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AddressSanitizer on Windows

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Abstract

Clang-tidy is the go-to assistant for most C++ programmers looking to improve their code, whether to modernize it or to find hidden bugs with its built-in checks. Static analysis is great, but you also get tons of false positives.

Now that you're hooked on smart tools, you have to try dynamic/runtime analysis. After years of improvements and successes for Clang and GCC users, LLVM AddressSanitizer (ASan) is finally available on Windows, in the latest Visual Studio 2019 versions. Let's find out how this experience is for MSVC projects.

We'll see how AddressSanitizer works behind the scenes (compiler and ASan runtime) and analyze the instrumentation impact, both in perf and memory footprint. We'll examine a handful of examples diagnosed by ASan and see how easy it is to read memory snapshots in Visual Studio, to pinpoint the failure.

Want to unleash the memory vulnerability beast? Put your test units on steroids, by spinning fuzzing jobs with ASan in Azure, leveraging the power of the Cloud from the comfort of your Visual Studio IDE.

Do you think you have
good unit tests & coverage
on your project ?

Probably not...

I have yet to find a team
happy about this topic

But I reckon you have
at least one component
that you're pretty confident about

Would you be surprised
to find out there are obvious bugs/vulnerabilities
in that well tested component ?

Probably not



I bet you'd like to quickly dig up
something like this:

heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x0a2301b4 at pc 0x005b7a35 bp 0x011df078 sp 0x011df06c
READ of size 5 at 0x0a2301b4 thread T0

```
#0 0x5b7a4d in __asan_wrap_strlen crt\asan\llvm\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer_common\sanitizer_common_interceptors.inc:365
#1 0x278eeb in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::StringLength MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:726
#2 0x278a35 in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::SetString MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:602
#3 0x274d69 in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::operator= MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:314
#4 0x274d99 in ATL::CStringT<char,ATL::StrTraitATL<char,ATL::ChTraitsCRT<char>>>::operator=
MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\cstringt.h:1315
#5 0x27469c in ATL::CStringT<char,ATL::StrTraitATL<char,ATL::ChTraitsCRT<char>>>::CStringT
MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\cstringt.h:1115
#6 0x27641a in SerValUtil::DecryptString C:\JobAI\advinst\msicomp\serval\SerValUtil.cpp:85
#7 0x3e1660 in TestSerVal C:\JobAI\testunits\serval\SerValTests.cpp:60
#8 0x5880e5 in FunctionTest::Run C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:71
#9 0x5889b1 in Tester::RunTest C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:186
#10 0x586ddb in Tester::ExecuteCommandLine C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:558
#11 0x5798d1 in main C:\JobAI\testunits\comps\TestComponents.cpp:2236
```

0x0a2301b4 is located 0 bytes to the right of 4-byte region [0x0a2301b0,0x0a2301b4)
allocated by thread T0

Stay with me for this 90 minute infomercial
and I'll show you how easy it is

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Due to the nature of delivery medium & streaming delays, I prefer to take questions at the end.

Q & A





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Keynote: Refactoring Superpowers: Make Your IDE Do Your Work, Faster and More Safely

Clare Macrae



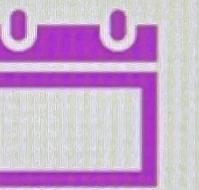
Safe, How?



IDE



Tests



Version control

Humans Depend on Tools



**Get to know your tools
well**

Programmers Depend on Tools

good code editor
(or IDE)

recent compiler(s)
[conformant/strict]

linter/formatter

perf profiler

powerful (visual) debugger

test framework

automated refactoring tools

static analyzer

build system

package manager

CI/CD service

dynamic analyzer
(runtime)

SCM client

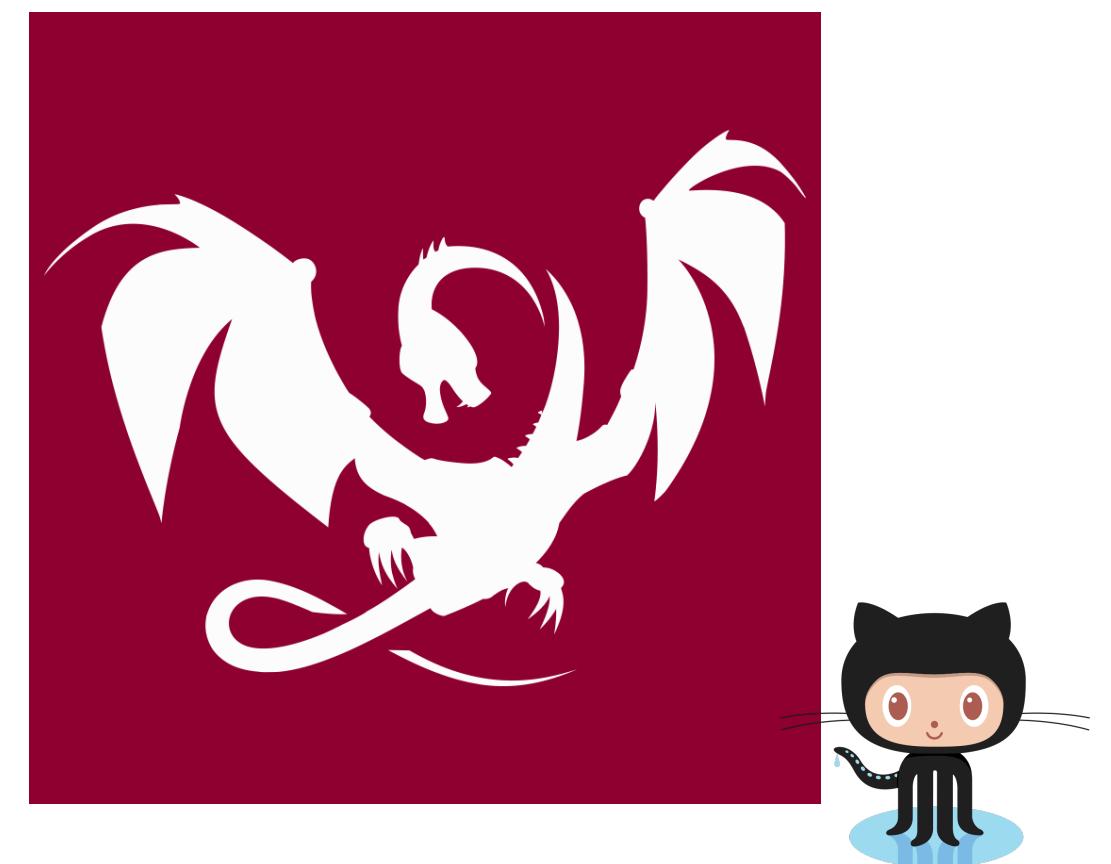
code reviews platform

+ fuzzing

I'm a tool maker



Advanced Installer



Clang Power Tools

Free/OSS



Vignette in 3 parts

Static Analysis

Dynamic Analysis

Warm Fuzzy Feelings

Part I

Static Analysis



C++ Core Guidelines Checker



docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/code-quality/quick-start-code-analysis-for-c-cpp

docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/code-quality/code-analysis-for-cpp-corecheck

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/new-safety-rules-in-c-core-check/

VS 16.7



Standard C/C++ rule sets

Visual Studio includes these standard sets of rules for native code:

Rule Set	Description
C++ Core Check Arithmetic Rules	These rules enforce checks related to arithmetic operations from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Bounds Rules	These rules enforce the Bounds profile of the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Class Rules	These rules enforce checks related to classes from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Concurrency Rules	These rules enforce checks related to concurrency from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Const Rules	These rules enforce const-related checks from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Declaration Rules	These rules enforce checks related to declarations from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Enum Rules	These rules enforce enum-related checks from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check Experimental Rules	These rules collect some experimental checks. Eventually, we expect these checks to be moved to other rulesets or removed completely.
C++ Core Check Function Rules	These rules enforce checks related to functions from the C++ Core Guidelines.
C++ Core Check GSL Rules	These rules enforce checks related to the Guidelines Support Library from the C++ Core Guidelines.



docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/code-quality/code-analysis-for-cpp-corecheck



ICYMI

Static Analysis

Visual Studio integrates with

- MSVC Code Analysis <https://aka.ms/cpp/ca/bg>
- Clang-tidy <https://aka.ms/cpp/clangtidy>
- Visual Studio Code Linters <https://aka.ms/cpp/linter>

★ New C++ Core Checkers in MSVC Code Analysis

- Missing default label in switch statements
- Unannotated fall through in switch statements
- Expensive range-for copy
- Expensive copy with the auto keyword



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Closing the Gap between Rust and C++ Using Principles of Static Analysis

Sunny Chatterjee – *destroy_n() venue*



clang-tidy

~ 300 checks

clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/checks/list.html



clang-tidy

- `modernize-use-nullptr`
- `modernize-loop-convert`
- `modernize-use-override`
- `readability-redundant-string-cstr`
- `modernize-use-emplace`
- `modernize-use-auto`
- `modernize-make-shared` & `modernize-make-unique`
- `modernize-use-equals-default` & `modernize-use-equals-delete`



clang-tidy

- modernize-use-default-member-init
- readability-redundant-member-init
- modernize-pass-by-value
- modernize-return-braced-init-list
- modernize-use-using
- cppcoreguidelines-pro-type-member-init
- readability-redundant-string-init & misc-string-constructor
- misc-suspicious-string-compare & misc-string-compare
- misc-inefficient-algorithm
- cppcoreguidelines-*



clang-tidy

- [abseil-string-find-startswith](#)
- [boost-use-to-string](#)
- [bugprone-string-constructor](#)
- [bugprone-string-integer-assignment](#)
- [bugprone-string-literal-with-embedded-nul](#)
- [bugprone-suspicious-string-compare](#)
- [modernize-raw-string-literal](#)
- [performance-faster-string-find](#)
- [performance-inefficient-string-concatenation](#)
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string checks

clang-tidy checks

Tidy Checks x

Quick Search 🔍

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bugprone-branch-clone	<input type="checkbox"/> Off
bugprone-copy-constructor-init	<input type="checkbox"/> Off
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bugprone-misplaced-widening-cast	<input type="checkbox"/> Off

Default Checks





clang-tidy bugprone-dangling-handle

“ Detect dangling references in value handles like `std::string_view`

These dangling references can be a result of constructing handles from **temporary** values, where the temporary is destroyed **soon** after the handle is created.

Options:



`HandleClasses`

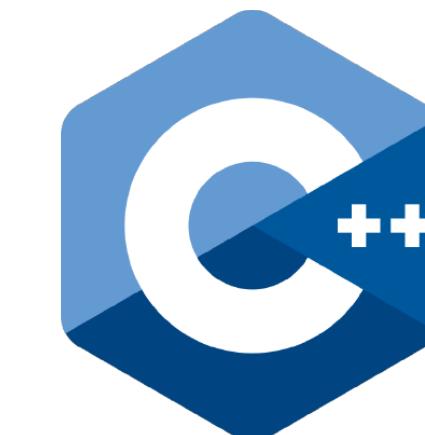
A semicolon-separated list of class names that should be treated as handles.
By default only `std::string_view` is considered.

<https://clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/checks/bugprone-dangling-handle.html>

Lifetime profile v1.0

Lifetime safety: Preventing common dangling

This is important because it turns out to be **easy** to convert **[by design]** a `std::string` to a `std::string_view`, or a `std::vector/array` to a `std::span`, so that **dangling** is almost the default behavior.



CppCoreGuidelines

<https://github.com/isocpp/CppCoreGuidelines/blob/master/docs/Lifetime.pdf>

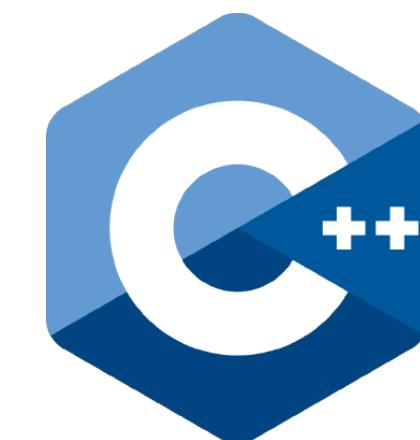
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clang -Wlifetime

