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## OPEN SOURCE IN SECURITY-CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTS

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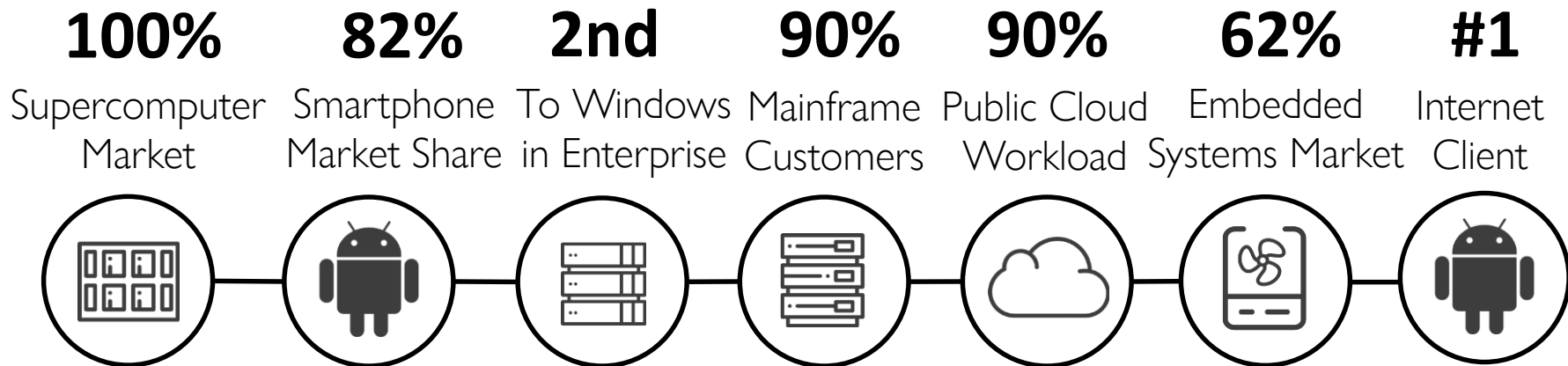


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Open Source is here to stay in security critical environments and every place software is used

Linux has grown into the most important open source project in the world



Every market Linux has entered it eventually dominates

# Linux Evolves Faster Than Ever



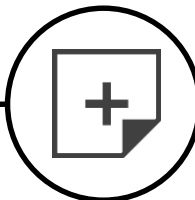
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Contributors From  
450 Organizations



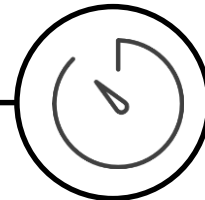
**2,000**

Lines of Code  
Modified Daily



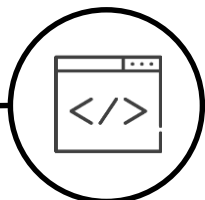
**8.5**

Changes Per  
Hour



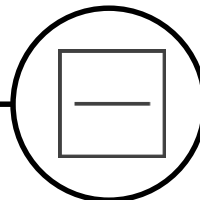
**10,000**

Lines of Code  
Added Daily



**2,500**

Lines of Code  
Removed Daily





# Open Source Development is Accelerating



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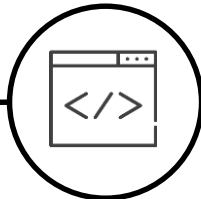
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Open Source  
Developers



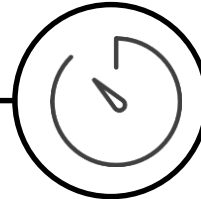
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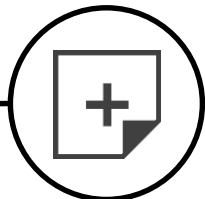
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New Versions  
per day



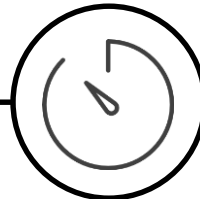
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Repositories on  
Github



**1,100**

New Projects a  
Day





It's actually open source software  
that's eating the world.

