

C-STAT® Static Analysis Guide



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BRIEFLY ABOUT C-STAT AND THE CODING RULES

C-STAT is a static analysis tool that tries to find deviations from certain coding rules by performing one or more *checks* for the rule. The checks are grouped in *packages*. The various packages are:

STDCHECKS

Contains checks for rules that come from CWE, as well as checks specific to C-STAT.

CERT

Contains checks for CERT. In addition, some CERT rules and recommendations can be verified by checks for other standard rules, see *Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks*, page 1359.

SECURITY

Contains checks for rules from SANS Top25, OWASP and CWE.

MISRA C:2004

Contains checks for selected rules of the MISRA C:2004 standard. This standard identifies unsafe code constructs in the C89 standard. These checks can also be used for identifying unsafe C89 constructs in C18 or C11 code.

MISRA C++:2008

Contains checks for selected rules of the MISRA C++:2008 standard. This standard identifies unsafe code constructs in the 1998 C++ standard. These checks can also be used for identifying unsafe 1998 C++ constructs in C++14 code.

MISRA C:2012

Contains checks for selected rules of the MISRA C:2012 standard. This standard identifies unsafe code constructs in the C99 and C89 standards. These checks can also be used for identifying unsafe C89 and C99 constructs in C18 or C11 code.

Each MISRA C rule is either *mandatory*, *required*, or *advisory*. The checks for the mandatory and required rules are by default on, whereas the checks for the advisory rules are by default off. Each rule specifies an unsafe code construct.

Note: Some checks compute summary information per file that can be used when analyzing other files. How this information is used depends on the order in which the files are analyzed. This means that the exact number of messages can differ, for example when running C-STAT in the IDE as opposed to using the command line tools.

Note: The analysis of a specific file is terminated after a time limit that you can specify. When the time limit has been reached, the analysis will continue with the next file.

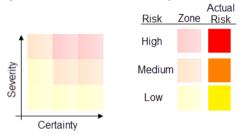
THE CHECKS AND THEIR DOCUMENTATION

A check is a programmatic way of identifying deviations from a rule. Each check has a:

- Tag, a unique identifier which is used for referring to the check. For example, ARR-inv-index-pos.
- Default activation, which can be one of Yes or No.
- Synopsis, for example, Array access may be out of bounds, depending on which path is executed.
- Severity level, which can be Low, Medium, or High.

In addition, the documentation for each check provides information about any vulnerabilities it identifies and a description of the problems that can be caused by code that fails the check, such as memory leaks, undefined or unpredictable behavior, or program crashes. Usually, there are also two source code examples: one that illustrates code that fails the check and generates a message, and one that illustrates code that passes the check. For each check, there is also information about which rules in the different coding standards that the check corresponds to.

A grid shows the *severity* of the problems that code that does not conform to the rule (non-conformant code) can cause, and the level of *certainty* that the message reflects a true error in the source code. The grid is divided into three *zones*—indicated with pale colors—that reflect the *risks* based on the severity and certainty. The *actual risk* for a specific check is indicated with a grid cell in strong color.



Here follow some example grids.

Example I—high severity and high certainty = high risk

This grid shows a check with high severity and high certainty, which means that it very likely indicates a true bug. While all messages should be investigated, those with a high certainty are more likely to identify real problems in your source code.



Example 2—medium severity and high certainty = medium risk

This grid shows a check with medium severity and high certainty. A medium severity indicates that, for the code that fails the check, there is a medium risk of causing serious errors in your application. A high certainty means that it is very likely that the message reflects a true positive.



Example 3—low severity and medium certainty = low risk

This grid shows a check with low severity and medium certainty, which indicates that the code probably is safe to use. That the check fails can be due to an offense in a macro, or programmers writing safe, but unusual code.



THE SCOPE OF THE C-STAT CHECKS

The checks in C-STAT can be divided into checks performed on the source code and checks performed at link time.

Source code checks search for deviations from a coding rule in the C or C++ source code in the user project and any included user headers (included with #include "xxx"). System headers (included with #include <xxx>) and assembler source code are not searched.

Link time checks search for deviations from coding rules that specify how global and static objects (variables and functions) can be used. The search might be incomplete because the checks search the C or C++ source code for global and static objects and then C-STAT analyzes the code to see whether any deviations have occurred. If the user project contains assembler source code or third-party libraries, the search might yield false positives.

Also note that some MISRA C 2012 checks—MISRAC2012-Rule-5.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.3, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.4, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.5, and MISRAC2012-Rule-20.4—all have one variant for C89 and one for C99. The C89 variants are only used if the source code was compiled in C89 mode, otherwise the C99 variants are used.

Note: When you use C-STAT, the compiler options for each C/C++ source file must be the same as in the user project, otherwise the analysis might give incorrect results.

VARIOUS WAYS TO USE C-STAT

C-STAT is an integral part of the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE:

- You specify which packages of checks to perform in the Select C-STAT Checks dialog box.
- You perform a static analysis by choosing the appropriate commands from the Project>C-STAT Static Analysis menu.

- You can view the result of the performed analysis in the C-STAT Messages window.
- You can create a report in HTML format by choosing the appropriate commands from the **Project>C-STAT Static Analysis** menu.

C-STAT can also be used from the command line, which is useful if you build your project using a make file:

- ichecks.exe—use the ichecks tool to generate a *manifest file* that contains only the checks that you want to perform.
- icstat.exe—use the icstat tool to perform a C-STAT static analysis on a project, with the manifest file as input.
- ireport.exe—use the ireport tool to generate an HTML report of a previously performed analysis.

Finally, you can use C-STAT together with the IAR Command Line Build Utility (iarbuild.exe) for regression testing.

Using C-STAT

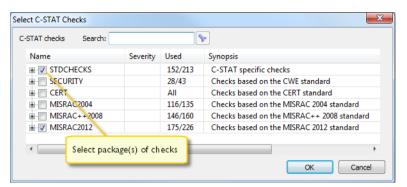
These tasks are described:

- Getting started analyzing using C-STAT, page 41
- Generating an analysis report, page 44
- Performing regression testing, page 45
- Performing an analysis from the command line, page 46

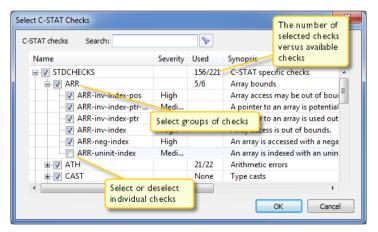
GETTING STARTED ANALYZING USING C-STAT

- I Before you perform a static analysis, make sure your project builds without errors. For information about how to build a project, see the *IDE Project Management and Building Guide*.
- 2 Choose Project>Options and select the Static Analysis category. On the C-STAT Static Analysis page, click Select C-STAT Checks.

3 In the Select C-STAT Checks dialog box, select the packages of checks you want to use. For example STDCHECKS.



4 For each package, select groups of checks or individual checks:



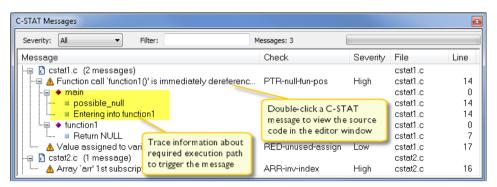
For information about a specific check, select it and press F1 to open the context-sensitive online help system.

When you have made your settings, click **OK** and then **OK** again.

- 5 To perform an analysis, make sure the project is active and execute one of these steps:
 - To analyze your project, select the project in the Workspace window and choose Project>C-STAT Static Analysis>Analyze Project.
 - To analyze one or more individual files, select the file(s) in the Workspace window and choose Project>C-STAT Static Analysis>Analyze File(s).

Alternatively, use the corresponding commands on the context menu in the **Workspace** window instead.

6 The result of the performed analysis is listed in the **C-STAT Messages** window.



For information about a specific check, select it and press F1 to open the context-sensitive online help system.

For reference information, see *C-STAT Messages window*, page 49.

Note: If there are any problems when analyzing, the **Build Log** window displays detailed information.

7 Double-click a C-STAT message to view the corresponding source code in the editor window:

```
11 int main()

12 {

13     char ch = 0;

14     ch += *function1();

15     ch += *function2();

16     ch += *function5();

17     ch += function5();

18     return 0;

RED-unused-assign: Value assigned to variable 'ch' is never used

20
```

Point at a message with the mouse pointer to get tooltip information about which check that caused the message.

8 Correct the error and click the next message in the **C-STAT Messages** window. Continue until all messages have been processed.

Note: C-STAT has a predefined macro, __CSTAT__, that you can use to explicitly include or exclude specific parts of source code from the analysis, see CSTAT , page

57. There are also specific C-STAT pragma directives that suppress one or more checks for selected source lines, see *Descriptions of compiler extensions for C-STAT*, page 54.

GENERATING AN ANALYSIS REPORT

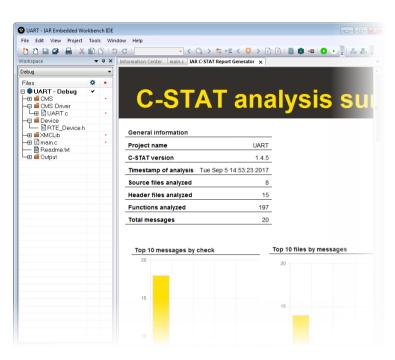
- Perform your analysis, see Getting started analyzing using C-STAT, page 41.
- **2** To generate your report:
 - In the IDE, choose Project>C-STAT Static Analysis and choose either Generate
 HTML Summary or Generate Full HTML Report depending on which type of
 report you want to produce.

The report will be based on the latest performed analysis. If you have modified your source code files after the latest analysis, you might want to update the analysis before you generate the report.

 $\bullet\,$ On the command line, specify your ireport options, for example like this:

```
ireport --db cstat.db --project project1 --output
tutor report.html
```

This will generate a summary report named tutor_report.html from the database cstat.db with project1 as an identifying name for the project. The report can be viewed in a web browser or in the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE.



3 This is an example of a summary report:

PERFORMING REGRESSION TESTING

Regression testing is a method for testing the whole or parts of your source code after you have modified it, to verify that no errors have been added as a result of the modifications.

I After you have analyzed your project using C-STAT and possibly corrected some errors, it can be useful to perform regression testing using the IAR Command Line Build Utility (iarbuild.exe) located in the common\bin directory.

To clean the database from old errors, use a command line like this:

iarbuild.exe MyProject.ewp -cstat_clean Debug

To analyze all files in the project, use a command line like this:

iarbuild.exe MyProject.ewp -cstat_analyze Debug

2 C-STAT generates output information, for example:

```
Analyzing configuration: MyProject - Debug Updating build tree...

Starting C-STAT analysis

Analysis completed. 164 message(s)
```

- 3 Compare the number of messages reported with the number of messages produced in previous builds. If the number has increased, new errors have been introduced as a result of earlier development.
- **4** In the IDE, open your project, perform the analysis, and locate the cause of the new message.

Alternatively, you can create an HTML report from the command line, for example like this:

```
ireport.exe --db cstat.db --project MyProject.ewp --full --output
MyProject.html
```

This creates a report in MyProject.html, see also *Generating an analysis report*, page 44.

5 Typically, you might want to repeat this process during nightly builds to continuously control that existing code is not affected by new code.

For more information about the IAR Command Line Build Utility, see the *IDE Project Management and Building Guide*.

PERFORMING AN ANALYSIS FROM THE COMMAND LINE

To use C-STAT to perform an analysis from the command line, you need:

- ichecks.exe—use the ichecks tool to generate a manifest file that contains only
 the checks that you want to perform.
- icstat.exe—use the icstat tool to perform a C-STAT static analysis on a project, with the manifest file as input.

For information about the checks, see *C-STAT checks*, page 71.

The input to icstat consists of:

- The source files for your application, with the compiler command lines.
- The linker command line for your application.
- A file that lists the enabled checks that will be performed (or more specifically, the *tags* for the checks). You create this file using the ichecks tool.
- A file where the deviations from the performed checks will be stored in a database.

For an example of how to perform a static analysis using C-STAT, follow these steps based on two example source code files <code>cstat1.c</code> and <code>ctat2.c</code>. You can find these files in the directory <code>target\src</code>.

To perform a static analysis using C-STAT:

Select which checks you want to perform by creating a manifest file using ichecks, for example like this:

```
ichecks --default stdchecks --output checks.ch
```

The checks .ch file lists all the checks that you have selected, in this case, all checks that are enabled by default for the stdchecks package (--default). The file will look like this:

```
ARR-inv-index-pos
ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos
```

To modify the file on check-level, you can manually add or delete checks from the file.

- **2** Make sure that your project builds without errors.
- **3** To analyze your application, specify your icstat commands. For example like this:

```
icstat --db a.db --checks checks.ch analyze -- iccxxxxx
compiler_opts cstat1.c

icstat --db a.db --checks checks.ch analyze -- iccxxxxx
compiler_opts cstat2.c

icstat --db a.db --checks checks.ch link_analyze -- ilinkxxxxx
linker opts cstat1.o cstat2.o
```

Note: iccxxxxx is the invocation of the compiler and ilinkxxxx is the invocation of the ILINK Linker. xxxxx should be replaced with an identifier that is unique to your IAR Embedded Workbench product package. Refer to the compiler documentation that was delivered with the product, for what to replace xxxxx with.

If your product package comes with the IAR XLINK Linker instead of the IAR ILINK Linker, <code>ilinkxxxxx</code> should be <code>xlink</code> and the filename extension o of the object file should be <code>rxx</code>, where <code>xx</code> is a numeric part that identifies your product package. Refer to the <code>IDE Project Management</code> and <code>Building Guide</code> for what to replace <code>xx</code> with.

In these example command lines, --db specifies a file where the resulting database is stored, and the --checks option specifies the checks . ch manifest file. The commands will be executed serially.

Alternatively, if you have many source files to be analyzed and want to speed up the analysis, you can use the commands command which means that you collect all your

commands in a specific file in combination with --parallel. In this case, icstat will perform the analysis in parallel instead. The command line would then look like this:

```
icstat --db a.db --checks checks.ch commands commands.txt
--parallel 4
commands.txt contains:
analyze -- iccxxxxx compiler_opts cstat1.c
analyze -- iccxxxxx compiler_opts cstat2.c
link_analyze -- ilinkxxxxx linker_opts cstat1.o cstat2.o
```

See the note above regarding ilinkxxxxx and the filename extensions.

4 After running icstat on the cstat1.c file, these messages are listed on the console and stored in the database (assuming all default checks are performed):

```
"cstat1.c",12 Severity-High[PTR-null-assign]:Pointer `p' is
assigned NULL, then dereferenced.
    "cstat1.c",13: ^ - if (input) is true
    "cstat1.c",15: ! - Pointer assigned NULL: p = foo()
    "cstat1.c",17: ! - Dereference of pointer `p'

"cstat1.c",17 Severity-High[SPC-uninit-var-some]:Variable `p' may
be uninitialized.
    "cstat1.c",13: ^ - if (input) is false
    "cstat1.c",17: ! - Read of `*p'
```

Note that the messages are followed by *trace information*, which describes the required execution path to trigger the deviation from the rule, including information about assumptions made on conditional statements.

5 This message is listed for the cstat2.c file:

```
"cstat2.c",7 Severity-High[ARR-inv-index]:Array `arr' 1st subscript 20 is out of bounds [0,9].
```

6 Edit the source files to remove the problem and repeat the analysis.

Note: C-STAT has a built-in preprocessor symbol, __CSTAT__, that you can use to explicitly include or exclude specific parts of source code from the analysis. There are also specific C-STAT pragma directives that suppress one or more checks for selected source lines, see *Descriptions of compiler extensions for C-STAT*, page 54.

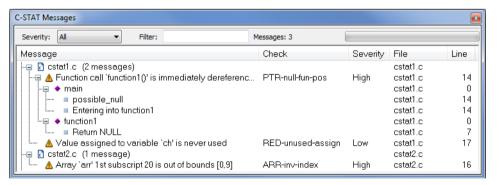
Reference information on the graphical environment

Reference information about:

- C-STAT Messages window, page 49
- C-STAT Static Analysis options, page 51
- Extra Options, page 52
- Select C-STAT Checks dialog box, page 53

C-STAT Messages window

The C-STAT Messages window is automatically displayed when you perform a C-STAT analysis.



This window displays the result of a performed C-STAT static analysis.

See also Getting started analyzing using C-STAT, page 41.

Toolbar menu

Severity

Selects which severity level of the messages to be displayed. Choose between **All** (shows all messages), **Medium/High** (shows messages of Medium and High severity), or **High** (shows only messages of High severity).

Filter

Filters the messages so that only messages that contain the text you specify will be listed (the filter is case-sensitive). This is useful if you want to search the message information.

Messages

Lists the number of C-STAT messages after a performed analysis.

Progress bar

Shows the progress of the ongoing analysis.

Display area

The display area shows messages per file and linkage. The messages can be expanded and collapsed. For each file, the number of messages and the number of C-STAT pragma messages are displayed.

Message

Lists the C-STAT message for the check. For some checks, there is trace information for an execution path that was used when identifying the non-conformant code construct.

Check

The name of the check.

Severity

The severity of the check, **High**, **Medium**, or **Low**.

File

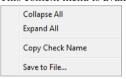
The name of the file where the non-conformant code construct is found.

Line

The line number of the non-conformant code construct.

Context menu

This context menu is available:



These commands are available:

Collapse All

Collapses all file nodes in the C-STAT Messages window.

Expand All

Expands all file nodes in the **C-STAT Messages** window.

Copy Check Name

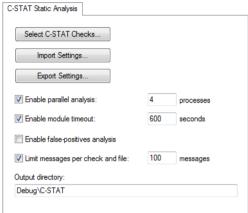
Copies the name of the selected check. Use the copied name in the C-STAT Settings dialog box to search for a specific check.

Save to File

Saves the result of a performed analysis to a text file.

C-STAT Static Analysis options

To open the C-STAT Static Analysis page, choose Project>Options and select the Static Analysis category.



Use this page to specify options for performing a static analysis using C-STAT.

Select C-STAT Checks

Opens the **Select C-STAT Checks** dialog box where you can select which checks to perform.

Import Settings

Opens a standard open dialog box to use for locating and opening an XML file that contains the checks to perform. The content of the file will be imported and can be modified in the **Select C-STAT Checks** dialog box.

Export Settings

Opens a standard save dialog box for locating and saving an XML file with your currently selected checks.

Enable parallel analysis

Enables C-STAT to perform analysis in parallel.

Enable module timeout

Specify the number of seconds after which the analysis terminates.

Processes

Specify the number of processes to be used by C-STAT for performing an analysis.

Enable false-positives analysis

Attempts to remove false messages, commonly referred to as false positives.

Limit messages per check and file

Specify the maximum number of messages to be produced per check and file.

Output directory

Overrides the default directory for storing all information generated by C-STAT. Type the name of the directory where you want to store the information for the project. To delete the contents of this directory, choose **Project>C-STAT Static Analysis>Clear Analysis Results**.

Note: This option is not available in all versions of IAR Embedded Workbench.

Extra Options

The **Extra Options** page provides you with a command line interface to the tool.

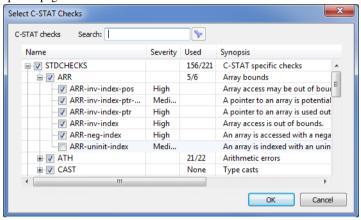


Use command line options

Specify additional command line arguments to be passed to the tool (not supported by the GUI).

Select C-STAT Checks dialog box

The **Select C-STAT Checks** dialog box is available from the **C-STAT Static Analysis** options page.



Use this dialog box to specify the checks to include during a C-STAT static analysis. You can select packages or groups of checks, or individual checks to perform by selecting the corresponding check boxes.

For reference information about individual checks, select a check and press F1 to open the context-sensitive help.

Search

Type a text string to be used as a filter.

Name

Lists all packages, groups, and checks. Select the ones you want to perform.

Severity

Shows the severity for each check, which can be High, Medium, or Low.

Used

Shows how many of the checks in the package or group that will performed during a C-STAT static analysis (only if the package or group actually is selected). The values can be **All**, **None**, or the number of selected checks out of the total amount.

Synopsis

Gives a short description of the packages, groups, and checks.

Descriptions of compiler extensions for C-STAT

Reference information about:

- C-STAT directives in comments, page 54
- *cstat_disable*, page 55 (pragma directive)
- cstat enable, page 56 (pragma directive)
- cstat restore, page 56 (pragma directive)
- cstat_suppress, page 57 (pragma directive)
- CSTAT , page 57 (predefined macro)

C-STAT directives in comments

Syntax	//cstat	op	[op	op]
	/*cstat	go	90]	/*[α٥

Parameters op is one of:

-tag Disables the specified C-STAT check until the end of the

compilation unit or until a matching +tag is found.

+tag Reenables the specified C-STAT check until the end of the

compilation unit or until a matching -tag is found.

! tag Disables the specified C-STAT check for a single line. If the

line of the specified directive consists of more than just the comment, the line where the directive is placed is used for disabling the specified C-STAT check. Otherwise, the next line that consists of more than just a comment is used.

#tag If placed inside a function body, disables the specified

C-STAT check from that line, until the end of the function. If placed outside a function body, disables the specified C-STAT

check for the immediately following function.

tag to be replaced with the tag for a specific check, for

example MISRAC2012-Rule-4.2.

Note that you can use the wildcard (*) character to match multiple tags and thus disable

multiple checks.

Description Use the comment characters (and the operators) to disable or enable C-STAT messages

for specific checks.

```
Example
                      //cstat -MISRAC2004* -MISRAC2012-Rule-4.2
                      // Messages about MISRA C 2012 rule 4.2 and the whole MISRA C
                      // 2004 package suppressed here
                      // ...
                      //cstat +MISRAC2004* +MISRAC2012-Rule-4.2
                      // Messages about MISRA C 2012 rule 4.2 and the whole MISRA C
                      // 2004 package unsuppressed here
                      //cstat !MISRAC2004-6.3
                      int a;
                      or
                      int a; //cstat !MISRAC2004-6.3
                      will disable the message given by MISRA C 2004 6.3 regarding the int a; statement.
                      //cstat #ARR-inv-index
                      void f(...)
                      ...// Messages about ARR-inv-index suppressed here
                      void f() {
                        //cstat #ARR-inv-index
                        // Messages about ARR-inv-index suppressed here
                      } // ARR-inv-index reenabled here
```

cstat_disable

Syntax #pragma cstat_disable="tag"[,"tag"...]

Parameters

The tag of a C-STAT check.

Description

Use this pragma directive to suppress the specified C-STAT check until the end of the compilation unit or until a matching #pragma cstat_restore directive is encountered.

Use this pragma directive to unsuppress the specified C-STAT check until the end of the

compilation unit, or until a matching #pragma cstat_restore directive is

See also *cstat restore*, page 56

cstat restore

Syntax #pragma cstat_restore="tag"[,"tag"...]

encountered.

Parameters

Description

The tag of a C-STAT check.

Description Use this pragma directive to undo the effects of the most recent cstat_enable or

cstat_disable directive for the same check(s).

cstat_suppress

Syntax #pragma cstat_suppress="tag"[,"tag"...]

Parameters

The tag of a C-STAT check.

Description Use this pragma directive to suppress the specified C-STAT check until the end of the

immediately following line.

__CSTAT__

Description A predefined macro that is defined when the code is processed for analysis. You can use

it to explicitly include or exclude specific parts of source code from the analysis.

#endif

Descriptions of C-STAT options

The following is detailed reference information about each command line option available for icstat, ichecks and ireport:

- --all, page 58
- --check, page 58
- --checks, page 59
- --db, page 59
- --default, page 60
- --deterministic, page 60
- --exclude, page 61
- --fpe, page 62
- --full, page 62
- --group, page 62
- --language_specific_checks, page 63
- --output, page 63
- --package, page 64
- --parallel, page 64

- --project, page 65
- --timeout, page 65
- --timeout_check, page 65

Rules for specifying a filename or directory as parameters

Description

These rules apply for options that take a filename or directory as parameters:

Options that take a filename as a parameter can optionally take a file path. The path
can be relative or absolute. For example, to generate a check manifest to the file
cstat_checks.txt in the directory ...\checks:

```
ichecks --package misrac2012 --output
..\checks\cstat_checks.txt
```

- / can be used instead of \ as the directory delimiter.
- By specifying -, input files and output files can be redirected to the standard input and output stream, respectively. For example:

```
ichecks --package misrac2012 --output -
```

For options where it is not relevant to direct files to standard input or output, – is not supported.

--all

Syntax --all

For use with ichecks

Description

Causes ichecks to generate all checks (including non-default checks) to an output file. When you use the output file with icstat, icstat will perform all checks.



To set related options, choose:

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Select Checks

--check

Syntax --check tag[,...]

Parameters

The tag of a specific check that you want to perform, for example

ARR-inv-index-pos. You can specify one or several tags.

For use with ichecks

Description Causes icheck to generate the specified check to an output file. When you use the

output file with icstat, icstat will perform the specified check.

To set related options, choose:

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Select Checks

--checks

Syntax --checks filename

Parameters

filename The name of the manifest file that contains the checks that icstat

will perform. See also Rules for specifying a filename or directory

as parameters, page 58.

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to specify the file that contains the checks to perform. You create the file

using ichecks, see Performing an analysis from the command line, page 46.

ΠË

This option is not available in the IDE.

--db

Syntax --db filename

Parameters

filename icstat: The name of the file where the analysis result will be

stored as a database.

ireport: The name of the database file that contains the result

of a previously performed analysis.

See also Rules for specifying a filename or directory as

parameters, page 58.

For use with icstat, ireport

Description Use this option to specify the name of the database.

This option is mandatory.



This option is not available in the IDE.

--default

Syntax --default package[,...]

Parameters

package The name of package to use. Choose between: stdchecks,

cert, security, miscrac2004, misrac2012, or

miscrac++2008.

For use with ichecks

Description Causes ichecks to generate all default checks for the specified package to an output

file. When you use the output file with icstat, icstat will perform the default checks.

ΠË

To set related options, choose:

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Select Checks

--deterministic

Syntax --deterministic

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to ensure a deterministic amount of messages when running icstat

with multiple threads, so that the amount of messages stays approximately the same from one analysis run to another. This option puts a limit on the option --parallel,

which makes the analysis process slower.

See also *--parallel*, page 64

ΠË

To set this option in the IDE, use **Project>Options>Static Analysis>Extra Options**

--exclude

Syntax --exclude {filename|directory}

Parameters

filename The name of the source file to exclude. See also Rules for

specifying a filename or directory as parameters, page 58.

directory The name of the directory where the source files to exclude are

stored. See also Rules for specifying a filename or directory as

parameters, page 58.

Note that the string you specify can include the * and ? characters, where * matches any sequence of characters (including the empty sequence) and ? matches any single character.

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to exclude one or more source files (not, for example, header files) from

the source file analysis (the command analyze); more specifically, files whose part of their absolute path completely matches the string you specify. The --exclude option cannot exclude files from the application linking analysis (the command

link_analyze). For more information on the analysis commands, see *Summary of*

icstat commands, page 67.

Example --exclude library

Will for example, exclude E:\project\library\libxml.c, but will not exclude E:\project\third_party_library\libxml.c or E:\project\library.c.

--exclude libxml*

Will for example, exclude E:\project\library\librarl-2.7.6.c\main.c and E:\project\librarl.c, but will not exclude E:\project\api_libral.c.

--exclude library\libxml

Will for example, exclude E:\project\library\library\library\main.c, but will not exclude E:\project\library\library\colonion.c.

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To set this option in the IDE, use Project>Options>Static Analysis>Extra Options

--fpe

Syntax --fpe

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to make icstat attempt to remove false messages, commonly referred

to as false positives.

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Enable false-positive analysis

--full

Syntax --full

For use with ireport

Description Use this option to make ireport generate a full report in HTML, which means that all

checks (suppressed and non-suppressed) are included at the end of the report.

To set this option, choose:

Project>C-STAT Static Analysis>Generate Full HTML Report

--group

Syntax --group group[,...]

Parameters

group The group of checks that you want to perform, for example ARR

for array bounds or ATH for arithmetic errors. For information about available groups, see the **Options** dialog box in the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE. You can specify one or several

groups.

For use with ichecks

Description Causes ichecks to generate the specified group of checks to an output file. When you

use the output file with ${\tt icstat}$, ${\tt icstat}$ will perform the specified group of checks.

To set related options, choose:

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Select Checks

--language_specific_checks

Syntax --language_specific_checks

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to make icstat focus on checks specific to the language of the source

files. This means that MISRAC2004, MISRAC2012, and CERT are disabled when analyzing source files compiled for Standard C++, and that MISRAC++2008 is disabled when analyzing source files compiled for Standard C.

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To set this option in the IDE, use Project>Options>Static Analysis>Extra Options

--output

Syntax --output filename

Parameters

filename The name of the output file. See also Rules for specifying a filename

or directory as parameters, page 58.

For use with ichecks, ireport

Description Use this option to explicitly specify a different output filename.

ichecks: By default, the generated output produced by ichecks is located in a file with the name cstat_sel_checks.txt.

ireport: By default, the generated output produced by ireport is located in a file

with the name project_name.html.

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For ichecks: This option is not available in the IDE.

For ireport: Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Generate Full HTML Report

or

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Generate HTML Summary

--package

Syntax --package package[,...]

Parameters

The package of checks that you want to perform. Choose package

> between: stdchecks, miscrac2004, misrac2012, or miscrac++2008. You can specify one or several packages.

For use with ichecks

Description Causes ichecks to generate the specified package of checks to an output file. When you

use the output file with icstat, icstat will perform the specified package of checks.

To set related options, choose:

Project>Options>Static Analysis>C-STAT Static Analysis>Select Checks

--parallel

--parallel threads Syntax

Parameters

The maximum number of threads to use during parallel analysis. threads

For use with icstat

Description Use this option to specify the maximum number of threads to use during parallel analysis.

Note: This option might cause subsequently performed analyses to produce more or fewer messages. This is because the summary information for the source files might change depending on the order in which they are analyzed. To make the amount of messages stay approximately the same from one analysis run to another, use the option

--deterministic, see --deterministic, page 60.

Project>Options>Static Analysis>Enable parallel analysis

--project

Syntax --project name

Parameters

name A name to identify the project in the report.

For use with ireport

Description Use this option to specify a name for the project in the report.

This option is mandatory.

ΠË

This option is not available in the IDE.

--timeout

Syntax --timeout seconds

Parameters

Seconds The number of seconds before the analysis of a module

terminates. Setting this to 0 disables the time limit entirely.

For use with icstat

Description By default, the analysis of a module times out and terminates after ten minutes (600

seconds). Use this option to specify a different length of time that the analysis is allowed

to take before it terminates.



Project>Options>Static Analysis>Module timeout

--timeout_check

Syntax --timeout_check seconds

Parameters

seconds The number of seconds that each check is allowed to take before

the analysis for that check terminates. Setting this to 0 disables

the time limit entirely.

For use with

icstat

Description

By default, the analysis of a check times out and terminates after two minutes (120 seconds). Use this option to specify a different length of time that each check is allowed to take before the analysis for that check terminates. This limit includes the various internal operations performed during the analysis.



To set this option in the IDE, use Project>Options>Static Analysis>Extra Options

Description of the C-STAT command line tools

Reference information about:

- The icstat tool, page 66
- The ichecks tool, page 68
- The ireport tool, page 69

See the compiler documentation for information about generic syntax rules for options, exit statuses, etc.

THE ICSTAT TOOL

Use the icstat tool to perform a C-STAT static analysis on a project, with a previously produced manifest file as input. You produce the manifest file using the ichecks tool.

Invocation syntax for icstat

The invocation syntax for icstat:

icstat parameters [-- command_line]

The different parts are:

Syntax parts	Description
commands	Commands that define an operation to be performed, see Summary of icstat commands, page 67.
options	Command line options that define actions to be performed, see Summary of icstat options, page 67. These options can be placed anywhere on the command line, but must come before
command_line	Compiler or linker command line for the analyze and link_analyze commands.

Table 1: icstat syntax

For an example, see *Performing an analysis from the command line*, page 46.

Summary of icstat commands

This table summarizes the icstat commands:

Icstat commands	Description
analyze	Analyzes a source file. The command line must end with a compiler invocation $()$.
link_analyze	Analyzes an application. The command line must end with a linker invocation $()$.
load	Outputs the analysis messages from the database file.
clear	Clears the database file.
commands cmd	Executes the commands in the $\ensuremath{\mathit{cmd}}$ file.

Table 2: icstat commands summary

For an example, see Performing an analysis from the command line, page 46.

When running icstat with the commands analyze or link_analyze, identified deviations will be listed on stdout on the format:

Severity[check-tag]: message. Alias tags.

Summary of icstat options

This table summarizes the icstat options:

Command line option	Description
checks	Specifies the manifest file, which contains the checks to perform.
db	Contains analysis information (mandatory).
deterministic	Ensures a deterministic amount of messages when running icstat with multiple threads.
exclude	Excludes file(s) from the analysis.
fpe	Makes icstat attempt to remove false messages (false positives).
language_specific_checks	Makes icstat focus on checks specific to the language of the source files.
parallel	Specifies the number maximum number of threads to use during parallel analysis.
timeout	Specifies the number of seconds that the analysis of a module is allowed to take before it terminates.

Table 3: icstat options summary

Command line option	Description
timeout_check	Specifies the number of seconds that the each check is
	allowed to take before the analysis terminates.

Table 3: icstat options summary (Continued)

For more information, see Descriptions of C-STAT options, page 57.

THE ICHECKS TOOL

Use the ichecks tool to generate a *manifest file* that contains only the checks that you want to perform. Use this file as input to the icstat tool.

Invocation syntax for ichecks

The invocation syntax for ichecks:

ichecks options

The default name of the output file is cstat_sel_checks.txt.

For an example, see Performing an analysis from the command line, page 46.

Summary of ichecks options

This table summarizes the ichecks options:

Command line option	Description
all	Generates all checks to an output file.
check	Generates a specified check to an output file.
default	Generates all default checks for a specific package to an
	output file.
group	Generates a selected group of checks to an output file.
output	Specifies an output filename other than the default.
package	Generates all checks for a specific package to an output file.

Table 4: ichecks options summary

For more information, see *Descriptions of C-STAT options*, page 57.

THE IREPORT TOOL

Use the ireport tool to produce an HTML report of a previous analysis performed by C-STAT. The report presents statistics both in numbers and as tables. Two different types of reports that can be produced:

- A summary that includes information about, for example, project-wide enabled checks, the total amount of messages, suppressed checks (if any), messages for each check, etc.
- A full report that contains the same information as the summary, but also
 information about all suppressed and non-suppressed messages at the end of the
 report. The tables can be collapsed and expanded, and the columns can be sorted.

Invocation syntax for ireport

The invocation syntax for ireport:

ireport options

For an example, see Performing an analysis from the command line, page 46.

Summary of ireport options

This table summarizes the ireport options:

Command line option	Description
db	Specifies the database that the report will be based on.
full	Produces a full report, including information about suppressed and non-suppressed checks.
output	Specifies the name of the produced report.
project	Specifies a name for the project.

Table 5: ireport options summary

For more information, see Descriptions of C-STAT options, page 57.

Description of the C-STAT command line tools

C-STAT checks

- Summary of checks
- Descriptions of checks

Summary of checks

This table summarizes the C-STAT checks:

Check	Synopsis
ARR-inv-index-pos	An array access might be out of bounds, depending on which path is executed.
ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos	A pointer to an array is potentially used outside the array bounds.
ARR-inv-index-ptr	A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.
ARR-inv-index	An array access is out of bounds.
ARR-neg-index	An array is accessed with a negative subscript value.
ARR-uninit-index	An array is indexed with an uninitialized variable
ATH-cmp-float	Floating point comparisons using == or !=
ATH-cmp-unsign-neg	An unsigned value is compared to see whether it is negative.
ATH-cmp-unsign-pos	An unsigned value is compared to see whether it is greater than or equal to 0.
ATH-div-0-assign	A variable is assigned the value $\ensuremath{0}$, then used as a divisor.
ATH-div-0-cmp-aft	After a successful comparison with 0 , a variable is used as a divisor.
ATH-div-0-cmp-bef	A variable used as a divisor is afterwards compared with 0.
ATH-div-0-interval	Interval analysis has found a value that is 0 and used as a divisor.
ATH-div-0-pos	Interval analysis has found an expression that might be 0 and is used as a divisor.

Table 6: Summary of checks

Check	Synopsis
ATH-div-0-unchk-global	A global variable is used as a divisor without
	having been determined to be non-zero.
ATH-div-0-unchk-local	A local variable is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero.
ATH-div-0-unchk-param	A parameter is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero.
ATH-div-0	An expression that results in 0 is used as a divisor.
ATH-inc-bool (C++ only)	Deprecated operation on bool.
ATH-malloc-overrun	The size of memory passed to malloc to allocate overflows.
ATH-neg-check-nonneg	A variable is checked for a non-negative value after being used, instead of before.
ATH-neg-check-pos	A variable is checked for a positive value after being used, instead of before.
ATH-new-overrun (C++ only)	An arithmetic overflow is caused by an allocation using new[].
ATH-overflow-cast	An expression is cast to a different type, resulting in an overflow or underflow of its value.
ATH-overflow	An expression is implicitly converted to a narrower type, resulting in an overflow or underflow of its value.
ATH-shift-bounds	Out of range shifts were found.
ATH-shift-neg	The left-hand side of a right shift operation might be a negative value.
ATH-sizeof-by-sizeof	Multiplying sizeof by sizeof.
CAST-old-style (C++ only)	Old style casts (other than void casts) are used
CATCH-object-slicing (C++ only)	Exception objects are caught by value
CATCH-xtor-bad-member (C++ only)	Exception handler in constructor or destructor accesses non-static member variable that might not exist.
COMMA-overload (C++ only)	Overloaded comma operator
COMMENT-nested	Appearances of /* inside comments

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CONST-member-ret (C++ only)	A member function qualified as const returns a pointer member variable.
COP-alloc-ctor (C++ only)	A class member is deallocated in the class' destructor, but not allocated in a constructor or assignment operator.
COP-assign-op-ret (C++ only)	An assignment operator of a C++ class does not return a non-const reference to this.
COP-assign-op-self (C++ only)	Assignment operator does not check for self-assignment before allocating member functions
COP-assign-op (C++ only)	There is no assignment operator defined for a class whose destructor deallocates memory.
COP-copy-ctor (C++ only)	A class which uses dynamic memory allocation does not have a user-defined copy constructor.
COP-dealloc-dtor (C++ only)	A class member has memory allocated in a constructor or an assignment operator, that is not released in the destructor.
COP-dtor-throw (C++ only)	An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in a class destructor.
COP-dtor (C++ only)	A class which dynamically allocates memory in its copy control functions does not have a destructor.
COP-init-order (C++ only)	Data members are initialized with other data members that are in the same initialization list.
COP-init-uninit (C++ only)	An initializer list reads the values of still uninitialized members.
COP-member-uninit (C++ only)	A member of a class is not initialized in one of the class constructors.
CPU-ctor-call-virt (C++ only)	A virtual member function is called in a class constructor.
CPU-ctor-implicit (C++ only)	Constructors that are callable with a single argument of fundamental type are not declared explicit.
CPU-delete-throw (C++ only)	An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in an overloaded delete or delete[] operator.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CPU-delete-void (C++ only)	A pointer to void is used in delete, causing
	the destructor not to be called.
CPU-dtor-call-virt (C++ only)	A virtual member function is called in a class destructor.
CPU-malloc-class (C++ only)	An allocation of a class instance with malloc() does not call a constructor.
CPU-nonvirt-dtor (C++ only)	A public non-virtual destructor is defined in a class with virtual methods.
CPU-return-ref-to-class-data (C++ only)	Member functions return non-const handles to members.
DECL-implicit-int	An object or function of the type int is declared or defined, but its type is not explicitly stated.
DEFINE-hash-multiple	Multiple # or ## operators in a macro definition.
ENUM-bounds	Conversions to enum that are out of range of the enumeration.
EXP-cond-assign	An assignment might be mistakenly used as the condition for an if, for, while, or do statement.
EXP-dangling-else	An else branch might be connected to an unexpected if statement.
EXP-loop-exit	An unconditional break, continue, return, or goto within a loop.
EXP-main-ret-int	The return type of main() is not int.
EXP-null-stmt	The body of an if, while, or for statement is a null statement.
EXP-stray-semicolon	Stray semicolons on the same line as other code
EXPR-const-overflow	A constant unsigned integer expression overflows.
FPT-cmp-null	The address of a function is compared with NULL.
FPT-literal	A function pointer that refers to a literal address is dereferenced.
FPT-misuse	A function pointer is used in an invalid context.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
FUNC-implicit-decl	Functions are used without prototyping.
FUNC-unprototyped-all	Functions are declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype.
FUNC-unprototyped-used	Arguments are passed to functions without a valid prototype.
INCLUDE-c-file	A .c file includes one or more .c files.
INT-use-signed-as-unsigned-pos	A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer.
INT-use-signed-as-unsigned	A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer.
ITR-end-cmp-aft (C++ only)	An iterator is used, then compared with $\mbox{end}()$
ITR-end-cmp-bef (C++ only)	An iterator is compared with end() or rend(), then dereferenced.
ITR-invalidated (C++ only)	An iterator assigned to point into a container is used or dereferenced even though it might be invalidated.
ITR-mismatch-alg (C++ only)	A pair of iterators passed to an STL algorithm function point to different containers.
ITR-store (C++ only)	A container's begin() or end() iterator is stored and subsequently used.
ITR-uninit (C++ only)	An iterator is dereferenced or incremented before it is assigned to point into a container.
LIB-bsearch-overrun-pos	Arguments passed to brearch might cause it to overrun.
LIB-bsearch-overrun	Arguments passed to bsearch cause it to overrun.
LIB-fn-unsafe	A potentially unsafe library function is used.
LIB-fread-overrun-pos	A call to fread might cause a buffer overrun.
LIB-fread-overrun	A call to fread causes a buffer overrun.
LIB-memchr-overrun-pos	A call to memchr might cause a buffer overrun.
LIB-memchr-overrun	A call to memchr causes a buffer overrun.
LIB-memcpy-overrun-pos	A call to memcpy might cause the memory to overrun.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
LIB-memcpy-overrun	A call to memcpy or memmove causes the
	memory to overrun.
LIB-memset-overrun-pos	A call to ${\tt memset}$ might cause a buffer overrun.
LIB-memset-overrun	A call to memset causes a buffer overrun.
LIB-putenv	putenv used to set environment variable values.
LIB-qsort-overrun-pos	Arguments passed to qsort might cause it to overrun.
LIB-qsort-overrun	Arguments passed to qsort cause it to overrun.
LIB-return-const	The return value of a const standard library function is not used.
LIB-return-error	The return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.
LIB-return-leak	The return values from one or more library functions were not stored, returned, or passed as a parameter.
LIB-return-neg	A variable assigned using a library function that can return -I as an error value is subsequently used where the value must be non-negative.
LIB-return-null	A pointer is assigned using a library function that can return NULL as an error value. This pointer is subsequently dereferenced without checking its value.
LIB-sprintf-overrun	A call to sprintf causes a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-std-sort-overrun-pos (C++ only)	Using std::sort might cause buffer overrun.
LIB-std-sort-overrun (C++ only)	A buffer overrun is caused by use of std::sort.
LIB-strcat-overrun-pos	A call to streat might cause destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strcat-overrun	A call to streat causes a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strcpy-overrun-pos	A call to stropy might cause destination buffer overrun.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
LIB-strcpy-overrun	A call to strcpy causes a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strncat-overrun-pos	A call to strncat might cause a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strncat-overrun	A call to strncat causes a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strncmp-overrun-pos	A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.
LIB-strncmp-overrun	A buffer overrun is caused by a call to strncmp.
LIB-strncpy-overrun-pos	A call to strncpy might cause a destination buffer overrun.
LIB-strncpy-overrun	A call to strncpy causes a destination buffer overrun.
LOGIC-overload (C++ only)	Overloaded && and operators
MEM-delete-array-op (C++ only)	A memory location allocated with new is deleted with $delete[]$
MEM-delete-op (C++ only)	A memory location allocated with new [] is deleted with delete or free.
MEM-double-free-alias	Freeing a memory location more than once.
MEM-double-free-some	A memory location is freed more than once on some paths but not on others.
MEM-double-free	A memory location is freed more than once.
MEM-free-field	A struct or a class field is possibly freed.
MEM-free-fptr	A function pointer is deallocated.
MEM-free-no-alloc-struct	A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated.
MEM-free-no-alloc	A pointer is freed without having been allocated.
MEM-free-no-use	Memory is allocated and then freed without being used.
MEM-free-op	Memory allocated with malloc deallocated using delete.
MEM-free-struct-field	A struct's field is deallocated, but is not dynamically allocated.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MEM-free-variable-alias	A stack address might be freed.
MEM-free-variable	A stack address might be freed.
MEM-leak-alias	Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.
MEM-leak	Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.
MEM-malloc-arith	An assignment contains both a $malloc()$ and pointer arithmetic on the right-hand side.
MEM-malloc-diff-type	An allocation call tries to allocate memory based on a sizeof operator, but the destination type of the call is of a different type.
MEM-malloc-sizeof-ptr	$\label{eq:malloc(sizeof(p)), where p is a pointer} \\ \text{type, is assigned to a non-pointer variable.}$
MEM-malloc-sizeof	Allocating memory with ${\tt malloc}$ without using ${\tt sizeof}.$
MEM-malloc-strlen	Dangerous arithmetic with strlen in argument to malloc.
MEM-realloc-diff-type	The type of the pointer that stores the result of realloc does not match the type of the first argument.
MEM-return-free	A function deallocates memory, then returns a pointer to that memory.
MEM-return-no-assign	A function that allocates memory's return value is not stored.
MEM-stack-global-field	A stack address is stored in the field of a global struct.
MEM-stack-global	A stack address is stored in a global pointer.
MEM-stack-param-ref (C++ only)	Stack address is stored via reference parameter.
MEM-stack-param	A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.
MEM-stack-pos	Might return address on the stack.
MEM-stack-ref (C++ only)	A stack object is returned from a function as a reference.
MEM-stack	Might return address on the stack.
MEM-use-free-all	A pointer is used after it has been freed.
MEM-use-free-some	A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Check	Synopsis
PTR-arith-field	Direct access to a field of a struct, using an offset from the address of the struct.
PTR-arith-stack	Pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address
PTR-arith-var	Invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer.
PTR-cmp-str-lit	A variable is tested for equality with a string literal.
PTR-null-assign-fun-pos	Possible \mathtt{NULL} pointer dereferenced by a function.
PTR-null-assign-pos	A pointer is assigned a value that might be NULL, and then dereferenced.
PTR-null-assign	A pointer is assigned the value $\ensuremath{\mathrm{NULL}}$, then dereferenced.
PTR-null-cmp-aft	A pointer is dereferenced, then compared with $\mathop{\rm NULL}\nolimits.$
PTR-null-cmp-bef-fun	A pointer is compared with $\mathtt{NULL},$ then dereferenced by a function.
PTR-null-cmp-bef	A pointer is compared with $\mathtt{NULL},$ then dereferenced.
PTR-null-fun-pos	A possible NULL pointer is returned from a function, and immediately dereferenced without checking.
PTR-null-literal-pos	A literal pointer expression (like NULL) is dereferenced by a function call.
PTR-overload (C++ only)	An & operator is overloaded.
PTR-singleton-arith-pos	Pointer arithmetic might be performed on a pointer that points to a single object.
PTR-singleton-arith	Pointer arithmetic is performed on a pointer that points to a single object.
PTR-unchk-param-some	A pointer is dereferenced after being determined not to be NULL on some paths, but not checked on others.
PTR-unchk-param	A pointer parameter is not compared to \mathtt{NULL}
PTR-uninit-pos	Possible dereference of an uninitialized or NULL pointer.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
PTR-uninit	Dereference of an uninitialized or NULL
	pointer.
RED-alloc-zero-bytes	Checks that an allocation does not allocate zero bytes
RED-case-reach	A case statement within a switch statement cannot be reached.
RED-cmp-always	A comparison using $==$, $<$, $<=$, $>$, or $>=$ is always true.
RED-cmp-never	A comparison using $==$, $<$, $<=$, $>$, or $>=$ is always false.
RED-cond-always	The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will always be true.
RED-cond-const-assign	A constant assignment in a conditional expression.
RED-cond-const-expr	A conditional expression with a constant value
RED-cond-const	A constant value is used as the condition for a loop or ${\tt if}$ statement.
RED-cond-never	The condition in if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will never be true.
RED-dead	A part of the application is never executed.
RED-expr	Some expressions, such as $x \ \& \ x$ and $x \ \ x$, are redundant.
RED-func-no-effect	A function is declared that has no return type and creates no side effects.
RED-local-hides-global	The definition of a local variable hides a global definition.
RED-local-hides-local	The definition of a local variable hides a previous local definition.
RED-local-hides-member (C++	only) The definition of a local variable hides a member of the class.
RED-local-hides-param	A variable declaration hides a parameter of the function
RED-no-effect	A statement potentially contains no side effects.
RED-self-assign	In a C++ class member function, a variable is assigned to itself.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
RED-unused-assign	A variable is assigned a non-trivial value that is never used.
RED-unused-param	A function parameter is declared but not used.
RED-unused-return-val	There are unused function return values (other than overloaded operators).
RED-unused-val	A variable is assigned a value that is never used.
RED-unused-var-all	A variable is neither read nor written for any execution path.
RESOURCE-deref-file	A pointer to a FILE object is dereferenced.
RESOURCE-double-close	A file resource is closed multiple times
RESOURCE-file-no-close-all	A file pointer is never closed.
RESOURCE-file-pos-neg	A file handler might be negative
RESOURCE-file-use-after-close	A file resource is used after it has been closed.
RESOURCE-implicit-deref-file	A file pointer is implicitly dereferenced by a library function.
RESOURCE-write-ronly-file	A file opened as read-only is written to.
SIZEOF-side-effect	sizeof expressions containing side effects
SPC-order	Expressions that depend on order of evaluation were found.
SPC-uninit-arr-all	Reads from local buffers are not preceded by writes.
SPC-uninit-struct-field-heap	A field of a dynamically allocated struct is read before it is initialized.
SPC-uninit-struct-field	A field of a local struct is read before it is initialized.
SPC-uninit-struct	A struct has one or more fields read before they are initialized.
SPC-uninit-var-all	A variable is read before it is assigned a value.
SPC-uninit-var-some	A variable is read before it is assigned a value.
SPC-volatile-reads	There are multiple read accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.
SPC-volatile-writes	There are multiple write accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
STRUCT-signed-bit	There are signed single-bit fields (excluding anonymous fields).
SWITCH-fall-through	There are non-empty switch cases not terminated by break and without 'fallthrough' comment.
THROW-empty (C++ only)	Unsafe rethrow of exception.
THROW-main (C++ only)	No default exception handler for try.
THROW-null	Throw of NULL integer constant
THROW-ptr	Throw of exceptions by pointer
THROW-static (C++ only)	Exceptions thrown without a handler in some call paths that lead to that point.
THROW-unhandled (C++ only)	There are calls to functions explicitly declared to throw an exception type that is not handled (or declared as thrown) by the caller.
UNION-overlap-assign	Assignments from one field of a union to another.
UNION-type-punning	Writing to a field of a union after reading from a different field, effectively re-interpreting the bit pattern with a different type.
CERT-ARR30-C_a	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_b	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_c	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_d	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_e	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_f	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_g	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_h	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-ARR30-C_i	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR30-C_j	Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.
CERT-ARR32-C	Ensure size arguments for variable length arrays are in a valid range.
CERT-ARR36-C_a	Do not subtract two pointers that do not refer to the same array.
CERT-ARR36-C_b	Do not compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array.
CERT-ARR37-C	Do not add or subtract an integer to a pointer to a non-array object.
CERT-ARR38-C_a	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR38-C_b	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR38-C_c	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR38-C_d	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR38-C_e	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR38-C_f	Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.
CERT-ARR39-C	Do not add or subtract a scaled integer to a pointer.
CERT-DCL30-C_a	Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.
CERT-DCL30-C_b	Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.
CERT-DCL30-C_c	Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.
CERT-DCL30-C_d	Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.
CERT-DCL30-C_e	Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-DCL31-C	Declare identifiers before using them.
CERT-DCL36-C	Do not declare an identifier with conflicting linkage classifications.
CERT-DCL37-C_a	Do not declare or define a reserved identifier
CERT-DCL37-C_b	Do not declare or define a reserved identifier
CERT-DCL37-C_c	Do not declare or define a reserved identifier
CERT-DCL38-C	Use the correct syntax when declaring a flexible array member.
CERT-DCL39-C	Avoid information leakage when passing a structure across a trust boundary.
CERT-DCL40-C	Do not create incompatible declarations of the same function or object.
CERT-DCL41-C	Do not declare variables inside a switch statement before the first case label
CERT-ENV30-C	Do not modify the object referenced by the return value of certain functions.
CERT-ENV31-C	Do not rely on an environment pointer following an operation that may invalidate it
CERT-ENV32-C	All exit handlers must return normally
CERT-ENV33-C	Do not call system().
CERT-ENV34-C	Do not store pointers returned by certain functions.
CERT-ERR30-C_a	Set errno to zero before calling a library function known to set errno.
CERT-ERR30-C_b	Check errno only after the function returns a value indicating failure.
CERT-ERR30-C_c	Check errno only after the function called is an errno-setting function.
CERT-ERR30-C_d	Check return of errno setting functions for values indicating failure.
CERT-ERR30-C_e	Only check errno when neccessary.
CERT-ERR32-C	Do not rely on indeterminate values of errno.
CERT-ERR33-C_a	Detect and handle standard library errors.
CERT-ERR33-C_b	Detect and handle standard library errors.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-ERR33-C_c	Detect and handle standard library errors.
CERT-ERR33-C_d	Detect and handle standard library errors.
CERT-ERR34-C_a	Detect errors when converting a string to a number.
CERT-ERR34-C_b	Detect errors when converting a string to a number.
CERT-EXP19-C	No braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement
CERT-EXP30-C_a	Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects.
CERT-EXP30-C_b	Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects.
CERT-EXP32-C	Do not access a volatile object through a nonvolatile reference.
CERT-EXP33-C_a	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP33-C_b	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP33-C_c	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP33-C_d	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP33-C_e	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP33-C_f	Do not read uninitialized memory.
CERT-EXP34-C_a	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_b	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_c	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_d	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_e	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_f	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP34-C_g	Do not dereference null pointers.
CERT-EXP35-C	Do not modify objects with temporary lifetime
CERT-EXP36-C_a	Do not cast pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types.
CERT-EXP36-C_b	Do not cast pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types.
CERT-EXP37-C_a	Call functions with the correct number and type of arguments.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-EXP37-C_b	Call functions with the correct number and
	type of arguments.
CERT-EXP37-C_c	Call functions with the correct number and
	type of arguments.
CERT-EXP39-C_a	Do not access a variable through a pointer of an
	incompatible type.
CERT-EXP39-C_b	Do not access a variable through a pointer of an
	incompatible type.
CERT-EXP39-C_c	Do not access a variable through a pointer of an
GDD 57720 G 1	incompatible type.
CERT-EXP39-C_d	Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.
CERT-EXP39-C_e	Do not access a variable through a pointer of an
CERT-EXF39-C_e	incompatible type.
CERT-EXP40-C_a	Do not modify constant objects.
CERT-EXP40-C_b	Do not modify constant objects.
CERT-EXP42-C	Do not compare padding data.
CERT-EXP43-C_a	Avoid undefined behavior when using
	restrict-qualified pointers.
CERT-EXP43-C_b	Avoid undefined behavior when using
	restrict-qualified pointers.
CERT-EXP43-C_c	Avoid undefined behavior when using
	restrict-qualified pointers.
CERT-EXP43-C_d	Avoid undefined behavior when using
	restrict-qualified pointers.
CERT-EXP44-C	Do not rely on side effects in operands to
	sizeof, _Alignof, or _Generic.
CERT-EXP45-C	Do not perform assignments in selection
CERT BYPAC C	statements
CERT-EXP46-C	Do not use a bitwise operator with a Boolean-like operand.
CERT-EXP47-C_a	Do not call va_arg with an argument of the
CDRI-EAF4/-C_a	incorrect type
CERT-EXP47-C_b	Do not call va_arg with an argument of the
_	incorrect type

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-FIO30-C	Exclude user input from format strings.
CERT-FIO32-C	Do not perform operations on devices that are only appropriate for files
CERT-FIO34-C	Distinguish between characters read from a file and EOF or WEOF.
CERT-FI037-C	A string returned by fgets() and fgetsws() might contain NULL characters.
CERT-FI038-C	A FILE object is copied.
CERT-FIO39-C	Do not alternately input and output from a stream without an intervening flush or positioning call.
CERT-FIO40-C	Reset strings on fgets() or fgetws() failure.
CERT-FIO41-C	Do not call getc(), putc(), getwc(), or putwc() with a stream argument that has side effects.
CERT-FIO42-C_a	Close files when they are no longer needed.
CERT-FIO42-C_b	Close files when they are no longer needed.
CERT-FIO44-C	Only use values for fsetpos() that are returned from fgetpos().
CERT-FIO45-C	Avoid TOCTOU race conditions while accessing files.
CERT-FIO46-C_a	Do not access a closed file.
CERT-FIO46-C_b	Do not access a closed file.
CERT-FIO46-C_c	Do not access a closed file.
CERT-FIO47-C_a	Use valid format strings.
CERT-FIO47-C_b	Use valid format strings.
CERT-FIO47-C_c	Use valid format strings.
CERT-FLP30-C_a	Do not use floating-point variables as loop counters
CERT-FLP30-C_b	Do not use floating-point variables as loop counters
CERT-FLP32-C_a	Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions.
CERT-FLP32-C_b	Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-FLP34-C	Ensure that floating-point conversions are within range of the new type
CERT-FLP36-C	Preserve precision when converting integral values to floating-point type.
CERT-FLP37-C	Do not use object representations to compare floating-point values.
CERT-INT30-C_a	Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap.
CERT-INT30-C_b	Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap.
CERT-INT31-C_a	Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.
CERT-INT31-C_b	Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.
CERT-INT31-C_c	Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.
CERT-INT32-C_a	Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow.
CERT-INT32-C_b	Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow.
CERT-INT33-C_a	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_b	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_c	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_d	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_e	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_f	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_g	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT33-C_h	Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-INT33-C_i	Ensure that division and remainder operations
	do not result in divide-by-zero errors.
CERT-INT34-C_a	Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.
CERT-INT34-C_b	Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.
CERT-INT34-C_c	Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.
CERT-INT35-C	Use correct integer precisions.
CERT-INT36-C	Converting a pointer to integer or integer to pointer.
CERT-MEM30-C_a	Do not access freed memory.
CERT-MEM30-C_b	Do not access freed memory.
CERT-MEM30-C_c	Do not access freed memory.
CERT-MEM31-C	Free dynamically allocated memory when no longer needed.
CERT-MEM33-C_a	Allocate and copy structures containing a flexible array member dynamically.
CERT-MEM33-C_b	Allocate and copy structures containing a flexible array member dynamically.
CERT-MEM34-C_a	Only free memory allocated dynamically.
CERT-MEM34-C_b	Only free memory allocated dynamically.
CERT-MEM34-C_c	Only free memory allocated dynamically.
CERT-MEM35-C_a	Allocate sufficient memory for an object.
CERT-MEM35-C_b	Allocate sufficient memory for an object.
CERT-MEM35-C_c	Allocate sufficient memory for an object.
CERT-MEM36-C	Do not modify the alignment of objects by calling realloc().
CERT-MSC30-C	Do not use the rand() function for generating pseudorandom numbers
CERT-MSC32-C	Properly seed pseudorandom number generators

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-MSC33-C	Do not pass invalid data to the asctime()
	function.
CERT-MSC37-C	Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function
CERT-MSC38-C	Do not treat a predefined identifier as an object if it might only be implemented as a macro
CERT-MSC39-C	Do not call va_arg() on a va_list that has an indeterminate value
CERT-MSC40-C_a	Do not violate constraints.
CERT-MSC40-C_b	Do not violate constraints.
CERT-MSC40-C_c	Do not violate constraints.
CERT-MSC40-C_d	Do not violate constraints.
CERT-MSC40-C_e	Do not violate constraints.
CERT-MSC41-C_a	Never hard code sensitive information.
CERT-MSC41-C_b	Never hard code sensitive information.
CERT-MSC41-C_c	Never hard code sensitive information.
CERT-PRE31-C	Avoid side effects in arguments to unsafe macros.
CERT-PRE32-C_a	Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros.
CERT-PRE32-C_b	Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros.
CERT-SIG30-C	Call only asynchronous-safe functions within signal handlers
CERT-SIG31-C	Shared objects in a signal handler are accessed or modified.
CERT-SIG34-C	Do not call signal() from within interruptible signal handlers.
CERT-SIG35-C	Do not return from a computational exception signal handler.
CERT-STR30-C	Do not attempt to modify string literals.
CERT-STR31-C_a	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
CERT-STR31-C_b	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_c	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_d	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_e	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_f	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_g	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR31-C_h	Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.
CERT-STR32-C	Do not pass a non-null-terminated character sequence to a library function that expects a string.
CERT-STR34-C	Cast characters to unsigned char before converting to larger integer sizes.
CERT-STR37-C	Arguments to character-handling functions must be representable as an unsigned char.
CERT-STR38-C	Do not confuse narrow and wide character strings and functions.
SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak-alias	A memory leak is caused by incorrect deallocation.
SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak	A memory leak is caused by incorrect deallocation.
SEC-BUFFER-memset-overrun-pos	A call to memset might overrun the buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-memset-overrun	A call to memset overruns the buffer.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
SEC-BUFFER-qsort-overrun-pos	Arguments passed to qsort might cause it to overrun.
SEC-BUFFER-qsort-overrun	Arguments passed to qsort cause it to overrun.
SEC-BUFFER-sprintf-overrun	A call to the sprintf function will overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-std-sort-overrun-pos (C++ only)	Use of std::sort might cause a buffer overrun.
SEC-BUFFER-std-sort-overrun (C++ only)	A buffer overrun is caused by use of std::sort.
SEC-BUFFER-strcat-overrun-pos	A call to the strcat function might overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-strcat-overrun	A call to the strcat function will overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-strcpy-overrun-pos	A call to the strcpy function might overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-strcpy-overrun	A call to the strcpy function will overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-strncat-overrun-pos	A buffer overrun might be caused by a call to strncat.
SEC-BUFFER-strncat-overrun	A call to strncat causes a buffer overrun.
SEC-BUFFER-strncmp-overrun-pos	A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.
SEC-BUFFER-strncmp-overrun	A buffer overrun is caused by a call to strncmp.
SEC-BUFFER-strncpy-overrun-pos	The target buffer might be overrun by a call to the strncpy function.
SEC-BUFFER-strncpy-overrun	A call to the strncpy function will overrun the target buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-tainted-alloc-size	A user is able to control the amount of memory used in an allocation.
SEC-BUFFER-tainted-copy-length	A tainted value is used as the size of the memory copied from one buffer to another.
SEC-BUFFER-tainted-copy	User input is copied into a buffer.
SEC-BUFFER-tainted-index	An array is accessed with an index derived from user input.
SEC-BUFFER-tainted-offset	A user-controlled variable is used as an offset to a pointer without proper bounds checking.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all	A pointer is used after it has been freed, on all execution paths.
SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some	A pointer is used after it has been freed, on some execution paths.
SEC-DIV-0-compare-after	After a successful comparison with 0, a variable is used as a divisor.
SEC-DIV-0-compare-before	A variable is first used as a divisor, then compared with 0.
SEC-DIV-0-tainted	User input is used as a divisor without validation.
SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close	All file pointers obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions must be explicitly released.
SEC-FILEOP-path-traversal	User input is used as a file path, or used to derive a file path.
SEC-FILEOP-use-after-close	A file resource is used after it has been closed.
SEC-INJECTION-sql	User input is improperly used in an SQL statement.
SEC-INJECTION-xpath	User input is improperly used as an XPath expression.
SEC-LOOP-tainted-bound	A user-controlled value is used as part of a loop condidition.
SEC-NULL-assignment-fun-pos	A pointer that might have been assigned the value NULL is dereferenced.
SEC-NULL-assignment	A pointer is assigned the value NULL, then dereferenced.
SEC-NULL-cmp-aft	A pointer is dereferenced, then compared with NULL.
SEC-NULL-cmp-bef-fun	A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced by a function.
SEC-NULL-cmp-bef	A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced.
SEC-NULL-literal-pos	A literal pointer expression (e.g. NULL) is dereferenced by a function call.
SEC-STRING-format-string	User input is used as a format string.

Check	Synopsis
SEC-STRING-hard-coded-credential	The application hard codes a username or
S	password to connect to an external component.
MISRAC2004-1.1	Code was found that does not conform to the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 standard.
MISRAC2004-1.2_a	There are read accesses from local buffers that are not preceded by write accesses.
MISRAC2004-1.2_b	On all execution paths, one or more fields are read from a struct before they are initialized.
MISRAC2004-1.2_c	An expression resulting in 0 is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-1.2_d	A variable was found that is assigned the value 0, and then used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-1.2_e	A variable is used as a divisor after a successful comparison with $0.$
MISRAC2004-1.2_f	A variable used as a divisor is subsequently compared with θ .
MISRAC2004-1.2_g	A value that is determined using interval analysis to be 0 is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-1.2_h	An expression that might be 0 is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-1.2_i	A global variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-1.2_j	A local variable is not checked against $\ensuremath{0}$ before it is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2004-2.1	Inline assembler statements were found that are not encapsulated in functions.
MISRAC2004-2.2	Uses of // comments were found.
MISRAC2004-2.3	The character sequence $/*$ was found inside comments.
MISRAC2004-2.4	Code sections in comments were found, where the comment ends in $$;, $$ {, or $$ } characters.
MISRAC2004-5.1	Identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters (#defines, structs, unions, fields, enums, and variables).

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-5.2	An identifier name was found that is not distinct in the first 31 characters from other names in an outer scope.
MISRAC2004-5.3	A typedef declaration was found with a name already used for a previously declared typedef. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-5.4	A class, struct, union, or enum declaration was found that clashes with a previous declaration. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-5.5	An identifier is used that might clash with another static identifier.
MISRAC2004-5.6	Identifier reuse in different namespaces
MISRAC2004-5.7	An identifier in a variable, enumeration, struct, #define, or union definition is reused. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-6.1	Arithmetic is performed on objects of type plain char, without an explicit signed or unsigned qualifier.
MISRAC2004-6.2	A signed or unsigned char is used on character data.
MISRAC2004-6.3	One or more of the basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float are used without a typedef.
MISRAC2004-6.4	Bitfields of plain int type were found.
MISRAC2004-6.5	Signed bitfields consisting of a single bit (excluding anonymous fields) were found.
MISRAC2004-7.1	Uses of octal integer constants were found.
MISRAC2004-8.1	Functions were found that are used despite not having a valid prototype.
MISRAC2004-8.2	An implicit int was found in a declaration.
MISRAC2004-8.3	A declaration and definition for a function were found that use different type qualifiers. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-8.5_a	A global variable is declared in a header file.
MISRAC2004-8.5_b	One or more non-inlined functions are defined in header files.

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-8.6	A function declaration was found at block
MISRAC2004-8.7	scope. A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-8.8_a	Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.
MISRAC2004-8.8_b	Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-8.9	Multiple definitions or no definition were found for an external object or function.
MISRAC2004-8.10	An externally linked object or function was found referenced in only one translation unit. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-8.12	External arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.
MISRAC2004-9.1_a	A variable is read before it is assigned a value, on all execution paths.
MISRAC2004-9.1_b	On some execution paths, a variable is read before it is assigned a value.
MISRAC2004-9.1_c	An uninitialized or NULL pointer that is dereferenced was found.
MISRAC2004-9.2	A non-zero array initialization was found that does not exactly match the structure of the array declaration.
MISRAC2004-9.3	Partially initialized enum.
MISRAC2004-10.1_a	An expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower or differently signed underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.1_b	A complex expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.1_c	A non-constant expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a function argument.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-10.1_d	A non-constant expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a return expression.
MISRAC2004-10.2_a	An expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.2_b	An expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.2_c	A non-constant expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a function argument.
MISRAC2004-10.2_d	A non-constant expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a return expression.
MISRAC2004-10.3	A complex expression of integer type was found that is cast to a wider or differently signed underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.4	A complex expression of floating type was found that is cast to a wider or different underlying type.
MISRAC2004-10.5	Detected a bitwise operation on unsigned char or unsigned short, that are not immediately cast to this type to ensure consistent truncation.
MISRAC2004-10.6	Constants of unsigned type were found that do not have a $\ensuremath{\mathbb{U}}$ suffix.
MISRAC2004-11.1	Conversions were found between a pointer to a function and a type other than an integral type.
MISRAC2004-11.3	A cast between a pointer type and an integral type was found.
MISRAC2004-11.4	A pointer to object type was found that is cast to a pointer to different object type.
MISRAC2004-11.5	Casts were found that that remove any const or volatile qualification.
MISRAC2004-12.1	Expressions were found without parentheses, making the operator precedence implicit instead of explicit.

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-12.2_a	Expressions were found that depend on the order of evaluation.
MISRAC2004-12.2_b	More than one read access with volatile-qualified type was found within one sequence point.
MISRAC2004-12.2_c	More than one modification access with volatile-qualified type was found within one sequence point.
MISRAC2004-12.3	Sizeof expressions were found that contain side effects.
MISRAC2004-12.4	Right-hand operands of && or $ $ were found that contain side effects.
MISRAC2004-12.5	The operands of a logical && or is not an identifier, a constant, a parenthesized expression or a sequence of the same logical operator.
MISRAC2004-12.6_a	Operands of logical operators (&&, , and !) were found that are not effectively Boolean.
MISRAC2004-12.6_b	Uses of arithmetic operators on Boolean operands were found.
MISRAC2004-12.7	Applications of bitwise operators to signed operands were found.
MISRAC2004-12.8	Shifts were found where the right-hand operand might be negative, or too large.
MISRAC2004-12.9	Uses of unary minus on unsigned expressions were found.
MISRAC2004-12.10	Uses of the comma operator were found.
MISRAC2004-12.11	Found a constant unsigned integer expression that overflows.
MISRAC2004-12.12_a	Found a read access to a field of a union following a write access to a different field, which effectively re-interprets the bit pattern with a different type.
MISRAC2004-12.12_b	An expression was found that provides access to the bit representation of a floating-point variable.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-12.13	Uses of the increment (++) and decrement () operators werew found mixed with other operators in an expression.
MISRAC2004-13.1	Assignment operators were found in expressions that yield a Boolean value.
MISRAC2004-13.2_a	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do while statements.
MISRAC2004-13.2_b	Non-boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.
MISRAC2004-13.2_c	Non-Boolean conditions were found in $\ensuremath{\mathtt{if}}$ statements.
MISRAC2004-13.2_d	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in while statements.
MISRAC2004-13.2_e	Non-Boolean operands to the conditional (?:) operator were found.
MISRAC2004-13.3	Floating-point comparisons using == or != were found.
MISRAC2004-13.4	Floating-point values were found in the controlling expression of a for statement.
MISRAC2004-13.5	A for loop counter variable is not initialized in the for loop.
MISRAC2004-13.6	A for loop counter variable was found that is modified in the body of the loop.
MISRAC2004-13.7_a	A comparison using $==$, $<$, $<=$, $>$, or $>=$ was found that always evaluates to true.
MISRAC2004-13.7_b	A comparison using $==$, $<$, $<=$, $>$, or $>=$ was found that always evaluates to false.
MISRAC2004-14.1	A part of the application is not executed on any of the execution paths.
MISRAC2004-14.2	A statement was found that potentially contains no side effects.
MISRAC2004-14.3	There are stray semicolons on the same line as other code.
MISRAC2004-14.4	Uses of the goto statement were found.
MISRAC2004-14.5	Uses of the continue statement were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-14.6	Multiple termination points were found in a loop.
MISRAC2004-14.7	More than one point of exit was found in a function, or an exit point before the end of the function.
MISRAC2004-14.8_a	There are missing braces in one or more do while statements.
MISRAC2004-14.8_b	There are missing braces in one or more for statements.
MISRAC2004-14.8_c	There are missing braces in one or more switch statements.
MISRAC2004-14.8_d	There are missing braces in one or more while statements.
MISRAC2004-14.9	There are missing braces in one or more if, else, or else if statements.
MISRAC2004-14.10	One or more if else if constructs were found that are not terminated with an else clause.
MISRAC2004-15.0	Switch statements were found that do not conform to the MISRA C switch syntax.
MISRAC2004-15.1	Switch labels were found in nested blocks.
MISRAC2004-15.2	Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break statement.
MISRAC2004-15.3	Switch statements were found without a default clause, or with a default clause that is not the final clause.
MISRAC2004-15.4	A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.
MISRAC2004-15.5	Switch statements without case clauses were found.
MISRAC2004-16.1	Functions that are defined using ellipsis () notation were found.
MISRAC2004-16.2_a	Functions were found that call themselves directly.
MISRAC2004-16.2_b	Functions were found that call themselves indirectly. This is a link analysis check.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-16.3	Function prototypes were found that do not give all parameters a name.
MISRAC2004-16.4	The parameter names between the function declaration and definition does not match. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2004-16.5	Functions were found that are declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype.
MISRAC2004-16.7	A function was found that does not modify one of its parameters.
MISRAC2004-16.8	For some execution paths, no return statement is executed in a function with a non-void return type.
MISRAC2004-16.9	One or more function addresses are taken without an explicit &.
MISRAC2004-16.10	A return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.
MISRAC2004-17.1_a	A direct access to a field of a struct was found, that uses an offset from the address of the struct.
MISRAC2004-17.1_b	Detected pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address.
MISRAC2004-17.1_c	Detected invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer.
MISRAC2004-17.2	A subtraction was found between pointers that address elements of different arrays.
MISRAC2004-17.3	A relational operator was found applied to an object of pointer type that does not point into the same object.
MISRAC2004-17.4_a	Pointer arithmetic that is not array indexing was detected.
MISRAC2004-17.4_b	Array indexing was detected applied to an object defined as a pointer type.
MISRAC2004-17.5	One or more declarations of objects were found that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-17.6_a	Detected the return of a stack address.
MISRAC2004-17.6_b	Detected a stack address stored in a global pointer.
MISRAC2004-17.6_c	Detected a stack address stored in the field of a global struct.
MISRAC2004-17.6_d	Detected a stack address stored outside a function via a parameter.
MISRAC2004-18.1	Structs and unions were found that are used without being defined.
MISRAC2004-18.2	Assignments from one field of a union to another were found.
MISRAC2004-18.4	Unions were detected.
MISRAC2004-19.1	#include directives were found that are not first in the source file.
MISRAC2004-19.2	There are illegal characters in header file names.
MISRAC2004-19.4	A macro definition was found that is not permitted.
MISRAC2004-19.5	A #define or #undef was found inside a block.
MISRAC2004-19.6	#undef directives were found.
MISRAC2004-19.7	Function-like macros were detected.
MISRAC2004-19.10	A macro parameter was not enclosed in parentheses or used as the operand of # or ##.
MISRAC2004-19.12	Multiple # or ## preprocessor operators were found in a macro definition.
MISRAC2004-19.13	Uses were found of the # and ## operators.
MISRAC2004-19.15	Header files were found without #include guards.
MISRAC2004-20.1	Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library.
MISRAC2004-20.2	One or more library functions are being overridden.
MISRAC2004-20.3_a	A parameter value (<=0) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_b	A parameter value (<0) might cause a domain or range error.