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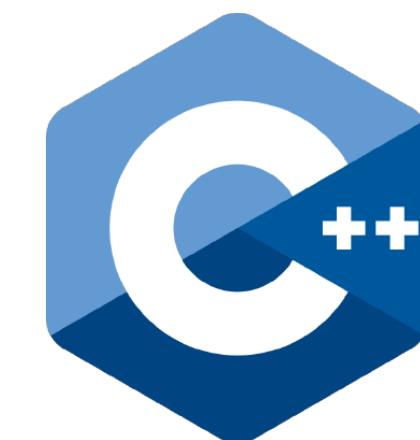
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void example()
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    std::cout << sv;                                // ERROR (Lifetime.3): 'sv' was invalidated when
}                                                 // temporary was destroyed (line A)
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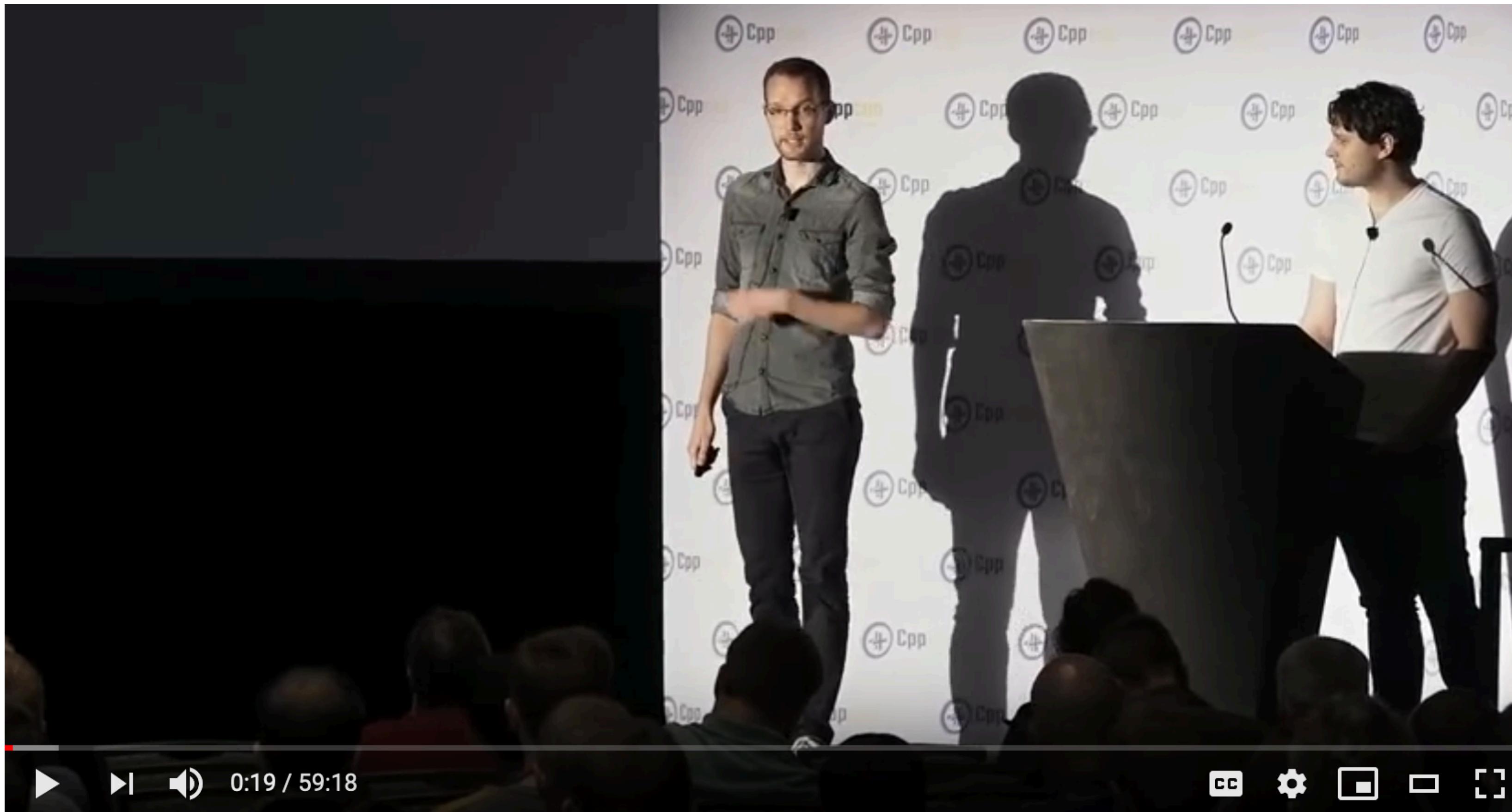
```
void example()
{
    std::string_view sv = std::string("dangling");
        // warning: object backing the pointer will be destroyed
        // at the end of the full-expression [-Wdangling-gsl]
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CppCon 2019: Gábor Horváth, Matthias Gehre “Lifetime analysis for everyone”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d67kfSnhbpA>



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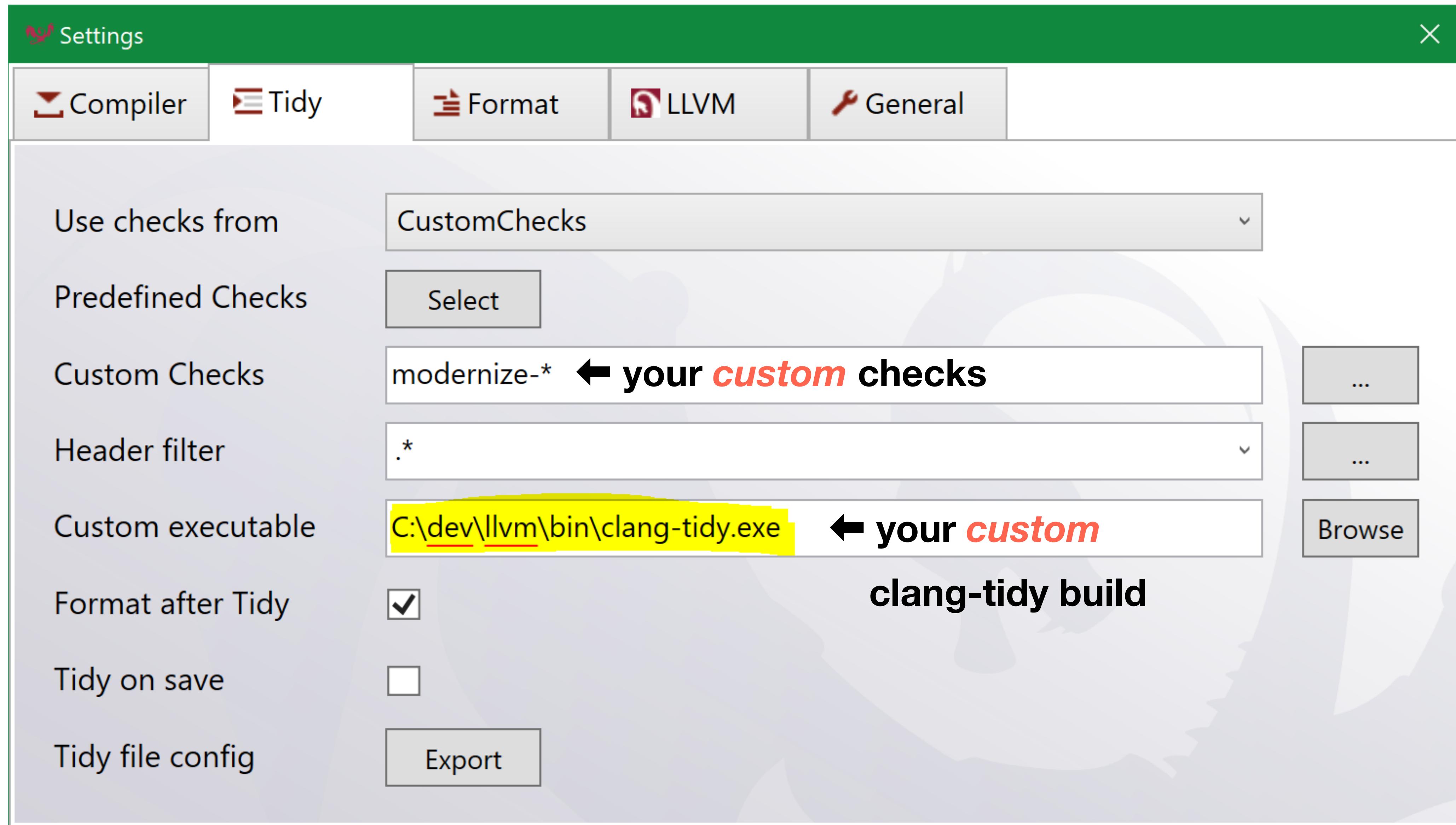
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Checks can **report** issues in a similar way to how Clang diagnostics work. A **fix-it** hint can be attached to a diagnostic message

Custom clang-tidy checks



**Write *custom* checks for your needs
(project specific)**

Run them regularly !

Explore Further

code::dive 2018

Refactor with Clang Tooling

Tools, Tips, Tricks and Traps

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<https://steveire.wordpress.com/2019/01/02/refactor-with-clang-tooling-at-codedive-2018/>

Explore Further

The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top left is the Cppcon 2019 logo with the text "The C++ Conference" and "cppcon.org". On the right is a large title slide with the text "Clang Based Refactoring" and a subtitle "How to refactor millions of lines of code without alienating your colleagues". Below the slide is a video frame showing a man with a beard, Fred Tingaud, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a black t-shirt with white text that includes "#include <C++>" and other standard headers. A caption box on the left side of the video frame identifies him as "Fred Tingaud". To the right of the video frame, the names "Fred Tingaud", "Murex", and the handle "@FredTingaudDev" are listed. In the bottom right corner of the video frame, the number "2" is visible.

Clang Based Refactoring

How to refactor millions of lines of code without alienating your colleagues

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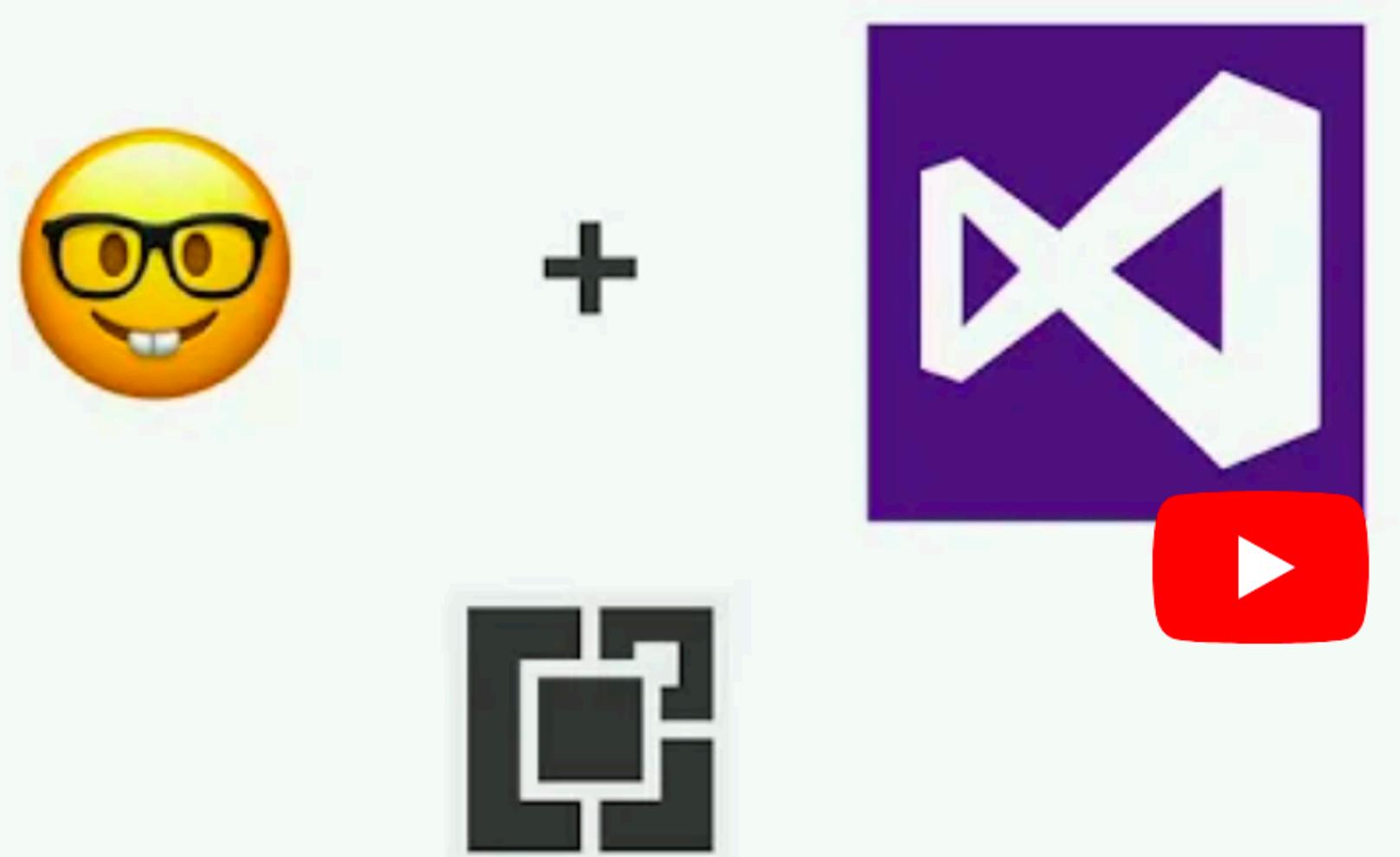
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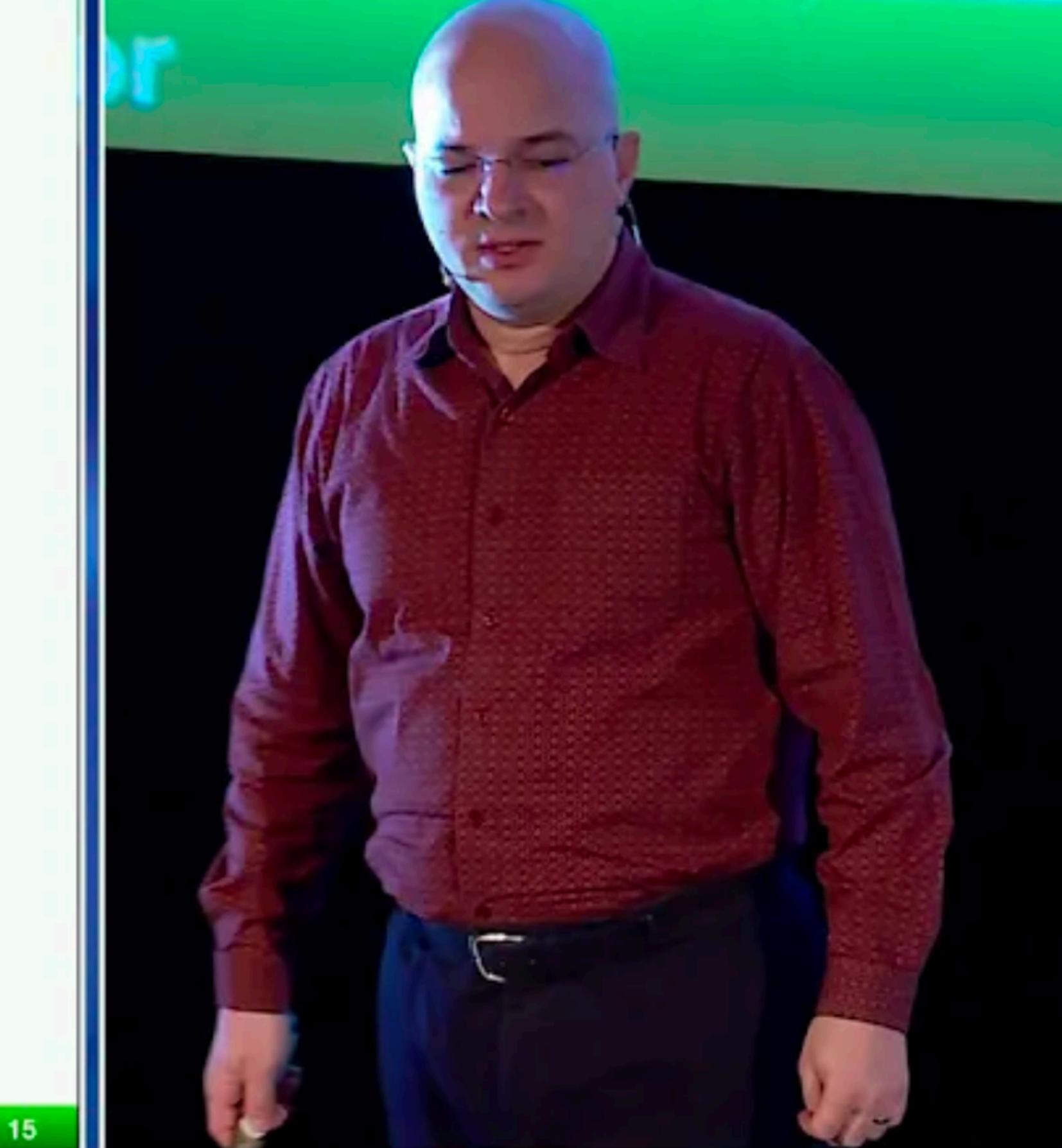
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What About Developer Workflow?



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Status quo: clang-tidy & AddressSanitizer on Windows - Victor Ciura - code::dive 2019

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Exploring Clang Tooling: Using Build Tools with clang-tidy

<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/vcblog/2018/11/27/exploring-clang-tooling-using-build-tools-with-clang-tidy/>



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Future Developments in clang-query

<https://steveire.wordpress.com/2018/11/11/future-developments-in-clang-query/>

Composing AST Matchers in clang-tidy

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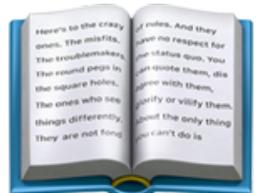
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Clang/LLVM support
for MSBuild & CMake Projects

Ships with Clang (as optional component)

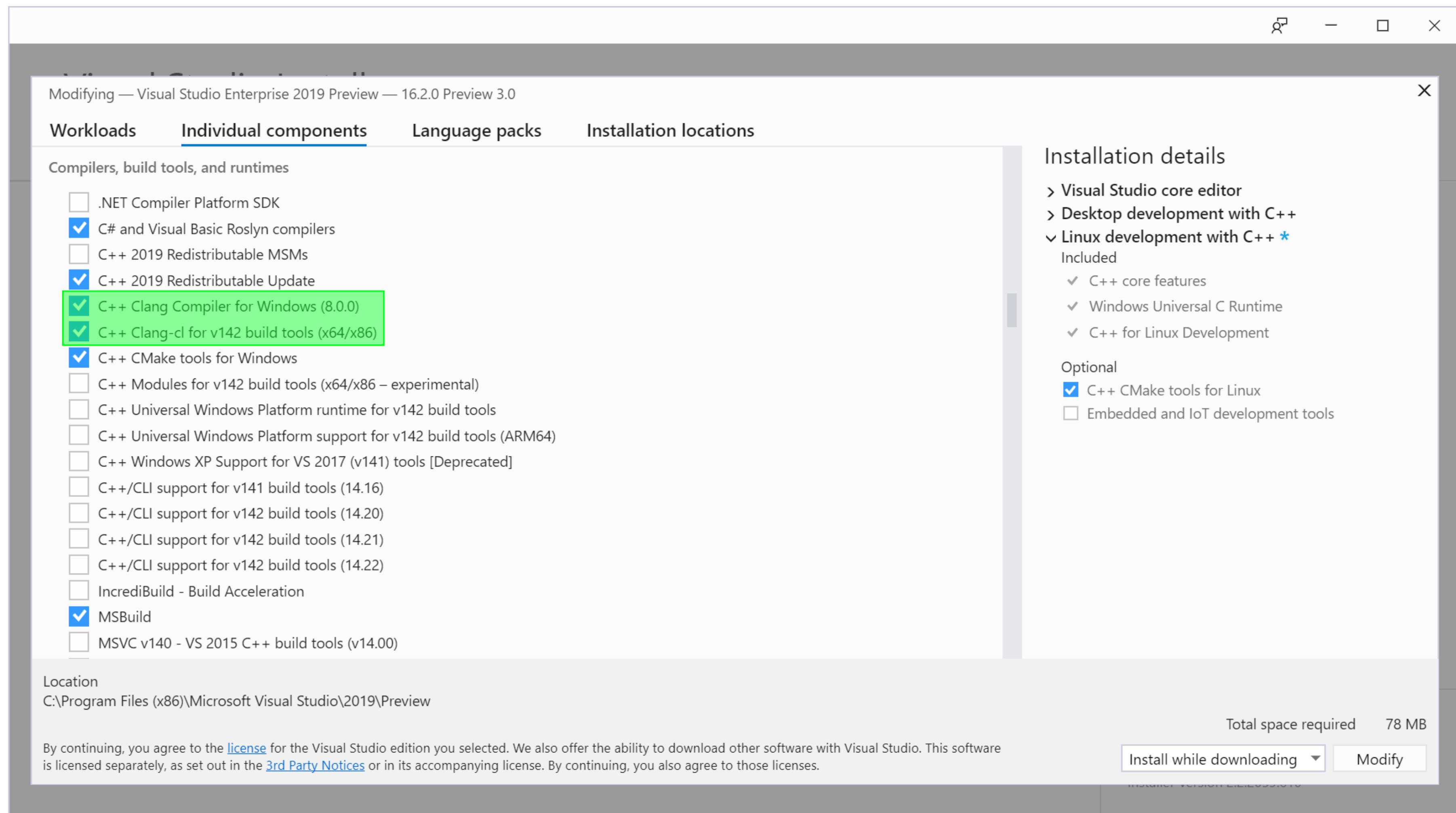
clang-cl.exe



<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/clang-llvm-support-for-msbuild-projects/>

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Workloads Individual components Language packs Installation locations

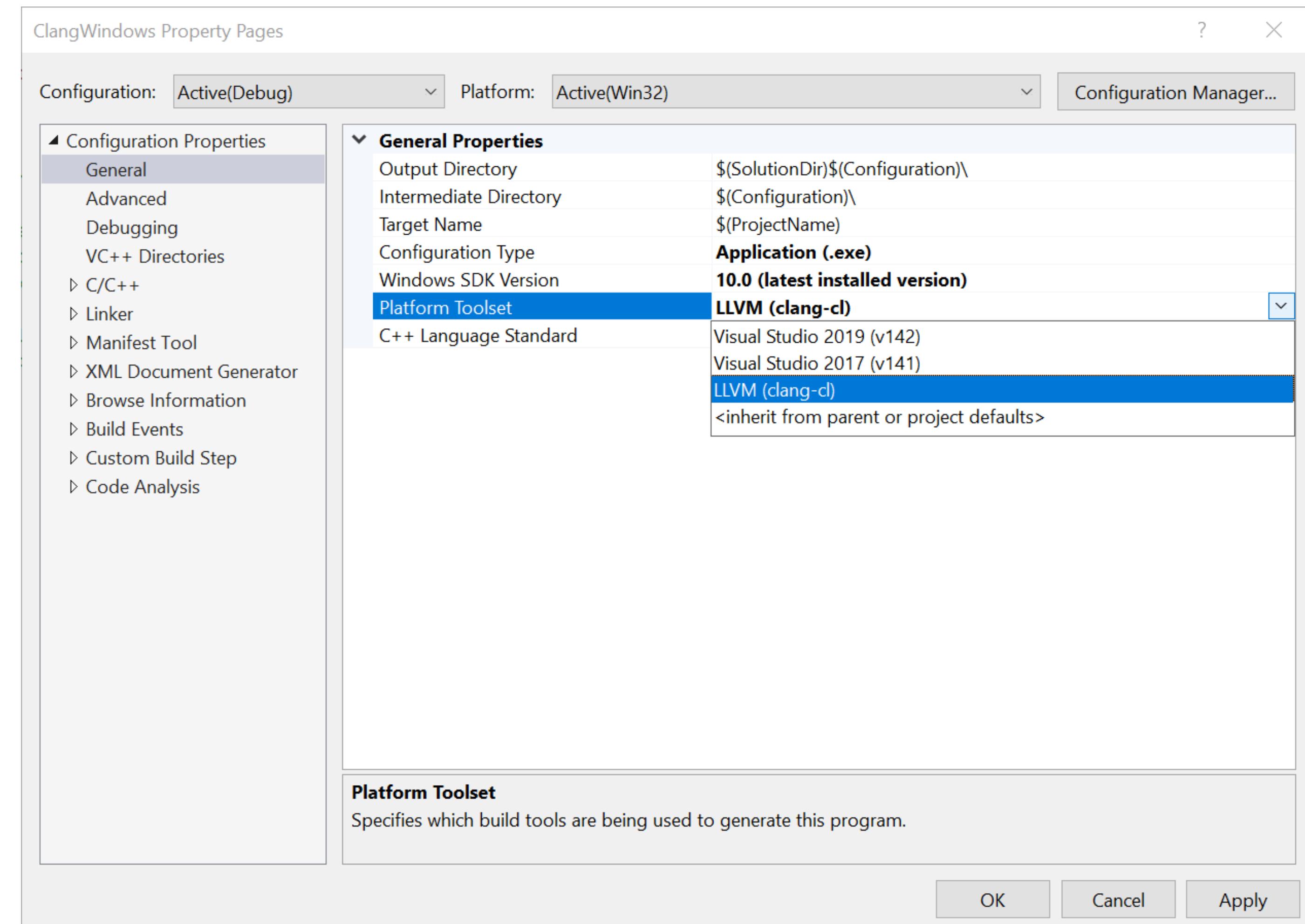
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Compilers, build tools, and runtimes

- C++ Clang Compiler for Windows (11.0.0) 
- C++ Clang-cl for v142 build tools (x64/x86)

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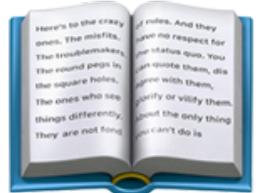
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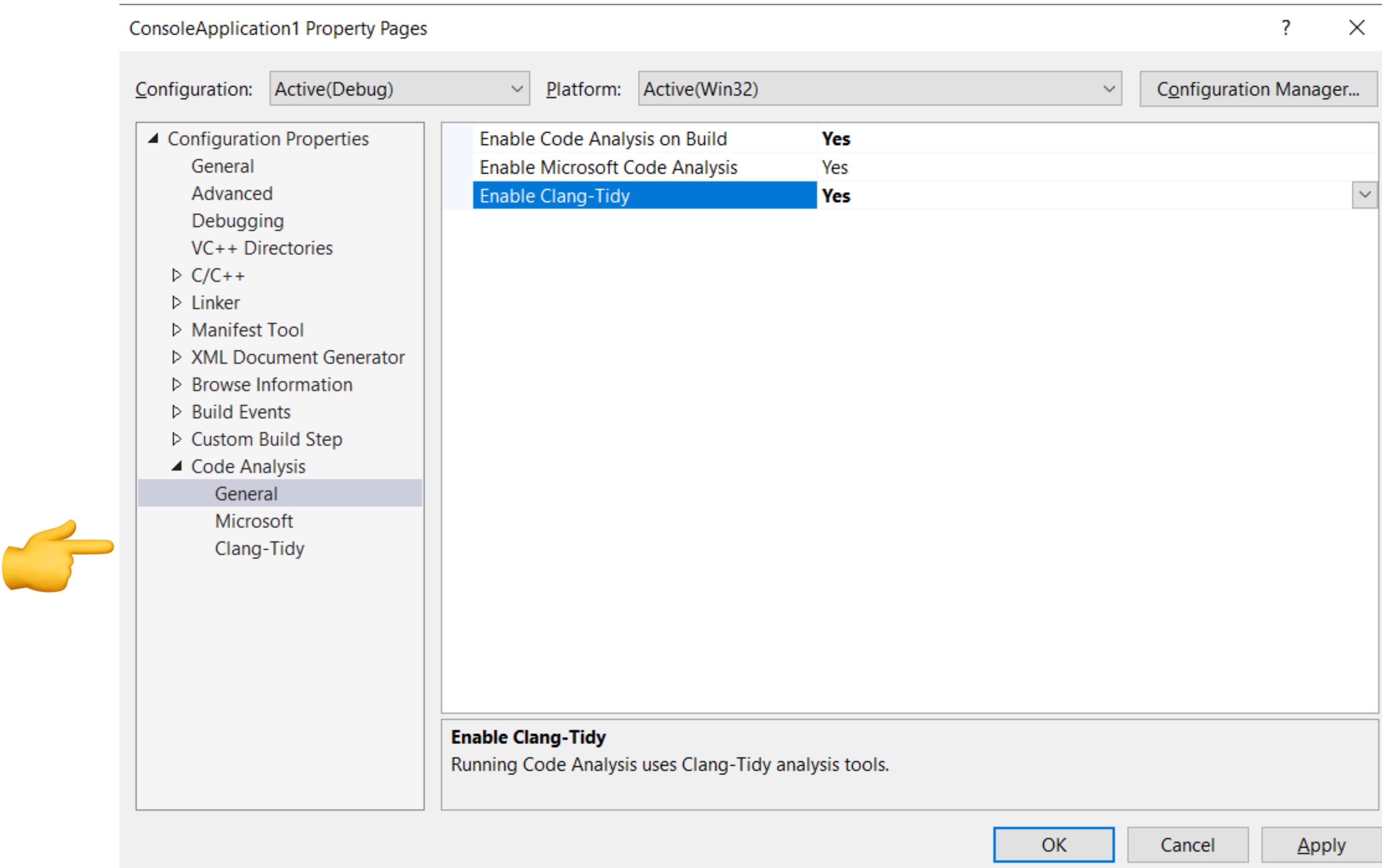
code analysis



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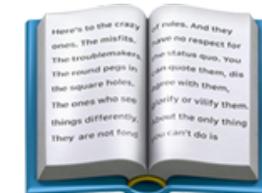


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clang-tidy warnings

Error List							
Entire Solution	0 Errors	10 Warnings	0 Messages	Build + IntelliSense			
Code	Description	File	Line	Col	Category		
⚠ readability-isolate-declaration	multiple declarations in a single statement reduces readability	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	23	2	readability		
⚠ modernize-use-nullptr	use nullptr	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	31	7	modernize		
⚠ cppcoreguidelines-macro-usage	macro 'TRUE' used to declare a constant; consider using a 'constexpr' constant	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	35	9	cppcoreguidelines		
⚠ clang-diagnostic-unused-variable	unused variable 'local'	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	50	13	clang-diagnostic		
⚠ clang-diagnostic-unused-const-variable	unused variable 'pos_x'	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	36	11	clang-diagnostic		
▶ ⚠ clang-diagnostic-uninitialized	variable 'numLives' is uninitialized when used here	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	24	3	clang-diagnostic		
⚠ clang-diagnostic-return-type	control reaches end of non-void function	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	32	1	clang-diagnostic		
▶ ⚠ clang-analyzer-core.NullDereference	Dereference of undefined pointer value	CMAKEDEMO.CPP	24	12	clang-analyzer		

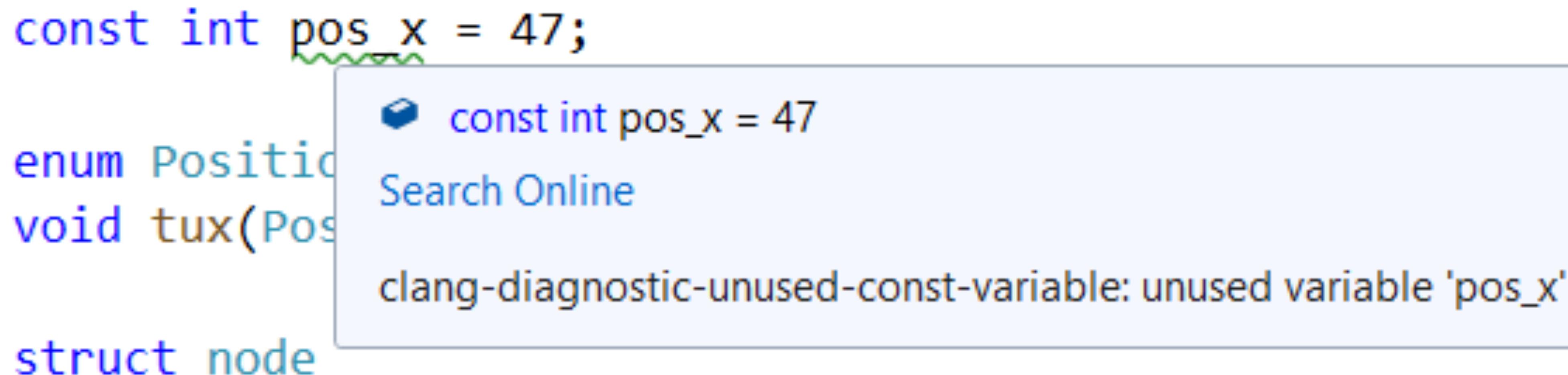


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Visual Studio 2019

since v16.4

clang-tidy warnings also display as in-editor squiggles



Code Analysis runs automatically in the background

NOT on
Visual Studio 2019 v16.4+ yet ?

No problem



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Free/OSS

Clang Power Tools

www clangpowertools com

LLVM

clang-tidy

clang++

clang-format

clang-check/query

Visual Studio

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Static vs Dynamic Analysis

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- vicious cycle: type propagation <> alias analysis

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0 false positives!

Part II

Dynamic Analysis

ICYMI

Control Flow Guard

/guard:cf

Enforce control flow integrity (Windows 8.1 & Windows 10)

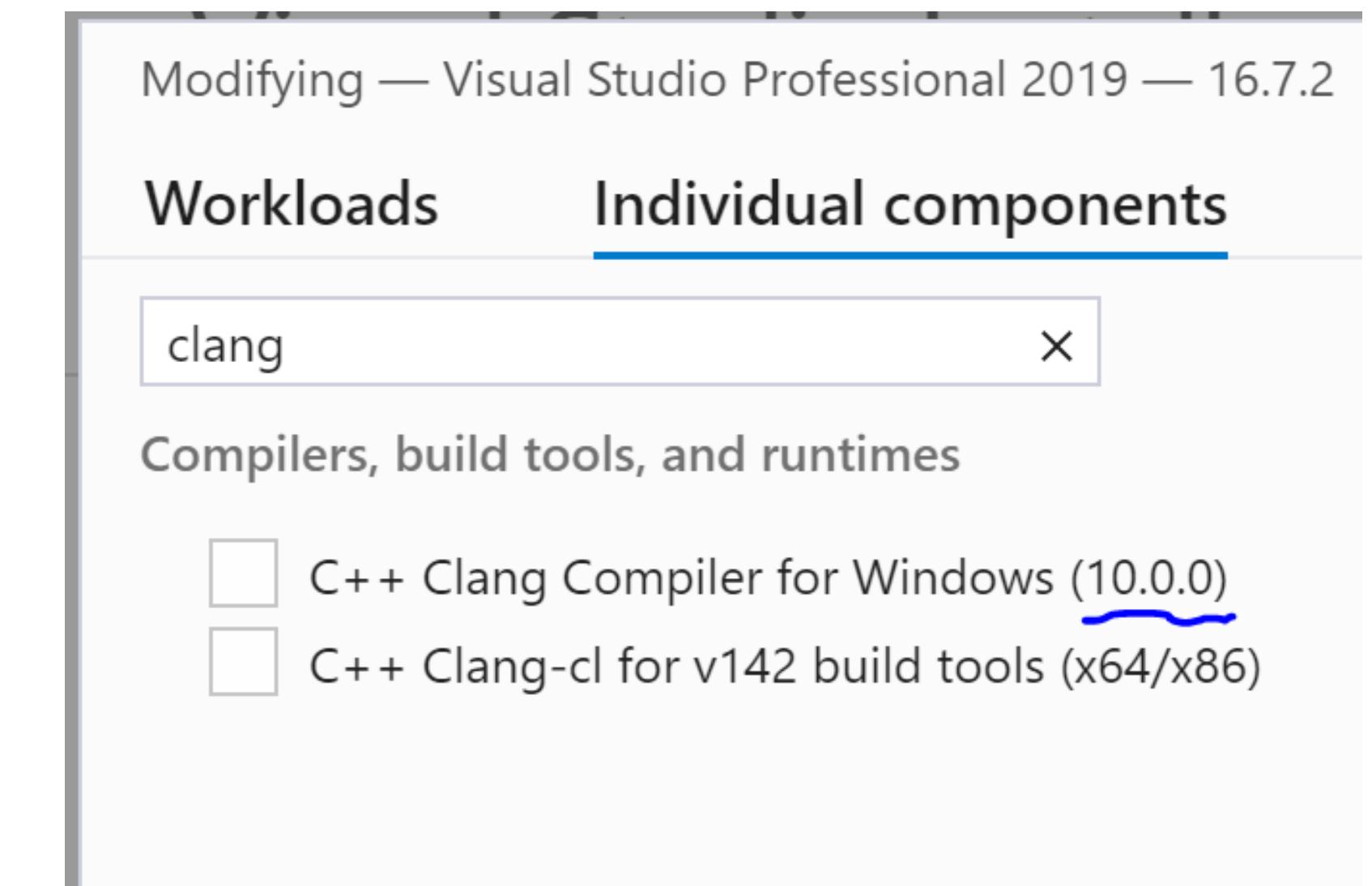
CFG is complementary to other exploit mitigations, such as:

- Address Space Layout Randomization (**ASLR**)
- Data Execution Prevention (**DEP**)

MSVC

CFG is now supported in **LLVM 10+**

C++ & Rust



<https://aka.ms/cpp/cfg-llvm>

Sanitizers





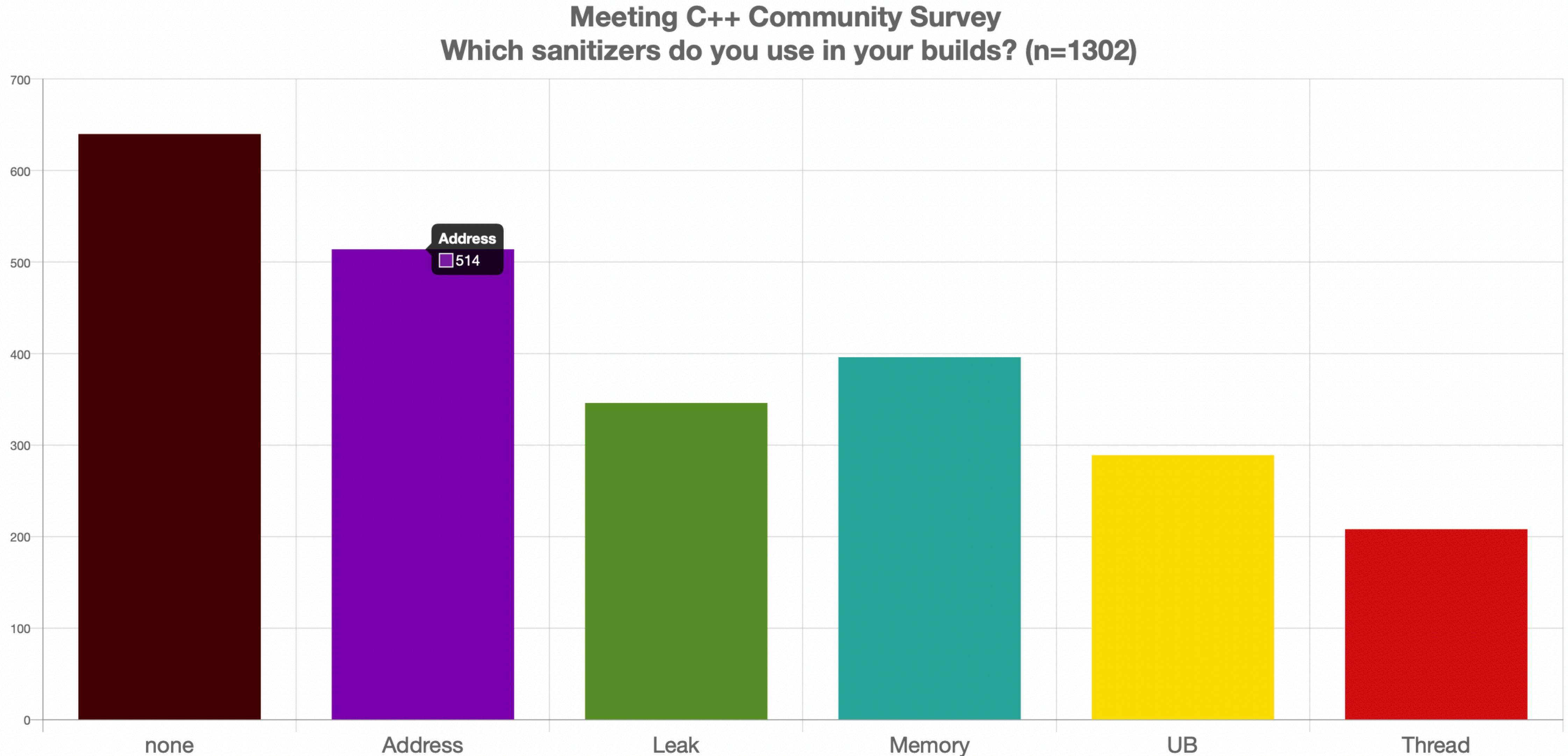
Sanitizers

- **AddressSanitizer** - detects addressability issues
- **LeakSanitizer** - detects memory leaks
- **ThreadSanitizer** - detects data races and deadlocks
- **MemorySanitizer** - detects use of uninitialized memory
- **HWASAN** - hardware-assisted AddressSanitizer (consumes less memory)
- **UBSan** - detects Undefined Behavior

github.com/google/sanitizers

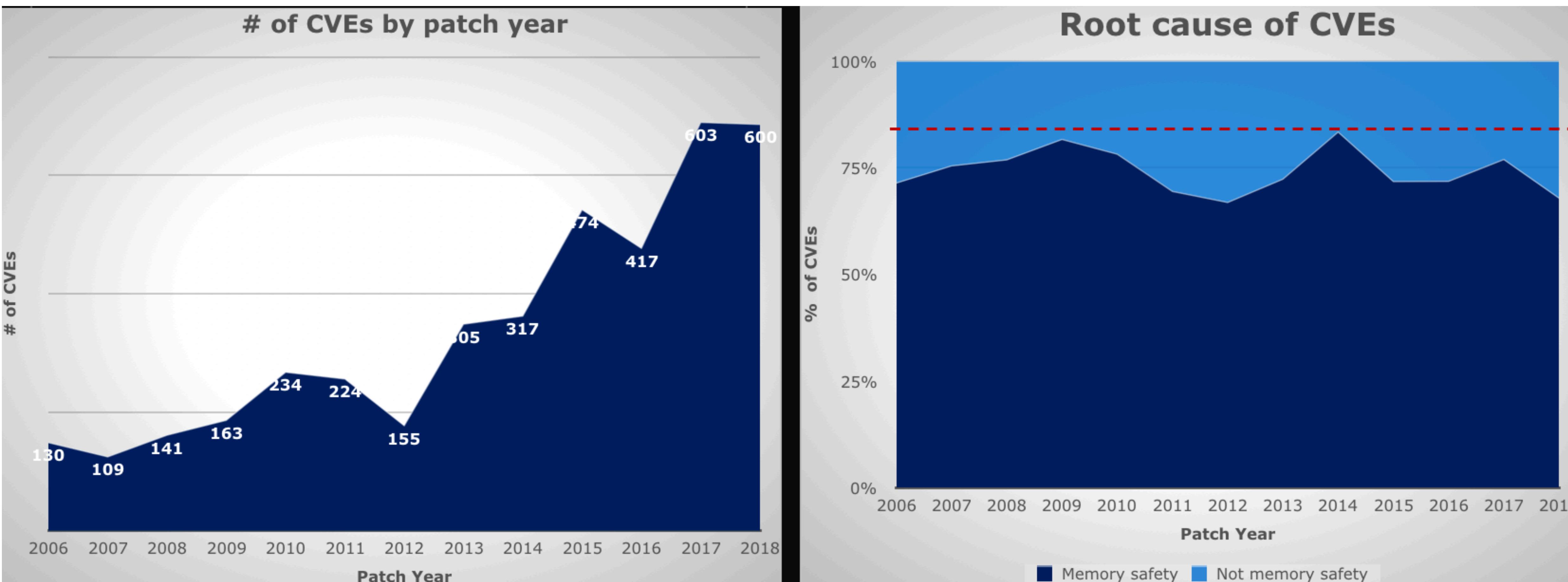
Meeting C++ Community Survey

[Next Question](#) | [Survey results](#)



Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Memory safety continues to dominate



youtube.com/watch?v=0EsqxGgYOQU



Address Sanitizer (ASan)

De facto standard for detecting **memory safety issues**

It's important for basic **correctness and sometimes true **vulnerabilities****

github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizer



Address Sanitizer (ASan)

Detects:

- **Use after free** (dangling pointer dereference)
- **Heap buffer overflow**
- **Stack buffer overflow**
- **Global buffer overflow**
- **Use after return**
- **Use after scope**
- **Initialization order bugs**
- **Memory leaks**

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Address Sanitizer (ASan)

Started in **LLVM** by a team @ Google
and quickly took off as a *de facto* industry standard
for runtime program analysis

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Address Sanitizer (ASan)

[LLVM](#) starting with version **3.1** (2012)

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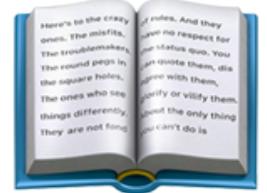
[MSVC](#) starting with VS **16.4** (late 2019, exp.)

Visual Studio 2019

since v16.4

October 2019

Address Sanitizer (ASan)



devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/addresssanitizer-asan-for-windows-with-msvc/

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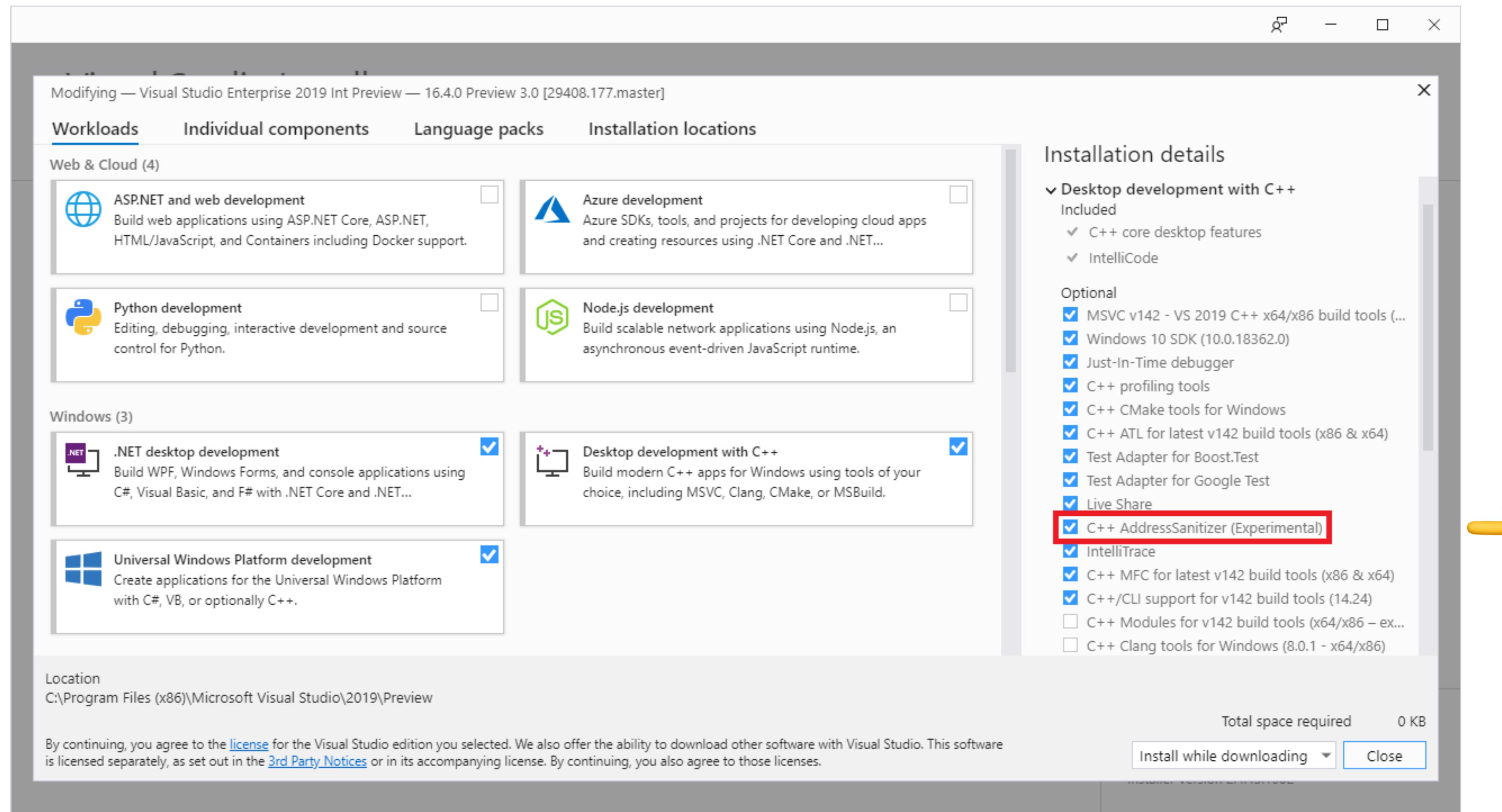


The screenshot shows a video player interface. On the left, a large blue star-shaped graphic contains the words "sneak peek". The main video frame displays a presentation slide with the title "Address Sanitizer + Fuzzing + VS2019" and the speaker's email "jradigan@Microsoft.com". Below the title is a Microsoft logo and the text "Visual Studio 2019 launch". On the right, a smaller video frame shows Jim Radigan, a man with glasses and a dark polo shirt, standing at a podium and speaking. A name tag overlay identifies him as "Jim Radigan". The video player includes standard controls like play, volume, and a progress bar showing "0:24 / 50:25". Below the video frame, a caption reads "AURORA" with a location pin icon, followed by the text "CppCon 2019: Jim Radigan C++ Sanitizers and Fuzzing for the Windows Platform Using New Compilers...".

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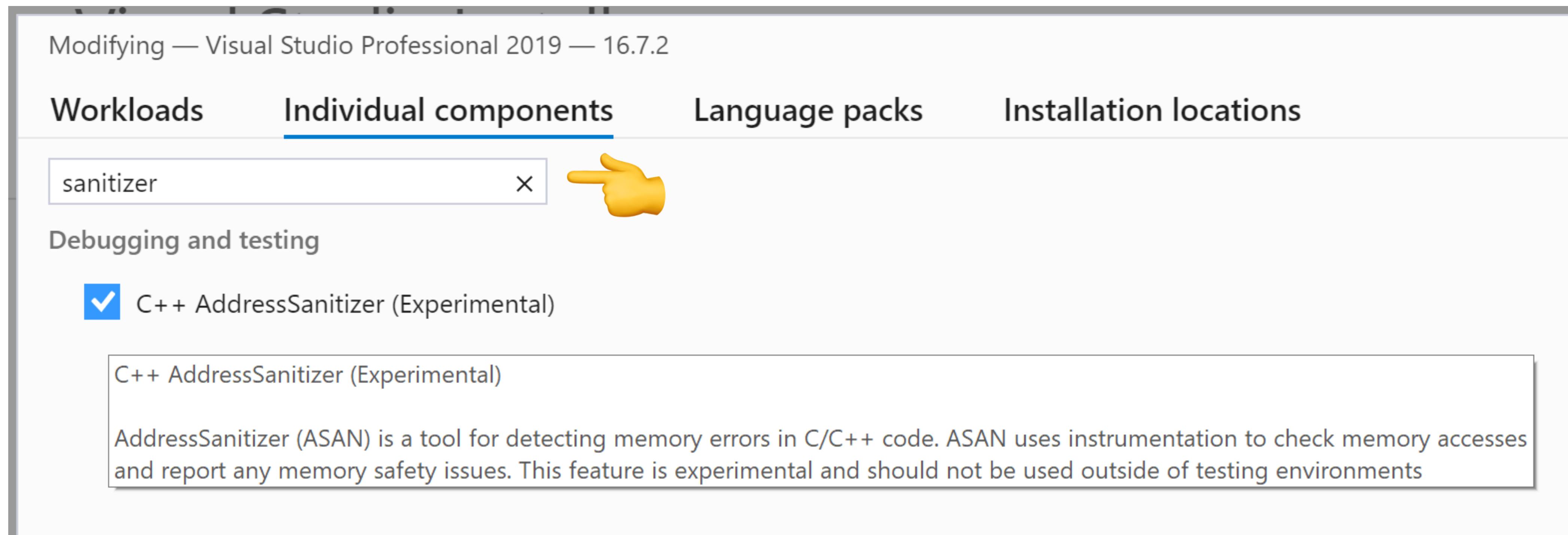
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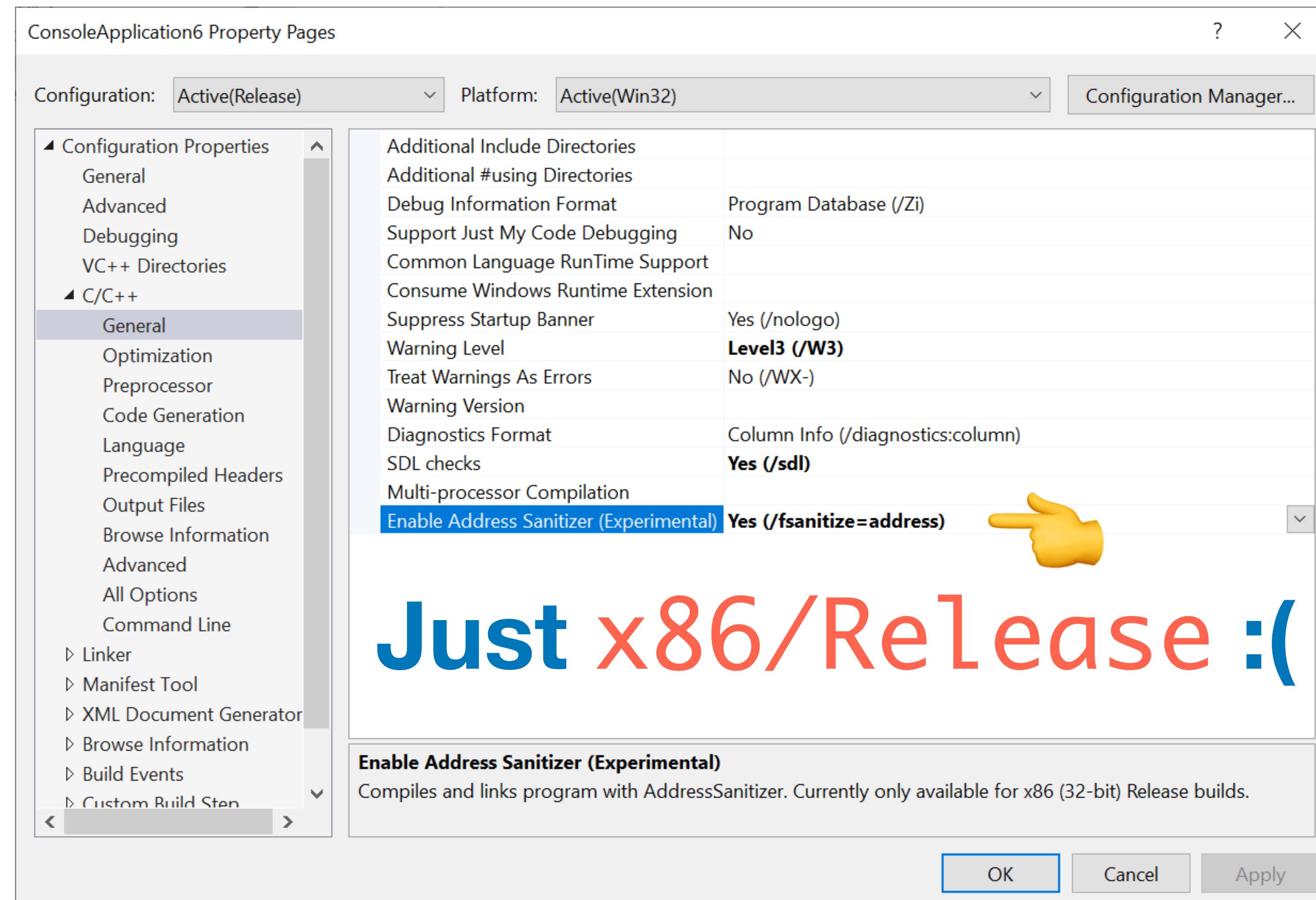
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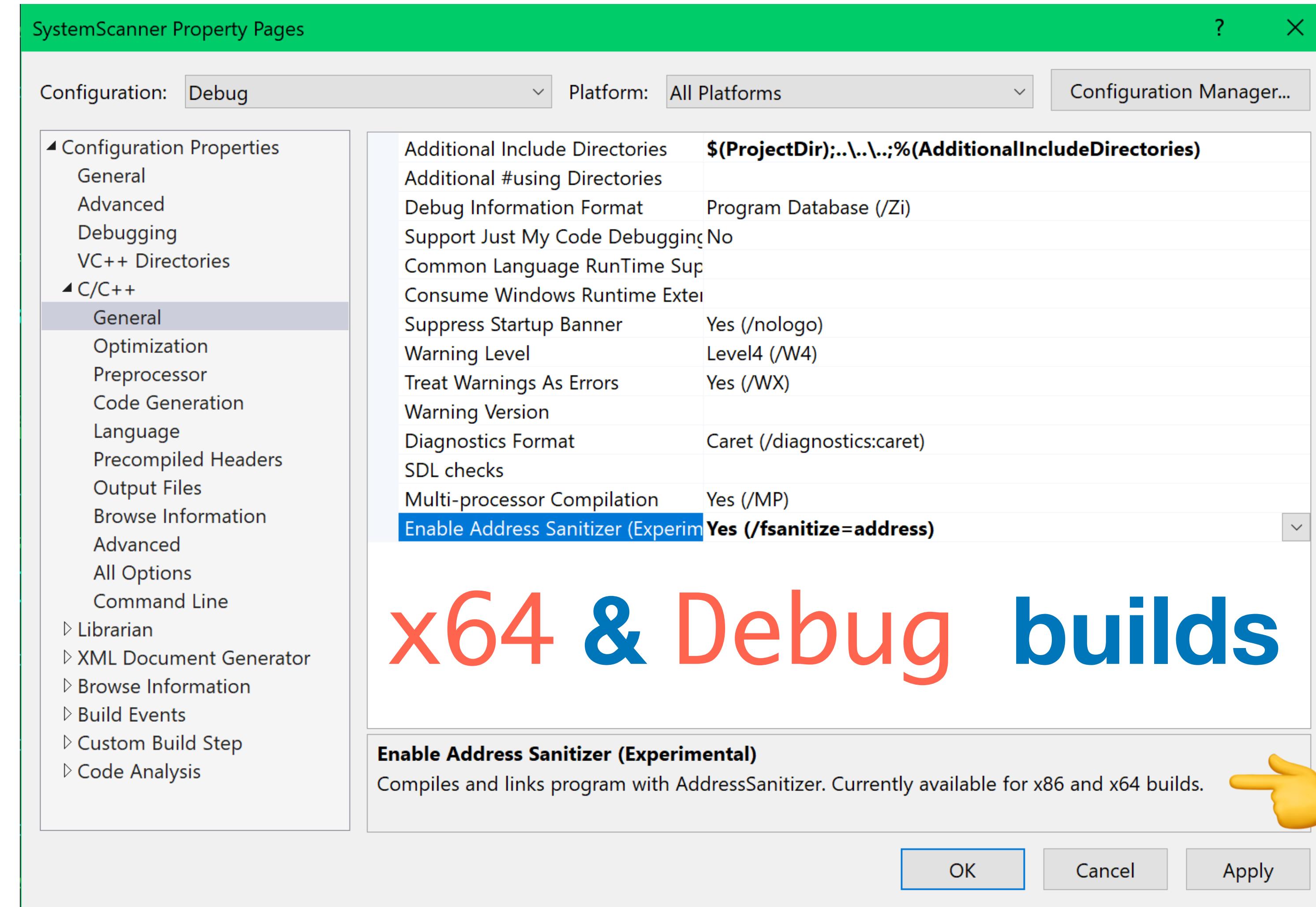


Just x86/Release :(

Tech Preview
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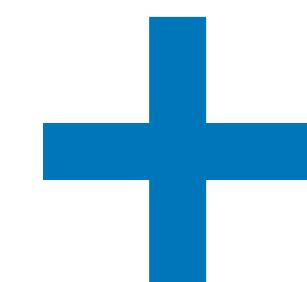


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x64 & Debug builds

support all Debug runtimes: /MTd /MDd

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docs.microsoft.com/en-us/visualstudio/releases/2019/release-notes#16.7.0

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 - heap-buffer-overflow (no underflow)
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Visual Studio 2019

v16.8-9

New ASan features:

- **global ‘C’ variables**
(in C a global can be declared many times, and each declaration can be of a different type and size)
- **`__declspec(no_sanitize_address)`**
(opt-out of instrumenting entire functions or specific variables)
- **automatically link appropriate ASan libs**
(eg. when building from command-line with `/fsanitize:address`)
- **use-after-return (opt-in)**
(requires code gen that utilizes two stack frames for each function)



Visual Studio 2019

v16.9

March 2021



Available today:
Visual Studio 2019 v16.9
and v16.10 Preview

- Address Sanitizer support for Windows
- C++ conformance
- Improved call stack handling
- New memory dump analyzers
- Improvements to GitHub Actions tooling
- .NET productivity enhancements

Learn what's new

devblogs.microsoft.com/visualstudio/vs2019-v16-9-and-v16-10-preview-1/



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ASAN is out of Experimental => GA



devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/address-sanitizer-for-msvc-now-generally-available



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AddressSanitizer

03/05/2021 • 7 minutes to read •

Overview

The C & C++ languages are powerful, but can suffer from a class of bugs that affect program correctness and program security. Starting in Visual Studio 2019 version 16.9, the Microsoft C/C++ compiler (MSVC) and IDE supports the *AddressSanitizer*. AddressSanitizer (ASan) is a compiler and runtime technology that exposes many hard-to-find bugs with **zero** false positives:

- Alloc/dealloc mismatches and new/delete type mismatches
- Allocations too large for the heap
- calloc overflow and alloca overflow
- Double free and use after free
- Global variable overflow
- Heap buffer overflow
- Invalid alignment of aligned values
- memcpy and strncat parameter overlap
- Stack buffer overflow and underflow
- Stack use after return and use after scope
- Memory use after it's poisoned

Use AddressSanitizer to reduce your time spent on:

- Basic correctness
- Cross platform portability
- Security
- Stress testing
- Integrating new code

docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/sanitizers/asan

Visual Studio ASan

Very tall order to bring ASAN to Windows



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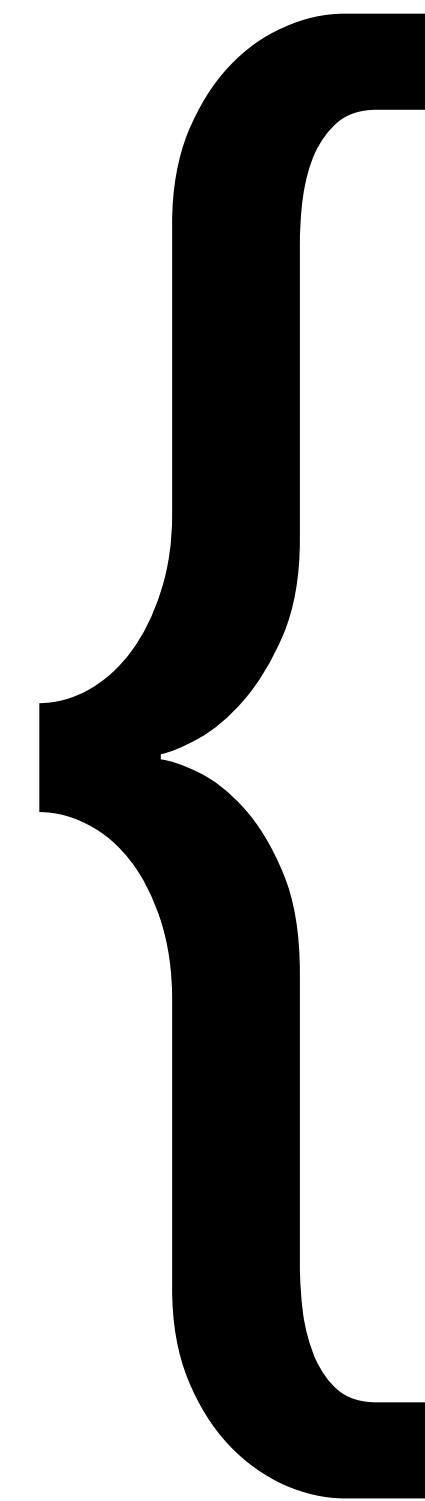
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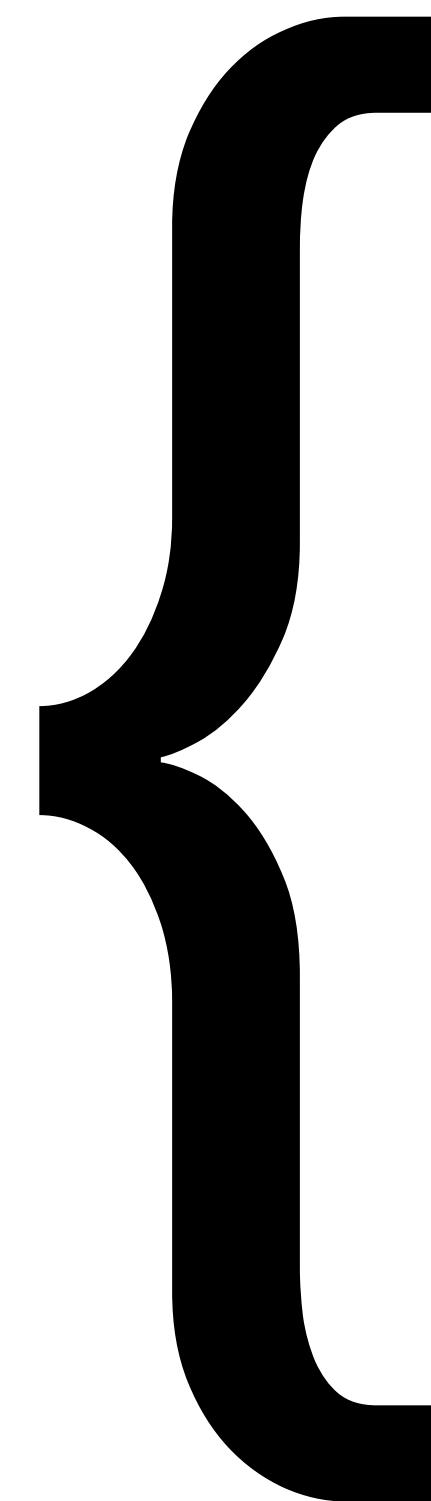
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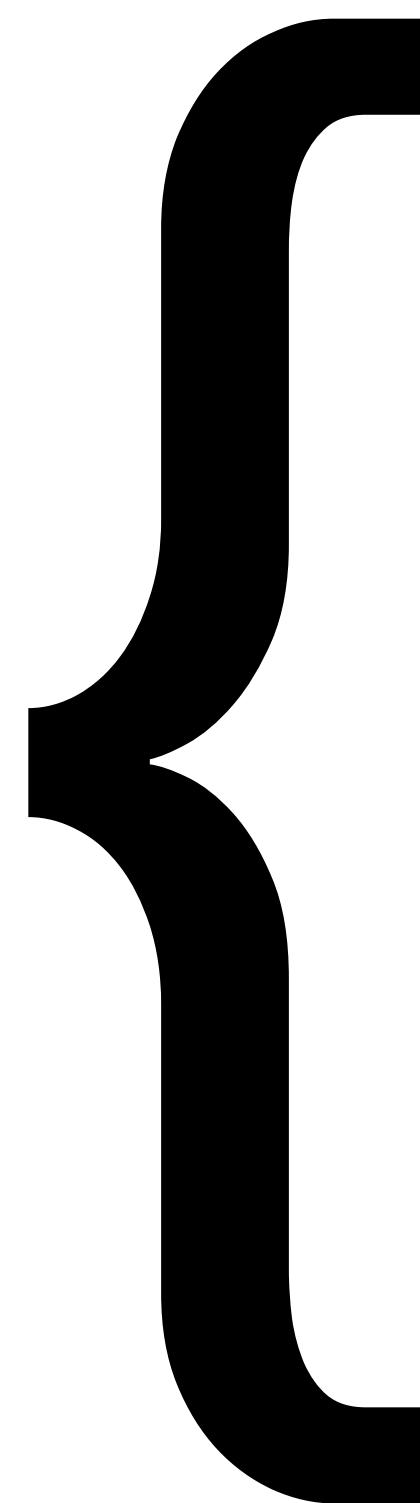


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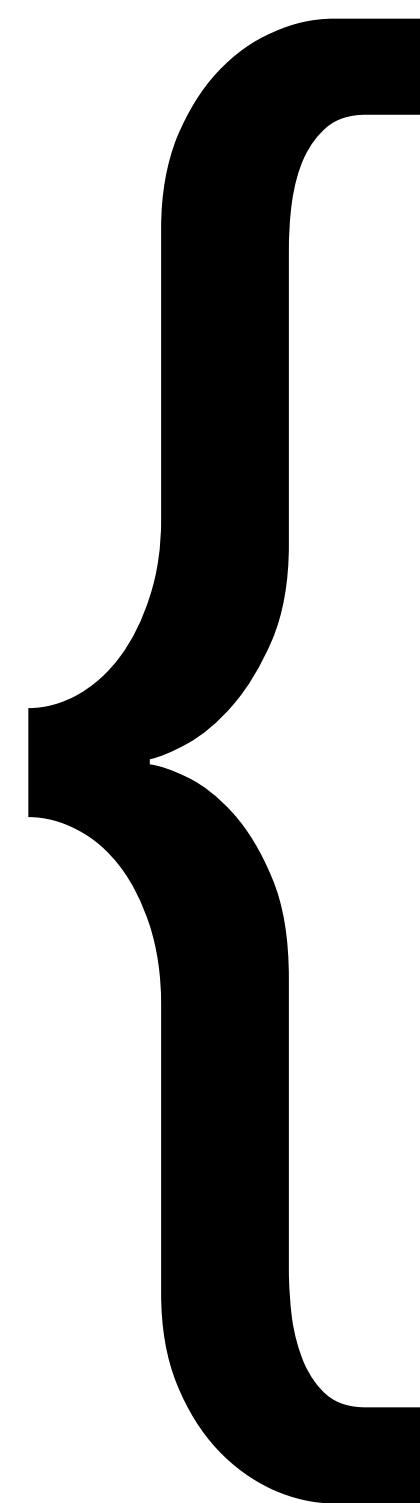
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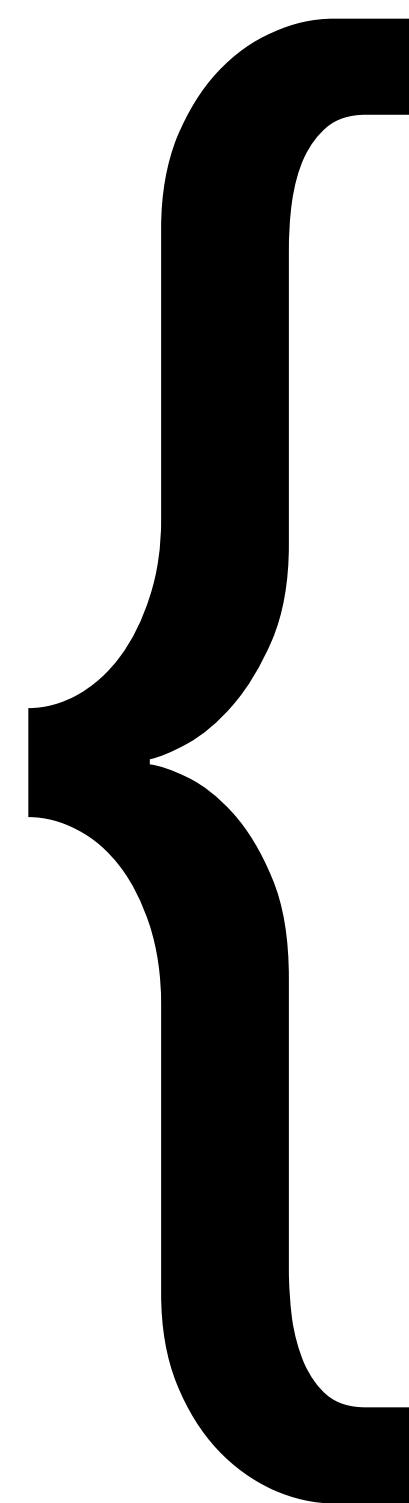
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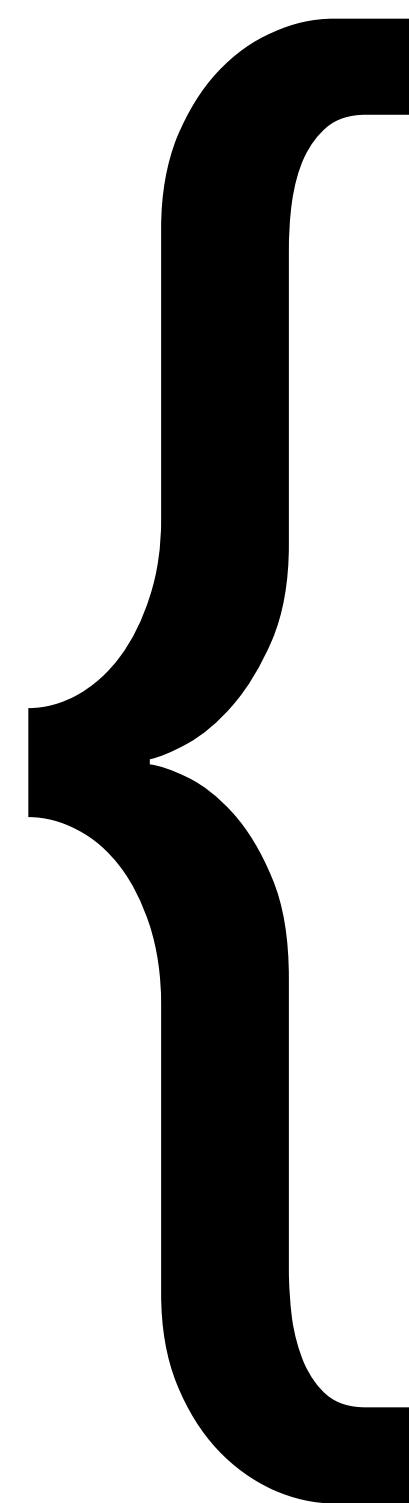
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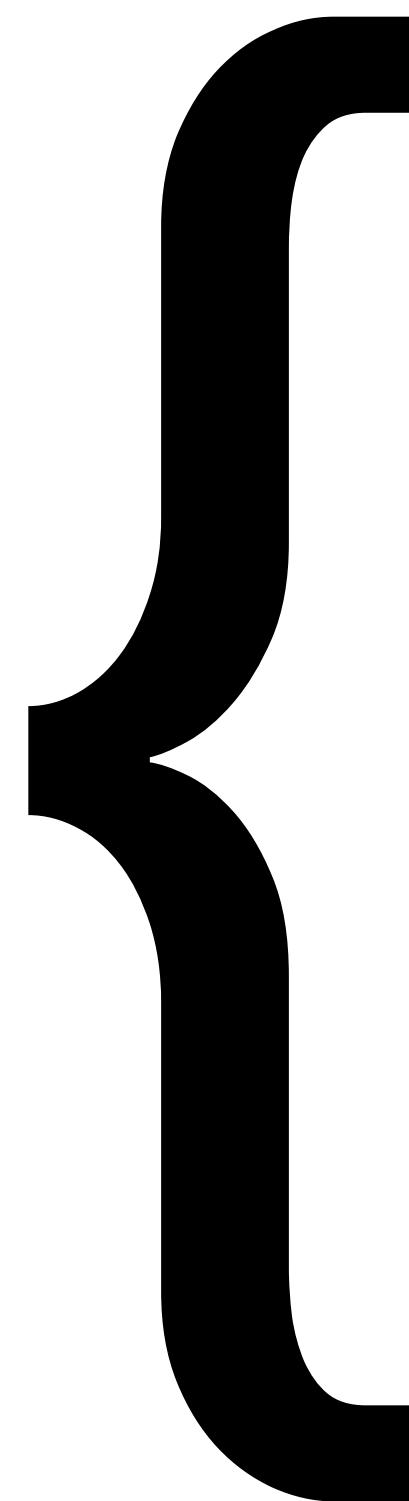
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Managed C++

ASan runtime interop with managed code (.NET)

Visual Studio ASan

**"Thank you" to Microsoft team
tirelessly working on this**





Everyone will continue to invest heavily in this area ([sanitizers](#))
just because it's **so effective** at just finding correctness issues

Microsoft is contributing back to LLVM
all the work they've done to make ASan runtime work on Windows

github.com/llvm/llvm-project/tree/master/compiler-rt

Visual Studio 2019

ASan Visual Studio integration:

- **MSBuild & CMake** support for both Windows & Linux
- **Debugger** integration for MSVC and Clang/LLVM

aka.ms/asan

Visual Studio ASan CMake

CMakeSettings.json

