

MagpieBridge: A General Approach to Integrating Static Analyses into IDEs and Editors

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Program Analysis Tools in Academia



How to achieve **broad** and **lasting** adoption of these tools?

Where Should Analysis Results Be Shown?

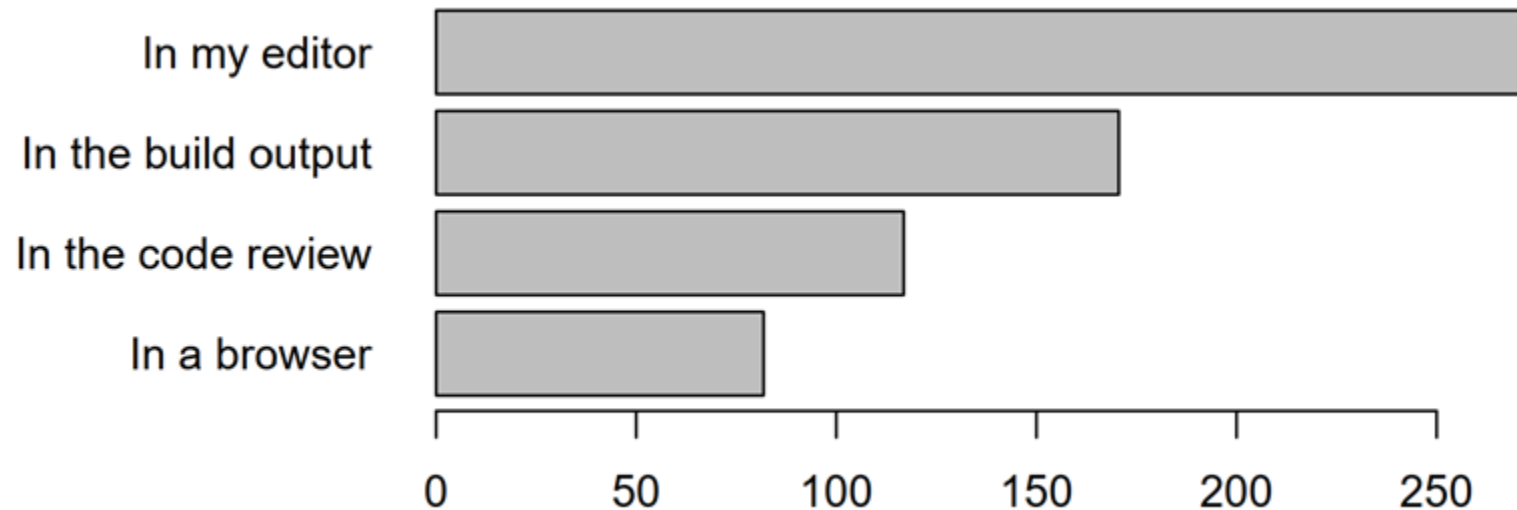


Figure: Where developers would like to have the output of program analyzers [1].

[1] M. Christakis and C. Bird. What developers want and need from program analysis: An empirical study. ASE'16, Singapore, 2016, 332-343.

Analysis Result is Often Hard to Understand