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2004-20.3_c	A parameter value (==0) might cause a domain
	or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_d	A parameter value (>1) might cause domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_e	A parameter value (>=1) might cause domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_f	A parameter value (<-1) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_g	A parameter value (<=-I) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_h	A parameter value (>255) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.3_i	A parameter value (min) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2004-20.4	Detected use of malloc, calloc, realloc, or free.
MISRAC2004-20.5	Detected use of the error indicator errno.
MISRAC2004-20.6	Detected use of the built-in function offsetof.
MISRAC2004-20.7	Detected use of setjmp.h.
MISRAC2004-20.8	Use of signal.h was detected.
MISRAC2004-20.9	Use of stdio.h was detected.
MISRAC2004-20.10	Use of the functions atof, atoi, atol, or atoll was detected.
MISRAC2004-20.11	Use of the functions abort, exit, getenv, or system was detected.
MISRAC2004-20.12	Use of the time.h functions was detected: asctime, clock, ctime, difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime, or time.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.3	Inline assembler statements were found that are not encapsulated in functions.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.4	Code sections in comments were found where the comment ends with a ';', '{', or '}' character.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.5	Identifiers in the same namespace, with overlapping visibility, should be typographically unambiguous.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6_a	The basic types char, int, short, long, double,
	and float are used without a typedef.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6_b	Typedefs of basic types were found with names that do not indicate the size or signedness.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_a	Returned error information should be tested.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_b	Returned error information should be tested.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_c	Returned error information should be tested.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.8	The implementation of a structure is unnecessarily exposed to a translation unit.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.9	Function-like macros were detected.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.10	Header files were found without #include guards.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_a	A parameter value (<=0) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_b	A parameter value (<0) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_c	A parameter value (==0) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_d	A parameter value (>1) might cause domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_e	A parameter value (>=1) might cause domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_f	A parameter value (<-1) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_g	A parameter value (<=-I) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_h	A parameter value (>255) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_i	A parameter value (min) might cause a domain or range error.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.12	Dynamic memory allocation found.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_a	A mutex is locked, but not unlocked
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_b	Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c	A file pointer is never closed.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d	A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_e	A pointer is used after it has been freed.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_f	A file resource is used after it has been closed.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_g	A pointer is freed without having been allocated.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_h	A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_a	User input used as an argument to printf without validation.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_b	A user is able to control the amount of memory used in an allocation.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_c	User input is copied into a buffer.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_d	A tainted value is used as the size of the memory copied from one buffer to another.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_e	An array is accessed with an index derived from user input.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_f	A user-controlled variable is used as an offset to a pointer without proper bounds checking.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_g	User input is used as a divisor without validation.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_h	A user-controlled value is used as part of a loop condidition.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_i	User input is used as a value in the environment.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_j	User input is improperly used in an LDAP query.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_1	User input is improperly used in an SQL statement.
MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_m	User input is improperly used as an XPath expression.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_a	An expression resulting in $\ensuremath{0}$ is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_b	A variable was found that is assigned the value 0, and then used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c	A variable is used as a divisor after a successful comparison with $0.$

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d	A variable used as a divisor is subsequently
_	compared with 0.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_e	A value that is determined using interval analysis to be 0 is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_f	An expression that might be 0 is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_g	A global variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_h	A local variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i	Expressions found that depend on order of evaluation.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_j	A variable is read before it is assigned a value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_k	A variable is read before it is assigned a value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_1	A call to streat causes a destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_m	A function pointer is used in an invalid context.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_n	The left-hand side of a right shift operation might be a negative value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o	A pointer is used after it has been freed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p	A pointer is used after it has been freed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_q	Might return an address on the stack.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_r	A stack address is stored in a global pointer.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s	A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_t	A call to memcpy or memmove causes the memory to overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_u	A call to memset causes a buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_v	A call to stropy causes a destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.4_a	Uses of _Generic, _Noreturn, _Atomic, _Thread_local, _Alignas, _Alignof orSTDC_WANT_LIB_EXTI_ were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-1.4_b	Uses of <stdnoreturn.h>, <stdatomic.h>, <threads.h> or <stdalign.h> were found.</stdalign.h></threads.h></stdatomic.h></stdnoreturn.h>

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_a	A case statement within a switch statement cannot be reached.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b	A part of the application is never executed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_a	A statement potentially contains no side effects.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_b	A field in a struct is assigned a non-trivial value that is never used.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_c	A variable is assigned a value that is never used.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.3	Unused type declaration. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.4	Unused tag declarations were found. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.5	An unused macro declaration was found. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.6	A function was found that contains an unused label declaration.
MISRAC2012-Rule-2.7	A function parameter is declared but not used.
MISRAC2012-Rule-3.1	The character sequences /* and // were found within a comment.
MISRAC2012-Rule-3.2	Line-splicing was found in // comments.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.1	An external identifier was found that is not unique for the first 31 characters, but still not identical to another identifier. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.2_c89	Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from other names in the same scope.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.2_c99	Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from other names in the same scope.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.3_c89	Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from other names in an outer scope.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.3_c99	Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from other names in an outer scope.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.4_c89	Macro names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from their macro parameters or other macro names.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.4_c99	Macro names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from their macro parameters or other macro names.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.5_c89	Non-macro identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from macro names.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.5_c99	Non-macro identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from macro names.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.6	A typedef with this name has already been declared. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.7	A class, struct, union, or enum declaration clashes with a previous declaration. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.8	One or more external identifier names were found that are not unique. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-5.9	An internal identifier name was found that is not unique. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-6.1	Bitfields of plain int type were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-6.2	Signed single-bit bitfields (excluding anonymous fields) were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-7.1	Octal integer constants are used.
MISRAC2012-Rule-7.2	There are unsigned integer constants without a $\ensuremath{\mathbb{U}}$ suffix.
MISRAC2012-Rule-7.3	The lower case character $\ensuremath{\mathbb{1}}$ was found used as a suffix on numeric constants.
MISRAC2012-Rule-7.4_a	A string literal was found assigned to a variable that is not declared as constant.
MISRAC2012-Rule-7.4_b	Part of a string literal was found that is modified via the array subscript operator $\[\]$.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.1	An object or function of the type <code>int</code> is declared or defined, but its type is not explicitly stated.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2_a	There are functions declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2_b	Function prototypes were found with unnamed parameters.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.3	Multiple declarations of an object or function were found that use different names and type qualifiers. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.4	An extern definition is missing a compatible declaration.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_a	Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_b	Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.6	Multiple definitions or no definition were found for an external object or function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.7	An externally linked object or function was found referenced in only one translation unit. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.9_a	A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.9_b	A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.10	Inline functions were found that are not declared as static.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.11	One or more external arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.12	A duplicated implicit enumeration constant was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.13	A pointer was found that is not const-qualified.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-8.14	The restrict type qualifier was found used
	in function parameters.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_a	A possible dereference of an uninitialized or \mathtt{NULL} pointer was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_b	Read accesses from local buffers were found that are not preceded by writes.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_c	On all execution paths, there is a struct that has one or more fields read before they are initialized.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_d	A field of a local struct is read before it is initialized.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e	On all execution paths, there is a variable that is read before it is assigned a value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_f	A variable was found that might read before it is assigned a value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.2	An initializer for an aggregate or union was found that is not enclosed in braces.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.3	Arrays were found that are partially initialized.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.4	An object field was found that is initialized more than once. The last initialization will overwrite previous value(s).
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.5_a	Arrays, initialized with designated initializers but with no fixed length, were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-9.5_b	A flexible array member was found that is initialized with a designated initializer.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R1	An expression of essentially floating type point type is used on a non-compliant operand.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R2	An operand was found that is not of essentially Boolean type, despite being interpreted as a Boolean value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R3	An operand was found that is of essentially Boolean type, despite being interpreted as a numeric value.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R4	An operand was found that is of essentially character type, despite being interpreted as a numeric value.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R5	An operand that is of essentially enum type is used in an arithmetic operation, because an enum object uses an implementation-defined integer type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R6	Shift and bitwise operations were found performed on operands of essentially signed type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R7	The right-hand operand of a shift operator is not of essentially unsigned type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R8	An operand of essentially unsigned typed is used as the operand to the unary minus operator.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.2	Expressions of essentially character type were found used inappropriately in addition and subtraction operations.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.3	The value of an expression was found assigned to an object with a narrower essential type or a different essential type category.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.4_a	Operands of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed were found, that do not have the same essential type category.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.4_b	The second and third operands of the ternary operator do not have the same essential type category.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.5	A value of an expression was found that is cast to an inappropriate essential type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.6	The value of a composite expression is assigned to an object with wider essential type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.7	An operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed was found, where a composite expression is used as one of the operands, but the other operand is of wider essential type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-10.8	A composite expression was found whose value is cast to a different essential type category or a wider essential type.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.1	Conversion between a pointer to a function and
	another type were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.2	A conversion from or to an incomplete type pointer was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.3	A pointer to object type is cast to a pointer to a different object type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.4	A cast between a pointer type and an integral type was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.5	A conversion from a pointer to void into a pointer to object was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.6	A conversion between a pointer to void and an arithmetic type was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.7	A cast between a pointer to object and a non-integer arithmetic type was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.8	A cast that removes a const or volatile qualification was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-11.9	An integer constant was found where the NULL macro should be.
MISRAC2012-Rule-12.1	Implicit operator precedence was detected, without parenthesis to make it explicit.
MISRAC2012-Rule-12.2	Out of range shifts were found
MISRAC2012-Rule-12.3	There are uses of the comma operator.
MISRAC2012-Rule-12.4	Evaluation of constant expressions lead to unsigned integer wraparound.
MISRAC2012-Rule-12.5	A parameter declared as 'array of type' is used as operand to the sizeof operator.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.1	The initalization list of an array contains side effects.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a	Expressions that depend on order of evaluation were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_b	There are multiple read accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_c	There are multiple write accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.3	The increment (++) and decrement () operators are being used mixed with other operators in an expression.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_a	An assignment might be mistakenly used as the condition for an if, for, while, or do statement.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_b	Assignments were found in a sub-expression.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.5	There are right-hand operands of && or operators that contain side effects.
MISRAC2012-Rule-13.6	The operand of the sizeof operator contains an expression that has potential side effects.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1_a	A loop counter were found having floating type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1_b	A variable of essentially float type that is used in the loop condition, is then modified in the loop body.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.2	A malformed for loop was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_a	The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will always be true.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_b	The condition in if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will never be true.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_a	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do while statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_b	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_c	Non-Boolean conditions were found in if statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_d	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in while statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.1	Uses of the goto statement were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.2	A goto statement is declared after the destination label.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.3	The destination of a goto statement is a nested code block.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.4	One or more iteration statements are terminated by more than one break or goto statements.

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Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.5	One or more functions have multiple exit
	points or an exit point that is not at the end of the function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_a	There are missing braces in do while statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_b	There are missing braces in for statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_c	There are missing braces in if, else, or else if statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_d	There are missing braces in switch statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_e	There are missing braces in while statements.
MISRAC2012-Rule-15.7	If else if constructs that are not terminated with an else clause were detected.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.1	Detected switch statements that do not conform to the MISRA C switch syntax.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.2	Switch labels were found in nested blocks.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.3	Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.4	Switch statements without a default clause were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.5	A switch was found whose default label is neither the first nor the last label of the switch.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.6	Switch statements without case clauses were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-16.7	A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.1	Inclusion of the stdarg header file was detected.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_a	There are functions that call themselves directly.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_b	There are functions that call themselves indirectly. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.3	Functions are used without prototyping.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.4	For some execution paths, no return statement is executed in a function with a non-void return type.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.5	A function call is made with the wrong array type argument.
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.6	There are array parameters with the static keyword between the [].
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.7	There are unused function return values (other than overloaded operators).
MISRAC2012-Rule-17.8	A function parameter was found that is modified.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_a	An array access is out of bounds.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b	An array access might be out of bounds, depending on which path is executed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c	A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d	A pointer to an array is potentially used outside the array bounds.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.2	A subtraction was found between pointers that address elements of different arrays.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.3	A relational operator was found applied to an object of pointer type that does not point into the same object.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.4	A +, -, +=, or -= operator was found applied to an expression of pointer type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.5	Declarations that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection have been found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_a	Might return address on the stack.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b	A stack address is stored in a global pointer.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_c	A stack address is stored in the field of a global struct.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_d	A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.7	Flexible array members are declared.
MISRAC2012-Rule-18.8	There are arrays declared with a variable length.
MISRAC2012-Rule-19.1	Assignments from one field of a union to another were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-19.2	Unions were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.1	#include directives were found that are not first
	in the source file.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.2	Illegal characters were found in the names of header files.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.4_c89	A macro was found defined with the same name as a keyword.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.4_c99	A macro was found defined with the same name as a keyword.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.5	Found occurrances of #undef.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.6_a	A preprocessing directive was found within a macro argument.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.6_b	A preprocessing directive was found within a macro argument.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.7	An expansion of macro parameters was found that is not enclosed in parentheses.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.10	# and ## operators were found in macro definitions.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.11	A macro parameter immediately following a # was found that is immediately followed by a ##.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.13	A line was found whose first token is # but that is not a valid preprocessing directive.
MISRAC2012-Rule-20.14	Unbalanced #if/#endif preprocessor directives were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.1	Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.2	One or more library functions are being overridden.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.3	Uses of malloc, calloc, realloc, aligned_alloc, or free were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.4	Found uses of setjmp.h.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.5	Uses of signal.h were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.6	Uses of stdio.h or wchar.h were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.7	Uses of atof, atoi, atol, and atoll were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.8	Uses of abort, exit, getenv, and system were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.9	Uses of the library functions bsearch and qsort in stdlib.h were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.10	Use of the following wcsftime and time.h functions was found: asctime, clock, ctime, difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime and time.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.11	Use of the standard header file tgmath.h was found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.12_a	The exception-handling features of \leq fenv.h \geq are used.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.12_b	Macros are used in <fenv.h>.</fenv.h>
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.13	Any value passed to a function in <ctype.h> shall be representable as an unsigned char or be the value EOF.</ctype.h>
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.14	The Standard Library function memcmp shall not be used to compare null terminated strings.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.15	The pointer arguments to memcpy, memmove and memcmp have different types.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.16	The types of the pointer arguments to memcmp are not essentially signed, unsigned, Boolean or enum type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_a	A call to strlen might cause destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_b	A call to streat might cause destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_c	A call to strcpy might cause destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_d	A call to strncat might cause a destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_e	A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_f	A call to strncpy might cause a destination buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.18_a	A call to a function in <string.h> causes a buffer overrun.</string.h>

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.18_b	A call to memchr causes a buffer overrun.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.19_a	The pointer returned by localecony, geteny, setlocale or, strerror is assigned to a non-const type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.19_b	The pointer returned by localeconv, getenv, setlocale or, strerror is assigned to a non-const type.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.20	A pointer returned by asctime, ctime, gmtime, localtime, localeconv, getenv, setlocale or strerror is used after following a subsequent call to the same function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-21.21	Uses of system were found.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_a	A memory leak due to incorrect deallocation was detected.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_b	A file pointer is never closed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2_a	A memory location is freed more than once.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2_b	Freeing a memory location more than once on some paths but not others.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2_c	A stack address might be freed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.3	A file was found that is open for read and write access at the same time on different streams.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.4	A file opened as read-only is written to.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.5_a	A pointer to a FILE object is dereferenced.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.5_b	A file pointer was found that is implicitly dereferenced by a library function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.6	A file pointer was found that is used after it has been closed.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.7_a	The macro EOF is compared with a value not originating from a function capable of returning EOF.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.7_b	The macro EOF is compared with a value not originating from a function capable of returning EOF.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.8	errno is not set to zero prior a call to an errno-setting-function.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.9	errno is not tested against zero after a call to an errno-setting-function.
MISRAC2012-Rule-22.10	errno is tested after a call to function that is not an errno-setting-function.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-1	A part of the application is never executed.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_a	The condition in if, for, while, do-while statement sequences and the ternary operator is always met.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_b	The condition in if, for, while, do-while statement sequences and the ternary operator will never be met.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_c	A case statement within a switch statement is unreachable.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-3	A variable is never read or written during execution.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-4_a	A variable is only used once.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-4_b	A global variable is only used once.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-6	A variable is assigned a value that is never used.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-7	There are unused function return values (excluding overloaded operators)
MISRAC++2008-0-1-8	There are functions with no effect. A function with no return type and no side effects effectively does nothing.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-9	A part of the application is never executed.
MISRAC++2008-0-1-11	A function parameter is declared but not used.
MISRAC++2008-0-2-1	There are assignments from one field of a union to another.
MISRAC++2008-0-3-2	The return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.
MISRAC++2008-2-7-1	Detected /* inside comments
MISRAC++2008-2-7-2	Commented-out code has been detected. (To allow comments to contain pseudo-code or code samples, only comments that end in ;, {, or } characters are considered to be commented-out code.)

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-2-7-3	Commented-out code has been detected. (To allow comments to contain pseudo-code or code samples, only comments that end in ';', '{', or '}' characters are considered to be commented-out code.)
MISRAC++2008-2-10-1	Two identifiers have names that can be confused with each other.
MISRAC++2008-2-10-2 (C++ only)	There are identifier names that are not distinct from other names in an outer scope.
MISRAC++2008-2-10-3	A typedef with this name has already been declared. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC++2008-2-10-4	A class, struct, union, or enum declaration clashes with a previous declaration. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC++2008-2-10-5	An identifier is used that might clash with another static identifier.
MISRAC++2008-2-10-6 (C++ only)	There is a clash with type names.
MISRAC++2008-2-13-2	Octal integer constants are used.
MISRAC++2008-2-13-3	There are unsigned integer constants without a $\ensuremath{\mathbb{U}}$ suffix.
MISRAC++2008-2-13-4_a	Suffixes on floating-point constants are lower case.
MISRAC++2008-2-13-4_b	Suffixes on integer constants are lower case.
MISRAC++2008-3-1-1	Non-inline functions have been defined in header files.
MISRAC++2008-3-1-3	One or more external arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.
MISRAC++2008-3-9-2	There are uses of the basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float without a typedef.
MISRAC++2008-3-9-3	An expression provides access to the bit-representation of a floating-point variable.
MISRAC++2008-4-5-1	Arithmetic operators are used on boolean operands.
MISRAC++2008-4-5-2	Unsafe operators are used on variables of enumeration type.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-4-5-3	Arithmetic is performed on objects of type plain char, without an explicit signed or unsigned qualifier.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a	There are expressions that depend on the order of evaluation.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_b	There are more than one read access with volatile-qualified type within a single sequence point.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_c	There are more than one modification access with volatile-qualified type within a single sequence point.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-2	Parentheses to avoid implicit operator precedence are missing.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-3	One or more cvalue expressions have been implicitly converted to a different underlying type.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-4	One or more implicit integral conversions have been found that change the signedness of the underlying type.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-5	One or more implicit floating-integral conversions were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-6 (C++ only)	One or more implicit integral or floating-point conversion were found that reduce the size of the underlying type.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-7	One or more explicit floating-integral conversions of a cvalue expression were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-8	One or more explicit integral or floating-point conversions were found that increase the size of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-9	One or more explicit integral conversions were found that change the signedness of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-10	A bitwise operation on unsigned char or unsigned short was found, that was not immediately cast to this type to ensure consistent truncation.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_a	Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do while statements.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_b	Non-boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_c	Non-boolean conditions were found in if statements.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_d	Non-boolean termination conditions were found in while statements.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-14	Non-boolean operands to the conditional ($?$:) operator were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-15_a	Pointer arithmetic that is not array indexing was found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-15_b	Array indexing applied to objects not defined as an array type was found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_a	Pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address was found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_b	Invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer was found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_c	An array access is out of bounds.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d	An array access might be out of bounds for some execution paths.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_e	A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f	A pointer to an array might be used outside the array bounds.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-19	Declarations that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection have been found.
MISRAC++2008-5-0-21	Applications of bitwise operators to signed operands were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-4 (C++ only)	Old style casts (other than void casts) were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-5	Casts that remove a const or volatile qualification were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-5-2-6	A cast shall not convert a pointer to a function to any other pointer type, including a pointer to function type.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-7	A pointer to object type is cast to a pointer to a different object type.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-9	A cast from a pointer type to an integral type was found.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-10	The increment (++) and decrement () operators are being used mixed with other operators in an expression.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-11_a (C++ only)	Overloaded && and operators were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-2-11_b (C++ only)	Overloaded comma operators were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-3-1	Operands of the logical operators (&&, $ $, and !) were found that are not of type bool.
MISRAC++2008-5-3-2	Uses of unary minus on unsigned expressions were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-3-3 (C++ only)	Occurances of overloaded & operators were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-3-4	There are sizeof expressions that contain side effects.
MISRAC++2008-5-8-1	Possible out-of-range shifts were found.
MISRAC++2008-5-14-1	There are right-hand operands of && or operators that contain side effects.
MISRAC++2008-5-18-1	There are uses of the comma operator.
MISRAC++2008-5-19-1	A constant unsigned integer expression overflows.
MISRAC++2008-6-2-1	One or more assignment operators are used in sub-expressions.
MISRAC++2008-6-2-2	There are floating-point comparisons that use the == or != operators.
MISRAC++2008-6-2-3	There are stray semicolons on the same line as other code.
MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_a	There are missing braces in do while statements.
MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_b	There are missing braces in for statements.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_c	There are missing braces in switch
	statements.
MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_d	There are missing braces in $\ensuremath{\mathtt{while}}$ statements.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-1	There are missing braces in if, else, or else if statements.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-2	If \dots else if constructs that are not terminated with an else clause were detected.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-3	Detected switch statements that do not conform to the MISRA C++ switch syntax.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-4	Switch labels were found in nested blocks.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-5	Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-6	Switch statements without a default clause, or with a default clause that is not the final clause, were found.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-7	A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.
MISRAC++2008-6-4-8	One or more switch statements without a case clause were found.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-1_a	A loop counter were found having floating type.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-1_b (C++ only)	Multiple variables are being used to control a for loop.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-2	A loop counter was found that might not match the loop condition test.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-3	A for loop counter variable was found that is modified in the body of the loop.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-4	A potentially inconsistent loop counter modification was found.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-5	A non-loop-counter variable was found that is assigned in the condition or expression part of a for loop.
MISRAC++2008-6-5-6	A non-boolean variable was detected that is modified in the loop and used as loop condition.
MISRAC++2008-6-6-1	The destination of a goto statement is a nested code block.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-6-6-2	A goto statement is declared after the destination label.
MISRAC++2008-6-6-4	One or more loops have more than one termination point.
MISRAC++2008-6-6-5	One or more functions have multiple exit points or an exit point that is not at the end of the function.
MISRAC++2008-7-1-1	A local variable that is not modified after its initialization is not const qualified.
MISRAC++2008-7-1-2	A parameter in a function that is not modified by the function is not const qualified.
MISRAC++2008-7-2-1	There are conversions to enum type that are out of range of the enumeration.
MISRAC++2008-7-4-3	There are inline assembler statements that are not encapsulated in functions.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_a (C++ only)	A stack object is returned from a function as a reference.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b	A function might return an address on the stack.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_a	Detected a stack address stored in a global pointer.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_b	Detected a stack address in the field of a global struct.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c	Detected a stack address stored in a parameter of pointer or array type.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_d (C++ only)	Detected a stack address stored via a reference parameter.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_a	There are functions that call themselves directly.
MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_b	There are functions that call themselves indirectly. This is a link analysis check.
MISRAC++2008-8-0-1	There are declarations that contain more than one variable or constant each.
MISRAC++2008-8-4-1	There are functions defined using the ellipsis () notation.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-8-4-3	For some execution paths, no return statements are executed in functions with a non-void return type.
MISRAC++2008-8-4-4	The addresses of one or more functions are taken without an explicit $\&$.
MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_a	In all execution paths, variables are read before they are assigned a value.
MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_b	In some execution paths, variables might be read before they are assigned a value.
MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_c	One or more uninitialized or NULL pointers are dereferenced.
MISRAC++2008-8-5-2	There are one or more non-zero array initializations that do not exactly match the structure of the array declaration.
MISRAC++2008-9-3-1 (C++ only)	A member function qualified as const returns a pointer member variable.
MISRAC++2008-9-3-2 (C++ only)	Member functions return non-const handles to members.
MISRAC++2008-9-5-1	Unions were found.
MISRAC++2008-9-6-2	Bitfields of plain int type were found.
MISRAC++2008-9-6-3	Bitfields of plain int type were found.
MISRAC++2008-9-6-4	Signed single-bit bitfields (excluding anonymous fields) were found.
MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_a (C++ only)	A virtual member function is called in a class constructor.
MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_b (C++ only)	A virtual member function is called in a class destructor.
MISRAC++2008-12-1-3 (C++ only)	Constructors that can be called with a single argument of fundamental type are not declared explicit.
MISRAC++2008-15-0-2	Throw of exceptions by pointer.
MISRAC++2008-15-1-2	Throw of NULL integer constant.
MISRAC++2008-15-1-3 (C++ only)	Unsafe rethrow of exception.
MISRAC++2008-15-3-1 (C++ only)	There are exceptions thrown without a handler in some call paths that lead to that point.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check		Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-15-3-2	(C++ only)	There are no default exception handlers for try.
MISRAC++2008-15-3-3	(C++ only)	One or more exception handlers in a constructor or destructor accesses a non-static member variable that might not exist.
MISRAC++2008-15-3-4	(C++ only)	There are calls to functions that are explicitly declared to throw an exception type that are not handled (or declared as thrown) by the caller.
MISRAC++2008-15-3-5	(C++ only)	Exception objects are caught by value, not by reference.
MISRAC++2008-15-5-1	(C++ only)	An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in a class destructor.
MISRAC++2008-16-0-3		Found occurrances of #undef.
MISRAC++2008-16-0-4		Definitions of function-like macros were found.
MISRAC++2008-16-2-2	(C++ only)	Definitions of macros that are not include guards were found.
MISRAC++2008-16-2-3		Header files without #include guards were found.
MISRAC++2008-16-2-4		There are illegal characters in header file names.
MISRAC++2008-16-2-5		There are illegal characters in header file names.
MISRAC++2008-16-3-1		There are multiple # or ## operators in a macro definition.
MISRAC++2008-16-3-2		# and ## operators were found in macro definitions.
MISRAC++2008-17-0-1		Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library.
MISRAC++2008-17-0-3		One or more library functions are being overridden.
MISRAC++2008-17-0-5		Found uses of setjmp.h.
MISRAC++2008-18-0-1	(C++ only)	C library includes were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-0-2		Uses of atof, atoi, atol and atoll were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-0-3		Uses of abort, exit, getenv, and system were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Check	Synopsis
MISRAC++2008-18-0-4	Uses of time.h functions: asctime, clock, ctime, difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime, and time were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-0-5	Uses of strcpy, strcmp, strcat, strchr, strspn, strcspn, strpbrk, strrchr, strstr, strtok, or strlen were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-2-1	Uses of the built-in function offsetof were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-4-1	Uses of malloc, calloc, realloc, or free were found.
MISRAC++2008-18-7-1	Uses of signal.h were found.
MISRAC++2008-19-3-1	Uses of errno were found.
MISRAC++2008-27-0-1	Uses of stdio.h were found.

Table 6: Summary of checks (Continued)

Descriptions of checks

The following section gives detailed reference information about each check.

ARR-inv-index-pos

Synopsis An array access might be out of bounds, depending on which path is executed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High

Full description An element of an array is accessed, but one or more of the executable paths means that

the element is outside the bounds of the array. This might corrupt data and/or crash the application, and result in security vulnerabilities. This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b, CERT-ARR30-C_b.

Coding standards CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos

Synopsis A pointer to an array is potentially used outside the array bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A pointer to an array is potentially used outside the array bounds. This might cause an invalid memory access, and might be a serious security risk. The application might also crash. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f,

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d, CERT-ARR30-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int b) {
  int arr[11];
  int *p = arr;
  int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
  p[x];
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int b) {
  int arr[12];
  int *p = arr;
  int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
  p[x];
}</pre>
```

ARR-inv-index-ptr

Synopsis

A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds. This will cause an invalid memory access, and might be a serious security risk. The application might also crash. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c, CERT-ARR30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p = arr;
  p[10];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p = arr;
  p[9];
}
```

ARR-inv-index

Synopsis An array access is out of bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

An element of an array is accessed when that element is outside the bounds of the array. This might corrupt data and/or crash the application, and result in security vulnerabilities. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 c,

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_a, CERT-ARR30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int a[4];
   a[3] = 0;
   return 0;
}
```

ARR-neg-index

Synopsis

An array is accessed with a negative subscript value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

An array is accessed with a negative subscript value, causing an illegal memory access. This might corrupt data and/or crash the application, and result in security vulnerabilities. This check is identical to CERT-ARR30-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void foo(int n)
{
   int x[n];
   int i = 0;
   if (i == 0)
      i--;
   x[i] = 5; //i is -1 at this point
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void foo(int n)
{
   int x[n];
   int i = 5;
   if (i == 0)
      i--;
   x[i] = 5; //OK, since i is 4
```

ARR-uninit-index

Synopsis

An array is indexed with an uninitialized variable

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

An array is indexed with an uninitialized variable. The value of the variable is not defined, which might cause an array overrun. This check is identical to CERT-ARR30-C_f.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 665

Improper Initialization

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int b[20]) {
  int a;
  return b[a];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int b[20]) {
  int a;
  a = 5;
  return b[a];
}
```

ATH-cmp-float

Synopsis

Floating point comparisons using == or !=

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A comparison for equality with a floating-point type uses the == or != operator. This might have an unexpected result because the value of the float varies with the environment and the operation. The comparison might be evaluated incorrectly, especially if either of the floating-point numbers has been operated on arithmetically. In that case, the application logic will be compromised. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.3, MISRAC++2008-6-2-2.

Coding standards

CERT FLP00-C

Understand the limitations of floating point numbers

CERT FLP35-CPP

Take granularity into account when comparing floating point values

MISRA C:2004 13.3

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be tested for equality or inequality.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-2-2

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be directly or indirectly tested for equality or inequality.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
{
  float f = 3.0;
  int i = 3;

  if (f == i) //comparison of a float and an int
    ++i;

  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int i = 60;
   char c = 60;

   if (i == c)
        ++i;

   return 0;
}
```

ATH-cmp-unsign-neg

Synopsis

An unsigned value is compared to see whether it is negative.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A comparison is performed on an unsigned value, to see whether it is negative. This comparison always returns false, and is redundant.

Coding standards CWE 570

Expression is Always False

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  if (x < 0) //checking an unsigned for negativity
    return 1;
  else
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  if (x < 1) //OK - x might be 0
    return 1;
  else
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

ATH-cmp-unsign-pos

Synopsis An unsigned value is compared to see whether it is greater than or equal to 0.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High

Full description A comparison is performed on an unsigned value, to see whether it is greater than or

equal to 0. This comparison always returns true, and is redundant.

Coding standards CWE 571

Expression is Always True

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  if (x >= 0) //checking an unsigned for negativity
    return 1;
  else
    return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  if (x > 0) //OK - x might be 0
    return 1;
  else
    return 0;
}
```

ATH-div-0-assign

Synopsis

A variable is assigned the value 0, then used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A variable is assigned the value 0, then used as a divisor. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_b, CERT-INT33-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 20, b = 5, c;
  c = a / b; /* b is not 0 */
  return c;
}
```

ATH-div-0-cmp-aft

Synopsis

After a successful comparison with 0, a variable is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

A variable is successfully compared to 0, then used as a divisor. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c, SEC-DIV-0-compare-after, CERT-INT33-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

ATH-div-0-cmp-bef

Synopsis

A variable used as a divisor is afterwards compared with 0.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A variable is compared to 0 after it is used as a divisor, but before it is written to again. This implies that the variable's value might be 0, and might have been for the preceding statements. Because one of these statements is an operation that uses the variable as a divisor (causing a 'divide by zero' runtime error), the execution can never reach the comparison when the value is 0, making it redundant. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_f, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d, SEC-DIV-0-compare-before, CERT-INT33-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int p)
{
  int a = 20, b = 1;
  b = a / p;
  if (p == 0) // Checking the value of 'p' too late.
    return 0;
  return b;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(int p)
{
  int a = 20, b;
  if (p == 0)
    return 0;
  b = a / p;    /* Here 'p' is non-zero. */
  return b;
}
```

ATH-div-0-interval

Synopsis Interval analysis has found a value that is 0 and used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Interval analysis has found a value that is 0 and used as a divisor. This might cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_g, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_e, CERT-INT33-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 1;
  a--;
  return 5 / a; /* a is 0 */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 2;
   a--;
   return 5 / a; /* OK - a is 1 */
}
```

ATH-div-0-pos

Synopsis

Interval analysis has found an expression that might be 0 and is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

Interval analysis has found an expression that contains 0 and is used as a divisor. This might cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_h, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_f, CERT-INT33-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
}
```

ATH-div-0-unchk-global

Synopsis

A global variable is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

A global variable is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error if the variable has a value of 0. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_i, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_g, CERT-INT33-C_f.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
int example() {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int x;
int example() {
  if (x != 0) {
    return 5/x;
  }
}
```

ATH-div-0-unchk-local

Synopsis A local variable is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

A local variable is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error if the variable has a value of 0. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_j, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_h, CERT-INT33-C_g.

Coding standards CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int rand();
int example() {
    int x = rand();
    return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int rand();
int example() {
   int x = rand();
   if (x != 0) {
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

ATH-div-0-unchk-param

Synopsis

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A parameter is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

A parameter is used as a divisor without having been determined to be non-zero. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error if the parameter has a value of 0. This check is identical to CERT-INT33-C_h.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  if (x != 0) {
    return 5/x;
  }
}
```

ATH-div-0

Synopsis

An expression that results in 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

An expression that results in 0 is used as a divisor. This will cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_c,

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
```

ATH-inc-bool (C++ only)

Synopsis Deprecated operation on bool.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

An undefined increment or decrement operation is performed on a bool value. In older versions of C++, Boolean values were modeled by a typedef to an integer type, allowing increment and decrement operations. These types are deprecated in Standard C++ and the operations no longer apply to the built-in C++ bool type.

Coding standards

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
{
  bool x = true;
  ++x; //this operation is undefined for a bool
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int x = 0;
   ++x; //OK - x is an int
}
```

ATH-malloc-overrun

Synopsis

The size of memory passed to malloc to allocate overflows.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The size of memory passed to malloc to allocate is the result of an arithmetic overflow. As a result, malloc will not allocate the expected amount of memory and accesses to this memory might cause runtime errors.

Coding standards

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>

void example(void) {
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int)*ULONG_MAX*ULONG_MAX);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>

void example(void) {
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int)*5);
}
```

ATH-neg-check-nonneg

Synopsis A variable is checked for a non-negative value after being used, instead of before.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

A function parameter or index is used in a context that implicitly asserts that it is not negative, but it is not determined to be non-negative until after it is used. If the value actually is negative when the variable is used, data might be corrupted, the application might crash, or a security vulnerability might be exposed.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int foo(int p)
{
   int *x;
   if (p < 0)
      return 0;
   x = malloc(p); // OK - p is non-negative
   return p;
}</pre>
```

ATH-neg-check-pos

Synopsis

A variable is checked for a positive value after being used, instead of before.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A function parameter or index is used in a context that implicitly asserts that it is positive, but it is not compared to 0 until after it is used. If the value actually is negative or 0 when the variable is used, data might be corrupted, the application might crash, or a security vulnerability might be exposed.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int foo(int p)
{
  int *x = malloc(p);

  // p was an argument to malloc(), so not negative
  if (p <= 0)
    return 0;

  return p;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int foo(int p)
{
   int *x;
   if (p < 0)
      return 0;
   x = malloc(p); // OK - p is non-negative
   return p;
}</pre>
```

ATH-new-overrun (C++ only)

Synopsis

An arithmetic overflow is caused by an allocation using new[].

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The new a[n] operator performs the operation sizeof(a) * n. This might cause an overflow, leading to an unexpected amount of memory being allocated. Dereferencing this memory might lead to a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <new>
#include <climits>

void example(void) {
   unsigned int b = (UINT_MAX / 4) + 1;
   int *a = new int[b];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <new>
void example(void) {
  int *a = new int[10];
}
```

ATH-overflow-cast

Synopsis

An expression is cast to a different type, resulting in an overflow or underflow of its value.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

An expression is cast to a different type, resulting in an overflow or underflow of its value. This might be unintended and can cause logic errors. Because unexpected behavior is much more likely than an application crash, such errors can be very hard to find. This check is identical to CERT-INT31-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT31-C

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data

CWE 194

Unexpected Sign Extension

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

CWE 196

Unsigned to Signed Conversion Error

CWE 197

Numeric Truncation Error

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int I;
typedef I J;
void f(){
  J x = 375;
  char c = (char)x; //overflows to 120
}
```

```
void f() {
  int x = 35;
  char c = (char)x;
}
```

ATH-overflow

Synopsis An expression is implicitly converted to a narrower type, resulting in an overflow or

underflow of its value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description An expression is implicitly converted to a narrower type, resulting in an overflow or

underflow of its value. This might be unintended and can cause logic errors. Because unexpected behavior is much more likely than an application crash, such errors can be

very hard to find.

Coding standards CERT INT31-C

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data

CWE 194

Unexpected Sign Extension

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

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Unsigned to Signed Conversion Error

CWE 197

Numeric Truncation Error

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int I;
typedef I J;
void f(){
  J x = 375;
  char c = x; //overflows to 120
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void f() {
  int x = 35;
  char c = x;
}
```

ATH-shift-bounds

Synopsis Out of range shifts were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

The right-hand operand of a shift operator might be negative or too large. A shift operator on an n-bit argument should only shift between 0 and n-1 bits. The behavior here is undefined; the code might work as intended, or data could become erroneous. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.8, MISRAC++2008-5-8-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.2.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

MISRA C:2004 12.8

(Required) The right-hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left-hand operand.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.2

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie in the range zero to one less than the width in bits of the essential type of the left hand operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-8-1

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left hand operand.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
{
  int shift = 33; // too big
  return 3U << shift;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  int y = 1; // OK - this is within the correct range
  return x << y;
}</pre>
```

ATH-shift-neg

Synopsis

The left-hand side of a right shift operation might be a negative value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The left-hand side of a right shift operation might be a negative value. Because performing a right shift operation on a negative number is implementation-defined, this operation might have unexpected results. This check is identical to CERT-INT34-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  return -10 >> x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return 10 >> x;
}
```

ATH-sizeof-by-sizeof

Synopsis

Multiplying sizeof by sizeof.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

sizeof is multiplied by sizeof. This is probably a programming mistake and might have been intended to be sizeof / sizeof. This code will not cause any errors, but the product of two sizeof results is not a useful value, and might indicate a misunderstanding of the intended behavior of the code.

Coding standards

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void foo(void)
{
  int x = sizeof(int) * sizeof(char); //sizeof * sizeof
}
```

```
void foo(void)
{
  int x = sizeof(int) * 7; //OK
}
```

CAST-old-style (C++ only)

Synopsis Old style casts (other than void casts) are used

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Old style casts (other than void casts) are used. These casts override type information about the variables or pointers being cast, which might cause portability problems. A particular cast might for example not be valid on a system, but the compiler will perform the cast anyway. The new style casts static_cast, const_cast, and reinterpret_cast should be used instead because they make clear the intention of the cast. Moreover, the new style casts can easily be searched for in source code files, unlike old style casts. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-4.

Coding standards

CERT EXP05-CPP

Do not use C-style casts

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-4

(Required) C-style casts (other than void casts) and functional notation casts (other than explicit constructor calls) shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(float b)
{
    return (int)b;
}
```

```
int example(float b)
{
    return static_cast<int>(b);
}
```

CATCH-object-slicing (C++ only)

Synopsis Exception objects are caught by value

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description Class type exception objects are caught by value, leading to slicing. That is, if the

exception object is of a derived class and is caught as the base, only the base class's functions (including virtual functions) can be called. Moreover, any additional member data in the derived class cannot be accessed. If the exception is instead caught by reference, slicing does not occur. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-3-5.

Coding standards CERT ERR09-CPP

Throw anonymous temporaries and catch by reference

MISRA C++ 2008 15-3-5

(Required) A class type exception shall always be caught by reference.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef char char_t;
// base class for exceptions
class ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "base"; }
};
class ExpD1: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 1 exception"; }
};
class ExpD2: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 2 exception"; }
};
void example()
   try {
       // ...
        throw ExpD1 ();
       // ...
       throw ExpBase ( );
   catch ( ExpBase b ) { // Non-compliant - derived type objects
will be
                          // caught as the base type
        b.who();
                          // Will always be "base"
        throw b;
                          // The exception re-thrown is of the
base class,
                          // not the original exception type
   }
}
```

```
typedef char char_t;
// base class for exceptions
class ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "base"; }
};
class ExpD1: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 1 exception"; }
class ExpD2: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 2 exception"; }
};
void example()
   try {
       // ...
       throw ExpD1 ();
       // ...
       throw ExpBase ( );
    catch ( ExpBase &b ) { // Compliant - exceptions caught by
reference
       b.who(); // "base", "type 1 exception" or "type 2
exception"
                 // depending upon the type of the thrown object
    }
```

CATCH-xtor-bad-member (C++ only)

Synopsis

Exception handler in constructor or destructor accesses non-static member variable that might not exist.

Enabled by default No

Medium/Low



Full description

The exception handler in a constructor or destructor accesses a non-static member function. Such members might or might not exist at this point in construction/destruction and accessing them might result in undefined behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-3-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-3-3

(Required) Handlers of a function-try-block implementation of a class constructor or destructor shall not reference non-static members from this class or its bases.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int throws();
class C
public:
 int x;
 static char c;
 C ()
   x = 0;
  ~C ( )
  {
   try
      throws();
      // Action that may raise an exception
   catch ( ... )
      if ( 0 == x ) // Non-compliant - x may not exist at this
point
        // Action dependent on value of x
   }
 }
};
```

```
class C
public:
 int x;
  static char c;
  C ()
    try
      // Action that may raise an exception
   catch ( ... )
     if (0 == c)
       // Action dependent on value of c
    }
  }
  ~C ( )
  {
    try
    {
      // Action that may raise an exception
    catch (int i) {}
    catch ( ... )
      if (0 == c)
        // Action dependent on value of c
    }
  }
};
```

COMMA-overload (C++ only)

Synopsis Overloaded comma operator

Enabled by default No

Low/Low



Full description

There are overloaded versions of the comma and logical conjunction operators. These have the semantics of function calls whose sequence point and ordering semantics are different from those of the built-in versions. Because it might not be clear at the point of use that these operators are overloaded, developers might be unaware which semantics apply. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-11_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-11

(Required) The comma operator, && operator and the $\ensuremath{\parallel}$ operator shall not be overloaded.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  bool x;
  bool operator,(bool other);
};
bool C::operator,(bool other){
  return x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
}
```

COMMENT-nested

Synopsis Appearances of /* inside comments

Enabled by default Yes

Low/High



Full description

Appearances of /* inside comments. C does not support nesting of comments. This can cause confusion when some code does not execute as expected. For example: /* A comment, end comment marker accidentally omitted <<New Page>> initialize(X); /* this comment is not compliant */ In this case, X will not be initialized because the code is hidden in a comment. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-2.3, MISRAC++2008-2-7-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.3

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a comment.

MISRA C++ 2008 2-7-1

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a C-style comment.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   /* This comment starts here
   /* Nested comment starts here
   */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   /* This comment starts here */
   /* Nested comment starts here
   */
}
```

CONST-member-ret (C++ only)

Synopsis A member function qualified as const returns a pointer member variable.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

A member function qualified as const returns a pointer member variable. This might violate the semantics of the function's const qualification, as the data at that address might be overwritten, or the memory itself might be freed. This will not be identified by a compiler, because the pointer being returned is a copy even though the memory to which it refers is vulnerable. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-9-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 9-3-1

(Required) const member functions shall not return non-const pointers or references to class-data.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  int* foo() const {
    return p;
  }
  int* p;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
   int* foo() {
     return p;
   }
   int* p;
};
```

COP-alloc-ctor (C++ only)

Synopsis

A class member is deallocated in the class' destructor, but not allocated in a constructor or assignment operator.

Enabled by default

No

High/Medium



Full description

A class member is deallocated in the class' destructor but is not allocated in a constructor or assignment operator (operator=). Even if this is intentional (and the class' pointer attributes are allocated elsewhere) it is still dangerous, because it subverts the Resource Acquisition is Initialization convention, and consequently users of the class might accidentally misuse it.

Coding standards

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
  int *p;

public:
  MyClass() {
    p = new int(0); //OK - p is allocated
  }

  ~MyClass() {
    delete p;
  }
};
```

COP-assign-op-ret (C++ only)

Synopsis An assignment operator of a C++ class does not return a non-const reference to this.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

An assignment operator of a C++ class is incorrectly defined. Probably it does not return a non-const reference to the left-hand side of the assignment. This can cause unexpected behavior in situations where the assignment is chained with others, or the return value is used as a left-hand side argument to a subsequent assignment. A non-const reference as the return type should be used because it is the convention; it will not achieve any added code safety, and it makes the assignment operator more restrictive.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
  int x;
public:
  MyClass &operator=(MyClass &rhs){
    x = rhs.x;
    return rhs; // should return *this
  }
};
```

```
class MyClass{
  int x;
public:
  MyClass & operator = (const MyClass & rhs) {
    x = rhs.x;
    return *this; // a properly defined operator =
  }
};
```

COP-assign-op-self (C++ only)

Synopsis Assignment operator does not check for self-assignment before allocating member

functions

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

An assignment operator does not check for self-assignment before allocating member functions. If self-assignment occurs in a user-defined object which uses dynamic memory allocation, references to allocated memory will be lost if they are reassigned. This will most likely cause a memory leak, as well as unexpected results, because the objects referred to by any pointers are lost.

Coding standards

CERT MEM42-CPP

Ensure that copy assignment operators do not damage an object that is copied to itself

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

COP-assign-op (C++ only)

Synopsis There is no assignment operator defined for a class whose destructor deallocates

memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

There is no assignment operator defined for a class whose destructor deallocates memory, so the compiler's synthesized assignment operator will be created and used if needed. This will only perform shallow copies of any pointer values, meaning that multiple instances of a class might inadvertently contain pointers to the same memory. Although a synthesized assignment operator might be adequate and appropriate for classes whose members include only (non-pointer) built-in types, in a class that dynamically allocates memory it could easily lead to unexpected behavior or attempts to access freed memory. In that case, if a copy is made and one of the two is destroyed, any deallocated pointers in the other will become invalid. This check should only be selected if all of a class' copy control functions are defined in the same file.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
  int* p;
public:
  ~MyClass() {
    delete p; //this class has no assignment operator
  }
};
int main() {
  MyClass *original = new MyClass;
  MyClass copy;
  copy = *original; //copy's p == original's p
  delete original; //p is deallocated; copy now has an invalid
pointer
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

COP-copy-ctor (C++ only)

Synopsis

A class which uses dynamic memory allocation does not have a user-defined copy constructor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

A class which uses dynamic memory allocation does not have a user-defined copy constructor, so the compiler's synthesized copy constructor will be created and used if needed. This will only perform shallow copies of any pointer values, meaning that multiple instances of a class might inadvertently contain pointers to the same memory. Although a synthesized copy constructor might be adequate and appropriate for classes whose members include only (non-pointer) built-in types, in a class that dynamically allocates memory, it might easily lead to unexpected behavior or attempts to access freed memory. In that case, if a copy is made and one of the two is destroyed, any deallocated pointers in the other will become invalid. This check should only be selected if all of a class' copy control functions are defined in the same file.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
  int *p;
public:
  MyClass(){     //not a copy constructor
     p = new int;     //one will be synthesized
  }
  ~MyClass(){
    delete p;
  }
};
int main(){
  MyClass *original = new MyClass;
  MyClass copy(*original);     //copy's p == original's p
  delete original;     //p is deallocated; copy now has an invalid
pointer
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class MyClass{
  int *p;
public:

  MyClass(MyClass& rhs) {
    p = new int;
    *p = *(rhs.p);
  }

  ~MyClass() {
    delete p;
  }
};
```

COP-dealloc-dtor (C++ only)

Synopsis

A class member has memory allocated in a constructor or an assignment operator, that is not released in the destructor.

Enabled by default

No

High/Medium



Full description

A class member has memory allocated to it in a constructor or assignment operator, that is not released in the class' destructor. This will most likely cause a memory leak when objects of this class are created and destroyed. Even if this is intentional (and the memory is released elsewhere) it is still dangerous, because it subverts the Resource Acquisition is Initialization convention, and consequently users of the class might not release the memory at all.

Coding standards

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
  int *p;

public:
  MyClass() {
    p = 0;
  }

  MyClass(int i) {
    p = new int[i];
  }

  ~MyClass() {} //p not deleted here
};

int main(void) {
  MyClass *cp = new MyClass(5);
  delete cp;
}
```

```
class MyClass{
  int *p;

public:
  MyClass(){
    p = 0;
  }

  MyClass(int i){
    p = new int[i];
  }

  ~MyClass(){
    if(p)
        delete[] p; //OK - p is deleted here
  }
};

int main(void){
  MyClass *cp = new MyClass(5);
  delete cp;
}
```

COP-dtor-throw (C++ only)

Synopsis An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in a class destructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in a class destructor. When the destructor is called, stack unwinding takes place. If an exception is thrown at this time, the application will crash. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-5-1.

Coding standards

CERT ERR33-CPP

Destructors must not throw exceptions

MISRA C++ 2008 15-5-1

(Required) A class destructor shall not exit with an exception.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class E{};

class C {
   ~C() {
    if (!p){
      throw E(); //may throw an exception here
    }
   }
   int* p;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void do_something();

class C {
    ~C() { //OK
    if (!p){
        do_something();
    }
    int* p;
};
```

COP-dtor (C++ only)

Synopsis

A class which dynamically allocates memory in its copy control functions does not have a destructor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A class which dynamically allocates memory in its copy control functions does not have a destructor. This will most likely result in a memory leak. If memory is dynamically allocated in the constructors or assignment operators, there must be a matching destructor to free it. If a destructor is not defined, the compiler will synthesize one, which will destroy any pointers but will not release their contents back to the heap. Even if this is intentional (and the memory is released elsewhere) it is still dangerous, because

it subverts the Resource Acquisition is Initialization convention, and consequently users of the class might not release the memory at all. This check should only be used if all of a class' copy control functions are defined in the same file.

Coding standards

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class MyClass{
   int* p;
public:
   MyClass() {
     p = new int;
   }
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class MyClass{
  int* p;

public:
  MyClass() {
    p = new int;
  }

  ~MyClass() {
    delete p;
  }
};
```

COP-init-order (C++ only)

Synopsis

Data members are initialized with other data members that are in the same initialization list.

Enabled by default

No

Medium/Medium



Full description

Data members are initialized with other data members that are in the same initialization list. This can cause confusion, and might produce incorrect output, because data members are initialized in order of their declaration and not in the order of the initialization list.

Coding standards

CERT OOP37-CPP

Constructor initializers should be ordered correctly

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int y;
  C():
    x(5),
    y(x) //Initializing using another member
  {}
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int y;
  C():
    x(5),
    y(5) //OK
  {}
};
```

COP-init-uninit (C++ only)

Synopsis

An initializer list reads the values of still uninitialized members.

Enabled by default

Yes

High/High



Full description

The expressions used to initialize a class member contain other class members, that have not yet been initialized themselves. The order in which they are initialized depends on the order of their declarations in the class definition and not on the order in which the members appear in the list, which might feel counter-intuitive. This might cause some of the object's attributes to have incorrect values, leading to logic errors or an application crash if the class handles dynamic memory.

Coding standards

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int y;
  C():
    x(5),
    y(x) //OK - x has been initialized
  {}
};
```

COP-member-uninit (C++ only)

Synopsis

A member of a class is not initialized in one of the class constructors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

A member of a class is not initialized in one of the class constructors. This might cause unexpected or unpredictable program behavior, and can be very difficult to identify as the cause. Because members of built-in types are not given a default initialization, constructors must initialize all members of a class. Even if this is intentional (and the attribute is initialized elsewhere) it is still dangerous, because it subverts the Resource Acquisition is Initialization convention, and consequently users of the class might not initialize the attribute. Uninitialized data can lead to incorrect program flow, and might cause the application to crash if the class handles dynamic memory.

Coding standards

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
  int x;
  S() {} //this constructor should initialize x
}.
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S{
  int x;
  S() : x(1) {} //OK - x is initialized
};
```

CPU-ctor-call-virt (C++ only)

Synopsis

A virtual member function is called in a class constructor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High

Full description

When an instance is constructed, the virtual member function of its base class is called, rather than the function of the actual class being constructed. This might result in the incorrect function being called, and consequently incorrect data or uninitialized elements. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_a.

Coding standards

CERT OOP30-CPP

Do not invoke virtual functions from constructors or destructors

```
MISRA C++ 2008 12-1-1
```

(Required) An object's dynamic type shall not be used from the body of its constructor or destructor.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <iostream>

class A {
public:
    A() { f(); } //virtual member function is called
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "A::f\n"; }
};

class B: public A {
public:
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "B::f\n"; }
};

int main(void) {
    B *b = new B();
    delete b;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

CPU-ctor-implicit (C++ only)

Synopsis

Constructors that are callable with a single argument of fundamental type are not declared explicit.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Constructors that are callable with a single argument of fundamental type are not declared explicit. This means that nothing prevents the constructor from being used to implicitly convert from a fundamental type to the class type. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-12-1-3.

Coding standards

CERT OOP32-CPP

Ensure that single-argument constructors are marked "explicit"

MISRA C++ 2008 12-1-3

(Required) All constructors that are callable with a single argument of fundamental type shall be declared explicit.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  C(double x){} //should be explicit
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  explicit C(double x){} //OK
};
```

CPU-delete-throw (C++ only)

Synopsis

An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in an overloaded delete or delete[] operator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in an overloaded delete or delete[] operator. Because memory is often deallocated in a destructor, an exception that is thrown in a delete or delete[] operator is likely to be thrown during stack unwinding, which will cause the application to crash.

Coding standards

CERT ERR38-CPP

Deallocation functions must not throw exceptions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class E{};

class C {
  void operator delete[ ](void* p) {
    if (!p){
      throw E(); //may throw an exception here
    }
  }
  int* p;
};
```

```
void do_something();

class C {
  void operator delete[](void* p) { //OK
   if (!p){
      do_something();
    }
  }
  int* p;
};
```

CPU-delete-void (C++ only)

Synopsis A pointer to void is used in delete, causing the destructor not to be called.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Full description & A pointer to void is used in delete. When delete is called on a void pointer in C++, \\ \end{tabular}$

the object is deallocated from memory but its destructor is not called.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void *a) {
  delete a;
}
```

```
void example(int *a) {
  delete a;
}
```

CPU-dtor-call-virt (C++ only)

Synopsis A virtual member function is called in a class destructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

When an instance is destroyed, the virtual member function of its base class is called, rather than the function of the actual class being destroyed. This might result in the incorrect function being called, and consequently dynamic memory might not be properly deallocated, or some other unwanted behavior might occur. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_b.

Coding standards

CERT OOP30-CPP

Do not invoke virtual functions from constructors or destructors

MISRA C++ 2008 12-1-1

(Required) An object's dynamic type shall not be used from the body of its constructor or destructor.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <iostream>
class A {
public:
    ~A() { f(); } //virtual member function is called
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "A::f\n"; }
};
class B: public A {
public:
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "B::f\n"; }
};
int main(void) {
    B *b = new B();
    delete b;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

CPU-malloc-class (C++ only)

Synopsis An allocation of a class instance with malloc() does not call a constructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/High



Full description

When allocating memory for a class instance with malloc(), no class constructor is called. Using malloc() creates an uninitialized object. To initialize the object at allocation, use the new operator

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

class Foo {
  public:
    void setA(int val){
       a=val;
    }
  private:
    int a;
};

void main(){

    Foo *fooArray;

    //malloc of class Foo
    fooArray = static_cast<Foo*>(malloc(5 * sizeof(Foo)));
    fooArray->setA(4);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void main() {
int *fooArray;
fooArray = static_cast<int*>(malloc(5 * sizeof(int)));
*fooArray = 4;
}
```

CPU-nonvirt-dtor (C++ only)

Synopsis A public non-virtual destructor is defined in a class with virtual methods.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description A public non-virtual destructor is defined in a class with virtual methods. Calling

delete on a pointer to any class derived from this one might call the wrong destructor. If any class might be a base class (by having virtual methods), then its destructor should be either be virtual or protected so that callers cannot destroy derived objects via

pointers to the base.

Coding standards CERT OOP34-CPP

Ensure the proper destructor is called for polymorphic objects

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <iostream>
class Base
{
public:
  Base() { std::cout<< "Constructor: Base" << std::endl;}</pre>
 virtual void f(void) {}
  //non-virtual destructor:
  ~Base() { std::cout<< "Destructor : Base" << std::endl;}
class Derived: public Base
public:
 Derived() { std::cout << "Constructor: Derived" << std::endl;}</pre>
 void f(void) { std::cout << "Calling f()" << std::endl; }</pre>
  virtual ~Derived() { std::cout << "Destructor : Derived" <<</pre>
std::endl;}
 };
int main(void)
 Base *Var = new Derived();
 delete Var;
 return 0;
```

```
#include <iostream>
class Base
{
public:
  Base() { std::cout << "Constructor: Base" << std::endl;}</pre>
  virtual void f(void) {}
  virtual ~Base() { std::cout << "Destructor : Base" <<</pre>
std::endl:}
class Derived: public Base
public:
  Derived() { std::cout << "Constructor: Derived" << std::endl;}</pre>
  void f(void) { std::cout << "Calling f()" << std::endl; }</pre>
  ~Derived() { std::cout << "Destructor : Derived" << std::endl;}
  };
int main(void)
  Base *Var = new Derived();
  delete Var;
  return 0;
```

CPU-return-ref-to-class-data (C++ only)

Synopsis Member functions return non-const handles to members.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

Member functions return non-const handles to members. Implement class interfaces with member functions to retain more control over how the object state can be modified and to make it easier to maintain a class without affecting clients. Returning a handle to class-data allows clients to modify the state of the object without using any interfaces. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-9-3-2.

Coding standards CERT OOP35-CPP

Do not return references to private data

MISRA C++ 2008 9-3-2

(Required) Member functions shall not return non-const handles to class-data.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  int x;
public:
  int& foo();
  int* bar();
};
int& C::foo() {
  return x; //returns a non-const reference to x
}
int* C::bar() {
  return &x; //returns a non-const pointer to x
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
public:
  const int& foo();
  const int* bar();
};

const int& C::foo() {
  return x; //OK - returns a const reference
}

const int* C::bar() {
  return &x; //OK - returns a const pointer
}
```

DECL-implicit-int

Synopsis

An object or function of the type int is declared or defined, but its type is not explicitly stated.

Enabled by default

No

Medium/High



Full description

An object or function of the type int is declared or defined, but its type is not explicitly stated. The type of an object or function must be explicitly stated. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-8.1.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.2

(Required) Whenever an object or function is declared or defined, its type shall be explicitly stated.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.1

(Required) Types shall be explicitly specified

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void)
{
    static y;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void)
{
    int x;
}
```

DEFINE-hash-multiple

Synopsis Multiple # or ## operators in a macro definition.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Low



Full description

The order of evaluation associated with both the # and ## preprocessor operators is unspecified. Avoid this problem by having only one occurrence of either operator in any single macro definition (i.e. one #, or one ##, or neither). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.12, MISRAC++2008-16-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.12

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## preprocessor operators in a single macro definition.

MISRA C++ 2008 16-3-1

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## operators in a single macro definition.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define C(x, y)# x ## y/* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x) #x/* Compliant */

ENUM-bounds

Synopsis

Conversions to enum that are out of range of the enumeration.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

There are conversions to enum that are out of range of the enumeration. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-2-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 7-2-1

(Required) An expression with enum underlying type shall only have values corresponding to the enumerators of the enumeration.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void example(void)
{
  ens one = (ens)10;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void example(void)
{
  ens one = ONE;
  ens two = TWO;
  two = one;
}
```

EXP-cond-assign

Synopsis

An assignment might be mistakenly used as the condition for an if, for, while, or do statement.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

An assignment might be mistakenly used as the condition for an if, for, while, or do statement. This condition will either always or never hold, depending on the value of the second operand. This was most likely intended to be a comparison, not an assignment. This might cause incorrect program flow, and possibly an infinite loop. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP18-C

Do not perform assignments in selection statements

CERT EXP19-CPP

Do not perform assignments in conditional expressions

CWE 481

Assigning instead of Comparing

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.4

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 2;
  if (x = 3)
    return 1;
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 2;
  if (x == 3)
    return 1;
  return 0;
}
```

EXP-dangling-else

Synopsis

An else branch might be connected to an unexpected if statement.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

An else branch might be connected to an unexpected if statement. An else branch is always connected with the closest possible if statement, but this might not always be the intention of the programmer. By explicitly putting braces around if statements

where there might be ambiguity, you make the code more readable and your intentions clearer.

Coding standards

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void foo(int x, int y) {
  if (x < y)
    if (x == 1)
        ++y;
  else
    ++x;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void foo(int x, int y) {
  if (x < y) {
    if (x == 1)
        ++y;
  }
  else
    ++x;
}</pre>
```

EXP-loop-exit

Synopsis

An unconditional break, continue, return, or goto within a loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

There is an unconditional break, goto, continue or return in a loop. This means that some iterations of the loop will never be executed. This is most likely not the intended behavior.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 1;
  int i;

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    x = x + 1;
    break; /* Unexpected loop exit */
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int a) {
  int x = 1;
  int i;

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    x = x + 1;
    if (x > a) {
       break; /* loop exit is conditional */
    }
  }
}
```

EXP-main-ret-int

Synopsis

The return type of main() is not int.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The return type of the main function is not int. The main function is expected to return an integer, so that the caller of the application can determine whether the application executed successfully or failed.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void main() { }; //main does not return an int
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main() {return 1;} //OK - main returns an int
```

EXP-null-stmt

Synopsis

The body of an if, while, or for statement is a null statement.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The body of an if, while, or for statement is a null statement. This might be intentional (a placeholder), but because a null statement as the body is difficult to find when debugging or reviewing code, it is good practice to use an empty block to identify a stub body. Note that if the condition expression of a for loop has possible side-effects, or if an if statement has a null body but carries an else clause, this check will not give a warning.

Coding standards

CERT EXP15-C

Do not place a semicolon on the same line as an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  for (i=0; i!=10; ++i){ //An empty block is much
  }
  //more readable
}
```

EXP-stray-semicolon

Synopsis Stray semicolons on the same line as other code

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

There are stray semicolons on the same line as other code. Before preprocessing, a null statement should only be on a line by itself; it can be followed by a comment only if the first character following the null statement is a whitespace character. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.3, MISRAC++2008-6-2-3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP15-C

Do not place a semicolon on the same line as an if, for, or while statement

MISRA C:2004 14.3

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a whitespace character.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-2-3

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a white-space character.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  for (i=0; i!=10; ++i){ //An empty block is much
  }
  //more readable
}
```

EXPR-const-overflow

Synopsis

A constant unsigned integer expression overflows.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A constant unsigned integer expression overflows. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.11, MISRAC++2008-5-19-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.4.

Coding standards

CWE 190

Integer Overflow or Wraparound

MISRA C:2004 12.11

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.4

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant expressions should not lead to unsigned integer wrap-around

MISRA C++ 2008 5-19-1

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   (0xFFFFFFFF + 1u);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   0x7FFFFFFF + 0;
}
```

FPT-cmp-null

Synopsis

The address of a function is compared with NULL.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The address of a function is compared with NULL. This is incorrect, because the address of a function is never NULL. If the intention was to call the function, but the parentheses were accidentally omitted, the application might behave unexpectedly because the address of the function is checked, not the return value. This means that the condition always holds, and any of the function's side-effects will not occur. If this was intentional, it is an unnecessary comparison, because a function address will never be NULL. If the function is declared but not defined, its address might fail to link if the function is called.

Coding standards

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo() {
    return 1;
}
int main(void) {
    if (foo == 0) {      /* foo, not foo() */
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

FPT-literal

Synopsis

A function pointer that refers to a literal address is dereferenced.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A function pointer that refers to a literal address is dereferenced. A literal address is always invalid as a function pointer, and dereferencing it is an illegal memory access that might cause the application to crash.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef void (*fn)(int);

void baz(int x){
    ++x;
}

void example(void) {
    fn bar = NULL;
    /* ... */
    bar(1); //ERROR
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef void (*fn)(int);

void baz(int x){
    ++x;
}

void example(void) {
    fn bar = NULL;
    /* ... */
    bar = baz;
    bar(1);
}
```

FPT-misuse

Synopsis

A function pointer is used in an invalid context.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/High



Full description

A function pointer is used in an invalid context. It is an error to use a function pointer to do anything other than calling the function being pointed to, comparing the function pointer to another pointer using != or ==, passing the function pointer to a function, returning the function pointer from a function, or storing the function pointer in a data structure. Misusing a function pointer might result in erroneous behavior, and in junk data being interpreted as instructions and being executed as such.

Coding standards

CERT EXP16-C

Do not compare function pointers to constant values

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* declare a function */
int foo(int x, int y) {
  return x+y;
}

#pragma diag_suppress=Pa153
int foo2(int x, int y) {
  if (foo)
    return (foo)(x,y);
  if (foo < foo2)
    return (foo)(x,y);
return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef int (*fptr)(int,int);
int f_add(int x, int y){
 return x+y;
}
int f_sub(int x, int y){
 return x-y;
int foo(int opcode, int x, int y){
 fptr farray[2];
 farray[0] = f_add;
 farray[1] = f_sub;
 return (farray[opcode])(x,y);
}
int foo2(fptr f1, fptr f2){
 if (f1 == f2)
   return 1;
 else
   return 0;
}
```

FUNC-implicit-decl

Synopsis Functions are used without prototyping.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

Functions are used without prototyping. Functions must be prototyped before use. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.1, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.3, CERT-DCL31-C.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.1

(Required) Functions shall have prototype declarations and the prototype shall be visible at both the function definition and call.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.3

(Mandatory) A function shall not be declared implicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
```

FUNC-unprototyped-all

Synopsis

Functions are declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid

prototype.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

Functions are declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype. Functions must be prototyped before use. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-16.5, MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2_a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL20-C

Always specify void even if a function accepts no arguments

MISRA C:2004 16.5

(Required) Functions with no parameters shall be declared and defined with the parameter list void.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.2

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func();/* not a valid prototype in C */
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

FUNC-unprototyped-used

Synopsis Arguments are passed to functions without a valid prototype.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

Arguments are passed to functions without a valid prototype. This is permitted in C89, but it is unsafe because it bypasses all type checking.

Coding standards CERT DCL20-C

Always specify void even if a function accepts no arguments

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func();/* not a valid prototype in C */
void func2(void)
{
    func(77);
    func(77.0);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

INCLUDE-c-file

Synopsis

A .c file includes one or more .c files.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

A C file includes one or more C files. C files shall not include other C files.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "header.c"
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {}
```

INT-use-signed-as-unsigned-pos

Synopsis A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer. The result of this cast will be a large integer, and using this value might result in unexpected behavior.

Coding standards

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int c) {
  int a = 5;
  if (c) {
    a=-10;
  }
  unsigned int b = a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int c) {
  int a = 10;
  if (c) {
    a=5;
  }
  unsigned int b = a;
}
```

INT-use-signed-as-unsigned

Synopsis A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

A negative signed integer is implicitly cast to an unsigned integer. The result of this cast will be a large integer, and using this value might result in unexpected behavior.

Coding standards

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int a = -10;
  unsigned int b = a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a = 10;
  unsigned int b = a;
```

ITR-end-cmp-aft (C++ only)

Synopsis An iterator is used, then compared with end ()

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

An iterator is used, then compared with end(). Using an iterator requires that it does not point to the end of a container. Subsequently comparing it with end() or rend() means that it might have been invalid at the point of dereference.

Coding standards CERT ARR35-CPP

Do not allow loops to iterate beyond the end of an array or container

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

ITR-end-cmp-bef (C++ only)

 $Synopsis \hspace{1cm} An iterator is compared with \verb|end()| or \verb|rend()|, then dereferenced.$

Enabled by default Yes

High/Medium



Full description

An iterator is compared with end() or rend(), then dereferenced. Although it is defined behavior for iterators to have a value of end() or rend(), dereferencing them at these values is undefined, and will most likely result in illegal memory access, creating a security vulnerability in the code. This error can occur if the programmer accidentally uses the wrong comparison operator, for example == instead of !=, or if the then- and else-clauses of an if statement have accidentally changed places.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <vector>
int foo(){
   std::vector<int> a(5,6);
   std::vector<int>::iterator i;
   for (i = a.begin(); i != a.end(); ++i){
    ;
   }
   *i; //here, i == a.end()
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <vector>
int foo(){
   std::vector<int> a(5,6);
   std::vector<int>::iterator i;
   *i;
   for (i = a.begin(); i != a.end(); ++i){
      *i; //OK - i will never be a.end()
   }
}
```

ITR-invalidated (C++ only)

Synopsis An iterator assigned to point into a container is used or dereferenced even though it

might be invalidated.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description An iterator is assigned to point into a container, but later modifications to that container

might have invalidated the iterator. The iterator is then used or dereferenced, which might be undefined behavior. Like pointers, iterators must point to a valid memory address to be used. When a container is modified by member functions such as insert or erase, some iterators might become invalidated and therefore risky to use. Any function that can remove elements, and some functions that add elements, might invalidate iterators. Iterators should be reassigned into a container after modifications are made and before they are used again, to ensure that they all point to a valid part of

the container.

Coding standards CERT ARR32-CPP

Do not use iterators invalidated by container modification

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 672

Operation on a Resource after Expiration or Release

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <vector>
void example(){
   std::vector<int> a(5,6);
   std::vector<int>::iterator i;

   i = a.begin();
   while (i != a.end()){
      a.erase(i);
      ++i;
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <vector>
void example(){
  std::vector<int> a(5,6);
  std::vector<int>::iterator i;

  i = a.begin();
  while (i != a.end()){
    i = a.erase(a.begin());
  }
}
```

ITR-mismatch-alg (C++ only)

Synopsis A pair of iterators passed to an STL algorithm function point to different containers.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description A pair of iterators passed to an STL algorithm function point to different containers.

This can cause the application to access invalid memory, which might lead to a crash or

a security vulnerability.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

void example(void) {
   std::vector<int> v, w;
   for (int i=0; i != 10; ++i) {
      v.push_back(rand() % 100);
      w.push_back(rand() % 100);
   }
   std::sort(v.begin(), w.end()); //v and w are different containers
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>

void example(void) {
   std::vector<int> v;
   for (int i=0; i != 10; ++i) {
      v.push_back(rand() % 100);
   }
   std::sort(v.begin(), v.end()); //OK
}
```

ITR-store (C++ only)

Synopsis

A container's begin() or end() iterator is stored and subsequently used.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



A container's begin() or end() iterator is stored and subsequently used. If the container is modified, these iterators will become invalidated. This could result in illegal memory access or a crash. Calling begin() and end() as these iterators are needed in loops and comparisons will ensure that only valid iterators are used.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <vector>
void increment_all(std::vector<int>& v) {
  std::vector<int>::iterator b = v.begin();
  std::vector<int>::iterator e = v.end();
  //Storing these iterators is dangerous and unnecessary
  for (std::vector<int>::iterator i = b; i != e; ++i) {
      ++(*i);
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <vector>
void increment_all(std::vector<int>& v) {
  for (std::vector<int>::iterator i = v.begin();
        i != v.end(); ++i) {
     ++(*i); //OK
  }
}
```

ITR-uninit (C++ only)

Synopsis

An iterator is dereferenced or incremented before it is assigned to point into a container.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



An iterator is dereferenced or incremented before it is assigned to point into a container. This will result in undefined behavior if the path that uses the uninitialized interator is executed, possibly causing illegal memory access or a crash.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <map>
void example(std::map<int, int>& m, bool maybe) {
   std::map<int, int>::iterator i;

   *i; //i is uninitialized
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <map>
void example(std::map<int, int>& m) {
   std::map<int, int>::iterator i;
   i=m.begin(); //i is initialized
   *i;
}
```

LIB-bsearch-overrun-pos

Synopsis

Arguments passed to bsearch might cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium

A buffer overrun might be caused by a call to bsearch. This is because a buffer length being passed is greater than that of the buffer passed to either function as their first argument

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int));
  bsearch(b, a, 20, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int));
  bsearch(b, a, 10, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

LIB-bsearch-overrun

Synopsis Arguments passed to brearch cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by a call to bsearch. This is because a buffer length being passed is greater than that of the buffer passed to either function as their first argument.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int));
  bsearch(b, a, 20, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int *b = malloc(sizeof(int));
  bsearch(b, a, 10, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

LIB-fn-unsafe

Synopsis

A potentially unsafe library function is used.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A potentially unsafe library function is used, for which there is a safer alternative. This library function might create vulnerabilities like possible buffer overflow, because it does not check the size of a string before copying it into memory. The problem is that

strcpy() and gets() functions are used. strncpy() should be used instead of strcpy(), and fgets() instead of gets(), because they include an additional argument in which the input's maximum allowed length is specified.

Coding standards

CWE 242

Use of Inherently Dangerous Function

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

CWE 477

Use of Obsolete Functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(char* buf1) {
   scanf("%s", buf1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(char* buf1, char* buf2) {
   strncpy(buf1, buf2, 5);
}
```

LIB-fread-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to fread might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



A call to fread might cause an overrun due to invalid arguments. fread takes an array as its first argument, the size of elements in the array as the second argument, and the number of elements in that array as the third. If (size * count) is greater than the allocated size of the array, an overrun will occur.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 5;
   } else {
      c = 11;
   }
   fread(a, sizeof(int), c, NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 10;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   fread(a, sizeof(int), c, NULL);
}
```

LIB-fread-overrun

Synopsis

A call to fread causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A call to fread causes an overrun due to invalid arguments. fread takes an array as its first argument, the size of elements in the array as the second argument, and the number of elements in that array as the third. If (size * count) is greater than the allocated size of the array, an overrun will occur.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  fread(a, sizeof(int), 11, NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  fread(a, sizeof(int), 10, NULL);
}
```

LIB-memchr-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to memchr might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A call to memchr might cause a buffer overrun. If memchr is called with a size greater than the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun and might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 21;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   memchr(a, 'a', c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memchr(a, 'a', 10);
}
```

LIB-memchr-overrun

Synopsis

A call to memchr causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



A call to memchr causes a buffer overrun. If memchr is called with a size greater than the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun and might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memchr(a, 'a', 21);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memchr(a, 'a', 10);
}
```

LIB-memcpy-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to memcpy might cause the memory to overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A call to memopy might cause the memory to overrun at either the destination or the source address.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func(int b)
{
   int *p1;
   int *p2;
   if (b) {
      p1 = malloc(20);
      p2 = malloc(10);
   } else {
      p2 = malloc(20);
      p1 = malloc(10);
   }
   memcpy(p1, p2, 4);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func()
{
   int size = 10;
   int arr[size];
   int *ptr = malloc(size * sizeof(int));
   memcpy(ptr, arr, size);
}
```

LIB-memcpy-overrun

Synopsis

A call to memcpy or memmove causes the memory to overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A call to memcpy or memmove causes the memory to overrun at either the destination or the source address.

Coding standards

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       Buffer Under-read
CWE 805
       Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value
CWE 676
       Use of Potentially Dangerous Function
```

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func()
{
   int size = 10;
   int arr1[10];
   int arr2[11];
   memcpy(arr2, arr1, sizeof(int) * (size + 1));
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void func()
{
   int arr[10];
   int * ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   memcpy(ptr, arr, sizeof(int) * 10);
}
```

LIB-memset-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to memset might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A call to memset might cause a buffer overrun. If memset is called with a size greater than the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun and might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int b) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 21;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   memset(a, 'a', c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   memset(a, 'a', c);
}
```

LIB-memset-overrun

Synopsis

A call to memset causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A call to memset causes a buffer overrun. If memset is called with a size greater than the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun and might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 21);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 10);
}
```

LIB-putenv

Synopsis

putenv used to set environment variable values.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



The POSIX function putenv() is used to set environment variable values. The putenv() function does not create a copy of the string supplied to it as an argument; instead it inserts a pointer to the string into the environment array. If a pointer to a buffer of automatic storage duration is supplied as an argument to putenv(), the memory allocated for that buffer might be overwritten when the containing function returns and stack memory is recycled.

Coding standards

CERT POS34-C

Do not call putenv() with a pointer to an automatic variable as the argument

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int func(const char *var) {
   char env[1024];
   int retval = snprintf(env, sizeof(env), "TEST=%s", var);
   if (retval < 0 || (size_t)retval >= sizeof(env)) {
      /* Handle error */
   }

   return putenv(env);/* BUG: automatic storage is added to the global environment */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int func(const char *var) {
  return setenv("TEST", var, 1);
}
```

LIB-qsort-overrun-pos

Synopsis

Arguments passed to qsort might cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun might be caused by a call to qsort. This is because a buffer length being passed is greater than that of the buffer passed to either function as their first argument.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(int b) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int c;
  if (b) {
    c = 3;
  } else {
    c = 20;
  }
  qsort(a, c, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
   return a == b;
}

void example(int b) {
   int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 3;
   } else {
      c = 2;
   }
   qsort(a, c, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

LIB-qsort-overrun

Synopsis

Arguments passed to qsort cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by a call to qsort. This is because a buffer length being passed is greater than that of the buffer passed to either function as their first argument.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
    qsort(a, 11, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   qsort(a, 3, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

LIB-return-const

Synopsis

The return value of a const standard library function is not used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

The return value of a const standard library function is not used. Because this function is defined as const, the call itself has no side effects; the only yield is the return value. If this return value is not used, the function call is redundant. These functions are inspected: memchr(), strchr(), strpbrk(), strrchr(), strstr(), strtok(), gmtime(), getenv(), and bsearch(). Discarding the return values of these functions is harmless but might indicate a misunderstanding of the application logic or purpose.

Coding standards

CERT EXP12-C

Do not ignore values returned by functions

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void) {
   strchr("Hello", 'h'); // No effect
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void) {
  char* c = strchr("Hello", 'h'); //OK
```

LIB-return-error

Synopsis

The return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



The return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used. Because this function might fail, the programmer should inspect the return value to find any error values, to avoid a crash or unexpected behavior. These functions are isnpected: malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), and mktime(). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.10. MISRAC++2008-0-3-2.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

MISRA C:2004 16.10

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested.

MISRA C++ 2008 0-3-2

(Required) If a function generates error information, then that error information shall be tested.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

LIB-return-leak

Synopsis

The return values from one or more library functions were not stored, returned, or passed as a parameter.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

The return values from one or more library functions were not stored, returned, or passed as a parameter. If any of these functions return a pointer to newly allocated memory, and the return value is discarded, the memory is inaccessible and thus leaked. These functions are inspected: malloc(), calloc(), and realloc().

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

LIB-return-neg

Synopsis

A variable assigned using a library function that can return -1 as an error value is subsequently used where the value must be non-negative.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A variable assigned using a library function which can return -1 as an error value is subsequently used as a subscript or a size, both of which require the value to be non-negative. This might cause a crash or unpredictable behavior. These functions are inspected: ftell(), clock(), time(), mktime(), fprintf(), printf(), sprintf(), vprintf(), vsprintf(), vsprintf(), mblen(), mbstowcs(), mbstowcs(), and wctomb().

Coding standards

CERT FIO04-C

Detect and handle input and output errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   time_t time = clock();
   if (time>0) {
      int *block = malloc(time); // OK - time is checked
   }
}
```

LIB-return-null

Synopsis

A pointer is assigned using a library function that can return NULL as an error value. This pointer is subsequently dereferenced without checking its value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A pointer is assigned using a library function that can return NULL as an error value. This pointer is subsequently dereferenced without checking its value, which might lead to a NULL dereference. Not inspecting the return value of any function returning a pointer before dereferencing it, might cause a crash. These functions are inspected: malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), memchr(), strchr(), strpbrk(), strrchr(), str

Coding standards

CERT FIO04-C

Detect and handle input and output errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

CWE 690

Unchecked Return Value to NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

LIB-sprintf-overrun

Synopsis A call to sprintf causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

A call to the sprintf function causes a destination buffer overrun. This check is identical to SEC-BUFFER-sprintf-overrun.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
char buf[5];

void example(void) {
   sprintf(buf, "Hello World!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
char buf[14];

void example(void) {
   sprintf(buf, "Hello World!\n");
}
```

LIB-std-sort-overrun-pos (C++ only)

Synopsis Using std::sort might cause buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Using std::sort might cause a buffer overrun. std::sort can take a pointer to an array and a pointer to the end of the array as arguments, but if the pointer to the end of the array actually points beyond the end of the array being sorted, a buffer overrun might occur.

Coding standards CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+11);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+5);
}
```

A buffer overrun is caused by use of std::sort.

LIB-std-sort-overrun (C++ only)

•

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Synopsis

A buffer overrun is caused by use of std::sort.std::sort can take a pointer to an array and a pointer to the end of the array as arguments, but if the pointer to the end of the array actually points beyond the end of the array being sorted, a buffer overrun will occur.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+11);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+5);
}
```

LIB-strcat-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to streat might cause destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A call to the streat function might cause a destination buffer overrun. This check is identical to CERT-STR31-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

LIB-strcat-overrun

Synopsis

A call to streat causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

A call to the streat function causes a destination buffer overrun.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

LIB-strcpy-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to strepy might cause destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A call to the stropy function might cause a destination buffer overrun. This check is identical to CERT-STR31-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

LIB-strcpy-overrun

Synopsis A call to stropy causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A call to the strepy function causes a destination buffer overrun.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

LIB-strncat-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to strncat might cause a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Calling strncat with a destination buffer that is too small will cause a buffer overrun. strncat takes a destination buffer as its first argument. If the remaining space of this buffer is smaller than the number of characters to append, as determined by the position of the null terminator in the source buffer or the size passed as the third argument to strncat, an overflow might occur resulting in undefined behavior and runtime errors.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 10;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(a, b, c);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 2;
   } else {
      c = 3;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(b, a, c);
}
```

LIB-strncat-overrun

Synopsis

A call to strngat causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Calling strncat with a destination buffer that is too small will cause a buffer overrun. strncat takes a destination buffer as its first argument. If the remaining space of this buffer is smaller than the number of characters to append, as determined by the position of the null terminator in the source buffer or the size passed as the third argument to strncat, an overflow might occur resulting in undefined behavior and runtime errors.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char)*9);
   strcpy(a, "hello");
   strncat(a, "world", 6);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char)*11);
   strcpy(a, "hello");
   strncat(a, "world", 6);
}
```

LIB-strncmp-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

An incorrect string length passed to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun. strncmp limits the number of characters it compares to the number passed as its third argument, to prevent buffer overruns with non-null-terminated strings. However, if a number is

passed that is larger than the length of the two strings, and neither string is null-terminated, it will overrun. This check is identical to CERT-STR31-C_g.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

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CWE 119

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CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 8;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

LIB-strncmp-overrun

Synopsis A buffer overrun is caused by a call to strncmp.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by passing an incorrect string length to strncmp. strncmp limits the number of characters it compares to the number passed as its third argument, to prevent buffer overruns with non-null-terminated strings. However, if a number is passed that is larger than the length of the two strings, and neither string is null-terminated, it will overrun.

Coding standards

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

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Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   strncmp(a, b, 20);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   strncmp(a, b, 5);
}
```

LIB-strncpy-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to strncpy might cause a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A call to strncpy might cause a destination buffer overrun. This check is identical to

CERT-STR31-C_h.

