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# Using CSAF to Respond to Supply Chain Vulnerabilities at Large Scale



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From Transforming the Vulnerability Management Landscape blog post, published Nov 14, 2022

"By publishing security advisories using CSAF, vendors will dramatically reduce the time required for enterprises to understand organizational impact and drive timely remediation."

— Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director of Cybersecurity, CISA

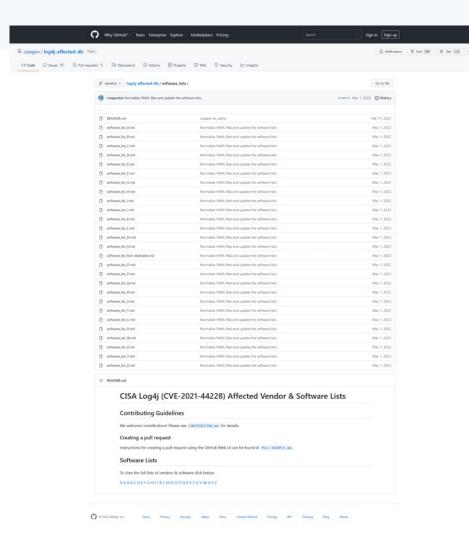




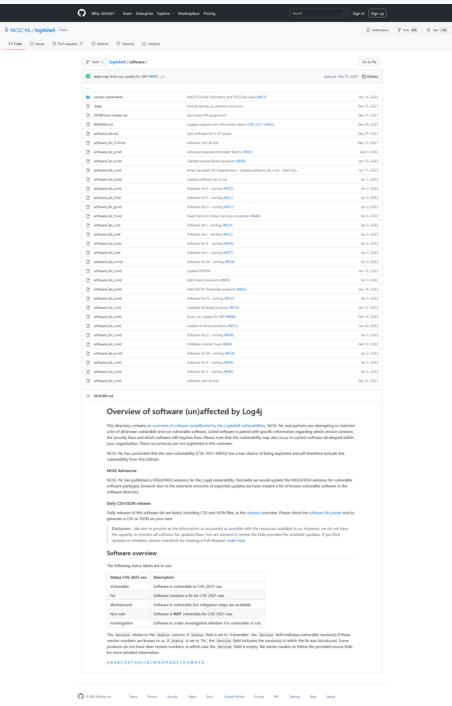


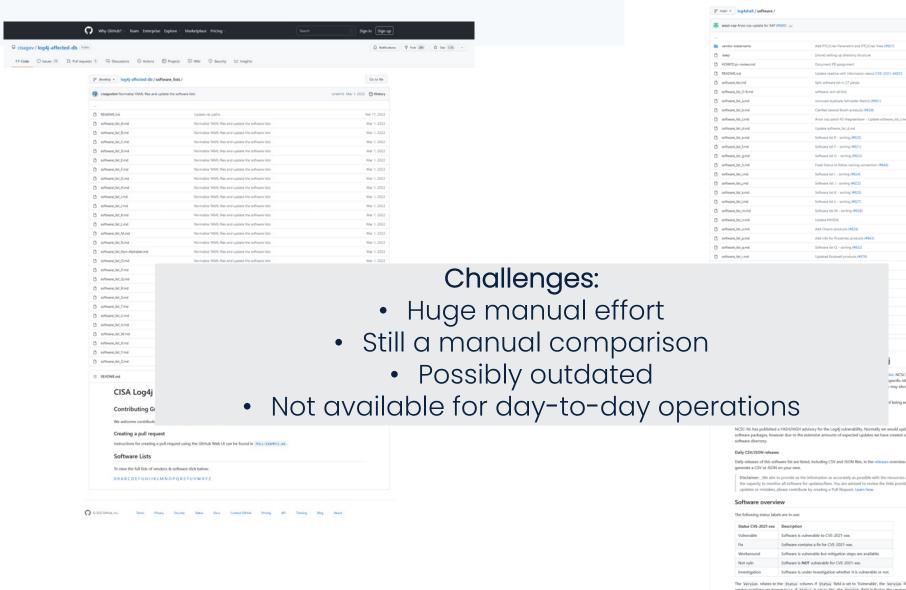
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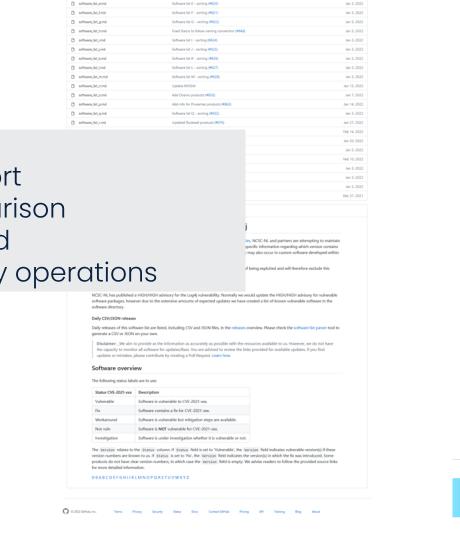












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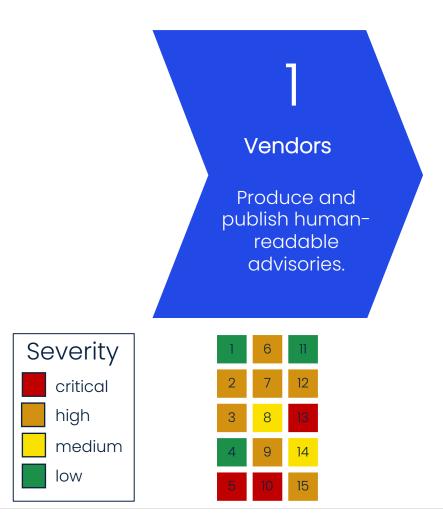
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O Code ⊙ Issues □ Pull requests □ ⊙ Actions □ Security ⊬ Insights

