

DevOps in high security environments

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Structure

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- DevOps in high security
- Open source attacks
- Reflection
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What is an acceptable risk?

“ it depends... ”

“ One that meets the requirements ”



Open Source

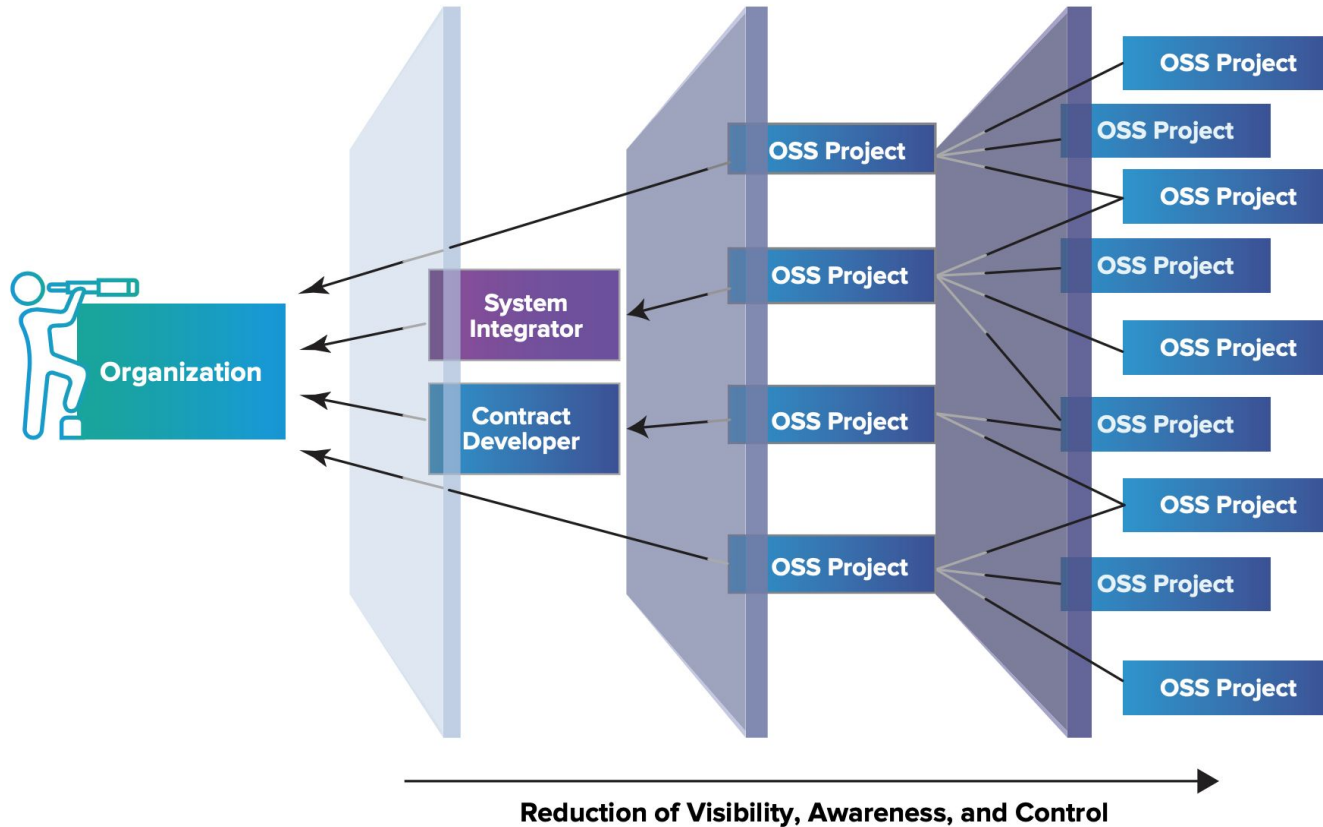


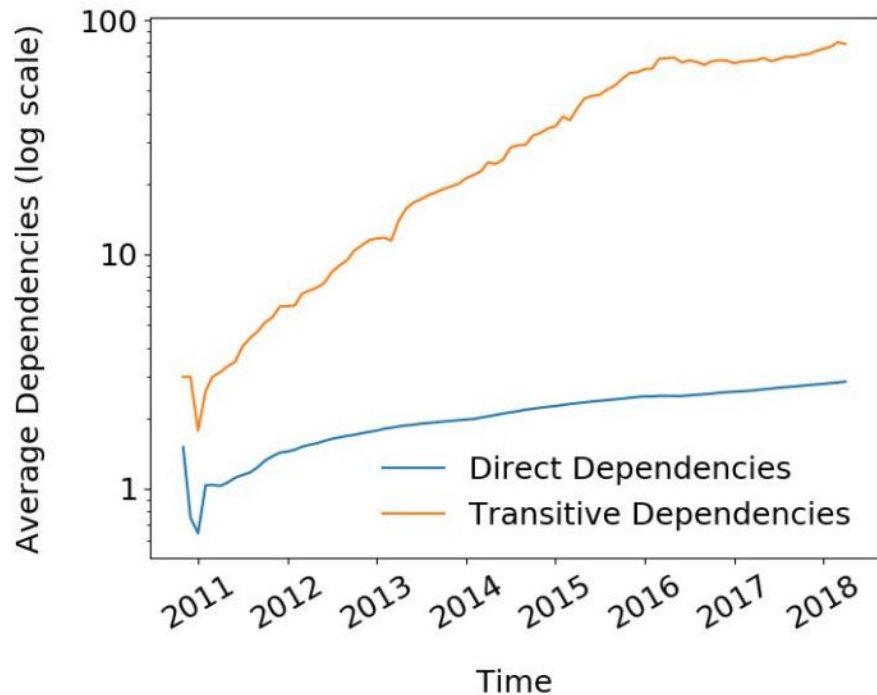
One snippet to rule them all

npm install

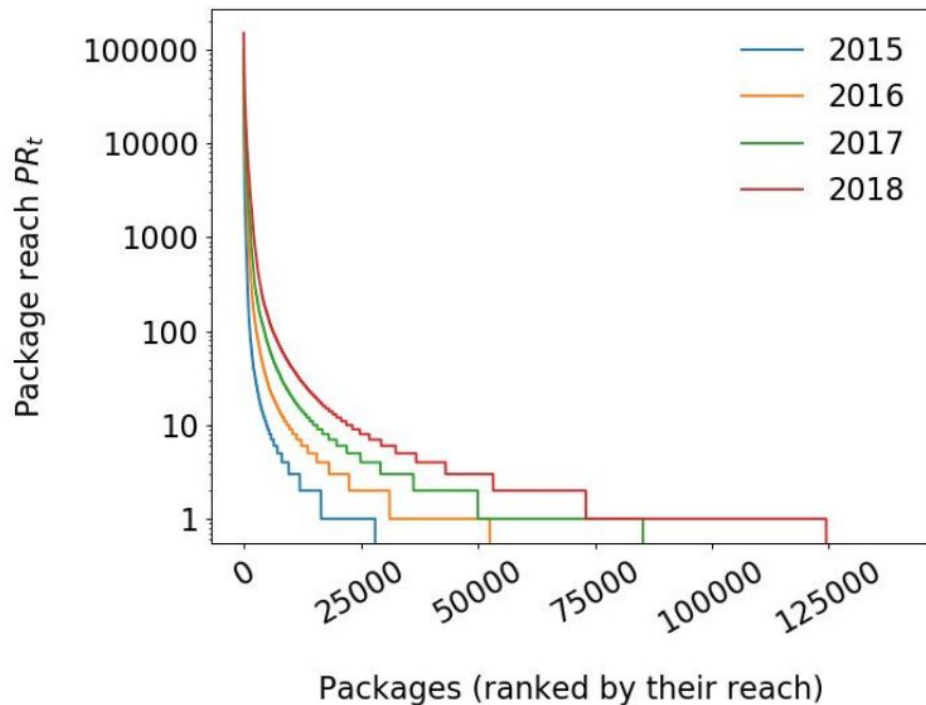
Dev performance vs Ops security?



