

Importing data from PMD, Checkstyle, Findbugs and checkKingQA

This guide shows you how to import external rulesets into Kiuwan.

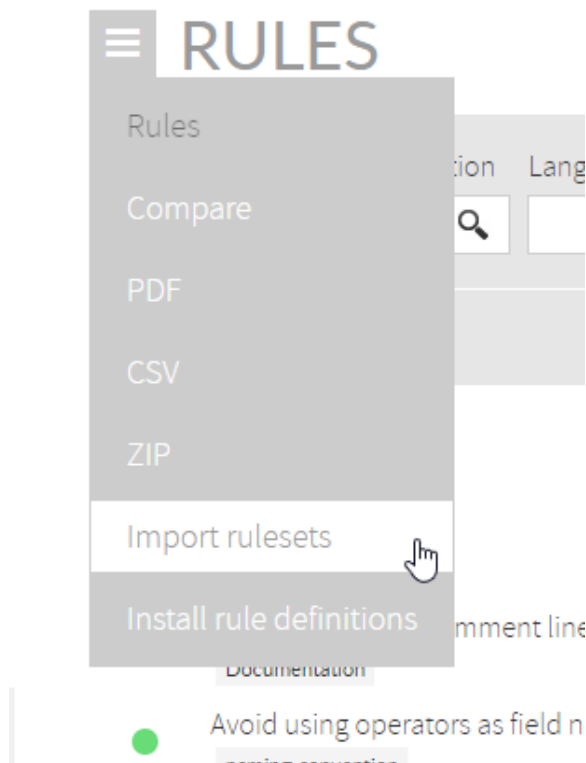
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The Models Management in Kiuwan allows importing rule data from different sources.

If you work with PMD, Checkstyle, Findbugs or checkKingQA, you can import your rule sets into Kiuwan, use them in your models and analyze your code with your own custom rules.

Open the hamburger menu next to the Rules title and select **Import rulesets**.



The ruleset import wizard

After clicking the "Import" button, a wizard will appear and will guide you through these steps:

- Selecting a file (Upload a ruleset file).
- Mapping categories (Map user rules categories to CQM values).
- Adding rules to models (Add rules to user's models).
- Preview the import (Import preview).
- Import results.

Selecting a file to import (Upload a ruleset file)

Select a file to upload by clicking the "Upload" button:

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Upload a ruleset file

Select a file to upload - qaking_newJAVA.xml

Upload

You can upload PMD and checkKingQA ruleset files, Checkstyle configuration files or Findbugs plugin jars.

Summary

Engine	Categories	Rules
Kiuwan	1	2

Note that user rules can only be used in local analyses. [Learn more.](#)

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You can upload one of these files:

File type	Description
A PMD ruleset file	When analyzing code with PMD, a unique XML file defines the rules to consider, their metadata and their behavior. Upload a PMD ruleset XML to begin with the import. Rules are mapped to PMD rules. Note that referenced rules or rulesets that belong to external files will not be imported.
A Checkstyle configuration file	Checkstyle defines its style checks in an XML configuration file. This file only contains execution parameters. The import wizard will automatically look for the latest Checkstyle version metadata to extract the rule information needed in the import. Just upload a Checkstyle configuration XML to begin with the import. Rules are mapped to Checkstyle checks.
A Findbugs plugin JAR file	Findbugs needs various files to define its analysis behavior. These files are usually packed in a JAR file forming a Findbugs plugin. Upload a Findbugs plugin JAR to begin with the import. Rules are mapped to bug patterns.
A checkKingQA ruleset file	Similarly to PMD, checkKingQA uses a unique XML file to define the behavior of an analysis. Upload a checkKingQA ruleset XML to begin with the import. Rules are mapped to checkKingQA rules.

If the selected file can be read by the import wizard, a summary of the read data will be shown: the engine detected, the number of categories identified and the rules read.

Although you will be able to import rulesets from newer versions, only rules compliant with the previous library versions can be applied when analyzing. See [Kiuwan Local Analyzer](#) to read more about this topic. Special features when importing checkKingQA rulesets



When importing checkKingQA rulesets you can reference product rules by using their standardized identifier. Rules with a name that starts with "OPT," will be identified as Kiuwan rules and will be searched in the current Kiuwan rules library. If found, they will not be installed in your account's library but identified to be added to the selected models in the next steps. This means that when working with checkKingQA rulesets that reference Kiuwan's rules the only available operation is adding those rules to the specified models. You can mix product and user rules in the same ruleset. Product rules will not be imported, but user rules will.

In the previous situation, note that only priority and repair difficulty will be imported. The rule classification under the characteristic criterion will be taken from the library defaults for each rule. This is the reason why you will not see the "Mapping" step when importing rulesets containing only product rules.

Mapping the imported categories (Map user rules categories to CQM values)

Kiuwan needs the imported rules to be classified under CQM categories. In this section, you can map the read categories to CQM values through a simple interface. It is possible that not all rules read are associated with a category. Here you can map these rules to a CQM value as well.

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Map user rules categories to CQM values

Note that only user rules classified under a CQM value can be added to a model.

Found categories	Found rules	CQM criteria values
Maintainability	1	Maintainability

Rules without category

1 rule(s) found without category. Select how to classify them:

Not classified under "Chars"

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Note that it is not necessary to map all the read categories in the import wizard, but you won't be able to add to a model any rule that is not classified under CQM. You can always classify the rules later accessing the rule details from your library.

Adding the imported rules to existing models (Add rules to user's models)

Once you have configured the CQM mapping, and if you have created at least one model, it is possible to add the imported rules to any of them:

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Add rules to user's models

If you want the imported rules to be added to one or more models in your account, please select them here:

Name	Description
Secure	
☒ miModelo2	
☒ MiModelo	
☐ modelo_metrics	

Those rules flagged as non active in the current ruleset will be added as inactive to the selected models.

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A full CQM mapping is needed in the previous step to be able to add any rule to a model. You can also leave all the models unselected so the rules will only be imported in your account's library.

The preview page (Import preview)

Once you have completed the import configuration, a preview page will be shown.

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Import preview

This is the expected result of this import process:

Name	CQM value	Priority	Action
User without password.	Security	Very high	Install
Not associated User.	Maintainability	Very high	Install

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Here you can see the rules that are added/modified to your library or models selected. Furthermore, each rule contains information about its CQM value, Priority and the Action to do (Install or Merge).

The results page

Once the import has finished, a results pop-up will be shown:

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The following rules are installed/updated:

- OPT.JAVA.NEW.JAVA.ETDR.USP (Install)

- OPT.JAVA.NEW.JAVA.ETDR.UNA (Install)

OK

This pop-up shows the summary result of the import run.

Analyzing your code with imported rules

First, you need to add the imported rules to an existing model (you can have done this with the import wizard already). You can mix any imported rule with the ones already in your library in the same model. To look for imported rules in your library you can select **Engine** in the filter **Engine**. This will help you identify which rules come from a PMD, Checkstyle or Findbugs import (checkKingQA imported rules will be classified under "Kiuwan" engine value).

Once your model contains imported rules, you need to publish it, and then, you can run your analysis from the [Kiuwan Local Analyzer](#).

You can analyze your code using your own rule implementations from PMD, Checkstyle, Findbugs or checkKingQA as long as you add your custom libraries using the Kiuwan local analyzer extension mechanism. Read the Kiuwan local analyzer documentation on how to add custom libraries and how the extension mechanism works.

If your rules are based on the standard rules supplied in the supported versions of PMD, Checkstyle, Findbugs or checkKingQA, the Kiuwan Local Analyzer will work out of the box.