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Annex Fortran

Vulnerability Descriptions for Fortran

Fortran.1 Identification of standards
ISO/IEC 1539-1 (2010) "Fortran 2008"

Fortran.2 General Terminology

The Fortran standard specifies the forms Fortran programs (source code) take, and the rules for interpreting them.

It also specifies

the form of input and output files. A processor is a combination of a computing system and the mechanism by which programs are transformed for use on that computing system.

The standard does not describe

the processor, except that, if the program conforms to the standard then the processor shall interpret the program according to the standard.

A requirement expressed in ISO/IEC 1539-1 is a requirement on the program, not the processor, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

The requirement on the processor's ability to detect errors is limited to those errors that can be detected by reference to the numbered syntax rules and constraints in the standard.

A behaviour not completely specified by ISO/IEC 1539-1 is said to be either processor dependent or undefined.

Some features from earlier revisions of ISO/IEC 1539-1 are considered redundant and largely unused, and are designated Deleted and Obsolescent features. Deleted features are no longer a part of the standard, and obsolescent features are part of the standard, but their use is discouraged. There is a modern equivalent for every Deleted and Obsolescent feature that is considered easier to use and more clear in its meaning.

A Fortran processor optionally cooperates with one or more processors, called companion processors, that might be compilers of other languages. A processor is its own companion processor, additional companion processors might be compilers of other languages. The only requirement is that the other languages allow their data and procedures to be described in terms of C. Routines written in a language other than Fortran are not subject to the rules of Fortran.

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Fortran.3.1 Obscure Language Features [BRS]

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Fortran.3.1.1 Terminology and features

<deleted feature>: A deleted feature is feature that is not specified by the current revision of the standard, but was specified by an earlier revision of the standard.

<obsolescent feature>: An obsolescent feature is feature that is specified by the current revision of the standard; its use is discouraged because a better alternative is specified by the current revision of the standard.

<storage association>: Storage association is the association of two or more data objects that occurs when two or more storage sequences share or are aligned with one or more storage units.

<storage sequence>: A storage sequence is a sequence of storage units.

A storage unit is a numeric storage unit, a character storage unit, a file storage unit, or an unspecified storage unit.

<common block>: A common block is a block of physical storage that might be shared among scoping units.

<common statement>: A common statement specifies common block.

<save attribute>: The save attribute specifies that a local data entity retains its definition status between executions of the statements of its scope.

<intrinsic procedures>: Intrinsic procedures are procedures specified by the standard or by a processor in an extended set.

<implicit type>: Where there is no explicit declaration for a name, and implicit none is not specified, the implicit type of a variable is the type is implied by the first letter of its name.

Fortran.3.1.2 Description of vulnerability

The author of a program might have understood and used a feature whose use was common at the time the program was written, but the entirety of effects of some features might not be known to modern programmers. These effects might produce semantic results not in accord with the modern programmer's expectations. They might be beyond the knowledge of modern code reviewers.

For example, supplying an initial value in the declaration of a local variable implies that the variable has the save attribute.

A common statement might specify more than one common block, and the definition of a common block might be extended by a subsequent common statement in the same program unit.

A common block might not retain its definition status if it goes out of scope.

Names of different types may be storage associated. Defining the name of one type usually causes the value of the another type to become undefined. Storage associated sequences of the same type might give aliases to storage locations.

If implicit typing is used, a simple spelling error might introduce a new name, that is similar to the intended name. The effect on program execution is unpredictable.

A programmer might not expect any of the above situations.

Fortran.3.1.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use the processor to detect and identify extensions, including processor-defined intrinsic procedures. Avoid the use of processor extensions.
- Use the processor to detect and identify obsolescent or deleted features. All such features have modern counterparts that are safer, easier to understand, and more like to the semantics of other languages.
- Use a tool to detect any of the above.
- Use an interface body or a procedure declaration statement to specify the external attribute for any external or dummy procedure. Prefer to use module procedures in place of external procedures. This will prevent the processor from substituting its own intrinsic of the same signature.
- Place the entire specification of one common block entirely within a single statement, or place the specification of one common block in consecutive common statements.
- Do not specify more than one common block on a single statement.
- Use identical declarations of a common block in all scoping units that access that common block. Prefer the use of modules to share data among scoping units.
- Avoid the use of equivalence statements.
- Be aware that an initial value of a variable implies the save attribute. Always specify the save attribute when supplying an initial value.
- Use IMPLICIT NONE to require explicit declarations.

