

Secure Programming – Assignment 1

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Part 1

Manual Analysis

- On Line 22, PORT variable is initialized with a static value. Instead of using static values, the variable should be kept separately in a constants.java file and can be used in the SimpleWebServer class. Using hard-coded values within a class is not an acceptable practice.
- On line 29, Static object dServerSocket is instantiated separately, which is not an acceptable practice either, because static objects are supposed to be initialized only once.
- Exception handling is too generic in the run() method. Try, catch blocks are not present.
- End statement is not invoked for the while loop in run() method.
- In line 62, while parsing the HTTP request, StringTokenizer class constructor takes two string parameters, of which one is the http request and other is a space delimiter. Instead of sending a space directly through the constructor, a better approach would be to initialize the delimiter and then use the delimiter variable.
- Like run() method, try catch blocks are not added in this processRequest method, implementing generic exception handling is not an acceptable practice.
- serveFile method contains try catch blocks, but the catch block do not log the actual exception message “e.message” but only logs the generic exception. Apart from file not being present, exception can be that appropriate permissions are not provided on the specified location to read the file. Hence it is important to log the exception.
- FileReader object fr is not closed in this serveFile method, which is not an acceptable practice as it leads to memory leak.
- Main method too does not contain try catch blocks and exception handling is poorly implemented.

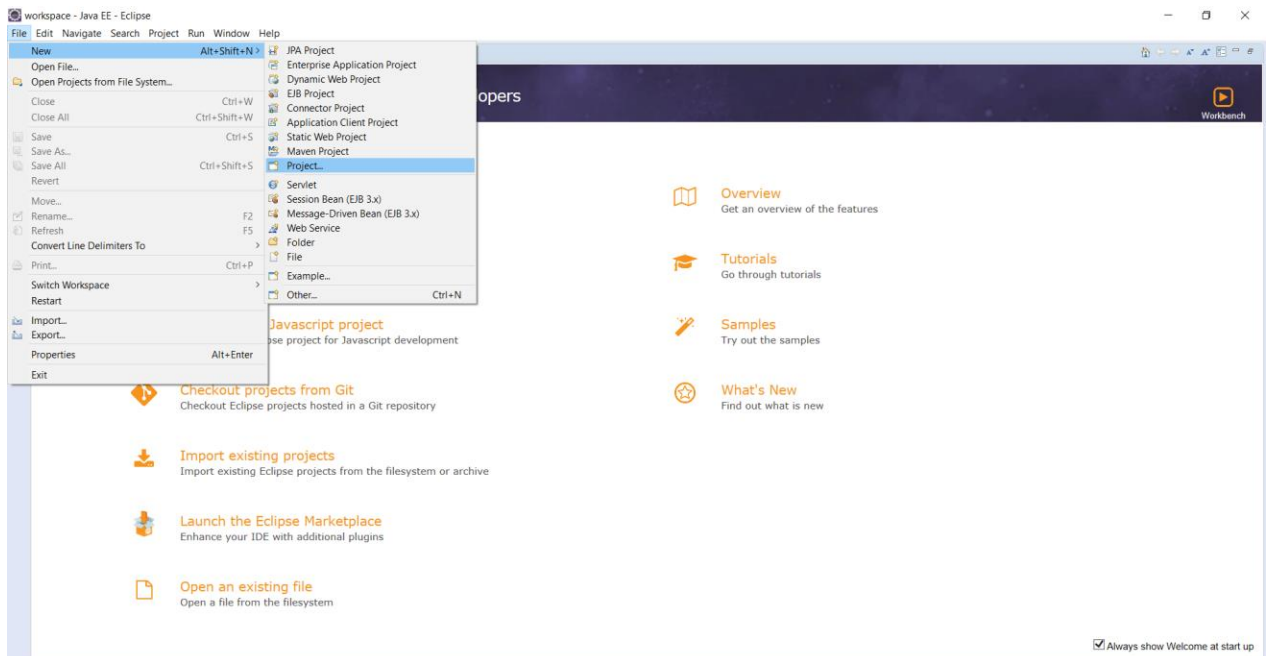
Tool Choices/ Versions

The tools I have used to test the code are:

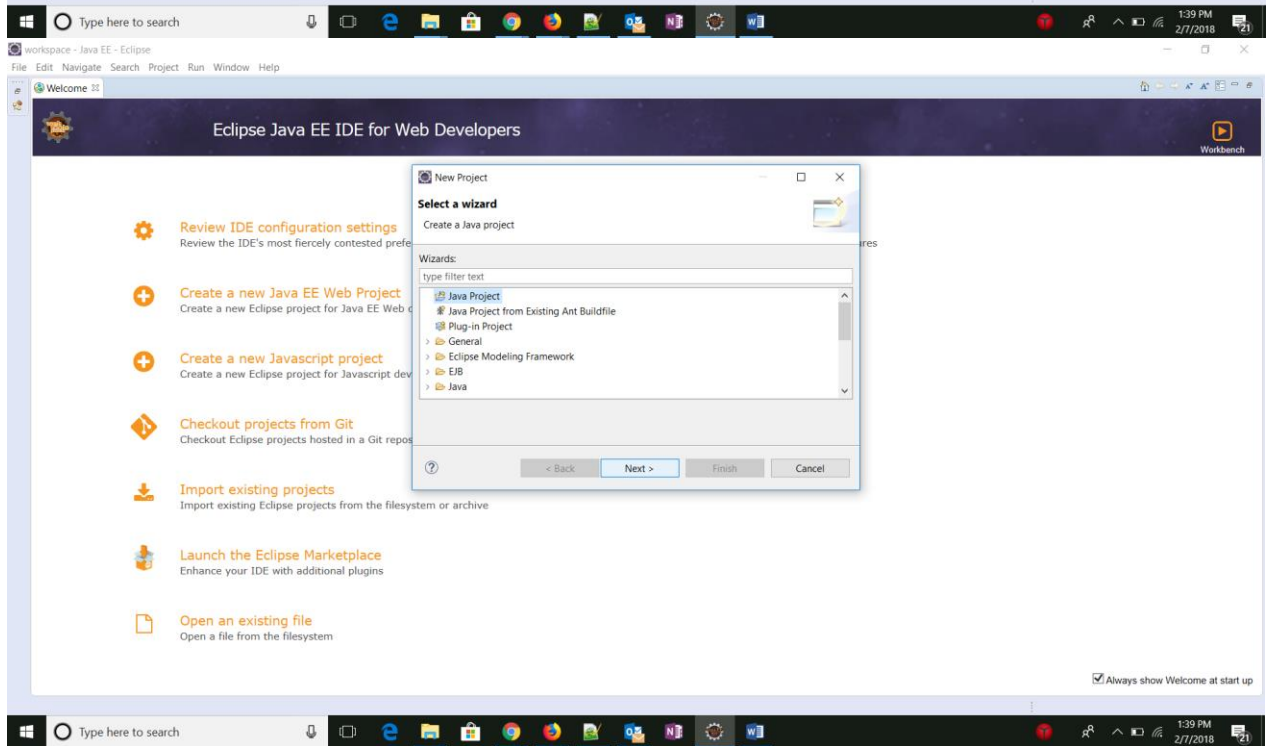
- Eclipse Neon 3, Java JDK 8
- Findbugs – 3.0.1
- SonarLint – 3.3.1

