

IT314 Software Engineering

Lab 7: Program Inspection, Debugging and Static Analysis

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1. How many errors are there in the program? Mention the errors you have identified.

Program Inspection

- Category A

```
1347 = PHLWINDOW CCompositor::getTopLeftWindowOnWorkspace(const WORKSPACEID& id) {
1348     const auto PWORKSPACE = getWorkspaceByID(id);
1349
1350     if (!PWORKSPACE)
1351         return nullptr;
1352
1353     const auto PMONITOR = getMonitorFromID(PWORKSPACE->m_iMonitorID);
1354
1355     for (auto const& w : m_vWindows) {
1356         if (w->workspaceID() != id || !w->m_bIsMapped || w->isHidden())
1357             continue;
1358
1359         const auto WINDOWIDEALBB = w->getWindowIdealBoundingBoxIgnoreReserved();
1360
1361         if (WINDOWIDEALBB.x <= PMONITOR->vecPosition.x + 1 && WINDOWIDEALBB.y <= PMONITOR->vecPosition.y + 1)
1362             return w;
1363     }
1364     return nullptr;
1365 }
```

The pointer PMONITOR is initialized, but there is no guarantee that it won't be null, which may result in a null reference.

```
2794 = void CCompositor::arrangeMonitors() {
2795     static auto* const PXHLCFORCESCALEZERO = (Hypriang::INT* const*)g_pConfigManager->getConfigValuePtr("xwayland:f
2796
2797     std::vector<CMonitor*> toArrange;
2798     std::vector<CMonitor*> arranged;
2799
2800     for (auto const& m : m_vMonitors)
2801         toArrange.push_back(m.get());
2802
2803     Debug::log(LOG, "arrangeMonitors: {} to arrange", toArrange.size());
2804
2805     for (auto it = toArrange.begin(); it != toArrange.end(); ++it) {
2806         auto m = *it;
2807
2808         if (m->activeMonitorRule.offset != Vector2D{-INT32_MAX, -INT32_MAX}) {
2809             // explicit.
2810             Debug::log(LOG, "arrangeMonitors: {} explicit {:?}", m->szName, m->activeMonitorRule.offset);
2811
2812             m->moveTo(m->activeMonitorRule.offset);
2813             arranged.push_back(m);
2814             it = toArrange.erase(it);
2815
2816             if (it == toArrange.end())
2817                 break;
2818
2819             continue;
2820         }
2821
2822         ++it;
2823     }
```

In methods such as CCompositor::arrangeMonitors(), loops access elements in arrays or lists (like m_lMonitors). Since there are no explicit checks on array boundaries, there is a potential risk of out-of-bounds access, particularly if the list is empty or smaller than anticipated.

- Category B

```

2739     if (FULLSCREEN)
2740         setWindowFullscreenInternal(pWindow, FSMODE_NONE);
2741
2742     if (!pWindow->m_bIsFloating) {
2743         g_pLayoutManager->GetCurrentLayout()->onWindowRemovedTiling(pWindow);
2744         pWindow->moveToWorkspace(pWorkspace);
2745         pWindow->m_iMonitorID = pWorkspace->m_iMonitorID;
2746         g_pLayoutManager->GetCurrentLayout()->onWindowCreatedTiling(pWindow);
2747     } else {
2748         const auto PWINDOWMONITOR = g_pCompositor->getMonitorFromID(pWindow->m_iMonitorID);
2749         const auto POSTOMON       = pWindow->m_vRealPosition.goal() - PWINDOWMONITOR->vecPosition;
2750
2751         const auto PWORKSPACEMONITOR = g_pCompositor->getMonitorFromID(pWorkspace->m_iMonitorID);
2752
2753         pWindow->moveToWorkspace(pWorkspace);
2754         pWindow->m_iMonitorID = pWorkspace->m_iMonitorID;
2755
2756         pWindow->m_vRealPosition = POSTOMON + PWORKSPACEMONITOR->vecPosition;
2757     }

```

Implicit conversion issues might arise in the given snippet when handling the POSTOMON variable, especially if vecPosition is not fully compatible with the assigned type.

```

2794 void CCompositor::arrangeMonitors() {
2795     static auto* const PKMFORCESCALEZERO = (HypLang::INT* const*)g_pConfigManager->getConfigValuePtr("swayland:f
2796
2797     std::vector<Monitor*> toArrange;
2798     std::vector<Monitor*> arranged;
2799
2800     for (auto const& m : m_vMonitors)
2801         toArrange.push_back(m.get());
2802
2803     Debug::log(LOG, "arrangeMonitors: {} to arrange", toArrange.size());
2804
2805     for (auto it = toArrange.begin(); it != toArrange.end(); ++it) {
2806         auto m = *it;
2807
2808         if (m->activeMonitorRule.offset != Vector2D{-INT32_MAX, -INT32_MAX}) {
2809             // explicit
2810             Debug::log(LOG, "arrangeMonitors: {} explicit {:?}", m->szName, m->activeMonitorRule.offset);
2811
2812             m->moveTo(m->activeMonitorRule.offset);
2813             arranged.push_back(m);
2814             it = toArrange.erase(it);
2815
2816             if (it == toArrange.end())
2817                 break;
2818
2819             continue;
2820         }
2821
2822         ++it;
2823     }

```

The variable `m` is used in the given snippet, but since it is also used in several other places, it could lead to potential issues due to variable shadowing in different scopes.

