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Topics

- Why:
 - Attack examples
- Protection / Maturity: frameworks
 - OWASP Software Component Verification Standard (SCVS)
 - Supply chain Levels for Software Artifacts (SLSA)

Supply Chain - Dependencies

- Libraries used by your application:
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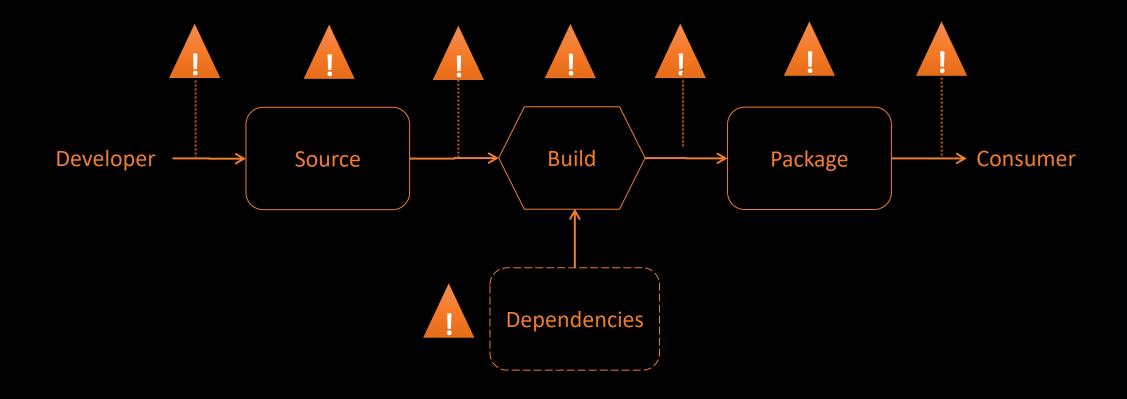
Package managers

- Tooling used for building your application:
 - npm ci
 - dotnet build
 - pipelines



Build tools

Attack entries



Supply Chain Confusion

- Typo squatting
- Namespace shadowing
- Configuration files
- Pipeline attacks
- Pipeline artifact attacks

Typo squatting 101

npm install crossenv



Steals all your environment variables

npm install cross-env



Normal package

Add Namespaces

npm install <code>@babel/helper-regex</code>

More specific, less change of squatting Not all publishers use a namespace

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March 2022 - Namespace confusion

npm install @azure/core-tracing

VS

npm install core-tracing

→ 218 packages squatted

Timelines

- Attacks spread fast, lots of targets
- @azure namespace attack: 50 downloads per package (x 218 packages!)
- Found within 1–2 days
- Blocked by npm after noticing
- Damage is already done by then



Security holding package

This package contained malicious code and was removed from the registry by the npm setteam. A placeholder was published to ensure users are not affected in the future.

Please refer to www.npmjs.com/advisories?search=core-tracing for more information.

Protect yourself

- Software Composition Analysis is the starting point
- Use SAST or DAST (shift left or you are to late!)
- Package manager scanners:
 - WhiteSource
 - BlackDuck
 - JFrog Artifactory + Xray
 - Snyk.io
 - GitHub Dependabot + Vulnerability alerts



Checks package + version against **CVE** databases



Protect yourself

npm audit

Gets a list of the dependencies and posts that to:

https://registry.npmjs.org/-/npm/v1/security/advisories/bulk

- Might send out private data!
- Any packages without a version field will be ignored!

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npm audit - results

```
node_modules/url-parse
ws 5.0.0 - 5.2.2 | 6.0.0 - 6.2.1
Severity: moderate
ReDoS in Sec-Websocket-Protocol header - https://github.com/advisories/GHSA-6fc8-4gx4-v693
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fix available via `npm audit fix`
node_modules/jest-environment-jsdom-fourteen/node_modules/ws
node_modules/webpack-dev-server/node_modules/ws
node_modules/ws
57 vulnerabilities (25 moderate, 31 high, 1 critical)
                                                                               AFTER THE FACT
To address issues that do not require attention, run:
  npm audit fix
To address all issues (including breaking changes), run:
  npm audit fix --force
```

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npm install -g npq

- Wrapper from snyk.io
- Alias it to overwrite npm commands

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.npmrc - misconfiguration

```
registry=https://registry.npmjs.org/
```

amyscope:registry=https://mycustomregistry.example.org

All your private packages will now get pulled from npmjs.org!

