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SUMMARY

+ 200 web and e-commerce applications mostly developed in PHP and JS
+ 150 enterprise applications developed in C#, Node.js and Python
+ CI/CD integration with Azure DevOps, Gitlab and BitBucket Pipelines
+ Automated code analysis for 5,000 community-rated rules in only a few minutes
+ IDE integration with SonarLint protects code commits
+ Code Quality & Code Security findings owned by developers

“SonarQube is not just a well known and respected tool. It is the standard for Code Quality and Code Security.”

- Laurent Bel, Head of Architecture and Innovation

What I like about SonarQube is that it gives a framework and set of rules that are accepted and well known to everyone. There is no discussion around whether it is relevant or not. It removes the discussion of who is right and who is wrong. SonarQube is right.”

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