```
// eg. under the x86-Release configuration
{
    "addressSanitizerEnabled": true
}
```

> build with `/fsanitize:address`

Address Sanitizer (ASan)

The screenshot shows a Visual Studio code editor window for a file named "ConsoleApplication6.cpp". The code contains a main function that attempts to write to an array beyond its bounds:

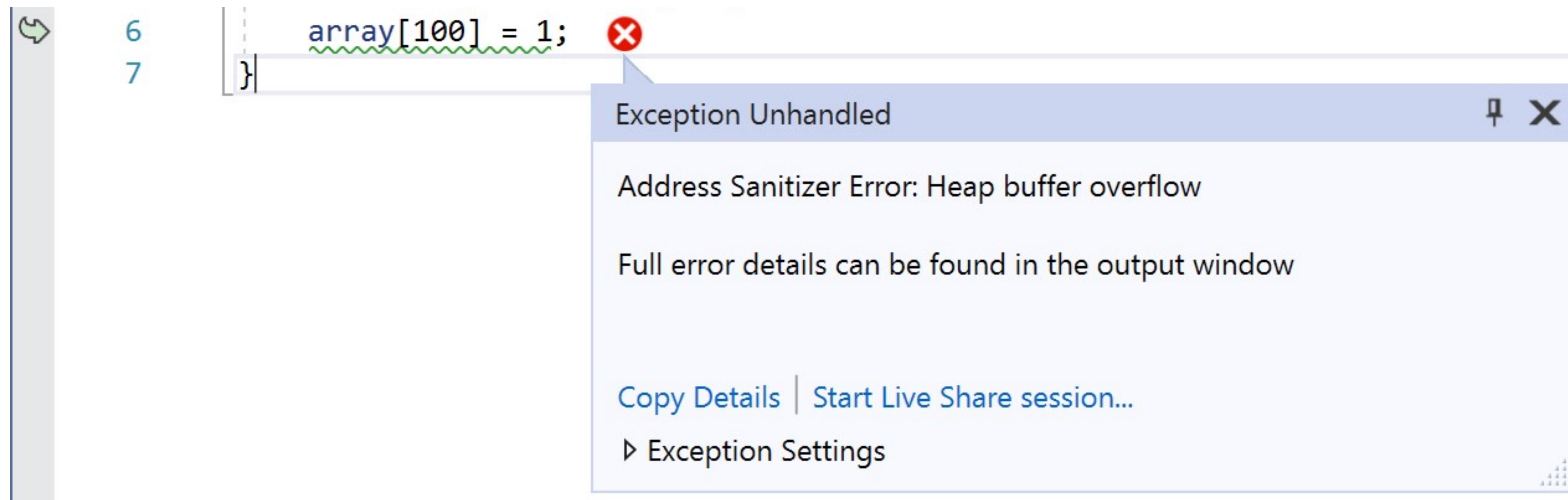
```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     int* array = new int[100];
6     array[100] = 1; // Error
7 }
```

A red X icon is placed next to the line of code where the overflow occurs. A tooltip window titled "Exception Unhandled" displays the message "Address Sanitizer Error: Heap buffer overflow". It also includes links to "Copy Details" and "Start Live Share session...".

Address Sanitizer (ASan)

IDE Exception Helper will be displayed when an issue is encountered
=> program execution will stop

ASan logging information => **Output window**



