

Live hacking: **Breaking** into your **Java** web app

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What are the Problems?

1. Software delivery **sped up** with little thought to **security**
2. **Lack of security focus** throughout the app lifecycle
3. **Silo**-ed security expertise
4. **Customer data** could be compromised

How **bad** is the Situation?

Security

Equifax's disastrous Struts patching blunder: THOUSANDS of other orgs did it too

Those are just the ones known to have downloaded outdated versions

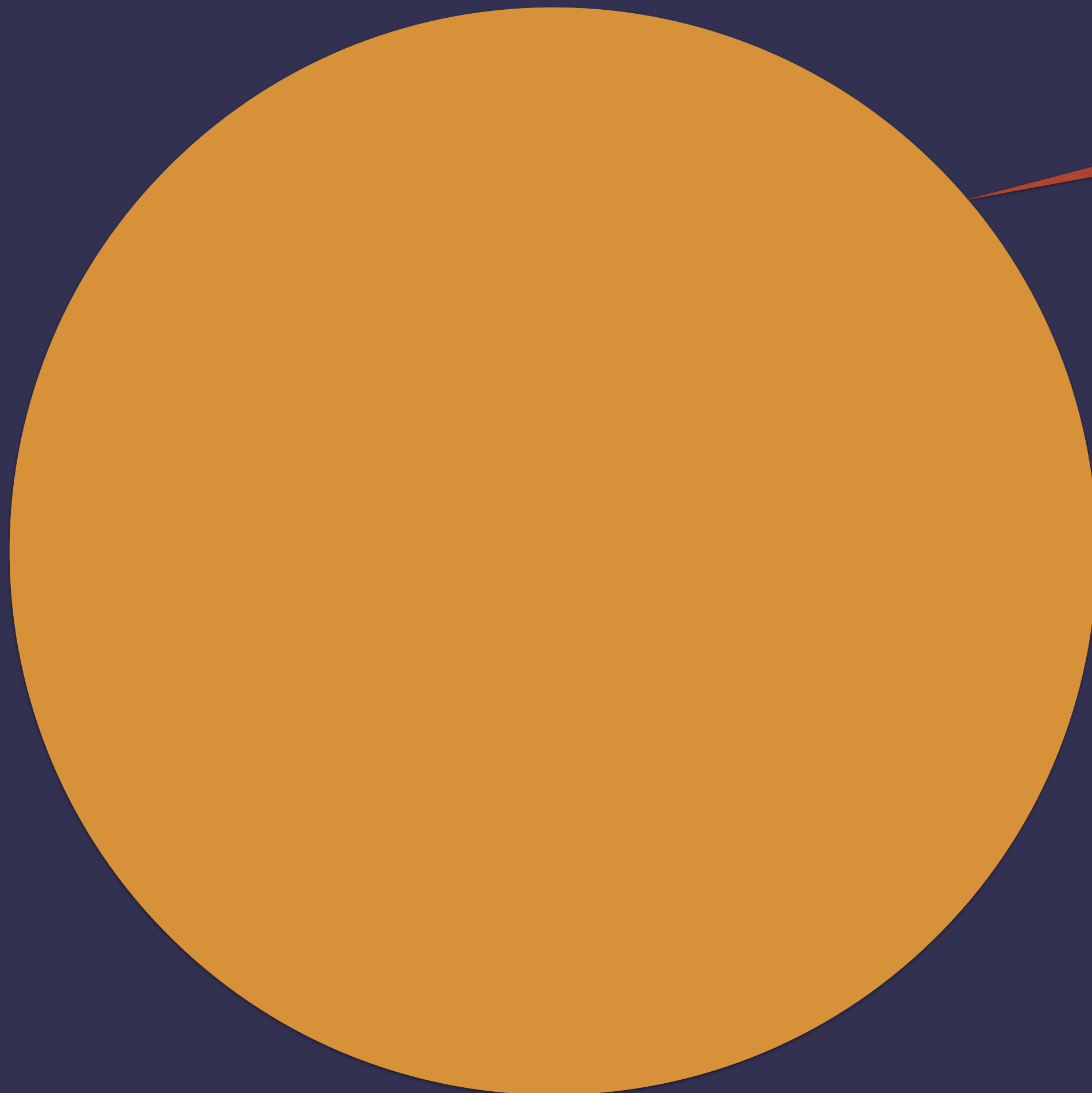
EQUIFAX DATA BREACH

Equifax's Mega-Breach Was Made Possible by a Website Flaw It Could Have Fixed

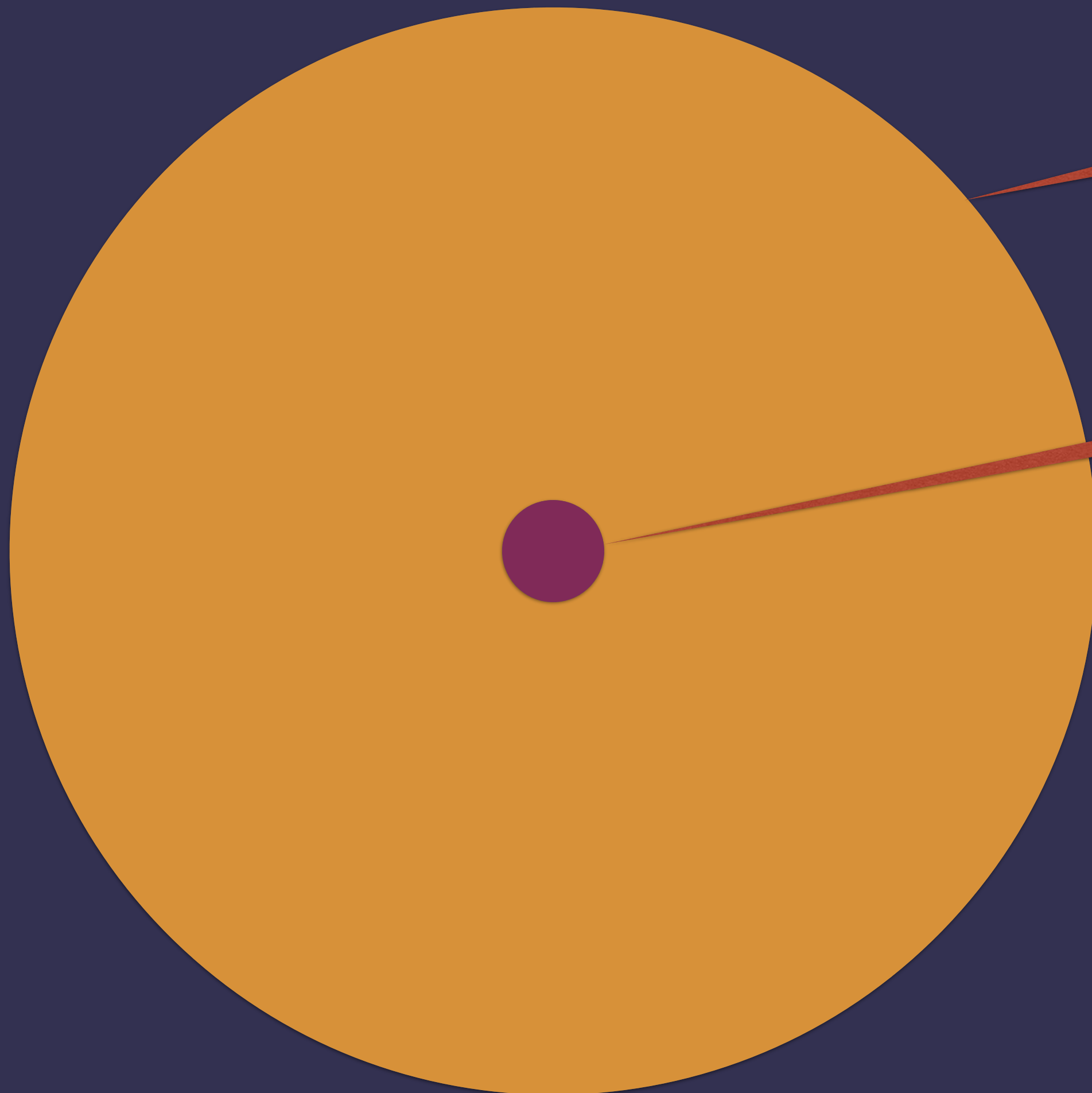
Failure to patch two-month-old bug led to massive Equifax breach

