

Workshop Capabilities and Functional Blocks

The OpenChain reference tooling work group 2021

Agenda



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1.	Recap of work done so far	All
2.	Align Overview and description with capability model	All

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Capability model	Parts of the toolchain
Component any software element that is treated as a uniquely identifiable entity within the compliance process (e.g. proprietary, commercial, or FOSS component)	3 rd party software elements Any software element which is either licensed under a different license or from a different origin
Product a piece of software that is analysed by the compliance process for purposes of distribution	“Product” Any software that is analyzed by the compliance process
Business Context the information defining the situation and circumstances of a foreseen distribution of a <i>product</i> , including the distribution license, distribution channel, any export related information, the foreseen audience (e.g. customers, partners, Open Source, regional constraints), etc.	Business Context the information defining the situation and circumstances of a foreseen product business use

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Artifact Repository

A system or service providing (binary) software artifacts and metadata stored in a defined directory structure which is used to retrieve artifacts during a build process. This is used as a cache for the external Artifact Repository to ensure the availability of all components used within the company, it is also the storage for the build software artifacts of the company, used in the Continuous Integration Infrastructure to store the build results. Example: [Archiva](#)

Package Crawler/Finder

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research information on (new) components such as locate the repository, current and former versions, project homepage and viability information
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect and provide accurate information about the component• Alert, if component can't be matched/found
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scan package managers for new packages or versions of packages• Collect package data• Transfer data into package repository
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component descriptor or component name
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component Information, such as: source repository url, version history, branches, commit count, stars, last commit date, etc.
Comments	

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Dependency Resolver

A tool that determines the dependencies of software projects. It is technology and package manager specific how dependencies are expressed - thus there need to be dedicated functionality of the different package managers in use. The dependency resolver ensures the all dependencies are resolved recursively. It ensures that the output is a technology and package manager neutral complete list of dependencies.

Dependency Analyzer (Source)

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide composition analysis of software to be built from these sources
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine all packages and dependencies used to build the software• Allow to stop a CI/CD chain, if violations occur
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate with build process (CI/CD)• Determine composition (complete Bill of Materials)• Provide output for further analysis, e.g. as SPDX• Provide link between scanned source and BoM information, e.g. Commit ID
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build description, e.g. POM or requirements.txt
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill of Materials (BoM) for particular build
Comments	Analysis and dependency resolution is highly language specific. Thus a language specific implementation might be required

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Binary Analyzer

A system or service that analyses binary files, like executables or libraries. Its main purpose is to identify the contents of binary files and making this information available for further analysis, such as license compliance, security research or composition analysis..

Dependency Analyzer (Binary)

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide composition analysis of a software binary
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine all packages and dependencies used within this binary• Allow to stop a CI/CD chain, if violations occur
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Download binary (if required)• Unpack binary• Assess content and determine used packages/components• Collect information and assemble Bill of Materials• Provide Bill of Materials (e.g. as SPDX)• Provide link between BoM and scanned artefact, e.g. binary repo ID
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Binary or link to binary location
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill of Materials (BoM) for particular binary
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hash to identify the binary scanned should be generated and archived

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Container Content Resolver

A system or service that analyses a given software container to determine the packages and their metadata installed in the container image. Thus the container content resolver provides the bill of material of a container image.

Dependency Analyzer (Container)

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide composition analysis of a container
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine all packages and dependencies used within this container• Allow to stop a CI/CD chain, if violations occur
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Download container (if necessary)• Assess container content/structure and determine used packages/components• Collect information and assemble Bill of Materials• Provide Bill of Materials (e.g. as SPDX)• Provide link between BoM and scanned container, e.g. Repo + image ID + tag
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Container or link to container location
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill of Materials (BoM) for particular container
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hash to identify the scanned container should be generated and archived

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License & Copyright Scanner

A tool that analyses source code to identify license and copyright information. usually these tools need to provide a UI in order to be able to review the tool findings and if necessary to correct the tool findings.

License, Copyright & Authors Scanner

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precise scanning of sources to determine exact situation for compliance proper declarations
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure correctness of compliance information
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify copyright statements• Identify authors• Identify effective licenses
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repository or file(s) to scan
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of effective and declared licenses with links into code• List of copyright statements with links into code• List of author information with links into code
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Clarify granularity required to differentiate between author, commiter and copyright holder

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Forensic Code Analysis Service

Dedicated tools and services which scan the source code concerning integrated 3rd party code snippets and aim to provide license information about the origin and applicable license of the source code snippets. These kind of tools or services are often called **scanner for plagiarism**.