Tool Invocation Process

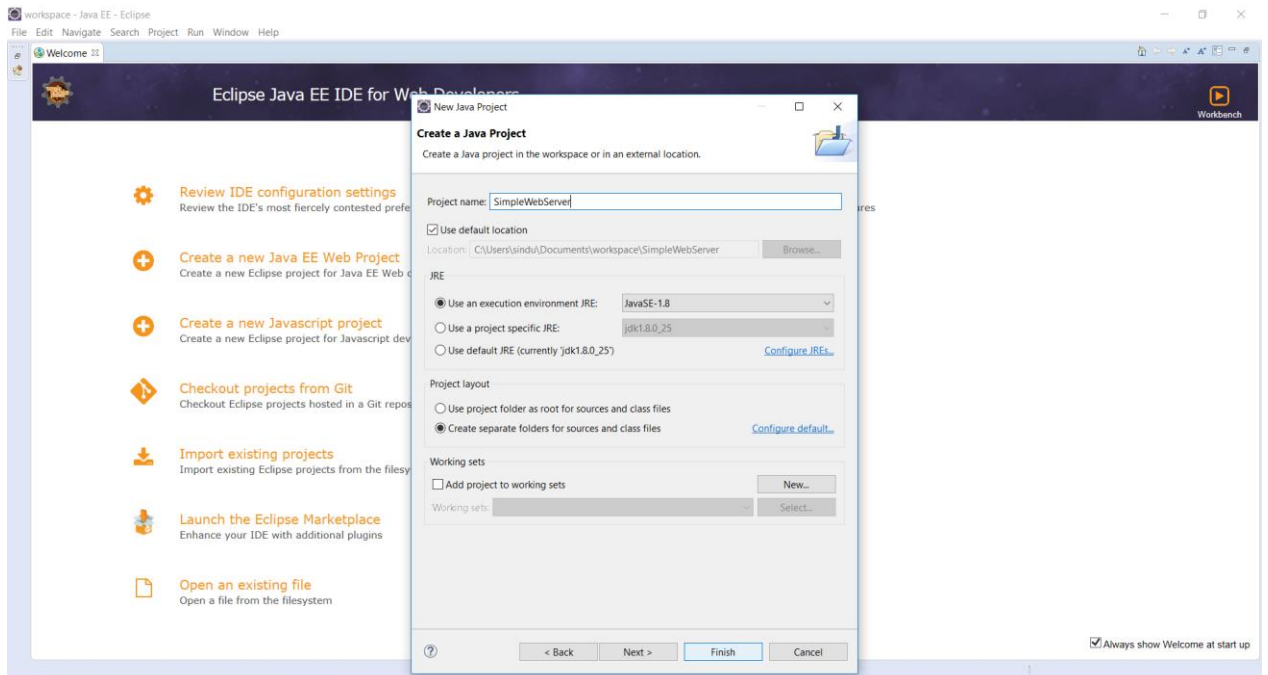
1. Using Eclipse, build a project and package named SimpleWebServer and add the SimpleWebServer class as shown in the steps from (a) to (h) below:
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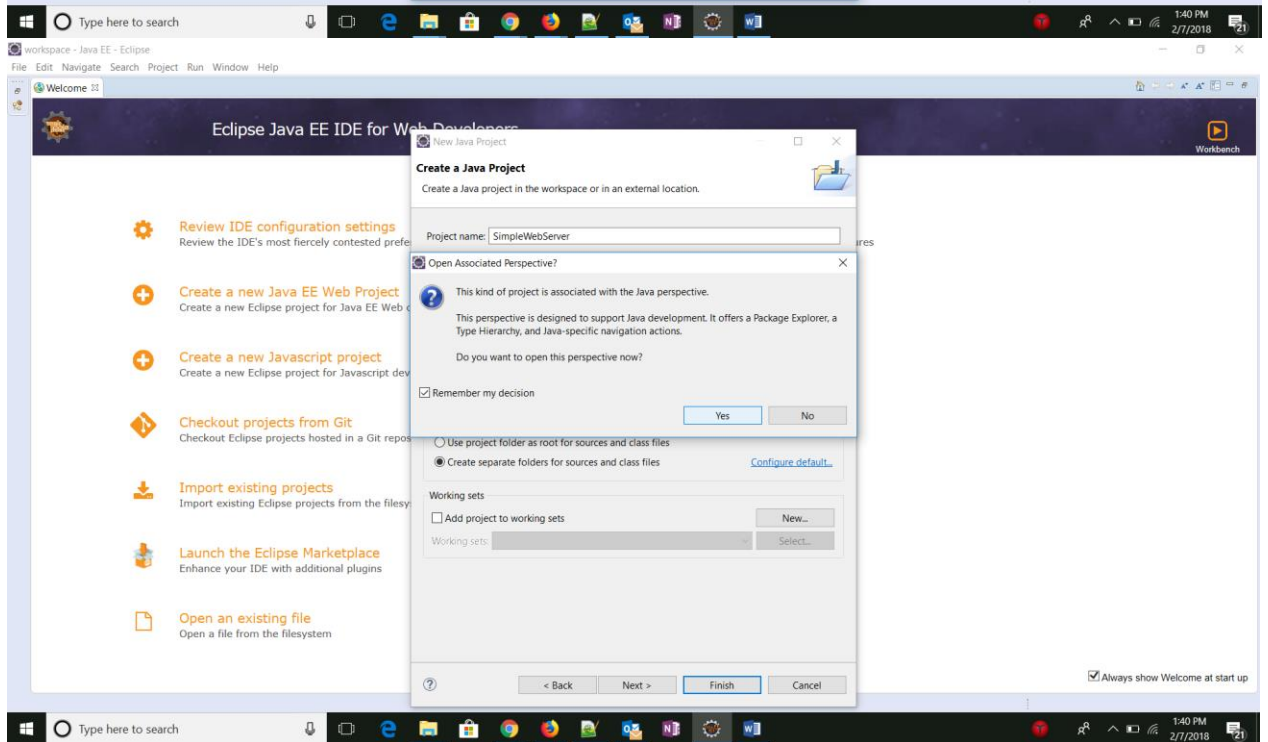
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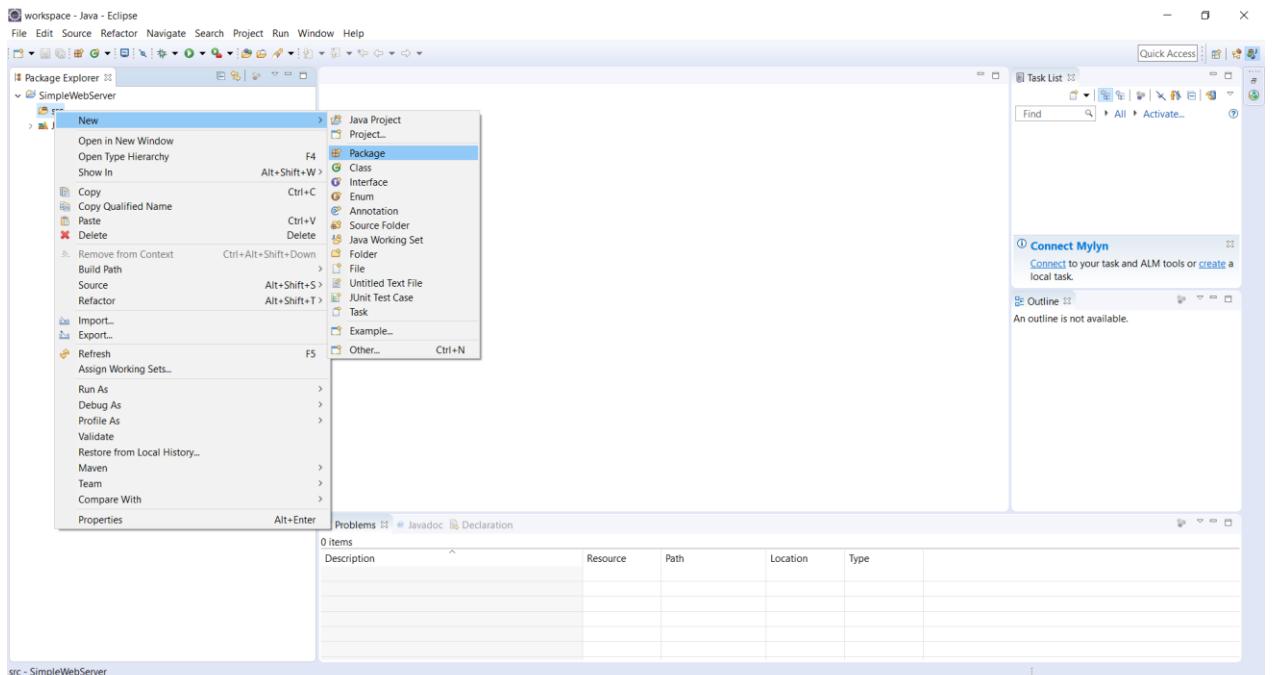
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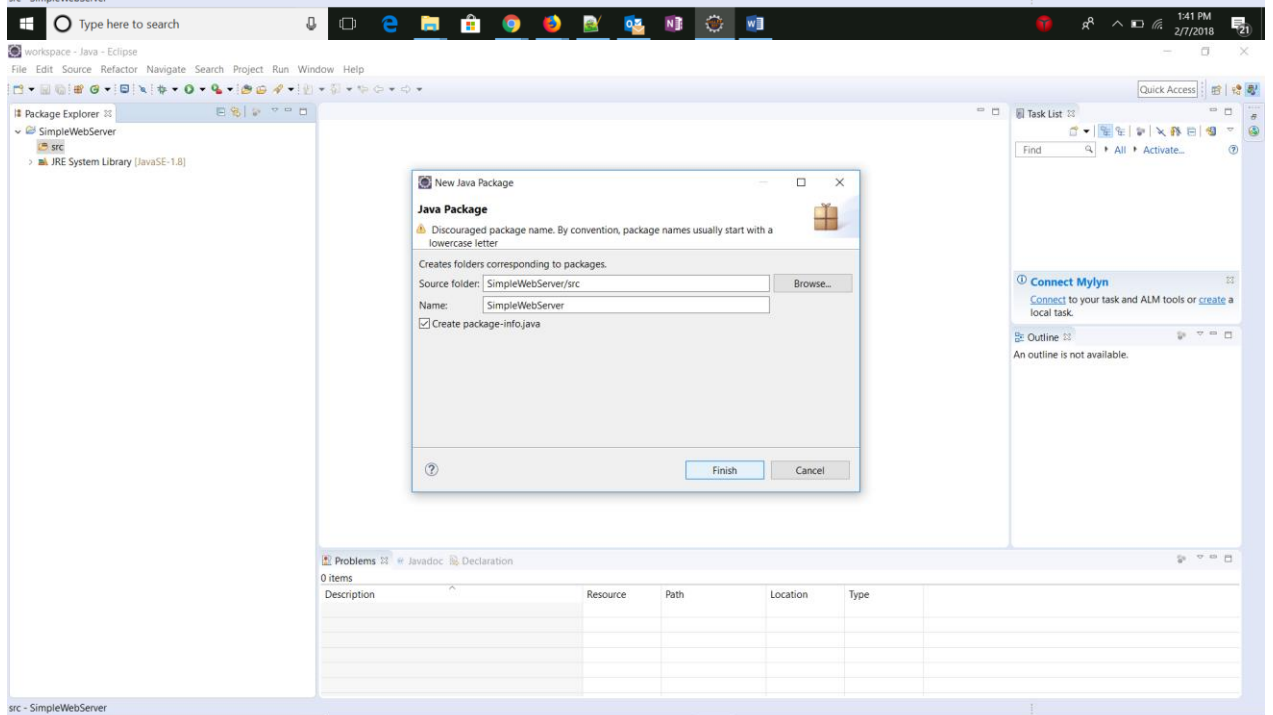
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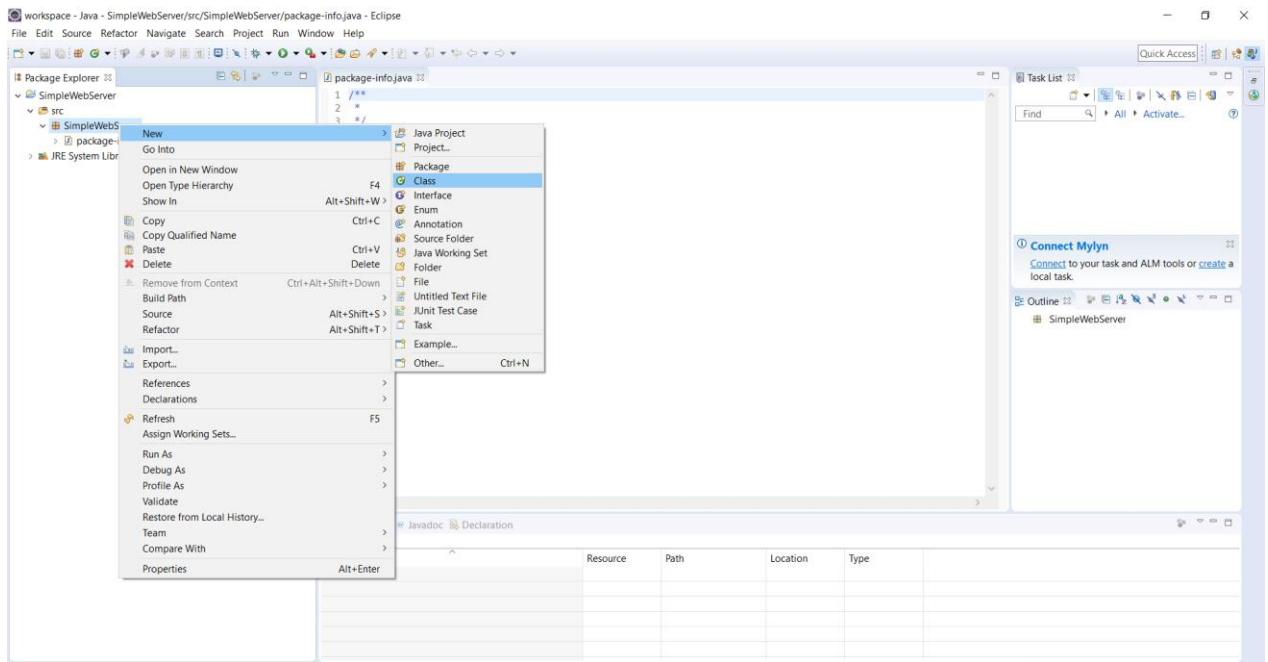
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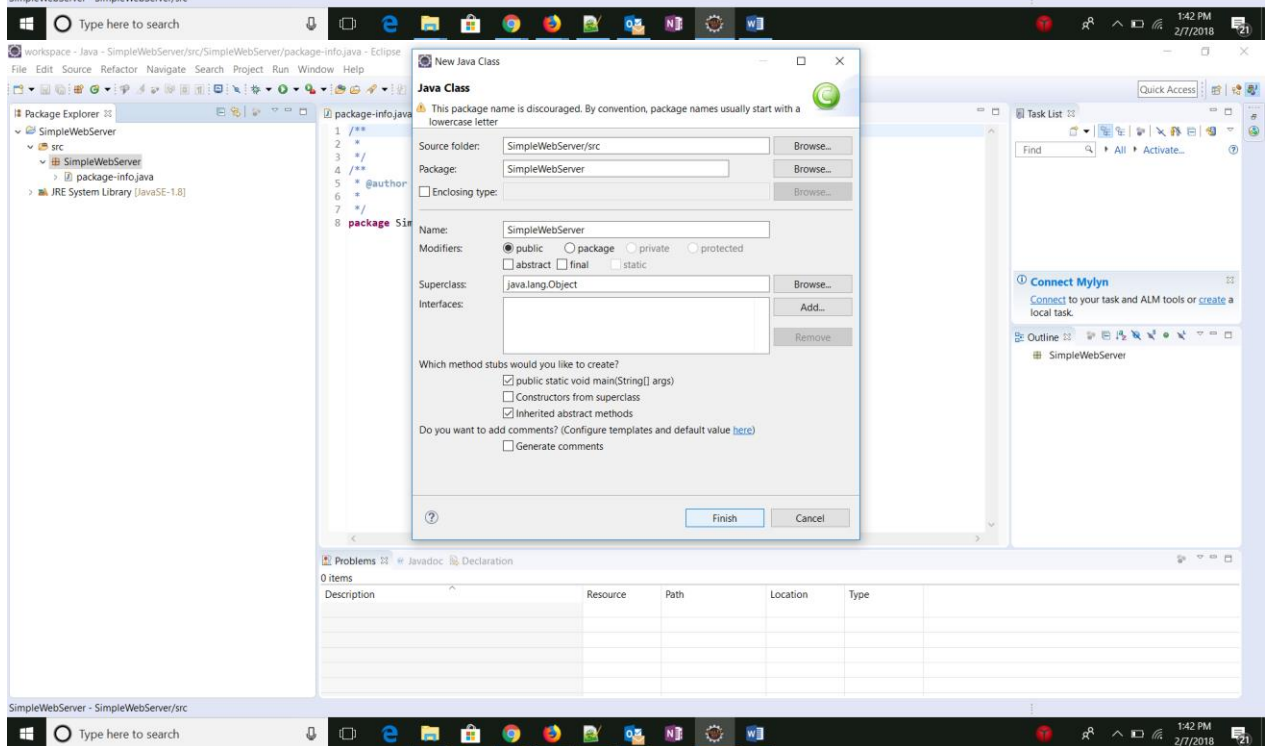
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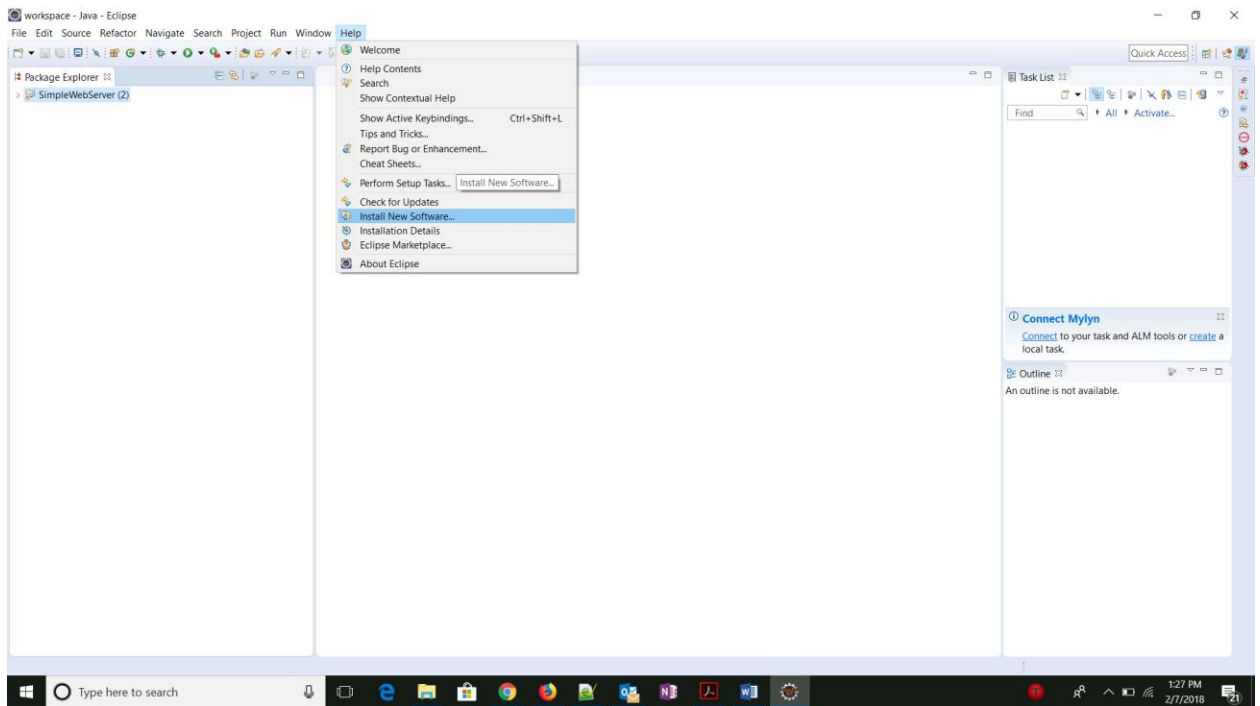