Critical Apache Struts bug was fixed in March. In May, it bit ~143 million US consumers.

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Your App



Your App

Your Code

Serverless Example: Fetch file & store in s3

(Serverless Framework Example)

```
'use strict';

const fetch = require('node-fetch');
const AWS = require('aws-sdk'); // eslint-disable-line import/no-extraneous-dependencies

const s3 = new AWS.S3();

module.exports.save = (event, context, callback) => {
  fetch(event.image_url)
    .then((response) => {
      if (response.ok) {
        return response;
      }
      return Promise.reject(new Error(
        `Failed to fetch ${response.url}: ${response.status} ${response.statusText}`));
    })
    .then(response => response.buffer())
    .then(buffer => {
      s3.putObject({
        Bucket: process.env.BUCKET,
        Key: event.key,
        Body: buffer,
      }).promise()
    })
    .then(v => callback(null, v), callback);
};
```

19 Lines of Code

```
"dependencies": {
  "aws-sdk": "^2.7.9",
  "node-fetch": "^1.6.3"
}
```

2 Direct dependencies

19 dependencies (incl. indirect)

191,155 Lines of Code

Spring Serverless Example

```
✓ goof
  > config
  > domain
  > handler
  > repository
  CreateTodoFunction.java
  DeleteTodoFunction.java
  GetTodoFunction.java
  GoofApplication.java
  ImportTodosFunction.java
  UpdateTodoFunction.java
```

```
@Component("CreateTodoFunction")
public class CreateTodoFunction implements Function<TodoRequest, TodoResponse> {

    @Autowired
    TodoRepository repository;

    public Todo createTodo(final Todo todo) {
        return repository.save(todo);
    }

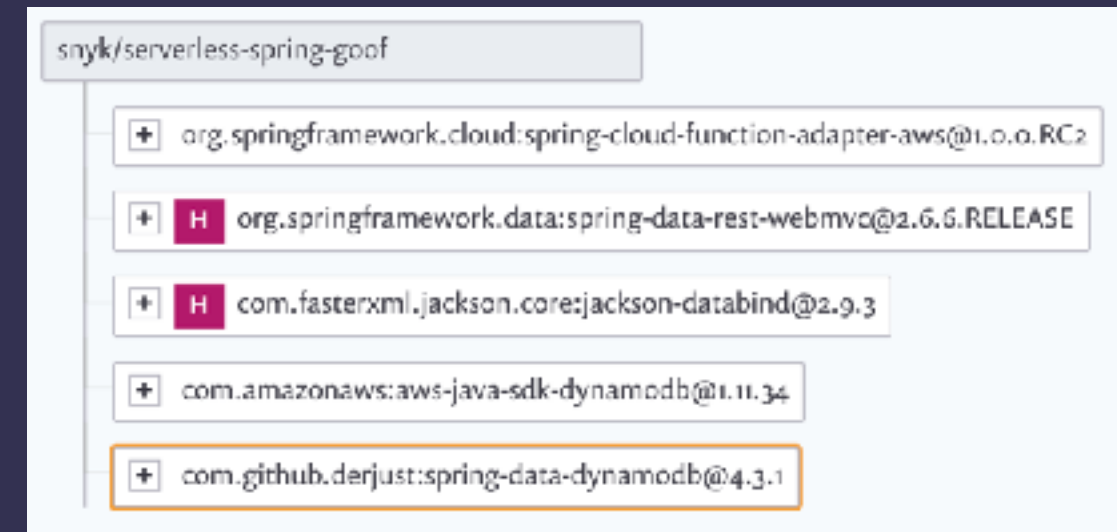
    @Override
    public TodoResponse apply(final TodoRequest todoRequest) {
        final TodoResponse result = new TodoResponse();

        result.setResult(createTodo(todoRequest.getTodo()));

        return result;
    }
}
```

222 Lines of Code

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5 Direct dependencies

54 dependencies (incl. indirect)