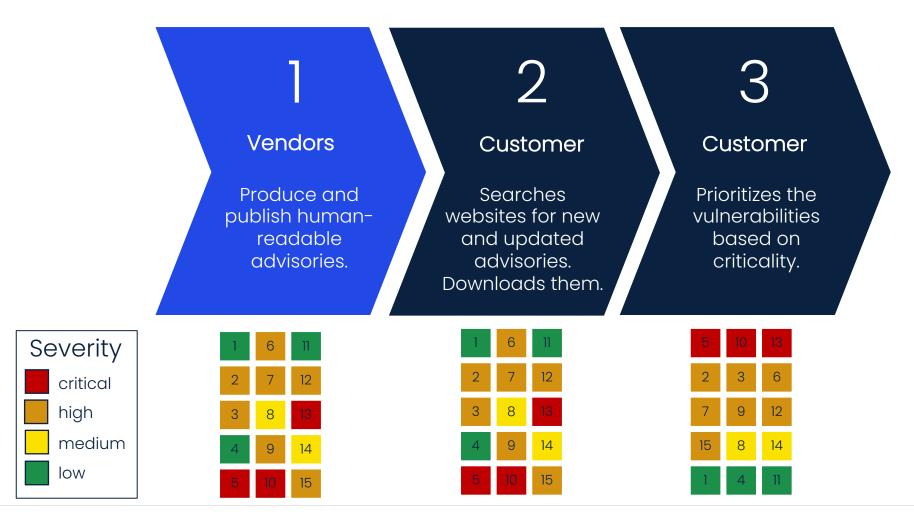
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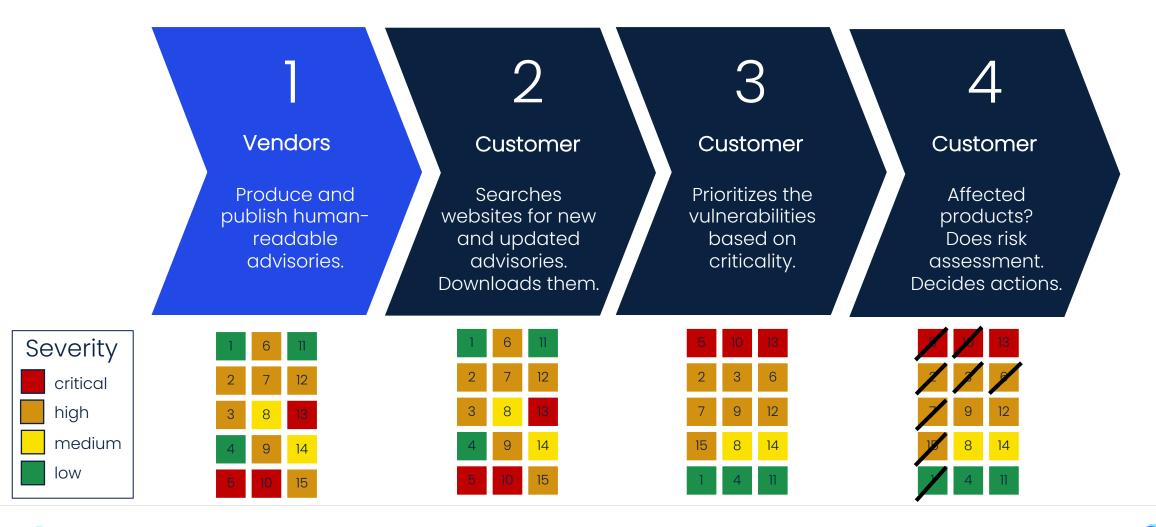












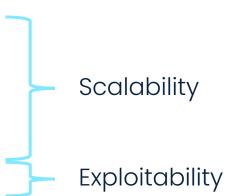


#### **Manual Processes** Vendor Customer Customer Customer Produces and Searches Prioritizes the Affected vulnerabilities publishes a websites for new products? based on human-readable and updated Does risk advisory. advisories. criticality. assessment. Downloads them. Decides actions. Severity critical high medium low



#### **Problems to Solve**

- Many vendors all with different formats and distribution methods
- Number of security advisories is rising
- SBOM adds to overload
- Not every vulnerability can be exploited





#### What is CSAF?

#### Common Security Advisory Framework

- International, open and free standard
- Machine-readable format for security advisories (JSON)
- Standardized way of distribution security advisories
- Build with automation in mind
- Standardized tool set
- Successor of CSAF CVRF 1.2





#### **Example: CSAF Document**

#### **Document**

```
"document": {
         "title": "Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software Smart Install Remote Code Execution Vulnerability",
        "category": "Cisco Security Advisory",
        "csaf version": "2.0",
        "publisher": {
          "category": "vendor",
          "contact_details": "Emergency Support:\n+1 877 228 7302 (toll-free within North America)\n+1 408
 8
           "issuing_authority": "Cisco product security incident response is the responsibility of the Cisc
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          "name": "Cisco PSIRT",
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          "namespace": "https://www.cisco.com"
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        },
         "tracking": {
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          "status": "final",
          "version": "3.0.0",
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          "revision_history": [
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              "number": "1.0.0",
19
              "date": "2018-03-28T15:17:05Z",
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              "summary": "Initial public release."
21
```



