[2019-09-12] Change Log

New version of CQM (2.4.0) and Kiuwan Engine

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Main features are:

- ***Support for KOTLIN programming language***
- ***Support for RM/Cobol dialect***
- ***Duplicated Code rules are not longer mandatory***

CQM is the default Model (i.e. a concrete set of active and pre-configured rules):

- If you are using **CQM**,
    - ***new rules will automatically become active*** and will be applied to new analyses
- If you are using your own **custom model, your model remains unchaged,** but *you can modify it and activate the new rules* (in case you want to be applied to your code).

You can find new rules by comparing this release of CQM against previous version. A detailed description of the behavior of these new rules is available in rule's description.

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Support for KOTLIN programming language

Kotlin is a cross-platform, statically typed, general-purpose programming language with type inference and it's ***Google's preferred language for Android app development*** since 7 May 2019.

Kotlin is ***officially supported by Google for mobile development on Android***. It targets the JVM, but also compiles to JavaScript or native code (via LLVM), and it's an alternative to the standard Java compiler.

As Kotlin is becoming a widely adopted programming language, ***Kiuwan*** now incorporates ***support to analyze Kotlin source files***, thus searching for code and desing conditions that are indicative of ***security vulnerabilities***.

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(i) Kiuwan provides **100 Rules** specifically suited to **Kotlin** programming language.

You can find these rules going to **Models Management**, select **CQM** and search for **Rules** applying to **Kotlin language**

Added Support for RM/COBOL dialect in COBOL technology.

Support for **RM/Cobol** dialect has been added to current list of supported Cobol dialects.

All **versions between 9.x to 12.16** (latest version at the moment of writing this post) have been succesfully tested.

Current list of **supported Cobol dialects**:

- Cobol85,
- OS/VS Cobol II
- IBM Enterprise COBOL for z/OS v5
- IBM ILE COBOL 5
- HP COBOL for TNS (Tandem NonStop)
- AcuCOBOL-GT
- Net Express COBOL 5 / Server Express COBOL
- MicroFocus RM/COBOL 9.x to 12.16

Duplicated Code rules are not longer mandatory

When creating a new model, it was mandatory to activate duplicated code rules (i.e. rules that check for repeated blocks in source code).

This new Kiuwan release no longer forces duplicated code rules to be activated in your custom model.

- Standard pseudo-random number generators cannot withstand cryptographic attacks.
- Denial of Service by externally controlled sleep time
- Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')

- Too broad privileges granted.
- Avoid using an user controlled Primary Key into a query
- Weak cryptographic hashes cannot guarantee data integrity
- Weak symmetric encryption algorithm.