Fortran.3.1.4 Implications for standardization

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Identifying, deprecating, and replacing features whose use is problematic and where there is a safer and clearer alternative in the modern revisions of the language, or in current practice in other languages.

Fortran.3.1.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.2 Unspecified Behaviour [BQF]

Fortran.3.2.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.2.1 Fortran-specific terminology and features

<Unspecified Behaviour>: The use of any form or relation not specified by the Fortran standard is unspecified. The use of any form or relationship given a meaning not specified by the standard is unspecified.

Any behaviour not specified by the standard is unspecified behaviour.

Fortran.3.2.2 Description of vulnerability

A Fortran processor is unconstrained unless the program uses only those forms and relations specified by the Fortran standard, and gives them the meaning described therein.

What a processor does with non-standard code is unpredictable. The behaviour of non-standard code can change between processors. It is entirely unpredictable.

Fortran.3.2.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use processor options to detect and report use of non-standard features.
- Obtain diagnostics from more than one source, for example, use code checking tools.
- Avoid the use of non-standard intrinsic procedures.
- Specify the intrinsic attribute for all non-standard intrinsic procedures used.

Fortran.3.2.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of extensions to standard intrinsic procedures.
- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of an invalid use of character constants as format specifiers.

Fortran.3.2.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.3 Undefined Behaviour [EWF]

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This vulnerability is described
by Fortran.3.2 Unspecified Behaviour [BQF]
described above.

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Fortran.3.4 Implementation-defined Behaviour [FAB]

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Fortran.3.4.1 Fortran-specific terminology and features

<Processor-dependent>: Processor-dependent behaviour is the Fortran
term for implementation-defined behaviour.

See Annex A.2 of ISO/IEC 1539-1 (2010) for a list
of processor dependencies.

Fortran.3.4.2 Description of vulnerability

Different processors might process processor-dependencies
differently. Relying on one behaviour is not guaranteed
by the Fortran standard.

Reliance on one behaviour where the standard explicitly allows
several is not portable. The behaviour is liable to change between
different processors.

Fortran.3.4.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not rely on processor dependencies. See Annex A.2

for a complete list.

Fortran.3.4.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of more situations where the appearance of depending upon processor-dependent behaviour occurs. For example, consider requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of the appearance of a literal kind type parameter value.

Fortran.3.4.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.5 Deprecated Language Features [MEM]

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Fortran.3.5.1 Fortran-specific terminology and features

<deleted feature>: A deleted feature is a feature that is not specified by the current revision of the standard, but was specified by an earlier revision of the standard.

<obsolescent feature>: An obsolescent feature is a feature that is specified by the current revision of the standard; its use is discouraged because a better alternative is specified by the current revision of the standard.

Fortran.3.5.2 Description of vulnerability

The author of a program might have understood and used a feature whose use was common at the time the program was written, but the entirety of effects of some features might not be known to modern programmers. These effects might produce semantic results not in accord with the modern programmer's expectations. They might be beyond the knowledge of modern code reviewers.

See Annex B of ISO/IEC 1539-1 (2010) for a complete list.

Fortran.3.5.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not use obsolescent or deleted features.
- Use the processor to detect and identify obsolescent or deleted features;
then replace them with a modern synonym.
- Use processor options to require adherence to the latest standard.
- Use a tool to accomplish any of the above.

Fortran.3.5.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Identifying, deprecating, and replacing features whose use is problematic and where there is a safer and clearer alternative in the modern revisions of the language, or in current practice in other languages.

Fortran.3.5.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.6 Pre-processor Directives [NMP]

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ISO/IEC 1539-1 (2010) does not specify a preprocessor.

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Fortran.3.7 Choice of Clear Names [NAI]

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Fortran.3.7.1 Fortran-specific terminology and features

<processor character set>: The processor character set is divided into control characters and graphic characters. The graphic characters are further divided into letters, digits, the underscore, special characters (Table 3.1), and other characters.

<implicit type>: Where there is no explicit declaration for a name, the implicit type of a variable is the type given by the first letter of its name.

<character context>: Character context is a character literal constant or a character string edit descriptor.

Fortran.3.7.2 Description of vulnerability

The set of other characters supported by a processor is processor-dependent.

Fortran is a single case language; upper case and lower case are treated identically by the standard except in a character context.

Names differing only in capitalization are not distinct. While some processors have options to preserve case or distinguish names by case, others do not.