- Category C

```

2594 Vector2D CCompositor::parseWindowVectorArgsRelative(const std::string& args, const Vector2D& relativeTo) {
2595     if (args.contains(' ') && args.contains('\t'))
2596         return relativeTo;
2597
2598     const auto PMONITOR = m_plastMonitor;
2599
2600     bool    xIsPercent = false;
2601     bool    yIsPercent = false;
2602     bool    isExact    = false;
2603
2604     CVarList varList(args, 0, ' ', true);
2605     std::string x = varList[0];
2606     std::string y = varList[1];
2607
2608     if (x == "exact") {
2609         x = varList[1];
2610         y = varList[2];
2611         isExact = true;
2612     }
2613
2614     if (x.contains('%')) {
2615         xIsPercent = true;
2616         x = x.substr(0, x.length() - 1);
2617     }
2618
2619     if (y.contains('%')) {
2620         yIsPercent = true;
2621         y = y.substr(0, y.length() - 1);
2622     }

```

The function involves string-to-number conversions and performs operations on mixed types (such as floats and integers), which could result in unintended rounding or truncation errors.

- Category D

```

1755 PHLWORKSPACE CCompositor::getWorkspaceByString(const std::string& str) {
1756     if (str.starts_with("name:")) {
1757         return getWorkspaceByName(str.substr(str.find_first_of(':') + 1));
1758     }
1759
1760     try {
1761         return getWorkspaceByID(getWorkspaceIDNameFromString(str).id);
1762     } catch (std::exception& e) { Debug::log(ERR, "Error in getWorkspaceByString, invalid id"); }
1763
1764     return nullptr;
1765 }

```

The logic involving `str.starts_with("name:")` and its exception handling may fail if the string format is incorrect, potentially causing unexpected behavior.

- Category E

```

1678 = PHLWINDOW CCompositor::getNextWindowOnWorkspace(PHLWINDOW pWindow, bool focusableOnly, std::optional<bool> floating) {
1679     bool gotToWindow = false;
1680     for (auto const& w : m_vWindows) {
1681         if (w != pWindow && !gotToWindow)
1682             continue;
1683
1684         if (w == pWindow) {
1685             gotToWindow = true;
1686             continue;
1687         }
1688
1689         if (floating.has_value() && w->m_bIsFloating != floating.value())
1690             continue;
1691
1692         if (w->m_pWorkspace == pWindow->m_pWorkspace && w->m_bIsMapped && !w->isHidden() && (!focusableOnly || !w->m_s
1693             return w;
1694     }
1695
1696     for (auto const& w : m_vWindows) {
1697         if (floating.has_value() && w->m_bIsFloating != floating.value())
1698             continue;
1699
1700         if (w != pWindow && w->m_pWorkspace == pWindow->m_pWorkspace && w->m_bIsMapped && !w->isHidden() && (!focusabl
1701             return w;
1702     }
1703
1704     return nullptr;
1705 }

```

Some sections of the code, like certain debug statements, appear to be rendered unreachable due to early return statements, which negates their intended purpose.

```

1968 = MONITORID CCompositor::getNextAvailableMonitorID(std::string const& name) {
1969     // reuse ID if it's already in the map, and the monitor with that ID is not being used by another monitor
1970     if (m_mMonitorIDMap.contains(name) && !std::any_of(m_vRealMonitors.begin(), m_vRealMonitors.end(), [&](auto m) { r
1971         return m_mMonitorIDMap[name];
1972
1973     // otherwise, find minimum available ID that is not in the map
1974     std::unordered_set<MONITORID> usedIDs;
1975     for (auto const& monitor : m_vRealMonitors) {
1976         usedIDs.insert(monitor->ID);
1977     }
1978
1979     MONITORID nextID = 0;
1980     while (usedIDs.count(nextID) > 0) {
1981         nextID++;
1982     }
1983     m_mMonitorIDMap[name] = nextID;
1984     return nextID;
1985 }

```

There is a potential risk that the while loop could result in an infinite loop if the exit condition is never satisfied.

