

code::dive

*Status quo:*  
clang-tidy & AddressSanitizer  
on Windows

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# *Abstract*

Clang-tidy is the go-to assistant for most C++ programmers looking to improve their code. If you set out to modernize your aging code base and find hidden bugs along the way, clang-tidy is your friend. My team brought all the clang-tidy magic to Visual Studio C++ developers with an open-source Visual Studio extension called “Clang Power Tools”. This helped tens of thousands of developers leverage its powers to improve their projects, regardless of their compiler of choice for building their applications.

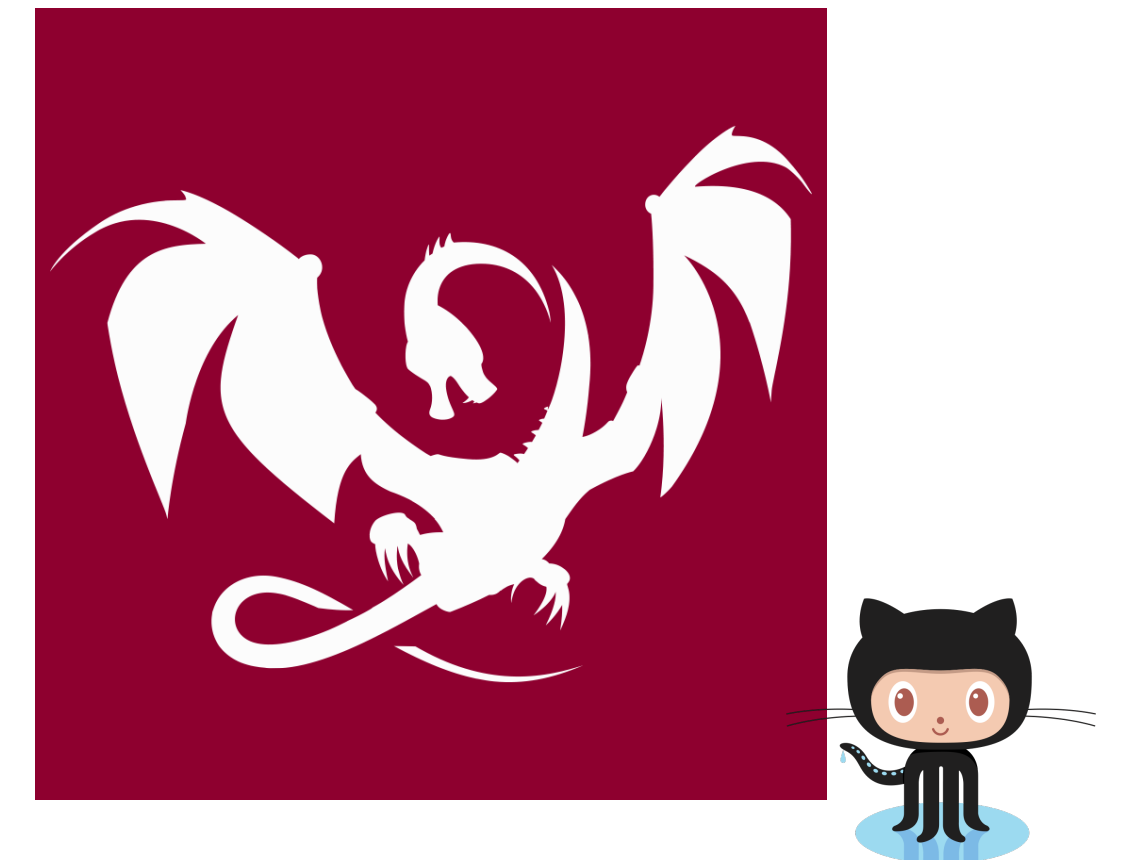
Clang-tidy comes packed with hundreds of built-in checks: best practice fixits and static analysis for potential risks. Most of them are extremely valuable in real-world code, but there are several cases where you might need to run custom checks/transformations for your project. You will now get a crash course in writing your own tidy check/fix-it from scratch.

You think static analysis is great? Wait until you try dynamic/runtime analysis! After years of improvements and successes for Clang and GCC users, AddressSanitizer (ASan) is finally coming to Windows, in Visual Studio 2019. Let's take an overview of how this experience is going to be for MSVC projects.

# Who Am I?



**Advanced Installer**



**Clang Power Tools**

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# Vignette in 4 parts

The Tools

Legacy Code

Take Control

Status Quo



# **Part I**

# **The Tools**



# Lunched 2 Years Ago: September 2017



The image shows a video player interface. The main content area displays a presentation slide with the following text:

**Bringing Clang-tidy Magic to Visual Studio C++ Developers**

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[www.advancedinstaller.com](http://www.advancedinstaller.com)

Logos for **cppcon** (the c++ conference) and **CAPHYON** are visible.

On the right side of the video player, there is a small inset video of the speaker, **VICTOR CIURA**, standing at a podium. Below the inset video, the title of the presentation is repeated: **Bringing Clang-tidy Magic to Visual Studio C++ Developers**.

At the bottom of the video player, there is a control bar with play, next, and volume icons, and a progress indicator showing **0:06 / 1:00:34**. On the right side of the control bar, there are icons for **CC**, **HD**, and a full-screen icon.

CppCon 2017: Victor Ciura "Bringing Clang-tidy Magic to Visual Studio C++ Developers"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wl-9ozmxXbo>





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Clang Power Tools

[www.clangpowertools.com](http://www.clangpowertools.com)

LLVM

clang-tidy  
clang++  
clang-format

Visual Studio

2015/2017/2019







- open-source Visual Studio extension:  
<https://github.com/Caphyon/clang-power-tools>
- helping developers leverage Clang/LLVM tools (`clang++`, `clang-tidy` and `clang-format`)
- perform various code transformations and fixes like **modernizing** code to C++ 11/14/17
- finding subtle latent **bugs** with its static analyzer and C++ Core Guidelines checks

[www.clangpowertools.com](http://www.clangpowertools.com)



# Clang PowerShell Script

- very configurable (many parameters)
- supports both clang compile and tidy workflows
- works directly on Visual Studio **.vcxproj** files (or MSBuild projects)
  -  **no** roundtrip transformation through Clang JSON compilation database
- supports parallel compilation
- constructs Clang PCH from VS project <stdafx.h>
- automatically extracts all necessary settings from VS projects:
  -  preprocessor definitions, platform toolset, SDK version, include directories, PCH, etc.

[clang-build.ps1](#)





## Using The PowerShell Script

- dir** Source directory to process for VS project files
- proj** List of projects to compile
- proj-ignore** List of projects to ignore
- file** What cpp(s) to compile from the found projects
- file-ignore** List of files to ignore
- parallel** Run clang++ in parallel mode, on all logical CPU cores
- continue** Continue project compilation even when errors occur
- clang-flags** Flags passed to clang++ driver
- tidy** Run specified clang-tidy checks
- tidy-fix** Run specified clang-tidy checks with auto-fix
- ...**


[clang-build.ps1](#)



## Using The PowerShell Script

You can run `clang-build.ps1` directly,  
by specifying all required parameters (low-level control over details)

or

You can use a **configuration file** ( `cpt.config` )   
that pre-loads some of the configurations specific for your team/project  
=> store it in your *source control*





## Using The PowerShell Script

```
PS>. \clang-build.ps1 -parallel
```

➔ Runs clang **compile** on all projects in current directory

```
PS>. \clang-build.ps1 -parallel -proj-ignore foo,bar
```

➔ Runs clang **compile** on all projects in current directory, except 'foo' and 'bar'

```
PS>. \clang-build.ps1 -proj foo,bar -file-ignore meow  
-tidy-fix "-*,modernize-*
```

➔ Runs **clang-tidy**, using all *modernize* checks, on all CPPs not containing 'meow' in their name, from the projects 'foo' and 'bar'.



## cpt.config

```
<cpt-config>
  <clang-flags>  "-Werror"
                 , "-Wall"
                 , "-fms-compatibility-version=19.10"
                 , "-Wmicrosoft"
                 , "-Wno-invalid-token-paste"
                 , "-Wno-unknown-pragmas"
                 , "-Wno-unused-value"
  </clang-flags>
  <header-filter>' .*' </header-filter>
  <parallel/>
  <vs-sku>' Professional' </vs-sku>
  <file-ignore>  'htmlayoutsdk\include\behaviors'
                 , 'vsphere\vim25\core'
  </file-ignore>
  <proj-ignore>  'SciLexer'
                 , 'tools\msix-psf'
  </proj-ignore>
</cpt-config>
```





## Using The PowerShell Script



**Jenkins**



**GitLab**



**Azure Pipelines**  
(Azure DevOps)



## Using The PowerShell Script



**Any** CI/CD system with PowerShell support



# Jenkins CI Configuration



Reference PowerShell script from the job working directory: `clang-build.ps1`

## Build

Windows PowerShell X ?

Command `.\scripts\ai-clang-build.ps1 -parallel -proj-ignore LZMA.vcxproj`

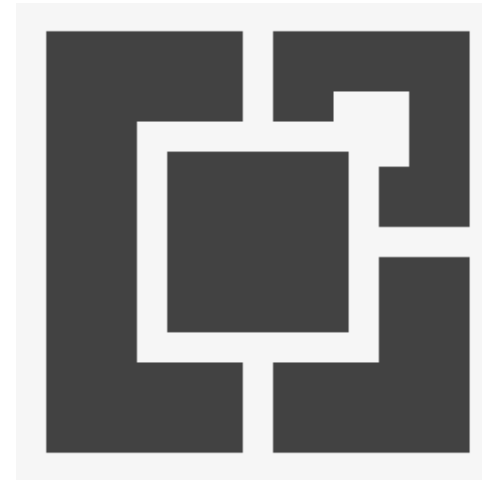
[See the list of available environment variables](#)

Add build step ▼

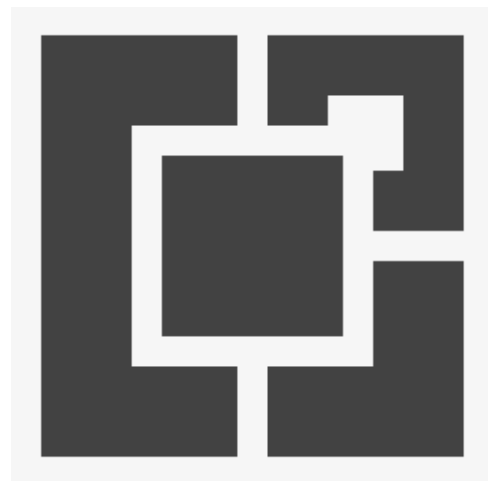
# What About Developer Workflow?



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# Install Clang Power Tools Visual Studio Extension



Manage Extensions


Installed

Sort by: Relevance

Online

- Visual Studio Marketplace
  - Controls
  - Templates
  - Tools
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- Updates
- Roaming Extension Manager

clang

**Clang Power Tools**   
A tool bringing clang-tidy magic to Visual Studio C++ developers.  
Trial

**ClangFormat**  
A tool to format C/C++/Obj-C code.

**Sourcetrail Extension**  
This extension allows you to synchronize Visual Studio with Sourcetrail, a Clang based source cod...

**llvm2019**  
Allows the LLVM Compiler Toolchain (installed separately) to be used from within Visual Studio 2...

**WebAssembly C++ Console Project Tem...**  
WebAssembly (Emscripten) C++ Console App -

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**Created By:** Caphyon  
**Version:** 5.3.0  
**Downloads:** 27108  
**Pricing Category:** Trial  
**Rating:** ★★★★★ (24 Votes)  
[Release Notes](#)  
[More Information](#)  
[Report Extension to Microsoft](#)

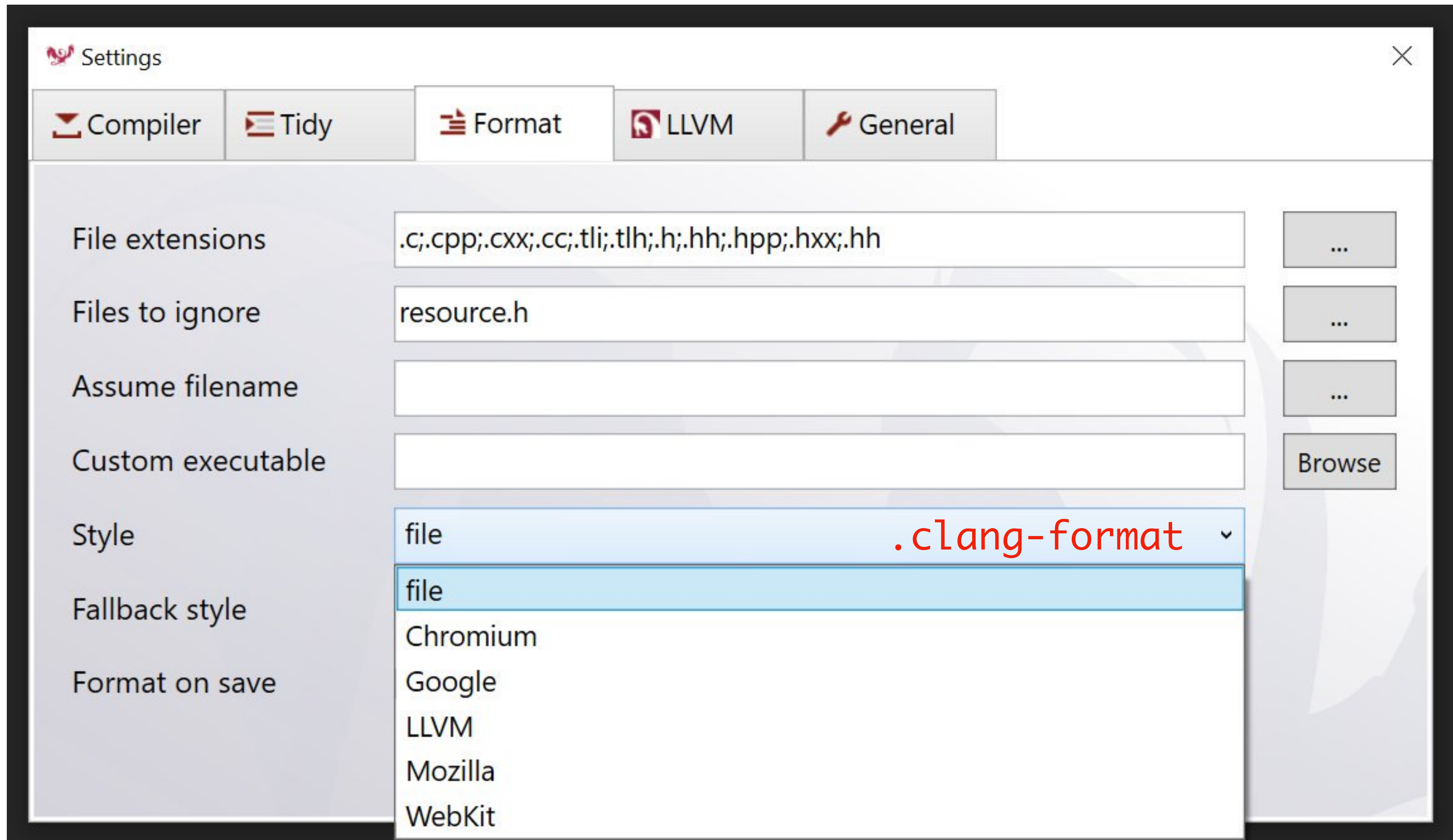
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# Clang Format



