



Continuous Delivery and Secure Code Delivery : impossible ?

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Secure Code Delivery: Definition

- **Getting software to your users in a way they can trust**
 - Userbase Consistency Verification
 - Reproducible Builds
 - Cryptographic Signatures

Userbase Consistency Verification

Everyone gets the same deliverable

Everyone can verify it

Prevent targeted attacks

Public append-only ledger

(Sorry, blockchains are not needed)

Reproducible Builds

Code ⇔ Deliverable

Hard to backdoor the deliverable

Help if a maintainer is malicious or attacked

<https://reproducible-builds.org/>

Cryptographic Signatures

Anchor of trust to maintainers

Software is released by the authorized people



Secure Code Delivery: Challenges

- **Userbase Consistency Verification**
 - Mostly not supported by existing delivery software
 - Infrastructure can be hard to maintain
- **Reproducible builds**
 - Heterogeneous build systems
 - Codebase size
- **Cryptographic Signatures**
 - Releases frequency

Tuleap release process

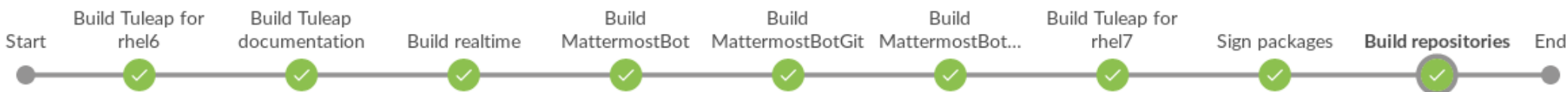
- **What a Tuleap release is?**

- Delivered as RPM packages (GPG signature)
- Two kinds:
 - Built out of tags (monthly snapshot)
 - Built out of master