- Venturebeat 2015



Creating Applications these days is like  
making a sandwich

# Code Club (Sandwich)



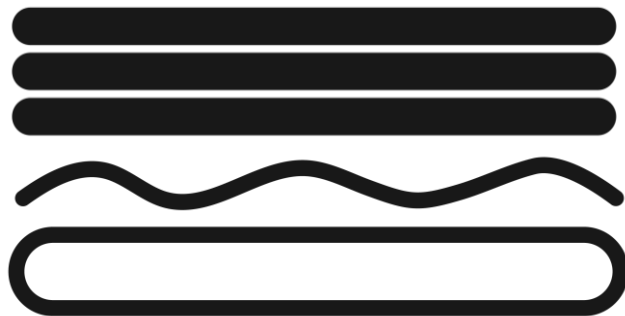


# Code Club (Sandwich)



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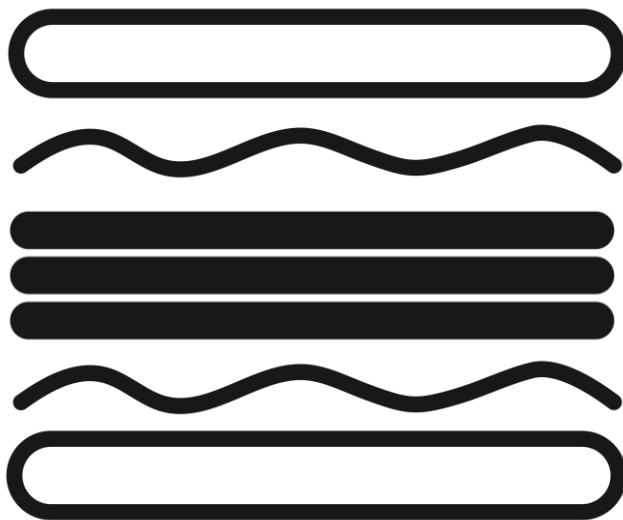
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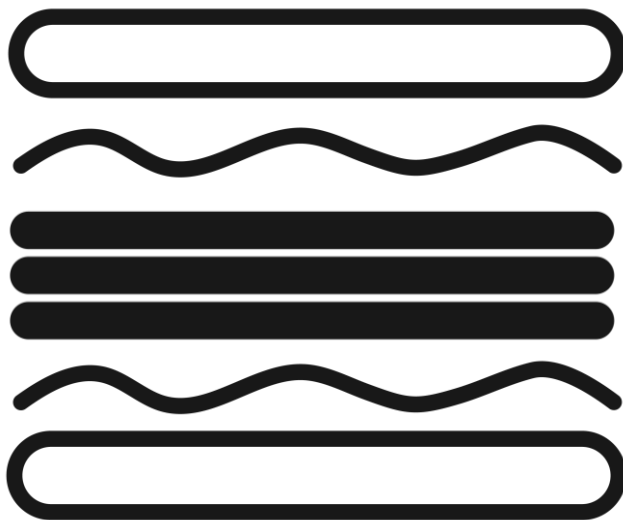
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# Code Club (Sandwich)



**Open Source Code = ~ 90%**



Use Open Source  
Libraries to Solve Problems  
Open Source Code (~70%)

Write Custom Code  
Custom Code (~10%)

Choose a Framework  
Open Source Code (~20%)

# So much code – so little time



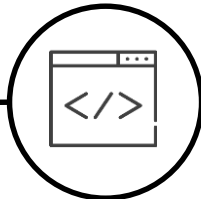
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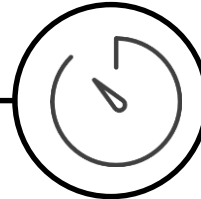
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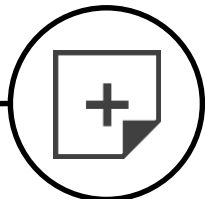
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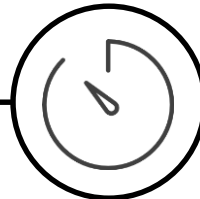
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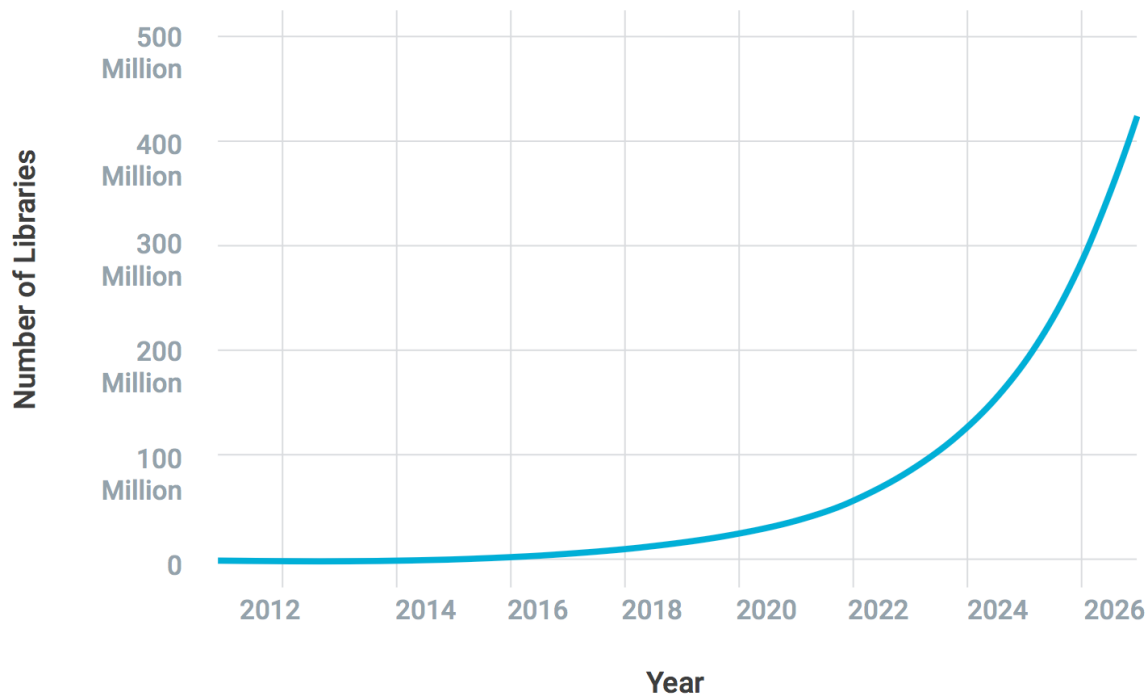
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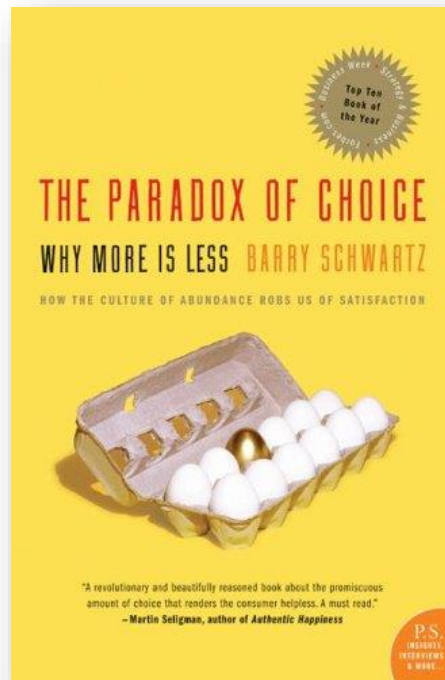




