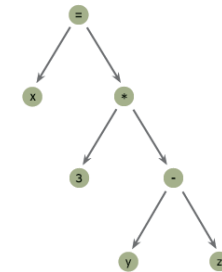
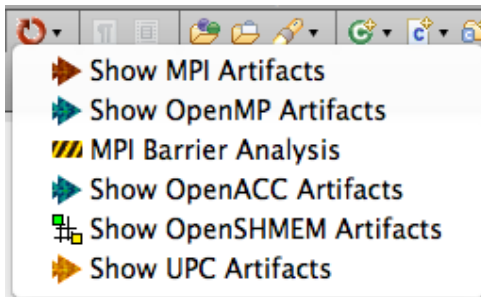


# Using Eclipse CDT/PTP for Static Analysis



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## Outline

- Basics of static analysis
- What CDT provides :
  - ◆ [AST](#): how to inspect it; how to walk it
  - ◆ CODAN (Code Analysis) in CDT
- Additional info built by PTP/PLDT for analysis
  - ◆ [Call graph](#) (incl recursion)
  - ◆ [Control flow graph](#)
  - ◆ Data dependency (partial)

*PLDT = Parallel Language  
Development Tools:  
“the analysis part of PTP”*




## What is static analysis?

- **Static code analysis** is analysis of a computer program that is performed without actual execution - analysis performed on executing programs is known as **dynamic analysis**.
  - ◆ Usually performed on some intermediate representations of the **source code**.
  - ◆ Routinely done by compilers in order *to generate and optimize* object code
- Motivation:
  - ◆ Deriving properties of execution behavior or program structure
  - ◆ Various forms of analysis and refactoring
  - ◆ *Lots more in JDT (Java Development Tools in Eclipse)*

*What can I find out about my C/C++ program?*



## CDT Introspection Components

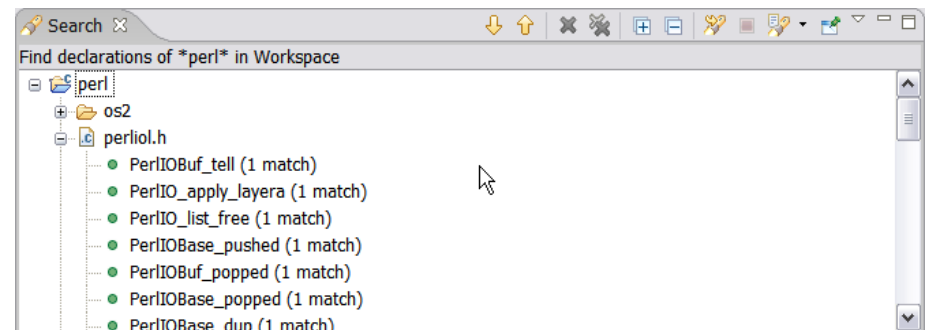
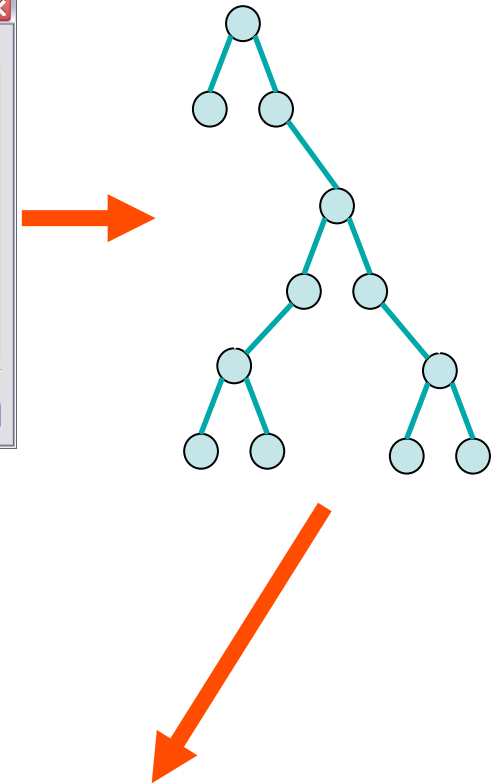
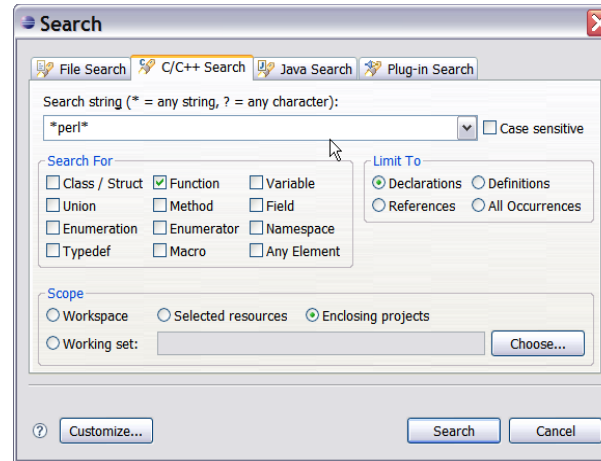
- Knowledge about the user's source code is stored in the CDT's DOM: Document Object Model
- Two components of DOM
  - ◆ **DOM AST**  concentrate here
    - Abstract Syntax Tree that stores detailed structural information about the code
  - ◆ **Index**
    - Built from the AST
    - Provides the ability to perform fast lookups by name on elements
    - Persistent index called the PDOM (persistent DOM)

