

# Vulnerability Assessment Tool : Vulas

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# Motivation

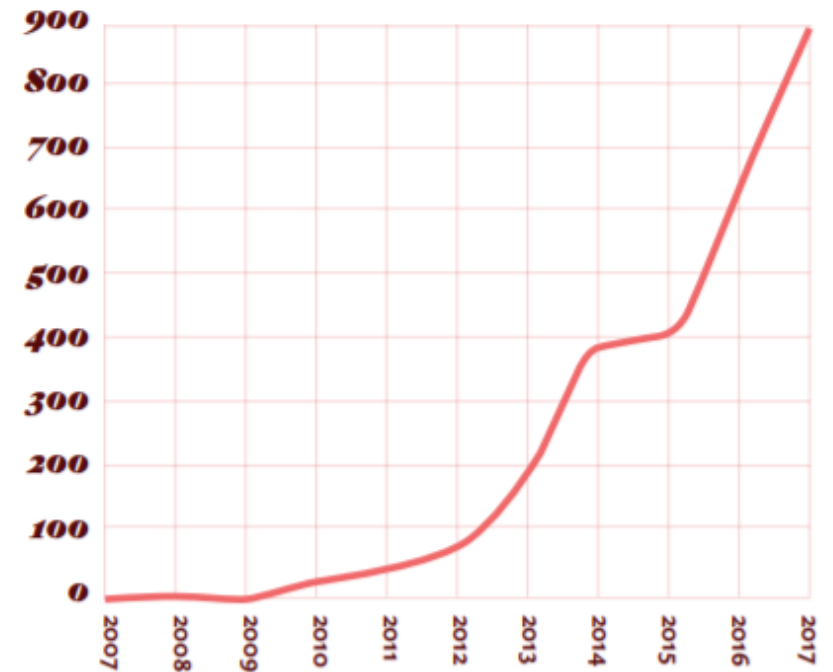


# Motivation

## Vulnerable OSS components

- ❑ 80% to 90% of software products on the market include OSS component
- ❑ Number of vulnerabilities disclosed for OSS libraries steadily increasing since 2009

### Open Source Vulnerabilities Published by Year



(“The State of Open Source Security”, Snyk, 2017)

# Motivation

Using components with known vulnerabilities:

- ❑ Included in **OWASP Top 10** (2013-2017): A9
- ❑ Root cause of 12 of the top 50 data breaches in 2016

➤ **Mossack Fonseca (Panama Papers)** consequences can be:

- Financial
- **Equifax** breach
- Loss of customers' trust
- Loss of image/reputation



# Just Update?

Perhaps during development, but **transitive** dependencies **understood**

```
javassist : 3.18.2-GA
junit : 3.8.1 [test]
commons-logging : 1.1.3
log4j : 1.2.17
antlr4 : 4.2.2
commons-cli : 1.2
commons-configuration : 1.10
commons-collections : 3.2.1
commons-beanutils : 1.9.2
commons-compress : 1.8.1
vcs-client : 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT
commons-httpclient : 3.1
maven-model : 2.2.1
```

