



REFACTORERL PROJECT SUMMARY

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RefactorErl project

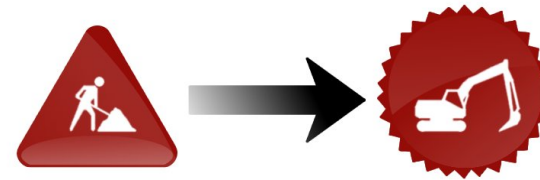
- Academic project @ ELTE and ELTE-Soft
 - Researchers, PhD students
 - BSc/MSc student
- Static source code analysis project
- Analyses & transformations
- plc.inf.elte.hu/erlang





Static analysis framework

Effective software maintenance



- Understand legacy code
- Refactoring/ Application restructuring
- Code checking: complexity/**quality**/style/**vulnerability**/custom properties



Knowledge sharing

in Erlang for Erlang





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RefactorErl-Wombat Workshop

- Cooperation with the innovation management team
- November 2022
- WombatOAM by Erlang Solutions
 - Operations & Maintenance Tool
 - Monitoring - metrics, alarms, logs
 - Orchestration - deploying nodes
- How can SA help to find the source of the alarms?
 - memory overload
 - orphan processes
- How can DA help to make SA more accurate?
- The discussion turned the attention to Security Auditing
 - Vulnerability checkers by RefactorErl

12:50 – 13:00	Welcome
13:00 – 13:15	Dániel Horpácsi. R&D&I in the RefactorErl-Wombat synergy
13:15 – 13:30	Melinda Tóth. Static analysis in Erlang
13:30 – 13:45	Mohamed Ali Khechine. Dynamic analysis in Erlang
13:45 – 14:00	Róbert Fikó. First steps of the fusion
14:00 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 –	Finger food



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Analysing Wombat

- Found 85 vulnerabilities (63 sec)
- 3 old crypto calls
- 22 injection
 - port creation (2), os call (14), compile operation (6)
- 1 prioritisation
- 59 atom exhaustion
 - unsafe file operation (1), atom creation (58: 13 - 5- 40) Security analysis of industrial partner's code



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Changing the analyser framework

- Supporting both quick and deep/accurate/slow analysis as well
- Multi-layer framework
- Simplifying the analyser backend
- Removed “esg” and parallelism
 - reduced execution time: >30%
 - the final result is not consistent
 - the synchronisation server needs to be removed
- In memory not yet tested



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Project in numbers

- Members
 - 2 researchers
 - 2 PhD students (+1 ?)
 - 10 + 15 MSc students
 - 2 BSC students
- 1 conference paper appeared
- 1 journal paper accepted
- 1 journal paper submitted (under revision)
- 3 minor revision requested
- 3 major revision requested
- 2 under review
- 5 ongoing MSc theses (May 2023)
- 1 BSc thesis (Jan. 2023), 1 ongoing (May 2023)
- 1 MSc thesis (Univ. Novi Sad)
- Industrial connection
 - Erlang Solutions
 - Ericsson
 - OTP
- ErlangOTP Training in November
 - OTP - November
- International cooperation
 - Univ. Novi Sad, 1 paper under revision, 1 MSc thesis defended
- International project involvement
 - COST CA19135 - CERCIRAS



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