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Frameworks





OWASP

Software Component Verification Standard v1 since 2020: https://xpir.it/SCVS

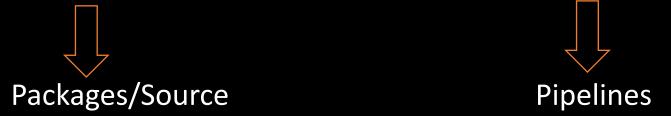
Supply chain Levels for Software Artifacts

Currently in Alpha: https://slsa.dev/

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OWASP SCVS: Software Component Verification Standard

Assessment of your software components and how they came to be



OWASP SCVS

	L1	L2	L3	L4
V1 – Inventory				
V2 – Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)				
V3 – Build Environment				
V4 – Package Management				
V5 – Component Analysis				
V6 – Pedigree and Provenance				

OWASP SCVS – V1 Inventory

All direct and transitive components and their versions are known at completion of a build

Package managers are used to manage all third-party binary components

Software bill of materials continuously maintained and current for all systems

Software bill of materials are required for new procurements

The component type is known throughout inventory

The component function is known throughout inventory

V1 – Inventory

Software Composition Analysis

- GitHub Dependabot
- Black Duck
- WhiteSource
- Snyk
- Jfrog Xray

Dependabot Example: https://github.com/devops-actions/issue-comment-tag

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OWASP SCVS - V2 Software Bill of Materials

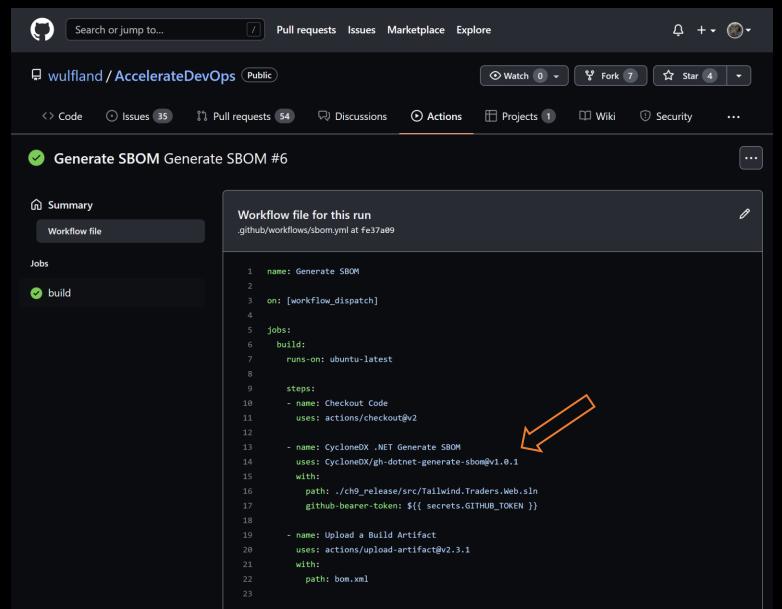
- SBOM creation is automated and reproducible
- SBOM has been signed by publisher, supplier, or certifying authority
- SBOM signature verification exists and is performed
- SBOM is analyzed for risk