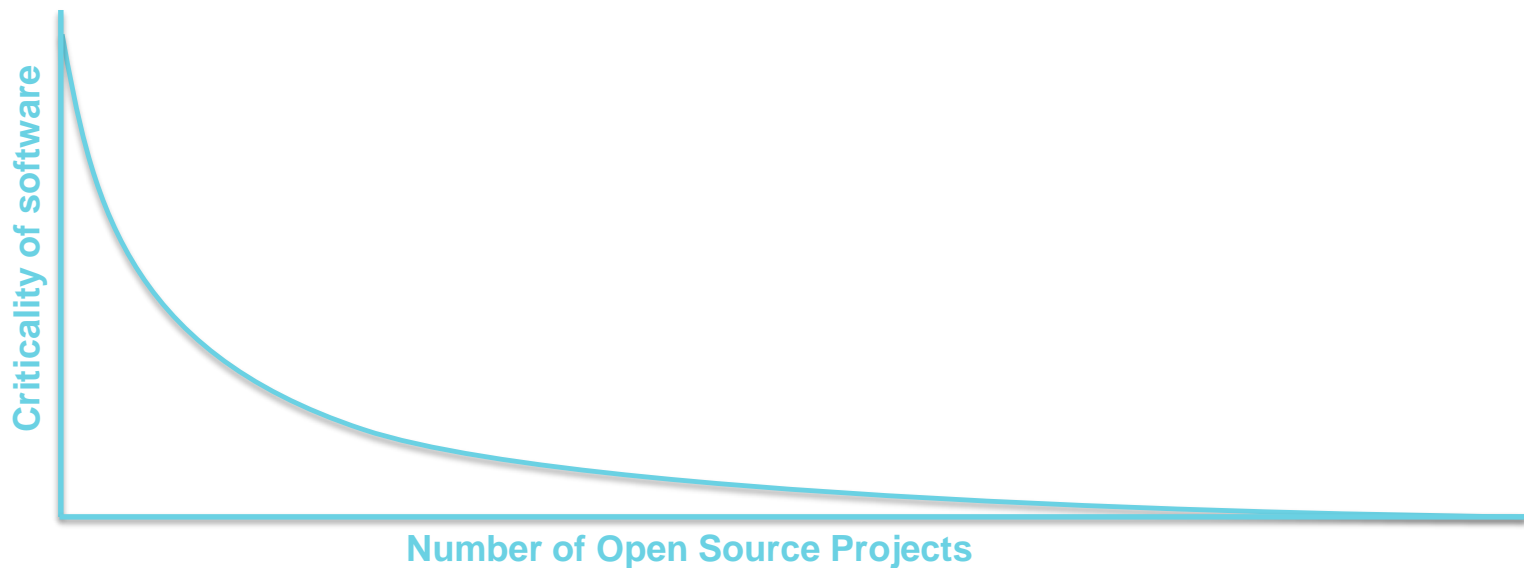
# Open source isn't slowing down any time soon



# All this abundance has created anxiety



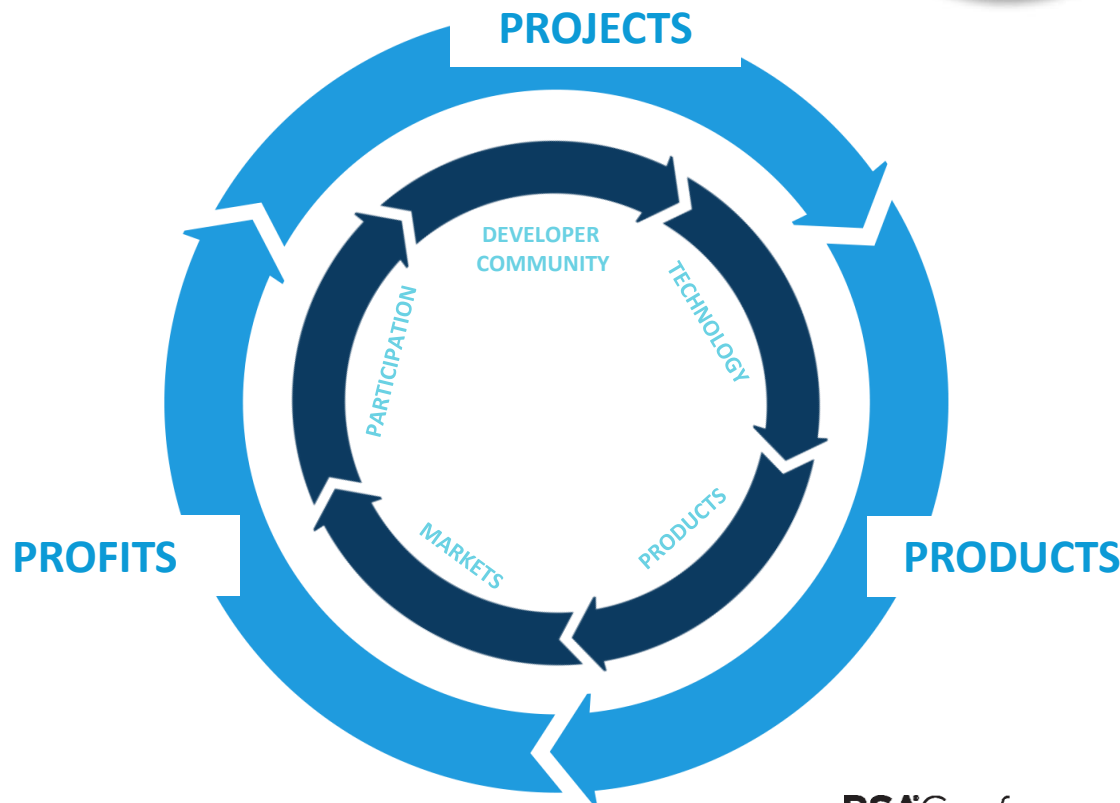
# The real question is which projects matter?