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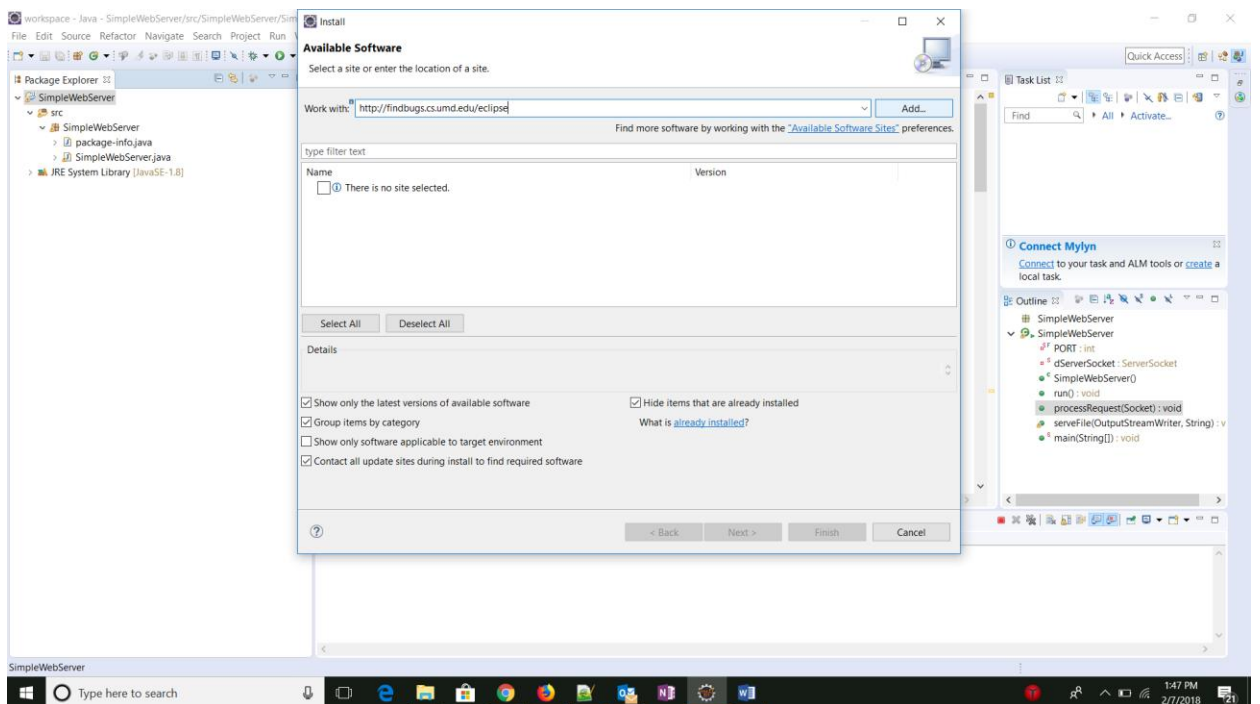