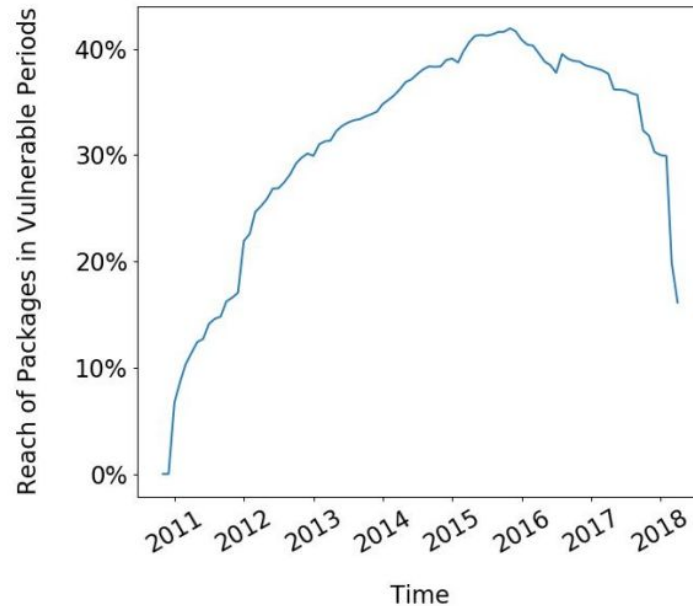
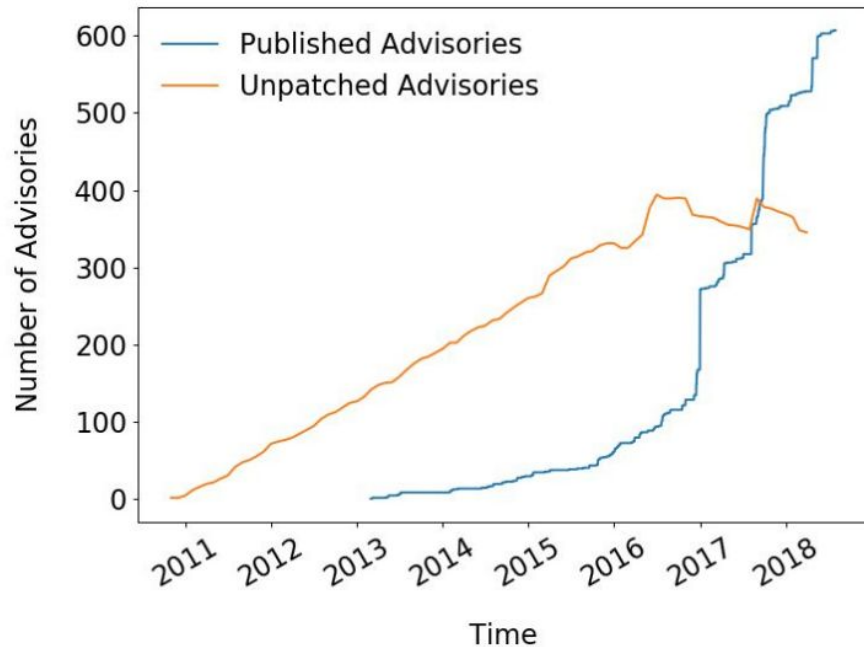




A user implicitly trusts 79 other packages due to transitive dependencies.



Popular packages can reach more than 100,000 other packages, making them a prime target for attacks.