13 to 40

```
antlr-runtime : 3.5.2 [compile]
antlr4 : 4.2.2 [compile]
antlr4-annotations : 4.2.2 [compile]
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commons-beanutils : 1.9.2 [compile]
commons-cli : 1.2 [compile]
commons-codec : 1.2 [compile]
commons-collections : 3.2.1 [compile]
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commons-httpclient : 3.1 [compile]
commons-io : 2.4 [compile]
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httpclient : 4.1.3 [compile]
httpcore : 4.1.4 [compile]
JavaEWAH : 0.7.9 [compile]
javassist : 3.18.2-GA [compile]
jna : 3.5.2 [compile]
jsch : 0.1.50 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.connector-factory : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.core : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.pageant : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.sshagent : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.svnkit-trilead-ssh2 : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.usocket-jna : 0.0.7 [compile]
jsch.agentproxy.usocket-nc : 0.0.7 [compile]
junit : 3.8.1 [test]
log4j : 1.2.17 [compile]
maven-model : 2.2.1 [compile]
org.abego.treelayout.core : 1.0.1 [compile]
org.eclipse.jgit : 3.6.0.201411121045-m1 [compile]
platform : 3.5.2 [compile]
plexus-utils : 1.5.15 [compile]
sequence-library : 1.0.2 [compile]
sqljet : 1.1.10 [compile]
ST4 : 4.0.8 [compile]
svnkit : 1.8.3-1 [compile]
trilead-ssh2 : 1.0.0-build217 [compile]
vcs-client : 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT [compile]
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considered and may be **unknown** or **not**

Unrealistic for **live** applications

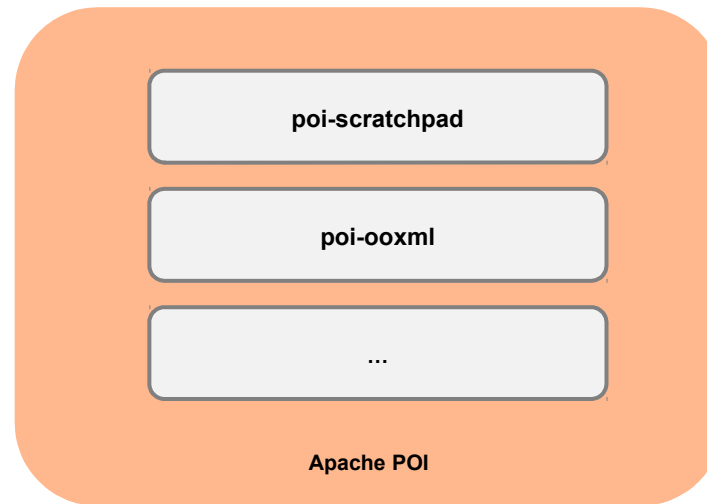
# Impact analysis is difficult

Vulnerability description (in natural language) often not useful

***CVE-2012-5633:*** “The *URIMappingInterceptor* in Apache CXF before 2.5.8, 2.6.x before 2.6.5, and 2.7.x before 2.7.2, when using the *WSS4JInInterceptor*, bypasses WS-Security processing, which allows remote attackers to obtain access to SOAP services via an HTTP GET request.”

# Impact analysis is difficult

Vulnerabilities are assigned to entire projects (e.g., Apache POI, Tomcat), sub-components (e.g. Jar archives) are used separately