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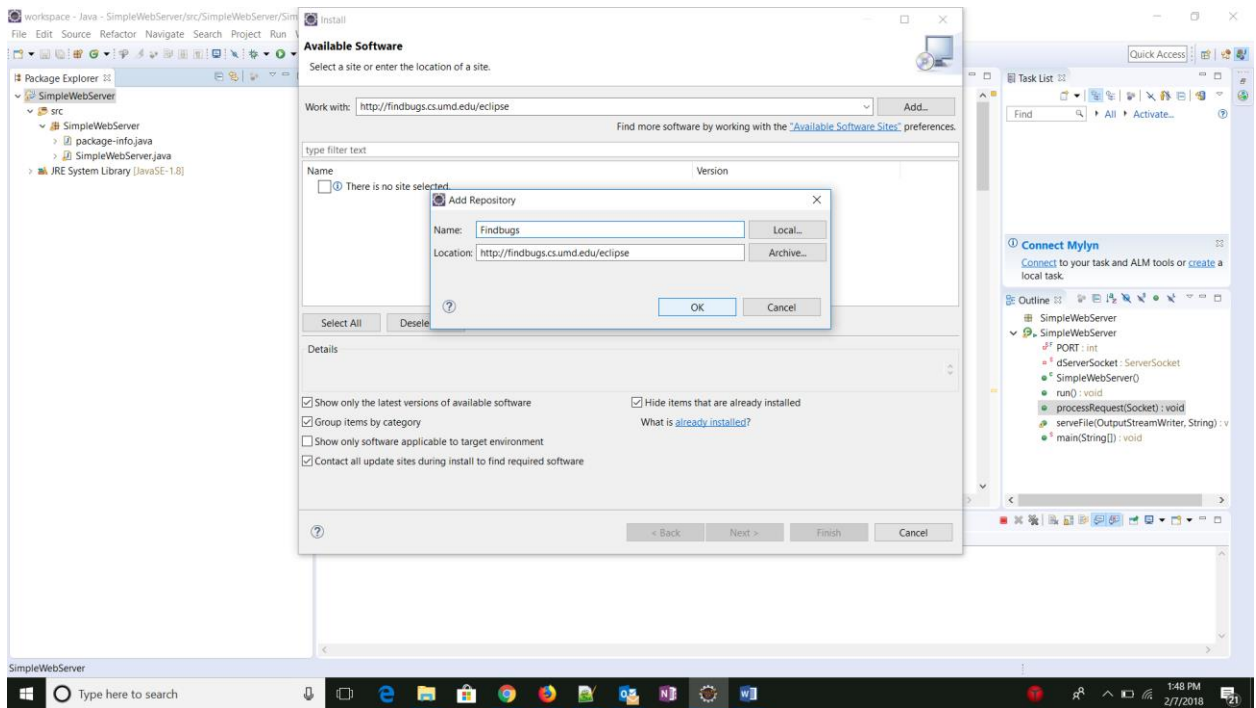
3. From Help tab, go to "Install New Software" to add the Findbugs plugin for eclipse as shown below:
 - a. Click on "Install New Software"



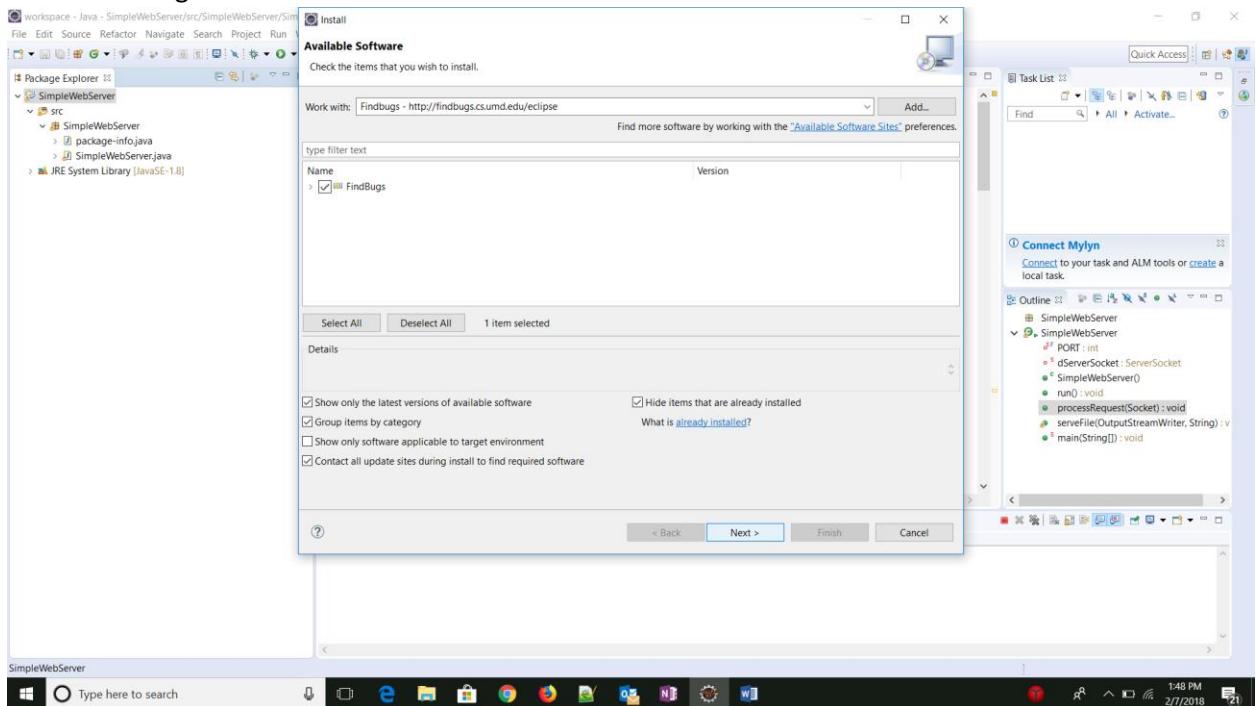
- b. Give the url to get the findbugs plugin for eclipse as: <http://findbugs.cs.umd.edu/eclipse> and click on “Add”



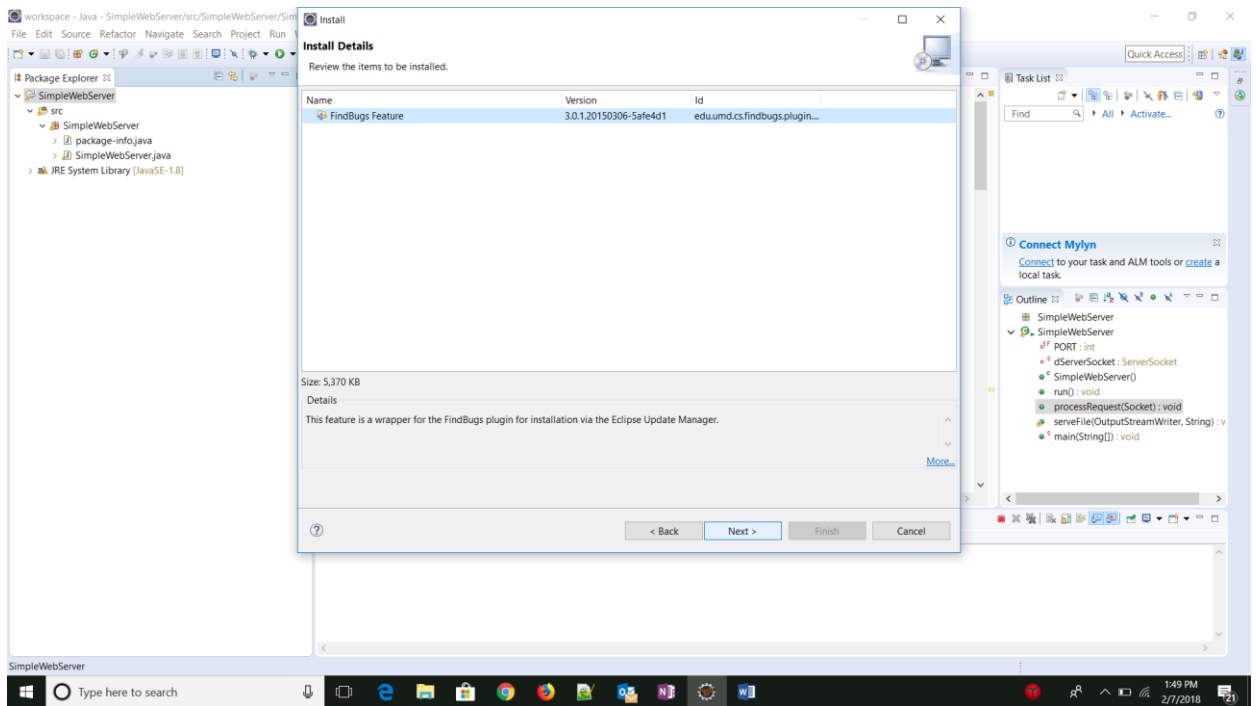
- c. The below window pops up, give the name as 'Findbugs' and click 'ok':



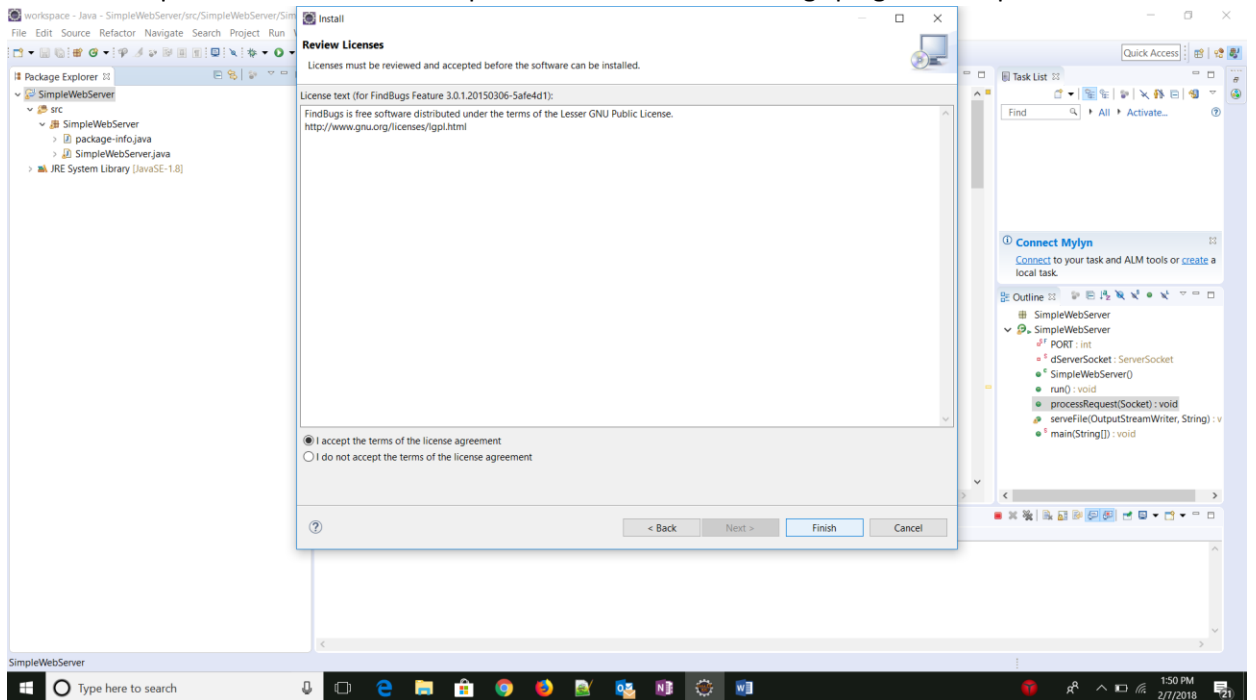
d. Select 'FindBugs' as shown in the window below and click 'Next':