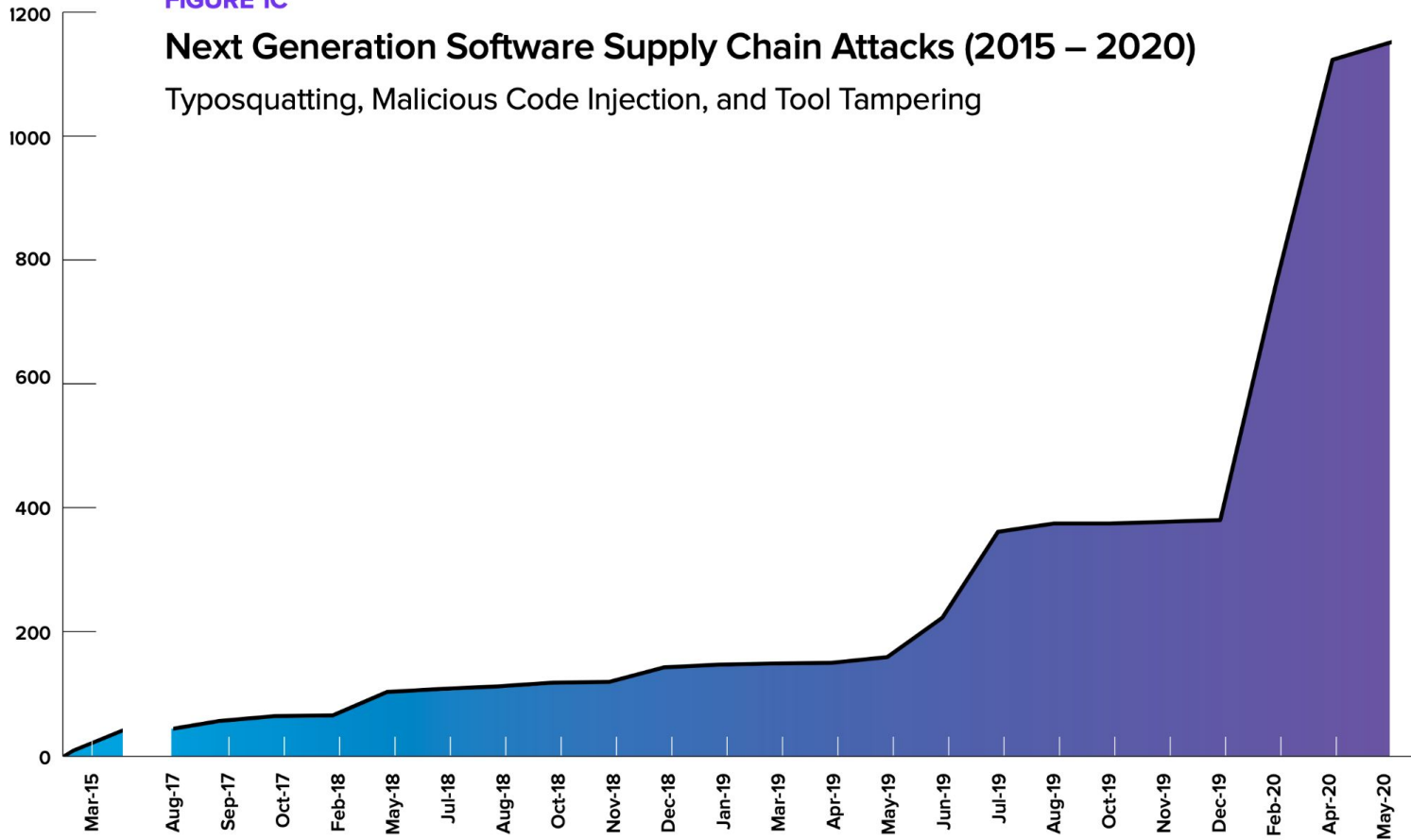


Up to 40% of all packages rely on code known to be vulnerable.

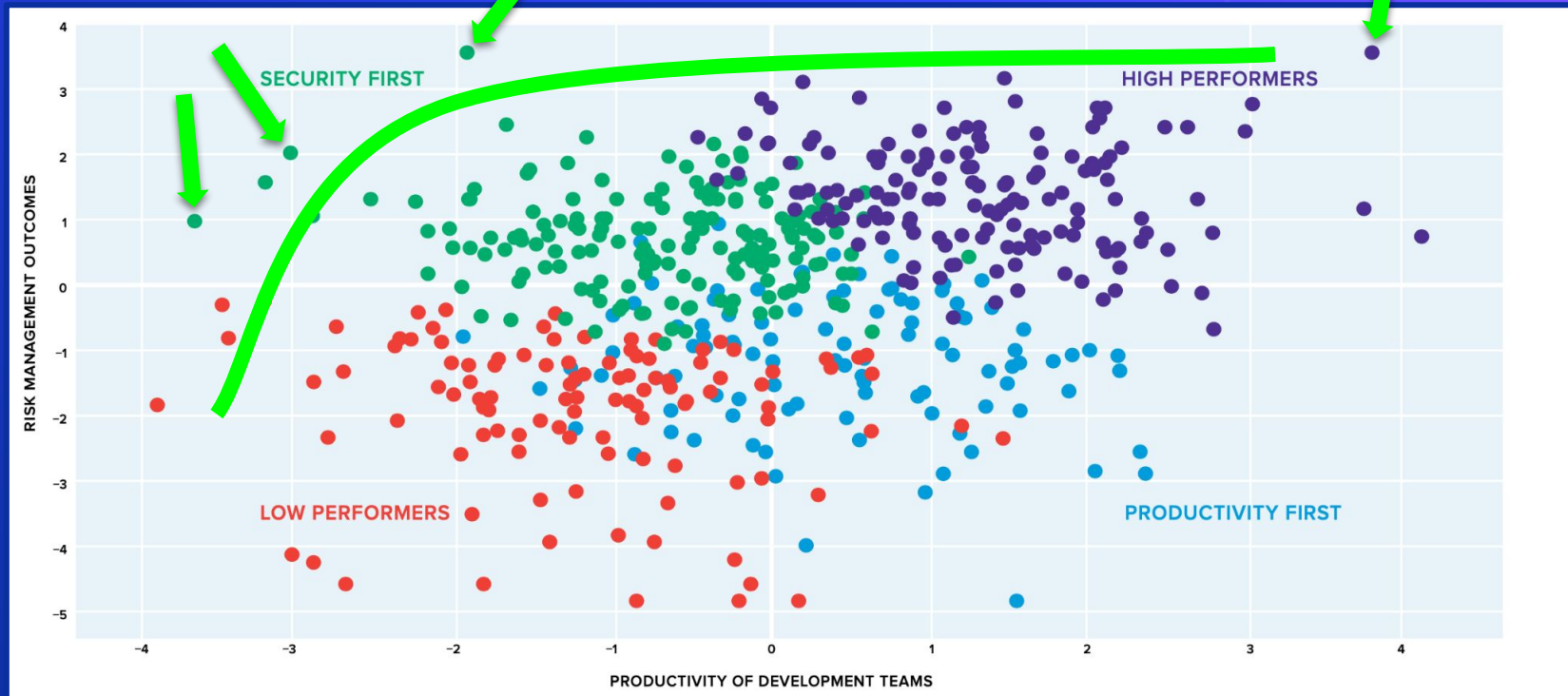
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Next Generation Software Supply Chain Attacks (2015 – 2020)