- **Continuous Delivery**

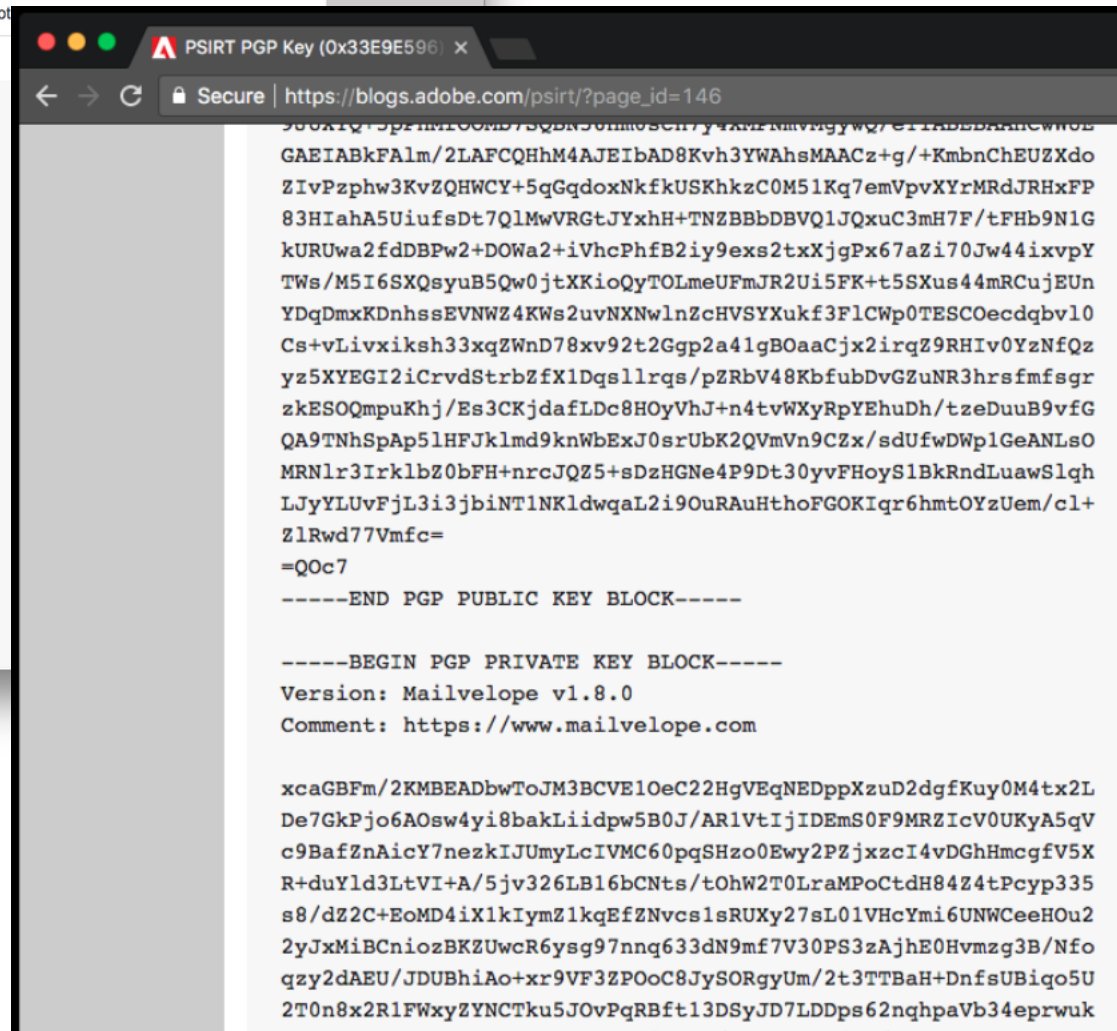
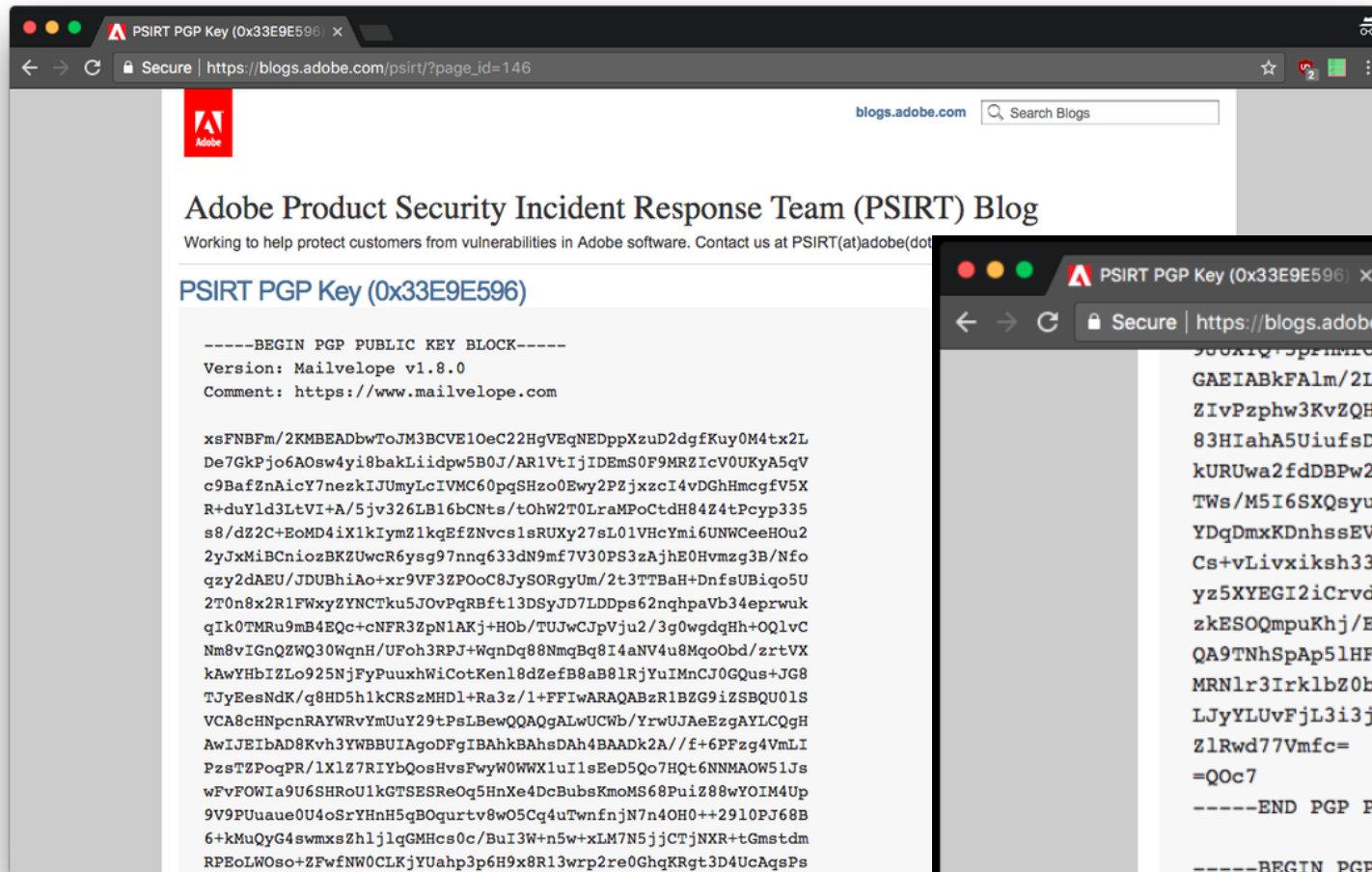
- Each contributions integrated triggers and publish a new release
- ~140 monthly releases
- Heavy use of Jenkins pipeline and Docker containers