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
- <DataFlowResults FileFormatVersion="101">
  - <Results>
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  </Sources>
</Result>
</Results>
</DataFlowResults>
```

Figure: XML Output of FlowDroid [2]

[2] S. Arzt, S. Rasthofer, C. Fritz, E. Bodden, A. Bartel, J. Klein, Y. L. Traon, D. Octeau, and P. McDaniel.

FlowDroid: precise context, flow, field, object-sensitive and lifecycle-aware taint analysis for Android apps. PLDI '14, New York, NY, USA, 259-269.

Better Approach - Plugins

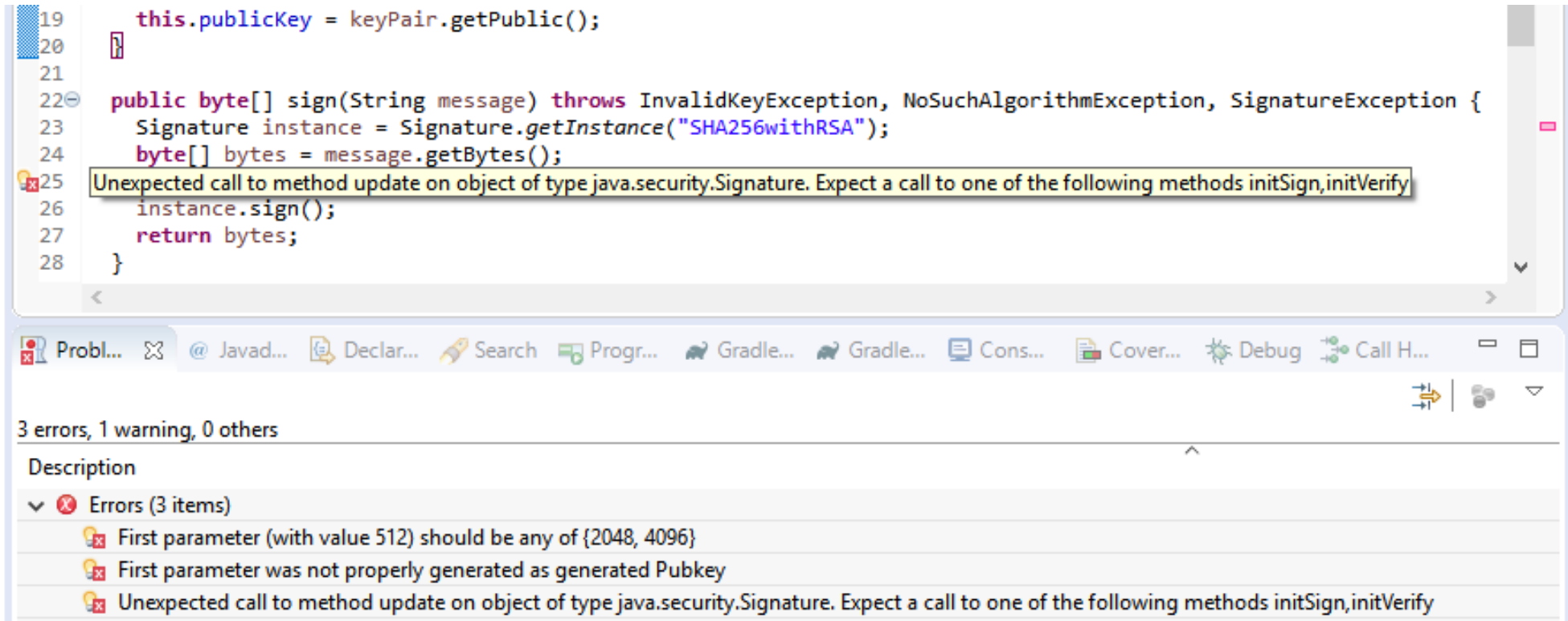