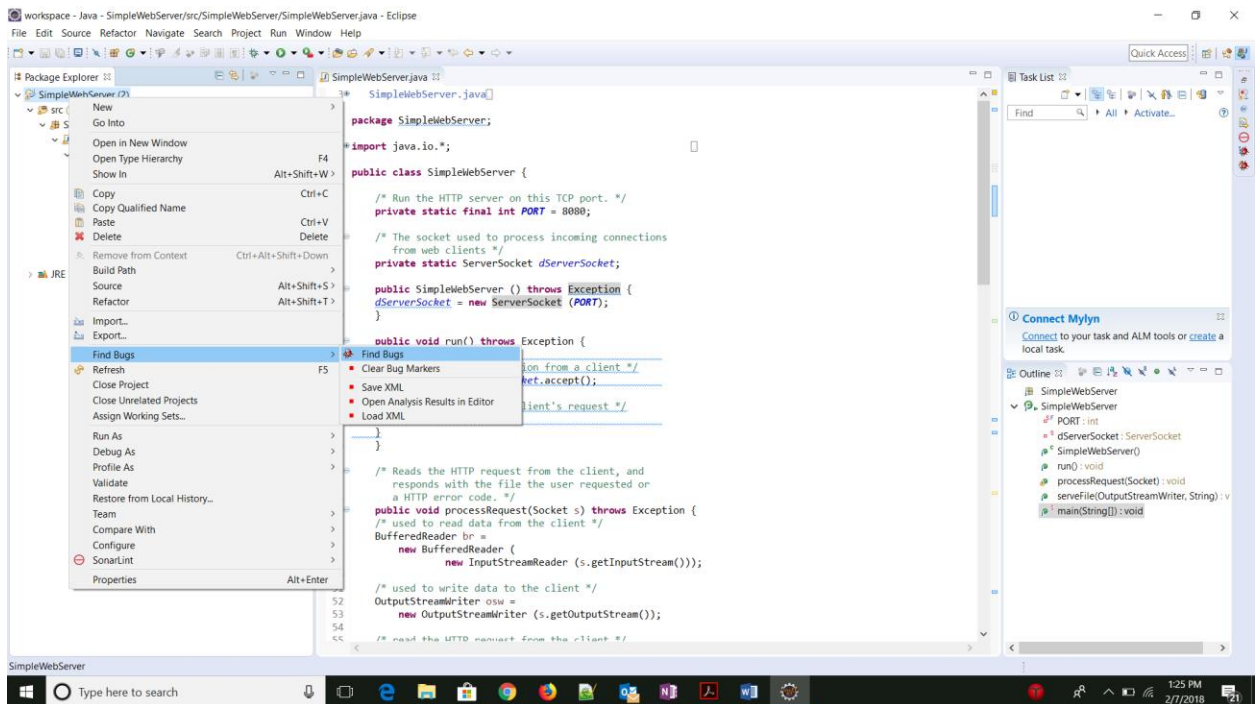
e. Click 'Next' again as shown below:



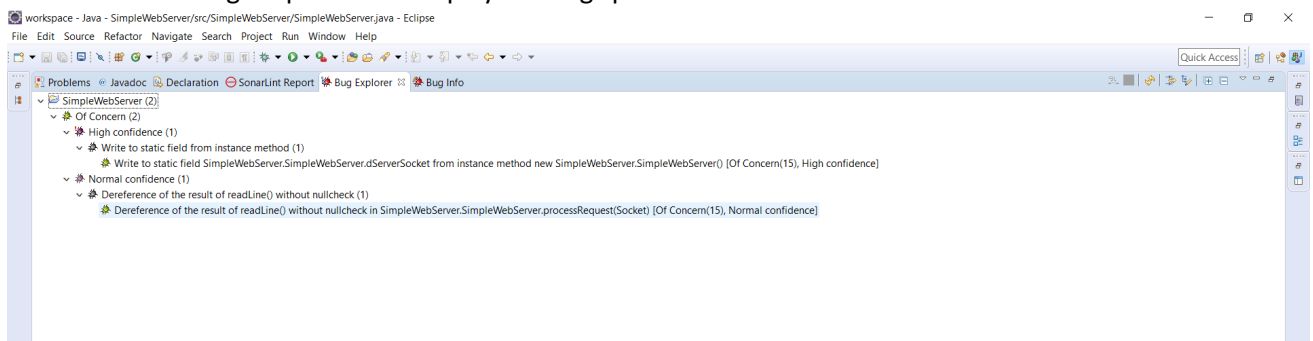
- f. Select 'I accept' and click Finish to complete the installation Findbugs plugin for eclipse:



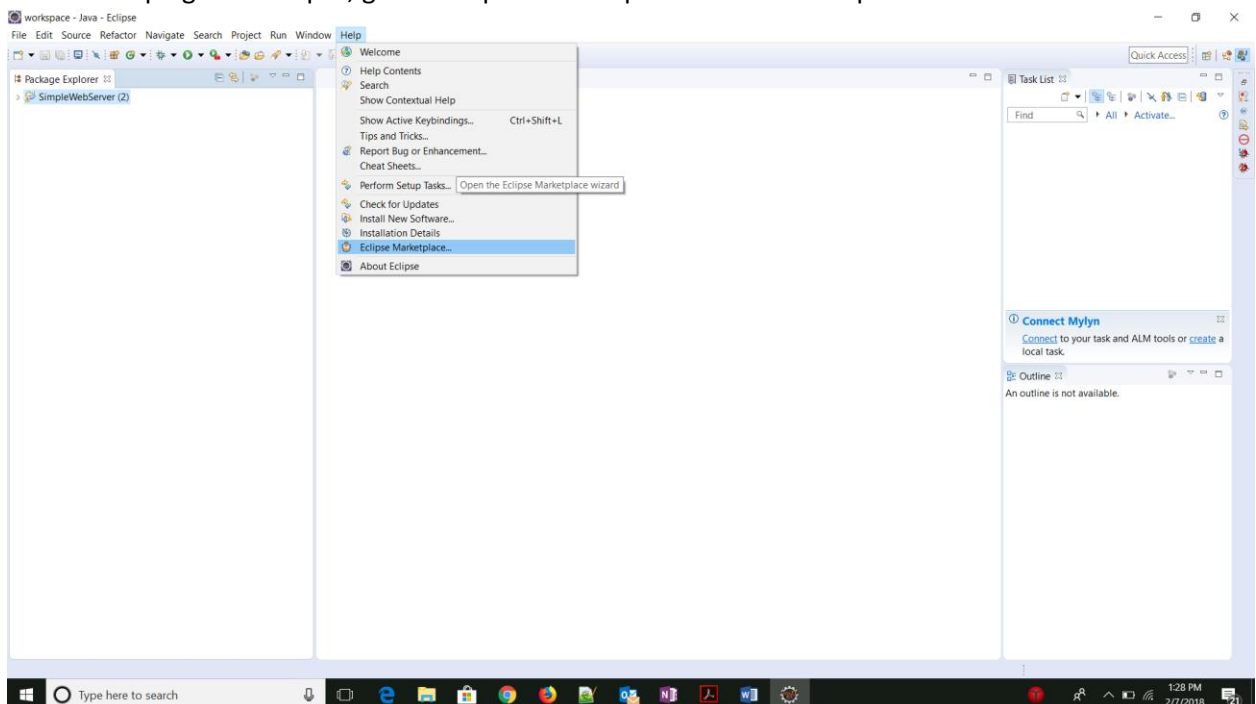
- g. It will ask you to restart eclipse, click ok to restart eclipse.
- h. To run the tool, select the project in the package explorer and select Find Bugs and in the sub menu, select 'Find Bugs' again:



