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Stylechecker Plug-in for Codel

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1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main() {
4     int const myFirstConstant { 2 };
5     int const mySecondConstantVariable { 0 };
6     int MY_THIRD_VARIABLE { 1 };
7     int MyFourthVariable { 8 };
8     std::cout << MY_FIRST_CONSTANT
9             << MY_SECOND_CONSTANT_VARIABLE
10            << MY_THIRD_VARIABLE
11            << MY_FOURTH_VARIABLE;
12 }

```

Eclipse editor with styleguide violation markers

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1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main() {
4     int const MY_FIRST_CONSTANT { 2 };
5     int const MY_SECOND_CONSTANT_VARIABLE { 0 };
6     int myThirdVariable { 1 };
7     int myFourthVariable { 8 };
8     std::cout << MY_FIRST_CONSTANT
9             << MY_SECOND_CONSTANT_VARIABLE
10            << myThirdVariable
11            << myFourthVariable;
12 }

```

Eclipse editor with styleguide violation markers resolved

Introduction: In design work, a styleguide defines rules and guidelines to be adhered to for achieving a uniform visual look. Styleguides as such also exist for source code. Additionally, to contributing to a visually pleasing codebase, a styleguide increases understandability and readability of source code. In many projects, coding guidelines exist and are part of the development cycle ranging from a small set of rules to a broader compilation of guidelines to be followed. Codel is an integrated development environment (IDE) for C++. It is developed and maintained by the Institute for Software (IFS) at HSR. Codel itself is based on the Eclipse C/C++ Development Tooling (CDT) project. Currently, Codel is lacking the feature of styleguide checking.

Objective: The primary goal of the Stylechecker plug-in for Codel is providing the capabilities to perform styleguide checking and rule violation reporting. Furthermore, the plug-in is to offer automated resolutions wherever possible. In the scope of this project, the focus lies on covering naming conventions for three predefined styleguides: Google styleguide, Canonical styleguide and Geosoft styleguide. Additionally, users need to be able to create custom styleguides, define rules for it, change existing ones and import/export styleguides for sharing with team members.

Result: The implemented Stylechecker plug-in realizes styleguide checking as well as automated resolutions. To achieve this, the plug-in uses the abstract syntax tree provided by Eclipse CDT. Furthermore, the Stylechecker plug-in uses CDT's code analysis (Codan) framework, an integrated Eclipse CDT plug-in, providing facilities to create markers and resolutions for C++ development. In combination, checking, reporting and initiating resolutions become available. The Stylechecker plug-in allows users to compose custom styleguide rules by joining one or more expressions, defining the language elements to check the rules for and providing custom messages on reporting.

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with three dialog boxes open:

- Customize Rule:** A dialog for configuring a rule. It is set to 'Enabled' and 'Root' is 'Naming Conventions'. The 'Rule Name' is 'Regular Function Naming' and the 'Message' is 'Regular Function naming violation detected'.
- Predefined Expressions:** A table listing predefined expressions for styleguide rules.

Name	Expression	Match	Resolution	Argument	Hint	Order
PASCAL_CASE	^[A-Z][a-z]*(?:[A-Z][a-z]...	true	CaseTransformerResolu...		NONE	HIGH
- Concepts Qualifiers:** A dialog for selecting concepts and qualifiers to check. It shows a list of 'Available Concepts' (Functions, Template Functions, etc.) and 'Available Qualifiers' (const, constexpr, deleted, etc.).

Customize rule dialog