Program Code Analyzers – Agenda

- The Problem
- Dynamic and Static Tools
- Examples of Tools

The Problems

- Programmers make errors when coding
- The Compiler usually only finds syntax errors, not memory or logical errors

- These bugs show up at run time
- But sometimes only rarely, and may seem invisible
- We need help to find them!

 Does the code have a reasonable amount of comments?

How long and complex are the functions/methods?

Dynamic and Static Tools

Dynamic Tools

- Run-time testing
- Detection of memory errors, such as leaks or memory writes
- Memory efficiency
- Detection of race conditions
- Construction of run-time call graphs

Static Tools

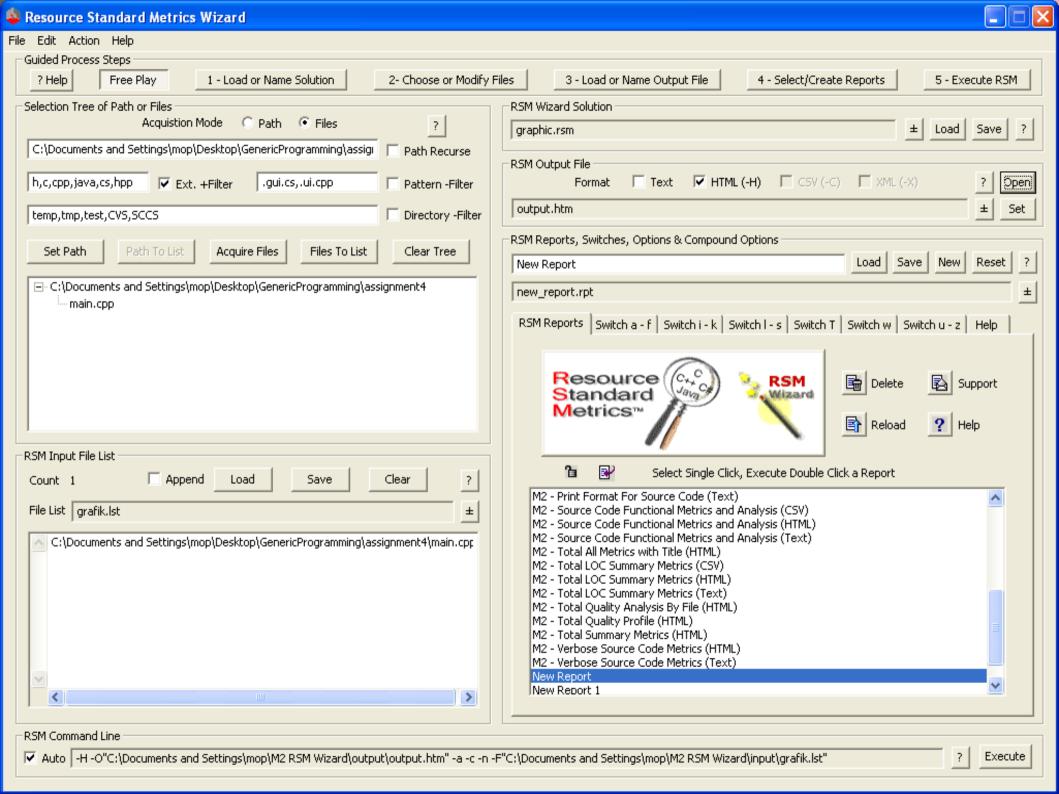
- Before run-time
- Detect common errors
- Detect potental problems, such as methods often used incorrectly or unreachable code
- Calculate metrics for program code
- Construction of call graphs
- Assist in writing test programs

