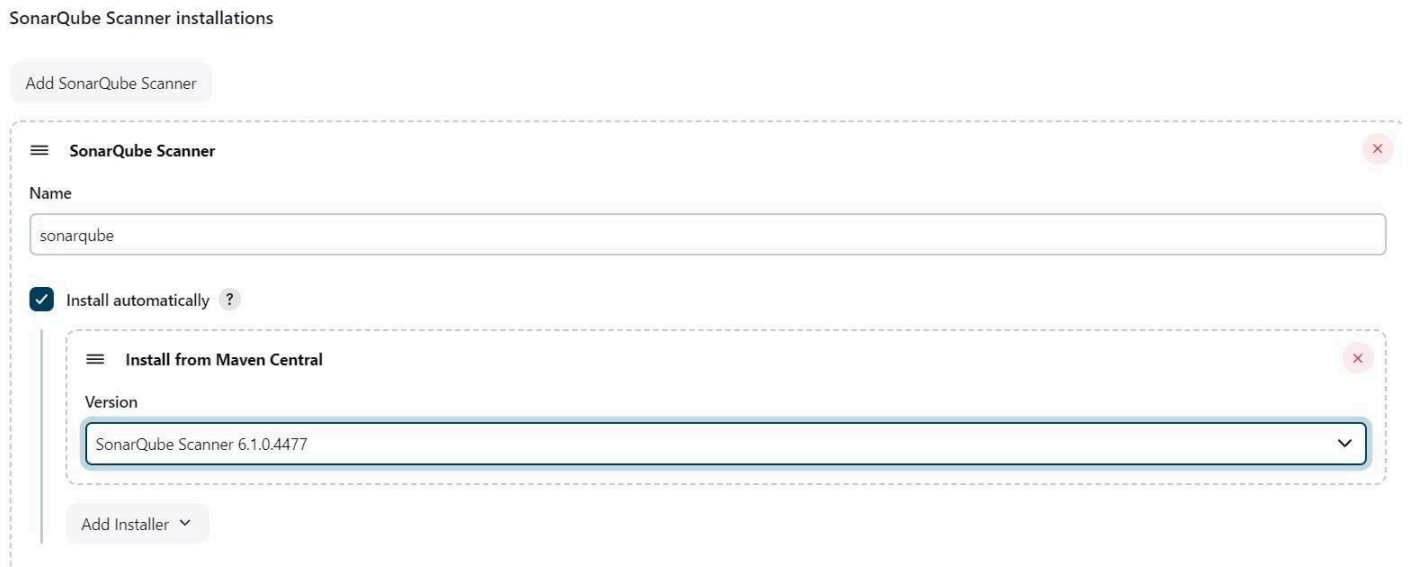
9. After the configuration, create a New Item in Jenkins, choose a freestyle project.

New Item

Enter an item name

SonarQube

Select an item type

Freestyle project
Classic, general-purpose job type that checks out from up to one SCM, executes build steps serially, followed by post-build steps like archiving artifacts and sending email notifications.

10. Choose this GitHub repository in Source Code Management.

Source Code Management

○ None

● Git ?

Repositories ?

Repository URL ?

https://github.com/shazforiot/MSBuild_firstproject.git

Credentials ?

- none -

+ Add ▾

Advanced ⌄

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It is a sample hello-world project with no vulnerabilities and issues, just to test the integration.

11. Under Build-> Execute SonarQube Scanner, enter these Analysis properties. Mention the SonarQube Project Key, Login, Password, Source path and Host URL.

Dashboard > SonarQube > Configuration

Configure

- ⚙ General
- ⅄ Source Code Management
- ⏱ Build Triggers
- 🌐 Build Environment
- ☰ Build Steps
- 📦 Post-build Actions

Build Steps

☰ **Execute SonarQube Scanner**

SonarQube Installation: ?

sonarqube

JDK ?
JDK to be used for this SonarQube analysis

(Inherit From Job)

Path to project properties ?

Analysis properties ?

```
sonar.projectKey=sonarqube
sonar.login=admin
sonar.password=admin123
sonar.sources=C:\\ProgramData\\Jenkins\\.jenkins\\workspace\\SonarQube
sonar.host.url=http://127.0.0.1:9000
```

Additional arguments ?

JVM Options ?