#### **Example: CSAF Document**

#### **Product Tree**

```
137
        "product_tree": {
          "branches": [
138
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              "name": "Cisco",
140
141
              "category": "vendor",
142
              "branches": [
143
                  "name": "IOS",
144
                  "category": "product_name",
145
                  "branches": [
146
147
                      "name": "12.2SE",
148
149
                      "category": "product_version",
150
                      "branches": [
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152
                          "name": "12.2(55)SE",
                          "category": "service_pack",
153
154
                          "product": {
                            "product_id": "CVRFPID-103763",
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                            "name": "Cisco IOS 12.2SE 12.2(55)SE"
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                        },
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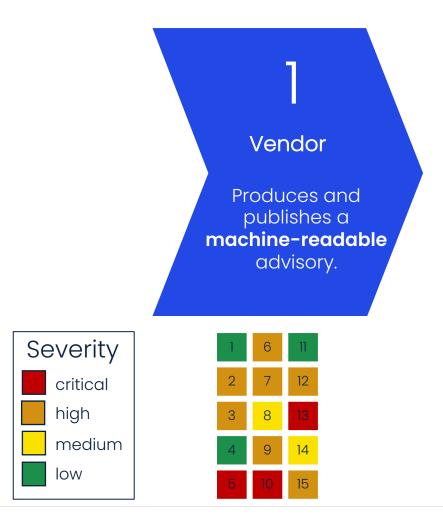


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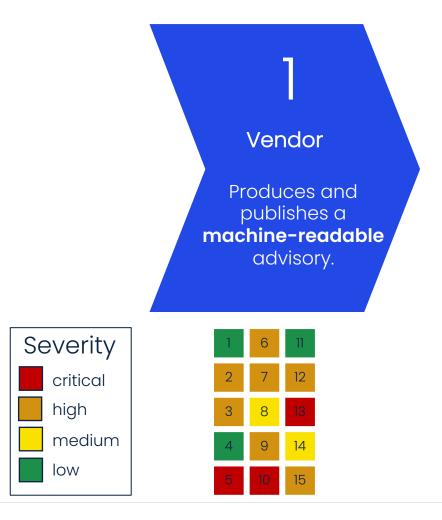
#### **Vulnerabilities**

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"vulnerabilities": [
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2484
             "title": "Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software Smart Install Remote Code Execution Vulnerability",
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             "ids": [
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2487
                 "system_name": "Cisco Bug ID",