# Existing approaches

based on meta-data

- ❑ Most tools “somehow” map finer-grained OSS components (e.g., JAR archives) to vulnerabilities using the project metadata
- ❑ **Actual code is ignored**

## Limitations:

- ❑ False-positives (e.g., multi-module projects)
- ❑ False-negatives (e.g., re-bundling)
- ❑ Focus only on detection (no app-specific analysis)



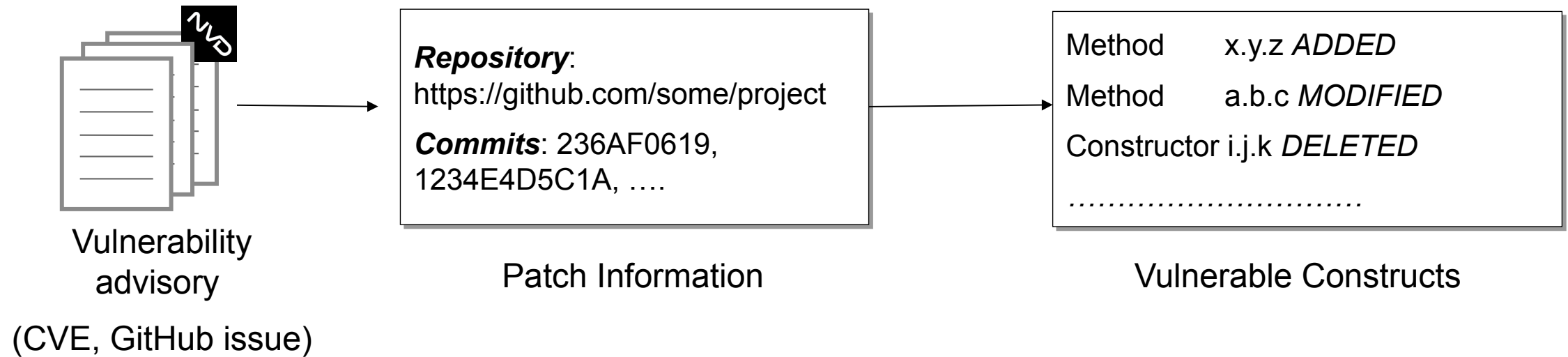
# Contributions

- ❑ From vulnerability to **vulnerable constructs** (actual code)
- ❑ Code-centric **detection** of known vulnerabilities
- ❑ Static and Dynamic **assessment** of vulnerable code
- ❑ Metrics to support selection of non-vulnerable libraries (**mitigation**)

# Approach



# Vulnerable Constructs



# Vulnerable Constructs (CVE-2014-3574)



< org.apache.poi.util.SAXHelper.getSAXReader() > Feedback			
Change	Entity Type	Changed Entity	New Entity
Insert			xmlReader.setValidation(false);
Insert			trySetSAXFeature(xmlReader, XMLConstants.FEATURE_SECURE_PR...
Insert			trySetXercesSecurityManager(xmlReader);

## Vulnerable to Fixed

### Vulnerable

Collapse all

Expand all

	AST Code Representation
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAXReader xmlReader = new SAXReader();
<input type="checkbox"/>	xmlReader.setEntityResolver(new EntityResolver() { public InputSource resolveEntity(String publicId, String systemId) throws return new InputSource(new StringReader("")); } });
<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN xmlReader;

### Fixed

Collapse all

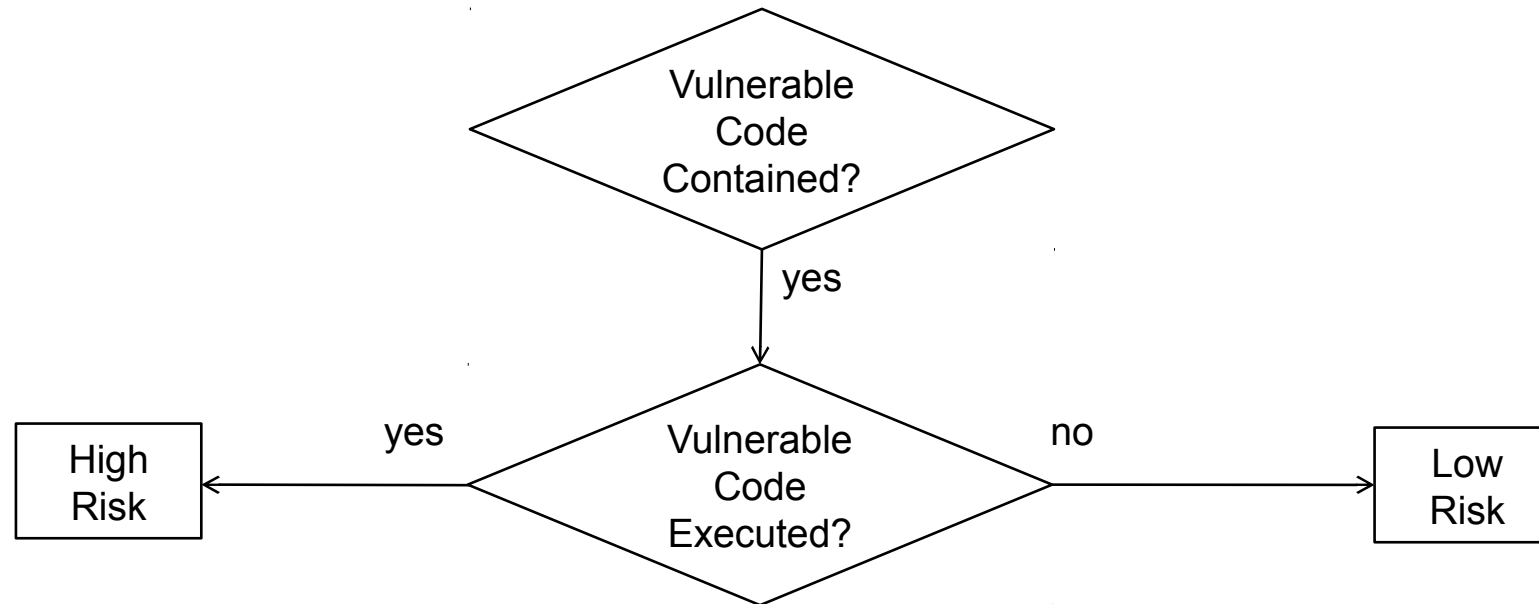
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<input type="checkbox"/>	trySetXercesSecurityManager(xmlReader);
<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN xmlReader;

# Approach



**Assumption:** If an application contains and executes vulnerable constructs, then there is a significant risk that the vulnerability can be exploited in the application context



- ❑ Dynamic analysis