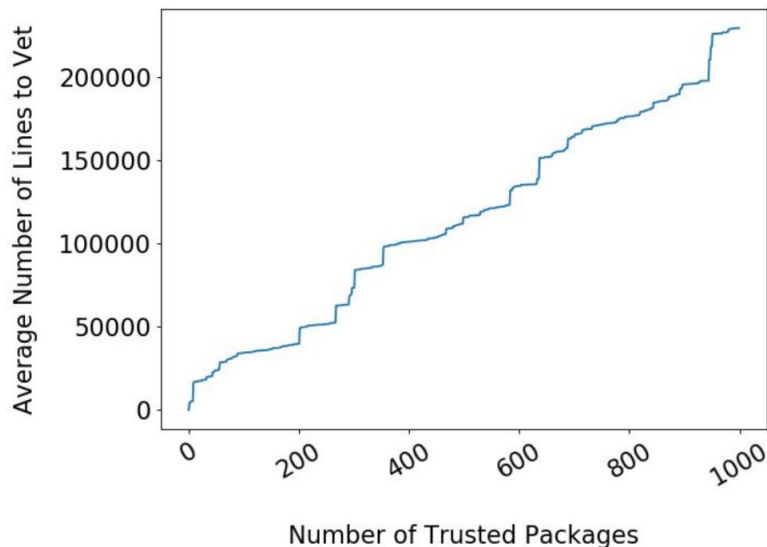
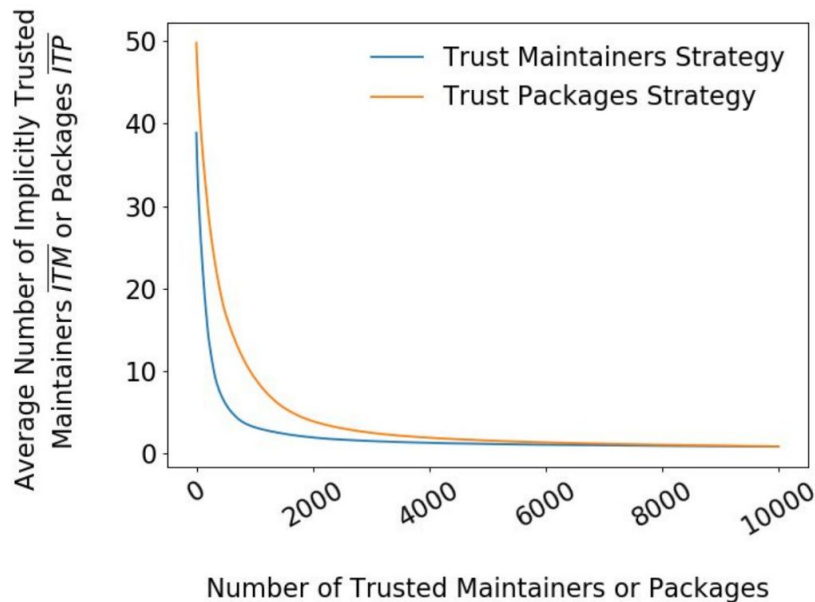
Typosquatting, Malicious Code Injection, and Tool Tampering