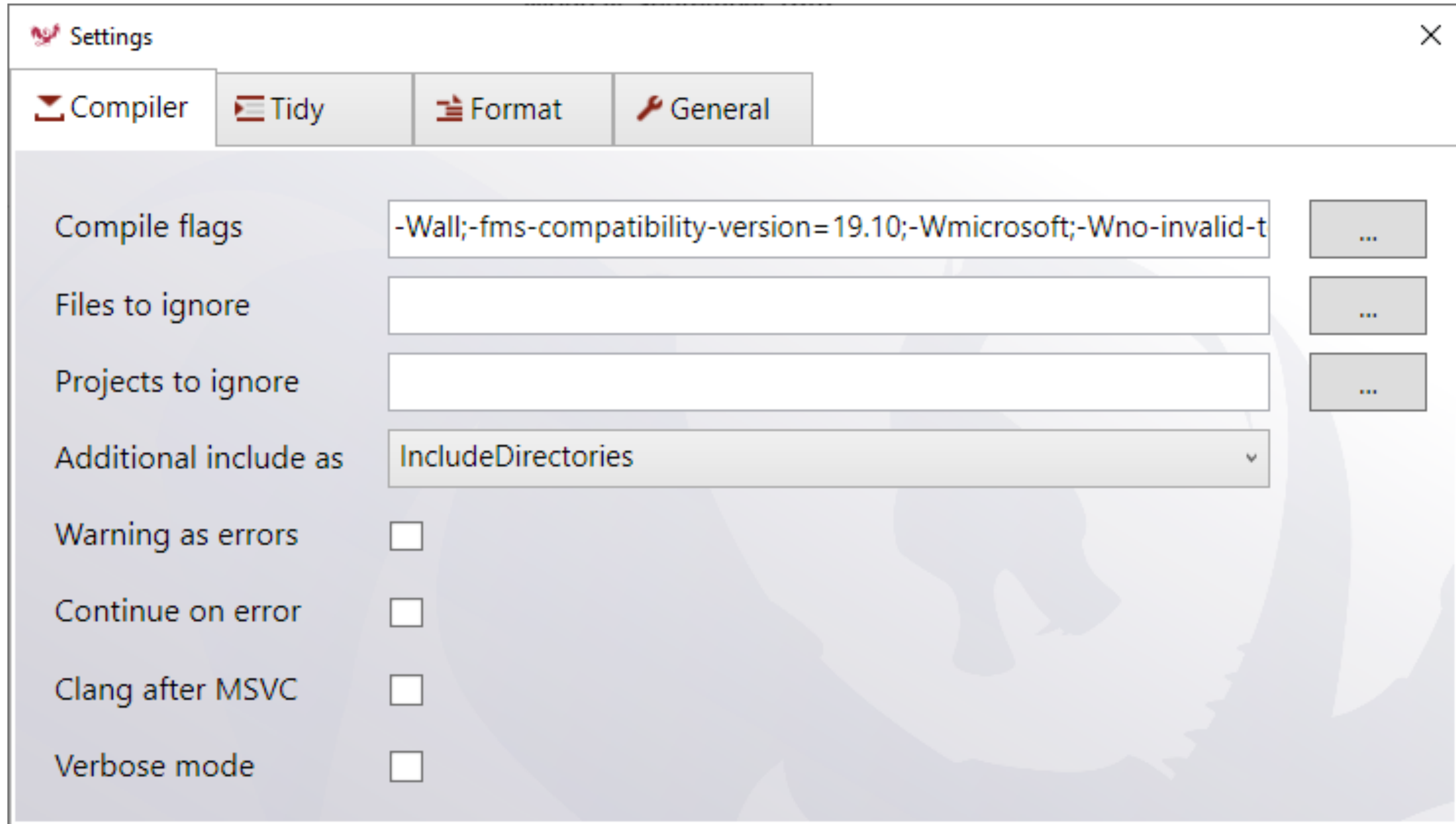
# Install **side-by-side** LLVM versions

The screenshot shows the LLVM settings window with the following content:

Version	Action
LLVM 8.0.0	Stop
LLVM 7.1.0	Download
LLVM 7.0.1	Download
LLVM 7.0.0	Uninstall
LLVM 6.0.1	Download
LLVM 6.0.0	Download

At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Use LLVM" with "7.0.0" selected. A red arrow points to this dropdown with the text "← LLVM version to use".

# clang++ compilation flags

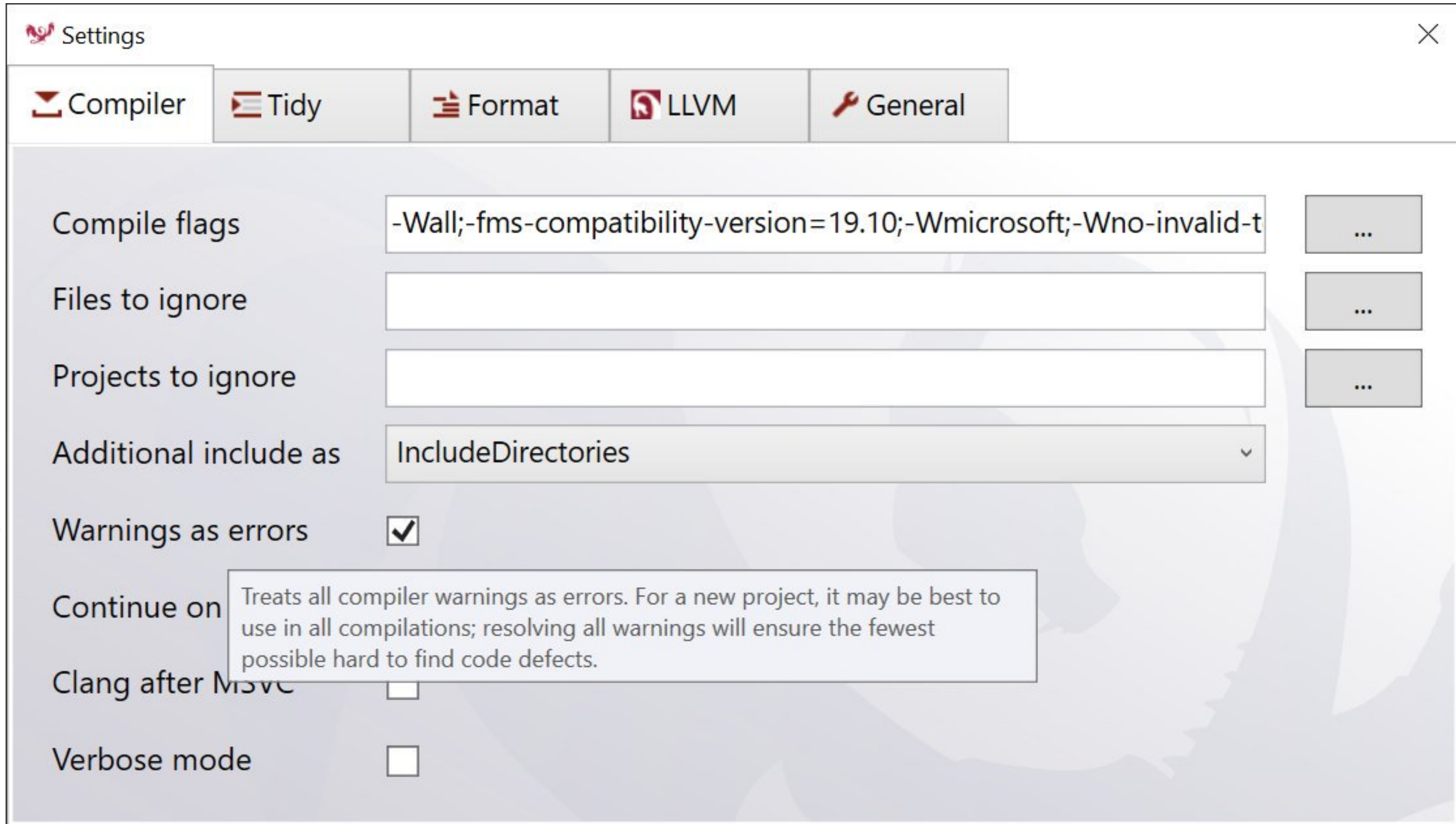


The image shows a screenshot of the Visual Studio Settings dialog, specifically the Compiler tab. The 'Compile flags' field is highlighted with a yellow hand emoji pointing to it. The field contains the following flags: `-Wall;-fms-compatibility-version=19.10;-Wmicrosoft;-Wno-invalid-t`. Other settings visible include 'Files to ignore', 'Projects to ignore', 'Additional include as' (set to 'IncludeDirectories'), and several unchecked checkboxes for 'Warning as errors', 'Continue on error', 'Clang after MSVC', and 'Verbose mode'.

Setting	Value
Compile flags	<code>-Wall;-fms-compatibility-version=19.10;-Wmicrosoft;-Wno-invalid-t</code>
Files to ignore	
Projects to ignore	
Additional include as	IncludeDirectories
Warning as errors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continue on error	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clang after MSVC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verbose mode	<input type="checkbox"/>



# -Werror /WX



Settings

Compiler Tidy Format LLVM General

Compile flags `-Wall;-fms-compatibility-version=19.10;-Wmicrosoft;-Wno-invalid-t` ...

Files to ignore ...

Projects to ignore ...

Additional include as IncludeDirectories

Warnings as errors

Continue on Treats all compiler warnings as errors. For a new project, it may be best to use in all compilations; resolving all warnings will ensure the fewest possible hard to find code defects.

Clang after MSVC

Verbose mode



# Auto Clang compile after MSVC compile

Clang Power Tools - Settings

Compiler Tidy Format General

Compile flags: `-Wall;-fms-compatibility-version=19.10;-Wmicrosoft;-Wno-invalid-t` ...

Files to ignore: `HomeController.cpp;Allocator.cpp;` ...

Projects to ignore: `CustomAllocator.cpp` ...

Additional include as: `IncludeDirectories`

Warning as errors:

Continue on error:

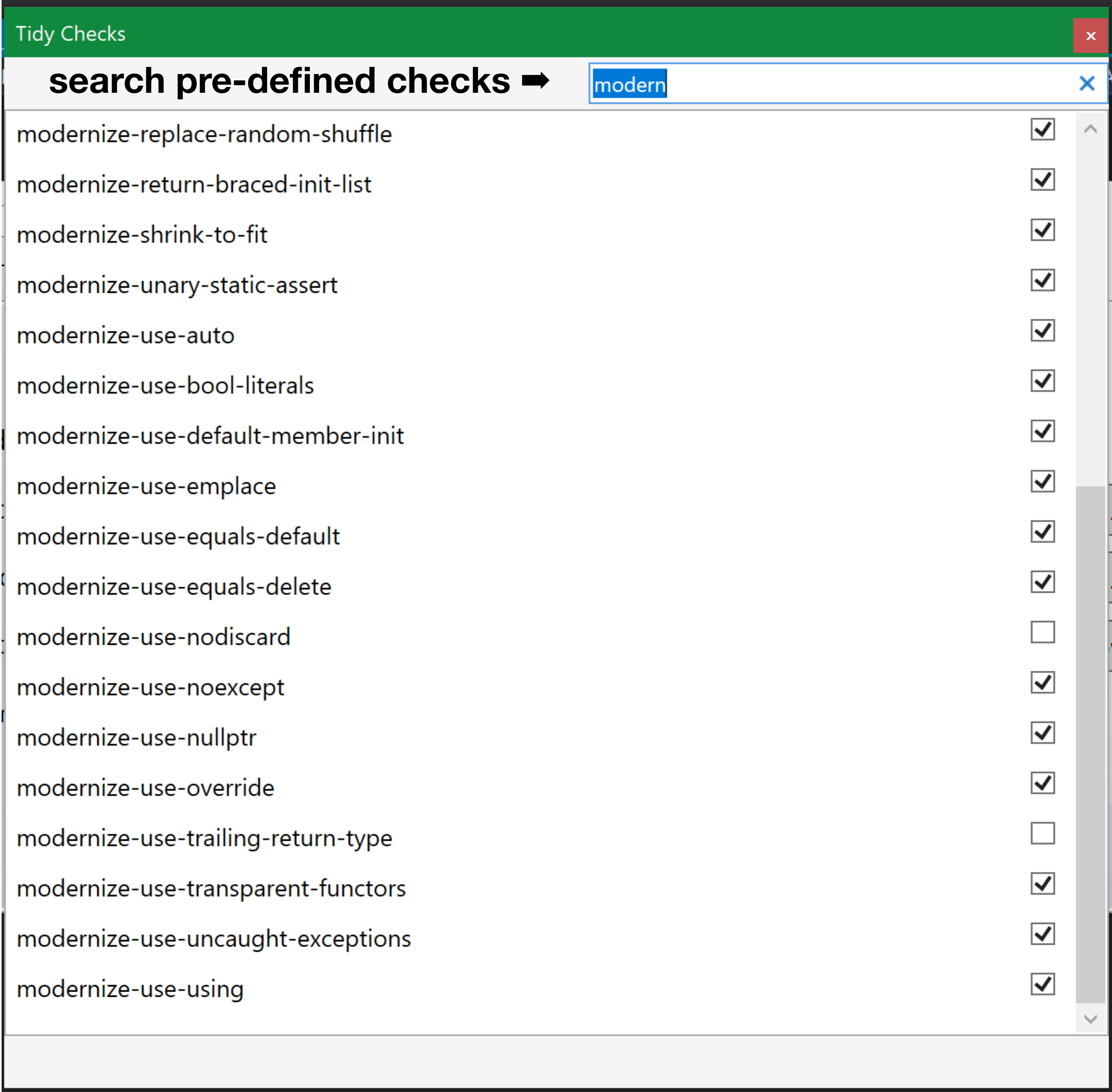
Clang after MSVC:

Verbose mode:





# clang-tidy built-in checks





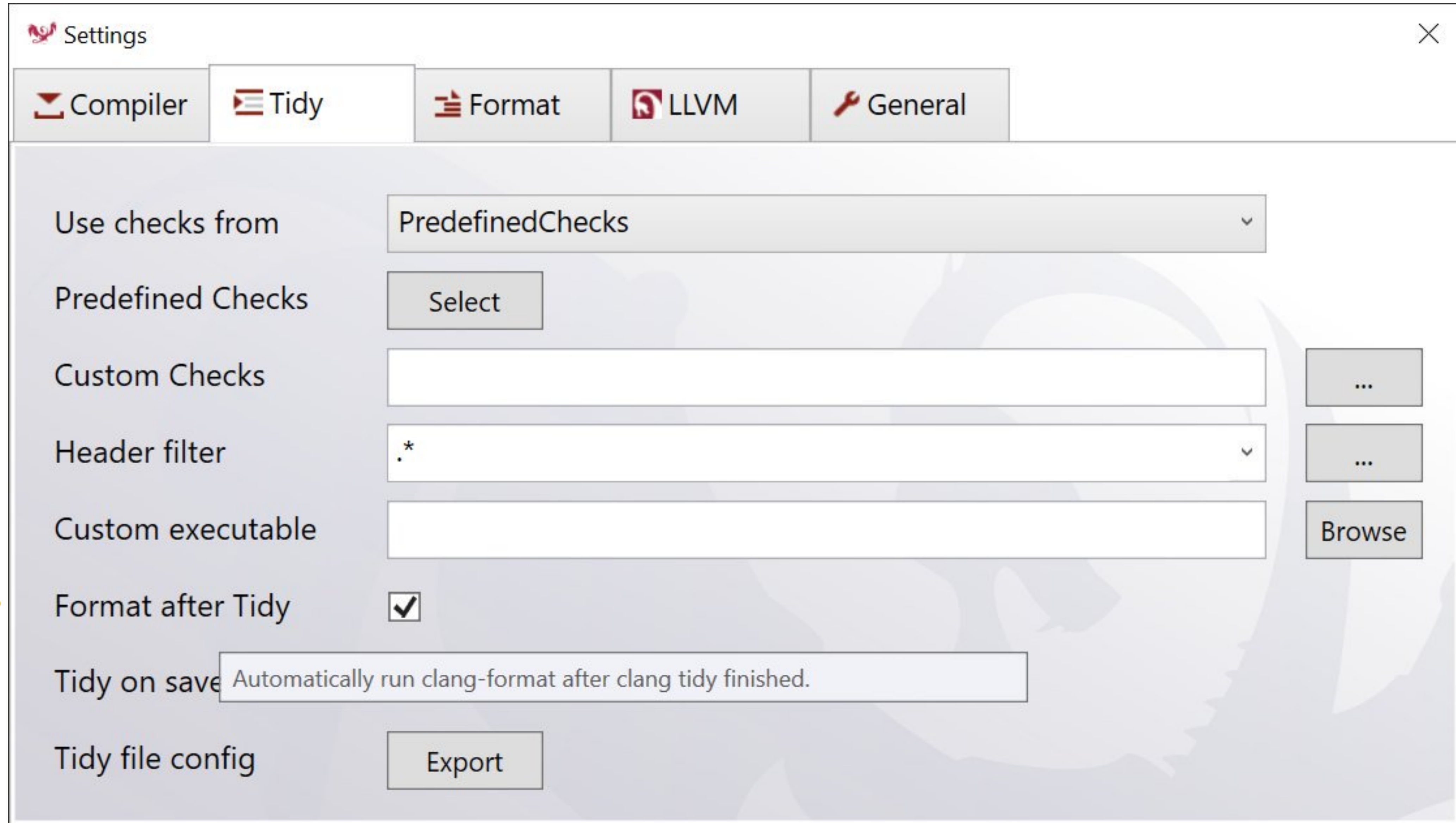
# clang-tidy custom checks

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' dialog box for clang-tidy, with the 'Tidy' tab selected. The dialog has a green title bar with a close button. Below the title bar are five tabs: 'Compiler', 'Tidy', 'Format', 'LLVM', and 'General'. The 'Tidy' tab is active, displaying several configuration options:

- Use checks from:** A dropdown menu set to 'CustomChecks'.
- Predefined Checks:** A 'Select' button.
- Custom Checks:** A text input field containing 'modernize-\*'. A blue highlight is under 'modernize-', and a black arrow points to it with the text '← wildcard match'.
- Header filter:** A dropdown menu set to '\*.\*
- Custom executable:** An empty text input field.
- Format after Tidy:** A checked checkbox.
- Tidy on save:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Tidy file config:** An 'Export' button.

On the right side of the 'Custom Checks' and 'Header filter' fields, there are three buttons: two '...' buttons and one 'Browse' button.

# Run **clang-format** after tidy auto-fixes



Settings

Compiler Tidy Format LLVM General

Use checks from PredefinedChecks

Predefined Checks Select

Custom Checks

Header filter .\*

Custom executable

Format after Tidy

Tidy on save Automatically run clang-format after clang tidy finished.

Tidy file config Export



# Auto apply tidy fixes as you edit/save

Settings

Compiler Tidy Format LLVM General

Use checks from PredefinedChecks

Predefined Checks Select

Custom Checks ...

Header filter \*.h ...

Custom executable Browse

Format after Tidy

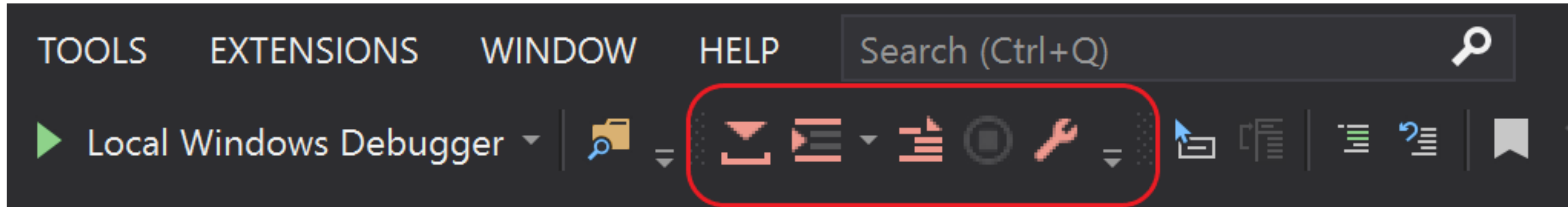
Tidy on save

Tidy file con Automatically run clang-tidy when saving the current source file.