Figure: The CogniCrypt Eclipse Plugin [3]

[3] S. Krüger, S. Nadi, M. Reif, K. Ali, M. Mezini, E. Bodden, F. Göpfert, F. Günther, C. Weinert, D. Demmler, and R. Kamath. CogniCrypt : Supporting Developers in using Cryptography. ASE'17, NJ, USA, 931-936.

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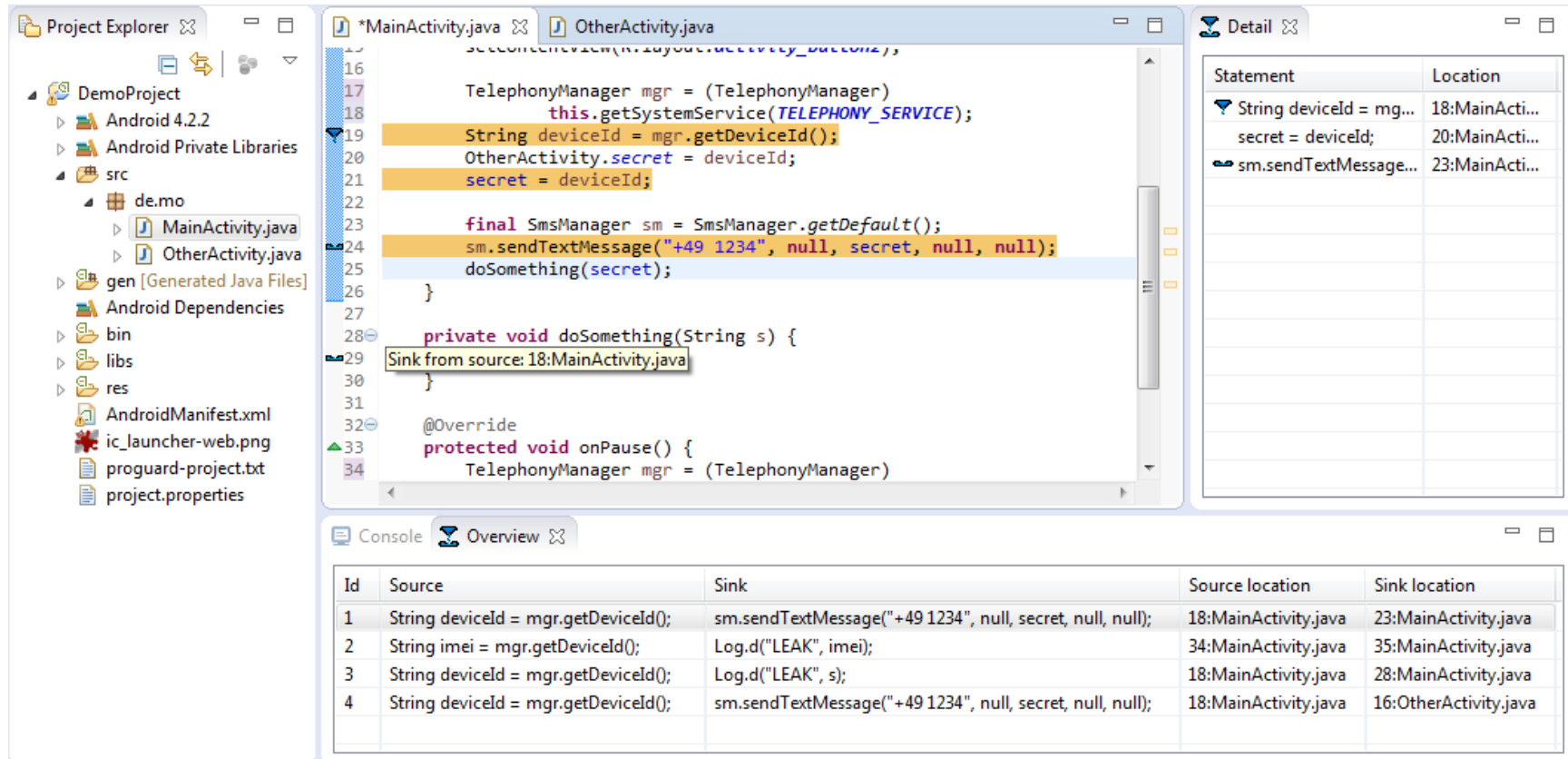


Figure: The Cheetah Eclipse Plugin [4]

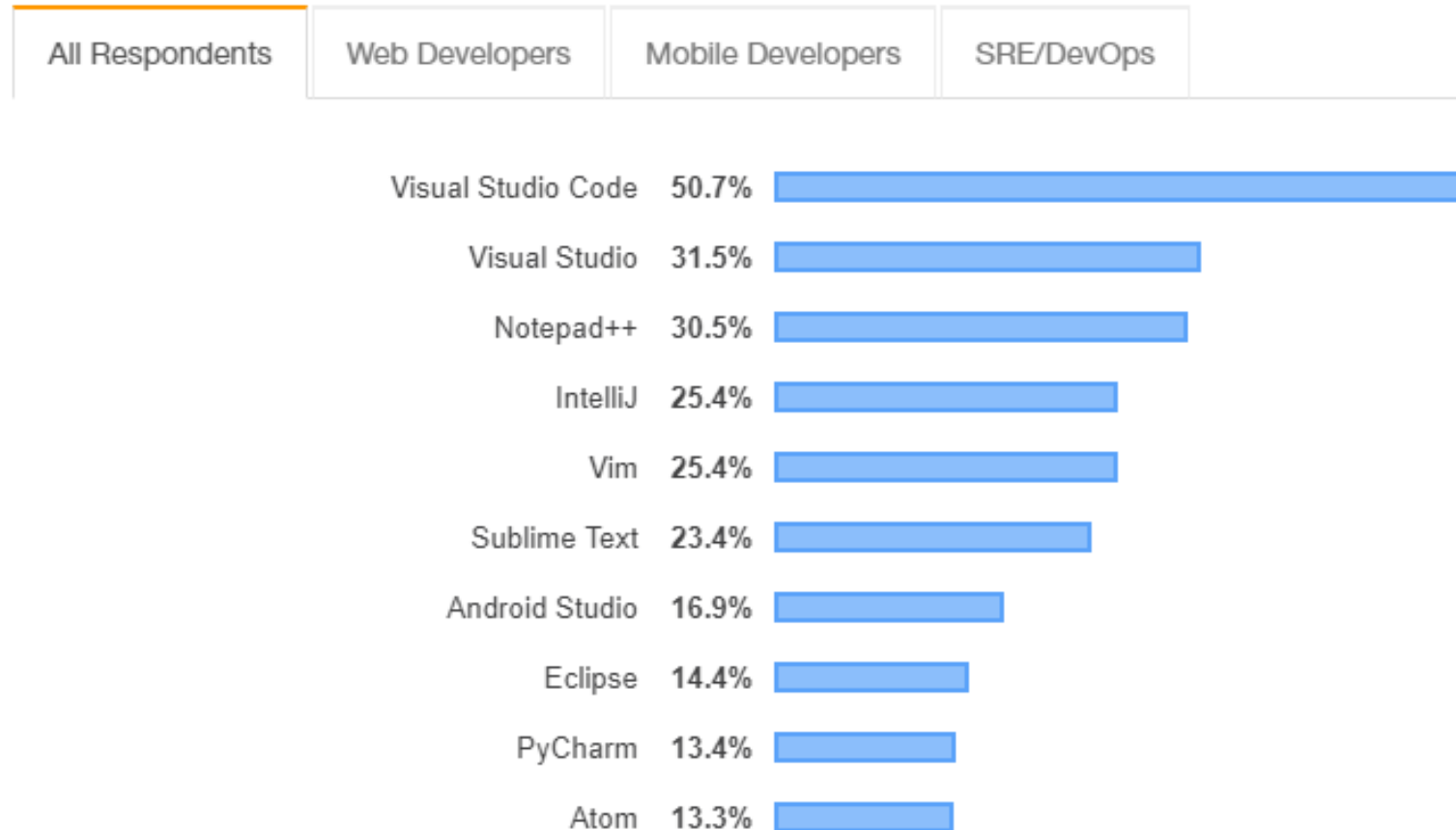
[4] L. Nguyen Quang Do, K. Ali, B. Livshits, E. Bodden, J. Smith, and E. Murphy-Hill. Cheetah: just-in-time taint analysis for Android apps. ICSE-C '17. NJ, USA, 39-42.