Ref: EclipseCon 2007, "C/C++ Source Code Introspection Using the CDT", Recoskie & Tibbitts




## What is this information used for in CDT?

- Search
- Navigation
- Content Assist
- Call Hierarchy
- Type Hierarchy
- Include browsing
- Dependency scanning
- Syntax highlighting
- Refactoring





## Abstract Syntax Tree: AST

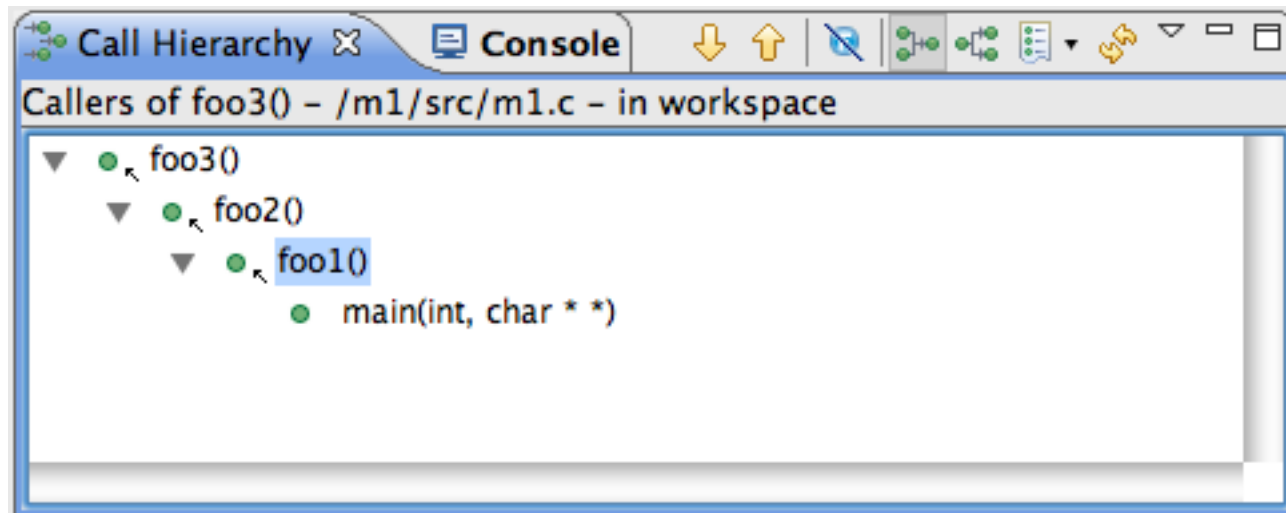
- Maps C/C++ source code info onto a tree structure
  - ◆ A tree of nodes, all subclasses of
    - `org.eclipse.cdt.core.dom.ast.IASTNode`
  - ◆ Nodes for: functions, names, declarations, arrays, expressions, statements/compound statements, etc. 
  - ◆ Src file root: `IASTTranslationUnit`
    - Correlates to a source file: `myfile.c`
  - ◆ Tree structure eases analysis
  - ◆ Knows relationships (parent/child)
  - ◆ Easy traversal (`ASTVisitor`)
  - ◆ ... etc