While the underscore might be used in names, the consecutive underscores is difficult to readily see.

Fortran has keywords but no reserved words. Some keywords allow an optional blank, as described in subclause 3.3.2.2.

When implicit typing is in effect, a misspelling of a name results in a new variable. Use of implicit none prohibits implicit typing.

Fortran.3.7.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Always use free form so blanks are significant.
- Always use the optional blank within a keyword (3.3.2.2).
- Do not try to distinguish names by case only.
- Do not use consecutive underscores in a name.
- Do not use keywords as names.
- Always use implicit none to disable implicit typing.

Fortran.3.7.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of names appearing to differ only in case, or that have consecutive underscores.
- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of names indistinguishable from keywords.
- Requiring that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of keywords that could have embedded blanks, but do not.

Fortran.3.7.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.8 Choice of Filenames and other External Identifiers [AJN]

Fortran.3.8.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.8.1 Language-specific terminology

<character assignment>: Character assignment to a fixed length variable has a truncate or blank fill semantic. This does not apply to allocatable character variables, where the length is adjusted as needed.

Fortran.3.8.2 Description of vulnerability

File names appearing as input to OPEN and INQUIRE statements, and character values appearing as input in references to the GET_ENVIRONMENT_VARIABLE intrinsic and the EXECUTE_COMMAND_LINE intrinsic, without regard to trailing blanks.

This is a result of the historic use of static length characters, where a character assignment might leave trailing blanks. Thus, trailing blanks are not used externally.

Any character literal constant specified on an INCLUDE line, or any file name, or any environment variable name is processor-dependent.

Fortran.3.8.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not attempt to distinguish file names or other external identifiers by trailing blanks.
- Prefer not to use control characters, special characters, or other characters to distinguish file names or other external identifiers.

Fortran.3.8.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a mechanism whereby trailing blanks might be used externally.
- Providing a means to determine the characteristics distinguishing file names and other external identifiers.

Fortran.3.8.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.9 Unused Variable [XYR]

Fortran.3.9.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.9.1 Language-specific terminology

<implicit type>: Where there is no explicit declaration for a name, and implicit none is not specified, the implicit type of a variable is the type is implied by the first letter of its name.

<use association>: Use association is association between entities in a module and entities in a scoping unit that references that module.

Fortran.3.9.2 Description of vulnerability

If implicit typing is used, a simple spelling error might introduce a new name, that is similar to the intended name.

The effect on program execution is unpredictable.

A common block declaration might contain unused names.

A use statement, without an only clause, might expose unused names.

Fortran.3.9.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use IMPLICIT NONE to require explicit declarations.
- Use processor options to report unused variables.
- Do not use common blocks, as the common might legitimately contain names of variables unused in one scoping unit.
- Use ONLY clauses on USE statements to ensure that only those names intended are accessed.

Fortran.3.9.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing that processors have the ability to detect and report the accessibility within a submitted program unit of an unused name.
- Providing that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of any name given an implicit type.

Fortran.3.9.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.10 Identifier Name Reuse [YOW]

Fortran.3.10.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.10.1 Language-specific terminology

<processor character set>: The processor character set is divided into control characters and graphic characters.

The graphic characters

are further divided into letters, digits, the underscore, special characters (Table 3.1), and other characters.

<implicit type>: Where there is no explicit declaration for a name,

and implicit none is not specified,
the implicit type of a variable is the type
is implied by the first letter of its name.

<host association>: Association between a name in a contained scope
and the host scope, or between a submodule and the module.

<use association>: Use association is association between entities
in a module and entities in a scoping unit that references that module.

Fortran.3.10.2 Description of vulnerability

All characters in a Fortran name are significant.

Internal procedures access the names available in their hosts.
Module procedures access the names available in their module.
Submodules access the names of the parent module.
Blocks access the names available in their host.

In addition to the vulnerabilities in 6.10, additional similar
vulnerabilities arise from the accessibility of names from modules.

Fortran.3.10.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Avoid the use of BLOCKS.
- Avoid the use of type specifications in forall headers.
- Use an ONLY clause on each USE statement.
- Check that each name declared in a contained scope
does not appear in the host scope.
- Prefer argument association instead of host association
in internal procedures.

Fortran.3.10.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing that processors have the ability to detect and report
the occurrence within a submitted program unit of any instance
where a declaration in a nested scope prevents access to a name
in the host scope.
- Providing that processors have the ability to detect and report
the occurrence within a submitted program unit of any instance
where a name is accessed by host association.
- Adding a means to control which, if any, names in a contained scope
are accessible from its host.