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                "text": "CSCvg76186"
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             1,
             "notes": [
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                 "title": "Summary",
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                 "category": "summary",
2495
                 "text": "A vulnerability in the Smart Install feature of Cisco IOS Software and Cisco IOS X
2496
               },
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                 "title": "Cisco Bug IDs",
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                "category": "other",
                 "text": "CSCvg76186"
2501
2502
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             "cve": "CVE-2018-0171",
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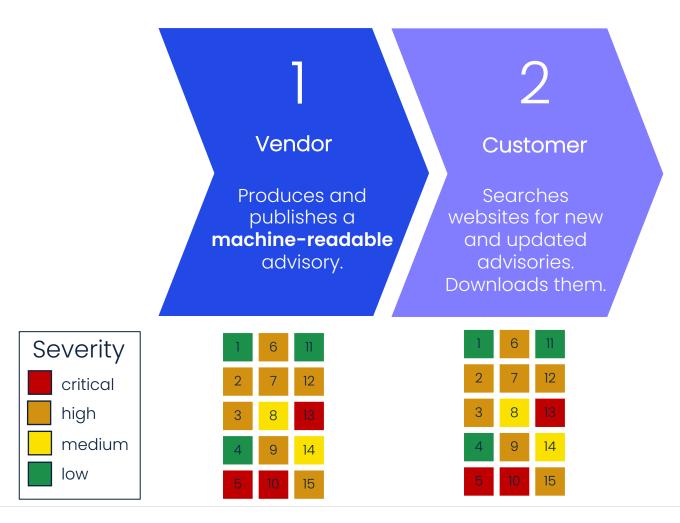




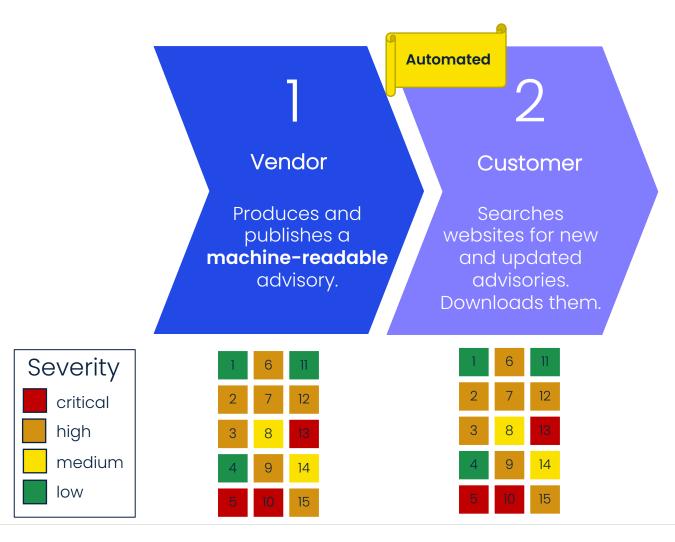




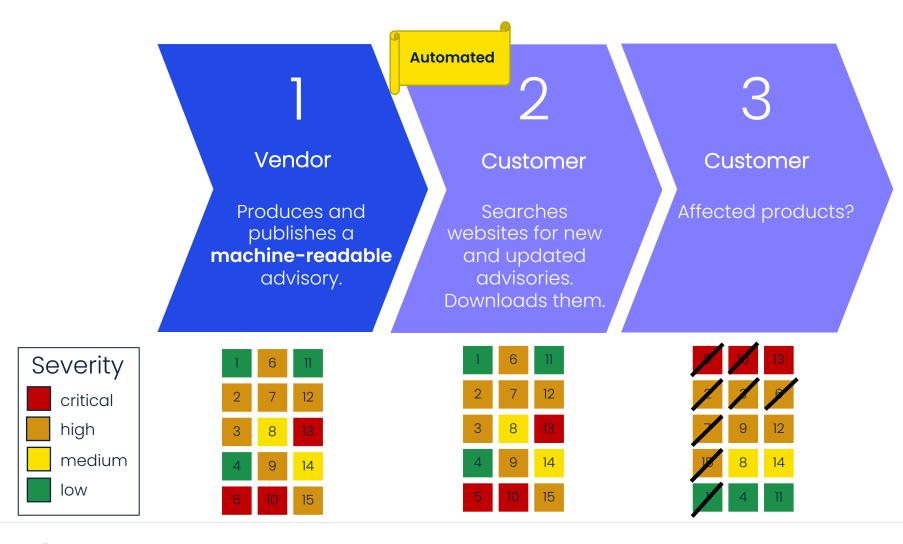




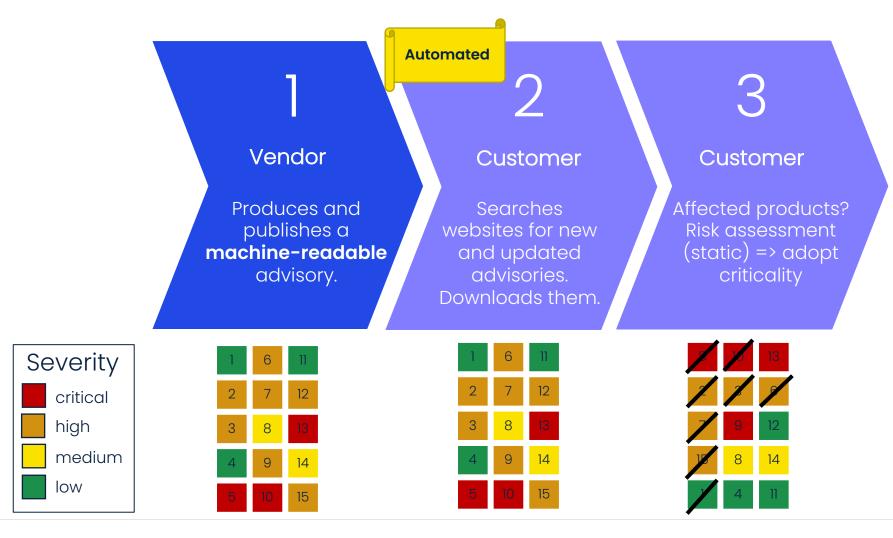




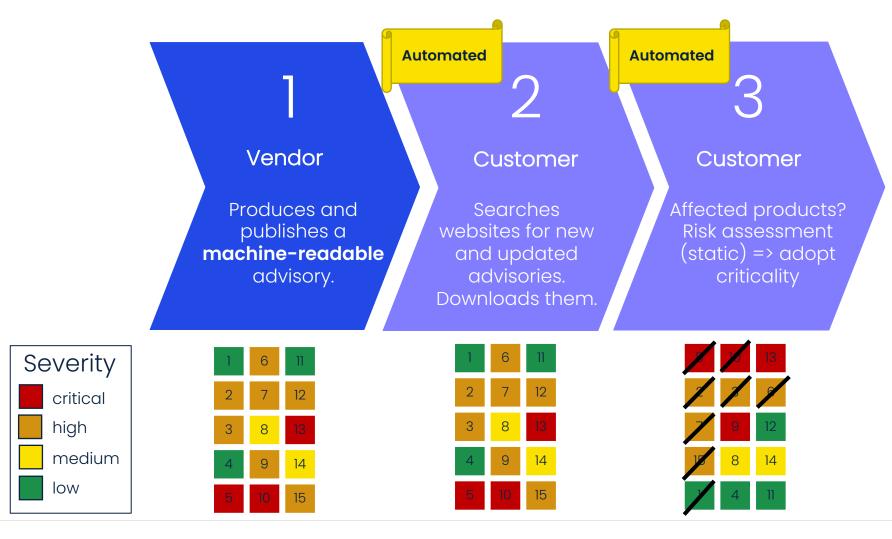




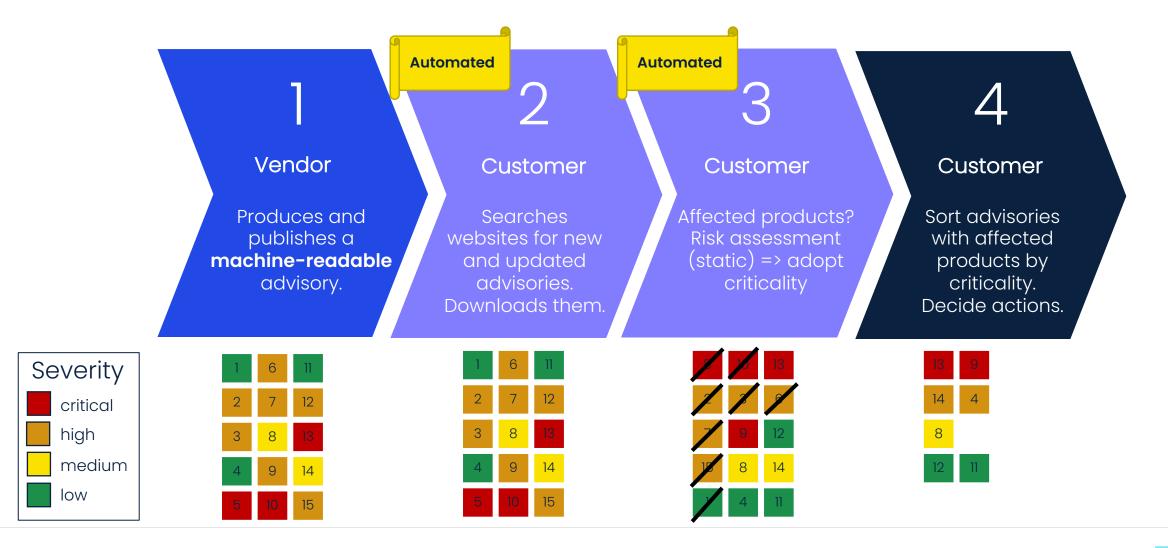




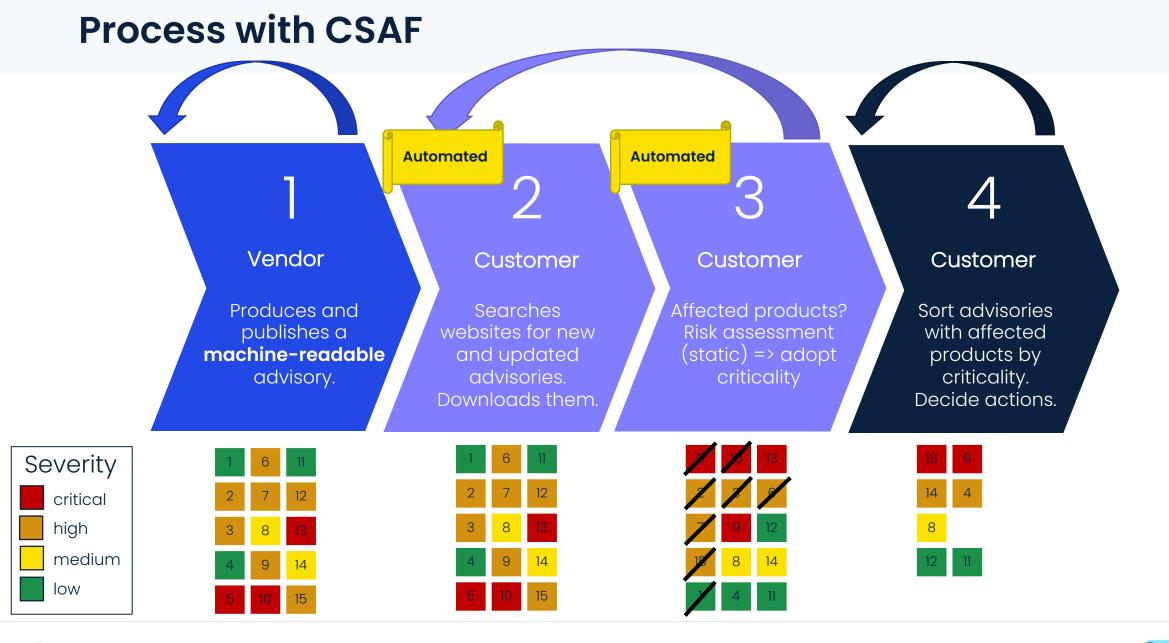










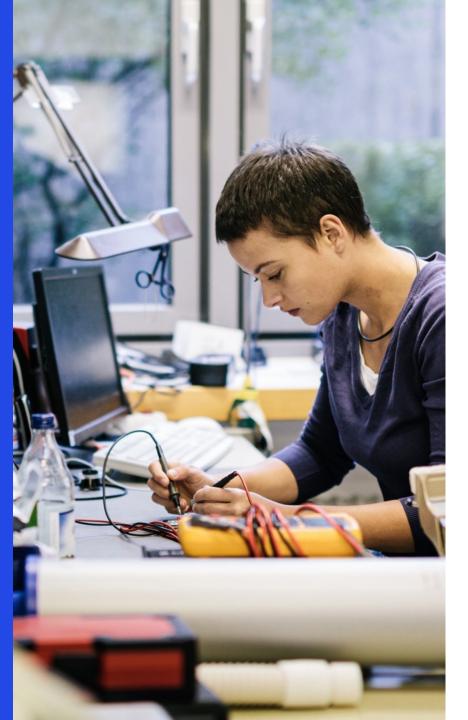






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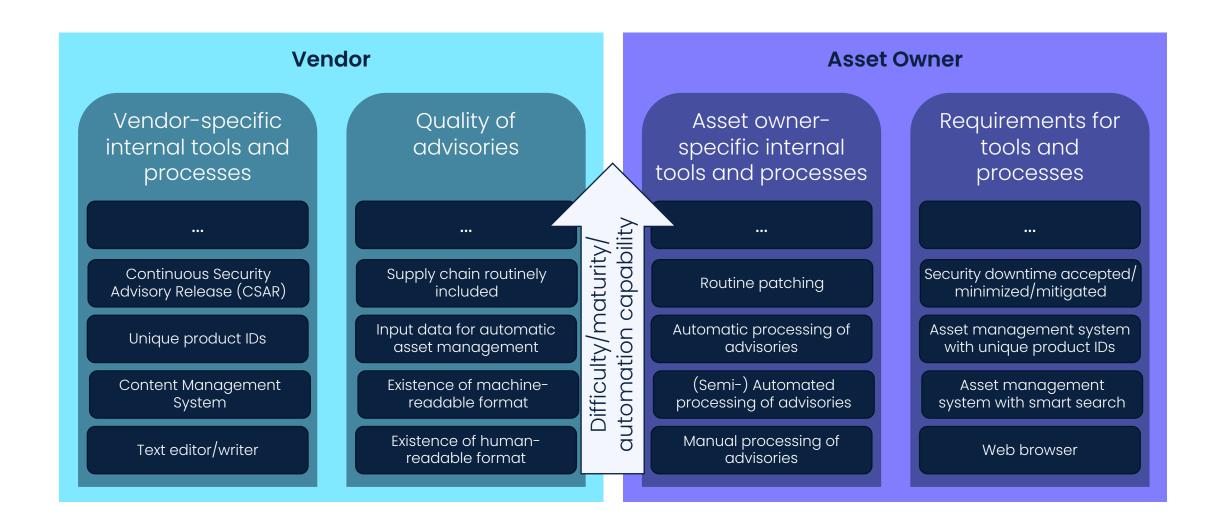
- Makes the impossible stringent patch and update management, which currently is often sporadic or dependent on personal availability or interests **possible**.
- Reduces human factor and individual workload
  - No more manual searching for advisories
  - Easier to determine affected devices