- IASTNode.class
- IASTNodeLocation.class
- IASTNullStatement.class
- IASTParameterDeclaration.class
- IASTPointer.class
- IASTPointerOperator.class
- IASTPreprocessorElifStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorElseStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorEndifStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorErrorStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorFunctionStyleMacroDefinition.class
- IASTPreprocessorIfdefStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorIfndefStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorIfStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorIncludeStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorMacroDefinition.class
- IASTPreprocessorObjectStyleMacroDefinition.class
- IASTPreprocessorPragmaStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorStatement.class
- IASTPreprocessorUndefStatement.class
- IASTProblem.class
- IASTProblemDeclaration.class
- IASTProblemExpression.class
- IASTProblemHolder.class
- IASTProblemStatement.class
- IASTProblemTypeId.class



Existing CDT views that use structure include....

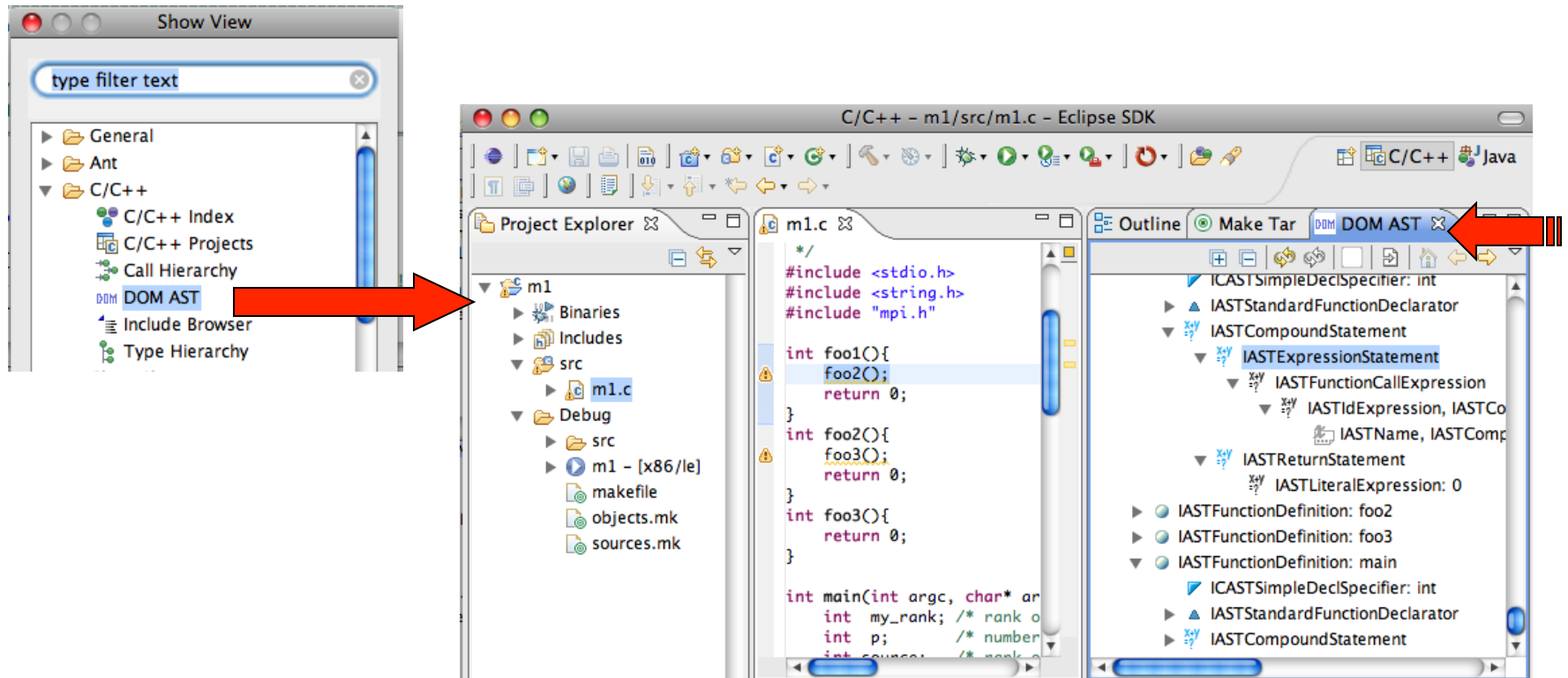