Tool Integration

	Eclipse	IntelliJ IDEA	Visual Studio	NetBeans	Android Studio	Visual Studio Code
PMD	✓		✓	✓		
FindBugs	✓	✓		✓		
Cheetah	✓					
CogniCrypt	✓					
SonarLint	✓	✓	✓			✓
FixDroid					✓	
SpotBugs	✓					

One Is Not Enough

Most Popular Development Environments



Source: Stack Overflow Developer Survey 2019 <https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2019#technology>

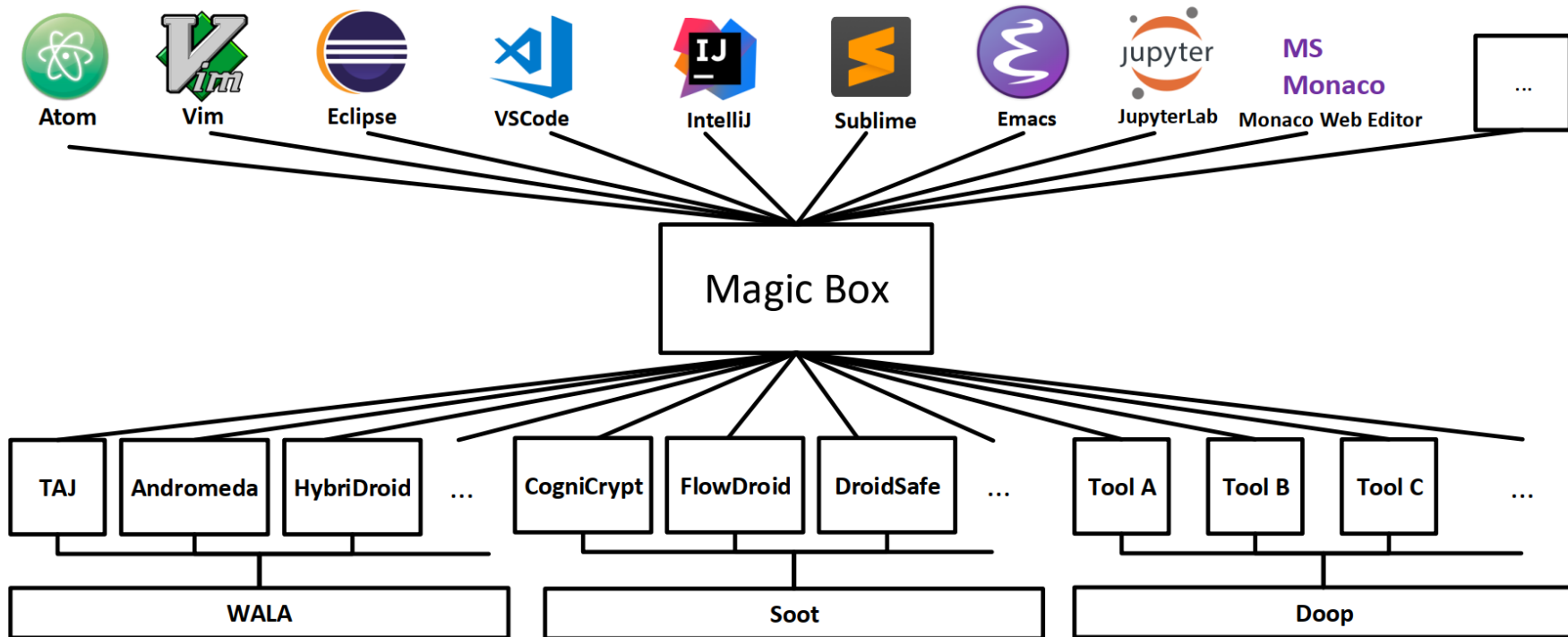
MXN Complexity Problem

	N					
	IDE 1	IDE 2	IDE 3	IDE 4	IDE 5	...
M	Analysis 1					
	Analysis 2					
	Analysis 3					
	Analysis 4					
	Analysis 5					
	...					

Relative Costs of the Eclipse Plugins

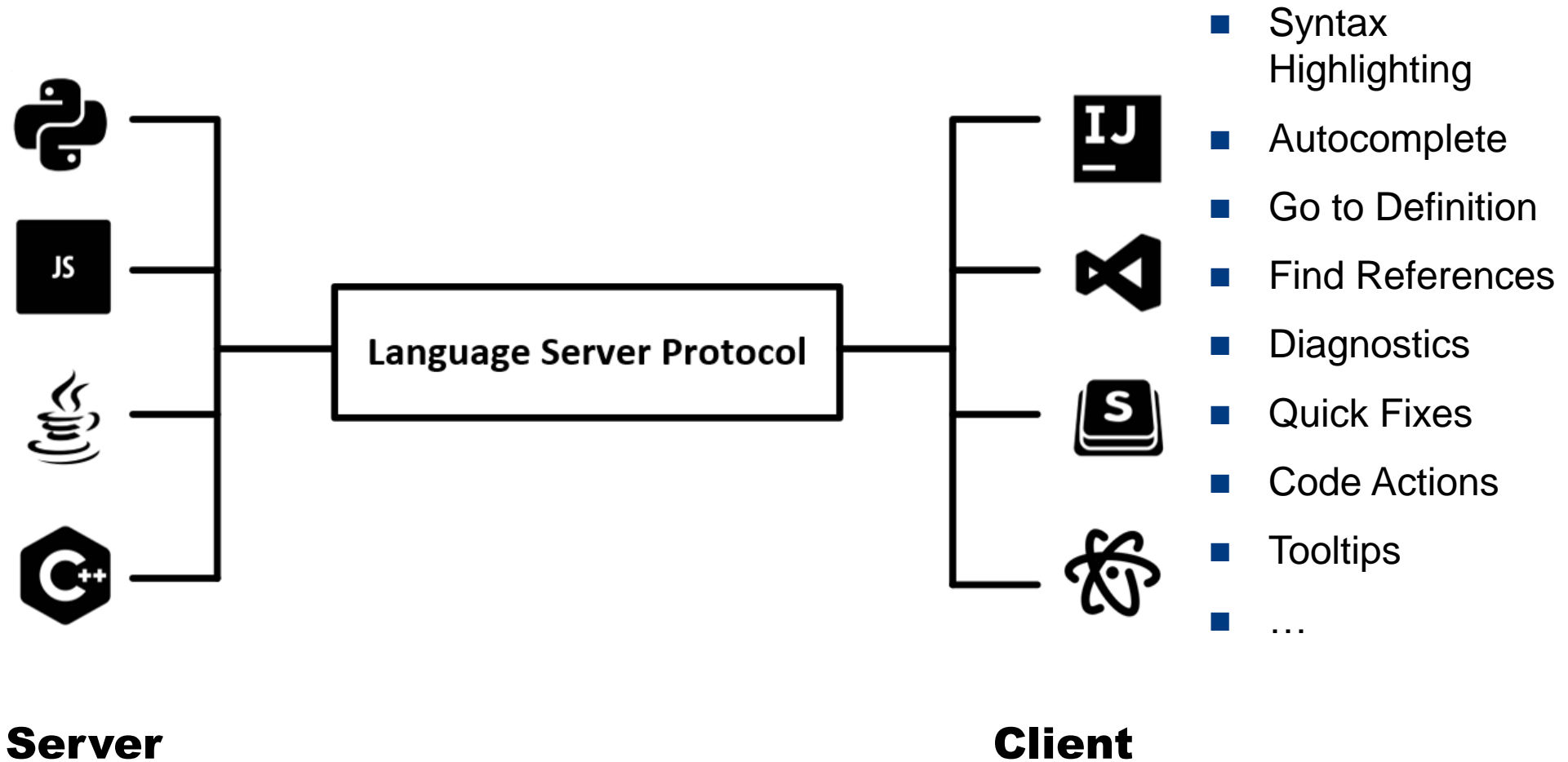
Tool	Analysis (LOC)	Plugin (LOC)	Plugin/Analysis