Snippet Scanner

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify origin of sources
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure source code is free from copyright infringements due to copying routines or third party code
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scan sources for known snippets• Provide scan results
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repository or file(s) to scan
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of potential infringements with links to potential matches (e.g. in existing OSS)• Weighting/ordering of potential matches
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Discuss whether snippet similarity and file similarity should be treated the same. While snippet similarity often is seen critical due to many false positives, file similarity can be pretty relevant, especially for languages such as C/C++ or Python

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Component Inventory (Metadata Repository)

A system or service that stores metadata about used software components. This includes meta data like ids of the components in other systems, licenses, copyrights, known vulnerabilities and information, that is needed to do export classifications (ECCN), such as information about the contained cryptographic functionality. The Component Metadata Repository can be linked to an external FOSS Metadata Database to retrieve commonly known information and make it usable within the organization. Also Security Vulnerability Database and other sources for e.g. export classification-relevant data, can be linked to retrieve the necessary information and to make it available within the company.

Package Data Repository

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect package information and clearing data on packages
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single point of truth for package information
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store packages data• Support composition analysis (verification of dependency analysis)• Provide search capabilities to identify existing packages• Support authentication/authorization to ensure responsible data handling/editing
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Package data and metadata (if known)
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Package data and metadata, including package type (e.g. OSS, COTS, internal) and completion/verification status of associated metadata• Containment structures (consists of)• Dependency structures (depends on)• Optional: relate known vulnerability information (not OSC specific, but a good place)
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Clarify role or repo in relation to the archive function. SW360 comes as archive, which actually could also be served by Git or binary repositories. Thus adding an archive function here might just duplicate the code• TODO: Clarify unique identification of OSS pkgs, e.g. package URL, to be mandatory

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Not existing

Situation Data(Structure of Solution, Circumstances, etc.)

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide bracket for all compliance relevant information that is not directly related to source of a product / distribution item
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure completeness of product documentation
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect all product specific information, including package change & linkage status (via history)• Follow the release cycle of a particular product, e.g. approvals• Organize access rights and assign roles• Build canvas for reporting and analysis of a given composition & in a given situation
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill of Materials (BoM)• External components, e.g. runtime environments, middleware or resources• Participants / Stakeholders
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status Overview• History of events• Reporting
Comments	

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Policy Checker (Compliance Checker)

System or service which takes at least the concrete deliverable of a software product or service, the licenses of the the integrated OSS components and checks whether the concrete deliverable is in-line with the company policy for the specific product category and the deliverable.

E.g. Not all licenses may be allowed for a certain product or service category or certain licenses may not be allowed for a certain deliverable, etc.

Policies & Rules

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document context and evolution of the context of a project
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track all relevant changes in the project environment
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document legal circumstances, e.g. commercial aspects, trade secrets, export aspects or IP protection requirements, etc.• Document changes in project specific black lists or whitelists• Track changes• Allow managing groups of projects with consistent policies & rules
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal requirements• Black- and whitelists• Project specific roles or policies
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of changes
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: how to capture policies & rules in a form that allows automation/repetition

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COTS Management

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) and infrastructure packages of a solution
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow tracking of composition as well as 3rd party vulnerability and compliance tracking• Collect and provide data for 3rd party or infrastructure packages
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide place to store 3rd party package and license information• Allow to assemble reports like SOUP-lists• (Review 3rd party assemblies for known vulnerabilities)
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Package data and metadata (if known)• Binary scan information (BoM)
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Package data and metadata (updated)
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Build consensus on whether to include the vulnerability information or not. It is not required for compliance purposes

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Obligation Fulfilment

A system or service where all the obligations resulting from the integrated OSS components are aggregated. How these obligations are fulfilled for a certain deliverable is documented and made available to provide an audit trail that a certain deliverable is made available in a license compliant way.

Legal Solver

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine legal rights and obligations resulting from the usage of the listed packages within the project context
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide compliance requirements
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess license information from all packages (recent BoMs, infrastructure and COTS)• Determine license obligations• Identify effective licenses
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composition analysis of all project related packages, their status and licenses• Legal circumstances and requirements
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of legal obligations by package and mitigation hints
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independent from package status the analysis results may vary depending on changes in the circumstances. Thus analysis results should be versioned to allow allocation to related circumstances.

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License Obligations Database

System or service which provides for licenses its legal analysis. Usually the licenses analysis results in the more easy to understand:

- obligations
- restrictions
- permissions
- risks

An obligation is for example that the text of the license has to be provided together with the software. A restriction is for example that one is not allowed to impose further restrictions on the recipients exercise of the rights granted in the license.

License Repository

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capture and archive legal information about licenses
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage and provide legal information about licenses
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capture all license information including derived requirements• Provide environment to allow license analysis• Track license data changes• Provide reference for original license texts
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• License data
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• License data (updated)
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could be combined with legal solver, but we decided to provide as separate capability. A solver requires the repository, but the solver also could be a human worker.

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FOSS Compliance Bundle Generator

A tool that creates all the necessary documentation needed for the distribution of a software e.g. a so called FOSS disclosure document consisting of:

- required legal notices
- optional: a written offer to provide the complete corresponding source code with data whom to contact
- list of all integrated components with all:
 - copyright notices
 - acknowledgments
 - applicable licenses

Another output the FOSS compliance bundle generator produces is the source code bundle consisting of the source code of the integrated FOSS packages. As well as the description of the build environment.