- Decrementing BLOCKS and declarations in forall headers.

Fortran.3.10.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.11 Type System [IHN]

Fortran.3.11.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.11.1 Language-specific terminology

<intrinsic type>: An intrinsic type is a type defined by the standard to be an intrinsic type.

<derived type>: A derived type is a type defined by the program, or a type defined by the standard to be a defined modules.

Fortran.3.11.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran promotes operands in expressions from smaller precision or range to larger precision or range within a numeric type, and among types, from integer to real to complex. If an integer expression contains operands of real or complex type, its value might depend upon the optimization level or rounding mode in effect.

Fortran expressions are evaluated without regard to context; in an assignment, and in a few other situations, the type of an expression is converted as needed.

There is no automatic conversion between derived types and intrinsic types.
There is no automatic conversion between derived types.

There is no automatic conversion of an actual argument to the type of the dummy argument.
Where procedures do not have explicit interfaces, the type of an actual argument might not correspond to the dummy argument, leading to an incorrect interpretation of the argument.

Fortran.3.11.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Explicitly convert expressions as needed.
- Use explicit interfaces.
- Use a tool to detect any of the above.

Fortran.3.11.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a capability to report, forbid, or control automatic conversions.
- Providing an inquiry intrinsic to provide the largest integer a real type is capable of representing exactly.
- Providing the ability to detect and report integer overflow.

Fortran.3.11.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.12 Bit Representations [STR]

Fortran.3.12.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.12.1 Language-specific terminology

<storage association>: Storage association is the association of two or more data objects that occurs when two or more storage sequences share or are aligned with one or more storage units.

<storage sequence>: A storage sequence is a sequence of storage units.

A storage unit is a numeric storage unit, a character storage unit, a file storage unit, or an unspecified storage unit.

Fortran.3.12.2 Description of vulnerability

A bit representation might be made visible when a location in a storage sequence has names with different types.

This can occur

when a storage location in a common block has different types

in different scopes, or when an equivalence set has names of different types.

The TRANSFER intrinsic copies bits between variables without regard for their types.

Using binary representations in integer and real conversion intrinsics might not be portable.

Misuse of the Interoperability with C features of Fortran might result in a violation of the Fortran type system.

Fortran.3.12.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Always use the same definition for a common block in every scoping unit. Better, convert common blocks to modules. Use renames to retain previous names as needed.
- Keep the same type for all variables in an equivalence set.
- Do not use TRANSFER.
- Ensure type consistency when converting pointers between Fortran and C representations.
- Use a tool to detect any of the above.

Fortran.3.12.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing that processors have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of storage locations with more than one type, and to report the use of the TRANSFER intrinsic.

Fortran.3.12.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.13 Floating-point Arithmetic [PLF]

Fortran.3.13.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.13.1 Language-specific terminology

<inquiry intrinsic>: An inquiry intrinsic is an intrinsic function that returns characteristics of the numeric model of the type of its argument.

<real>: The real type has values that approximate the mathematical real numbers. There are at least two kinds of type real.

<complex>: The complex type has values that approximate the mathematical complex numbers. There is a complex kind for each real kind.

Fortran.3.13.2 Description of application vulnerability

Possibly distinct kinds of type real might be available from the IEEE intrinsic modules.

Fortran.3.13.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use the IEEE intrinsic modules, and the values and procedures therein.

Fortran.3.13.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

None beyond C6.13.6.

Fortran.3.13.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.14 Enumerator Issues [CCB]

Fortran.3.14.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.14.1 Language-specific terminology

<enumerator>: An enumerator is a named constant of integer type. The kind of the integer type depends upon the companion processor.

Fortran.3.14.2 Description of vulnerability

The Fortran enumerator type is an integer type; it is not a new type. The Fortran enumerator type is designed primarily for interoperability with the C enumerator type.

Fortran.3.14.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not use enumerators for purposes other than interoperability with C.

Fortran.3.14.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Defining a standard enumerator type for uses beyond interoperability with C.

Fortran.3.14.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.15 Numeric Conversion Errors [FLC]

Fortran.3.15.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.15.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.15.2 Description of vulnerability

As per Clause 6.

Fortran.3.15.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

As per Clause 6.

Fortran.3.15.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding a requirement that processors have

the ability to detect and report conversions that might result in loss of data.