- ❑ Static reachability analysis
- ❑ Combination of static and dynamic analysis

Ponta, Plate, Sabetta,  
“[Beyond Metadata: Code-centric and Usage-based Analysis of Known Vulnerabilities in Open-source Software](#)”

34<sup>th</sup> IEEE Int Conf on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME), 2018


# Demo





# Vulnerability Overview





com.acme.foo : vulas-testapp-webapp : 3.0.8-MVN


  
Vulnerabilities

  
Dependencies

  
Statistics

  
History

  
Search

  
Mitigation

Vulnerable Archives (distinct SHA1): 11

Vulnerabilities: 62


Reset table

Reload data

☐ Include historical vulnerabilities

☐ Include unconfirmed vulnerabilities (hourglass)

\* Analyze and assess ALL vulnerabilities, no matter the CVSS score. The severity of open-source vulnerabilities significantly depends on the application-specific context (in which the open-source component is used). Thus, the actual severity can differ significantly from the (context-independent) CVSS base score provided by 3rd parties such as the NVD.

Ass...	Dependenc... (Direct / Trans...)	Archive Filename (Digest)	Vulnerability (CVSS Score*)	Inclusion of vulnerable code	Static Analysi... execution of v...	Dynamic Anal... execution of v...
	<b>SYSTEM</b> direct	<b>cf1.2.2-cc1.4-xz1.0.jar</b> 7F7798C34114BF620EFA99DFF6770C458234FDBC	<b>CVE-2012-2098</b> 5.0 (v2.0)	!	🐾	🐾
	<b>SYSTEM</b> direct	<b>cf1.2.2-cc1.4-xz1.0.jar</b> 7F7798C34114BF620EFA99DFF6770C458234FDBC	<b>CVE-2013-2186</b> 7.5 (v2.0)	!	🐾	🐾
	<b>SYSTEM</b> direct	<b>cf1.2.2-cc1.4-xz1.0.jar</b> 7F7798C34114BF620EFA99DFF6770C458234FDBC	<b>CVE-2014-0050</b> 7.5 (v2.0)	!	🐾	🐾
	<b>SYSTEM</b> direct	<b>cf1.2.2-cc1.4-xz1.0.jar</b> 7F7798C34114BF620EFA99DFF6770C458234FDBC	<b>CVE-2016-3092-FU</b> 7.8 (v2.0)	!	🐾	🐾
	<b>COMPILE</b> direct	<b>commons-collections-3.2.1.jar</b> 761EA405B9B37CED573D2DF0D1E3A4E0F9EDC668	<b>COLLECTIONS-580</b> n/a	!		
	<b>COMPILE</b> direct	<b>commons-fileupload-1.2.1.jar</b> 384FAA82E193D4E4B0546059CA09572654BC3970	<b>CVE-2013-0248</b> 3.3 (v2.0)	!	🐾	