# How do we make important projects sustainable?

Successful Projects depend on members, developers, standards and infrastructure to develop products that the market will adopt.



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**WHEN THIS CYCLE WORKS, IT  
WORKS WELL**





Value of Individual Project

## Major Problem

- How to accelerate cloud native computing: devops, containers, microservices
- How to create a portability layer for cloud

## Collective Action

- 2015 Google created CNCF with The Linux Foundation
- Project seeded with Kubernetes
- CNCF founded with 28 members

## Results - 2018

- Kubernetes de facto standard for container management
- 179 members, including all major public clouds and enterprise software vendors
- Home to 14 additional projects beyond Kubernetes
- 49 Kubernetes certified vendors
- Kubernetes surpasses OpenStack on Google trends

Number of Open Source Projects – Millions on Github

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**SOMETIMES THE SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK**

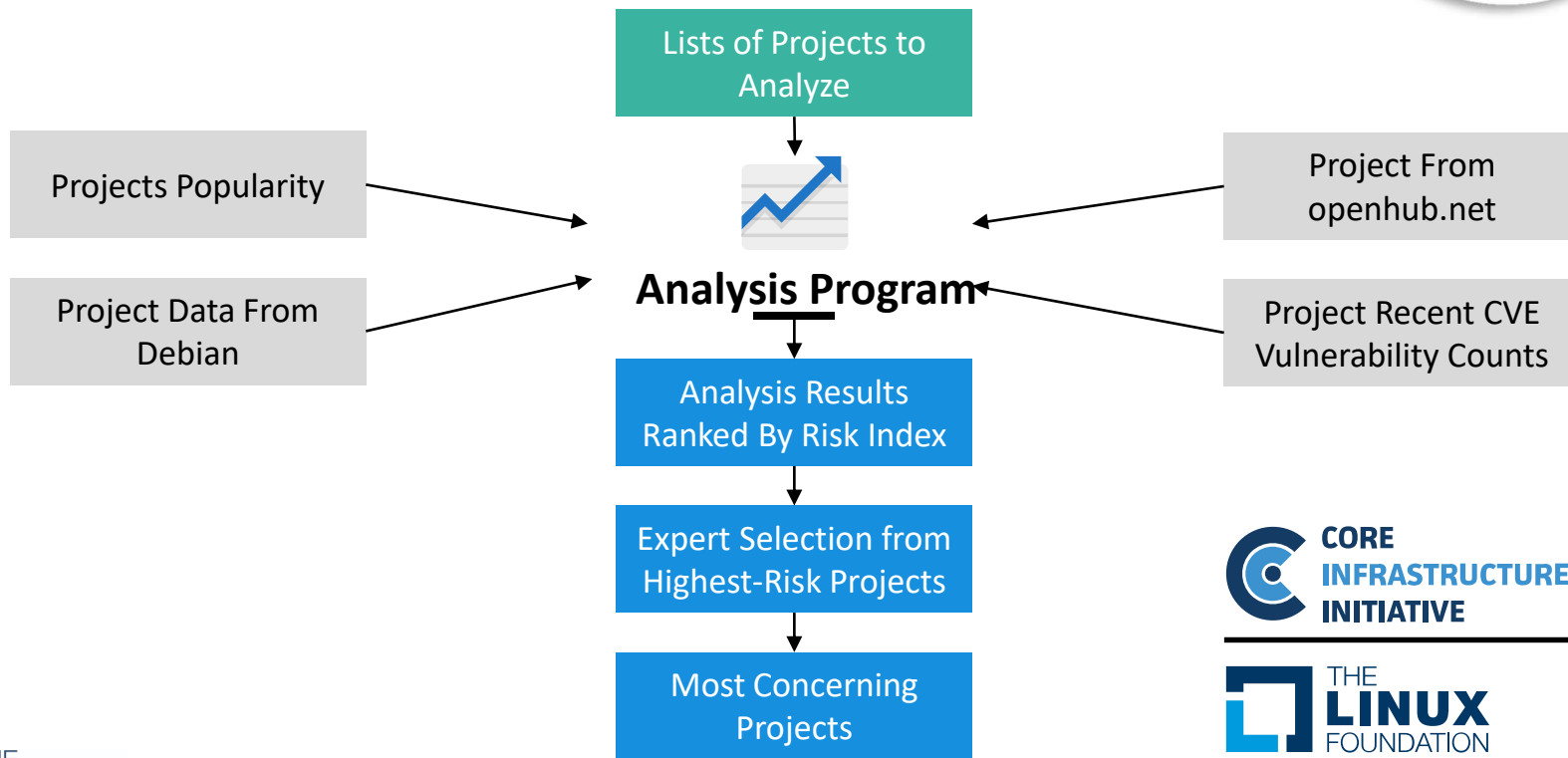




# Questions to ask

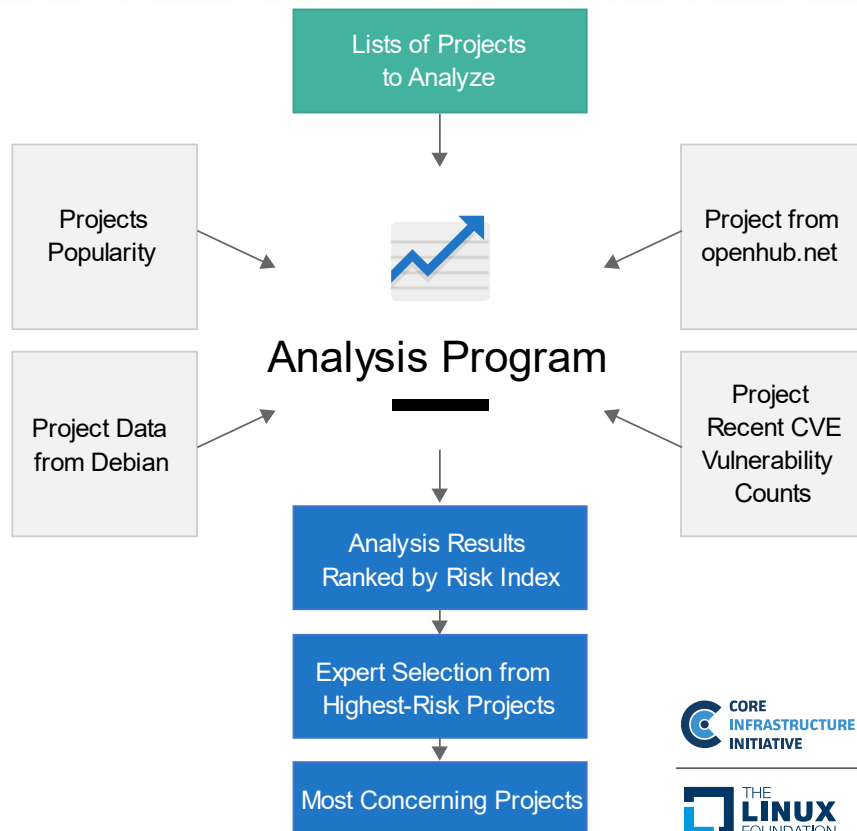
- What is the most important and security critical shared software in the world?
- Who is creating and maintaining that software?
- Why are the creating and maintaining that software?
- Is it secure, reliable, and healthy?

# Core Infrastructure Initiative Census Project





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# Current Algorithm



- Project has website (1 if no)
- Written in C or C++ (2 if yes)
- CVE vulnerability reports: 3 points if 4+ , 2 points for 2-3, 1 point for 1.
- 12 month contributor count: 5 points for 0 contributors, 4 points for 1-3 contributors, 2 points if the number is unknown.
- Top 10% most popular Debian package: 1 if yes
- Exposure values: 2 points if directly exposed to the network (as server or client), 1 point if it is often used to process data provided by a network, and 1 point if it could be used for local privilege escalation.