  - Delegable
  - See only relevant advisories
- **Scalable** across all participating vendors
- Enables basic risk assessment based on own environment



## Requirements for Asset Owners

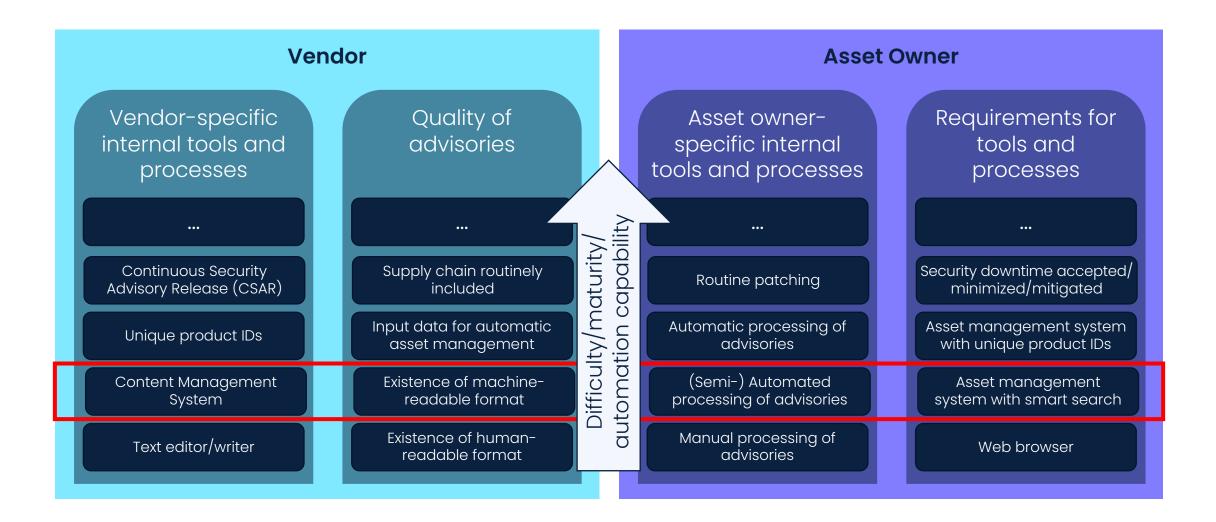
- Machine-readable asset inventory
- Request advisories in CSAF from vendors
- Connection between both to leverage full potential

#### Two Sides of the Same Coin – Different Maturity Stages





#### Next Step: Reach Stage 2 Across Parties





# Supply chain

#### Timeframe of concern

Vendor Asset Vendor becomes owner aware of a releases does vulnerabilit patch & something advisory Vendor analyzes Timeframe of concern the (under control of the asset owner) vulnerabilit \* Patch, mitigate risk, or actively accept



#### Supply chain

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#### (Almost) Every vendor is a user

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## Distribution of CSAF

#### Where to find CSAF documents?

<ul> <li>✓ Valid CSAF documents</li> <li>✓ File name restrictions</li> <li>✓ TLS enforced</li> <li>✓ TLP:WHITE freely accessible</li> </ul>	CSAF publisher
<ul> <li>✓ Well-defined URL / security.txt / DNS =&gt; provider-metadata.json</li> <li>✓ List of advisories and latest changes and Fixed folder structure</li> <li>✓ or ROLIE feeds</li> <li>✓ Restriction on &gt;=TLP:AMBER</li> <li>✓ All requirements from CSAF publisher</li> </ul>	CSAF provider
<ul> <li>✓ Sign own advisories</li> <li>✓ Hash advisories</li> <li>✓ Published OpenPGP keys for integrity checks</li> <li>✓ All requirements from CSAF provider</li> </ul>	CSAF trusted provider



#### Example: providermetadata.js on