- Adding an inquiry intrinsic to report the largest integer that a real type can represent exactly.

Fortran.3.15.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.16 String Termination [CJM]

Fortran.3.16.0 Status and history

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Fortran does not use a string termination code.

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Fortran.3.17 Boundary Beginning Violation [XYX]

Fortran.3.17.0 Status and history

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This is covered by [XYZ]

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Fortran.3.18 Unchecked Array Indexing [XYZ]

Fortran.3.18.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.18.1 Language-specific terminology

<extent>: An extent of an array is the number of elements in a single dimension of an array.

<rank>: Rank is the number of array dimensions of a data entity

(zero for a scalar entity).

<upper bound>: The upper bound is the largest valid index of a dimension.

<lower bound>: The lower bound is the smallest valid index of a dimension.

<array assignment>: Array assignment allows one array to be assigned to another.

Fortran.3.18.2 Description of vulnerability

An array access using an index outside the bounds of any dimension is prohibited, its effects are unpredictable.

The upper bound of the last dimension of an assumed size dummy argument might not be known, and this might defeat bounds checking.

Fortran.3.18.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use whole array assignment, operations, and intrinsics where possible.
- Use inquiry intrinsics to determine upper and lower bounds.
- Choose upper and lower bounds that naturally describe the problem.
- Use assumed-shape arrays when passing array arguments.

Fortran.3.18.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

None.

Fortran.3.18.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.19 Unchecked Array Copying [XYW]

Fortran.3.19.0 Status and history

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This is covered by [XYZ].

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Fortran.3.20 Buffer Overflow [XZB]

Fortran.3.20.0 Status and history

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This is covered by [XYZ].

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Fortran.3.21 Pointer Casting and Pointer Type Changes [HFC]

Fortran.3.21.0 Status and history

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A Fortran pointer cannot change type.

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Fortran.3.22 Pointer Arithmetic [RVG]

Fortran.3.22.0 Status and history

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There is no arithmetic on pointers.

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Fortran.3.23 Null Pointer Dereference [XYH]

Fortran.3.23.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.23.1 Language-specific terminology

<target>: A target is a data object that can be associated with a pointer. The target is the actual storage.

<pointer>: Pointer is a data pointer or a procedure pointer. A pointer might be associated, disassociated, or have undefined association status.

<data pointer>: A data pointer is a data object that can be associated with different targets during execution.

<procedure pointer>: A procedure pointer is an entity that can be associated with different procedures during execution.

<pointer assignment>: Pointer assignment changes the association status of a pointer.

<assignment>: For a pointer associated with a target, assignment to the pointer affects the value of the target. For a pointer associated with a target, a reference to the pointer provides the value of the target.

<allocatable>: Allocatable is an attribute of an object that can be allocated with varying properties during execution. An allocatable object is either allocated or deallocated.

<associated>: When a pointer is associated with a target, the pointer can be used to change the value of the target.

<allocated>: When an allocatable object is allocated, it has its own storage.

Fortran.3.23.2 Description of application vulnerability

If a pointer that is not associated is referenced or defined, the effects are undefined and unpredictable.

If an unallocated allocatable is referenced or defined, the effects are undefined and unpredictable.

Fortran.3.23.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use the associated intrinsic to ensure that a pointer is associated with a target before referencing the name with the pointer attribute.
- Use the allocated intrinsic to ensure that an allocatable is allocated before referencing the name.
- Use allocatables in preference to pointers wherever allocatables provide the desired functionality.

Fortran.3.23.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding new dummy argument intents to cover all cases of pointer can change, or the target can change.

Fortran.3.23.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.24 Dangling Reference to Heap [XYK]

Fortran.3.24.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.24.1 Language-specific terminology

<target>: A target is a data object that can be associated with a pointer. The target is the actual storage.

<pointer>: Pointer is a data pointer or a procedure pointer. A pointer might be associated, disassociated, or have undefined association status.

<data pointer>: A data pointer is a data object that can be associated with different targets during execution.

<procedure pointer>: A procedure pointer is an entity that can be associated with different procedures during execution.

<pointer assignment>: Pointer assignment changes the association status of a pointer.

<allocatable>: Allocatable is an attribute of an object that can be allocated with varying properties during execution. An allocatable object is either allocated or deallocated.

<save attribute>: The save attribute specifies that a local data entity retains its definition status between executions of the statements of its scope.

Fortran.3.24.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran does not specify how variables are stored. Many implementations will store allocatable variables or allocated pointer targets on the heap.