460,046 Lines of Code

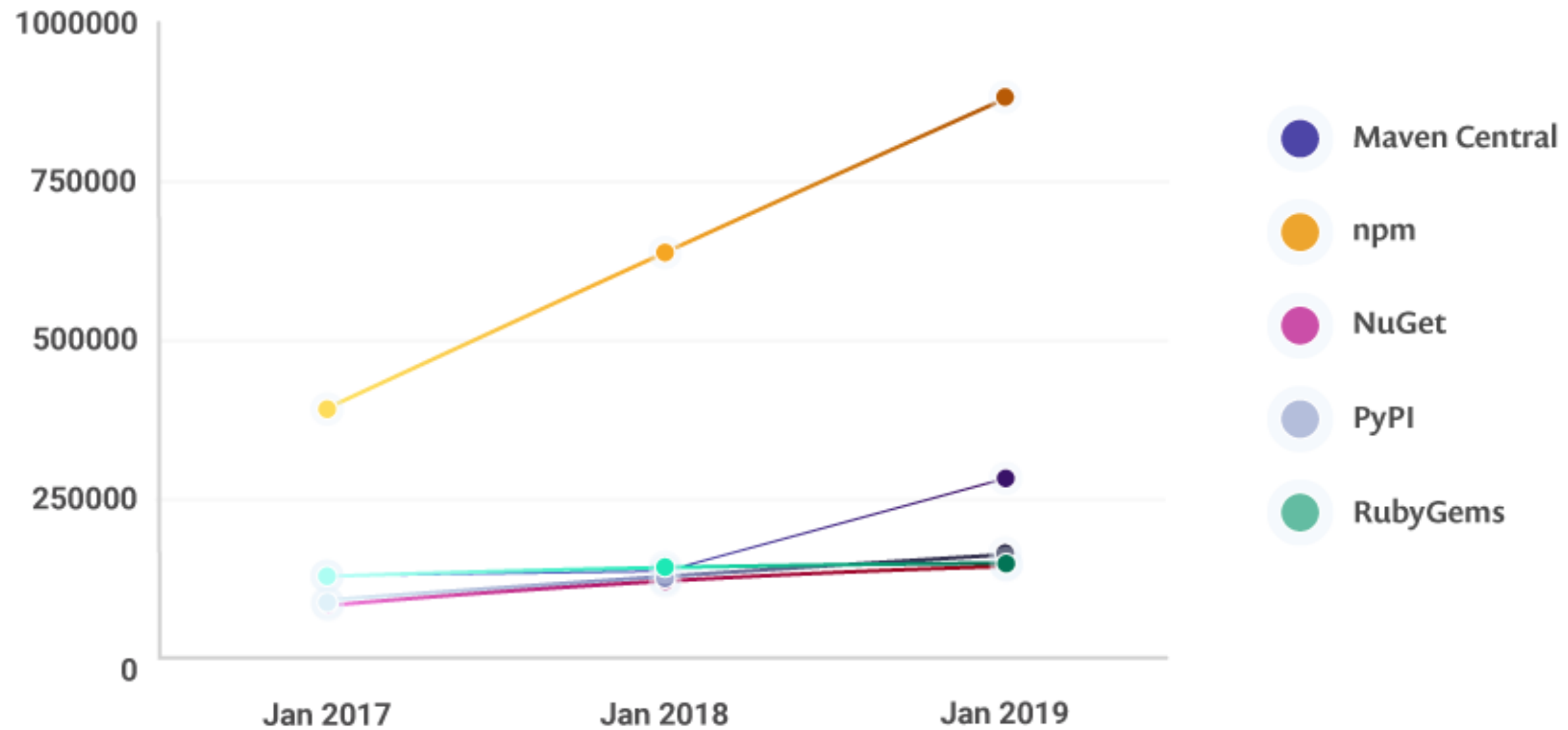


Open Source Usage Has Exploded

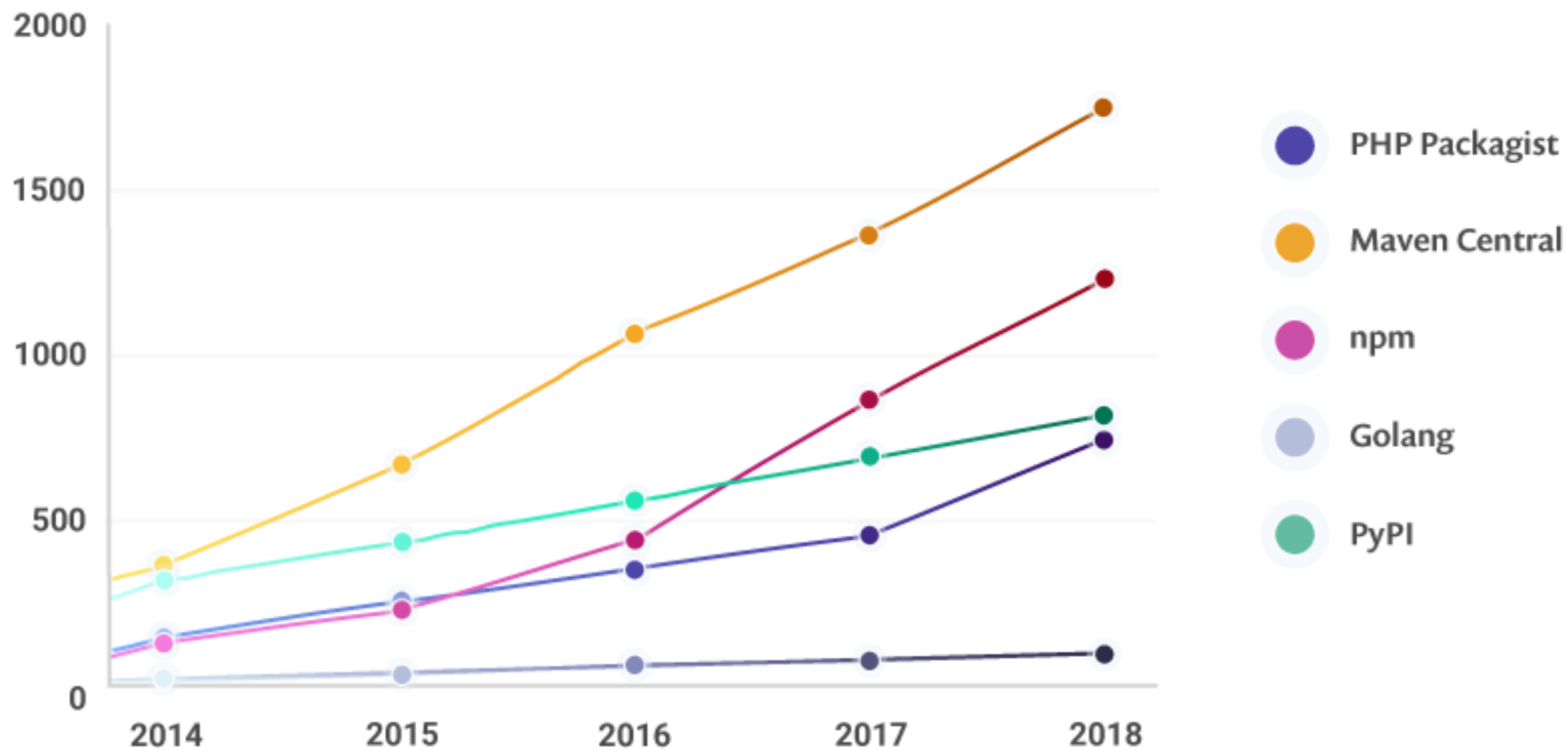
Attackers Are Targeting Open Source

