
Oinstall + TUF



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What is 0install?

Zero Install is a application that run software without installing it. Packages that are written for 0install can be run on linux and windows OS.



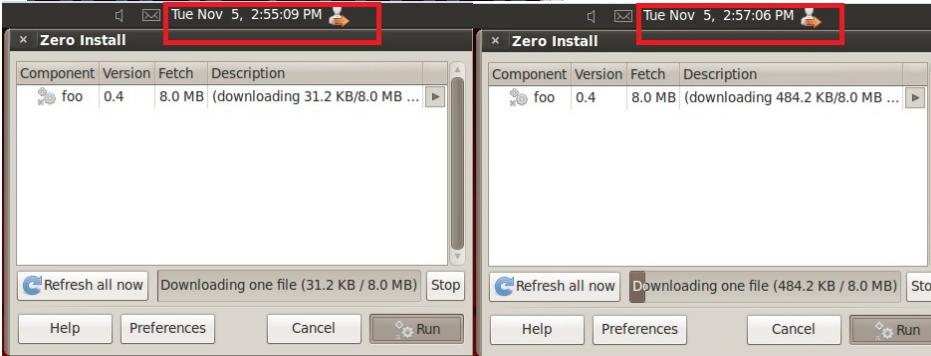
How does 0install work?

- Client enters URI in 0install
- 0install downloads XML feed file
- Through the info in the XML feed file the packages are downloaded
- Client runs the package
- Application runs on the client's system

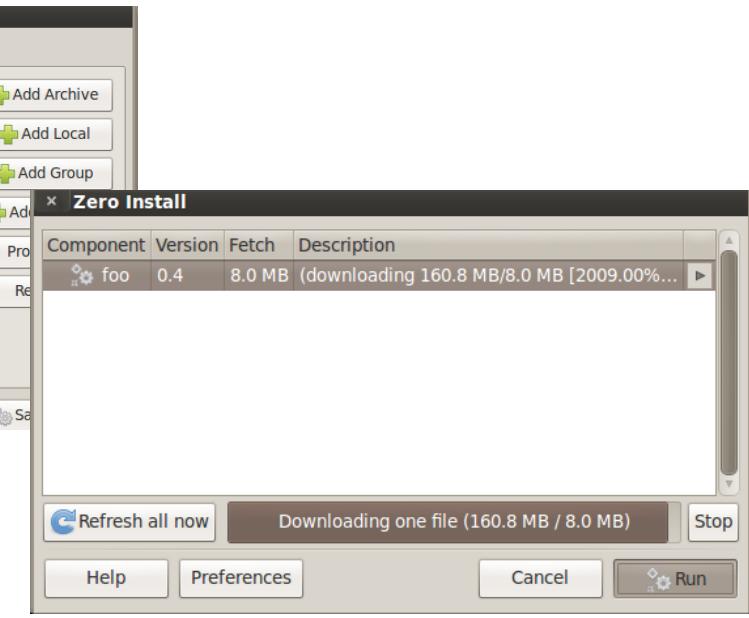
Threats on 0install

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332ad992fb948232
root@bt:~/config/0install.net/apps# 0install update foo
http://localhost/foo.xml: 0.2 -> 0.3
root@bt:~/config/0install.net/apps# 0install select foo
- URI: http://localhost/foo.xml
  Version: 0.3
  Path: /var/cache/0install.net/implementations/sha1new=4
2db77f9b01ec65cc
root@bt:~/config/0install.net/apps#
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back | track