Coding standards CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strncpy(str2,str1,14);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

LIB-strncpy-overrun

Synopsis

A call to strncpy causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A call to strncpy causes a destination buffer overrun.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
    char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
    char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
    strncpy(str2,str1,14);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

LOGIC-overload (C++ only)

Synopsis Overloaded && and || operators

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

There are overloaded versions of the comma and logical conjunction operators with the semantics of function calls, whose sequence point and ordering semantics are different from those of the built- in versions. It might not be clear at the point of use that these operators are overloaded, and which semantics that apply. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-11 a.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-11

(Required) The comma operator, && operator and the \parallel operator shall not be overloaded.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  bool x;
  bool operator||(bool other);
};

bool C::operator||(bool other){
  return x || other;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
}
```

MEM-delete-array-op (C++ only)

Synopsis A memory location allocated with new is deleted with delete[]

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Hig

Full description

A memory location is allocated with the new operator but deleted with the delete [] operator. Use the delete operator instead.

Coding standards

CWE 762

Mismatched Memory Management Routines

CWE 763

Release of Invalid Pointer or Reference

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
{
  int *p = new int;
  delete[] p; //should be delete, not delete[]
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
  int *p = new int;
  delete p;
  return 0;
}
```

MEM-delete-op (C++ only)

Synopsis A memory location allocated with new [] is deleted with delete or free.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High

Full description

A memory location allocated with the new [] operator is deleted with the delete operator. Use the delete [] operator instead. The consequence of using delete is that only the array element directly pointed to will be deallocated, as if it were allocated with the singular new operator. This will most likely cause a memory leak. If free is used the resulting behavior will be undefined, because there is no guarantee that new invokes malloc.

Coding standards

CWE 762

Mismatched Memory Management Routines

CWE 763

Release of Invalid Pointer or Reference

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
 int *p = new int[10];
 delete p; //should be delete[]
 return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
 int *p = new int[10];
 delete [] p;
 return 0;
}
```

MEM-double-free-alias

Synopsis Freeing a memory location more than once.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

An attempt is made to free a memory location after it has already been freed. This will most likely cause an application crash. Unlike MEM-double-free,

MEM-double-free-alias examines the location that pointers point to instead of the pointers themselves. You might see reports for code that looks like this (example of a linked list where each node has a pointer to an element, elem): for (; list != NULL; list = list->next) { free(list->elem); } The warning is issued because there is no guarantee that each list node's elem field is the same.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 415

Double Free

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void f(int *p) {
  free(p);
  if(p) free(p);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
{
   int *p=malloc(4);
   free(p);
```

MEM-double-free-some

Synopsis A memory location is freed more than once on some paths but not on others.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

There is a path through the code where a memory location is attempted to be freed after it has already been freed earlier. This will most likely cause an application crash on this path. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 415

Double Free

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    free(ptr);
    if(rand() % 2 == 0)
    {
        free(ptr);
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if(rand() % 2 == 0)
    {
        free(ptr);
    }
    else
    {
        free(ptr);
    }
}
```

MEM-double-free

Synopsis A memory location is freed more than once.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

An attempt is made to free a memory location after it has already been freed. This will most likely cause an application crash. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 a.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 415

Double Free

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void f(int *p) {
  free(p);
  if(p) free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
{
   int *p=malloc(4);
   free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-field

Synopsis A struct or a class field is possibly freed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A struct or a class field is possibly freed. Fields are located in the middle of memory objects and thus cannot be freed. Additionally, erroneously using free() on fields might corrupt stdlib's memory bookkeeping, affecting heap memory. This check is identical to CERT-MEM34-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct C{
   int x;
};
int foo(struct C c) {
   int *p = &c.x;
   free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct C{
   int *x;
};
int foo(struct C *c) {
   int *p = (c->x);
   free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-fptr

Synopsis

A function pointer is deallocated.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A function pointer is deallocated. Function pointers are not dynamically allocated, and should thus not be deallocated. Freeing a function pointer will result in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int id(int a) {
  return a;
}

void example(void) {
  int (*f)(int);
  f = &id;
  free((void *)f);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int id(int a) {
  return a;
}

void example(void) {
  int (*f)(int);
  f = &id;
}
```

MEM-free-no-alloc-struct

Synopsis A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated. This might cause a

runtime error.

Coding standards CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
  int *a;
};

void example(void) {
  struct test t;
  free(t.a);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
   int *a;
};

void example(void) {
   struct test t;
   t.a = malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(t.a);
}
```

MEM-free-no-alloc

Synopsis A pointer is freed without having been allocated.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description A pointer is freed without having been allocated.

Coding standards CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  // Do stuff
  free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  // Do something
  free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-no-use

Synopsis

Memory is allocated and then freed without being used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Memory is allocated and then freed without being used. This is probably unintentional and might indicate a copy-paste error.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int * foo() {
   return (int *) 0xF0000000;
}

void example(void) {
   int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
   *p = 1;
   free(p);
   p = foo();
   free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-op

Synopsis Memory allocated with malloc deallocated using delete.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Memory allocated with malloc() or calloc() is deallocated using one of the delete operators instead of free(). This might cause a memory leak, or affect other heap memory due to corruption of stdlib's memory bookkeeping.

Coding standards

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

CWE 762

Mismatched Memory Management Routines

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void f()
{
   void *p = malloc(200);
   delete p;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void f() {
  void *p = malloc(200);
  free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-struct-field

Synopsis A struct's field is deallocated, but is not dynamically allocated.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A struct's field is deallocated, but is not dynamically allocated. Regardless of whether a struct is allocated on the stack or on the heap, all non-dynamically allocated fields will be deallocated when the struct itself is deallocated (either through going out of scope or calling a function like free()). Explicitly freeing such fields might cause a crash, or corrupt surrounding memory. Incorrect use of free() might also corrupt stdlib's memory bookkeeping, affecting heap memory allocation.

Coding standards CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
   int a[10];
};

void example(void) {
   struct test t;
   free(t.a);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
  int *a;
};

void example(void) {
  struct test t;
  free(t.a);
}
```

MEM-free-variable-alias

Synopsis

A stack address might be freed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

A stack address might be freed. Stack variables are automatically deallocated when they go out of scope. Consequently, explicitly freeing them might cause a crash or corrupt the surrounding stack data. Erroneously using free() on stack memory might also corrupt stdlib's memory bookkeeping, affecting heap memory.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int x=0;
  free(&x);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof( int));
  free(p);
}
```

MEM-free-variable

Synopsis

A stack address might be freed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

A stack address might be freed. Stack variables are automatically deallocated when they go out of scope. Consequently, explicitly freeing them might cause a crash or corrupt the surrounding stack data. Erroneously using free() on stack memory might also corrupt stdlib's memory bookkeeping, affecting heap memory. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 c, CERT-MEM34-C a.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int x=0;
  free(&x);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof( int));
  free(p);
}
```

MEM-leak-alias

Synopsis

Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Memory is allocated, but then the pointer value is lost due to reassignment or its scope ending, without a guarantee of the value being propagated or the memory being freed. There must be no possible execution path during which the value is not freed, returned, or passed into another function as an argument, before it is lost. This is a memory leak. Note: If alias analysis is disabled, you must enable the non-alias version of this check, MEM-leak. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));

ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
   int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
   if (rand() < 5) {
      free(ptr);
   } else {
      free(ptr);
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

MEM-leak

Synopsis

Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

Memory is allocated, but then the pointer value is lost due to reassignment or its scope ending, without a guarantee of the value being propagated or the memory being freed. There must be no possible execution path during which the value is not freed, returned, or passed into another function as an argument, before it is lost. This is a memory leak. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_a, SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak, CERT-MEM31-C.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (rand() < 5) {
        free(ptr);
    } else {
        free(ptr);
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

MEM-malloc-arith

Synopsis

An assignment contains both a malloc() and pointer arithmetic on the right-hand side.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

An assignment contains both a malloc() and pointer arithmetic on the right-hand side. If this is unintentional, the start of the allocated memory block might be lost, and a buffer overflow is possible.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  p = (int *)malloc(255) + 10; //pointer arithmetic
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  p = (int *)malloc(255);
  return 0;
}
```

MEM-malloc-diff-type

Synopsis An allocation call tries to allocate memory based on a sizeof operator, but the

destination type of the call is of a different type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description This might be an error, and will result in an allocated memory chunk that does not match

the destination pointer or array. This might easily result in an invalid memory

dereference, and crash the application.

Coding standards CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int* foo(){
  return malloc(sizeof(char)*10);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
char* foo(){
  return malloc(sizeof(char)*10);
}
```

MEM-malloc-sizeof-ptr

Synopsis

malloc(sizeof(p)), where p is a pointer type, is assigned to a non-pointer variable.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

The argument given to malloc() is the size of a pointer, but the use of the return address does not suggest a double-indirection pointer. Allocating memory to an int*, for example, should use sizeof(int) rather than sizeof(int*). Otherwise, the memory allocated might be smaller than expected, potentially leading to an application crash or corruption of other heap memory. This check is identical to CERT-MEM35-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP01-C

Do not take the size of a pointer to determine the size of the pointed-to type

CERT ARR01-C

Do not apply the size of operator to a pointer when taking the size of an array

CWE 467

Use of sizeof() on a Pointer Type

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = (int*)malloc(sizeof(p)); //sizeof pointer
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = (int*)malloc(sizeof(*p));
}
```

MEM-malloc-sizeof

Synopsis

Allocating memory with malloc without using sizeof.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Memory was allocated with malloc() but the sizeof operator might not have been used. Using sizeof when allocating memory avoids any machine variations in the sizes of data types, and consequently avoids under-allocating. To pass this check, assign the address of the allocated memory to a char pointer, because sizeof(char) always returns 1.

Coding standards

CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *x = malloc(4); //no sizeof in malloc call
  free(x);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *x = malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(x);
}
```

MEM-malloc-strlen

Synopsis

Dangerous arithmetic with strlen in argument to malloc.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Dangerous arithmetic with strlen in an argument to malloc. It is usual to allocate a new string using malloc(strlen(s)+1), to allow for the null terminator. However, it is easy to type malloc(strlen(s+1)) by mistake, leading to strlen returning a length one less than the length of s, or if s is empty, exhibit undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(char *s) {
   char *a = malloc(strlen(s+1));
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(char *s) {
   char *a = malloc(strlen(s)+1);
}
```

MEM-realloc-diff-type

Synopsis The type of the pointer that stores the result of realloc does not match the type of the

first argument.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description The type of the pointer that stores the result of realloc does not match the type of the

first argument. Subsequent accesses to this memory might be misaligned and cause a

runtime error. This check is identical to CERT-MEM35-C_c.

Coding standards CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *a, int new_size) {
  unsigned int *b;
  b = realloc(a, sizeof(int) * new_size);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int *a, int new_size) {
  int *b;
  b = realloc(a, sizeof(int) * new_size);
}
```

MEM-return-free

Synopsis A function deallocates memory, then returns a pointer to that memory.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A function deallocates memory, then returns a pointer to that memory. If the callee of this function attempts to dereference the returned pointer, this will cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 416

Use After Free

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int *example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(a);
  return a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int *example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int));
  return a;
}
```

MEM-return-no-assign

Synopsis

A function that allocates memory's return value is not stored.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A function that allocates a memory's return value is not stored. Not storing the returned memory means that this memory cannot be tracked, and therefore deallocated. This will result in a memory leak.

Coding standards

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int *allocating_fn(void) {
  return malloc(sizeof(int));
}

void example(void) {
  allocating_fn();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int *allocating_fn(void) {
   return malloc(sizeof(int));
}

void example(void) {
   int *p = allocating_fn();
}
```

MEM-stack-global-field

Synopsis A stack address is stored in the field of a global struct.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

The address of a variable in stack memory is being stored in a global struct. When the relevant scope or function ends, the memory will become unused, and the externally stored address will point to junk data. This is particularly dangerous because the application might appear to run normally, when it is in fact accessing illegal memory. This might also lead to an application crash, or data changing unpredictably. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_b, MISRAC2004-17.6_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_c, CERT-DCL30-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
  int *px;
} s;

void example() {
  int i = 0;
  s.px = &i; //storing local address in global struct
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S{
   int *px;
} s;

void example() {
   int i = 0;
   s.px = &i; //OK - the field is written to later
   s.px = NULL;
}
```

MEM-stack-global

Synopsis

A stack address is stored in a global pointer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The address of a variable in stack memory is being stored in a global variable. When the relevant scope or function ends, the memory will become unused, and the externally stored address will point to junk data. This is particularly dangerous because the application might appear to run normally, when it is in fact accessing illegal memory. This might also lead to an application crash, or data changing unpredictably. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_a, MISRAC2004-17.6_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b, CERT-DCL30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

MEM-stack-param-ref (C++ only)

Synopsis Stack address is stored via reference parameter.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter of reference type. The address of a local stack variable is assigned to a reference argument of its function. When the function ends, this memory address will become invalid. This is particularly dangerous because the application might appear to run normally, when it is in fact accessing illegal memory. This might also lead to an application crash, or data changing unpredictably. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_d.

Coding standards CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int *&pxx) {
  int x;
  pxx = &x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *p, int *&q) {
  int x;
  int *px= &x;
  p = px; // ok, pointer
  q = p; // ok, not local
}
```

MEM-stack-param

Synopsis

A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The address of a local stack variable is assigned to a location supplied by the caller via a parameter. When the function ends, this memory address will become invalid. This is particularly dangerous because the application might appear to run normally, when it is in fact accessing illegal memory. This might also lead to an application crash, or data changing unpredictably. Note that this check looks for any expression referring to the store located by the parameter, so the assignment local[*parameter] = & local; will trigger the check despite being OK. This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c, MISRAC2004-17.6_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_d, CERT-DCL30-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
```

MEM-stack-pos

Synopsis

Might return address on the stack.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A local variable is defined in stack memory, then its address is potentially returned from the function. When the function exits, its stackframe will be considered illegal memory, and thus the address returned might be dangerous. This code and subsequent memory accesses might appear to work, but the operations are illegal and an application crash, or memory corruption, is very likely. To correct this problem, consider returning a copy of the object, using a global variable, or dynamically allocating memory. This check is identical to CERT-DCL30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(int *a) {
    int i;
    int *p;
    if (a) {
    p = a;
    } else {
        p = &i;
    }
    return p;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int g;
int *example(int *a) {
    int i;
    int *p;
    if (a) {
    p = a;
    } else {
        p = &g;
    }
    return p;
}
```

MEM-stack-ref (C++ only)

Synopsis A stack object is returned from a function as a reference.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

A local variable is defined in stack memory, then it is returned from the function as a reference. When the function exits, its stackframe will be considered illegal memory, and thus the return value of the function will refer to an object that no longer exists. Operations on the return value are illegal and an application crash, or memory corruption, is very likely. A safe alternative is for the function to return a copy of the object. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-1

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int& example(void) {
  int x;
  return x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  return x;
}
```

MEM-stack

Synopsis

Might return address on the stack.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A local variable is defined in stack memory, then its address is potentially returned from the function. When the function exits, its stack frame will be considered illegal memory, and thus the address returned might be dangerous. This code and subsequent memory accesses might appear to work, but the operations are illegal and an application crash, or memory corruption, is very likely. To correct this problem, consider returning a copy of the object, using a global variable, or dynamically allocating memory. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b, MISRAC2004-17.6_a,

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_a, CERT-DCL30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-1

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(void) {
  int a[20];
  return a; //a is a local array
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int* example(void) {
  int *p,i;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

MEM-use-free-all

Synopsis

A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Memory is being accessed after it has been deallocated. The application might appear to run normally, but the operation is illegal. The most likely result is a crash, but the application might keep running with erroneous or corrupt data. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o,

SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all, CERT-MEM30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   *x++; //x is dereferenced after it is freed
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++; //OK - x is reallocated
```

MEM-use-free-some

Synopsis A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

A pointer is used after it has been freed. This might cause data corruption or an application crash. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some, CERT-MEM30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   if (rand()) {
      x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   }
   else {
      /* x not reallocated along this path */
   }
   (*x)++;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++;
}
```

PTR-arith-field

Synopsis Direct access to a field of a struct, using an offset from the address of the struct.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

A field of a struct is accessed directly, using an offset from the address of the struct. Because a struct might in some cases be padded to maintain proper alignment of its fields, it can be very dangerous to access fields using only an offset from the address of the struct itself. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.1_a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR37-C

Do not add or subtract an integer to a pointer to a non-array object

CWE 188

Reliance on Data/Memory Layout

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
   char c;
   int x;
};

void main(void) {
   struct S s;
   *(&s.c+1) = 10;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S{
  char c;
  int x;
};

void example(void) {
  struct S s;
  s.x = 10;
}
```

PTR-arith-stack

Synopsis

Pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

A pointer is assigned a stack-based address and then used in pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.1_b, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_a.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int *p = &i;
    p++;
    *p = 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int *p = &i;
    *p = 0;
}
```

PTR-arith-var

Synopsis

Invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

The address of an automatic variable is taken, and arithmetic is performed on it. This should be avoided, because memory beyond the memory that was allocated for an automatic variable is invalid, and attempting to access it can lead to an application crash. This check handles local variables, parameters and globals, including structs. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.1_c, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_b.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  *(&x+10) = 5;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *x) {
  *(x+10) = 5;
}
```

PTR-cmp-str-lit

Synopsis

A variable is tested for equality with a string literal.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A variable is tested for equality with a string literal. This compares the variable with the address of the literal, which is probably not the intended behavior. It is more likely that the intent is to compare the contents of strings at different addresses, for example with the strong() function.

Coding standards

CWE 597

Use of Wrong Operator in String Comparison

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void) {
  char *p = "String";

  if (p == "String") {
    printf("They're equal.\n");
  }

  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main (void) {
   char *p = "String";

   //OK - using string comparison function
   if (strcmp(p, "String") == 0) {
      printf("They're equal.\n");
   }

   return 0;
}
```

PTR-null-assign-fun-pos

Synopsis

Possible NULL pointer dereferenced by a function.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A pointer variable is assigned NULL, either directly or as the result of a function call that can return NULL. This pointer is then dereferenced, either directly, or by being passed to a function that might dereference it without checking its value. This will cause an application crash. This check is identical to CERT-EXP34-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size){
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
   return NULL;
}
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 // if (x)
 // return -1;
 for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
   zeroout(x, i);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size) {
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
   return NULL:
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 if (x == NULL)
   return -1;
 else {
   for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
      zeroout(x, i);
 }
```

PTR-null-assign-pos

Synopsis

A pointer is assigned a value that might be NULL, and then dereferenced.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

A pointer is assigned a value that might be NULL, and then dereferenced. Often the source of the potential NULL pointer is a memory allocation function like malloc(), or a sentinel value provided in a user function. This check is identical to CERT-EXP34-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
char *getenv(const char *name)
{
  return strcmp(name, "HOME") == 0 ? "/" : NULL;
}
int ex(void)
{
  char *p = getenv("USER");
  return *p; //p might be NULL
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void)
{
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  if (p != 0) {
    *p = 4;
  }
  return (int)p;
}
```

PTR-null-assign

Synopsis

A pointer is assigned the value NULL, then dereferenced.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

A pointer is assigned the value NULL, then dereferenced. Assigning the pointer the value NULL might have been intentional to indicate that the pointer is no longer being used, but it is an error to subsequently dereference it, and will cause an application crash. This check is identical to CERT-EXP34-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
   int *p;
   p = NULL;
   p = (int *)1;
   return *p;
}
```

PTR-null-cmp-aft

Synopsis

A pointer is dereferenced, then compared with NULL.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A pointer is dereferenced, then compared with NULL. Dereferencing a pointer implicitly asserts that it is not <code>NULL</code>. Comparing it with <code>NULL</code> after this suggests that it might have been <code>NULL</code> when it was dereferenced. This check is identical to <code>CERT-EXP34-C_e</code>.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //line 8 asserts that p may be NULL
  if (p != NULL) {
    return 0;
  }
  return 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
   if (p == NULL) {
      return;
   }
   *p = 4;
}
```

PTR-null-cmp-bef-fun

Synopsis A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced by a function.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

A pointer is compared with NULL, then passed as an argument to a function that might dereference it. This might occur if the wrong comparison operator is used, for example if == instead of !=, or if the then- and else- clauses of an if-statement are accidentally swapped. If the function does dereference the pointer, the application will crash. If it does not, the argument is unneeded. This check is identical to CERT-EXP34-C_f.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
    *x = 3;
    return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
    if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
    }
    bar(x);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL)
       *x = 3;
   return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL) {
       *x = 4;
   }
   bar(x);
}
```

PTR-null-cmp-bef

Synopsis A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced. This might occur if the wrong comparison operator is used, for example if == instead of !=, or if the then- and else-clauses of an if-statement are accidentally swapped. If the condition is evaluated and found to be true, the application will crash. This check is identical to

CERT-EXP34-C_g.

Coding standards CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  if (p == NULL) {
    *p = 4; //dereference after comparison with NULL
  }
  return 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
   int *p;
   if (p != NULL) {
     *p = 4; //OK - after comparison with non-NULL
   }
   return 1;
}
```

PTR-null-fun-pos

Synopsis

A possible NULL pointer is returned from a function, and immediately dereferenced without checking.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A pointer that might be ${\tt NULL}$ is returned from a function, and immediately dereferenced without checking.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
char *getenv(const char *name)
{
  return strcmp(name, "HOME") == 0 ? "/" : NULL;
}
int ex(void)
{
  return *getenv("USER"); //getenv() might return NULL
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void)
{
   int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
   if (p != 0) {
     *p = 4;
   }
   return (int)p;
}
```

PTR-null-literal-pos

Synopsis

A literal pointer expression (like NULL) is dereferenced by a function call.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A literal pointer expression (for example NULL) is passed as argument to a function that might dereference it. Pointer values are generally only useful if acquired at runtime, and thus dereferencing a literal address is usually unintentional, resulting in corrupted memory or an application crash.

Coding standards

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
extern int sometimes;
int bar(int *x) {
  if (sometimes)
    *x = 3;
  return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
  bar(NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL)
        *x = 3;
   return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
   }
   bar(x);
}
```

PTR-overload (C++ only)

Synopsis An & operator is overloaded.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

The address of an object of incomplete type is taken. Because the complete type contains a user-declared & operator, this leads to undefined behavior.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  bool x;
  bool* operator&();
};

bool* C::operator&(){
  return &x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
}
```

PTR-singleton-arith-pos

Synopsis

Pointer arithmetic might be performed on a pointer that points to a single object.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Pointer arithmetic might be performed on a pointer that points to a single object. If this pointer is subsequently dereferenced, it could be pointing to invalid memory, causing a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int a) {
   int *p;
   if (a) {
      p = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   } else {
      p = malloc(sizeof(int));
   }
   p = p + 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int a) {
   int *p;
   if (a) {
      p = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   } else {
      p = malloc(sizeof(int) * 20);
   }
   p = p + 1;
}
```

PTR-singleton-arith

Synopsis

Pointer arithmetic is performed on a pointer that points to a single object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Pointer arithmetic is performed on a pointer that points to a single object. If this pointer is subsequently dereferenced, it might be pointing to invalid memory, causing a runtime error.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  p = p + 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  p = p + 1;
}
```

PTR-unchk-param-some

Synopsis

A pointer is dereferenced after being determined not to be \mathtt{NULL} on some paths, but not checked on others.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

On some execution paths a pointer is determined not to be <code>NULL</code> before being dereferenced, but is dereferenced on other paths without checking. Checking a pointer value indicates that its value might be <code>NULL</code>. It should thus be checked on all possible execution paths that result in a dereference.

Coding standards

CWE 822

Untrusted Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int deref(int *p,int q)
{
    if(q)
       *p=q;
    else{
       if(p == 0)
        return 0;
    else{
       *p=1;
       return 1;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL 0
int safe_deref(int *p)
{
   if (p == NULL) {
      return 0;
   } else {
      return *p;
   }
}
```

PTR-unchk-param

Synopsis

A pointer parameter is not compared to NULL

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A function dereferences a pointer argument, without first checking that it isn't equal to NULL. Dereferencing a NULL pointer will cause an application crash.

Coding standards

CWE 822

Untrusted Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int deref(int *p)
{
   return *p;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL 0
int safe_deref(int *p)
{
   if (p == NULL) {
      return 0;
   } else {
      return *p;
   }
}
```

PTR-uninit-pos

Synopsis

Possible dereference of an uninitialized or NULL pointer.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty



Full description

On some execution paths, an uninitialized pointer value is dereferenced. This might cause memory corruption or an application crash. Pointer values must be initialized on all execution paths that result in a dereference. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_a, CERT-EXP33-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p,a;
  p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
```

PTR-uninit

Synopsis Dereference of an uninitialized or NULL pointer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

An uninitialized pointer value is being dereferenced. This might cause memory corruption or an application crash. Pointer values must be initialized before being dereferenced. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.1_c,

MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_c.

Coding standards CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p,a;
  p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
```

RED-alloc-zero-bytes

Synopsis

Checks that an allocation does not allocate zero bytes

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Checks that an allocation does not allocate zero bytes. Allocation functions checked: malloc/calloc/valloc/allocaloperator new[]/calloc/realloc/memalign/posix_memalign.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void foo(void) {
  int * x = (int *) malloc(0);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include<stdlib.h>

void foo(int n) {
   int *x = (int *) malloc(n);
}

void bar(int m) {
   int n = 4;
   int *x;
   x = (int *) malloc(m);
   x = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int));
   x = (int *) realloc(0, n);
   posix_memalign(0, 4, n + 4);
   foo(n);
}
```

RED-case-reach

Synopsis

A case statement within a switch statement cannot be reached.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A case statement within a switch statement cannot be reached, because the switch statement's expression cannot have the value of the case statement's label. This often occurs because literal values have been assigned to the switch condition. An

unreachable case statement is not unsafe as such, but might indicate a programming error. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_a.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

switch(2 * x) {
  case 42 : //unreachable case, as x is 84
  ;
  default :
  ;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

  switch(2 * x) {
  case 84 :
    ;
  default :
    ;
  }
}
```

RED-cmp-always

Synopsis

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= is always true.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= is always true, given the values of the arguments of the comparison operator. This often occurs because literal values or macros have been used on one or both sides of the operator. Double-check that the operands and the code logic are correct. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.7_a.

Coding standards

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

MISRA C:2004 13.7

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 42;

  if (x == 42) { //always true
    return 0;
  }

  return 1;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 42;

  if (rand()) {
    x = 40;
  }

  if (x == 42) { //OK - may not be true return 0;
  }

  return 1;
}
```

RED-cmp-never

Synopsis

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= is always false.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= is always false, based on the values of the arguments of the comparison operator. This often occurs because literal values or macros have been used on one or both sides of the operator. Double-check that the operands and the code logic are correct. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.7_b.

Coding standards

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

MISRA C:2004 13.7

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted.

Code examples

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 10;

  if (x < 10) { //never true
    return 1;
  }

  return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
int example(int x) {
   if (x < 10) { //OK - may be true
     return 1;
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

RED-cond-always

Synopsis

The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will always be true.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will always be true. This might indicate a logical error that could result in unexpected runtime behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_a, MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   int x = 5;
   for (x = 0; x < 6 && 1; x--) {
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   int x = 5;
   for (x = 0; x < 6 && 1; x++) {
   }
}</pre>
```

RED-cond-const-assign

Synopsis A constant assignment in a conditional expression.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

An assignment of a constant to a variable is used in a conditional expression. It is most likely an accidental use of the assignment operator (=) instead of the comparison operator (==). The usual result of an assignment operation is the value of the right-hand operand, which in this case is a constant value. This constant value is being compared to zero in the condition, then an execution path is chosen. Any alternate paths are unreachable because of this constant condition.

Coding standards

CWE 481

Assigning instead of Comparing

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int * foo(int* y, int size){
  int counter = 100;
  int * orig = y;
  while (y = 0) {
    if (counter)
      continue;
    else
      return orig;
  };
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int * foo(int* y, int size) {
  int counter = 100;
  int * orig = y;
  while (*y++ = 0) {
    if (++counter)
      continue;
    else
      return orig;
  };
}
```

RED-cond-const-expr

Synopsis A conditional expression with a constant value

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A non-trivial expression composed only of constants is used as the truth value in a conditional expression. The condition will either always or never be true, and thus program flow is deterministic, making the test redundant. This check assumes that trivial conditions, such as using a const variable or literal directly, are intentional. It is easy to see if they are indeed unintentional.

Coding standards

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int x) {
  while (1+1) {
    };
}
int foo2(int x) {
  for(x = 0; 0 < 10; x++) {
    };
}</pre>
```

```
int foo(int x) {
    while (foo(foo(3))) {
        x++;
    }
    return x;
}

int foo2(int x) {
    while (0) { // valid usage
    }
    return x;
```

RED-cond-const

Synopsis A constant value is used as the condition for a loop or if statement.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/High



 $\textbf{Full description} \qquad \qquad A \ constant \ value \ is \ used \ as \ the \ condition \ for \ a \ loop \ or \ \mathtt{if} \ statement. \ This \ might be \ an$

error. If the condition is part of a for or while loop, it will never terminate.

Coding standards CWE 570

Expression is Always False

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 0;
  while (10) {
    ++x;
  }
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 0;
  while (x < 10) {
    ++x;
  }
}</pre>
```

RED-cond-never

Synopsis

The condition in if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will never be true.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will never be true. This might indicate a logical error that could result in unexpected runtime behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   int x = 5;
   for (x = 0; x < 6 && x >= 1; x++) {
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   int x = 5;
   for (x = 0; x < 6 && x >= 0; x++) {
   }
}
```

RED-dead

Synopsis

A part of the application is never executed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

There are statements in the application that cannot be reached on at least some execution paths. Dead code might indicate problems with the application's branching structure. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-9, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

CWE 561

Dead Code

MISRA C:2004 14.1

(Required) There shall be no unreachable code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code.

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-9

(Required) There shall be no dead code.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            return 1;
            printf("Hello!"); // This line cannot execute.
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            printf("Hello!"); // This line can execute.
            return 1;
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

RED-expr

Synopsis

Some expressions, such as x & x and $x \mid x$, are redundant.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Using one or more variable does not result in a change in that variable, or another variable, or some other side-effect. Giving two identical operands to a bitwise OR operator, for example, yields nothing, because the result is equal to the original operands. This might indicate that one of the variables is not intended to be used where it is used. This use of the operator is redundant.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  x = x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int x) {
  x = x ^ x; //OK - x is modified
}
```

RED-func-no-effect

Synopsis

A function is declared that has no return type and creates no side effects.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty



Full description

A function is declared that has no return type and creates no side effects. This function is meaningless. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-8.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-8

(Required) All functions with void return type shall have external side effect(s).

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void pointless (int i, char c)
{
  int local;
  local = 0;
  local = i;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(int *i)
{
   int p;
   p = *i;
   int *ptr;
   ptr = i;
   *i = p;
   (*i)++;
}
```

RED-local-hides-global

Synopsis

The definition of a local variable hides a global definition.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A local variable is declared with the same name as a global variable, hiding the global variable from this scope, from this point onwards. This might be intentional, but it is better to use a different name for the local variable, so that a reference to the global variable does not accidentally change or return the local value.

Coding standards

CERT DCL01-C

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

CERT DCL01-CPP

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
int foo (int y ) {
  int x=0;
  x++;
  return x+y;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int x;
int foo (int y ) {
    x++;
    return x+y;
}
```

RED-local-hides-local

Synopsis

The definition of a local variable hides a previous local definition.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A local variable is declared with the same name as another local variable, hiding the outer value from this scope, from this point onwards. This might be intentional, but it is better to use a different name for the second variable, so that a reference to the outer variable does not accidentally change or return the inner value.

Coding standards

CERT DCL01-C

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

CERT DCL01-CPP

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int x ) {
 for (int y = 0; y < 10; y + +) {
   for (int y = 0; y < 100; y ++) {
      return x+y;
   }
 }
 return x;
int foo2(int x) {
 int y = 10;
 for (int y=0; y < 10; y++)
   x++;
 return x;
int foo3(int x) {
 int y = 10;
   int y = 100;
   return x + y;
 }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(int x) {
  for (int y=0; y < 10; y++)
    x++;
  for (int y=0; y < 10; y++)
    x++;
  return x;
}</pre>
```

RED-local-hides-member (C++ only)

Synopsis The definition of a local variable hides a member of the class.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A local variable is declared in a class function with the same name as a member of the class, hiding the member from this scope, from this point onwards. This might be intentional, but it is better to use a different name for the variable, so that a reference to the class member does not accidentally change or return the local value.

Coding standards

CERT DCL01-C

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

CERT DCL01-CPP

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

Code examples

```
class A {
  int x;
public:
  void foo(int y) {
    for (int x = 0; x < 10; x++) {
  }
  void foo2(int y) {
   int x = 0;
    x += y;
    return;
  void foo3(int y) {
      int x = 0;
      x += y;
      return;
    }
  }
};
```

```
class A {
   int x;
};

class B {
   int y;
   void foo();
};

void B::foo() {
   int x;
}
```

RED-local-hides-param

Synopsis A variable declaration hides a parameter of the function

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A local variable is declared in a function with the same name as an argument of the function, hiding the argument from this scope, from this point onwards. This might be intentional, but it is better to use a different name for the variable, so that a reference to the argument does not accidentally change or return the inner value.

Coding standards CERT DCL01-C

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

CERT DCL01-CPP

Do not reuse variable names in subscopes

Code examples

```
int foo(int x) {
  for (int x = 0; x < 100; x++);
  return x;
}</pre>
```

```
int foo(int x) {
  int y;
  return x;
}
```

RED-no-effect

Synopsis

A statement potentially contains no side effects.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A statement expression seems to have no side-effects and is redundant. For example, 5 + 6; will add 5 and 6, but will not use the result anywhere. Consequently the statement has no effect on the rest of the application, and should probably be deleted. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_a.

Coding standards

CERT MSC12-C

Detect and remove code that has no effect

CWE 482

Comparing instead of Assigning

MISRA C:2004 14.2

(Required) All non-null statements shall either have at least one side effect however executed, or cause control flow to change.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 1;
  x = 2;
  x < x;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <string>
void f();
template<class T>
struct X {
  int x;
  int get() const {
    return x;
 X(int y) :
    x(y) {}
};
typedef X<int> intX;
void example(void) {
  /* everything below has a side-effect */
  int i=0;
  f();
  (void)f();
  ++i;
  i+=1;
  i++;
  char *p = "test";
  std::string s;
  s.assign(p);
  std::string *ps = &s;
  ps -> assign(p);
  intX xx(1);
 xx.get();
  intX(1);
}
```

RED-self-assign

Synopsis

In a C++ class member function, a variable is assigned to itself.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

In a C++ class member function, a variable is assigned to itself. This error might be harder to identify than in an ordinary C function, because variables might be qualified by this, and thus refer to class members.

Coding standards

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class A {
public :
   int x;
   void f(void) { this->x = x; } //self-assignment
};
int main(void) {
   A *a = new A();
   a->f();
   return 0;
}
```

```
class A {
public :
    int x,y;
    void f(void) { this->x = y; }
};
int main(void) {
    A *a = new A();
    a->f();
    return 0;
}
```

RED-unused-assign

Synopsis

A variable is assigned a non-trivial value that is never used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A variable is assigned a non-trivial value that is never used. This is not unsafe as such, but might indicate a logical error.

Coding standards

CERT MSC13-C

Detect and remove unused values

CWE 563

Unused Variable

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  x = 3;
  return 0;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

RED-unused-param

Synopsis

A function parameter is declared but not used.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A function parameter is declared but not used. This might be intentional, and is not unsafe as such. For example, the function might need to follow a specific calling convention, or might be a virtual C++ function that does not need as much information from its arguments as other functions do. Make sure that it is not an error. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-11, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.7.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.7

(Advisory) There should be no unused parameters in functions

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-11

(Required) There shall be no unused parameters (named or unnamed) in nonvirtual functions.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  /* `x' is not used */
  return 20;
}
```

```
int example(int x) {
  return x + 20;
}
```

RED-unused-return-val

Synopsis There are unused function return values (other than overloaded operators).

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

There are unused function return values (other than overloaded operators). This might be an error. The return value of a function should always be used. Overloaded operators are excluded; they should behave like the built-in operators. You can discard the return value of a function by using a (void) cast. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-7, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.7.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.7

(Required) The value returned by a function having non-void return type shall be used

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-7

(Required) The value returned by a function having a non-void return type that is not an overloaded operator shall always be used.

Code examples

```
int func ( int para1 )
{
    return para1;
}
int not_discarded ( int para2 )
{
    if (func(para2) > 5) {
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

RED-unused-val

Synopsis

A variable is assigned a value that is never used.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A variable is initialized or assigned a value, and then another assignment destroys that value before it is used. This is not unsafe as such, but might indicate a logical error. This check does not detect when a value is simply lost when the function ends. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-6, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_c.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-6

(Required) A project shall not contain instances of non-volatile variables being given values that are never subsequently used.

Code examples

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  x = 3;
  return 0;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

RED-unused-var-all

Synopsis A variable is neither read nor written for any execution path.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

A variable is neither read nor written for any execution path. Writing includes initialization, and reading includes passing the variable as a parameter in a function call. This is not unsafe as such, but might indicate a logical error. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-0-1-3.

Coding standards

CERT MSC13-C

Detect and remove unused values

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-3

(Required) A project shall not contain unused variables.

Code examples

```
int example(void) {
  int x; //this value is not used
  return 0;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 0; //OK - x is returned
  return x;
}
```

RESOURCE-deref-file

Synopsis

A pointer to a FILE object is dereferenced.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

A pointer to a FILE object is dereferenced.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *pf1;
  FILE f3;
  f3 = *pf1;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  FILE *f2;
  f1 = f2;
}
```

RESOURCE-double-close

Synopsis A file resource is closed multiple times

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

An open file is closed multiple times without being re-opened in between. This will cause an application crash. This check is identical to CERT-FIO46-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

CWE 672

Operation on a Resource after Expiration or Release

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fclose(f1);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

RESOURCE-file-no-close-all

Synopsis A file pointer is never closed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

One or more file pointers are never closed. To avoid failure caused by resource exhaustion, all file pointers obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions must be explicitly released. Releasing them as soon as possible reduces the risk that exhaustion will occur. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_b, SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close, CERT-FIO42-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
  fclose(fp);
}
```

RESOURCE-file-pos-neg

Synopsis A file handler might be negative

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

A file handler might be negative. If open () cannot open a file, it will return a negative file descriptor. Using this file descriptor might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <LowLevelIOInterface.h>
void example(void) {
  int a = __open("test.txt", _LLIO_WRONLY);
  write(a, "Hello", 5);
}
```

```
#include <LowLevelIOInterface.h>

void example(void) {
  int a = __open("test.txt", _LLIO_WRONLY);
  if (a > 0) {
    write(a, "Hello", 5);
  }
}
```

RESOURCE-file-use-after-close

Synopsis A file resource is used after it has been closed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A file resource is referred to after it has been closed. When a file has been closed, any reference to it is invalid. Using this reference might cause an application crash. This check is identical to RESOURCE-file-use-after-close, SEC-FILEOP-use-after-close, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_f, CERT-FIO46-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

RESOURCE-implicit-deref-file

Synopsis

A file pointer is implicitly dereferenced by a library function.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A file pointer is implicitly dereferenced by a library function. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.5_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.5

(Mandatory) A pointer to a FILE object shall not be dereferenced

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *ptr1 = fopen("hello", "r");
  int *a;
  memcpy(ptr1, a, 10);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *ptr1;
  int *a;
  memcpy(a, a, 0);
}
```

RESOURCE-write-ronly-file

Synopsis

A file opened as read-only is written to.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A file opened as read-only is written to. This will cause a runtime error in your application, either silently if the file exists, or as a crash if it does not exist. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.4

(Mandatory) There shall be no attempt to write to a stream which has been opened as read-only

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   FILE *f1;
   f1 = fopen("test-file.txt", "r");
   fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!");
   fclose(f1);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   FILE *f1;
   f1 = fopen("test-file.txt", "r+");
   fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!");
   fclose(f1);
}
```

SIZEOF-side-effect

Synopsis

sizeof expressions containing side effects

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The sizeof operator is used on an expression that contains side effects. Because sizeof only operates on the type of the expression, the expression itself is not evaluated, which it probably was meant to be. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.3, MISRAC++2008-5-3-4.

Coding standards

CERT EXP06-C

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

CERT EXP06-CPP

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

MISRA C:2004 12.3

(Required) The size of operator shall not be used on expressions that contain side effects.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-3-4

(Required) Evaluation of the operand to the sizeof operator shall not contain side effects.

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i++);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i);
  i++;
}
```

SPC-order

Synopsis

Expressions that depend on order of evaluation were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

One and the same variable is changed in different parts of an expression with an unspecified evaluation order, between two consecutive sequence points. Standard C does not specify an evaluation order for different parts of an expression. For this reason different compilers are free to perform their own optimizations regarding the evaluation order. Projects containing statements that violate this check are not easily ported to another architecture or compiler, and if they are they might be difficult to debug. Only four operators have a guaranteed order of evaluation: logical AND (a && b) evaluates the left operand, then the right operand only if the left is found to be true; logical OR (a $|\ |$ b) evaluates the left operand, then the right operand only if the left is found to be false; a ternary conditional (a ? b : c) evaluates the first operand, then either the second or the third, depending on whether the first is found to be true or false; and a comma (a , b) evaluates its left operand before its right. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a, MISRAC2004-12.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a, CERT-EXP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int i = 0;
  i = i * i++; //unspecified order of operations
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
   int i = 0;
   int x = i;
   i++;
   x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
   return 0;
}
```

SPC-uninit-arr-all

Synopsis

Reads from local buffers are not preceded by writes.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A value is read from an array, without being explicitly stored in that array first. This check determines whether at least one element of an array has been written before any element of the array is read. If the check triggers, it generally means that an uninitialized value is read. This might cause incorrect behavior or an application crash. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_b, CERT-EXP33-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example() {
  int a[20];
  int b = a[1];
}
```

```
extern void f(int*);
void example() {
  int a[20];
  f(a);
  int b = a[1];
}
```

SPC-uninit-struct-field-heap

Synopsis A field of a dynamically allocated struct is read before it is initialized.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A field of a dynamically allocated struct is read before it is initialized. An uninitialized field might cause unexpected and unpredictable results. Uninitialized variables are easy to overlook, because they seldom cause problems.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st *str = malloc(sizeof(struct st));
  a = str->x;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st *str = malloc(sizeof(struct st));
  str->x = 0;
  a = str->x;
}
```

SPC-uninit-struct-field

Synopsis A field of a local struct is read before it is initialized.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A field of a local struct is read before it is initialized. An uninitialized field might cause unexpected and unpredictable results. Uninitialized variables are easy to overlook, because they seldom cause problems. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_d, CERT-EXP33-C_f.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  a = str.x;
}
```

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = 0;
  a = str.x;
}
```

SPC-uninit-struct

Synopsis

A struct has one or more fields read before they are initialized.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A struct is read from before any of its fields are initialized. Using uninitialized values might cause unexpected results or unpredictable application behavior, particularly in the case of pointer fields. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_b,

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_c, CERT-EXP33-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
   int x;
   int y;
};

void example(void) {
   int a;
   struct st str;
   a = str.x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(int i) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = i;
  a = str.x;
}
```

SPC-uninit-var-all

Synopsis

A variable is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A variable is read before it is assigned a value. Different execution paths might result in a variable being read at different points in the execution. Because uninitialized data is read, application behavior might be unpredictable. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.1_a, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_j.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int x;
  x++; //x is uninitialized
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
   int x = 0;
   x++;
   return 0;
}
```

SPC-uninit-var-some

Synopsis A variable is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

A variable is read before it is assigned a value. On some execution paths, the variable might be read before it is assigned a value. This might cause unpredictable application behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.1_b, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_f, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_k.

Coding standards

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int x, y;
  if (rand()) {
    x = 0;
  }
  y = x; //x may not be initialized
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
   int x;
   if (rand()) {
      x = 0;
   }
   /* x never read */
   return 0;
}
```

SPC-volatile-reads

Synopsis

There are multiple read accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

There are multiple read accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point. There cannot be more than one read access with volatile-qualified type within a sequence point. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.2_b, MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v;
  x = v + v;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
  volatile int i = 0;
  int x = i;
  i++;
  x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
  return 0;
}
```

SPC-volatile-writes

Synopsis

There are multiple write accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

There are multiple write accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point. There cannot be more than one write access with volatile-qualified type within a sequence point. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.2_c,

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v, w;
  v = w = x;
}
```

```
#include <stdbool.h>

void InitializeArray(int *);
const int *example(void)
{
   static volatile bool s_initialized = false;
   static int s_array[256];

   if (!s_initialized)
   {
      InitializeArray(s_array);
      s_initialized = true;
   }
   return s_array;
}
```

STRUCT-signed-bit

Synopsis

There are signed single-bit fields (excluding anonymous fields).

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

There are signed single-bit fields (excluding anonymous fields). A signed bitfield should have size at least two, because one bit is required for the sign. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-6.5, MISRAC++2008-9-6-4, MISRAC2012-Rule-6.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.5

(Required) Bitfields of signed type shall be at least 2 bits long.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.2

(Required) Single-bit named bit fields shall not be of a signed type

MISRA C++ 2008 9-6-4

(Required) Named bit-fields with signed integer type shall have a length of more than one bit.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S
{
   signed int a : 1; // Non-compliant
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S
{
    signed int b : 2;
    signed int : 0;
    signed int : 1;
    signed int : 2;
};
```

SWITCH-fall-through

Synopsis

There are non-empty switch cases not terminated by break and without 'fallthrough' comment.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

There are non-empty switch cases not terminated by a break. A non-empty switch clause should be terminated by an unconditional break statement, unless explicitly commented as a 'fallthrough'.

Coding standards

CERT MSC17-C

Finish every set of statements associated with a case label with a break statement

Code examples

```
void example(int input) {
    switch(input) {
        case 0:
        if (rand()) {
            break;
        }
        default:
        break;
    }
```

```
void example(int input) {
 switch(input) {
   case 0:
     if (rand()) {
       break;
     }
     break;
    case 1:
     if (rand()) {
       break;
      // fallthrough
     // this should also fall through
     if (!rand()) {
       return;
      }
    default:
     break;
 }
}
```

THROW-empty (C++ only)

Synopsis Unsafe rethrow of exception.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A throw statement without an argument is used outside of a catch handler where there is no exception to rethrow. This is unsafe because a throw statement without an argument rethrows the temporary object that represents the current exception, to allow exception handling to be split over several handlers. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-1-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-1-3

(Required) An empty throw (throw;) shall only be used in the compound-statement of a catch handler.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
{
   try
   {
     throw;
   }
   catch (...) {}
```

```
void func()
{
    try
    {
       throw (42);
    }
    catch (int i)
    {
       if (i > 10)
       {
         throw;
       }
    }
}
```

THROW-main (C++ only)

Synopsis No default exception handler for try.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

A top level try block does not have a default exception handler that will catch exceptions. Without this, an unhandled exception might lead to termination in an implementation-defined manner. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-3-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-3-2

(Advisory) There should be at least one exception handler to catch all otherwise unhandled exceptions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main()
{
    try
    {
       throw (42);
    }
    catch (int i)
    {
       if (i > 10)
      {
         throw;
      }
    }
    return 1;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    try
    {
       throw;
    }
    catch (...) {}
    // spacer
    try {}
    catch (int i) {}
    catch (...) {}
    return 0;
}
```

THROW-null

Synopsis Throw of NULL integer constant

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

throw (NULL) (equivalent to throw (0)) is never a throw of the null-pointer-constant, which means it can only be caught by an integer handler. This might be undesired behavior, especially if your application only has handlers for pointer-to-type exceptions. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-1-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-1-2

(Required) NULL shall not be thrown explicitly.

Code examples

THROW-ptr

Synopsis

Throw of exceptions by pointer

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

An exception object of pointer type is thrown and that pointer refers to a dynamically created object. It might thus be unclear which function is responsible for destroying it, and when. This ambiguity does not exist if the object is caught by value or reference. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-0-2.

Coding standards

CERT ERR09-CPP

Throw anonymous temporaries and catch by reference

MISRA C++ 2008 15-0-2

(Advisory) An exception object should not have pointer type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class Except {};
Except *new_except();
void example(void)
{
    throw new Except();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class Except {};
void example(void)
{
    throw Except();
}
```

THROW-static (C++ only)

Synopsis

Exceptions thrown without a handler in some call paths that lead to that point.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

There are exceptions thrown without a handler in some call paths that lead to that point. If an application throws an unhandled exception, it terminates in an implementation-defined manner. In particular, it is implementation-defined whether the call stack is unwound before termination, so the destructors of any automatic objects might not be invoked. If an exception is thrown as an object of a derived class, a compatible type might be either the derived class or any of its bases. Make sure that the application catches all exceptions it is expected to throw. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-3-1

(Required) Exceptions shall be raised only after start-up and before termination of the program.

Code examples

```
class C {
public:
  C ( ) { throw ( 0 ); } // Non-compliant - thrown before main
starts
  \simC ( ) { throw ( 0 ); } // Non-compliant - thrown after main
exits
};
// An exception thrown in C's constructor or destructor will
// cause the program to terminate, and will not be caught by
// the handler in main
Cc;
int main( ... )
  try {
   // program code
   return 0;
  // The following catch-all exception handler can only
  // catch exceptions thrown in the above program code
  catch ( ... ) {
    // Handle exception
   return 0;
  }
}
```

```
class C {
public:
    C ( ) { } // Compliant - doesn't throw exceptions
   ~C ( ) { } // Compliant - doesn't throw exceptions
};
Cc;
int main( ... )
    try {
        // program code
       return 0;
    // The following catch-all exception handler can only
    // catch exceptions thrown in the above program code
    catch ( ... ) {
        // Handle exception
        return 0;
    }
}
```

THROW-unhandled (C++ only)

Synopsis

There are calls to functions explicitly declared to throw an exception type that is not handled (or declared as thrown) by the caller.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

There are calls to functions explicitly declared to throw an exception type that is not handled (or declared as thrown) by the caller. If an application throws an unhandled exception, it terminates in an implementation-defined manner. In particular, it is implementation-defined whether the call stack is unwound before termination, so the destructors of any automatic objects might not be invoked. If an exception is thrown as an object of a derived class, a compatible type might be either the derived class or any of its bases. Make sure that the application catches all exceptions it is expected to throw. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-15-3-4.

Coding standards

MISRA C++ 2008 15-3-4

(Required) Each exception explicitly thrown in the code shall have a handler of a compatible type in all call paths that could lead to that point.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class E1{};
#ifndef __cpp_noexcept_function_type
void foo(int i) throw (E1) {
#else
void foo(int i) {
#endif
   if (i<0)
       throw E1();
}
int bar() {
   foo(-3);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class E1{};
#ifndef __cpp_noexcept_function_type
void foo(int i) throw (E1) {
#else
void foo(int i) {
#endif
   if (i<0)
        throw E1();
}
int bar() {
   try {
      foo(-3);
   }
   catch (E1){
   }
}</pre>
```

UNION-overlap-assign

Synopsis

Assignments from one field of a union to another.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

There are assignments from one field of a union to another. Assignments between objects that are stored in the same physical memory causes undefined behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-18.2, MISRAC++2008-0-2-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-19.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.2

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.1

(Mandatory) An object shall not be assigned or copied to an overlapping object

MISRA C++ 2008 0-2-1

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
    union
    {
        char c[5];
        int i;
    } u;
    u.i = u.c[2];
}
```

```
void example(void)
{
    union
    {
        char c[5];
        int i;
    } u;
    int x;
    x = (int)u.c[2];
    u.i = x;
}
```

UNION-type-punning

Synopsis Writing to a field of a union after reading from a different field, effectively

re-interpreting the bit pattern with a different type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description Writing to one field of a union and then silently reading from another field circumvents

the type system. To reinterpret bit patterns deliberately, use an explicit cast. This check

is identical to MISRAC2004-12.12_a.

Coding standards CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

CWE 188

Reliance on Data/Memory Layout

MISRA C:2004 12.12

 $(Required)\ The\ underlying\ bit\ representations\ of\ floating-point\ values\ shall\ not$

be used.

```
union name {
   int int_field;
   float float_field;
};

void example(void) {
   union name u;
   u.int_field = 10;
   float f = u.float_field;
}
```

```
union name {
  int int_field;
  float float_field;
};

void example(void) {
  union name u;
  u.int_field = 10;
  float f = u.int_field;
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C a

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

```
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7

void example() {
    int arr[COLS];
    arr[ROWS] = 1;
}
```

```
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7

void example() {
    int arr[ROWS];
    arr[COLS] = 1;
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C_b

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-pos, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

```
#include <stddef.h>
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7
static int matrix[ROWS][COLS];

void init_matrix(int x) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < COLS; i++) {
        for (size_t j = 0; j < ROWS; j++) {
            matrix[i][j] = x;
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7
static int matrix[ROWS][COLS];

void init_matrix(int x) {
   for (size_t i = 0; i < ROWS; i++) {
      for (size_t j = 0; j < COLS; j++) {
       matrix[i][j] = x;
      }
   }
}</pre>
```

CERT-ARR30-C c

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 120

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CWE 121

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CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

```
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7

void example() {
   int arr[COLS];
   int *p = arr;
   p[ROWS] = 1;
}
```

```
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7

void example() {
    int arr[ROWS];
    int *p = arr;
    p[COLS] = 1;
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C d

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos,

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 120

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(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

```
#include <stddef.h>
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7
static int matrix[ROWS][COLS];
void init_matrix(int x) {
    for (size t i = 0; i < COLS; i++) {
        for (size_t j = 0; j < ROWS; j++) {
            int *p = matrix[i];
            p[j] = x;
        }
    }
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
#define COLS 5
#define ROWS 7
static int matrix[ROWS][COLS];
void init_matrix(int x) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < ROWS; i++) {
        for (size_t j = 0; j < COLS; j++) {
            int *p = matrix[i];
            p[j] = x;
        }
    }
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C e

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array

index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-neg-index.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

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CWE 129

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CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int *arr) {
    arr[-1] = 1;
}
```

```
void example(int *arr) {
   arr[0] = 1;
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C f

Synopsis Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to ARR-uninit-index.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int b[20]) {
  int a;
  return b[a];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int b[20]) {
  int a;
  a = 5;
  return b[a];
}
```

CERT-ARR30-C_g

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 123

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum { TABLESIZE = 100 };
static int table[TABLESIZE];
int *f(int index) {
    if (index < TABLESIZE) {
        return table + index;
    }
    return NULL;
}</pre>
```

```
enum { TABLESIZE = 100 };

static int table[TABLESIZE];

int *f(int index) {
    if (index >= 0 && index < TABLESIZE) {
        return table + index;
    }
    return NULL;
}</pre>
```

CERT-ARR30-C h

Synopsis Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<wchar.h>
#define MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH_FQDN 10
void GetMachineName(
    wchar_t *pwszPath,
    wchar_t wszMachineName[MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH_FQDN+1])
{
    wchar_t *pwszServerName = wszMachineName;
    wchar_t *pwszTemp = pwszPath + 2;
    while (*pwszTemp != L'\\')
        *pwszServerName++ = *pwszTemp++;
    /* ... */
}
```

```
#include<wchar.h>
#define MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH_FQDN 10
void GetMachineName(
   wchar_t *pwszPath,
   wchar_t wszMachineName[MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH_FQDN+1])
   wchar t *pwszServerName = wszMachineName;
   wchar_t *pwszTemp = pwszPath + 2;
   wchar t *end addr
        = pwszServerName + MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH_FQDN;
   while ( (*pwszTemp != L'\\')
            && ((*pwszTemp != L'\0'))
            && (pwszServerName < end addr) )
        {
            *pwszServerName++ = *pwszTemp++;
        }
    /* ... */
```

CERT-ARR30-C_i

Synopsis Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

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CWE 120

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CWE 121

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CWE 123

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S {
   size_t len;
   char buf[]; /* Flexible array member */
};
const char *find(const struct S *s, int c) {
   const char *first = s->buf;
   const char *last = s->buf + s->len;
   while (first++ != last) { /* Undefined behavior */
        if (*first == (unsigned char)c) {
           return first;
        }
    }
   return NULL;
}
void g(void) {
   struct S *s = (struct S *)malloc(sizeof(struct S));
   if (s == NULL) {
       /* Handle error */
   }
    s \rightarrow len = 0;
    find(s, 'a');
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S {
    size_t len;
    char buf[]; /* Flexible array member */
};
const char *find(const struct S *s, int c) {
    const char *first = s->buf;
    const char *last = s->buf + s->len;
   while (first != last) { /* Avoid incrementing here */
        if (*++first == (unsigned char)c) {
            return first;
        }
    }
    return NULL;
}
void g(void) {
    struct S *s = (struct S *)malloc(sizeof(struct S));
    if (s == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    s\rightarrow len = 0;
    find(s, 'a');
```

CERT-ARR30-C_j

Synopsis

Do not form or use out-of-bounds pointers or array subscripts.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Invalid pointer operations could lead to undefined behavior. These include forming an out-of-bounds pointer or array index, dereferencing a past-the-end pointer or array index, accessing or generating a pointer past flexible array member, and null pointer arithmetic.

Coding standards

CERT ARR30-C

Do not form or use out of bounds pointers or array subscripts

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

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CWE 123

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 786

Access of Memory Location Before Start of Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

CERT-ARR32-C

Synopsis

Ensure size arguments for variable length arrays are in a valid range.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

If a variable length arrays (VLA) is declared with a size that is not positive, the behavior is undefined. If the magnitude of a VLA size argument is excessive, the program may behave in an unexpected way. The programmer must ensure that size arguments to variable length arrays, especially those derived from untrusted data, are in a valid range.

Coding standards

CERT ARR32-C

Ensure size arguments for variable length arrays are in a valid range

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void foo(int *array, size_t size) {}
void example(size_t size) {
   int vla[size];
   foo(vla, size);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stddef.h>
enum { MAX_ARRAY = 1024 };

void foo(int *array, size_t size) {}

void example(size_t size) {
   if (0 == size || SIZE_MAX / sizeof(int) < size) {
      /* Handle error */
      return;
   }
   if (size < MAX_ARRAY) {
      int vla[size];
      foo(vla, size);
   }
}</pre>
```

CERT-ARR36-C a

Synopsis

Do not subtract two pointers that do not refer to the same array.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.2.

Coding standards

CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.2

(Required) Pointer subtraction shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.2

(Required) Subtraction between pointers shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
enum { SIZE = 32 };

void func(void) {
  int nums[SIZE];
  int end;
  int *next_num_ptr = nums;
  size_t free_elements;

  /* Increment next_num_ptr as array fills */
  free_elements = &end - next_num_ptr;
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
enum { SIZE = 32 };

void func(void) {
  int nums[SIZE];
  int *next_num_ptr = nums;
  size_t free_elements;

  /* Increment next_num_ptr as array fills */
  free_elements = &(nums[SIZE]) - next_num_ptr;
}
```

CERT-ARR36-C b

Synopsis Do not compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.3, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.3.

Coding standards

CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.3

(Required) >, >=, <, <= shall not be applied to pointer types except where they point to the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.3

(Required) The relational operators >, >=, < and <= shall not be applied to objects of pointer type except where they point into the same object

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[10];
  int b[10];
  int *p1 = &a[1];
  if (p1 < b) {
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[10];
  int b[10];
  int *p1 = &a[1];
  if (p1 < a) {
  }
}</pre>
```

CERT-ARR37-C

Synopsis

Do not add or subtract an integer to a pointer to a non-array object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Pointer arithmetic must be performed only on pointers that reference elements of array objects.

Coding standards

CERT ARR37-C

Do not add or subtract an integer to a pointer to a non-array object

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct numbers {
    short num_a, num_b, num_c;
};
int sum_numbers(const struct numbers *numb){
    int total = 0;
    const short *numb ptr;
    for (numb_ptr = &numb->num_a;
            numb ptr <= &numb->num c;
           numb_ptr++) {
        total += *(numb_ptr);
    }
   return total;
}
int main(void) {
    struct numbers my_numbers = { 1, 2, 3 };
    sum_numbers(&my_numbers);
    return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct numbers {
   short num_a, num_b, num_c;
};
void example(const struct numbers *numb) {
   int total = numb->num_a + numb->num_b + numb->num_c;
}
```

CERT-ARR38-C_a

Synopsis

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default

Severity/Certainty High/Hig



Yes

Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 125

Out-of-bounds Read

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <wchar.h>

static const char str[] = "Hello world";
static const wchar_t w_str[] = L"Hello world";
void func(void) {
    char buffer[32];
    wchar_t w_buffer[32];
    memcpy(buffer, str, sizeof(str)); /* Compliant */
    wmemcpy(w_buffer, w_str, sizeof(w_str)); /* Noncompliant */
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <wchar.h>

static const char str[] = "Hello world";
static const wchar_t w_str[] = L"Hello world";
void func(void) {
   char buffer[32];
   wchar_t w_buffer[32];
   memcpy(buffer, str, strlen(str) + 1);
   wmemcpy(w_buffer, w_str, wcslen(w_str) + 1);
}
```

CERT-ARR38-C_b

Synopsis Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 125

Out-of-bounds Read

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void f2(void) {
   const size_t ARR_SIZE = 4;
   long a[ARR_SIZE];
   const size_t n = sizeof(int) * ARR_SIZE;
   void *p = a;
   memset(p, 0, n);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>

void f2(void) {
    const size_t ARR_SIZE = 4;
    long a[ARR_SIZE];
    const size_t n = sizeof(a);
    void *p = a;

    memset(p, 0, n);
}
```

CERT-ARR38-C_c

Synopsis

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 125

Out-of-bounds Read

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void f1(size_t nchars) {
    char *p = (char *)malloc(nchars);
    /* ... */
    const size_t n = nchars + 1;
    /* ... */
    memset(p, 0, n);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void f1(size_t nchars) {
    char *p = (char *)malloc(nchars);
    /* ... */
    const size_t n = nchars;
    /* ... */
    memset(p, 0, n);
}
```

CERT-ARR38-C d

Synopsis Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

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CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void f4() {
    char p[40];
    const char *q = "Too short";
    size_t n = sizeof(p);
    memcpy(p, q, n);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>

void f4() {
    char p[40];
    const char *q = "Too short";
    size_t n = sizeof(p) < strlen(q) + 1 ? sizeof(p) : strlen(q) + 1;
    memcpy(p, q, n);
}</pre>
```

CERT-ARR38-C_e

Synopsis

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to

form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 125

Out-of-bounds Read

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>

struct obj {
    char c;
    long long i;
};

void func(FILE *f, struct obj *objs, size_t num_objs) {
    const size_t obj_size = 16;
    if (num_objs > (SIZE_MAX / obj_size) ||
        num_objs != fwrite(objs, obj_size, num_objs, f)) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>

struct obj {
    char c;
    long long i;
};

void func(FILE *f, struct obj *objs, size_t num_objs) {
    const size_t obj_size = sizeof *objs;
    if (num_objs > (SIZE_MAX / obj_size) ||
        num_objs != fwrite(objs, obj_size, num_objs, f)) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

CERT-ARR38-C f

Synopsis

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

C library functions that make changes to arrays or objects take at least two arguments: a pointer to the array or object and an integer indicating the number of elements or bytes to be manipulated. Supplying arguments to such a function might cause the function to form a pointer that does not point into or just past the end of the object, resulting in undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 125

Out-of-bounds Read

CWE 123

Write-what-where Condition

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdlib.h>
int example(unsigned char *s) {
    unsigned char *p = s, *pl;
    unsigned short hbtype;
    unsigned int payload;
    unsigned int padding = 16; /* Use minimum padding */
    unsigned char *buffer, *bp;
    int r;

    /* Read type and payload length first */
    hbtype = *p++;
    payload = *((unsigned int *)p++);

    pl = p;

    buffer = malloc(1 + 2 + payload + padding);

    bp = buffer;

    memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
}
```

```
#include<stdlib.h>
int example(unsigned char *s, unsigned int length) {
   unsigned char *p = s, *pl;
   unsigned short hbtype;
   unsigned int payload;
   unsigned int padding = 16; /* Use minimum padding */
   unsigned char *buffer, *bp;
   int r:
    /* Read type and payload length first */
   hbtvpe = *p++;
   payload = *((unsigned int *)p++);
    if (1 + 2 + payload + 16 > length)
       return 0:
   pl = p;
   buffer = malloc(1 + 2 + payload + padding);
   bp = buffer;
   memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
```

CERT-ARR39-C

Synopsis Do not add or subtract a scaled integer to a pointer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

When performing pointer arithmetic, the size of the value to add to or subtract from a pointer is automatically scaled to the size of the type of the referenced array object. Adding or subtracting a scaled integer value to or from a pointer is invalid because it may yield a pointer that does not point to an element within or one past the end of the array.

Coding standards CERT ARR39-C

Do not add or subtract a scaled integer to a pointer

CWE 468

Incorrect Pointer Scaling

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum { INTBUFSIZE = 80 };

extern int getdata(void);
int buf[INTBUFSIZE];

void func(void) {
   int *buf_ptr = buf;

   while (buf_ptr < (buf + sizeof(buf))) {
       *buf_ptr++ = getdata();
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
enum { INTBUFSIZE = 80 };

extern int getdata(void);
int buf[INTBUFSIZE];

void func(void) {
   int *buf_ptr = buf;

   while (buf_ptr < (buf + INTBUFSIZE)) {
       *buf_ptr++ = getdata();
   }
}</pre>
```

CERT-DCL30-C a

Synopsis

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Every object has a storage duration that determines its lifetime: static, thread, automatic, or allocated. Do not attempt to access an object outside of its lifetime. Attempting to do so is undefined behavior and can lead to an exploitable vulnerability. This check is identical to MEM-stack, MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b, MISRAC2004-17.6 a, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6 a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-1

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(void) {
  int a[20];
  return a; //a is a local array
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int* example(void) {
  int *p,i;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

CERT-DCL30-C b

Synopsis Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Every object has a storage duration that determines its lifetime: static, thread, automatic, or allocated. Do not attempt to access an object outside of its lifetime. Attempting to do so is undefined behavior and can lead to an exploitable vulnerability. This check is identical to MEM-stack-pos.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(int *a) {
    int i;
    int *p;
    if (a) {
    p = a;
    } else {
        p = &i;
    }
    return p;
}
```

```
int g;
int *example(int *a) {
    int i;
    int *p;
    if (a) {
    p = a;
    } else {
        p = &g;
    }
    return p;
}
```

CERT-DCL30-C_c

Synopsis Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Every object has a storage duration that determines its lifetime: static, thread, automatic, or allocated. Do not attempt to access an object outside of its lifetime. Attempting to do so is undefined behavior and can lead to an exploitable vulnerability. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_a, MISRAC2004-17.6_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b, CERT-DCL30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

CERT-DCL30-C d

Synopsis

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Every object has a storage duration that determines its lifetime: static, thread, automatic, or allocated. Do not attempt to access an object outside of its lifetime. Attempting to do so is undefined behavior and can lead to an exploitable vulnerability. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global-field, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_b, MISRAC2004-17.6_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
  int *px;
} s;

void example() {
  int i = 0;
  s.px = &i; //storing local address in global struct
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S{
   int *px;
} s;

void example() {
   int i = 0;
   s.px = &i; //OK - the field is written to later
   s.px = NULL;
}
```

CERT-DCL30-C e

Synopsis

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

Every object has a storage duration that determines its lifetime: static, thread, automatic, or allocated. Do not attempt to access an object outside of its lifetime. Attempting to do so is undefined behavior and can lead to an exploitable vulnerability. This check is identical to MEM-stack-param, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c, MISRAC2004-17.6_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_d.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
```

CERT-DCL31-C

Synopsis

Declare identifiers before using them.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

The C11 Standard requires type specifiers and forbids implicit function declarations. The C90 Standard allows implicit typing of variables and functions. Consequently, some existing legacy code uses implicit typing. Some C compilers still support legacy code by allowing implicit typing, but it should not be used for new code. Such an implementation may choose to assume an implicit declaration and continue translation to support existing programs that used this feature. This check is identical to FUNC-implicit-decl, MISRAC2004-8.1, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.3.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.1

(Required) Functions shall have prototype declarations and the prototype shall be visible at both the function definition and call.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.3

(Mandatory) A function shall not be declared implicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < 100; ++i) {
        char *ptr = (char *)malloc(0x10000000);
        *ptr = 'a';
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

CERT-DCL36-C

Synopsis

Do not declare an identifier with conflicting linkage classifications.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

Linkage can make an identifier declared in different scopes or declared multiple times within the same scope refer to the same object or function. Use of an identifier (within one translation unit) classified as both internally and externally linked is undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT DCL36-C

Do not declare an identifier with conflicting linkage classifications

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int i2 = 20;
int i2;
void example(void) {}
```

```
int i1 = 10;
int i1;
void example(void) {}
```

CERT-DCL37-C a

Synopsis Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

Do not define a function with a reserved identifier This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-17-0-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.2, MISRAC2004-20.2.

Coding standards

CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

MISRA C:2004 20.2

(Required) The names of Standard Library macros, objects, and functions shall not be reused.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.2

(Required) A reserved identifier or macro name shall not be declared

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-3

(Required) The names of standard library functions shall not be overridden.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>

void *malloc(size_t nbytes) {
  void *ptr;
  /* Allocate storage from own pool and set ptr */
  return ptr;
}

void free(void *ptr) {
  /* Return storage to own pool */
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
void *my_malloc(size_t nbytes) {
  void *ptr;
  /* Allocate storage from own pool and set ptr */
 return ptr;
void *my_aligned_alloc(size_t alignment, size_t size) {
  void *ptr;
  /* Allocate storage from own pool, align properly, set ptr */
 return ptr;
void *my_calloc(size_t nelems, size_t elsize) {
  void *ptr;
  /* Allocate storage from own pool, zero memory, and set ptr */
 return ptr;
void *my_realloc(void *ptr, size_t nbytes) {
  /* Reallocate storage from own pool and set ptr */
  return ptr;
void my_free(void *ptr) {
  /* Return storage to own pool */
```

CERT-DCL37-C_b

Synopsis Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Coding standards CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
static const size_t wcsa_max_limit = 1024;
size_t wcsa_limit = 100;
unsigned int getValue(unsigned int count) {
  return count < wcsa_limit ? count : wcsa_limit;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
static const size_t max_limit = 1024;
size_t limit = 100;
unsigned int getValue(unsigned int count) {
  return count < limit ? count : limit;
}</pre>
```

CERT-DCL37-C_c

Synopsis

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier -- Noisy

Coding standards

CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#ifndef _MY_HEADER_H_
#define _MY_HEADER_H_
/* Contents of <my_header.h> */
#endif /* _MY_HEADER_H_ */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#ifndef MY_HEADER_H
#define MY_HEADER_H
/* Contents of <my_header.h> */
#endif /* MY_HEADER_H */
```

CERT-DCL38-C

Synopsis Use the correct syntax when declaring a flexible array member.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description A variety of different syntaxes have been used for declaring flexible array members.

For conforming C implementations, use the syntax guaranteed to be valid by the C

Standard.

Coding standards CERT DCL38-C

Use the correct syntax when declaring flexible array members

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct flexArrayStruct {
   int num;
   int data[1];
};
void func(size_t array_size) {
    /* Space is allocated for the struct */
    struct flexArrayStruct *structP
        = (struct flexArrayStruct *)
       malloc(sizeof(struct flexArrayStruct)
              + sizeof(int) * (array_size - 1));
    if (structP == NULL) {
       /* Handle malloc failure */
    }
    structP->num = array_size;
    * Access data[] as if it had been allocated
    * as data[array_size].
    */
    for (size_t i = 0; i < array_size; ++i) {</pre>
        structP->data[i] = 1;
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct flexArrayStruct {
   int num;
   int data[];
};
void func(size_t array_size) {
    /* Space is allocated for the struct */
    struct flexArrayStruct *structP
        = (struct flexArrayStruct *)
        malloc(sizeof(struct flexArrayStruct)
              + sizeof(int) * array_size);
    if (structP == NULL) {
       /* Handle malloc failure */
    }
    structP->num = array_size;
     * Access data[] as if it had been allocated
     * as data[array size].
     * /
    for (size_t i = 0; i < array_size; ++i) {</pre>
        structP->data[i] = 1;
    }
```

CERT-DCL39-C

Synopsis

Avoid information leakage when passing a structure across a trust boundary.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

When passing a pointer to a structure across a trust boundary to a different trusted domain, the programmer must ensure that the padding bytes and bit-field storage unit padding bits of such a structure do not contain sensitive information.

Coding standards

CERT DCL39-C

Avoid information leak in structure padding

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>

struct test {
   int a;
   char b;
   int c;
};

/* Safely copy bytes to user space */
extern int copy_to_user(void *dest, void *src, size_t size);

void do_stuff(void *usr_buf) {
   struct test arg = {.a = 1, .b = 2, .c = 3};
   copy_to_user(usr_buf, &arg, sizeof(arg));
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <string.h>
struct test {
 int a;
 char b;
 int c;
};
/* Safely copy bytes to user space */
extern int copy_to_user(void *dest, void *src, size_t size);
void do_stuff(void *usr_buf) {
 struct test arg = \{.a = 1, .b = 2, .c = 3\};
 /* May be larger than strictly needed */
 unsigned char buf[sizeof(arg)];
 size_t offset = 0;
 memcpy(buf + offset, &arg.a, sizeof(arg.a));
 offset += sizeof(arg.a);
 memcpy(buf + offset, &arg.b, sizeof(arg.b));
 offset += sizeof(arg.b);
 memcpy(buf + offset, &arg.c, sizeof(arg.c));
 offset += sizeof(arg.c);
  /* Set all remaining bytes to zero */
 memset(buf + offset, 0, sizeof(arg) - offset);
 copy_to_user(usr_buf, buf, offset /* size of info copied */);
}
```

CERT-DCL40-C

Synopsis

Do not create incompatible declarations of the same function or object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

Two or more incompatible declarations of the same function or object must not appear in the same program because they result in undefined behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.3.

Coding standards CERT DCL40-C

Incompatible declarations of the same function or object

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.3

(Required) All declarations of an object or function shall use the same names

and type qualifiers

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

extern int i;

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

extern short i;

CERT-DCL41-C

Synopsis Do not declare variables inside a switch statement before the first case label

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low

Full description Do not declare variables inside a switch statement before the first case label

Coding standards CERT DCL41-C

Do not declare variables inside a switch statement before the first case label

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern void f(int i);

void func(int expr) {
    switch (expr) {
        int i = 4;
        f(i);
    case 0:
        i = 17;
        /* Falls through into default code */
    default:
        printf("%d\n", i);
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern void f(int i);
int func(int expr) {
 /*
  * Move the code outside the switch block; now the statements
  * will get executed.
  */
 int i = 4;
 f(i);
 switch (expr) {
   case 0:
     i = 17;
     /* Falls through into default code */
    default:
     printf("%d\n", i);
 }
 return 0;
}
```

CERT-ENV30-C

Synopsis

Do not modify the object referenced by the return value of certain functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Some functions return a pointer to an object that cannot be modified without causing undefined behavior. These functions include getenv(), setlocale(), localeconv(), asctime(), and strerror(). In such cases, the function call results must be treated as being const-qualified.

Coding standards

CERT ENV30-C

Do not modify the object referenced by the return value of certain functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
   char *s = getenv("MY_VAR");
   *s = 'A';
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
    char *str = getenv("MY_VAR");
    char *copy_of_str = (char *)malloc(strlen(str) + 1);
    *copy_of_str = 'A';
}
```

CERT-ENV31-C

Synopsis

Do not rely on an environment pointer following an operation that may invalidate it

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Modifying the environment by any means may cause the environment memory to be reallocated, invalidating the 'envp' pointer

Coding standards

CERT ENV31-C

Do not rely on an environment pointer following an operation that may invalidate it

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, const char *argv[], const char *envp[]) {
   if (setenv("MY_NEW_VAR", "new_value", 1) != 0) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
   if (envp != NULL) {
      for (size_t i = 0; envp[i] != NULL; ++i) {
        puts(envp[i]);
      }
   }
   return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

extern char **environ;

int main(void) {
   if (setenv("MY_NEW_VAR", "new_value", 1) != 0) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
   if (environ != NULL) {
      for (size_t i = 0; environ[i] != NULL; ++i) {
        puts(environ[i]);
      }
   }
   return 0;
}
```

CERT-ENV32-C

Synopsis All exit handlers must return normally

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

A nested call to an exit function is undefined behavior. This behavior can occur when an exit function is invoked from an exit handler or when an exit function is called from within a signal handler. Exit handlers must terminate by returning. It is important and potentially safety-critical for all exit handlers to be allowed to perform their cleanup actions.

Coding standards CERT ENV32-C

All atexit handlers must return normally

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void exit1(void) {
 /* ... Cleanup code ... */
 return;
}
void exit2(void) {
 extern int some_condition;
  if (some_condition) {
   /* ... More cleanup code ... */
   exit(0);
 }
  return;
}
int main(void) {
  if (atexit(exit1) != 0) {
   /* Handle error */
  if (atexit(exit2) != 0) {
   /* Handle error */
  /* ... Program code ... */
 return 0;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void exit1(void) {
 /* ... Cleanup code ... */
 return;
}
void exit2(void) {
 extern int some_condition;
 if (some condition) {
    /* ... More cleanup code ... */
 return;
int main(void) {
 if (atexit(exit1) != 0) {
    /* Handle error */
 if (atexit(exit2) != 0) {
   /* Handle error */
  /* ... Program code ... */
 return 0;
```

CERT-ENV33-C

Synopsis Do not call system().

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

Use of the system() function can result in exploitable vulnerabilities, in the worst case allowing execution of arbitrary system commands. Do not invoke a command processor via system() or equivalent functions to execute a command.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func(char *input) {
    system(input);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func() {
}
```

CERT-ENV34-C

Synopsis Do not store pointers returned by certain functions.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

Do not store pointers returned by getenv() and similar functions because the string data it points to may be overwritten by a subsequent call to the same function or invalidated by modifications to the environment. This string should be referenced immediately and discarded. If later use is anticipated, the string should be copied so the copy can be safely referenced as needed.

