oh no, npmjs is offline (again)

status.npmjs.org

Registry reads have diminished service

Incident Report for npm, Inc.

Investigating

Scoped packages and replicate.npmjs.com are both seeing partial outages

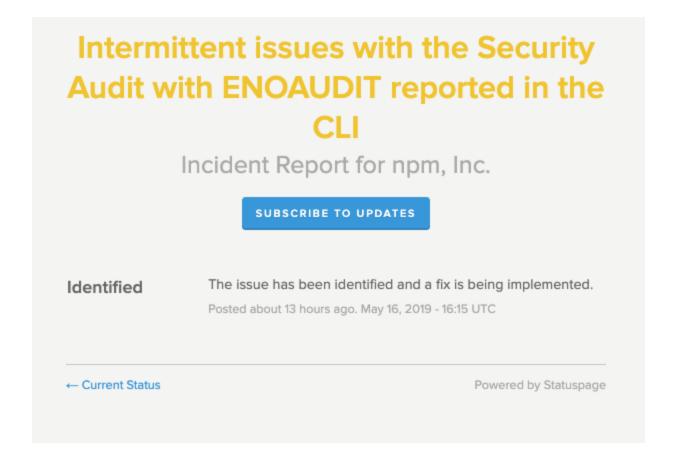
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This incident affected: Registry Reads and replicate.npmjs.com.



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npm.community/t/enoaudit-from-registry-npmjs-org-503/4642

npm ERR! code ENOAUDIT

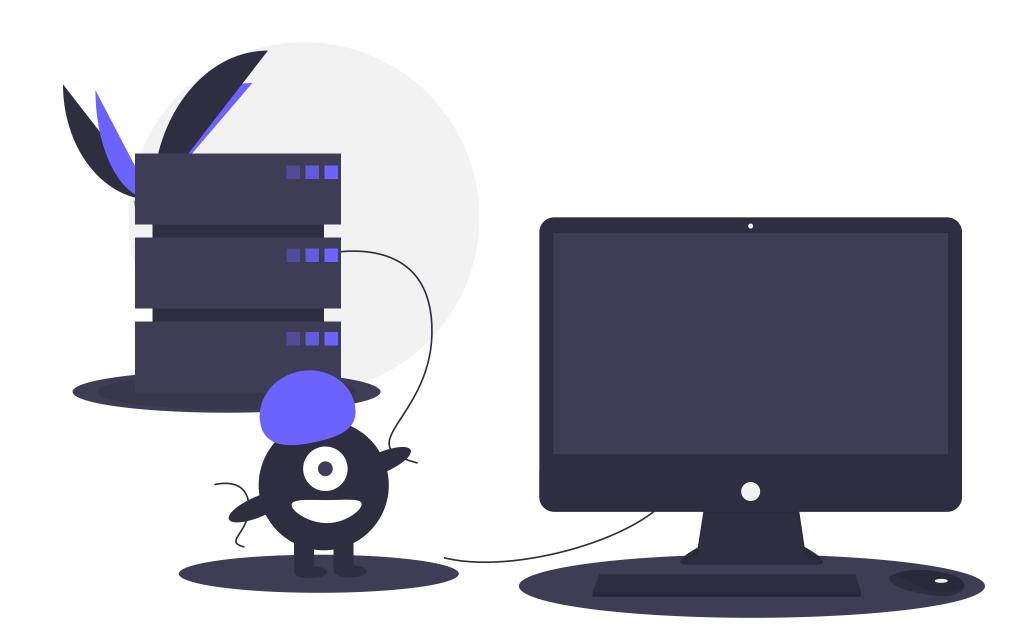
npm ERR! audit Your configured registry (https://registry.npmjs.org/) does not support audit requests.

error An unexpected error occured: "https://....tgz": Request failed "503 Service unavailable"