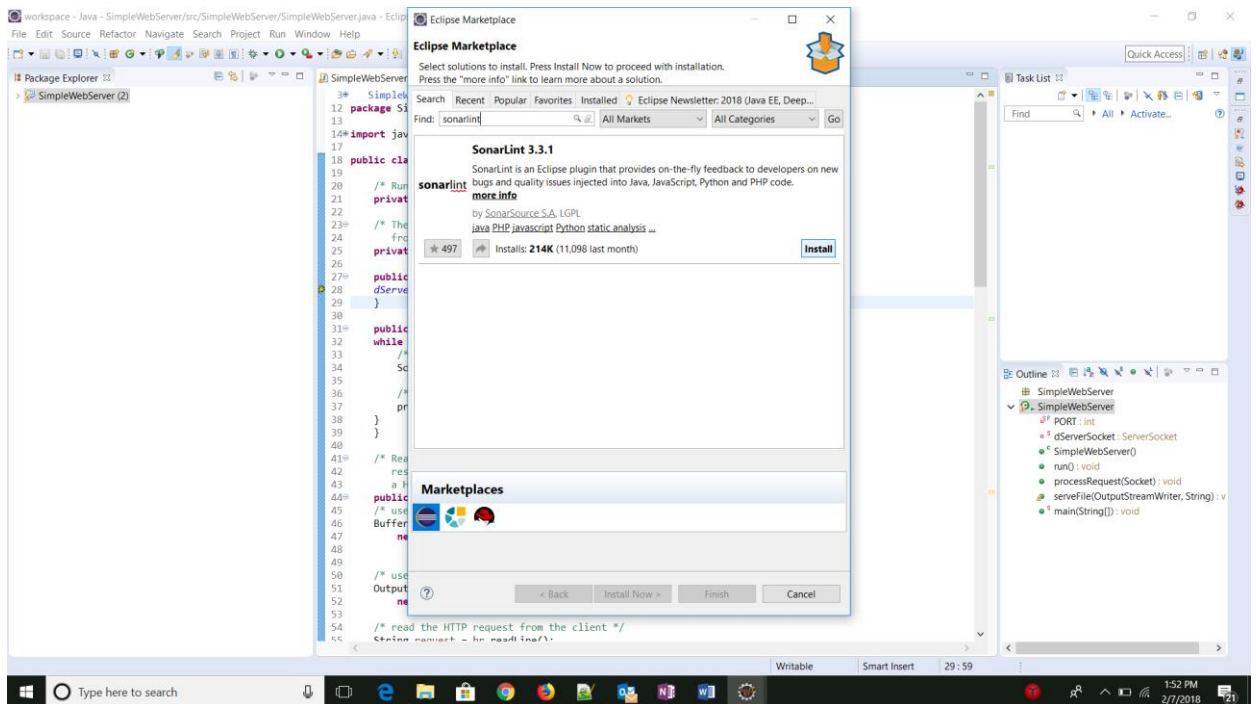
j. The below Find bugs explorer will display the bugs present in the code:



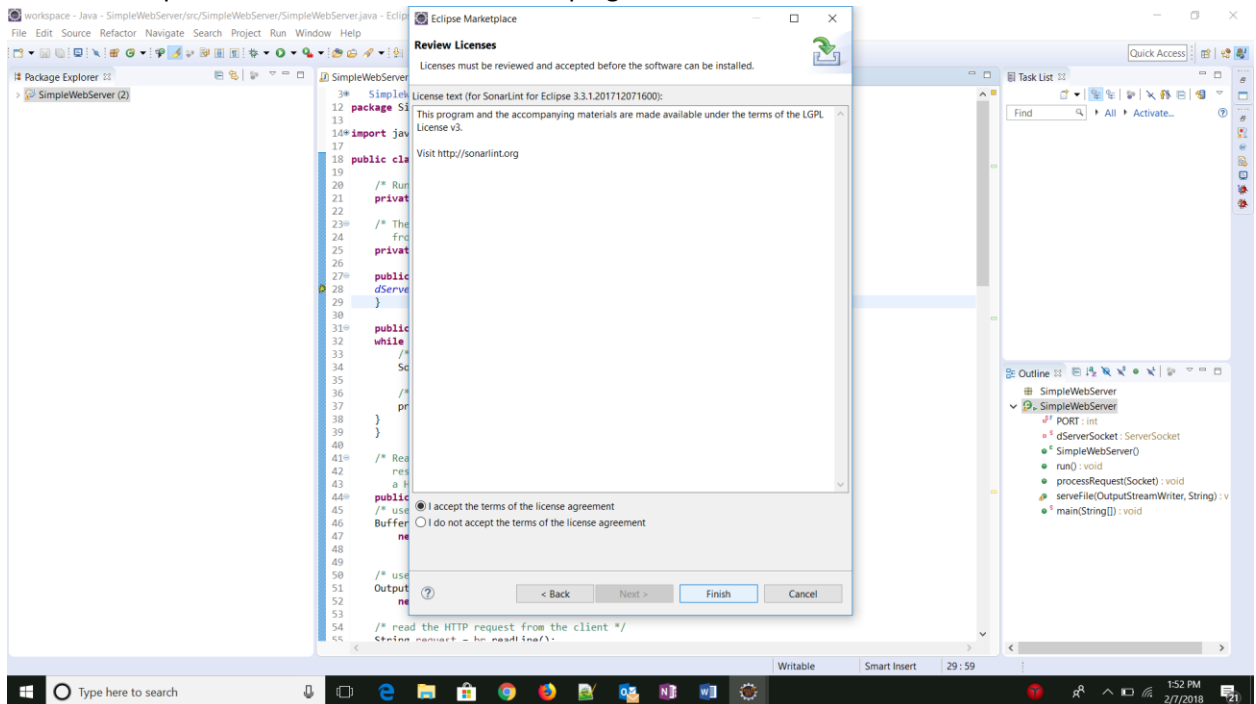
4. To install SonarLint plugin for eclipse, go to “Eclipse Market place” from the Help tab as shown below:



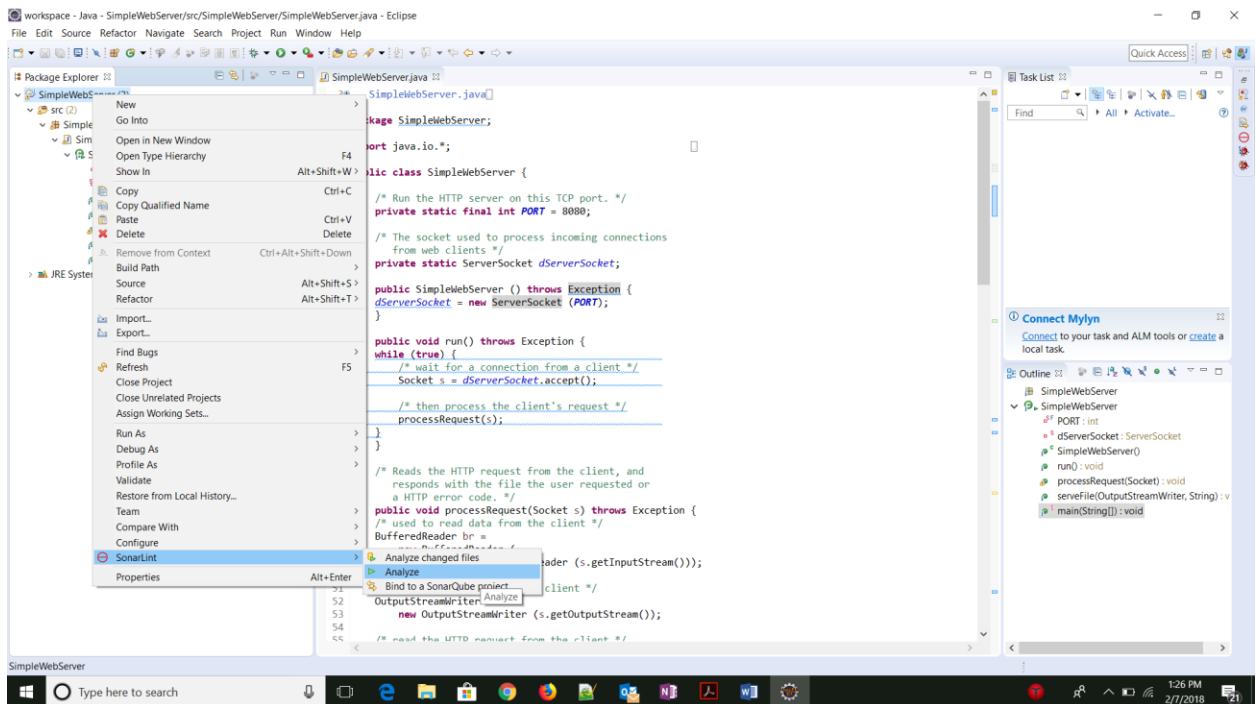
- a.
- b. Type in “sonarlint” as shown in below window and click install to install the SonarLint plugin for eclipse:



- c. Select 'I Accept' and click "Finish" to install the plugin as shown in below window:



- d. It will ask you to restart eclipse, click ok to restart eclipse.
- e. To run the tool, select the project in the package explorer and select SonarLint, and in the sub menu, select 'Analyze' as shown in below window:



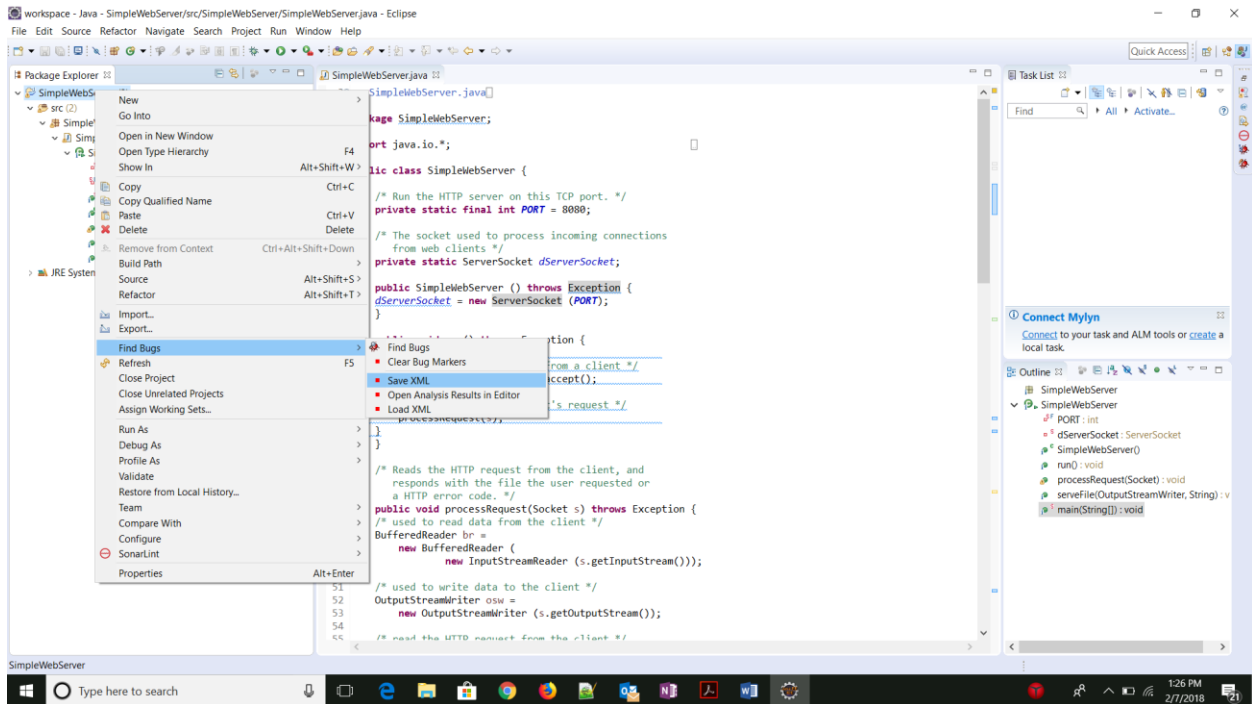
Comparison/ Contrast Tools

- Does the tool analyze source or binary as input?
 - ✓ Findbugs tool analyzes byte code which is why it is more prone to reporting false positives.
 - ✓ SonarLint analyzes source code and provides much detailed information about the bugs it finds with a possible solution to fix the bug.
- Which category of tools is it?
 - Type checking
 - Style checking
 - Program understanding
 - Program verification
 - Property checking
 - Bug finding
 - Security review
 - ✓ Both the Findbugs and SonarLint are Bug finding tools.
- Show an example (if one exists) of a finding that is reported by one tool and not others.
 - ✓ In the method run(), end condition of the while loop is missing. This bug is reported by SonarLint tool but not by Findbugs tool.
- Show an example (if one exists) of a finding reported by multiple tools.
 - ✓ In Line 28, dServerSocket object is a static object and it is initialized in the constructor of the class which is not an acceptable practice. This bug is reported by both tools, Findbugs and SonarLint.
- For the known flaw in the code used, document which tools reported it (true negative) and which tools did not (false positive).
 - ✓ SonarLint reported that exception handling is generic in all the methods except serveFile of the SimpleWebServer class, whereas Findbugs tool did not report this obvious flaw in the code.