- Application data only: *Subtract* 3 points if the Debian database reports that it is “Application Data” or “Standalone Data” (not an application)

# Tremendous Systemic Risks to the Internet Still Unaddressed



| Binary Package Name | Source Package Name (If Different) | CII 2016 Census Risk Score |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ftp                 | netkit-ftp                         | 11                         |
| netcat-traditional  | netcat                             | 11                         |
| tcpd                | tcp-wrappers                       | 11                         |
| whois               |                                    | 11                         |
| at                  |                                    | 10                         |
| libwrap0            | tcp-wrappers                       | 10                         |
| traceroute          |                                    | 10                         |
| xauth               |                                    | 10                         |
| bzip2               |                                    | 9                          |
| hostname            |                                    | 9                          |
| libacl1             | acl                                | 9                          |
| libaudit0           | audit                              | 9                          |
| libbz2-1.0          | bzip2                              | 9                          |
| libept1.4.12        | libept                             | 9                          |
| libreadline6        | readline6                          | 9                          |
| libtasn1-3          |                                    | 9                          |
| linux-base          |                                    | 9                          |
| telnet              | netkit-telnet                      | 9                          |

## The Big Risk:

Commonly used open source code and libraries are among the most at risk to cyber attacks or other potential threats that could bring down the global Internet.