	<b>COMPILE</b> direct	<b>commons-fileupload-1.2.1.jar</b> 384FAA82E193D4E4B0546059CA09572654BC3970	<b>CVE-2013-2186</b> 7.5 (v2.0)	!	🐾	
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# Vulnerability Details



←
CVE-2014-3574

↗ NVD
↗ Exploit DB
?

**Vulnerability Id:** CVE-2014-3574

**Description:**

Apache POI before 3.10.1 and 3.11.x before 3.11-beta2 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (CPU consumption and crash) via a crafted OOXML file, aka an XML Entity Expansion (XEE) attack.

**References:**

**CVSS Score:** 4.3 (v2.0)

**Published at:** 2014-09-04T00:00:00.000Z

**Modified at:** 2017-08-28T00:00:00.000Z

**Covered by Vulas since:** 2016-12-16T15:43:01.891+0000

**Filename:** [poi-ooxml-3.11-beta1.jar](#)

**Archive ID:** [org.apache.poi : poi-ooxml : 3.11-beta1](#)

**Programming constructs of the change list of the OSS patch**

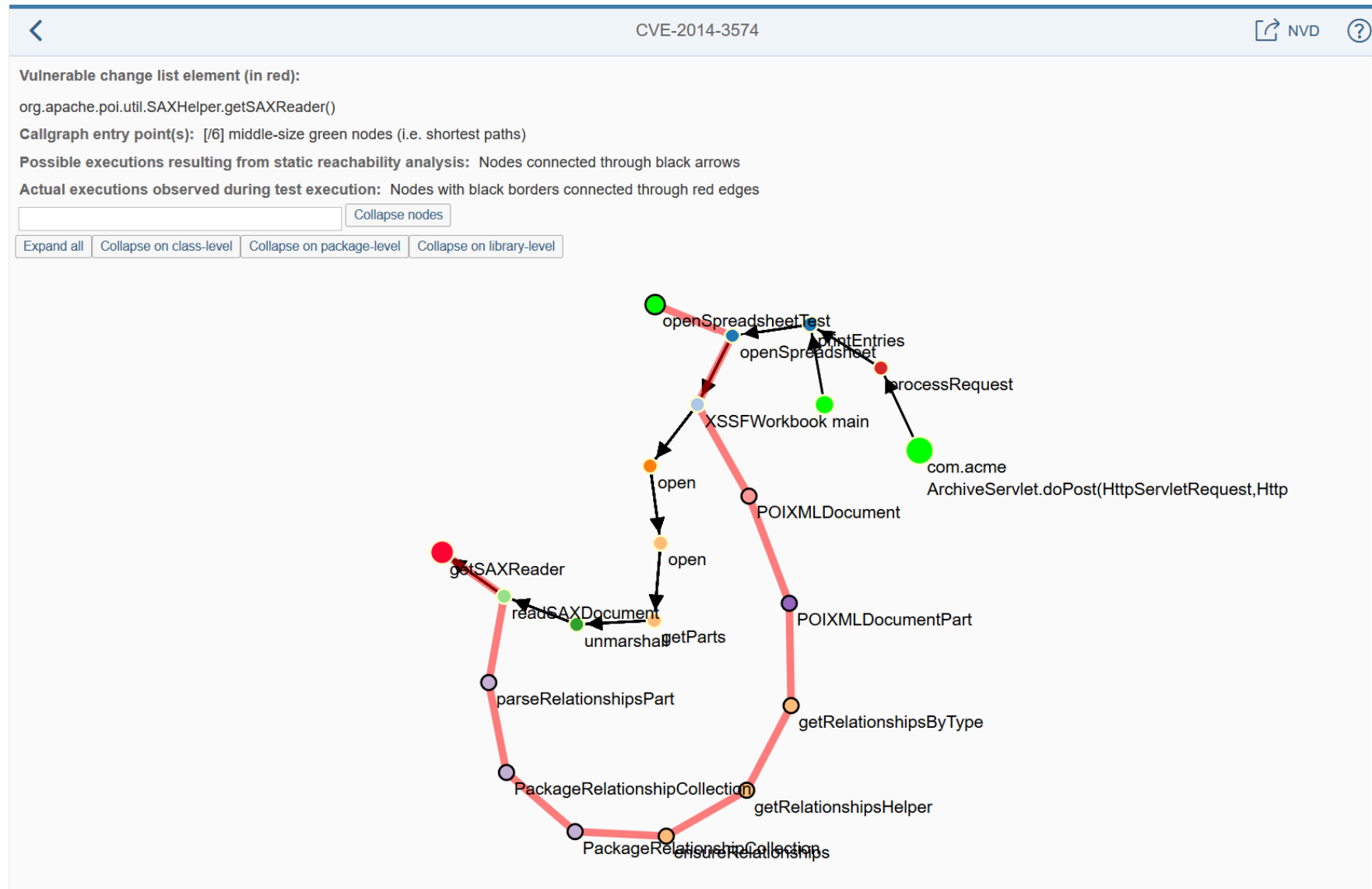
Repository: <http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/poi>

Revisions fixing the vulnerability: 1615720, 1615731, 1615781, 1616509

Change	Revision	Type	Qualified Construct Name (Path)	Contained	Reacha...	Traced
MOD	1615720	PACK	<b>org.apache.poi.util</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/util/SAXHelper.java	true		
MOD	1615720	Class	<b>org.apache.poi.util.SAXHelper</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/util/SAXHelper.java	true	N/a	N/a
MOD	1615720	Method	<b>org.apache.poi.util.SAXHelper.getSAXReader()</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/util/SAXHelper.java	true		
ADD	1615720	Method	<b>org.apache.poi.util.SAXHelper.trySetSAXFeature(SAXReader,String,boolean)</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/util/SAXHelper.java	false		
ADD	1615720	Method	<b>org.apache.poi.util.SAXHelper.trySetXercesSecurityManager(SAXReader)</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/util/SAXHelper.java	false		
MOD	1615720	PACK	<b>org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel</b> /poi/trunk/src/ooxml/testcases/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/TestXSSFBugs.java	true		