Slow retrieval



Endless data

Key Revocation without TUF

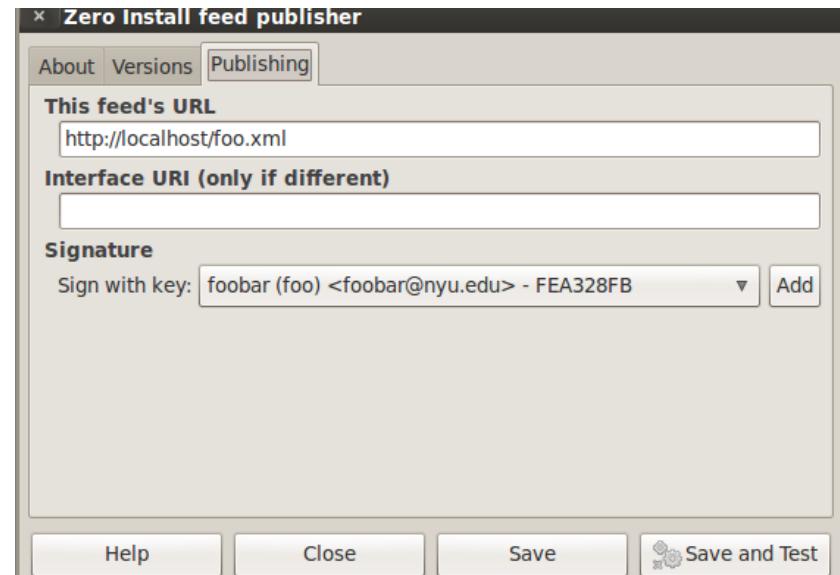
Description: There is a need in key revocation when developer's keys have been compromised. Compromised keys can be used to modify the feed XML file leading to release of malicious package.

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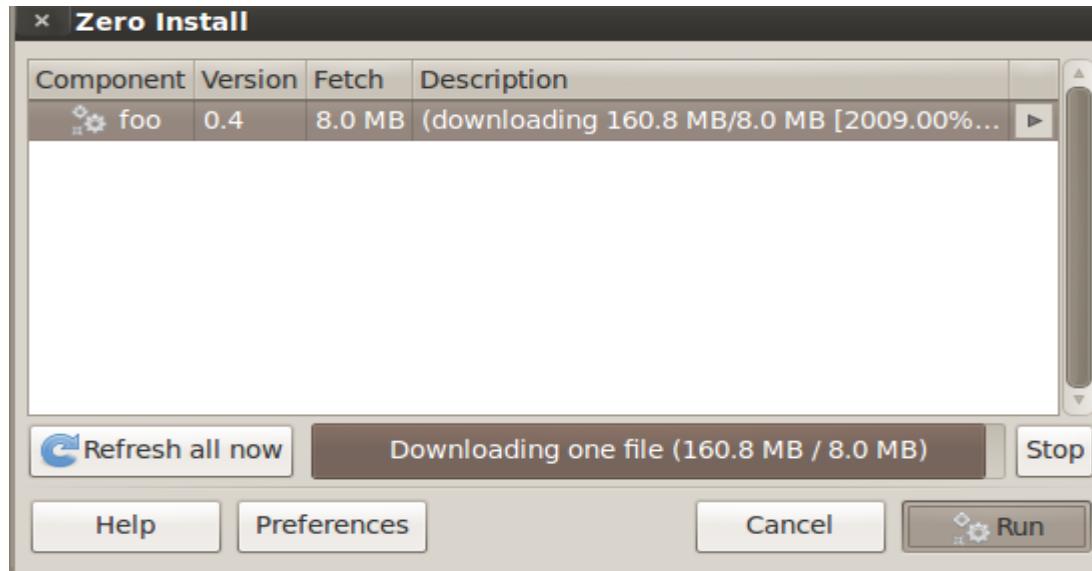
Arbitrary packages without TUF

Description: Foo packages with dubious origins. These are malicious packages which an attacker has overwritten over benign packages in order to deceive users into installing them.