Note that different delivery models of a product may require different FOSS compliance bundles.

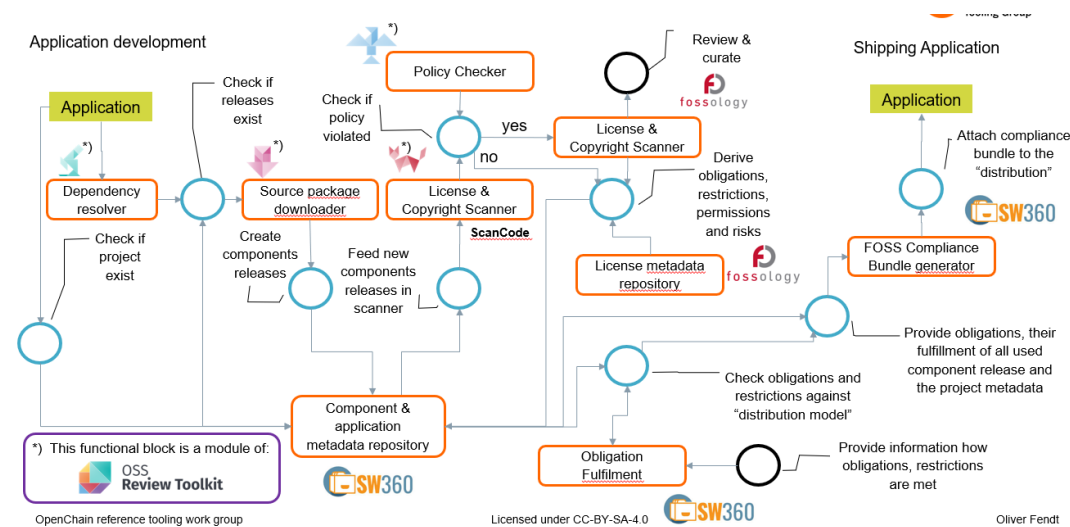
Compliance Artefact Generator

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support provisioning of compliance documentation
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure legally compliant documentation
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate documentation according to requirements• Support Compliance Managers in completing tasks• Provide documentation parts, e.g. written offer, license texts, copyrights, modification statement, etc.• Link documentation with documentation objects (version management)
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of versioned packages to be documented (BoMs)• Legal requirements with respect to particular circumstances
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stub with all documentation requirements• Pre-assembled stub with all existing information (e.g. from repository)• Identified TODOs for missing bits
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: We might consider to define a specific output format (e.g. PDF, JSON, SPDX, etc.)

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Reference workflow



Approval Flow

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help decentralising compliance work through approval
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide approval flow appropriate for audit
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track all legally relevant changes to products and packages• Identify authors of change• Provide compliance status and overview• Allow to approve or reject an approval request• Document/archive all decisions (auditing)
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval request for (list of packages, legal situation, compliance documentation)
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State of compliance analysis for approval request• Approval / Rejection documentation
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The approval by a dedicated, skilled resource (Compliance Manager) combined with the automation support for all prior steps reduces the need for Compliance Managers

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User & Role Management

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide role based authorization
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authenticate users• Manage roles and authorizations• Assign users to roles
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify users (Login, oAuth, MFA)• Manage roles and related authorizations (permissions assigned to roles)• Manage API Keys
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Users• Roles• Assignments (user to project, etc.)
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access tokens
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Discuss whether this shall be a capability. As information about non-compliance might be critical aspect I would suggest to include it. But from a pure functional point of view, this seems not to be required

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Audit Log

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain log of changes and user actions
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure confirmability of configuration changes• Ensure tracing and archiving of all user actions/decisions for auditing purposes
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track user activity and changes in settings, especially legal settings• Track and archive user decisions and related context to enable auditing
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• User actions / events
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of changes with actors• Transparency
Comments	

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Reporting & Analytics

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visualize work, efforts and success of compliance initiative
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure compliance related activity• Provide insights into state of portfolio
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide lists and and insights
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report specific configuration
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports• Transparency
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Discuss whether we want to define specific reports that shall be supported

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Reporting & Analytics

Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Realize overall compliance workflow and machinery
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange combination of tools to cope with compliance challenge• Handle handover between capabilities
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trigger events
Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TODO: Discuss whether we want to define specific events in an underlying flow

Links / Communication



Where to communicate what?

Github:

<https://github.com/Open-Source-Compliance/Sharing-creates-value>

Slack:

https://join.slack.com/t/ossbasedcompl-bhx9742/shared_invite/enQtODE2MTMxNzUyNDY1LWQyNWVlNzkyMjhhOWUyNDdjNDJlMzk0YzU0NDUwNzQ2YzY0Mzc1N2Y2NjhhZGEyN2JmNDE0ZTg2MTBjYmM3MWI

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