# Vulnerability Details



# Mitigation Overview



com.acme.foo : vulas-testapp-webapp : 3.0.8-MVN			
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			
Dependency Scope (Direct / Transitive)	Archive Filename (Digest)	Co...	Latest release published
<b>SYSTEM</b> direct	<b>cf1.2.2-cc1.4-xz1.0.jar</b> 7F7798C34114BF620EFA99DFF6770C458234FDBC Artifact ID: stuff:stuff:stuff	4	Artifact identifier unknown to Maven Central *
<b>COMPILE</b> direct	<b>commons-collections-3.2.1.jar</b> 761EA405B9B37CED573D2DF0D1E3A4E0F9EDC668 Artifact ID: commons-collections:commons-collections:3.2.1	1	org.apache.commons:commons-collections4:4.2 **
<b>COMPILE</b> direct	<b>commons-fileupload-1.2.1.jar</b> 384FAA82E193D4E4B0546059CA09572654BC3970 Artifact ID: commons-fileupload:commons-fileupload:1.2.1	5	commons-fileupload:commons-fileupload:1.3.3
<b>COMPILE</b> transitive	<b>dom4j-1.6.1.jar</b> 5D3CCC056B6F056DBF0DDDFDF43894B9065A8F94 Artifact ID: dom4j:dom4j:1.6.1	1	Latest is vulnerable

# Mitigation Details



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poi-ooxml-3.11-beta1.jar

Maven Central

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Digest: FFF639993219BFCF052AD7636E4ADE0B6B445458 (SHA1)

Digest verified: true

Dependency Path:  
C:\Users\i0279621.m2\repository\org\apache\poi\poi-ooxml\3.11-beta1\poi-ooxml-3.11-beta1.jar

Calls from application to archive:  

Distinct callers: 1

Distinct callees: 4

Calls: 4

Caller	Caller type	Callee	Potential	Traced
com.acme.ArchivePrinter.openSpreadshe...	METH	org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel.XSSFWor...	true	false
com.acme.ArchivePrinter.openSpreadshe...	METH	org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel.XSSFShe...	false	true
com.acme.ArchivePrinter.openSpreadshe...	CONS	org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel.XSSFWor...	true	false
com.acme.ArchivePrinter.openSpreadshe...	INIT	org.apache.poi.POIXMLDocumentPart.<cl...	false	true

Library size and application-specific use

Construct Type	Count Total
ENUM	43
INIT	82
CONS	630
METH	3879
MODU	0
FUNC	0
PACK	33
CLASS	456
countExecutable	4591