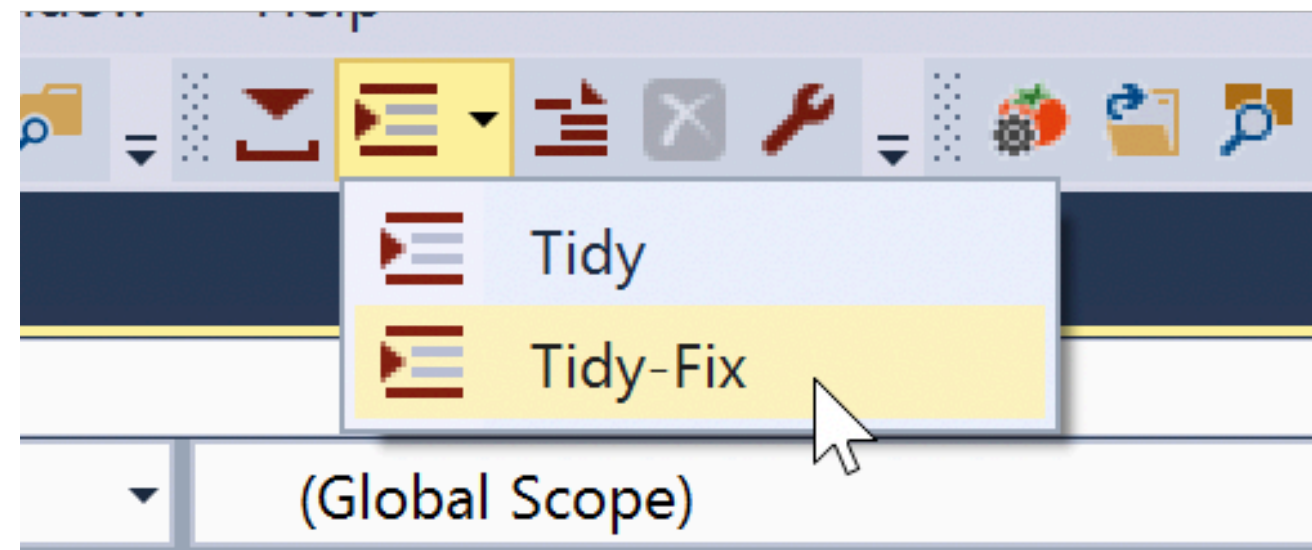


# Clang Power Tools toolbar

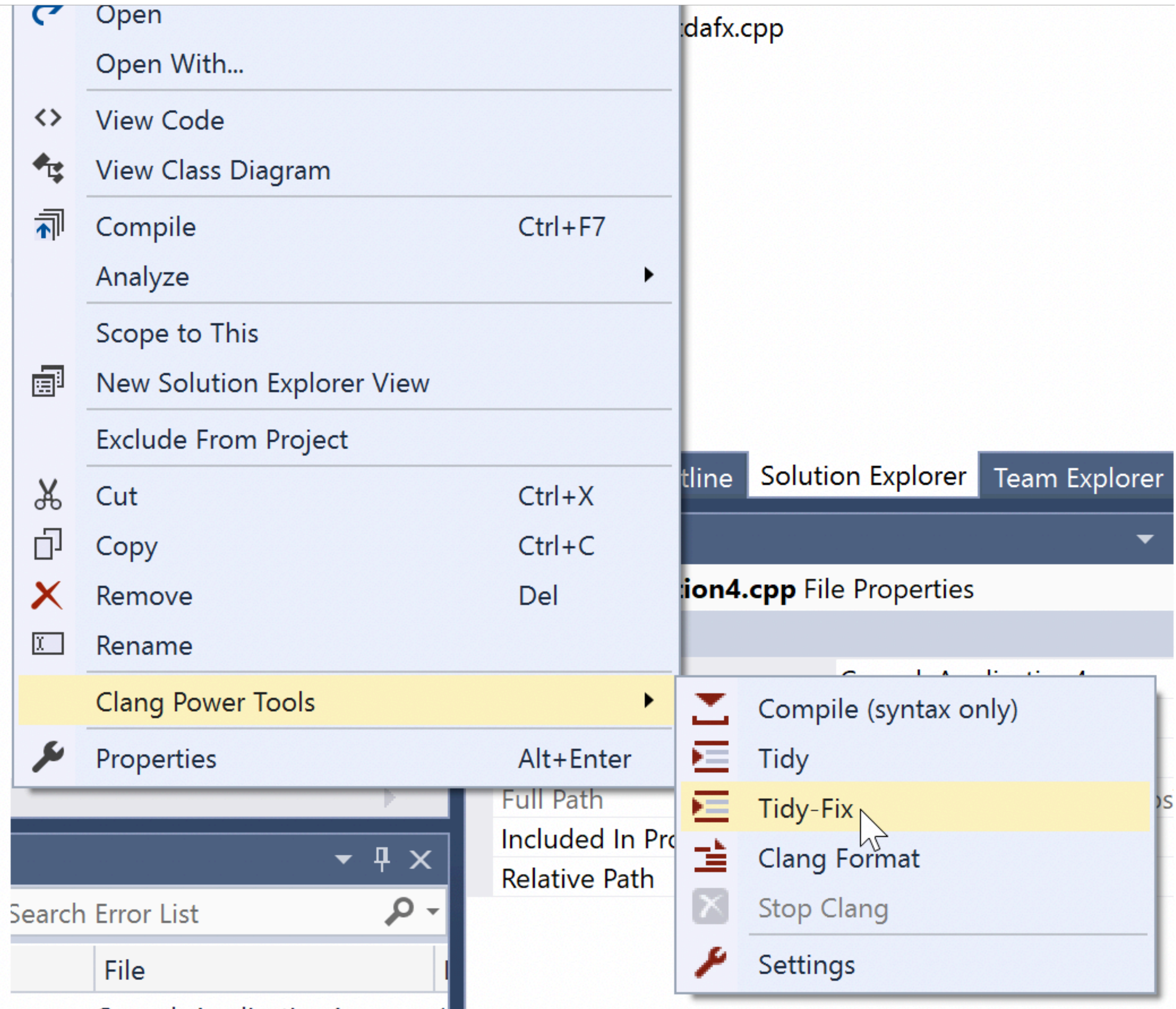




# Run Clang Power Tools on a whole *project* or *solution*

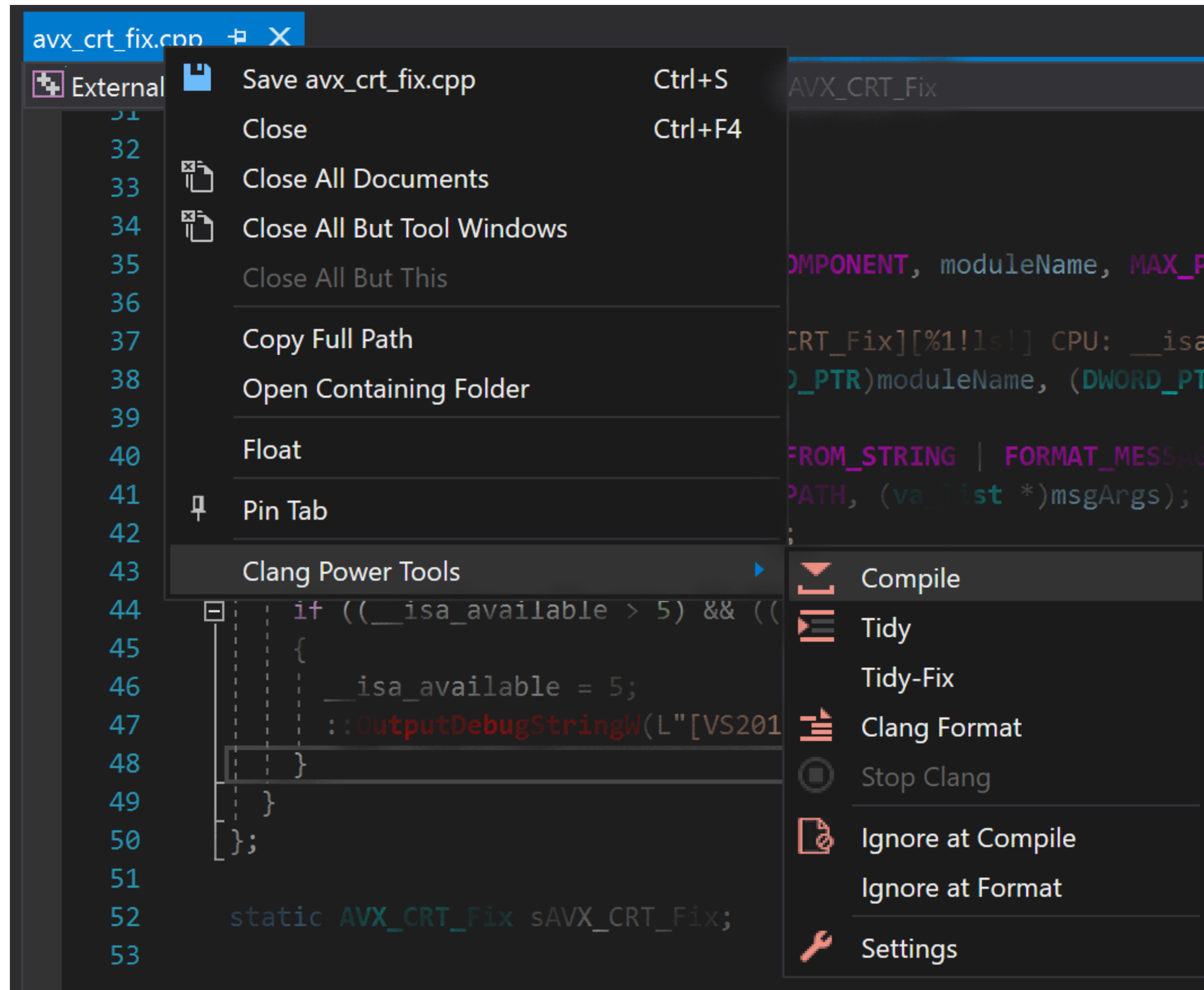


## Solution Explorer



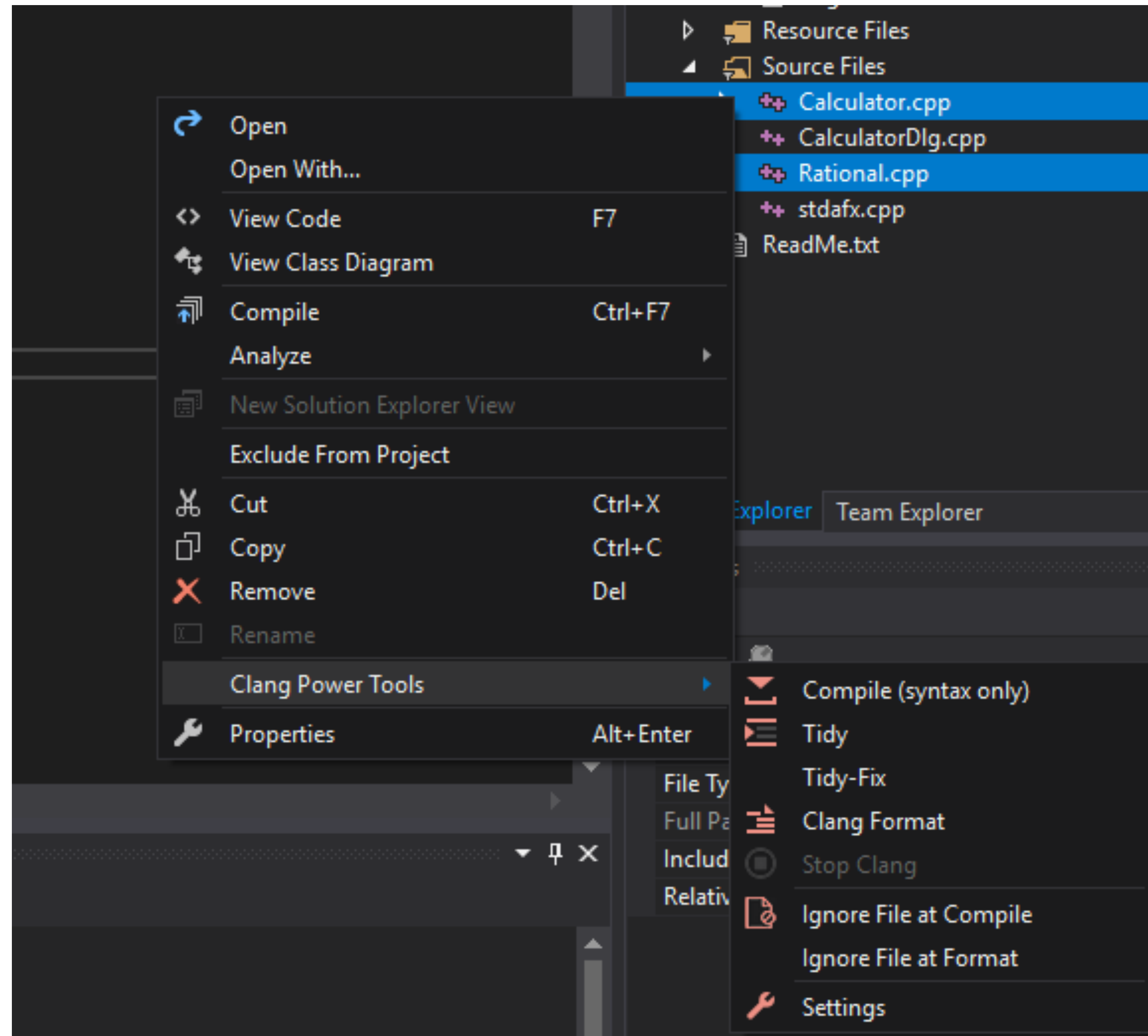


# Run Clang Power Tools on a *source file* (tab-menu)





# Clang Power Tools on selected *source files* (Solution Explorer)



# Clang Output

```
StringProcessing.cpp x StringEncoding.cpp
Platform StringUtil IsRTL(const wstring & aString)
498 {
499     size_t textLength = aString.length();
500
501     CAutoVectorPtr<WORD> charsType;
502     charsType.Allocate(textLength);
503
504     Facet facet = DEFAULT_LOCALE;
505
506     // get type of each character from string
507     BOOL ret = ::GetStringTypeW(CT_CTYPE2, aString.c_str(), (int)textLength, charsType);
508     if (!ret)
509         return false;
510
511     for (size_t i = 0; i < textLength; i++)
512     {
513         // at least one char is RTL so we consider entire string as RTL
514         if (charsType[i] == C2_RIGHTTOLEFT)
```

Output

Show output from: Clang Power Tools

```
1: C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp
Error: C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:504:9: error: no viable conversion from 'const wchar_t [6]' to 'Facet'
    Facet facet = DEFAULT_LOCALE;
        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp
:344:7: note: candidate constructor (the implicit copy constructor) not viable: no known conversion from 'const wchar_t [6]' to 'const
class Facet
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:344:7: note: candidate constructor (the implicit move constructor) not viable: no
class Facet
```

← Clang compile error



# Clang tidy static analysis report

```
StringProcessing.cpp  X
Platform  StringUtil  IsRTL(const wstring & aString)
491 // get type of each character from string
492 BOOL ret = ::GetStringTypeW(CT_CTYPE2, aString.c_str(), (int)textLength, charsType);
493
494 if (!ret)
495     return false;
496
497 for (size_t i = 0; i < textLength; i++)
498 {
499     // at least one char is RTL so we consider entire string as RTL
500     if (charsType[i] == C2_RIGHTTOLEFT)
501         return true;
```

Output

Show output from: Clang Power Tools

C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:500:9: warning: Array access results in a null pointer dereference [clang-analyzer-core.NullDereference]

```
    if (charsType[i] == C2_RIGHTTOLEFT)
        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:494:7: note: Assuming 'ret' is not equal to 0
    if (!ret)
        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:494:3: note: Taking false branch
    if (!ret)
        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:497:22: note: Assuming 'i' is < 'textLength'
    for (size_t i = 0; i < textLength; i++)
                        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:497:3: note: Loop condition is true. Entering loop body
    for (size_t i = 0; i < textLength; i++)
        ^
C:\JobAI\platform\util\strings\StringProcessing.cpp:500:9: note: Array access results in a null pointer dereference
    if (charsType[i] == C2_RIGHTTOLEFT)
        ^
Suppressed
```

[clang-analyzer-core.NullDereference]

Error List Output Find Symbol Results





# Where we've come so far

- ✓ Clang Compile, Tidy, Tidy-Fix, and Format
- ✓ PowerShell comand-line
- ✓ CPT configuration files
- ✓ CMake projects
- ✓ Detect C++ standard automatically from project
- ✓ Visual Studio 2015/2017/2019
- ✓ Support for C and header files
- ✓ Export .clang-tidy config file
- ✓ Export/Import user settings for teams
- ✓ Partial file paths as project/files to compile or ignore
- ✓ LLVM 4.0 - 8.0
- ✓ User defined and build-in macros
- ✓ Automatically detect Visual Studio SDK
- ✓ Detect auto property sheets
- ✓ Install and update LLVM from settings

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## UPCOMING FEATURES

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**soon** Tidy-Fix on code selection

**soon** JSON Compilation Database

**soon** Squiggles

**soon** File preview

# Why Do I Care ?

16 year old code base under active development  
3.5 million lines of C++ code  
a few brave nerds...

or

“How we managed to **clang-tidy** our whole code base,  
while maintaining our monthly release cycle”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wl-9ozmxXbo>

## **Part II**

# **Legacy Code**



# *Mandatory Slide*

Gauging the audience...

C++98/03

C++11

C++14

C++17



# Why do we need this ?

**ISO C++ standard  
conformance**

**Finding bugs**

# ISO C++ standard conformance

**MSVC\*** /permissive-

**Problem: older Windows SDKs**

**\* starting with Visual Studio 2017**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/reference/permissive-standards-conformance?view=vs-2019>



# ISO C++ standard conformance

Latest **MSVC** STL

**Compiles/requires Clang 8**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/reference/permissive-standards-conformance?view=vs-2019>

# Goals

- Experiment with **clang-tidy** checks / static analysis
- Getting all our code to fully **compile** with Clang, using the correct VS project settings
- We found several compatibility issues between MSVC compiler and Clang
- Note that we were already using MSVC **/W4** and **/WX** on all our projects

# Goals

- Welcome to the land of **non-standard C++** language extensions and striving for C++ ISO conformance in our code
- We started **fixing** all non-conformant code... (some automation required)
- Perform large scale **refactorings** on our code with clang-tidy:  
`modernize-*`, `readability-*`
- Run **static analysis** on our code base to find subtle latent bugs
- Switch to the new MSVC compiler: `/permissive-`





## Fixes, fixes, fixes...



### Just a few examples:

**Error:** delete called on non-final 'AppPathVar' that has virtual functions but non-virtual destructor [-Werror,-Wdelete-non-virtual-dtor]

**Error:** 'MsiComboBoxTable::PreRowChange' hides overloaded virtual function [-Werror,-Woverloaded-virtual]

```
void PreRowChange(const IMsiRow & aRow, BitField aModifiedContext);
```

**Error:** variable 'it' is incremented both in the loop header and in the loop body [-Werror,-Wfor-loop-analysis]



## Fixes, fixes, fixes...



**Just a few examples:**

**Error:** moving a temporary object prevents copy elision

`[-Werror,-Wpessimizing-move]`

```
: GenericPath(move(UnboxHugePath(aPath)))
```

**Error:** moving a local object in a return statement prevents copy elision

`[-Werror,-Wpessimizing-move]`

```
return move(replacedConnString);
```



## Fixes, fixes, fixes...

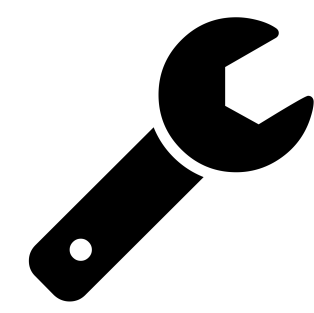


Just a few examples:

```
Error: field 'mCommandContainer' will be initialized after field  
'mRepackBuildType' [-Werror,-Wreorder]
```

```
Error: PipeServer.cpp:42:39: error: missing field 'InternalHigh' initializer  
[-Werror,-Wmissing-field-initializers]
```





## Fixes, fixes, fixes...

StringProcessing.cpp:504:9: **error:** no viable conversion from  
'const wchar\_t [6]' to 'Facet'

```
Facet facet = DEFAULT_LOCALE;  
^           ~~~~~
```

StringProcessing.cpp:344:7: **note:** candidate constructor (the implicit copy  
constructor) not viable: no known conversion from  
'const wchar\_t [6]' to 'const Facet &' for 1st argument

```
class Facet  
^
```

StringProcessing.cpp:349:3: **note:** candidate constructor not viable: no known  
conversion from 'const wchar\_t [6]' to 'const std::wstring &' for 1st argument

```
Facet(const wstring & facet)  
^
```



**Frequent offender: Two user-defined conversions needed**



## Fixes, fixes, fixes...

**Error:** destructor called on non-final 'InternalMessageGenerator' that has virtual functions but non-virtual destructor

**[-Werror, -Wdelete-non-virtual-dtor]**

```
_Getptr()->~_Ty();  
^
```

MessageCenter.cpp:49:29: **note:** in instantiation of function template specialization 'std::make\_shared<InternalMessageGenerator>' requested here

```
mInternalMsgGenerator = make_shared<InternalMessageGenerator>(...);  
^
```

...\VC\Tools\MSVC\include\memory:1783:15: **note:** qualify call to silence this warning

```
_Getptr()->~_Ty();
```



**Frequent offender**



## Fixes, fixes, fixes...

**Error:** delete called on 'NetFirewall::INetFirewallMgr' that is abstract but has non-virtual destructor [-Werror, -Wdelete-non-virtual-dtor]

```
    delete _Ptr;
```

^

... \VC\Tools\MSVC\include\memory:2267:4: note: in instantiation of member function 'std::default\_delete<NetFirewall::INetFirewallMgr>::operator()' requested here

```
    this->get_deleter()(get());
```

^

NetFirewallMgrFactory.cpp:21:44: note: in instantiation of member function

```
'std::unique_ptr<NetFirewall::INetFirewallMgr,
```

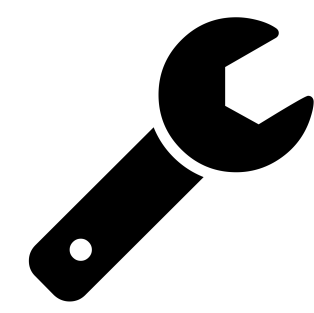
```
std::default_delete<NetFirewall::INetFirewallMgr> >::~~unique_ptr' requested here
```

```
unique_ptr<NetFirewall::INetFirewallMgr> fwMgr;
```



**Frequent offender**





## Fixes, fixes, fixes...

**Error:** comparison of two values with different enumeration types in switch statement 'FormattedLexer::CharType' and 'FormattedLexer::TokenId'

case REGULAR:

~~~~~

[-Werror, -Wenum-compare-switch]



**Frequent offender**



# Fixes, fixes, fixes...

## [-Wunused-private-field]

Remove unused class private fields:

- references
- pointers
- PODs



Watch out for **orphan** method *declarations* in classes



# Iterative Conformance

-Wmicrosoft

-Werror=microsoft

-Werror=typename-missing

-fms-compatibility-version=19.10

-fno-delayed-template-parsing



-Wno-xyz-warning

-Wno-invalid-token-paste

-Wno-language-extension-token

-Wno-unknown-pragmas

...



# Iterative Conformance

The long road to **MSVC** /permissive-

**Problems:**



**fix issues in your code**



**deal with older Windows SDKs**

(eg. targeting WinXP, Win7)





MSVC /permissive-



**Fix issues in your code**

## Tips:

- lots of issues related to TPL **two-phase lookup**
- include headers required by your template inline code
- fix issues related to dependent types
- do not assume STL headers include each other => be explicit



MSVC /permissive-

## Deal with older Windows SDKs

(eg. targeting Win7, WinXP)

### Tips:



Hello, COM !

- **forward declare `struct IUnknown` before including Win SDK headers**  
(related to TPL two-phase lookup)



# MSVC /permissive-

## Deal with older Windows SDKs

(eg. targeting WinXP, Win7)

### Tips:

- use `/Zc:strictStrings-` for **SDK headers (your PCH)**

Off by default; the `/permissive-` implicitly sets this option.

When set, the compiler requires strict const-qualification conformance for pointers initialized by using string literals.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/reference/zc-strictstrings-disable-string-literal-type-conversion?view=vs-2019>



## cpt.config

```
<cpt-config>
  <clang-flags>  "-Werror"
                , "-Wall"
                , "-fms-compatibility-version=19.10"
                , "-Wmicrosoft"
                , "-Wno-invalid-token-paste"
                , "-Wno-unknown-pragmas"
                , "-Wno-unused-value"
  </clang-flags>
  <header-filter>' .*' </header-filter>
  <parallel/>
  <vs-sku>' Professional' </vs-sku>
  <file-ignore>  'htmlayoutsdk\\include\\behaviors'
                , 'vsphere\\vim25\\core'
  </file-ignore>
  <proj-ignore>  'SciLexer'
                , 'tools\\msix-psf'
  </proj-ignore>
</cpt-config>
```







# clang-tidy

**over 250 checks**

<https://clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/checks/list.html>



# clang-tidy

## Large scale refactorings we performed:

- `modernize-use-nullptr`
- `modernize-loop-convert`
- `modernize-use-override`
- `readability-redundant-string-cstr`
- `modernize-use-emplace`
- `modernize-use-auto`
- `modernize-make-shared` & `modernize-make-unique`
- `modernize-use-equals-default` & `modernize-use-equals-delete`



# clang-tidy

## Large scale refactorings we performed:

- `modernize-use-default-member-init`
- `readability-redundant-member-init`
- `modernize-pass-by-value`
- `modernize-return-braced-init-list`
- `modernize-use-using`
- `cppcoreguidelines-pro-type-member-init`
- `readability-redundant-string-init` & `misc-string-constructor`
- `misc-suspicious-string-compare` & `misc-string-compare`
- `misc-inefficient-algorithm`
- `cppcoreguidelines-*`



# clang-tidy



## Issues we found:

[readability-redundant-string-cstr]

