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Deploying SVACE to Samsung

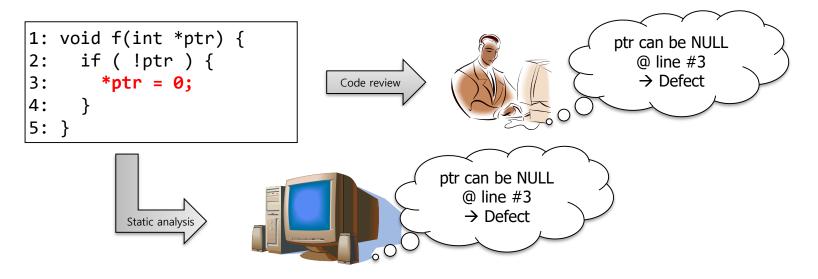
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Background

• SVACE is a static analysis tool for early detection of SW bugs.

- The name stands for "Security Vulnerabilities And Critical Errors."
- Static analysis estimates a program's runtime behavior without actual execution by analyzing the source code.
 - It does not require runtime environments or test inputs.
 - It is easily applicable to large-scale SW.
 - We may consider it as an automated code review.



A Short Collaboration History

• In 2009, we started a joint project on SVACE of ISP RAS.

- To introduce SVACE as an auxiliary tool in addition to commercial tools
- In 2012, we decided to develop SVACE for the purpose of deploying it as the main static analyzer in our SW development process.
 - We put a lot of time and effort in improving SVACE from 2013 to 2015.
 - ISP RAS colleagues also had very tough time.

• At the end of 2015, we successfully deployed SVACE!

• We improved SVACE every year and released SVACE 3.0 in this year.

• Our collaboration is to be continued in 2020.

Our Current Position

• SVACE has been deployed to most business divisions in the company.

- Samsung Research
- Digital Appliances Business
- Health & Medical Equipment Business
- Mobile Communications Business
- Network Business
- Visual Display Business

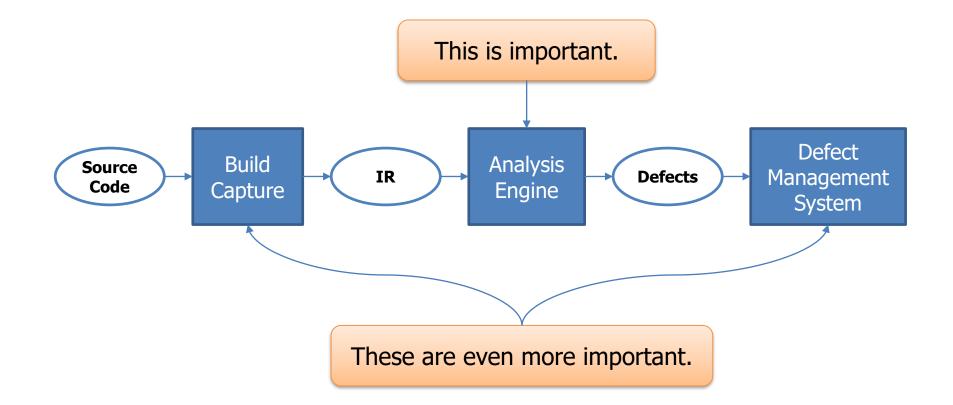
• Most of C, C++, C#, and Java source code is regularly checked with SVACE.

- Including Tizen TVs, Samsung mobile devices, FamilyHub, etc.
- More than 10,000 users (developers)
- More than 300 billion lines code has been checked (since 2015.)

From Research to the Field

• There were several challenges.

• We knew that it would be never easy, but we underestimated the effort.



Challenges #1 – Build Capture

• What happened to us when we tried to analyze C/C++ code in the company

- Build capturing is essential.
- Clang was not enough to support 90 different C/C++ compilers in the company.
- We had to support various systems including an old legacy OS.
- Conventional build capture implementation may not work with Git Build System (GBS) or Open Build Service (OBS).

• Some achievements

- SVACE provides quite stable build capture feature.
- We extended Clang so that it can handle most of the company code, with a small workaround to ignore unknown constructs.
- We made a special RPM package to install SVACE into GBS/OBS build roots and enable SVACE's build capture.

Challenges #2 – Analysis Engines (1/2)

• IR level analysis was not enough.

- At the beginning, SVACE was a static analyzer for LLVM bitcode.
- Some coding errors could not be detected after we translate the code into LLVM bitcode.

• Path-sensitive analysis was not enough.

- Path-sensitive analysis was essential but was not enough to satisfy our quality goals.
- There is no one silver bullet to address many different false positive patterns.
- Some warnings are technically true positives, but developers don't want to see them.

Some achievements

- SVACE has lightweight checkers on AST. (e.g., Clang Static Analyzer for C/C++ language)
- SVACE performs path-sensitive analysis using an SMT solver.
- In this year, we removes 47% of useless alarms that developers marked as 'Won't Fix' and 'False Alarm' in 52 C/C++ checkers.

Challenges #2 – Analysis Engines (2/2)

• Analysis results should be deterministic and stable.