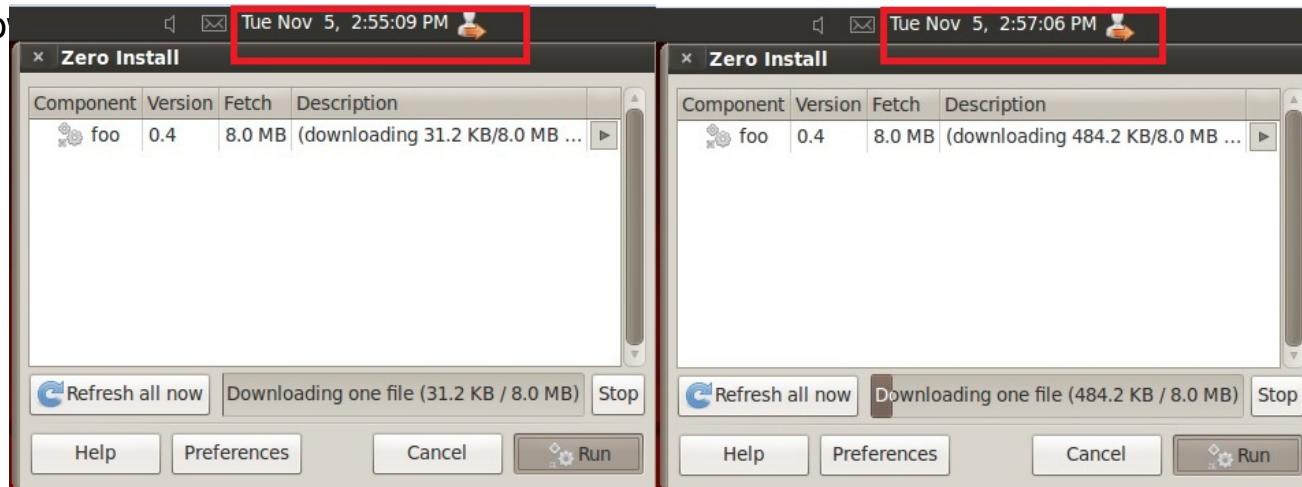
Endless data attack without TUF

Description: In the process of validating the package 0install downloads the package first. 0install application does not check if downloading file exceeds expected size.



Slow retrieval without TUF

Description: The server sends packets really slowly to the user, the download is really slow and holds up the user. An attacker may deliberately trickle the download in order to remotely exploit a user who is doing something else.



... and nothing to do to the user.

Freeze Attack without TUF

Description: The freeze attack prevents user from updating possible security updates leaving the user vulnerable.