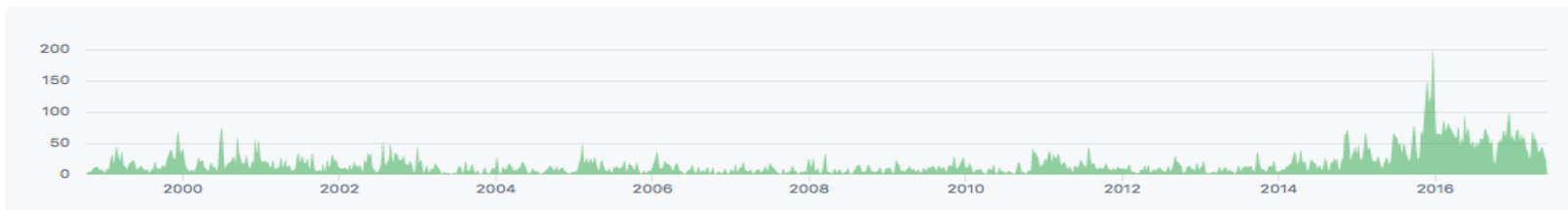
Source: CII 2016 Census

# A little love goes a long way



2014 - OpenSSL was maintained by two people and moribund  
2016 – Recorded more activity than in the entire previous history of the project, including:

- Three new releases
- 3889 commits
- 481 GitHub users
- Thousands of forks.
- 1052 pull requests closed
- 47 CVEs reported and handled





# How to create secure code?





We must secure the most critical open source software projects that power the world's infrastructure, and to promote a culture of secure coding.

# 100 Projects Granted CII Best Practice Badge



- Initiative launched in May 2016 to raise awareness of development processes and governance steps for better security outcomes
- The badge makes it easier for users of open source projects to see which projects take security seriously, it isn't a "rubber stamp" process
- 1,000 projects registered for the badge



# Education

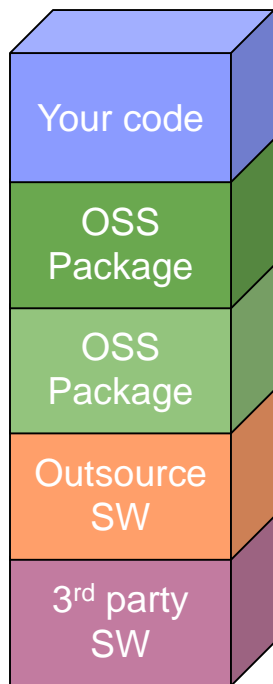


- One of the largest causes of security vulnerabilities is developers being unaware of security best practices
- We need courses for open source developers for Security and Auditing
- Organizations like SAFECode provide curriculum and training but we need more



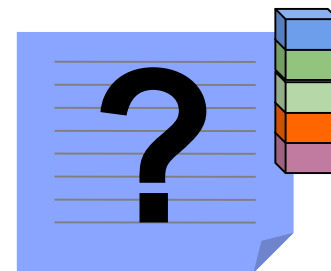
We need to be able to pass information about software bill of materials across the tech value chain in a simple and reliable way. You can't fix bugs for code you don't even know you have.

# Software Tracking: The Challenge



Companies combine  
Open Source Software  
with other software

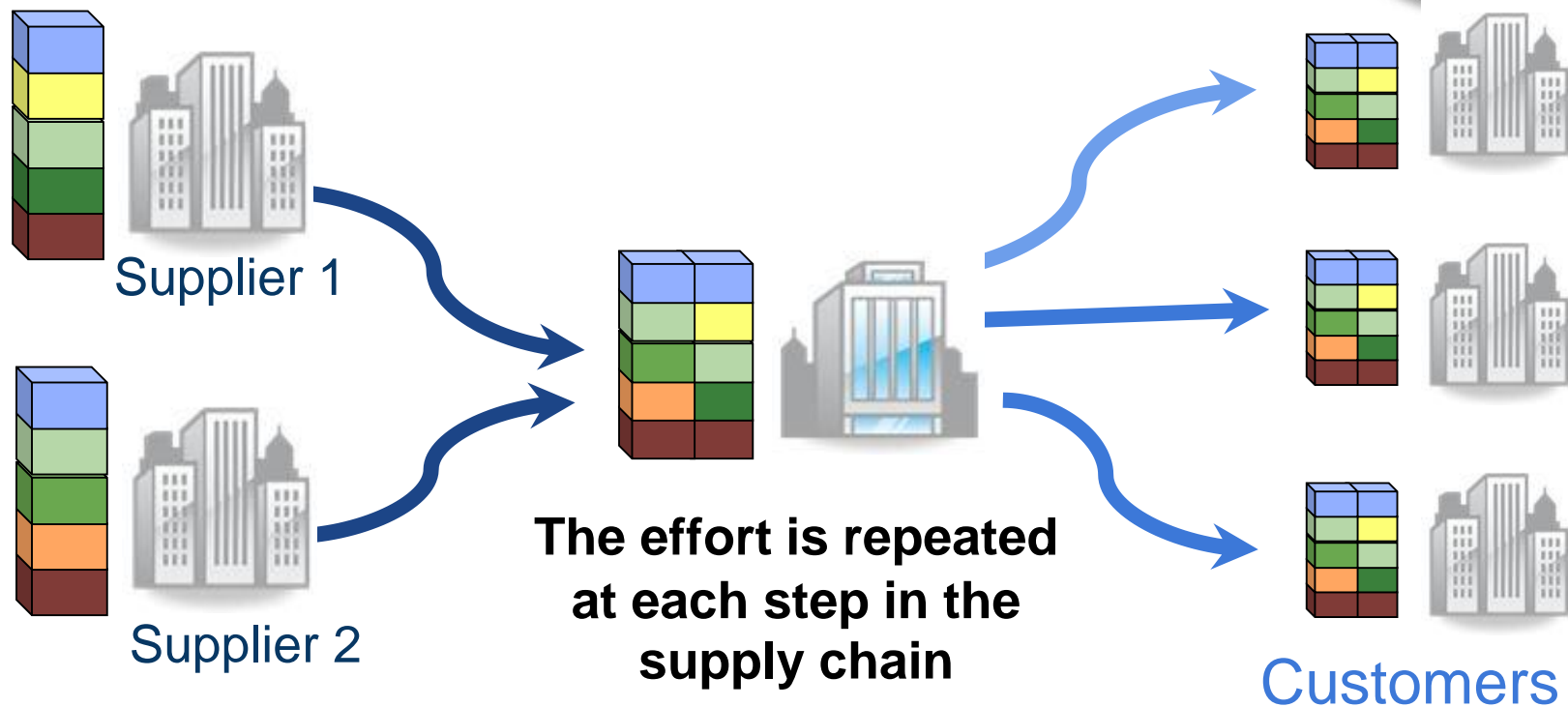
## Software Bill of Materials (BOM)