## CDT Call Hierarchy view





## CDT DOM AST View

- Graphical inspection of AST







## CDT's DOM AST View - Installation



- Formerly available in CDT Testing feature:  
org.eclipse.cdt.ui.tests package
- But ... in CDT 8.1/Juno ... **DOM AST View** is no longer built/installable with CDT *(perhaps because its stability is questionable)*
  - ◆ But you can...
  - ◆ Run it in a runtime workspace from the CDT source projects!
    1. Check out the git repository of CDT source code
      - ✦ [http://wiki.eclipse.org/Getting\\_started\\_with\\_CDT\\_development](http://wiki.eclipse.org/Getting_started_with_CDT_development)
    2. Launch a runtime workspace (with CDT from your dev eclipse install – or source) with these two projects from your workspace:
      - ✦ org.eclipse.cdt.core.tests *Still useful as a tool to understand CDT ASTs*
      - ✦ org.eclipse.cdt.ui.tests

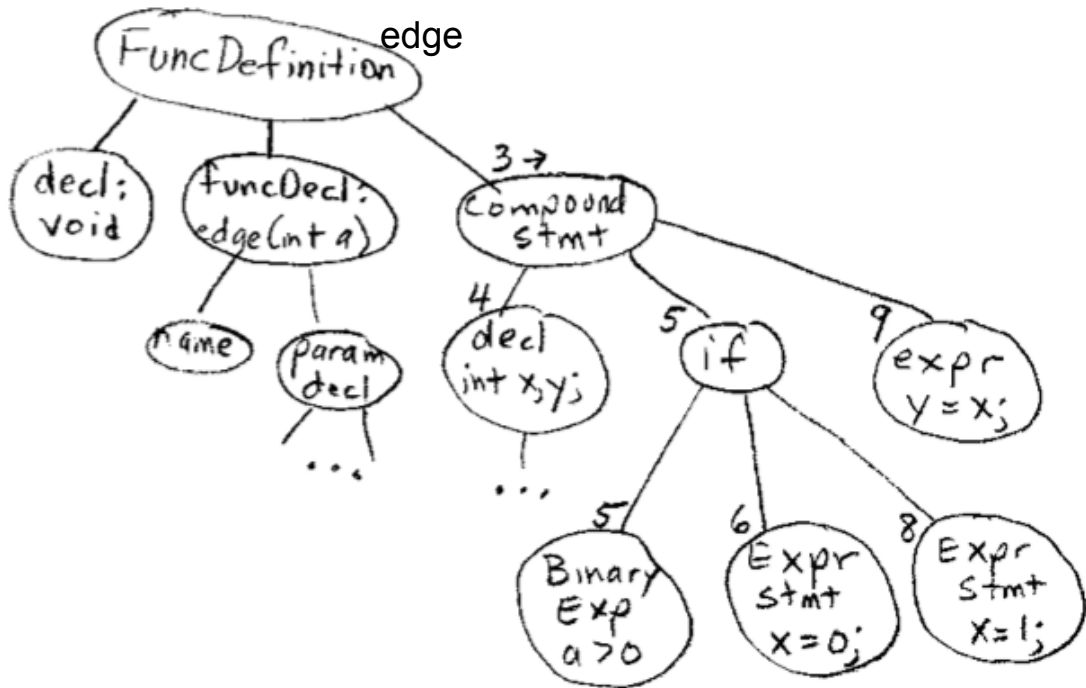


# Sample AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)

- tree structure representation of C program

```
// walkast_edge.c
#include <stdio.h>

3 void edge(int a) {
4   int x,y;
5   if(a>0)
6     x=0;
7   else
8     x=1;
9   y=x;
}
int foo(int bar){
  int z = bar;
  return z;
}
```