Coding standards CERT ENV34-C

Do not store pointers returned by certain functions

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void func(void) {
   char *tmpvar;
   char *tempvar;
   tmpvar = getenv("TMP");
   if (!tmpvar) {
       /* Handle error */
   tempvar = getenv("TEMP");
   if (!tempvar) {
       /* Handle error */
   if (strcmp(tmpvar, tempvar) == 0) {
       printf("TMP and TEMP are the same.\n");
   } else {
       printf("TMP and TEMP are NOT the same.\n");
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void func(void) {
    char *tmpvar;
    char *tempvar;
    const char *temp = getenv("TMP");
    if (temp != NULL) {
        tmpvar = (char *)malloc(strlen(temp)+1);
        if (tmpvar != NULL) {
            strcpy(tmpvar, temp);
        } else {
            /* Handle error */
        }
    } else {
       /* Handle error */
    temp = getenv("TEMP");
    if (temp != NULL) {
        tempvar = (char *)malloc(strlen(temp)+1);
        if (tempvar != NULL) {
            strcpy(tempvar, temp);
        } else {
            /* Handle error */
    } else {
        /* Handle error */
    if (strcmp(tmpvar, tempvar) == 0) {
        printf("TMP and TEMP are the same.\n");
    } else {
        printf("TMP and TEMP are NOT the same.\n");
    free(tmpvar);
    free(tempvar);
```

CERT-ERR30-C a

Synopsis Set errno to zero before calling a library function known to set errno.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The value of errno is initialized to zero at program startup, but it is never subsequently set to zero by any C standard library function. The value of errno may be set to nonzero by a C standard library function call whether or not there is an error, provided the use of errno is not documented in the description of the function. Therefore, errno should be set to zero before calling an errno-setting function.

Coding standards

CERT ERR30-C

Set errno to zero before calling a library function known to set errno, and check errno only after the function returns a value indicating failure

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(const char *c) {
   strtol(c, NULL, 10);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(const char *c) {
  errno = 0;
  long a = strtol(c, NULL, 10);
}
```

CERT-ERR30-C b

Synopsis

Check errno only after the function returns a value indicating failure.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

It is meaningful for a program to inspect the contents of errno only after an error might have occurred. More precisely, errno is meaningful only after a library function that sets errno on error has returned an error code.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(char *c) {
  long a = strtol(c, NULL, 8);
  // Not checking the return value, just errno
  if (errno == 0) {
    return;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(char *c) {
  long a = strtol(c, NULL, 8);
  if (a == LONG_MAX && errno == ERANGE) {
    return;
  }
}
```

CERT-ERR30-C c

Synopsis

Check errno only after the function called is an errno-setting function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The value of errno may be set to nonzero by a C standard library function call whether or not there is an error, provided the use of errno is not documented in the description of the function. errno should only be checked where a function is documents its use.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>

void example(char *c) {
  long 1 = strtol(c, NULL, 10);
  printf("%s\n", c);
  if (1 == 0 && errno == 0) {
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>

void example(char *c) {
  long 1 = strtol(c, NULL, 10);
  if (1 == 0 && errno == 0) {
    return;
  }
  printf("%s\n", c);
}
```

CERT-ERR30-C d

Synopsis

Check return of errno setting functions for values indicating failure.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

It is meaningful to inspect the value of errno only after establishing that the errno-setting function has returned an error. The return value of these functions must be inspected.

Coding standards

CERT ERR30-C

Set errno to zero before calling a library function known to set errno, and check errno only after the function returns a value indicating failure

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(char *c) {
  long a = strtol(c, NULL, 8);
  return;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(char *c) {
  long a = strtol(c, NULL, 8);
  if (a == ULONG_MAX) {
    //handle error
  }
  return;
}
```

CERT-ERR30-C_e

Synopsis

Only check errno when neccessary.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

For mathematical functions in <math.h>, if the integer expression math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO is nonzero, on a domain error, errno acquires the value EDOM; on an overflow with default rounding or if the mathematical result is an exact infinity from finite arguments, errno acquires the value ERANGE; and on an underflow, whether errno acquires the value ERANGE is implementation-defined.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <math.h>
#include <errno.h>

void example3(double x) {
   sinh(x);
   if (errno != 0) {
      return;
   }
}
```

```
#include <math.h>
#include <fenv.h>
#include <errno.h>

void example2(double x) {
    double result;
    {
        if (math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT) {
            feclearexcept(FE_ALL_EXCEPT);
        }
        errno = 0;
        result = sinh(x);
        if ((math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO) && errno != 0) {
            return;
        }
    }
}
```

CERT-ERR32-C

Synopsis Do not rely on indeterminate values of errno.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description A signal handler is allowed to call signal(); if that fails, signal() returns SIG_ERR and

> sets errno to a positive value. However, if the event that caused a signal was external (not the result of the program calling abort() or raise()), the only functions the signal handler may call are _Exit() or abort(), or it may call signal() on the signal currently being handled; if signal() fails, the value of errno is indeterminate. Using this value

results in undefined behavior.

Coding standards CERT ERR32-C

Do not rely on indeterminate values of errno

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
typedef void (*pfv)(int);
void handler(int signum) {
   pfv old_handler = signal(signum, SIG_DFL);
   if (old_handler == SIG_ERR) {
       perror("SIGINT handler"); /* Undefined behavior */
       /* Handle error */
   }
}
int main(void) {
   pfv old_handler = signal(SIGINT, handler);
   if (old_handler == SIG_ERR) {
       perror("SIGINT handler");
       /* Handle error */
    /* Main code loop */
   return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
typedef void (*pfv)(int);
void handler(int signum) {
    pfv old_handler = signal(signum, SIG_DFL);
    if (old_handler == SIG_ERR) {
        abort();
    }
}
int main(void) {
    pfv old_handler = signal(SIGINT, handler);
    if (old_handler == SIG_ERR) {
        perror("SIGINT handler");
        /* Handle error */
    }
    /* Main code loop */
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

CERT-ERR33-C a

Synopsis

Detect and handle standard library errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

The majority of the standard library functions, including I/O functions and memory allocation functions, return either a valid value or a value of the correct return type that indicates an error (for example, -1 or a null pointer). It is essential that programs detect and appropriately handle all errors in accordance with an error-handling policy. This check warns on usage of standard library functions without checking for errors in return value and/or errno.

Coding standards

CERT ERR33-C

Detect and handle errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 253

Incorrect Check of Function Return Value

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <locale.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int utf8_to_wcs(wchar_t *wcs, size_t n, const char *utf8,
               size_t *size) {
    if (NULL == size) {
       return -1;
    }
    const char *save = setlocale(LC_CTYPE, "en_US.UTF-8");
    if (NULL == save) {
       return -1;
    *size = mbstowcs(wcs, utf8, n);
    if(*size == (size_t)(-1)) {
        /* handle error */
    }
    if (NULL == setlocale(LC_CTYPE, save)) {
       return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-ERR33-C b

Synopsis

Detect and handle standard library errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

The majority of the standard library functions, including I/O functions and memory allocation functions, return either a valid value or a value of the correct return type that indicates an error (for example, -1 or a null pointer). It is essential that programs detect and appropriately handle all errors in accordance with an error-handling policy. This check warns on usage of file char I/O standard library functions without checking for errors when the return value is EOF.

Coding standards

CERT ERR33-C

Detect and handle errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 253

Incorrect Check of Function Return Value

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
    FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "r");
    int ch = getc(fp);
    while (ch != EOF)
            /* display contents of file on screen */
            putchar(ch);
            ch = getc(fp);
        }
    if (feof(fp))
        printf("\n End of file reached.");
        printf("\n Something went wrong.");
    fclose(fp);
    getchar();
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-ERR33-C_c

Synopsis Detect and handle standard library errors.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

The majority of the standard library functions, including I/O functions and memory allocation functions, return either a valid value or a value of the correct return type that indicates an error (for example, -1 or a null pointer). It is essential that programs detect and appropriately handle all errors in accordance with an error-handling policy. This check warns on usage of standard library functions listed in EX1 without checking for errors or explicitly discard the return value.

Coding standards CERT ERR33-C

Detect and handle errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 253

Incorrect Check of Function Return Value

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdio.h>
void example(void) {
    printf("Hello, world\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include<stdio.h>
void example(void) {
    (void) printf("Hello, world\n"); // printf() return value
safely ignored
}
```

CERT-ERR33-C_d

Synopsis Detect and handle standard library errors.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

The majority of the standard library functions, including I/O functions and memory allocation functions, return either a valid value or a value of the correct return type that indicates an error (for example, -1 or a null pointer). It is essential that programs detect and appropriately handle all errors in accordance with an error-handling policy.

Coding standards

CERT ERR33-C

Detect and handle errors

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 253

Incorrect Check of Function Return Value

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void *p;
void func(size_t new_size) {
    if (new_size == 0) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
    p = realloc(p, new_size);
    if (p == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void *p;

void func(size_t new_size) {
    void *q;

    if (new_size == 0) {
        /* Handle error */
    }

    q = realloc(p, new_size);
    if (q == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else {
        p = q;
    }
}
```

CERT-ERR34-C a

Synopsis

Detect errors when converting a string to a number.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

The process of parsing an integer or floating-point number from a string can produce many errors. These error conditions must be detected and addressed when a string-to-number conversion is performed using a C Standard Library function.

Coding standards

CERT ERR34-C

Detect errors when converting a string to a number

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func(const char *buff) {
    int si;

    if (buff) {
        si = atoi(buff);
    } else {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void func(const char *buff) {
    char *end;
   int si;
    errno = 0;
    const long sl = strtol(buff, &end, 10);
    if (end == buff) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s: not a decimal number\n", buff);
    } else if ('\0' != *end) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s: extra characters at end of input:
%s\n", buff, end);
    } else if ((LONG_MIN == sl | LONG_MAX == sl) && ERANGE ==
errno) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s out of range of type long\n", buff);
    } else if (sl > INT_MAX) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%ld greater than INT_MAX\n", sl);
    } else if (sl < INT_MIN) {</pre>
        fprintf(stderr, "%ld less than INT_MIN\n", sl);
    } else {
        si = (int)sl;
        /* Process si */
}
```

CERT-ERR34-C b

Synopsis Detect errors when converting a string to a number.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low

Full description

The process of parsing an integer or floating-point number from a string can produce many errors. These error conditions must be detected and addressed when a string-to-number conversion is performed using a C Standard Library function.

Coding standards

CERT ERR34-C

Detect errors when converting a string to a number

CWE 391

Unchecked Error Condition

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void func(const char *buff) {
    char *end;
    int si;
    errno = 0;
    const long sl = strtol(buff, &end, 10);
}
```

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void func(const char *buff) {
    char *end;
   int si;
    errno = 0;
    const long sl = strtol(buff, &end, 10);
    if (end == buff) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s: not a decimal number\n", buff);
    } else if ('\0' != *end) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s: extra characters at end of input:
%s\n", buff, end);
    } else if ((LONG_MIN == sl | LONG_MAX == sl) && ERANGE ==
errno) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s out of range of type long\n", buff);
    } else if (sl > INT_MAX) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%ld greater than INT_MAX\n", sl);
    } else if (sl < INT_MIN) {</pre>
        fprintf(stderr, "%ld less than INT_MIN\n", sl);
    } else {
        si = (int)sl;
        /* Process si */
}
```

CERT-EXPI9-C

Synopsis

No braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The body of an if, for, or while statement is missing opening and closing braces. Opening and closing braces for if, for, and while statements should always be used even if the statement's body contains only a single statement

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int login;

if (invalid_login())
  login = 0;
else
  login = 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define ADMINISTRATOR 0
#define GUEST 1

void example(void) {
  int privileges;

  if (invalid_login()) {
    if (allow_guests()) {
      privileges = GUEST;
    }
  } else {
    privileges = ADMINISTRATOR;
  }
}
```

CERT-EXP30-C_a

Synopsis Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Evaluation of an expression may produce side effects. At specific points during execution, known as sequence points, all side effects of previous evaluations are complete, and no side effects of subsequent evaluations have yet taken place. Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects unless there is an intervening sequence point. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a, MISRAC2004-12.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a, SPC-order.

Coding standards

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int i, int *b) {
   int a = i + b[++i];
}
```

CERT-EXP30-C_b

Synopsis Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Evaluation of an expression may produce side effects. At specific points during execution, known as sequence points, all side effects of previous evaluations are complete, and no side effects of subsequent evaluations have yet taken place. Do not depend on the order of evaluation for side effects unless there is an intervening sequence point.

Coding standards CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern void c(int i, int j);
int glob;

int a(void) {
   return glob + 10;
}

int b(void) {
   glob = 42;
   return glob;
}

void example(void) {
   c(a(), b());
}
```

```
extern void c(int i, int j);
int glob;

int a(void) {
    return glob + 10;
}
int b(void) {
    glob = 42;
    return glob;
}

void example(void) {
    int a_val, b_val;

    a_val = a();
    b_val = b();

    c(a_val, b_val);
}
```

CERT-EXP32-C

Synopsis Do not access a volatile object through a nonvolatile reference.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/High



Full description

An object that has volatile-qualified type may be modified in ways unknown to the implementation or have other unknown side effects. Referencing a volatile object by using a non-volatile lvalue is undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT EXP32-C

Do not access a volatile object through a non-volatile reference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
    static volatile int **ipp;
    static int *ip;
    static volatile int i = 0;

printf("i = %d.\n", i);

ipp = &ip; /* May produce a warning diagnostic */
    ipp = (int*) &ip; /* Constraint violation; may produce a warning diagnostic */
    *ipp = &i; /* Valid */
    if (*ip != 0) { /* Valid */
        /* ... */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
    static volatile int **ipp;
    static volatile int ip;
    static volatile int i = 0;

    printf("i = %d.\n", i);

    ipp = &ip;
    *ipp = &i;
    if (*ip != 0) {
        /* ... */
    }
}
```

CERT-EXP33-C a

Synopsis Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL 0
void set_flag(int number, int *sign_flag) {
    if (NULL == sign_flag) {
        return;
    }

    if (number > 0) {
        *sign_flag = 1;
    } else if (number < 0) {
        *sign_flag = -1;
    }
}

int is_negative(int number) {
    int sign;
    set_flag(number, &sign);
    return sign < 0;
}</pre>
```

```
#define NULL 0
void set_flag(int number, int *sign_flag) {
    if (NULL == sign_flag) {
        return;
    }
    /* Account for number being 0 */
    if (number >= 0) {
        *sign_flag = 1;
    } else {
        *sign_flag = -1;
    }
}
int is_negative(int number) {
    int sign = 0; /* Initialize for defense-in-depth */
    set_flag(number, &sign);
   return sign < 0;
}
```

CERT-EXP33-C b

Synopsis Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate

values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an

unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack.

Coding standards CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
enum { OLD_SIZE = 10, NEW_SIZE = 20 };
int *resize_array(int *array, size_t count) {
    if (0 == count) {
        return 0;
    }
    int *ret = (int *)realloc(array, count * sizeof(int));
    if (!ret) {
        free (array);
        return 0;
    }
    return ret;
void func(void) {
    int *array = (int *)malloc(OLD_SIZE * sizeof(int));
    if (0 == array) {
        /* Handle error */
    for (size_t i = 0; i < OLD_SIZE; ++i) {</pre>
       array[i] = i;
    }
    array = resize_array(array, NEW_SIZE);
    if (0 == array) {
       /* Handle error */
    for (size_t i = 0; i < NEW_SIZE; ++i) {
        printf("%d ", array[i]);
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
enum { OLD_SIZE = 10, NEW_SIZE = 20 };
int *resize_array(int *array, size_t old_count, size_t new_count)
   if (0 == new_count) {
       return 0;
    }
   int *ret = (int *)realloc(array, new_count * sizeof(int));
   if (!ret) {
       free (array);
       return 0;
   if (new_count > old_count) {
       memset(ret + old_count, 0, (new_count - old_count) *
sizeof(int));
   }
   return ret;
}
void func(void) {
   int *array = (int *)malloc(OLD_SIZE * sizeof(int));
   if (0 == array) {
       /* Handle error */
   }
    for (size_t i = 0; i < OLD_SIZE; ++i) {
       array[i] = i;
    }
   array = resize_array(array, OLD_SIZE, NEW_SIZE);
   if (0 == array) {
       /* Handle error */
    }
    for (size_t i = 0; i < NEW_SIZE; ++i) {
       printf("%d ", array[i]);
    }
}
```

CERT-EXP33-C c

Synopsis Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_a, PTR-uninit-pos.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int *p,a;
  p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
```

CERT-EXP33-C d

Synopsis Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_b, SPC-uninit-arr-all.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example() {
  int a[20];
  int b = a[1];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern void f(int*);
void example() {
  int a[20];
  f(a);
  int b = a[1];
}
```

CERT-EXP33-C e

Synopsis

Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_c, SPC-uninit-struct.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  a = str.x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(int i) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = i;
  a = str.x;
}
```

CERT-EXP33-C f

Synopsis Do not read uninitialized memory.

Enabled by default Yes

High/Medium



Full description

Uninitialized automatic variables or dynamically allocated memory has indeterminate values, which for objects of some types, can be a trap representation. Reading such trap representations is undefined behavior; it can cause a program to behave in an unexpected manner and provide an avenue for attack. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_d, SPC-uninit-struct-field.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

CWE 908

Use of Uninitialized Resource

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  a = str.x;
}
```

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = 0;
  a = str.x;
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C a

Synopsis Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing

a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the

standard.

Coding standards CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void * maybe_return_null(int num, void *p) {
  if (num % 2) {
    return NULL;
  }
  return p;
}

void example(void *usr_data, int length) {
  int *ptr = malloc(sizeof(int));
  ptr = maybe_return_null(length, ptr);
  memcpy(ptr, usr_data, length);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void * maybe_return_null(int num, void *p) {
   if (num % 2) {
      return NULL;
   }
   return p;
}

void example(void *usr_data, int length) {
   int *ptr = malloc(sizeof(int));
   ptr = maybe_return_null(length, ptr);
   if (ptr != NULL) {
      memcpy(ptr, usr_data, length);
   }
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C b

Synopsis Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

High/High



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-assign-fun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size){
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
   return NULL;
}
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 // if (x)
 // return -1;
 for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
   zeroout(x, i);
}
```

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size) {
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
   return NULL:
}
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 if (x == NULL)
   return -1;
 else {
   for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
      zeroout(x, i);
 }
```

CERT-EXP34-C_c

Synopsis Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-assign-pos.

Coding standards CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
char *getenv(const char *name)
{
  return strcmp(name, "HOME") == 0 ? "/" : NULL;
}
int ex(void)
{
  char *p = getenv("USER");
  return *p; //p might be NULL
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void)
{
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  if (p != 0) {
    *p = 4;
  }
  return (int)p;
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C_d

Synopsis

Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-assign.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *p;
  p = NULL;
  p = (int *)1;
  return *p;
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C e

Synopsis

Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-cmp-aft.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //line 8 asserts that p may be NULL
  if (p != NULL) {
    return 0;
  }
  return 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
  if (p == NULL) {
    return;
  }
  *p = 4;
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C f

Synopsis

Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-cmp-bef-fun.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
    *x = 3;
    return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
    if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
    }
    bar(x);
}
```

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL)
        *x = 3;
   return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
   }
   bar(x);
}
```

CERT-EXP34-C_g

Synopsis Do not dereference null pointers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Dereferencing a null pointer is undefined behavior. On many platforms, dereferencing a null pointer results in abnormal program termination, but this is not required by the standard. This check is identical to PTR-null-cmp-bef.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  if (p == NULL) {
    *p = 4; //dereference after comparison with NULL
  }
  return 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  if (p != NULL) {
    *p = 4; //OK - after comparison with non-NULL
  }
  return 1;
```

CERT-EXP35-C

Synopsis

Do not modify objects with temporary lifetime

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

If a function call returns by value a struct or union containing an array, do not modify those arrays within the expression containing the function call. Do not access an array returned by a function after the next sequence point or after the evaluation of the containing full expression or full declarator ends.

Coding standards

CERT EXP35-C

Do not modify objects with temporary lifetime

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int printf(const char *a, ...);
struct my_struct { char str[8]; };
struct my_struct get_new_struct(void) {
    struct my_struct a = { "AAAAAAA" };
    return a;
}

void example(void) {
    printf("%s\n", get_new_struct().str);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int printf(const char *a, ...);
struct my_struct { char str[8]; };
struct my_struct get_new_struct(void) {
    struct my_struct a = { "AAAAAAA" };
    return a;
}

void example(void) {
    struct my_struct s = get_new_struct();
    printf("%s\n", s.str);
}
```

CERT-EXP36-C a

Synopsis

Do not cast pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

Do not convert a pointer value to a pointer type that is more strictly aligned than the referenced type. Different alignments are possible for different types of objects. If the type-checking system is overridden by an explicit cast or the pointer is converted to a void pointer (void *) and then to a different type, the alignment of an object may be changed.

Coding standards

CERT EXP36-C

Do not convert pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <assert.h>

void func(void) {
    char c = 'x';
    int *ip = (int *)&c; /* This can lose information */
    char *cp = (char *)ip;

    /* Will fail on some conforming implementations */
    assert(cp == &c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <assert.h>
void func(void) {
   char c = 'x';
   int i = c;
   int *ip = &i;
   assert(ip == &i);
}
```

CERT-EXP36-C_b

Synopsis

Do not cast pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Do not convert a pointer value to a pointer type that is more strictly aligned than the referenced type. Different alignments are possible for different types of objects. If the type-checking system is overridden by an explicit cast or the pointer is converted to a void pointer (void *) and then to a different type, the alignment of an object may be changed. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-11.5.

Coding standards

CERT EXP36-C

Do not convert pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.5

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed from pointer to void into pointer to object

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *loop_function(void *v_pointer) {
    /* ... */
    return v_pointer;
}

void func(char *char_ptr) {
    int *int_ptr = loop_function(char_ptr);
    /* ... */
}
```

```
int *loop_function(int *v_pointer) {
    /* ... */
    return v_pointer;
}

void func(int *loop_ptr) {
    int *int_ptr = loop_function(loop_ptr);
    /* ... */
}
```

CERT-EXP37-C a

Synopsis

Call functions with the correct number and type of arguments.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Do not call a function with the wrong number or type of arguments. Undefined behavior (UB) may arise as a result of invoking a function using a declaration that is incompatible with its definition or by supplying incorrect types or numbers of arguments.

Coding standards

CERT EXP37-C

Call functions with the arguments intended by the API

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

char *(*fp)() = strchr;

void example(void) {
  const char *c;
  fp = strchr;
  c = fp('e', "Hello");
  printf("%s\n", c);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
char *(*fp)(const char *, int);
void example(void) {
 const char *c;
 fp = strchr;
 c = fp("Hello", 'e');
 printf("%s\n", c);
```

CERT-EXP37-C b

Synopsis Call functions with the correct number and type of arguments.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

Do not call a function with the wrong number or type of arguments. Undefined behavior (UB) may arise as a result of invoking a function using a declaration that is incompatible with its definition or by supplying incorrect types or numbers of arguments. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP37-C

Call functions with the arguments intended by the API

MISRA C:2004 8.3

(Required) For each function parameter, the type given in the declaration and definition shall be identical and the return types shall also be identical.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* Defect when used with example.pass.c */
void f();

void example(void) {
   int x;
   f(x);
}
```

```
void f(long x) {}

void example(void) {
    long x;
    f(x);
}
```

CERT-EXP37-C c

Coding standards

Synopsis Call functions with the correct number and type of arguments.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



CERT EXP37-C

Full description Do not call a function with the wrong number or type of arguments. Undefined behavior

(UB) may arise as a result of invoking a function using a declaration that is incompatible with its definition or by supplying incorrect types or numbers of arguments.

with its definition of by supplying incorrect types of numbers of arguments

Call functions with the arguments intended by the API

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "fcntl.h"

void func(const char *ms) {
   /* ... */
   int fd;
   fd = open(ms, O_CREAT | O_EXCL | O_WRONLY | O_TRUNC);
   if (fd == -1) {
        /* Handle error */
   }
}
```

```
#include "fcntl.h"

void func(const char *ms, mode_t perms) {
   /* ... */
   int fd;
   fd = open(ms, O_CREAT | O_EXCL | O_WRONLY | O_TRUNC, perms);
   if (fd == -1) {
        /* Handle error */
   }
}
```

CERT-EXP39-C a

Synopsis

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

Modifying a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type (other than unsigned char) can lead to unpredictable results.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct gadget {
   int i;
   double d;
   char *p;
};
struct widget {
   char *q;
   int j;
   double e;
};
void func1fail(void) {
   struct gadget *gp;
   struct widget *wp;
   gp = (struct gadget *)malloc(sizeof(struct gadget));
   if (!gp) {
       /* Handle error */
    /* ... Initialize gadget ... */
   wp = (struct widget *)realloc(gp, sizeof(struct widget));
   if (!wp) {
       free(gp);
       /* Handle error */
   if (wp->j == 12) {
       /* ... */
   }
    /* ... */
   free(wp);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct gadget {
   int i;
   double d;
   char *p;
};
struct widget {
   char *q;
   int j;
   double e;
};
void func1fail(void) {
    struct gadget *gp;
    struct widget *wp;
    gp = (struct gadget *)malloc(sizeof(struct gadget));
    if (!gp) {
       /* Handle error */
    /* ... Initialize gadget ... */
   wp = (struct widget *)realloc(gp, sizeof(struct widget));
    if (!wp) {
       free(gp);
        /* Handle error */
   memset(wp, 0, sizeof(struct widget));
    if (wp->j == 12) {
       /* ... */
    }
    /* ... */
    free(wp);
}
```

CERT-EXP39-C_b

Synopsis Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Low



Full description

Modifying a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type (other than unsigned char) can lead to unpredictable results. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-11.1.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.1

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to a function and any other type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int (*fptr)(int,int);
  (int*)fptr;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

CERT-EXP39-C c

Synopsis

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Medium/Low



Full description

Modifying a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type (other than unsigned char) can lead to unpredictable results. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-11.2.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.2

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to an incomplete type and any other type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct a;
struct b;
void example(void) {
   struct a * p1;
   struct b * p2;
   unsigned int x;
   p1 = (struct a *) 0x12345678;
   x = (unsigned int) p2;
   p1 = (struct a *) p2;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct a;
extern struct a *f (void);

void example(void) {
   struct a * p;
   unsigned int x;
   /* exception 1: NULL -> incomplete type ptr */
   p = (struct a *) NULL;
   /* exception 2: incomplete type ptr -> void */
   (void) f();
}
```

CERT-EXP39-C_d

Synopsis Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

Modifying a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type (other than unsigned char) can lead to unpredictable results. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-11.3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.3

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between a pointer to object type and a pointer to a different object type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint32_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint32_t *)p1;
}
```

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint8_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint8_t *)p1;
}
```

CERT-EXP39-C e

Synopsis Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

Modifying a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type (other than unsigned char) can lead to unpredictable results. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-11.7.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.7

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between pointer to object and a non-integer arithmetic type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  float f;
  f = (float)p; /* Non-compliant */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  short f;
  f = (short)p;
}
```

CERT-EXP40-C_a

Synopsis

Do not modify constant objects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

If an attempt is made to modify an object defined with a const-qualified type through use of an Ivalue with non-const-qualified type, the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP40-C

Do not modify constant values

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
const int **ipp;
int *ip;
const int i = 42;

void example(void) {
  ipp = &ip; /* Constraint violation */
  *ipp = &i; /* Valid */
  *ip = 0; /* Modifies constant i (was 42) */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int **ipp;
int *ip;
int i = 42;

void example(void) {
   ipp = &ip; /* Valid */
   *ipp = &i; /* Valid */
   *ip = 0; /* Valid */
}
```

CERT-EXP40-C_b

Synopsis Do not modify constant objects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Low



Full description

If an attempt is made to modify an object defined with a const-qualified type through use of an Ivalue with non-const-qualified type, the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP40-C

Do not modify constant values

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   char *str = "const";
   str[0] = 'C';
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   char str[] = "string";
   str[0] = 'S';
}
```

CERT-EXP42-C

Synopsis

Do not compare padding data.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

Padding values are unspecified, attempting a byte-by-byte comparison between structures can lead to incorrect results.

Coding standards

CERT EXP42-C

Do not compare padding data

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>

struct s {
   char c;
   int i;
   char buffer[13];
};

void compare(const struct s *left, const struct s *right) {
   if ((left && right) &&
        (left->c == right->c) &&
        (left->i == right->i) &&
        (0 == memcmp(left->buffer, right->buffer, 13))) {
        /* ... */
   }
}
```

CERT-EXP43-C a

Synopsis

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The restrict qualifier requires that the pointers do not reference overlapping objects. If the objects referenced by arguments to functions overlap (meaning the objects share some common memory addresses), the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP43-C

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *restrict a;
int *restrict b;

extern int c[];

int main(void) {
    c[0] = 17;
    c[1] = 18;
    a = &c[0];
    b = &c[1];
    a = b; /* Undefined behavior */
    /* ... */
}
```

```
int *a;
int *b;

extern int c[];

int main(void) {
    c[0] = 17;
    c[1] = 18;
    a = &c[0];
    b = &c[1];
    a = b; /* Defined behavior */
    /* ... */
}
```

CERT-EXP43-C_b

Synopsis

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The restrict qualifier requires that the pointers do not reference overlapping objects. If the objects referenced by arguments to functions overlap (meaning the objects share some common memory addresses), the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP43-C

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void f(size_t n, int *restrict p, const int *restrict q) {
    while (n-- > 0) {
        *p++ = *q++;
    }
}

void g(void) {
    extern int d[100];
    /* ... */
    f(50, d + 1, d); /* Undefined behavior */
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
void f(size_t n, int *restrict p, const int *restrict q) {
    while (n-- > 0) {
        *p++ = *q++;
    }
}

void g(void) {
    extern int d[100];
    extern int e[100];
    /* ... */
    f(50, d, e); /* Defined behavior */
}
```

CERT-EXP43-C c

Synopsis

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The restrict qualifier requires that the pointers do not reference overlapping objects. If the objects referenced by arguments to functions overlap (meaning the objects share some common memory addresses), the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP43-C

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
   int i;
   float x;
   char format[100] = "%s";
   /* Undefined behavior */
   int n = scanf(format, format + 2, &i, &x);
   /* ... */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
   int i;
   float x;
   int n = scanf("%d%f", &i, &x); /* Defined behavior */
   /* ... */
}
```

CERT-EXP43-C d

Synopsis

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The restrict qualifier requires that the pointers do not reference overlapping objects. If the objects referenced by arguments to functions overlap (meaning the objects share some common memory addresses), the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT EXP43-C

Avoid undefined behavior when using restrict-qualified pointers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void) {
   int *restrict p1;
   int *restrict q1;

   int *restrict p2 = p1; /* Undefined behavior */
   int *restrict q2 = q1; /* Undefined behavior */
}
```

```
void func(void) {
   int *restrict p1;
   int *restrict q1;
   {     /* Added inner block */
        int *restrict p2 = p1; /* Valid, well-defined behavior */
        int *restrict q2 = q1; /* Valid, well-defined behavior */
   }
}
```

CERT-EXP44-C

Synopsis

Do not rely on side effects in operands to sizeof, _Alignof, or _Generic.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Some operators do not evaluate their operands beyond the type information the operands provide. When using one of these operators, do not pass an operand that would otherwise yield a side effect since the side effect will not be generated. The sizeof operator yields the size (in bytes) of its operand, which may be an expression or the parenthesized name of a type. In most cases, the operand is not evaluated. The operand passed to_Alignof is never evaluated, despite not being an expression. The operand used in the controlling expression of a _Generic selection expression is never evaluated. Providing an expression that appears to produce side effects may be misleading to programmers.

Coding standards

CERT EXP44-C

Do not rely on side effects in operands to sizeof, _Alignof, or _Generic

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func(void) {
  int a = 14;
  int b = sizeof(a++);
  printf("%d, %d\n", a, b);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func(void) {
  int a = 14;
  int b = sizeof(a);
  ++a;
  printf("%d, %d\n", a, b);
}
```

CERT-EXP45-C

Synopsis

Do not perform assignments in selection statements

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

Do not perform assignments in selection statements

Coding standards

CERT EXP45-C

Do not perform assignments in selection statements

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void fun()
{
    int a;
    int b;
    if (a = b);
```

```
void fun()
{
    int a;
    int b;
    if (a == b);
}
```

CERT-EXP46-C

Synopsis

Do not use a bitwise operator with a Boolean-like operand.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

Mixing bitwise and relational operators in the same full expression can be a sign of a logic error in the expression where a logical operator is usually the intended operator. Do not use the bitwise AND (&), bitwise OR (I), or bitwise XOR (^) operators with an operand of type _Bool, or the result of a relational-expression or equality-expression.

Coding standards

CERT EXP46-C

Do not use a bitwise operator with a Boolean-like operand

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int getuid();
unsigned int geteuid();
void example(void) {
   if (!(getuid() & geteuid() == 0)) {
        /* ... */
   }
}
```

```
unsigned int getuid();
unsigned int geteuid();
void example(void) {
    if (!(getuid() && geteuid() == 0)) {
        /* ... */
    }
}
```

CERT-EXP47-C a

Synopsis Do not call va_arg with an argument of the incorrect type

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description Ensure that an invocation of the va_arg() macro does not attempt to access an argument

that was not passed to the variadic function. Further, the type passed to the va_arg() macro must match the type passed to the variadic function after default argument

promotions have been applied.

Coding standards CERT EXP47-C

Do not call va_arg with an argument of the incorrect type

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stddef.h>

void func(size_t num_vargs, ...) {
  va_list ap;
  va_start(ap, num_vargs);
  if (num_vargs > 0) {
    unsigned char c = va_arg(ap, unsigned char);
    // ...
  }
  va_end(ap);
}

void f(void) {
  unsigned char c = 0x12;
  func(1, c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stddef.h>

void func(size_t num_vargs, ...) {
  va_list ap;
  va_start(ap, num_vargs);
  if (num_vargs > 0) {
    unsigned char c = (unsigned char) va_arg(ap, int);
    // ...
  }
  va_end(ap);
}

void f(void) {
  unsigned char c = 0x12;
  func(1, c);
}
```

CERT-EXP47-C b

Synopsis Do not call va_arg with an argument of the incorrect type

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Ensure that an invocation of the va_arg() macro does not attempt to access an argument that was not passed to the variadic function. Further, the type passed to the va_arg() macro must match the type passed to the variadic function after default argument promotions have been applied.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdarg.h>

void func(const char *cp, ...) {
  va_list ap;
  va_start(ap, cp);
  int val = va_arg(ap, int);
  // ...
  va_end(ap);
}

void f(void) {
  func("The only argument");
}
```

```
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stddef.h>

void func(size_t num_vargs, const char *cp, ...) {
   va_list ap;
   va_start(ap, cp);
   if (num_vargs > 0) {
      int val = va_arg(ap, int);
      // ...
   }
   va_end(ap);
}

void f(void) {
   func(0, "The only argument");
}
```

CERT-FIO30-C

Synopsis Exclude user input from format strings.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Never call a formatted I/O function with a format string containing a tainted value. An attacker who can fully or partially control the contents of a format string can crash a vulnerable process, view the contents of the stack, view memory content, or write to an arbitrary memory location. Consequently, the attacker can execute arbitrary code with the permissions of the vulnerable process [Seacord 2013b]. This check is identical to SEC-STRING-format-string.

Coding standards CERT FIO30-C

Exclude user input from format strings

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
void incorrect_password(const char *user) {
   int ret;
    /* User names are restricted to 256 or fewer characters */
   static const char msg_format[] = "%s cannot be
authenticated.\n";
    size_t len = strlen(user) + sizeof(msg_format);
   char *msg = (char *)malloc(len);
   if (msg == NULL) {
       /* Handle error */
   ret = snprintf(msg, len, msg_format, user);
   if (ret < 0) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else if (ret >= len) {
       /* Handle truncated output */
    fprintf(stderr, msg);
    free (msq);
}
void example(void) {
    char passwd[256];
    gets(passwd); /* User input */
    incorrect_password(passwd);
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
void incorrect_password(const char *user) {
    int ret;
    /* User names are restricted to 256 or fewer characters */
    static const char msg format[] = "%s cannot be
authenticated.\n";
    size t len = strlen(user) + sizeof(msg format);
    char *msg = (char *)malloc(len);
    if (msg == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    ret = snprintf(msg, len, msg_format, user);
    if (ret < 0) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else if (ret >= len) {
        /* Handle truncated output */
    fputs(msg, stderr);
    free (msq);
}
void example(void) {
    char passwd[256];
    gets(passwd); /* User input */
    incorrect_password(passwd);
}
```

CERT-FIO32-C

Synopsis

Do not perform operations on devices that are only appropriate for files

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

File names may be used to access special files, which are actually devices. Performing operations on device files that are intended for ordinary character or binary files can result in crashes and denial-of-service attacks. Device files in UNIX can be a security

risk when an attacker can access them in an unauthorized way. It is possible to lock certain applications by attempting to open devices rather than files.

Coding standards

CERT FIO32-C

Do not perform operations on devices that are only appropriate for files

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(const char *file_name) {
   FILE *file;
   if ((file = fopen(file_name, "wb")) == NULL) {
      /* Handle error */
   }

   /* Operate on the file */
   if (fclose(file) == EOF) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
}
```

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#ifdef O_NOFOLLOW
  #define OPEN FLAGS O NOFOLLOW | O NONBLOCK
  #define OPEN_FLAGS O_NONBLOCK
#endif
void func(const char *file name) {
 struct stat orig_st;
 struct stat open st;
 int fd;
 int flags;
 if ((lstat(file_name, &orig_st) != 0) ||
     (!S_ISREG(orig_st.st_mode))) {
    /* Handle error */
 }
  /* Race window */
 fd = open(file_name, OPEN_FLAGS | O_WRONLY);
 if (fd == -1) {
  /* Handle error */
 }
 if (fstat(fd, &open_st) != 0) {
   /* Handle error */
 if ((orig_st.st_mode != open_st.st_mode) ||
      (orig_st.st_ino != open_st.st_ino) ||
      (orig_st.st_dev != open_st.st_dev)) {
    /* The file was tampered with */
  }
  * Optional: drop the O_NONBLOCK now that we are sure
  * this is a good file.
 if ((flags = fcntl(fd, F_GETFL)) == -1) {
   /* Handle error */
  }
```

```
if (fcntl(fd, F_SETFL, flags & ~O_NONBLOCK) == -1) {
   /* Handle error */
}

/* Operate on the file */

if (close(fd) == -1) {
   /* Handle error */
}
```

CERT-FIO34-C

Synopsis Distinguish between characters read from a file and EOF or WEOF.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

On an implementation where int and char have the same width, a character-reading function can read and return a valid character that has the same bit-pattern as EOF. Consequently, failing to use feof() and ferror() to detect end-of-file and file errors can result in incorrectly identifying the EOF character on rare implementations where sizeof(int) == sizeof(char).

Coding standards

CERT FIO34-C

Use int to capture the return value of character IO functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
    char c;
    static_assert(UCHAR_MAX < UINT_MAX, "FIO34-C violation");

    do {
        c = getchar();
    } while (c != EOF);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <limits.h>

void func(void) {
   int c;
   static_assert(UCHAR_MAX < UINT_MAX, "FIO34-C violation");

   do {
        c = getchar();
   } while (c != EOF);
}</pre>
```

CERT-FIO37-C

Synopsis

A string returned by fgets() and fgetsws() might contain NULL characters.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

A string returned by fgets() and fgetsws() might contain NULL characters. If the length of this string is then used to access the buffer, it might result in an unexpect integer wrap around leading to an out-of-bounds memory write.

Coding standards

CERT FIO37-C

Do not assume that fgets() returns a nonempty string when successful

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 241

Improper Handling of Unexpected Data Type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 1024 };

void func(void) {
   char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];

   if (fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), stdin) == NULL) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
   buf[strlen(buf) - 1] = '\0';
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 1024 };

void func(void) {
   char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];
   char *p;

   if (fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), stdin)) {
      p = strchr(buf, '\n');
      if (p) {
         *p = '\0';
      }
      else {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

CERT-FIO38-C

Synopsis A FILE object is copied.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description A FILE object is copied. In some C implementations, the address of a FILE object

might be used to identify a stream. Using a copy of FILE object might result in

unexpected behavior or a crash.

Coding standards CERT FIO38-C

Do not use a copy of a FILE object for input and output

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(FILE file) {
  FILE my_file = file;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(FILE * file_ptr) {
   FILE * my_file_ptr = file_ptr;
}
```

CERT-FIO39-C

Synopsis Do not alternately input and output from a stream without an intervening flush or

positioning call.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

Receiving input from a stream directly following an output to that stream, or outputting to a stream after receiving input from that stream, without an intervening call to fflush(), fseek(), fsetpos(), or rewind() if the file is not at end-of-file is undefined behaviour. Consequently, a call to fseek(), fflush(), or fsetpos() is necessary between input and output to the same stream.

Coding standards

CERT FIO39-C

Do not alternately input and output from a stream without an intervening flush or positioning call

CWE 664

Improper Control of a Resource Through its Lifetime

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFERSIZE = 32 };
extern void initialize_data(char *data, size_t size);
void func(const char *file name) {
    char data[BUFFERSIZE];
    char append_data[BUFFERSIZE];
   FILE *file;
    file = fopen(file_name, "a+");
    if (file == NULL) {
       /* Handle error */
    initialize_data(append_data, BUFFERSIZE);
   if (fwrite(append_data, 1, BUFFERSIZE, file) != BUFFERSIZE) {
       /* Handle error */
   if (fread(data, 1, BUFFERSIZE, file) < BUFFERSIZE) {</pre>
        /* Handle there not being data */
    }
   if (fclose(file) == EOF) {
       /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFERSIZE = 32 };
extern void initialize_data(char *data, size_t size);
void func(const char *file_name) {
    char data[BUFFERSIZE];
    char append_data[BUFFERSIZE];
   FILE *file:
    file = fopen(file_name, "a+");
   if (file == NULL) {
       /* Handle error */
   initialize_data(append_data, BUFFERSIZE);
    if (fwrite(append_data, BUFFERSIZE, 1, file) != BUFFERSIZE) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
   if (fseek(file, OL, SEEK_SET) != 0) {
       /* Handle error */
    }
   if (fread(data, BUFFERSIZE, 1, file) != 0) {
        /* Handle there not being data */
   if (fclose(file) == EOF) {
       /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

CERT-FIO40-C

Synopsis Reset strings on fgets() or fgetws() failure.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description

If either of the C Standard fgets() or fgetws() functions fail, the contents of the array being written is indeterminate. (See undefined behavior 170.) It is necessary to reset the string to a known value to avoid errors on subsequent string manipulation functions.

Coding standards

CERT FIO40-C

Reset strings on fgets() failure

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 1024 };
void func(FILE *file) {
  char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];

  if (fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), file) == NULL) {
    /* Set error flag and continue */
  }
  char c = buf[0];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 1024 };

void func(FILE *file) {
   char buf[BUFFER_SIZE];

   if (fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), file) == NULL) {
      /* Set error flag and continue */
      *buf = '\0';
   }
}
```

CERT-FIO41-C

Synopsis

Do not call getc(), putc(), getwc(), or putwc() with a stream argument that has side effects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Do not invoke getc() or putc() or their wide-character analogues getwc() and putwc() with a stream argument that has side effects. The stream argument passed to these macros may be evaluated more than once if these functions are implemented as unsafe macros.

Coding standards

CERT FIO41-C

Do not call getc() or putc() with stream arguments that have side effects

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(const char *file_name) {
   FILE *fptr;

   int c = getc(fptr = fopen(file_name, "r"));
   if (feof(stdin) || ferror(stdin)) {
      /* Handle error */
   }

   if (fclose(fptr) == EOF) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func(const char *file_name) {
  int c;
  FILE *fptr;

  fptr = fopen(file_name, "r");
  if (fptr == NULL) {
    /* Handle error */
  }

  c = getc(fptr);
  if (c == EOF) {
    /* Handle error */
  }

  if (fclose(fptr) == EOF) {
    /* Handle error */
  }
```

CERT-FIO42-C_a

Synopsis Close files when they are no longer needed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

A call to the fopen() or freopen() function must be matched with a call to fclose() before the lifetime of the last pointer that stores the return value of the call has ended or before normal program termination, whichever occurs first. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_b, RESOURCE-file-no-close-all, SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close.

Coding standards CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int func(const char *filename) {
    FILE *f = fopen(filename, "r");
    if (NULL == f) {
        return -1;
    }
    /* ... */
    return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int func(const char *filename) {
    FILE *f = fopen(filename, "r");
    if (NULL == f) {
        return -1;
    }
    /* ... */
    if (fclose(f) == EOF) {
        return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-FIO42-C b

Synopsis

Close files when they are no longer needed.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

A call to the fopen() or freopen() function must be matched with a call to fclose() before the lifetime of the last pointer that stores the return value of the call has ended or before normal program termination, whichever occurs first.

Coding standards

CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define O_RDONLY 00000000
#define S_IRUSR 0000400

int func(const char *filename) {
    int fd = open("a.txt", O_RDONLY, S_IRUSR);
    if (-1 == fd) {
        return -1;
    }
    /* ... */
    return 0;
}
```

```
#define O_RDONLY 00000000
#define S_IRUSR 0000400

int func(const char *filename) {
    int fd = open("a.txt", O_RDONLY, S_IRUSR);
    if (-1 == fd) {
        return -1;
    }
    /* ... */
    if (-1 == close(fd)) {
        return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-FIO44-C

Synopsis Only use values for fsetpos() that are returned from fgetpos().

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

Invoking the fsetpos() function with any other values for pos is undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT FIO44-C

Only use values for fsetpos() that are returned from fgetpos()

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int opener(FILE *file) {
  int rc;
  fpos_t offset;

  memset(&offset, 0, sizeof(offset));

if (file == NULL) {
    return -1;
  }

  /* Read in data from file */

  rc = fsetpos(file, &offset);
  if (rc != 0 ) {
    return rc;
  }

  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int opener(FILE *file) {
 int rc;
 fpos_t offset;
 if (file == NULL) {
   return -1;
 rc = fgetpos(file, &offset);
 if (rc != 0 ) {
   return rc;
 }
  /* Read in data from file */
 rc = fsetpos(file, &offset);
 if (rc != 0 ) {
   return rc;
 return 0;
```

CERT-FIO45-C

Synopsis

Avoid TOCTOU race conditions while accessing files.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A TOCTOU (time-of-check, time-of-use) race condition is possible when two or more concurrent processes are operating on a shared file system. A program that performs two or more file operations on a single file name or path name creates a race window between the two file operations. This race window comes from the assumption that the file name or path name refers to the same resource both times. If an attacker can modify the file, remove it, or replace it with a different file, then this assumption will not hold.

Coding standards

CERT FIO45-C

Avoid TOCTOU race conditions while accessing files

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void open_some_file(const char *file) {
 FILE *f = fopen(file, "r");
 if (NULL != f) {
   return;
 } else {
   if (fclose(f) == EOF) {
     /* Handle error */
    f = fopen(file, "w");
   if (NULL == f) {
     return:
    /* Write to file */
   if (fclose(f) == EOF) {
      /* Handle error */
    }
 }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void open_some_file(const char *file) {
  FILE *f = fopen(file, "wx");
  if (NULL == f) {
    /* Handle error */
  }
  /* Write to file */
  if (fclose(f) == EOF) {
    /* Handle error */
  }
}
```

CERT-FIO46-C a

Synopsis

Do not access a closed file.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

Using the value of a pointer to a FILE object after the associated file is closed is undefined behavior. Programs that close the standard streams (especially stdout but also stderr and stdin) must be careful not to use these streams in subsequent function calls, particularly those that implicitly operate on them (such as printf(), perror(), and getc()).

Coding standards

CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int close_stdout(void) {
   if (fclose(stdout) == EOF) {
      return -1;
   }
   printf("stdout successfully closed.\n");
   return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int close_stdout(void) {
  if (fclose(stdout) == EOF) {
    return -1;
  }
  fputs("stdout successfully closed.", stderr);
  return 0;
}
```

CERT-FIO46-C_b

Synopsis Do not access a closed file.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

Using the value of a pointer to a FILE object after the associated file is closed is undefined behavior. This check is identical to RESOURCE-file-use-after-close, SEC-FILEOP-use-after-close, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_f, CERT-FIO46-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

CERT-FIO46-C c

Synopsis Do not access a closed file.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description Using the value of a pointer to a FILE object after the associated file is closed is

undefined behavior. This check is identical to RESOURCE-double-close.

Coding standards CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fclose(f1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

CERT-FIO47-C_a

Synopsis Use valid format strings.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

The formatted output functions (fprintf() and related functions) convert, format, and print their arguments under control of a format string. The C standard outlines what format specifiers are valid in a format string. This check will find cases where a format string specifier is of an invalid form.

Coding standards

CERT FIO47-C

Use valid format strings

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(int i) {
   // Invalid length and type specifier
   printf("%Ld", i);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(int i) {
  printf("%hd", i);
}
```

CERT-FIO47-C_b

Synopsis

Use valid format strings.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low

Full description

The formatted output functions (fprintf() and related functions) convert, format, and print their arguments under control of a format string. The C standard outlines what format specifiers are valid in a format string. This check will find cases where the types of the arguments to a format string function do not match the format string specifiers.

Coding standards

CERT FIO47-C

Use valid format strings

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
  const char *error_msg = "Resource not available to user.";
  int error_type = 3;
  /* ... */
  printf("Error (type %s): %d\n", error_type, error_msg);
  /* ... */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(void) {
  const char *error_msg = "Resource not available to user.";
  int error_type = 3;
  /* ... */
  printf("Error (type %d): %s\n", error_type, error_msg);
  /* ... */
}
```

CERT-FIO47-C_c

Synopsis

Use valid format strings.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

The formatted output functions (fprintf() and related functions) convert, format, and print their arguments under control of a format string. The C standard outlines what format specifiers are valid in a format string. This check will find cases where the number of arguments to a format string function is invalid.

Coding standards

CERT FIO47-C

Use valid format strings

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(int a) {
  printf("%*d", a);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(int a) {
  printf("%*d", 5, a);
}
```

CERT-FLP30-C_a

Synopsis

Do not use floating-point variables as loop counters

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Because floating-point numbers represent real numbers, it is often mistakenly assumed that they can represent any simple fraction exactly. Floating-point numbers are subject to representational limitations just as integers are, and binary floating-point numbers cannot represent all real numbers exactly, even if they can be represented in a small number of decimal digits. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1_a, MISRAC++2008-6-5-1_a.

Coding standards

CERT FLP30-C

Do not use floating point variables as loop counters

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.1

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type

MISRA C++ 2008 6-5-1

(Required) A for loop shall contain a single loop-counter which shall not have floating type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void) {
  for (float x = 0.1f; x <= 1.0f; x += 0.1f) {
    /* Loop may iterate 9 or 10 times */
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void func(void) {
  for (size_t count = 1; count <= 10; ++count) {
    float x = count / 10.0f;
    /* Loop iterates exactly 10 times */
  }
}</pre>
```

CERT-FLP30-C b

Synopsis

Do not use floating-point variables as loop counters

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

Because floating-point numbers represent real numbers, it is often mistakenly assumed that they can represent any simple fraction exactly. Floating-point numbers are subject to representational limitations just as integers are, and binary floating-point numbers

cannot represent all real numbers exactly, even if they can be represented in a small number of decimal digits. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1 b.

Coding standards

CERT FLP30-C

Do not use floating point variables as loop counters

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.1

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void) {
  for (float x = 0.1f; x <= 1.0f; x += 0.1f) {
    /* Loop may iterate 9 or 10 times */
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void func(void) {
  for (size_t count = 1; count <= 10; ++count) {
    float x = count / 10.0f;
    /* Loop iterates exactly 10 times */
  }
}</pre>
```

CERT-FLP32-C_a

Synopsis

Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Programmers can prevent domain and pole errors by carefully bounds-checking the arguments before calling mathematical functions and taking alternative action if the bounds are violated.

Coding standards

CERT FLP32-C

Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

void example(void) {}

CERT-FLP32-C b

Synopsis

Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

Range errors usually cannot be prevented because they are dependent on the implementation of floating-point numbers as well as on the function being applied. Instead of preventing range errors, programmers should attempt to detect them and take alternative action if a range error occurs.

Coding standards

CERT FLP32-C

Prevent or detect domain and range errors in math functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <math.h>
void example(double x) {
  double result;
  result = sinh(x);
}
```

```
#include <math.h>
#include <fenv.h>
#include <errno.h>
void example(double x) {
    double result;
        if (math errhandling & MATH ERREXCEPT) {
            feclearexcept(FE_ALL_EXCEPT);
        errno = 0;
        result = sinh(x);
        if ((math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO) && errno != 0) {
            return;
        } else if ((math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT) &&
                fetestexcept(FE_INVALID | FE_DIVBYZERO |
                    FE_OVERFLOW | FE_UNDERFLOW) != 0) {
            return;
        }
    }
}
```

CERT-FLP34-C

Synopsis

Ensure that floating-point conversions are within range of the new type

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

If a floating-point value is to be converted to a floating-point value of a smaller range and precision or to an integer type, or if an integer type is to be converted to a floating-point type, the value must be representable in the destination type.

Coding standards

CERT FLP34-C

Ensure that floating point conversions are within range of the new type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(float f_a) {
 int i a;
 /* Undefined if the integral part of f_a cannot be represented.
  i_a = f_a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <float.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdint.h>
extern size_t popcount(uintmax_t); /* See INT35-C */
#define PRECISION(umax_value) popcount(umax_value)
void func(float f_a) {
 int i_a;
 if (isnan(f_a) ||
      PRECISION(INT_MAX) < log2f(fabsf(f_a)) ||</pre>
      (f_a != 0.0F && fabsf(f_a) < FLT_MIN)) {
    /* Handle error */
  } else {
    i_a = f_a;
}
```

CERT-FLP36-C

Synopsis

Preserve precision when converting integral values to floating-point type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Narrower arithmetic types can be cast to wider types without any effect on the magnitude of numeric values. However, whereas integer types represent exact values, floating-point types have limited precision. Conversion from integral types to

floating-point types without sufficient precision can lead to loss of precision (loss of least significant bits).

Coding standards

CERT FLP36-C

Beware of precision loss when converting integral types to floating point

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
   long int big = 1234567890L;
   float approx = big;
   printf("%ld\n", (big - (long int)approx));
   return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <assert.h>
#include <float.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>
extern size_t popcount(uintmax_t); /* See INT35-C */
#define PRECISION(umax_value) popcount(umax_value)
int main(void) {
    assert(PRECISION(LONG_MAX) <= DBL_MANT_DIG *
log2(FLT_RADIX));
    long int big = 1234567890L;
    double approx = big;
   printf("%ld\n", (big - (long int)approx));
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-FLP37-C

Synopsis

Do not use object representations to compare floating-point values.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Do not compare floating-point object representations directly, such as by calling memcmp() or its moral equivalents. Instead, the equality operators (== and !=) should be used to determine if two floating-point values are equivalent.

Coding standards

CERT FLP37-C

Cast the return value of a function that returns a floating point type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <string.h>

struct S {
  int i;
  float f;
};

bool are_equal(const struct S *s1, const struct S *s2) {
  if (!s1 && !s2)
    return true;
  else if (!s1 || !s2)
    return false;
  return 0 == memcmp(s1, s2, sizeof(struct S));
}
```

```
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <string.h>

struct S {
   int i;
   float f;
};

bool are_equal(const struct S *s1, const struct S *s2) {
   if (!s1 && !s2)
     return true;
   else if (!s1 || !s2)
     return false;
   return s1->i == s2->i &&
        s1->f == s2->f;
}
```

CERT-INT30-C_a

Synopsis Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Unsigned integer operations can wrap if the resulting value cannot be represented by the underlying representation of the integer. Integer values must not be allowed to wrap. This check warns if they are used in any of the following ways: integer operands of any pointer arithmetic, including array indexing; the assignment expression for the declaration of a variable length array; the postfix expression preceding square brackets [] or the expression in square brackets [] of a subscripted designation of an element of an array object; function arguments of type size_t or rsize_t.

Coding standards CERT INT30-C

Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdlib.h>
void example(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
   void * p = malloc(a + b);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>
void example(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
    unsigned int usum;
    if (UINT_MAX - a < b) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else {
        usum = a + b;
    }
}
void post_check(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
   unsigned int usum = a + b;
   if (usum < a) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
void non_critical(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
    // CERT-INT30-C_b warns on this though.
    unsigned int usum = a + b;
```

CERT-INT30-C_b

Synopsis

Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

Unsigned integer operations can wrap if the resulting value cannot be represented by the underlying representation of the integer. Integer values must not be allowed to wrap. This check warns on other wrapping cases except the ones already covered by CERT-INT30-C a.

Coding standards

CERT INT30-C

Ensure that unsigned integer operations do not wrap

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
   unsigned int usum = a + b;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>

void example(unsigned int a, unsigned int b) {
    unsigned int usum;
    if (UINT_MAX - a < b) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else {
        usum = a + b;
    }
}</pre>
```

CERT-INT31-C_a

Synopsis

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Integer conversions, both implicit and explicit (using a cast), must be guaranteed not to result in lost or misinterpreted data. This is particularly true for integer values that originate from untrusted sources and are used in pointer arithmetic, variable length array declaration, array subscription, and library function arguments that are of unsigned char types or represent sizes. This check is identical to ATH-overflow-cast.

Coding standards

CERT INT31-C

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data

CWE 192

Integer Coercion Error

CWE 194

Unexpected Sign Extension

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

CWE 197

Numeric Truncation Error

CWE 681

Incorrect Conversion between Numeric Types

CWE 704

Incorrect Type Conversion or Cast

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <limits.h>

void example(void) {
    unsigned long int u_a = ULONG_MAX;
    signed char sc;
    sc = (signed char)u_a; /* Cast eliminates warning */
    /* ... */
}
```

```
#include <limits.h>

void example(void) {
    unsigned long int u_a = ULONG_MAX;
    signed char sc;
    if (u_a <= SCHAR_MAX) {
        sc = (signed char)u_a; /* Cast eliminates warning */
    } else {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}</pre>
```

CERT-INT31-C_b

Synopsis Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description Integer conversions, both implicit and explicit (using a cast), must be guaranteed not

to result in lost or misinterpreted data. This is particularly true for integer values that originate from untrusted sources and are used in pointer arithmetic, variable length array declaration, array subscription, and library function arguments that are of

unsigned char types or represent sizes.

Coding standards CERT INT31-C

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data

CWE 192

Integer Coercion Error

CWE 194

Unexpected Sign Extension

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

CWE 197

Numeric Truncation Error

CWE 681

Incorrect Conversion between Numeric Types

CWE 704

Incorrect Type Conversion or Cast

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <time.h>

void func(void) {
    time_t now = time(NULL);
    if (now != -1) {
        /* Continue processing */
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <time.h>

void func(void) {
    time_t now = time(NULL);
    if (now != (time_t)-1) {
        /* Continue processing */
    }
}
```

CERT-INT31-C c

Synopsis

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Integer conversions, both implicit and explicit (using a cast), must be guaranteed not to result in lost or misinterpreted data. This is particularly true for integer values that originate from untrusted sources and are used in pointer arithmetic, variable length array declaration, array subscription, and library function arguments that are of unsigned char types or represent sizes.

Coding standards

CERT INT31-C

Ensure that integer conversions do not result in lost or misinterpreted data

CWE 192

Integer Coercion Error

CWE 194

Unexpected Sign Extension

CWE 195

Signed to Unsigned Conversion Error

CWE 197

Numeric Truncation Error

CWE 681

Incorrect Conversion between Numeric Types

CWE 704

Incorrect Type Conversion or Cast

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stddef.h>

int *init_memory(int *array, size_t n) {
    return memset(array, 4096, n);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stddef.h>

int *init_memory(int *array, size_t n) {
    return memset(array, 0, n);
}
```

CERT-INT32-C a

Synopsis

Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Integer operations will overflow if the resulting value cannot be represented by the underlying representation of the integer. Signed integer overflow is undefined behavior. It is important to ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow. This check warns if they are used in any of the following ways: integer operands of any pointer arithmetic, including array indexing; the assignment expression for the declaration of a variable length array; the postfix expression preceding square brackets [] or the expression in square brackets [] of a subscripted designation of an element of an array object; function arguments of type size t or rsize t.

Coding standards

CERT INT32-C

Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow

CWE 190

Integer Overflow or Wraparound

CWE 191

Integer Underflow (Wrap or Wraparound)

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
   int arr[10];
   arr[si_a + si_b] = 1;
}
```

```
#include <limits.h>

void f(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
    signed int sum;
    if (((si_b > 0) && (si_a > (INT_MAX - si_b))) ||
        ((si_b < 0) && (si_a < (INT_MIN - si_b)))) {
            /* Handle error */
    } else {
            sum = si_a + si_b;
    }
    /* ... */
}

void non_critical(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
    // This will trigger CERT-INT32-C_b.
    signed int sum = si_a + si_b;
}</pre>
```

CERT-INT32-C b

Synopsis

Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Integer operations will overflow if the resulting value cannot be represented by the underlying representation of the integer. Signed integer overflow is undefined behavior. It is important to ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow. This check warns on other wrapping cases except the ones already covered by CERT-INT32-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT32-C

Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow

CWE 190

Integer Overflow or Wraparound

CWE 191

Integer Underflow (Wrap or Wraparound)

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
    signed int sum = si_a + si_b;
    /* ... */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>

void f(signed int si_a, signed int si_b) {
    signed int sum;
    if (((si_b > 0) && (si_a > (INT_MAX - si_b))) ||
        ((si_b < 0) && (si_a < (INT_MIN - si_b)))) {
            /* Handle error */
    } else {
            sum = si_a + si_b;
    }
    /* ... */
}</pre>
```

CERT-INT33-C a

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-assign, MISRAC2004-1.2_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_b.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 20, b = 5, c;
  c = a / b; /* b is not 0 */
  return c;
}
```

CERT-INT33-C_b

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-aft, MISRAC2004-1.2_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c, SEC-DIV-0-compare-after.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

CERT-INT33-C c

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-bef, MISRAC2004-1.2_f, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d, SEC-DIV-0-compare-before.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int p)
{
  int a = 20, b = 1;
  b = a / p;
  if (p == 0) // Checking the value of 'p' too late.
    return 0;
  return b;
}
```

CERT-INT33-C d

Synopsis Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-interval, MISRAC2004-1.2_g, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_e.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 1;
  a--;
  return 5 / a; /* a is 0 */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 2;
   a--;
   return 5 / a; /* OK - a is 1 */
}
```

CERT-INT33-C_e

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-pos, MISRAC2004-1.2_h, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_f.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 3;
   a--;
   return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
}
```

CERT-INT33-C f

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-global, MISRAC2004-1.2 i, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_g.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
int example() {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int x;
int example() {
   if (x != 0) {
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

CERT-INT33-C_g

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-local, MISRAC2004-1.2_j, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_h.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int rand();
int example() {
    int x = rand();
    return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int rand();
int example() {
   int x = rand();
   if (x != 0){
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

CERT-INT33-C h

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-param.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
   if (x != 0){
     return 5/x;
   }
}
```

CERT-INT33-C_i

Synopsis

Ensure that division and remainder operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

The result of the / operator is the quotient from the division of the first arithmetic operand by the second arithmetic operand. Division operations are susceptible to divide-by-zero errors. Overflow can also occur during two's complement signed integer division when the dividend is equal to the minimum (most negative) value for the signed integer type and the divisor is equal to -1.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
```

CERT-INT34-C a

Synopsis

Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Bitwise shifts include left-shift operations of the form shift-expression << additive-expression and right-shift operations of the form shift-expression >> additive-expression. The standard integer promotions are first performed on the operands, each of which has an integer type. The type of the result is that of the promoted left operand. If the value of the right operand is negative or is greater than or equal to the width of the promoted left operand, the behavior is undefined. Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by a number greater than or equal to the precision of the promoted left operand.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <stddef.h>
#include <inttypes.h>

void func(signed long si_a, signed long si_b) {
    signed long result;
    if (si_a > (LONG_MAX >> si_b)) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else {
        result = si_a << si_b;
    }
    /* ... */
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <stddef.h>
#include <inttypes.h>

extern size_t popcount(uintmax_t);
#define PRECISION(x) popcount(x)

void func(signed long si_a, signed long si_b) {
    signed long result;
    if ((si_a < 0) || (si_b < 0) ||
        (si_b >= PRECISION(ULONG_MAX)) ||
        (si_a > (LONG_MAX >> si_b))) {
        /* Handle error */
} else {
        result = si_a << si_b;
    }
    /* ... */
}</pre>
```

CERT-INT34-C_b

Synopsis

Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Bitwise shifts include left-shift operations of the form shift-expression << additive-expression and right-shift operations of the form shift-expression >> additive-expression. The standard integer promotions are first performed on the operands, each of which has an integer type. The type of the result is that of the promoted left operand. If the value of the right operand is negative or is greater than or equal to the width of the promoted left operand, the behavior is undefined. Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by a number greater than or equal to the precision of the promoted left operand.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
{
  int shift = 33; // too big
  return 3U << shift;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

CERT-INT34-C c

Synopsis

Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by greater than or equal to the number of bits that exist in the operand.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Bitwise shifts include left-shift operations of the form shift-expression << additive-expression and right-shift operations of the form shift-expression >> additive-expression. The standard integer promotions are first performed on the operands, each of which has an integer type. The type of the result is that of the promoted left operand. If the value of the right operand is negative or is greater than or equal to the width of the promoted left operand, the behavior is undefined. Do not shift an expression by a negative number of bits or by a number greater than or equal to the precision of the promoted left operand. This check is identical to ATH-shift-neg.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  return -10 >> x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return 10 >> x;
```

CERT-INT35-C

Synopsis

Use correct integer precisions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Integer types in C have both a size and a precision. Padding bits contribute to the integer's size, but not to its precision. Consequently, inferring the precision of an integer

type from its size may result in too large a value, which can then lead to incorrect assumptions about the numeric range of these types.

Coding standards

CERT INT35-C

Evaluate integer expressions in a larger size before comparing or assigning to that size

CWE 681

Incorrect Conversion between Numeric Types

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <limits.h>
unsigned int pow2(unsigned int exp) {
   if (exp >= sizeof(unsigned int) * CHAR_BIT) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
   return 1 << exp;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <limits.h>
/* Returns the number of set bits */
size_t popcount(uintmax_t num) {
   size_t precision = 0;
   while (num != 0) {
        if (num % 2 == 1) {
            precision++;
        }
       num >>= 1;
    }
    return precision;
#define PRECISION(umax_value) popcount(umax_value)
unsigned int pow2 (unsigned int exp) {
    if (exp >= PRECISION(UINT_MAX)) {
       /* Handle error */
    }
   return 1 << exp;
}
```

CERT-INT36-C

Synopsis

Converting a pointer to integer or integer to pointer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

Although programmers often use integers and pointers interchangeably in C, pointer-to-integer and integer-to-pointer conversions are implementation-defined. Conversions between integers and pointers can have undesired consequences depending on the implementation.

Coding standards

CERT INT36-C

Converting a pointer to integer or integer to pointer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(unsigned int flag) {
  char *ptr;
  /* ... */
  unsigned int number = (unsigned int)ptr;
  number = (number & 0x7fffff) | (flag << 23);
  ptr = (char *)number;
}</pre>
```

```
struct ptrflag {
  char *pointer;
  unsigned int flag : 9;
} ptrflag;

void func(unsigned int flag) {
  char *ptr;
  /* ... */
  ptrflag.pointer = ptr;
  ptrflag.flag = flag;
}
```

CERT-MEM30-C_a

Synopsis Do not access freed memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description Evaluating a pointer-including dereferencing the pointer, using it as an operand of an

arithmetic operation, type casting it, and using it as the right-hand side of an assignment-into memory that has been deallocated by a memory management function

is undefined behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all, MEM-use-free-all.

Coding standards CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

CWE 672

Operation on a Resource after Expiration or Release

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified

behaviour

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    char *return_val = 0;
    const size_t bufsize = strlen(argv[0]) + 1;
    char *buf = (char *)malloc(bufsize);
    if (!buf) {
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    /* ... */
    free(buf);
    /* ... */
    strcpy(buf, argv[0]);
    /* ... */
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    char *return_val = 0;
    const size_t bufsize = strlen(argv[0]) + 1;
    char *buf = (char *)malloc(bufsize);
    if (!buf) {
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    /* ... */
    strcpy(buf, argv[0]);
    /* ... */
    free(buf);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

CERT-MEM30-C b

Synopsis Do not access freed memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Evaluating a pointer-including dereferencing the pointer, using it as an operand of an arithmetic operation, type casting it, and using it as the right-hand side of an assignment-into memory that has been deallocated by a memory management function is undefined behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some, MEM-use-free-some.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

CWE 672

Operation on a Resource after Expiration or Release

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
    int *x;
    x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
    free(x);
    if (rand()) {
         x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
    }
    else {
        /* x not reallocated along this path */
    }
    (*x)++;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++;
}
```

CERT-MEM30-C c

Synopsis Do not access freed memory.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Evaluating a pointer-including dereferencing the pointer, using it as an operand of an arithmetic operation, type casting it, and using it as the right-hand side of an assignment-into memory that has been deallocated by a memory management function is undefined behavior.

Coding standards CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

CWE 456

Missing Initialization

CWE 672

Operation on a Resource after Expiration or Release

CWE 758

Reliance on Undefined, Unspecified, or Implementation-Defined Behavior

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct node {
    int value;
    struct node *next;
};

void free_list(struct node *head) {
    for (struct node *p = head; p != NULL; p = p->next) {
        free(p);
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct node {
    int value;
    struct node *next;
};

void free_list(struct node *head) {
    struct node *q;
    for (struct node *p = head; p != NULL; p = q) {
        q = p->next;
        free(p);
    }
}
```

CERT-MEM31-C

Synopsis Free dynamically allocated memory when no longer needed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description Before the lifetime of the last pointer that stores the return value of a call to a standard

memory allocation function has ended, it must be matched by a call to free() with that pointer value. This check is identical to MEM-leak, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_a,

SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak.

Coding standards CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory

Leak')

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

CWE 459

Incomplete Cleanup

CWE 771

Missing Reference to Active Allocated Resource

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library

functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 32 };
int f(void) {
    char *text_buffer = (char *)malloc(BUFFER_SIZE);
    if (text_buffer == NULL) {
        return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
enum { BUFFER_SIZE = 32 };
int f(void) {
    char *text_buffer = (char *)malloc(BUFFER_SIZE);
    if (text_buffer == NULL) {
        return -1;
    }
    free(text_buffer);
    return 0;
}
```

CERT-MEM33-C a

Synopsis

Allocate and copy structures containing a flexible array member dynamically.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Unless the appropriate size of the flexible array member has been explicitly added when allocating storage for an object of the struct, the result of accessing the member data of a variable of non-pointer type struct flex_array_struct is undefined. To avoid the potential for undefined behavior, structures that contain a flexible array member should always be allocated dynamically.

Coding standards

CERT MEM33-C

Allocate and copy structures containing flexible array members dynamically

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>

struct flex_array_struct {
    size_t num;
    int data[];
};

void func(void) {
    struct flex_array_struct flex_struct;
    size_t array_size = 4;

    /* Initialize structure */
    flex_struct.num = array_size;

for (size_t i = 0; i < array_size; ++i) {
      flex_struct.data[i] = 0;
    }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct flex_array_struct {
 size_t num;
 int data[];
};
void func(void) {
 struct flex_array_struct *flex_struct;
 size t array size = 4;
  /* Dynamically allocate memory for the struct */
  flex_struct = (struct flex_array_struct *)malloc(
    sizeof(struct flex_array_struct)
    + sizeof(int) * array_size);
 if (flex_struct == NULL) {
    /* Handle error */
 }
  /* Initialize structure */
 flex_struct->num = array_size;
  for (size_t i = 0; i < array_size; ++i) {</pre>
    flex_struct->data[i] = 0;
  }
}
```

CERT-MEM33-C_b

Synopsis

Allocate and copy structures containing a flexible array member dynamically.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Unless the appropriate size of the flexible array member has been explicitly added when allocating storage for an object of the struct, the result of accessing the member data of a variable of non-pointer type struct flex_array_struct is undefined. To avoid the potential for undefined behavior, structures that contain a flexible array member should always be allocated dynamically.

Coding standards

CERT MEM33-C

Allocate and copy structures containing flexible array members dynamically

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

CERT-MEM34-C_a

Synopsis

Only free memory allocated dynamically.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Freeing memory that is not allocated dynamically can result in heap corruption and other serious errors. This check is identical to MEM-free-variable, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 c.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
enum { BUFSIZE = 256 };

void f(void) {
    char buf[BUFSIZE];
    char *p = (char *)realloc(buf, 2 * BUFSIZE);
    if (p == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
enum { BUFSIZE = 256 };

void f(void) {
    char *buf = (char *)malloc(BUFSIZE * sizeof(char));
    char *p = (char *)realloc(buf, 2 * BUFSIZE);
    if (p == NULL) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

CERT-MEM34-C_b

Synopsis Only free memory allocated dynamically.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Freeing memory that is not allocated dynamically can result in heap corruption and other serious errors. This check is identical to MEM-free-field.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct C{
    int x;
};
int foo(struct C c) {
    int *p = &c.x;
    free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct C{
    int *x;
};
int foo(struct C *c) {
    int *p = (c->x);
    free(p);
}
```

CERT-MEM34-C_c

Synopsis

Only free memory allocated dynamically.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Freeing memory that is not allocated dynamically can result in heap corruption and other serious errors.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
enum { MAX_ALLOCATION = 1000 };
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
   char *c_str = NULL;
   size_t len;
    if (argc == 2) {
       len = strlen(argv[1]) + 1;
        if (len > MAX_ALLOCATION) {
            /* Handle error */
        c_str = (char *)malloc(len);
        if (c_str == NULL) {
           /* Handle error */
        strcpy(c_str, argv[1]);
    } else {
        c_str = "usage: $>a.exe [string]";
        printf("%s\n", c_str);
    free(c_str);
   return 0;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
enum { MAX_ALLOCATION = 1000 };
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
    char *c_str = NULL;
    size_t len;
    if (argc == 2) {
        len = strlen(argv[1]) + 1;
        if (len > MAX_ALLOCATION) {
            /* Handle error */
        c_str = (char *)malloc(len);
        if (c str == NULL) {
            /* Handle error */
        strcpy(c_str, argv[1]);
    } else {
        printf("%s\n", "usage: $>a.exe [string]");
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    free(c str);
    return 0;
```

CERT-MEM35-C_a

Synopsis

Allocate sufficient memory for an object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The types of integer expressions used as size arguments to malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), or aligned_alloc() must have sufficient range to represent the size of the objects to be stored. If size arguments are incorrect or can be manipulated by an attacker, then a buffer overflow may occur. This check is identical to MEM-malloc-sizeof-ptr.

Coding standards

CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

CWE 467

Use of sizeof() on a Pointer Type

CWE 789

Uncontrolled Memory Allocation

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

CERT-MEM35-C b

Synopsis

Allocate sufficient memory for an object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

The types of integer expressions used as size arguments to malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), or aligned_alloc() must have sufficient range to represent the size of the objects to be stored. If size arguments are incorrect or can be manipulated by an attacker, then a buffer overflow may occur.

Coding standards

CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

CWE 680

Integer Overflow to Buffer Overflow

CWE 467

Use of sizeof() on a Pointer Type

CWE 789

Uncontrolled Memory Allocation

CWE 131

Incorrect Calculation of Buffer Size

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void function(size_t len) {
    long *p;
    if (len == 0 || len > SIZE_MAX / sizeof(long)) {
        return;
    }
    p = (long *)malloc(len * sizeof(char));
    if (p == NULL) {
        return;
    }
    free(p);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void function(size_t len) {
    long *p;
    if (len == 0 || len > SIZE_MAX / sizeof(long)) {
        return;
    }
    p = (long *)malloc(len * sizeof(long));
    if (p == NULL) {
        return;
    }
    free(p);
}
```

CERT-MEM35-C_c

Synopsis

Allocate sufficient memory for an object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

The types of integer expressions used as size arguments to malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), or aligned_alloc() must have sufficient range to represent the size of the objects to be stored. If size arguments are incorrect or can be manipulated by an attacker, then a buffer overflow may occur. This check is identical to MEM-realloc-diff-type.

Coding standards

CERT MEM35-C

Allocate sufficient memory for an object

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *a, int new_size) {
  unsigned int *b;
  b = realloc(a, sizeof(int) * new_size);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int *a, int new_size) {
  int *b;
  b = realloc(a, sizeof(int) * new_size);
}
```

CERT-MEM36-C

Synopsis

Do not modify the alignment of objects by calling realloc().

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

Do not invoke realloc() to modify the size of allocated objects that have stricter alignment requirements than those guaranteed by malloc(). Storage allocated by a call to the standard aligned_alloc() function, for example, can have stricter than normal alignment requirements. The C standard requires only that a pointer returned by realloc() be suitably aligned so that it may be assigned to a pointer to any type of object with a fundamental alignment requirement.

Coding standards

CERT MEM36-C

Do not modify the alignment of objects by calling realloc()

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func(void) {
    size_t resize = 1024;
    size_t alignment = 1 << 12;
    int *ptr;
    int *ptr1;

    if (NULL == (ptr = (int *)aligned_alloc(alignment,
    sizeof(int)))) {
        /* Handle error */
    }

    if (NULL == (ptr1 = (int *)realloc(ptr, resize))) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
void func(void) {
    size_t resize = 1024;
    size_t alignment = 1 << 12;
    int *ptr;
    int *ptr1;
    if (NULL == (ptr = (int *)aligned alloc(alignment,
                                             sizeof(int)))) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
    if (NULL == (ptr1 = (int *)aligned_alloc(alignment,
                                              resize))) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
    if (NULL == (memcpy(ptr1, ptr, sizeof(int)))) {
        /* Handle error */
    free(ptr);
}
```

CERT-MSC30-C

Synopsis

Do not use the rand() function for generating pseudorandom numbers

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The C Standard rand() function makes no guarantees as to the quality of the random sequence produced. The numbers generated by some implementations of rand() have a comparatively short cycle and the numbers can be predictable. Applications that have strong pseudorandom number requirements must use a generator that is known to be sufficient for their needs.

Coding standards

CERT MSC30-C

Do not use the rand() function for generating pseudorandom numbers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void rand(void) {}

void test() {
  rand();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {}

void test() {
   example();
}
```

CERT-MSC32-C

Synopsis

Properly seed pseudorandom number generators

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

Calling a PRNG in the same initial state, either without seeding it explicitly or by seeding it with the same value, results in generating the same sequence of random numbers in different runs of the program. A long description goes here.

Coding standards

CERT MSC32-C

Ensure your random number generator is properly seeded

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void func(void) {
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
    /* Always generates the same sequence */
    printf("%ld, ", random());
  }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>

void func(void) {
    struct timespec ts;
    if (timespec_get(&ts, TIME_UTC) == 0) {
        /* Handle error */
    } else {
        srandom(ts.tv_nsec ^ ts.tv_sec);
        for (unsigned int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
            /* Generates different sequences at different runs */
            printf("%ld, ", random());
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

CERT-MSC33-C

Synopsis

Do not pass invalid data to the asctime() function.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

The implementation of asctime may assume that the values of the struct tm data are within normal ranges and does nothing to enforce the range limit. If any of the values print more characters than expected, the sprintf() function may overflow the result array.