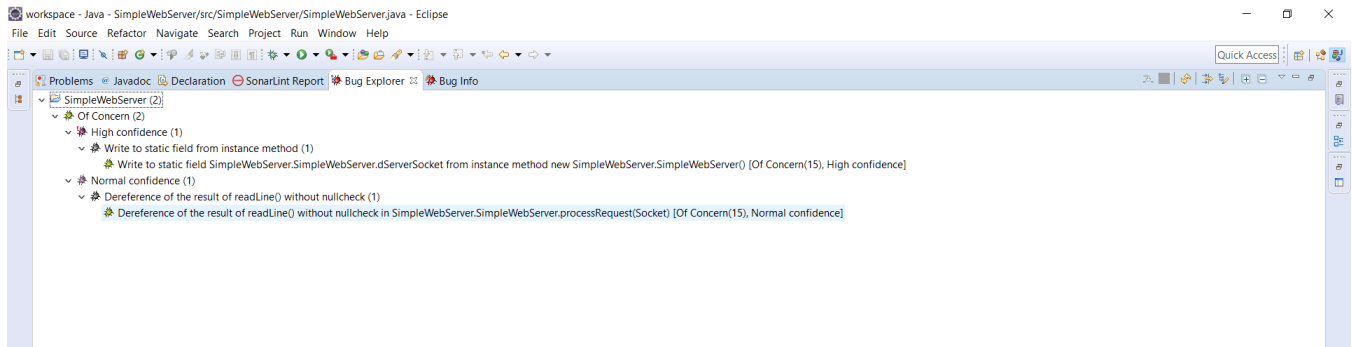
Results

Findbugs:

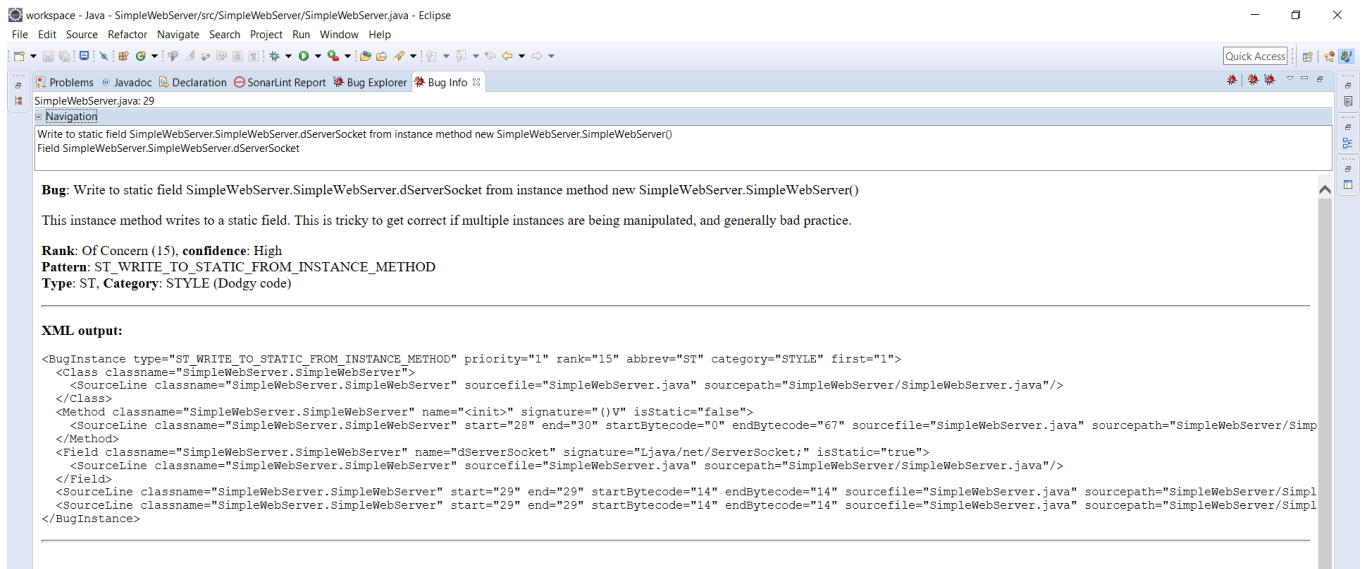
- To save the bug report given by the Findbugs tool, select the project in the package explorer and select Find Bugs and in the sub menu, select 'Save XML' to save the report in XML format as shown below:



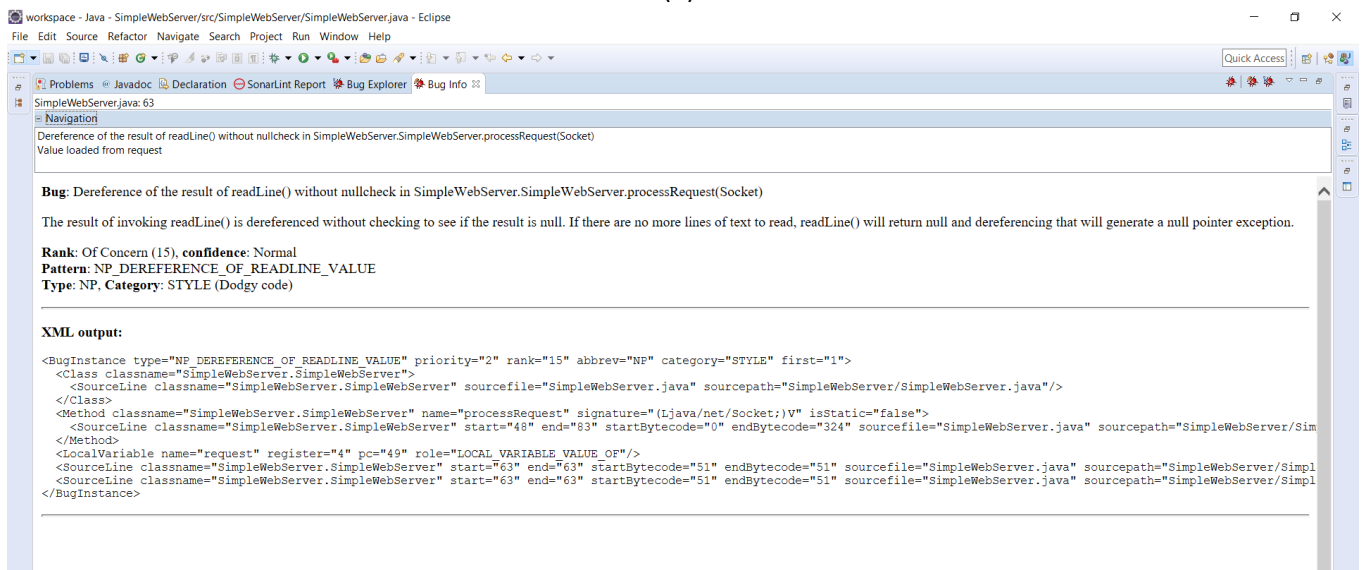
- Below are the screenshots of the bugs reported by the findbugs tool:



(a)



(b)



(c)

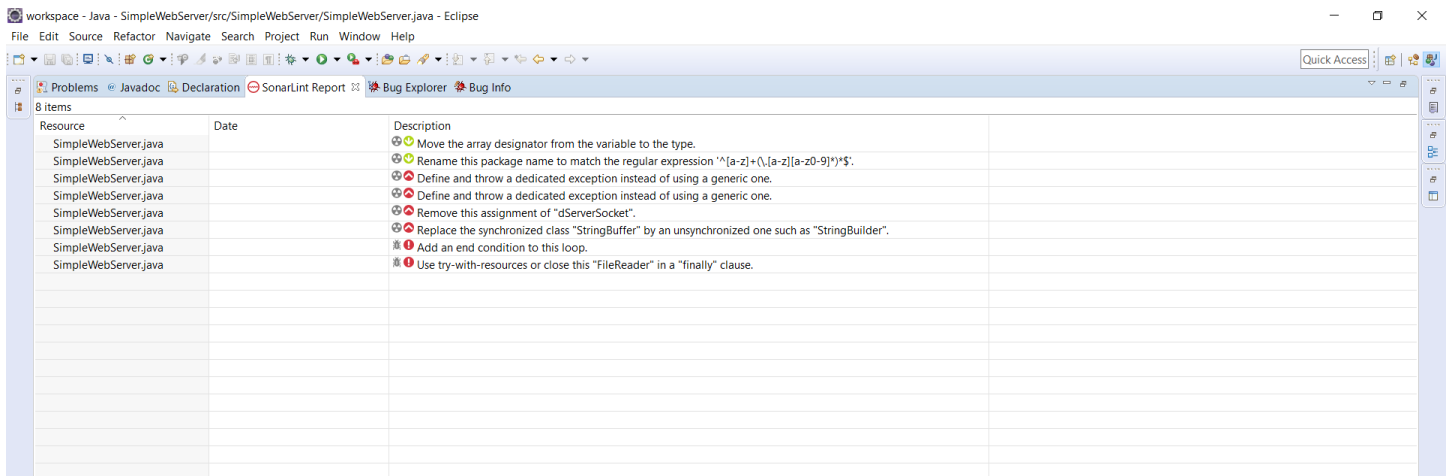
- Below is the XML report:



SimpleWebServer_Fin
d Bugs_Report.xml

SonarLint:

Below is the screenshot of the SonarLint report:



Part 2

Code Provided

The code used for the part 2 of this project, returns the folder structure/ directory of a drive or a path.