```
// mChRequest is a 1KB buffer, we don't want to send it whole  
// So copy it as a C string, until we reach a null char  
ret += mChRequest.c_str();
```

^

std::string





# clang-tidy



## Issues we found:

[modernize-make-shared, modernize-make-unique]

- requestData.reset(new BYTE[reqLength]);

+ requestData = std::make\_unique<BYTE>();



# clang-tidy



## Issues we found:

[modernize-make-shared, modernize-make-unique]

- requestData.reset(new BYTE[reqLength]);

+ requestData = std::make\_unique<BYTE[]>();



# clang-tidy

 **Issues we found:**

`[modernize-use-auto]` **Works very well, but leaves garbage typedefs:**

=> **error:** unused typedef 'BrowseIterator' `[-Werror,-Wunused-local-typedef]`

```
typedef vector<BrowseSQLServerInfo>::iterator BrowseIterator;
```



# clang-tidy



## Issues we found:

[modernize-loop-convert]

=> **unused values (orphan)** [-Werror, -Wunused-value]

```
vector<ModuleInfo>::iterator first = Modules_.begin();  
vector<ModuleInfo>::iterator last  = Modules_.end();
```

```
for (auto & module : Modules_)  
{  
    ...  
}
```





# clang-tidy

## Issues we found:

[modernize-use-using] => errors & incomplete

```
- typedef int (WINAPI * InitExtractionFcn)(ExtractInfo *);
```

```
+ using InitExtractionFcn =  
    int (*)(ExtractInfo *) __attribute__((stdcall)) (ExtractInfo *);
```

```
=> using InitExtractionFcn = int (WINAPI *) (ExtractInfo *);
```

# String related checks



clang-tidy

- abseil-string-find-startswith
- boost-use-to-string
- bugprone-string-constructor
- bugprone-string-integer-assignment
- bugprone-string-literal-with-embedded-nul
- bugprone-suspicious-string-compare
- modernize-raw-string-literal
- performance-faster-string-find
- performance-inefficient-string-concatenation
- readability-redundant-string-cstr
- readability-redundant-string-init
- readability-string-compare

<https://clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/checks/list.html>

# std::string\_view cheatsheet

## Lifetime with std::string\_view (C++17)

std::string\_view isn't a drop-in replacement  
for const std::string&

```
std::string str() {  
    return std::string("long_string_helps_to_detect_issues");  
}
```

```
const std::string& s = str();  
std::cout << s << '\n';
```

**lifetime extended**  
**prints the correct result**



```
std::string_view sv = str();  
std::cout << sv << '\n';
```

**lifetime not extended**  
**prints nonsense**



**const lvalue reference** binds to rvalue and provides lifetime extension. But there is no lifetime extension for std::string\_view.

For short strings this issue might be hard to detect due to short string optimization (SSO). The problem becomes obvious with longer (dynamically allocated) strings.

@walletfox







# clang-tidy bugprone-dangling-handle



Detect dangling references in value handles like `std::string_view`

These dangling references can be a result of constructing handles from **temporary** values, where the temporary is destroyed **soon** after the handle is created.



## Options:

### HandleClasses

A semicolon-separated list of class names that should be treated as handles. By default only `std::string_view` is considered.

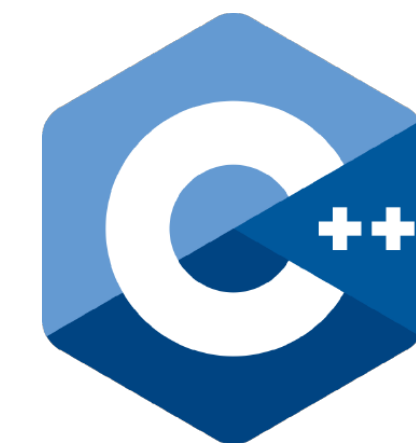
<https://clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/checks/bugprone-dangling-handle.html>



# Lifetime profile v1.0

## Lifetime safety: Preventing common dangling

This is important because it turns out to be **easy** to convert **[by design]** a `std::string` to a `std::string_view`, or a `std::vector/array` to a `std::span`, so that **dangling is almost the default behavior**.



CppCoreGuidelines

<https://github.com/isocpp/CppCoreGuidelines/blob/master/docs/Lifetime.pdf>

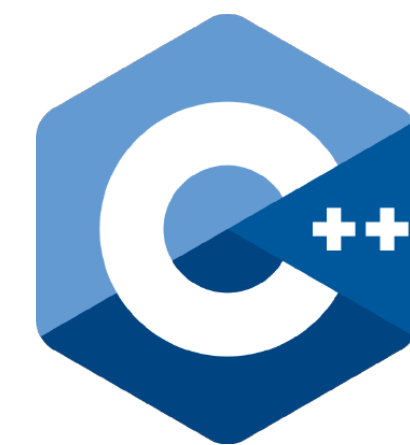
# Lifetime profile v1.0

## Lifetime safety: Preventing common dangling

```
void example()
{
    std::string_view sv = std::string("dangling"); // A
    std::cout << sv; // ERROR (lifetime.3): 'sv' was invalidated when
} // temporary was destroyed (line A)
```

clang **-Wlifetime**

Experimental



CppCoreGuidelines

<https://github.com/isocpp/CppCoreGuidelines/blob/master/docs/Lifetime.pdf>



# Lifetime safety: Preventing common dangling

`[-Wdangling-gsl]` diagnosed by default in **Clang 10**

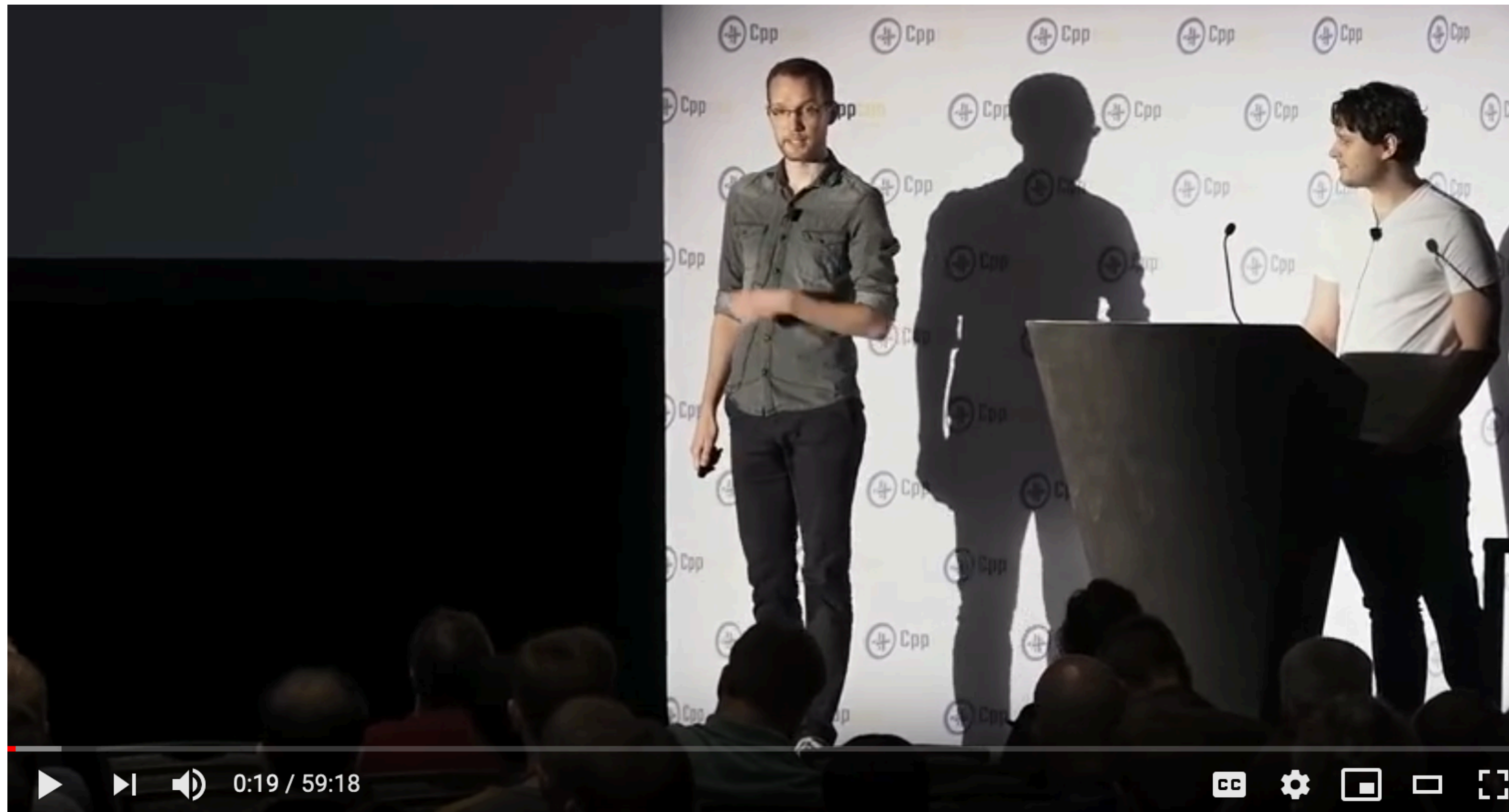
**warning:** initializing pointer member to point to a temporary object whose lifetime is shorter than the lifetime of the constructed object

```
void example()
{
    std::string_view sv = std::string("dangling");
    // warning: object backing the pointer will be destroyed
    // at the end of the full-expression [-Wdangling-gsl]
    std::cout << sv;
}
```

<https://clang.llvm.org/docs/DiagnosticsReference.html#wdangling-gsl>

# Lifetime profile

<https://github.com/isocpp/CppCoreGuidelines/blob/master/docs/Lifetime.pdf>



 AURORA

CppCon 2019: Gábor Horváth, Matthias Gehre "Lifetime analysis for everyone"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d67kfSnhbpA>



## **Part III**

# **Take Control**



## More clang-tidy checks

<https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project>



# clang-tidy

Checks are organized in **modules**, which can be linked into clang-tidy with minimal or no code changes in clang-tidy

Checks can plug into the analysis on the **preprocessor** level using **PPCallbacks** or on the AST level using **AST Matchers**

Checks can **report** issues in a similar way to how Clang diagnostics work. A **fix-it** hint can be attached to a diagnostic message

# Tools

- `add_new_check.py` - automate the process of adding a new check  
(creates check, update the CMake file and creates test)
- `rename_check.py` - renames an existing check
- `clang-query` - interactive prototyping of AST matchers and exploration of the Clang AST
- `clang-check -ast-dump` - provides a convenient way to dump the AST



```

clang-tidy/
|-- ClangTidy.h
|-- ClangTidyModule.h
|-- ClangTidyModuleRegistry.h
    ...
|-- mymod/
|+
| |-- MyModTidyModule.cpp
| |-- MyModTidyModule.h
    ...

|-- tool/
    ...
test/clang-tidy/
    ...
unittests/clang-tidy/
|-- ClangTidyTest.h
|-- MyModModuleTest.cpp

```

```

# Clang-tidy core.
# Interfaces for users and checks.
# Interface for clang-tidy modules.
# Interface for registering of modules.

# My Own clang-tidy module.

# Sources of the clang-tidy binary.

# Integration tests.

# Unit tests.

```

# Setup

```
# download the sources
git clone git@github.com:llvm/llvm-project
cd clang-tools-extra

# build everything
mkdir build && cd build/
cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=RelWithDebInfo ..
make check-clang-tools
```

# Hello World

We will add our check to the [**readability**] category/module

```
add_new_check.py readability pretty-func
```

This will create:

```
/readability/PrettyFuncCheck.h  
/readability/PrettyFuncCheck.cpp
```

=> include it in:

```
/readability/ReadabilityTidyModule.cpp
```

```
#include "../ClangTidy.h"
```

```
namespace clang {  
namespace tidy {  
namespace readability {
```

```
class PrettyFuncCheck : public ClangTidyCheck  
{
```

```
public:
```

```
    PrettyFuncCheck(StringRef Name, ClangTidyContext * Context)  
        : ClangTidyCheck(Name, Context) {}
```

```
    void registerMatchers(ast_matchers::MatchFinder * Finder) override;  
    void check(const ast_matchers::MatchFinder::MatchResult & Result) override;  
};
```

```
} // namespace readability  
} // namespace tidy  
} // namespace clang
```



# ClangTidyCheck

Our check needs to operate on the AST level:

- `registerMatchers()` - register clang AST matchers to filter out interesting source locations
- `check()` - provide a function which is called by the Clang whenever a match was found;  
we can perform further actions here (eg. emit diagnostics)

If we wanted to analyze code on the **preprocessor** level

=> override `registerPPCallbacks()` method

# ClangTidyCheck

```
using namespace ast_matchers;
```

```
void PrettyFuncCheck::registerMatchers(MatchFinder * Finder)  
{  
    Finder->addMatcher(functionDecl().bind("needle"), this);  
}
```

```
using namespace ast_matchers;
```

```
void PrettyFuncCheck::check(const MatchFinder::MatchResult & Result)
{
    const auto * MatchedDecl = Result.Nodes.getNodeAs<FunctionDecl>("needle");

    if (MatchedDecl->getName().startswith_lower("get_"))
    {
        diag(MatchedDecl->getLocation(), "function %0 needs your attention")
            << MatchedDecl
            << FixItHint::CreateInsertion(MatchedDecl->getLocation(), "Get");
    }
}
```

# Test it...

```
clang-tidy -checks='-* , readability-pretty-func' some/file.cpp
```



# Check Options

If a check needs configuration **options**, it can access check-specific options using:

```
Options.get<Type>("SomeOption", DefaultValue)
```

# Check Options

```
class PrettyFuncCheck : public ClangTidyCheck
{
    const unsigned    Tolerance; // option 1
    const std::string TargetFunc; // option 2
public:

    PrettyFuncCheck(StringRef Name, ClangTidyContext * Context)
        : ClangTidyCheck(Name, Context),
          Tolerance (Options.get("Tolerance", 0)),
          TargetFunc(Options.get("TargetFunc", "get_")) {}

    void storeOptions(ClangTidyOptions::OptionMap & Opts) override
    {
        Options.store(Opts, "Tolerance",    Tolerance);
        Options.store(Opts, "TargetFunc",    TargetFunc);
    }
}
```

# .clang-tidy

## CheckOptions:

- key: readability-pretty-func.Tolerance a1  
value: 123 b1
- key: readability-pretty-func.TargetFunc a2  
value: 'get\_' b2

clang-tidy

-config="{CheckOptions: [{key: a1, value: b1}, {key: a2, value: b2}]}" ...

# Testing Our Check

Write some test units...