```
□{
        "canonical url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/provider-metadata.json",
        "distributions": [
            "rolie": {
              "feeds": [
                  "summary": "TLP:WHITE advisories",
                  "tlp label": "WHITE",
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                  "url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/csaf-feed-tlp-white.json"
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                  "summary": "TLP:GREEN advisories",
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                  "tlp label": "GREEN",
                  "url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/green/csaf-feed-tlp-green.json"
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                  "tlp label": "RED",
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                  "url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/red/csaf-feed-tlp-red.json"
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        "last updated": "2022-10-06T15:27:07Z",
        "list on CSAF aggregators": true,
32
        "metadata version": "2.0",
33
        "mirror on CSAF aggregators": true,
34
35
        "public openpgp keys": [
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            "fingerprint": "CAB38CCB13AA95142678A9EE7B86205B2D2F4BAF",
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        "publisher": {
41
          "category": "vendor",
42
          "name": "Example Company 01 PSIRT",
43
          "namespace": "https://psirt.example01.test"
44
45
46
        "role": "csaf trusted provider"
47
```



# Example: ROLIE feed

□ {

```
"feed": {
          "id": "csaf-feed-tlp-white",
          "title": "CSAF feed (TLP:WHITE)",
          "link": [
              "rel": "self",
              "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/csaf-feed-tlp-white.json"
10
          ],
11
          "category": [
12
13
              "scheme": "urn:ietf:params:rolie:category:information-type",
14
              "term": "csaf"
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16
          "updated": "2022-10-06T15:27:23Z",
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          "entry": [
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20
              "id": "ESA-2022-002",
              "title": "Log4Shell affects DEF",
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              "link": [
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                  "rel": "self",
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                  "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json"
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                  "rel": "hash",
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                  "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json.sha256"
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                  "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json.sha512"
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                  "rel": "signature",
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                  "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json.asc"