- We should not rely on hardware timer, random values, or any non-deterministic components.
- A build process is often not deterministic, due to timestamps, temporary files, and so on.
- Even if some part of a project has been changed, developers expect to get the same set of defects for the rest (unchanged part) of the project.

• The performance is always not enough.

- Developers expect to get daily analysis results even for the largest codebase.
- Our codebase becomes larger and larger.
- Developers even expect to get analysis results within several minutes after code review integration.

• Some achievements

- It takes 11 hours for SVACE to build and analyze Tizen 5.0 platform (17M LOC).
- SVACE produces the same results for each trial, when we build and analyze the Tizen platform 5 times.

Challenges #3 – Defect Management

• It is crucial to have a good defect management system.

- Some of key features are supports for code navigation and grouping similar warnings.
- It requires considerable efforts to develop such system as it should be able to handle a lot of data.

Some achievements

- SVACE provides some necessary information (e.g., warning grouping factors, relations among code tokens) for defect management systems.
- We developed our own defect management system and improved it for several years.

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One More Challenge – Competitiveness

• We should keep our competitiveness against commercial tools.

- By meeting company-specific requirements better
- By tight integration into our SW development infrastructure

• Some achievements

- In 2015, we provided SVACE for an old legacy RHEL 3 system, which a commercial tool stopped to support.
- In 2016, SVACE enabled the analysis of a new Android platform using Jack toolchain, 6 months earlier than a commercial tool.
- SVACE also has a number of checkers developed by the requests from our business divisions.

Conclusion – Beyond A Standalone Tool

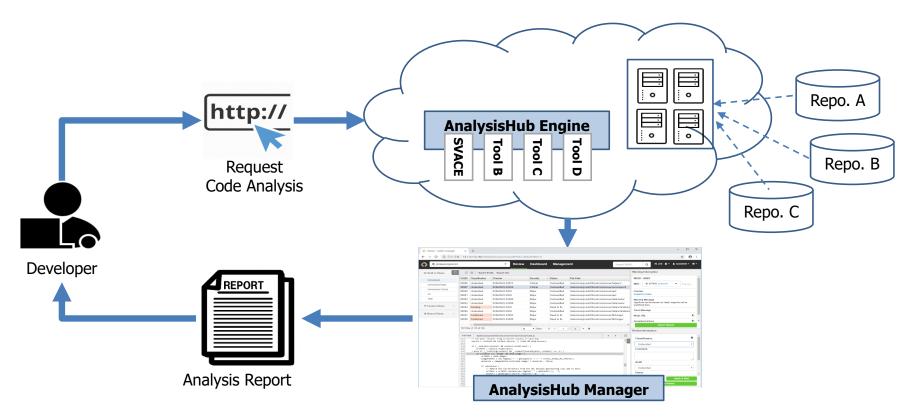
We successfully deployed SVACE to the company through active collaboration with ISP RAS colleagues.

• We integrated SVACE into our SW development infrastructure.

- AnalysisHub provides SVACE as a service.
- Code Review Bot provides SVACE results at code-review time.

Integration #1 – Static Analysis as a Service

- We have developed AnalysisHub, an extensible and scalable framework for providing static analysis as a service.
 - SVACE is one of the core analysis engines in the service.



Integration #2 – Code Review Integration

• On top of AnalysisHub, we developed Code Review Bot.

• It generates automated code review comments including SVACE analysis results.

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Future Work

• Structural analysis as another important use case of static analysis techniques

- We developed SCRA, a static analysis tool for extracting a set of metrics and data/call relations, currently integrated into SVACE.
- We're developing code analysis services to support refactoring work.

• Combining AI techniques with code analysis techniques

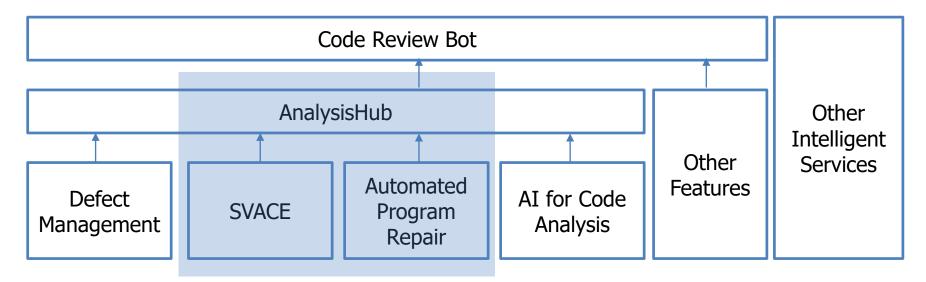
- Further reducing false positives
- Learning bug patterns from big code in repositories

• Reducing code writing effort

- We started work on automated code fix tools in 2018.
- SVACE can suggest how to fix bugs, for those detected by some C/C++ checkers.
- We're extending this feature for other checkers.

Future Work – Collaboration with ISP RAS

- Our collaboration is to be continued in the next years.
- We hope to extend our collaboration to other areas as well.



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