Safe-start the devops journey



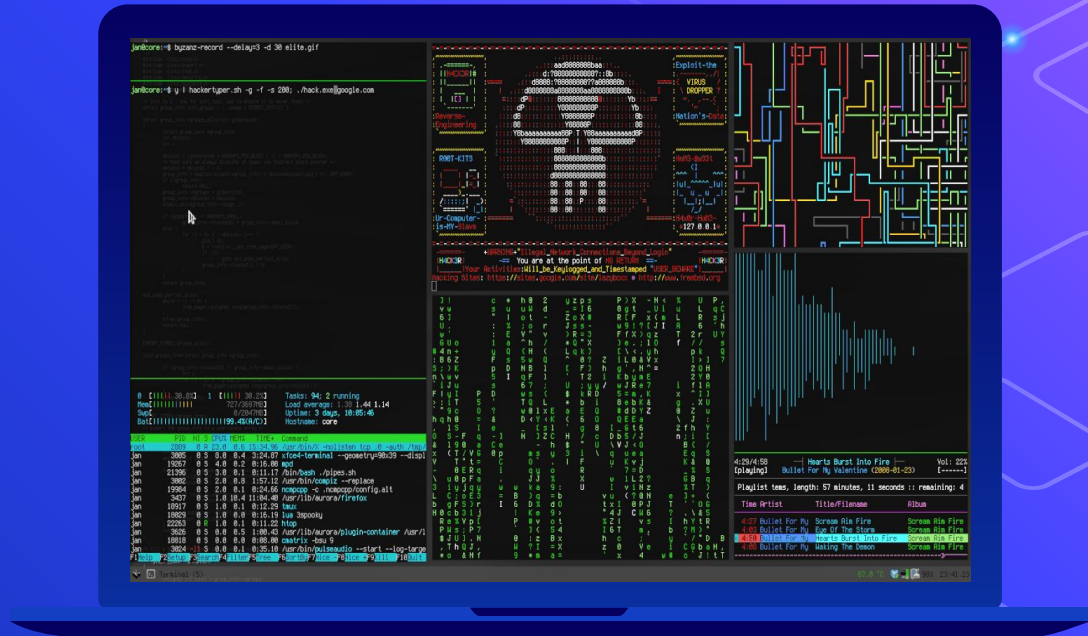
Vetting as a mitigation strategy



Vetting the most dependent upon 1,500 packages would reduce the implicitly trusted packages by a factor of 10

Open source attacks

What they are
How they occur



Equifax Breach 2017

- Unpatched third party software.
- 173 millions records.
- \$ 575 millions in settlement.



How to avoid OSS attacks?

Open Source PO & Contributors

- More dependency updates = higher quality and more secure code.

Enterprise Development Teams

- Chose OSS tools as a strategic decision.
- Remedating known OSS vulnerabilities as a regular part of development.
- Using Software Composition Analysis (SCA) tools to identify vulnerabilities.

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Retire.js for NPM dependencies

```
npm install -g retire  
retire  
ICanHandlebarz/test/jquery-1.4.4.min.js  
↳ jquery 1.4.4.min has known vulnerabilities:  
http://web.nvd.nist.gov/view/vuln/detail?vulnId=CVE-2011-4969  
http://research.insecurelabs.org/jquery/test/  
http://bugs.jquery.com/ticket/11290
```

Vulnerability Examples

- Serialization
- Path traversal

```
1 def path = System.console().readLine 'Enter file path:'
2 if (path.startsWith("/safe_dir/"))
3 {
4     File f = new File(path);
5     f.delete()
6 }
```

```
1 class Vault(object):
2     '''R/W an ansible-vault yaml file'''
3
4     def __init__(self, password):
5         self.password = password
6         self.vault = VaultLib(password)
7
8     def load(self, stream):
9         '''read vault steam and return python object'''
10        return yaml.load(self.vault.decrypt(stream)) [0]
```

Reflection

- Ask yourself - “How often do you consider security?”
- “Risk is derived from the value of the protected asset”
- “Given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow” - Linus Torvalds
- Check out the OWASP foundation!

How often do you consider security in your own projects?



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Take home message

“In DevOps, risk must be assessed everywhere. Software, hardware and people.”



Thanks!

Please use the docs for Q/A



References

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For the curious listener

- Owasp Foundation: <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>
- Simple vulnerable code snippets: <https://github.com/snoopysecurity/Vulnerable-Code-Snippets>
- GitHub community that focuses on patching security flaws: <https://github.com/snyk>