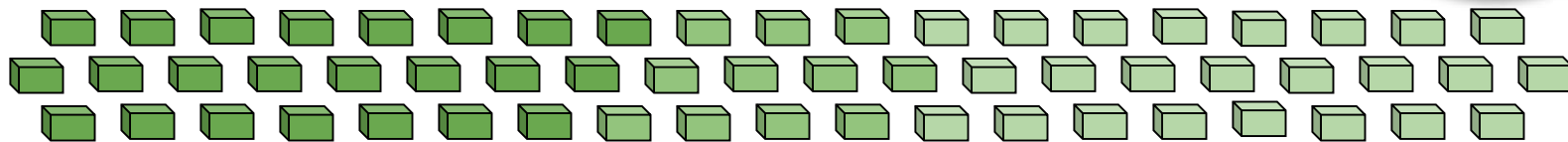
Creating an accurate bill  
of materials and notices  
requires effort & research



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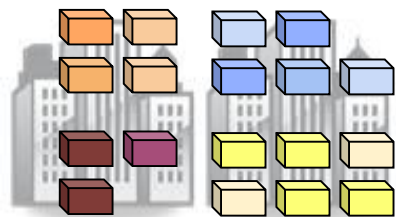


# “Open Source”-scape

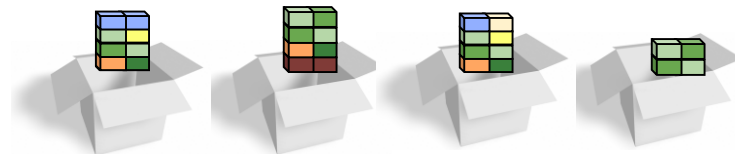


Upstream Projects

Useful “Collections” of Open Source



Added-value Software



Products

# Software Package Data eXchange



## Open Standard:

- A standard format for communicating the licenses and copyrights and identity associated with software packages

## Vision:

- To help reduce redundant work in determining software BOM information and facilitate compliance

## Guiding principles:

- Human and machine readable
- Focus on capturing facts; avoid interpretations

# What makes up an SPDX Document?



## SPDX v2.1 Document contains:

Document Creation Information

Package Information

File Information

Snippet Information

Other Licensing Information

Relationships

Annotations



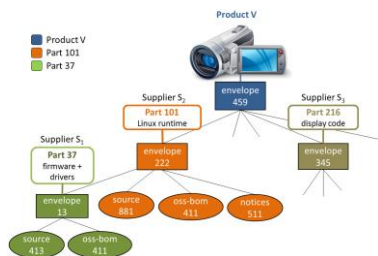
# Emerging “Between Organization” Trust Models

**Software Parts Ledger** - utilizes Blockchain to manage open source across the supply chain. Utilizes Hyperledger Sawtooth Platform & SPDX based BOM to conform to OpenChain best practices.

See: <https://github.com/Wind-River/sparts>

Accepted 2018/3 into Hyperledger Labs - <https://github.com/hyperledger-labs/hyperledger-labs.github.io/blob/master/labs/SParts.md>

**ClearlyDefined** - Announced 2018/3 - calls for participation in curating the metadata to summarize projects. See [ClearlyDefined.io](https://ClearlyDefined.io) for more information.



Software Parts Ledger

|     |  |        |
|-----|--|--------|
| 112 | REPLACE source-881 WITH source-919 IN envelope-222 | Nov 8  |
| 111 | ADD_ARTIFACT notices-824 TO envelope-13            | Nov 5  |
| 110 | ADD_ARTIFACT oss-bom-97 TO envelope-222            | Nov 1  |
| 109 | ADD_ARTIFACT notices-511 TO envelope-222           | Nov 1  |
| 108 | ADD_ARTIFACT source-881 TO envelope-222            | Nov 1  |
| 107 | ADD_ARTIFACT envelope-13 TO envelope-222           | Nov 1  |
| 106 | CREATE_ENVELOPE e-222 FOR part-101                 | Oct 30 |
| 105 | CREATE_PART part-101 FOR supplier-S2               | Oct 30 |
| 104 | ADD_ARTIFACT oss-bom-23 TO envelope-13             | Oct 14 |
| 103 | ADD_ARTIFACT source-413 TO envelope-13             | Oct 14 |
| 102 | CREATE_ENVELOPE e-13 FOR part-37                   | Oct 12 |
| 101 | CREATE_PART part-37 FOR supplier-S1                | Oct 11 |