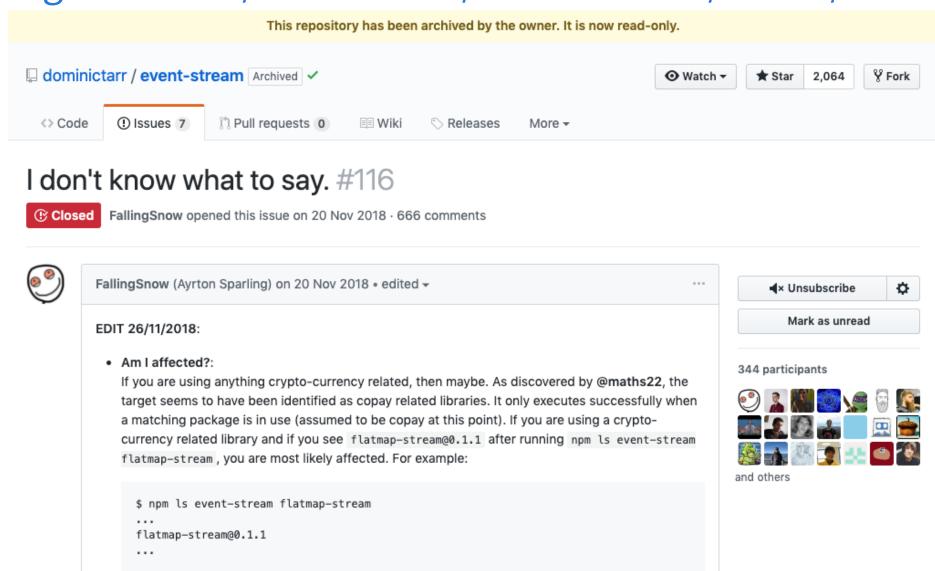


bad things can happen - are you prepared?

- different maintainer(s) (event-stream)
- malware / malicious packages (flatmap-stream)
- deleted packages (left-pad, kik)
- outages / no internet



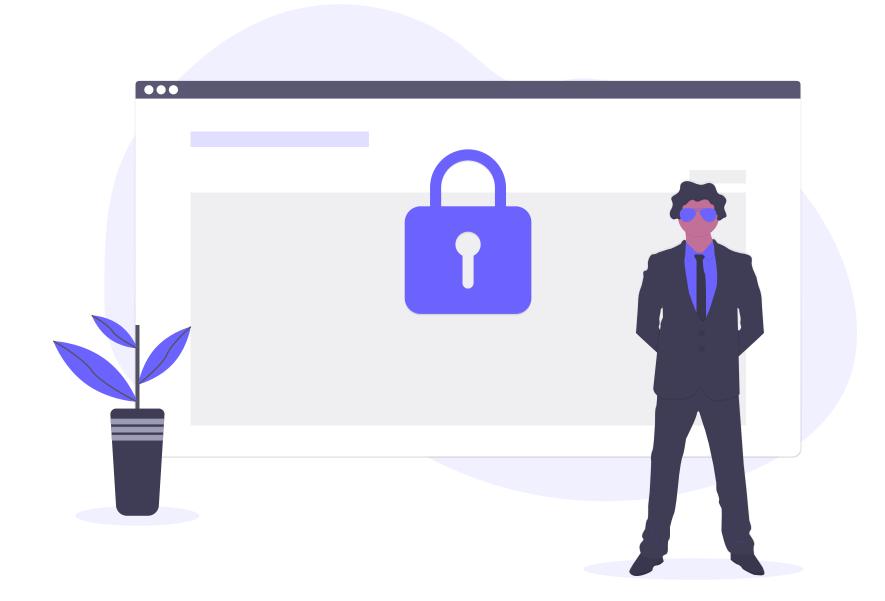
github.com/dominictarr/event-stream/issues/116



malware / malicious packages: YARA rules and malware scanners

deleted packages: caches and mirrors

outage / no internet: an alternative (local) registry



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     rule flatmap_stream_malware : npm
         meta:
             created_at = "2019/03/13"
             author = "Daniel Ruf"
         strings:
             $my_text_string = "5f636f6d70696c65"
             $my_text_string_2 = "6372656174654465636970686572"
 9
         condition:
 10
             $my_text_string or $my_text_string_2
 11 }
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mirror for npm Enterprise

Mirroring the Public Registry

A full mirror will copy all packages from the public registry to your npm Enterprise server. Enable this by setting policy to apply during replication to mirror in npm Enterprise admin console (http://myreg.mycompany.com:8800).