Coding standards

CERT MSC33-C

Do not pass invalid data to the asctime() function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <time.h>
void func(struct tm *time_tm) {
    char *time = asctime(time_tm);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <time.h>
enum { maxsize = 26 };

void func(struct tm *time) {
    char s[maxsize];
    /* Current time representation for locale */
    const char *format = "%c";

    size_t size = strftime(s, maxsize, format, time);
}
```

CERT-MSC37-C

Synopsis

Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

If control reaches the closing curly brace (}) of a non-void function without evaluating a return statement, using the return value of the function call is undefined behavior.

Coding standards

CERT MSC37-C

Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int checkpass(const char *password) {
   if (strcmp(password, "pass") == 0) {
     return 1;
   }
}

void func(const char *userinput) {
   if (checkpass(userinput)) {
     printf("Success\n");
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int checkpass(const char *password) {
   if (strcmp(password, "pass") == 0) {
     return 1;
   }
   return 0;
}

void func(const char *userinput) {
   if (checkpass(userinput)) {
     printf("Success!\n");
   }
}
```

CERT-MSC38-C

Synopsis

Do not treat a predefined identifier as an object if it might only be implemented as a macro

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Do not suppress standard library macros that yields undefined behavior by accessing the underlying function

Coding standards

CERT MSC38-C

Do not treat as an object any predefined identifier that might be implemented as a macro

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <assert.h>

typedef void (*handler_type)(int);

void execute_handler(handler_type handler, int value) {
  handler(value);
}

void func(int e) {
  execute_handler(&(assert), e < 0);
}</pre>
```

```
#include <assert.h>

typedef void (*handler_type)(int);

void execute_handler(handler_type handler, int value) {
   handler(value);
}

static void assert_handler(int value) {
   assert(value);
}

void func(int e) {
   execute_handler(&assert_handler, e < 0);
}</pre>
```

CERT-MSC39-C

Synopsis Do not call va_arg() on a va_list that has an indeterminate value

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

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Full description Variadic functions access their variable arguments by using va_start() to initialize an

object of type va_list, iteratively invoking the va_arg() macro, and finally calling va_end(). The va_list may be passed as an argument to another function, but calling va_arg() within that function causes the va_list to have an indeterminate value in the calling function. As a result, attempting to read variable arguments without

reinitializing the va_list can have unexpected behavior.

Coding standards CERT MSC39-C

Do not call va_arg() on a va_list that has indeterminate value

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int contains_zero(size_t count, va_list ap) {
 for (size_t i = 1; i < count; ++i) {
   if (va_arg(ap, double) == 0.0) {
     return 1;
   }
 }
 return 0;
int print_reciprocals(size_t count, ...) {
 va_list ap;
 va_start(ap, count);
 if (contains_zero(count, ap)) {
   va_end(ap);
   return 1;
 for (size_t i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
   printf("%f ", 1.0 / va_arg(ap, double));
 va_end(ap);
 return 0;
```

```
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int contains_zero(size_t count, va_list *ap) {
 va_list ap1;
 va_copy(ap1, *ap);
 for (size t i = 1; i < count; ++i) {
   if (va_arg(ap1, double) == 0.0) {
     return 1:
 }
 va_end(ap1);
 return 0;
int print_reciprocals(size_t count, ...) {
 int status;
 va_list ap;
 va_start(ap, count);
 if (contains_zero(count, &ap)) {
   printf("0 in arguments!\n");
    status = 1;
 } else {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < count; i++) {
     printf("%f ", 1.0 / va_arg(ap, double));
   printf("\n");
   status = 0;
 }
 va_end(ap);
 return status;
```

CERT-MSC40-C_a

Synopsis Do not violate constraints.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

The C Standard, 6.7.4, paragraph 3 outlines the following constraint: An inline definition of a function with external linkage shall not contain a definition of a modifiable object with static or thread storage duration, and shall not contain a reference to an identifier with internal linkage. This check finds cases where a static object is referenced in an inline function.

Coding standards

CERT MSC40-C

Do not violate constraints

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int I = 12;
extern inline void func(int a) {
   int b = a * I;
   /* ... */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int I = 12;
extern inline void func(int a) {
   int b = a * I;
   /* ... */
```

CERT-MSC40-C_b

Synopsis

Do not violate constraints.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

The C Standard, 6.7.4, paragraph 3 outlines the following constraint: An inline definition of a function with external linkage shall not contain a definition of a modifiable object with static or thread storage duration, and shall not contain a reference to an identifier with internal linkage. This check finds cases where a static object is declared in an inline function.

Coding standards

CERT MSC40-C

Do not violate constraints

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern inline void func(void) {
   static int I = 12;
   /* Perform calculations which may modify I */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern inline void func(void) {
   int I = 12;
   /* Perform calculations which may modify I */
}
```

CERT-MSC40-C c

Synopsis

Do not violate constraints.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The C Standard, 6.7.2.3, paragraph 2 outlines the following constraint: a type specifier of the form `enum identifier` without an enumerator list shall only appear after the type it specifies is complete.

Coding standards

CERT MSC40-C

Do not violate constraints

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum E e;
enum E {E1, E2};
```

```
enum E {E1, E2};
enum E e;
```

CERT-MSC40-C_d

Synopsis Do not violate constraints.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description The C Standard, 6.9.1, paragraph 6 outlines the following constraint: an identifier

declared as a typedef name shall not be redeclared as a parameter.

Coding standards CERT MSC40-C

Do not violate constraints

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

typedef int X;
void example(X X);

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

typedef int X;
void example(void);

CERT-MSC40-C_e

Synopsis Do not violate constraints.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

This check finds cases where C standard constraints are violated but are not reported by other MSC40-C checks.

Coding standards

CERT MSC40-C

Do not violate constraints

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

const int $\u0024 = 1;$

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

const int $\u0401 = 1;$

CERT-MSC41-C a

Synopsis

Never hard code sensitive information.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Hard coding sensitive information, such as passwords or encryption keys can expose the information to attackers. Anyone who has access to the executable or dynamic library files can examine them for strings or other critical data, revealing the sensitive information. This check is identical to SEC-STRING-har-coded-credentials.

Coding standards

CERT MSC41-C

Never hard code sensitive information

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdio.h>
/* Returns nonzero if authenticated */
int authenticate(const char* code);
int main() {
    if (!authenticate("correct code")) {
        printf("Authentication error\n");
        return -1;
    }
    printf("Authentication successful\n");
    // ...Work with system...
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
/* Returns nonzero if authenticated */
int authenticate(const char* code);
int main() {
#define CODE LEN 50
    char code[CODE_LEN];
   printf("Please enter your authentication code:\n");
    fgets(code, sizeof(code), stdin);
    int flag = authenticate(code);
   memset_s(code, 0, sizeof(code));
    if (!flag) {
        printf("Access denied\n");
        return -1:
    }
   printf("Access granted\n");
    // ...Work with system...
   return 0;
}
```

CERT-MSC41-C_b

Synopsis Never hard code sensitive information.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Hard coding sensitive information, such as passwords or encryption keys can expose the information to attackers. Anyone who has access to the executable or dynamic library files can examine them for strings or other critical data, revealing the sensitive information.

Coding standards

CERT MSC41-C

Never hard code sensitive information

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

const char *github_token = "1234567890abcdef";

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

char *github_token;

CERT-MSC41-C c

Synopsis

Never hard code sensitive information.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Hard coding sensitive information, such as passwords or encryption keys can expose the information to attackers. Anyone who has access to the executable or dynamic library files can examine them for strings or other critical data, revealing the sensitive information.

Coding standards

CERT MSC41-C

Never hard code sensitive information

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
int verify(char *password) {
    if (strcmp(password, "Mew!")) {
        printf("Incorrect Password!\n");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("Entering Diagnostic Mode\n");
    return 1;
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
int verify(char *password) {
    if (do_db_check(password)) {
        printf("Incorrect Password!\n");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("Entering Diagnostic Mode\n");
    return 1;
}
```

CERT-PRE31-C

Synopsis

Avoid side effects in arguments to unsafe macros.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

An unsafe function-like macro is one whose expansion results in evaluating one of its parameters more than once or not at all. Never invoke an unsafe macro with arguments containing side effects.

Coding standards

CERT PRE31-C

Avoid side effects in arguments to unsafe macros

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define ABS(x) (((x) < 0) ? -(x) : (x))

void example(void) {
   int n = 0;
   int m = ABS(++n);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define ABS(x) (((x) < 0) ? -(x) : (x))

void example(void) {
   int n = 0;
   ++n;
   int m = ABS(n);
}</pre>
```

CERT-PRE32-C a

Synopsis

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

The arguments to a macro must not include preprocessor directives, such as #define, #ifdef, and #include. Doing so results in undefined behavior. This rule also applies to the use of preprocessor directives in arguments to a function where it is unknown whether or not the function is implemented using a macro.

Coding standards

CERT PRE32-C

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void func(const char *src) {
    /* Validate the source string; calculate size */
    char *dest;
    /* malloc() destination string */
#ifdef PLATFORM1
    memcpy(dest, src, 12);
#else
    memcpy(dest, src, 24);
#endif
    /* ... */
}
```

CERT-PRE32-C_b

Synopsis

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

The arguments to a macro must not include preprocessor directives, such as #define, #ifdef, and #include. Doing so results in undefined behavior. This rule also applies to the use of preprocessor directives in arguments to a function where it is unknown whether or not the function is implemented using a macro.

Coding standards

CERT PRE32-C

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define memcpy(a,b,c) _myfn(a,b,c)

void func(const char *src) {
   /* Validate the source string; calculate size */
   char *dest;
   /* malloc() destination string */
   #ifdef PLATFORM1
      memcpy(dest, src, 12);
   #else
      memcpy(dest, src, 24);
   #endif
   /* ... */
}
```

CERT-SIG30-C

Synopsis

Call only asynchronous-safe functions within signal handlers

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Program behavior is undefined if the signal handler calls any function in the standard library that is not asynchronous-safe.

Coding standards

CERT SIG30-C

Call only asynchronous-safe functions within signal handlers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void handler(int signum) {
    int *x = malloc(sizeof(int));
}

void example(void) {
    signal(SIGINT, handler);
}
```

```
#include <signal.h>

void foo(void) {
    _exit();
}

void handler(int signum) {
    foo();
}

void example(void) {
    signal(SIGINT, handler);
}
```

CERT-SIG31-C

Synopsis Shared objects in a signal handler are accessed or modified.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low

Full description Accessing or modifying shared objects (not of the type volatile sig_atomic_t) in

a signal handler might result in race conditions that can leave data in an inconsistent

state.

Coding standards CERT SIG31-C

Do not access or modify shared objects in signal handlers

CWE 662

Improper Synchronization

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
enum { MAX_MSG_SIZE = 24 };
char *err_msg;
void handler(int signum) {
 strcpy(err_msg, "SIGINT encountered.");
int main(void) {
 signal(SIGINT, handler);
 err_msg = (char *)malloc(MAX_MSG_SIZE);
 if (err_msg == NULL) {
   /* Handle error */
 }
 strcpy(err_msg, "No errors yet.");
 /* Main code loop */
 return 0;
```

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
enum { MAX_MSG_SIZE = 24 };
volatile sig_atomic_t e_flag = 0;
void handler(int signum) {
 e_flag = 1;
int main(void) {
 char *err_msg = (char *)malloc(MAX_MSG_SIZE);
 if (err_msg == NULL) {
   /* Handle error */
 }
 signal(SIGINT, handler);
 strcpy(err_msg, "No errors yet.");
  /* Main code loop */
 if (e_flag) {
    strcpy(err_msg, "SIGINT received.");
 }
 return 0;
```

CERT-SIG34-C

Synopsis

Do not call signal() from within interruptible signal handlers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

A signal handler should not reassert its desire to handle its own signal.

Coding standards

CERT SIG34-C

Do not call signal() from within interruptible signal handlers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <signal.h>
void handler(int signum) {
   if (signal(signum, handler) == SIG_ERR) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
   /* Handle signal */
}

void func(void) {
   if (signal(SIGABRT, handler) == SIG_ERR) {
      /* Handle error */
   }
}
```

```
#include <signal.h>

void handler(int signum) {
    /* Handle signal */
}

void func(void) {
    if (signal(SIGABRT, handler) == SIG_ERR) {
        /* Handle error */
    }
}
```

CERT-SIG35-C

Synopsis

Do not return from a computational exception signal handler.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

If a signal handler returns when it has been entered as a result of a computational exception (that is, with the value of its argument of SIGFPE, SIGILL, SIGSEGV, or any other implementation-defined value corresponding to such an exception) returns, then the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT SIG35-C

Do not return from SIGSEGV, SIGILL, or SIGFPE signal handlers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
volatile sig_atomic_t denom;
void sighandle(int s) {
 /* Fix the offending volatile */
 if (denom == 0) {
   denom = 1;
 }
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
 if (argc < 2) {
   return 0;
 char *end = NULL;
 long temp = strtol(argv[1], &end, 10);
 if (end == argv[1] || 0 != *end ||
      ((LONG_MIN == temp | LONG_MAX == temp) && errno ==
ERANGE)) {
   /* Handle error */
 }
 denom = (sig_atomic_t)temp;
 signal(SIGFPE, sighandle);
 long result = 100 / (long)denom;
 return 0;
```

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
 if (argc < 2) {
   return 0;
 }
 char *end = NULL;
 long denom = strtol(argv[1], &end, 10);
 if (end == argv[1] || 0 != *end ||
      ((LONG_MIN == denom | LONG_MAX == denom) && errno ==
ERANGE)) {
    /* Handle error */
 }
 long result = 100 / denom;
 return 0;
```

CERT-STR30-C

Synopsis Do not attempt to modify string literals.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

String literals are arrays of static storage duration. It is unspecified whether these arrays are distinct from each other. The behavior is undefined if a program attempts to modify any portion of a string literal.

Coding standards CERT STR30-C

Do not attempt to modify string literals

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   char *str = "const";
   str[0] = 'C';
}
```

```
void example(void) {
    char str[] = "string";
    str[0] = 'S';
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_a

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUF_LENGTH = 1024 };

void get_data(void) {
   char buf[BUF_LENGTH];
   if (1 != fscanf(stdin, "%s", buf)) {
      /* Handle error */
   }

   /* Rest of function */
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUF_LENGTH = 1024 };

void get_data(void) {
   char buf[BUF_LENGTH];
   if (1 != fscanf(stdin, "%1023s", buf)) {
      /* Handle error */
   }

   /* Rest of function */
}
```

CERT-STR31-C b

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the

destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFERSIZE = 32 };

void func(void) {
    char buf[BUFFERSIZE];
    char *p;
    int ch;
    p = buf;
    while ((ch = getchar()) != '\n' && ch != EOF) {
        *p++ = (char)ch;
    }
    *p = 0;
    if (ch == EOF) {
            /* Handle EOF or error */
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum { BUFFERSIZE = 32 };
void func(void) {
    char buf[BUFFERSIZE];
    int ch;
    size_t index = 0;
    size_t chars_read = 0;
   while ((ch = getchar()) != '\n' && ch != EOF) {
        if (index < sizeof(buf) - 1) {
            buf[index++] = (char)ch;
        chars_read++;
    buf[index] = '\0'; /* Terminate string */
    if (ch == EOF) {
        /* Handle EOF or error */
    if (chars_read > index) {
        /* Handle truncation */
    }
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_c

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(char* buf1) {
   scanf("%s", buf1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(char* buf1, char* buf2) {
   strncpy(buf1, buf2, 5);
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_d

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character. This check is identical to LIB-streat-overrun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_e

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character. This check is identical to LIB-strepy-overrun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

CERT-STR31-C f

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character. This check is identical to LIB-strncat-overrun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 10;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(a, b, c);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 2;
   } else {
      c = 3;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(b, a, c);
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_g

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character. This check is identical to LIB-strncmp-overrun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 8;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

CERT-STR31-C_h

Synopsis

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

Copying data to a buffer that is not large enough to hold that data results in a buffer overflow. Buffer overflows occur frequently when manipulating strings. To prevent such errors, either limit copies through truncation or, preferably, ensure that the destination is of sufficient size to hold the character data to be copied and the null-termination character. This check is identical to LIB-strncpy-overrun-pos.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strncpy(str2,str1,14);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

CERT-STR32-C

Synopsis

Do not pass a non-null-terminated character sequence to a library function that expects a string.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Many library functions accept a string or wide string argument with the constraint that the string they receive is properly null-terminated. Passing a character sequence or wide character sequence that is not null-terminated to such a function can result in accessing memory that is outside the bounds of the object. Do not pass a character sequence or wide character sequence that is not null-terminated to a library function that expects a string or wide string argument.

Coding standards

CERT STR32-C

Null-terminate byte strings as required

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

void example(void) {}

CERT-STR34-C

Synopsis Cast characters to unsigned char before converting to larger integer sizes.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

Signed character data must be converted to unsigned char before being assigned or converted to a larger signed type. This rule applies to both signed char and (plain) char characters on implementations where char is defined to have the same range, representation, and behaviors as signed char.

Coding standards

CERT STR34-C

Cast characters to unsigned char before converting to larger integer sizes

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

static int yy_string_get(void) {
   register char *c_str;
   register int c;

   /* c_str = bash_input.location.string; */
   c = EOF;

   /* If the string doesn't exist or is empty, EOF found */
   if (c_str && *c_str) {
      c = *c_str++;
      /* bash_input.location.string = c_str; */
   }
   return (c);
}
```

```
static int yy_string_get(void) {
  register char *c_str;
  register int c;

  c_str = bash_input.location.string;
  c = EOF;

/* If the string doesn't exist or is empty, EOF found */
  if (c_str && *c_str) {
    /* Cast to unsigned type */
    c = (unsigned char)*c_str++;

   bash_input.location.string = c_str;
  }
  return (c);
}
```

CERT-STR37-C

Synopsis

Arguments to character-handling functions must be representable as an unsigned char.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Some standard library character-handling functions have int-typed arguments, and the value of which shall be representable as an unsigned char or shall equal the value of the macro EOF. If the argument has any other value, the behavior is undefined.

Coding standards

CERT STR37-C

Arguments to character handling functions must be representable as an unsigned char

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <string.h>

size_t count_preceding_whitespace(const char *s) {
    const char *t = s;
    size_t length = strlen(s) + 1;
    while (isspace(*t) && (t - s < length)) {
        ++t;
    }
    return t - s;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <string.h>

size_t count_preceding_whitespace(const char *s) {
    const char *t = s;
    size_t length = strlen(s) + 1;
    while (isspace((unsigned char)*t) && (t - s < length)) {
        ++t;
    }
    return t - s;
}</pre>
```

CERT-STR38-C

Synopsis

Do not confuse narrow and wide character strings and functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

Passing narrow string arguments to wide string functions or wide string arguments to narrow string functions can lead to unexpected and undefined behavior. Scaling problems are likely because of the difference in size between wide and narrow characters. Note: This check is not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR compiler.

Coding standards

CERT STR38-C

Do not use wide-char functions on narrow-char strings and vice versa

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <string.h>

void func(void) {
   wchar_t wide_str1[] = L"0123456789";
   wchar_t wide_str2[] = L"00000000000";

   strncpy(wide_str2, wide_str1, 10);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <wchar.h>

void func(void) {
   wchar_t wide_str1[] = L"0123456789";
   wchar_t wide_str2[] = L"00000000000";
   /* Use of proper-width function */
   wcsncpy(wide_str2, wide_str1, 10);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak-alias

Synopsis

A memory leak is caused by incorrect deallocation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Memory has been allocated, then the pointer value is lost because it is reassigned or its scope ends, without a guarantee that the value will be propagated or the memory be freed. The value must be freed, returned, or passed to another function as an argument, before it is lost, on all possible execution paths. Before a pointer is reassigned or its scope ends, the memory it points to must be freed, or a new pointer must be assigned to the memory.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));

ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (rand() < 5) {
        free(ptr);
    } else {
        free(ptr);
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak

Synopsis A memory leak is caused by incorrect deallocation.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

Memory has been allocated, then the pointer value is lost because it is reassigned or its scope ends, without a guarantee that the value will be propagated or the memory be freed. The value must be freed, returned, or passed to another function as an argument, before it is lost, on all possible execution paths. Before a pointer is reassigned or its scope ends, the memory it points to must be freed, or a new pointer must be assigned to the memory. This check is identical to MEM-leak, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_a, CERT-MEM31-C.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));

  ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (rand() < 5) {
        free(ptr);
    } else {
            free(ptr);
    }
        return 0;
}</pre>
```

SEC-BUFFER-memset-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to memset might overrun the buffer.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A call to memset might cause a buffer overrun. If memset is called with a size exceeding the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun. This might cause a runtime error. Make

sure that the size of the buffer passed to memset does not exceed the destination buffer's size. You might need to add a condition before the call to memset.

Coding standards

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 21;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   memset(a, 'a', c);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int b) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
   int c;
   if (b) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   memset(a, 'a', c);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-memset-overrun

Synopsis A call to memset overruns the buffer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by a call to memset. If memset is called with a size exceeding the size of the allocated buffer, it will overrun. This might cause a runtime error. Make sure that the size of the buffer passed to memset does not exceed the destination buffer's size. You might need to add a condition before the call to memset.

Coding standards

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 21);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 10);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-qsort-overrun-pos

Synopsis Arguments passed to qsort might cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A call to qsort might cause a buffer overrun. An overrun might be caused by passing a buffer length that exceeds that of the buffer passed to either function, as their first argument. Make sure that a correct buffer length and size is passed to qsort. The call to qsort might need to be preceded with a comparison of the buffer length and element size.

Coding standards

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(int b) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int c;
  if (b) {
    c = 3;
  } else {
    c = 20;
  }
  qsort(a, c, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(int b) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  int c;
  if (b) {
    c = 3;
  } else {
    c = 2;
  }
  qsort(a, c, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-qsort-overrun

Synopsis Arguments passed to qsort cause it to overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by a call to qsort. An overrun is caused by passing a buffer length that exceeds that of the buffer passed to either function, as their first argument. Make sure that a correct buffer length and size is passed to qsort. The call to qsort might need to be preceded with a comparison of the buffer length and element size.

Coding standards CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   qsort(a, 11, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int cmp(const void *a, const void *b) {
  return a == b;
}

void example(void) {
  int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
  qsort(a, 3, sizeof(int), &cmp);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-sprintf-overrun

Synopsis

A call to the sprintf function will overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

A call to the sprintf function will overrun the target buffer. Consider using a function that allows you to set the buffer length, such as snprintf. Alternatively, you might be able

to compare the lenghts of the source and destination buffer before calling sprintf. This check is identical to LIB-sprintf-overrun.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
char buf[5];
void example(void) {
  sprintf(buf, "Hello World!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
char buf[14];
void example(void) {
   sprintf(buf, "Hello World!\n");
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-std-sort-overrun-pos (C++ only)

Synopsis Use of std::sort might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

std::sort can take a pointer to an array and a pointer to the end of the array as arguments. However, if the pointers do not point into the same array, or if the end pointer is so far away that some elements outside the array are included, a buffer overrun might occur. Ensure that both pointers passed to std::sort point within the same buffer.

Coding standards

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+11);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+5);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-std-sort-overrun (C++ only)

Synopsis A buffer overrun is caused by use of std::sort.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

std::sort can take a pointer to an array and a pointer to the end of the array as arguments. However, if the pointers do not point into the same array, or if the end pointer is so far away that some elements outside the array are included, a buffer overrun might occur. Ensure that both pointers passed to std::sort point within the same buffer.

Coding standards

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+11);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <algorithm>
void example(void) {
  int a[10] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
  std::sort(a, a+5);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strcat-overrun-pos

Synopsis A call to the streat function might overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A call to the streat function might overrun the target buffer. streat appends to the target the contents of the source string up until a null character. If the length of the source buffer is longer than the amount allocated in the destination buffer, a buffer overflow occurs. Alternatively, if the source string is not null terminated, streat could read past the intended bytes and overflow the destination buffer. If possible, use strncat instead of streat to set an upper bound on the number of bytes to append. You should also try to check the length of source and destination buffer before calling streat.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strcat-overrun

Synopsis A call to the streat function will overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

A call to the streat function will overrun the target buffer, streat appends to the target the contents of the source string up until a null character. If the length of the source buffer is longer than the amount allocated in the destination buffer, a buffer overflow occurs. Alternatively, if the source string is not null terminated, streat could read past the intended bytes and overflow the destination buffer. If possible, use strucat instead of streat to set an upper bound on the number of bytes to append. You should also try to check the length of source and destination buffer before calling streat.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strcpy-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to the strepy function might overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A call to the strcpy function might overrun the target buffer. strcpy will copy the contents of the source string, up until the null character. If the length of the source string exceeds the intended destination, a buffer overflow occurs which might overwrite memory you did not intend to. Alternatively, if the null character is not present, strcpy might continue past the intended end of the string and read unintended memory into the buffer. If possible, use strncpy to set an upper limit on the number of bytes copied into the destination buffer. The number of bytes should be the length of the destination

buffer. Alternatively, you might be able to check the length of both the source and destination buffers before calling strepy.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strcpy-overrun

Synopsis A call to the strepy function will overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

A call to the strcpy function will overrun the target buffer. strcpy will copy the contents of the source string, up until the null character. If the length of the source string exceeds the intended destination, a buffer overflow occurs which might overwrite memory you did not intend to. Alternatively, if the null character is not present, strcpy might continue past the intended end of the string and read unintended memory into the buffer. If possible, use strncpy to set an upper limit on the number of bytes copied into the destination buffer. The number of bytes should be the length of the destination buffer. Alternatively, you might be able to check the length of both the source and destination buffers before calling strcpy.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncat-overrun-pos

Synopsis A buffer overrun might be caused by a call to strncat.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Calling strncat with a destination buffer that is too small causes a buffer overrun. strncat takes a destination buffer as its first argument. If the remaining space of this buffer is smaller than the number of characters to be appended, as determined by the position of the null terminator in the source buffer or the size passed as the third argument to strncat, then an overflow might occur resulting in undefined behavior and potential runtime errors. Make sure that the length passed to strncat is correct. You might need to perform an comparison before calling strncat.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 10;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(a, b, c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 2;
   } else {
      c = 3;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(b, a, c);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncat-overrun

Synopsis A call to strncat causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

Calling strncat with a destination buffer that is too small will cause a buffer overrun. strncat takes a destination buffer as its first argument. If the remaining space of this buffer is smaller than the number of characters to be appended, as determined by the position of the null terminator in the source buffer or the size passed as the third argument to strncat, then an overflow might occur resulting in undefined behavior and potential runtime errors. Make sure that the length passed to strncat is correct. You might need to perform an comparison before calling strncat.

Coding standards CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char)*9);
   strcpy(a, "hello");
   strncat(a, "world", 6);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char)*11);
   strcpy(a, "hello");
   strncat(a, "world", 6);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncmp-overrun-pos

Synopsis

A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Passing an incorrect string length to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun. Strncmp limits the number of characters it compares to the number of characters passed as its third argument, to prevent buffer overruns with non-null terminated strings. However, if the number of characters passed exceeds the length of the two strings, and none of these strings is null terminated, then it will overrun. Make sure the length passed to strncmp is correct. You might need to perform an comparison before calling strncmp.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 8;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncmp-overrun

Synopsis

A buffer overrun is caused by a call to strncmp.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A buffer overrun is caused by passing an incorrect string length to strncmp. Strncmp limits the number of characters it compares to the number of characters passed as its third argument, to prevent buffer overruns with non-null terminated strings. However, if the number of characters passed exceeds the length of the two strings, and none of these strings is null terminated, then it will overrun. Make sure the length passed to strncmp is correct. You might need to perform an comparison before calling strncmp.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   strncmp(a, b, 20);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   strncmp(a, b, 5);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncpy-overrun-pos

Synopsis

The target buffer might be overrun by a call to the strncpy function.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The target buffer might be overrun by a call to the strncpy function. If the supplied buffer length exceeds the actual length of the destination buffer, strncpy might write past the bounds of the destination buffer. Make sure the length passed to strncpy is correct. You might need to perform a comparison before calling strncpy.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strncpy(str2,str1,14);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-strncpy-overrun

Synopsis

A call to the strncpy function will overrun the target buffer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

A call to the strncpy function will overrun the target buffer. If the supplied buffer length exceeds the actual length of the destination buffer, strncpy might write past the bounds of the destination buffer. Make sure the length passed to strncpy is correct. You might need to perform a comparison before calling strncpy.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

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CWE 126

Buffer Over-read
CWE 127

Buffer Under-read
CWE 805
```

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strncpy(str2,str1,14);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-tainted-alloc-size

Synopsis A user is able to control the amount of memory used in an allocation.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

The size of an allocation is derived from user input. User input should be bounds-checked before it is used as an argument to a memory allocation function. If the size being passed to an allocation function is not checked properly, an attacker might cause an application crash via an out-of-memory condition, or cause the application to consume large amounts of memory on a system. Any size derived from user input that is passed to an allocation function should be checked to make sure it is not too large.

Coding standards

CERT INT04-C

Enforce limits on integer values originating from untrusted sources

CWE 789

Uncontrolled Memory Allocation

CWE 770

Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling

CWE 20

Improper Input Validation

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
   int num;
   char buffer[50];
   char *other_string = "Hello World!";
   gets(buffer);
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &num);
   if (num > 100) return -1;
   char *string = (char *)malloc(num);
   strcpy(string, other_string);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
    int num;
    char buffer[50];
    char *other_string = "Hello World!";
    gets(buffer);
    sscanf(buffer, "%d", &num);
    if (num < strlen(other_string) || num > 100) return -1;
    char *string = (char *)malloc(num);
    strcpy(string, other_string);
}
```

SEC-BUFFER-tainted-copy-length

Synopsis A tainted value is used as the size of the memory copied from one buffer to another.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A value derived from user input is used as the size of the memory when contents is copied from one buffer to another. An attacker could supply a value that causes a buffer overrun, which might expose sensitive data stored in memory or cause an application

crash. Buffer sizes taken from user input should be properly bounds-tested before they are used.

Coding standards

CERT INT04-C

Enforce limits on integer values originating from untrusted sources

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char dest[50], src[50];
   int size = getchar();
   int size2 = 10;
   int size3 = 20;
   int size4 = 30;
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
      memcpy(dest, src, size4);
      size4 = size3;
      size3 = size2;
      size2 = size;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char dest[50], src[50];
   int size = getchar();
   int size2 = 10;
   int size3 = 20;
   int size4 = 30;
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
      if (size4 >= 0 && size4 <= 50)
        memcpy(dest, src, size4);
      size4 = size3;
      size3 = size2;
      size2 = size;
   }
}</pre>
```

SEC-BUFFER-tainted-copy

Synopsis User input is copied into a buffer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

An unbounded copying function is used to copy the contents of a buffer that contains user input, into another buffer. If the length of the user input is not checked before it is copied, an attacker could input data longer than the intended destination. This data could overwrite other values stored in memory, causing unexpected (and potentially dangerous) behavior and could lead to arbitrary code execution. The length of user input should be checked before it is used in an unbounded copy function, or such functions should be avoided altogether.

Coding standards CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char passwd[10];
   char *input = getenv("PASSWORD");
   int accept;

   strcpy(passwd, input);

   if (accept)
      printf("Login Successful\n");
   else
      printf("Unsuccessful Login\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char passwd[10];
   int accept;

   if (strlen(argv[1]) < 10)
       strcpy(passwd, argv[1]);

   if (accept)
      printf("Login Successful\n");
   else
      printf("Unsuccessful Login\n");
}</pre>
```

SEC-BUFFER-tainted-index

Synopsis An array is accessed with an index derived from user input.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

An array is accessed with an index that is unchecked and derived from user input. An attacker could create input that might cause a buffer overrun. Such an attack might cause an application crash, corruption of data, or exposure of sensitive information in memory. All input from users should be bounds-checked before it is used to access an array.

Coding standards

CERT INT04-C

Enforce limits on integer values originating from untrusted sources

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int *main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int *options[10];
   char buffer[1024];
   int index, success, socket;
   success = recv(socket, buffer, sizeof(buffer) - 1, 0);
   if (!success) return 0;
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &index);
   return options[index]; /* Index could be any integer */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int *main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int *options[10];
   char buffer[1024];
   int index, success, socket;
   success = recv(socket, buffer, sizeof(buffer) - 1, 0);
   if (!success) return 0;
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &index);
   if (index >= 0 && index < 10)
      return options[index]; /* Index is between 0 and 9 */
}</pre>
```

SEC-BUFFER-tainted-offset

Synopsis A user-controlled variable is used as an offset to a pointer without proper bounds

checking.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description In an arithmetic operation involving a pointer, a variable is used that is under user

control. Without checking the bounds of this variable, an attacker could send a value to the application that might cause a buffer overrun, corruption of data, or exposure of sensitive information stored in memory. The bounds of all tainted variables must be

properly checked before used in pointer arithmetic.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
   int a = atoi(getenv("TEST"));
   p + a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
   int a = atoi(getenv("TEST"));
   if (a > 0 && a < 10)
      p + a;
}</pre>
```

A pointer is used after it has been freed, on all execution paths.

SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

Synopsis

Memory is being accessed after it has been deallocated. The application might seem to work, but the operation is illegal. This will probably cause an application crash, or the program might continue operating with erroneous or corrupt data. A pointer should be assigned to a different and valid memory location (either by aliasing another pointer, or by performing another allocation) before being used. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o, CERT-MEM30-C_a, MEM-use-free-all.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
  int *x;
  x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(x);
  *x++; //x is dereferenced after it is freed
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++; //OK - x is reallocated
```

SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some

Synopsis A pointer is used after it has been freed, on some execution paths.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

A pointer is used after it has been freed, on some execution paths. This might cause data corruption or an application crash. A pointer should be assigned to a different and valid memory location (either by aliasing another pointer, or by performing another allocation) before being used. This check is identical to MEM-use-free-some, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p, CERT-MEM30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   if (rand()) {
      x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   }
   else {
      /* x not reallocated along this path */
   }
   (*x)++;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++;
}
```

SEC-DIV-0-compare-after

Synopsis After a successful comparison with 0, a variable is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

A variable is compared to 0, then used as a divisor before being written to. The comparison implies that the variable's value is 0 for all following statements. Using it as a divisor afterwards causes a 'divide by zero' runtime error. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-aft, MISRAC2004-1.2_e, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c, CERT-INT33-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

SEC-DIV-0-compare-before

Synopsis

A variable is first used as a divisor, then compared with 0.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

A variable is compared to 0 after it is used as a divisor, but before it is written to again. The comparison implies that the variable's value might be 0, and might have been for the preceding statements. Because one of these statements is an operation that uses the variable as a divisor (which would cause a 'divide by zero' runtime error), the execution can never reach the comparison when the value is 0, making it meaningless. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-bef, MISRAC2004-1.2_f, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d, CERT-INT33-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int p)
{
  int a = 20, b = 1;
  b = a / p;
  if (p == 0) // Checking the value of 'p' too late.
    return 0;
  return b;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(int p)
{
  int a = 20, b;
  if (p == 0)
    return 0;
  b = a / p;    /* Here 'p' is non-zero. */
  return b;
}
```

SEC-DIV-0-tainted

Synopsis

User input is used as a divisor without validation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

User input is used as a divisor without first checking that it is within a range. This means that an attacker can send a value that might trigger a division by zero error, for example as part of a denial of service attack.

Coding standards

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  return 10 / argc;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  if (argc > 0 && argc < 10)
    return 10 / argc;
  else
    return 1;
}</pre>
```

SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close

Synopsis

All file pointers obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions must be explicitly released.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

If file pointers are not explicitly released, a failure might occur caused by exhaustion of the resources. Release file pointers as soon as possible to reduce the risk of exhaustion. Make sure that files are closed on all execution paths in a function. This check is

identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_b, RESOURCE-file-no-close-all, CERT-FIO42-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
  fclose(fp);
}
```

SEC-FILEOP-path-traversal

Synopsis

User input is used as a file path, or used to derive a file path.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

User input is used either directly or in part to derive a file path. Unless this information is checked, an attacker could send a value that causes a file open to traverse out of the

intended directory. As a result, files you wish to keep secure could be opened, modified, or deleted. An attacker could also create files in undesired locations. Values that come from user input should be checked, by string comparison or similar, before being used as a path to a file.

Coding standards

CWE 22

Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')

CWE 23

Relative Path Traversal

CWE 36

Absolute Path Traversal

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   char path[100] = "/tmp/sandbox/";
   strncat(path, argv[1], 50);
   FILE *file = fopen(path, "r");
   if (!file) return -1;
   char c;
   while((c = fgetc(file)) != EOF) {
      printf("%c", c);
   }
   fclose (file);
   return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   char path[100] = "/tmp/sandbox/plain.txt";
   FILE *file = fopen(path, "r");
   if (!file) return -1;
   char c;
   while((c = fgetc(file)) != EOF) {
      printf("%c", c);
   }
   fclose (file);
   return 0;
}
```

SEC-FILEOP-use-after-close

Synopsis A file resource is used after it has been closed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

A file resource is referred to after it has been closed. Once a file has been closed, the reference to that file is invalidated. Any use of this reference is undefined and might result in an application crash. A file pointer should not be used after the file it points to is closed. To use the file pointer again, you must open a new file with that pointer. This check is identical to RESOURCE-file-use-after-close, SEC-FILEOP-use-after-close, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13 f, CERT-FIO46-C b.

Coding standards CERT FIO46-C

Do not access a closed file

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

SEC-INJECTION-sql

Synopsis

User input is improperly used in an SQL statement.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

An SQL statement is constructed either completely or partially from user input. When user input is used in an SQL statement, that statement should be parameterized and the user input be passed as a parameter. By using user input directly in an SQL statement (through string concatenation or similar) you leave the statement open to attack. An attacker could provide input to execute arbitrary commands on your database. These commands could expose information in the database, overwrite existing data, or delete elements from the database. This check supports the following C/C++ libraries for SQL: *MySQL C API *MySQL Connector/C++ *libpq (PostgreSQL) * libpq++ (PostgreSQL) * libpqxx (PostgreSQL) * sqlite3 * Microsoft ODBC * OLE DB User input should be sanitized using an SQL escaping function.

Coding standards

CWE 89

Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void example(void * conn) {
   char *name;
   char *sql;
   name = gets(name);
   strcpy(sql, "SELECT age FROM people WHERE name = \"");
   strcat(sql, name);
   strcat(sql, "\"");
   sqlite3_exec(conn, sql);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void * conn, void * stmt) {
  char *name;
  name = gets(name);
  sqlite3_bind_text(stmt, "A", name);
  sqlite3_exec(conn, "SELECT age FROM people WHERE name = $A");
}
```

SEC-INJECTION-xpath

Synopsis

User input is improperly used as an XPath expression.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

An XPath expression is constructed either entirely or partially from user input. User input used in XPath expressions must be sanitized before used. An attacker could provide input to expose the structure of the XML document, or access fields they normally do not have access to. Unlike databases there is no level access control, so an attacker can access the entire document. This check supports the following C/C++

libraries for XPath: *libxml2 * Xerces * MSXML *libxml++ * TinyXPath * libroxml * pugixml User input should be checked through string comparison or similar before being used in an XPath query.

Coding standards

CWE 91

XML Injection (aka Blind XPath Injection)

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void example(void * xml) {
   char *name;
   char *xpath;
   name = gets(name);
   strcpy(xpath, "children::*[@name = '");
   strcat(xpath, name);
   strcat(xpath, "'");
   xmlXPathEval(xml, xpath);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void * xml, char *name) {
  char *xpath;
  strcpy(xpath, "children::*[@name = '");
  strcat(xpath, name);
  strcat(xpath, "'");
  xmlXPathEval(xml, xpath);
}
```

SEC-LOOP-tainted-bound

Synopsis

A user-controlled value is used as part of a loop condidition.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

A user-controlled value is used as part of a loop condidition. Unless the bounds of the value used in the condition is checked properly, an attacker might control the number of times a loop executes. This might cause integer overflows or possibly be used in denial of service attacks. User input used in a loop condition must have its upper and lower bounds checked before used.

Coding standards

CWE 606

Unchecked Input for Loop Condition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   int a;
   int i = 0;
   scanf("%d", &a);
   while (i < a) {
      i++;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a;
  int i = 0;
  scanf("%d", &a);
  if (a > 0 && a < 10) {
    while (i < a) {
       i++;
    }
  }
}</pre>
```

SEC-NULL-assignment-fun-pos

Synopsis

A pointer that might have been assigned the value NULL is dereferenced.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A pointer that might have been assigned the value NULL, either directly or by a function call that can return NULL, is dereferenced, either directly or by being passed to a function which might dereference it without checking its value. This might cause an application crash. A pointer that might be NULL should be checked before it is dereferenced.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size) {
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
    return NULL;
}
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 // if (x)
  // return -1;
 for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
   zeroout(x, i);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL ((void*) 0)
void * malloc(unsigned long);
int * xmalloc(int size) {
 int * res = malloc(sizeof(int)*size);
 if (res != NULL)
   return res;
 else
   return NULL;
void zeroout(int *xp, int i)
 xp[i] = 0;
int foo() {
 int * x;
 int i;
 x = xmalloc(45);
 if (x == NULL)
   return -1;
 else {
   for(i = 0; i < 45; i++)
     zeroout(x, i);
 }
}
```

SEC-NULL-assignment

Synopsis A pointer is assigned the value NULL, then dereferenced.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High

Full description

A pointer is assigned the value NULL, then dereferenced. The assignment might be intentional to indicate that the pointer is no longer used, but it is an error to subsequently dereference it, and it might cause an application crash. The pointer should be checked for NULL before it is dereferenced. If the dereference is unintentional, you might want to either assign a value to the pointer or remove the dereference.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *p;
  p = NULL;
  p = (int *)1;
  return *p;
}
```

SEC-NULL-cmp-aft

Synopsis

A pointer is dereferenced, then compared with NULL.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

Checks whether a dereferenced pointer are subsequently compared with NULL. Dereferencing a pointer implicitly asserts that it is not NULL. Comparing it with NULL after this may suggests that it may have been NULL at the point of dereference. The pointer should be checked to be non-NULL before being derefenced.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //line 8 asserts that p may be NULL
  if (p != NULL) {
    return 0;
  }
  return 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
   if (p == NULL) {
      return;
   }
   *p = 4;
}
```

SEC-NULL-cmp-bef-fun

Synopsis

A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced by a function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

A pointer is compared with NULL, then passed as an argument to a function that might dereference it. This might be caused by an accidental use of the wrong comparison operator, for example == instead of !=, or by accidentally swapping the then- and else-clauses of an if-statement. If the function does dereference the pointer, the application will crash. If it does not, the argument is not needed. Check comparison operators to make sure they test the correct condition, and make sure that branches have not been accidentally swapped.

Coding standards

CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
    *x = 3;
    return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
    if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
    }
    bar(x);
```

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL)
        *x = 3;
   return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
   }
   bar(x);
}
```

SEC-NULL-cmp-bef

Synopsis A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description A pointer is compared with NULL, then dereferenced. This might be caused by an

accidental use of the wrong comparison operator, for example == instead of !=, or by accidentally swapping the then- and else- clauses of an if-statement. If the condition is evaluated and found to be true, the application will crash. Check comparison operators to make sure they test the correct condition, and make sure that branches have not been

accidentally swapped.

Coding standards CERT EXP34-C

Do not dereference null pointers

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
   int *p;

   if (p == NULL) {
      *p = 4; //dereference after comparison with NULL
   }

   return 1;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
   int *p;

   if (p != NULL) {
     *p = 4; //OK - after comparison with non-NULL
   }

   return 1;
}
```

SEC-NULL-literal-pos

Synopsis

A literal pointer expression (e.g. NULL) is dereferenced by a function call.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

A literal pointer expression (for example, NULL) is passed as an argument to a function that might dereference it. Pointer values are generally only useful if acquired at runtime; thus dereferencing a literal address will usually be an accident, resulting in corrupted memory or an application crash. Make sure that the function being called checks the argument it is given with NULL, before it dereferences it.

Coding standards

CWE 476

NULL Pointer Dereference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
extern int sometimes;
int bar(int *x) {
  if (sometimes)
    *x = 3;
  return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
  bar(NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define NULL ((void *) 0)
int bar(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL)
        *x = 3;
   return 0;
}
int foo(int *x) {
   if (x != NULL) {
        *x = 4;
   }
   bar(x);
}
```

SEC-STRING-format-string

Synopsis User input is used as a format string.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

User input is used as a format string. An attacker might supply an input string that contains format tokens. Such a string can be used to read and write to arbitrary memory locations, making the attacker able to execute code, crash the application, or access sensitive information stored in memory. User input should be tested, using string comparison or similar, before being used as a format string. This check is identical to CERT-FIO30-C.

Coding standards

CERT FIO30-C

Exclude user input from format strings

CWE 134

Uncontrolled Format String

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
   char mystring[100];
   fgets(mystring, 100, stdin);
   char buf[100];
   snprintf(buf, sizeof buf, mystring);
   return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
   char mystring[100];
   fgets(mystring, 100, stdin);
   char buf[100];
   snprintf(buf, sizeof buf, "%s", mystring);
   return 0;
}
```

SEC-STRING-hard-coded-credentials

Synopsis

The application hard codes a username or password to connect to an external component.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

The application uses a hard-coded username or password to connect to an external resource, such as a database. An attacker might extract the password from the application binary through an exploit. Or, if the application is indended for client-side use, an attacker could extract the credentials from the binary itself. Credentials should be read into the application using a strongly-protected encrypted configuration file or database. This check supports the following C/C++ SQL libraries: *MySQL C API * MySQL Connector/C++ * libpq (PostgreSQL) * libpq++ (PostgreSQL) * libpqxx (PostgreSQL) * Microsoft ODBC * OLE DB and, also supports Windows Login functions This check is identical to CERT-MSC41-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT MSC41-C

Never hard code sensitive information

CWE 798

Use of Hard-coded Credentials

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void *conn) {
  char *b;
  char *a = "top_secret_password";
  mysql_real_connect(conn, "localhost", b, a, "FOO", 2000);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void *conn, FILE *f) {
   char *b;
   char *a;
   fscanf(f, "%s;%s", a, b);
   mysql_real_connect(conn, "localhost", b, a, "FOO", 2000);
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.1

Synopsis Code was found that does not conform to the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 standard.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) All code shall conform to ISO 9899 standard, with no extensions permitted.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 1.1

(Required) All code shall conform to ISO 9899 standard, with no extensions

permitted.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

struct { int i; }; /* Does not declare anything */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

struct named { int i; };

MISRAC2004-1.2_a

Synopsis There are read accesses from local buffers that are not preceded by write accesses.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description (Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This is a

semi-equivalent initialization check for arrays, which ensures that at least one element of the array has been written before any element is attempted to be read. A warning generally means that you have read an uninitialized value, which might cause the

application to behave erroneously or crash. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1 b, SPC-uninit-arr-all, CERT-EXP33-C d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example() {
  int a[20];
  int b = a[1];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern void f(int*);
void example() {
  int a[20];
  f(a);
  int b = a[1];
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_b

Synopsis

On all execution paths, one or more fields are read from a struct before they are initialized.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. Using uninitialized values might cause unexpected results or unpredictable behavior, particularly in the case of pointer fields. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_c, SPC-uninit-struct, CERT-EXP33-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  a = str.x;
}
```

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(int i) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = i;
  a = str.x;
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_c

Synopsis An expression resulting in 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 3;
   a--;
   return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_d

Synopsis

A variable was found that is assigned the value 0, and then used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-assign, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_b, CERT-INT33-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 20, b = 5, c;
  c = a / b; /* b is not 0 */
  return c;
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_e

Synopsis

A variable is used as a divisor after a successful comparison with 0.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-aft, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c, SEC-DIV-0-compare-after, CERT-INT33-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC2004-1.2_f

Synopsis

A variable used as a divisor is subsequently compared with 0.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-bef, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d, SEC-DIV-0-compare-before, CERT-INT33-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int p)
{
   int a = 20, b = 1;
   b = a / p;
   if (p == 0) // Checking the value of 'p' too late.
     return 0;
   return b;
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_g

Synopsis A value that is determined using interval analysis to be 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-interval, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_e,

CERT-INT33-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 1;
  a--;
  return 5 / a; /* a is 0 */
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 2;
  a--;
  return 5 / a; /* OK - a is 1 */
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_h

Synopsis An expression that might be 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-pos, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_f, CERT-INT33-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 3;
   a--;
   return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_i

Synopsis

A global variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-global, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_g, CERT-INT33-C_f.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
int example() {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int x;
int example() {
   if (x != 0) {
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-1.2_j

Synopsis

A local variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-local, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_h, CERT-INT33-C_g.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int rand();
int example() {
    int x = rand();
    return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int rand();
int example() {
   int x = rand();
   if (x != 0) {
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-2.1

Synopsis

Inline assembler statements were found that are not encapsulated in functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Assembler language shall be encapsulated and isolated. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-4-3, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.1

(Required) Assembler language shall be encapsulated and isolated.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.3

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated

MISRA C++ 2008 7-4-3

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x)
{
   int r;
   asm("");
   return r + 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x)
{
    asm("");
    return x;
}
```

MISRAC2004-2.2

Synopsis Uses of // comments were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) Source code shall only use /* ... */ style comments.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 2.2

(Required) Source code shall only use /* ... */ style comments.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   // an end of line comment
}
```

```
void example(void) {
   /* a terminated comment */
}
```

MISRAC2004-2.3

Synopsis

The character sequence /* was found inside comments.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a comment. This check is identical to COMMENT-nested, MISRAC++2008-2-7-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.3

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a comment.

MISRA C++ 2008 2-7-1

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a C-style comment.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   /* This comment starts here
   /* Nested comment starts here
   */
}
```

```
void example(void) {
   /* This comment starts here */
   /* Nested comment starts here
   */
}
```

MISRAC2004-2.4

Synopsis

Code sections in comments were found, where the comment ends in ;, {, or } characters.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be commented out. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.4

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be commented out.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.4

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be "commented out"

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    /*
    int i;
    */
}
```

```
void example(void) {
#if 0
   int i;
#endif
}
```

MISRAC2004-5.1

Synopsis Identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters (#defines, structs,

unions, fields, enums, and variables).

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Identifiers (internal and external) shall not rely on the significance of more

than 31 characters.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 5.1

 $(Required)\ Identifiers\ (internal\ and\ external)\ shall\ not\ rely\ on\ the\ significance\ of$

more than 31 characters.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int long_identifier_name_123456789012345678901234567890;
int long_identifier_name_123456789012345678901234567891;
int long_identifier_name_123456789012345678901234567892;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

```
int long_identifier_name;
int long_identifier_namb;
```

MISRAC2004-5.2

Synopsis An identifier name was found that is not distinct in the first 31 characters from other

names in an outer scope.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Identifiers in an inner scope shall not use the same name as an identifier in an outer scope, and thus hide that identifier.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.2

(Required) Identifiers in an inner scope shall not use the same name as an identifier in an outer scope, and therefore hide that identifier.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
1234567890123456789012345678901******** */
extern int n01 param hides var 31x;
extern int n02_var_hides_var____31x;
biov
           n03_var_hides_function_____31x (void) {}
union
           n04_var_hides_union_tag____31x {
 int v1;
 unsigned int v2;
};
           n05_var_hides_enum_tag_____31x {
n06_var_hides_enum_const____31x,
enum
      n07_tag_hides_enum_const____31x
};
#define
           n08_var_hides_macro_name____31x 123
extern int n09_label_hides_var_____31x;
extern int n10_type_hides_var_____31x;
void f1(int n01_param_hides_var_____31y) {
 int
           n02_var_hides_var_____31y;
           n03_var_hides_function_____31y;
 int
 int
           n04_var_hides_union_tag____
                                       _31y;
 int
           n05 var hides enum tag 31y;
           n06_var_hides_enum_const____31y;
 int
 struct
           n07_tag_hides_enum_const____31y {
  int ff2;
 };
 int
           n08_var_hides_macro_name____31y;
1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
n09_label_hides_var____31y:
 switch(f2()) {
 case 1: {
   typedef int n10_type_hides_var____31y;
   do {
            1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
     /*
     struct n11_var_hides_struct_tag____31x {
  int ff1;
     };
     if(f3()) {
  int n11_var_hides_struct_tag____31y = 1;
     }
   } while(f2());
 }
 }
}
```

```
void f1 (void) {
            1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
 extern int n01_var_in_same_scope_____31x;
 static int n01_var_in_same_scope_____31y;
 switch(fn()) {
 case 1:
    {
     int
           n02_var_in_different_scope___31a;
   }
   break;
 case 2:
    {
     int
            n02_var_in_different_scope___31b;
    }
   break;
  }
  {
     int
            n02_var_in_different_scope___31c;
  }
  {
     int
            n02 var in different scope 31d;
 }
}
```

MISRAC2004-5.3

Synopsis

A typedef declaration was found with a name already used for a previously declared typedef.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-2-10-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.6. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.3

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.6

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier

MISRA C++ 2008 2-10-3

(Required) A typedef name (including qualification, if any) shall be a unique identifier.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int WIDTH;

void f1()
{
   WIDTH w1;
}

void f2()
{
   typedef float WIDTH;
   WIDTH w2;
   WIDTH w3;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
namespace NS1
{
   typedef int WIDTH;
}
// f2.cc
namespace NS2
{
   typedef float WIDTH; // Compliant - NS2::WIDTH is not the same
as NS1::WIDTH
}
NS1::WIDTH w1;
NS2::WIDTH w2;
```

MISRAC2004-5.4

Synopsis

A class, struct, union, or enum declaration was found that clashes with a previous declaration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-2-10-4, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.7. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.4

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.7

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier

MISRA C++ 2008 2-10-4

(Required) A class, union or enum name (including qualification, if any) shall be a unique identifier.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1()
{
  class TYPE {};
}

void f2()
{
  float TYPE; // non-compliant
}
```

```
enum ENS {ONE, TWO };

void f1()
{
  class TYPE {};
}

void f4()
{
  union GRRR {
   int i;
   float f;
  };
}
```

MISRAC2004-5.5

Synopsis An identifier is used that might clash with another static identifier.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Advisory) No object or function identifier with static storage duration should be

reused. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-2-10-5.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 5.5

(Advisory) No object or function identifier with static storage duration should be reused.

MISRA C++ 2008 2-10-5

(Advisory) The identifier name of a non-member object or function with static storage duration should not be reused.

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Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
namespace NS1
{
   static int global = 0;
}
namespace NS2
{
   void fn()
   {
      int global; // Non-compliant
   }
}
```

```
namespace NS1
{
   int global = 0;
}

namespace NS2
{
   void f1()
   {
      int global; // Non-compliant
   }
}

void f2()
{
   static int global;
}
```

MISRAC2004-5.6

Synopsis Identifier reuse in different namespaces

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

(Advisory) No identifier in one namespace should have the same spelling as an identifier in another namespace, with the exception of structure member and union member names.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.6

(Advisory) No identifier in one namespace should have the same spelling as an identifier in another namespace, with the exception of structure member and union member names.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct n01_tag_vs_var {
   int n02_field_vs_var;
   int n03_field_vs_func;
} n01_tag_vs_var;
int n04_var_vs_label;
int n02_field_vs_var;

void n03_field_vs_func(void) {
   n04_var_vs_label:
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct s {
  int n01_field_vs_field;
};
union u {
  int n01_field_vs_field;
  int u2;
};
```

MISRAC2004-5.7

Synopsis

An identifier in a variable, enumeration, struct, #define, or union definition is reused.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) No identifier name should be reused. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.7

(Advisory) No identifier name should be reused.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   struct {
     int x;
   } name1;
   struct {
     int x; // x is reused here
   } name2;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   struct {
     int x;
   } name1;
   struct {
     int y;
   } name2;
}
```

MISRAC2004-6.1

Synopsis

Arithmetic is performed on objects of type plain char, without an explicit signed or unsigned qualifier.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) The plain char type shall be used only for the storage and use of character values. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-4-5-3.

Coding standards

CERT INT07-C

Use only explicitly signed or unsigned char type for numeric values

MISRA C:2004 6.1

(Required) The plain char type shall be used only for the storage and use of character values.

MISRA C++ 2008 4-5-3

(Required) Expressions with type (plain) char and wchar_t shall not be used as operands to built-in operators other than the assignment operator =, the equality operators == and !=, and the unary & operator.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef signed char INT8;
typedef unsigned char UINT8;

UINT8 toascii(INT8 c)
{
  return (UINT8)c & 0x7f;
}

int func(int x)
{
  char sc = 4;
  char *scp = ≻
  UINT8 (*fp)(INT8 c) = &toascii;

  x = x + sc;
  x *= *scp;
  return (*fp)(x);
}
```

```
typedef signed char INT8;
typedef unsigned char UINT8;

UINT8 toascii(INT8 c)
{
   return (UINT8)c & 0x7f;
}

int func(int x)
{
   signed char sc = 4;
   signed char *scp = ≻
   UINT8 (*fp)(INT8 c) = &toascii;

   x = x + sc;
   x *= *scp;
   return (*fp)(x);
}
```

MISRAC2004-6.2

Synopsis A signed or unsigned char is used on character data.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) signed and unsigned char type shall be used only for the storage and use of numeric values.

Coding standards

CERT INT07-C

Use only explicitly signed or unsigned char type for numeric values

MISRA C:2004 6.2

(Required) signed and unsigned char type shall be used only for the storage and use of numeric values.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 unsigned char c = 'c';
```

```
void example(void) {
 char c = 'c';
```

MISRAC2004-6.3

Synopsis

One or more of the basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float are used without a typedef.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic types. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-3-9-2, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.3

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic types.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.6

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types

MISRA C++ 2008 3-9-2

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
    INT x;
    INT (*fp)(const char *);
}
```

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
    INT x;
    INT (*fp)(const SCHAR *);
}
```

MISRAC2004-6.4

Synopsis

Bitfields of plain int type were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Bitfields shall only be defined to be of type unsigned int or signed int. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-6.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.4

(Required) Bitfields shall only be defined to be of type unsigned int or signed int.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.1

(Required) Bit-fields shall only be declared with an appropriate type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct bad {
  int x:3;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct good {
  unsigned int x:3;
};
```

MISRAC2004-6.5

Synopsis

Signed bitfields consisting of a single bit (excluding anonymous fields) were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Bitfields of signed type shall be at least 2 bits long. This check is identical to STRUCT-signed-bit, MISRAC++2008-9-6-4, MISRAC2012-Rule-6.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.5

(Required) Bitfields of signed type shall be at least 2 bits long.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.2

(Required) Single-bit named bit fields shall not be of a signed type

MISRA C++ 2008 9-6-4

(Required) Named bit-fields with signed integer type shall have a length of more than one bit.

Code examples

```
struct S
{
   signed int a : 1; // Non-compliant
};
```

```
struct S
{
    signed int b : 2;
    signed int : 0;
    signed int : 1;
    signed int : 2;
};
```

MISRAC2004-7.1

Synopsis

Uses of octal integer constants were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used. Zero is okay This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-2-13-2, MISRAC2012-Rule-7.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used. Zero is okay

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 2-13-2

(Required) Octal constants (other than zero) and octal escape sequences (other than 0) shall not be used.

Code examples

```
void
func(void)
{
    int x = 077;
}
```

```
void
func(void)
{
    int x = 63;
```

MISRAC2004-8.1

Synopsis Functions were found that are used despite not having a valid prototype.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Functions shall have prototype declarations and the prototype shall be visible at both the function definition and call. This check is identical to FUNC-implicit-decl, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.3, CERT-DCL31-C.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.1

(Required) Functions shall have prototype declarations and the prototype shall be visible at both the function definition and call.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.3

(Mandatory) A function shall not be declared implicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

MISRAC2004-8.2

Synopsis

An implicit int was found in a declaration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Whenever an object or function is declared or defined, its type shall be explicitly stated. This check is identical to DECL-implicit-int, MISRAC2012-Rule-8.1.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.2

(Required) Whenever an object or function is declared or defined, its type shall be explicitly stated.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.1

(Required) Types shall be explicitly specified

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void)
{
    static y;
}
```

```
void func(void)
{
    int x;
}
```

MISRAC2004-8.3

Synopsis A declaration and definition for a function were found that use different type qualifiers.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) For each function parameter the type given in the declaration and definition

shall be identical, and the return types shall also be identical. This check is identical to

CERT-EXP37-C_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards CERT EXP37-C

Call functions with the arguments intended by the API

MISRA C:2004 8.3

(Required) For each function parameter, the type given in the declaration and definition shall be identical and the return types shall also be identical.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int INT;
void foo(int i);
void foo(INT i) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void foo(int i);
void foo(int i) {}
```

MISRAC2004-8.5_a

Synopsis A global variable is declared in a header file.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no definitions of objects or functions in a header file.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.5

(Required) There shall be no definitions of objects or functions in a header file.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/*
global_def.h contains:
int global_variable;
 */
#include "global_def.h"
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/*
global_decl.h contains:
extern int global_variable;
*/
#include "global_decl.h"
```

MISRAC2004-8.5_b

Synopsis

One or more non-inlined functions are defined in header files.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no definitions of objects or functions in a header file. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-3-1-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.5

(Required) There shall be no definitions of objects or functions in a header file.

```
MISRA C++ 2008 3-1-1
```

(Required) It shall be possible to include any header file in multiple translation units without violating the One Definition Rule.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "definition.h"
/* Contents of definition.h:
void definition(void) {
}

*/
void example(void) {
  definition();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include "declaration.h"
/* Contents of declaration.h:
void definition(void);

*/
void example(void) {
   definition();
}
```

MISRAC2004-8.6

Synopsis

A function declaration was found at block scope.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

(Required) Functions shall be declared at file scope.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.6

(Required) Functions shall be declared at file scope.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo() {
  int bar();
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo() {
  return 0;
}
int bar();
```

MISRAC2004-8.7

Synopsis

A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Objects shall be defined at block scope if they are only accessed from within a single function. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.9_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.7

(Required) Objects shall be defined at block scope if they are only accessed from within a single function.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.9

(Advisory) An object should be defined at block scope if its identifier only appears in a single function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int i = 10;
int example(void) {
  return i;
}
void main() {
  printf("example() = %d\n", example());
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
   int i = 10;
   return i;
}
void main() {
   printf("example() = %d\n", example());
}
```

MISRAC2004-8.8_a

Synopsis

Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one file. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.8

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared in one and only one file.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.5

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one file

Code examples

```
extern int x;
extern int x;
int x = 1;
```

```
extern int x;
int x = 1;
```

MISRAC2004-8.8 b

Synopsis

Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one file. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.8

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared in one and only one file.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.5

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one file

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* file2.c
  extern int foo(int m);
  */
extern int foo(int m);
```

```
/* file1.c
   extern int foo( int m );
*/
int foo(int m) {
   return m;
}
```

MISRAC2004-8.9

Synopsis Multiple definitions or no definition were found for an external object or function.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An identifier with external linkage shall have exactly one external definition. Note: This check is not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR linker.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 8.9

(Required) An identifier with external linkage shall have exactly one external definition.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.6

(Required) An identifier with external linkage shall have exactly one external definition

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

void example(void) {}

MISRAC2004-8.10

Synopsis An externally linked object or function was found referenced in only one translation

unit.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) All declarations and definitions of objects or functions at file scope shall have internal linkage unless external linkage is required. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.7. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.10

(Required) All declarations and definitions of objects or functions at file scope shall have internal linkage unless external linkage is required.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.7

(Advisory) Functions and objects should not be defined with external linkage if they are referenced in only one translation unit

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* file1.c
static void example (void) {
   // dummy function
}
*/

/* extern linkage */
extern int x;

/* static linkage */
static void foo(void) {
   /* only referenced here */
   x = 1;
}
```

```
/* static linkage */
static int x;

/* static linkage */
static void foo(void) {
    /* no linkage */
    int y = (x++);
    if(y < 10)
        foo();
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-8.12

Synopsis

External arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) When an array is declared with external linkage, its size shall be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-3-1-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-8.11.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.12

(Required) When an array is declared with external linkage, its size shall be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.11

(Advisory) When an array with external linkage is declared, its size should be explicitly specified

MISRA C++ 2008 3-1-3

(Required) When an array is declared, its size shall either be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

Code examples

```
extern int a[];
```

```
extern int a[10];
extern int b[] = { 0, 1, 2 };
```

MISRAC2004-9.1_a

Synopsis A variable is read before it is assigned a value, on all execution paths.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-var-all, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1 a,

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

```
int main(void) {
  int x;
  x++; //x is uninitialized
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
  int x = 0;
  x++;
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-9.1_b

Synopsis

On some execution paths, a variable is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-var-some, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_b,

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_f.

Coding standards

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
 int x, y;
 if (rand()) {
 x = 0;
 }
 y = x; //x may not be initialized
 return 0;
}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
 int x;
 if (rand()) {
 x = 0;
 }
 /* x never read */
 return 0;
}

MISRAC2004-9.1_c

Synopsis

An uninitialized or NULL pointer that is dereferenced was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used. This check is identical to PTR-uninit, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p,a;
  p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
}
```

MISRAC2004-9.2

Synopsis

A non-zero array initialization was found that does not exactly match the structure of the array declaration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Braces shall be used to indicate and match the structure in the non-zero initialization of arrays and structures. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-8-5-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 9.2

(Required) Braces shall be used to indicate and match the structure in the non-zero initialization of arrays and structures.

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-2

(Required) Braces shall be used to indicate and match the structure in the nonzero initialization of arrays and structures.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][2] = { { 1, 2 }, { 4, 5 } };
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][2] = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4 }, { 5, 6 } };
}
```

MISRAC2004-9.3

Synopsis

Partially initialized enum.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) In an enumerator list, the `=' construct shall not be used to explicitly initialise members other than the first, unless all items are explicitly initialized.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
enum E {
   A = 1,
   B = 2,
   C
};
```

```
enum E {
    A = 1,
    B,
    C
};
```

MISRAC2004-10.1_a

Synopsis

An expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower or differently signed underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (a) it is not a conversion to a wider integer type of the same signedness.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.1

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider integer type of the same signedness, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is not constant and is a function argument, or d. the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  long pc[10];
  // integer narrowing from int -> short
  short x = pc[5];
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int pc[10];
  long x = pc[5];
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.1 b

Synopsis

A complex expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (b) the expression is complex.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.1

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider integer type of the same signedness, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is not constant and is a function argument, or d. the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int pc[10];
  // complex expression
  long long x = pc[5] + 5;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int pc[10];
  // complex expression without an implicit cast.
  int x = pc[5] + 5;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.1_c

Synopsis

A non-constant expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a function argument.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (c) the expression is not constant and is a function argument.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.1

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider integer type of the same signedness, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is not constant and is a function argument, or d. the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void function(long long argument);
void example(void) {
  int x = 4;
  function(x);
}
```

```
void function(long argument);
void example(void) {
  function(4);
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.1 d

Synopsis

A non-constant expression of integer type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a return expression.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (d) the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.1

(Required) The value of an expression of integer type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider integer type of the same signedness, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is not constant and is a function argument, or d. the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
long long example(void) {
  int x = 4;
  return x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
long example(void) {
  return 4;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.2_a

Synopsis

An expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (a) it is not a conversion to a wider floating type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.2

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider floating type, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is a function argument, or d. the expression is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  double pc[10];
  float x = pc[5]; // architecture dependent
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned char c;
  float x = c;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.2 b

Synopsis

An expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a narrower underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (b) the expression is complex.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.2

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider floating type, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is a function argument, or d. the expression is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  float pc[10];
  double x = pc[5] + 5; // architecture dependent
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  float pc[10];
  // complex expression without an implicit cast.
  float x = pc[5] + 5;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.2 c

Synopsis

A non-constant expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a function argument.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (c) the expression is not constant and is a function argument.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.2

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider floating type, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is a function argument, or d. the expression is a return expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void function(double argument);
void example(void) {
  float x = 4;
  function(x); // architecture dependent
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void function(double argument);
void example(void) {
  function(4.0);
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.2_d

Synopsis

A non-constant expression of floating type was found that is implicitly converted to a different underlying type in a return expression.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: (d) the expression is not constant and is a return expression.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.2

(Required) The value of an expression of floating type shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type if: a. it is not a conversion to a wider floating type, or b. the expression is complex, or c. the expression is a function argument, or d. the expression is a return expression.

Code examples

```
double example(void) {
  float x = 4;
  return x; // architecture dependent
}
```

```
double example(void) {
   return 4.0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.3

Synopsis

A complex expression of integer type was found that is cast to a wider or differently signed underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of a complex expression of integer type shall only be cast to a type that is not wider and of the same signedness as the underlying type of the expression.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.3

(Required) The value of a complex expression of integer type shall only be cast to a type that is not wider and of the same signedness as the underlying type of the expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int s16a = 3;
  int s16b = 3;

  // arithmetic makes it a complex expression
  long long x = (long long)(s16a + s16b);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int array[10];

  // A non complex expression is considered safe
  long x = (long)(array[5]);
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.4

Synopsis

A complex expression of floating type was found that is cast to a wider or different underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of a complex expression of floating type shall only be cast to a floating type which is narrower or of the same size.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.4

(Required) The value of a complex expression of floating type shall only be cast to a floating type which is narrower or of the same size.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  float array[10];
  // architecture dependant
  double x = (double)(array[5] + 3.0f);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  float array[10];

  // A non complex expression is considered safe
  double x = (double)(array[5]);
```

MISRAC2004-10.5

Synopsis

Detected a bitwise operation on unsigned char or unsigned short, that are not immediately cast to this type to ensure consistent truncation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) If the bitwise operators ~ and << are applied to an operand of underlying type unsigned char or unsigned short, the result shall be immediately cast to the underlying type of the operand. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-10.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.5

(Required) If the bitwise operators ~ and << are applied to an operand of underlying type unsigned char or unsigned short, the result shall be immediately cast to the underlying type of the operand.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-10

(Required) If the bitwise operators ~ and << are applied to an operand with an underlying type of unsigned char or unsigned short, the result shall be immediately cast to the underlying type of the operand.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t port = 0x5aU;
   uint8_t result_8;
   uint16_t result_16;
   uint16_t mode;

   result_8 = (~port) >> 4;
}
```

```
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t port = 0x5aU;
   uint8_t result_8;
   uint16_t result_16;
   uint16_t mode;

   result_8 = ((uint8_t)(~port)) >> 4;
   result_16 = ((uint16_t)(~(uint16_t)port)) >> 4;
}
```

MISRAC2004-10.6

Synopsis Constants of unsigned type were found that do not have a $\mbox{$\tt U$}$ suffix.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) A U suffix shall be applied to all constants of unsigned type. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-2-13-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-7.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.6

(Required) A U suffix shall be applied to all constants of unsigned type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.2

(Required) A "u" or "U" suffix shall be applied to all integer constants that are represented in an unsigned type

MISRA C++ 2008 2-13-3

(Required) A "U" suffix shall be applied to all octal or hexadecimal integer literals of unsigned type.

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
    // 2147483648 -- does not fit in 31bits
    unsigned int x = 0x80000000;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int x = 0x80000000u;
}
```

MISRAC2004-11.1

Synopsis

Conversions were found between a pointer to a function and a type other than an integral type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to a function and any type other than an integral type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.1

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to a function and any type other than an integral type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int (*fptr)(int,int);
  (int*)fptr;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int (*fptr)(int,int);
  (int )fptr;
}
```

MISRAC2004-11.3

Synopsis A cast between a pointer type and an integral type was found.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer type and an integral type. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-9, MISRAC2012-Rule-11.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.3

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer type and an integral type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.4

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed between a pointer to object and an integer type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-9

(Advisory) A cast should not convert a pointer type to an integral type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  int x;
  x = (int)p;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  int *x;
  x = p;
}
```

MISRAC2004-11.4

Synopsis A pointer to object type was found that is cast to a pointer to different object type.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer to object type and a different pointer to object type. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-7.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.4

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer to object type and a different pointer to object type.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-7

(Required) An object with pointer type shall not be converted to an unrelated pointer type, either directly or indirectly.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint32_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint32_t *)p1;
}
```

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint8_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint8_t *)p1;
}
```

MISRAC2004-11.5

Synopsis Casts were found that that remove any const or volatile qualification.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not be performed that removes any const or volatile qualification from the type addressed by a pointer. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-5, MISRAC2012-Rule-11.8.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.5

(Required) A cast shall not be performed that removes any const or volatile qualification from the type addressed by a pointer.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.8

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type pointed to by a pointer

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-5

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type of a pointer or reference.

Code examples

```
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint16_t x;
   uint16_t * const cpi = &x; /* const pointer to int */
   uint16_t * pi; /* pointer to int */
   pi = cpi; // compliant - no cast required
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.1

Synopsis

Expressions were found without parentheses, making the operator precedence implicit instead of explicit.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Limited dependence should be placed on the C operator precedence rules in expressions. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.1

(Advisory) Limited dependence should be placed on the C operator precedence rules in expressions.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-2

(Advisory) Limited dependence should be placed on C++ operator precedence rules in expressions.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int j;
    int k;
    int result;

    result = i + j * k;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int j;
    int k;
    int result;

    result = i + (j - k);
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.2_a

Synopsis

Expressions were found that depend on the order of evaluation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a, SPC-order, CERT-EXP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int i = 0;
  i = i * i++; //unspecified order of operations
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
   int i = 0;
   int x = i;
   i++;
   x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.2_b

Synopsis More than one read access with volatile-qualified type was found within one sequence

point.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description (Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation

that the standard permits. This check is identical to SPC-volatile-reads,

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_b.

Coding standards CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which

side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of

evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the

same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of

evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v;
  x = v + v;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
  volatile int i = 0;
  int x = i;
  i++;
  x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.2_c

Synopsis

More than one modification access with volatile-qualified type was found within one sequence point.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits. This check is identical to SPC-volatile-writes,

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v, w;
  v = w = x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdbool.h>

void InitializeArray(int *);
const int *example(void)
{
   static volatile bool s_initialized = false;
   static int s_array[256];

   if (!s_initialized)
   {
      InitializeArray(s_array);
      s_initialized = true;
   }
   return s_array;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.3

Synopsis

Sizeof expressions were found that contain side effects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The sizeof operator shall not be used on expressions that contain side effects. The sizeof operator was found used on expressions that contain side effects. This might make it look as if the expression will be evaluated, but because sizeof only operates on the type of the expression, the expression itself is not evaluated. This check is identical to SIZEOF-side-effect, MISRAC++2008-5-3-4.

Coding standards

CERT EXP06-C

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

CERT EXP06-CPP

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

MISRA C:2004 12.3

(Required) The size of operator shall not be used on expressions that contain side effects.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-3-4

(Required) Evaluation of the operand to the size of operator shall not contain side effects.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i++);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i);
  i++;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.4

Synopsis

Right-hand operands of && or || were found that contain side effects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The right-hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain side effects. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-14-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.5.

Coding standards

CWE 768

Incorrect Short Circuit Evaluation

MISRA C:2004 12.4

(Required) The right-hand operand of a logical && or \parallel operator shall not contain side effects.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.5

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain persistent side effects

MISRA C++ 2008 5-14-1

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or \parallel operator shall not contain side effects.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i++;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.5

Synopsis The operands of a logical && or || is not an identifier, a constant, a parenthesized

expression or a sequence of the same logical operator.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The operands of a logical && or || shall be primary-expressions.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int a,b;
  if (a > 0 && !b);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
  int a,b;
  if ((a > 0) && (!b));
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.6_a

Synopsis Operands of logical operators (&&, ||, and !) were found that are not effectively Boolean.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description

(Advisory) The operands of logical operators (&&, ||, and !) should be effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.6

(Advisory) The operands of logical operators (&&, \parallel , and !) should be effectively boolean. Expressions that are effectively boolean should not be used as operands to operators other than (&&, \parallel , \parallel , =, ===, \parallel =, and ?:).

MISRA C++ 2008 5-3-1

(Required) Each operand of the ! operator, the logical && or the logical \parallel operators shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int d, c, b, a;
  d = ( c & a ) && b;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef charboolean_t;/* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */
void example(void)
{
   boolean_t d;
   boolean_t c = 1;
   boolean_t b = 0;
   boolean_t a = 1;
   d = ( c && a ) && b;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.6_b

Synopsis

Uses of arithmetic operators on Boolean operands were found.

Enabled by default

No

Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) Expressions that are effectively boolean should not be used as operands to operators other than (&&, \parallel , \parallel , =, ==, \parallel =, and \parallel ?:). This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-4-5-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.6

(Advisory) The operands of logical operators (&&, \parallel , and !) should be effectively boolean. Expressions that are effectively boolean should not be used as operands to operators other than (&&, \parallel , \parallel , =, ==, !=, and ?:).

MISRA C++ 2008 4-5-1

(Required) Expressions with type bool shall not be used as operands to built-in operators other than the assignment operator =, the logical operators &&, \parallel , \parallel , the equality operators == and \parallel =, the unary & operator, and the conditional operator.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(bool b)
{
   bool x;
   bool y;
   y = x % b;
}
```

```
typedef charboolean_t;/* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */

void example(void)
{
    boolean_t d;
    boolean_t c = 1;
    boolean_t b = 0;
    boolean_t a = 1;

    d = ( c && a ) && b;
}

void func()
{
    bool x;
    bool y;
    y = x && y;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.7

Synopsis Applications of bitwise operators to signed operands were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Bitwise operators shall not be applied to operands whose underlying type is signed. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-21.

Coding standards

CERT INT13-C

Use bitwise operators only on unsigned operands

MISRA C:2004 12.7

(Required) Bitwise operators shall not be applied to operands whose underlying type is signed.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-21

(Required) Bitwise operators shall only be applied to operands of unsigned underlying type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = -(1U);

  x ^ 1;
  x & 0x7F;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7F;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = -1;
  ((unsigned int)x) ^ 1U;
  2U ^ 1U;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.8

Synopsis

Shifts were found where the right-hand operand might be negative, or too large.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The right-hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left-hand operand. This check is identical to ATH-shift-bounds, MISRAC++2008-5-8-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.2.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

MISRA C:2004 12.8

(Required) The right-hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left-hand operand.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.2

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie in the range zero to one less than the width in bits of the essential type of the left hand operand

```
MISRA C++ 2008 5-8-1
```

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left hand operand.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
{
  int shift = 33; // too big
  return 3U << shift;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  int y = 1; // OK - this is within the correct range
  return x << y;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-12.9

Synopsis

Uses of unary minus on unsigned expressions were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R8, MISRAC++2008-5-3-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.9

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-3-2

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int max = -1U;
  // use max = ~0U;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int neg_one = -1;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.10

Synopsis Uses of the comma operator were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-18-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.3.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 12.10

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.3

(Advisory) The comma operator should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 5-18-1

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void reverse(char *string) {
   int i, j;
   j = strlen(string);
   for (i = 0; i < j; i++, j--) {
      char temp = string[i];
      string[i] = string[j];
      string[j] = temp;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>

void reverse(char *string) {
   int i;
   int length = strlen(string);
   int half_length = length / 2;
   for (i = 0; i < half_length; i++) {
      int opposite = length - i;
      char temp = string[i];
      string[i] = string[opposite];
      string[opposite] = temp;
   }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-12.11

Synopsis

Found a constant unsigned integer expression that overflows.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to

wrap-around. This check is identical to EXPR-const-overflow,

MISRAC++2008-5-19-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.4.

Coding standards

CWE 190

Integer Overflow or Wraparound

MISRA C:2004 12.11

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.4

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant expressions should not lead to unsigned integer wrap-around

MISRA C++ 2008 5-19-1

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   (0xFFFFFFFF + 1u);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   0x7FFFFFFF + 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.12_a

Synopsis

Found a read access to a field of a union following a write access to a different field, which effectively re-interprets the bit pattern with a different type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High

Full description

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used. To reinterpret bit patterns deliberately, use an explicit cast. This check is identical to UNION-type-punning.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

CWE 188

Reliance on Data/Memory Layout

MISRA C:2004 12.12

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
union name {
   int int_field;
   float float_field;
};

void example(void) {
   union name u;
   u.int_field = 10;
   float f = u.float_field;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
union name {
  int int_field;
  float float_field;
};

void example(void) {
  union name u;
  u.int_field = 10;
  float f = u.int_field;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.12 b

Synopsis

An expression was found that provides access to the bit representation of a floating-point variable.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-3-9-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.12

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used.

MISRA C++ 2008 3-9-3

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(float f) {
  int * x = (int *)&f;
  int i = *x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(float f) {
  int i = (int)f;
}
```

MISRAC2004-12.13

Synopsis

Uses of the increment (++) and decrement (--) operators werew found mixed with other operators in an expression.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-2-10, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.13

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.3

(Advisory) A full expression containing an increment (++) or decrement (--) operator should have no other potential side effects other than that caused by the increment or decrement operator

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-10

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while ((*src++ = *dst++));
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while (*src) {
    *dst = *src;
    src++;
    dst++;
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-13.1

Synopsis

Assignment operators were found in expressions that yield a Boolean value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Assignment operators shall not be used in expressions that yield a boolean value.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.1

(Required) Assignment operators shall not be used in expressions that yield a boolean value.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int result;
  if (result = condition()) {
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int result = condition();
  if (result) {
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-13.2 a

Synopsis

Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do ... while statements.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_a.