One vulnerability, many victims

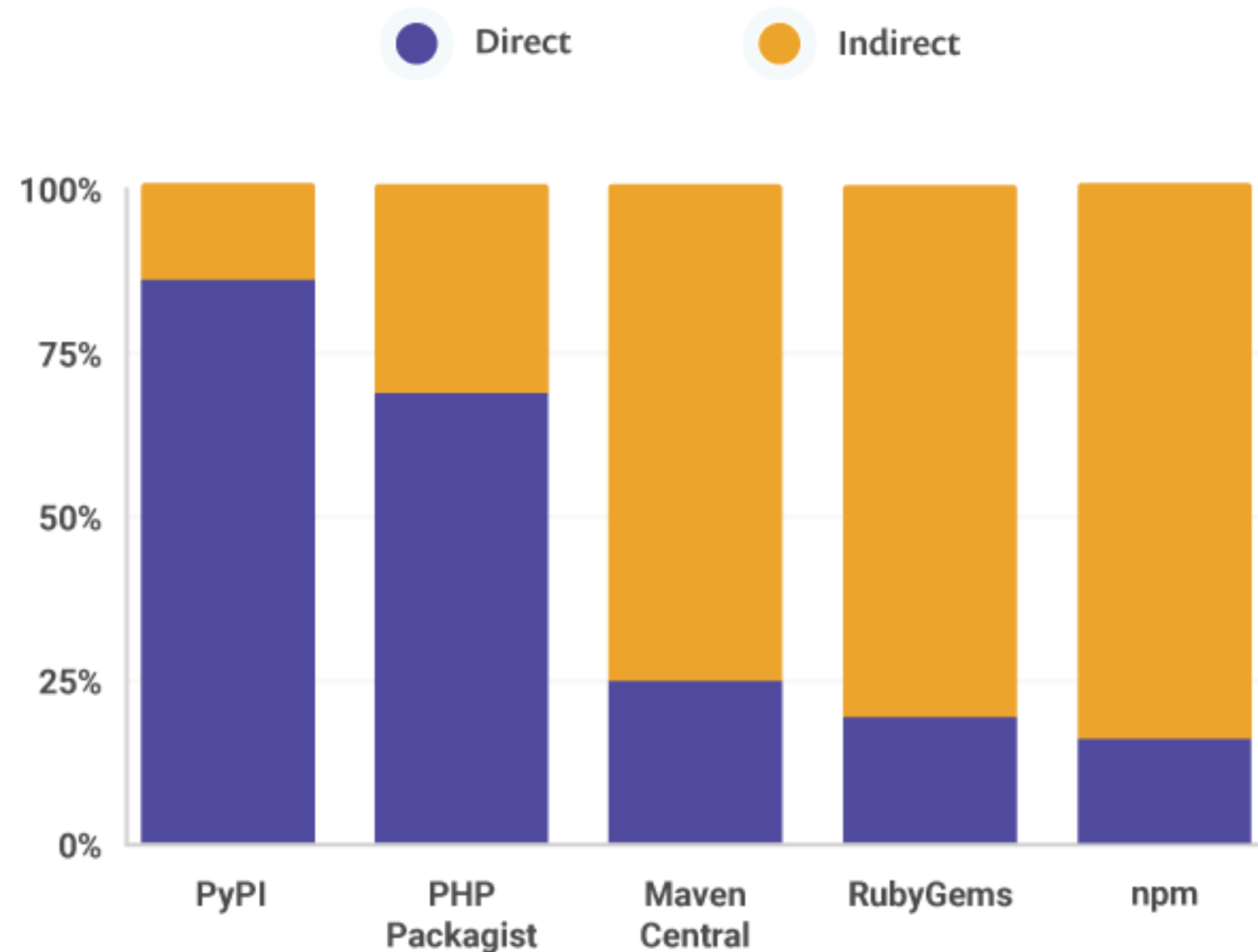
Total packages indexed per ecosystem



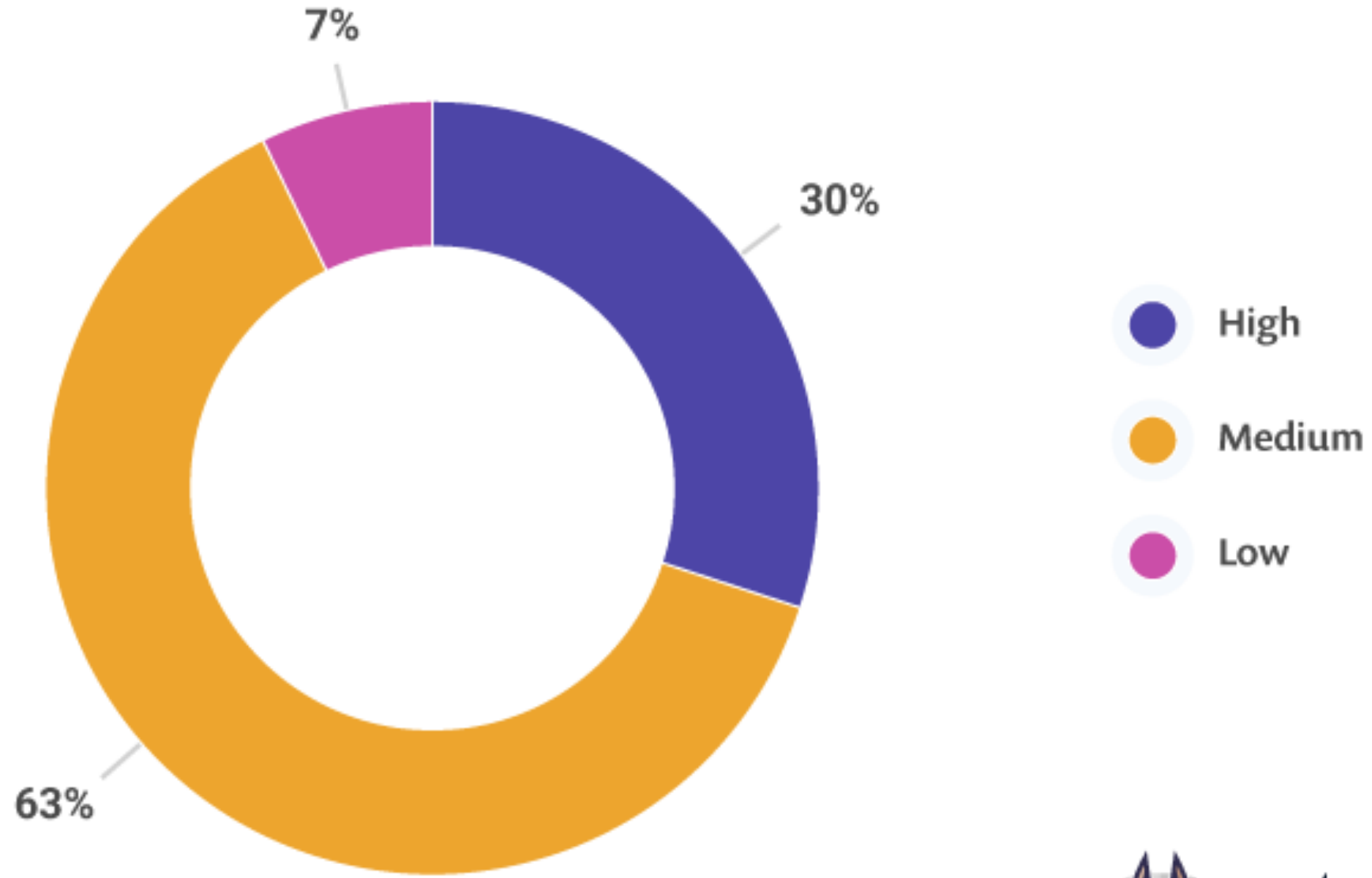
New vulnerabilities each year by ecosystem