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poi-ooxml-3.11-beta1.jar

Maven Central

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Finding non-vulnerable library releases

Only libraries that are not vulnerable and newer than the one in use are shown.

Show/hide all releases

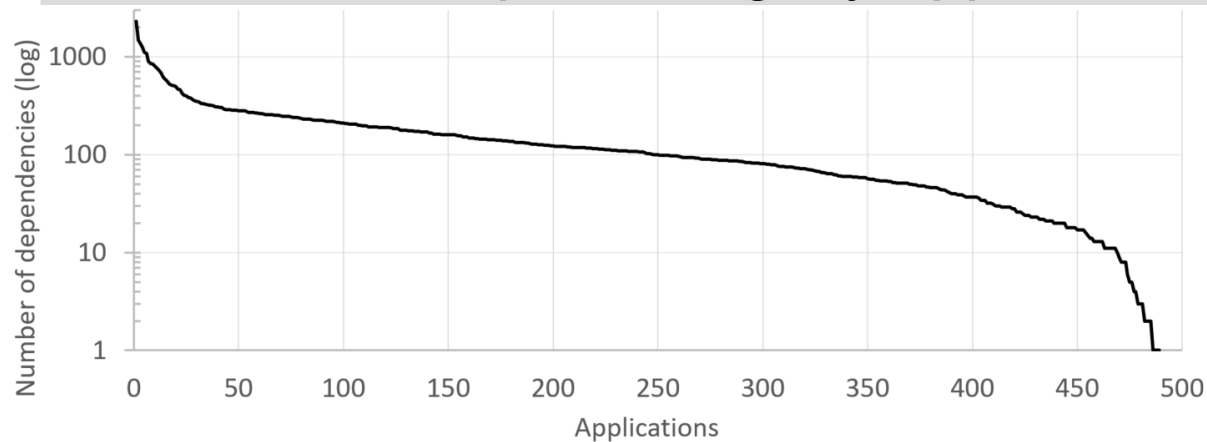
Library Id	Count confirmed vulnerab...	Callee stability	Dev. effort (calls to modify)	Reachable body stability	Overall body stability
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.15-be...	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	348 out of 369 (94 %)	3750 out of 4509 (83 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.15-be...	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	346 out of 369 (94 %)	3689 out of 4509 (82 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.15	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	335 out of 369 (91 %)	3623 out of 4509 (80 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.16-be...	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	335 out of 369 (91 %)	3619 out of 4509 (80 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.16-be...	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	335 out of 369 (91 %)	3603 out of 4509 (80 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.16	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	335 out of 369 (91 %)	3597 out of 4509 (80 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.17-be...	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	333 out of 369 (90 %)	3560 out of 4509 (79 %)
org.apache.poi.poi-ooxml:3.17	0	4 out of 4 (100 %)	0 out of 4 (0 %)	333 out of 369 (90 %)	3569 out of 4509 (79 %)

# Experience Report

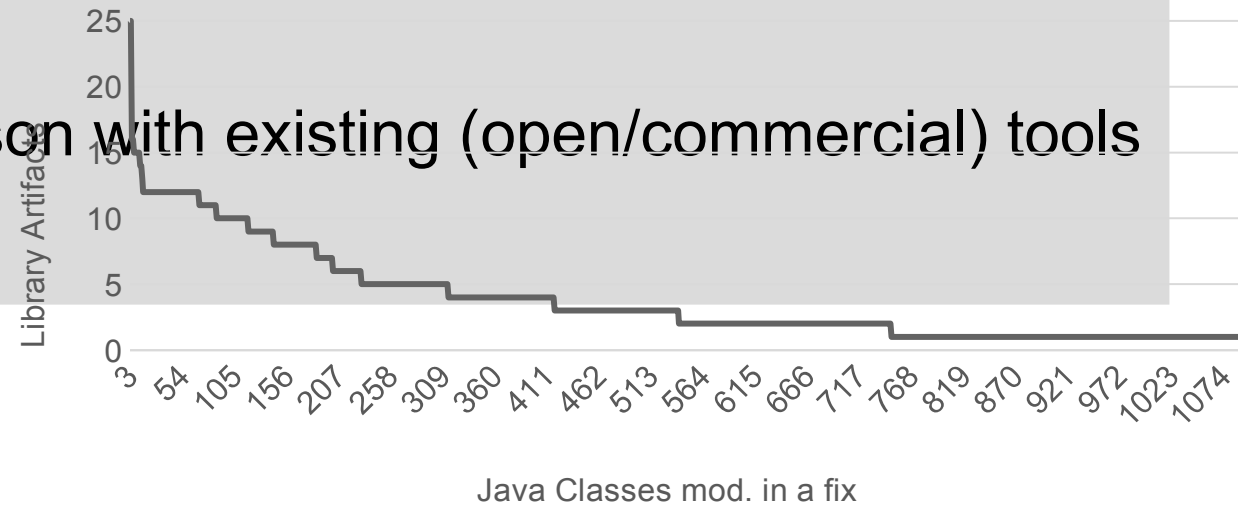


# Evaluation

- ❑ No downtime since Dec 2016
- ❑ 250,000 scans of 500 applications
- ❑ Under-development/legacy applications



Comparison with existing (open/commercial) tools



# Beyond Metadata!

- ❑ NVD reported that “Eclipse Mojarra before 2.3.5 is affected by CVE-2018-14371”
- ❑ Vulas found that Eclipse Mojarra 2.3.5 includes vulnerable code