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Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

```
MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13
```

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int int32_t;
int32_t func();

void example(void)
{
   do {
    } while (func());
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2004-13.2_b

Synopsis Non-boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.

Enabled by default No

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  for (int x = 10;x;--x) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 for (fn(); fn3(); fn2()) // Compliant
 for (fn(); true; fn()) // Compliant
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 for (int len = fn2(); len < 10; len++) // Compliant</pre>
}
```

MISRAC2004-13.2_c

Synopsis Non-Boolean conditions were found in if statements.

Enabled by default No

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_c.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  int u8;
  if (u8) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2004-13.2_d

Synopsis Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in while statements.

Enabled by default No

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_d.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  int u8;
  while (u8) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 { }
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2004-13.2_e

Synopsis Non-Boolean operands to the conditional (?:) operator were found.

Enabled by default No

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-14.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-14

(Required) The first operand of a conditional-operator shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  int z;
  z = x ? 1 : 2; //x is an int, not a bool
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(bool b) {
  int x;
  x = b ? 1 : 2; //OK - b is a bool
```

MISRAC2004-13.3

Synopsis

Floating-point comparisons using == or != were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be tested for equality or inequality. This check is identical to ATH-cmp-float, MISRAC++2008-6-2-2.

Coding standards

CERT FLP06-C

Understand that floating-point arithmetic in C is inexact

CERT FLP35-CPP

Take granularity into account when comparing floating point values

MISRA C:2004 13.3

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be tested for equality or inequality.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-2-2

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be directly or indirectly tested for equality or inequality.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
{
   float f = 3.0;
   int i = 3;

   if (f == i) //comparison of a float and an int
     ++i;

   return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int i = 60;
   char c = 60;

   if (i == c)
        ++i;

   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-13.4

Synopsis

Floating-point values were found in the controlling expression of a for statement.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The controlling expression of a for statement shall not contain any objects of floating type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.4

(Required) The controlling expression of a for statement shall not contain any objects of floating type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int input, float f) {
  int i;
  for (i = 0; i < input && f < 0.1f; ++i) {
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int input, float f) {
  int i;
  int f_condition = f < 0.1f;
  for (i = 0; i < input && f_condition; ++i) {
    f_condition = f < 0.1f;
  }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-13.5

Synopsis

A for loop counter variable is not initialized in the for loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The three expressions of a for statement shall be concerned only with loop control.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.5

(Required) The three expressions of a for statement shall be concerned only with loop control.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int i, x = 10;

/* 'i' used as a counter, not initialized */
  for (; i < 10; i++) {
    x++;
  }

return x;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int i, x = 10;

  /* 'i' initialized in loop header */
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    x++;
  }

  return x;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-13.6

Synopsis

A for loop counter variable was found that is modified in the body of the loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High

Full description

(Required) Numeric variables being used within a for loop for iteration counting shall not be modified in the body of the loop. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-5-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.6

(Required) Numeric variables being used within a for loop for iteration counting shall not be modified in the body of the loop.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-5-3

(Required) The loop-counter shall not be modified within condition or statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int i;

/* i is incremented inside the loop body */
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    i = i + 1;
  }

return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
  int i;
  int x = 0;

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    x = i + 1;
  }

return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-13.7_a

Synopsis

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= was found that always evaluates to true.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted. This check is identical to RED-cmp-always.

Coding standards

CWE 571

Expression is Always True

MISRA C:2004 13.7

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 42;

if (x == 42) { //always true
   return 0;
  }

return 1;
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 42;

if (rand()) {
    x = 40;
}

if (x == 42) { //OK - may not be true
    return 0;
}

return 1;
}
```

MISRAC2004-13.7 b

Synopsis

A comparison using ==, <, <=, >, or >= was found that always evaluates to false.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted. This check is identical to RED-cmp-never.

Coding standards

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

MISRA C:2004 13.7

(Required) Boolean operations whose results are invariant shall not be permitted.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 10;

  if (x < 10) { //never true
    return 1;
  }

  return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
int example(int x) {
   if (x < 10) { //OK - may be true
     return 1;
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-14.1

Synopsis A part of the application is not executed on any of the execution paths.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) There shall be no unreachable code. This check is identical to RED-dead,

MISRAC++2008-0-1-1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-9, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b.

Coding standards CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

CWE 561

Dead Code

MISRA C:2004 14.1

(Required) There shall be no unreachable code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code.

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-9

(Required) There shall be no dead code.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            return 1;
            printf("Hello!"); // This line cannot execute.
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            printf("Hello!"); // This line can execute.
            return 1;
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.2

Synopsis

A statement was found that potentially contains no side effects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) All non-null statements shall either have at least one side effect however executed, or cause control flow to change. This check is identical to RED-no-effect, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_a.

Coding standards

CERT MSC12-C

Detect and remove code that has no effect

CWE 482

Comparing instead of Assigning

MISRA C:2004 14.2

(Required) All non-null statements shall either have at least one side effect however executed, or cause control flow to change.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 1;
  x = 2;
  x < x;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <string>
void f();
template<class T>
struct X {
 int x;
 int get() const {
   return x;
 X(int y) :
   x(y) \{ \}
};
typedef X<int> intX;
void example(void) {
 /* everything below has a side-effect */
 int i=0;
 f();
  (void)f();
 ++i;
 i+=1;
 i++;
 char *p = "test";
 std::string s;
 s.assign(p);
 std::string *ps = &s;
 ps->assign(p);
 intX xx(1);
 xx.get();
 intX(1);
```

MISRAC2004-14.3

Synopsis There are stray semicolons on the same line as other code.

Enabled by default Yes

 ${\color{red} Severity/Certainty} \qquad \qquad Low/Low$

Full description

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a whitespace character. This check is identical to EXP-stray-semicolon, MISRAC++2008-6-2-3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP15-C

Do not place a semicolon on the same line as an if, for, or while statement

MISRA C:2004 14.3

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a whitespace character.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-2-3

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a white-space character.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  for (i=0; i!=10; ++i){ //An empty block is much
  }
  //more readable
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.4

Synopsis Uses of the goto statement were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The goto statement shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-15.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.4

(Required) The goto statement shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.1

(Advisory) The goto statement should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  goto testin;
testin:
  printf("Reached by goto");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  printf ("Not reached by goto");
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.5

Synopsis Uses of the continue statement were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The continue statement shall not be used.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.5

(Required) The continue statement shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
// Print the odd numbers between 0 and 99

void example(void) {
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
      if (i % 2 == 0) {
        continue;
      }
      printf("%d", i);
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
// Print the odd numbers between 0 and 99

void example(void) {
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
      if (i % 2 != 0) {
        printf("%d", i);
      }
   }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-14.6

Synopsis

Multiple termination points were found in a loop.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description (Required) For any iteration statement, there shall be at most one break statement used

for loop termination.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 14.6

(Required) For any iteration statement, there shall be at most one break

statement used for loop termination.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int test1(int);
int test2(int);
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (test1(i)) {
      break;
    } else if (test2(i)) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
 int x = 1;
 for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
   if (x)
    {
     break;
    else if ( i )
     break; // Non-compliant - second jump from loop
    else
    {
     // Code
    }
 }
```

```
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10 && i != 9; i++) {
    if (i == 9) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
  int x = 1;
  for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
    if (x)
    {
      break;
    }
    else if ( i )
      while ( true )
        if (x)
        {
          break;
        }
        do
          break;
        while(true);
      }
    }
    else
    {
    }
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.7

Synopsis

More than one point of exit was found in a function, or an exit point before the end of the function.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-6-5, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.7

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.5

(Advisory) A function should have a single point of exit at the end

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-5

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int errno;

void example(void) {
   if (errno) {
      return;
   }
   return;
}
```

```
extern int errno;

void example(void) {
   if (errno) {
      goto end;
   }
end:
   {
      return;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.8 a

Synopsis

There are missing braces in one or more do ... while statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  do
    return 0;
  while (1);
}
```

```
int example(void) {
 do {
   return 0;
 } while (1);
```

MISRAC2004-14.8 b

Synopsis There are missing braces in one or more for statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for

statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_b.

CERT EXP19-C Coding standards

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  for (;;)
    return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  for (;;){
    return 0;
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.8_c

Synopsis

There are missing braces in one or more switch statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  while(1);
  for(;;);
  do ;
  while (0);
  switch(0);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   while(1) {
   }
   for(;;) {
   }
   do {
   } while (0);
   switch(0) {
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.8_d

Synopsis There are missing braces in one or more while statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_e.

Coding standards CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  while (1)
    return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  while (1) {
    return 0;
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.9

Synopsis

There are missing braces in one or more if, else, or else if statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) An if expression construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement or another if statement. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6 .c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.9

(Required) An if expression construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement or another if statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-1

(Required) An if (condition) construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement, or another if statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  if (random());
  if (random());
  else;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
   if (random()) {
   }
   if (random()) {
   } else {
   }
   if (random()) {
   } else if (random()) {
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-14.10

else clause.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause. This check

is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-2, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.7.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 14.10

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.7

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-2

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  if (!rand()) {
    printf("The first random number is 0");
  } else if (!rand()) {
    printf("The second random number is 0");
  }
}
```

```
void example(void) {
   if (!rand()) {
      printf("The first random number is 0");
   } else if (!rand()) {
      printf("The second random number is 0");
   } else {
      printf("Neither random number was 0");
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.0

Synopsis Switch statements were found that do not conform to the MISRA C switch syntax.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) The MISRA C switch syntax shall be used. This check is identical to

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.1.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 15.0

(Required) The MISRA C switch syntax shall be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.1

(Required) All switch statements shall be well-formed

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-3

(Required) A switch statement shall be a well-formed switch statement.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
      // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       // WARNING: missing break at end of statement list
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // WARNING: missing at least one case label
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0:
       stmt();
       // WARNING: declaration list without block
       int decl = 0;
       int x;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1: {
       // statement list
       stmt();
       // WARNING: Additional block inside of the case clause
block
       stmt();
```

```
}
   break;
}
default:
   break; // statement list ends in a break
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list (no declarations)
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0: {
       // one level of block is allowed
       // declaration list
       int decl = 0;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 2: // empty cases are allowed
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.1

Synopsis Switch labels were found in nested blocks.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-4, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.1

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.2

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-4

(Required) A switch-label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   switch(rand()) {
        {case 1:}
        case 2:
        case 3:
        default:
   }
}
```

```
void example(void) {
   switch(rand()) {
     case 1:
     case 2:
     case 3:
     default:
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.2

Synopsis Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break statement.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every non-empty switch

clause. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-5, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.3.

Coding standards CERT MSC17-C

Finish every set of statements associated with a case label with a break statement

CWE 484

Omitted Break Statement in Switch

MISRA C:2004 15.2

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every non-empty

switch clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.3

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every

switch-clause

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-5

(Required) An unconditional throw or break statement shall terminate every

non-empty switch-clause.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int input) {
   switch(input) {
    case 0:
      if (rand()) {
        break;
    }
   default:
      break;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int input) {
   switch(input) {
    case 0:
      if (rand()) {
        break;
    }
    break;
   default:
      break;
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.3

Synopsis

Switch statements were found without a default clause, or with a default clause that is not the final clause.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The final clause of a switch statement shall be the default clause. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-6.

Coding standards

CWE 478

Missing Default Case in Switch Statement

MISRA C:2004 15.3

(Required) The final clause of a switch statement shall be the default clause.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-6

(Required) The final clause of a switch statement shall be the default-clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
     default:
        return 2;
        break;
   case 0:
        return 0;
        break;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
    switch(x) {
    case 3:
        return 0;
        break;
    case 5:
        return 1;
        break;
    default:
        return 2;
        break;
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.4

Synopsis

A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.

Enabled by default

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A switch expression shall not represent a value that is effectively boolean. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-7, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.7.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.4

(Required) A switch expression shall not represent a value that is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.7

(Required) A switch-expression shall not have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-7

(Required) The condition of a switch statement shall not have bool type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
   switch(x == 0) {
     case 0:
     case 1:
     default:
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    case 1:
    case 0:
    default:
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-15.5

Synopsis

Switch statements without case clauses were found.

Enabled by default

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least one case clause. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-4-8.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.5

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least one case clause.

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-8

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least one case-clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    default:
       return 2;
       break;
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
    switch(x) {
    case 3:
        return 0;
        break;
    case 5:
        return 1;
        break;
    default:
        return 2;
        break;
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.1

Synopsis

Functions that are defined using ellipsis (...) notation were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) Functions shall not be defined with a variable number of arguments. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-8-4-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.1

(Required) Functions shall not be defined with a variable number of arguments.

MISRA C++ 2008 8-4-1

(Required) Functions shall not be defined using the ellipsis notation.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdarg.h>
int putchar(int c);
void
minprintf(const char *fmt, ...)
{
   va_list
            ap;
    const char *p, *s;
   va_start(ap, fmt);
    for (p = fmt; *p != '\0'; p++) {
        if (*p != '%') {
            putchar(*p);
            continue;
        }
        switch (*++p) {
        case 's':
            for (s = va_arg(ap, const char *); *s != '\0'; s++)
                 putchar(*s);
            break;
        }
    }
    va_end(ap);
```

```
int puts(const char *);

void
func(void)
{
    puts("Hello, world!");
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.2 a

Synopsis Functions were found that call themselves directly.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-4

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   example();
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.2 b

Synopsis

Functions were found that call themselves indirectly.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-4

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    example();
}
void example(void) {
    callee();
}
```

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    // example();
}
void example(void) {
    callee();
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.3

Synopsis Function prototypes were found that do not give all parameters a name.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) Identifiers shall be given for all of the parameters in a function prototype declaration. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2 b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.3

(Required) Identifiers shall be given for all of the parameters in a function prototype declaration.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.2

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
char *strchr(const char *, int c);
void func(void)
{
    strchr("hello, world!\n", '!');
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
char *strchr(const char *s, int c);
void func(void)
{
    strchr("hello, world!\n", '!');
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.4

Synopsis

The parameter names between the function declaration and definition does not match.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) The identifiers used in the declaration and definition of a function shall be identical. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/*
file2.c:
int foo(int b, int a);
 */
int foo(int a, int b)
{
   return a + b;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/*
file2.c:
int foo(int a, int b);
 */
int foo(int a, int b)
{
   return a + b;
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.5

Synopsis

Functions were found that are declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype.

Enabled by default

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Functions with no parameters shall be declared and defined with the parameter list void. This check is identical to FUNC-unprototyped-all, MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2 a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL20-C

Always specify void even if a function accepts no arguments

MISRA C:2004 16.5

(Required) Functions with no parameters shall be declared and defined with the parameter list void.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.2

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func();/* not a valid prototype in C */
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
```

MISRAC2004-16.7

Synopsis

A function was found that does not modify one of its parameters.

Enabled by default

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A pointer parameter in a function prototype should be declared as pointer to const if the pointer is not used to modify the addressed object. This check is identical to CONST-param, MISRAC++2008-7-1-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.7

(Required) A pointer parameter in a function prototype should be declared as pointer to const if the pointer is not used to modify the addressed object.

```
MISRA C++ 2008 7-1-2
```

(Required) A pointer or reference parameter in a function shall be declared as pointer to const or reference to const if the corresponding object is not modified.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int* x) { //x should be const
  if (*x > 5) {
    return *x;
  } else {
    return 5;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(const int* x) {    //OK
    if (*x > 5) {
        return *x;
    } else {
        return 5;
    }
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.8

Synopsis

For some execution paths, no return statement is executed in a function with a non-void return type.

Enabled by default

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression. This check is identical to SPC-return, MISRAC++2008-8-4-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.4.

Coding standards

CERT MSC37-C

Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function

MISRA C:2004 16.8

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.4

(Mandatory) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression

MISRA C++ 2008 8-4-3

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
  int x;
  scanf("%d",&x);
  if (x > 10) {
    return 10;
  }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
  int x;
  scanf("%d",&x);
  if (x > 10) {
    return 10;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.9

Synopsis One or more function addresses are taken without an explicit &.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) A function identifier shall only be used with either a preceding &, or with a parenthesized parameter list, which may be empty. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-8-4-4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.9

(Required) A function identifier shall only be used with either a preceding &, or with a parenthesized parameter list, which may be empty.

MISRA C++ 2008 8-4-4

(Required) A function identifier shall either be used to call the function or it shall be preceded by &.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void);

void
example(void)
{
    void (*pf)(void) = func;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);

void
example(void)
{
    void (*pf)(void) = &func;
}
```

MISRAC2004-16.10

Synopsis

A return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested. This check is identical to LIB-return-error, MISRAC++2008-0-3-2.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

MISRA C:2004 16.10

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested.

MISRA C++ 2008 0-3-2

(Required) If a function generates error information, then that error information shall be tested.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC2004-17.1 a

Synopsis

A direct access to a field of a struct was found, that uses an offset from the address of the struct.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element. This check is identical to PTR-arith-field.

Coding standards

CERT ARR37-C

Do not add or subtract an integer to a pointer to a non-array object

CWE 188

Reliance on Data/Memory Layout

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
   char c;
   int x;
};

void main(void) {
   struct S s;
   *(&s.c+1) = 10;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S{
  char c;
  int x;
};

void example(void) {
  struct S s;
  s.x = 10;
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.1_b

Synopsis

Detected pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element. This check is identical to PTR-arith-stack, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_a.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int *p = &i;
    p++;
    *p = 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int *p = &i;
    *p = 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.1_c

Synopsis

Detected invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element. This check is identical to PTR-arith-var, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_b.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  *(&x+10) = 5;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *x) {
  *(x+10) = 5;
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.2

Synopsis

A subtraction was found between pointers that address elements of different arrays.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Pointer subtraction shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array. Note: This rule will only accept arrays of the form '<type> <name>[<size>]'. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-18.2, CERT-ARR36-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.2

(Required) Pointer subtraction shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.2

(Required) Subtraction between pointers shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void example(void) {
  int a[20];
  int b[20];
  int *p1 = &a[5];
  int *p2 = &b[2];
  ptrdiff_t diff;
  diff = p2 - p1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void example(void) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p1 = &arr[5];
  int *p2 = &arr[5];
  ptrdiff_t diff;
  diff = p2 - p1;
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.3

Synopsis

A relational operator was found applied to an object of pointer type that does not point into the same object.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) >, >=, < and <= shall not be applied to pointer types except where they point to the same array. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-18.3, CERT-ARR36-C b.

Coding standards

CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.3

(Required) >, >=, <, <= shall not be applied to pointer types except where they point to the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.3

(Required) The relational operators >, >=, < and <= shall not be applied to objects of pointer type except where they point into the same object

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   int a[10];
   int b[10];
   int *p1 = &a[1];
   if (p1 < b) {
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[10];
  int b[10];
  int *p1 = &a[1];
  if (p1 < a) {
  }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-17.4_a

Synopsis Pointer arithmetic that is not array indexing was detected.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-15_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.4

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-15

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only form of pointer arithmetic.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int INT32;

void example(INT32 array[]) {
   INT32 *pointer = array;
   INT32 *end = array + 10;
   for (; pointer != end; pointer += 1) {
      *pointer = 0;
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef int INT32;

void example(INT32 array[]) {
   INT32 index = 0;
   INT32 end = 10;
   for (; index != end; index += 1) {
      array[index] = 0;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.4_b

Synopsis

Array indexing was detected applied to an object defined as a pointer type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-15_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.4

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic.

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-15

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only form of pointer arithmetic.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned char UINT8;
typedef unsigned int UINT;

void example(UINT8 *p, UINT size) {
   UINT i;
   for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
      p[i] = 0;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned char UINT8;
typedef unsigned int UINT;

void example(void) {
   UINT8 p[10];
   UINT i;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
      p[i] = 0;
   }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-17.5

Synopsis

One or more declarations of objects were found that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The declaration of objects should contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-19, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.5

(Required) The declaration of objects should contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.5

(Advisory) Declarations should contain no more than two levels of pointer nesting

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-19

(Required) The declaration of objects shall contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int ***p;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int **p;
```

MISRAC2004-17.6_a

Synopsis Detected the return of a stack address.

Enabled by default Yes

High/High



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack, MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_a, CERT-DCL30-C a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-1

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(void) {
  int a[20];
  return a; //a is a local array
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int* example(void) {
  int *p,i;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.6_b

Synopsis

Detected a stack address stored in a global pointer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b, CERT-DCL30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.6_c

Synopsis Detected a stack address stored in the field of a global struct.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global-field, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6 c, CERT-DCL30-C d.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
  int *px;
} s;

void example() {
  int i = 0;
  s.px = &i; //storing local address in global struct
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S{
   int *px;
} s;

void example() {
   int i = 0;
   s.px = &i; //OK - the field is written to later
   s.px = NULL;
}
```

MISRAC2004-17.6 d

Synopsis

Detected a stack address stored outside a function via a parameter.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-param, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_d, CERT-DCL30-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
```

MISRAC2004-18.1

Synopsis

Structs and unions were found that are used without being defined.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) All structure and union types shall be complete at the end of the translation unit.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.1

(Required) All structure and union types shall be complete at the end of the translation unit.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct incomplete;
void example(struct incomplete *p)
{
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct complete {
    int x;
};

void example(struct complete *p)
{
}
```

MISRAC2004-18.2

Synopsis

Assignments from one field of a union to another were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object. This check is identical to UNION-overlap-assign, MISRAC++2008-0-2-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-19.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.2

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.1

(Mandatory) An object shall not be assigned or copied to an overlapping object

MISRA C++ 2008 0-2-1

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
    union
    {
        char c[5];
        int i;
    } u;
    u.i = u.c[2];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
{
    union
    {
        char c[5];
        int i;
    } u;
    int x;
    x = (int)u.c[2];
    u.i = x;
}
```

MISRAC2004-18.4

Synopsis Unions were detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Unions shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-9-5-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-19.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.4

(Required) Unions shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.2

(Advisory) The union keyword should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 9-5-1

(Required) Unions shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
union cheat {
  int i;
  float f;
};
int example(float f) {
  union cheat u;
  u.f = f;
  return u.i;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC2004-19.1

Synopsis

#include directives were found that are not first in the source file.

Enabled by default

No

Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) #include statements in a file should only be preceded by other preprocessor directives or comments. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-20.1, MISRAC++2008-16-0-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.1

(Advisory) #include statements in a file should only be preceded by other preprocessor directives or comments.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.1

(Advisory) #include directives should only be preceded by preprocessor directives or comments

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-1

(Required) #include directives in a file shall only be preceded by other preprocessor directives or comments.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

void example(void) {}
int x;
#include <cstdio>
void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

void example(void) {}
#include <cstdio>
void example(void) {}

MISRAC2004-19.2

Synopsis There are illegal characters in header file names.

Enabled by default No

Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) Non-standard characters should not occur in header file names in #include directives. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-20.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.2

(Advisory) Non-standard characters should not occur in header file names in #include directives.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.2

(Required) The ',' or \ characters and the /* or // character sequences shall not occur in a header file name

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "fi'le.h"/* Non-compliant */
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include "header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC2004-19.4

Synopsis

A macro definition was found that is not permitted.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) C macros shall only expand to a braced initialiser, a constant, a string literal, a parenthesised expression, a type qualifier, a storage class specifier, or a do-while-zero construct.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.4

(Required) C macros shall only expand to a braced initializer, a constant, a string literal, a parenthesized expression, a type qualifier, a storage class specifier, or a do-while-zero construct.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
\#define PLUS_TWO(X) (X) + 2
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
\#define PLUS_TWO(X) ((X) + 2)
```

MISRAC2004-19.5

Synopsis

A #define or #undef was found inside a block.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Macros shall not be #define'd or #undef'd within a block.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.5

(Required) Macros shall not be #define'd or #undef'd within a block.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example() {
#define ONE 1
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define ONE 1
int example() {
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2004-19.6

Synopsis #undef directives were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) #undef shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-16-0-3,

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.5.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.6

(Required) #undef shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.5

(Advisory) #undef should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-3

(Required) #undef shall not be used.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define SYM
#undef SYM

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define SYM

MISRAC2004-19.7

Synopsis Function-like macros were detected.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro. This check

is identical to MISRAC++2008-16-0-4, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.9.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.7

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.9

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro where they are interchangeable

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-4

(Required) Function-like macros shall not be defined.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#defineABS(x)((x) < 0 ? -(x) : (x))

void example(void) {
  int a;
  ABS (a);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
template <typename T> inline T ABS(T x) { return x < 0 ? -x : x; }
```

MISRAC2004-19.10

Synopsis

A macro parameter was not enclosed in parentheses or used as the operand of # or ##.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) In the definition of a function-like macro each instance of a parameter shall be enclosed in parentheses unless it is used as the operand of # or ##.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.10

(Required) In the definition of a function-like macro, each instance of a parameter shall be enclosed in parentheses unless it is used as the operand of # or ##.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
\#define abs(x) ((x >= 0) ? x : -x)
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define abs(x) (((x) >= 0) ? (x) : -(x))
```

MISRAC2004-19.12

Synopsis Multiple # or ## preprocessor operators were found in a macro definition.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## preprocessor operators in a single macro definition. This check is identical to DEFINE-hash-multiple, MISRAC++2008-16-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.12

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## preprocessor operators in a single macro definition.

MISRA C++ 2008 16-3-1

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## operators in a single macro definition.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define C(x, y) \# x \# \# y/* Non-compliant */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x) #x/* Compliant */

MISRAC2004-19.13

Synopsis Uses were found of the # and ## operators.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used. This check is

identical to MISRAC++2008-16-3-2, MISRAC2012-Rule-20.10.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.13

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.10

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 16-3-2

(Advisory) The # and ## operators should not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define A(Y)#Y/* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define A(x)(x)/* Compliant */

MISRAC2004-19.15

Synopsis Header files were found without #include guards.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included twice. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-16-2-3,

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.10.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.15

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included twice.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.10

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included more than once

MISRA C++ 2008 16-2-3

(Required) Include guards shall be provided.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "unguarded_header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "header.h"/* contains #ifndef HDR #define HDR ... #endif
*/
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC2004-20.1

Synopsis

Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros, and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined, or undefined. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-17-0-1,

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.1

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros, and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined, or undefined.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.1

(Required) #define and #undef shall not be used on a reserved identifier or reserved macro name

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-1

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined or undefined.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define __TIME__ 11111111 /* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x)(x)/* Compliant */

MISRAC2004-20.2

Synopsis

One or more library functions are being overridden.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The names of standard library macros, objects and functions shall not be reused. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-17-0-3, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.2, CERT-DCL37-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

MISRA C:2004 20.2

(Required) The names of Standard Library macros, objects, and functions shall not be reused.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.2

(Required) A reserved identifier or macro name shall not be declared

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-3

(Required) The names of standard library functions shall not be overridden.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {}
extern "C" void strcpy(void);
void strcpy(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {}
extern "C" void bar(void);
void foo(void) {}
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_a

Synopsis A parameter value (<=0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11 a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d > 0) {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 < d) {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d <= 0) {
        else {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 >= d) {
        else {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
}
    e = tgamma(1.0); /* constant > 0 */
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_b

Synopsis A parameter value (<0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>=0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

#include <math.h>

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void gez(double d1, double d2) {
  double e;
  e = sqrt(-2);    /* const not in range */
  e = sqrt(d1);    /* var not checked */
  if(d1 >= 0) {
      e = sqrt(d1);    /* checked but in wrong branch */
  }
  if(d1 >= 0) {
      d1 = d2;
      e = sqrt(d1);    /* checked but updated */
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include<math.h>

void gez(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d >= 0) {
        e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 <= d) {
        e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d < 0) {
        e lse {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        else {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        else {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = sqrt(1.0); /* constant > 0 */
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_c

Synopsis A parameter value (==0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (!=0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_c.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d != 0) {
        e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 != d) {
        e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d == 0) {
        e logb(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 == d) {
        e logb(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 == d) {
        e logb(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = logb(1.0); /* constant != 0 */
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_d

Synopsis A parameter value (>1) might cause domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<=1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_d.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include<math.h>
void example(double d) {
 double e;
 if(d <= 1) {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(1 >= d) {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(d > 1) {
 } else {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(1 < d) {
  } else {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 e = acos(0.5); /* constant <= 1 */</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_e

Full description

Synopsis A parameter value (>=1) might cause domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_e.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include<math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d < 1) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d >= 1) {
        else {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(1 <= d) {
        else {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
}
    e = atanh(0.5); /* constant < 1 */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_f

Synopsis A parameter value (<-1) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>=-1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_f.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

#include <math.h>

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d >= -1) {
        e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 <= d) {
        e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d < -1) {
        } else {
        e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 > d) {
        } else {
        e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if (-1 > d) {
        } else {
        e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = acos(-0.5); /* constant >= -1 */
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_g

Synopsis A parameter value (<=-1) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>-1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_g.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d > -1) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 < d) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d <= -1) {
        e lse {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 >= d) {
        else {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(-0.5); /* constant > -1 */
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_h

Synopsis A parameter value (>255) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<=255 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_h.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int isalpha(int c);

void leff(int d1, int d2) {
  int e;
  e = isalpha(2512);    /* const not in range */
  e = isalpha(d1);    /* var not checked */
  if(d1 <= 0xFF) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d1);    /* checked but in wrong branch */
  }
  if(d1 <= 255) {
    d1 = d2;
    e = isalpha(d1);    /* checked but updated */
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern int isalpha(int c);

void example(int d) {
  int e;
  if(d <= 255) {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(0xFF >= d) {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(d > 0xFF) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(255 < d) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(255 < d) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  e = isalpha('c'); /* constant <= 0xFF */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2004-20.3_i

Synopsis A parameter value (min) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (min value case). This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11 i.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

```
#include <math.h>
#include <limits.h>
void example(int d) {
 int e;
 if(d > INT_MIN) {
   e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(INT_MIN < d) {
    e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(d <= INT_MIN) {</pre>
 } else {
    e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(INT_MIN >= d) {
 } else {
   e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 e = abs(INT_MIN+1); /* constant not INT_MIN */
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.4

Synopsis Detected use of malloc, calloc, realloc, or free.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-18-4-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.4

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.3

(Required) The memory allocation and deallocation functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-4-1

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void *example(void) {
  return malloc(100);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC2004-20.5

Synopsis Detected use of the error indicator errno.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description

(Required) The error indicator errno shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-19-3-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.5

(Required) The error indicator errno shall not be used.

MISRA C++ 2008 19-3-1

(Required) The error indicator errno shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int example(char buf[]) {
   int i;
   errno = 0;
   i = atoi(buf);
   return (errno == 0) ? i : 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.6

Synopsis

Detected use of the built-in function offsetof.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The macro offsetof in the stddef.h library shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-18-2-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.6

(Required) The macro offsetof in the stddef.h library shall not be used.

MISRA C++ 2008 18-2-1

(Required) The macro offsetof shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
struct stat {
  int st_size;
};
int example(void) {
  return offsetof(struct stat, st_size);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.7

Synopsis Detected use of setjmp.h.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-17-0-5, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.4.

Coding standards

CERT ERR34-CPP

Do not use longimp

MISRA C:2004 20.7

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.4

(Required) The standard header file <setjmp.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-5

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <setjmp.h>
jmp_buf ex;
void example(void) {
   setjmp(ex);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.8

Severity/Certainty

Synopsis Use of signal.h was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Full description

(Required) The signal handling facilities of signal.h shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-18-7-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.8

Low/Medium

(Required) The signal handling facilities of signal.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.5

(Required) The standard header file <signal.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-7-1

(Required) The signal handling facilities of <csignal> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stddef.h>

void example(void) {
   signal(SIGFPE, NULL);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.9

Synopsis Use of stdio.h was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The input/output library stdio.h shall not be used in production code. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-27-0-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.6.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.9

(Required) The input/output library stdio.h shall not be used in production code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.6

(Required) The Standard Library input/output functions shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 27-0-1

(Required) The stream input/output library <cstdio> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  printf("Hello, world!\n");
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.10

Synopsis Use of the functions atof, atoi, atol, or atoll was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The functions atof, atoi, and atol from the library stdlib.h shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-18-0-2, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.7.

Coding standards

CERT INT06-C

Use strtol() or a related function to convert a string token to an integer

MISRA C:2004 20.10

(Required) The functions atof, atoi, and atol from the library stdlib.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.7

(Required) The atof, atoi, atol and atoll functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-2

(Required) The library functions atof, atoi and atol from library <cstdlib> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(char buf[]) {
  return atoi(buf);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.11

Synopsis Use of the functions abort, exit, getenv, or system was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The functions abort, exit, getenv, and system from the library stdlib.h shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC+ \pm 2008-18-0-3,

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.8.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.11

(Required) The functions abort, exit, getenv, and system from the library stdlib.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.8

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-3

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system from library <<stdlib> shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  abort();
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2004-20.12

Synopsis

Use of the time.h functions was detected: asctime, clock, ctime, difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime, or time.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The time handling functions of time.h shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-18-0-4, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.10.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.12

(Required) The time handling functions of time.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.10

(Required) The Standard Library time and date functions shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-4

(Required) The time handling functions of library <ctime> shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <time.h>

time_t example(void) {
   return time(NULL);
}
```

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.3

Synopsis

Inline assembler statements were found that are not encapsulated in functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated This check is identical to MISRAC2004-2.1. MISRAC++2008-7-4-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.1

(Required) Assembler language shall be encapsulated and isolated.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.3

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated

MISRA C++ 2008 7-4-3

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x)
{
  int r;
  asm("");
  return r + 1;
}
```

```
int example(int x)
{
   asm("");
   return x;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.4

Synopsis Code sections in comments were found where the comment ends with a ';', '{', or '}'

character.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Advisory) Sections of code should not be "commented out" Code sections in

comments were found where the comment ends with a ';', '{', or '}' character. This check

is identical to MISRAC2004-2.4.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 2.4

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be commented out.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.4

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be "commented out"

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    /*
    int i;
    */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
#if 0
   int i;
#endif
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.5

Synopsis Identifiers in the same namespace, with overlapping visibility, should be

typographically unambiguous.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Identifiers in the same namespace, with overlapping visibility, should be typographically unambiguous.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.5

(Advisory) Identifiers in the same name space with overlapping visibility should be typographically unambiguous

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int foo;
  int f00;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int foo;
  int bar;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6_a

Synopsis

The basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float are used without a typedef.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types The basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float are used

without a typedef. Best practice is to use typedefs for portability. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-6.3, MISRAC++2008-3-9-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.3

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic types.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.6

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types

MISRA C++ 2008 3-9-2

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
    INT x;
    INT (*fp)(const char *);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
   INT x;
   INT (*fp)(const SCHAR *);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6 b

Synopsis

Typedefs of basic types were found with names that do not indicate the size or signedness.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.6

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic numerical types

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* MISRA C 2012 Directive 4.6 Example */
/* Non-compliant - no sign or size specified
*/
typedef int speed_t;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/* MISRA C 2012 Directive 4.6 Example */
/* Compliant - int used to define specific-length type
*/
typedef int SINT_16;
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_a

Synopsis

Returned error information should be tested.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

 $(Required)\ If\ a\ function\ returns\ error\ information,\ then\ that\ error\ information\ shall\ be$

tested.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.7

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

shall be tested

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  malloc(5);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example() {
  int p = malloc(5);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_b

Synopsis

Returned error information should be tested.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.7

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int ec = malloc(5);
  ec = 2;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int ec = malloc(5);
  if (ec)
  {
     // ...
  }
  ec = 2;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.7_c

Synopsis

Returned error information should be tested.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.7

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested

Code examples

```
#include<errno.h>
#include<stdio.h>
void no_test() {
 FILE * f;
 fpos_t * p;
 int x = fgetpos(f, p);
void test_after_overwritten() {
 FILE * f;
  fpos_t * p;
  int x = fgetpos(f, p);
  int y = fgetpos(f, p);
  switch(errno) {
  case 1:
   /* ... */
   break;
  }
}
```

```
#include<errno.h>
#include<stdio.h>
void test() {
 FILE * f;
  fpos_t * p;
  int x = fgetpos(f, p);
  switch(errno) {
  case 1:
   /* ... */
   break;
  }
void test_again() {
  FILE * f;
  fpos_t * p;
  int x = fgetpos(f, p);
  switch(errno) {
  case 1:
   /* ... */
    break;
  x = fgetpos(f, p);
  switch(errno) {
  case 1:
    /* ... */
   break;
  }
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.8

Synopsis

The implementation of a structure is unnecessarily exposed to a translation unit.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) If a pointer to a structure or union is never dereferenced within a translation unit, then the implementation of the object should be hidden.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.8

(Advisory) If a pointer to a structure or union is never dereferenced within a translation unit, then the implementation of the object should be hidden

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "transparent_struct.h"
/*
transparent_struct.h:
struct t_struct {
   int field;
};
*/
#include "transparent_struct_getset.h"
/*
transparent_struct_getset.h:
struct t_struct * get();
void set(struct t_struct *);
*/

void example() {
   struct t_struct * value = get();
   // struct t_struct * is not derefenced
   set(value);
}
```

```
#include "opaque_struct.h"
/*
opaque_struct.h:
typedef struct o_struct * structure;
*/

#include "opaque_struct_getset.h"
/*
opaque_struct_getset.h:
structure get();
void set_field(structure, int);
void set(structure);
*/

void example() {
   structure value = get();
   // structure is not derefenced explicitly
   set_field(value, 10);
   set(value);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.9

Synopsis Function-like macros were detected.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro where they are interchangeable This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.7,

MISRAC++2008-16-0-4.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.7

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.9

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro where they are interchangeable

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-4

(Required) Function-like macros shall not be defined.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#defineABS(x)((x) < 0 ? -(x) : (x))
void example(void) {
  int a;
  ABS (a);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
template <typename T> inline T ABS(T x) { return x < 0 ? -x : x; }
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.10

Synopsis Header files were found without #include guards.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included more than once This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.15, MISRAC++2008-16-2-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.15

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included twice.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.10

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included more than once

MISRA C++ 2008 16-2-3

(Required) Include guards shall be provided.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "unguarded_header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "header.h"/* contains #ifndef HDR #define HDR ... #endif
*/
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_a

Synopsis A parameter value (<=0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d > 0) {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 < d) {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d <= 0) {
        else {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 >= d) {
        else {
        e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = tgamma(d); /* checked before use */
}
    e = tgamma(1.0); /* constant > 0 */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_b

Synopsis A parameter value (<0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>=0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <math.h>

void gez(double d1, double d2) {
  double e;
  e = sqrt(-2);    /* const not in range */
  e = sqrt(d1);    /* var not checked */
  if(d1 >= 0) {
    } else {
      e = sqrt(d1);    /* checked but in wrong branch */
  }
  if(d1 >= 0) {
      d1 = d2;
      e = sqrt(d1);    /* checked but updated */
  }
}
```

```
#include<math.h>

void gez(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d >= 0) {
        e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 <= d) {
        e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d < 0) {
        e lse {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        else {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        else {
            e = sqrt(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = sqrt(1.0); /* constant > 0 */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_c

Full description

Synopsis A parameter value (==0) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



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(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (!=0 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_c.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
   double e;
   if(d != 0) {
      e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(0 != d) {
      e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(d == 0) {
      e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(0 == d) {
      e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(0 == d) {
      e = logb(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   e = logb(1.0); /* constant != 0 */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_d

Synopsis A parameter value (>1) might cause domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<=1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_d.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<math.h>

void example(double d) {
   double e;
   if(d <= 1) {
      e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(1 >= d) {
      e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(d > 1) {
    } else {
      e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(1 < d) {
   } else {
      e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   if(1 < d) {
   } else {
      e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
   }
   e = acos(0.5); /* constant <= 1 */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_e

Synopsis A parameter value (>=1) might cause domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3 e.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

```
#include<math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d < 1) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(0 > d) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d >= 1) {
        else {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(1 <= d) {
        else {
            e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
}
    e = atanh(0.5); /* constant < 1 */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_f

Synopsis A parameter value (<-1) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>=-1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_f.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <math.h>
```

```
#include <math.h>
void example(double d) {
 double e;
 if(d >= -1) {
   e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(-1 \le d) {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(d < -1) {
 } else {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 if(-1 > d) {
 } else {
    e = acos(d); /* checked before use */
 e = acos(-0.5); /* constant >= -1 */
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_g

Synopsis A parameter value (<=-1) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (>-1 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_g.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

```
#include <math.h>

void example(double d) {
    double e;
    if(d > -1) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 < d) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(d <= -1) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    if(-1 >= d) {
        e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(d); /* checked before use */
    }
    e = atanh(-0.5); /* constant > -1 */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_h

Synopsis A parameter value (>255) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (<=255 case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_h.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int isalpha(int c);

void leff(int d1, int d2) {
  int e;
  e = isalpha(2512);    /* const not in range */
  e = isalpha(d1);    /* var not checked */
  if(d1 <= 0xFF) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d1);    /* checked but in wrong branch */
  }
  if(d1 <= 255) {
    d1 = d2;
    e = isalpha(d1);    /* checked but updated */
  }
}</pre>
```

```
extern int isalpha(int c);

void example(int d) {
  int e;
  if(d <= 255) {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(0xFF >= d) {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(d > 0xFF) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(255 < d) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  if(255 < d) {
  } else {
    e = isalpha(d); /* checked before use */
  }
  e = isalpha('c'); /* constant <= 0xFF */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.11_i

Synopsis A parameter value (min) might cause a domain or range error.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The va

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked (min value case). This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.3_i.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.3

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.11

(Required) The validity of values passed to library functions shall be checked

```
#include <math.h>
#include <limits.h>
void example(int d) {
 int e;
 if(d > INT_MIN) {
   e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(INT_MIN < d) {
    e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(d <= INT_MIN) {</pre>
 } else {
    e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 if(INT_MIN >= d) {
 } else {
   e = abs(d); /* checked before use */
 e = abs(INT_MIN+1); /* constant not INT_MIN */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.12

Synopsis Dynamic memory allocation found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) Dynamic memory allocation shall not be used.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.12

(Required) Dynamic memory allocation shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
   int * x = malloc(sizeof(int));
}
void example(void) {
   int * x = new int[10];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x[10];
  int * y = x;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_a

Synopsis

A mutex is locked, but not unlocked

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an approriate sequence. A mutex is locked and then never released. This might cause a deadlock.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <DLib_Threads.h>
void example(void) {
    __iar_Rmtx *lock;
    __iar_system_Mtxinit(lock);
    __iar_system_Mtxlock(lock);
    /* Do something */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <DLib_Threads.h>

void example(void) {
    __iar_Rmtx *lock;
    __iar_system_Mtxinit(lock);

    __iar_system_Mtxlock(lock);
    /* Do something */
    __iar_system_Mtxunlock(lock);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_b

Synopsis

Incorrect deallocation causes memory leak.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an approriate sequence. Memory is allocated, but then the pointer value is lost due to reassignment or its scope ending, without a guarantee of the value being

propagated or the memory being freed. There must be no possible execution path during which the value is not freed, returned, or passed into another function as an argument, before it is lost. This is a memory leak. This check is identical to MEM-leak-alias.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));

ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (rand() < 5) {
        free(ptr);
    } else {
        free(ptr);
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c

Synopsis A file pointer is never closed.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an approriate sequence. One or more file pointers are never closed. To avoid failure caused by resource exhaustion, all file pointers obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions must be explicitly released. Releasing them as soon as possible reduces the risk that exhaustion will occur. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_b, RESOURCE-file-no-close-all, SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close, CERT-FIO42-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
  fclose(fp);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d

Synopsis A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence. Memory is being accessed after it has been deallocated. The application might appear to run normally, but the operation is illegal. The most likely result is a crash, but the application might keep running with erroneous or corrupt data. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all, CERT-MEM30-C_a, MEM-use-free-all.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *x;
  x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(x);
  *x++; //x is dereferenced after it is freed
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++; //OK - x is reallocated
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13 e

Synopsis A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence. A pointer is used after it has been freed. This might cause data corruption or an application crash. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some, MEM-use-free-some, CERT-MEM30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   if (rand()) {
      x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   }
   else {
      /* x not reallocated along this path */
   }
   (*x)++;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_f

Synopsis

A file resource is used after it has been closed.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence. A file resource is referred to after it has been closed. When a file has been closed, any reference to it is invalid. Using this reference might cause an application crash.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fclose(f1);
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_g

Synopsis A pointer is freed without having been allocated.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence. A pointer is freed without having been allocated.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  // Do stuff
  free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *p = malloc(sizeof(int));
  // Do something
  free(p);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13 h

Synopsis

A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence. A struct field is deallocated without first having been allocated. This might cause a runtime error.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
  int *a;
};

void example(void) {
  struct test t;
  free(t.a);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct test {
  int *a;
};

void example(void) {
  struct test t;
  t.a = malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(t.a);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_a

Synopsis User input used as an argument to printf without validation.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example (void) {
   char input [256];
   scanf ("%s", input);
   printf ("%s", input);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example (void) {
   char input[256];
   scanf ("%s", input);
   if (input[256] == '\0') {
      printf ("%s", input);
   }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14 b

Synopsis A user is able to control the amount of memory used in an allocation.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
   int num;
   char buffer[50];
   char *other_string = "Hello World!";
   gets(buffer);
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &num);
   if (num > 100) return -1;
   char *string = (char *)malloc(num);
   strcpy(string, other_string);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(char* argc, char** argv) {
   int num;
   char buffer[50];
   char *other_string = "Hello World!";
   gets(buffer);
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &num);
   if (num < strlen(other_string) || num > 100) return -1;
   char *string = (char *)malloc(num);
   strcpy(string, other_string);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_c

Synopsis User input is copied into a buffer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be

checked

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char passwd[10];
   char *input = getenv("PASSWORD");
   int accept;

   strcpy(passwd, input);

   if (accept)
      printf("Login Successful\n");
   else
      printf("Unsuccessful Login\n");
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char passwd[10];
   int accept;

   if (strlen(argv[1]) < 10)
       strcpy(passwd, argv[1]);

   if (accept)
      printf("Login Successful\n");
   else
      printf("Unsuccessful Login\n");
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_d

Synopsis A tainted value is used as the size of the memory copied from one buffer to another.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char dest[50], src[50];
   int size = getchar();
   int size2 = 10;
   int size3 = 20;
   int size4 = 30;
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
      memcpy(dest, src, size4);
      size4 = size3;
      size3 = size2;
      size2 = size;
   }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   char dest[50], src[50];
   int size = getchar();
   int size2 = 10;
   int size3 = 20;
   int size4 = 30;
   int i;
   for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
      if (size4 >= 0 && size4 <= 50)
        memcpy(dest, src, size4);
      size4 = size3;
      size3 = size2;
      size2 = size;
   }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_e

Synopsis An array is accessed with an index derived from user input.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int *main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int *options[10];
   char buffer[1024];
   int index, success, socket;
   success = recv(socket, buffer, sizeof(buffer) - 1, 0);
   if (!success) return 0;
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &index);
   return options[index]; /* Index could be any integer */
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int *main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int *options[10];
   char buffer[1024];
   int index, success, socket;
   success = recv(socket, buffer, sizeof(buffer) - 1, 0);
   if (!success) return 0;
   sscanf(buffer, "%d", &index);
   if (index >= 0 && index < 10)
      return options[index]; /* Index is between 0 and 9 */
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_f

Synopsis A user-controlled variable is used as an offset to a pointer without proper bounds

checking.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
  int a = atoi(getenv("TEST"));
  p + a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int *p) {
  int a = atoi(getenv("TEST"));
  if (a > 0 && a < 10)
    p + a;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_g

Synopsis

User input is used as a divisor without validation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  return 10 / argc;
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  if (argc > 0 && argc < 10)
    return 10 / argc;
  else
    return 1;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_h

Synopsis

A user-controlled value is used as part of a loop condidition.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int a;
  int i = 0;
  scanf("%d", &a);
  while (i < a) {
    i++;
  }
}</pre>
```

```
void example(void) {
  int a;
  int i = 0;
  scanf("%d", &a);
  if (a > 0 && a < 10) {
    while (i < a) {
       i++;
    }
  }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_i

Synopsis User input is used as a value in the environment.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = getenv("FOO");
  putenv(a);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = getenv("F00");
  a = "BAR";
  putenv(a);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_j

Synopsis User input is improperly used in an LDAP query.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void * ld, void *base, void *scope, char **attrs,
int attrsonly) {
  char *name;
  char *query;
  name = gets(name);
  strcpy(query, "cn=\"");
  strcat(query, name);
  strcat(query, "\"");
  ldap_search(ld, base, scope, query, attrs, attrsonly);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void * ld, void *base, void *scope, char **attrs,
int attrsonly) {
   char *name;
   char *query = getenv("MY_QUERY");
   query = attrs[0];
   ldap_search(ld, base, scope, query, attrs, attrsonly);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_I

Synopsis User input is improperly used in an SQL statement.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

```
#include <string.h>

void example(void * conn) {
   char *name;
   char *sql;
   name = gets(name);
   strcpy(sql, "SELECT age FROM people WHERE name = \"");
   strcat(sql, name);
   strcat(sql, "\"");
   sqlite3_exec(conn, sql);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void * conn, void * stmt) {
  char *name;
  name = gets(name);
  sqlite3_bind_text(stmt, "A", name);
  sqlite3_exec(conn, "SELECT age FROM people WHERE name = $A");
}
```

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.14_m

Synopsis User input is improperly used as an XPath expression.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The validity of values received from external sources shall be checked.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.14

(Required) The validity of values recieved from external sources shall be checked

Code examples

```
#include <string.h>

void example(void * xml) {
   char *name;
   char *xpath;
   name = gets(name);
   strcpy(xpath, "children::*[@name = '");
   strcat(xpath, name);
   strcat(xpath, "'");
   xmlXPathEval(xml, xpath);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void * xml, char *name) {
  char *xpath;
  strcpy(xpath, "children::*[@name = '");
  strcat(xpath, name);
  strcat(xpath, "'");
  xmlXPathEval(xml, xpath);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_a

Synopsis An expression resulting in 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0, MISRAC2004-1.2_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_b

Synopsis A variable was found that is assigned the value 0, and then used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-assign, MISRAC2004-1.2_d, CERT-INT33-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 20, b = 5, c;
  c = a / b; /* b is not 0 */
  return c;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_c

Synopsis

A variable is used as a divisor after a successful comparison with 0.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-aft, MISRAC2004-1.2_e,

SEC-DIV-0-compare-after, CERT-INT33-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_d

Synopsis A variable used as a divisor is subsequently compared with 0.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-cmp-bef, MISRAC2004-1.2_f, SEC-DIV-0-compare-before, CERT-INT33-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int p)
{
   int a = 20, b = 1;
   b = a / p;
   if (p == 0) // Checking the value of 'p' too late.
     return 0;
   return b;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3 e

Synopsis A value that is determined using interval analysis to be 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-interval, MISRAC2004-1.2_g, CERT-INT33-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 1;
  a--;
  return 5 / a; /* a is 0 */
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
   int a = 2;
   a--;
   return 5 / a; /* OK - a is 1 */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_f

Synopsis An expression that might be 0 is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

This check is identical to ATH-div-0-pos, MISRAC2004-1.2_h, CERT-INT33-C_e.

Coding standards CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a-2); // a-2 is 0
}
```

```
int foo(void)
{
  int a = 3;
  a--;
  return 5 / (a+2); // OK - a+2 is 4
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_g

Synopsis A global variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-global, MISRAC2004-1.2_i,

CERT-INT33-C f.

Coding standards CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
int example() {
  return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int x;
int example() {
  if (x != 0) {
    return 5/x;
  }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_h

Synopsis

A local variable is not checked against 0 before it is used as a divisor.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to ATH-div-0-unchk-local, MISRAC2004-1.2_j,

CERT-INT33-C_g.

Coding standards

CERT INT33-C

Ensure that division and modulo operations do not result in divide-by-zero errors

CWE 369

Divide By Zero

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int rand();
int example() {
    int x = rand();
    return 5/x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int rand();
int example() {
   int x = rand();
   if (x != 0) {
      return 5/x;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i

Synopsis Expressions found that depend on order of evaluation.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a, MISRAC2004-12.2_a,

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a, SPC-order, CERT-EXP30-C_a.

Coding standards CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int i = 0;
  i = i * i++; //unspecified order of operations
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
   int i = 0;
   int x = i;
   i++;
   x = x * i;   //OK - statement is broken up
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_j

Synopsis A variable is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.1_a, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e, SPC-uninit-var-all.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int x;
  x++; //x is uninitialized
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
  int x = 0;
  x++;
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_k

Synopsis A variable is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.1_b, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_f, SPC-uninit-var-some.

Coding standards

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

#include <stdlib.h>

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

```
int main(void) {
  int x, y;
  if (rand()) {
    x = 0;
  }
  y = x; //x may not be initialized
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
   int x;
   if (rand()) {
      x = 0;
   }
   /* x never read */
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3 I

Synopsis A call to streat causes a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_m

Synopsis A function pointer is used in an invalid context.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards CERT EXP16-C

Do not compare function pointers to constant values

CWE 480

Use of Incorrect Operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int foo(int x, int y) {
    return x+y;
}

int foo2(int x, int y) {
    if (foo)
        return (foo)(x,y);
    if (foo && foo2)
        return (foo)(x,y);
    return 0;
}
```

```
typedef int (*fptr)(int,int);
int f_add(int x, int y) {
 return x+y;
int f_sub(int x, int y) {
 return x-y;
int foo(int opcode, int x, int y) {
 fptr farray[2];
 farray[0] = f_add;
 farray[1] = f_sub;
 return (farray[opcode])(x,y);
int foo2(fptr f1, fptr f2) {
 if (f1 == f2)
   return 1;
 else
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_n

Synopsis The left-hand side of a right shift operation might be a negative value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  return -10 >> x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return 10 >> x;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_o

Synopsis A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_d, SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-all,

CERT-MEM30-C_a, MEM-use-free-all.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   *x++; //x is dereferenced after it is freed
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int *x;
  x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  free(x);
  x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  **x++; //OK - x is reallocated
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_p

Synopsis

A pointer is used after it has been freed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low

Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_e,

SEC-BUFFER-use-after-free-some, MEM-use-free-some, CERT-MEM30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT MEM30-C

Do not access freed memory

CWE 416

Use After Free

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.13

(Advisory) Functions which are designed to provide operations on a resource should be called in an appropriate sequence

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   if (rand()) {
      x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   }
   else {
      /* x not reallocated along this path */
   }
   (*x)++;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   int *x;
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   free(x);
   x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
   *x++;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_q

Synopsis Might return an address on the stack.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int *example(void) {
  int a[20];
  return a; //a is a local array
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int* example(void) {
  int *p,i;
  p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
  return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_r

Synopsis A stack address is stored in a global pointer.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s

Synopsis

A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

 $(Required)\ There\ shall\ be\ no\ occurrence\ of\ undefined\ or\ critical\ unspecified\ behavior.$

This check is identical to MEM-stack-param, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c, MISRAC2004-17.6 d, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6 d, CERT-DCL30-C e.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

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CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_t

Synopsis A call to memcpy or memmove causes the memory to overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void func()
{
   int size = 10;
   int arr1[10];
   int arr2[11];
   memcpy(arr2, arr1, sizeof(int) * (size + 1));
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void func()
{
   int arr[10];
   int * ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
   memcpy(ptr, arr, sizeof(int) * 10);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_u

Synopsis

A call to memset causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 805

Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 21);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 20);
  memset(a, 'a', 10);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_v

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Synopsis & A call to {\tt strcpy} causes a destination buffer overrun. \end{tabular}$

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behavior.

Coding standards

CERT STR31-C

Guarantee that storage for strings has sufficient space for character data and the null terminator

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 676

Use of Potentially Dangerous Function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2,str1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.4_a

Synopsis Uses of _Generic, _Noreturn, _Atomic, _Thread_local, _Alignas, _Alignof or

__STDC_WANT_LIB_EXT1__ were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Emergent language features shall not be used.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.4

(Required) Emergent language features shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

_Thread_local int a;

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

int a;

MISRAC2012-Rule-1.4 b

Synopsis Uses of <stdnoreturn.h>, <stdatomic.h>, <threads.h> or <stdalign.h> were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Emergent language features shall not be used.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.4

(Required) Emergent language features shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdatomic.h>
void example(void){
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1 a

Synopsis

A case statement within a switch statement cannot be reached.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code. This check is identical to

RED-case-reach, MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_c.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

switch(2 * x) {
  case 42 : //unreachable case, as x is 84
  ;
  default :
   ;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

  switch(2 * x) {
  case 84 :
    ;
  default :
    ;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1 b

Synopsis

A part of the application is never executed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code. This check is identical to RED-dead, MISRAC2004-14.1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-9.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

CWE 561

Dead Code

MISRA C:2004 14.1

(Required) There shall be no unreachable code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code.

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-9

(Required) There shall be no dead code.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            return 1;
            printf("Hello!"); // This line cannot execute.
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            printf("Hello!"); // This line can execute.
            return 1;
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2 a

Synopsis A statement potentially contains no side effects.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no dead code. This check is identical to RED-no-effect, MISRAC2004-14.2.

Coding standards

CERT MSC12-C

Detect and remove code that has no effect

CWE 482

Comparing instead of Assigning

MISRA C:2004 14.2

(Required) All non-null statements shall either have at least one side effect however executed, or cause control flow to change.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 1;
  x = 2;
  x < x;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <string>
void f();
template<class T>
struct X {
  int x;
  int get() const {
    return x;
 X(int y):
    x(y) \{ \}
};
typedef X<int> intX;
void example(void) {
  /* everything below has a side-effect */
  int i=0;
  f();
  (void)f();
  ++i;
  i+=1;
  i++;
  char *p = "test";
  std::string s;
  s.assign(p);
  std::string *ps = &s;
  ps -> assign(p);
  intX xx(1);
  xx.get();
  intX(1);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_b

Synopsis A field in a struct is assigned a non-trivial value that is never used.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no dead code.

Coding standards

CERT MSC13-C

Detect and remove unused values

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef struct simpleStruct {
    int a;
} ss_t;

void example(void) {
    ss_t data;
    data.a = 0;
}
```

```
extern void foo(int num);

typedef struct simpleStruct {
   int a;
} ss_t;

void example(void) {
   ss_t data;
   data.a = 0;
   foo(data.a);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_c

Synopsis A variable is assigned a value that is never used.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no dead code. This check is identical to RED-unused-val, MISRAC++2008-0-1-6.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-6

(Required) A project shall not contain instances of non-volatile variables being given values that are never subsequently used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  x = 3;
  return 0;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.3

Synopsis Unused type declaration.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Advisory) A project should not contain unused type declarations. This is a link analysis

check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.3

(Advisory) A project should not contain unused type declarations

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

typedef int unused;

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

typedef int used;

used name;

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.4

Synopsis Unused tag declarations were found.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Advisory) A project should not contain unused tag declarations. This is a link analysis

check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.4

(Advisory) A project should not contain unused tag declarations

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct abc {
  int x;
};

void foo(void) {
  /* not using abc */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct abc {
  int x;
};

void foo(void) {
  struct abc m;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.5

Synopsis

An unused macro declaration was found.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A project should not contain unused macro declarations. This is a link

analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.5

(Advisory) A project should not contain unused macro declarations

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define M(x) (x + 1)
void example(void) {
   /* not invoking M */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define M(x) (x + 1)
void example(void) {
   /* invoking M */
   int x = M(1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.6

Synopsis A function was found that contains an unused label declaration.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Advisory) A function should not contain unused label declarations.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.6

(Advisory) A function should not contain unused label declarations

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
unusedlabel:
}
```

```
void skip_funcion_call(void);
void example(void) {
  goto usedlabel;
  skip_funcion_call();
usedlabel:
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-2.7

Synopsis A function parameter is declared but not used.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) There should be no unused parameters in functions. This check is identical to RED-unused-param, MISRAC++2008-0-1-11.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.7

(Advisory) There should be no unused parameters in functions

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-11

(Required) There shall be no unused parameters (named or unnamed) in nonvirtual functions.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  /* `x' is not used */
  return 20;
}
```

```
int example(int x) {
  return x + 20;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-3.1

Synopsis The character sequences /* and // were found within a comment.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The character sequences /* and // shall not be used within a comment.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-3.1

(Required) The character sequences /* and // shall not be used within a comment

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

// This is /* a comment

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

// This is a comment

MISRAC2012-Rule-3.2

Synopsis Line-splicing was found in // comments.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Line-splicing shall not be used in // comments.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-3.2

(Required) Line-splicing shall not be used in // comments

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
// This comment \
has a line splice
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

```
// This comment
// has no line splice
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.1

Synopsis An external identifier was found that is not unique for the first 31 characters, but still not

identical to another identifier.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) External identifiers shall be distinct. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.1

(Required) External identifiers shall be distinct

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* file2.c
int ABC;
  */
int ABC;

void example (void) {
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/* file2.c
int ABC;
   */
int a;

void example (void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.2_c89

Synopsis Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from other

names in the same scope.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Identifiers declared in the same scope and name space shall be distinct.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.2

(Required) Identifiers declared in the same scope and name space shall be

distinct

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
extern int n01 var hides var 31x;
static int n01_var_hides_var_____31y;
          1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
static int n02_function_hides_var____31x;
         n02_function_hides_var_____31y (void) {}
void foo(void) {
 int i;
 switch(f1()) {
 case 1: {
     do {
  for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if(f3()) {
     /* 1234567890123456789012345678901******** */
            n03_var_hides_var_____31x;
     int n03_var_hides_var_____31y;
  }
     } while(f2());
   }
 }
}
/* 1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
    n04_var_hides_enum_const____31x,
};
/*
    1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
int n04_var_hides_enum_const____31y;
           1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
void bar(int n05_var_hides_parameter____31x) {
          n05_var_hides_parameter____31y;
 int
       1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
#define n06 var hides macro name 31x 123
    n06_var_hides_macro_name____31y;
int
/*
          1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
int
          n07_type_hides_var_____31x;
typedef int n07_type_hides_var____31y;
   1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
```

```
union U {
  int n08_field_hides_field_____31x;
  int n08_field_hides_field____31y;
};

struct S {
  int n09_field_hides_field_____31x;
  int n09_field_hides_field____31y;
};
```

```
1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
extern int n01_var_in_different_scope___31x;
            n02_different_function_name__31x (void) {
void
 static int n01_var_in_different_scope___31y;
 switch(fn()) {
 case 1:
   {
           n01_var_in_different_scope___31a;
     int
   break;
 case 2:
   {
     int
            n01_var_in_different_scope___31b;
   }
   break;
  {
     int
           n01_var_in_different_scope___31c;
     int
          n01_var_in_different_scope___31d;
/* exception for typedef of tag name*/
typedef struct s1 {
 int sf1;
} s1;
typedef union u1 {
 int uf1:
 int uf2;
} u1;
typedef enum e1 {
 ec1, ec2
} e1;
/* identifiers in different name spaces */
     1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
union n02_var_hides_union_tag_____31x {
 int v1;
 unsigned int v2;
} n02_var_hides_union_tag____31y;
/* 1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
```

```
enum n03_var_hides_enum_tag____31x {
    n04 tag hides enum const 31x
};
/*
    1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
int n03_var_hides_enum_tag____31y;
      1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
struct n04_tag_hides_enum_const____31y {
  int ff2;
};
void foo() {
     1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
 int n05_label_hides_var____31x;
/*1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
 n05_label_hides_var____31y:
   n05_label_hides_var____31x = 1;
}
void bar(void) {
 int i;
 switch(f1()) {
 case 1: {
     do {
  for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if(f3()) {
            1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
      struct n06_var_hides_struct_tag____31x {
       int f1:
            n06_var_hides_struct_tag____31y;
  }
     } while(f2());
 }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.2_c99

Synopsis

Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from other names in the same scope.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Identifiers declared in the same scope and name space shall be distinct.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.2

(Required) Identifiers declared in the same scope and name space shall be

distinct

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
0 1 2 3 4 5
/*
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
extern int
n01_var_hides_var__
static int
n01_var_hides_var____
                                     ____63y;
/*
   0 1 2
                        3
                               4
                                      5
  * /
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
static int
n02_function_hides_var_____63x;
n02_function_hides_var_____63y
(void) {}
void foo(void) {
 int i;
 switch(f1()) {
 case 1: {
   do {
 for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  if(f3()) {
/*
             1 2 3
     6 */
5
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
* /
    int
n03_var_hides_var_____63x;
    int
n03_var_hides_var_____63y;
 }
 }
    } while(f2());
  }
 }
}
/* 0
     1 2 3 4 5
* /
/*
```

```
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
* /
enum E {
n04_var_hides_enum_const_
                                                           63x
/*
   0
           1
                     2.
                              3
                                        4
                                                 5
                                                          6
* /
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
* /
int
n04_var_hides_enum_const_
                                                         ___63у;
/*
         0
                  1
                            2.
                                   3
                                                       5
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
void bar(int
n05_var_hides_parameter_____
{
n05_var_hides_parameter___
                         2
                                 3
                                                     5
      0
               1
                                            4
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
#define
n06_var_hides_macro_name___
123
n06_var_hides_macro_name__
                                                         __63у;
                           2
                                    3
                                                      5
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
*/
int
n07_type_hides_var___
                                                          __63x;
typedef int
n07_type_hides_var___
                                                          __63y;
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5
/*
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123**
****** */
extern int
n01_var_in_different_scope_
                                                         63x;
n02_different_function_name____
                                                      63x
(void) {
 static int
n01_var_in_different_scope___
                                                        __63y;
  switch(fn()) {
  case 1:
    {
n01_var_in_different_scope____
                                                         __63a;
   }
   break;
  case 2:
   {
     int
n01_var_in_different_scope__
                                                       ___63b;
   break;
     int
                                                    ____63c;
n01_var_in_different_scope___
 }
 {
     int
n01_var_in_different_scope___
                                                   _____63d;
 }
}
                         2
                                 3
        0
                1
                                          4
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
* /
void
n12_var_hides_function_different_scope___
                                                         63x
(void) {
static int
n12_var_hides_function_different_scope__
                                                        __63y;
```

```
}
/* exception for typedef of tag name*/
typedef struct s1 {
 int sf1;
} s1;
typedef union u1 {
 int uf1;
 int uf2;
} u1;
typedef enum e1 {
 ec1, ec2
} e1;
/* identifiers in different name spaces */
void foo(void) {
 int i;
 switch(f1()) {
 case 1: {
     do {
  for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   if(f3()) {
                      1
                              2
                                      3
                0
5
             * /
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
     struct
n03_var_hides_struct_tag_____
       int f1;
n03_var_hides_struct_tag_____
                                                     ____63y;
   }
  }
     } while(f2());
   }
 }
}
/*
    0
            1
                      2
                           3 4
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
```

```
union
n04_var_hides_union_tag____
 int v1;
unsigned int v2;
n04 var hides union tag
                                                         _63y;
                    2
                             3
*/
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
enum
n05_var_hides_enum_tag____
{
n07_tag_hides_enum_const__
                                                          _63x
};
/*
   0
          1
                     2
                              3
                                       4
                                                5
*/
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123
* /
n05_var_hides_enum_tag___
struct
n07_tag_hides_enum_const____
                                                         __63y
 int sf2;
};
void bar(void) {
/*
     0
                                 3
     * /
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
int
n09_label_hides_var___
                                                         __63x;
{
        1 2 3
/*0
* /
/*123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123
```

```
* */
n09_label_hides_var______63y:
n09_label_hides_var______63x
= 1;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.3_c89

Synopsis Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from other

names in an outer scope.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An identifier declared in an inner scope shall not hide an identifier declared

in an outer scope.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.3

(Required) An identifier declared in an inner scope shall not hide an identifier

declared in an outer scope

```
/*
         1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
extern int n01_param_hides_var_____31x;
extern int n02_var_hides_var_____31x;
void
      n03_var_hides_function____31x (void) {}
enum E {
          n04 var hides enum const 31x,
};
#define n05_var_hides_macro_name____31x 123
extern int n06_type_hides_var_____31x;
void f1(int n01_param_hides_var____31y) {
 int.
       n02_var_hides_var_____31y;
        n03_var_hides_function____31y;
 int.
 int
        n04_var_hides_enum_const____31y;
 int
          n05_var_hides_macro_name____31y;
 switch(f2()) {
 case 1: {
   typedef int n06_type_hides_var_____31y;
   do {
           1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
     int n07_var_hides_var_____31x;
     if(f3()) {
  int n07_var_hides_var_____31y = 1;
   } while(f2());
 }
}
```

```
int f1 (void) {
            1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
 extern int n01_var_in_same_scope_____31x;
 static int n01_var_in_same_scope_____31y;
 switch(fn()) {
 case 1:
   {
           n02_var_in_different_scope___31a;
     int
   break;
 case 2:
   {
     int
           n02_var_in_different_scope___31b;
   }
   break;
  {
     int n02_var_in_different_scope___31c;
     int n02 var in different scope 31d;
 return 0;
}
/* identifiers in different name spaces */
          1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
/*
union
          n03_var_hides_union_tag____31x {
 int v1;
 unsigned int v2;
};
enum
           n04_var_hides_enum_tag____31x {
      n05_tag_hides_enum_const____31x
};
extern int n06_label_hides_var_____31x;
int f2(void) {
       n03_var_hides_union_tag____31y;
         n04_var_hides_enum_tag____31y;
          n05_tag_hides_enum_const____31y {
 struct
   int ff2;
 };
1234567890123456789012345678901******* */
n06_label_hides_var_____31y:
```

```
switch(f2()) {
  case 0: {
    do {
        /*      1234567890123456789012345678901******** */
        struct n07_var_hides_struct_tag____31x {
    int ff1;
        };
        if(f3()) {
    int n07_var_hides_struct_tag____31y = 1;
        }
        while(f2());
    }
    return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.3_c99

Synopsis Identifier names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from other

names in an outer scope.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An identifier declared in an inner scope shall not hide an identifier declared

in an outer scope.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.3

(Required) An identifier declared in an inner scope shall not hide an identifier

declared in an outer scope

```
0 1 2 3 4
/*
                                  5
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
extern int
n01_param_hides_var___
extern int
n02_var_hides_var_____63x;
void
n03_var_hides_function_____63x
(void) {}
enum E {
n04_var_hides_enum_const______63x
};
#define
n05_var_hides_macro_name_____63x
extern int
n06 type hides var
void f1(int
n01 param hides var 63y)
{
n02_var_hides_var_____63y;
n03_var_hides_function_____63y;
 int
n04_var_hides_enum_const_____
                          ____63y;
 int
                           ____63y;
n05_var_hides_macro_name____
 switch(f2()) {
 case 1: {
              1 2 3
         Λ
5
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
  typedef int
n06_type_hides_var_____63y;
  do {
   int.
n07_var_var__
          _____63x;
```

```
if(f3()) {
  int
n07_var_var________63y
= 1;
    }
    while(f2());
}
}
```

```
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
extern int
n01_var_in_same_scope_____
                             63x;
 static int
n01_var_in_same_scope_____63v;
 switch(fn()) {
 case 1:
  {
   int
n02_var_in_different_scope______63a;
  break;
 case 2:
  {
   int
n02_var_in_different_scope_____
 }
  break;
 }
 {
   int
n02_var_in_different_scope_____
                                   63c;
}
 {
    int.
n02_var_in_different_scope___
                                         __63d;
}
return 1;
}
/* identifiers in different name spaces */
/* 0 1 2 3 4 5
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
* /
union
n03_var_hides_union_tag_____
                                          63x
 int v1;
 unsigned int v2;
```

```
};
                                      ____63x
n04_var_hides_enum_tag____
{
n05_tag_hides_enum_const_____
};
extern int
n06_label_hides_var_____
                                            63x;
int f2(void) {
n03_var_hides_union_tag_____63y;
n04_var_hides_enum_tag___
 struct
n05_tag_hides_enum_const_____63v
  int ff2;
 };
           2 3 4 5
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
n06_label_hides_var___
                                             __63y:
 switch(f2()) {
 case 1: {
                  1
                         2
            0
                                  3
                                          4
5
      6
           * /
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
   do {
    struct
n07_var_hides_struct_tag_____
                                         ____63x
 int ff1;
    if(f3()) {
n07_var_hides_struct_tag_____
                                      ____63у
= 1;
   } while(f2());
```

```
}
return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.4 c89

Synopsis Macro names were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from their macro

parameters or other macro names.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Macro identifiers shall be distinct.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.4

(Required) Macro identifiers shall be distinct

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define m1(n01_param_of_other_macro) (n01_param_hides_macro + 1)
#define m2(n01_param_of_other_macro) (n01_param_hides_macro + 1)
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.4_c99

Synopsis Macro names were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from their macro

parameters or other macro names.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description (Required) Macro identifiers shall be distinct.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.4

(Required) Macro identifiers shall be distinct

```
0
             1
                     2 3 4
                                             5
6
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
#define
n01 macro hides macro
#define
n02 param hides macro
                                                 63x
1
n03_macro_hides_param____
                                              63x
#define
n01 macro hides macro
2
#define
m1(n02_param_hides_macro_____
3y) \
(n01_param_hides_macro_____
                                                  _63y
+ 1)
#define
n03_macro_hides_param_____
#define
m2(n04_param_hides_param_
3x, \
n04_param_hides_param_____
                                                 _63y)
The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this
issue:
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.5 c89

Synopsis

Non-macro identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 31 characters from macro names.

#define m1(n01_param_of_other_macro) (n01_param_hides_macro + 1)
#define m2(n01_param_of_other_macro) (n01_param_hides_macro + 1)

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Identifiers shall be distinct from macro names.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.5

(Required) Identifiers shall be distinct from macro names

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#define n01_expanded_macro 1
void foo() {
  int x = n01_expanded_macro;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.5_c99

Synopsis Non-macro identifiers were found that are not distinct in their first 63 characters from

macro names.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Identifiers shall be distinct from macro names.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.5

(Required) Identifiers shall be distinct from macro names

```
/*
        0
              1
                      2
                               3
                                       4
                                                5
6
/*
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123*
#define
n01_var_hides_macro_
                                                    63x
#define
n02 function hides macro
1
n03_param_hides_macro_____
                                                 __63x
#define
n04_type_hides_macro_____
                                          ____63x
#define
n05_tag_hides_macro___
                                                 ____63x
#define
n06 label hides macro
1
int
n01_var_hides_macro____
                                               ____63y;
n02_function_hides_macro_____
                                                ____63y(
n03_param_hides_macro_____
                                                ____63y)
{}
typedef int
n04_type_hides_macro___
                                                   __63y;
struct
n05_tag_hides_macro_____
 int x;
};
void f1() {
n06_label_hides_macro_____
                                               63v:
```

```
#define n01_expanded_macro 1

void foo() {
  int x = n01_expanded_macro;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.6

Synopsis A typedef with this name has already been declared.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-5.3, MISRAC++2008-2-10-3. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 5.3

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.6

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier

MISRA C++ 2008 2-10-3

(Required) A typedef name (including qualification, if any) shall be a unique

identifier.

```
typedef int WIDTH;

void f1()
{
   WIDTH w1;
}

void f2()
{
   typedef float WIDTH;
   WIDTH w2;
   WIDTH w3;
}
```

```
namespace NS1
{
   typedef int WIDTH;
}
// f2.cc
namespace NS2
{
   typedef float WIDTH; // Compliant - NS2::WIDTH is not the same
as NS1::WIDTH
}
NS1::WIDTH w1;
NS2::WIDTH w2;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.7

Synopsis

A class, struct, union, or enum declaration clashes with a previous declaration.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-5.4, MISRAC++2008-2-10-4. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.4

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.7

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier

MISRA C++ 2008 2-10-4

(Required) A class, union or enum name (including qualification, if any) shall be a unique identifier.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1()
{
  class TYPE {};
}

void f2()
{
  float TYPE; // non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
enum ENS {ONE, TWO };

void f1()
{
  class TYPE {};
}

void f4()
{
  union GRRR {
   int i;
   float f;
  };
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.8

Synopsis

One or more external identifier names were found that are not unique.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Identifiers that define objects or functions with external linkage shall be unique. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.8

(Required) Identifiers that define objects or functions with external linkage shall be unique

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* file1.c */
#include <stdint.h>
void foo ( void ) /* "foo" has external linkage */
{
   int16_t index; /* "index" has no linkage */
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/* file1.c */
#include <stdint.h>
int32_t count; /* "count" has external linkage */
void foo ( void ) /* "foo" has external linkage */
{
  int16_t index; /* "index" has no linkage */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-5.9

Synopsis An internal identifier name was found that is not unique.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Identifiers that define objects or functions with internal linkage should be unique. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.9

(Advisory) Identifiers that define objects or functions with internal linkage should be unique

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int x;
void example(void) {
  int x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int x;
void example(void) {
  int y;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-6.1

Synopsis

Bitfields of plain int type were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Bitfields shall only be declared with an appropriate type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-6.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.4

(Required) Bitfields shall only be defined to be of type unsigned int or signed int.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.1

(Required) Bit-fields shall only be declared with an appropriate type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct bad {
  int x:3;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct good {
  unsigned int x:3;
}.
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-6.2

Synopsis

Signed single-bit bitfields (excluding anonymous fields) were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Single-bit named bitfields shall not be of a signed type. This check is identical to STRUCT-signed-bit, MISRAC2004-6.5, MISRAC++2008-9-6-4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.5

(Required) Bitfields of signed type shall be at least 2 bits long.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.2

(Required) Single-bit named bit fields shall not be of a signed type

MISRA C++ 2008 9-6-4

(Required) Named bit-fields with signed integer type shall have a length of more than one bit.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S
{
   signed int a : 1; // Non-compliant
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S
{
    signed int b : 2;
    signed int : 0;
    signed int : 1;
    signed int : 2;
};
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-7.1

Synopsis Octal integer constants are used.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-7.1, MISRAC++2008-2-13-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used. Zero is okay

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 2-13-2

(Required) Octal constants (other than zero) and octal escape sequences (other than 0) shall not be used.