```

==27748==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: stack-use-after-scope on address 0x0055fc68 at pc 0x793d62de bp 0x0055fbf4 sp 0x0055fbe8
WRITE of size 80 at 0x0055fc68 thread T0
#0 0x793d62f6 in __asan_wrap_memset d:\_work\5\s\llvm\projects\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer_common\sanitizer_common_interceptors.inc:764
#1 0x77dd46e7 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2c46e7)
#2 0x77dd4ce1 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2c4ce1)
#3 0x75d408fe (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll+0x100f08fe)
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#10 0xa52fb6 in exit minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\startup\exit.cpp:293
#11 0xa2deb3 in _scrt_common_main_seh d:\agent\_work\2\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:295
#12 0x75ef6358 (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x6b816358)
#13 0x77df7a93 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2e7a93)

```

Address 0x0055fc68 is located in stack of thread T0

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: stack-use-after-scope d:\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer_common\sanitizer_common_interceptors.inc:764 in __asan_wrap_memset
 Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

```

0x300abf30: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x300abf70: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x300abf80: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 [f8]00 00
0x300abf90: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x300abfd0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

```

Shadow byte legend (one shadow byte represents 8 application bytes):

Addressable:	00
Partially addressable:	01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone:	fa
Freed heap region:	fd
Stack left redzone:	f1
Stack mid redzone:	f2
Stack right redzone:	f3
Stack after return:	f5
Stack use after scope:	f8
Global redzone:	f9
Global init order:	f6
Poisoned by user:	f7
Container overflow:	fc
Array cookie:	ac
Intra object redzone:	bb
ASan internal:	fe
Left alloca redzone:	ca
Right alloca redzone:	cb
Shadow gap:	cc

==27748==ABORTING

Clang/LLVM

Snapshot File

Game changer!

Minidump file (*.dmp) <= Windows snapshot process (program virtual memory/heap + metadata)

VS can parse & open this => Points at the location the error occurred.

+ Live Share

Changes the way you report a bug, in general

The screenshot shows the 'Minidump File Summary' interface. It displays the following information:

- Dump Summary:**
 - Dump File: ShareSource.dmp
 - Last Write Time: 11/5/2018 4:00:16 PM
 - Process Name: ShareSource.exe
 - Process Architecture: x64
 - Exception Code: 0x80000004
 - Exception Information: A trace trap or other single-step present.
 - Heap Information: Present
- System Information:**
 - OS Version: 10.0.17763
 - CLR Version(s): 4.6.26702.0
- Modules:**

Module Name	Version
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ntdll.dll	10.0.177
kernel32.dll	10.0.177



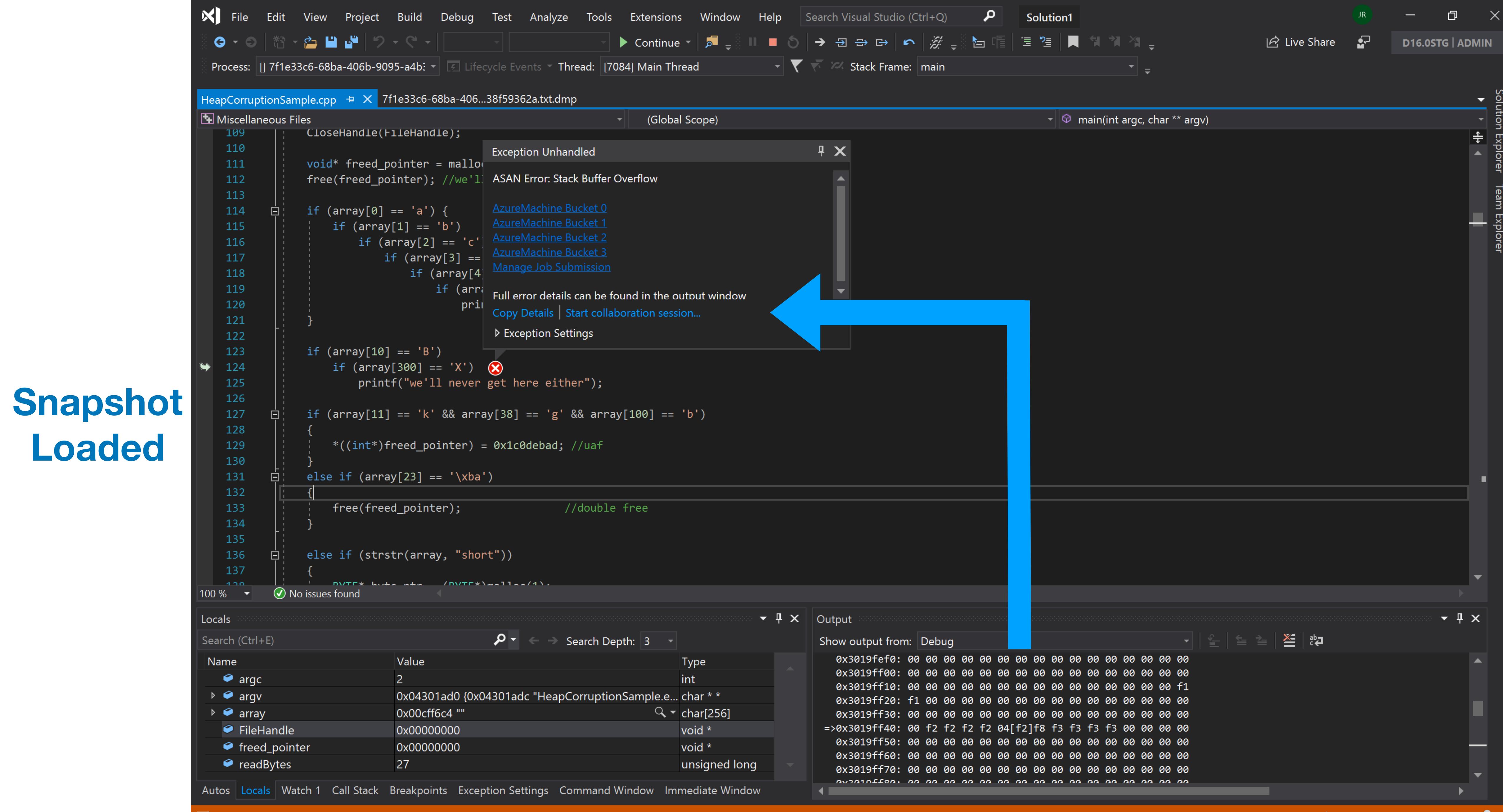
The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with the following components visible:

- Code Editor:** Displays the file 'HeapCorruptionSample.cpp' with the following code and an ASAN error message:

```
109     CloseHandle(FileHandle);
110
111     void* freed_pointer = malloc(1);
112     free(freed_pointer); //we'll never get here either
113
114     if (array[0] == 'a') {
115         if (array[1] == 'b')
116             if (array[2] == 'c')
117                 if (array[3] == 'd')
118                     if (array[4] == 'e')
119                         if (array[5] == 'f')
120                             printf("we'll never get here either");
121
122     if (array[10] == 'B')
123         if (array[30] == 'X')
124             printf("we'll never get here either");
125
126     if (array[11] == 'k' && array[38] == 'g' && array[100] == 'b')
127         *((int*)freed_pointer) = 0x1c0debad; //ufaf
128
129     else if (array[23] == '\xba')
130     {
131         free(freed_pointer); //double free
132     }
133
134     else if (strstr(array, "short"))
135     {
136         pVT* bts = (pVT*)malloc(1);
137     }
138 }
```

Exception Unhandled
ASAN Error: Stack Buffer Overflow
- Locals Window:** Shows the current variable values:

Name	Type	Value
argc	int	2
argv	char **	0x04301ad0 {0x04301adc "HeapCorruptionSample..."}
array	char[256]	0x00cff6c4 ""
FileHandle	void *	0x00000000
freed_pointer	void *	0x00000000
readBytes	unsigned long	27
- Output Window:** Shows the output of the Address Sanitizer (ASAN) tool.



Snapshot Loaded

How does it work ?

ASan is just Malware, used for Good

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
Hello World!
=====
==20932==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x12d3e28801d0 at pc 0x7ff6b4f21062 bp 0x00b85512f8b0
sp 0x0b85512f8b8
WRITE of size 4 at 0x12d3e28801d0 thread T0
==20932==WARNING: Failed to use and restart external symbolizer!
#0 0x7ff6b4f21061 in main C:\Users\Victor\Downloads\Asana\Asana.cpp:10
#1 0x7ff6b4f22d03 in __scrt_common_main_seh D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
#2 0x7ffee9a76fd3 in BaseThreadInitThunk+0x13 (C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x180016fd3)
#3 0x7ffea97cec0 in RtlUserThreadStart+0x20 (C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x18004cec0)

0x12d3e28801d0 is located 0 bytes to the right of 400-byte region [0x12d3e2880040,0x12d3e28801d0)
allocated by thread T0 here:
#0 0x7ffe889d7cf1 in _asan_loadN_noabort+0x553fb (C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Professional\VCTools\MSVC\14.27.29110\bin\HostX64\x64\clang_rt.asan_dynamic-x86_64.dll+0x180057cf1)
#1 0x7ff6b4f21037 in main C:\Users\Victor\Downloads\Asana\Asana.cpp:10
#2 0x7ff6b4f22d03 in __scrt_common_main_seh D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
#3 0x7ffee9a76fd3 in BaseThreadInitThunk+0x13 (C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x180016fd3)
#4 0x7ffea97cec0 in RtlUserThreadStart+0x20 (C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x18004cec0)

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow C:\Users\Victor\Downloads\Asana\Asana.cpp:10 in main
Shadow bytes around the buggy address:
0x05065ed8ffe0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed8fff0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90000: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90010: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90020: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x05065ed90030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90040: fa fa
0x05065ed90050: fa fa
0x05065ed90060: fa fa
0x05065ed90070: fa fa
0x05065ed90080: fa fa
Shadow byte legend (one shadow byte represents 8 application bytes):
Addressable: 00
Partially addressable: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone: fa
Freed heap region: fd
Stack left redzone: f1
Stack mid redzone: f2
Stack right redzone: f3
Stack after return: f5
Stack use after scope: f8
Global redzone: f9
Global init order: f6
Poisoned by user: f7
Container overflow: fc
Array cookie: ac
Intra object redzone: bb
ASan internal: fe
Left alloca redzone: ca
Right alloca redzone: cb
Shadow gap: cc
==20932==ABORTING

C:\Users\Victor\Downloads\Asana\x64\Release\Asana.exe (process 20932) exited with code 1.
Press any key to close this window . . .
```



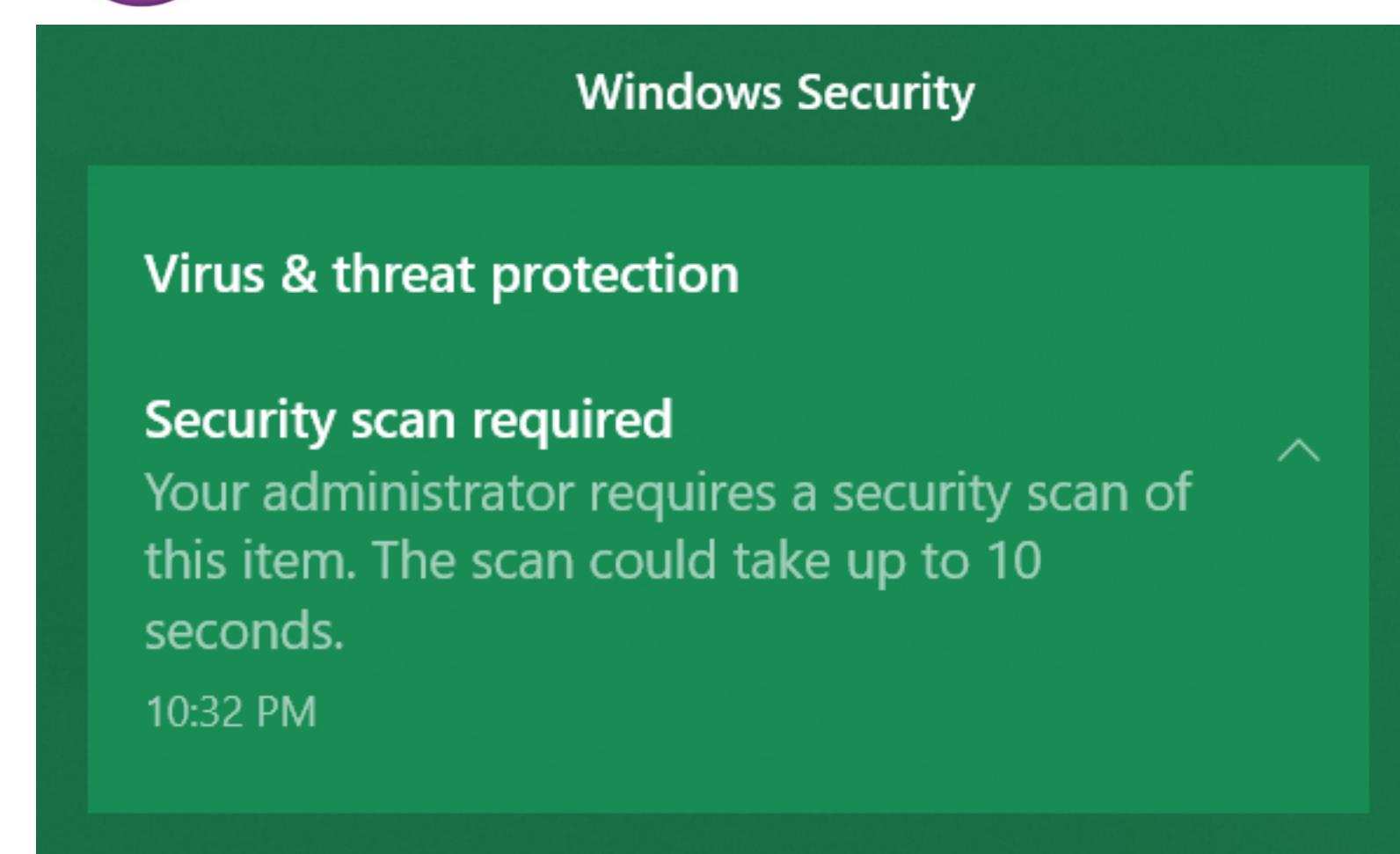
ASan is just Malware, used for Good

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
Hello World!
=====
==20932==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x12d3e28801d0 at pc 0x7ff6b4f21062 bp 0x00b85512f8b0
sp 0x0b85512f8b8
WRITE of size 4 at 0x12d3e28801d0 thread T0
==20932==WARNING: Failed to use and restart external symbolizer!
#0 0x7ff6b4f21061 in main C:\Users\Victor\Downloads\Asana\Asana.cpp:10
#1 0x7ff6b4f22d03 in __scrt_common_main_seh D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
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0x05065ed90000: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90010: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x05065ed90020: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x05065ed90030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 [fa]fa fa fa fa fa
0x05065ed90040: fa fa
0x05065ed90050: fa fa
0x05065ed90060: fa fa
0x05065ed90070: fa fa
0x05065ed90080: fa fa
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Addressable: 00
Partially addressable: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Heap left redzone: fa
Freed heap region: fd
Stack left redzone: f1
Stack mid redzone: f2
Stack right redzone: f3
Stack after return: f5
Stack use after scope: f8
Global redzone: f9
Global init order: f6
Poisoned by user: f7
Container overflow: fc
Array cookie: ac
Intra object redzone: bb
ASan internal: fe
Left alloca redzone: ca
Right alloca redzone: cb
Shadow gap: cc
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Press any key to close this window . . .
```



Address Sanitizer (ASan)

Compiler

- instrumentation code, stack layout, and calls into runtime
- meta-data in OBJ for the runtime

Sanitizer Runtime

- hooking `malloc()`, `free()`, `memset()`, etc.
- error analysis and reporting
- does not require complete recompile => great for **interop**
- **zero** false positives

ASan Report

```
--23364==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x12ac01b801d0 at
pc 0x7ff6e3a627be bp 0x0097d4b4fac0 sp 0x0097d4b4fac8
WRITE of size 4 at 0x12ac01b801d0 thread T0
#0 0x7ff6e3a627bd in main C:\Asana\Asana.cpp:10
#1 0x7ff6e3a66ce8 in invoke_main D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:78
#2 0x7ff6e3a66bcd in __scrt_common_main_seh D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
#3 0x7ff6e3a66a8d in __scrt_common_main D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:330
#4 0x7ff6e3a66d78 in mainCRTStartup D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_main.cpp:16
#5 0x7ffee9a76fd3 in BaseThreadInitThunk+0x13 (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x180016fd3)
#6 0x7ffea97cec0 in RtlUserThreadStart+0x20 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x18004cec0)
```

0x12ac01b801d0 is located 0 bytes to the right of 400-byte region [0x12ac01b80040,0x12ac01b801d0) allocated by thread T0 here:

```
#0 0x7ffe83be7e91 in _asan_loadN_noabort+0x55555 (...\\bin\\HostX64\\x64\\clang_rt.asan_dbg_dynamic-x86_64.dll+0x180057e91)
#1 0x7ff6e3a62758 in main C:\Asana\Asana.cpp:9
#2 0x7ff6e3a66ce8 in invoke_main D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:78
#3 0x7ff6e3a66bcd in __scrt_common_main_seh D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
#4 0x7ff6e3a66a8d in __scrt_common_main D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:330
#5 0x7ff6e3a66d78 in mainCRTStartup D:\agent\_work\9\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_main.cpp:16
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```

SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow C:\Asana\Asana.cpp:10 in main()

Shadow bytes around the buggy address:

```
0x04d981eeffe0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x04d981eef000: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x04d981ef0000: fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x04d981ef0010: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x04d981ef0020: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
=>0x04d981ef0030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 [fa]fa fa fa fa fa  
0x04d981ef0040: fa  
0x04d981ef0050: fa  
0x04d981ef0060: fa  
0x04d981ef0070: fa  
0x04d981ef0080: fa fa
```