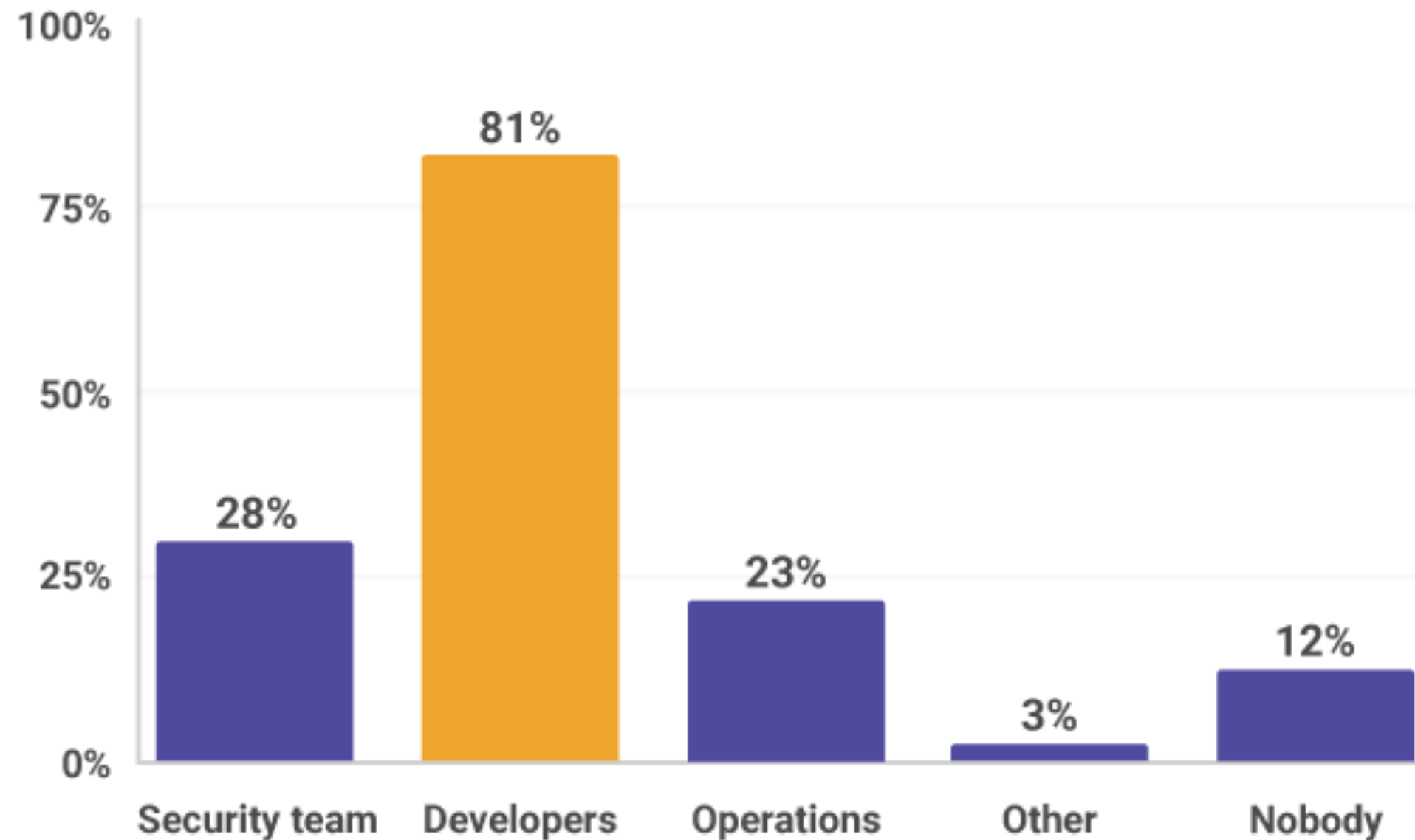
The direct and indirect dependency split across ecosystems



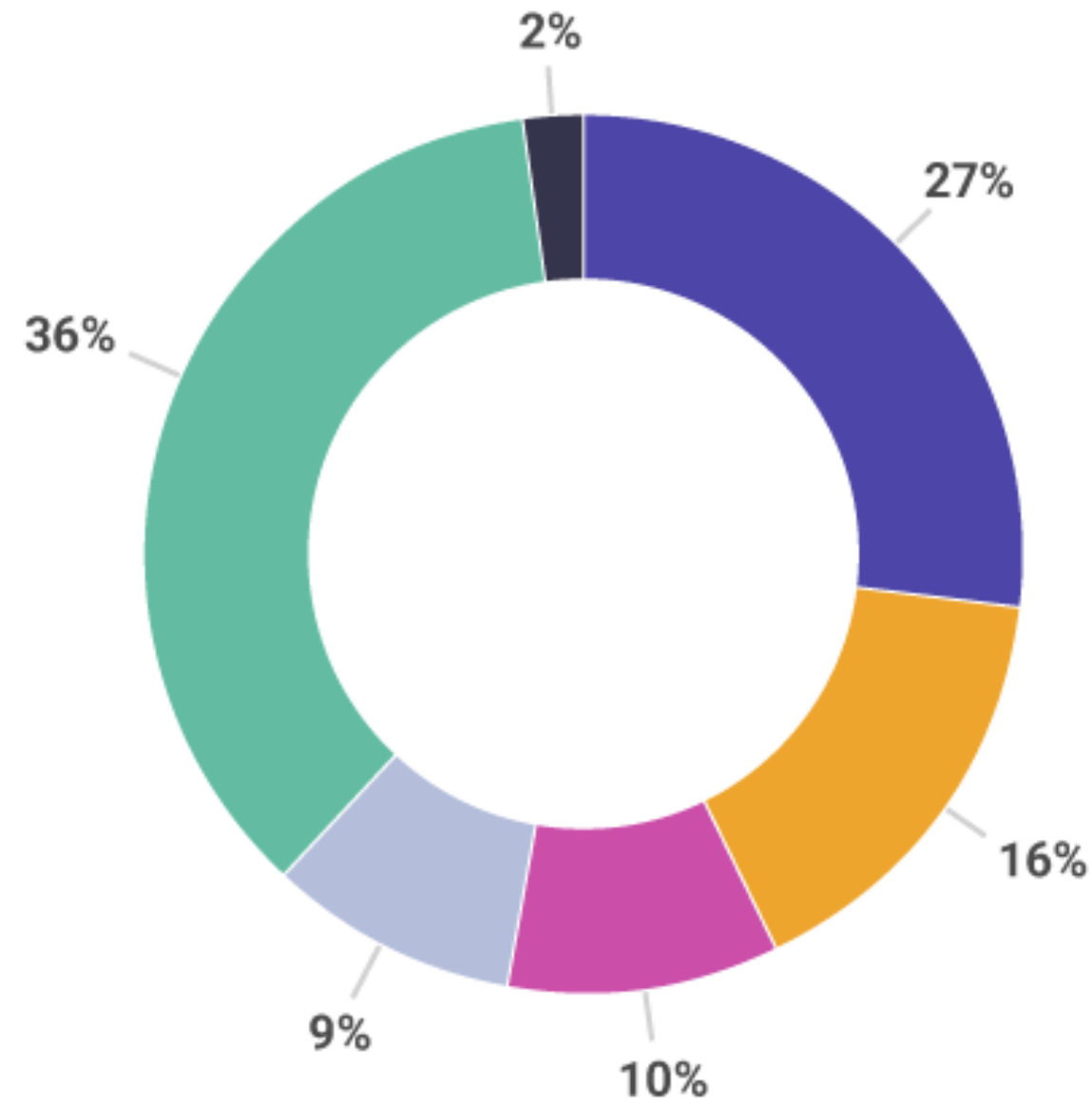
OS maintainers are confident in their own security knowledge



Who is responsible for security?



