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SPARK.3.CSJ Passing Parameters and Return Values [CSJ]

[Here's an example of how to modify a description of a mitigation.]

SPARK mitigates this vulnerability.

SPARK.3.CSJ.1 Terminology and features

As in Ada.CSJ.1.

SPARK.3.CSJ.2 Description of vulnerability

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SPARK.3.CSJ.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

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~~Both of these properties can be checked by static analysis. Static analysis can be used to check for <whatever cases remain>.~~

SPARK.3.CSJ.4 Implications for standardization

None.

SPARK.3.CSJ.5 Bibliography

None.

SPARK.3.DCM Dangling References to Stack Frames [DCM]

[The suggested treatment of prevented vulnerabilities is as shown in this example.]

SPARK prevents this vulnerability by forbidding the use of the 'Address and 'Access attributes of Ada.

SPARK.3.DCM.1 Terminology and features

~~As in Ada.3.DCM.1.~~

SPARK.3.DCM.2 Description of vulnerability

~~As in Ada.3.DCM.2.~~

SPARK.3.DCM.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

~~SPARK forbids the use of the 'Address attribute to read the address of an object [SLRM 4.1]. The 'Access attribute and all access types are also forbidden, so this vulnerability cannot occur.~~

SPARK.3.DCM.4 Implications for standardization

~~None.~~

SPARK.3.DCM.5 Bibliography

~~None.~~

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