Fortran.3.24.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use allocatables in preference to pointers wherever allocatables

provide the desired functionality.

- Avoid pointer associating pointers declared outside the scope, or that has the save attribute, with an unsaved allocatable variables declared inside the scope.

- Apply the SAVE attribute to allocatable local variables whenever a pointer declared outside the scope, or that has the save attribute, is pointer assigned to the variable.

Fortran.3.24.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding a requirement that processors have the ability to detect and report unit of where a pointer declared the scope is pointer assigned target within a scope.

Fortran.3.24.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.25 Templates and Generics [SYM]

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This subclause does not apply to Fortran.

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Fortran.3.26 Inheritance [RIP]

Fortran.3.26.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.26.1 Language-specific terminology

<extends>: A child type derived from a parent type extends the parent type.

<non_overridable attribute>: The non_overridable attribute specifies that a binding shall not override an inherited binding.

<private attribute>: The private attribute specifies that a component name is accessible only within the module containing the definition, and within its descendants.

Fortran.3.26.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran supports single inheritance only; none in addition to those listed in subclause 6.26.

Fortran.3.26.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use the non_overridable attribute whenever possible.
- Apply the private attribute to components of the parent type.

Fortran.3.26.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding class invariants.

Fortran.3.26.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.27 Initialization of Variables [LAV]

Fortran.3.27.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.27.1 Language-specific terminology

<save attribute>: The save attribute specifies that a local data entity retains its definition status between executions of the statements of its scope.

Fortran.3.27.2 Description of vulnerability

Specifying an initial value for a variable

implies the save attribute.

Fortran.3.27.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use executable statements to supply initial values to variables when the save attribute is not required.
- Use named constants if the value will not change.

Fortran.3.27.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a way to declare an initial value for a variable every time the scope in which it is declared is entered without forcing static storage.
- Adding a requirement that processors have the ability to detect and report a variable having the save attribute without an explicit declaration of the attribute.

Fortran.3.27.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.28 Wrap-around Error [XYY]

Fortran.3.28.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.28.1 Language-specific terminology

<numeric model>: The processor-supplied model of the numeric representation supported by the processor. Its parameters are available via the inquiry intrinsics.

Fortran.3.28.2 Description of application vulnerability

Fortran provides no description of wrap-around error of integer overflow, nor any way to detect it.

Fortran.3.28.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not use the same variables for bit operations and for arithmetic; instead, use separate variables and check values upon conversion.
- Prefer the use of the largest integer type available where results might overflow.
- Use inquiry intrinsics to determine the range supported by the type used.

Fortran.3.28.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a separate type for bit operations.
- Providing an means to predict and/or detect when an integer operation will produce or has produced a wrap-around error.

Fortran.3.28.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.29 Sign Extension Error [XZI]

Fortran.3.29.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.29.1 Language-specific terminology

<BOZ literal constant>: A BOZ literal constant is a binary, octal or hexadecimal literal constant.

Fortran does not have unsigned data types.

Fortran.3.29.2 Description of vulnerability

As per subclause 6.29.

Fortran.3.29.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Choose the particular bit shift intrinsic as appropriate.
- Understand the bit model, and the effects of BOZ literal constants.

- Avoid using the transfer intrinsic.
- Prefer the use of the bit-level intrinsics to BOZ literal constants.

Fortran.3.29.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a separate type for bit operations.

Fortran.3.29.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.30 Operator Precedence/Order of Evaluation [JCW]

Fortran.3.30.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.30.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.30.2 Description of vulnerability

Assignment is not an operator in Fortran.

Bit operations are intrinsic functions, so precedence is clear.

The precedence of unary negation is lower than the precedence of exponentiation. This may be contrary to programmer's expectations.

Fortran.3.30.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use parenthesis for clarity.

Fortran.3.30.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

None.

Fortran.3.30.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.31 Side-effects and Order of Evaluation [SAM]

Fortran.3.31.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.31.1 Language-specific terminology

<expression>: An expression represents either a data reference or a computation, and its value is either a scalar or an array. An expression is formed from operands, operators, and parentheses.

Fortran.3.31.2 Description of vulnerability

A Fortran processor might evaluate an expression in any order it chooses.

A Fortran processor need not evaluate any part of an expression if it is not needed to compute the value of the expression. Side effects of functions contributing to such portions of expressions are processor-dependent, and any values associated with such problematic evaluation are undefined.