Code examples

```
void
func(void)
{
    int x = 077;
}
```

```
void
func(void)
{
    int x = 63;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-7.2

Synopsis There are unsigned integer constants without a U suffix.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) A "u" or "U" suffix shall be applied to all integer constants that are

represented in an unsigned type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-10.6,

MISRAC++2008-2-13-3.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 10.6

(Required) A U suffix shall be applied to all constants of unsigned type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.2

(Required) A "u" or "U" suffix shall be applied to all integer constants that are represented in an unsigned type

MISRA C++ 2008 2-13-3

(Required) A "U" suffix shall be applied to all octal or hexadecimal integer

literals of unsigned type.

```
void example(void) {
    // 2147483648 -- does not fit in 31bits
    unsigned int x = 0x80000000;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int x = 0x80000000u;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-7.3

Synopsis

The lower case character 1 was found used as a suffix on numeric constants.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The lowercase character "l" shall not be used in a literal suffix.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.3

(Required) The lowercase character "l" shall not be used in a literal suffix

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
{
  const int b = 01;
}
```

```
void func()
{
   const int a = 0L;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-7.4 a

Synopsis A string literal was found assigned to a variable that is not declared as constant.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) A string literal shall not be assigned to an object unless the object's type is

"pointer to const-qualified char".

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.4

(Required) A string literal shall not be assigned to an object unless the object's

type is "pointer to const-qualified char"

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  char *s = "Hello, World!";
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  const char *s = "Hello, World!";
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-7.4_b

Synopsis Part of a string literal was found that is modified via the array subscript operator [].

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A string literal shall not be assigned to an object unless the object's type is

"pointer to const-qualified char".

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.4

(Required) A string literal shall not be assigned to an object unless the object's type is "pointer to const-qualified char"

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  "012345"[0]++;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  const char *c = "01234";
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.1

Synopsis

An object or function of the type int is declared or defined, but its type is not explicitly stated.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Types shall be explicitly specified. This check is identical to DECL-implicit-int, MISRAC2004-8.2.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.2

(Required) Whenever an object or function is declared or defined, its type shall be explicitly stated.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.1

(Required) Types shall be explicitly specified

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void)
{
    static v;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void)
   int x;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2 a

Synopsis

There are functions declared with an empty () parameter list that does not form a valid prototype.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters. This check is identical to FUNC-unprototyped-all, MISRAC2004-16.5.

Coding standards

CERT DCL20-C

Always specify void even if a function accepts no arguments

MISRA C:2004 16.5

(Required) Functions with no parameters shall be declared and defined with the parameter list void.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.2

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters

Code examples

```
void func();/* not a valid prototype in C */
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

```
void func(void);
void func2(void)
{
    func();
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2_b

Synopsis Function prototypes were found with unnamed parameters.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.3

(Required) Identifiers shall be given for all of the parameters in a function prototype declaration.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.2

(Required) Function types shall be in prototype form with named parameters

Code examples

```
char *strchr(const char *, int c);
void func(void)
{
    strchr("hello, world!\n", '!');
}
```

```
char *strchr(const char *s, int c);
void func(void)
    strchr("hello, world!\n", '!');
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.3

Synopsis

Multiple declarations of an object or function were found that use different names and type qualifiers.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) All declarations of an object or function shall use the same names and type qualifiers. This check is identical to CERT-DCL40-C. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

CERT DCL40-C

Incompatible declarations of the same function or object

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.3

(Required) All declarations of an object or function shall use the same names and type qualifiers

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* file2.c:
const int x;
volatile int v;
extern const unsigned int x;
```

```
/* file2.c
extern const int x;
 */
const int x;
int foo(const int param) {
  return (param + 1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.4

Synopsis An extern definition is missing a compatible declaration.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A compatible declaration shall be visible when an object or function with external linkage is defined.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.4

(Required) A compatible declaration shall be visible when an object or function with external linkage is defined

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int x = 1;
char c = 'c';
void foo (void) {}
```

```
extern int x;
int x = 0;
extern void foo (void);
void foo (void) {}
static void bar1 (void) {}
static void bar2 (void);
void bar2 (void) {}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_a

Synopsis Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one

file. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.8_a.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 8.8

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared in one and only one

file.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.5

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only

one file

```
#include"example.fail.h"
int x;
extern int x;
extern int x;
extern void fun(void);

void fun(void) {
}
```

```
#include"example.pass.h"
int x = 1;
void fun(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.5_b

Synopsis Multiple declarations of the same external object or function were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one

file. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.8_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 8.8

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared in one and only one file.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.5

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared once in one and only one file

```
/* file2.c
 extern int foo(int m);
extern int foo(int m);
```

```
/* file1.c
   extern int foo( int m );
int foo(int m) {
 return m:
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.6

Multiple definitions or no definition were found for an external object or function. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) An identifier with external linkage shall have exactly one external

definition. Note: This check is not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR linker.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 8.8

(Required) An external object or function shall be declared in one and only one

file.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.6

(Required) An identifier with external linkage shall have exactly one external definition

```
int foo(int v);
int example() {
  return foo(3);
}
```

```
extern int x;
extern void example(void);
int x = 1;
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.7

Synopsis

An externally linked object or function was found referenced in only one translation unit.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions and objects should not be defined with external linkage if they are referenced in only one translation unit. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.10. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.10

(Required) All declarations and definitions of objects or functions at file scope shall have internal linkage unless external linkage is required.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.7

(Advisory) Functions and objects should not be defined with external linkage if they are referenced in only one translation unit

Code examples

```
/* file1.c
static void example (void) {
  // dummy function
/* extern linkage */
extern int x;
/* static linkage */
static void foo(void) {
 /* only referenced here */
 x = 1;
```

```
/* static linkage */
static int x;
/* static linkage */
static void foo(void) {
 /* no linkage */
 int y = (x++);
 if(y < 10)
    foo();
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.9 a

Synopsis A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Advisory) An object should be defined at block scope if its identifier only appears in a single function.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.9 (Advisory) An object should be defined at block scope if its identifier only appears in a single function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int i = 10; // this object is only used inside the example function % \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +
```

```
int example(void) {
   return i;
}

void main() {
   printf("example() = %d\n", example());
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
   int i = 10; // this object is only used inside the example
function
   return i;
}

void main() {
   printf("example() = %d\n", example());
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.9_b

Synopsis

A global object was found that is only referenced from a single function.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) An object should be defined at block scope if its identifier only appears in a single function. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.7. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.7

(Required) Objects shall be defined at block scope if they are only accessed from within a single function.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.9

(Advisory) An object should be defined at block scope if its identifier only appears in a single function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
static int i = 10; // this object is only used inside the example
function
int example(void) {
```

```
return i:
void main() {
  printf("example() = %d\n", example());
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int i = 10; // this object is only used inside the example
function
  return i;
void main() {
  printf("example() = %d\n", example());
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.10

Synopsis

Inline functions were found that are not declared as static.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) An inline function shall be declared with the static storage class.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.10

(Required) An inline function shall be declared with the static storage class

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
inline int example(int a) {
  return a + 1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
inline static int example(int a) {
  return a + 1;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.11

Synopsis

One or more external arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) When an array with external linkage is declared, its size should be explicitly specified. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.12, MISRAC++2008-3-1-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.12

(Required) When an array is declared with external linkage, its size shall be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.11

(Advisory) When an array with external linkage is declared, its size should be explicitly specified

MISRA C++ 2008 3-1-3

(Required) When an array is declared, its size shall either be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int a[];
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
extern int a[10];
extern int b[] = \{ 0, 1, 2 \};
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.12

Synopsis A duplicated implicit enumeration constant was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an implicitly-specified enumeration constant shall be unique.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.12

(Required) Within an enumerator list, the value of an implicitly-specified enumeration constant shall be unique

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
/* skink equals to geko */
enum lizards { goanna = 1, parentie = 2, skink, geko = 3 };
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

enum lizards { goanna, parentie, skink = 3, geko = 3 };

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.13

Synopsis A pointer was found that is not const-qualified.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A pointer should be const-qualified whenever possible.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.13

(Advisory) A pointer should point to a const-qualified type whenever possible

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int *p) {
  return *p;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(const int *p) {
  return *p;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.14

Synopsis

The restrict type qualifier was found used in function parameters.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The restrict type qualifier shall not be used.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.14

(Required) The restrict type qualifier shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void * restrict p, void * restrict q, int n) {
 printf("Bad function!\n");
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void * p, void * q, int n) {
 printf("Bad function!\n");
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1 a

Synopsis A possible dereference of an uninitialized or NULL pointer was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read

before it has been set. This check is identical to PTR-uninit-pos, CERT-EXP33-C_c.

Coding standards CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be

read before it has been set

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning: Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p,a;
  p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_b

Synopsis Read accesses from local buffers were found that are not preceded by writes.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_a, SPC-uninit-arr-all, CERT-EXP33-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example() {
 int a[20];
 int b = a[1];
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern void f(int*);
void example() {
 int a[20];
 f(a);
 int b = a[1];
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_c

Synopsis

On all execution paths, there is a struct that has one or more fields read before they are initialized.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-1.2_b, SPC-uninit-struct, CERT-EXP33-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 1.2

(Required) No reliance shall be placed on undefined or unspecified behavior.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(void) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  a = str.x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct st {
  int x;
  int y;
};

void example(int i) {
  int a;
  struct st str;
  str.x = i;
  a = str.x;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_d

Synopsis A field of a local struct is read before it is initialized.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-struct-field,

CERT-EXP33-C_f.

Coding standards CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct st {
 int x;
 int y;
};
void example(void) {
 int a;
 struct st str;
 a = str.x;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct st {
 int x;
  int y;
void example(void) {
 int a;
  struct st str;
 str.x = 0;
  a = str.x;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e

Synopsis

On all execution paths, there is a variable that is read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-var-all,

MISRAC2004-9.1_a, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int x;
  x++; //x is uninitialized
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
  int x = 0;
  x++;
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1 f

Synopsis A variable was found that might read before it is assigned a value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-var-some, MISRAC2004-9.1_b, MISRAC++2008-8-5-1_b.

Coding standards **CWE 457**

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

MISRA C++ 2008 8-5-1

#include <stdlib.h>

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
 int x, y;
 if (rand()) {
   x = 0;
 y = x; //x may not be initialized
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int x;
  if (rand()) {
    x = 0;
  }
  /* x never read */
  return 0;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.2

Synopsis

An initializer for an aggregate or union was found that is not enclosed in braces.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The initializer for an aggregate or union shall be enclosed in braces.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.2

(Required) The initializer for an aggregate or union shall be enclosed in braces

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[2][2] = { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int a[2][2] = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4 } };
}
```

Arrays were found that are partially initialized. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Arrays shall not be partially initialized.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.3

(Required) Arrays shall not be partially initialized

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][3] = \{ \{ 1, 2, 3 \}, \{ 4, 5, 6 \} \};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][2] = \{ \{ 1, 2 \}, \{ 3, 4 \}, \{ 5, 6 \} \};
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.4

An object field was found that is initialized more than once. The last initialization will Synopsis

overwrite previous value(s).

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) An element of an object shall not be initialized more than once. Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.4

(Required) An element of an object shall not be initialized more than once

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct example {
  int x;
  int y;
};

struct example object = { .x = 100, .x = 200 };

// object = { .x = 100, .y = 0 };
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct example {
  int x;
  int y;
};

struct example object = { .x = 100, .y = 200 };

// object = { .x = 100, .y = 200 };
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.5_a

Synopsis

Arrays, initialized with designated initializers but with no fixed length, were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Where designated initializers are used to initialize an array object the size of the array shall be specified explicitly.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.5

(Required) Where designated initializers are used to initialize an array object the size of the array shall be specified explicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int a1[] = { [0] = 1 };
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a1[10] = { [0] = 1 };
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-9.5 b

Synopsis

A flexible array member was found that is initialized with a designated initializer.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Where designated initializers are used to initialize an array object the size of the array shall be specified explicitly.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.5

(Required) Where designated initializers are used to initialize an array object the size of the array shall be specified explicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct A {
        int x;
        int y [];
};
struct A a1 = \{1, \{[1]=2\}\};
void example (void) {
```

```
struct A {
        int x;
        int y [2];
};
struct A a1 = {1,{[1]=2}};
void example (void) {
}
```

Synopsis

An expression of essentially floating type point type is used on a non-compliant operand.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type. Note: This check is not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR compiler.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
float f() {
    float f = 1.0;
    if(f & 2U);
    return f << 2;
}</pre>
```

```
float f() {
    float f1;
    float f2;
    return f1 + f2;
}
```

An operand was found that is not of essentially Boolean type, despite being interpreted Synopsis

as a Boolean value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int d, c, b, a;
  d = (c \& a) \& \& b;
}
```

```
typedef charboolean_t;/* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */
void example (void)
   boolean_t d;
   boolean_t c = 1;
   boolean_t b = 0;
   boolean_t a = 1;
    d = (c \& \& a) \& \& b;
}
```

Synopsis An operand was found that is of essentially Boolean type, despite being interpreted as a

numeric value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(bool b)
{
   bool x;
   bool y;
   y = x % b;
}
```

```
typedef charboolean_t;/* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */
void example(void)
{
   boolean_t d;
   boolean_t c = 1;
   boolean t b = 0;
   boolean_t a = 1;
    d = (c \& \& a) \& \& b;
void func()
 bool x;
 bool y;
 y = x \&\& y;
```

Synopsis

An operand was found that is of essentially character type, despite being interpreted as a numeric value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 char a = 'a';
 char b = 'b';
 char c;
 c = a * b;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  char a = 'a';
  char b = 'b';
  char c;
  c = a + b;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1 R5

Synopsis

An operand that is of essentially enum type is used in an arithmetic operation, because an enum object uses an implementation-defined integer type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void func(ens b)
{
  ens x;
  bool y;
  y = x | b;
}
```

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void func(ens b)
 ens y;
 y = b;
```

Synopsis Shift and bitwise operations were found performed on operands of essentially signed

type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1 Coding standards

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int x = -(1U);
 x ^ 1;
 x & 0x7F;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7F;
```

```
void example(void) {
  int x = -1;
  ((unsigned int)x) ^ 1U;
  2U ^ 1U;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
}
```

Synopsis

The right-hand operand of a shift operator is not of essentially unsigned type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type. The right-hand operand of a shift operator is not of essentially unsigned type, meaning that undefined behavior might result from a negative shift.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int a;
  unsigned int b;
  b << a;
}</pre>
```

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int a;
  unsigned int b;
  b << a;
}</pre>
```

Synopsis An operand of essentially unsigned typed is used as the operand to the unary minus

operator.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type. An operand of

essentially unsigned typed is used as the operand to the unary minus operator. This is problematic because the signedness of the result is determined by the

implementation-defined size of int. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-5-3-2,

MISRAC2004-12.9.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.9

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-3-2

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int max = -1U;
  // use max = \sim 0U;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int neg_one = -1;
```

Synopsis Expressions of essentially character type were found used inappropriately in addition

and subtraction operations.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Expressions of essentially character type shall not be used inappropriately

in addition and subtraction operations.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.2

(Required) Expressions of essentially character type shall not be used

inappropriately in addition and subtraction operations

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  char a = '9';
  char c = a + '0';
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a = 9;
  char dig = a + '0';
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-10.3

Synopsis The value of an expression was found assigned to an object with a narrower essential

type or a different essential type category.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression shall not be assigned to an object with a narrower essential type or of a different essential type category

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.3

(Required) The value of an expression shall not be assigned to an object with a narrower essential type or of a different essential type category

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 char a = 'a';
 unsigned int b = 10;
 b = a;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 unsigned int a = 10;
 unsigned int b = 5;
 b = a;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-10.4 a

Synopsis

Operands of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed were found, that do not have the same essential type category.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Both operands of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed shall have the same essential type category.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.4

(Required) Both operands of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed shall have the same essential type category

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int a = 5;
  float f = 0.001f;
  a + f;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a = 10;
  int b = 10;
  a + b;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-10.4_b

Synopsis

The second and third operands of the ternary operator do not have the same essential type category.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) The second and third operands of the ternary operator shall have the same essential type category.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.4

(Required) Both operands of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed shall have the same essential type category

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  float y;
  int z = (x > 0)?x:y;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(void) {
 int x;
 float y;
 int z = (x > 0)?x:(x+1);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-10.5

Synopsis

A value of an expression was found that is cast to an inappropriate essential type.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The value of an expression should not be cast to an inappropriate essential type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.5

(Advisory) The value of an expression should not be cast to an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdbool.h>
void example(void) {
 bool a = false;
 int s32a = (int) a;
```

```
#include <stdbool.h>
void example(void) {
  bool a = false;
  bool b = (bool) a;
}
```

Synopsis The value of a composite expression is assigned to an object with wider essential type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of a composite expression shall not be assigned to an object with wider essential type

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.6

(Required) The value of a composite expression shall not be assigned to an object with wider essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void example(void) {
  uint16_t a = 5;
  uint16_t b = 10;
  uint32_t c;
  c = a + b;
}
```

```
#include <stdint.h>
void example(void) {
 uint16_t a;
 uint16_t b;
 b = a + a;
```

Synopsis

An operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed was found, where a composite expression is used as one of the operands, but the other operand is of wider essential type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) If a composite expression is used as one operand of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed then the other operand shall not have wider essential type

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.7

(Required) If a composite expression is used as one operand of an operator in which the usual arithmetic conversions are performed then the other operand shall not have wider essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(long 1, short s) {
 1 * ( s + s ); /* Implicit conversion of (ua + ua) */
```

```
void example(long 1, short s) {
 1 * s + s: /* No composite conversion */
```

Synopsis A composite expression was found whose value is cast to a different essential type

category or a wider essential type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The value of a composite expression shall not be cast to a different essential

type category or a wider essential type

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.8

(Required) The value of a composite expression shall not be cast to a different

essential type category or a wider essential type

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int s16a = 3;
  int s16b = 3;

  // arithmetic makes it a complex expression
  long long x = (long long)(s16a + s16b);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int array[10];

  // A non complex expression is considered safe
  long x = (long)(array[5]);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.1

Synopsis Conversion between a pointer to a function and another type were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to a function and any other type This check is identical to CERT-EXP39-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.1

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to a function and any other type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
 int (*fptr)(int,int);
  (int*)fptr;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef void ( *fp16 ) ( int n );
typedef fp16 ( *pfp16 ) ( void );
void example(void) {
   pfp16 pfp1;
    ( void ) ( *pfp1 ( ) );   /* Compliant - exception 2 - cast
function
                               * pointer into void */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.2

Synopsis

A conversion from or to an incomplete type pointer was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to an incomplete type and any other types. This check is identical to CERT-EXP39-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.2

(Required) Conversions shall not be performed between a pointer to an incomplete type and any other type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct a;
struct b;
void example(void) {
   struct a * p1;
   struct b * p2;
   unsigned int x;
   p1 = (struct a *) 0x12345678;
   x = (unsigned int) p2;
   p1 = (struct a *) p2;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct a;
extern struct a *f (void);

void example(void) {
   struct a * p;
   unsigned int x;
   /* exception 1: NULL -> incomplete type ptr */
   p = (struct a *) NULL;
   /* exception 2: incomplete type ptr -> void */
   (void) f();
}
```

Synopsis A pointer to object type is cast to a pointer to a different object type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between a pointer to object type and a pointer to a different object type A pointer to object type is cast to a pointer to a different object type. Conversions of this type might be invalid if the new pointer type requires a stricter alignment. This check is identical to CERT-EXP39-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.3

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between a pointer to object type and a pointer to a different object type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned int uint32 t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
void example(void) {
  uint8_t * p1;
  uint32_t * p2;
  p2 = (uint32_t *)p1;
```

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
void example(void) {
  uint8_t * p1;
  uint8_t * p2;
  p2 = (uint8_t *)p1;
```

Synopsis A cast between a pointer type and an integral type was found.

Enabled by default No

Low/Medium



Full description

Severity/Certainty

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed between a pointer to object and an integer type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-11.3, MISRAC++2008-5-2-9.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.3

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer type and an integral type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.4

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed between a pointer to object and an integer type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-9

(Advisory) A cast should not convert a pointer type to an integral type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  int x;
  x = (int)p;
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  int *p;
  int *x;
  x = p;
}
```

A conversion from a pointer to void into a pointer to object was found. Synopsis

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Advisory) A conversion should not be performed from pointer to void into pointer to

object. This check is identical to CERT-EXP36-C_b.

Coding standards CERT EXP36-C

Do not convert pointers into more strictly aligned pointer types

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.5

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed from pointer to void into

pointer to object

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int * x;
 void * y;
 x = y;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

void example(void) {}

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.6

Synopsis A conversion between a pointer to void and an arithmetic type was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between pointer to void and an arithmetic type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.6

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between pointer to void and an arithmetic type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  void * x;
  unsigned int y;
  x = (void *) 0x12345678;
  y = (unsigned int) x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  void * x;
  void * y;
  x = (void *) y;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.7

Synopsis

A cast between a pointer to object and a non-integer arithmetic type was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between pointer to object and a non-integer arithmetic type This check is identical to CERT-EXP39-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP39-C

Do not access a variable through a pointer of an incompatible type

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.7

(Required) A cast shall not be performed between pointer to object and a non-integer arithmetic type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
 float f;
  f = (float)p; /* Non-compliant */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
 short f;
 f = (short)p;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.8

Synopsis

A cast that removes a const or volatile qualification was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type pointed to by a pointer A cast that removes a const or volatile qualification was found. This violates the principle of type qualification. Changes to the qualification of the pointer during the cast were not checked for. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-11.5, MISRAC++2008-5-2-5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.5

(Required) A cast shall not be performed that removes any const or volatile qualification from the type addressed by a pointer.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.8

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type pointed to by a pointer

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-5

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type of a pointer or reference.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint16_t x;
   const uint16_t * pci;     /* pointer to const int */
   uint16_t * pi;     /* pointer to int */
   pi = (uint16_t *)pci; // not compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint16_t x;
   uint16_t * const cpi = &x; /* const pointer to int */
   uint16_t * pi; /* pointer to int */
   pi = cpi; // compliant - no cast required
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.9

Synopsis

An integer constant was found where the NULL macro should be.

Enabled by default

Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The macro NULL shall be the only permitted form of integer null pointer constant

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.9

(Required) The macro NULL shall be the only permitted form of integer null pointer constant

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
 char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
 if (a != 0) {
    *a = 5;
  }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
 int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
 if (a != NULL) {
    *a = 5;
 }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-12.1

Synopsis

Implicit operator precedence was detected, without parenthesis to make it explicit.

Enabled by default

No

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The precedence of operators within expressions should be made explicit

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.1

(Advisory) The precedence of operators within expressions should be made explicit

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int j;
    int k;
    int result;

    result = i + j * k;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int i;
    int j;
    int k;
    int result;

    result = i + (j - k);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-12.2

Synopsis Out of range shifts were found

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie in the range zero to one less than the width in bits of the essential type of the left hand operand This check is identical to ATH-shift-bounds, MISRAC2004-12.8, MISRAC++2008-5-8-1.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

MISRA C:2004 12.8

(Required) The right-hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left-hand operand.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.2

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie in the range zero to one less than the width in bits of the essential type of the left hand operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-8-1

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left hand operand.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
 int shift = 33; // too big
 return 3U << shift:
```

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x)
 int y = 1; // OK - this is within the correct range
 return x << y;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-12.3

Synopsis There are uses of the comma operator.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) The comma operator should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.10, MISRAC++2008-5-18-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.10

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.3

(Advisory) The comma operator should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 5-18-1

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void reverse(char *string) {
   int i, j;
   j = strlen(string);
   for (i = 0; i < j; i++, j--) {
      char temp = string[i];
      string[i] = string[j];
      string[j] = temp;
   }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <string.h>
void reverse(char *string) {
  int i;
  int length = strlen(string);
  int half_length = length / 2;
  for (i = 0; i < half length; i++) {
    int opposite = length - i;
    char temp = string[i];
    string[i] = string[opposite];
    string[opposite] = temp;
  }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-12.4

Evaluation of constant expressions lead to unsigned integer wraparound. Synopsis

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant expressions should not lead to unsigned integer wrap-around This check is identical to EXPR-const-overflow, MISRAC++2008-5-19-1, MISRAC2004-12.11.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.11

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.4

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant expressions should not lead to unsigned integer wrap-around

MISRA C++ 2008 5-19-1

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
   (0xFFFFFFFF + 1u);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   0x7FFFFFFF + 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-12.5

Synopsis

A parameter declared as `array of type' is used as operand to the sizeof operator.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The sizeof operator shall not have an operand which is a function parameter declared as `array of type'.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.5

(Mandatory) The sizof operator shall not have an operand which is a function parameter declared as "array of type"

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int mySizeofArray(int arr[4]) {
    return 4;
}
```

```
int mySizeofArray(int arr[4]) {
    return 4;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.1

The initalization list of an array contains side effects. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Initializer lists shall not contain persistent side effects This check is identical

to SPC-init-list.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.1

(Required) Initializer lists shall not contain persistent side effects

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
volatile int v1;
extern void p ( int a[2] );
int x = 10;
void example(void) {
 int a[2] = \{ v1, 0 \};
 p((int[2]) { x++, x-- });
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[2] = \{ 1, 2 \};
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2 a

Expressions that depend on order of evaluation were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders This check is identical to

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a, MISRAC2004-12.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i, SPC-order, CERT-EXP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
  int i = 0;
  i = i * i++; //unspecified order of operations
  return 0;
}
```

```
int main(void) {
 int i = 0;
 int x = i;
 i++;
 x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
 return 0;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2 b

Synopsis

There are multiple read accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders This check is identical to SPC-volatile-reads, MISRAC2004-12.2_b, MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v;
  x = v + v;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
   int i = 0;
   int x = i;
   i++;
   x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2 c

Synopsis

There are multiple write accesses with volatile-qualified type within one and the same sequence point.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders This check is identical to SPC-volatile-writes, MISRAC2004-12.2_c, MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-1

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int x;
 volatile int v, w;
 v = w = x;
```

```
#include <stdbool.h>
void InitializeArray(int *);
const int *example(void)
 static volatile bool s_initialized = false;
 static int s_array[256];
 if (!s_initialized)
   InitializeArray(s_array);
   s_initialized = true;
 return s_array;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.3

Synopsis The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators are being used mixed with other

operators in an expression.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Advisory) A full expression containing an increment (++) or decrement (--) operator

should have no other potential side effects other than that caused by the increment or

decrement operator This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.13,

MISRAC++2008-5-2-10.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 12.13

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.3

(Advisory) A full expression containing an increment (++) or decrement (--) operator should have no other potential side effects other than that caused by the increment or decrement operator

MISRA C++ 2008 5-2-10

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while ((*src++ = *dst++));
}
```

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while (*src) {
    *dst = *src;
    src++;
    dst++;
  }
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4 a

Synopsis

An assignment might be mistakenly used as the condition for an if, for, while, or do statement.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used This check is identical to EXP-cond-assign.

Coding standards

CERT EXP18-C

Do not perform assignments in selection statements

CERT EXP19-CPP

Do not perform assignments in conditional expressions

CWE 481

Assigning instead of Comparing

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.4

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used

Code examples

```
int example(void) {
 int x = 2;
 if (x = 3)
   return 1;
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 2;
  if (x == 3)
    return 1;
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_b

Synopsis Assignments were found in a sub-expression.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-2-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.4

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 6-2-1

(Required) Assignment operators shall not be used in sub-expressions.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
{
   int x;
   int y;
   int z;
   x = y = z;
}
```

```
void func()
  int x = 2;
  int y;
  int z;
  x = y;
  x == y;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.5

Synopsis There are right-hand operands of && or || operators that contain side effects.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



CWE 768

Full description

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain persistent side effects This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.4,

MISRAC++2008-5-14-1.

Coding standards

Incorrect Short Circuit Evaluation

MISRA C:2004 12.4

(Required) The right-hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain side effects.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.5

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain persistent side effects

MISRA C++ 2008 5-14-1

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain side effects.

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i++;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-13.6

Synopsis

The operand of the sizeof operator contains an expression that has potential side effects.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The operand of the size of operator shall not contain any expression which has potential side effects

Coding standards

CERT EXP06-C

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

CERT EXP06-CPP

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.6

(Mandatory) The operand of the size of operator shall not contain any expression which has potential side effects

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i++);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1 a

Synopsis A loop counter were found having floating type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type. This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-5-1_a, CERT-FLP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT FLP30-C

Do not use floating point variables as loop counters

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.1

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type

MISRA C++ 2008 6-5-1

(Required) A for loop shall contain a single loop-counter which shall not have floating type.

Code examples

```
int main() {
   for (float i = 0.0; i < 10.0; ++i)
   }
   return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main() {
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
   {
     }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1 b

Synopsis

A variable of essentially float type that is used in the loop condition, is then modified in the loop body.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type This check is identical to CERT-FLP30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT FLP30-C

Do not use floating point variables as loop counters

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.1

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
  int a = 10;
  float f = 0.001f;

while (f < 1.00f) {
    f = f + (float) a;
    a++;
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int a = 10;
 float f = 0.001f;
 while (a < 30) {
    f = f + (float) a;
    a++;
 }
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.2

Synopsis A malformed for loop was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) A for loop shall be well-formed.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.2

(Required) A for loop shall be well-formed

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
 int i;
 /* i is incremented inside the loop body */
 for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   i = i + 1;
 }
 return 0;
```

```
int main(void) {
   int i;
   int x = 0;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
     x = i + 1;
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_a

Synopsis The condition in an if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will always be true.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant This check is identical to RED-cond-always, MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 5;
  for (x = 0; x < 6 && 1; x--);
}</pre>
```

```
void example(void) {
 int x = 5;
 for (x = 0; x < 6 \&\& 1; x++);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3 b

Synopsis The condition in if, for, while, do-while, or ternary operator will never be true.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant This check is identical to RED-cond-never, MISRAC++2008-0-1-2 b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-2

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int x = 5;
 for (x = 0; x < 6 \&\& x >= 1; x++);
```

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 5;
  for (x = 0; x < 6 && x >= 0; x++);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4 a

Synopsis Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do ... while statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_a, MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

```
int func();

void example(void)
{
   do {
    } while (func());
}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
  while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
  do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
    }
  }
  while (true); // Compliant
  while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
  {}
  if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
  if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
  if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_b

Synopsis Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_b, MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  for (int x = 10;x;--x) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 for (fn(); fn3(); fn2()) // Compliant
 for (fn(); true; fn()) // Compliant
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 for (int len = fn2(); len < 10; len++) // Compliant</pre>
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_c

Non-Boolean conditions were found in if statements. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_c, MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_c.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  int u8;
  if (u8) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_d

Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in while statements. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_d, MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_d.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-13

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  int u8;
  while (u8) {}
```

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.1

Synopsis Uses of the goto statement were found.

Enabled by default No

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The goto statement should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.4

(Required) The goto statement shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.1

(Advisory) The goto statement should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  goto testin;
testin:
  printf("Reached by goto");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  printf ("Not reached by goto");
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.2

Synopsis A goto statement is declared after the destination label.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The goto statement shall jump to a label declared later in the same function This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-6-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.2

(Required) The goto statement shall jump to a label declared later in the same function

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-2

(Required) The goto statement shall jump to a label declared later in the same function body.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1 ()
 int j = 0;
 for (j = 0; j < 10; ++j)
L1: // Non-compliant
   j;
 }
 goto L1;
```

```
void f1 ()
  int j = 0;
  goto L1;
  for (j = 0; j < 10; ++j)
    j;
  }
L1:
  return;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.3

Synopsis The destination of a goto statement is a nested code block.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Any label referenced by a goto statement shall be declared in the same block, or in any block enclosing the goto statement This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-6-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.3

(Required) Any label referenced by a goto statement shall be declared in the same block, or in any block enclosing the goto statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-1

(Required) Any label referenced by a goto statement shall be declared in the same block, or in a block enclosing the goto statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1 ( )
{
   int j = 0;
   goto L1;
   for (;;)
   {
L1: // Non-compliant
        j;
   }
}
```

```
void f2()
  for(;;)
    for(;;)
      goto L1;
  }
L1:
  return;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.4

Synopsis One or more iteration statements are terminated by more than one break or goto

statements.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Advisory) There should be no more than one break or goto statement used to terminate

any iteration statement This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-6-6-4.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.4 Coding standards

> (Advisory) There should be no more than one break or goto statement used to terminate any iteration statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-4

(Required) For any iteration statement there shall be no more than one break or goto statement used for loop termination.

```
int test1(int);
int test2(int);
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (test1(i)) {
      break;
    } else if (test2(i)) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
 int x = 1;
 for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
   if (x)
    {
     break;
    else if ( i )
     break; // Non-compliant - second jump from loop
    else
    {
     // Code
    }
 }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10 && i != 9; i++) {
    if (i == 9) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
  int x = 1;
  for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
    if (x)
    {
     break;
    }
    else if ( i )
     while ( true )
        if (x)
        {
          break;
        }
        do
          break;
        while(true);
      }
    }
    else
    {
    }
  }
```

Synopsis

One or more functions have multiple exit points or an exit point that is not at the end of the function.

Enabled by default

No

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A function should have a single point of exit at the end This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.7, MISRAC++2008-6-6-5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.7

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.5

(Advisory) A function should have a single point of exit at the end

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-5

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int errno;

void example(void) {
   if (errno) {
      return;
   }
   return;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern int errno;

void example(void) {
   if (errno) {
      goto end;
   }
end:
   {
      return;
   }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6 a

Synopsis There are missing braces in do ... while statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_a,

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
 do
    return 0;
 while (1);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  do {
    return 0;
  } while (1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6 b

Synopsis There are missing braces in for statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be

acompound-statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_b,

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_b.

Coding standards CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
 for (;;)
   return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  for (;;) {
    return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_c

Synopsis There are missing braces in if, else, or else if statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.9,

MISRAC++2008-6-4-1.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.9

(Required) An if expression construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement or another if statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-1

(Required) An if (condition) construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement, or another if statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  if (random());
  if (random());
  else;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   if (random()) {
   }
   if (random()) {
   } else {
   }
   if (random()) {
   } else if (random()) {
   }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_d

Synopsis There are missing braces in switch statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_c, MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_c.

Coding standards CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  while (1);
  for(;;);
  do ;
  while (0);
  switch(0);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  while(1) {
  for(;;) {
  do {
  } while (0);
  switch(0) {
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_e

Synopsis There are missing braces in while statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_d, MISRAC++2008-6-3-1_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-3-1

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do \dots while or for statement shall be a compound statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  while (1)
    return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  while (1) {
    return 0;
  }
}
```

Synopsis If ... else if constructs that are not terminated with an else clause were detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause containing either a side effect or a comment This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.10,

MISRAC++2008-6-4-2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.10

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.7

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-2

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  if (!rand()) {
    printf("The first random number is 0");
  } else if (!rand()) {
    printf("The second random number is 0");
  }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(void) {
   if (!rand()) {
      printf("The first random number is 0");
   } else if (!rand()) {
      printf("The second random number is 0");
   } else {
      printf("Neither random number was 0");
   }
}
```

Synopsis Detected switch statements that do not conform to the MISRA C switch syntax.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) All switch statements shall be well-formed This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-15.0.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 15.0

(Required) The MISRA C switch syntax shall be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.1

(Required) All switch statements shall be well-formed

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-3

(Required) A switch statement shall be a well-formed switch statement.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
      // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       // WARNING: missing break at end of statement list
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // WARNING: missing at least one case label
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0:
       stmt();
       // WARNING: declaration list without block
       int decl = 0;
       int x;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1: {
       // statement list
       stmt();
       // WARNING: Additional block inside of the case clause
block
       stmt();
```

```
}
   break;
}
default:
   break; // statement list ends in a break
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list (no declarations)
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0: {
       // one level of block is allowed
       // declaration list
       int decl = 0;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 2: // empty cases are allowed
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.2

Synopsis Switch labels were found in nested blocks.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.1, MISRAC++2008-6-4-4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.1

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.2

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-4

(Required) A switch-label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(rand()) {
    {case 1:}
    case 2:
    case 3:
    default:
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  switch(rand()) {
    case 1:
     case 2:
    case 3:
    default:
  }
}
```

Synopsis Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every switch-clause This

check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.2, MISRAC++2008-6-4-5.

Coding standards CERT MSC17-C

Finish every set of statements associated with a case label with a break statement

CWE 484

Omitted Break Statement in Switch

MISRA C:2004 15.2

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every non-empty

switch clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.3

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every

switch-clause

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-5

(Required) An unconditional throw or break statement shall terminate every

non-empty switch-clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int input) {
 switch(input) {
   case 0:
      if (rand()) {
        break;
    default:
     break;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int input) {
 switch(input) {
   case 0:
      if (rand()) {
        break;
      }
      break;
    default:
     break;
 }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.4

Switch statements without a default clause were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Every switch statement shall have a default label

Coding standards **CWE 478** Missing Default Case in Switch Statement

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.4

(Required) Every switch statement shall have a default label

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  switch(x) {
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    case 3:
      return 0;
      break;
   case 5:
      return 1;
      break;
   default:
      return 2;
      break;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.5

Synopsis A switch was found whose default label is neither the first nor the last label of the switch.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A default label shall appear as either the first or the last switch label of a switch statement

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.5

(Required) A default label shall appear as either the first or the last switch label of a switch statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void test(int a) {
 switch (a) {
   case 1:
     a = 1;
     break;
    default:
     a = 10;
     break;
   case 2:
      a = 2;
     break;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void test(int a) {
 switch (a) {
   case 1:
     a = 1;
     break;
    case 2:
      a = 2;
     break;
   default:
      a = 10;
     break;
 }
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.6

Switch statements without case clauses were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least two switch-clauses

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.6

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least two switch-clauses

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    default:
       return 2;
       break;
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    case 3:
      return 0;
      break;
   case 5:
      return 1;
      break;
   default:
      return 2;
      break;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-16.7

Synopsis

A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A switch-expression shall not have essentially Boolean type This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.4, MISRAC++2008-6-4-7.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.4

(Required) A switch expression shall not represent a value that is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.7

(Required) A switch-expression shall not have essentially Boolean type

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-7

(Required) The condition of a switch statement shall not have bool type.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  switch(x == 0) {
    case 0:
    case 1:
    default:
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(int x) {
  switch(x) {
     case 1:
    case 0:
    default:
  }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-17.1

Synopsis Inclusion of the stdarg header file was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The features of <stdarg.h> shall not be used

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.1

(Required) The features of <stdarg.h> shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdarg.h>

void example(int a, ...) {
   va_list vl;
   va_list v2;
   int val;
   va_start(vl, a);
   va_copy(vl, v2);
   val=va_arg(vl, int);
   va_end(vl);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2 a

Synopsis There are functions that call themselves directly.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.2_a, MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-4

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  example();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_b

Synopsis

There are functions that call themselves indirectly.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.2_b, MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_b. This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-4

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    example();
}
void example(void) {
    callee();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    // example();
}
void example(void) {
    callee();
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-17.3

Synopsis Functions are used without prototyping.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



(Mandatory) A function shall not be declared implicitly This check is identical to FUNC-implicit-decl, MISRAC2004-8.1, CERT-DCL31-C.

Coding standards

CERT DCL31-C

Declare identifiers before using them

MISRA C:2004 8.1

(Required) Functions shall have prototype declarations and the prototype shall be visible at both the function definition and call.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.3

(Mandatory) A function shall not be declared implicitly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func2 (void)
{
    func();
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);
void func2 (void)
    func();
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-17.4

Synopsis

For some execution paths, no return statement is executed in a function with a non-void return type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High

(Mandatory) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression This check is identical to SPC-return, MISRAC2004-16.8, MISRAC++2008-8-4-3.

Coding standards

CERT MSC37-C

Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function

MISRA C:2004 16.8

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.4

(Mandatory) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression

MISRA C++ 2008 8-4-3

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
  int x;
  scanf("%d",&x);
  if (x > 10) {
    return 10;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
 int x;
 scanf("%d",&x);
 if (x > 10) {
   return 10;
 return 0;
```

Synopsis

A function call is made with the wrong array type argument.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The function argument corresponding to a parameter declared to have an array type shall have an appropriate number of elements.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.5

(Advisory) The function argument corresponding to a parameter declared to have an array type shall have an appropriate number of elements

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void callee(int array[10]);
void caller(void) {
 int arr4[4];
  callee(arr4);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void callee(int array[10]);
void caller(void) {
  int arr4[10];
  callee(arr4);
}
```

Synopsis

There are array parameters with the static keyword between the [].

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The declaration of an array parameter shall not contain the static keyword between the []

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.6

(Mandatory) The declaration of an array parameter shall not contain the static keyword between the []

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int a[static 20]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    a[i] = i;
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int a[20]) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    a[i] = i;
  }
}</pre>
```

There are unused function return values (other than overloaded operators). Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value returned by a function having non-void return type shall be used This check is identical to RED-unused-return-val, MISRAC++2008-0-1-7.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.7

(Required) The value returned by a function having non-void return type shall be used

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-7

(Required) The value returned by a function having a non-void return type that is not an overloaded operator shall always be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int func ( int para1 )
  return para1;
void discarded ( int para2 )
 func(para2);
                     // value discarded - Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int func ( int para1 )
{
    return para1;
}
int not_discarded ( int para2 )
{
    if (func(para2) > 5) {
       return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Synopsis

A function parameter was found that is modified.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) A function parameter should not be modified.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.8

(Advisory) A function parameter should not be modified

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int p) {
  int a = p + 5;
  p = a;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *p) {
  *p = 5;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1 a

An array access is out of bounds. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an

element of the same array as that pointer operand This check is identical to

ARR-inv-index, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 c, CERT-ARR30-C a.

Coding standards CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x, int y)
{
  int a[10];
  if((x >= 0) && (x < 20)) {
    if(x < 10) {
       y = a[x];
    } else {
       y = a[x - 10];
       y = a[x];
    }
  }
  return y;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int a[4];
   a[3] = 0;
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b

Synopsis

An array access might be out of bounds, depending on which path is executed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-pos, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d, CERT-ARR30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

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Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c

Synopsis A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Hig



(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 e, CERT-ARR30-C c.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p = arr;
  p[10];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p = arr;
  p[9];
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d

Synopsis A pointer to an array is potentially used outside the array bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an

element of the same array as that pointer operand This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos, MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f, CERT-ARR30-C_d.

Coding standards CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-16

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int b) {
 int arr[10];
 int *p = arr;
 int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
 p[x];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int b) {
 int arr[12];
 int *p = arr;
 int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
 p[x];
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.2

Synopsis

A subtraction was found between pointers that address elements of different arrays.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Subtraction between pointers shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array. Note: This rule will only accept arrays of the form '<type> <name>[<size>]'. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.2, CERT-ARR36-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.2

(Required) Pointer subtraction shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.2

(Required) Subtraction between pointers shall only be applied to pointers that address elements of the same array

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void example(void) {
  int a[20];
  int b[20];
  int *p1 = &a[5];
  int *p2 = &b[2];
  ptrdiff_t diff;
  diff = p2 - p1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
void example(void) {
 int arr[10];
 int *p1 = &arr[5];
 int *p2 = &arr[5];
 ptrdiff t diff;
 diff = p2 - p1;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.3

Synopsis A relational operator was found applied to an object of pointer type that does not point

into the same object.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The relational operators >, >=, < and <= shall not be applied to objects of

pointer type except where they point into the same object. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-17.3, CERT-ARR36-C_b.

Coding standards CERT ARR36-C

Do not subtract or compare two pointers that do not refer to the same array

MISRA C:2004 17.3

(Required) >, >=, <, <= shall not be applied to pointer types except where they point to the same array.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.3

(Required) The relational operators >, >=, < and <= shall not be applied to objects of pointer type except where they point into the same object

```
void example(void) {
  int a[10];
  int b[10];
  int *p1 = &a[1];
  if (p1 < b) {
  }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int a[10];
  int b[10];
  int *p1 = &a[1];
  if (p1 < a) {
  }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.4

Synopsis

A +, -, +=, or -= operator was found applied to an expression of pointer type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The +, -, += and -= operators should not be applied to an expression of pointer type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.4

(Advisory) The +, -, += and -= operators should not be applied to an expression of pointer type

Code examples

```
void example(int *ptr) {
  int a = *(ptr + 1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *ptr) {
 int a = ptr[1];
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.5

Declarations that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection have been found. Synopsis

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Declarations should contain no more than two levels of pointer nesting This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.5, MISRAC++2008-5-0-19.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.5

(Required) The declaration of objects should contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.5

(Advisory) Declarations should contain no more than two levels of pointer nesting

MISRA C++ 2008 5-0-19

(Required) The declaration of objects shall contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int ***p;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
    int **p;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_a

Synopsis Might return address on the stack.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to

another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist This check is identical to MEM-stack, MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b, MISRAC2004-17.6_a, CERT-DCL30-C_a.

Coding standards CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-1

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function.

```
int *example(void) {
 int a[20];
 return a; //a is a local array
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int* example(void) {
 int *p,i;
 p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
 return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b

A stack address is stored in a global pointer. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist This check is identical to MEM-stack-global, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_a, MISRAC2004-17.6_b, CERT-DCL30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6 c

Synopsis A stack address is stored in the field of a global struct.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist This check is identical to MEM-stack-global-field, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_b, MISRAC2004-17.6_c, CERT-DCL30-C d.

Coding standards CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
 int *px;
} s;
void example() {
 int i = 0:
 s.px = &i; //storing local address in global struct
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S{
 int *px;
} s;
void example() {
 int i = 0;
 s.px = &i; //OK - the field is written to later
 s.px = NULL;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6 d

Synopsis

A stack address is stored outside a function via a parameter.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist This check is identical to MEM-stack-param, MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_c, MISRAC2004-17.6_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s, CERT-DCL30-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

MISRA C++ 2008 7-5-2

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.7

Synopsis Flexible array members are declared.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Flexible array members shall not be declared

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.7

(Required) Flexible array members shall not be declared

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct example {
 int size;
 int data[];
} example;
void function(void) {
 struct example *e;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct example {
 int size;
 int data[5];
} example;
void function(void) {
 struct example *e;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-18.8

Synopsis There are arrays declared with a variable length.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Variable-length array types shall not be used

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.8

(Required) Variable-length array types shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int a) {
  int arr[a];
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int a) {
  int arr[10];
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-19.1

Synopsis Assignments from one field of a union to another were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Mandatory) An object shall not be assigned or copied to an overlapping object This

check is identical to UNION-overlap-assign, MISRAC2004-18.2,

MISRAC++2008-0-2-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.2

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.1

(Mandatory) An object shall not be assigned or copied to an overlapping object

MISRA C++ 2008 0-2-1

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
 union
   char c[5];
   int i;
 } u;
 u.i = u.c[2];
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
 union
   char c[5];
   int i;
 } u;
 int x;
 x = (int)u.c[2];
 u.i = x;
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-19.2

Unions were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The union keyword should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-18.4, MISRAC++2008-9-5-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.4

(Required) Unions shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.2

(Advisory) The union keyword should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 9-5-1

(Required) Unions shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
union cheat {
  int i;
  float f;
};
int example(float f) {
  union cheat u;
  u.f = f;
  return u.i;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.1

Synopsis

#include directives were found that are not first in the source file.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) #include directives should only be preceded by preprocessor directives or comments. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.1, MISRAC++2008-16-0-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 19.1

(Advisory) #include statements in a file should only be preceded by other preprocessor directives or comments.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.1

(Advisory) #include directives should only be preceded by preprocessor directives or comments

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-1

(Required) #include directives in a file shall only be preceded by other preprocessor directives or comments.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int x;
#include <cstdio>
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#include <cstdio> void example(void) {}

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.2

Illegal characters were found in the names of header files. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low Full description (Required) The ',' or characters and the /* or // character sequences shall not occur in a

header file name This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.2.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.2

(Advisory) Non-standard characters should not occur in header file names in #include directives.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.2

(Required) The ',' or \ characters and the /* or // character sequences shall not

occur in a header file name

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "fi'le.h"/* Non-compliant */
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include "header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.4 c89

Synopsis A macro was found defined with the same name as a keyword.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) A macro shall not be defined with the same name as a keyword

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.4

(Required) A macro shall not be defined with the same name as a keyword

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define int some_other_type

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
\#define unless( E ) if ( ! ( E ) ) /* Compliant */
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.4 c99

Synopsis A macro was found defined with the same name as a keyword.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) A macro shall not be defined with the same name as a keyword

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.4

(Required) A macro shall not be defined with the same name as a keyword

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> /* The following example is compliant in C90, but not C99, because inline is not a keyword in C90. */

/* Remove inline if compiling for C90 */

#define inline

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define unless(E) if (! (E)) /* Compliant */

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.5

Synopsis Found occurrances of #undef.

Enabled by default No Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description (Advisory) #undef should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.6,

MISRAC++2008-16-0-3.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.6

(Required) #undef shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.5

(Advisory) #undef should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 16-0-3

(Required) #undef shall not be used.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define SYM
#undef SYM

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define SYM

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.6_a

Synopsis A preprocessing directive was found within a macro argument.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low

Full description (Required) Tokens that look like a preprocessing directive shall not occur within a

macro argument. This check is identical to CERT-PRE32-C_a.

Coding standards CERT PRE32-C

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.6

(Required) Tokens that look like a preprocessing directive shall not occur within a macro argument

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void func(const char *src) {
 /* Validate the source string; calculate size */
 char *dest;
 /* malloc() destination string */
 memcpy(dest, src,
#ifdef PLATFORM1
     12
#else
      24
#endif
 /* ... */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
void func(const char *src) {
 /* Validate the source string; calculate size */
 char *dest;
  /* malloc() destination string */
#ifdef PLATFORM1
 memcpy(dest, src, 12);
 memcpy(dest, src, 24);
#endif
 /* ... */
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.6 b

A preprocessing directive was found within a macro argument. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

(Required) Tokens that look like a preprocessing directive shall not occur within a macro argument. This check is identical to CERT-PRE32-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT PRE32-C

Do not use preprocessor directives in invocations of function-like macros

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.6

(Required) Tokens that look like a preprocessing directive shall not occur within a macro argument

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define memcpy(a,b,c) _myfn(a,b,c)
void func(const char *src) {
  /* Validate the source string; calculate size */
 char *dest;
  /* malloc() destination string */
  #ifdef PLATFORM1
   memcpy(dest, src, 12);
   memcpy(dest, src, 24);
  #endif
  /* ... */
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.7

Synopsis

An expansion of macro parameters was found that is not enclosed in parentheses.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The expansion of macro parameters shall be enclosed in parentheses.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.7

(Required) Expressions resulting from the expansion of macro parameters shall be enclosed in parentheses

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int r;
\#define M(x, y) (x/y)
 r = M (1 + 2, 1 - 2);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
static struct str {
 int val;
} s;
void example(void) {
 int r;
 int a[10];
 /* already enclosed in macro def*/
\#define M(x, y) ((x) << (y))
 r = M(1 + 2, 3 + 4);
 /* no need after ## or # */
\#define N(x) a [\# x] = (x)
 N (0 + 2);
 /* no need after . or ->, member name */
#define MEMBER( S, M ) ( S ).M
  r = MEMBER (s, val);
  /* enclosed in inner macro */
#define F(X) G(X)
#define G(Y)(Y)
  r = F (2);
 /* enclosed at invocation site,
    even single literal should have parentheses */
\#define M(x, y) (x/y)
  r = M ( (1), (2 + 3));
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.10

Synopsis # and ## operators were found in macro definitions.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

LOW/LOW

Full description

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.13, MISRAC++2008-16-3-2.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.13

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.10

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 16-3-2

(Advisory) The # and ## operators should not be used.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define A(Y)#Y/* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define A(x)(x)/* Compliant */

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.11

Synopsis A macro parameter immediately following a # was found that is immediately followed

by a ##.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium

Full description (Required) A macro parameter immediately following a # operator shall not

immediately be followed by a ## operator. Note: This check is not part of C-STAT but

detected by the IAR compiler.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.11

(Required) A macro parameter immediately following a # operator shall not

immediately be followed by a ## operator

```
#define AAA( a, b ) #a ## b
#define BBB 1
#define CCC( a, b ) BBB + ( #a ## b )
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#define AAA( a ) #a
#define BBB( a, b ) a ## b
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.13

Synopsis A line was found whose first token is # but that is not a valid preprocessing directive.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) A line whose first token is # shall be a valid preprocessing directive. Note:

This check is not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR compiler.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.13

(Required) A line whose first token is # shall be a valid preprocessing directive

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#hello

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
/*
#hello
*/
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.14

Unbalanced #if/#endif preprocessor directives were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) All #else, #elif, and #endif preprocessor directives shall reside in the same

file as the #if, #ifdef, or #ifndef directive to which they are related. Note: This check is

not part of C-STAT but detected by the IAR compiler.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.14

(Required) All #else, #elif and #endif preprocessor directives shall reside in the

same file as the #if, #ifdef or #ifndef directive to which they are related

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> #ifdef HAS INCLUDE H #include "include.h" /* include.h content:

#endif * /

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

#ifdef HAS_INCLUDE_H #include "include.h" #endif

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.1

Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) #define and #undef shall not be used on a reserved identifier or reserved macro name This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.1, MISRAC++2008-17-0-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.1

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros, and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined, or undefined.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.1

(Required) #define and #undef shall not be used on a reserved identifier or reserved macro name

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-1

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined or undefined.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define __TIME__ 11111111 /* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x) (x) /* Compliant */

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.2

Synopsis One or more library functions are being overridden.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A reserved identifier or macro name shall not be declared This check is identical to MISRAC++2008-17-0-3, MISRAC2004-20.2, CERT-DCL37-C_a.

Coding standards CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

MISRA C:2004 20.2

(Required) The names of Standard Library macros, objects, and functions shall

not be reused.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.2

(Required) A reserved identifier or macro name shall not be declared

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-3

(Required) The names of standard library functions shall not be overridden.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> extern "C" void strcpy(void); void strcpy(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

extern "C" void bar(void); void foo(void) {}

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.3

Synopsis Uses of malloc, calloc, realloc, aligned alloc, or free were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The memory allocation and deallocation functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be

used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.4, MISRAC++2008-18-4-1.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.4

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.3

(Required) The memory allocation and deallocation functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-4-1

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void *example(void) {
  return malloc(100);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.4

Synopsis Found uses of setjmp.h.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The standard header file setjmp.h shall not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.7, MISRAC++2008-17-0-5.

Coding standards

CERT ERR34-CPP

Do not use longimp

MISRA C:2004 20.7

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.4

(Required) The standard header file <setjmp.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-5

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <setimp.h>
imp buf ex;
void example(void) {
 setjmp(ex);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.5

Synopsis Uses of signal.h were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The standard header file signal.h shall not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.8, MISRAC++2008-18-7-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.8

(Required) The signal handling facilities of signal.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.5

(Required) The standard header file < signal.h > shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-7-1

(Required) The signal handling facilities of <csignal> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stddef.h>

void example(void) {
   signal(SIGFPE, NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.6

Synopsis Uses of stdio.h or wchar.h were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The Standard Library input/output functions shall not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.9, MISRAC++2008-27-0-1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.9

(Required) The input/output library stdio.h shall not be used in production code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.6

(Required) The Standard Library input/output functions shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 27-0-1

(Required) The stream input/output library <cstdio> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  printf("Hello, world!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.7

Synopsis Uses of atof, atoi, atol, and atoll were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The atof, atoi, atol and atoll functions of stdlib.h shall not be used This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.10, MISRAC++2008-18-0-2.

Coding standards

CERT INT06-C

Use strtol() or a related function to convert a string token to an integer

MISRA C:2004 20.10

(Required) The functions atof, atoi, and atol from the library stdlib.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.7

(Required) The atof, atoi, atol and atoll functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-2

(Required) The library functions atof, atoi and atol from library <cstdlib> shall not be used.

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(char buf[]) {
 return atoi(buf);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.8

Synopsis Uses of abort, exit, getenv, and system were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The Standard Library termination functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.11, MISRAC++2008-18-0-3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.11

(Required) The functions abort, exit, getenv, and system from the library stdlib.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.8

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-3

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system from library <<stdlib> shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  abort();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.9

Synopsis Uses of the library functions brearch and qsort in stdlib.h were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The library functions brearch and qsort of stdlib.h shall not be used

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.9

(Required) The library functions bsearch and qsort of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int values[] = { 40, 10, 100, 90, 20, 25 };
int compare (const void * a, const void * b)
 return ( *(int*)a - *(int*)b );
int main ()
 qsort (values, 6, sizeof(int), compare);
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int values[] = { 40, 10, 100, 90, 20, 25 };
int compare (const void * a, const void * b)
{
  return ( *(int*)a - *(int*)b );
}
int main ()
{
  return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.10

Synopsis Use of the following wcsftime and time.h functions was found: asctime, clock, ctime,

difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime and time.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The Standard Library time and date functions shall not be used This check

is identical to MISRAC2004-20.12, MISRAC++2008-18-0-4.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.12

(Required) The time handling functions of time.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.10

(Required) The Standard Library time and date functions shall not be used

MISRA C++ 2008 18-0-4

(Required) The time handling functions of library <ctime> shall not be used.

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <time.h>
time_t example(void) {
 return time(NULL);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.11

Synopsis Use of the standard header file tgmath.h was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The standard header file tgmath.h shall not be used

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.11

(Required) The standard header file <tgmath.h> shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <tgmath.h>
float f1, f2;
void example(void) {
  f1 = sqrt(f2);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <math.h>
float f1, f2;

void example(void) {
  f1 = sqrt(f2);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.12_a

Synopsis The exception-handling features of <fenv.h> are used.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Advisory) The exception-handling features of <fenv.h> should not be used.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.12

(Advisory) The exception handling features of <fenv.h> should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <fenv.h>
void f ()
{
   feclearexcept ( FE_DIVBYZERO );
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <fenv.h>
void f ()
{
    /* ... */
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.12 b

Macros are used in <fenv.h>. Synopsis

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Advisory) The exception handling features of <fenv.h> should not be used.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.12

(Advisory) The exception handling features of <fenv.h> should not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <fenv.h>
void example(void) {
  feclearexcept(FE_INEXACT);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <fenv.h>
void example(void) {
  /* including the header but not used its features */
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.13

Synopsis Any value passed to a function in <ctype.h> shall be representable as an unsigned char

or be the value EOF.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

(Mandatory) The relevant functions from <ctype.h> are defined to take an int argument where the expected value is either in the range of an unsigned char or is a negative value equivalent to EOF. The use of any other values results in undefined behaviour.

Coding standards

CERT STR37-C

Arguments to character handling functions must be representable as an unsigned char

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.13

(Mandatory) Any value passed to a function in <ctype.h> shall be representable as an unsigned char or be the value EOF

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include "mc3_types.h"

bool_t f(uint8_t a) {
    return isalpha( 256 );
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "mc3_types.h"

bool_t f(uint8_t a) {
    return isdigit ( ( int32_t ) a )
        && isalpha ( ( int32_t ) 'b' )
        && islower( EOF );
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.14

Synopsis

The Standard Library function memcmp shall not be used to compare null terminated strings.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The Standard Library function memcmp shall not be used to compare null terminated strings. If the length of either of the two strings is less than n, then they may compare as different even when they are logically the same.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.14

(Required) The Standard Library function memcmp shall not be used to compare null terminated strings

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include<stdlib.h>
extern char buffer1[ 12 ];
extern char buffer2[ 12 ];
void f1 ( void ) {
    ( void ) strcpy ( buffer1, "abc" );
    ( void ) strcpy ( buffer2, "abc" );
    /* The following use of memcmp is non-compliant */
   if ( memcmp ( buffer1, buffer2, sizeof ( buffer1 ) ) != 0 ) {
         * The strings stored in buffer1 and buffer 2 are
reported to be
        * different, but this may actually be due to differences
in the
         * uninitialised characters stored after the null
terminators.
    }
```

```
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<mc3 types.h>
/* The following definition violates other guidelines */
unsigned char headerStart[ 6 ] = { 'h', 'e', 'a', 'd', 0, 164 };
void f2 ( const uint8 t *packet ) {
   /* The following use of memcmp is compliant */
   if ( ( NULL != packet ) && ( memcmp( packet, headerStart, 6 )
== 0 ) ) {
        /*
         * Comparison of values having essentially unsigned type
reports that
         * contents are the same. Any null terminator is simply
treated as a
         * zero value and any differences beyond it are
significant.
    }
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.15

Synopsis The pointer arguments to memcpy, memmove and memcmp have different types.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The pointer arguments to the Standard Library functions memcpy, memmove and memcmp shall be pointers to qualified or unqualified versions of compatible types.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.15

(Required) The pointer arguements to the Standard Library function memcpy, memmove and memcmp shall be pointers to qualified or unqualified versions of compatible types

Code examples

```
* Is it intentional to only copy part of 's2'?
* /
void f(uint8_t s1[8], uint16_t s2[8])
  (void) memcpy(s1, s2, 8);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
* Is it intentional to only copy part of 's2'?
void f(uint8_t s1[8], uint8_t s2[8])
  (void) memcpy(s1, s2, 8);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.16

Synopsis

The types of the pointer arguments to memcmp are not essentially signed, unsigned, Boolean or enum type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The pointer arguments to the Standard Library function memcmp shall point to either a pointer type, an essentially signed type, an essentially unsigned type, an essentially Boolean type or an essentially enum type

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.16

(Required) The pointer arguements to the Standard Library function memcmp shall point to either a pointer type, an essentially signed type, an essentially unsigned type, an essentially Boolean type or an essentially enum type

Code examples

```
struct S;
* Return value may indicate that 's1' and 's2' are different due
to padding.
* /
bool_t f(struct S *s1, struct S *s )
                                                            /*
 return (memcmp(s1, s2, sizeof(struct S)) != 0);
Non-compliant */
union U {
 uint32_t range;
 uint32_t height;
 * Return value may indicate that 'u1' and 'u2' are the same
 * due to unintentional comparison of 'range' and 'height'.
bool_t f2(union U *u1, union U *u2)
                                                           /*
 return (memcmp(u1, u2, sizeof(union U)) != 0 );
Non-compliant */
}
const char a[ 6 ] = "task";
* Return value may incorrectly indicate strings are different as
* length of 'a' (4) is less than the number of bytes compared
(6).
* /
bool_t f3(const char b[6])
                                                             /*
 return (memcmp(a, b, 6) != 0);
Non-compliant */
```

```
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <string.h>
bool_t f(float* *fp1, float* *fp2)
 return (memcmp(fp1, fp2, sizeof(float*)) != 0);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17 a

Synopsis

A call to strlen might cause destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
int example(void) {
    char string[3] = "Foo";
    return strlen(string);
```

```
#include <string.h>
int example(void) {
    char string[4] = "Foo";
    return strlen(string);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_b

Synopsis

A call to streat might cause destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
   strcpy(str2,"");
   strcat(str2,str1);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void)
{
   char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
   char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
   strcpy(str2, "");
   strcat(str2, str1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17 c

Synopsis A call to stropy might cause destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
 char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
 char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
 strcpy(str2,str1);
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example (void)
 char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
 char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
 strcpy(str2,str1);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_d

Synopsis A call to strncat might cause a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(int d) {
   char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
   char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 10;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strcpy(a, "0123");
   strcpy(b, "45678901234");
   strncat(a, b, c);
}
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(int d) {
 char * a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 5);
 char * b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 100);
 int c;
 if (d) {
   c = 2;
  } else {
   c = 3;
 strcpy(a, "0123");
 strcpy(b, "45678901234");
 strncat(b, a, c);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_e

Synopsis A call to strncmp might cause a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 20;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(int d) {
   char *a = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   char *b = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
   int c;
   if (d) {
      c = 8;
   } else {
      c = 5;
   }
   strncmp(a, b, c);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.17_f

Synopsis

A call to strncpy might cause a destination buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.17

(Mandatory) Use of the string handling functions from <string.h> shall not result in accesses beyond the bounds of the objects referenced by their pointer parameters

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
 char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
 char *str2 = (char *)malloc(13);
 strncpy(str2,str1,14);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
 char *str1 = "Hello World!\n";
 char *str2 = (char *)malloc(14);
 strncpy(str2, str1, 14);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.18 a

Synopsis

A call to a function in <string.h> causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The size_t argument passed to any function in <string.h> shall have an appropriate value.

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.18

(Mandatory) The size_t argument passed to any functions in <string.> shall have an appropriate value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.18_b

Synopsis

A call to memchr causes a buffer overrun.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The size_t argument passed to any function in <string.h> shall have an appropriate value

Coding standards

CERT ARR38-C

Guarantee that library functions do not form invalid pointers

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.18

(Mandatory) The size_t argument passed to any functions in <string.> shall have an appropriate value

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void f() {
 char s[] = "Hello";
 memchr(s, 'H', 10);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <string.h>
void f() {
  char s[] = "Hello";
  memchr(s, 'H', 10);
 }
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.19 a

Synopsis

The pointer returned by localecony, geteny, setlocale or, strerror is assigned to a non-const type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High



Full description

(Mandatory) The pointers returned by the Standard Library functions localeconv, getenv, setlocale or, strerror shall only be used as if they have pointer to const-qualified type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.19

(Mandatory) The pointers returned by the Standard Library functions localeconv, getenv, setlocale or, strerror shall only be used as if the have pointer to const-qualified type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
   char *a = getenv("MY_VAR");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
   const char *a = getenv("MY_VAR");
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.19_b

Synopsis

The pointer returned by localeconv, getenv, setlocale or, strerror is assigned to a non-const type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

(Mandatory) The pointers returned by the Standard Library functions localecony, geteny, setlocale or, strerror shall only be used as if they have pointer to const-qualified type.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.19

(Mandatory) The pointers returned by the Standard Library functions localecony, geteny, setlocale or, strerror shall only be used as if the have pointer to const-qualified type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
    char *s = getenv("MY_VAR");
    *s = 'A';
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
void example(void) {
    char *str = getenv("MY_VAR");
    char *copy_of_str = (char *)malloc(strlen(str) + 1);
    *copy_of_str = 'A';
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.20

Synopsis

A pointer returned by asctime, ctime, gmtime, localtime, localeconv, getenv, setlocale or strerror is used after following a subsequent call to the same function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The pointer returned by the Standard Library functions asctime, ctime, gmtime, localtime, localeconv, getenv, setlocale or strerror shall not be used following a subsequent call to the same function.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.20

(Mandatory) The pointer returned by the Standard Library functions asctime, ctime, gmtime, localtime, localeconv, getenv, setlocale or strerror shall not be used following a subsequent call to the same function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void f1( void )
{
    const char *res1;
    const char *res2;
    char copy[ 128 ];

    res1 = setlocale ( LC_ALL, 0 );
    ( void ) strcpy ( copy, res1 );
    res2 = setlocale ( LC_MONETARY, "French" );
    /* Non-compliant - use after subsequent call */
    printf ( "%s\n", res1 );
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void f1( void )
{
    const char *res1;
    const char *res2;
    char copy[ 128 ];

    res1 = setlocale ( LC_ALL, 0 );
    ( void ) strcpy ( copy, res1 );
    res2 = setlocale ( LC_MONETARY, "French" );
    /* Compliant - copy made before subsequent call */
    printf ( "%s\n", copy );
    /* Compliant - no subsequent call before use */
    printf ( "%s\n", res2 );
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.21

Uses of system were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The Standard Library function system of <stdlib.h> shall not be used.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.21

(Required) The Standard Library function system of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(void) {
    return system("ls -1");
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
    return 0;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1_a

Synopsis A memory leak due to incorrect deallocation was detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Low



Full description

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released This check is identical to MEM-leak, SEC-BUFFER-memory-leak, CERT-MEM31-C.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 401

Improper Release of Memory Before Removing Last Reference ('Memory Leak')

CWE 772

Missing Release of Resource after Effective Lifetime

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int *ptr = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));

ptr = NULL; //losing reference to the allocated memory
  free(ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (rand() < 5) {
        free(ptr);
    } else {
            free(ptr);
    }
        return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.1 b

Synopsis A file pointer is never closed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions

> shall be explicitly released This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Dir-4.13_c, RESOURCE-file-no-close-all, SEC-FILEOP-open-no-close, CERT-FIO42-C_a.

Coding standards CERT FIO42-C

Ensure files are properly closed when they are no longer needed

CWE 404

Improper Resource Shutdown or Release

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.1

(Required) All resources obtained dynamically by means of Standard Library functions shall be explicitly released

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *fp = fopen("test.txt", "c");
 fclose(fp);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 a

Synopsis A memory location is freed more than once.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function This check is identical to MEM-double-free.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 415

Double Free

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void f(int *p) {
  free(p);
  if(p) free(p);
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
{
   int *p=malloc(4);
   free(p);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 b

Freeing a memory location more than once on some paths but not others. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function This check is identical to MEM-double-free-some.

Coding standards

CERT MEM31-C

Free dynamically allocated memory exactly once

CWE 415

Double Free

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    free(ptr);
    if(rand() % 2 == 0)
    {
      free(ptr);
    }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
    int *ptr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    if(rand() % 2 == 0)
    {
       free(ptr);
    }
    else
    {
       free(ptr);
    }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.2 c

Synopsis A stack address might be freed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function This check is identical to MEM-free-variable,

CERT-MEM34-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT MEM34-C

Only free memory allocated dynamically

CWE 590

Free of Memory not on the Heap

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.2

(Mandatory) A block of memory shall only be freed if it was allocated by means of a Standard Library function

Code examples

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void){
 int x=0;
 free(&x);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
 p = (int *)malloc(sizeof( int));
 free(p);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.3

Synopsis

A file was found that is open for read and write access at the same time on different streams.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The same file shall not be open for read and write access at the same time on different streams.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.3

(Required) The same file shall not be open for read and write access at the same time on different streams

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *f1 = fopen("foo", "r");
 FILE *f2;
 f2 = fopen("foo", "w");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *f1 = fopen("foo", "r");
  FILE *f2;
  fclose(f1);
  f2 = fopen("foo", "r");
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.4

Synopsis A file opened as read-only is written to.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) There shall be no attempt to write to a stream which has been opened as read-only This check is identical to RESOURCE-write-ronly-file.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.4

(Mandatory) There shall be no attempt to write to a stream which has been opened as read-only

Code examples

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   FILE *f1;
   f1 = fopen("test-file.txt", "r");
   fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!");
   fclose(f1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *f1;
 f1 = fopen("test-file.txt", "r+");
 fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!");
 fclose(f1);
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.5 a

Synopsis A pointer to a FILE object is dereferenced.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) A pointer to a FILE object shall not be dereferenced This check is identical to RESOURCE-deref-file.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.5

(Mandatory) A pointer to a FILE object shall not be dereferenced

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  FILE *f2;
   *f2 = *f1;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  FILE *f2;
  f1 = f2;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.5 b

Synopsis A file pointer was found that is implicitly dereferenced by a library function.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) A pointer to a FILE object shall not be dereferenced This check is identical to RESOURCE-implicit-deref-file.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.5

(Mandatory) A pointer to a FILE object shall not be dereferenced

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *ptr1 = fopen("hello", "r");
  int *a;
  memcpy(ptr1, a, 10);
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *ptr1;
 int *a;
 memcpy(a, a, 0);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.6

Synopsis

A file pointer was found that is used after it has been closed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Mandatory) The value of a pointer to a FILE shall not be used after the associated stream has been closed

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.6

(Mandatory) The value of a pointer to a FILE shall not be used after the associated stream has been closed

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
 FILE *f1;
 f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
 fclose(f1);
 fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

void example(void) {
  FILE *f1;
  f1 = fopen("test_file", "w");
  fprintf(f1, "Hello, World!\n");
  fclose(f1);
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.7_a

Synopsis The macro EOF is compared with a value not originating from a function capable of

returning EOF.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The macro EOF shall only be compared with the unmodified return value

from any Standard Library function capable of returning EOF

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.7

(Required) The macro EOF shall only be compared with the unmodified return

value from any Standard Library function capable of returning EOF

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>
void f1(void)
 char ch;
 ch = (char)getchar();
  * The following test is non-compliant. It will not be reliable
  * return value is cast to a narrower type before checking for
EOF. */
 if (EOF != (int32_t) ch) {
 }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>
void f2(void)
 char ch;
 ch = (char)getchar();
 if (!feof(stdin))
 }
}
void f3(void)
 int32_t i_ch;
 i_ch = getchar();
  /*
  * The following test is compliant. It will be reliable as the
  * unconverted return value is used when checking for EOF. */
 if (EOF != i_ch)
   char ch;
   ch = (char)i_ch;
 }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.7 b

Synopsis The macro EOF is compared with a value not originating from a function capable of

returning EOF.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description The macro EOF shall only be compared with the unmodified return value from any

Standard Library function capable of returning EOF

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.7

(Required) The macro EOF shall only be compared with the unmodified return value from any Standard Library function capable of returning EOF

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void f(void)
{
   int a = getchar();
   a = 5;
   if (a == EOF) {
   }
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>

void f(void)
{
  int a = getchar();
  a = 5;
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.8

errno is not set to zero prior a call to an errno-setting-function. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The value of errno shall be set to zero prior to a call to an

errno-setting-function.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.8

> (Required) The value of errno shall be set to zero prior to a call to an errno-setting-function

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> #include<mc3_types.h> void f (void) float64_t f64; f64 = strtod ("A.12", NULL);

```
#include<mc3_types.h>
#include<errno.h>
void f ( void )
    float64_t f64;
    if ( 0 == errno )
        {
            f64 = strtod ( "A.12", NULL ); /* Compliant by
exception */
            if ( 0 == errno )
                {
                }
        }
    else
            errno = 0;
            f64 = strtod ( "A.13", NULL ); /* Compliant */
            if ( 0 == errno )
                {
                }
        }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.9

Synopsis errno is not tested against zero after a call to an errno-setting-function.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) The value of errno shall be tested against zero after calling an errno-setting-function.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.9

(Required) The value of errno shall be tested against zero after calling an errno-setting-function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void foo(void);
void example(void) {
   char *p;
   strtol("0xDEADBEEF", &p, 16);
    foo();
   if (errno != 0) {
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void foo(void);
void example(void) {
    char *p;
    strtol("0xDEADBEEF", &p, 16);
   if (errno != 0) {
    }
}
```

MISRAC2012-Rule-22.10

Synopsis

errno is tested after a call to function that is not an errno-setting-function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value of errno shall only be tested when the last function to be called was an errno-setting-function.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-22.10

(Required) The value of errno shall only be tested when the last function to be called an errno-setting-function

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC++2008-0-1-1

Synopsis

A part of the application is never executed.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code. This check is identical to RED-dead, MISRAC2004-14.1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-9, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

CWE 561

Dead Code

MISRA C:2004 14.1

(Required) There shall be no unreachable code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-9

(Required) There shall be no dead code.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            return 1;
            printf("Hello!"); // This line cannot execute.
        default:
           return -1;
    }
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
            printf("Hello!"); // This line can execute.
            return 1;
        default:
            return -1;
    }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-2 a

Synopsis The condition in if, for, while, do-while statement sequences and the ternary operator is

always met.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths. This check is identical to

RED-cond-always, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_a.

Coding standards CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 5;
  for (x = 0; x < 6 && 1; x--);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 5;
  for (x = 0; x < 6 && 1; x++);
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_b

Synopsis The condition in if, for, while, do-while statement sequences and the ternary operator

will never be met.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths. This check is identical to RED-cond-never, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP17-C

Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions

CWE 570

Expression is Always False

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.3

(Required) Controlling expressions shall not be invariant

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int x = 5;
 for (x = 0; x < 6 \&\& x >= 1; x++);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int x = 5;
 for (x = 0; x < 6 \&\& x >= 0; x++);
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-2 c

Synopsis

A case statement within a switch statement is unreachable.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain infeasible paths. This check is identical to RED-case-reach, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1 a.

Coding standards

CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

switch(2 * x) {
  case 42 : //unreachable case, as x is 84
  ;
  default :
  ;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = 42;

switch(2 * x) {
  case 84 :
    ;
  default :
    ;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-3

Synopsis

A variable is never read or written during execution.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain unused variables. This check is identical to RED-unused-var-all.

Coding standards

CERT MSC13-C

Detect and remove unused values

CWE 563

Unused Variable

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
 int x; //this value is not used
 return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
 int x = 0; //OK - x is returned
 return x;
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-4_a

Synopsis

A variable is only used once.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain non-volatile POD variables having only one use.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  int x = 1;
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-4_b

Synopsis

A global variable is only used once.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain non-volatile POD variables having only one use.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

Code examples

```
int x = 1;
int example(void) {
  return 0;
}
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-6

Synopsis A variable is assigned a value that is never used.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A project shall not contain instances of non-volatile variables being given values that are never subsequently used. This check is identical to RED-unused-val, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_c.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.2

(Required) There shall be no dead code

Code examples

```
int example(void) {
 int x;
 x = 20;
 x = 3;
 return 0;
```

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  x = 20;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-7

Synopsis

There are unused function return values (excluding overloaded operators)

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The value returned by a function having a non-void return type that is not an overloaded operator shall always be used. This check is identical to RED-unused-return-val, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.7.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.7

(Required) The value returned by a function having non-void return type shall be used

Code examples

```
int func ( int para1 )
  return para1;
int not_discarded ( int para2 )
 if (func(para2) > 5){
   return 1:
 }
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-8

Synopsis

There are functions with no effect. A function with no return type and no side effects effectively does nothing.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) All functions with void return type shall have external side effect(s). This check is identical to RED-func-no-effect.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
void pointless (int i, char c)
 int local;
 local = 0;
 local = i;
```

```
void func(int *i)
{
   int p;
   p = *i;
   int *ptr;
   ptr = i;
   *i = p;
   (*i)++;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-9

Synopsis A part of the application is never executed.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) There shall be no dead code. This check is identical to RED-dead,

MISRAC2004-14.1, MISRAC++2008-0-1-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b.

Coding standards CERT MSC07-C

Detect and remove dead code

CWE 561

Dead Code

MISRA C:2004 14.1

(Required) There shall be no unreachable code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code

MISRA C++ 2008 0-1-1

(Required) A project shall not contain unreachable code.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
            return 1:
            printf("Hello!"); // This line cannot execute.
        default:
           return -1;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int mode) {
    switch (mode) {
        case 0:
           printf("Hello!"); // This line can execute.
            return 1;
        default:
           return -1;
    }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-1-11

Synopsis

A function parameter is declared but not used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no unused parameters (named or unnamed) in nonvirtual functions. This check is identical to RED-unused-param, MISRAC2012-Rule-2.7.