V2 Software Bill of Materials

- Multiple standards for SBOM formats:
 - SPDX (Software Package Data Exchange) Linux Foundation
 - Focusses on license information
 - ISO Standard
 - CycloneDX OWASP
 - Focusses on vulnerabilities and security
- Example SBOM creation with GitHub Actions & CycloneDX:

https://github.com/wulfland/AccelerateDevOps/actions/runs/1671722600

V2 Software Bill of Materials - demo



V2 Software Bill of Materials - demo

```
≥ bom.xml ×
C: > Users > RobBos > AppData > Local > Temp > Temp1_artifact.zip > https://doi.org/10.1001/j.j.com/pdf.
        <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
        <bom xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" serialNumber=</pre>
            <tools>
              <tool>
                <vendor>CycloneDX</vendor>
                <name>CycloneDX module for .NET</name>
                <version>2.3.0.0
              </tool>
            </tools>
            <component type="application" bom-ref="Tailwind.Traders.Web@0.0.0">
              <name>Tailwind.Traders.Web</name>
              <version>0.0.0</version>
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            </component>
          </metadata>
          <components>
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              <publisher>Microsoft</publisher>
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              <purl>pkg:nuget/Azure.Core@1.8.1</purl>
              <externalReferences>
                <reference type="website">
                  <url>https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-net/blob/Azure.Core 1.8.1/sdk/core/Azure.Core/README.md</url>
                </reference>
```

OWASP SCVS V3 – Build Environment

- Application build pipeline may only perform builds of source code maintained in version control systems
- Application build pipeline prohibits alteration of DNS and network settings during build
- Application build pipeline prohibits alteration of certificate trust stores
- Application build pipeline enforces authentication and defaults to deny
- Application build pipeline enforces authorization and defaults to deny
- Application build pipeline requires separation of concerns for the modification of system settings
- Application build pipeline maintains a verifiable audit log of all system changes
- Application build pipeline maintains a verifiable audit log of all build job changes
- Application build pipeline has required maintenance cadence where the entire stack is updated, patched, and re-certified for use
- Compilers, version control clients, development utilities, and software development kits are analyzed and monitored for tampering, trojans, or malicious code
- All build-time manipulations to source or binaries are known and well defined
- Checksums of all first-party and third-party components are documented for every build
- Checksums of all components are accessible and delivered out-of-band whenever those components are packaged or distributed
- Unused direct and transitive components have been identified
- Unused direct and transitive components have been removed from the application

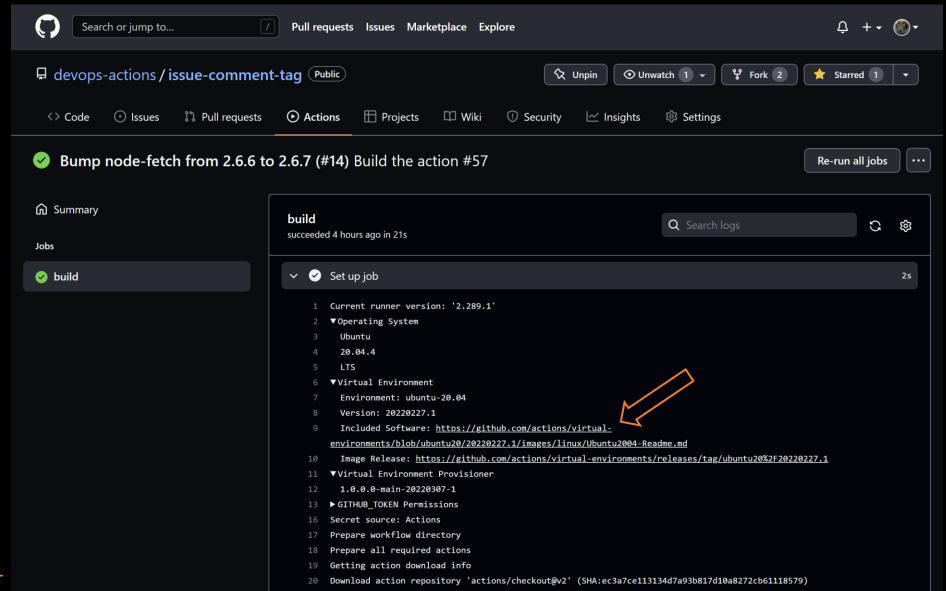
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- Application build pipeline maintains a verifiable audit log of:
 - build job changes
 - system changes
- The entire build stack is updated, patched, and re-certified for use
- Everything is analyzed and monitored for tampering, trojans, or malicious code
 - Compilers
 - Version control clients
 - Development utilities
 - Software development kits