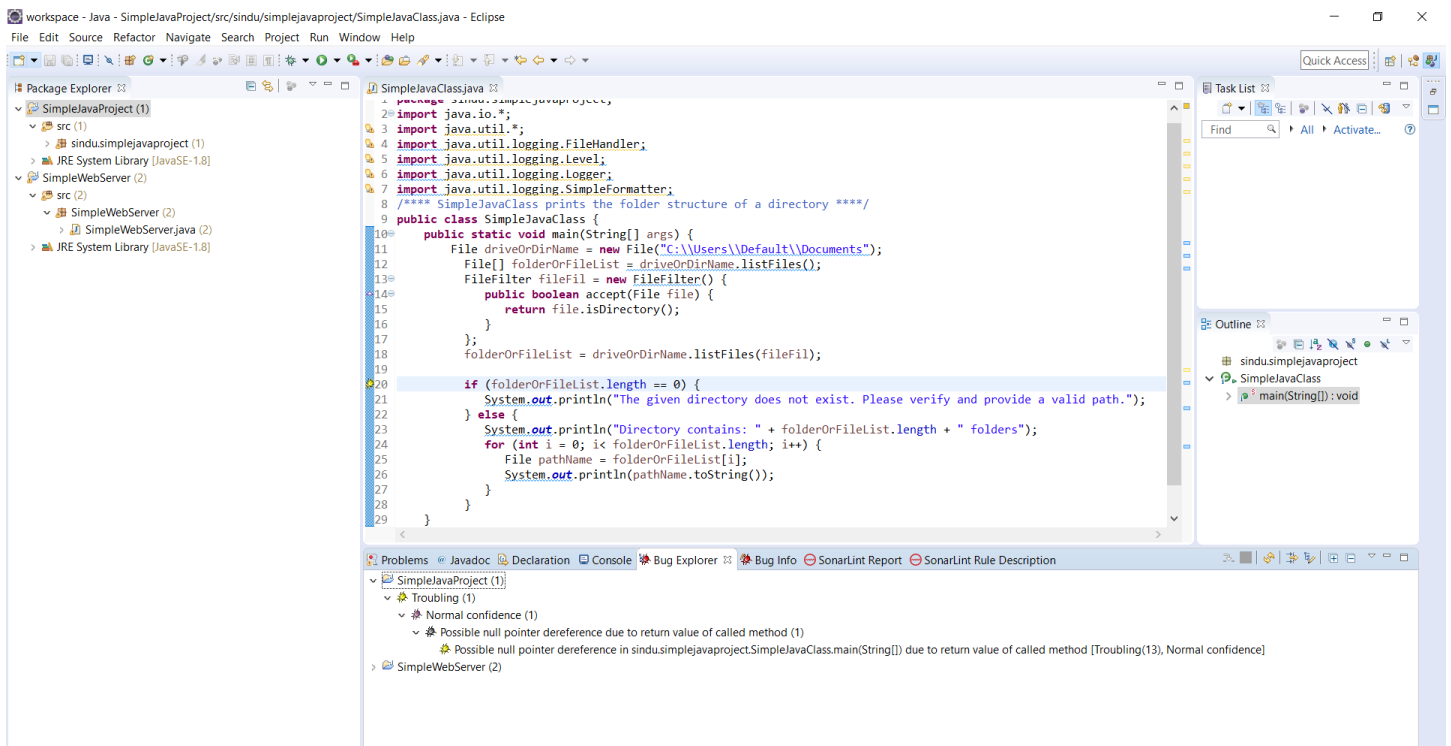


Initial_SimpleJavaClass.java

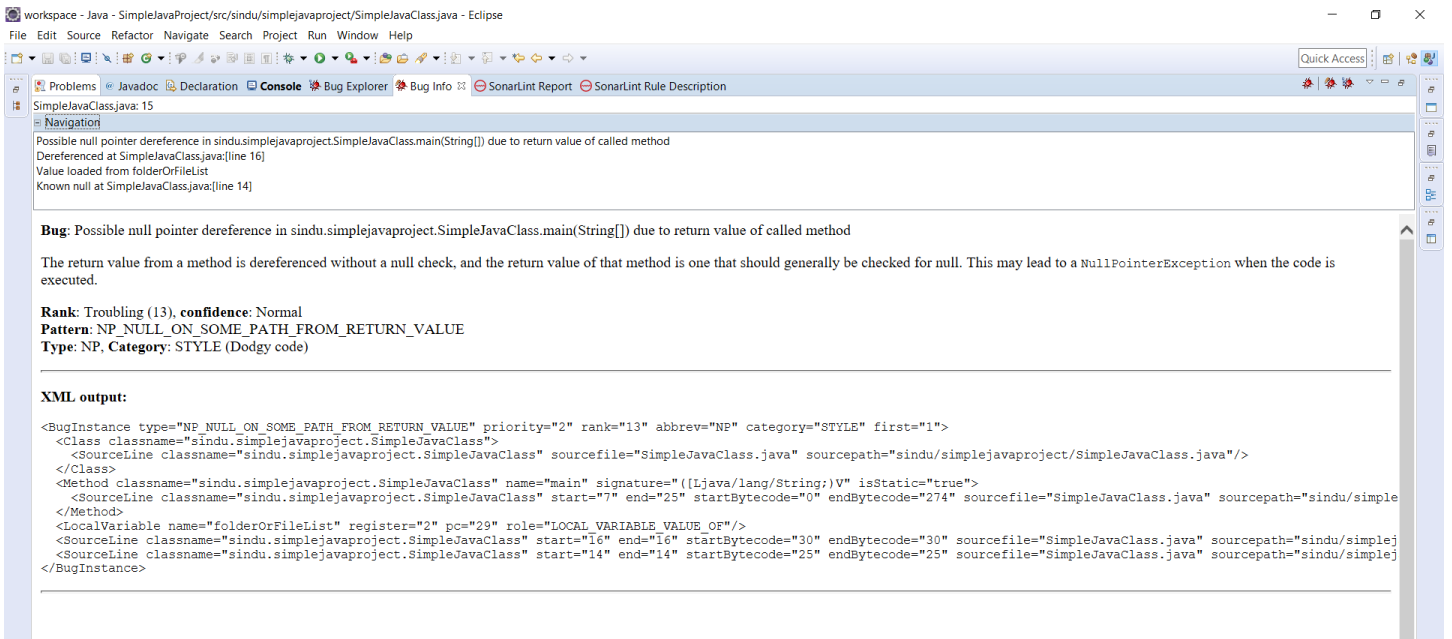
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Below are the results returned by Findbugs and SonarLint tools:

Findbugs:



(a)



(b)

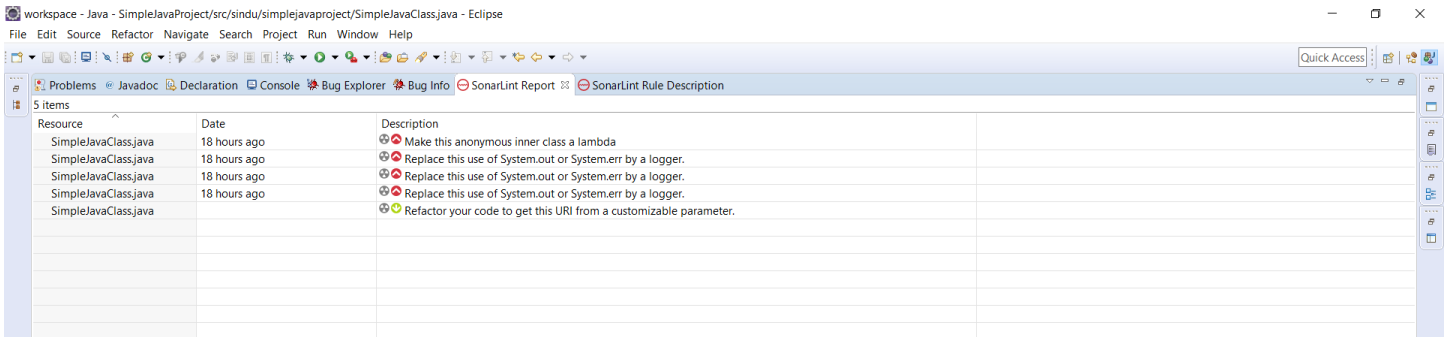
Below is the XML report:



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SonarLint:

Below is the screenshot of the SonarLint report:



Fixes

Code after bug fixes:



SimpleJavaClass.java

Findbugs: 1 Normal Confidence bug - Fixed

“Possible null pointer dereference in sindu.simplejavaproject.SimpleJavaClass.main(String[]) due to return value of called method [Troubling(13), Normal confidence]”

As shown in the fig(a) in above section, the bug reported by the tool means that, on line 20, null check was not implemented for the folderOrFileList object. Once null check was added, no bugs were reported in the bug explorer.

SonarLint: 4 major bugs, 1 minor bug

Fixed:

3 of the major bugs as shown in the sonarlint report above are about using logger class instead writing the logs to console. Another major bug is about converting an inner class to lambda expression.

All the major bugs are fixed and the new report now has two minor bugs:

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the 'SimpleJavaClass.java' file is open, displaying Java code. The code includes package declarations, imports for logging and file handling, and a main method that uses a logger to log directory information. On the right, the 'SonarLint Report' is displayed, showing a table with two items. The table has columns for 'urce' (likely 'Source'), 'Date', and 'Description'. The first item is for 'mpleJavaClass.java' and the second is for 'mpleJavaClass.java'. The descriptions mention refactoring code to get a URI from a customizable parameter and replacing a lambda with a method reference.

urce	Date	Description
mpleJavaClass.java	few seconds ago	Refactor your code to get this URI from a customizable parameter.
mpleJavaClass.java	few seconds ago	Replace this lambda with a method reference.