FindBugs	132,343	16,670	0.13
SpotBugs	121,841	16,266	0.13
PMD	117,551	33,435	0.28
CogniCrypt	11,753	18,766	1.60
DroidSafe	41,313	8,839	0.21
Cheetah	4,747	864	0.18
SPLlift	1,317	3,317	2.52

Desired Solution

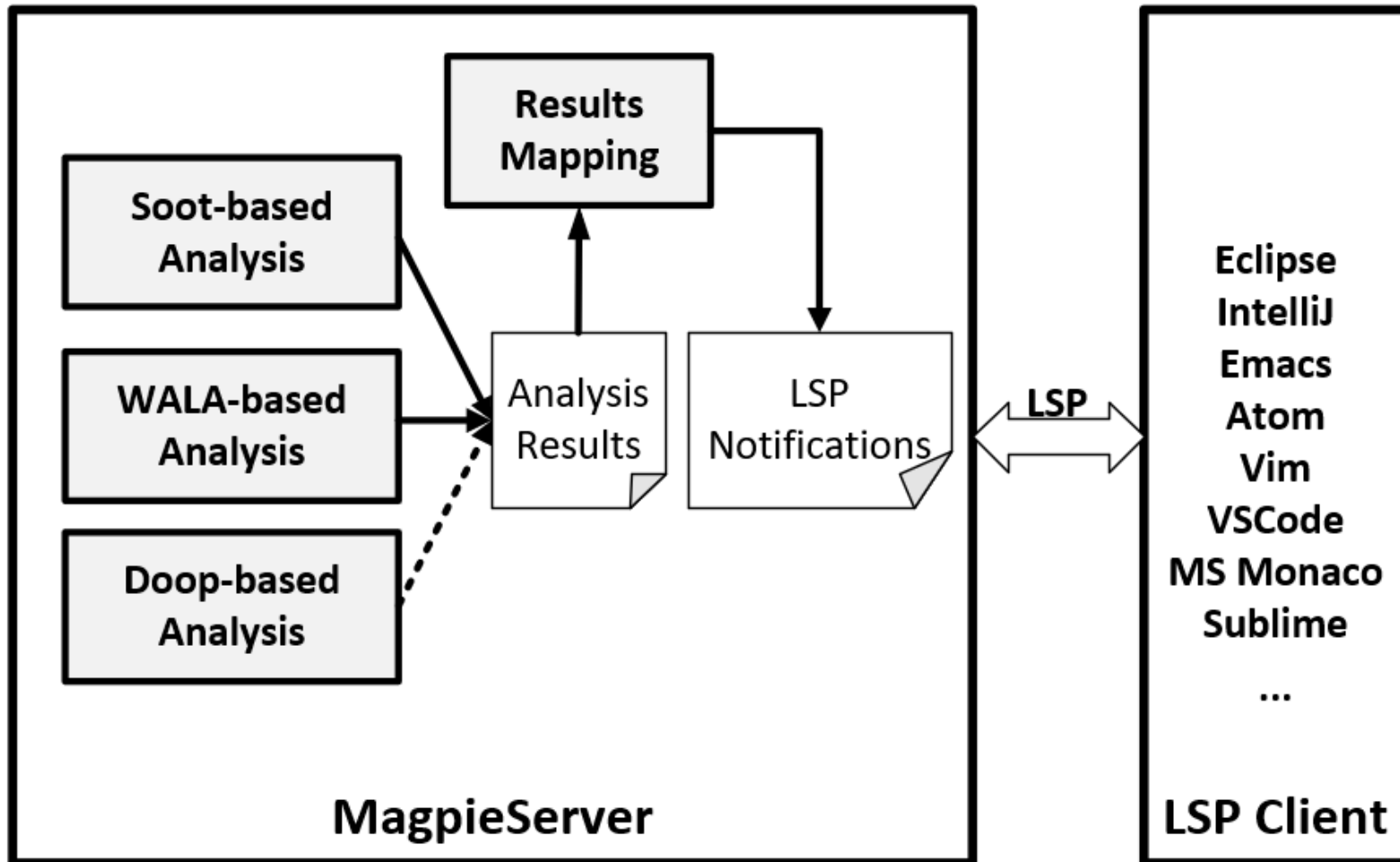


- Provides a common communication protocol between analyses and editors
- Handles required work for good editor support
- Reduces MXN complexity to M+N complexity

Language Server Protocol (LSP)



Leverage LSP

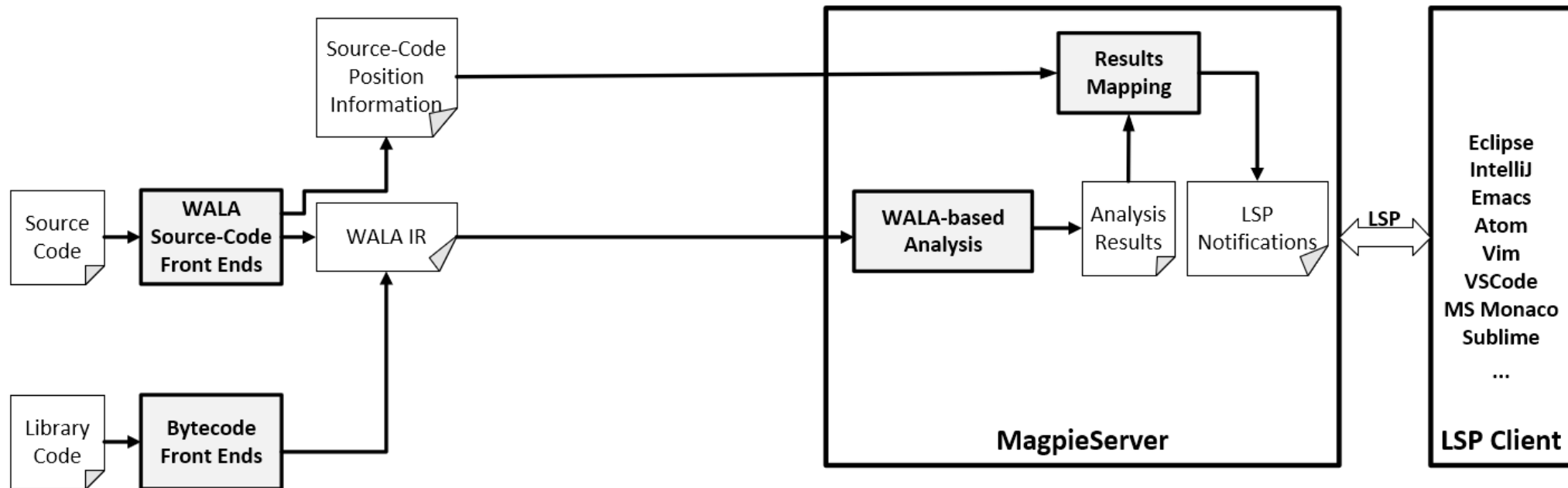


Challenges

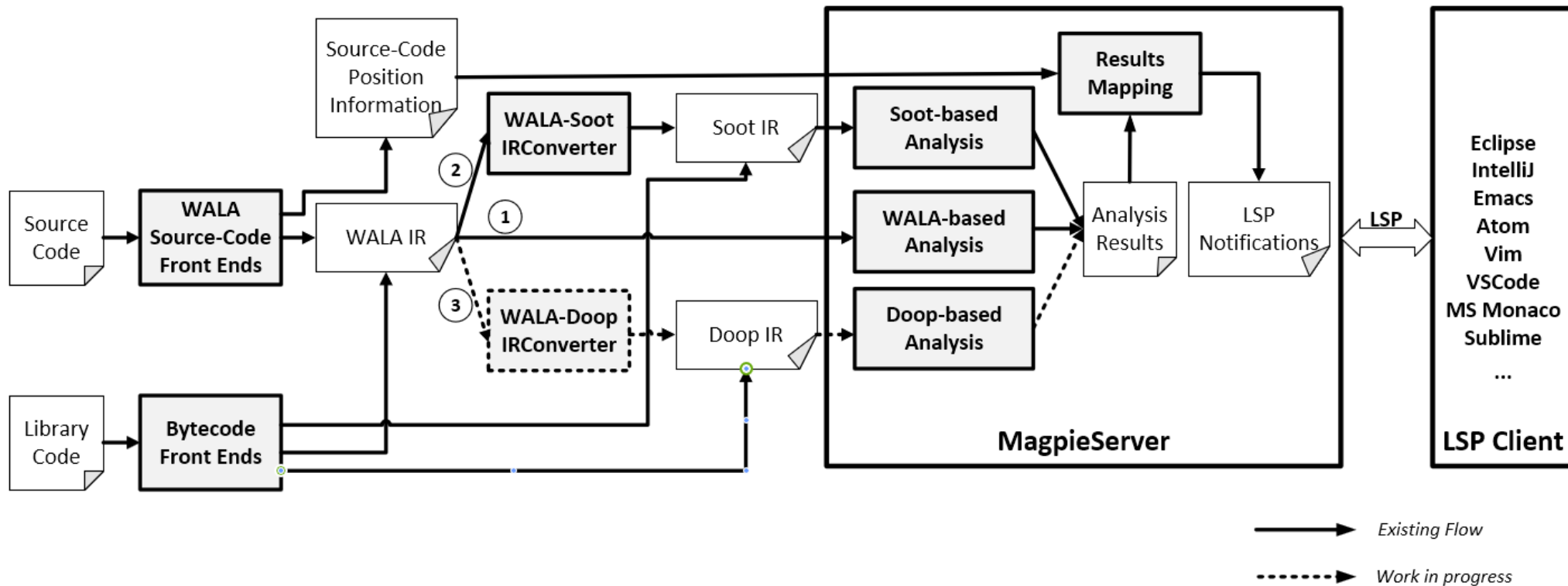
- Precise source code info is vital for LSP
 - Code range
 - Line and character number
 - Source code
- Analysis on intermediate representation (IR)