Fortran.3.31.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Prefer to use a subroutine where side effects are needed for the programming objective.
- Prefer to use pure functions where that will achieve the programming objective.
- Use parenthesis and/or partial result variables to control the order of evaluation of expressions.

Fortran.3.31.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding a means to control function evaluation in expressions.
- Adding a means to control the order of evaluation of procedure arguments.

Fortran.3.31.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.32 Likely Incorrect Expression [KOA]

Fortran.3.32.0 Status and history

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This is covered by [SAM] above.

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Fortran.3.33 Dead and Deactivated Code [XYQ]

Fortran.3.33.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.33.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.33.2 Description of vulnerability

As per subclause 6.33.

Fortran.3.33.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

As per subclause 6.33.

Fortran.3.33.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring processors to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit of unreachable code.

Fortran.3.33.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.34 Switch Statements and Static Analysis [CLL]

Fortran.3.34.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.34.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.34.2 Description of vulnerability

As per subclause 6.34.

Fortran.3.34.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

As per subclause 6.34.

Fortran.3.34.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring processors to have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit where a select case construct does not cover all cases.
- Requiring processors to have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit where a select case construct contains a default block.
- Requiring processors to have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit where a select type construct does not cover all cases.
- Requiring processors to have the ability to detect and report the occurrence within a submitted program unit where a select type construct contains a default block.

Fortran.3.34.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.35 Demarcation of Control Flow [EOJ]

Fortran.3.35.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.35.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.35.2 Description of vulnerability

A shared terminal statement of a non-block do construct might be difficult to understand.

Fortran.3.35.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Note that the non-block form of the do construct is an obsolescent feature, and as such, it should not be used.

- Use the block form of the do loop.

Fortran.3.35.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Deleting the non-block form of the do construct.

Fortran.3.35.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.36 Loop Control Variables [TEX]

Fortran.3.36.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.36.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.36.2 Description of vulnerability

It is not possible to modify the loop control variable of a do loop in any way that the processor can detect. If the loop control variable is passed to a procedure, the processor might not be able to detect violations.

A loop iteration count calculation might silently overflow.

Fortran.3.36.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use explicit interfaces for all routines called from within loops; pass the loop variable only to intent(in) arguments.

Fortran.3.36.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring an option that all procedures called with loop variables as arguments to have explicit interface and argument intents, so the dummy argument receiving the loop control variable can be checked to be intent(in).

Fortran.3.36.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.37 Off-by-one Error [XZH]

Fortran.3.37.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.37.1 Language-specific terminology

None.

Fortran.3.37.2 Description of vulnerability

As per subclause 6.37.

Fortran.3.37.4 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use inquiry intrinsics to determine the upper and lower bounds of array extents.

Fortran.3.37.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

None.

Fortran.3.37.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.38 Structured Programming [EWD]

Fortran.3.38.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.38.1 Language-specific terminology

<alternate return>: Alternate return is a means for a subroutine to return to a point in the caller other than immediately following the point of reference.

Fortran.3.38.2 Description of vulnerability

Alternate returns, and branches on error or end conditions on input/output statements, are unstructured.

Fortran.3.38.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not use alternate returns.
- Do not use end, eor, or err specifiers in input/output statements.
- Use an iostat and/or iomsg specifier to check status.

Fortran.3.38.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding an option to forbid branching from input/output statements, and alternate returns from subprograms.

Fortran.3.38.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.39 Passing Parameters and Return Values [CSJ]

Fortran.3.39.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.39.1 Language-specific terminology

<dummy argument>: The dummy argument is the name of a procedure argument local to the procedure.

<actual argument>: The actual argument is the data entity passed to the procedure when it is referenced.

<argument intent>: An argument intent is an attribute specifying what actions might be made of a dummy argument.

Fortran.3.39.2 Description of application vulnerability

Fortran does not specify a particular argument passing mechanism. This is governed by argument association rules, together with argument intents, and the contiguous, optional and value attributes.

Fortran.3.39.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not depend upon a particular argument passing mechanism.
- Specify argument intents.
- Specify argument attributes as needed.

Fortran.3.39.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding a more complete set of argument intents, to cover all cases including distinguishing actions on the pointer association status and the pointer's target.

Fortran.3.39.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.40 Dangling References to Stack Frames [DCM]

Fortran.3.40.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.40.1 Language-specific terminology

<target>: A target is a data object that can be associated with a pointer. The target is the actual storage.