-Dsonar.ws.timeout=300

Save   Apply

12. Go to http://localhost:9000/<user_name>/permissions and allow Execute Permissions to the Admin user.

	Administer System ?	Administer ?	Execute Analysis ?	Create ?
A Administrator admin	☐	☐ Quality Gates ☐ Quality Profiles	☑	☐ Projects

13. Run The Build.

- 🗐 **Status**
- </> Changes
- 🗀 Workspace
- ▷ Build Now
- ⚙ Configure
- 🗑 Delete Project
- 〰 SonarQube
- ✎ Rename

Check the console output.

14. Once the build is complete, check the project in SonarQube.
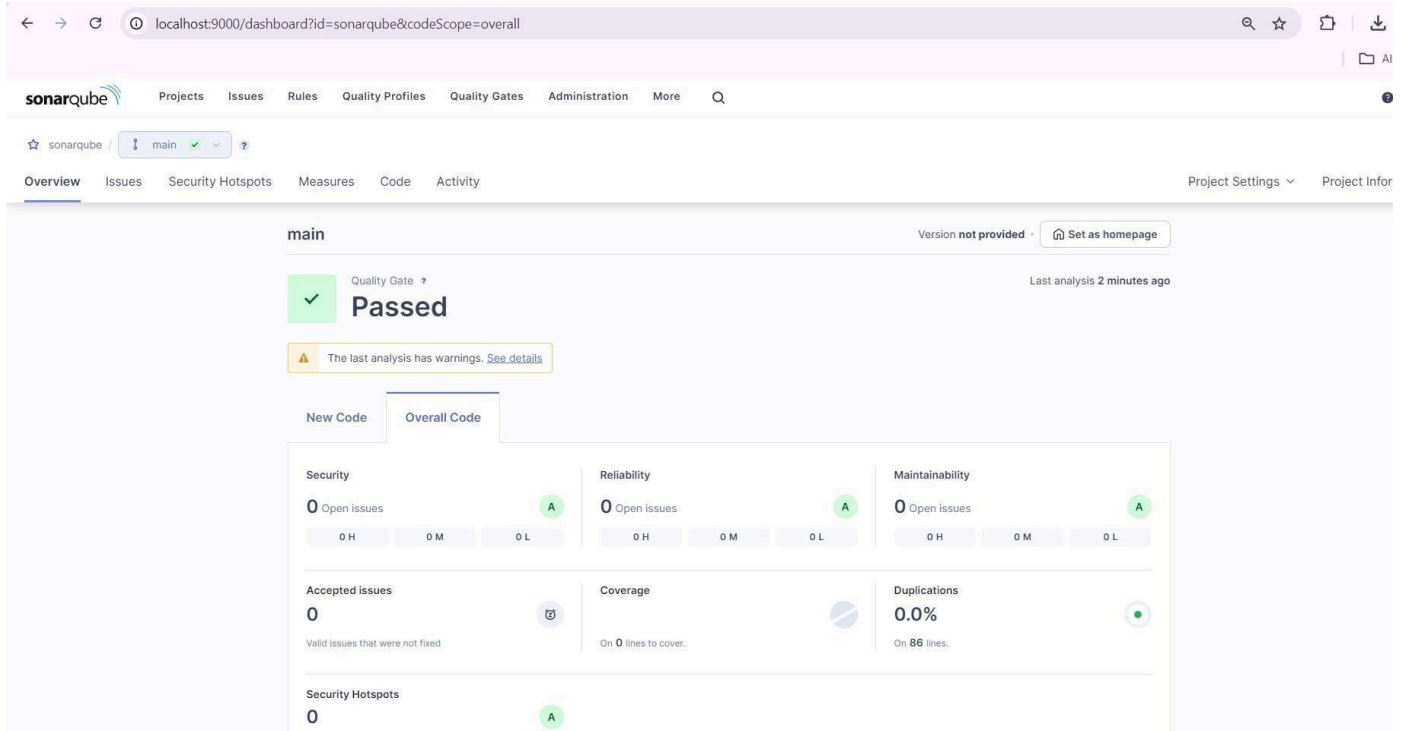
In this way, we have integrated Jenkins with SonarQube for SAST.

Conclusion:

This experiment effectively showcased the integration of Jenkins with SonarQube for conducting static code analysis. Through the configuration of both tools, we were able to assess a sample project, gaining valuable insights into the SAST process and the role of Jenkins in automating the identification of code vulnerabilities.