Note: Full mirror of public registry is no longer supported as the size of public registry has gotten too large and in addition to that no customer is using every package available in the public registry. Thus we recommend users to set white-list policy along with Read Through Cache set to Yes.

For more details regarding white-list policy see Whitelisting Packages

what if npm, Inc. would close its doors?

- new leadership / CEO since August 2018
- many of original team left
- also the original CTO

twitter.com/fharper/status/1125774297241407489



fact: npmjs is the SPOF (Single Point of Failure)

solution: independent registries



does GitHub work on something?

Overview

Repositories 123 Packages

Stars 1.2k

GitHub / Microsoft announces GitHub Package Registry (GPR) twitter.com/github/status/1126949311848288256



supported registries

- npm
- Docker
- Maven
- NuGet
- RubyGems
- packagist?



also in GitLab Premium and Silver

GitLab NPM Registry

PREMIUM SILVER

Introduced in GitLab Premium 11.7.

we can use the features of the npmjs clients

- caches
- --prefer-offline flag
- reuse packages (pnpm uses symlinks)
- better offline support (yarn, yarn v2 (berry), npm 5+, pnpm)

solutions

- Artifactory
- open-registry
- IPFS / P2P / Scuttlebutt
- other (decentralized) solutions
- Verdaccio (fka Sinopia)

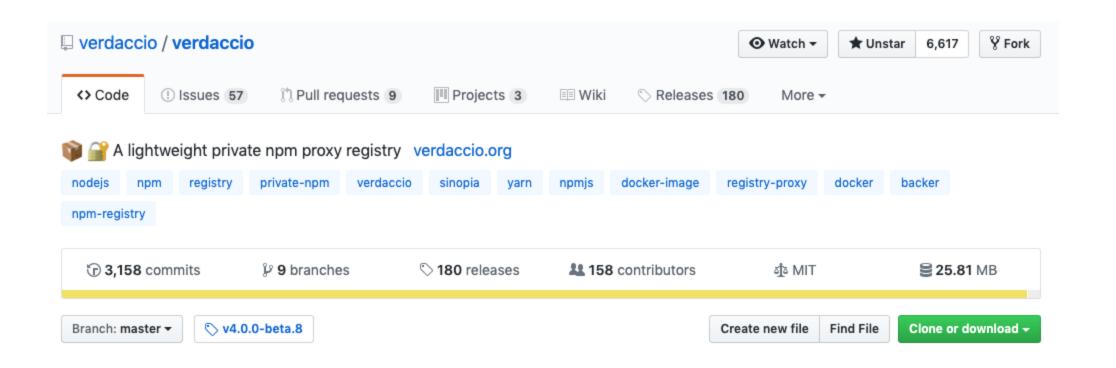
addyosmani.com/blog/using-npm-offline

Offline installation of npm packages

JANUARY 2, 2016



A lightweight private npm proxy registry



use cases

- E2E Testing
- Caching strategies
- GitHub Actions
- Remote Registries (Uplinks)

plugins

- Authentication
- Middleware
- Storage
- UI Theme

Authentication plugins

verdaccio-bitbucket, verdaccio-bitbucket-server, verdaccio-ldap, verdaccio-active-directory, verdaccio-gitlab, verdaccio-gitlab-ci, verdaccio-htpasswd, verdaccio-github-oauth, verdaccio-github-oauth-ui

Middleware plugins

verdaccio-audit, verdaccio-profile-api

Storage plugins

verdaccio-memory, verdaccio-s3-storage, verdaccio-google-cloud

who uses Verdaccio?

pnpm, create-react-app, Storybook, Mozilla Neutrino, Gatsby, Uppy, Aurelia Framework, bit, Hyperledger Composer, Wix Yoshi

yarn global add verdaccio npm install --global verdaccio

docker pull verdaccio/verdaccio helm install --name npm stable/verdaccio npm / pnpm set registry https://registry.example.com yarn config set registry https://registry.example.com

npm adduser --registry https://registry.example.com npm profile set password --registry https://registry.example.com live demo

The crazy story of Verdaccio by Juan Picado

thanks for your attention!

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