<pointer>: Pointer is a data pointer or a procedure pointer. A pointer might be associated, disassociated, or have undefined association status.

<data pointer>: A data pointer is a data object that can be associated with different targets during execution.

<procedure pointer>: A procedure pointer is an entity that can be associated with different procedures during execution.

<pointer assignment>: Pointer assignment changes the association status of a pointer.

<allocatable>: Allocatable is an attribute of a object that can be allocated with varying properties during execution. An allocatable object is either allocated or deallocated.

<save attribute>: The save attribute specifies that a local data entity retains its definition status between executions of the statements of its scope.

Fortran.3.40.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran does not specify how variables are stored. Many implementations will store local variables on the stack.

Fortran.3.40.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use allocatables in preference to pointers wherever allocatables

provide the desired functionality.

- Avoid pointer associating a pointer declared outside the scope, or that has the save attribute, with an unsaved local variable declared inside the scope.

- Apply the SAVE attribute to local variables whenever a pointer declared outside the scope, or that has the save attribute, is pointer assigned to the variable.

Fortran.3.40.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Adding a requirement that processors have the ability to detect and report unit of where a pointer declared the scope is pointer assigned target within a scope.

Fortran.3.40.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.41 Subprogram Signature Mismatch [OTR]

Fortran.3.41.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.41.1 Language-specific terminology

<interface>:

Fortran.3.41.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.41.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use modules to package procedures so they will have explicit interfaces.

- Use interface bodies to describe external procedures, these might be generated automatically by a tool, or by the processor.

Fortran.3.41.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing that processors shall have the ability to require explicit interfaces for all procedures.

Fortran.3.41.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.42 Recursion [GDL]

Fortran.3.42.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.42.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.42.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.42.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

Fortran.3.42.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.42.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.43 Returning Error Status [NZN]

Fortran.3.43.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.43.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.43.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.43.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Always check the STAT= or IOSTAT= specifier as appropriate.

Fortran.3.43.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing that processors shall have the ability to require all statements supporting a STAT= or IOSTAT= specifier to have one present on each occurrence.
- Providing that no statement would have a end= or err= specifier.

Fortran.3.43.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.44 Termination Strategy [REU]

Fortran.3.44.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.44.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.44.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.44.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Understand and use ALL STOP, STOP and SYNC IMAGES correctly.

Fortran.3.44.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.44.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.45 Extra Intrinsic [LRM]

Fortran.3.45.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.45.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.45.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.45.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Give all external names the external attribute,
or better, an explicit interface.

Fortran.3.45.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.45.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.46 Type-breaking Reinterpretation of Data [AMV]

Fortran.3.46.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.46.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.46.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.46.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Do not rely on different names with different types
in storage sequences.

- Do not use TRANSFER.

- Do not cause storage association of objects
of different type
by using common or equivalence.

Fortran.3.46.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Requiring processors to detect and report when type breaking reuse of bits occurs.

Fortran.3.46.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.47 Memory Leak [XYL]

Fortran.3.47.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.47.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.47.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.47.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use allocatable or automatic variables in local procedures.
- Do not apply the SAVE attribute.

Fortran.3.47.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.47.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.48 Argument Passing to Library Functions [TRJ]

Fortran.3.48.0 Status and history

Original draft - DLN

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Fortran.3.48.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.48.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.48.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use explicit interfaces for libraries.

- Use tools, if needed, to create interfaces for libraries.

Fortran.3.48.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.48.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.49 Dynamically-linked Code and Self-modifying Code [NYY]

Fortran.3.49.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.49.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.49.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.49.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

Fortran.3.49.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.49.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.50 Library Signature [NSQ]

Fortran.3.50.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.50.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.50.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.50.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use explicit interfaces for libraries.
- Use tools, if needed, to create interfaces for libraries.

Fortran.3.50.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

Fortran.3.50.5 Bibliography

None.

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Fortran.3.51 Unanticipated Exceptions from Library Routines [HJW]

Fortran.3.51.0 Status and history

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Fortran.3.51.1 Language-specific terminology

Fortran.3.51.2 Description of vulnerability

Fortran.3.51.3 Avoiding the vulnerability or mitigating its effects

- Use explicit interfaces for libraries.
- Use tools, if needed, to create interfaces for libraries.

Fortran.3.51.4 Implications for standardization in Fortran

Future standardization efforts should consider:

- Providing a way to handle exceptions.

Fortran.3.51.5 Bibliography

None.