How do you find about vulnerabilities?



- I probably won't
- I read the release notes of most of my direct and indirect dependencies
- When my security team reports a severe vulnerability, we search for apps using this component
- We track the list of dependencies against public databases (e.g. CVEs) ourselves
- We use a dependency management/ scanning tool that notifies us
- Other



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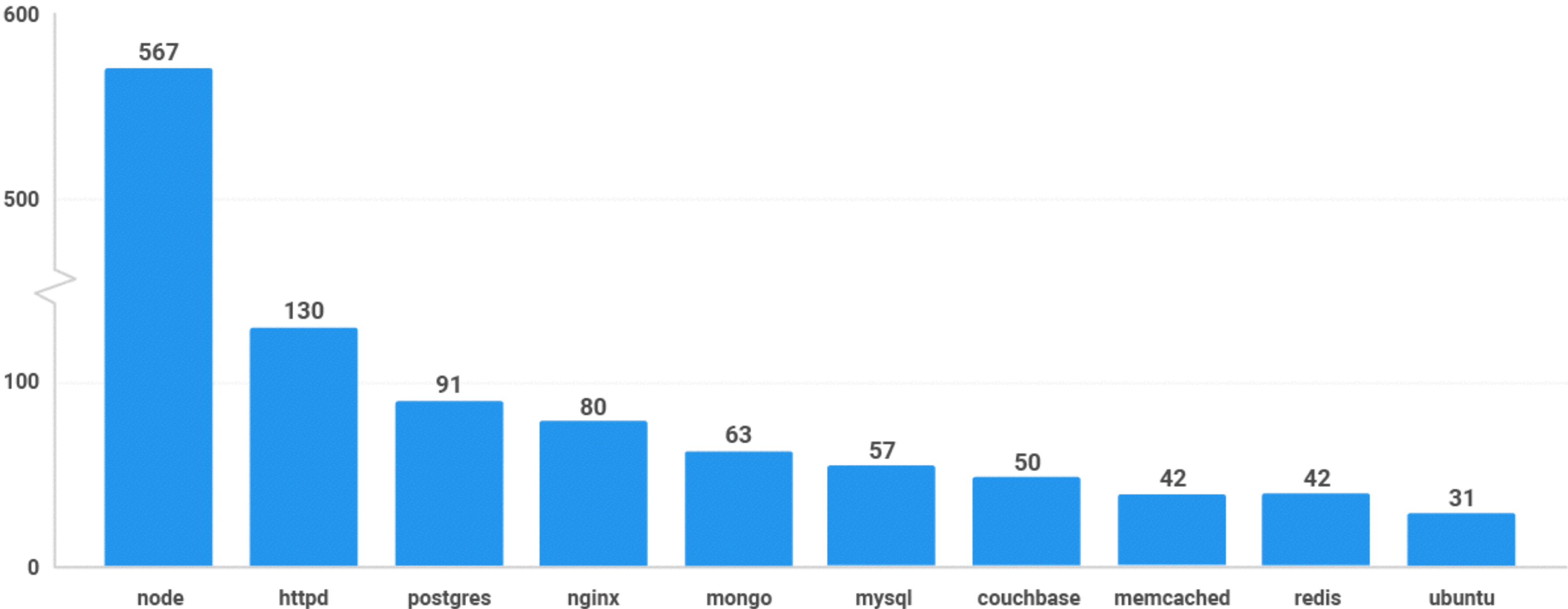
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2.5 years