Tuleap packages signing (2012-2016)

- **Only packages built from tags were signed**
- **No automation: process entirely manual**
- **GPG key used to sign the RPM packages:**
 - Stored encrypted with the GPG keys of maintainers
 - Master passphrase of the key also stored encrypted with the GPG keys of the maintainers
 - In the best secret store: a Subversion repository

Hard to Get Right, Easy to Fail



No Audit Trail

- **When was the key used?**
- **By who?**
- **And for what?**

- **Not even a slight chance to detect a compromise**
- **Can tell what happened**

Does Not Scale

- **~ 10/15mn to sign the packages:**
 - Find the obscure wiki page describing the process
 - Remember how GPG CLI tool works
 - Read 3 times the wiki in the hope of not making mistakes
 - Sign the packages (finally!)
- **140 times a month?**

Tuleap packages signing (2012-2016)

~ Packages signed

- Most used packages were not signed

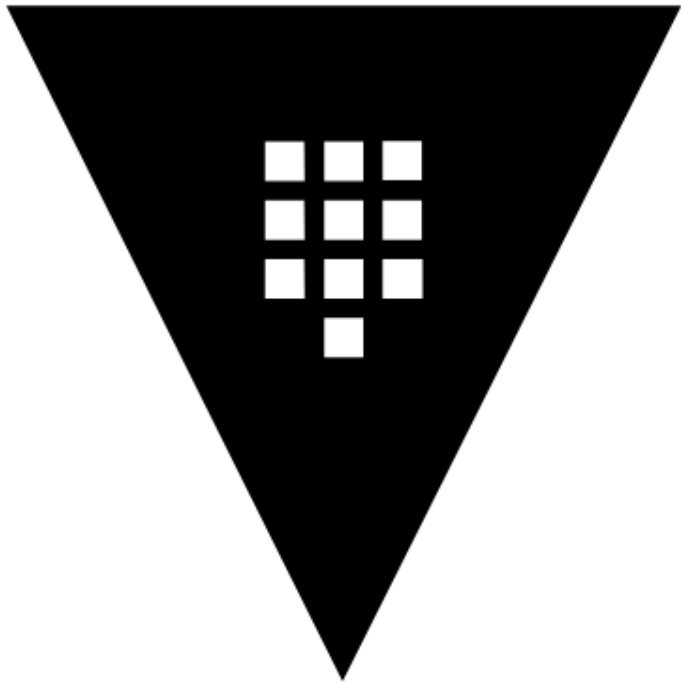
✗ Automated

✗ Leak prevention

✗ Least privilege

✗ Auditing capabilities

HashiCorp Vault



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Vault

HashiCorp Vault: Secret backends

- **Store and generate secrets**

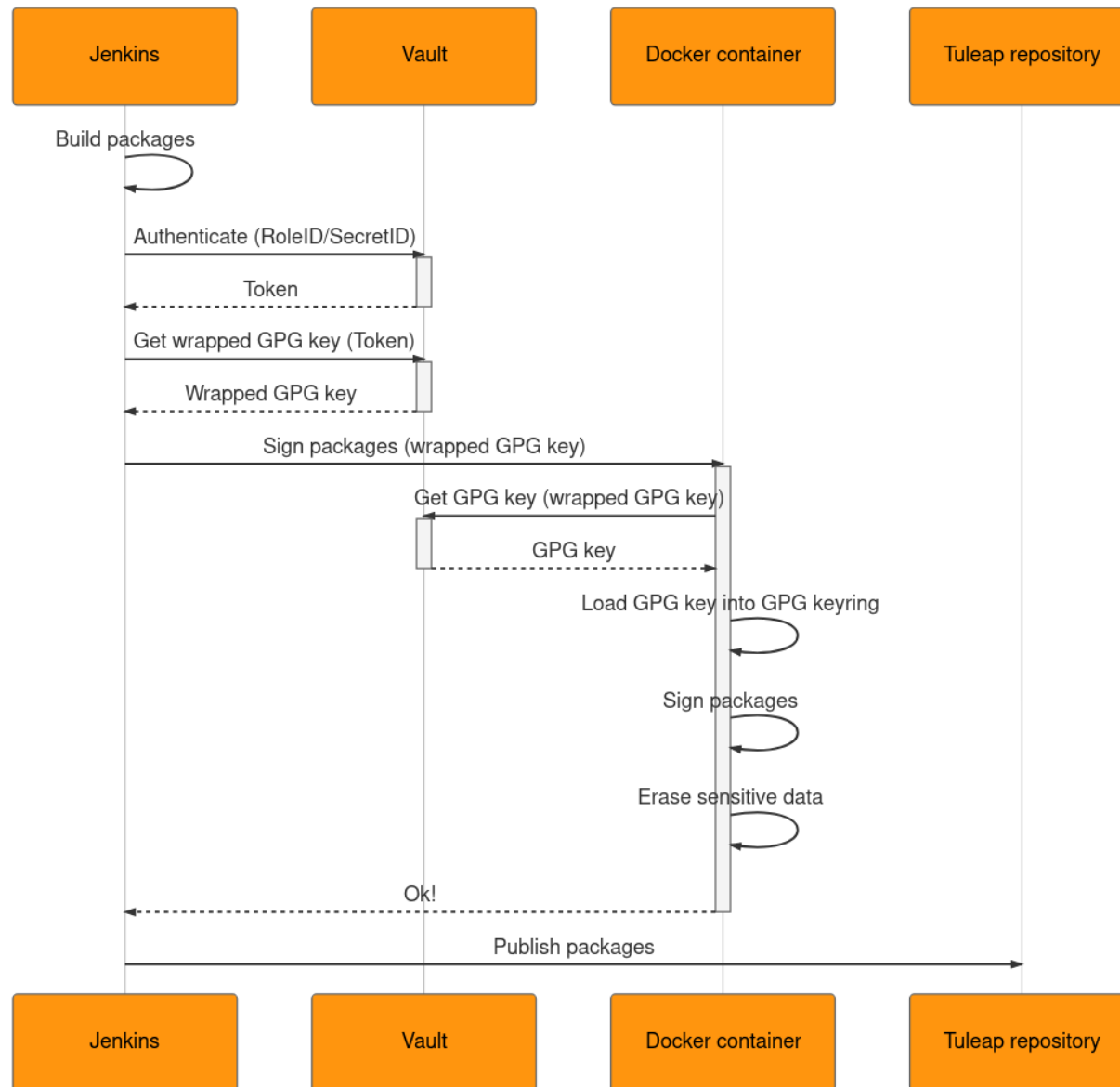
- AWS
- Consul
- Databases
- Key/Value
- PKI
- RabbitMQ
- SSH
- TOTP
- Transit (Cryptography as a Service)
- ...