- Category F

```

1987 * void CCompositor::swapActiveWorkspaces(CMonitor* pMonitorA, CMonitor* pMonitorB) {
1988
1989     const auto PWORKSPACEA = pMonitorA->activeWorkspace;
1990     const auto PWORKSPACEB = pMonitorB->activeWorkspace;
1991
1992     PWORKSPACEA->m_iMonitorID = pMonitorB->ID;
1993     PWORKSPACEA->moveToMonitor(pMonitorB->ID);
1994
1995     for (auto const& w : m_vWindows) {
1996         if (w->m_pWorkspace == PWORKSPACEA) {
1997             if (w->m_bPinned) {
1998                 w->m_pWorkspace = PWORKSPACEB;
1999                 continue;
2000             }
2001
2002             w->m_iMonitorID = pMonitorB->ID;
2003
2004             // additionally, move floating and fs windows manually
2005             if (w->m_bIsFloating)
2006                 w->m_vRealPosition = w->m_vRealPosition.goal() - pMonitorA->vecPosition + pMonitorB->vecPosition;
2007
2008             if (w->m_bIsFullscreen()) {
2009                 w->m_vRealPosition = pMonitorB->vecPosition;
2010                 w->m_vRealSize = pMonitorB->vecSize;
2011             }
2012
2013             w->updateToplevel();
2014         }
2015     }

```

In CCompositor::swapActiveWorkspaces(), when the pMonitorA and pMonitorB workspaces are swapped, the absence of type checking between workspace IDs and monitor IDs may result in issues due to mismatched arguments.

- Category G

```

641 * void CCompositor::createLockFile() {
642     const auto PATH = m_szInstancePath + "/hyprland.lock";
643
644     std::ofstream ofs(PATH, std::ios::trunc);
645
646     ofs << m_iHyprlandPID << "\n" << m_szWLDisplaySocket << "\n";
647
648     ofs.close();
649 }
650
651 * void CCompositor::removeLockFile() {
652     const auto PATH = m_szInstancePath + "/hyprland.lock";
653
654     if (std::filesystem::exists(PATH))
655         std::filesystem::remove(PATH);
656 }

```

In the function CCompositor::createLockFile(), potential I/O errors, such as being unable to write to the file, are not clearly addressed. Similarly, the removeLockFile() method checks for file existence but lacks robust error handling.

2. Which category of program inspection would you find more effective?

Based on the analysis, Category A: Data Reference Errors is particularly effective for program inspection in the context of C++ because:

1. Frequent in C++: C++ heavily relies on pointers, dynamic memory allocation, and object references, making it prone to data reference issues such as uninitialized variables, null pointer dereferencing, and memory leaks.
2. Hard-to-Detect Bugs: These types of errors can be subtle and often do not cause immediate crashes. Instead, they lead to undefined behaviour that may only manifest under specific conditions or after prolonged use, making them critical to catch during inspection.
3. Broad Impact: Errors related to data references can have wide-reaching effects across the entire program. A single uninitialized variable or dangling pointer can compromise multiple areas of the code.

3. Which type of error you are not able to identified using the program inspection?

The errors not easily identified through program inspection are runtime errors, such as:

1. Concurrency issues (e.g., race conditions, deadlocks)
2. Performance bottlenecks (e.g., memory leaks)
3. Dynamic memory allocation failures
4. File handling and external dependency errors
5. Logic errors from unexpected user input

4. Is the program inspection technique is worth applicable?

Yes, the program inspection technique is worth applying. It helps identify many common issues, such as data reference errors, variable initialization issues, control-flow mistakes, and logical errors at an early stage. By reviewing code systematically, inspection can prevent bugs before they manifest during runtime, reducing debugging time and improving code quality. However, it is most effective when combined with dynamic testing to catch runtime-specific issues.