- IRs need precise source code information
 - WALA
 - Soot
 - Doop

```
"jsonrpc": "2.0",
"id": 14,
"result": [
  {
    "title": "Fix: replace it with 2048",
    "command": "fix",
    "arguments": [
      "file:///E:/Sciebo/Arbeit/MySlides\u0026Posters/Slides/Conferences/Demo/DemoProjectCC/src/RSA.java",
      {
        "start": {
          "line": 15,
          "character": 21
        },
        "end": {
          "line": 15,
          "character": 24
        }
      }
    ],
    "2048",
    {
      "range": {
        "start": {
          "line": 15,
          "character": 4
        },
        "end": {
          "line": 15,
          "character": 25
        }
      },
      "severity": 1,
      "code": "kpgen.initialize(512);",
      "source": "CogniCrypt",
      "message": "First parameter (with value 512) should be any of {2048, 4096}",
      "relatedInformation": []
    }
  }
],
},
```

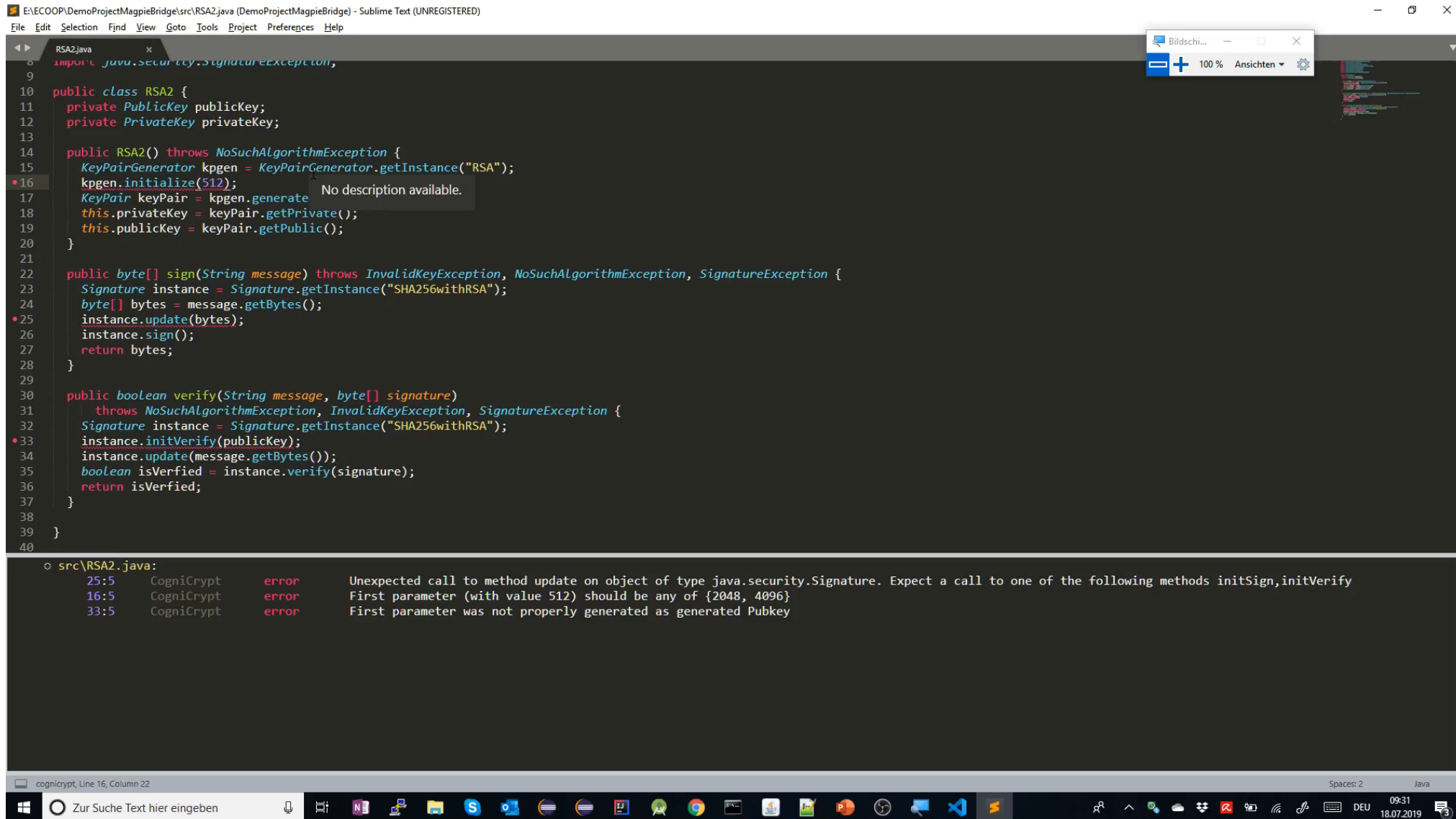
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Demo: Providing Quick Fix in Sublime Text (CogniCrypt)



Demo: Displaying Data-flow Path in Visual Studio Code (FlowDroid)

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio Code interface with the following components:

- EXPLORER:** Shows the project structure for 'DEMOPROJECTFD', including folders like '.idea', '.settings', 'src', 'main', 'java', 'demo', and files like 'Database.java' and 'DemoServlet.java'.