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              "published": "2022-02-01T09:15:00Z",
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              "updated": "2022-06-07T08:15:00Z",
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              "content": {
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                "type": "application/json",
                "src": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json"
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              "format": {
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                "schema": "https://docs.oasis-open.org/csaf/csaf/v2.0/csaf json schema.json",
48
                "version": "2.0"
49
50
            },
```



# Scalable and resilient advisory distribution infrastructure (Saradi)

#### **CSAF** lister

- Trusted party
- "yellow pages"
- List of CSAF providers and CSAF trusted providers
- Multiple around the world (National CERTs)

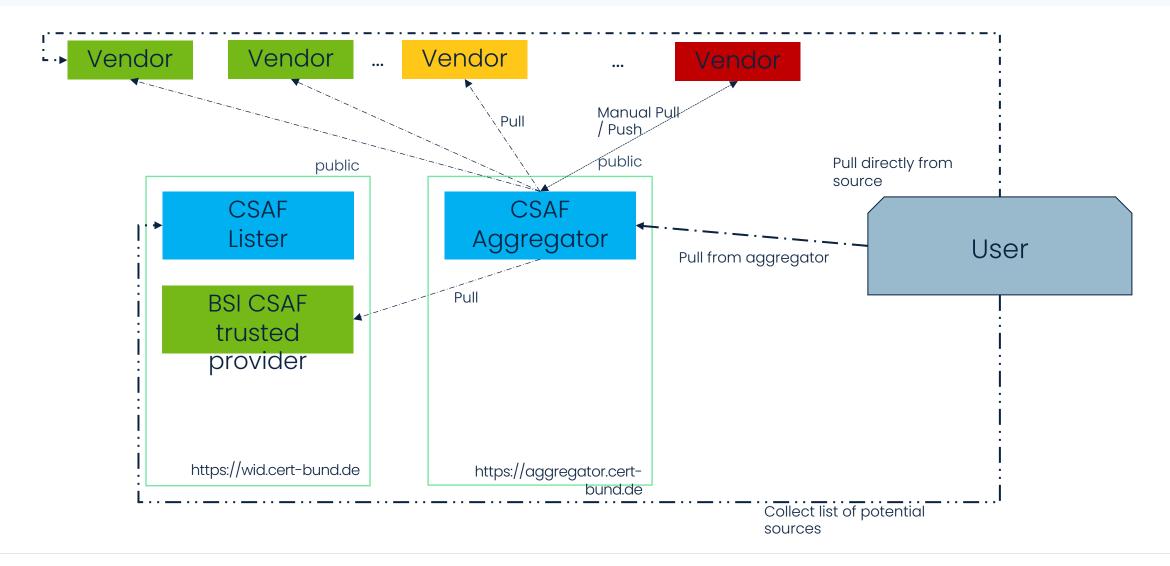
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#### **CSAF** aggregator

- Trusted party
- Collects advisories from issuers
- Provides them for automation
- One-stop-shop
- Multiple around the world (National CERTs)
- First one available at https://aggregator.cert-bund.de



#### **Ecosystem**





### Tools

#### **Vendor**

Vendor becomes aware of a vulnerabilit y

Vendor prepares patch Vendor publishes advisory & patch











Vendor analyzes the vulnerabilit Vendor writes advisory



#### **Vendor**

Vendor becomes aware of a vulnerabilit y

Vendor prepares patch Vendor publishes advisory & patch

> CSAF trusted provider





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#### Coordinator (CVD)

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Coordinat or writes advisory

CSAF trusted provider

Coordinat or contacts vendor

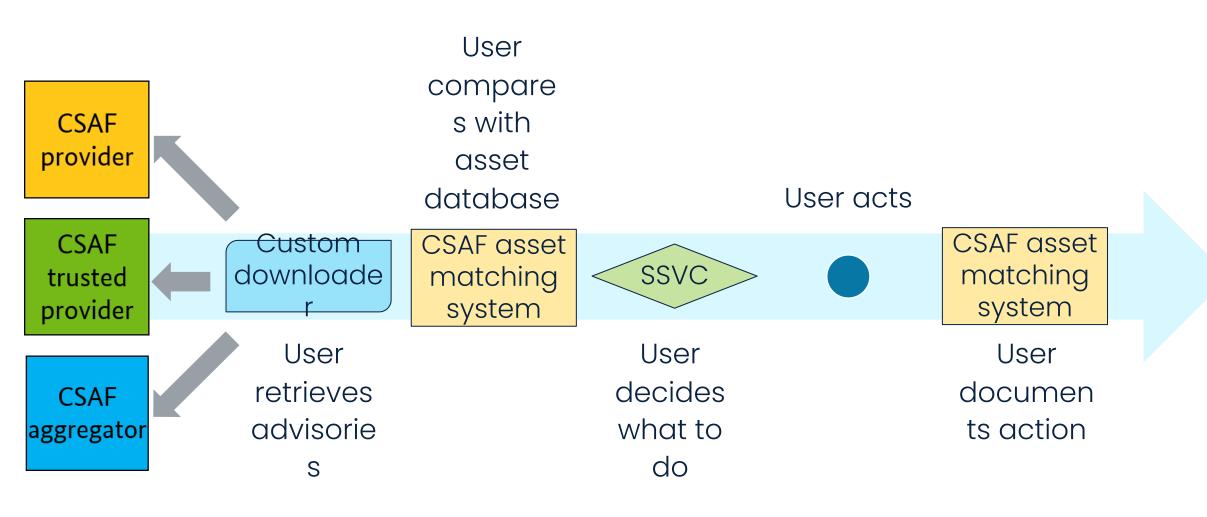


#### User

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#### User





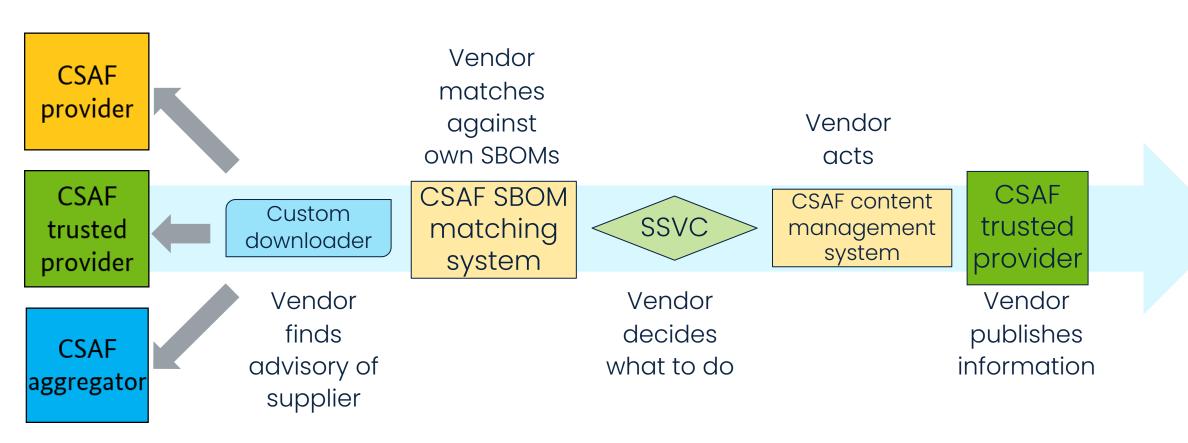
#### Tools developed by the community

- CSAF producer: <a href="https://github.com/secvisogram/secvisogram">https://github.com/secvisogram/secvisogram</a>
- CSAF content management system: <a href="https://github.com/secvisogram/secvi
- CSAF trusted provider: <a href="https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution">https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution</a>
- CSAF aggregator: <a href="https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution">https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution</a>
- Provider checker: <a href="https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution">https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution</a> (WIP)
- CSAF management system: open for commercial and Open Source tools
- CSAF asset matching system: open for commercial and Open Source tools
- CSAF downloader: <a href="https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution">https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf\_distribution</a>
- CSAF full validator: <a href="https://github.com/secvisogram/csaf-validator-service">https://github.com/secvisogram/csaf-validator-service</a>
- Your tools?



### **SBOM and VEX**

#### Supply chain





#### How to link to an SBOM?

#### Product identification helpers:

Retrievable SBOM