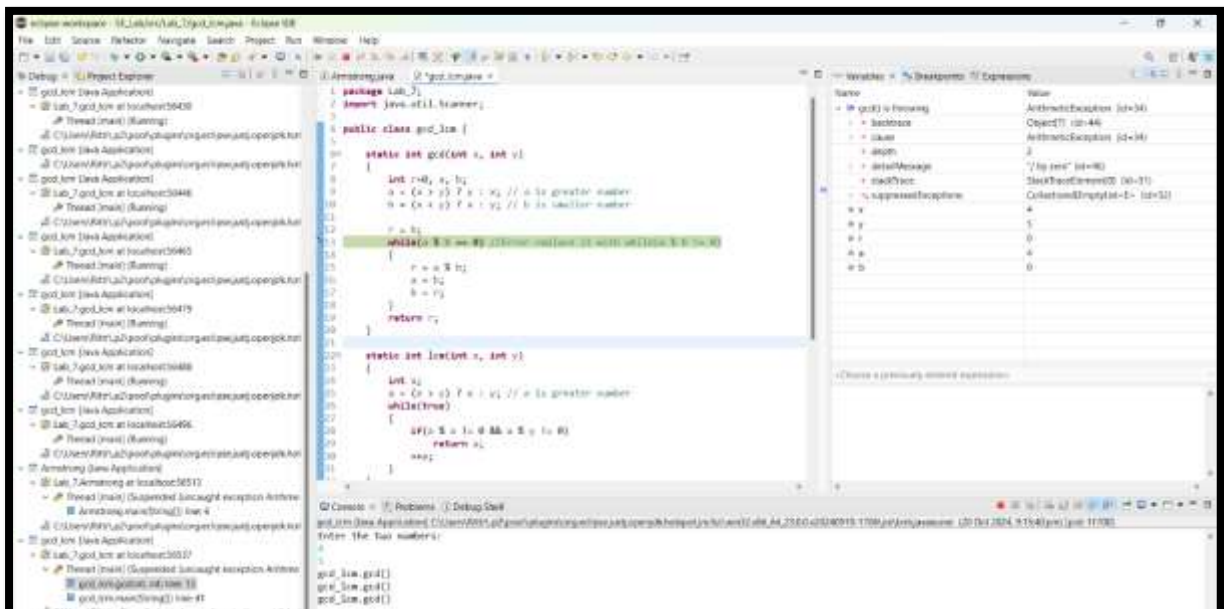
➤ Code debugging

- Armstrong



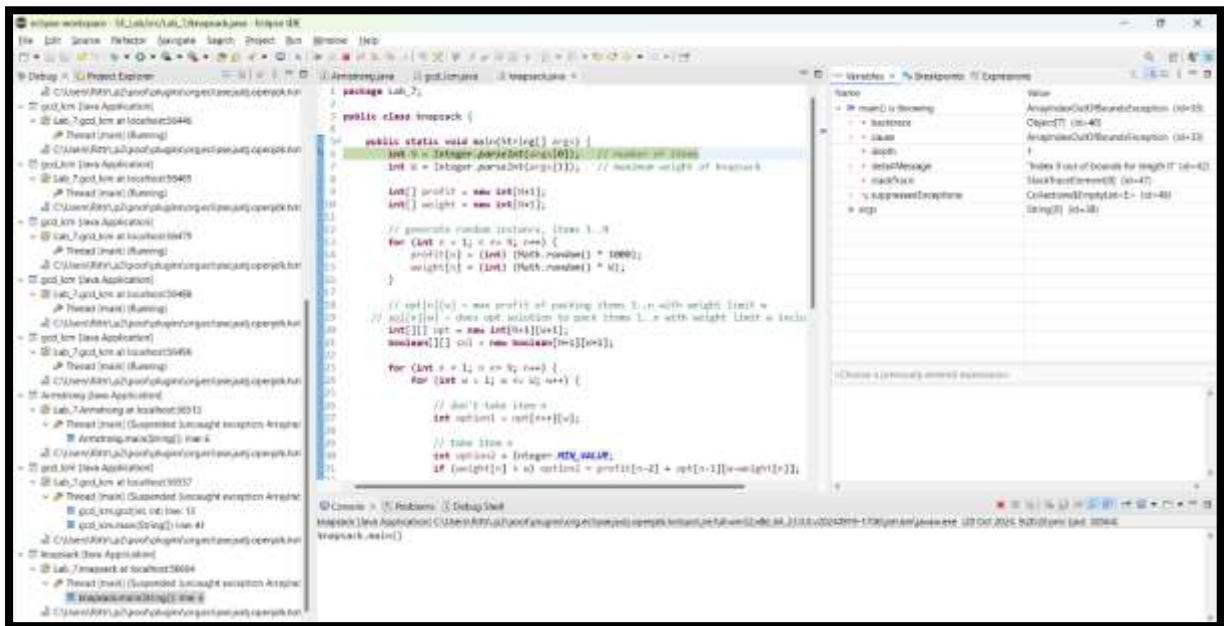
The error in this code arises from an incorrect calculation of the remainder, which causes issues in the main() function.