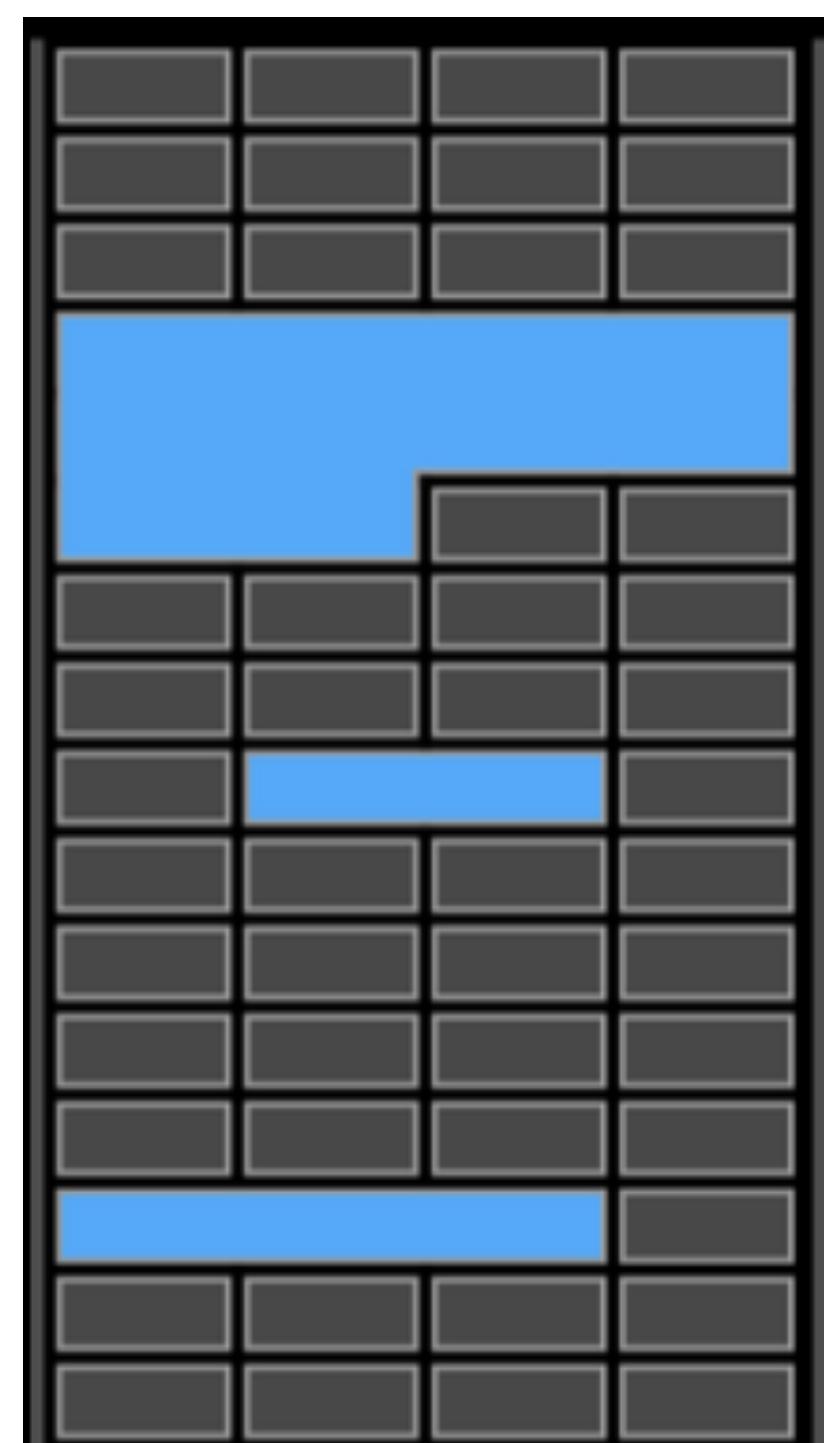
Addressable:	00	
Partially addressable:	01 02 03 04 05 06 07	(of the 8 application bytes, how many are accessible)
Heap left redzone:	fa	
Freed heap region:	fd	
Stack left redzone:	f1	
Stack mid redzone:	f2	
Stack right redzone:	f3	
Stack after return:	f5	
Stack use after scope:	f8	
Global redzone:	f9	
Global init order:	f6	
Poisoned by user:	f7	
Container overflow:	fc	
Array cookie:	ac	
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Right alloca redzone:	cb	
Shadow gap:	cc	

issues & markers

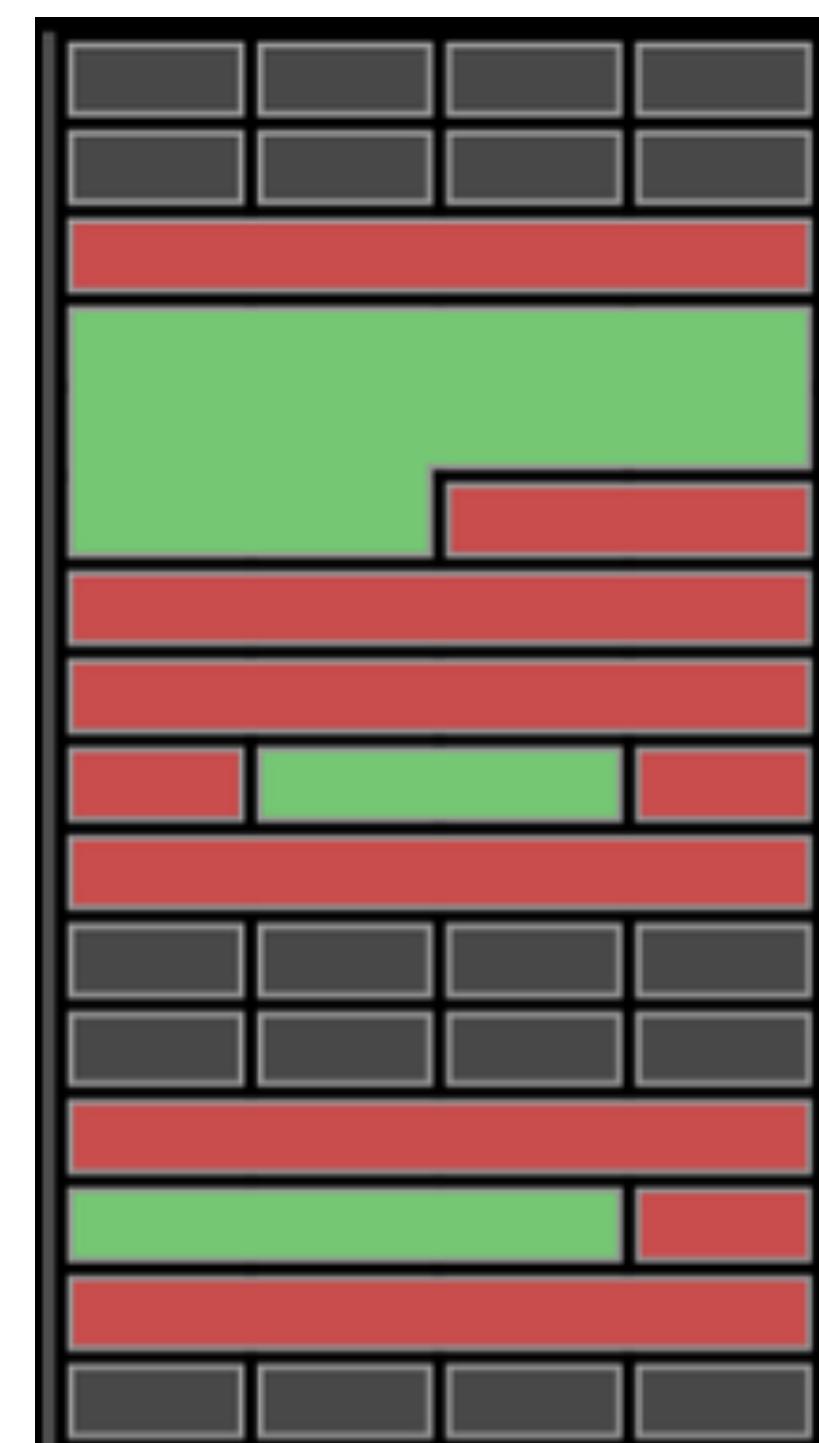
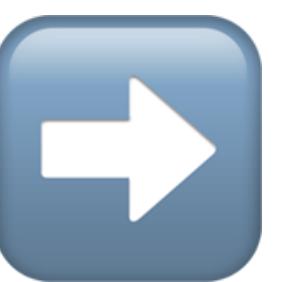
Shadow byte legend

(one shadow byte represents 8 application bytes)

Shadow Mapping



Process Memory



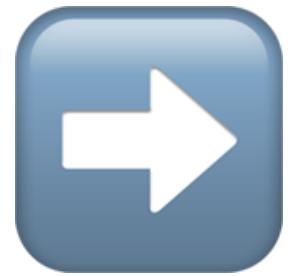
Shadow Memory

Poisoned memory

Red zones

Code Generation (simplified)

`*p = 0xbadf00d`



```
if (ShadowByte::IsBad(p))  
    AsanRt::Report(p, sz)
```

`*p = 0xbadf00d`

If the shadow byte is **poisoned**,
ASAN runtime **reports** the problem and **crashes** the application

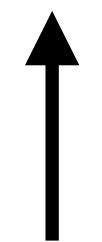
Code Generation (simplified)

Lookups into shadow memory need to be **very fast**

ASAN maintains a **lookup table** where every **8 bytes** of user memory are tracked by **1 shadow byte**

=> **1/8** of the address space (**shadow region**)

A Shadow Byte: `*((User_Address >> 3) + 0x3000000) = 0xF8;`

 Stack use after scope

Code Generation (simplified)

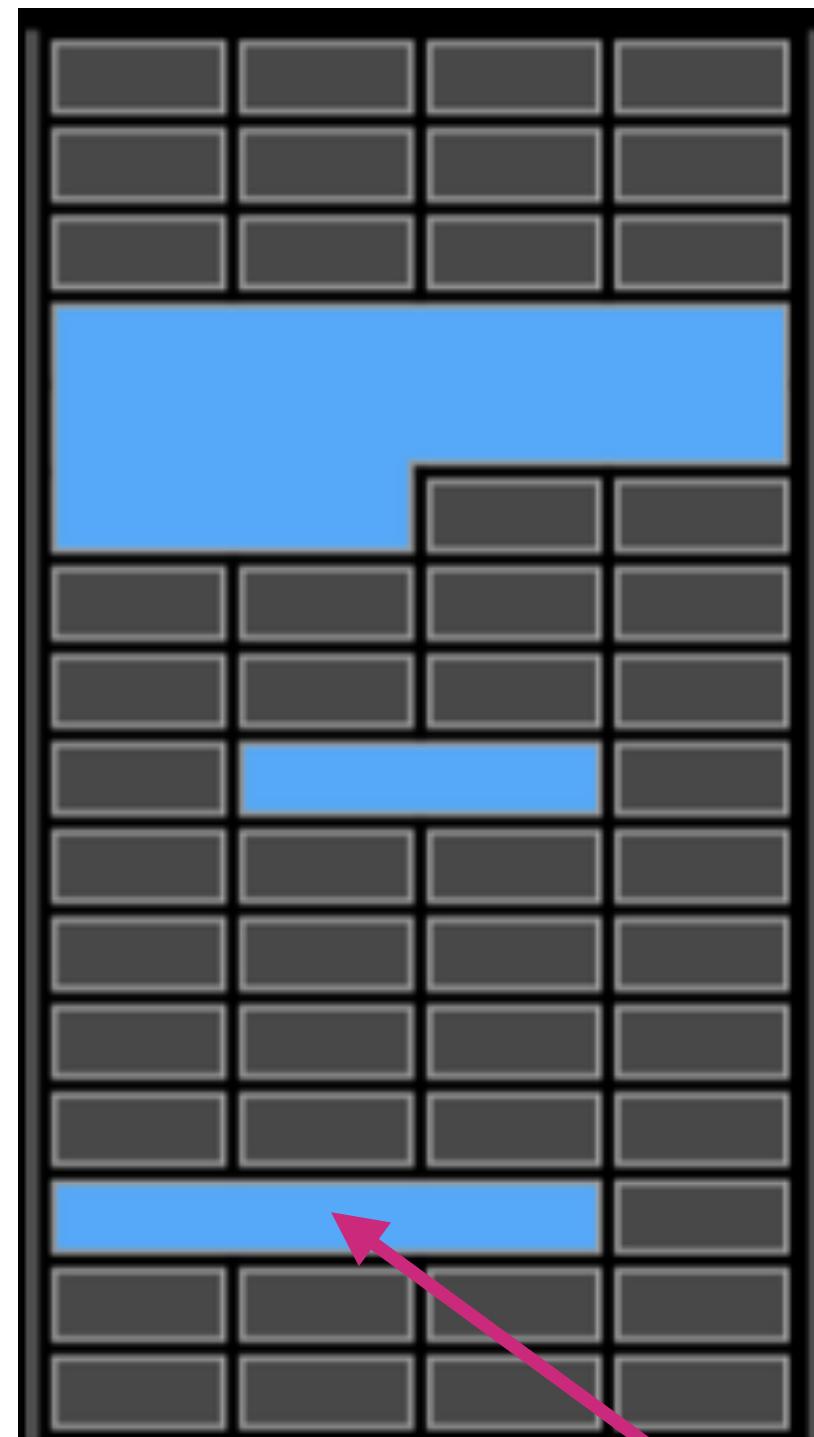
Lookups into shadow memory need to be **very fast**

```
bool ShadowByte::IsBad(Addr) // is poisoned ?  
{  
    Shadow = Addr >> 3 + Offset;  
    return (*Shadow) != 0;  
}  
  
A Shadow Byte: *( (User_Address >> 3) + 0x30000000 ) = 0xF8;
```

Location of shadow region in memory

Stack use after scope

Shadow Mapping

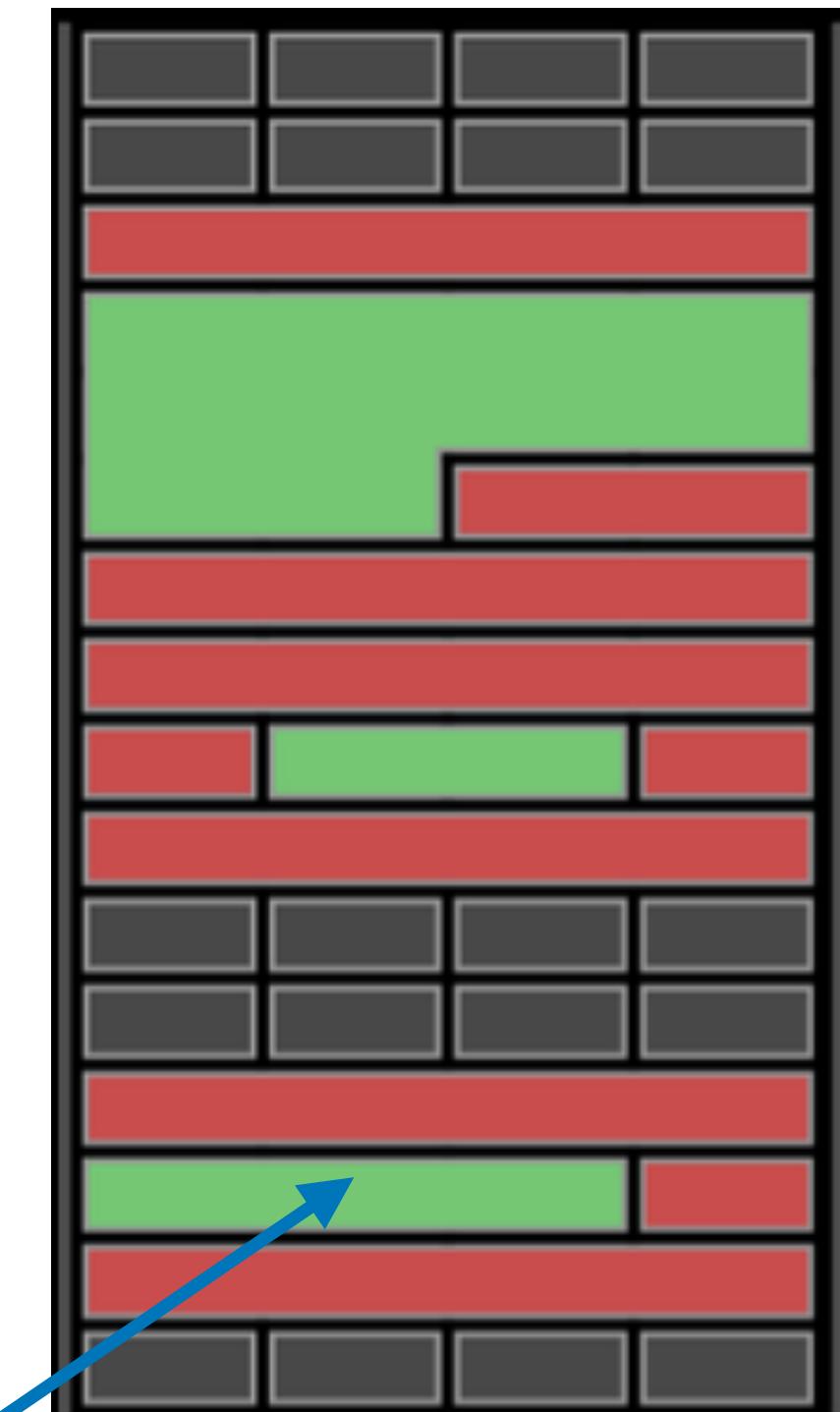


Process Memory

p

**p = 0xf00d*

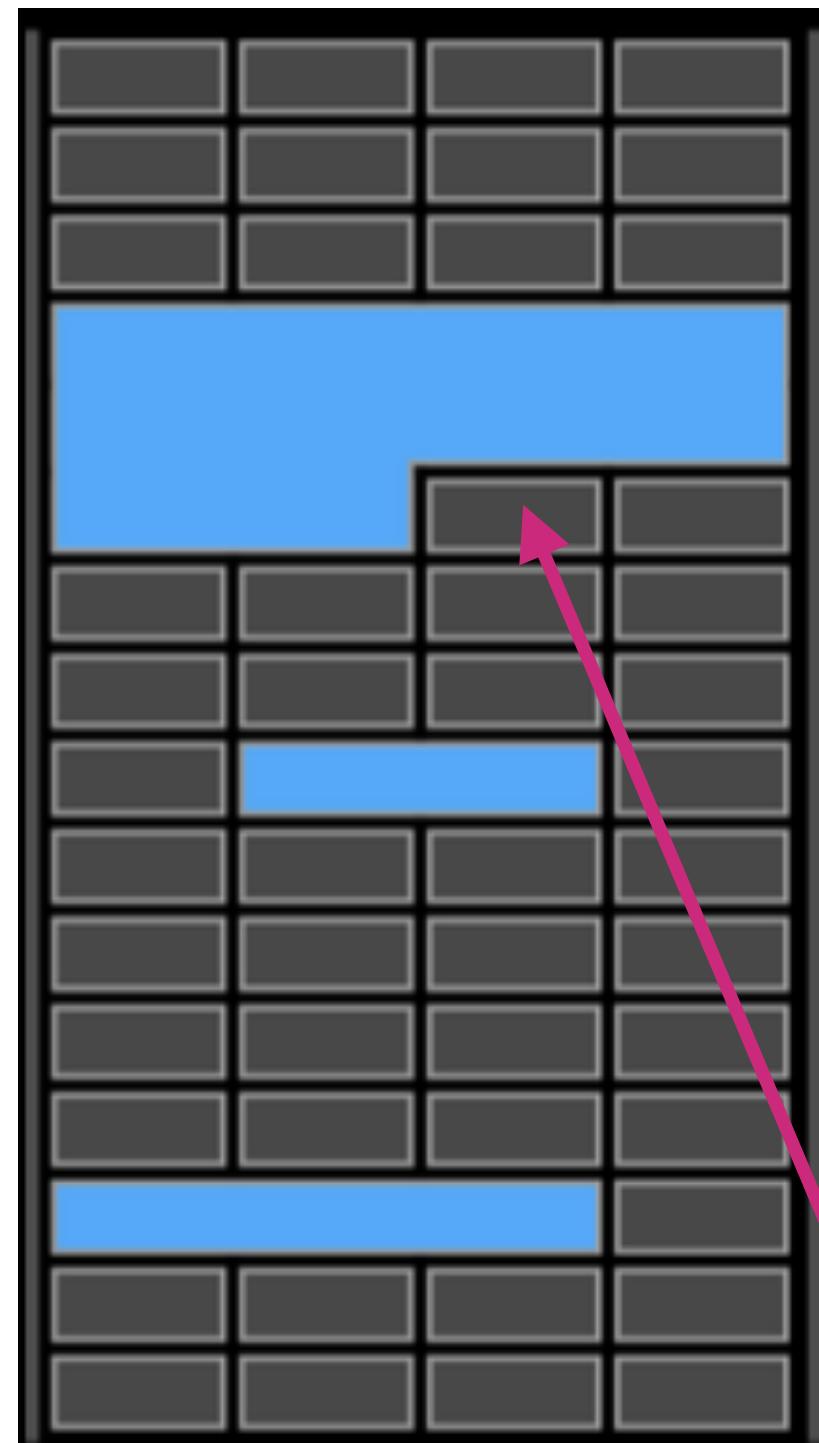
```
if (ShadowByte::IsBad(p))  
    AsanRt::Report(p, sz);
```



Shadow Memory

ShadowByte(p)

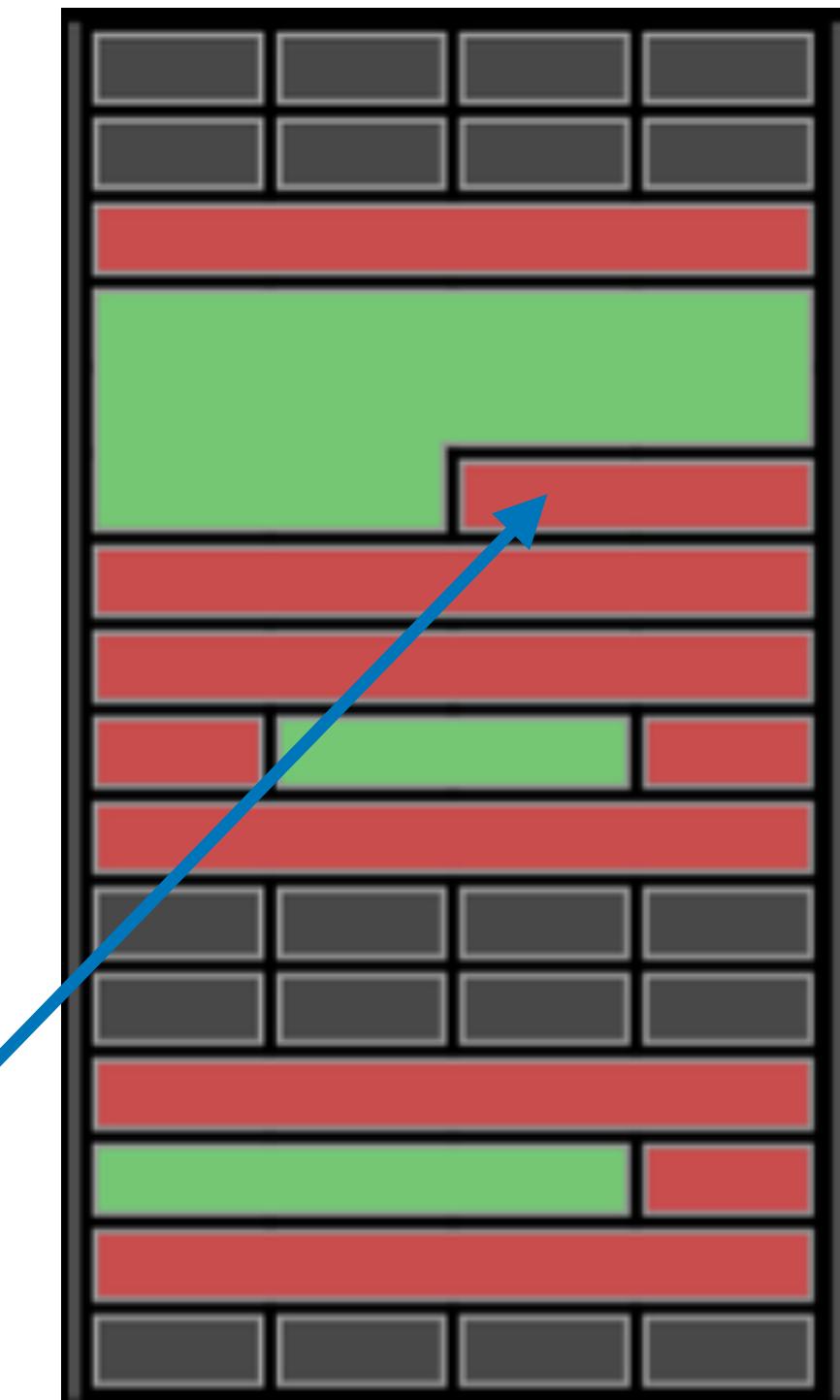
Shadow Mapping



Process Memory

`p`

```
if (ShadowByte::IsBad(p))  
    AsanRt::Report(p, sz);  
  
*p = 0xbadf00d
```



Shadow Memory

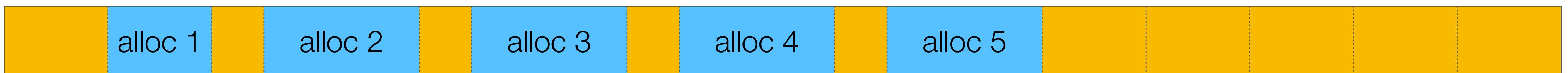
`ShadowByte(p)`

Heap Red Zones

malloc()



ASAN malloc()

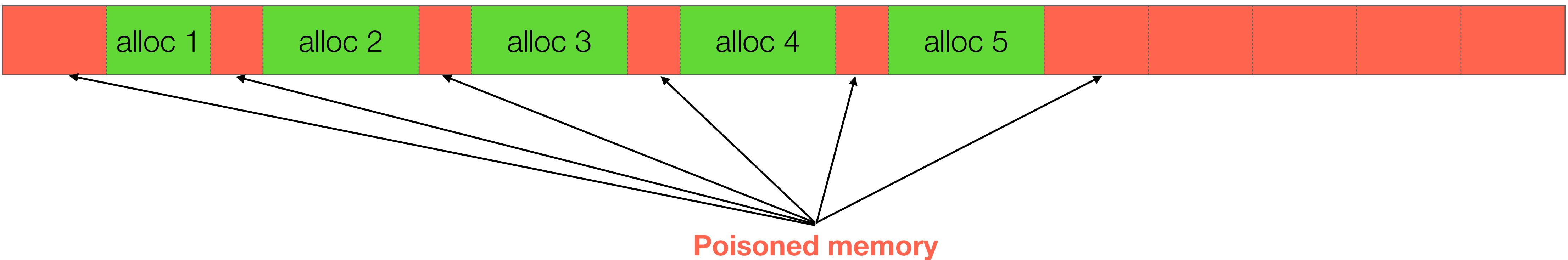


Heap Red Zones

ASAN malloc()



Shadow Memory



Heap Red Zones

ASAN malloc()



When an object is **deallocated**,
its corresponding shadow byte is **poisoned**
(delays reuse of freed memory)

Shadow Memory



Poisoned memory

Detect:

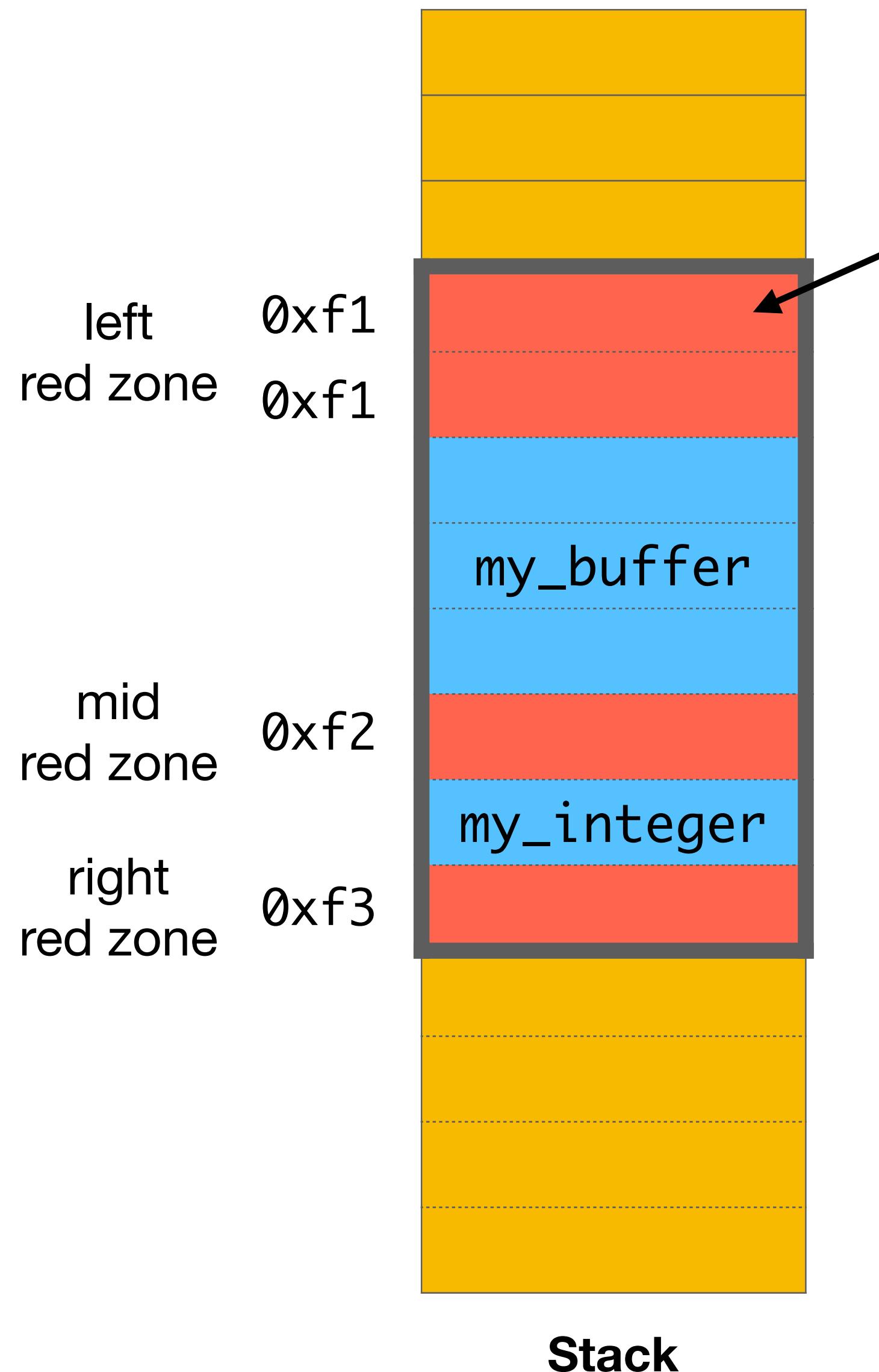
- heap underflows/overflows
- use-after-free & double free

Stack Red Zones



```
void Func()
{
    std::byte my_buffer[12];
    int my_integer = 5;
    ...
    ...
    ...
    ...
    ...
    my_buffer[12] = 0;
}
```