- EDITOR:** Displays the code for 'Database.java' with the following content:

```
43 public static void deleteUser(String username) {  
44     try {  
45         Statement stmt = getInstance().conn.createStatement();  
46         StringBuilder str = new StringBuilder();  
47         str.append("DELETE FROM USER WHERE USER.NAME = ");  
48         str.append(username);  
49         str.append(";");  
50         String query = str.toString();  
51         stmt.execute(query);  
52     } catch (SQLException e) {  
53         e.printStackTrace();  
54     }  
55 }  
56  
57 }  
58
```
- PROBLEMS:** Lists two issues found by FlowDroid:
 - Issue 1:** Found a sensitive flow to sink [stmt.execute(query);] from the source [req.getParameter("userName");] at line 109 in DemoServlet.java. The flow path is: DemoServlet.java[109, 23]: req.getParameter("userName"); → DemoServlet.java[110, 5]: Database.deleteUser(username); → Database.java[48, 7]: str.append(username); → Database.java[50, 22]: str.toString(); → Database.java[51, 7]: stmt.execute(query);
 - Issue 2:** Found a sensitive flow to sink [stmt.executeUpdate(query);] from the source [req.getParameter("userName");] at line 68 in DemoServlet.java. The flow path is: DemoServlet.java[68, 23]: req.getParameter("userName"); → DemoServlet.java[73, 7]: str.append(username); → DemoServlet.java[75, 22]: str.toString();

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ln 52, Col 31', 'Spaces: 2', 'UTF-8', 'CRLF', 'Java', and the system clock shows '09:34 18.07.2019'.

Demo: Analyzing JavaScript Code in Monaco Web Editor

Monaco JS Taint Example

```
1 var document = { URL: "whatever",
2   write: function Document_prototype_write(x) { } };
3 var id = function _id(x) { return x; };
4 function Id() { this.id = id; }
5 function SubId() { }; SubId.prototype = new Id();
6
7 if (Math.random.call(null) > 0) {
8   var id1 = new Id();
9   var url = document.URL;
10  var text = id1.id.call(document, url);
11 } else {
12   var id2 = new SubId();
13   var text = id2.id("not a url");
14 }
15 document.write(text);
16
```

Demo: Analyzing Python Code in Monaco Web Editor (Ariadne)

Monaco Python Tensors Example

```
32 def conv_net(x_dict, n_classes, dropout, reuse, is_training):
33     # Define a scope for reusing the variables
34     with tf.variable_scope('ConvNet', reuse=reuse):
35         # TF Estimator input is a dict, in case of multiple inputs
36         xxx = x_dict['images']
37
38         bad_x = tf.reshape(xxx, shape=[-1, 11, 28, 1])
39
40         # MNIST data input is a 1-D vector of 784 features (28*28 pixels)
41         # Reshape to match picture format [Height x Width x Channel]
42         # Tensor input become 4-D: [Batch Size, Height, Width, Channel]
43         z = tf.reshape(xxx, shape=[-1, 28, 28, 1])
44
45         # Convolution Layer with 32 filters and a kernel size of 5
46         conv1 = tf.layers.conv2d(z, 32, 5, activation=tf.nn.relu)
47         # Max Pooling (down-sampling) with strides of 2 and kernel size of 2
48         conv1 = tf.layers.max_pooling2d(conv1, 2, 2)
49
50         # Convolution Layer with 64 filters and a kernel size of 3
51         conv2 = tf.layers.conv2d(conv1, 64, 3, activation=tf.nn.relu)
52         # Max Pooling (down-sampling) with strides of 2 and kernel size of 2
53         conv2 = tf.layers.max_pooling2d(conv2, 2, 2)
54
55         bad_conv1 = tf.layers.conv2d(xxx, 32, 5, activation=tf.nn.relu)
56
57         # Flatten the data to a 1-D vector for the fully connected layer
58         fc1 = tf.contrib.layers.flatten(conv2)
59
60         # Fully connected layer (in tf contrib folder for now)
61         fc1 = tf.layers.dense(fc1, 1024)
62         # Apply Dropout (if is_training is False, dropout is not applied)
63         fc1 = tf.layers.dropout(fc1, rate=dropout, training=is_training)
64
```



Analysis Which Doesn't Use the Frameworks

- MagpieBridge provides:
 - Different ways of LSP communication: standard I/O, sockets, Websockets
 - A set of LSP features
 - Resolution of project scope like source code path and library code path
 - Useful logs of the interactions with users
- To use MagpieBridge you need only provide source code positions
 - Add analysis to MagpieServer by implementing the `ServerAnalysis` interface
 - Adapt analysis results by implementing the `AnalysisResult` interface



<https://github.com/MagpieBridge>