From EclipseCon 2008 reference



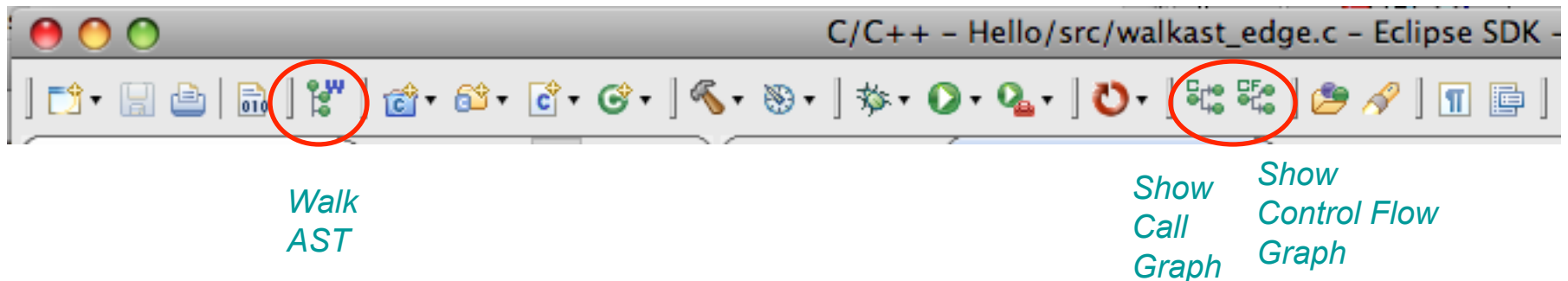
## AST Samples

Several examples of using CDT's AST and walking with the visitor pattern are in "Static Analysis in PTP with CDT" presented at EclipseCon 2008 (B. Tibbitts)

Code for tree walking is in sample plugin

In PTP git repo: [org.eclipse.ptp/tools/samples/](https://github.com/org.eclipse.ptp/tools/samples/)

Project [org.eclipse.ptp.pldt.sampleCDTstaticAnalysis](https://github.com/org.eclipse.ptp.pldt.sampleCDTstaticAnalysis)





## Relook at DOM AST View: see depth parsed

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, a code editor shows the file `walkast_edge.c` with the following code:

```
1// p16-17
2//#include <stdio.h>
3
4void edge(int a) {
5    int x,y;
6    if(a>0)
7        x=0;
8    else
9        x=1;
10   y=x;
11}
12int foo(int bar){
13    int z = bar;
14    return z;
15}
```

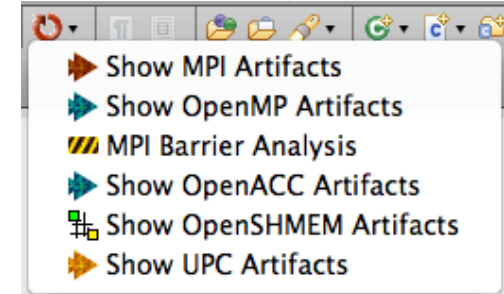
On the right, the `DOM AST` view is open, showing a tree structure of the code. A red arrow points from the `if(a>0)` line in the code editor to the `IASTIfStatement` node in the AST. The tree structure is as follows:

- IASTIfStatement
  - IASTBinaryExpression: >
    - IASTIdExpression, IASTCompletionContext
      - IASTName, IASTCompletionContext: a
    - IASTLiteralExpression: 0
  - IASTExpressionStatement
    - IASTBinaryExpression: =
      - IASTIdExpression, IASTCompletionContext
        - IASTName, IASTCompletionContext: x
      - IASTLiteralExpression: 0
  - IASTExpressionStatement
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      - IASTLiteralExpression: 1
  - IASTExpressionStatement

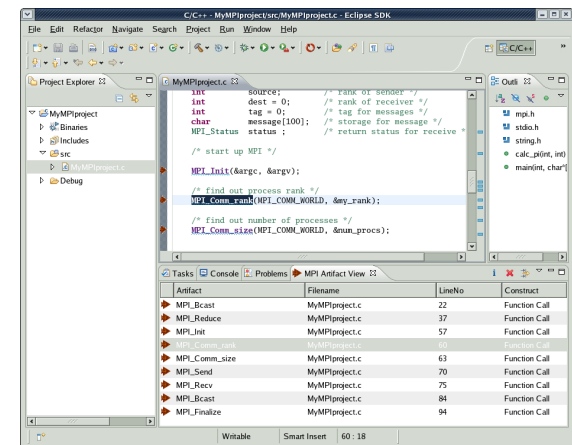


# AST: what we do with it PTP/PLDT provided structures

- Find Location of artifacts (API calls etc):  
MPI, OpenMP, UPC, OpenSHMEM, OpenACC  
with AST walking (not a simple text search)
- MPI Barrier Analysis: deadlock detection



Barrier Matching Set	Function	Filename	LineNo
Error	main	testMPI.c	34
Path 1 (1 barrier(s))			0
Barrier 3	main	testMPI.c	41
Path 2 (0 barrier(s))			0





## Constructed by PTP's PLDT:

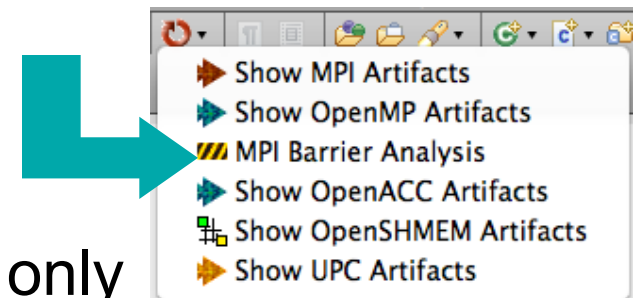
- Call Graph
  - ♦ A partial Call Graph is also constructed by CDT Call Hierarchy view
- Control Flow Graph
- Dependency Graph (Defined/Use Chain: partial)

In order to do:

- MPI Barrier Analysis: detect deadlocks; find concurrently executed statements

Caveats:

- C only (not C++)
- No UI - structures used for analysis only





## Control Flow Graph

- A **control flow graph (CFG)** is a representation of all paths that might be traversed through a program during its execution. Each node in the graph represents a basic block, i.e. a straight-line piece of code with a single point of entry and a single point of exit
- **A Statement Level CFG** is a CFG with individual statements instead of larger basic blocks.
  - ♦ *PLDT builds a statement level CFG as described here*