- GCD_LCM



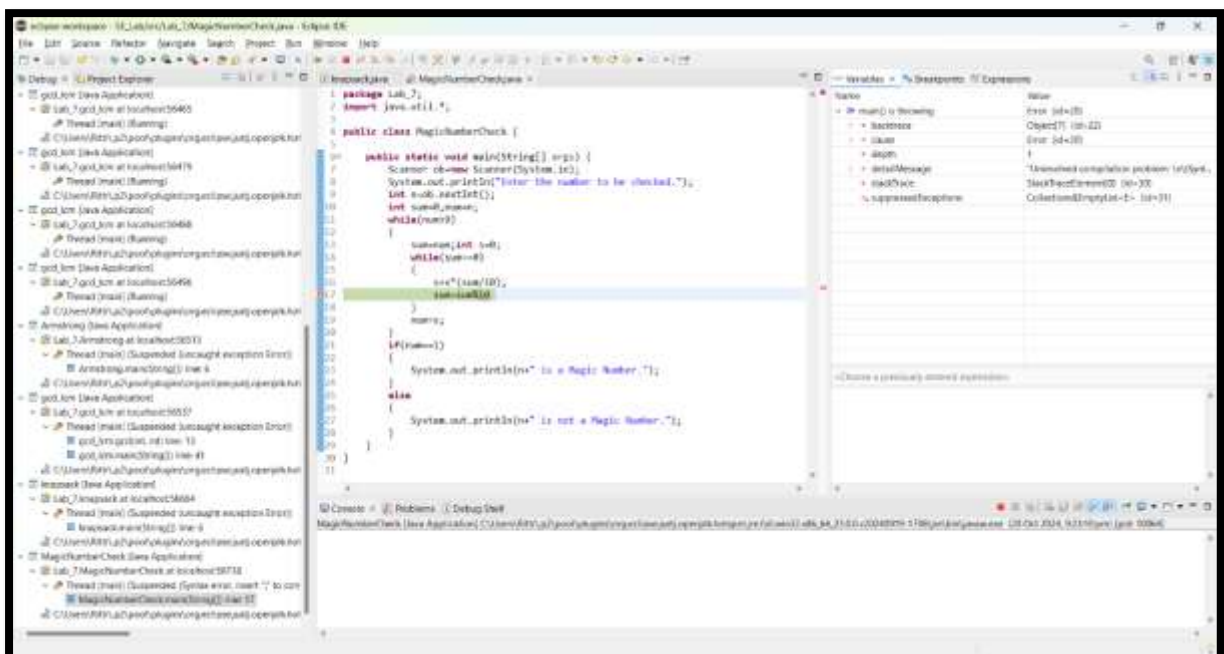
The condition for the while loop should be `a % b != 0` instead of `a % b == 0`, which results in an ArithmeticException error.

- **KnapSack**



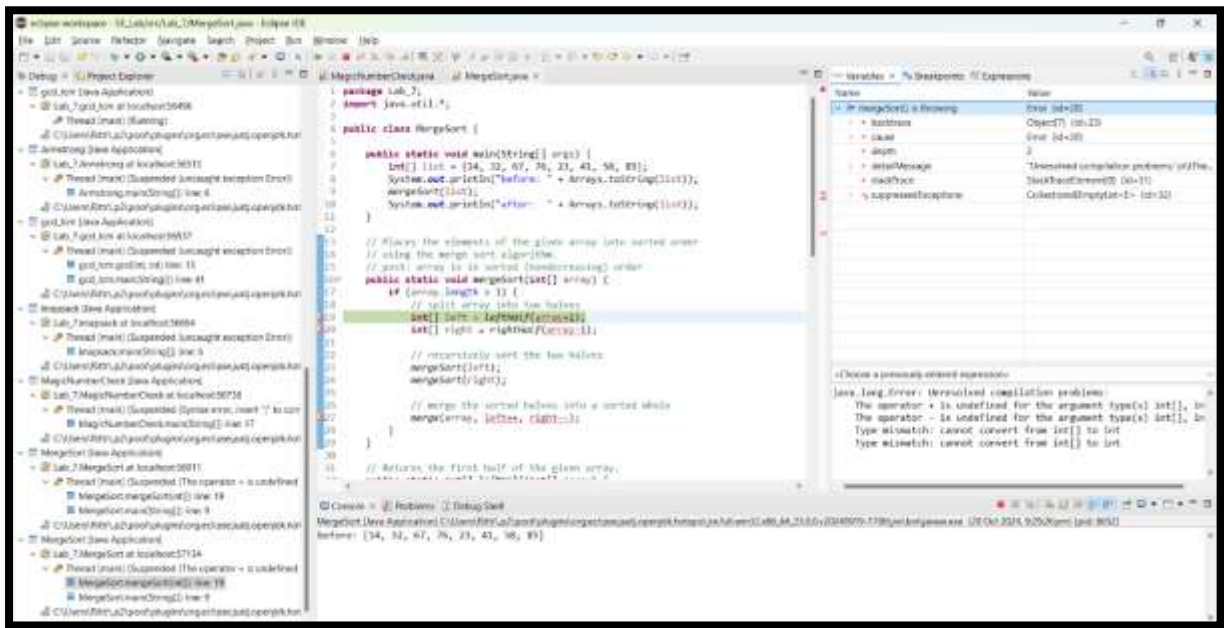
The error here is due to an incorrect index update of $n-1$, which should be $n++$, leading to an out-of-bounds error in the main function.