- Oinstall does not notify any expiration

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^ ~ x | root@bt: ~/.config/Oinstall.net/apps
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@bt: ~/.config/Oinstall.net/apps# oinstall update foo
http://localhost/foo.xml: 0.4 -> 0.5
root@bt: ~/.config/Oinstall.net/apps# oinstall update foo
No updates found. Continuing with version 0.5.
root@bt: ~/.config/Oinstall.net/apps# date
Mon Aug 31 21:55:11 EDT 2020
root@bt: ~/.config/Oinstall.net/apps#
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ck | track 5^{r3}

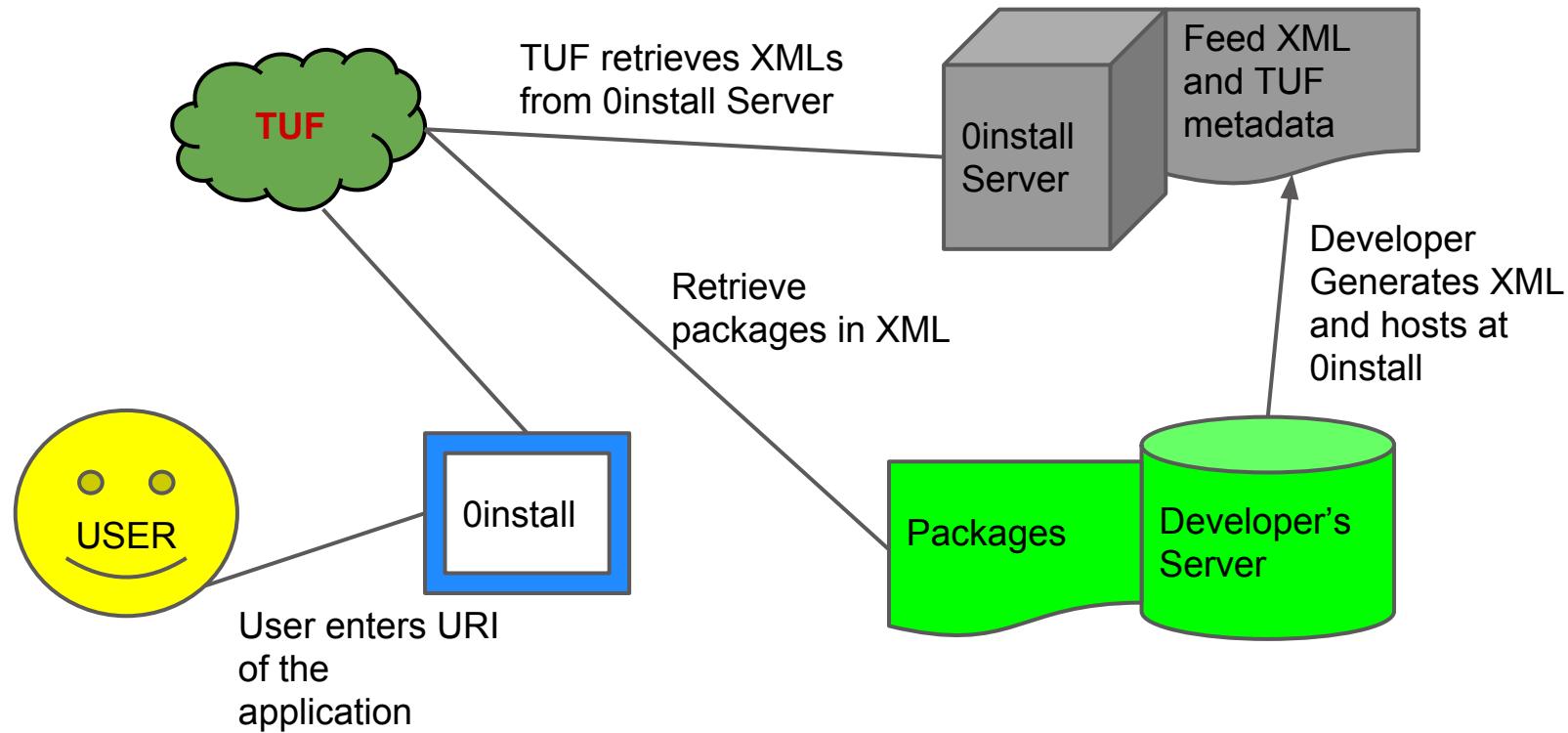
What is TUF?