V3 – Build Environment

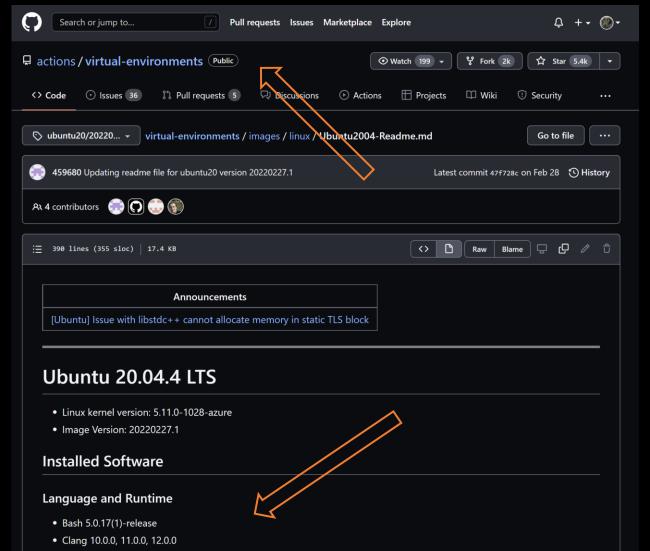
- Application build pipeline maintains a verifiable audit log of
 - build job changes
 - system changes
- Example in GitHub Actions: end-to-end traceability:
 - Workflow changes in commits
 - Execution environment in the logs
 - https://github.com/devops-actions/issue-comment-tag/actions/runs/2069875260

V3 – Build Environment – demo



V3 – Build Environment – demo

https://github.com/actions/virtual-environments/blob/ubuntu20/20220227.1/images/linux/Ubuntu2004-Readme.md



OWASP SCVS V4 – Package management

- Package repository components have been published with multi-factor authentication
- Package repository notifies publishers & users of security issues
- Package repository requires code signing to publish packages to production repositories
- Package manager verifies the integrity of packages when they are retrieved:
 - From remote repository
 - From file system

OWASP SCVS V4 – Package management

- Package repository components have been published with multi-factor authentication – npm improvements with 2FA
- Package repository notifies publishers & users of security issues
 - Dependabot does this
- Package repository requires code signing to publish packages to production repositories
 - Most package managers do not have support
 - npm focusses on 2FA
 - NuGet, Maven / Gradle / Ant (uploads through Maven central), RubyGems

OWASP SCVS V5 - Component Analysis

- Component is analyzed using linters and/or static analysis tools
- Linting and/or static analysis is performed with every upgrade
- An automated process for:
 - Identifying all publicly disclosed vulnerabilities is used
 - Identifying confirmed dataflow exploitability is used
 - For identifying end-of-life / end-of-support components is used

V5 - Component Analysis

- Component is analyzed using linters and/or static analysis tools
 - Trigger workflow on push
- Linting and/or static analysis is performed with every upgrade
 - Branch protection rules
- An automated process for:
 - Identifying all publicly disclosed vulnerabilities is used: Dependabot
 - Identifying confirmed dataflow exploitability is used: SAST / DAST
 - For identifying end-of-life / end-of-support components is used: ?

OWASP SCVS V6 - Pedigree and Provenance

Point of origin is verifiable for components

Chain of custody is auditable for components

V6 - Pedigree and Provenance

- Point of origin is verifiable for components
 - Dependabot dependency graph
- Chain of custody is auditable for components
 - Where did the component came from:
 - Pipeline link
 - Commit history

Example: https://github.com/devops-actions/issue-comment-tag/releases

V6 - Pedigree and Provenance

- Point of origin is verifiable for components
 - Cosign + sigstore = verification options for containers
- Chain of custody is auditable for components
 - SLSA is doing this for other binaries

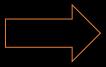
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