Coding standards

CWE 563

Unused Variable

MISRA C:2012 Rule-2.7

(Advisory) There should be no unused parameters in functions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
  /* `x' is not used */
  return 20;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
  return x + 20;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-0-2-1

Synopsis There are assignments from one field of a union to another.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object. This check is identical to UNION-overlap-assign, MISRAC2004-18.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-19.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 18.2

(Required) An object shall not be assigned to an overlapping object.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.1

(Mandatory) An object shall not be assigned or copied to an overlapping object

Code examples

```
void example(void)
 union
   char c[5];
   int i;
 } u;
 u.i = u.c[2];
```

```
void example(void)
 union
   char c[5];
   int i;
 } u;
 int x;
 x = (int)u.c[2];
 u.i = x;
```

MISRAC++2008-0-3-2

Synopsis

The return value for a library function that might return an error value is not used.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) If a function generates error information, then that error information shall be tested. This check is identical to LIB-return-error, MISRAC2004-16.10.

Coding standards

CWE 252

Unchecked Return Value

CWE 394

Unexpected Status Code or Return Value

MISRA C:2004 16.10

(Required) If a function returns error information, then that error information shall be tested.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC++2008-2-7-1

Synopsis Detected /* inside comments

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a C-style comment. This check is identical to COMMENT-nested, MISRAC2004-2.3.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 2.3

(Required) The character sequence /* shall not be used within a comment.

```
void example(void) {
  /* This comment starts here
  /* Nested comment starts here
}
```

```
void example(void) {
  /* This comment starts here */
  /* Nested comment starts here
  * /
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-7-2

Synopsis

Commented-out code has been detected. (To allow comments to contain pseudo-code or code samples, only comments that end in ;, {, or } characters are considered to be commented-out code.)

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Sections of code shall not be "commented out" using C-style comments.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  /*
  int i;
  * /
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
#if 0
   int i;
#endif
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-7-3

Synopsis

Commented-out code has been detected. (To allow comments to contain pseudo-code or code samples, only comments that end in ';', '{', or '}' characters are considered to be commented-out code.)

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Sections of code should not be "commented out" using C++ comments.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   //int i;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
#if 0
   int i;
#endif
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-1

Synopsis

Two identifiers have names that can be confused with each other.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) Different identifiers shall be typographically unambiguous.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
 char idB_S;
 char idB_5;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example (void)
 char idB_5rm;
 char idB_irh;
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-2 (C++ only)

Synopsis

There are identifier names that are not distinct from other names in an outer scope.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Identifiers declared in an inner scope shall not hide an identifier declared in an outer scope.

Coding standards	This check does not correspon	d to any coding standard rules.
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```
extern int f2(void);
extern int f3(void);
extern int n01_param_hides_var;
extern int n02_var_hides_var;
void
           n03_var_hides_function (void) {}
union
            n04 var hides union tag {
  int v1;
  unsigned int v2;
enum
            n05_var_hides_enum_tag {
            n06_var_hides_enum_const,
};
extern int n07_type_hides_var;
struct
            n08_var_hides_class1 {
  int
            n09_var_hides_mem;
};
            n10_var_hides_class2 {
class
  int cm1;
};
void f1(int n01_param_hides_var) {
           n02 var hides var;
            n03_var_hides_function;
  int
  int
            n04_var_hides_union_tag;
  int
            n05_var_hides_enum_tag;
  int
            n06_var_hides_enum_const;
  switch(f2()) {
  case 1: {
    typedef int n07_type_hides_var;
    int n08_var_hides_class1;
    int n09_var_hides_mem;
    int n10_var_hides_class2;
    do {
      struct
                n11_var_hides_struct_tag {
  int ff1;
      } b;
      if(f3()) {
          n11_var_hides_struct_tag = 1;
    } while(f2());
  }
  }
}
```

```
namespace ns1 {
  int   n12_var_hides_var_ns;
  void f4(void) {
    int n12_var_hides_var_ns;
  }
}
```

```
namespace ns1 {
   int   n16_var_hides_var_ns;
}
namespace ns2 {
   void f2(void) {
     int n16_var_hides_var_ns;
   }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-3

Synopsis A typedef with this name has already been declared.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) A typedef name (including qualification, if any) shall be a unique identifier.

This check is identical to MISRAC2004-5.3, MISRAC2012-Rule-5.6. This is a link

analysis check.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 5.3

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.6

(Required) A typedef name shall be a unique identifier

```
typedef int WIDTH;
void f1()
 WIDTH w1;
void f2()
 typedef float WIDTH;
 WIDTH w2;
 WIDTH w3;
```

```
namespace NS1
  typedef int WIDTH;
}
// f2.cc
namespace NS2
  typedef float WIDTH; // Compliant - NS2::WIDTH is not the same
as NS1::WIDTH
}
NS1::WIDTH w1;
NS2::WIDTH w2;
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-4

Synopsis

A class, struct, union, or enum declaration clashes with a previous declaration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A class, union or enum name (including qualification, if any) shall be a $unique\ identifier.\ This\ check\ is\ identical\ to\ MISRAC 2004-5.4, MISRAC 2012-Rule-5.7.$ This is a link analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.4

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-5.7

(Required) A tag name shall be a unique identifier

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1()
{
   class TYPE {};
}

void f2()
{
   float TYPE; // non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
enum ENS {ONE, TWO };

void f1()
{
   class TYPE {};
}

void f4()
{
   union GRRR {
   int i;
   float f;
   };
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-5

Synopsis An identifier is used that might clash with another static identifier.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The identifier name of a non-member object or function with static storage duration should not be reused. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-5.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 5.5

(Advisory) No object or function identifier with static storage duration should be reused.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
namespace NS1
{
 static int global = 0;
namespace NS2
 void fn()
   int global; // Non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
namespace NS1
{
  int global = 0;
}
namespace NS2
{
  void f1()
  {
   int global; // Non-compliant
  }
}
void f2()
{
  static int global;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-10-6 (C++ only)

Synopsis There is a clash with type names.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) If an identifier refers to a type, it shall not also refer to an object or a function in the same scope.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
struct foo
{
   int x;
};
void foo();
```

```
void func()
 typedef struct vector { int x ; int y; int z; } a_vector;
          struct vector2 { int x ; int y; int z; } a_vector2;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-13-2

Synopsis Octal integer constants are used.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Octal constants (other than zero) and octal escape sequences (other than 0) shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-7.1, MISRAC2012-Rule-7.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used. Zero is okay

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.1

(Required) Octal constants shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void
func (void)
    int x = 077;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void
func(void)
{
    int x = 63;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-13-3

Synopsis

There are unsigned integer constants without a U suffix.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) A "U" suffix shall be applied to all octal or hexadecimal integer literals of unsigned type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-10.6, MISRAC2012-Rule-7.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.6

(Required) A U suffix shall be applied to all constants of unsigned type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-7.2

(Required) A "u" or "U" suffix shall be applied to all integer constants that are represented in an unsigned type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    // 2147483648 -- does not fit in 31bits
    unsigned int x = 0x80000000;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int x = 0x80000000u;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-2-13-4 a

Suffixes on floating-point constants are lower case. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Literal suffixes shall be upper case.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void func()
 float 1 = 2.41;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void func()
  uint32_t a = 0U;
  int64_t c = 0L;
uint64_t e = 0UL;
  uint32_t g = 0x12bU;
  float i = 1.2F; float k = 1.2L;
```

MISRAC++2008-2-13-4_b

Synopsis Suffixes on integer constants are lower case.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Literal suffixes shall be upper case.

Coding standards CERT DCL16-C

Use 'L', not 'l', to indicate a long value

CERT DCL16-CPP

Use 'L', not 'l', to indicate a long value

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#include <stdint.h>

```
void func()
{
   uint32_t   b = 0u;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void func()
 uint32_t
            a = 0U;
 int64_t c = 0L;
 uint64_t e = OUL;
 uint32_t g = 0x12bU;
 i = 1.2F;
float
```

MISRAC++2008-3-1-1

Synopsis Non-inline functions have been defined in header files.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) It shall be possible to include any header file in multiple translation units

without violating the One Definition Rule. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-8.5_b.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 8.5

(Required) There shall be no definitions of objects or functions in a header file.

```
#include "definition.h"
/* Contents of definition.h:
void definition(void) {
}

*/
void example(void) {
  definition();
}
```

```
#include "declaration.h"
/* Contents of declaration.h:
void definition(void);

*/
void example(void) {
   definition();
}
```

MISRAC++2008-3-1-3

Synopsis

One or more external arrays are declared without their size being stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

Enabled by default

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Yes

Full description

(Required) When an array is declared, its size shall either be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-8.12,

MISRAC2012-Rule-8.11.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 8.12

(Required) When an array is declared with external linkage, its size shall be stated explicitly or defined implicitly by initialization.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-8.11

(Advisory) When an array with external linkage is declared, its size should be explicitly specified

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int a[];
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern int a[10];
extern int b[] = \{ 0, 1, 2 \};
```

MISRAC++2008-3-9-2

There are uses of the basic types char, int, short, long, double, and float without a Synopsis

typedef.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the

basic numerical types. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-6.3,

MISRAC2012-Dir-4.6 a.

MISRA C:2004 6.3 Coding standards

> (Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of the basic types.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.6

(Advisory) typedefs that indicate size and signedness should be used in place of

the basic numerical types

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
    INT x;
    INT (*fp)(const char *);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef signed char SCHAR;
typedef int INT;
typedef float FLOAT;

INT func(FLOAT f, INT *pi)
{
    INT x;
    INT (*fp)(const SCHAR *);
}
```

MISRAC++2008-3-9-3

Synopsis

An expression provides access to the bit-representation of a floating-point variable.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.12_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.12

(Required) The underlying bit representations of floating-point values shall not be used.

Code examples

```
void example(float f) {
  int * x = (int *)&f;
  int i = *x;
```

```
void example(float f) {
  int i = (int)f;
```

MISRAC++2008-4-5-1

Synopsis

Arithmetic operators are used on boolean operands.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) Expressions with type bool shall not be used as operands to built-in operators other than the assignment operator =, the logical operators &&, ||, !, the equality operators == and !=, the unary & operator, and the conditional operator. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.6_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.6

(Advisory) The operands of logical operators (&&, ||, and !) should be effectively boolean. Expressions that are effectively boolean should not be used as operands to operators other than (&&, \parallel , \parallel , =, ==, \parallel =, and \parallel :).

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func (bool b)
{
  bool x;
  bool y;
  y = x % b;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef charboolean_t;/* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */

void example(void)
{
    boolean_t d;
    boolean_t c = 1;
    boolean_t b = 0;
    boolean_t a = 1;

    d = ( c && a ) && b;
}

void func()
{
    bool x;
    bool y;
    y = x && y;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-4-5-2

Synopsis Unsafe operators are used on variables of enumeration type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description (Required) Expressions with type enum shall not be used as operands to builtin

operators other than the subscript operator [], the assignment operator =, the equality operators == and !=, the unary & operator, and the relational operators <, <=, >, >=.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void func(ens b)
 ens x;
 bool y;
 y = x | b;
```

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void func (ens b)
  ens y;
  y = b;
```

MISRAC++2008-4-5-3

Synopsis

Arithmetic is performed on objects of type plain char, without an explicit signed or unsigned qualifier.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) Expressions with type (plain) char and wchar_t shall not be used as operands to built-in operators other than the assignment operator =, the equality operators == and !=, and the unary & operator. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-6.1.

Coding standards

CERT INT07-C

Use only explicitly signed or unsigned char type for numeric values

MISRA C:2004 6.1

(Required) The plain char type shall be used only for the storage and use of character values.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef signed char INT8;
typedef unsigned char UINT8;

UINT8 toascii(INT8 c)
{
  return (UINT8)c & 0x7f;
}

int func(int x)
{
  char sc = 4;
  char *scp = ≻
  UINT8 (*fp)(INT8 c) = &toascii;

  x = x + sc;
  x *= *scp;
  return (*fp)(x);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef signed char INT8;
typedef unsigned char UINT8;

UINT8 toascii(INT8 c)
{
   return (UINT8)c & 0x7f;
}

int func(int x)
{
   signed char sc = 4;
   signed char *scp = ≻
   UINT8 (*fp)(INT8 c) = &toascii;

   x = x + sc;
   x *= *scp;
   return (*fp)(x);
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_a

Synopsis

There are expressions that depend on the order of evaluation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_i, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a, SPC-order, CERT-EXP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
 int i = 0;
 i = i * i++; //unspecified order of operations
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
   int i = 0;
   int x = i;
   i++;
   x = x * i;  //OK - statement is broken up
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1 b

Synopsis There are more than one read access with volatile-qualified type within a single

sequence point.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description (Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation

that the standard permits. This check is identical to SPC-volatile-reads,

MISRAC2004-12.2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_b.

Coding standards CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

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CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int x:
 volatile int v:
 x = v + v;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
 volatile int i = 0;
 int x = i;
 i++:
 x = x * i; //OK - statement is broken up
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-1 c

Synopsis

There are more than one modification access with volatile-qualified type within a single sequence point.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits. This check is identical to SPC-volatile-writes,

MISRAC2004-12.2_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP10-C

Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which side effects take place

CERT EXP30-C

Do not depend on order of evaluation between sequence points

CWE 696

Incorrect Behavior Order

MISRA C:2004 12.2

(Required) The value of an expression shall be the same under any order of evaluation that the standard permits.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.2

(Required) The value of an expression and its persistent side effects shall be the same under all permitted evaluation orders

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x;
  volatile int v, w;
  v = w = x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdbool.h>

void InitializeArray(int *);
const int *example(void)
{
   static volatile bool s_initialized = false;
   static int s_array[256];

   if (!s_initialized)
   {
      InitializeArray(s_array);
      s_initialized = true;
   }
   return s_array;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-2

Synopsis

Parentheses to avoid implicit operator precedence are missing.

Enabled by default

No

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Limited dependence should be placed on C++ operator precedence rules in expressions. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.1

(Advisory) Limited dependence should be placed on the C operator precedence rules in expressions.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   int i;
    int j;
   int k;
   int result;
   result = i + j * k;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   int i;
   int j;
   int k;
    int result;
   result = i + (j - k);
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-3

Synopsis

One or more evalue expressions have been implicitly converted to a different underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A cvalue expression shall not be implicitly converted to a different underlying type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ()
{
  int32_t s32;
  int8_t s8;
  s32 = s8 + s8; // Example 1 - Non-compliant
  // The addition operation is performed with an underlying type
of int8_t and the result
  // is converted to an underlying type of int32_t.
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ()
{
  int32_t s32;
  int8_t s8;
  s32 = static_cast < int32_t > ( s8 ) + s8; // Example 2 -
Compliant
  // the addition is performed with an underlying type of int32_t
and therefore
  // no underlying type conversion is required.
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-4

Synopsis

One or more implicit integral conversions have been found that change the signedness of the underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An implicit integral conversion shall not change the signedness of the underlying type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f()
 int8_t s8;
 uint8_t u8;
 s8 = u8; // Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f()
 int8_t s8;
 uint8_t u8;
 u8 = static_cast< uint8_t > ( s8 ) + u8; // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-5

Synopsis

One or more implicit floating-integral conversions were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no implicit floating-integral conversions.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f()
{
  float f32;
  int s32;
  s32 = f32; // Non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void f()
{
   float f32;
   int s32;
   f32 = static_cast< float > ( s32 ); // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-6 (C++ only)

Synopsis

One or more implicit integral or floating-point conversion were found that reduce the size of the underlying type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium

Full description

(Required) An implicit integral or floating-point conversion shall not reduce the size of

the underlying type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ( )
 int32_t s32;
 int16_t s16;
 s16 = s32; // Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ( )
 int32_t s32;
 int16 t s16;
 s16 = static_cast< int16_t > ( s32 ); // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-7

Synopsis

One or more explicit floating-integral conversions of a cvalue expression were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) There shall be no explicit floating-integral conversions of a cvalue

expression.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1 ( )
{
   int i;
   int j;
   float f;
   f = static_cast< float > ( i / j ); // Non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void f1 ( )
{
   int i;
   int j;
   int k;
   float f;
   k = i / j;
   f = static_cast< float > ( k ); // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-8

Synopsis

One or more explicit integral or floating-point conversions were found that increase the size of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An explicit integral or floating-point conversion shall not increase the size of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ()
 int16_t s16;
 int32_t s32;
 s32 = static_cast< int32_t > ( s16 + s16 ); // Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ( )
 int16_t s16;
 int32_t s32;
 s32 = static_cast< int32_t > ( s16 ) + s16 ; // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-9

Synopsis

One or more explicit integral conversions were found that change the signedness of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An explicit integral conversion shall not change the signedness of the underlying type of a cvalue expression.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ()
{
  int8_t s8;
  uint8_t u8;
  s8 = static_cast< int8_t >( u8 + u8 ); // Non-compliant
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC++2008-5-0-10

Synopsis

A bitwise operation on unsigned char or unsigned short was found, that was not immediately cast to this type to ensure consistent truncation.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) If the bitwise operators ~ and << are applied to an operand with an underlying type of unsigned char or unsigned short, the result shall be immediately cast to the underlying type of the operand. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-10.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 10.5

(Required) If the bitwise operators ~ and << are applied to an operand of underlying type unsigned char or unsigned short, the result shall be immediately cast to the underlying type of the operand.

Code examples

```
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
typedef unsigned short uint16 t;
void example(void) {
  uint8_t port = 0x5aU;
  uint8_t result_8;
  uint16 t result 16;
  uint16 t mode;
  result 8 = (~port) >> 4;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;
void example(void) {
  uint8_t port = 0x5aU;
  uint8_t result_8;
  uint16_t result_16;
  uint16_t mode;
  result_8 = ( static_cast< uint8_t > (~port) ) >> 4; //
Compliant
  result_16 = ( static_cast < uint16_t > ( static_cast < uint16_t
> ( port ) << 4 ) & mode ) >> 6; // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-13 a

Synopsis Non-Boolean termination conditions were found in do ... while statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedefintint32_t;
int32_t func();

void example(void)
{
   do {
    } while (func());
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-13 b

Synopsis Non-boolean termination conditions were found in for loops.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  for (int x = 10;x;--x) {}
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 for (fn(); fn3(); fn2()) // Compliant
 for (fn(); true; fn()) // Compliant
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 for (int len = fn2(); len < 10; len++) // Compliant</pre>
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-13_c

Non-boolean conditions were found in if statements. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_c.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
   int u8;
   if (u8) {}
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-13 d

Non-boolean termination conditions were found in while statements. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The condition of an if-statement and the condition of an iteration-statement shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.4_d.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.4

(Required) The controlling expression of an if statement and the controlling expression of an iteration-statement shall have essentially Boolean type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
   int u8;
   while (u8) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stddef.h>
int * fn()
 int * ptr;
 return ptr;
int fn2()
 return 5;
bool fn3()
 return true;
void example(void)
 while (int *ptr = fn() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 do
   int *ptr = fn();
   if ( NULL == ptr )
     break;
 while (true); // Compliant
 while (int len = fn2() ) // Compliant by exception
 {}
 if (int *p = fn()) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (int len = fn2() ) {} // Compliant by exception
 if (bool flag = fn3()) {} // Compliant
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-14

Synopsis Non-boolean operands to the conditional (?:) operator were found.

Yes Enabled by default

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The first operand of a conditional-operator shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.2 e.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.2

(Advisory) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, unless the operand is effectively boolean.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  int z;
  z = x ? 1 : 2;  //x is an int, not a bool
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(bool b) {
  int x;
  x = b ? 1 : 2; //OK - b is a bool
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-15 a

Synopsis

Pointer arithmetic that is not array indexing was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only form of pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.4_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.4

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef int INT32;
void example(INT32 array[]) {
  INT32 *pointer = array;
  INT32 *end = array + 10;
  for (; pointer != end; pointer += 1) {
    *pointer = 0;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef int INT32;
void example(INT32 array[]) {
  INT32 index = 0;
  INT32 end = 10;
  for (; index != end; index += 1) {
    arrav[index] = 0;
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-15 b

Synopsis Array indexing applied to objects not defined as an array type was found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only form of pointer arithmetic. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.4_b.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 17.4

(Required) Array indexing shall be the only allowed form of pointer arithmetic.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef unsigned char UINT8;
typedef unsigned int UINT;

void example(UINT8 *p, UINT size) {
   UINT i;
   for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
      p[i] = 0;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned char UINT8;
typedef unsigned int UINT;

void example(void) {
   UINT8 p[10];
   UINT i;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
     p[i] = 0;
   }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 a

Synopsis

Pointer arithmetic applied to a pointer that references a stack address was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to PTR-arith-stack, MISRAC2004-17.1_b.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int *p = \&i;
  p++;
  *p = 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int i;
 int *p = &i;
  0 = \alpha^*
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 b

Synopsis

Invalid pointer arithmetic with an automatic variable that is neither an array nor a pointer was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to PTR-arith-var, MISRAC2004-17.1_c.

Coding standards

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

MISRA C:2004 17.1

(Required) Pointer arithmetic shall only be applied to pointers that address an array or array element.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
  *(&x+10) = 5;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *x) {
  *(x+10) = 5;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_c

Synopsis An array access is out of bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1 a, CERT-ARR30-C a.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x, int y)
 int a[10];
 if((x >= 0) && (x < 20)) {
   if(x < 10) {
     y = a[x];
    } else {
     y = a[x - 10];
     y = a[x];
    }
 return y;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
 int a[4];
 a[3] = 0;
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d

Synopsis

An array access might be out of bounds for some execution paths.

Enabled by default

Yes

High/High



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-pos, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b, CERT-ARR30-C_b.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

Code examples

```
int cond;
int main(void)
 int a[7];
 int x;
 if (cond)
   x = 3:
 else
   x = 20;
 a[x] = 0; //x may be set to 20 in line 11
             //but a only has an interval of [0,6]
 return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int cond;
int main(void)
 int a[25];
 int x;
 if (cond)
   x = 3;
 else
   x = 20;
 a[x] = 0; //here, both possible values of
             //x are in the interval [0,24]
 return 0;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16 e

Synopsis A pointer to an array is used outside the array bounds.

Enabled by default Yes

High/High



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c, CERT-ARR30-C_c.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

Code examples

```
void example(void) {
 int arr[10];
 int *p = arr;
 p[10];
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(void) {
 int arr[10];
 int *p = arr;
 p[9];
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f

A pointer to an array might be used outside the array bounds. Synopsis

Yes Enabled by default

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A pointer operand and any pointer resulting from pointer arithmetic using that operand shall both address elements of the same array. This check is identical to ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d, CERT-ARR30-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT ARR33-C

Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size

CWE 119

Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

CWE 120

Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

CWE 121

Stack-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 122

Heap-based Buffer Overflow

CWE 124

Buffer Underwrite ('Buffer Underflow')

CWE 126

Buffer Over-read

CWE 127

Buffer Under-read

CWE 129

Improper Validation of Array Index

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.1

(Required) A pointer resulting from arithmetic on a pointer operand shall address an element of the same array as that pointer operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int b) {
  int arr[10];
  int *p = arr;
  int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
  p[x];
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int b) {
  int arr[12];
  int *p = arr;
  int x = (b<10 ? 8 : 11);
  p[x];
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-19

Synopsis

Declarations that contain more than two levels of pointer indirection have been found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The declaration of objects shall contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-17.5, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 17.5

(Required) The declaration of objects should contain no more than two levels of pointer indirection.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.5

(Advisory) Declarations should contain no more than two levels of pointer nesting

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
    int ***p;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   int **p;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-0-21

Synopsis

Applications of bitwise operators to signed operands were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Bitwise operators shall only be applied to operands of unsigned underlying

type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.7.

Coding standards

CERT INT13-C

Use bitwise operators only on unsigned operands

MISRA C:2004 12.7

(Required) Bitwise operators shall not be applied to operands whose underlying type is signed.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int x = -(1U);

  x ^ 1;
  x & 0x7F;
  ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7F;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   int x = -1;
   ((unsigned int)x) ^ 1U;
   2U ^ 1U;
   ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
   ((unsigned int)x) & 0x7FU;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-4 (C++ only)

Synopsis

Old style casts (other than void casts) were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) C-style casts (other than void casts) and functional notation casts (other than explicit constructor calls) shall not be used. This check is identical to CAST-old-style.

Coding standards

CERT EXP05-CPP

Do not use C-style casts

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(float b)
{
    return (int)b;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(float b)
    return static_cast<int>(b);
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-5

Synopsis

Casts that remove a const or volatile qualification were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type of a pointer or reference. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-11.5,

MISRAC2012-Rule-11.8.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.5

(Required) A cast shall not be performed that removes any const or volatile qualification from the type addressed by a pointer.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.8

(Required) A cast shall not remove any const or volatile qualification from the type pointed to by a pointer

Code examples

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned short uint16_t;

void example(void) {
   uint16_t x;
   uint16_t * const cpi = &x; /* const pointer to int */
   uint16_t * pi; /* pointer to int */
   pi = cpi; // compliant - no cast required
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-6

Synopsis

A cast shall not convert a pointer to a function to any other pointer type, including a pointer to function type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A cast shall not convert a pointer to a function to any other pointer type, including a pointer to function type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ( int32_t )
{
 reinterpret cast< void (*)() >( &f ); // Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdint.h>
void f ( int32 t )
 void (*fp)(int32_t) = &f;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-7

Synopsis

A pointer to object type is cast to a pointer to a different object type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) An object with pointer type shall not be converted to an unrelated pointer type, either directly or indirectly. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-11.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.4

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer to object type and a different pointer to object type.

Code examples

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint32_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint32_t *)p1;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef unsigned int uint32_t;
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;

void example(void) {
   uint8_t * p1;
   uint8_t * p2;
   p2 = (uint8_t *)p1;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-9

Synopsis

A cast from a pointer type to an integral type was found.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) A cast should not convert a pointer type to an integral type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-11.3, MISRAC2012-Rule-11.4.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 11.3

(Advisory) A cast should not be performed between a pointer type and an integral type.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-11.4

(Advisory) A conversion should not be performed between a pointer to object and an integer type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
 int x;
 x = (int)p;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
 int *x;
 x = p;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-10

Synopsis

The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators are being used mixed with other operators in an expression.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.13, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.13

(Advisory) The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators should not be mixed with other operators in an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.3

(Advisory) A full expression containing an increment (++) or decrement (--) operator should have no other potential side effects other than that caused by the increment or decrement operator

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while ((*src++ = *dst++));
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(char *src, char *dst) {
  while (*src) {
    *dst = *src;
    src++;
    dst++;
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-11_a (C++ only)

Synopsis Overloaded && and || operators were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) The comma operator, && operator and the || operator shall not be overloaded. This check is identical to LOGIC-overload.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  bool x;
  bool operator||(bool other);
};

bool C::operator||(bool other){
  return x || other;
}
```

```
class C{
 int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-2-11_b (C++ only)

Synopsis Overloaded comma operators were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The comma operator, && operator and the || operator shall not be

overloaded. This check is identical to COMMA-overload.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
 bool x;
  bool operator, (bool other);
};
bool C::operator, (bool other) {
  return x;
```

```
class C{
  int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-3-1

Synopsis

Operands of the logical operators (&&, ||, and !) were found that are not of type bool.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Each operand of the ! operator, the logical && or the logical || operators shall have type bool. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.6_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.6

(Advisory) The operands of logical operators (&&, \parallel , and !) should be effectively boolean. Expressions that are effectively boolean should not be used as operands to operators other than (&&, \parallel , \parallel , =, ==, \parallel =, and ?:).

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int d, c, b, a;
  d = ( c & a ) && b;
}
```

```
typedef char boolean_t; /* Compliant: Boolean-by-enforcement */
void example(void)
 boolean_t d;
 boolean_t c = 1;
 boolean_t b = 0;
 boolean t a = 1;
 d = (c \& \& a) \& \& b;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-3-2

Synopsis

Uses of unary minus on unsigned expressions were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-10.1_R8, MISRAC2004-12.9.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.9

(Required) The unary minus operator shall not be applied to an expression whose underlying type is unsigned.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-10.1

(Required) Operands shall not be of an inappropriate essential type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  unsigned int max = -1U;
  // use max = \sim 0U;
```

```
void example(void) {
  int neg_one = -1;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-3-3 (C++ only)

Synopsis Occurances of overloaded & operators were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The unary & operator shall not be overloaded. This check is identical to

PTR-overload.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  bool x;
  bool* operator&();
};

bool* C::operator&(){
  return &x;
}
```

```
class C{
  int x;
  int operator+(int other);
};
int C::operator+(int other){
  return x + other;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-3-4

There are sizeof expressions that contain side effects. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Evaluation of the operand to the size of operator shall not contain side effects. This check is identical to SIZEOF-side-effect, MISRAC2004-12.3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP06-C

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

CERT EXP06-CPP

Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects

MISRA C:2004 12.3

(Required) The size of operator shall not be used on expressions that contain side effects.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int i:
  int size = sizeof(i++);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = sizeof(i);
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-8-1

Synopsis

Possible out-of-range shifts were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left hand operand. This check is identical to ATH-shift-bounds, MISRAC2004-12.8, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.2.

Coding standards

CERT INT34-C

Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand

CWE 682

Incorrect Calculation

MISRA C:2004 12.8

(Required) The right-hand operand of a shift operator shall lie between zero and one less than the width in bits of the underlying type of the left-hand operand.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.2

(Required) The right hand operand of a shift operator shall lie in the range zero to one less than the width in bits of the essential type of the left hand operand

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x, unsigned int y)
{
  int shift = 33; // too big
  return 3U << shift;
}</pre>
```

```
unsigned int foo(unsigned int x)
{
  int y = 1; // OK - this is within the correct range
  return x << y;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-5-14-1

There are right-hand operands of && or || operators that contain side effects. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain side effects. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.4, MISRAC2012-Rule-13.5.

Coding standards

CWE 768

Incorrect Short Circuit Evaluation

MISRA C:2004 12.4

(Required) The right-hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain side effects.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.5

(Required) The right hand operand of a logical && or || operator shall not contain persistent side effects

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i++;
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  int i;
  int size = rand() && i;
```

MISRAC++2008-5-18-1

Synopsis There are uses of the comma operator.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-12.10, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 12.10

(Required) The comma operator shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.3

(Advisory) The comma operator should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>

void reverse(char *string) {
   int i, j;
   j = strlen(string);
   for (i = 0; i < j; i++, j--) {
      char temp = string[i];
      string[i] = string[j];
      string[j] = temp;
   }
}</pre>
```

```
#include <string.h>
void reverse(char *string) {
  int i;
  int length = strlen(string);
  int half_length = length / 2;
  for (i = 0; i < half length; i++) {
    int opposite = length - i;
    char temp = string[i];
    string[i] = string[opposite];
    string[opposite] = temp;
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-5-19-1

Synopsis A constant unsigned integer expression overflows.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around. This check is identical to EXPR-const-overflow, MISRAC2004-12.11, MISRAC2012-Rule-12.4.

Coding standards

CWE 190

Integer Overflow or Wraparound

MISRA C:2004 12.11

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-12.4

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant expressions should not lead to unsigned integer wrap-around

MISRA C++ 2008 5-19-1

(Advisory) Evaluation of constant unsigned integer expressions should not lead to wrap-around.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   (0xFFFFFFFF + 1u);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
   0x7FFFFFFF + 0;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-2-1

Synopsis

One or more assignment operators are used in sub-expressions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Assignment operators shall not be used in sub-expressions. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4 b.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-13.4

(Advisory) The result of an assignment operator should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
{
   int x;
   int y;
   int z;
   x = y = z;
}
```

```
void func()
  int x = 2;
  int y;
  int z;
  x == v;
```

MISRAC++2008-6-2-2

Synopsis There are floating-point comparisons that use the == or != operators.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be directly or indirectly tested for

equality or inequality. This check is identical to ATH-cmp-float, MISRAC2004-13.3.

Coding standards CERT FLP06-C

Understand that floating-point arithmetic in C is inexact

CERT FLP35-CPP

Take granularity into account when comparing floating point values

MISRA C:2004 13.3

(Required) Floating-point expressions shall not be tested for equality or

inequality.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void)
{
  float f = 3.0;
  int i = 3;

  if (f == i) //comparison of a float and an int
    ++i;

  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void)
{
   int i = 60;
   char c = 60;

   if (i == c)
        ++i;

   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-2-3

Synopsis

There are stray semicolons on the same line as other code.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a white-space character. This check is identical to EXP-stray-semicolon, MISRAC2004-14.3.

Coding standards

CERT EXP15-C

Do not place a semicolon on the same line as an if, for, or while statement

MISRA C:2004 14.3

(Required) Before preprocessing, a null statement shall only occur on a line by itself; it may be followed by a comment, provided that the first character following the null statement is a whitespace character.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int i;
 for (i=0; i!=10; ++i); //Null statement as the
                          //body of this for loop
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
 int i:
 for (i=0; i!=10; ++i){ //An empty block is much
                         //more readable
```

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1 a

Synopsis

There are missing braces in do ... while statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_a.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
  do
    return 0;
  while (1);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  do {
    return 0;
  } while (1);
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1 b

Synopsis

There are missing braces in for statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-14.8_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_b.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
 for (;;)
   return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  for (;;) {
    return 0;
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-3-1 c

Synopsis There are missing braces in switch statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.8_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_d.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  while(1);
  for(;;);
  do ;
  while (0);
  switch(0);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  while(1) {
  }
  for(;;) {
  }
  do {
  } while (0);
  switch(0) {
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-3-I_d

Synopsis

There are missing braces in while statements.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low

Full description

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while or for

statement shall be a compound statement. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-14.8 d, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6 e.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.8

(Required) The statement forming the body of a switch, while, do ... while, or for statement shall be a compound statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(void) {
 while (1)
   return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  while (1) {
    return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-1

Synopsis There are missing braces in if, else, or else if statements.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) An if (condition) construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement, or another if statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.9, MISRAC++2008-6-4-1, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.6_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP19-C

Use braces for the body of an if, for, or while statement

CWE 483

Incorrect Block Delimitation

MISRA C:2004 14.9

(Required) An if expression construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement or another if statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.6

(Required) The body of an iteration-statement or a selection-statement shall be acompound-statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-4-1

(Required) An if (condition) construct shall be followed by a compound statement. The else keyword shall be followed by either a compound statement, or another if statement.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  if (rand());
  if (rand());
  else;
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
 if (rand()) {
 if (rand()) {
 } else {
 if (rand()) {
 } else if (rand()) {
 }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-2

Synopsis If ... else if constructs that are not terminated with an else clause were detected.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause. This check

is identical to MISRAC2004-14.10, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.7.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 14.10

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.7

(Required) All if ... else if constructs shall be terminated with an else statement

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   if (!rand()) {
      printf("The first random number is 0");
   } else if (!rand()) {
      printf("The second random number is 0");
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void example(void) {
   if (!rand()) {
      printf("The first random number is 0");
   } else if (!rand()) {
      printf("The second random number is 0");
   } else {
      printf("Neither random number was 0");
   }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-3

Synopsis Detected switch statements that do not conform to the MISRA C++ switch syntax.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) A switch statement shall be a well-formed switch statement.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 15.0

(Required) The MISRA C switch syntax shall be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.1

(Required) All switch statements shall be well-formed

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int expr();
void stmt();
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       // WARNING: missing break at end of statement list
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // WARNING: missing at least one case label
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0:
       stmt();
       // WARNING: declaration list without block
       int decl = 0;
       int x;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1: {
       // statement list
       // WARNING: Additional block inside of the case clause
block
```

```
{
       stmt();
       }
       break;
     }
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int expr();
void stmt();
void example(void) {
  switch(expr()) {
    // at least one case label
    case 1:
       // statement list (no declarations)
       stmt();
       stmt();
      break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 0: {
       // one level of block is allowed
       // declaration list
       int decl = 0;
       // statement list
       stmt();
       stmt();
       break; // statement list ends in a break
    case 2: // empty cases are allowed
    default:
       break; // statement list ends in a break
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-4

Synopsis Switch labels were found in nested blocks.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A switch-label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.1, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.1

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.2

(Required) A switch label shall only be used when the most closely-enclosing compound statement is the body of a switch statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
   switch(rand()) {
        {case 1:}
        case 2:
        case 3:
        default:
   }
}
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  switch(rand()) {
    case 1:
    case 2:
    case 3:
    default:
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-5

Synopsis Non-empty switch cases were found that are not terminated by a break.

Enabled by default Yes

Medium/Medium Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) An unconditional throw or break statement shall terminate every non-empty switch-clause. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.3.

Coding standards

CERT MSC17-C

Finish every set of statements associated with a case label with a break statement

CWE 484

Omitted Break Statement in Switch

MISRA C:2004 15.2

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every non-empty switch clause.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.3

(Required) An unconditional break statement shall terminate every switch-clause

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <cstdlib>
void example(int input) {
    switch(input) {
        case 0:
        if (rand()) {
            break;
        }
        default:
            break;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <cstdlib>
void example(int input) {
    switch(input) {
        case 0:
        if (rand()) {
            break;
        }
        break;
        default:
        break;
   }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-6

Synopsis

Switch statements without a default clause, or with a default clause that is not the final clause, were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The final clause of a switch statement shall be the default-clause. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.3.

Coding standards

CWE 478

Missing Default Case in Switch Statement

MISRA C:2004 15.3

(Required) The final clause of a switch statement shall be the default clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
 switch(x){
    default:
      return 2;
     break;
    case 0:
     return 0;
     break;
 }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
 switch(x){
   case 3:
      return 0;
     break;
    case 5:
     return 1;
     break:
    default:
      return 2;
      break;
 }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-7

Synopsis

A switch expression was found that represents a value that is effectively Boolean.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The condition of a switch statement shall not have bool type. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.4, MISRAC2012-Rule-16.7.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.4

(Required) A switch expression shall not represent a value that is effectively boolean.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-16.7

(Required) A switch-expression shall not have essentially Boolean type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int x) {
   switch(x == 0) {
      case 0:
      case 1:
      default:
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int x) {
   switch(x) {
    case 1:
    case 0:
    default:
   }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-4-8

Synopsis

One or more switch statements without a case clause were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least one case-clause. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-15.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 15.5

(Required) Every switch statement shall have at least one case clause.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int x) {
 switch(x){
    default:
     return 2;
     break;
 }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
 switch(x){
   case 3:
     return 0;
     break;
    case 5:
     return 1;
     break;
    default:
     return 2;
      break;
 }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-1 a

Synopsis A loop counter were found having floating type.

Enabled by default Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A for loop shall contain a single loop-counter which shall not have floating type. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-14.1_a, CERT-FLP30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT FLP30-C

Do not use floating point variables as loop counters

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.1

(Required) A loop counter shall not have essentially floating type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main() {
   for (float i = 0.0; i < 10.0; ++i)
   {
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main() {
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
   {
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-I_b (C++ only)

Synopsis

Multiple variables are being used to control a for loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A for loop shall contain a single loop-counter which shall not have floating type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
 int j;
 for (int i = 0; i < j; i = j++)
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func()
 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
  {}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-2

Synopsis

A loop counter was found that might not match the loop condition test.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) If loop-counter is not modified by -- or ++, then, within condition, the loop-counter shall only be used as an operand to <=, <, > or >=.

Coding standards

CERT MSC21-C

Use robust loop termination conditions

CERT MSC21-CPP

Use inequality to terminate a loop whose counter changes by more than one

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
  for(int i = 0; i != 10; i += 2) {}
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
{
  for(int i = 0; i <= 10; i+= 2) {}
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-3

Synopsis

A for loop counter variable was found that is modified in the body of the loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) The loop-counter shall not be modified within condition or statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-13.6, MISRAC2012-Rule-14.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 13.6

(Required) Numeric variables being used within a for loop for iteration counting shall not be modified in the body of the loop.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-14.2

(Required) A for loop shall be well-formed

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main(void) {
 int i;
  /* i is incremented inside the loop body */
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   i = i + 1;
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
 int i;
 int x = 0:
 for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   x = i + 1;
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-4

Synopsis

A potentially inconsistent loop counter modification was found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The loop-counter shall be modified by one of: --, ++, -=n, or +=n; where n remains constant for the duration of the loop.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void)
{
   int i;
   for(i = 0; i != 10; i= i * i) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
{
  bool b;
  for(int i = 0; i != 10 || b; i-=2) {}
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-5

Synopsis

A non-loop-counter variable was found that is assigned in the condition or expression part of a for loop.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A loop-control-variable other than the loop-counter shall not be modified within condition or expression.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

```
void func()
{
   int j;
   int x;
   for (int i = 0; i < 10; j++ )
   {
      i++;
   }
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func()
 int j;
 int x;
 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
   j++;
 }
```

MISRAC++2008-6-5-6

Synopsis

A non-boolean variable was detected that is modified in the loop and used as loop condition.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) A loop-control-variable other than the loop-counter which is modified in statement shall have type bool.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example (void)
  int j;
  for (int i = 0; i < 10 \mid \mid j > 5; ++i)
    j = i;
  }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
{
  bool found = false;
  for (int i = 0; i < 10 || found; ++i)
  {
    found = (i + 1) % 9;
  }
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-6-6-1

Synopsis

The destination of a goto statement is a nested code block.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Any label referenced by a goto statement shall be declared in the same block, or in a block enclosing the goto statement. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-15.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.3

(Required) Any label referenced by a goto statement shall be declared in the same block, or in any block enclosing the goto statement

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void f1 ( )
{
   int j = 0;
   goto L1;
   for (;;)
   {
L1: // Non-compliant
        j;
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void f2()
  for(;;)
    for(;;)
      goto L1;
  }
L1:
  return;
```

MISRAC++2008-6-6-2

Synopsis

A goto statement is declared after the destination label.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) The goto statement shall jump to a label declared later in the same function body. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-15.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.2

(Required) The goto statement shall jump to a label declared later in the same function

Code examples

```
void f1 ()
 int j = 0;
 for (j = 0; j < 10; ++j)
L1: // Non-compliant
   j;
 }
 goto L1;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void f1 ( )
{
  int j = 0;
  goto L1;
  for ( j = 0; j < 10 ; ++j )
  {
     j;
  }
L1:
  return;
}</pre>
```

MISRAC++2008-6-6-4

Synopsis One or more loops have more than one termination point.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) For any iteration statement there shall be no more than one break or goto

statement used for loop termination. This check is identical to MISRAC2012-Rule-15.4.

Coding standards MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.4

(Advisory) There should be no more than one break or goto statement used to terminate any iteration statement

MISRA C++ 2008 6-6-4

(Required) For any iteration statement there shall be no more than one break or

goto statement used for loop termination.

```
int test1(int);
int test2(int);
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (test1(i)) {
      break;
    } else if (test2(i)) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
 int x = 1;
 for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
   if (x)
    {
     break;
    else if ( i )
     break; // Non-compliant - second jump from loop
    else
    {
     // Code
    }
 }
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void)
  int i = 0;
  for (i = 0; i < 10 && i != 9; i++) {
    if (i == 9) {
      break;
  }
}
void func()
  int x = 1;
  for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
    if (x)
    {
      break;
    }
    else if ( i )
      while ( true )
        if (x)
        {
          break;
        }
        do
          break;
        while(true);
      }
    }
    else
    {
    }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-6-6-5

Synopsis

One or more functions have multiple exit points or an exit point that is not at the end of the function.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-14.7, MISRAC2012-Rule-15.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 14.7

(Required) A function shall have a single point of exit at the end of the function.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-15.5

(Advisory) A function should have a single point of exit at the end

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
extern int errno;
void example(void) {
  if (errno) {
    return;
  }
  return;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
extern int errno;
void example(void) {
  if (errno) {
    goto end;
  }
end:
    return;
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-1-1

Synopsis

A local variable that is not modified after its initialization is not const qualified.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A variable which is not modified shall be const qualified.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example( void ){
  int x = 7;
  return x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example( void ) {
  int x = 7;
  ++x;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-1-2

Synopsis

A parameter in a function that is not modified by the function is not const qualified.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) A pointer or reference parameter in a function shall be declared as pointer to const or reference to const if the corresponding object is not modified. This check is identical to CONST-param, MISRAC2004-16.7.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.7

(Required) A pointer parameter in a function prototype should be declared as pointer to const if the pointer is not used to modify the addressed object.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int example(int* x) { //x should be const
 if (*x > 5){
   return *x;
  } else {
   return 5;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(const int* x) { //OK
 if (*x > 5){
   return *x;
 } else {
   return 5;
 }
```

MISRAC++2008-7-2-1

Synopsis

There are conversions to enum type that are out of range of the enumeration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) An expression with enum underlying type shall only have values corresponding to the enumerators of the enumeration. This check is identical to ENUM-bounds.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void example(void)
{
  ens one = (ens)10;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
enum ens { ONE, TWO, THREE };
void example(void)
{
  ens one = ONE;
  ens two = TWO;
  two = one;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-4-3

Synopsis

There are inline assembler statements that are not encapsulated in functions.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) Assembler language shall be encapsulated and isolated. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-2.1, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.3.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 2.1

(Required) Assembler language shall be encapsulated and isolated.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.3

(Required) Assembly language shall be encapsulated and isolated

Code examples

```
int example(void)
 int r;
 asm("");
 return r + 1;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x)
 asm("");
 return x;
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-I_a (C++ only)

Synopsis

A stack object is returned from a function as a reference.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/High

Full description

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function. This check is identical to MEM-stack-ref.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

Code examples

```
int& example(void) {
 int x;
 return x;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(void) {
  int x;
  return x;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-1_b

Synopsis A function might return an address on the stack.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description

(Required) A function shall not return a reference or a pointer to an automatic variable (including parameters), defined within the function. This check is identical to MEM-stack, MISRAC2004-17.6_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_a, CERT-DCL30-C_a.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 562

Return of Stack Variable Address

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

Code examples

```
int *example(void) {
  int a[20];
  return a; //a is a local array
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int* example(void) {
 int *p,i;
 p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
 return p; //OK - p is dynamically allocated
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-2 a

Detected a stack address stored in a global pointer. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

High/Medium Severity/Certainty



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global, MISRAC2004-17.6_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_b, CERT-DCL30-C c.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(int *pz) {
  int x; int *px = &x;
  int *py = px; /* local variable */
  pz = px; /* parameter */
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-2 b

Synopsis Detected a stack address in the field of a global struct.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-global-field, MISRAC2004-17.6_c, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_c, CERT-DCL30-C_d.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S{
 int *px;
} s;
void example() {
 int i = 0;
 s.px = &i; //storing local address in global struct
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
struct S{
 int *px;
} s;
void example() {
 int i = 0;
 s.px = &i; //OK - the field is written to later
 s.px = NULL;
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-2 c

Synopsis

Detected a stack address stored in a parameter of pointer or array type.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-param, MISRAC2004-17.6_d, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s, MISRAC2012-Rule-18.6_d, CERT-DCL30-C_e.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2004 17.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

MISRA C:2012 Rule-18.6

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be copied to another object that persists after the first object has ceased to exist

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int **ppx) {
  int x;
  ppx[0] = &x; //local address
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
static int y = 0;
void example3(int **ppx){
  *ppx = &y; //OK - static address
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-2_d (C++ only)

Synopsis Detected a stack address stored via a reference parameter.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) The address of an object with automatic storage shall not be assigned to another object that may persist after the first object has ceased to exist. This check is identical to MEM-stack-param-ref, MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_s.

Coding standards

CERT DCL30-C

Declare objects with appropriate storage durations

CWE 466

Return of Pointer Value Outside of Expected Range

MISRA C:2012 Rule-1.3

(Required) There shall be no occurrence of undefined or critical unspecified behaviour

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(int *&pxx) {
 int x;
 pxx = &x;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(int *p, int *&q) {
 int x;
 int *px= &x;
 p = px; // ok, pointer
 q = p; // ok, not local
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-4 a

Synopsis

There are functions that call themselves directly.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.2_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_a.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
   example();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC++2008-7-5-4_b

Synopsis

There are functions that call themselves indirectly.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) Functions should not call themselves, either directly or indirectly. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.2_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.2_b. This is a link

analysis check.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.2

(Required) Functions shall not call themselves, either directly or indirectly

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    example();
}
void example(void) {
    callee();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void);
void callee(void) {
    // example();
}
void example(void) {
   callee();
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-0-1

Synopsis There are declarations that contain more than one variable or constant each.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) An init-declarator-list or a member-declarator-list shall consist of a single

init-declarator or member-declarator respectively.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

```
int foo(){
  int a,b,c;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int foo(){
  int a; int b; int c;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-4-1

Synopsis There are functions defined using the ellipsis (...) notation.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/High



Full description (Required) Functions shall not be defined using the ellipsis notation. This check is

identical to MISRAC2004-16.1.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 16.1

(Required) Functions shall not be defined with a variable number of arguments.

```
#include <stdarg.h>
int putchar(int c);
void
minprintf(const char *fmt, ...)
   va list
            ap;
   const char *p, *s;
   va_start(ap, fmt);
    for (p = fmt; *p != '\0'; p++) {
        if (*p != '%') {
           putchar(*p);
            continue;
        switch (*++p) {
        case 's':
            for (s = va_arg(ap, const char *); *s != '\0'; s++)
                 putchar(*s);
           break;
       }
    }
   va_end(ap);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int puts(const char *);
void
func (void)
    puts("Hello, world!");
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-4-3

Synopsis

For some execution paths, no return statements are executed in functions with a non-void return type.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/High



Full description

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression. This check is identical to SPC-return, MISRAC2004-16.8, MISRAC2012-Rule-17.4.

Coding standards

CERT MSC37-C

Ensure that control never reaches the end of a non-void function

MISRA C:2004 16.8

(Required) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-17.4

(Mandatory) All exit paths from a function with non-void return type shall have an explicit return statement with an expression

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
  int x;
  scanf("%d",&x);
  if (x > 10) {
    return 10;
  }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int example(void) {
 int x;
 scanf("%d",&x);
 if (x > 10) {
   return 10;
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-8-4-4

Synopsis

The addresses of one or more functions are taken without an explicit &.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/High



Full description

(Required) A function identifier shall either be used to call the function or it shall be preceded by &. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-16.9.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 16.9

(Required) A function identifier shall only be used with either a preceding &, or with a parenthesized parameter list, which may be empty.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func(void);
void
example(void)
   void (*pf)(void) = func;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func(void);

void
example(void)
{
    void (*pf)(void) = &func;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-5-1 a

Synopsis In all execution paths, variables are read before they are assigned a value.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty High/High



Full description (Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used. This check is

identical to SPC-uninit-var-all, MISRAC2004-9.1_a, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_e.

Coding standards CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be

read before it has been set

```
int main(void) {
 int x;
 x++; //x is uninitialized
 return 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main(void) {
  int x = 0;
  x++;
 return 0:
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-5-1 b

Synopsis

In some execution paths, variables might be read before they are assigned a value.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Low



Full description

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used. This check is identical to SPC-uninit-var-some, MISRAC2004-9.1_b, MISRAC2012-Rule-9.1_f.

Coding standards

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-9.1

(Mandatory) The value of an object with automatic storage duration shall not be read before it has been set

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int x, y;
  if (rand()) {
    x = 0;
  }
  y = x; //x may not be initialized
  return 0;
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
   int x;
   if (rand()) {
       x = 0;
   }
   /* x never read */
   return 0;
}
```

MISRAC++2008-8-5-1 c

Synopsis

One or more uninitialized or NULL pointers are dereferenced.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

High/Medium



Full description

(Required) All variables shall have a defined value before they are used. This check is identical to PTR-uninit, MISRAC2004-9.1_c.

Coding standards

CERT EXP33-C

Do not reference uninitialized memory

CWE 457

Use of Uninitialized Variable

CWE 824

Access of Uninitialized Pointer

MISRA C:2004 9.1

(Required) All automatic variables shall have been assigned a value before being used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
 int *p;
  *p = 4; //p is uninitialized
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

```
void example(void) {
 int *p,a;
 p = &a;
  *p = 4; //OK - p holds a valid address
```

MISRAC++2008-8-5-2

Synopsis

There are one or more non-zero array initializations that do not exactly match the structure of the array declaration.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Braces shall be used to indicate and match the structure in the nonzero initialization of arrays and structures. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-9.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 9.2

(Required) Braces shall be used to indicate and match the structure in the non-zero initialization of arrays and structures.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][3] = { { 1, 2, 3 }, { 4, 5, 6 } };
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
  int y[3][2] = { { 1, 2 }, { 3, 4 }, { 5, 6 } };
}
```

MISRAC++2008-9-3-I (C++ only)

Synopsis

A member function qualified as const returns a pointer member variable.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) const member functions shall not return non-const pointers or references to class-data. This check is identical to CONST-member-ret.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
  int* foo() const {
    return p;
  }
  int* p;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
 int* foo() {
   return p;
 int* p;
};
```

MISRAC++2008-9-3-2 (C++ only)

Synopsis Member functions return non-const handles to members.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

(Required) Member functions shall not return non-const handles to class-data. This check is identical to CPU-return-ref-to-class-data.

Coding standards

CERT OOP35-CPP

Do not return references to private data

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
 int x;
public:
 int& foo();
 int* bar();
int& C::foo() {
 return x; //returns a non-const reference to x
int* C::bar() {
 return &x; //returns a non-const pointer to x
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
  int x;
public:
  const int& foo();
  const int* bar();
};

const int& C::foo() {
  return x; //OK - returns a const reference
}

const int* C::bar() {
  return &x; //OK - returns a const pointer
}
```

MISRAC++2008-9-5-1

Synopsis Unions were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Unions shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-18.4,

MISRAC2012-Rule-19.2.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 18.4

(Required) Unions shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-19.2

(Advisory) The union keyword should not be used

```
union cheat {
 int i;
 float f;
};
int example(float f) {
  union cheat u;
 u.f = f;
  return u.i;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int example(int x) {
 return x;
```

MISRAC++2008-9-6-2

Synopsis

Bitfields of plain int type were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Bit-fields shall be either bool type or an explicitly unsigned or signed integral type.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct bad {
 int x:3;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct good {
  unsigned int x:3;
};
```

MISRAC++2008-9-6-3

Synopsis Bitfields of plain int type were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) Bit-fields shall not have enum type.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
enum digs { ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR };
struct bad {
  digs d:3;
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct good {
  unsigned int x:3;
};
```

MISRAC++2008-9-6-4

Synopsis Signed single-bit bitfields (excluding anonymous fields) were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Named bit-fields with signed integer type shall have a length of more than one bit. This check is identical to STRUCT-signed-bit, MISRAC2004-6.5, MISRAC2012-Rule-6.2.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 6.5

(Required) Bitfields of signed type shall be at least 2 bits long.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-6.2

(Required) Single-bit named bit fields shall not be of a signed type

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
struct S
{
 signed int a : 1; // Non-compliant
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
struct S
 signed int b : 2;
 signed int : 0;
 signed int : 1;
 signed int : 2;
};
```

MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_a (C++ only)

Synopsis A virtual member function is called in a class constructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description

(Required) An object's dynamic type shall not be used from the body of its constructor or destructor. This check is identical to CPU-ctor-call-virt.

Coding standards

CERT OOP30-CPP

Do not invoke virtual functions from constructors or destructors

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <iostream>

class A {
public:
    A() { f(); } //virtual member function is called
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "A::f\n"; }
};

class B: public A {
public:
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "B::f\n"; }
};

int main(void) {
    B *b = new B();
    delete b;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <iostream>
class A {
public:
 A() { } //OK - contructor does not call any virtual
           //member functions
 virtual void f() const { std::cout << "A::f\n"; }</pre>
};
class B: public A {
public:
 virtual void f() const { std::cout << "B::f\n"; }</pre>
int main(void) {
 B *b = new B();
 delete b;
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_b (C++ only)

Synopsis A virtual member function is called in a class destructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/High



Full description (Required) An object's dynamic type shall not be used from the body of its constructor

or destructor. This check is identical to CPU-dtor-call-virt.

Coding standards CERT OOP30-CPP

Do not invoke virtual functions from constructors or destructors

```
#include <iostream>
class A {
public:
    ~A() { f(); } //virtual member function is called
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "A::f\n"; }
};
class B: public A {
public:
    virtual void f() const { std::cout << "B::f\n"; }
};
int main(void) {
    B *b = new B();
    delete b;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

MISRAC++2008-12-1-3 (C++ only)

Synopsis

Constructors that can be called with a single argument of fundamental type are not declared explicit.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) All constructors that are callable with a single argument of fundamental type shall be declared explicit. This check is identical to CPU-ctor-implicit.

Coding standards

CERT OOP32-CPP

Ensure that single-argument constructors are marked "explicit"

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C{
 C(double x){} //should be explicit
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C{
 explicit C(double x){} //OK
```

MISRAC++2008-15-0-2

Synopsis

Throw of exceptions by pointer.

Enabled by default

No

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Advisory) An exception object should not have pointer type. This check is identical to

THROW-ptr.

Coding standards

CERT ERR09-CPP

Throw anonymous temporaries and catch by reference

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class Except {};
Except *new_except();
void example(void)
{
    throw new Except();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class Except {};
void example(void)
{
    throw Except();
}
```

MISRAC++2008-15-1-2

Synopsis Throw of NULL integer constant.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) NULL shall not be thrown explicitly. This check is identical to

THROW-null.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
 try {
  throw ( NULL ); // Non-compliant
 // ...
 catch ( const char ^{*} ) { // Developer may expect it to be
caught here
 // ...
 }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void)
  char * p = NULL;
  try {
   throw ( p ); // Compliant
  catch ( int i ) {
  // ...
  catch ( const char * ) { \ //\ {\tt Exception}\ {\tt handled}\ {\tt here}
   // ...
  }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-15-1-3 (C++ only)

Synopsis Unsafe rethrow of exception.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) An empty throw (throw;) shall only be used in the compound-statement of a catch handler. This check is identical to THROW-empty.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
void func()
{
    try
    {
       throw;
    }
    catch (...) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void func()
{
    try
    {
       throw (42);
    }
    catch (int i)
    {
       if (i > 10)
       {
         throw;
       }
    }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-15-3-1 (C++ only)

Synopsis There are exceptions thrown without a handler in some call paths that lead to that point.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Exceptions shall be raised only after start-up and before termination of the program. This check is identical to THROW-static.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class C {
public:
 C() { throw (0); } // Non-compliant - thrown before main
 ~C() { throw (0); } // Non-compliant - thrown after main exits
};
// An exception thrown in C's constructor or destructor will
// cause the program to terminate, and will not be caught by
// the handler in main
Cc;
int main( ... )
    try {
        // program code
       return 0;
    }
    // The following catch-all exception handler can only
    // catch exceptions thrown in the above program code
   catch ( ... ) {
        // Handle exception
       return 0;
    }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C {
public:
 C() { } // Compliant - doesn't throw exceptions
 ~C() { } // Compliant - doesn't throw exceptions
Cc;
int main( ... )
    try {
        // program code
       return 0;
    // The following catch-all exception handler can only
    // catch exceptions thrown in the above program code
    catch ( ... ) {
        // Handle exception
        return 0;
    }
}
```

MISRAC++2008-15-3-2 (C++ only)

Synopsis There are no default exception handlers for try.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Full description (Advisory) There should be at least one exception handler to catch all otherwise

unhandled exceptions This check is identical to THROW-main.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int main()
  try
    throw (42);
  catch (int i)
    if (i > 10)
      throw;
    }
  }
  return 1;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
int main()
 try
  {
   throw;
 catch (...) {}
 // spacer
 try {}
 catch (int i) {}
 catch (...) {}
 return 0;
```

MISRAC++2008-15-3-3 (C++ only)

Synopsis

One or more exception handlers in a constructor or destructor accesses a non-static member variable that might not exist.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Low



Full description

(Required) Handlers of a function-try-block implementation of a class constructor or destructor shall not reference non-static members from this class or its bases. This check is identical to CATCH-xtor-bad-member.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
int throws();
class C
public:
  int x;
  static char c;
  C ()
    x = 0;
  ~C ( )
  {
    try
      throws();
      // Action that may raise an exception
    catch ( ... )
      if ( 0 == x ) // Non-compliant - x may not exist at this
point
        // Action dependent on value of x
    }
  }
};
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class C
public:
  int x;
  static char c;
  C ()
    try
      // Action that may raise an exception
    catch ( ... )
      if (0 == c)
        // Action dependent on value of c
    }
  }
  ~C ( )
  {
    try
    {
      // Action that may raise an exception
    catch (int i) {}
    catch ( ... )
      if (0 == c)
        // Action dependent on value of c
    }
};
```

MISRAC++2008-15-3-4 (C++ only)

Synopsis

There are calls to functions that are explicitly declared to throw an exception type that are not handled (or declared as thrown) by the caller.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) Each exception explicitly thrown in the code shall have a handler of a compatible type in all call paths that could lead to that point. This check is identical to THROW-unhandled.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class E1{};
#ifndef __cpp_noexcept_function_type
void foo(int i) throw (E1) {
#else
void foo(int i) {
#endif
   if (i<0)
       throw E1();
}
int bar() {
   foo(-3);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
class E1{};
#ifndef __cpp_noexcept_function_type
void foo(int i) throw (E1) {
#else
void foo(int i) {
#endif
 if (i<0)
    throw E1();
int bar() {
 try {
   foo(-3);
 catch (E1) {
```

MISRAC++2008-15-3-5 (C++ only)

Synopsis Exception objects are caught by value, not by reference.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description (Required) A class type exception shall always be caught by reference. This check is

identical to CATCH-object-slicing.

Coding standards CERT ERR09-CPP

Throw anonymous temporaries and catch by reference

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
typedef char char_t;
// base class for exceptions
class ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "base"; }
};
class ExpD1: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 1 exception"; }
class ExpD2: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 2 exception"; }
};
void example()
   try {
       // ...
       throw ExpD1 ();
       // ...
       throw ExpBase ( );
   catch ( ExpBase b ) { // Non-compliant - derived type objects
will be
                          // caught as the base type
        b.who();
                          // Will always be "base"
        throw b;
                          // The exception re-thrown is of the
base class,
                          // not the original exception type
   }
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
typedef char char_t;
// base class for exceptions
class ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "base"; }
};
class ExpD1: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 1 exception"; }
class ExpD2: public ExpBase {
public:
   virtual const char_t *who ( ) { return "type 2 exception"; }
};
void example()
   try {
       // ...
        throw ExpD1 ();
        // ...
        throw ExpBase ( );
    catch ( ExpBase &b ) { // Compliant - exceptions caught by
reference
        b.who(); // "base", "type 1 exception" or "type 2
exception"
                 // depending upon the type of the thrown object
    }
```

MISRAC++2008-15-5-1 (C++ only)

Synopsis An exception is thrown, or might be thrown, in a class destructor.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Medium/Medium



Full description

(Required) A class destructor shall not exit with an exception. This check is identical to COP-dtor-throw.

Coding standards

CERT ERR33-CPP

Destructors must not throw exceptions

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
class E{};

class C {
    ~C() {
       if (!p){
         throw E(); //may throw an exception here
       }
    }
    int* p;
}:
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void do_something();

class C {
    ~C() { //OK
    if (!p){
        do_something();
    }
    int* p;
};
```

MISRAC++2008-16-0-3

Synopsis Found occurrances of #undef.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

(Required) #undef shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-19.6, Full description

MISRAC2012-Rule-20.5.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.6

(Required) #undef shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.5

(Advisory) #undef should not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> #define SYM #undef SYM

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define SYM

MISRAC++2008-16-0-4

Definitions of function-like macros were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low

Full description (Required) Function-like macros shall not be defined. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-19.7, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.9.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.7

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.9

(Advisory) A function should be used in preference to a function-like macro

where they are interchangeable

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#defineABS(x)((x) < 0 ? -(x) : (x))
void example(void) {
  int a;
  ABS (a);
}</pre>
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
template <typename T> inline T ABS(T x) { return x < 0 ? -x : x; }
```

MISRAC++2008-16-2-2 (C++ only)

Synopsis Definitions of macros that are not include guards were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) C++ macros shall only be used for: include guards, type qualifiers, or

storage class specifiers.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#defineX(Y)(Y)// Non-compliant

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#include "header.h"/* contains #ifndef HDR #define HDR ... #endif
*/
void example(void) {}

MISRAC++2008-16-2-3

Synopsis Header files without #include guards were found.

Enabled by default

Low/Low Severity/Certainty



Yes

Full description (Required) Include guards shall be provided. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-19.15, MISRAC2012-Dir-4.10.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.15

> (Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header file being included twice.

MISRA C:2012 Dir-4.10

(Required) Precautions shall be taken in order to prevent the contents of a header

file being included more than once

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> #include "unguarded_header.h" void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#include <stdlib.h> #include "header.h"/* contains #ifndef HDR #define HDR ... #endif void example(void) {}

MISRAC++2008-16-2-4

Synopsis There are illegal characters in header file names.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The ', ", /* or // characters shall not occur in a header file name. Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "fi'le.h"/* Non-compliant */
void example(void) {}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include "header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC++2008-16-2-5

Synopsis There are illegal characters in header file names.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Advisory) The backslash character should not occur in a header file name.

Coding standards

This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include "fi\\le.h"/* Non-compliant */
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
#include "header.h"
void example(void) {}
```

MISRAC++2008-16-3-1

Synopsis

There are multiple # or ## operators in a macro definition.

Enabled by default

Severity/Certainty Medium/Low



Yes

Full description (Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## operators in a single

macro definition. This check is identical to DEFINE-hash-multiple,

MISRAC2004-19.12.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.12

(Required) There shall be at most one occurrence of the # or ## preprocessor

operators in a single macro definition.

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning: Code examples

#define C(x, y) # x # # y/* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#define A(x) #x/* Compliant */

MISRAC++2008-16-3-2

Synopsis # and ## operators were found in macro definitions.

Enabled by default No

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Advisory) The # and ## operators should not be used. This check is identical to

MISRAC2004-19.13, MISRAC2012-Rule-20.10.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 19.13

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-20.10

(Advisory) The # and ## preprocessor operators should not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define A(Y)#Y/* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x)(x)/* Compliant */

MISRAC++2008-17-0-1

Synopsis Detected a #define or #undef of a reserved identifier in the standard library.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined or undefined. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.1, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.1.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.1

(Required) Reserved identifiers, macros, and functions in the standard library shall not be defined, redefined, or undefined.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.1

(Required) #define and #undef shall not be used on a reserved identifier or reserved macro name

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

#define __TIME__ 11111111 /* Non-compliant */

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

#define A(x) (x) /* Compliant */

MISRAC++2008-17-0-3

One or more library functions are being overridden. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The names of standard library functions shall not be overridden. This check

is identical to MISRAC2004-20.2, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.2, CERT-DCL37-C_a.

Coding standards CERT DCL37-C

Do not declare or define a reserved identifier

MISRA C:2004 20.2

(Required) The names of Standard Library macros, objects, and functions shall

not be reused.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.2

(Required) A reserved identifier or macro name shall not be declared

MISRA C++ 2008 17-0-3

(Required) The names of standard library functions shall not be overridden.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> extern "C" void strcpy(void); void strcpy(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

extern "C" void bar(void); void foo(void) {}

MISRAC++2008-17-0-5

Synopsis Found uses of setjmp.h.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.7, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.4.

Coding standards

CERT ERR34-CPP

Do not use longimp

MISRA C:2004 20.7

(Required) The setjmp macro and the longjmp function shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.4

(Required) The standard header file <setjmp.h> shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <setjmp.h>
jmp_buf ex;

void example(void) {
   setjmp(ex);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC++2008-18-0-1 (C++ only)

Synopsis C library includes were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Low



Full description (Required) The C library shall not be used.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

> #include <stdio.h> void example(void) {}

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this

issue:

#include <cstdio> void example(void) {}

MISRAC++2008-18-0-2

Uses of atof, atoi, atol and atoll were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium

Full description (Required) The library functions atof, atoi and atol from library cstdlib shall not be

used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.10, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.7.

Coding standards CERT INT06-C

Use strtol() or a related function to convert a string token to an integer

MISRA C:2004 20.10

(Required) The functions atof, atoi, and atol from the library stdlib.h shall not

be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.7

(Required) The atof, atoi, atol and atoll functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(char buf[]) {
  return atoi(buf);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC++2008-18-0-3

Synopsis Uses of abort, exit, getenv, and system were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system from library cstdlib shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.11,

MISRAC2012-Rule-21.8.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.11

(Required) The functions abort, exit, getenv, and system from the library stdlib.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.8

(Required) The library functions abort, exit, getenv and system of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void example(void) {
  abort();
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC++2008-18-0-4

Synopsis

Uses of time.h functions: asctime, clock, ctime, difftime, gmtime, localtime, mktime, strftime, and time were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The time handling functions of library ctime shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.12, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.10.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.12

(Required) The time handling functions of time.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.10

(Required) The Standard Library time and date functions shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
#include <time.h>
time_t example(void) {
 return time(NULL);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC++2008-18-0-5

Synopsis Uses of strcpy, strcmp, strcat, strchr, strspn, strcspn, strpbrk, strrchr, strstr, strtok, or

strlen were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The unbounded functions of library <cstring> shall not be used.

Coding standards This check does not correspond to any coding standard rules.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <string.h>
void example(void) {
  char buf[100];
  strcpy(buf, "Hello, world!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

void example(void) {
}

MISRAC++2008-18-2-1

Synopsis Uses of the built-in function offsetof were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



(Required) The macro offsetof shall not be used. This check is identical to Full description

MISRAC2004-20.6.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.6

(Required) The macro offsetof in the stddef.h library shall not be used.

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stddef.h>
struct stat {
 int st_size;
};
int example(void) {
 return offsetof(struct stat, st_size);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC++2008-18-4-1

Uses of malloc, calloc, realloc, or free were found. Synopsis

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used. This check is identical

to MISRAC2004-20.4, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.3.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.4

(Required) Dynamic heap memory allocation shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.3

(Required) The memory allocation and deallocation functions of <stdlib.h> shall not be used

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
void *example(void) {
  return malloc(100);
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC++2008-18-7-1

Synopsis Uses of signal.h were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The signal handling facilities of csignal shall not be used. This check is

identical to MISRAC2004-20.8, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.5.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.8

(Required) The signal handling facilities of signal.h shall not be used.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.5

(Required) The standard header file < signal.h > shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stddef.h>
void example(void) {
 signal(SIGFPE, NULL);
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
```

MISRAC++2008-19-3-1

Synopsis

Uses of errno were found.

Enabled by default

Yes

Severity/Certainty

Low/Medium



Full description

(Required) The error indicator errno shall not be used. This check is identical to MISRAC2004-20.5.

Coding standards

MISRA C:2004 20.5

(Required) The error indicator errno shall not be used.

Code examples

The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int example(char buf[]) {
 int i;
 errno = 0;
 i = atoi(buf);
 return (errno == 0) ? i : 0;
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

MISRAC++2008-27-0-1

Synopsis Uses of stdio.h were found.

Enabled by default Yes

Severity/Certainty Low/Medium



Full description (Required) The stream input/output library cstdio shall not be used. This check is

identical to MISRAC2004-20.9, MISRAC2012-Rule-21.6.

Coding standards MISRA C:2004 20.9

(Required) The input/output library stdio.h shall not be used in production code.

MISRA C:2012 Rule-21.6

(Required) The Standard Library input/output functions shall not be used

Code examples The following code example fails the check and will give a warning:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void example(void) {
  printf("Hello, world!\n");
}
```

The following code example passes the check and will not give a warning about this issue:

```
void example(void) {
}
```

Descriptions of checks

Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks

The following pages contain information about:

• Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) Secure Coding Standard is a collection of guidelines—either rules or recommendations—designed to eliminate vulnerabilities in C and C++ code. Some of these guidelines are part of the C-STAT package of checks.

This table lists all CERT guidelines that are *not* part of the C-STAT package, but that can be mapped to one or more C-STAT checks. This helps you to identify which checks to enable or disable to verify a certain CERT guideline that is not part of C-STAT. Note that code with one of the listed guidelines will not necessarily fail each associated check, but it might fail some.

CERT ID	CERT guideline	Associated C-STAT checks
ARR01-C	Do not apply the sizeof operator to a pointer when taking the size of an array.	MEM-malloc-sizeof-ptr
ARR32-CPP	Do not use iterators invalidated by container modification.	ITR-invalidated (C++ only)
ARR33-C	Guarantee that copies are made into storage of sufficient size.	ARR-inv-index
		ARR-inv-index-pos
		ARR-inv-index-ptr
		ARR-inv-index-ptr-pos
		MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_c
		MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_d
		MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_e
		MISRAC++2008-5-0-16_f
		MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_a
		MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_b
		MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_c
		MISRAC2012-Rule-18.1_d

Table 7: Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks

CERT ID	CERT guideline	Associated C-STAT checks
CTR35-CPP	Do not allow loops to iterate beyond the end of an array or container.	ITR-end-cmp-aft (C++ only)
DCL01-C	Do not reuse variable names in sub-scopes.	RED-local-hides-global RED-local-hides-local RED-local-hides-member (C++ only) RED-local-hides-param
DCL01-CPP	Do not reuse variable names in sub-scopes.	RED-local-hides-global RED-local-hides-local RED-local-hides-member (C++ only) RED-local-hides-param
DCL16-C	Use ${\tt L}$ or ${\tt l}$ to indicate a long value.	MISRAC++2008-2-13-4_b
DCL16-CPP	Use \mathbb{L} , not $\mathbb{1}$, to indicate a long value.	MISRAC++2008-2-13-4_b
DCL20-C	Always specify void if a function accepts no arguments.	FUNC-unprototyped-all FUNC-unprototyped-used MISRAC2004-16.5 MISRAC2012-Rule-8.2_a
ERR09-CPP	Throw anonymous temporaries (and catch by reference).	CATCH-object-slicing (C++ only) THROW-ptr MISRAC++2008-15-0-2 MISRAC++2008-15-3-5 (C++ only)
ERR33-CPP	Destructors must not throw exceptions.	COP-dtor-throw (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-15-5-1 (C++ only)
ERR34-CPP	Do not use longjmp() or setjmp().	MISRAC2004-20.7 MISRAC++2008-17-0-5 MISRAC2012-Rule-21.4
ERR38-CPP	Deallocation functions must not throw exceptions.	CPU-delete-throw (C++ only)
EXP01-C	Do not take the size of a pointer to determine the size of the pointed—to type.	MEM-malloc-sizeof-ptr
EXP05-CPP	Do not use C-style casts.	CAST-old-style (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-5-2-4 (C++ only)

Table 7: Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks (Continued)

CERT ID	CERT guideline	Associated C-STAT checks
EXP06-C	Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects.	SIZEOF-side-effect MISRAC2004-12.3 MISRAC++2008-5-3-4 MISRAC2012-Rule-13.6
EXP06-CPP	Operands to the sizeof operator should not contain side effects.	SIZEOF-side-effect MISRAC2004-12.3 MISRAC++2008-5-3-4 MISRAC2012-Rule-13.6
EXPI0-C	Do not depend on the order of evaluation of subexpressions or the order in which size effects take place.	SPC-order SPC-volatile-reads SPC-volatile-writes MISRAC2004-12.2_a MISRAC2004-12.2_b MISRAC2004-12.2_c MISRAC+2008-5-0-1_a MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_b MISRAC++2008-5-0-1_c MISRAC+2012-Rule-1.3_i MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_a MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_b MISRAC2012-Rule-13.2_c
EXP12-C	Do not ignore values returned by functions.	LIB-return-const
EXPI5-C	Do not place a semicolon on the same line as an if, for, or while statement.	EXP-null-stmt EXP-stray-semicolon MISRAC2004-14.3 MISRAC++2008-6-2-3
EXPI6-C	Do not compare function pointers to constant values.	FPT-misuse MISRAC2012-Rule-1.3_m
EXPI7-C	Do not perform bitwise operations in conditional expressions.	RED-cond-always RED-cond-never MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_a MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_b MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_a MISRAC2012-Rule-14.3_b
EXPI8-C	Do not perform assignments in selection statements.	EXP-cond-assign MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_a

Table 7: Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks (Continued)

CERT ID	CERT guideline	Associated C-STAT checks
EXPI9-CPP	Do not perform assignments in conditional expressions.	EXP-cond-assign MISRAC2012-Rule-13.4_a
FLP00-C	Understand the limitations of floating-point numbers.	ATH-cmp-float
FLP06-C	Understand that floating-point arithmetic in C is inexact.	MISRAC2004-13.3 MISRAC++2008-6-2-2
FLP35-CPP	Take granularity into account when comparing floating-point values.	ATH-cmp-float MISRAC2004-13.3 MISRAC++2008-6-2-2
INT04-C	Enforce limits on integer values originating from untrusted sources.	SEC-BUFFER-tainted-alloc-size SEC-BUFFER-tainted-copy-length SEC-BUFFER-tainted-index
INT06-C	Use strtol() or a related function to convert a string token to an integer.	MISRAC2004-20.10 MISRAC++2008-18-0-2 MISRAC2012-Rule-21.7
INT07-C	Use only explicitly signed or unsigned char type for numeric values.	MISRAC2004-6.1 MISRAC++2008-4-5-3
INTI3-C	Use bitwise operators only on unsigned operands.	MISRAC2004-12.7 MISRAC++2008-5-0-21
MEM42-CPP	Ensure that copy assignment operators do not damage an object that is copied to itself.	COP-assign-op-self (C++ only)
MSC07-C	Detect and remove dead code.	RED-case-reach RED-dead MISRAC++2008-0-1-1 MISRAC++2008-0-1-2_c MISRAC++2008-0-1-9 MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_a MISRAC2012-Rule-2.1_b
MSC12-C	Detect and remove code that has no effect.	RED-no-effect MISRAC2004-14.2 MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_a
MSC13-C	Detect and remove unused values.	RED-unused-assign RED-unused-var-all MISRAC++2008-0-1-3 MISRAC2012-Rule-2.2_b

Table 7: Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks (Continued)

CERT ID	CERT guideline	Associated C-STAT checks
MSCI7-C	Finish every set of statements associated with a case label, with a break statement.	SWITCH-fall-through MISRAC2004-15.2 MISRAC++2008-6-4-5 MISRAC2012-Rule-16.3
MSC21-C	Use robust loop termination conditions.	MISRAC++2008-6-5-2
MSC215-CPP	Use inequality to terminate a loop whose counter changes by more than one.	MISRAC++2008-6-5-2
OOP30-CPP	Do not invoke virtual functions from constructors or destructors.	CPU-ctor-call-virt (C++ only) CPU-dtor-call-virt (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_a (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-12-1-1_b (C++ only)
OOP32-CPP	Ensure that single-argument constructors are marked explicit.	CPU-ctor-implicit (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-12-1-3 (C++ only)
OOP34-CPP	Ensure the proper destructor is called for polymorphic objects.	CPU-nonvirt-dtor (C++ only)
OOP35-CPP	Do not return references to private data.	CPU-return-ref-to-class-data (C++ only) MISRAC++2008-9-3-2 (C++ only)
OOP37-CPP	Constructor initializers should be ordered correctly.	COP-init-order (C++ only)

Table 7: Mapping of CERT rules to C-STAT checks (Continued)