```
% ninja check-clang-tools
```

**or**

```
% make check-clang-tools
```

```
check_clang_tidy.py
```

# Debug AST Matcher

```
% clang-check -ast-dump my_source.cpp --
```

```
TranslationUnitDecl 0x2b3cd20 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc>
|-TypedefDecl 0x2b3d258 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __int128_t '__int128'
|-TypedefDecl 0x2b3d2b8 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __uint128_t 'unsigned __int128'
|-TypedefDecl 0x2b3d698 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __builtin_va_list '__va_list_tag [1]'
```

```
|-CXXRecordDecl 0x2b3d6e8 </test.cpp:1:1, line:3:1> line:1:8 referenced struct A definition
| |-CXXRecordDecl 0x2b3d800 <col:1, col:8> col:8 implicit struct A
| `--CXXMethodDecl 0x2b3d8e0 <line:2:9, col:19> col:14 f 'void (void)'
```

```
|   `--CompoundStmt 0x2b3d9b8 <col:18, col:19>
`--CXXRecordDecl 0x2b3d9d0 <line:5:1, line:7:1> line:5:8 struct B definition
  |-public 'struct A'
  |-CXXRecordDecl 0x2b85050 <col:1, col:8> col:8 implicit struct B
  |-CXXMethodDecl 0x2b85100 <line:6:3, col:21> col:16 f 'void (void)' virtual
  | `--CompoundStmt 0x2b854f8 <col:20, col:21> https://clang.llvm.org/docs/LibASTMatchersReference.html
```



# Custom clang-tidy checks

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Settings window with the 'Tidy' tab selected. The 'Use checks from' dropdown is set to 'CustomChecks'. The 'Predefined Checks' button is 'Select'. The 'Custom Checks' text box contains 'modernize-\*' with an annotation '← your *custom* checks'. The 'Header filter' dropdown is set to '\*.'. The 'Custom executable' text box contains 'C:\dev\llvm\bin\clang-tidy.exe' with an annotation '← your *custom* clang-tidy build'. The 'Format after Tidy' checkbox is checked. The 'Tidy on save' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Tidy file config' button is 'Export'.

|                   |                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Use checks from   | CustomChecks                                                         |
| Predefined Checks | Select                                                               |
| Custom Checks     | modernize-* ← your <i>custom</i> checks                              |
| Header filter     | .*                                                                   |
| Custom executable | C:\dev\llvm\bin\clang-tidy.exe ← your <i>custom</i> clang-tidy build |
| Format after Tidy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| Tidy on save      | <input type="checkbox"/>                                             |
| Tidy file config  | Export                                                               |

Write *custom* checks for your needs  
(project specific)

Run them regularly !



# Explore Further



code::dive 2018

## Refactor with Clang Tooling

Tools, Tips, Tricks and Traps

Stephen Kelly  
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<https://steveire.wordpress.com/2019/01/02/refactor-with-clang-tooling-at-codedive-2018/>



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Cppcon | 2019  
The C++ Conference | cppcon.org



`#include <C++>  
#include <C++>  
#include <C++>  
#include <C++>  
#include <C++>  
#include <C++>  
#include <C++>`

**Fred Tingaud**

## Clang Based Refactoring

How to refactor millions of lines of code without alienating your colleagues

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Clang-based Refactoring,  
How to refactor millions  
of line of code without  
alienating your colleagues

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPnN2c2odNY>



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<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/vcblog/2018/09/18/exploring-clang-tooling-part-0-building-your-code-with-clang/>

## ***Exploring Clang Tooling, Part 1: Extending Clang-Tidy***

<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/vcblog/2018/10/19/exploring-clang-tooling-part-1-extending-clang-tidy/>

## ***Exploring Clang Tooling, Part 2: Examining the Clang AST with clang-query***

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## ***Exploring Clang Tooling: Using Build Tools with clang-tidy***

<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/vcblog/2018/11/27/exploring-clang-tooling-using-build-tools-with-clang-tidy/>



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## ***Future Developments in clang-query***

<https://steveire.wordpress.com/2018/11/11/future-developments-in-clang-query/>

## ***Composing AST Matchers in clang-tidy***

<https://steveire.wordpress.com/2018/11/20/composing-ast-matchers-in-clang-tidy/>

# Part IV

# Status Quo

# Visual Studio 2019

v16.2

## Clang/LLVM support for MSBuild Projects

**Ships with Clang 8 (as optional component)**

clang-cl.exe



<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/clang-llvm-support-for-msbuild-projects/>

# Visual Studio 2019

## v16.2

Modifying — Visual Studio Enterprise 2019 Preview — 16.2.0 Preview 3.0

Workloads **Individual components** Language packs Installation locations

Compilers, build tools, and runtimes

- .NET Compiler Platform SDK
- C# and Visual Basic Roslyn compilers
- C++ 2019 Redistributable MSMs
- C++ 2019 Redistributable Update
- C++ Clang Compiler for Windows (8.0.0)
- C++ Clang-cl for v142 build tools (x64/x86)
- C++ CMake tools for Windows
- C++ Modules for v142 build tools (x64/x86 – experimental)
- C++ Universal Windows Platform runtime for v142 build tools
- C++ Universal Windows Platform support for v142 build tools (ARM64)
- C++ Windows XP Support for VS 2017 (v141) tools [Deprecated]
- C++/CLI support for v141 build tools (14.16)
- C++/CLI support for v142 build tools (14.20)
- C++/CLI support for v142 build tools (14.21)
- C++/CLI support for v142 build tools (14.22)
- IncrediBuild - Build Acceleration
- MSBuild
- MSVC v140 - VS 2015 C++ build tools (v14.00)

Installation details

- > Visual Studio core editor
- > Desktop development with C++
- ✓ Linux development with C++ \*
- Included
  - ✓ C++ core features
  - ✓ Windows Universal C Runtime
  - ✓ C++ for Linux Development
- Optional
  - C++ CMake tools for Linux
  - Embedded and IoT development tools

Location  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Preview

Total space required 78 MB

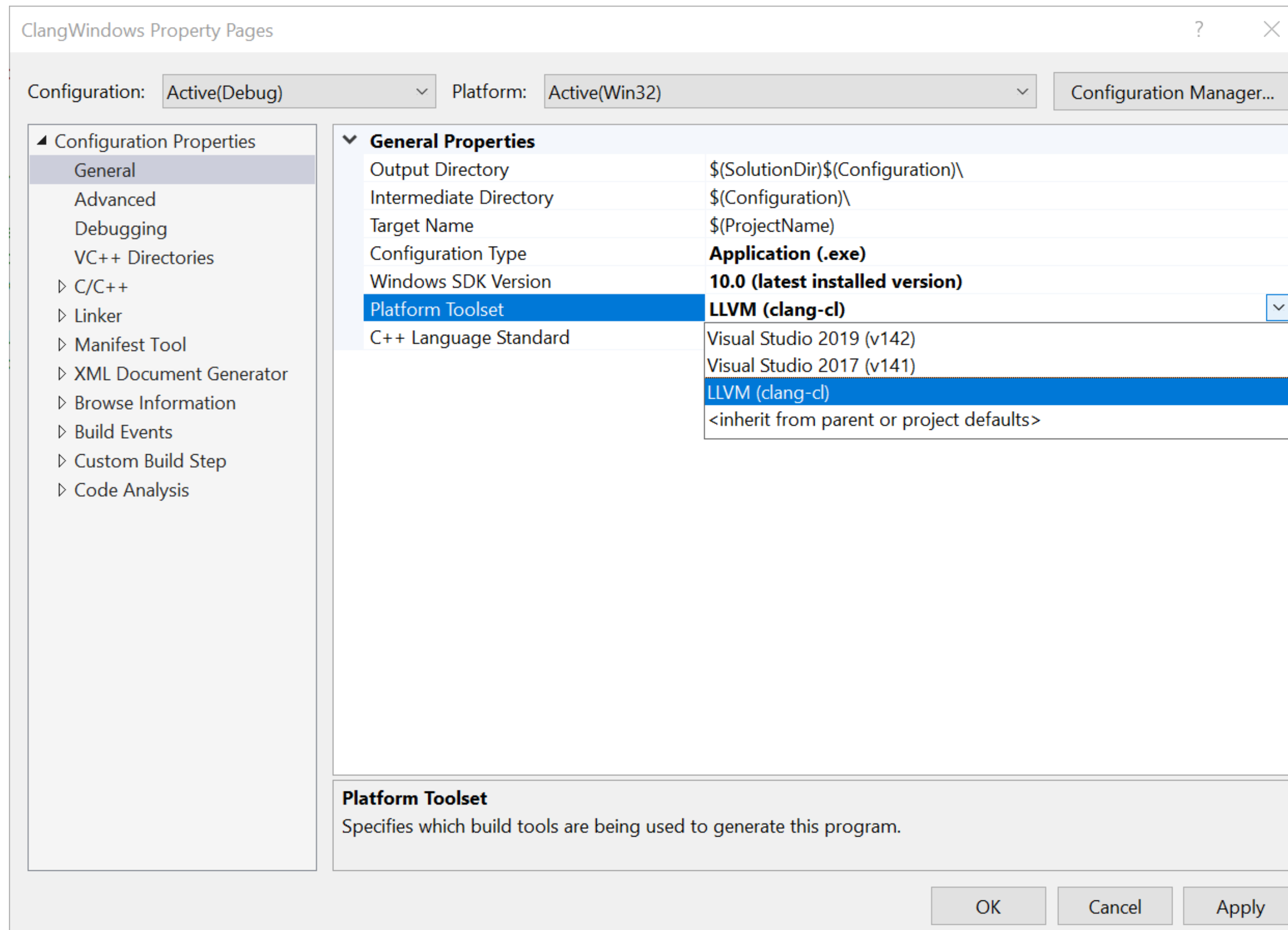
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# Visual Studio 2019

## v16.2



clang-cl.exe

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v16.4

**The biggest VS release since VS 2019**



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v16.4

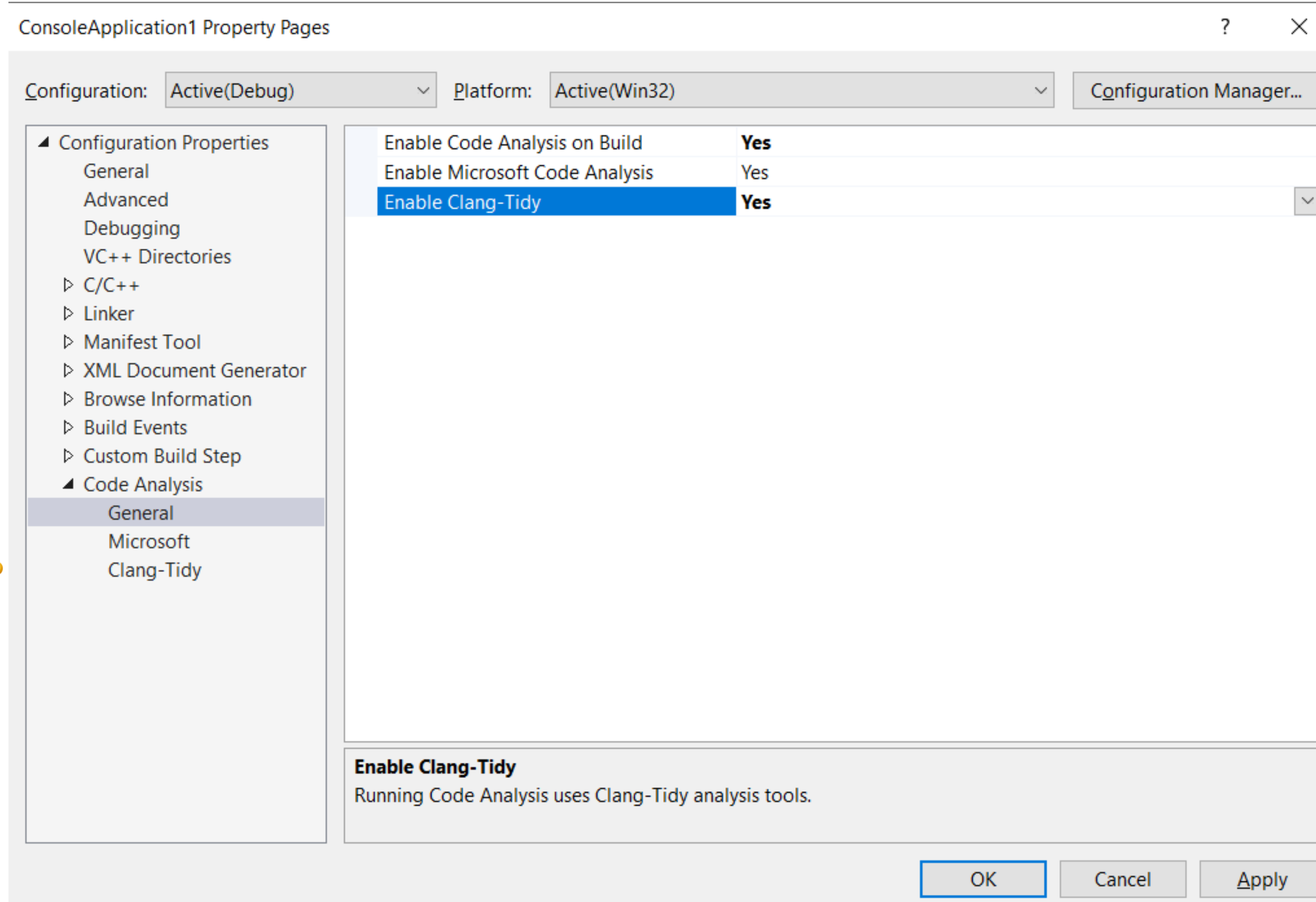
## clang-tidy code analysis



<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/code-analysis-with-clang-tidy-in-visual-studio/>

# Visual Studio 2019

## v16.4



ConsoleApplication1 Property Pages

Configuration: Active(Debug) Platform: Active(Win32) Configuration Manager...

- Configuration Properties
  - General
  - Advanced
  - Debugging
  - VC++ Directories
  - C/C++
  - Linker
  - Manifest Tool
  - XML Document Generator
  - Browse Information
  - Build Events
  - Custom Build Step
  - Code Analysis
    - General
    - Microsoft
    - Clang-Tidy

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Enable Code Analysis on Build  | Yes |
| Enable Microsoft Code Analysis | Yes |
| Enable Clang-Tidy              | Yes |

**Enable Clang-Tidy**  
Running Code Analysis uses Clang-Tidy analysis tools.

OK Cancel Apply

# Visual Studio 2019

## v16.4

### clang-tidy warnings

| Error List                               |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|-----|-------------------|--|
| Entire Solution                          |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
| 0 Errors                                 |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
| 10 Warnings                              |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
| 0 Messages                               |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
| Build + IntelliSense                     |                                                                                |               |      |     |                   |  |
| Code                                     | Description                                                                    | File          | Line | Col | Category          |  |
| ! readability-isolate-declaration        | multiple declarations in a single statement reduces readability                | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 23   | 2   | readability       |  |
| ! modernize-use-nullptr                  | use nullptr                                                                    | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 31   | 7   | modernize         |  |
| ! cppcoreguidelines-macro-usage          | macro 'TRUE' used to declare a constant; consider using a 'constexpr' constant | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 35   | 9   | cppcoreguidelines |  |
| ! clang-diagnostic-unused-variable       | unused variable 'local'                                                        | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 50   | 13  | clang-diagnostic  |  |
| ! clang-diagnostic-unused-const-variable | unused variable 'pos_x'                                                        | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 36   | 11  | clang-diagnostic  |  |
| ! clang-diagnostic-uninitialized         | variable 'numLives' is uninitialized when used here                            | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 24   | 3   | clang-diagnostic  |  |
| ! clang-diagnostic-return-type           | control reaches end of non-void function                                       | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 32   | 1   | clang-diagnostic  |  |
| ! clang-analyzer-core.NullDereference    | Dereference of undefined pointer value                                         | CMAKEDEMO.CPP | 24   | 12  | clang-analyzer    |  |



<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/code-analysis-with-clang-tidy-in-visual-studio/>



# Visual Studio 2019

## v16.4

clang-tidy warnings also display as in-editor squiggles