No GPG backend?

Tuleap packages signing (early/mid 2017)

- **Workaround for lack of Vault GPG secret backend**
 - Store GPG key in the key/value secret backend
 - Retrieve the GPG key whenever you need it
- **Authenticate Jenkins against Vault**
 - AppRole authentication backend with regular credentials rotation
 - Jenkins credentials plugin
 - Restricted policies
- **Pass the GPG key from Jenkins to the Docker container doing the heavy lifting**
 - Response wrapping: short lived and one use token allows the container to get the key

Tuleap packages signing (early/mid 2017)



Tuleap packages signing (early/mid 2017)

✓ **Packages signed**

✓ **Automated**

~ **Leak prevention**

- GPG key can easily be extracted by an insider
- Need to be very careful to not leak the key accidentally

~ **Least privilege**

~ **Auditing capabilities**

- Retrieval of the key is logged
- What's done with the key is not logged

HashiCorp Vault: Plugins

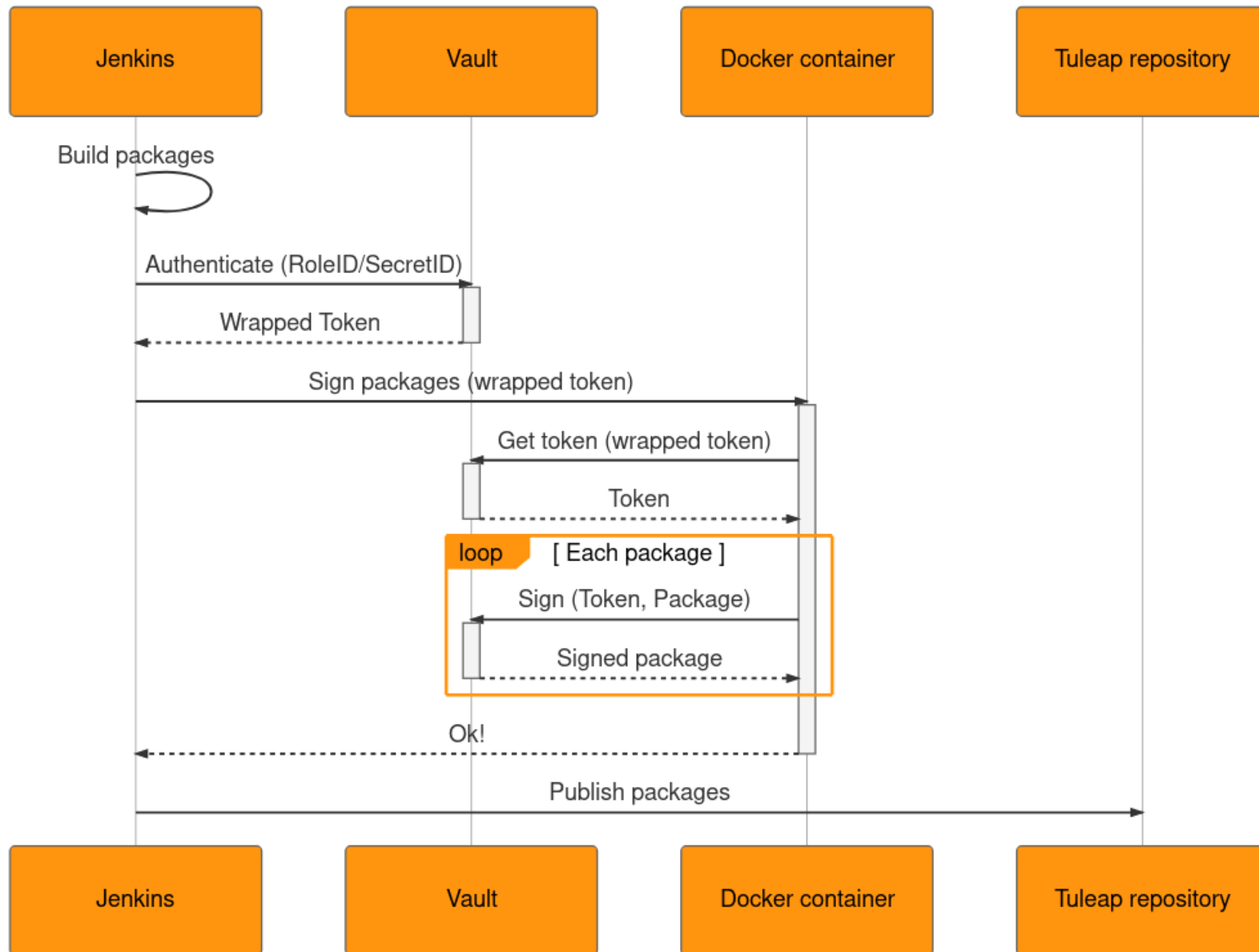
- **Possible since Vault 0.8.0 (August 2017)**
- **We can write our GPG secret backend**
- **Golang**
 - (Almost) No prior knowledge of the language
 - High level operations on GPG operations is already there