Examples of Tools

- IDA Pro
- Purify
- Resource Standard Metric (RSM)
- Valgrind

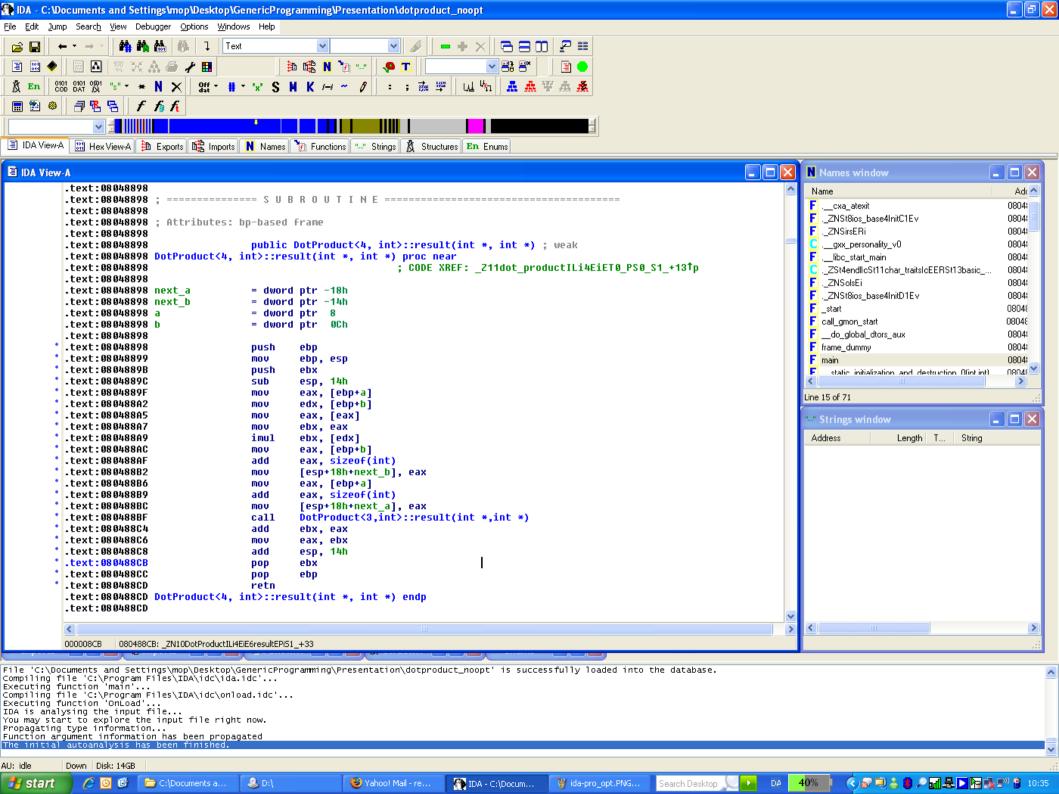
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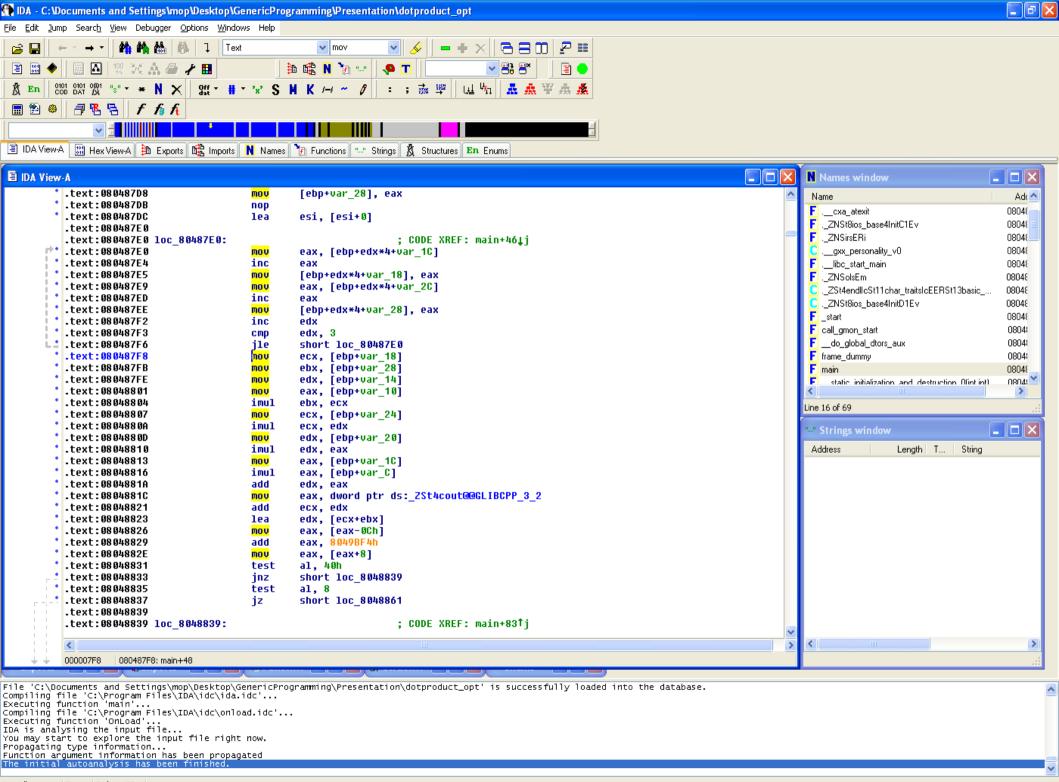
- http://msquaredtechnologies.com/
- Static source code analyzer



Interactive Disassembler Pro (IDA Pro)

- http://www.datarescue.com/idabase
- Disassembler with extensive plugin interface





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int main()
int a[4] = \{1,2,3,4\};
int b[4] = \{5,6,7,8\};
cout << dot product<4>(a, b) << endl;
return 0;
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