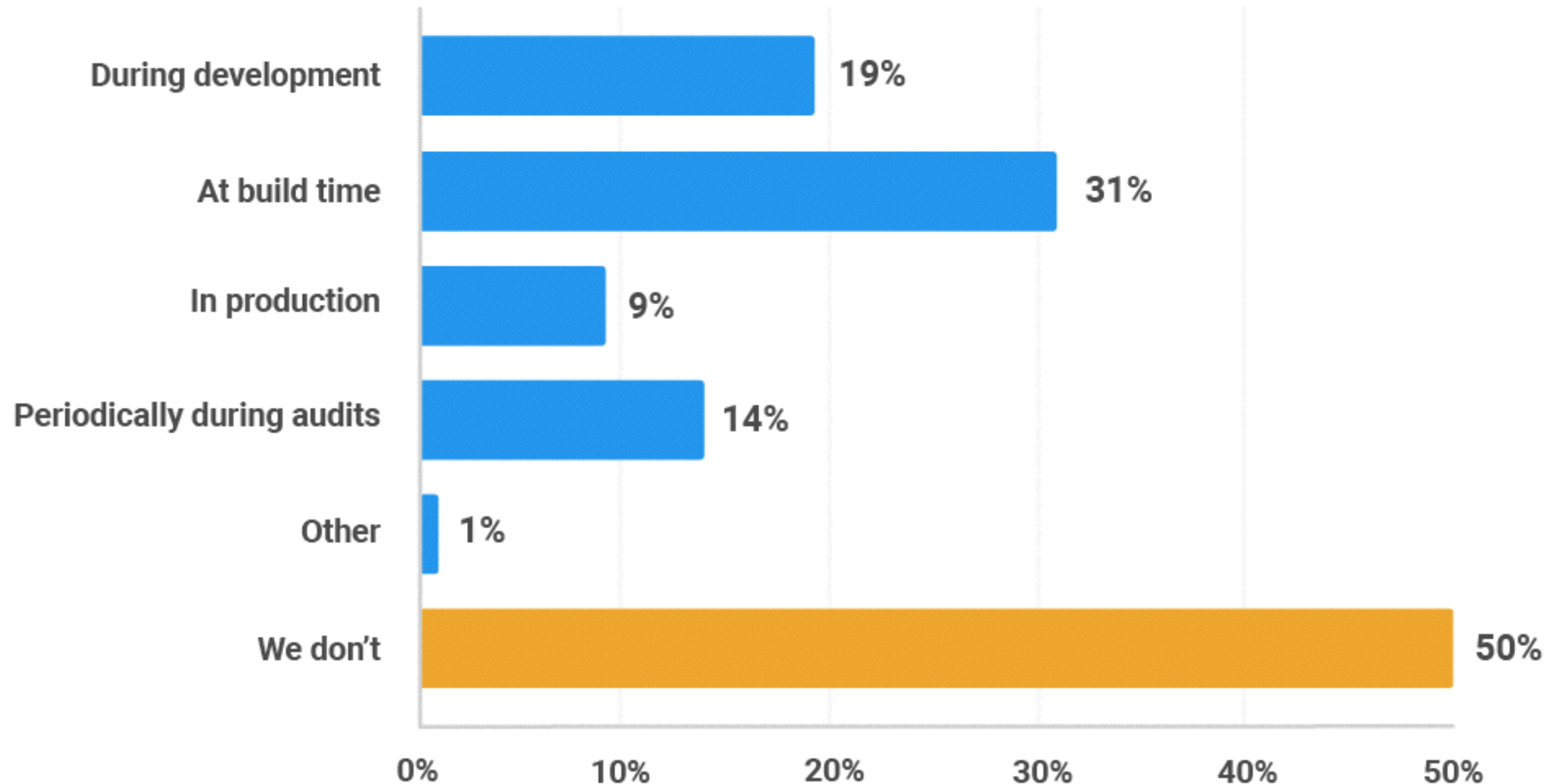


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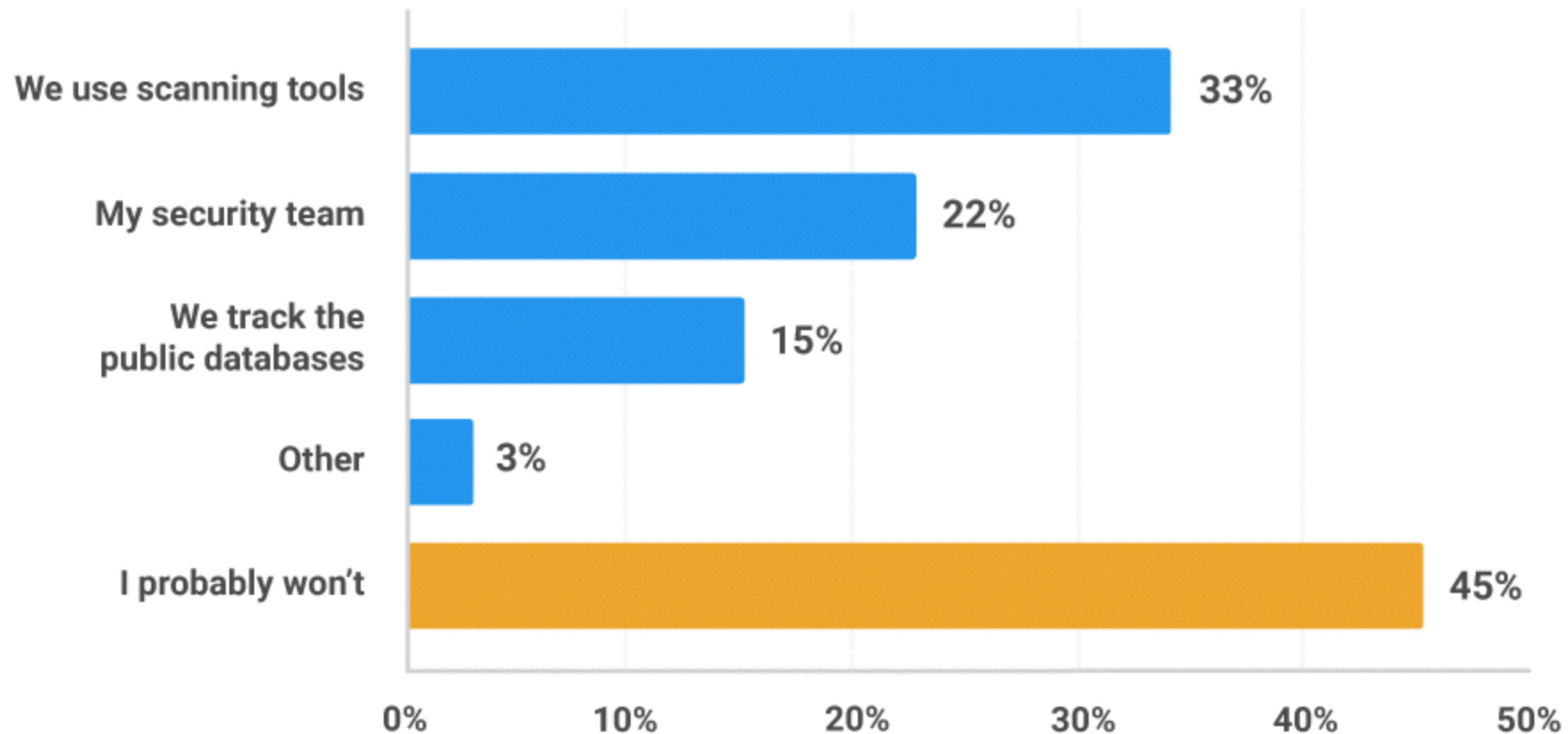
Vulnerabilities per Docker image



When do you scan your Docker image for OS vulns?



How do you find out about new vulnerabilities in your deployed containers?





Let's HACK!

What's the Solution?

Team Culture + **Process** + **Tooling**

Team Culture

What do people care about?

- Developers
- Security
- Operations
- Management

Process

The **best** way to adopt a **new practice** is to
integrate it into existing processes,
not create more.