```
"sbom_urls": {
    //...
    "items": {
        "https://example.com/location-to-sbom"
    }
}
```



#### How to link to an SBOM component?

```
CycloneDX:
"x generic uris": [
    "namespace": "https://cyclonedx.org/capabilities/bomlink/",
    "uri": "urn:cdx:411dafd2-c29f-491a-97d7-e97de5bc2289/1#pkg:maven/org.jboss.logging/jboss-logging@3.4.1.Final?type=jar"
SPDX:
"x generic uris": [
   "namespace": "https://spdx.github.io/spdx-spec/document-creation-information/#65-spdx-document-namespace-field",
   "uri": "https://swinslow.net/spdx-examples/example4/main-bin-v2#SPDXRef-libc"
```



#### Not every vulnerability is exploitable...

- Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX)
- Communicate product status explicit
- Machine-readable to address scalability





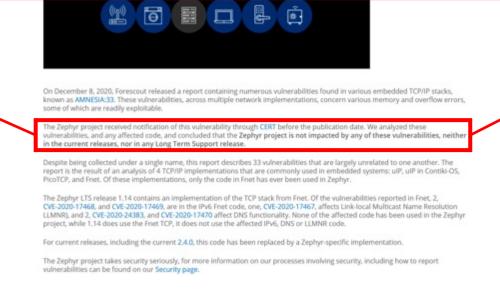
#### Zephyr Security Update on Amnesia:33

December 16, 2020

Written by David Brown, on behalf of the Zephyr Security Team

# AMNESIA:33

The Zephyr project received notification of this vulnerability through CERT before the publication date. We analyzed these vulnerabilities, and any affected code, and concluded that the Zephyr project is not impacted by any of these vulnerabilities, neither in the current releases, nor in any Long Term Support release.





#### **VEX is a Profile in CSAF**

The Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) allows a software supplier or other parties to assert the status of specific vulnerabilities in a particular product..

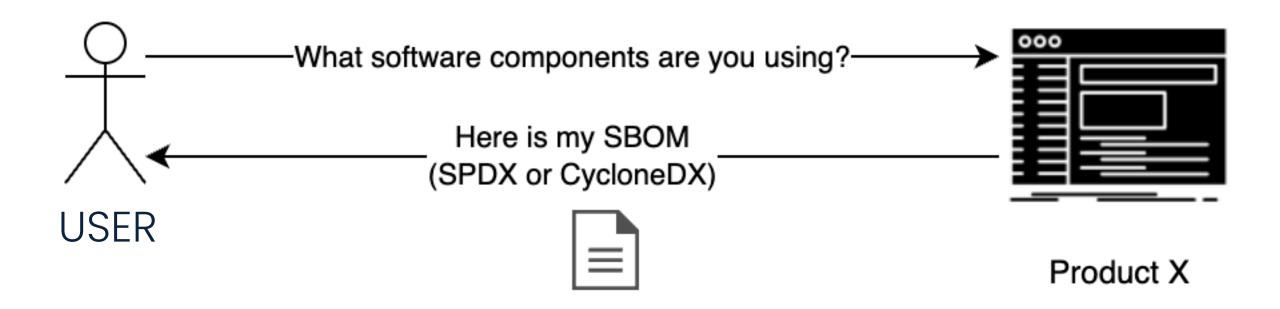
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CISA's VEX Use Cases: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX Use Cases Aprill2022.pdf

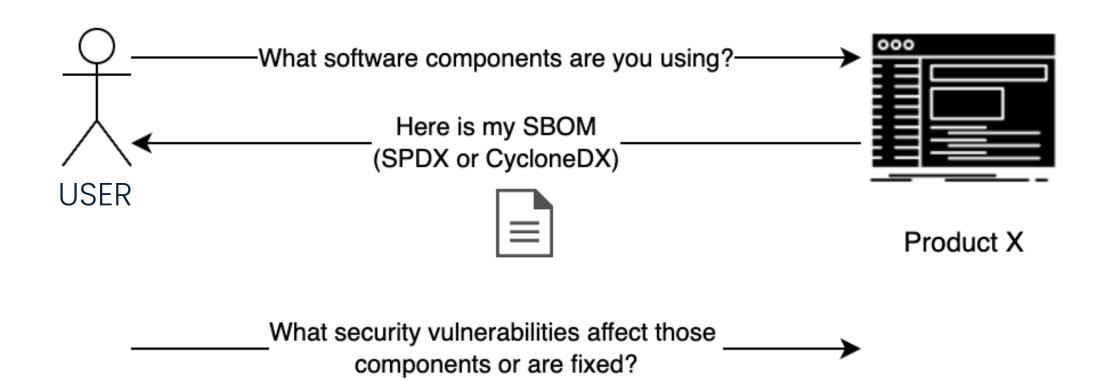
CISA's VEX Justifications: <a href="https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX\_Status\_Justification\_Jun22.pdf">https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX\_Status\_Justification\_Jun22.pdf</a>



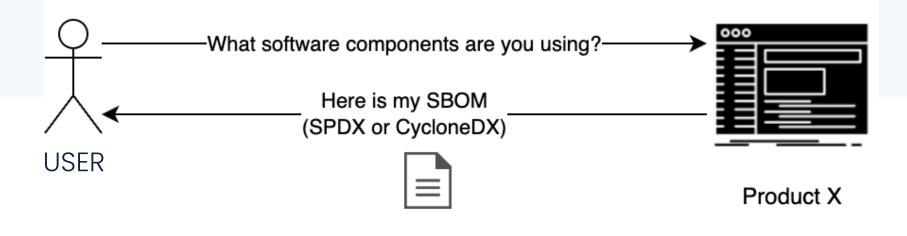
#### How does this work?



#### How does this work?







\_\_\_\_\_What security vulnerabilities affect those \_\_\_\_\_
components or are fixed?

My SBOM includes the list of affected, under

✓investigation, and fixed vulnerabilities (as of today) using the

Vulnerability Exploitability Exchange (VeX)

But, that's "point-in-time"... new vulnerabilities

are disclosed on a regular basis...



#### **VEX Statuses and Justifications**

under\_investigation

known\_affected

fixed

known\_not\_affected

component\_not\_present

inline\_mitigations\_already\_exist

vulnerable\_code\_cannot\_be\_controlled\_by\_adversary

vulnerable\_code\_not\_in\_execute\_path

vulnerable\_code\_not\_present

VEX Justifications: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX\_Status\_Justification\_Jun22.pdf

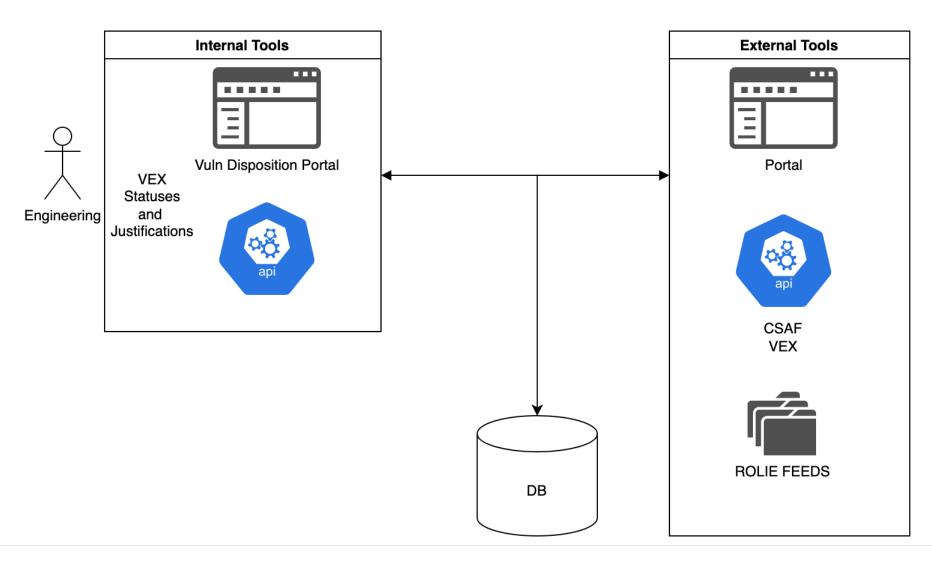


# You Don't Need an SBOM to VEX





# Example of "Dynamic Automated" Advisories





#### Customer

- ✓ Scan Reports
- ✓ Rumors
- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Product Certification

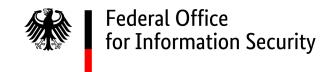
## **CSAF** in operations

#### Organizations publishing CSAF





















# Summary

#### Summary and Action items

- Number of vulnerabilities discovered is rising => number of advisories as well
- Advisories are needed for risk-based decisions
- Automation is possible so automate the boring stuff
- Request your vendors to provide CSAF 2.0
- Provide CSAF documents to your customers to ease their pain
- Spread the word! #oCSAF #advisory