- **MagicNumberCheck**



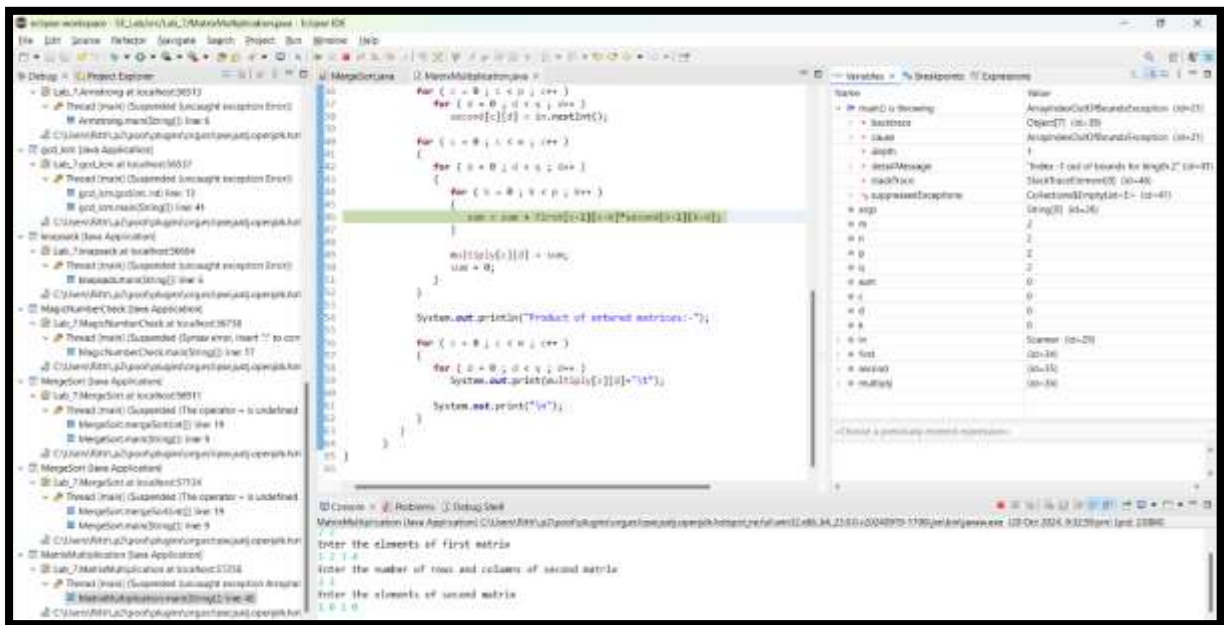
The condition `while(sum == 0)` is incorrect; since you want to sum the digits of the number, it should be `while(sum != 0)`. Additionally, there is a missing semicolon (;) in the line `sum = sum % 10`.

- MergeSort



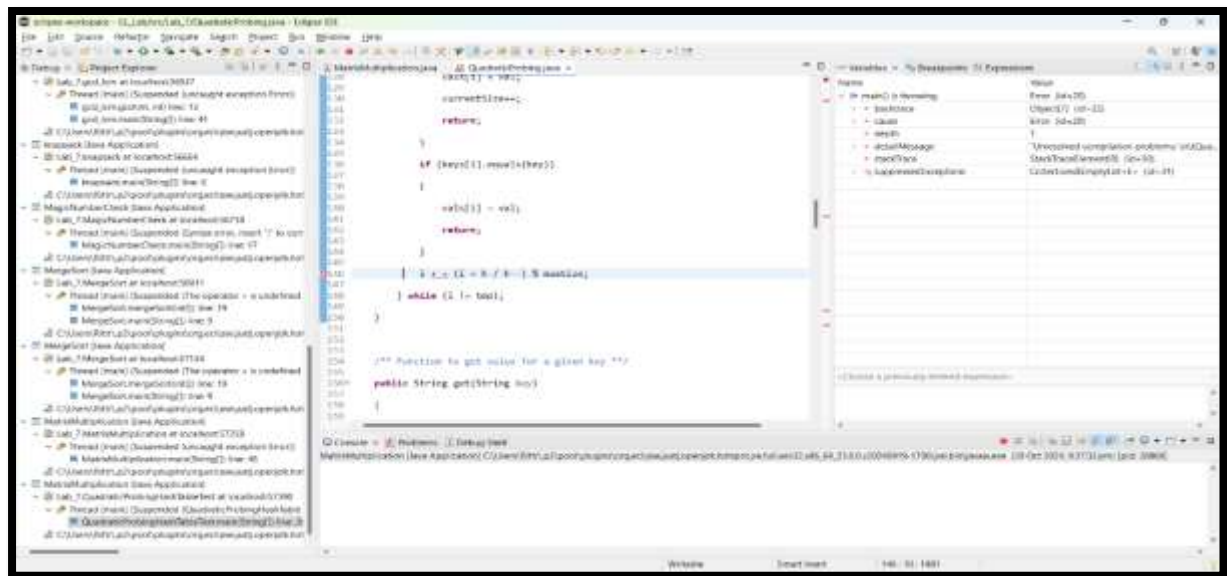
The line `int[] left = leftHalf(array + 1);` should be corrected to `int[] left = leftHalf(array);` because adding an integer to an array reference is invalid. Similarly, `int[] right = rightHalf(array - 1);` should be changed to `int[] right = rightHalf(array);` for the same reason. The call `merge(array, left++, right--);` should simply be `merge(array, left, right);` since the increment (++) and decrement (--) operators are unnecessary when passing the entire arrays.