- ❑ CVE Modified by MITRE - 8/27/2018 9:29:00 AM

Action	Type	Old Value	New Value
Changed	Description	The getLocalePrefix function in ResourceManager.java in Eclipse Mojarra before 2.3.5 is affected by Directory Traversal via the loc parameter. A remote attacker can download configuration files or Java bytecodes from applications.	The getLocalePrefix function in ResourceManager.java in Eclipse Mojarra before 2.3.7 is affected by Directory Traversal via the loc parameter. A remote attacker can download configuration files or Java bytecodes from applications.

# Vulas Summary



## Client-side tools

- Plugins for Maven and Gradle (Java) and setuptools (Python)
- Command Line Interface (CLI) for everything else

## Two server-side microservices

- Tenants and workspaces to separate scans
- RESTful interfaces

## Enterprise-ready

- Usable in CI/CD pipelines, but also for legacy software
- Aggregated reports and audit of findings
- New vulnerabilities are detected without needing to re-scan
- Support of CERT: Which of our apps are impacted by vulnerability X?
- Non-disclosed (internal) vulnerabilities can also be added to knowledge base

# Vulas is Open-source





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**Goal:** Establish a collaboration among enterprises, universities and Open Source foundations to reduce the risk coming from the use of vulnerable OSS components, e.g.,

- ❑ Contributions to the vulnerability knowledge base
- ❑ New analysis techniques
- ❑ New languages

Already available

- ❑ Core components (client-side tools and server-side components)
- ❑ Docker files

Coming Soon

- ❑ Knowledge base with 780+ public vulnerabilities
- ❑ Other features: Gradle plugin, Python setuptools plugin, etc.

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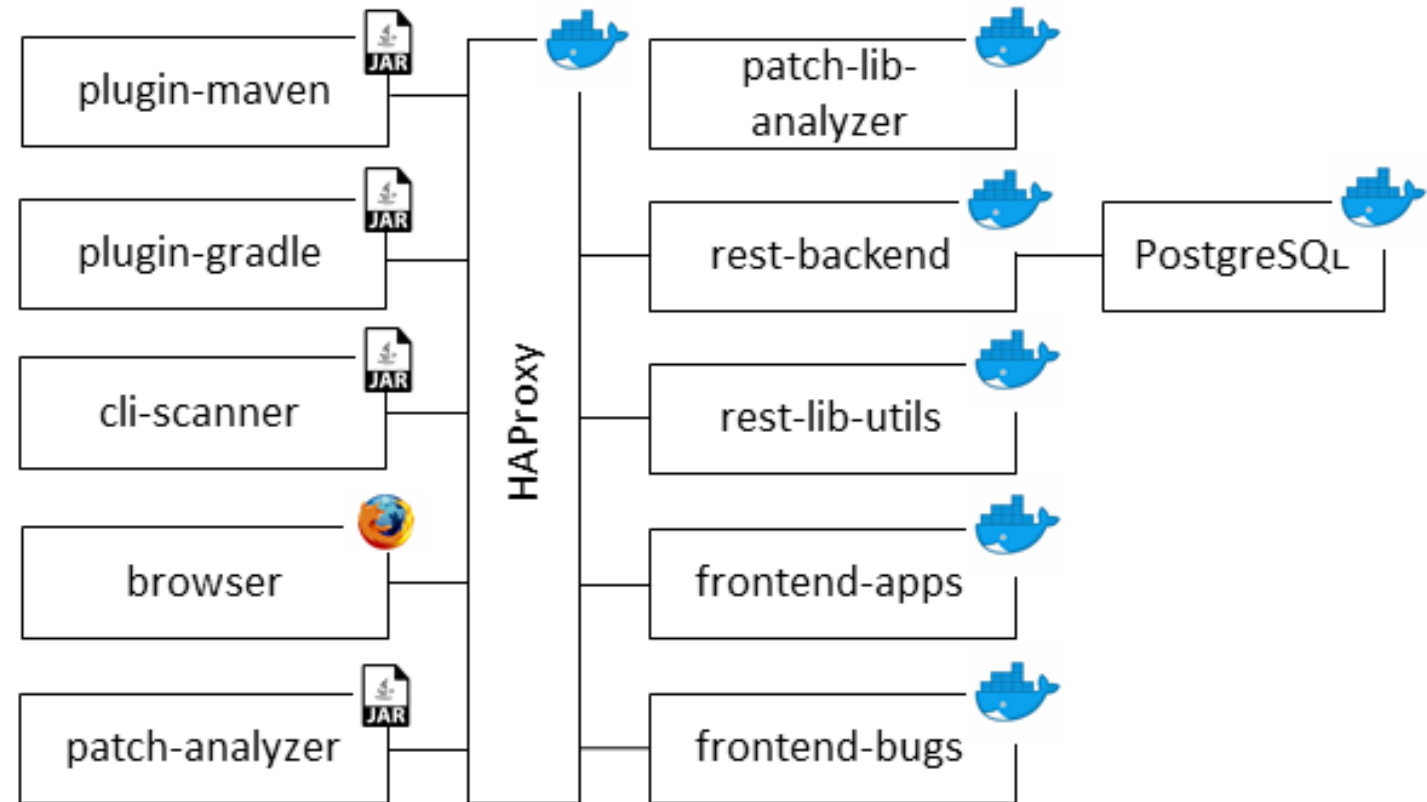
# Try it out!



<https://github.com/SAP/vulnerability-assessment-tool>

Docker to

- ❑ build project
- ❑ facilitate operation of server-side components
- ❑ Interested in an introductory session?  
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