# Sharing software bill of materials is critical part of security process



- OpenChain builds trust in open source by making sharing of software BOM simpler and more consistent
- Adobe, Arm, Cisco, Harman, Hitachi, HPE, GitHub, Qualcomm, Siemens, Toyota, Wind River and Western Digital



# Learn how open source software flows

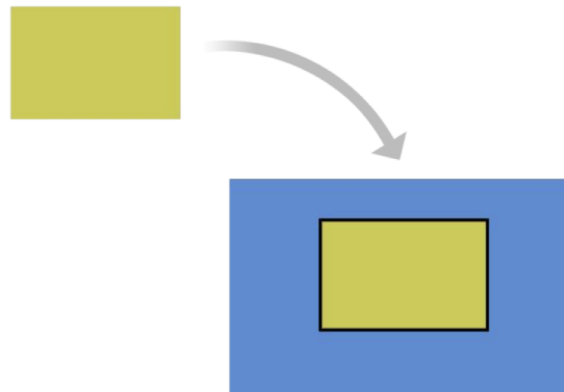


## Incorporation

A developer may copy portions of a FOSS component into your software product.

Relevant terms include:

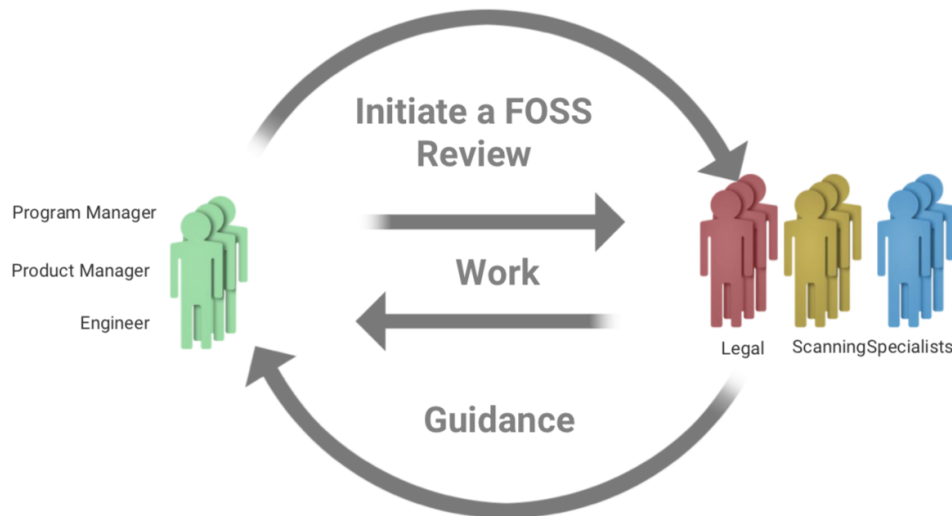
- Integrating
- Merging
- Pasting
- Adapting
- Inserting



# Get a process in place



## Working through the FOSS Review



The FOSS Review process crosses disciplines, including engineering, business, and legal teams. It should be interactive to ensure all those groups correctly understand the issues and can create clear, shared guidance.



We need to invest in tools that test upstream code



# Frama-C False-Positive-Free Checking

- Frama-C is a highly respected static checker
- When used with test cases and modified Unix standard functions, it is able to detect bugs without false positives
- Proposal is to modify several standard Unix functions to support false-positive-free operation on OpenSSL
- In addition, the proposal is to use the American Fuzzy Lop fuzzer to automatically generate test cases from which Frama-C can detect bugs



# Fuzzing



- <https://fuzzing-project.org/> is Hanno Böck's project
  - Uses zzuf, Address Sanitizer and american fuzzy lop to find bugs in open source projects
  - Discovered numerous GnuPG bugs in Feb 2015
  - He and others have found numerous bugs in many projects:  
<http://lcamtuf.coredump.cx/afl/#bugs>
- His main activity is to convert the fuzzer output into reproducible test cases and file bugs for them
- He is also doing great work training new developers to become expert fuzzers
- CII is also reaching out to fuzzing toolkit authors

# Reproducible Builds



- Debian and Fedora rely on package maintainers to compile source code from the upstream authors
- Because the resulting binaries depend on machine configuration (like timestamps and file ordering), these binaries are not reproducible
- That makes it impossible to independently verify that the binaries have not been tampered with
- Binary reproducibility should become an expected attribute of free software distros



We need to invest in audit of upstream open source code for critical shared infrastructure

# Auditing



**Auditing:** Many critical open source projects do not have resources to audit

- Auditing finds critical bugs that won't be found any other way
- Auditing is expensive, time consuming and only finds a subset of the bugs so it can't be the only tool
- OpenSSL audit underway





How to get involved?



# Follow up material



- See Linux Foundation-sponsored Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA report, "[Open Source Software Projects Needing Security Investments](#)")
- Some of the projects we're most concerned about (because they are ubiquitously deployed and could result in Heartbleed-style vulnerabilities) include compression libraries (bzip2, gzip, unzip, zlib) and format libraries (libjpeg, libpng, and expat)
- Unlike before Heartbleed, there is actually a group focused on these issues. Two major programs we're undertaking with IDA:
  - CII is not only reactively looking for broken projects (i.e., fighting fires) through our [Census Project](#)
  - We are also developing the building codes (in terms of security [best practices](#)) to avoid fires in the future