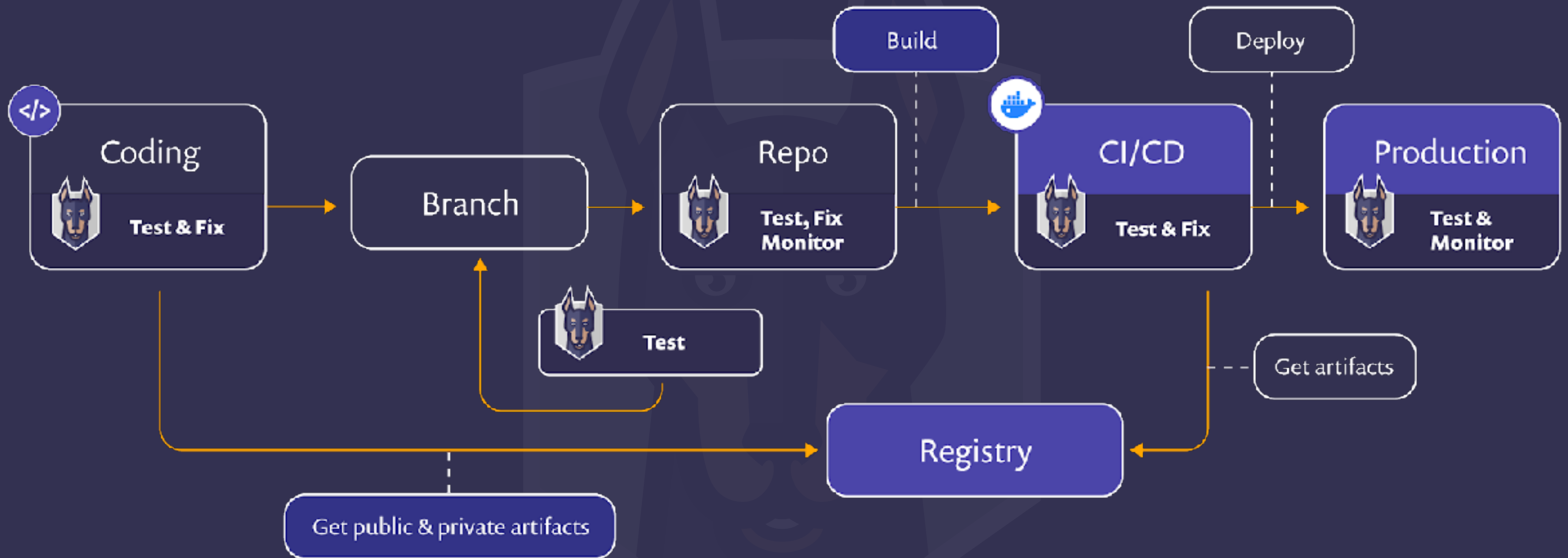
Tooling

Tooling can **help**

Automate away **manual** steps

Alert you to issues **when** they happen

DevSecOps-ing your Pipeline



SHIFT SECURITY LEFT



http://bit.ly/java-security

http://bit.ly/npm-sec

Cheat sheet: 10 Java security best practices

snyk



1. Use query parameterization

Use prepared statements in Java to parameterize your SQL statements.

```
❌ String query = "SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE  
lastname = " + parameter;
```

```
✅ String query = "SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE  
lastname = ?";  
PreparedStatement statement =  
connection.prepareStatement(query);  
statement.setString(1, parameter);
```

2. Use OpenID Connect with 2FA

OpenID Connect (OIDC) provides user information via an ID token in addition to an access token. Query the `/userinfo` endpoint for additional user information.

3. Scan your dependencies for known vulnerabilities

Ensure your application does not use dependencies with known vulnerabilities. Use a tool like Snyk to:

- Test your app dependencies for known vulnerabilities.
- Automatically fix any existing issues.
- Continuously monitor your projects for new vulnerabilities over time.

4. Handle sensitive data with care

Sanitize the `toString()` methods of your domain entities.

If using Lombok, annotate sensitive classes: `@ToString.Exclude`

Use `@JsonIgnore` and `@JsonIgnoreProperties` to prevent sensitive properties from being serialized or deserialized.

5. Sanitize all input

Consider using the OWASP Java encoding library to sanitize input.

Assume all input is potentially malicious, and check for inappropriate characters (whitespace is preferable).

6. Configure your XML parsers to prevent XXE

Disable features that allow XXE on your SAXParserFactory and SAXParser, or equivalent.

```
SAXParserFactory factory = SAXParserFactory.  
newInstance();  
SAXParser saxParser = factory.newSAXParser();
```

```
factory.setFeature("http://xml.org/sax/features/  
external-general-entities", false);  
saxParser.getXMLReader().setFeature(  
"http://xml.org/sax/features/  
external-general-entities", false);  
factory.setFeature("http://apache.org/xml/  
features/disallow-doctype-decl", true);
```

7. Avoid Java serialization

If you must implement the serialization interface, override the `readObject` method to throw an exception.

```
private final void readObject(java.io.ObjectInputStream in)  
throws java.io.IOException {  
    throw new java.io.IOException("Not allowed");  
}
```

If you have to deserialize, use the `ValidatingObjectInputStream` from Apache Commons IO to add some safety checks.

```
FileInputStream fileInput = new FileInputStream(  
fileName);  
ValidatingObjectInputStream in = new Validatin
```

```
gObjectInputStream(fileInput);  
in.accept(new FooClass());
```

```
Foo foo_ = (Foo) in.readObject();
```

8. Use strong encryption and hashing algorithms

Always use existing encryption libraries, such as Google Tink, rather than doing it yourself.

For password hashing, consider using BCrypt or SCrypt. If using Spring, you can use its built-in `BCryptPasswordEncoder` and `SCryptPasswordEncoder` for your hashing needs.

9. Enable the Java security manager

Enable via JVM properties at startup.

```
-Djava.security.manager
```

Create a policy that you use for your applications:

```
-Djava.security.policy=sny/custom.policy
```

10. Centralize logging and monitoring

Log auditable events, such as exceptions, logins and failed logins with useful information including their origin.

Centralize logs from multiple servers with tools like Kibana.

Monitor log system resources that indicate attack spikes or load from specific IP addresses.

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1. Avoid publishing secrets to the npm registry

1. Run `npm publish --dry-run` to review the package before publishing.
2. Put sensitive files in `.gitignore`.
3. Use the filter property in package.json to untrack files and directories.

2. Enforce lockfile

Freeze lockfile and ensure the npm CLI installs per lockfile only, without changing it. In CI and paid environments (Snyk):

1. `$ npm ci`
2. `$ yarn install --frozen-lockfile`

3. Minimize attack surface—ignore run-scripts

Malicious packages take advantage of key lifecycle events when an npm install runs arbitrary commands.

To minimize this attack surface:

1. Assess a project's health status and credibility before installing a package.
2. Disable run-scripts during install such as:
`$ npm install <package> --ignore-scripts`

4. Assess npm project health

Review a project for outdated dependencies, and assess environment health with CLI commands:

```
$ npm doctor  
$ npm outdated
```

5. Scan and monitor for vulnerabilities in open source dependencies

Don't let vulnerabilities in your project dependencies reduce the security of your application. Make sure to:

1. Connect Snyk to GitHub or other SCM for optional CI/CD integration with your projects.
2. Run `snyk test` to scan a new project from the CLI.
3. Run `snyk monitor` to track and open PRs to automatically fix security vulnerabilities in open source dependencies.

6. Use a local npm proxy

A local private registry such as [Nexus](#) will give you an extra layer of security, enabling you:

1. Full control of lightweight private package hosting.
2. To cache packages and avoid being affected by network and external incidents.

Easily spin up a virtual docker:

```
$ docker run -v /etc/docker:/etc/docker
```

7. Responsible disclosure

Publicly disclose security vulnerabilities without prior warning and proper coordination pose a potentially serious threat.

We are happy to collaborate on responsible security disclosures from the npm community!

1. Report a security issue via the [vulnerability disclosure form](#).
2. Email us at security@snyk.io.

8. Enable 2FA

Enable two factor authentication on npm with:

```
$ npm profile enable-2fa --otp-method=otp
```

9. Use npm author tokens

Make use of restricted tokens for querying npm packages and functionalities from CI by creating a read-only and IP address range restricted token:

```
$ npm token create --read-only --cidr=192.168.1.0/24
```

10. Understand typosquatting risks

Typo in package installation can be deadly.

1. Be mindful when copy-pasting package install instructions in the terminal and verify authenticity.
2. Opt to have a logged-out npm user in your developer environment.
3. Favor `npm install` with `--ignore-scripts`.

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