Software update systems are vulnerable to many known attacks, including those that can result in clients being compromised or crashed.

TUF helps solve this problem by providing a flexible security framework that can be added to software updaters.

We propose to integrate Oinstall to TUF to fix some of the vulnerabilities discussed above

0install with TUF - Setup



0install with TUF - Implementation

- Both 0install and TUF written in Python
- TUF interposition allows all downloads in 0install to go securely through TUF.

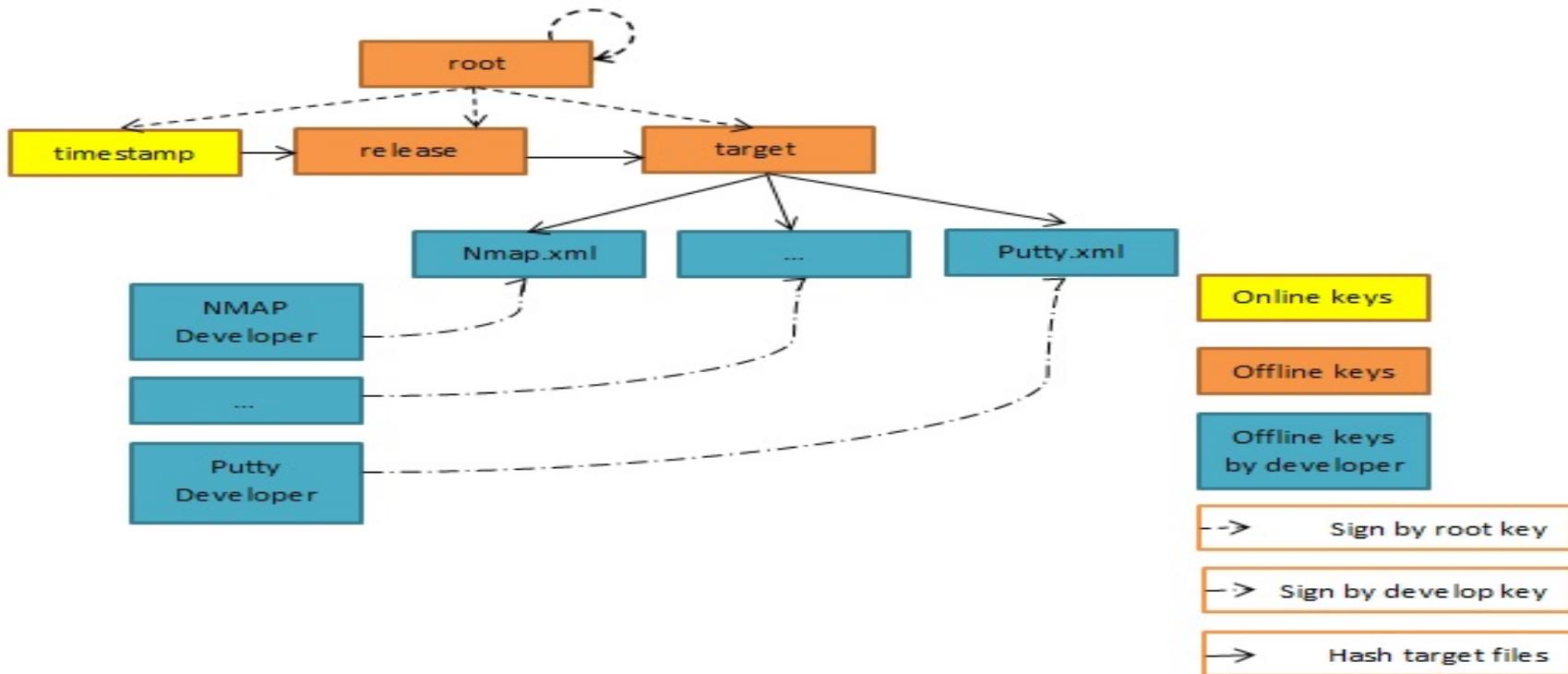
For Feed XML's

TUF metadata is configured on the 0install server for secure download and updated metadata

For Packages

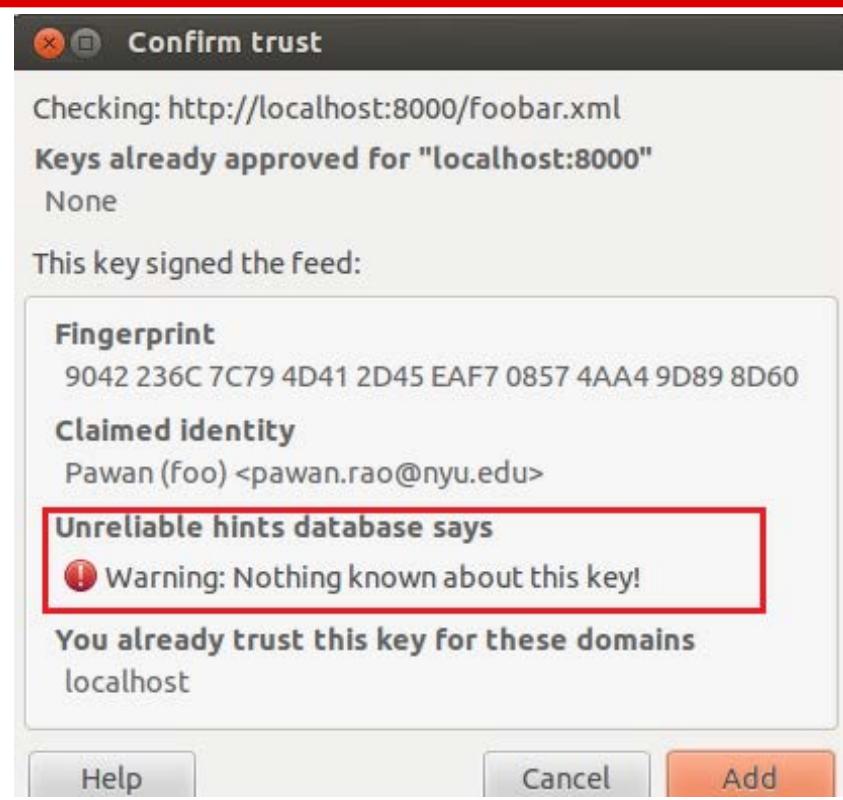
TUF safe download ensures that anything above the expected size is not downloaded

0install with TUF - Metadata & Keys



Security

- **Key revocation for developer**
 - Currently, Oinstall has a dynamic key web service for developer key. We propose that this be a static file which needs to be in the targets file.
- **Arbitrary package attacks - Safe**
 - Since all Feed XMLs are hosted by Oinstall and are protected with TUF, attacker cannot direct a client to malicious feed XML hosted elsewhere.



