

# Null Dereferenciations

## 1. Null Dereferenciation, intra procedural

```
1 public class Example1
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         String str=null;
6         int x;
7         if(args.length>0)
8             str=args[args.length-1];
9         x=str.length();
10    }
11 }
```

## 2. Null Dereferenciation, inter procedural

```
1 public class Example2_1
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         int a=args.length+1;
6         int b=args.length;
7         int x;
8         String str=Example2_2.foo(a,b);
9         x=str.length();
10    }
11 }
```

```
1 public class Example2_2
2 {
3     public static String foo(int a, int b)
4     {
5         String str=null;
6         if(b!=0)
7             str=Float.toString((float) a/b);
8         return str;
9     }
10 }
```

## 3. Models

```
1 package lib;
2
3 import com.facebook.infer.builtins.InferUndefined;
4 import com.facebook.infer.builtins.InferBuiltins;
5
6
7 public class ClassFromLib {
8
9     public int doSomething()
10    {
11        int x = InferUndefined.int_undefined();
12        InferBuiltins.assume(x > 0);
13        return x;
14    }
15
16 }
```

```

1 import lib.ClassFromLib;
2
3 public class Example3
4 {
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7         int x,y;
8         String str=null;
9         ClassFromLib c=new ClassFromLib();
10        x=c.doSomething();
11        if(x>0)
12            str="abc";
13        y=str.length();
14    }
15 }

```

#### 4. Allowing null as input

```

1 import javax.annotation.Nullable;
2
3 public class Example4
4 {
5     public int getLength(@Nullable String str)
6     {
7         return str.length();
8     }
9 }

```

#### 5. Null Dereferenciation: inter procedural large scale:

The following Android code snippets show a bug which was found in the the source code of duckduckgo

Source:

<https://code.facebook.com/posts/1537144479682247/finding-inter-procedural-bugs-at-scale-with-infer-static-analyzer/>

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```

865 public void feedItemSelected(String feedId) {
866     FeedObject feedObject = DDGApplication.getDB().selectFeedById(feedId);
867     feedItemSelected(feedObject);

483 public FeedObject selectFeedById(String id){
484     FeedObject out= null;
485     Cursor c = null;
486     try
487     {
488         c = this.db.query(FEED_TABLE, null, "_id=?", new String[]{id},
489             if (c.moveToFirst()) {
490                 out = getFeedObject(c);
491             }
492     } finally {
493         if(c!=null) {
494             c.close();
495         }
496     }
497     return out;
498 }

```

```

842 public void feedItemSelected(FeedObject feedObject) {
843     // keep a reference, so that we can reuse details while saving
844     DDGControlVar.currentFeedObject = feedObject;
845     DDGControlVar.mDuckDuckGoContainer.sessionType = SESSIONTYPE.SESSION_FEED;
846     String url = feedObject.getUrl();

```

## Check for nullness of method's in and output

### 6. assigning null to non nullable field

```

1 import javax.annotation.Nullable;
2
3 public class Example6
4 {
5     private String str;
6
7     public Example6()
8     {
9         this.str="";
10    }
11
12    public void foo(@Nullable String s)
13    {
14        this.str=s;
15    }
16 }

```

### 7. field which is not annotated with nullable is not initialized

```

1 import javax.annotation.Nullable;
2
3 public class Example7
4 {
5     private String str;
6
7     public Example7()
8     {
9     }
10 }

```

### 8. return null although not annotated as nullable

```

1 import javax.annotation.Nullable;
2
3 public class Example8
4 {
5     public String foo(int a)
6     {
7         String s=a>0?"Test":null;
8         return s;
9     }
10 }

```

## Resource Leaks

### 9. input stream without closure

```
1 import java.io.FileInputStream;
2 import java.io.IOException;
3
4 public class Example9
5 {
6     public void foo(String str) throws IOException
7     {
8         FileInputStream in=new FileInputStream(str);
9     }
10 }
```

### 10. input stream with not always reachable closure

```
1 import java.io.FileInputStream;
2 import java.io.IOException;
3
4 public class Example10
5 {
6     public int foo(String str) throws IOException
7     {
8         int ret;
9         FileInputStream in=new FileInputStream(str);
10        ret=in.read();
11        in.close();
12        return ret;
13    }
14 }
```

## Memory leaks in C++

### 11. Memory leak should be detected

```
1 void foo()
2 {
3     int* p=new int;
4     //do something
5 }
```

### 12. No memory leak should be detected

```
1 int* bar()
2 {
3     int* p=new int;
4     return p;
5 }
```