```
const int pos_x = 47;
```

```
enum Positic
```

```
void tux(Pos
```

```
struct node
```

 const int pos\_x = 47

[Search Online](#)

clang-diagnostic-unused-const-variable: unused variable 'pos\_x'

Code Analysis runs automatically in the **background**



**NOT on**  
**Visual Studio 2019 v16.4**  
**yet ?**

**No problem**



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->



Clang Power Tools

[www.clangpowertools.com](http://www.clangpowertools.com)

LLVM

clang-tidy  
clang++  
clang-format

Visual Studio

**2015 / 2017 / 2019**

# Sanitizers





# Sanitizers

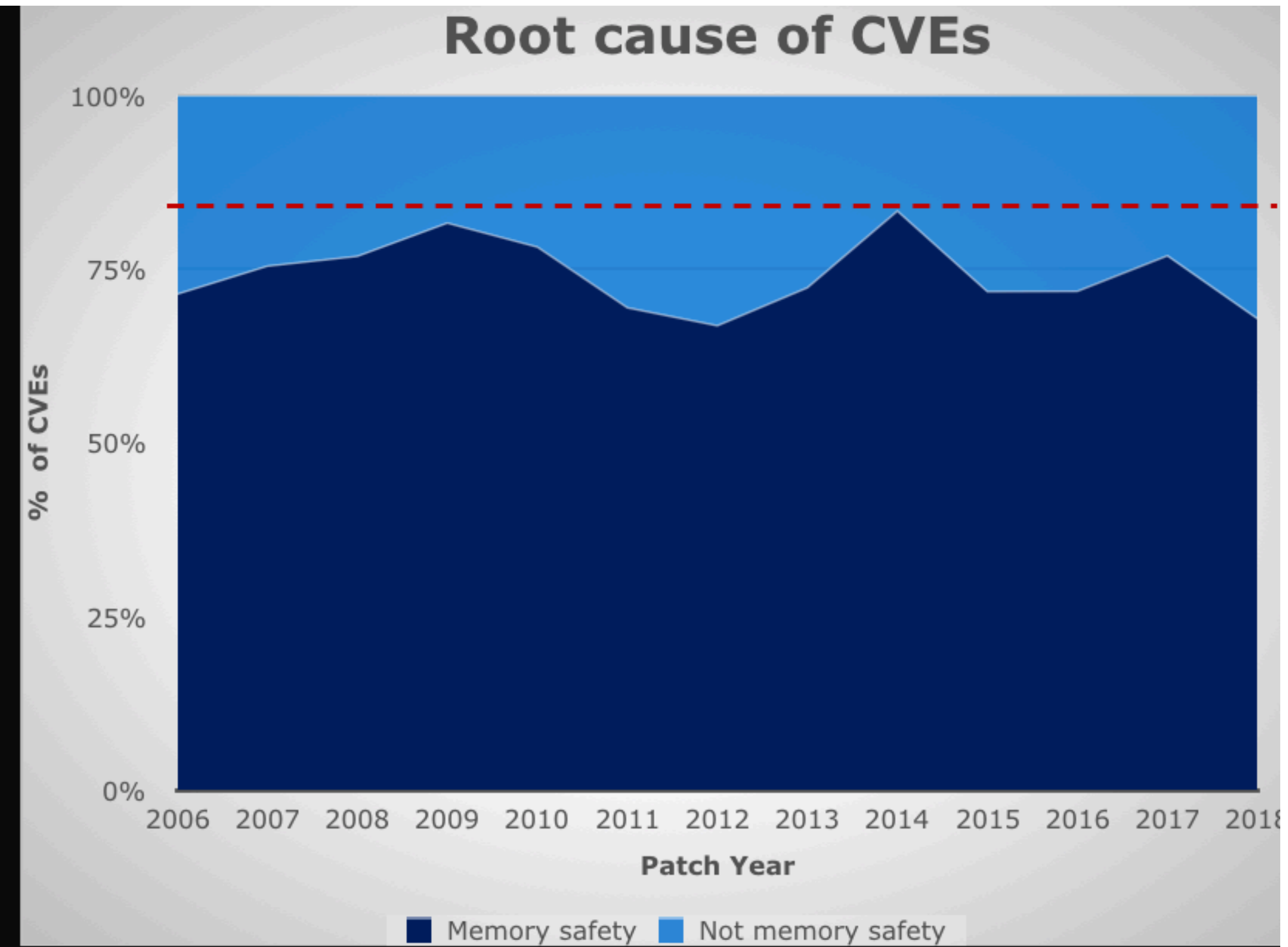
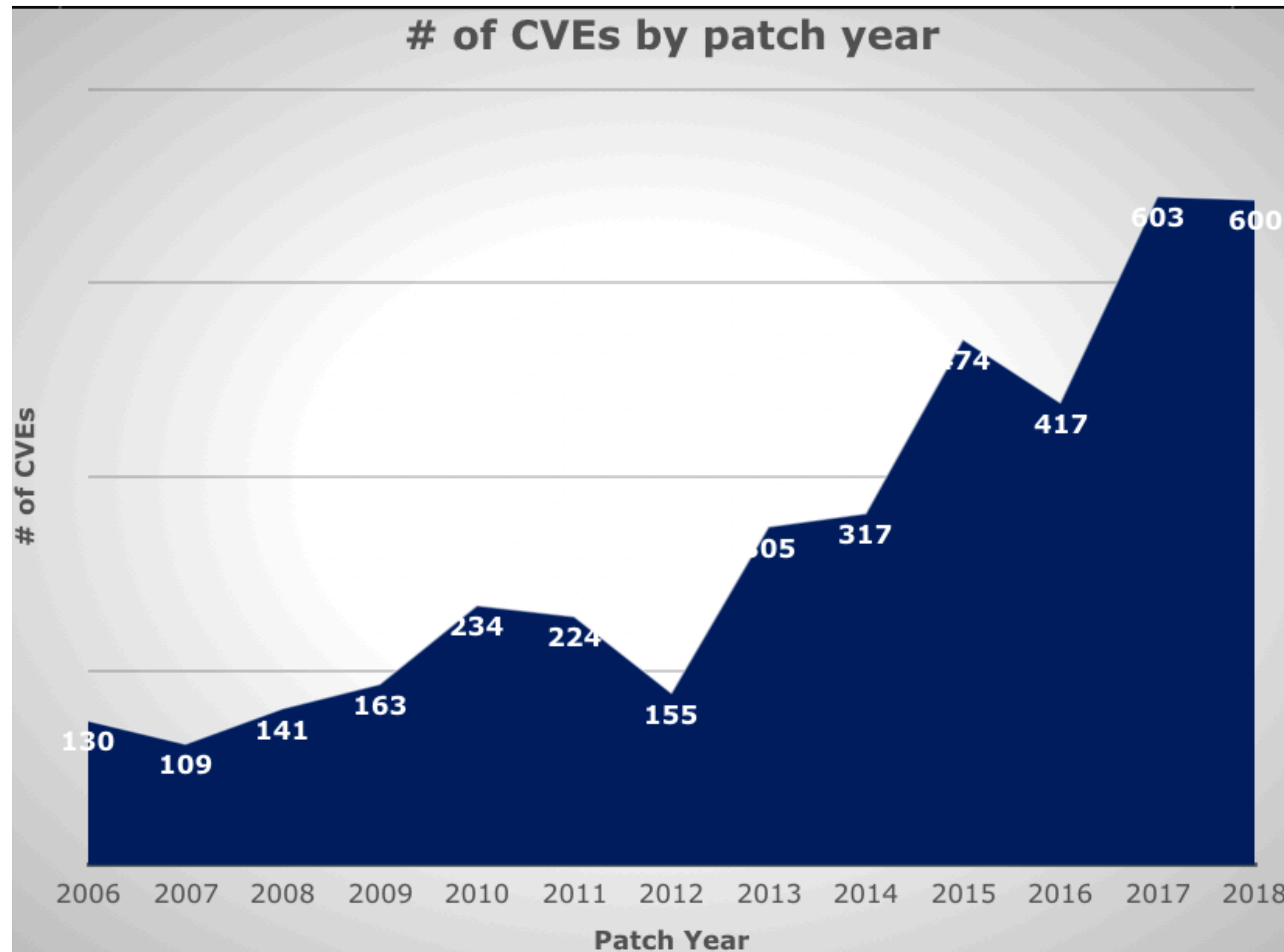
- **AddressSanitizer** - detects addressability issues
- **LeakSanitizer** - detects memory leaks
- **ThreadSanitizer** - detects data races and deadlocks
- **MemorySanitizer** - detects use of uninitialized memory
- **HWASAN** - hardware-assisted AddressSanitizer (consumes less memory)
- **UBSan** - detects Undefined Behavior

<https://github.com/google/sanitizers>



# Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Memory safety continues to dominate



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EsqxGgYOQU>



# Address Sanitizer (ASan)

*de facto standard for detecting **memory safety issues***

Detects:

- **Use after free** (dangling pointer dereference)
- **Heap buffer overflow**
- **Stack buffer overflow**
- **Global buffer overflow**
- **Use after return**
- **Use after scope**
- **Initialization order bugs**
- **Memory leaks**

**Very fast instrumentation**  
(average slowdown is  $\sim 2x$ )

<https://github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizer>

# Address Sanitizer (ASan)

## Compiler

- instrumentation code, stack layout, and calls into runtime
- meta-data in OBJ for the runtime

## Sanitizer Runtime

- hooking `malloc()`, `free()`, `memset()`, etc.
- error analysis and reporting
- does not require complete recompile
- zero false positives

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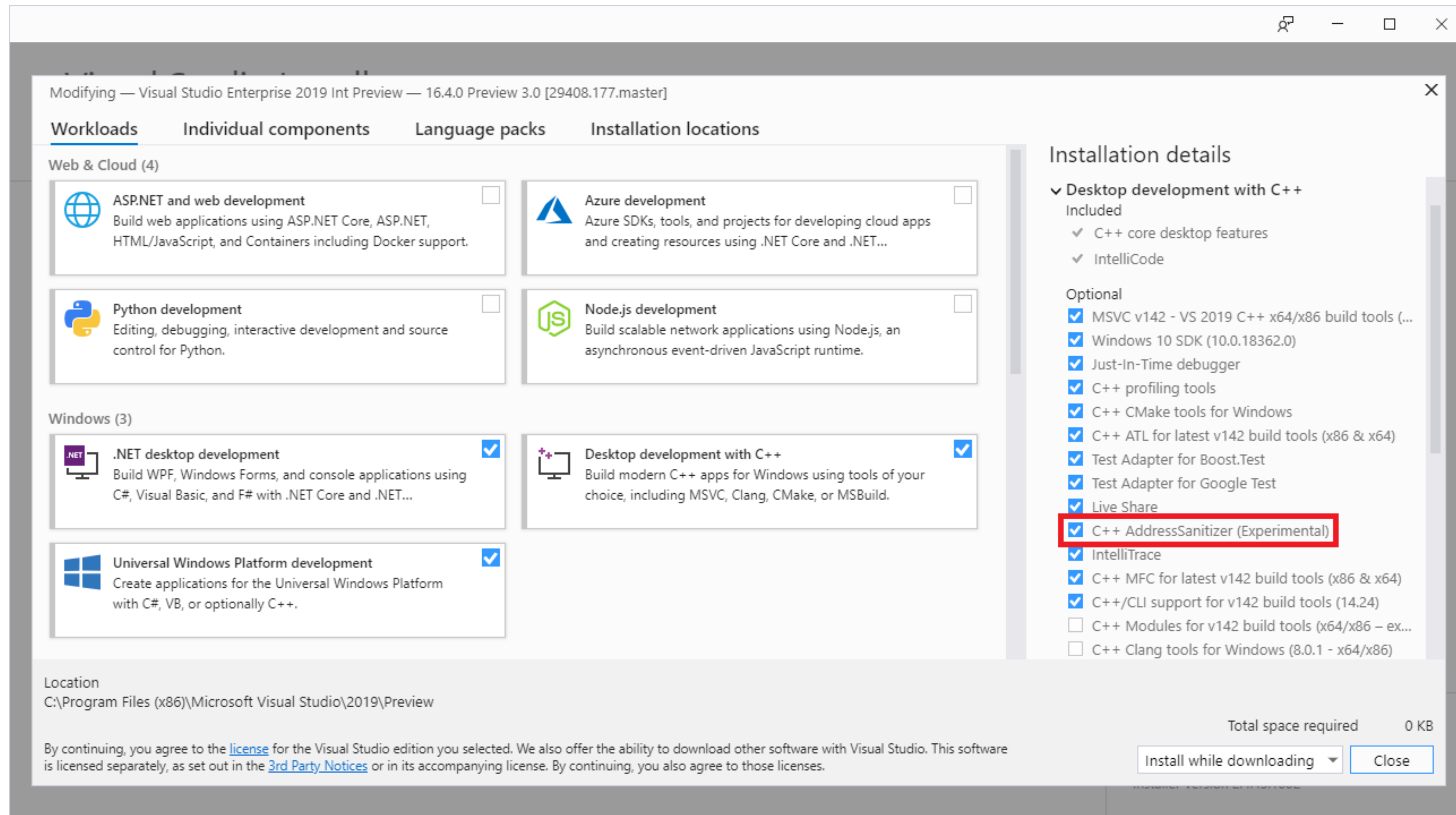
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Installation details

✓ Desktop development with C++  
Included

- ✓ C++ core desktop features
- ✓ IntelliCode

Optional

- MSVC v142 - VS 2019 C++ x64/x86 build tools (...)
- Windows 10 SDK (10.0.18362.0)
- Just-In-Time debugger
- C++ profiling tools
- C++ CMake tools for Windows
- C++ ATL for latest v142 build tools (x86 & x64)
- Test Adapter for Boost.Test
- Test Adapter for Google Test
- Live Share
- C++ AddressSanitizer (Experimental)
- IntelliTrace
- C++ MFC for latest v142 build tools (x86 & x64)
- C++/CLI support for v142 build tools (14.24)
- C++ Modules for v142 build tools (x64/x86 - ex...
- C++ Clang tools for Windows (8.0.1 - x64/x86)

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The screenshot shows the 'ConsoleApplication6 Property Pages' dialog box. At the top, the 'Configuration' is set to 'Active(Release)' and the 'Platform' is 'Active(Win32)'. The left-hand tree view shows the 'C/C++' section expanded, with 'General' selected. The main area displays a list of compiler options. The 'Enable Address Sanitizer (Experimental)' option is highlighted in blue and set to 'Yes (/fsanitize=address)', with a yellow hand emoji pointing to it. Below the list, a summary box for 'Enable Address Sanitizer (Experimental)' states: 'Compiles and links program with AddressSanitizer. Currently only available for x86 (32-bit) Release builds.' At the bottom right, there are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons.

| Property                                       | Value                             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Additional Include Directories                 |                                   |
| Additional #using Directories                  |                                   |
| Debug Information Format                       | Program Database (/Zi)            |
| Support Just My Code Debugging                 | No                                |
| Common Language RunTime Support                |                                   |
| Consume Windows Runtime Extension              |                                   |
| Suppress Startup Banner                        | Yes (/nologo)                     |
| Warning Level                                  | <b>Level3 (/W3)</b>               |
| Treat Warnings As Errors                       | No (/WX-)                         |
| Warning Version                                |                                   |
| Diagnostics Format                             | Column Info (/diagnostics:column) |
| SDL checks                                     | <b>Yes (/sdl)</b>                 |
| Multi-processor Compilation                    |                                   |
| <b>Enable Address Sanitizer (Experimental)</b> | <b>Yes (/fsanitize=address)</b>   |

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Just **x86** at the moment :(

**x64** support coming soon...



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- **Compiling a single static EXE**

link the static runtime `asan-i386.lib` and the cxx library

- **Compiling an EXE with /MT runtime which will use ASan-instrumented DLLs**

the EXE needs to have `asan-i386.lib` linked and

the DLLs need the `clang_rt.asan_dll_thunk-i386.lib`

- **When compiling with the /MD dynamic runtime**

all EXE and DLLs with instrumentation should be linked with

`asan_dynamic-i386.lib` and `clang_rt.asan_dynamic_runtime_thunk-i386.lib`

At runtime, these libraries will refer to the

`clang_rt.asan_dynamic-i386.dll` shared ASan runtime.

# Address Sanitizer (ASan)

The screenshot shows a C++ IDE window titled 'ConsoleApplication6.cpp'. The code is as follows:

```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int* array = new int[100];
6      array[100] = 1;
7  }
```

Line 6, `array[100] = 1;`, is underlined with a red squiggly line and has a red 'X' icon next to it. A tooltip window titled 'Exception Unhandled' is open over this line, displaying the following text:

Exception Unhandled

Address Sanitizer Error: Heap buffer overflow

Full error details can be found in the output window

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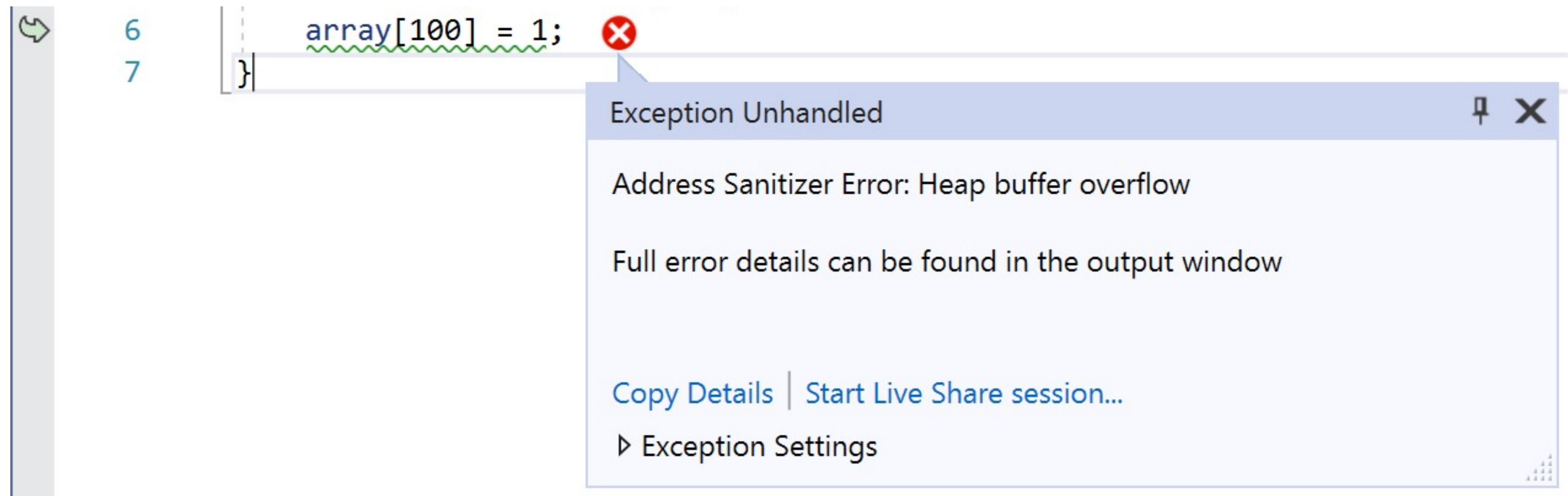
▸ Exception Settings



# Address Sanitizer (ASan)

**IDE Exception Helper** will be displayed when an issue is encountered  
=> program execution will stop

ASan logging information => **Output window**





# Clang/LLVM

```
==27748==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: stack-use-after-scope on address 0x0055fc68 at pc 0x793d62de bp 0x0055fbf4 sp 0x0055fbe8
WRITE of size 80 at 0x0055fc68 thread T0
#0 0x793d62f6 in __asan_wrap_memset d:\_work\5\s\llvm\projects\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer_common\sanitizer_common_interceptors.inc:764
#1 0x77dd46e7 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2c46e7)
#2 0x77dd4ce1 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2c4ce1)
#3 0x75d408fe (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNELBASE.dll+0x100f08fe)
#4 0xa5ada0 in try_get_first_available_module minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\internal\winapi_thunks.cpp:271
#5 0xa5ae99 in try_get_function minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\internal\winapi_thunks.cpp:326
#6 0xa5b028 in __acrt_AppPolicyGetProcessTerminationMethodInternal minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\internal\winapi_thunks.cpp:737
#7 0xa606ad in __acrt_get_process_end_policy minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\internal\win_policies.cpp:84
#8 0xa52dcb in exit_or_terminate_process minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\startup\exit.cpp:134
#9 0xa52da7 in common_exit minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\startup\exit.cpp:280
#10 0xa52fb6 in exit minkernel\crts\ucrt\src\appcrt\startup\exit.cpp:293
#11 0xa2deb3 in _scrt_common_main_seh d:\agent\_work\2\s\src\vc\tools\crt\vcstartup\src\startup\exe_common.inl:295
#12 0x75ef6358 (C:\WINDOWS\System32\KERNEL32.DLL+0x6b816358)
#13 0x77df7a93 (C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+0x4b2e7a93)
```

Address 0x0055fc68 is located in stack of thread T0  
SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: stack-use-after-scope d:\compiler-rt\lib\sanitizer\_common\sanitizer\_common\_interceptors.inc:764 in \_\_asan\_wrap\_memset

Shadow bytes around the buggy address:  
0x300abf30: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x300abf70: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
=>0x300abf80: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00[f8]00 00  
0x300abf90: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
0x300abfd0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Shadow byte legend (one shadow byte represents 8 application bytes):

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Addressable:           | 00                   |
| Partially addressable: | 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 |
| Heap left redzone:     | fa                   |
| Freed heap region:     | fd                   |
| Stack left redzone:    | f1                   |
| Stack mid redzone:     | f2                   |
| Stack right redzone:   | f3                   |
| Stack after return:    | f5                   |
| Stack use after scope: | f8                   |
| Global redzone:        | f9                   |
| Global init order:     | f6                   |
| Poisoned by user:      | f7                   |
| Container overflow:    | fc                   |
| Array cookie:          | ac                   |
| Intra object redzone:  | bb                   |
| ASan internal:         | fe                   |
| Left alloca redzone:   | ca                   |
| Right alloca redzone:  | cb                   |
| Shadow gap:            | cc                   |

==27748==ABORTING

# Snapshot

Visual Studio interface showing a C++ program with a stack buffer overflow exception. The code includes a loop that writes to a stack-allocated array, followed by a double-free attempt. An "Exception Unhandled" dialog is open, displaying "ASAN Error: Stack Buffer Overflow" and links to Azure Machine Learning buckets. The Locals window shows the state of variables like argc, argv, array, and freed\_pointer. The Output window shows memory dump data.

```
109 CloseHandle(FileHandle);
110
111 void* freed_pointer = malloc(1024);
112 free(freed_pointer); //we'll never get here either
113
114 if (array[0] == 'a') {
115     if (array[1] == 'b')
116         if (array[2] == 'c')
117             if (array[3] == 'd')
118                 if (array[4] == 'e')
119                     if (array[5] == 'f')
120                         if (array[6] == 'g')
121                             if (array[7] == 'h')
122                                 if (array[8] == 'i')
123                                     if (array[9] == 'j')
124                                         if (array[300] == 'X')
125                                             printf("we'll never get here either");
126
127     if (array[11] == 'k' && array[38] == 'g' && array[100] == 'b')
128     {
129         *((int*)freed_pointer) = 0x1c0debad; //uaf
130     }
131     else if (array[23] == '\xba')
132     {
133         free(freed_pointer); //double free
134     }
135
136     else if (strstr(array, "short"))
137     {
138         printf("short string found\n");
139     }
140 }
```

Exception Unhandled

ASAN Error: Stack Buffer Overflow

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Locals

| Name          | Value                                             | Type          |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| argc          | 2                                                 | int           |
| argv          | 0x04301ad0 {0x04301adc "HeapCorruptionSample.e... | char **       |
| array         | 0x00cff6c4 ""                                     | char[256]     |
| FileHandle    | 0x00000000                                        | void *        |
| freed_pointer | 0x00000000                                        | void *        |
| readBytes     | 27                                                | unsigned long |

Output

Show output from: Debug

```
0x3019fef0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff00: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff10: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 f1
0x3019ff20: f1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff30: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
=>0x3019ff40: 00 f2 f2 f2 f2 f2 04[f2]f8 f3 f3 f3 f3 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff50: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff60: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff70: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x3019ff80: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

# { ASan + Fuzzing } => Azure

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# { ASan + Fuzzing } => Azure

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## Fuzzing Jobs

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| Id       | Name                                                            | OS Image                           | Created         | Status                                                | Results | Actions                              |
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| fb907d35 | Package CppConFuzzTargetVcAsan by jradigan from JRADIGAN-DELLLT | Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 | 9/18/19 9:47 AM | Fuzzing (Day 1 of 14)<br>Started on: 9/18/19 10:13 AM | 5       | [Icons: View, Delete, Stop, Refresh] |
| b4058add | Package CppConFuzzTargetVcAsan by jradigan from JRADIGAN-DELLLT | Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 | 9/13/19 1:55 PM | Fuzzing (Day 5 of 14)<br>Started on: 9/13/19 2:21 PM  | 5       | [Icons: View, Delete, Stop, Refresh] |
| 6852ebcc | Package CppConFuzzTargetVcAsan                                  | Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 | 9/13/19 9:11 AM | Stopped                                               | 5       | [Icons: View, Delete, Stop, Refresh] |
| 9f1428c0 | Demo - Package CppConFuzzTargetVcAsan                           | Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 | 9/8/19 7:27 AM  | Fuzzing (Day 11 of 14)<br>Started on: 9/8/19 7:55 AM  | 5       | [Icons: View, Delete, Stop, Refresh] |
| a3d2b069 | Package CppConFuzzTargetVcAsan                                  | Windows Server 2019 Datacenter x64 | 9/7/19 11:46 PM | Stopped                                               | 5       | [Icons: View, Delete, Stop, Refresh] |

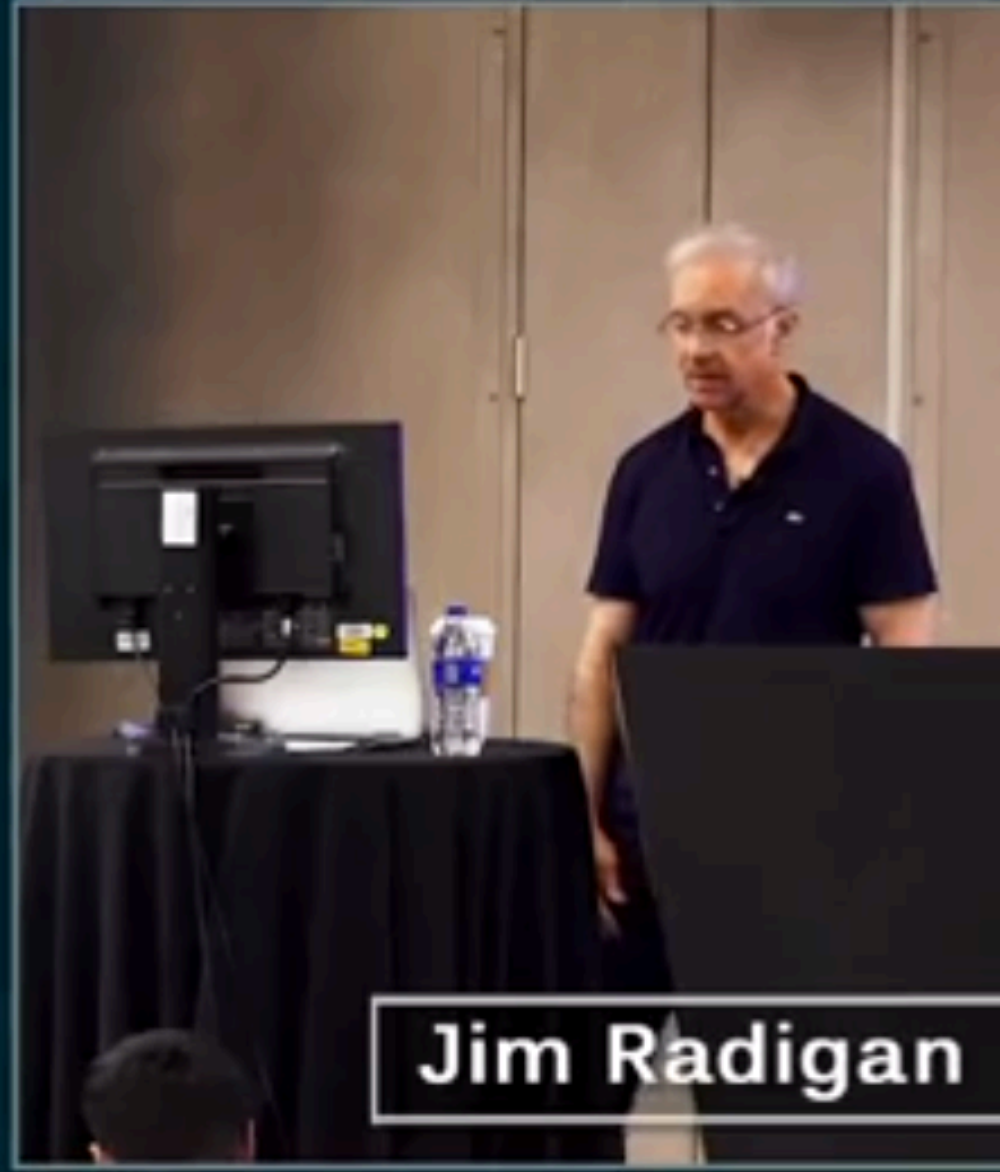
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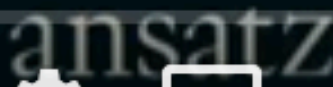
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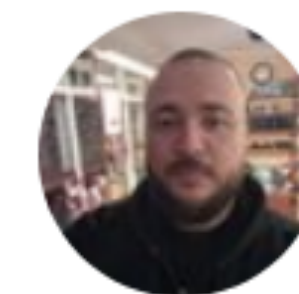
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- **ParmeSan**  
Find cheesy comments in code.
- **BipartiSan**  
Find code that uses two different containers in a complimentary way.
- **ArtiSan**  
Find code that took the writer a very long time to do and can be replaced with a common well tested library.

<https://twitter.com/olafurw/status/1085544102870044674?s=21>



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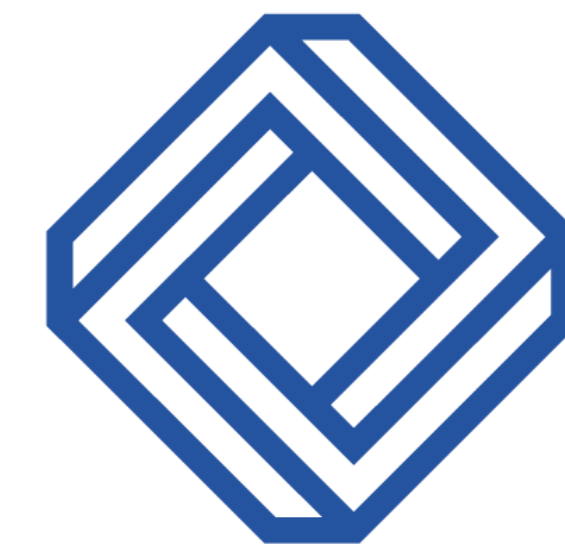




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# *Status quo:* clang-tidy & ASan on Windows



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