- MatrixMultiplication



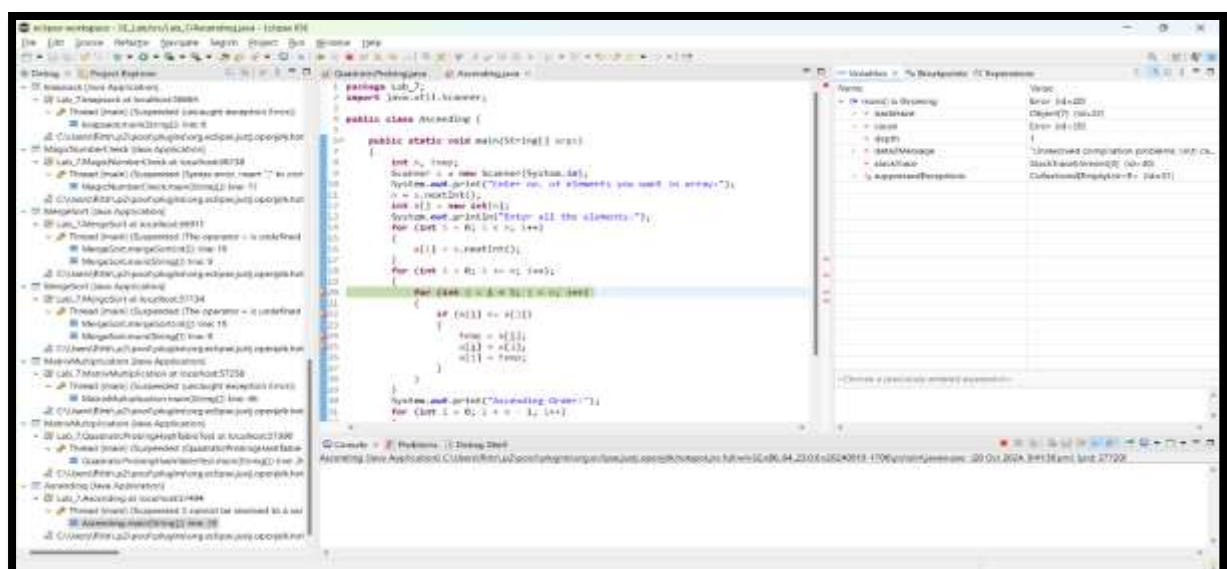
In the matrix multiplication loop, the indices for both matrices are incorrect. Accessing `first[c-1][c-k]` and `second[k-1][k-d]` leads to invalid indices due to negative values or incorrect references. The correct indices should be `first[c][k]` and `second[k][d]`, as you need to multiply the corresponding elements from row `c` of the first matrix with column `d` of the second matrix.

- **QuadraticProbing**



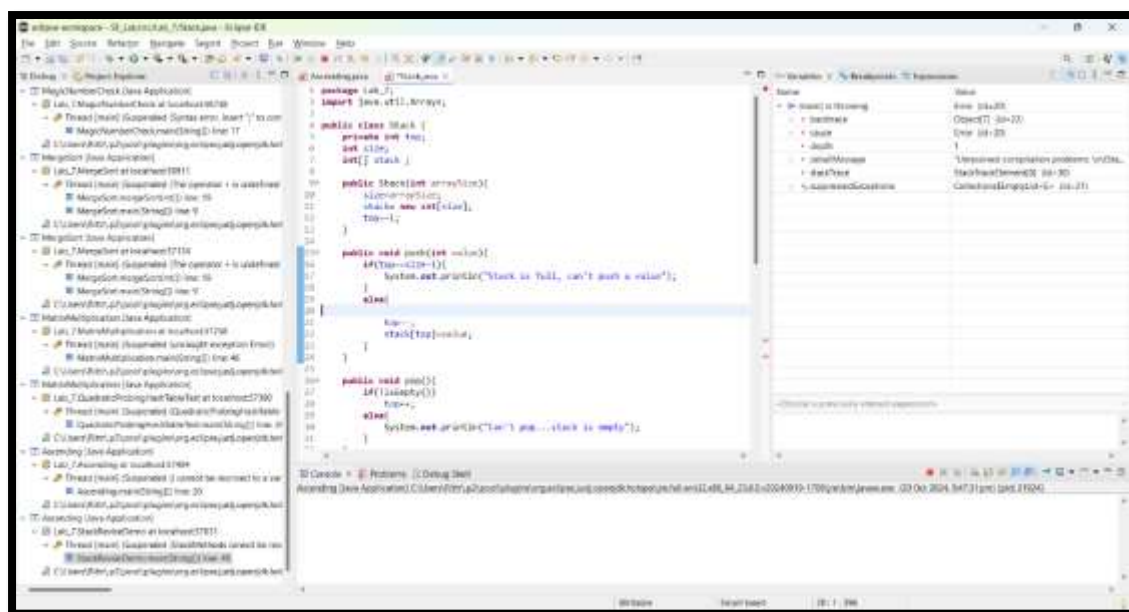
The syntax `i += (i + h / h--);` is invalid. It should be corrected to `i = (i + h * h++);`; since the `+=` operator is not properly placed, and the arithmetic operation should use `*` for quadratic probing instead of `/`.