Security

```
root@ubuntu:/home/pawan/Desktop/testing# ls
add_targets_delegate.py  generate_client_metadata.py  tuf.log
add_targets_delegate.py~  generate_client_metadata.py~  tuf.log~
root@ubuntu:/home/pawan/Desktop/testing#
t. x -o Zero Install
File ne 17
File s
File line
File ne 37
File n
File ", li
File t
File ne 17
File s
File line
exec("raise ex, None, tb", {'ex': ex, 'tb': tb})    # Python 2
File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/zeroinstall/injector/_download_ch
ild.py", line 150, in download_in_thread
raise e
dataError: Metadata expired on 2013-12-01 21:08:34 UTC.

Trash
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The screenshot shows a terminal window with a command-line session and a desktop application window. The terminal window displays a command to list files in a directory, followed by an exec statement and a file path. Below the terminal is a desktop application window titled 'Zero Install' with a message box. The message box contains the text 'Metadata expired on 2013-12-01 21:08:34 UTC.' and has two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'. The desktop application's interface includes tabs like 'Component', 'Version', 'Fetch', and 'Description', and buttons for 'Help', 'Preferences', and 'Download'.

- **Slow retrieval attacks - Safe with TUF safe download**
 - Oinstall with TUF can detect slow retrieval of XMLs only; it will stop downloading and notify user in case server response rate is low.
- **Endless data attacks - Safe**
 - Oinstall with TUF will download files to amount of file size expected and stop downloading
- **Freeze attack - Safe**
 - TUF protects from freeze attack by raising an error indicating that metadata is expired

Consistency

- How do files get updated?
 - Developer uploads the new xml files to a secure folder on 0install
 - Once update needs to be pushed the metadata is generated and pushed to production from dev environment
- What happens if a client downloads files during an update?
 - We propose that 0install tries to download again after a fixed period of time (e.g. 10 sec), so if the metadata is being updated the user does not get a bad hash error and updates successfully

Efficiency

- Installation of Oinstall + TUF is simple
- Generating metadata is quick and simple
- Size of the metadata file is 22.31 KB
- User is not affected much with the new implementation

Usability

- User
 - The user does not have to do much with the new implementations of Oinstall + TUF.
 - The user will have to install Oinstall and then install TUF on the local system.
 - The rest of the process is more or less the same.
- Developer
 - Register with Oinstall and claim XML feed file
- Oinstall admin
 - Generate and host metadata for all XML files

Why use 0install + TUF



There are a few reasons why using 0install + TUF makes more sense than just using 0install

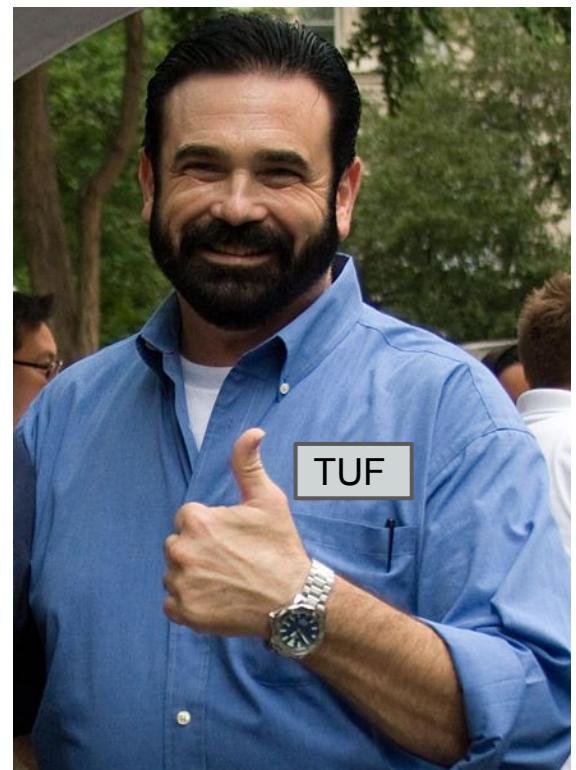
- Safe and simple to use
 - Very small changes to user, developer and 0install
- Uses TUF for updating the packages
 - Everything goes through TUF :)
- 5 keys are used instead of a single developer key
 - Not just one but 5 keys are used so compromise is harder



Why use 0install + TUF



- Installation is simple
 - All packaged together so no additional work to be done
- You know exactly know the source of the package
 - XML and package compromise is harder
- Impersonating developers is harder
 - Offline keys are enforced
- Protects the user from update vulnerabilities
 - TUF mitigates all the update vulnerabilities in 0install



Q & A