Stack Red Zones



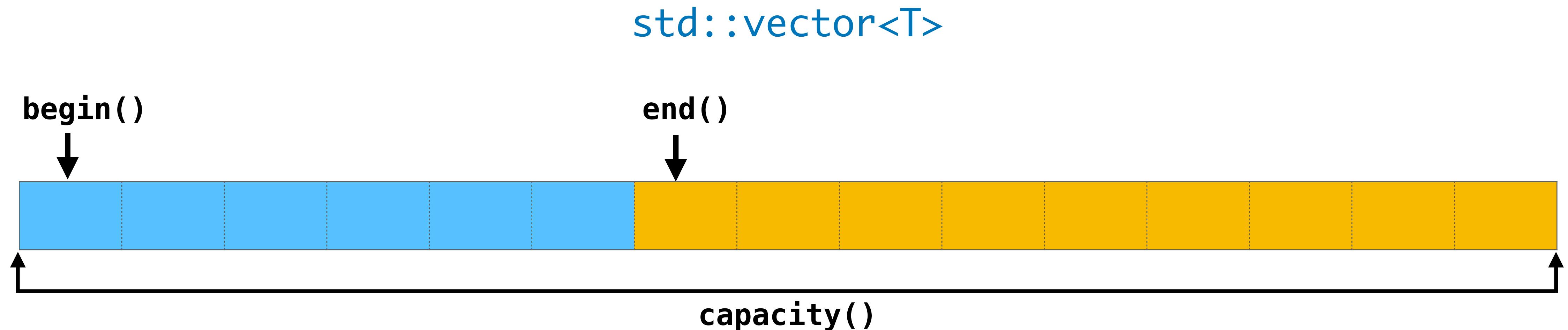
at runtime, the stack is **poisoned** when entering the function

```
void Func()
{
    std::byte my_buffer[12];
    int my_integer = 5;
    ...

    if (AsanRt::IsPoisoned(&my_buffer[12]))
        AsanRt::Report(my_buffer);
    my_buffer[12] = 0;
}
```

stack **red zones** are **un-poisoned** when exiting the function

AddressSanitizer ContainerOverflow



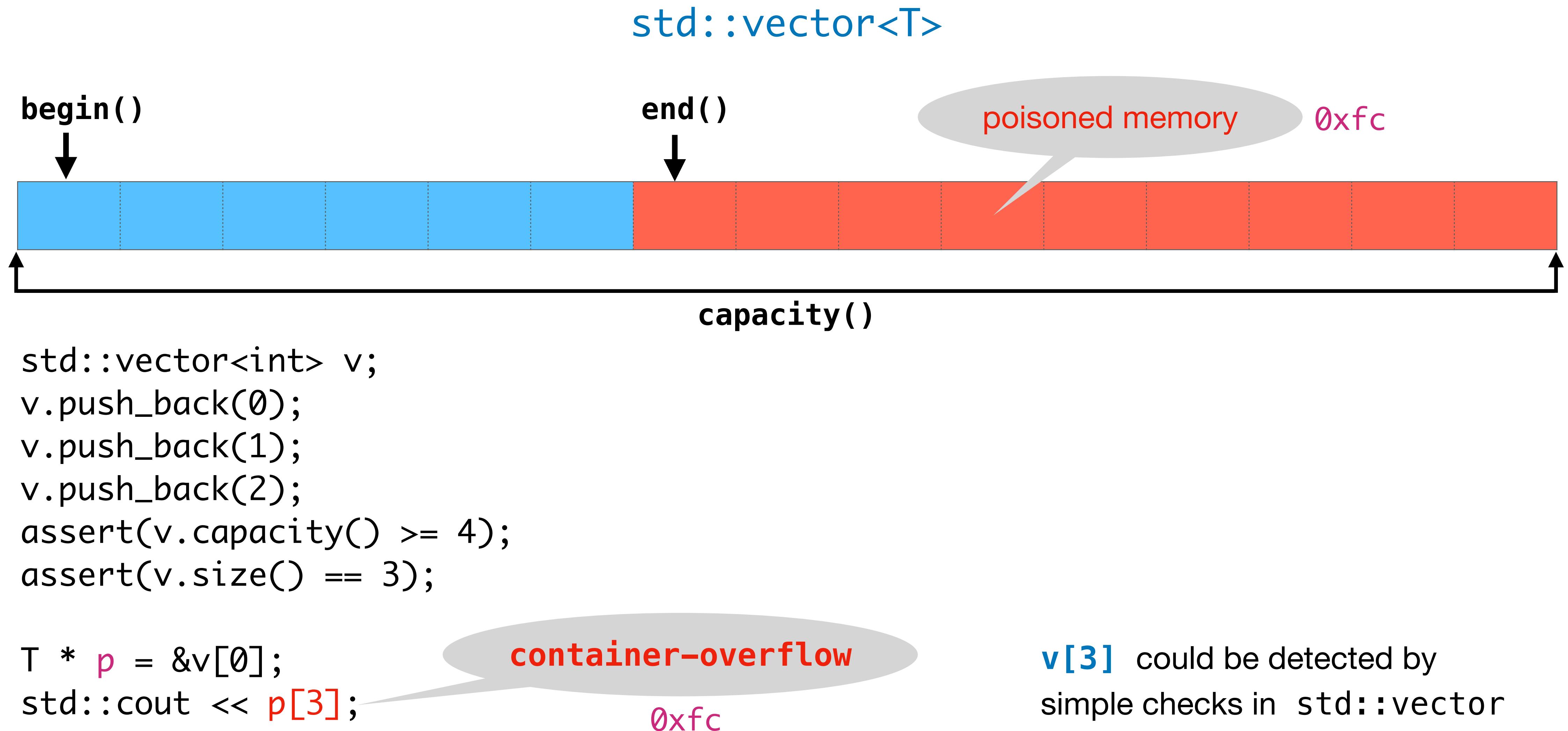
with the help of **code annotations** in `std::vector`

libc++

libstdc++

<https://github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizerContainerOverflow>

AddressSanitizer ContainerOverflow



<https://github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizerContainerOverflow>



Address Sanitizer (ASan)

Very fast instrumentation

The average slowdown of the instrumented program is $\sim 2x$

github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizerPerformanceNumbers

Problems & Gotchas

Stuff you need to know

VS 16.7-16.9

Compiling/Linking from command-line

Manual CLI compile/link can be tedious
(choosing the correct **ASan libraries** to link against)

Check here for all the details:

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/asan-for-windows-x64-and-debug-build-support/

Eg.

- **Compiling a single static EXE**
link the static runtime `asan-i386.lib` and the cxx library
- **Compiling an EXE with /MT runtime which will use ASan-instrumented DLLs**
the EXE needs to have `asan-i386.lib` linked and
the DLLs need the `clang_rt.asan_dll_thunk-i386.lib`
- **When compiling with the /MD dynamic runtime**
all EXE and DLLs with instrumentation should be linked with
`asan_dynamic-i386.lib` and `clang_rt.asan_dynamic_runtime_thunk-i386.lib`
At runtime, these libraries will refer to the
`clang_rt.asan_dynamic-i386.dll` shared ASan runtime.



`/fsanitize:address`
fixed in **v16.9**

/ZI

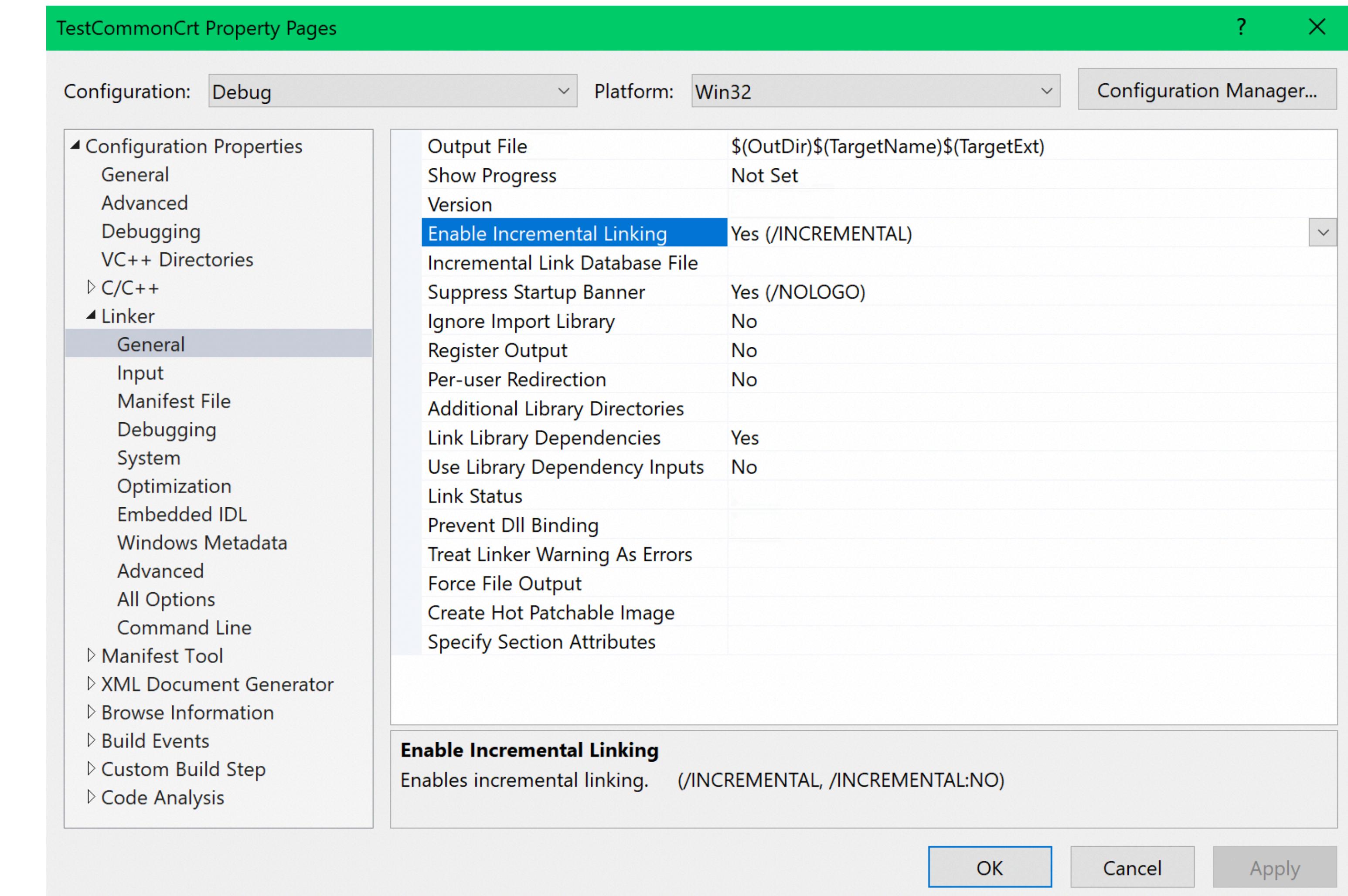
Edit and Continue (Debug)

error MSB8059:

-fsanitize=address (Enable Address Sanitizer) is incompatible with option
'edit-and-continue' debug information /ZI

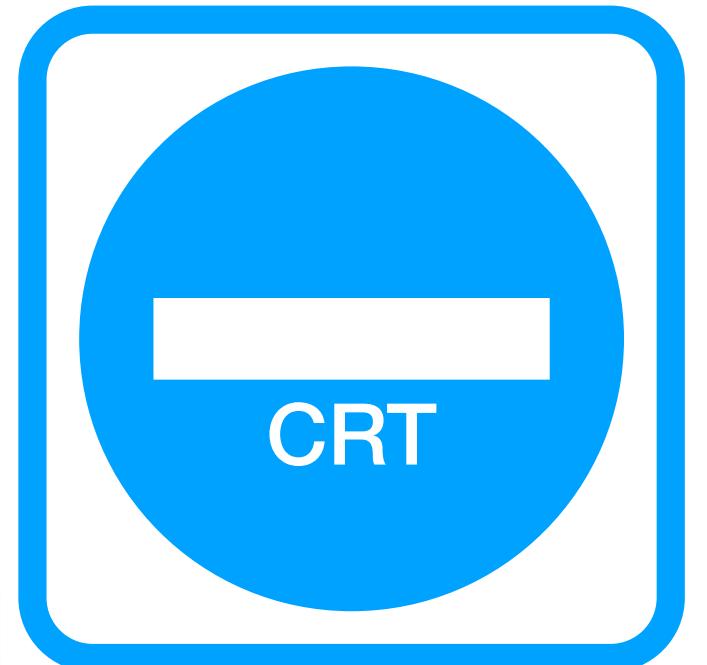
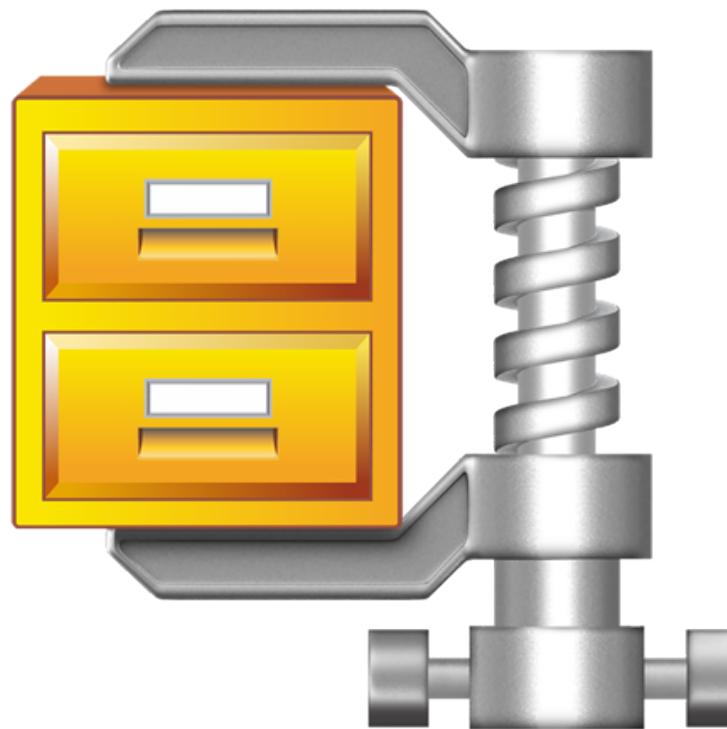
Link /INCREMENTAL

Debug builds



error MSB8059:

-fsanitize=address (Enable Address Sanitizer) is incompatible with option
'incremental linking (/INCREMENTAL)'



ASan + /NODEFAULTLIB

TestCommonCrt Property Pages

Configuration: All Configurations Platform: Win32 Configuration Manager...

Additional Dependencies **msi.lib;%(AdditionalDependencies)**
Ignore All Default Libraries Yes (/NODEFAULTLIB)

Ignore Specific Default Libraries
Module Definition File
Add Module to Assembly
Embed Managed Resource File
Force Symbol References
Delay Loaded DLLs
Assembly Link Resource

Configuration Properties

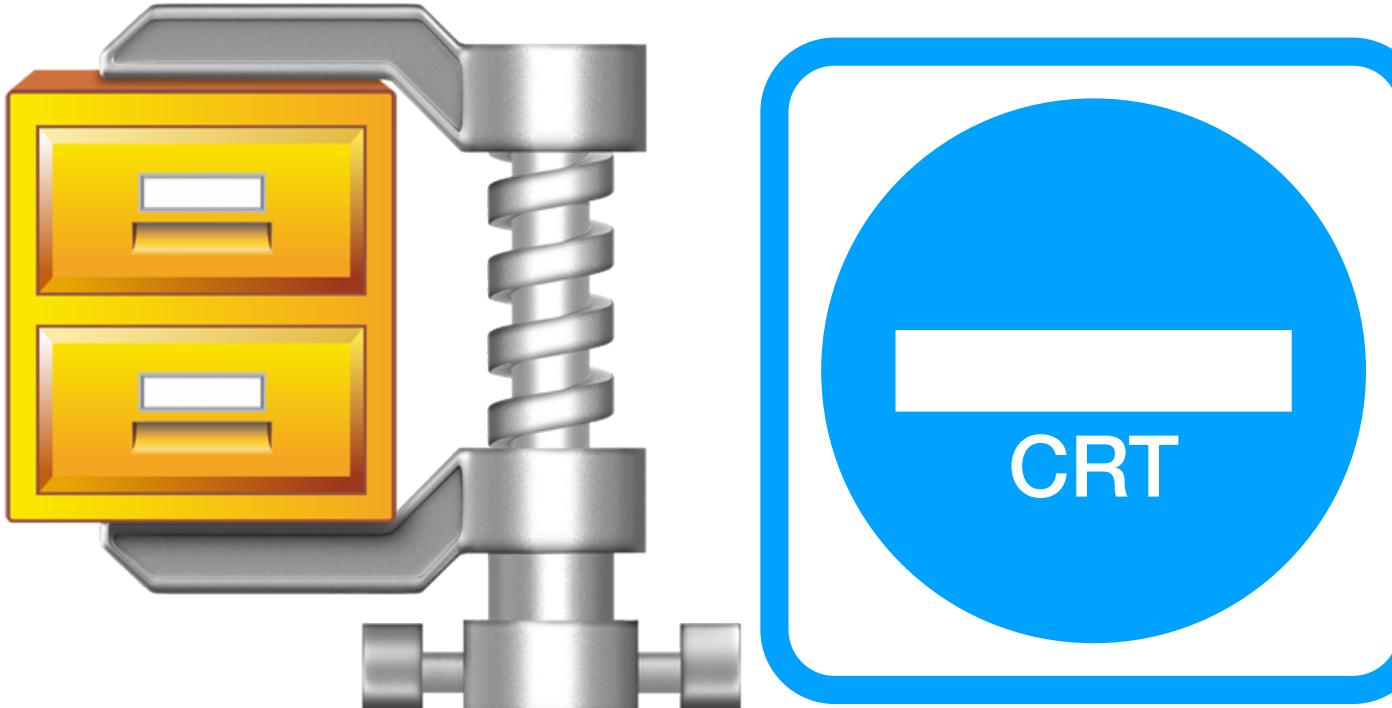
- General
- Advanced
- Debugging
- VC++ Directories
- ▷ C/C++
- Linker
 - General
 - Input**
 - Manifest File
 - Debugging
 - System
 - Optimization
 - Embedded IDL
 - Windows Metadata
 - Advanced
 - All Options
 - Command Line
- ▷ Manifest Tool
- ▷ XML Document Generator
- ▷ Browse Information
- ▷ Build Events
- ▷ Custom Build Step
- ▷ Code Analysis

Ignore All Default Libraries

The /NODEFAULTLIB option tells the linker to remove one or more default libraries from the list of libraries it searches when resolving external references.

OK Cancel Apply

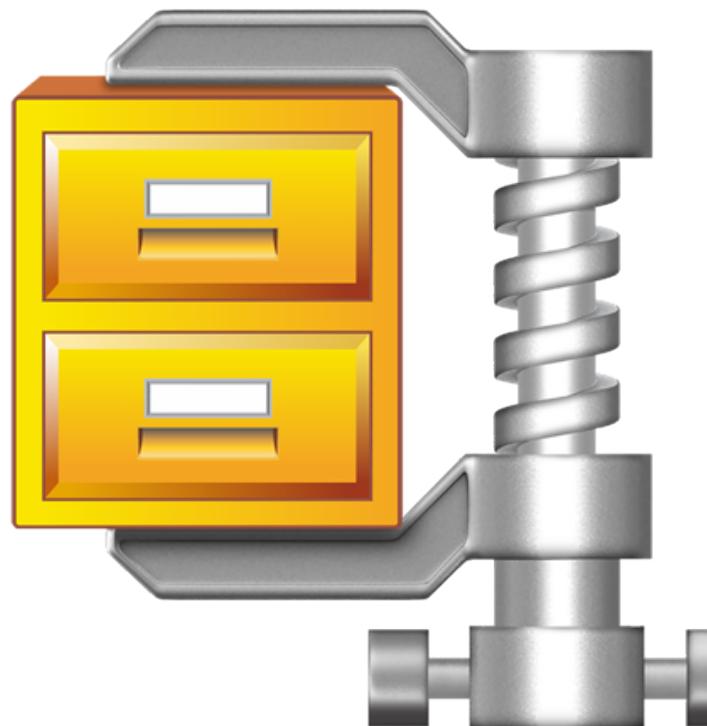
The linker will be very mad at you



ASan + /NODEFAULTLIB

The linker will be very mad at you:

ASan runtime assumes
CRT is linked



ASan + /NODEFAULTLIB

The linker will be very mad at you
if you have a custom entry point
(bypass CRT main)

TestCommonCrt Property Pages

Configuration: All Configurations Platform: Win32 Configuration Manager...

Entry Point	_MainCRTStartup
No Entry Point	No
Set Checksum	No
Base Address	
Randomized Base Address	Yes (/DYNAMICBASE)
Fixed Base Address	
Data Execution Prevention (DEP)	Yes (/NXCOMPAT)
Turn Off Assembly Generation	No
Unload delay loaded DLL	
Nobind delay loaded DLL	
Import Library	
Merge Sections	
Target Machine	MachineX86 (/MACHINE:X86)
Profile	No
CLR Thread Attribute	
CLR Image Type	Default image type
Key File	
Key Container	
Delay Sign	
CLR Unmanaged Code Check	

Entry Point
The /ENTRY option specifies an entry point function as the starting address for an .exe file or DLL.

OK Cancel Apply

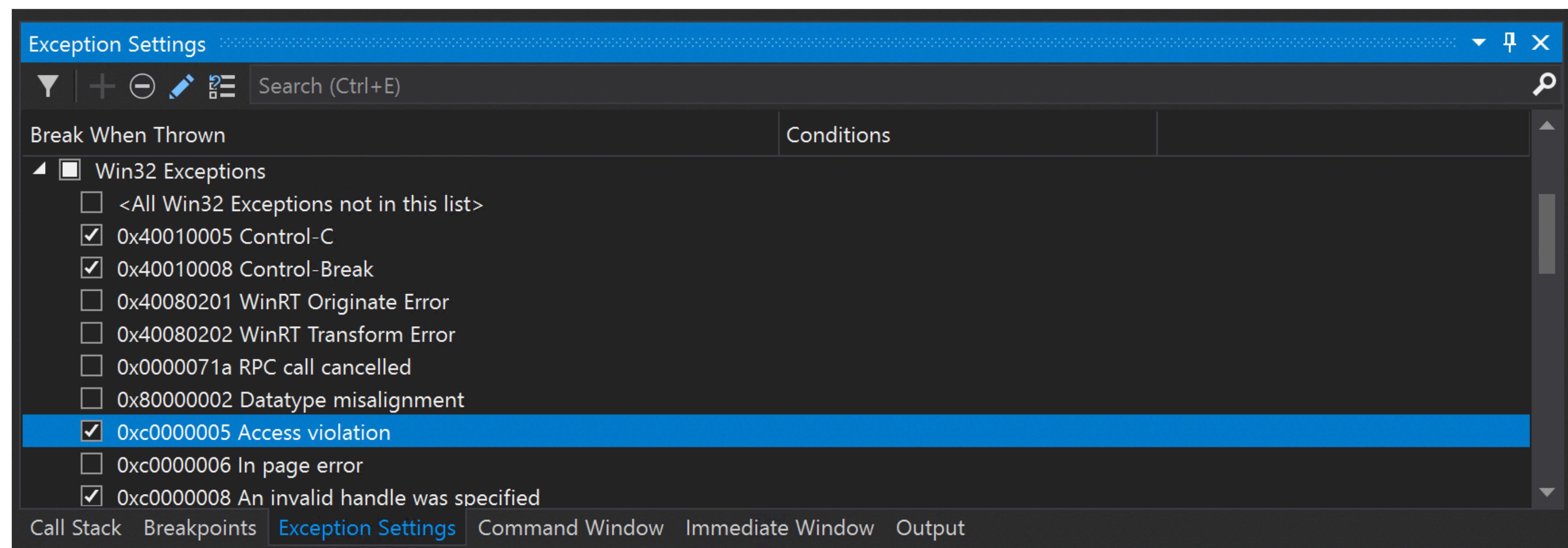
Access Violation Exceptions

Debugger may break frequently and you may see a lot of SEH **access violation** exceptions

This is normal (x64). It's how ASAN traps memory allocations to instrument its own *shadow memory*

Just tell the *Debugger* to stop breaking on this type of exception:

uncheck 



Mixing ASan & non-ASan modules

Problem:

A non-ASan built executable can NOT call `LoadLibrary()` on a DLL built with ASAN.

Reason:

ASan runtime is tracking memory and the non-ASan executable might have done something like `HeapAlloc()`

This limitation is a problem if you're building a plugin (DLL)

MSVC team is considering dealing with this issue in a later release

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/asan-for-windows-x64-and-debug-build-support/

/RTCs and /RTC1 Runtime Checks

warning C5059:

runtime checks and address sanitizer is not currently supported - disabling runtime checks

If you use `/WX` this harmless/informative warning becomes a build blocker :(

=> we had to disable `/RTCs` and `/RTC1` so we could do the ASan experiments



twitter.com/ciura_victor/status/1296499633825492992

Missing PDBs from VS

v16.7

It appears some ASan runtime PDBs were not included in the VS installer:

[Debug]
vcasand.lib(vcasan.obj) : warning LNK4099: PDB 'vcasand.pdb' was not found with 'vcasand.lib(vcasan.obj)'
linking object as if no debug info

[Release]
vcasan.lib(vcasan.obj) : warning LNK4099: PDB 'vcasan.pdb' was not found with 'vcasan.lib(vcasan.obj)'
linking object as if no debug info

Building an EXE

fixed in **v16.9**

Missing PDBs from VS

v16.7

It appears some PDBs were not included in the VS installer:

```
[Debug]  
libvcasand.lib(vcasan.obj) : warning LNK4099: PDB 'libvcasand.pdb' was not found with  
'libvcasand.lib(vcasan.obj)'
```

```
[Release]  
libvcasan.lib(vcasan.obj) : warning LNK4099: PDB 'libvcasan.pdb' was not found with  
'libvcasan.lib(vcasan.obj)'
```

Building a static LIB, linked into an EXE

fixed in **v16.9**

vcasan(d).lib

- creates **metadata** the **IDE** will parse to support error reporting in its sub-panes
- metadata is stored in **.dmp** files produced when a program is terminated by ASan

IDE integration for ASan-reported **exceptions** now handles the complete collection of reportable ASan exceptions

Linker Trouble?