## CDT's Codan

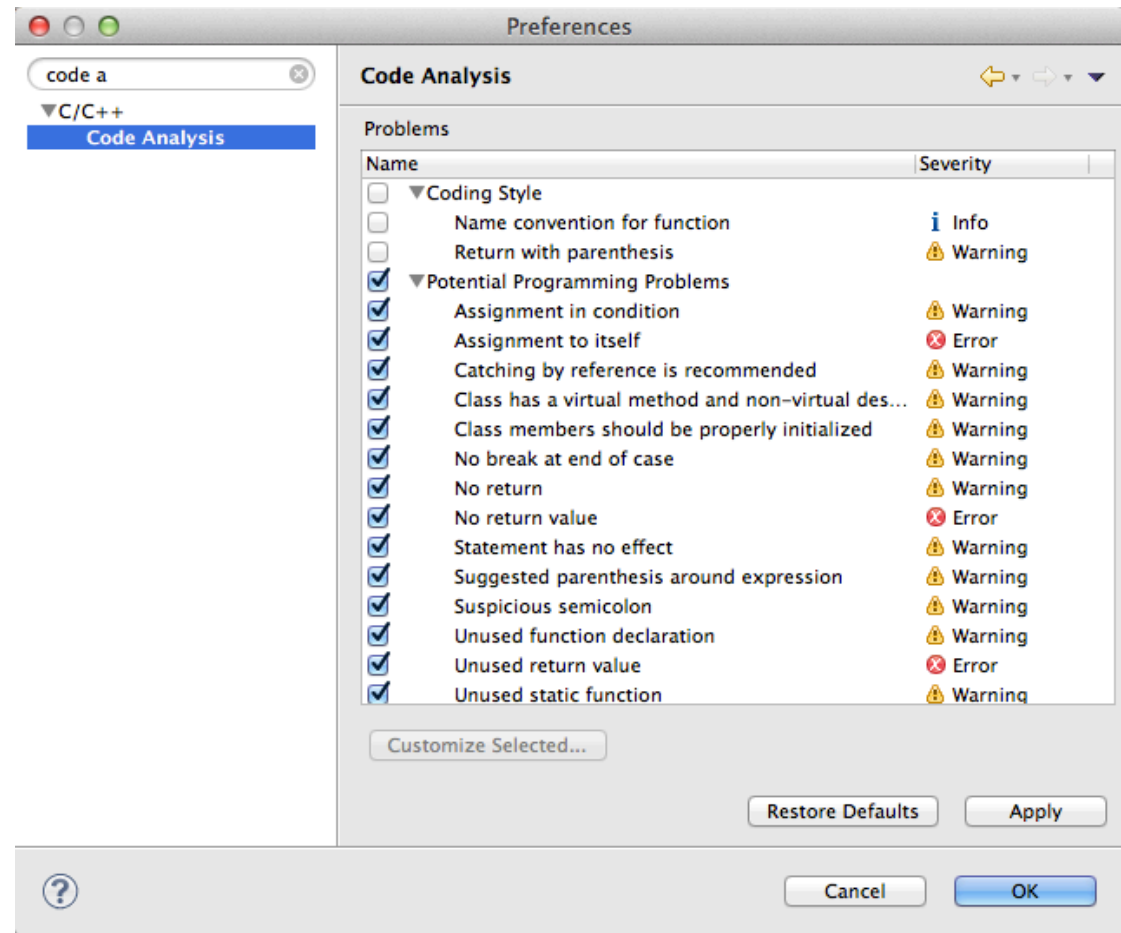
- Codan (Code Analysis) - lightweight static analysis framework in CDT that allows pluggable "checkers" which can perform real time analysis on the code to find common defects, violation of policies, etc.
  - ◆ Finds errors as you type
  - ◆ Quick fixes often available
- [Integrate an external code checker into Eclipse CDT](https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/java/library/j-codan/)  
<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/java/library/j-codan/>
- External checker cppcheck integrated with codan:  
<http://alexruiz.developerblogs.com/?p=2231>





## Codan

- Finds errors as you type
- Provides quick fixes





## References

- Parallel Tools Platform [eclipse.org/ptp](http://eclipse.org/ptp)
- C/C++ Development Tools [eclipse.org/cdt](http://eclipse.org/cdt)
  
- CDT's CODAN (Code Analysis)
  - ◆ <http://wiki.eclipse.org/CDT/designs/StaticAnalysis>
  - ◆ Codan: a C/C++ Static Analysis Framework for CDT – <http://www.slideshare.net/laskava/eclipse-con2011-v11>
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<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/java/library/j-codan/>
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## Summary

- CDT has the basics for Static Analysis, including AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)
- Other useful structures are built by PTP's PLDT
  - ◆ Call Graph, Control Flow Graph, Dependency Graph, etc.
  - ◆ These graphs make analysis more straightforward
- CDT provides Code Analysis (Codan) for a framework to provide pluggable static syntax checkers, etc.
  - ◆ Quickly notify user of common errors, policy violations, etc.