In theory, because the plugin interface is HTTP, you could even develop a plugin using a completely different programming language! (Disclaimer, you would also have to re-implement the plugin API which is not a trivial amount of work.)

Developing a plugin is simple. The only knowledge necessary to write a plugin is basic command-line skills and basic knowledge of the [Go programming language](#).

Challenge accepted!

Tuleap packages signing (end 2017 - 2018)



Call Vault from rpmsign(8)

Switch GPG binary by a small shell script (rpmsign option)

```
echo "{\"input\": \"$(base64 < \"$file_to_sign\" | tr -d '\\n')\"}" > "$file_payload_to_sign"~  
wget -q0- --header "X-Vault-Token: $vault_token" --post-file "$file_payload_to_sign" "$vault_addr"/v1/"$key_path" | \\  
...jq -r '.data.signature' | \\  
...base64 -d > "$signature_file"~
```

Tuleap packages signing (end 2017 - 2018)

- ✓ **Packages signed**
- ✓ **Automated**
- ✓ **Leak prevention**
- ✓ **Least privilege**
- ✓ **Auditing capabilities**

Outcome

- **No universal solution for signing deliverable**
- **HashiCorp Vault**
 - Integrates easily with your Jenkins pipeline and the rest of your infrastructure
 - Flexible secrets management
- **Secure Code Delivery is a mandatory step to bring security into your SDLC process**
 - Bringing it small steps by small is fine: it's not a black and white situation

Play with it at home

RPM signing with HashiCorp Vault K/V backend and Jenkins pipelines

All resources (Jenkinsfiles, Dockerfiles, scripts...) are linked in the following blogpost

<https://blog.tuleap.org/delivering-rpm-packages-securely-and-continuously-jenkins-and-hashicorp-vault>

Vault GPG secret backend

<https://github.com/LeSuisse/vault-gpg-plugin>

Ongoing work to integrate it into Vault

Questions?



Why Not Sigul?

- **Lots of unknown (to us) moving parts**
- **We already had HashiCorp Vault up and running**
- **No deployment outside of the Fedora infrastructure?**
- **Audit capacities unclear**

Vault GPG secret backend plugin performance

- **~1mn30 for our 84 packages (~150MB)**
- **No optimization have been done yet**
 - Signing packages is done sequentially in our pipeline
 - Network limitation
- **Raw performance of the plugin will be improved once integrated directly into Vault**