Building a static LIB, linked into an EXE

[Debug | x64]

```
>libucrtd.lib(debug_heap.obj) : warning LNK4006: _calloc_dbg already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-x86_64.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored  
>libucrtd.lib(debug_heap.obj) : warning LNK4006: _expand_dbg already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-x86_64.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored  
>libucrtd.lib(debug_heap.obj) : warning LNK4006: _free_dbg already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-x86_64.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored  
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>libucrtd.lib(expand.obj)    : warning LNK4006: _expand already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-x86_64.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored
```

[Debug | x86]

```
>libucrtd.lib(debug_heap.obj) : warning LNK4006: __calloc_dbg already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-i386.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored  
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>libucrtd.lib(expand.obj)    : warning LNK4006: __expand already defined in clang_rt.asan_dbg-i386.lib(asan_malloc_win.cc.obj); second definition ignored
```



+ ASan

```
>uafxcw.lib(afxmem.obj) : error LNK2005: "void * __cdecl operator new(unsigned int)" (??2@YAPAXI@Z) already defined in clang_rt.asan_cxx-i386.lib(asan_new_delete.cc.obj)
```

```
>uafxcw.lib(afxmem.obj) : error LNK2005: "void __cdecl operator delete(void *)" (??3@YAXPAX@Z) already defined in clang_rt.asan_cxx-i386.lib(asan_new_delete.cc.obj)
```

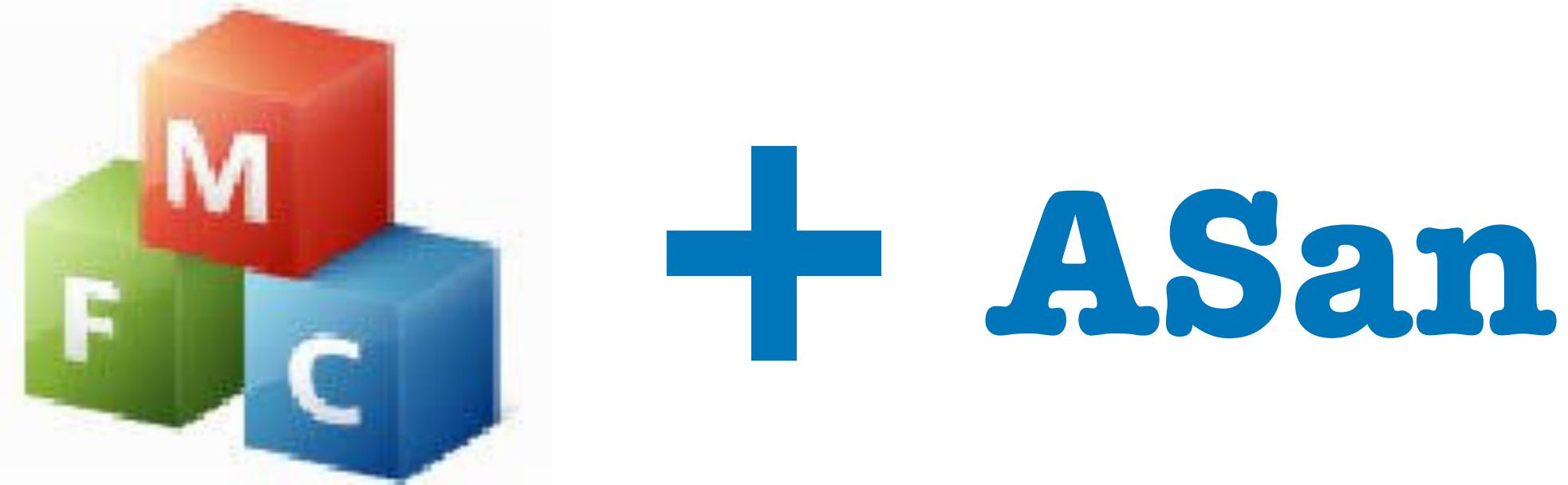
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```

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```



if you link statically to MFC lib

developercommunity.visualstudio.com/content/problem/1144525/mfc-application-fails-to-link-with-address-sanitizer.html



In general, if you have **overrides** for:

```
void* operator new(size_t size);
```

Workarounds:

- set **/FORCE:MULTIPLE** in the linker command line (settings)
- temporarily set your MFC application to link to **shared** MFC DLLs for testing with ASan

ASAN Finds bugs

Really !

AddressSanitizer: **heap-buffer-overflow** on address 0x0a2301b4 pc 0x005b7a35 bp 0x011df078 sp 0x011df06c
READ of size 5 at 0x0a2301b4 thread T0

```
#0 0x5b7a4d in __asan_wrap_strlen crt\asan\llvm\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer_common\sanitizer_common_interceptors.inc:365
#1 0x278eeb in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::StringLength MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:726
#2 0x278a35 in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::SetString MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:602
#3 0x274d69 in ATL::CSimpleStringT<char,0>::operator= MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\atlsimpstr.h:314
#4 0x274d99 in ATL::CStringT<char,ATL::StrTraitATL<char,ATL::ChTraitsCRT<char>>>::operator=
MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\cstringt.h:1315
#5 0x27469c in ATL::CStringT<char,ATL::StrTraitATL<char,ATL::ChTraitsCRT<char>>>::CStringT
MSVC\14.28.29333\atlmfc\include\cstringt.h:1115
#6 0x27641a in SerValUtil::DecryptString C:\JobAI\advinst\msicomp\serval\SerValUtil.cpp:85
#7 0x3e1660 in TestSerVal C:\JobAI\testunits\serval\SerValTests.cpp:60
#8 0x5880e5 in FunctionTest::Run C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:71
#9 0x5889b1 in Tester::RunTest C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:186
#10 0x586ddb in Tester::ExecuteCommandLine C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:558
#11 0x5798d1 in main C:\JobAI\testunits\comps\TestComponents.cpp:2236
```

0x0a2301b4 is located 0 bytes to the right of 4-byte region [0x0a2301b0,0x0a2301b4)
allocated by thread T0

Fun with ATL::CString

```
ATL::CSimpleArray<BYTE> decrypted;
X::DecryptString(encrypted, decrypted);

ATL::CStringA decryptedStr(&decrypted[0]);
decryptedStr.ReleaseBufferSetLength(decrypted.GetSize());
```

Fun with ATL::CString

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ATL::CSimpleArray<BYTE> decrypted;
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```

Fun with ATL::CString

Somewhere inside

```
ATL::CString::ReleaseBufferSetLength(int nLength)
{
    GetData()->nDataLength = nLength;
    m_pszData[nLength] = 0;
    ...
}
```

Fun with ATL::CString

Classic story: null-terminated string.

Array of chars to **string** class - **size** has a different meaning, because of the ending \0

Easy fix

```
ATL::CSimpleArray<BYTE> decrypted;  
X::DecryptString(encrypted, decrypted);  
  
ATL::CStringA decryptedStr(decrypted.GetData(), decrypted.GetSize());
```

It's actually more efficient, too.

AddressSanitizer: **stack-buffer-overflow** on address 0x00b3f766 at pc 0x00181b07 bp 0x00b3f6bc sp 0x00b3f6b0
WRITE of size 2 at 0x00b3f766 thread T0

```
#0 0x181b06 in CommonCrt::ItoaT<wchar_t> C:\JobAI\platform\util\CommonCrt.h:402
#1 0x183e02 in CommonCrt::Itoa C:\JobAI\platform\util\CommonCrt.cpp:119
#2 0x190696 in TestCommonCrtItoa C:\JobAI\testunits\common_crt\CommonCrtTests.cpp:93
#3 0x194821 in Tester::RunTest<int (__cdecl*)(void)> C:\JobAI\testunits\common_crt\tester\Tester.h:55
#4 0x194b65 in main C:\JobAI\testunits\common_crt\main.cpp:22
#5 0x1cc142 in invoke_main crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:78
#6 0x1cc046 in __scrt_common_main_seh crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:288
#7 0x1cbeec in __scrt_common_main crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:330
#8 0x1cc1a7 in mainCRTStartup crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_main.cpp:16
#9 0x7645fa28 in BaseThreadInitThunk+0x18 (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x6b81fa28)
#10 0x773e76b3 in RtlGetAppContainerNamedObjectPath+0xe3 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2e76b3)
#11 0x773e7683 in RtlGetAppContainerNamedObjectPath+0xb3 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2e7683)
```

Address 0x00b3f766 is located in stack of thread T0 at offset 30 in frame
#0 0x1905ef in TestCommonCrtItoa C:\JobAI\testunits\common_crt\CommonCrtTests.cpp:84

This frame has 2 object(s):

```
[16, 30) 'result1' <== Memory access at offset 30 overflows this variable
[32, 46) 'result2' <== Memory access at offset 30 underflows this variable
```

Naive Test Unit

```
const LONG      kNumber1 = 21474835;
TCHAR          result1[kMaxSize];
const TCHAR *  compare1 = L"21474835";
const LONG      kNumber2 = -2100;
TCHAR          result2[kMaxSize];
const TCHAR *  compare2 = L"-2100";

CommonCrt::Itoa(kNumber1, result1);

ASSERT_EQ(CompareStrings(result1, compare1));
...
```

Naive Test Unit

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const LONG      kNumber1 = 21474835;
TCHAR          result1[kMaxSize];
const TCHAR *  compare1 = L"21474835";
const LONG      kNumber2 = -2100;
TCHAR          result2[kMaxSize];
const TCHAR *  compare2 = L"-2100";

CommonCrt::Itoa(kNumber1, result1);

ASSERT_EQ(CompareStrings(result1, compare1));
...
```

AddressSanitizer: **stack-buffer-overflow** on address 0x00843b3ae544 at pc 0x7ff6da711d86 bp 0x00843b3ae180
sp 0x00843b3ae188
READ of size 1 at 0x00843b3ae544 thread T0

```
#0 0x7ff6da711d85 in std::_Char_traits<unsigned char, long>::length MSVC\14.28.29333\include\xstring:143
#1 0x7ff6da711667 in std::basic_string<unsigned char, std::char_traits<unsigned char>, std::allocator<unsigned char> >::assign
MSVC\14.28.29333\include\xstring:3062
#2 0x7ff6da70af94 in std::basic_string<unsigned char...> MSVC\14.28.29333\include\xstring:2417
#3 0x7ff6da70c163 in TestStringUtilAsciiToUnicode C:\JobAI\testunits\strings\StringEncodingTests.cpp:26
#4 0x7ff6da98db80 in FunctionTest::Run C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:71
#5 0x7ff6da98fb05 in Tester::RunTest C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:186
#6 0x7ff6da98b3b4 in Tester::ExecuteCommandLine C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:558
#7 0x7ff6da97b59e in main C:\JobAI\testunits\comps\TestComponents.cpp:2236
#8 0x7ff6dac2a8d8 in invoke_main d:\agent\_work\63\s\src\vctools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:78
```

Address 0x00843b3ae544 is located in stack of thread T0 at offset 564 in frame

```
#0 0x7ff6da70badf in TestStringUtilAsciiToUnicode C:\JobAI\testunits\strings\StringEncodingTests.cpp:14
```

This frame has 12 object(s):

```
[32, 72) 'result1'
[48, 88) 'kTextString1'
[64, 104) 'result2'
[80, 120) 'kTextString3'
[96, 136) 'result3'
[112, 152) 'compiler temporary'
[128, 144) 'compiler temporary'
[144, 160) 'compiler temporary'
[160, 164) 'uChars'
[176, 177) 'compiler temporary'
[192, 216) 'compiler temporary'
[208, 232) 'compiler temporary' <== Memory access at offset 564 overflows this variable
```

Naive Test Unit

```
unsigned char uChars[] = { 0x41, 0x42, 0x43, 0x44 };
const basic_string<unsigned char> kTextString3(uChars);
wstring result3 = wstring(kTextString3.begin(), kTextString3.end());
if (StringUtil::AsciiToUnicode(kTextString3) ≠ result3)
    return -1;
```

Naive Test Unit

```
unsigned char uChars[] = { 0x41, 0x42, 0x43, 0x44 };
const basic_string<unsigned char> kTextString3(uChars);
wstring result;
if (StringUtil::AsciiToUnicode(kTextString3, result))
    return -1;
return 0;
```

(local variable) const std::basic_string<unsigned char> kTextString3
Search Online
C6054: String 'uChars' might not be zero-terminated.

Naive Test Unit

```
unsigned char uChars[] = { 0x41, 0x42, 0x43, 0x44 };
const basic_string<unsigned char> kTextString3(uChars);
wstring result;
if (StringUtil::AsciiToUnicode(kTextString3, result))
    return -1;
return 0;
```

(local variable) const std::basic_string<unsigned char> kTextString3
Search Online
C6054: String 'uChars' might not be zero-terminated.

It's worth paying attention to your squiggles !

VS analyzer does a pretty good job keeping you safe.

AddressSanitizer: **global-buffer-overflow** on address 0x00c158ca at pc 0x00838b91 bp 0x016fef98 sp 0x016fef8c

READ of size 2 at 0x00c158ca thread T0

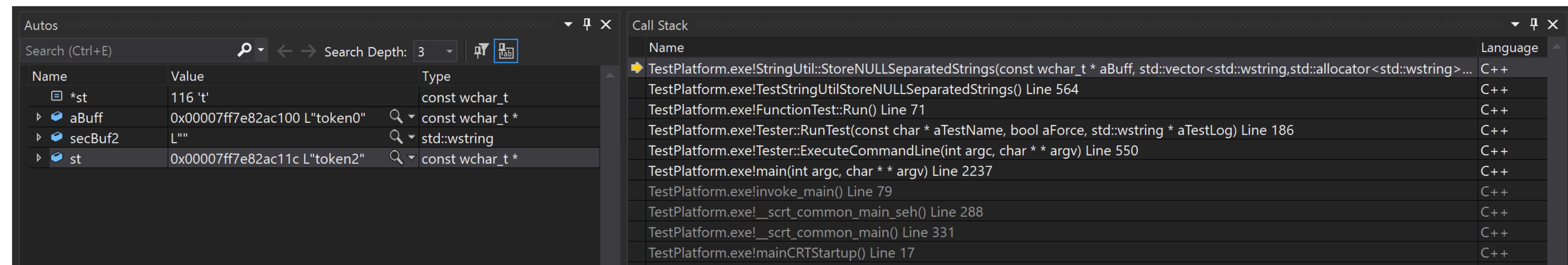
```
#0 0x838b90 in StringUtil::StoreNULLSeparatedStrings C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:430
#1 0x67edfb in TestStringUtilStoreNULLSeparatedStrings C:\JobAI\testunits\strings\StringProcessingTests.cpp:563
#2 0x7e8035 in FunctionTest::Run C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:71
#3 0x7e8901 in Tester::RunTest C:\JobAI\testunits\Tester.cpp:186
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#6 0x9d92f2 in invoke_main crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:78
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#8 0x9d909c in __scrt_common_main crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:330
#9 0x9d9357 in mainCRTStartup crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_main.cpp:16
```

0x00c158ca is located 0 bytes to the right of global variable '**<C++ string literal>**' defined in 'StringProcessingTests.cpp:561:9' (0xc158a0) of size 42

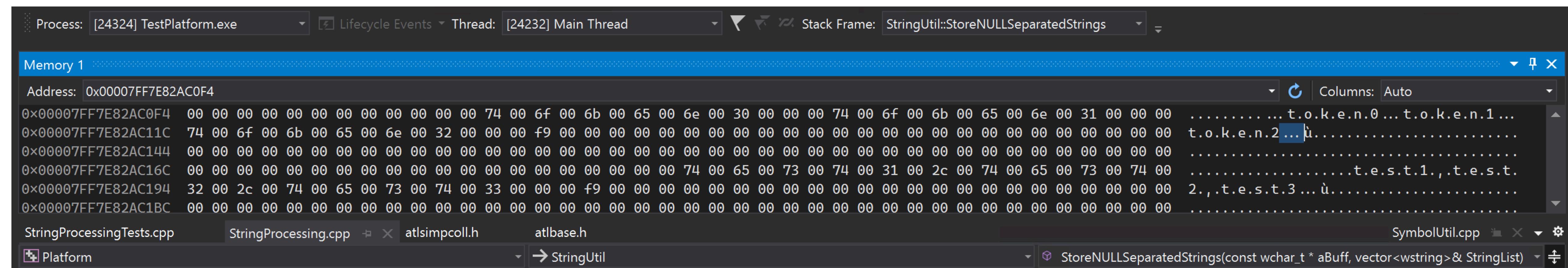
SUMMARY:

AddressSanitizer: global-buffer-overflow StringProcessing.cpp:430 in StringUtil::StoreNULLSeparatedStrings

Use the full power of your Debugger



Use the full power of your Debugger



Excessive Test Unit

```
...
buff = L"token0\0token1\0token2\0";

list.clear();
StringUtil::StoreNULLSeparatedStrings(buff, list);

if (list.size() != 3)
    return -1;
if (list[2] != L"token2")
    return -1;

...
```

Excessive Test Unit

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buff = L"token0\0token1\0token2\0";

list.clear();
StringUtil::StoreNULLSeparatedStrings(buff, list);

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    return -1;
if (list[2] != L"token2")
    return -1;

...
```

Excessive Test Unit

```
/**  
 * Creates a vector with strings that are separated by \0  
 * aBuff - buffer containing NULL separated strings  
 * aLen - the length of buffer  
 * aSection - vector that contains the strings from aBuff  
 */  
void StoreNULLSeparatedStrings(const wchar_t * aBuff, DWORD aLen,  
                               vector<wstring> & aStringList);  
  
/**  
 * Creates a vector with strings that are separated by \0 and end with \0\0  
 * aBuff - buffer containing NULL separated strings  
 * aSection - vector that contains the strings from aBuff  
 */  
void StoreNULLSeparatedStrings(const wchar_t * aBuff, vector<wstring> & aStringList);
```

Excessive Test Unit

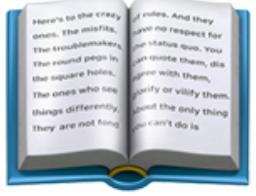
```
/**  
 * Creates a vector with strings that are separated by \0  
 * aBuff - buffer containing NULL separated strings  
 * aLen - the length of buffer  
 * aSection - vector that contains the strings from aBuff  
 */  
void StoreNULLSeparatedStrings(const wchar_t * aBuff, DWORD aLen,  
                               vector<wstring> & aStringList);  
  
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```

OUT OF CONTRACT CALL

Just enough to wet your appetite

Go explore on your own...





Explore Further

AddressSanitizer (ASan) for Windows with MSVC

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/addresssanitizer-asan-for-windows-with-msvc/

AddressSanitizer for Windows: x64 and Debug Build Support

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/asan-for-windows-x64-and-debug-build-support/

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Part III

Warm Fuzzy Feelings

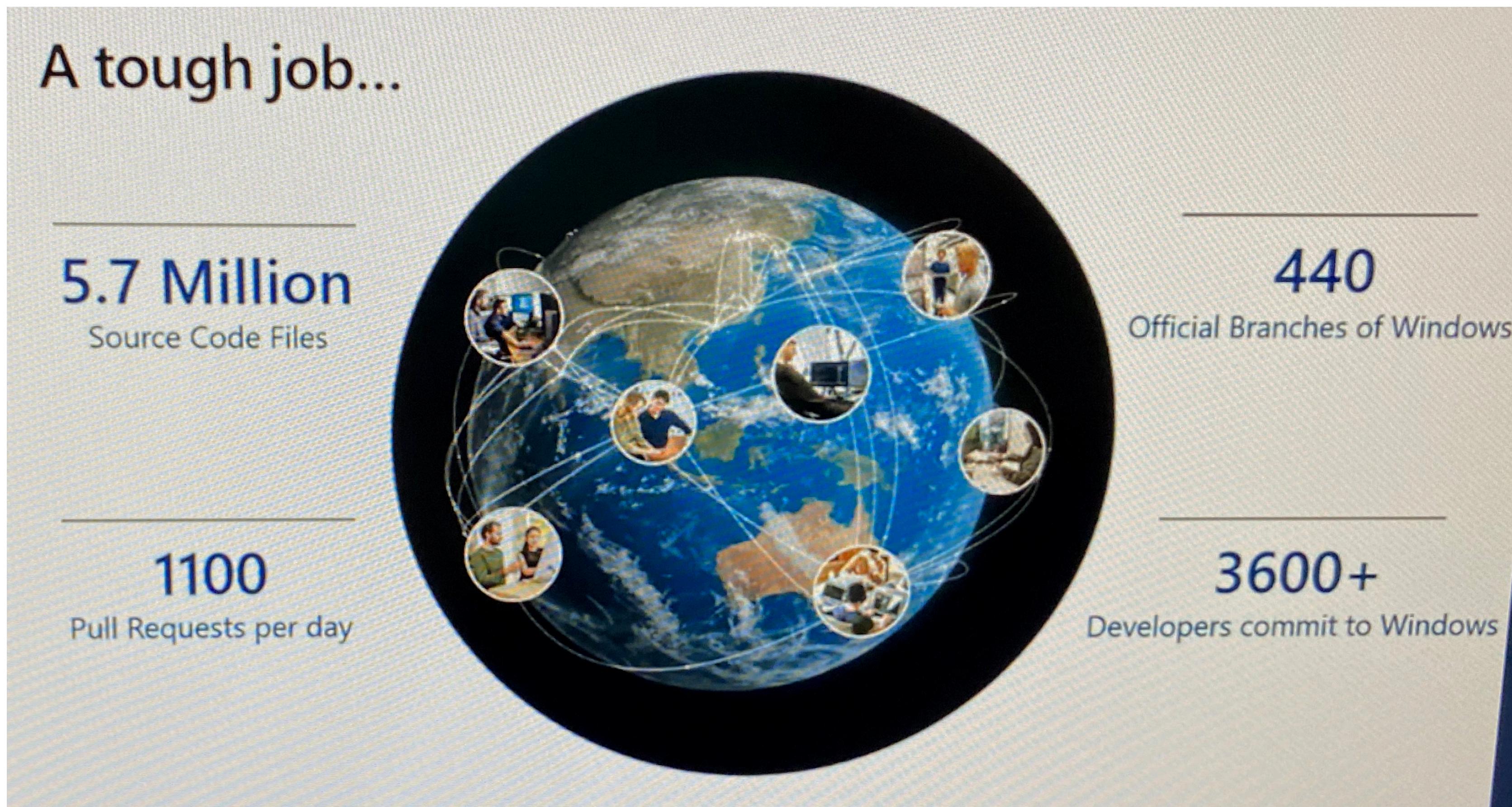
Sanitizers + Fuzzing



Automatically generate inputs to your program to crash it.

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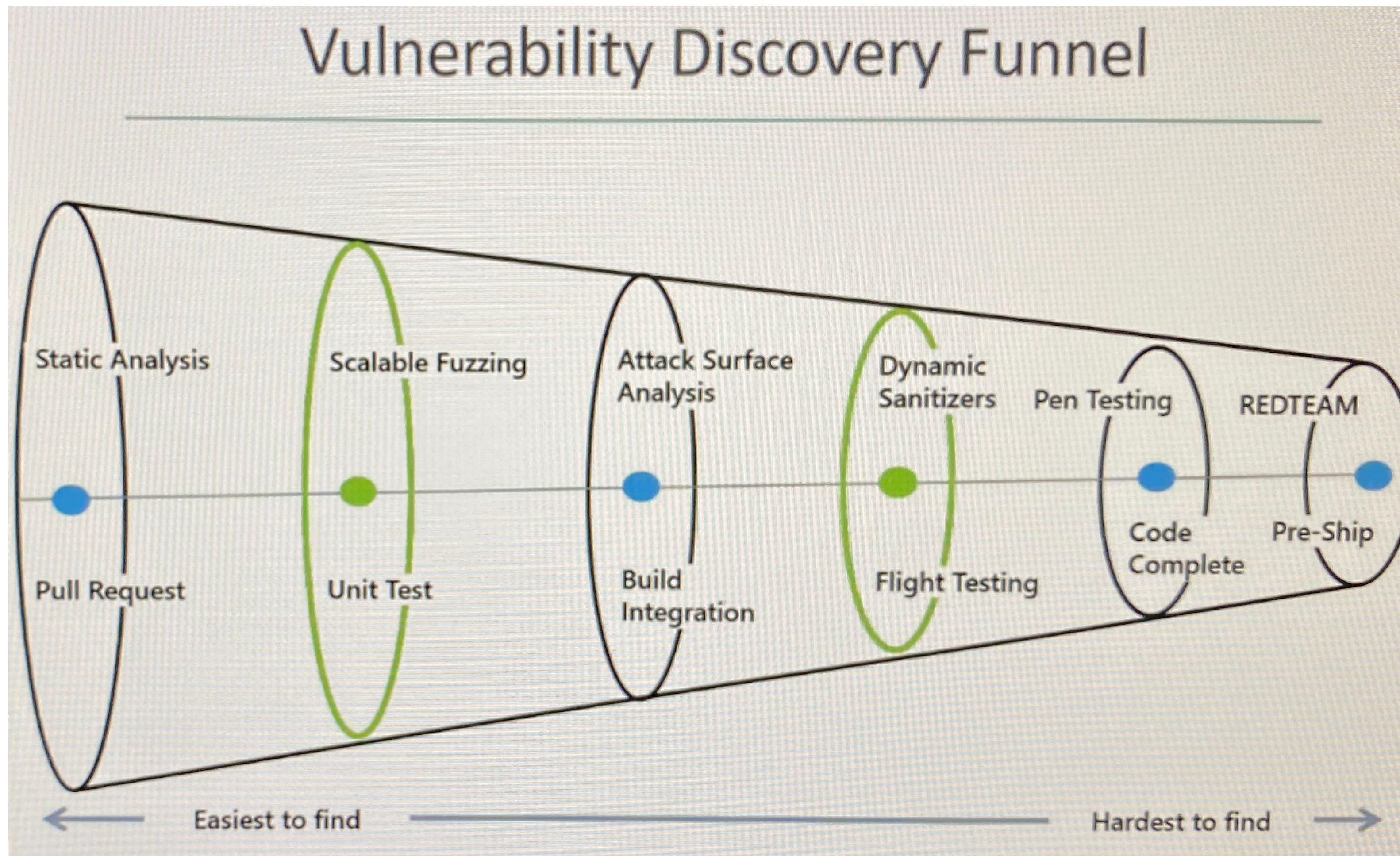
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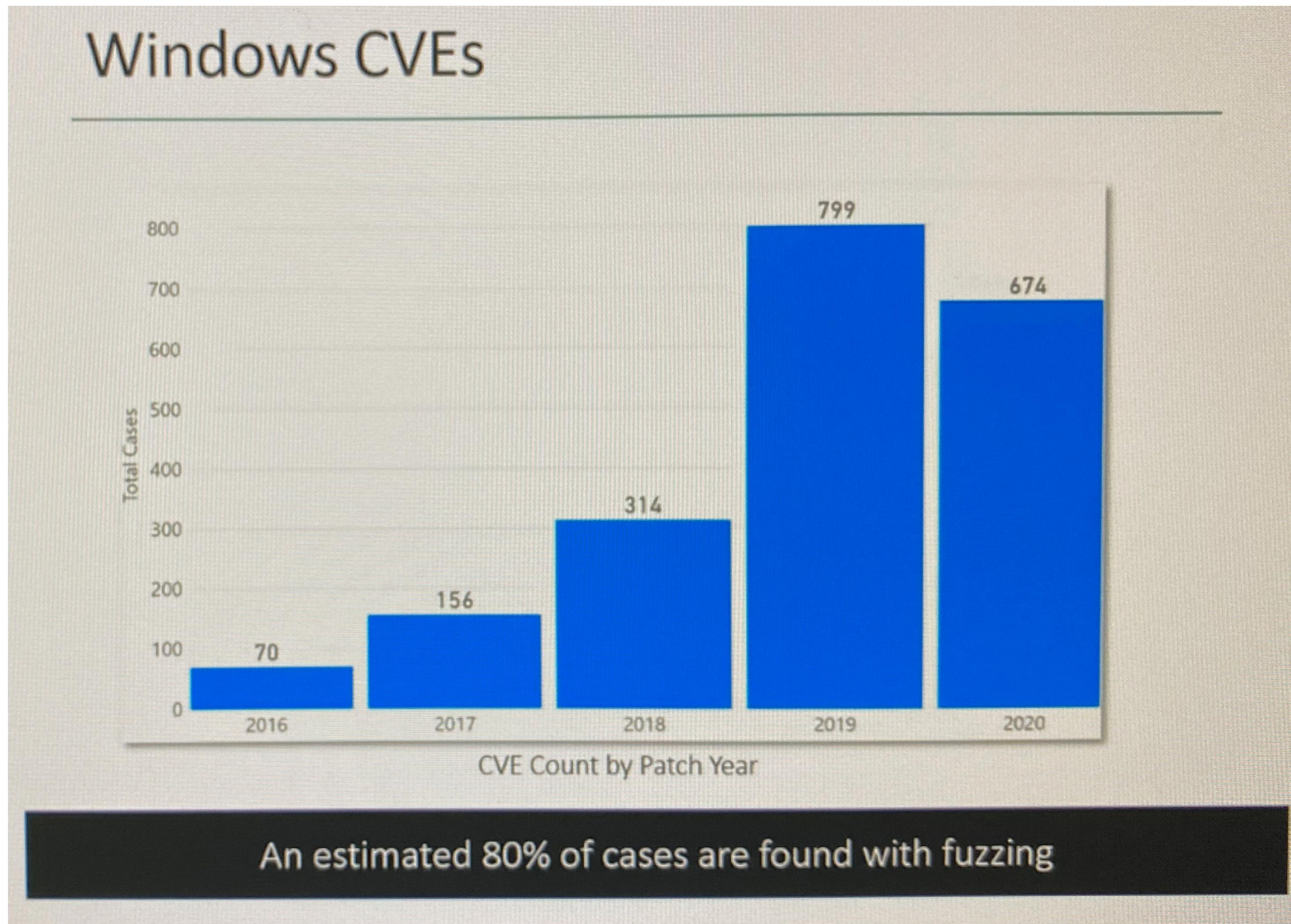
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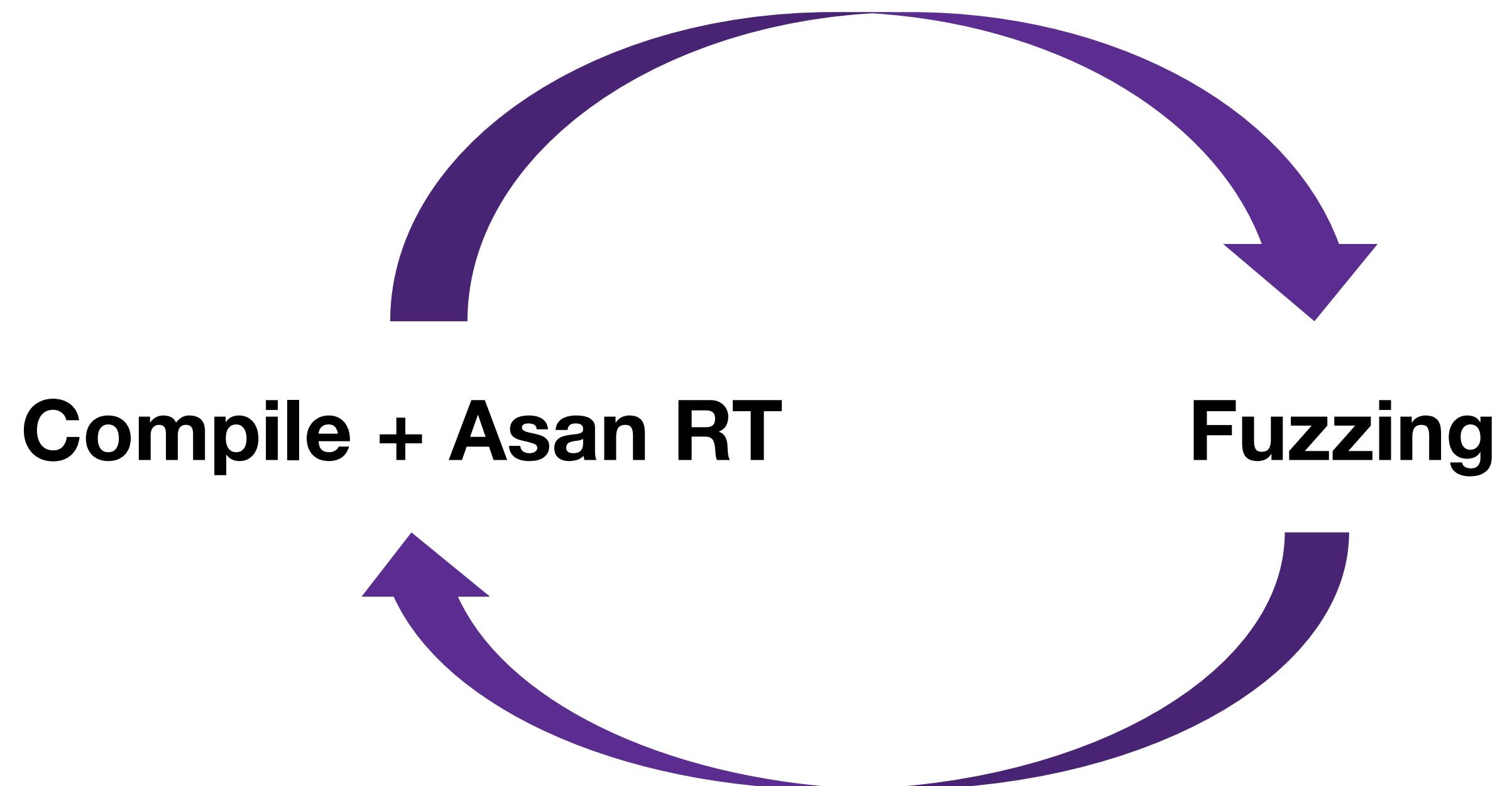
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Workflow





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What is Microsoft Security Risk Detection?

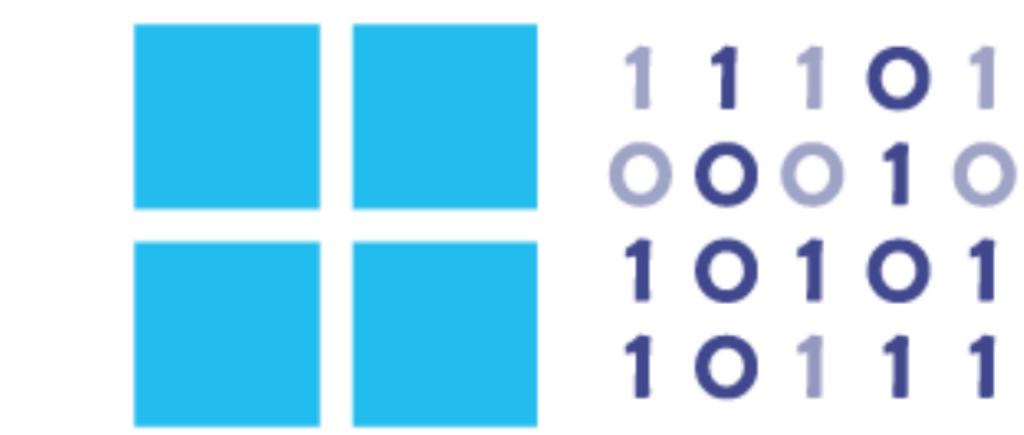
Security Risk Detection is Microsoft's unique fuzz testing service for finding security critical bugs in software. Security Risk Detection helps customers quickly adopt practices and technology battle-tested over the last 15 years at Microsoft.

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"Million dollar" bugs

Security Risk Detection uses "Whitebox Fuzzing" technology which discovered 1/3rd of the "million dollar" security bugs during Windows 7 development.



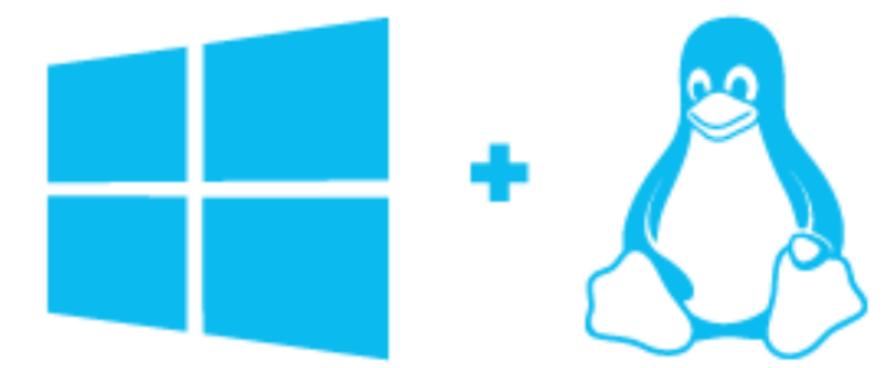
Battle tested tech

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Scalable fuzz lab in the cloud

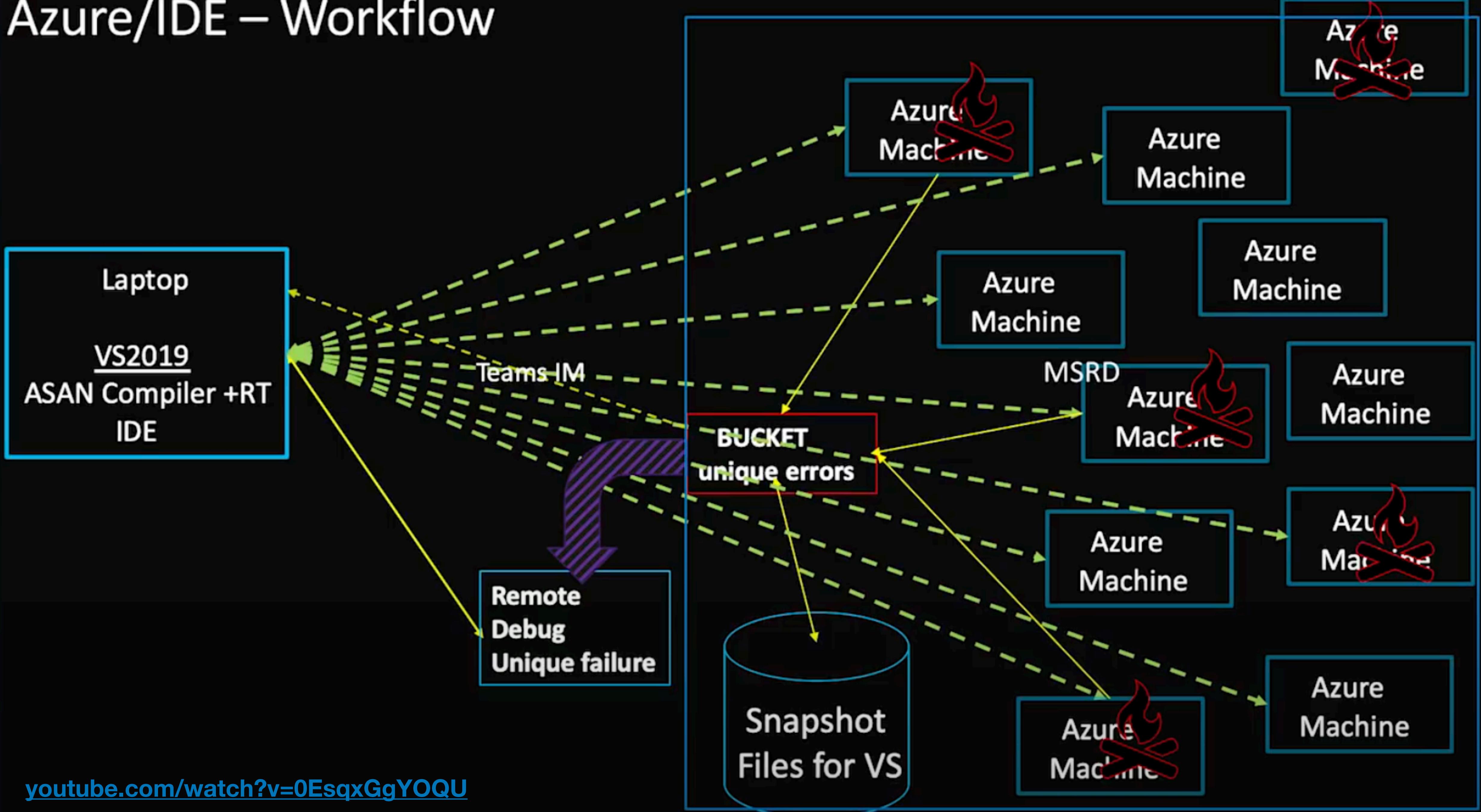
One click scalable, automated, Intelligent Security testing lab in the cloud.



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Linux Fuzzing is now available. So, whether you're building or deploying software for Windows or Linux or both, you can utilize our Service.

Azure/IDE – Workflow



youtube.com/watch?v=0EsqxGgYOQU

Microsoft OneFuzz

**a platform you will be able to download from Github
and run fuzzing on premise or in Azure**



Int

Introducing Project OneFuzz From Microsoft

The code that fuzzes Windows continuously released today as MIT-Licensed Open Source for integration with your builds

Justin Campbell, Windows Security
Mike Walker, Microsoft Research