- **Ascending**



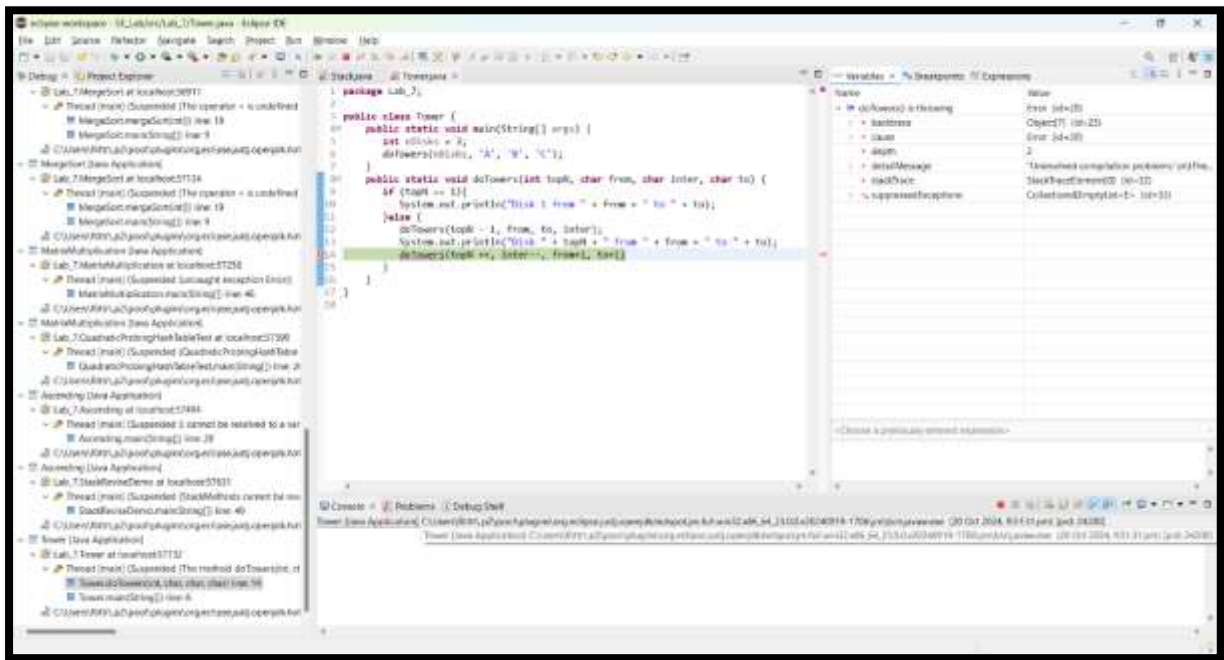
The class name `Ascending_Order` contains a space, which is not permitted in Java. You should either remove the space or replace it with an underscore (`_`) to separate the words. The condition `(int i = 0; i >= n; i++)` is incorrect because `i >= n` will prevent the loop from executing; also, there is an unnecessary semicolon (`;`) at the end of the loop. The correct condition should be `i < n`. Additionally, in the inner if condition, checking if `(a[i] <= a[j])` will sort the array in descending order; it should be changed to `(a[i] > a[j])` to sort the array in ascending order. Finally, the last loop prints the array elements separated by commas but incorrectly leaves a trailing comma.

- **Stack**



In the push method, `top--` is used, which decrements `top`; instead, it should be `top++` to increment the position for inserting a new value. In the display method, the condition `for(int i=0; i > top; i++)` is incorrect, as it will never execute. The condition should be `i <= top` to display all elements from index 0 to `top`. In the pop method, the code only increments `top` without actually removing or returning the element. For a proper stack implementation, you should return the popped value and also decrement the top pointer.

- TowerOfHanoi



The expressions `topN++`, `inter--`, `from + 1`, and `to + 1` are incorrect in the context of the recursive calls. The parameters should be passed without any increments or decrements to ensure the algorithm functions correctly. Additionally, the decrement for `topN` in the recursive calls should be `topN - 1`, not `topN++`.

➤ Static Testing

On static testing of the c++ code using cppcheck application the following result was obtained:

Errors : 0

Warnings : 0

Style warnings : 30

Portability warnings : 0

Performance warnings : 1

Information messages : 37