```
if(operation == "MIRROR_X":  
    mirror_mod.mirror_object = true;  
    mirror_mod.use_x = true;  
    mirror_mod.use_y = false;  
    mirror_mod.use_z = false;  
    operation == "MIRROR_Y":  
    mirror_mod.mirror_object = true;  
    mirror_mod.use_x = false;  
    mirror_mod.use_y = true;  
    mirror_mod.use_z = false;  
    operation == "MIRROR_Z":  
    mirror_mod.mirror_object = true;  
    mirror_mod.use_x = false;  
    mirror_mod.use_y = false;  
    mirror_mod.use_z = true;  
  
selection at the end -add  
_ob.select= 1  
mirror_ob.select=1  
bpy.context.scene.objects.active =  
"Selected" + str(modifier)  
mirror_ob.select = 0  
bpy.context.selected_objects =  
data.objects[one.name].select  
  
int("please select exactly one object")  
- OPERATOR CLASSES -----  
  
types.Operator):  
    X mirror to the selected  
    object.mirror_mirror_x"  
    mirror X"
```



Project OneFuzz

September 15, 2020

Microsoft announces new Project OneFuzz framework, an open source developer tool to find and fix bugs at scale

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A self-hosted Fuzzing-As-A-Service platform

microsoft.com/security/blog/2020/09/15/microsoft-onefuzz-framework-open-source-developer-tool-fix-bugs/

A self-hosted Fuzzing-As-A-Service platform

github.com/microsoft/onefuzz

Project OneFuzz

CI/CD



New unique crashes create notifications:

- **Teams**
- **ADO work items**



Azure DevOps Pipeline



GitHub Actions

github.com/microsoft/onefuzz-samples

{ ASan + Fuzzing } => Azure

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Bug 3496: Initial instance of bug" and "Microsoft Security Risk Detection". The "Microsoft Security Risk Detection" tab is active, displaying the "Fuzzing Jobs" page. The page header includes the Microsoft logo and the user Jim Radigan. Below the header, there are navigation links: "Security Risk Detection", "Fuzzing Jobs" (which is selected and highlighted in grey), "Web Scanning", and "Learn More". A prominent blue button labeled "Create Job" with a cloud icon is located on the right side of the header.

The main content area is titled "Fuzzing Jobs" and contains a table with the following data:

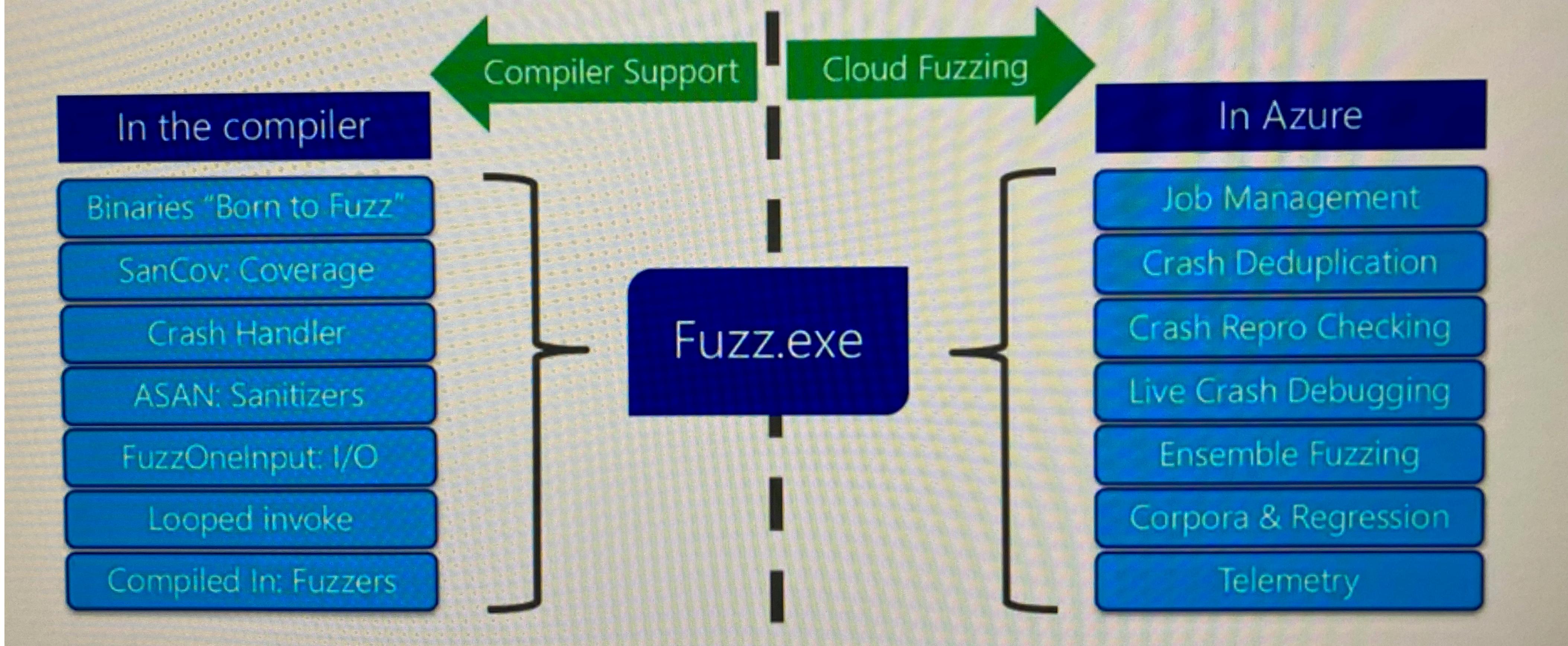
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{ ASan + Fuzzing }

“Fuzz.Exe”

Compilers & Fuzzing Platforms interoperate through binary fuzz targets



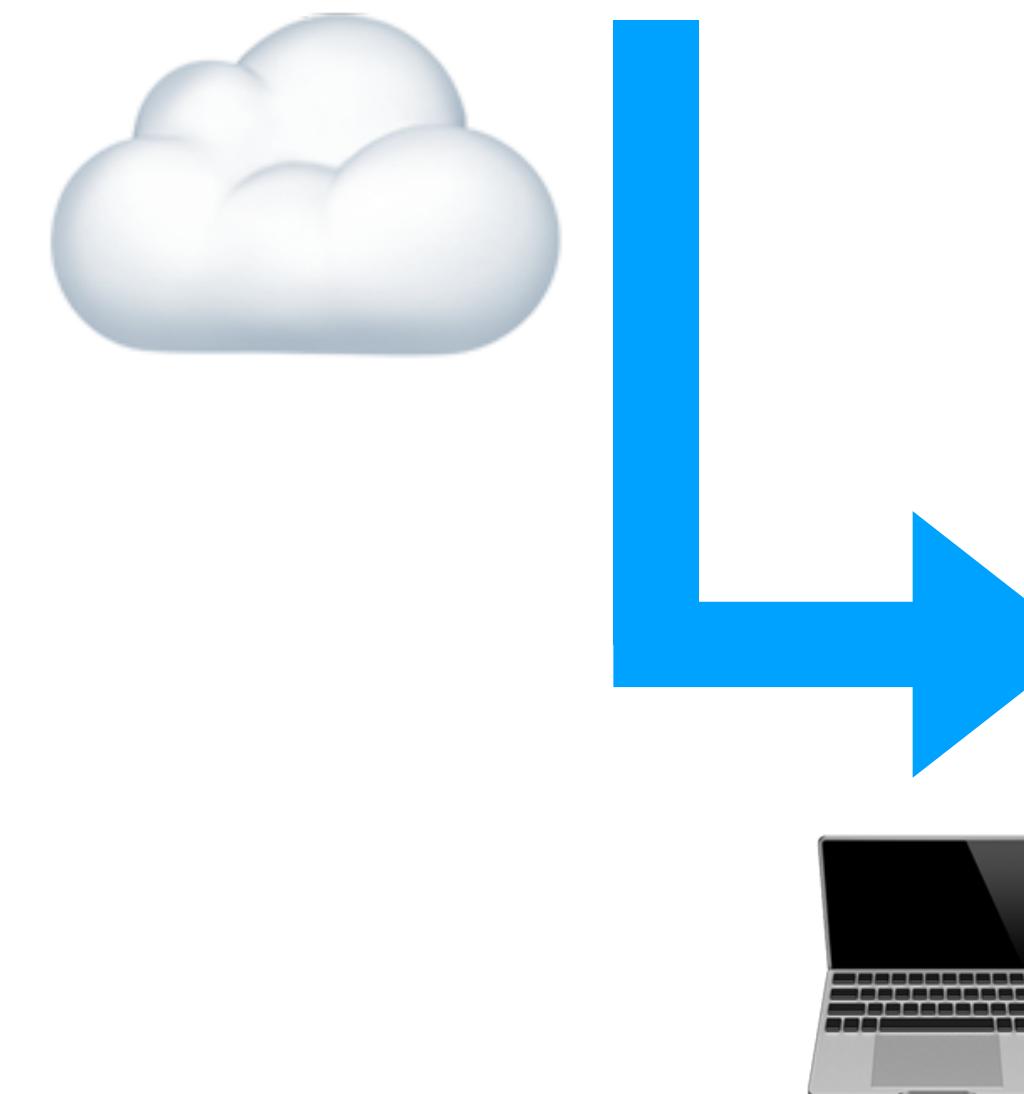
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ASAN cloud / distributed testing

You can create the **dump** on test or production infrastructure where the failure occurs, and debug it later on your **developer PC**

Crash dumps are created upon AddressSanitizer failures by setting the following environment variable:

set ASAN_SAVE_DUMPS=MyFileName.dmp



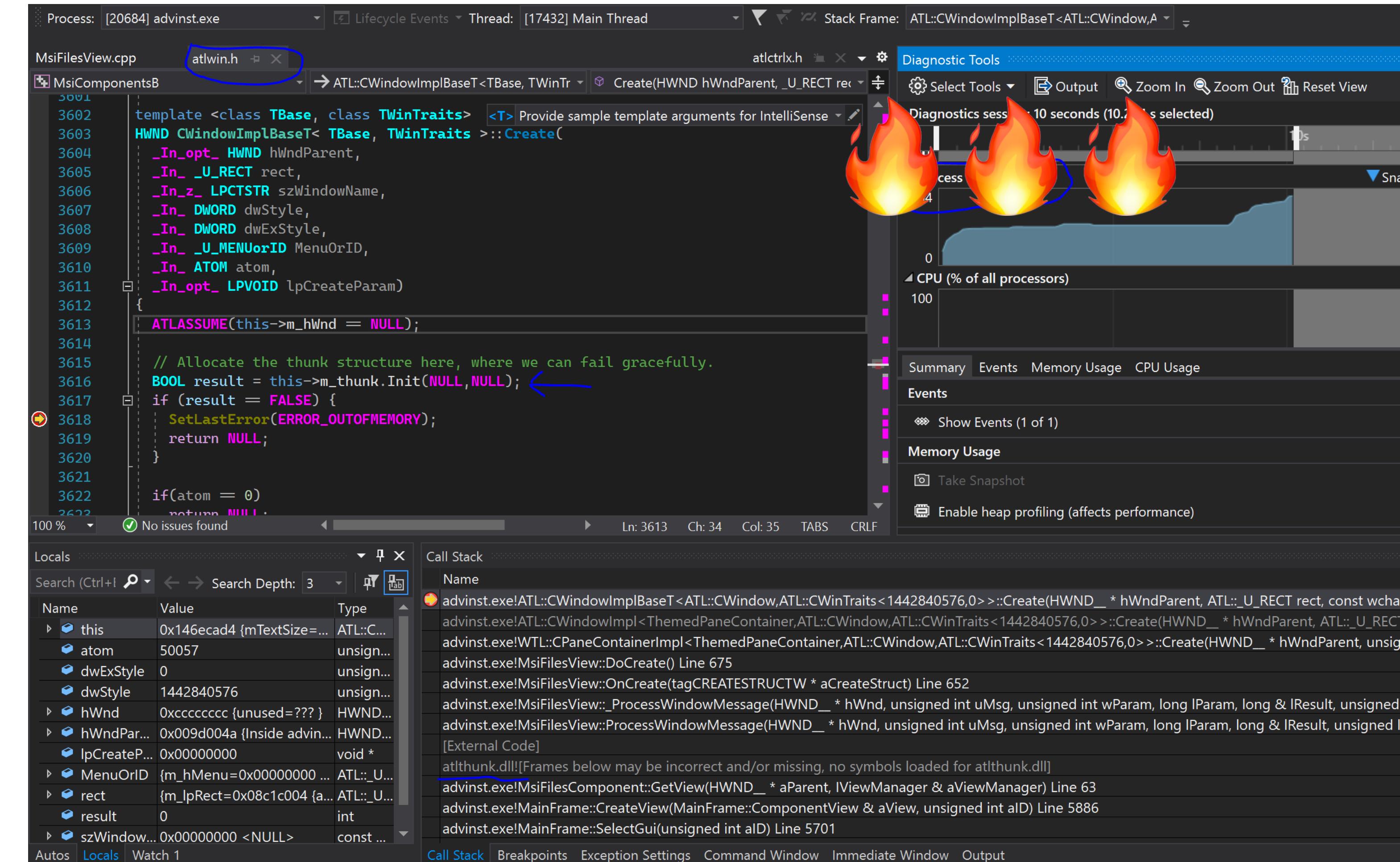
A screenshot of the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE. The main window displays a "Minidump File Summary" for a file named "MyFileName.dmp". The summary includes details such as the dump file path (C:\MSDN\MyFileName.dmp), last write time (2/16/2021 10:12:21 PM), process name (basic-global-overflow.exe), process architecture (x64), exception code (0xE073616E), and error information (Present). Below the summary, there are sections for "System Information" (OS Version: 10.0.19042) and "Modules", which lists various system DLLs like ntdll.dll, kernel32.dll, and KERNELBASE.dll. On the right side of the interface, there is a context menu with three options: "Debug with Native Only", "Set symbol paths", and "Copy all to clipboard". The entire screenshot is framed by a thin black border.

docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/sanitizers/asan-offline-crash-dumps



I hope you're now as excited
as I am for leveraging the power
of ASan on Windows

Looking forward to many days of bug-fixing ahead 😬



The screenshot shows a debugger interface with the following details:

- Process:** [20684] advinst.exe
- Lifecycle Events** and **Thread:** [17432] Main Thread
- Stack Frame:** ATL::CWindowImplBaseT<ATL::CWindow, A>
- MsiComponentsB** tab is selected in the code editor.
- Diagnostic Tools** panel:
 - Diagnostics session: 10 seconds (10.21s selected)
 - CPU (% of all processors) graph shows high usage (~100%) with three fire icons overlaid.
 - Summary, Events, Memory Usage, CPU Usage tabs.
 - Events section: Show Events (1 of 1).
 - Memory Usage section: Take Snapshot, Enable heap profiling (affects performance).
- Locals** panel:

Name	Type
this	0x146ecad4 {mTextSize=...}
atom	50057
dwExStyle	0
dwStyle	1442840576
hWnd	0xcccccccc {unused=???
hWndPar...	0x009d004a {Inside advin...
lpCreateP...	0x00000000 void *
MenuOrID	{m_hMenu=0x00000000 ...}
rect	{m_lpRect=0x08c1c004 {a...}
result	0 int
szWindow...	0x00000000 <NULL> const ...
- Call Stack** panel:

```
advinst.exe!ATL::CWindowImplBaseT<ATL::CWindow,ATL::CWinTraits<1442840576,0>::Create(HWND__ * hWndParent, ATL::U_RECT rect, const wchar_t * szWindowName, unsigned dwStyle, unsigned dwExStyle, unsigned MenuOrID, unsigned atom, void * lpCreateParam)
advinst.exe!ATL::CWindowImpl<ThemedPaneContainer,ATL::CWindow,ATL::CWinTraits<1442840576,0>::Create(HWND__ * hWndParent, ATL::U_RECT rect, const wchar_t * szWindowName, unsigned dwStyle, unsigned dwExStyle, unsigned MenuOrID, unsigned atom, void * lpCreateParam)
advinst.exe!WTL::CPaneContainerImpl<ThemedPaneContainer,ATL::CWindow,ATL::CWinTraits<1442840576,0>::Create(HWND__ * hWndParent, unsigned dwStyle, unsigned dwExStyle, unsigned MenuOrID, unsigned atom, void * lpCreateParam)
advinst.exe!MsiFilesView::DoCreate() Line 675
advinst.exe!MsiFilesView::OnCreate(tagCREATESTRUCTW * aCreateStruct) Line 652
advinst.exe!MsiFilesView::ProcessWindowMessage(HWND__ * hWnd, unsigned int uMsg, unsigned int wParam, long lParam, long & lResult, unsigned int dwRefData)
advinst.exe!MsiFilesView::ProcessWindowMessage(HWND__ * hWnd, unsigned int uMsg, unsigned int wParam, long lParam, long & lResult, unsigned int dwRefData)
[External Code]
atlthunk.dll![Frames below may be incorrect and/or missing, no symbols loaded for atlthunk.dll]
advinst.exe!MsiFilesComponent::GetView(HWND__ * aParent, IViewManager & aViewManager) Line 63
advinst.exe!MainFrame::CreateView(MainFrame::ComponentView & aView, unsigned int aID) Line 5886
advinst.exe!MainFrame::SelectGui(unsigned int aID) Line 5701
```



ASan Testing 🚗💨 Dieselgate style :)

```
int main() {
    #ifdef __SANITIZE_ADDRESS__
        printf("Address sanitizer enabled");
    #else
        printf("Address sanitizer not enabled");
    #endif
    return 1;
}
```

```
__declspec(no_sanitize_address)
void test1() {
    int x[100];
    x[100] = 5; // ASan exception not caught
}

void test2() {
    __declspec(no_sanitize_address) int x[100];
    x[100] = 5; // ASan exception not caught
}

__declspec(no_sanitize_address) int g[100];
void test3() {
    g[100] = 5; // ASan exception not caught
}
```



Q & A

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